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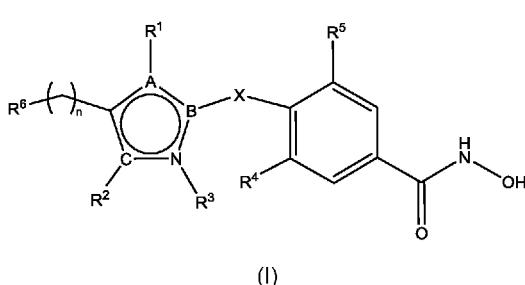
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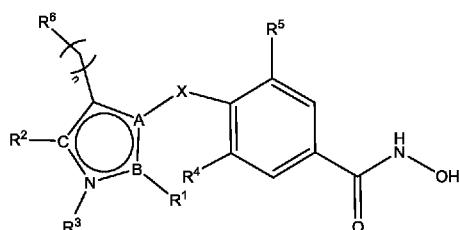
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to novel benzohydroxamic compounds of formula (I) and (II) and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, isomers and prodrugs thereof, exhibiting a high selective inhibitory activity against histone deacetylase 6 (HDAC6) enzyme.



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Selective HDAC6 inhibitors

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to novel selective benzohydroxamic inhibitors of histone deacetylase 6 (HDAC6) enzyme and pharmaceutical compositions thereof.

Therefore, these compounds are useful in treating diseases associated with HDAC6 activity such as graft rejection, GVHD, myositis, diseases associated with abnormal lymphocyte function, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, peripheral neuropathy, autoimmune diseases, inflammatory diseases, cancer and neurodegenerative pathologies.

State of the Art of the Invention

The genetic material of eukaryotic cells is organized in a complex and dynamic structure consisting of DNA and proteins, chromatin. The main protein components of chromatin are histones, basic proteins which interact with DNA forming the basic structural unit of chromatin, the nucleosome, the first level of chromosomal compaction within nucleus. The interaction between basic histone residues and DNA acid residues is crucial in determining the nucleosome compaction and the related DNA accessibility to molecular complexes regulating replication and transcription. This interaction is mainly influenced by histone degree of acetylation. Deacetylation of histone N-terminal lysine residues enables protonation of amine group, which carrying a positive charge, interacts with negative charges contained in DNA. Such interaction occurs in a more compact state of chromatin, involving the gene expression silencing. Conversely, acetylation of the same residues prevents ionic bonding formation, leading to a less compact form of chromatin

which allows greater DNA exposure and the interaction with macromolecular complexes that activate gene transcription.

The degree of histone acetylation is regulated by the activity balance of two classes of enzymes: histone acetyl transferases (histone acetyl-transferases HAT) and histone deacetylase (histone deacetylases HDAC). An alteration of this delicate balance can lead to a loss of cellular homeostasis, commonly found in various human diseases, including cancer, neurological disorders, inflammation, and autoimmune diseases.

Histone deacetylases have been so classified as they reversibly catalyse the deacetylation of amine groups of histone N-terminus lysine residues. Subsequently, it has been found that there is a large number of substrates of these enzymes as their activity is also due to non-histone protein which are substrates of HAT enzymes containing N-acetyl-lysine, such as transcription factors, DNA repair enzymes and other nucleus and cytoplasmic proteins.

The human HDAC class consists of 18 enzymes, divided into two groups: zinc-dependent HDACs and HDAC NAD-dependent, also known as sirtuins (class III). Zinc-dependent HDACs are further distributed into four classes: 1) Class I, including HDAC1, 2, 3 and 8, ubiquitous isoenzymes mainly located in the nucleus; 2) Class IIa, including HDAC4, 5, 7 and 9, isoenzymes located both in the nucleus and the cytoplasm; 3) Class IIb, including HDAC6 and HDAC10, mainly located in the cytoplasm and 4) Class IV, including only HDAC11. Unlike Class I HDACs, Class IIa and IIb have a tissue-specific expression.

By regulating gene expression and acting on histones and transcription factors, it is clear that these enzymes are involved in a myriad of cellular functions. In addition, by acting on numerous other protein substrates, these enzymes, as well as phosphatases,

are involved in many other processes such as signal transduction and cytoskeleton rearrangement.

In the recent decades, HDACs have become a well-studied therapeutic target. Several HDAC inhibitors have been synthesized, some of which are currently in advanced clinical trials and four of them have been approved for different types of cancer: Vorinostat and Romidepsin for Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL), Belinostat for Cell Peripheral T-cell lymphoma (PTCL) and Panobinostat for multiple myeloma. These last inhibitors can interact to a varying extent with different HDAC isoforms.

Despite their clinical efficacy, the use of pan-inhibitors, thus non-selective for a particular isoform, is limited by their toxicity and side effects observed in both preclinical models and, most importantly, in clinical trials. Hence the need for developing HDAC inhibitors with a better pharmacological profile and therapeutic window (efficacy/toxicity ratio).

The attention of the scientific community has thus focused on the synthesis and study of selective inhibitors for individual HDAC isoforms, aiming to develop molecules with better pharmacological capabilities.

Therefore, the use of HDAC inhibitors can be an important therapeutic or diagnostic tool for pathologies caused by gene expression such as inflammatory disorders, diabetes, diabetes complications, homozygous thalassemia, fibrosis, cirrhosis, acute promyelocytic leukaemia (APL), organ transplant rejection, autoimmune pathologies, protozoal infections, cancers, etc. Selective inhibitors for a HDAC family or for a specific isoform, especially HDAC6, may be particularly useful for treating pathologies related to proliferative disorders and protein accumulation, immune system disorders and neurological and neurodegenerative disease, such as stroke, Huntington's disease, ALS and Alzheimer's disease.

Particularly for HDAC6 isoform, different substrates have been identified, such as α -tubulin, Hsp90 (Heat Shock Protein 90), cortactin, β -catenin. Modulation of these proteins acetylation by HDAC6 has been correlated with several important processes, such as immune response (Wang et al., Nat. Rev. Drug Disc. (2009), 8(12), 969-981; J. Med. Chem. (2012), 55, 639-651; Mol. Cell. Biol. (2011), 31(10), 2066-2078), regulation of microtubule dynamics, including cell migration and cell-cell interaction (Aldana-Masangkay et al., J. Biomed. Biotechnol. (2011), 2011, 875824), and degradation of degenerated proteins.

In addition, HDAC6 is involved in the process of catabolism of degraded proteins through the complex known as aggresome: HDAC6 is able to bind polyubiquitinated proteins and dynein, thus activating a kind of delivery of denatured proteins along the microtubules to the aggresome (Kawaguchi et al., Cell (2003) 115 (6), 727-738).

Alteration of this HDAC6 cytoprotective activity has been correlated with various neurodegenerative pathologies such as Parkinson's disease (Outerio et al., Science (2007), 317 (5837), 516-519) and Huntington's disease (Dompierre et al., J. Neurosci. (2007), 27(13), 3571-3583), wherein the accumulation of degraded proteins is a common pathological feature.

Further HDAC6 is involved in regulating many oncological proteins, especially in hematologic tumours, such as various types of leukaemia (Fiskus et al., Blood (2008), 112(7), 2896-2905; Rodriguez-Gonzales, Blood (2008), 112(11), abstract 1923) and multiple myeloma (Hideshima et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA (2005), 102(24), 8567-8572). Regulation of α -tubulin acetylation by HDAC6 may be implicated in metastasis onset, wherein cellular motility plays an important role (Sakamoto et al., J. Biomed. Biotechnol. (2011), 2011, 875824).

International Patent Application WO 2011/021209 discloses 1,2,3-triazole compounds having HDAC inhibitory activity.

International Patent Application WO 2012/178208 discloses compounds with substituted heterocycles such as benzimidazole, benzimidazolone and benzotriazole having a selective HDAC6 inhibitory activity.

International Patent Application WO 2015/102426 discloses new indole derivatives with HDAC inhibitory activity.

International patent application WO 2015/087151 discloses new azaindole derivatives with HDAC inhibitory activity.

International Patent Application WO 2012/106343 discloses HDAC inhibitors and compositions containing the same. Methods of treating diseases and conditions wherein inhibition of HDAC provides a benefit, like a cancer, a neurodegenerative disorder, a peripheral neuropathy, a neurological disease, traumatic brain injury, stroke, hypertension, malaria, an autoimmune disease, autism, autism spectrum disorders, and inflammation, also are disclosed.

The paper "Valente et al., Journal of Medicinal Chemistry (2014), 57(14), 6259-6265" describes hydroxamates containing 1,3,4-oxadiazole (2) and 2-aminoanilides (3) as histone deacetylase inhibitors. Among these, compounds 2t, 2x, and 3i are described as being the most powerful and selective towards HDAC1.

Definitions

Unless otherwise defined, all terms of art, notations and other scientific terminology used herein are intended to have the meanings commonly understood by those of skill in the art to which this disclosure pertains. In some cases, terms with commonly understood meanings are defined herein for clarity and/or for ready reference; thus, the

inclusion of such definitions herein should not be construed to represent a substantial difference over what is generally understood in the art.

The term "**halogen**" refers herein to fluorine (F), chlorine (Cl), bromine (Br), or iodine (I).

The term "**C1-C4 alkyl**" refers herein to a branched or linear hydrocarbon containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms. Examples of C1-C4 alkyl groups include, but are not limited to, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl.

The term "**aryl**" refers herein to mono- and poly-carbocyclic aromatic ring systems (i), wherein individual carbocyclic rings in the poly-carbocyclic ring systems may be fused or attached to each other by a single bond. Suitable aryl groups include, but are not limited to, phenyl, naphthyl and biphenyl.

The term "**aryloxy**" refers herein to O-aryl group, wherein "aryl" is as defined above.

The term "**alkoxy**" refers herein to O-alkyl group, wherein "**alkyl**" is as defined above.

The term "**cycloalkyl**" refers herein to a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon ring, preferably having 4 to 10 carbon atoms. Examples of cycloalkyl include cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl and cyclooctyl.

The term "**arylalkyl**" refers herein to an aryl radical as defined herein, attached to an alkyl radical as defined herein. An example of arylalkyl is benzyl.

The term "**heterocycle**" refers herein to a 4-, 5-, 6-, 7- or 8-membered monocyclic ring which is saturated or unsaturated and consisting of carbon atoms and one or more heteroatoms selected from N, O and S, and wherein the nitrogen and sulphur heteroatoms may optionally be oxidized and the nitrogen heteroatom can be optionally quaternized. The heterocyclic ring may be attached to any heteroatom or carbon atom, provided that the attachment results in the creation of a stable structure. The term also includes any bicyclic system wherein any of the above heterocyclic rings is fused to an

aryl or another heterocycle. When the heterocyclic ring is an aromatic heterocyclic ring, it can be defined as a "heteroaromatic ring".

The term "**unsaturated ring**" refers herein to a partially or completely unsaturated ring. For example, an unsaturated C6 monocyclic ring refers to cyclohexene, cyclohexadiene and benzene.

The term "**substituted**" refers herein to mono- or poly-substitution with a defined (or undefined) substituent provided that this single or multiple substitution is chemically allowed.

The term "**physiologically acceptable excipient**" herein refers to a substance devoid of any pharmacological effect of its own and which does not produce adverse reactions when administered to a mammal, preferably a human. Physiologically acceptable excipients are well known in the art and are disclosed, for instance in the Handbook of Pharmaceutical Excipients, sixth edition 2009, herein incorporated by reference.

The term "**pharmaceutically acceptable salts or derivatives thereof**" herein refers to those salts or derivatives which possess the biological effectiveness and properties of the salified or derivatized compound and which do not produce adverse reactions when administered to a mammal, preferably a human. The pharmaceutically acceptable salts may be inorganic or organic salts; examples of pharmaceutically acceptable salts include but are not limited to: carbonate, hydrochloride, hydrobromide, sulphate, hydrogen sulphate, citrate, maleate, fumarate, trifluoroacetate, 2-naphthalenesulphonate, and para-toluenesulphonate. Further information on pharmaceutically acceptable salts can be found in Handbook of pharmaceutical salts, P. Stahl, C. Wermuth, WILEY-VCH, 127-133, 2008, herein incorporated by reference. The pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives include the esters, the ethers and the N-oxides.

The terms "**comprising**", "**having**", "**including**" and "**containing**" are to be understood as open terms (meaning "including, but not limited to") and are to be considered as a support also for terms such as "**essentially consist of**", "**essentially consisting of**", "**consist of**" or "**consisting of**".

The terms "**essentially consists of**", "**essentially consisting of**" are to be understood as semi-closed terms, meanings that no other ingredient affecting the novel characteristics of the invention is included (therefore optional excipients can be included).

The terms "**consists of**", "**consisting of**" are to be understood as closed terms.

The term "**isomers**" refers to stereoisomers (or spatial isomers), i.e. diastereoisomers and enantiomers.

The term "**prodrugs**" refers to pharmacologically inactive derivatives, which can undergo *in vivo* metabolic transformation to afford an active compound included in the general formula of this invention. Many different prodrugs are known in the art (Prodrug approach: an effective solution to overcome side-effects, Patil S.J., Shirote P.J., International Journal of Medical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, 2011,1-13; Carbamate Prodrug Concept for Hydroxamate HDAC Inhibitors, Jung, Manfred et al., ChemMedChem, 2011, 1193-1198).

The term "**pathology**" includes one or more of the following autoimmune diseases or disorders: diabetes mellitus, arthritis (including rheumatoid arthritis, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, psoriatic arthritis), multiple sclerosis, severe myasthenia, systemic lupus erythematosus, autoimmune thyroiditis, dermatitis (including atopic dermatitis and eczematous dermatitis), psoriasis, Sjogren's syndrome, including dry keratoconjunctivitis secondary to Sjogren's syndrome, alopecia areata, allergic reactions due to arthropod bites, Chron's disease, stomach ulcer, iritis, conjunctivitis,

keratoconjunctivitis, ulcerative colitis, asthma, allergic asthma, lupus erythematosus cutaneous, scleroderma, vaginitis, proctitis, reaction to drug, leprosy, lupus erythema, autoimmune uveitis, allergic encephalomyelitis, acute necrotizing haemorrhagic encephalopathy, progressive bilateral idiopathic hearing loss, aplastic anaemia, anaemia, idiopathic thrombocytopenia, policondrite, Wegener's granulomatosis, chronic active hepatitis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, idiopathic sprues, lichen planus, Graves's ophthalmopathy, sarcoidosis, primary biliary cirrhosis, posterior uveitis, intestinal pulmonary fibrosis.

The term "**pathology**" refers to one or more of the following neurological or neurodegenerative diseases: Wilson's disease, spinocerebellar ataxia, prion diseases, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), amyloidosis, Alzheimer's disease, Alexander's disease, alcoholic liver disease, cystic fibrosis, Pick's disease, spinal muscular atrophy, and Lewy body dementia.

The term "**pathology**" further includes one or more of the following diseases: rheumatoid spondylitis, post-ischemic reperfusion injury, intestinal inflammation, chronic inflammatory pulmonary disease, eczema, asthma, acute respiratory distress syndrome, infectious arthritis, chronic progressive arthritis, deforming arthritis, post-traumatic arthropathy, gouty arthritis, Reiter syndrome, acute sinovitis, acute spondylitis, glomerulonephritis, haemolytic anaemia, aplastic anaemia, neutropenia, graft-versus-host (GVHD), transplant rejection, chronic thyroiditis, Grave's disease, binary primary cirrhosis, contact dermatitis, sunburn, chronic renal failure, Guillain-Barre syndrome, uveitis, otitis media, periodontal disease, pulmonary intestinal fibrosis, bronchitis, sinusitis, pneumoconiosis, pulmonary failure syndrome, pulmonary emphysema, pulmonary fibrosis, silicosis or pulmonary chronic inflammatory diseases.

The term "**pathology**" further comprise one or more of the following diseases: cancer, tumour growth, colon, breast, bone, brain and other cancer (e.g. osteosarcoma, neuroblastoma, colon adenocarcinoma), chronic myeloid leukaemia (CML), acute myeloid leukaemia (AML), acute promyelocytic leukaemia (APL), cardiac cancer (sarcoma, myxoma, rhabdomyoma, fibroma, lipoma and teratoma), lung cancer (e.g. bronchogenic carcinoma, alveolar carcinoma, bronchial adenoma, sarcoma, lymphoma, chondromatous hamartoma, mesothelioma), gastrointestinal cancer (e.g. oesophagus, stomach, pancreas, small intestine, large intestine cancer), genitourinary tract cancer (e.g. kidney, bladder and urethra, prostate, testicular cancer), liver cancer (e.g. hepatocellular carcinoma, cholangiocarcinoma, hepatoblastoma, angiosarcoma, hepatocellular adenoma, haemangioma), bone cancer (e.g. osteogenic sarcoma, fibrosarcoma, fibrous histiocytomas malignant, chondrosarcoma, Ewing's Sarcoma, malignant lymphoma, multiple myeloma, malignant giant cell tumour, chordoma, chondrosteoma, benign chordoma, chondroblastoma, condromyxofibroma, osteoid osteoma), nervous system tumours (e.g. skull, meningitis, brain, spinal cord), gynecological tumours (e.g. uterus, cervix, ovaries, vulva and vagina), hematologic cancer (e.g. blood tumours, Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkin's disease), skin cancer (e.g. malignant melanoma, basal cell carcinoma, malignant squamous cell tumour, Kaposi's sarcoma, dysplastic naevus, lipoma, angioma, dermatofibroma, cheloid, psoriasis) and adrenal gland tumors (e.g. neuroblastoma).

Description of the Figures

Figure 1: The inhibition of PD-L1 expression in iDC (GMCSF-IL-4 stimulated monocytes). Human monocytes were treated with HDAC6 inhibitors and stimulated with GMCSF-IL-4 for 5days. After incubation, cells were collected and labelled with an anti PD-L1 antibody. Cells were then washed and fluorescence data were acquired using a

flow cytometer (BD FACSVerse). Values on the graphs represent the mean of 3 experiment carried out on 3 different donors (n=3). The expression of PD-L1 is represented by the geometric mean of the fluorescence. * = P<0.05 determined by Student's t test.

Figure 2: Compounds 8 and 10 reduce tumor growth *in vivo* and have comparable efficacy of an anti PD-1 antibody. The arrow indicates the treatment starting day.

Figure 3: HDAC6 inhibitors reduces CT-26 tumor growth *in vivo* and their activity can be improved by combined treatment with anti PD-1 antibody. Statistics was evaluated at day 30 by Student's t test. *, P<0.05; **, P<0.01; ***, P<0.001. See text for further details.

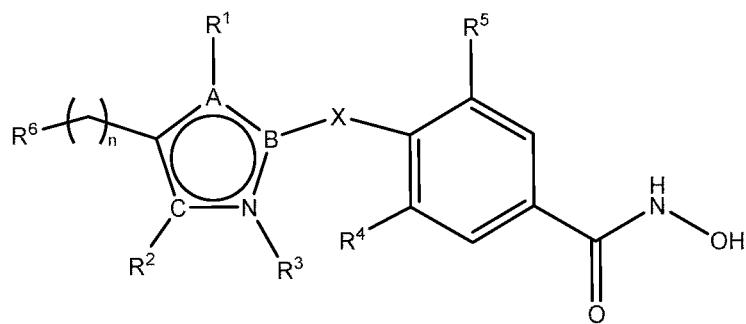
Figure 4: *In vivo* Treatment with selective HDAC6 inhibitors induced specific T cell response. Splenocytes of animal treated with Compounds 8 and 10 and the combination with anti PD-1 Ab were stimulated with CT-26 derived tumor peptides and the production of IFN- γ and TNF- α by CD4 Tcells was quantified by ELISPOT.

Figure 5: *In vivo* Treatment with selective HDAC6 inhibitors induced specific T cell response. Splenocytes of animal treated with Compound 8 and 10 and the combination with anti PD-1 Ab were stimulated with CT-26 derived tumor peptides and the production of IFN- γ and TNF- α by CD8 Tcells was quantified by ELISPOT.

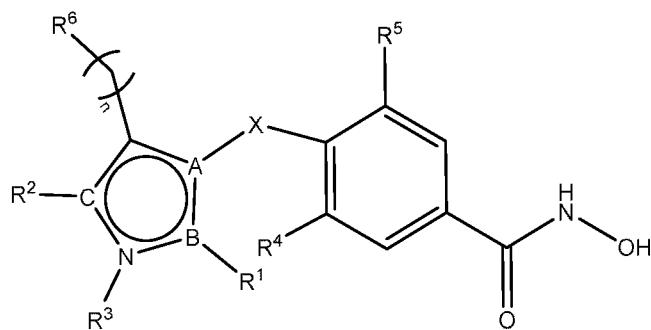
Description of the Invention

Inventors have experimentally found that benzo-hydroxamic compounds, characterized by a pentaheterocyclic central core, exhibit a high and selective inhibitory activity against HDAC6 enzyme.

These compounds also demonstrated a low cytotoxicity, thus allowing their chronic use. In one aspect, there is provided a compound of the formula (I) or (II), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof:



(I)



(II)

wherein

A = N, O, S in formula (I), while A = N in formula (II);

B = C, N;

C = N, O in formula (I), while C = N in formula (II);

X = CH₂, S, NH;

n = 0, 1;

when n = 1, the carbon atom may be substituted with R¹² and R¹³ being independently selected from the group consisting of H, -Me, -phenyl, -F and -OH or together R¹² and R¹³ can form a saturated cyclic moiety;

when n = 1, R⁶ is not absent;

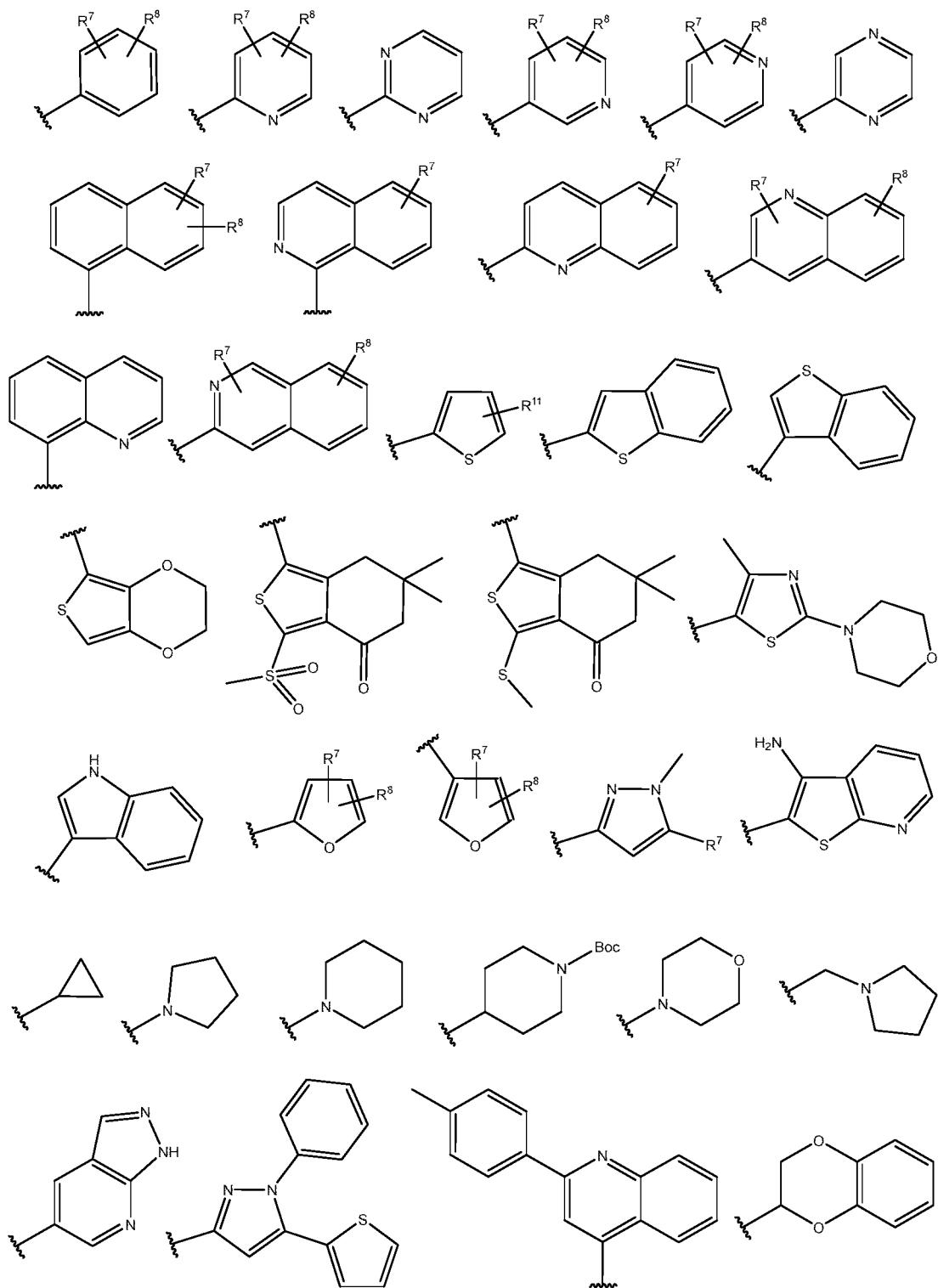
R⁴ = R⁵ = H, F;

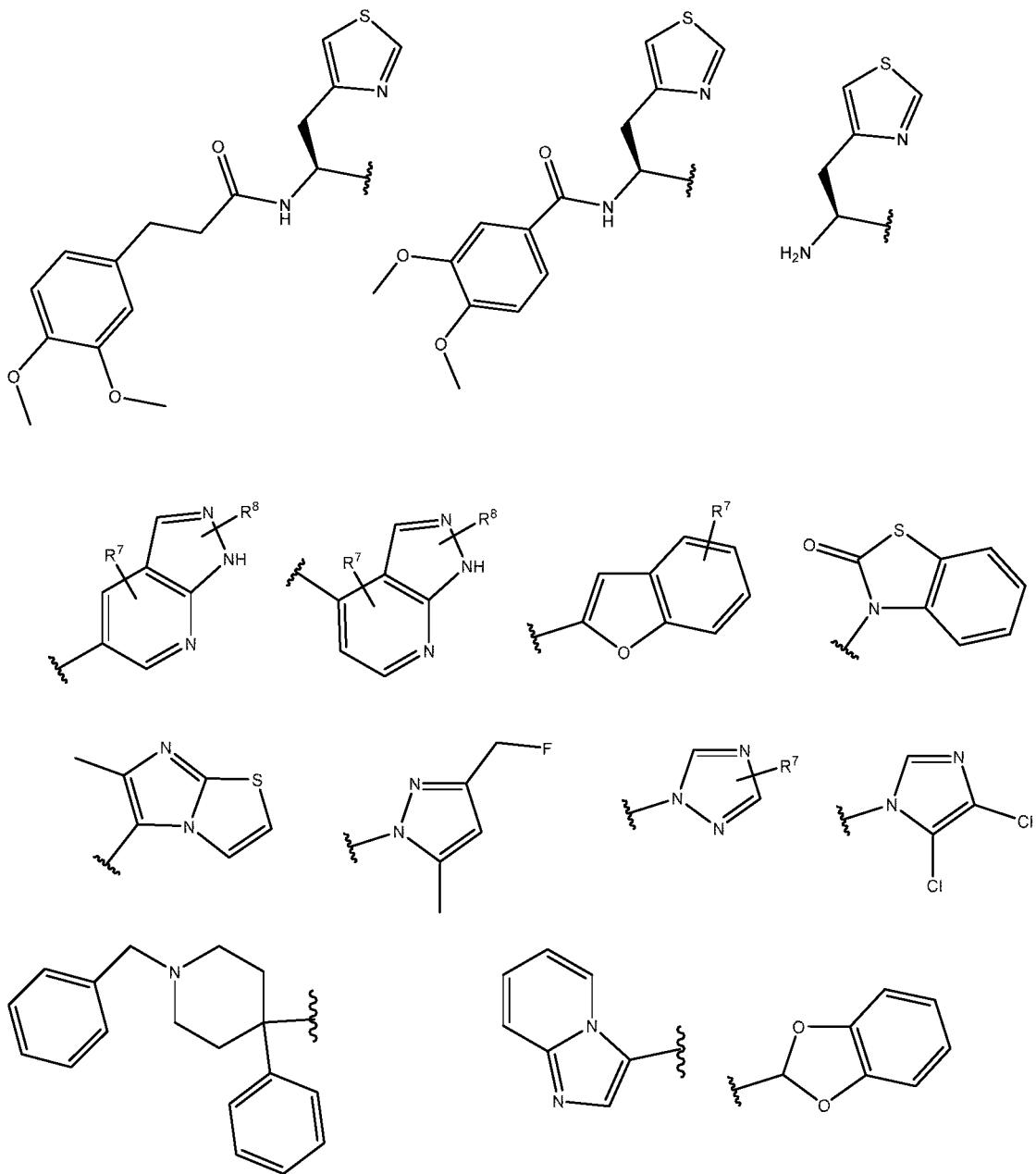
R^1 is absent or it is selected from the group consisting of -H, -NH₂, -CH₃, -CH₂CH₃, phenyl, p-fluorophenyl, m-chlorophenyl, p-chlorophenyl, benzyl, methylfuran, cyclopropyl, isobutyl, methylphenyl, trifluorophenyl, thiophene and 2- (morpholin-4-yl) ethyl;

R^2 is absent or it is selected from H, phenyl, or p-dichlorophenyl;

R^3 is absent or it is selected from H, o-methoxyphenyl, p-trifluoromethylphenyl, benzyl, or pyridyl;

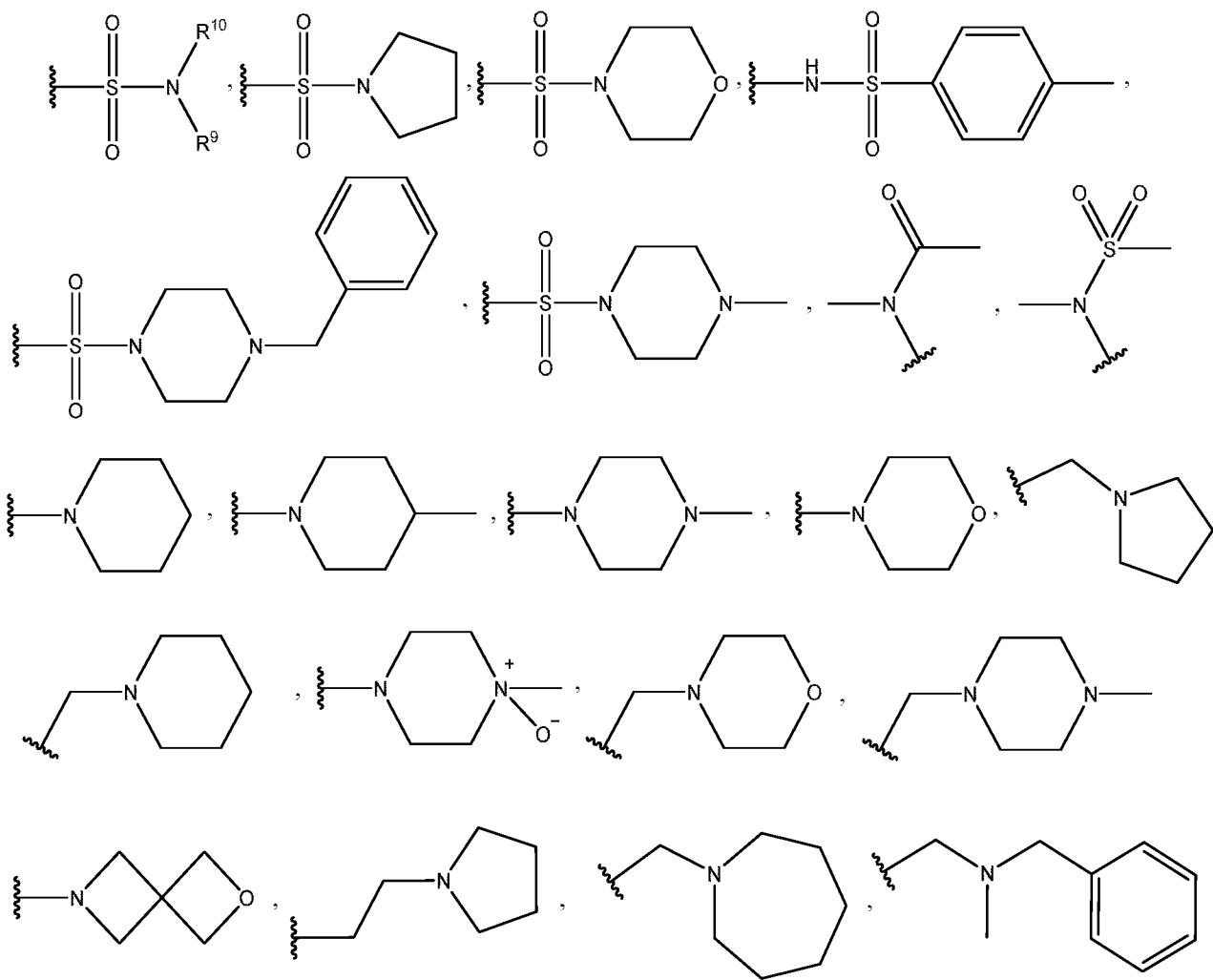
R^6 is selected from the group consisting of:





wherein:

R⁷ and R⁸ are independently selected from the group consisting of H, D, -Cl, -F, -Br, -CF₃, -Me, -Et, -OMe, -OMe, -OBenzyl, -SF₅, -OCH₂F, -CH₂NH₂, -CH₂NMe₂, -NH₂, -NMe₂, -N(CH₂CH₂OCH₃)₂, -COOH, -COOMe, -OH, -NHNH₂, -NO₂, -OEt, -OCHF₂, -OEt, -CHF₂, -NEt₂,



or R⁷ and R⁸ together can form a heteropentacyclic moiety (-OCH₂O-);

R⁹ = R¹⁰ = -H, -Me, -Et;

R¹¹ is selected from the group consisting of -H, -Cl, -CH₃, -NO₂ and -Br;

with the proviso that in the compounds of formula (I), when the pentaheterocyclic core is 1,3,4-oxadiazole, R⁶ is not naphthyl.

In another aspect there is provided a compound selected from the group consisting of:

- (S)-N-(1-(3-(4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)benzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)-2-(thiazol-4-yl)ethyl)-3,4-dimethoxybenzamide (comp. 1);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 2);

- 4-((5-(3-(N,N-dimethylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)methyl)-N-hydroxybenzamide (comp. 3);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 4);
- 4-((5-(2,3-dihydrothieno[3,4-b][1,4]dioxin-5-yl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)methyl)-3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxybenzamide (comp. 5);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-(pyridin-2-yl)-2H-tetrazol-2-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 6);
- difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-2H-tetrazol-2-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 7);
- N-hydroxy-4-((5-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 8);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(4-methyl-2-morpholinothiazol-5-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 9);
- N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 10);
- 4-((5-(furan-2-yl)-2H-tetrazol-2-yl)methyl)-N-hydroxybenzamide (comp. 12);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 13);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(pyridin-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 14);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 15);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(4-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)phenyl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 16);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-

yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 17);

- 3,5-difluoro-4-((5-(furan-2-yl)-2H-tetrazol-2-yl)methyl)-N-hydroxybenzamide (comp. 19);
- N-hydroxy-4-((5-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 20);
- 3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-N-[(1S)-1-[3-[[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl]-2-thiazol-4-yl-ethyl]propanamide (comp. 21);
- 4-[[5-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 23);
- 4-[(4,5-diphenyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 24);
- 4-[[4-(2-furylmethyl)-5-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid;2,2,2-trifluoroacetic acid (comp. 25);
- 4-[5-[(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)methyl]-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 26);
- 4-[[5-benzyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 27);
- 4-[[4-amino-5-[4-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 28);
- 4-[[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 29);
- 4-[[4-ethyl-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 30);
- 4-[[5-(4-chlorophenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 31);

- 4-[[5-(5-chloro-2-thienyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 32);
- 4-[[5-(2-fluorophenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 33);
- 4-[[5-(4-fluorophenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 34);
- 4-[[5-(4-methoxyphenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 35);
- 4-[(5-benzyltetrazol-2-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 36);
- 4-[(5-benzyltetrazol-1-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 37);
- 4-[[5-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 38);
- 4-[[5-(3-methyl-2-thienyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 39);
- 4-[[5-(5-methyl-2-thienyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 41);
- 4-[[5-(benzothiophen-3-yl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 42);
- 4-[[5-(2,3-dihydrothieno[3,4-b][1,4]dioxin-5-yl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 43);
- 4-[[5-[(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)methyl]-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 44);
- 4-[[5-[(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)methyl]-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 45);

- 4-[[5-(2-fluorophenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 46);
- 4-[[5-[(1S)-1-amino-2-thiazol-4-yl-ethyl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid;2,2,2-trifluoroacetic acid (comp. 48);
- 4-[[5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 49);
- 4-[[5-(2-thienyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 50);
- 4-[[2-benzyl-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 51);
- 4-[[2-(2-pyridyl)-5-(2-thienyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 52);
- 4-[[2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-(2-thienyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 53);
- 4-[[5-(6,6-dimethyl-3-methylsulfanyl-4-oxo-5,7-dihydro-2-benzothiophen-1-yl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 54);
- 4-[[5-(benzothiophen-2-yl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 55);
- 4-[[5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 57);
- 4-[[5-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 58);
- 4-[[5-[3-(dimethylsulfamoyl)phenyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 59);
- 4-[(5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)amino]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 60);

- 4-[[4-amino-5-[3-(diethylsulfamoyl)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 61);
- 4-[[5-(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylsulfonylphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]amino]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 63);
- 4-[[5-(3-morpholinosulfonylphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 64);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-thienyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 65);
- 4-[[5-[3-(diethylsulfamoyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 66);
- 4-[[4-methyl-5-[2-(p-tolyl)-4-quinolyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 67);
- 4-[(5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 68);
- 4-[[5-(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylsulfonylphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 69);
- 4-[[5-(3-benzyloxy-4-methoxy-phenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 70);
- 4-[[5-(3-benzyloxy-4-methoxy-phenyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 71);
- 4-[(5-cyclopropyl-1-phenyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 72);
- 4-[[5-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 73);

- 4-[[5-(4-methyl-2-morpholino-thiazol-5-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 75);
- 4-[[5-[3-(dimethylamino)phenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 77);
- 4-[[5-(3-methoxyphenyl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 78);
- 4-[[5-(2,3-dihydrothieno[3,4-b][1,4]dioxin-5-yl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]-3,5-difluorobzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 79);
- 4-[[5-[3-(dimethylamino)phenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluorobzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 80);
- tert-butyl 4-[5-[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]sulfanyl-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]piperidine-1-carboxylate (comp. 82);
- 4-[[5-(2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-3-yl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 83);
- 4-[[5-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 84);
- 4-[[5-(1,5-dimethylpyrazol-3-yl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 85);
- 4-[[5-(2-furyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 86);
- 4-[[5-(1-isoquinolyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 87);
- 4-[[5-(1-isoquinolyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 88);
- 4-[[5-(2-pyridyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 89);
- 4-[[5-(2-quinolyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 90);

- 4-[[5-(2-quinolyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 91);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-furyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 92);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(1-isoquinolyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 93);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(1-isoquinolyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 94);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-quinolyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 95);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-quinolyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 96);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-thienyl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 97);
- 4-[(5-benzhydryl-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 98);
- 4-[[5-(3-aminothieno[2,3-b]pyridin-2-yl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 99);
- 4-[[5-(1,5-dimethylpyrazol-3-yl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 100);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-(1-phenylcyclobutyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 101);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[1-(3-fluorophenyl)cyclopentyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 102);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[1-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclohexyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 103);

- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[1-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopropyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp 104);
- 4-[[5-[3-(pentafluoro-lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 106);
- 4-[[5- [3-(pentafluoro-lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 107);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[5- [3-(pentafluoro- lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol- 2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 108);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[5- [3-(pentafluoro- lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol- 1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 109);
- 4-[[5- [4-(pentafluoro- lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol- 2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 110);
- 4-[[5- [4-(pentafluoro- lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol- 1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 111);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[5- [4-(pentafluoro- lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol- 2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 112);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[5- [4-(pentafluoro- lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol- 1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 113);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[4- methyl-5- [3-(4- methyl-4- oxido-piperazin- 4-ium- 1-yl)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3- yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 114);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(1- piperidylmethyl)-1,2,4- triazol-3- yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 115);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[4- (2-furylmethyl)- 5-pyrrolidin- 1-yl- 1,2,4-triazol- 3- yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 116);

- 4-[(4-
benzyl-5-
morpholino-1,2,4-
triazol-3-
yl)sulfanyl]-3,5-
difluoro-
benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 117);
- 4-[[5-
(2,3-dihydrothieno[3,4-b][1,4]dioxin-5-
yl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-
triazol-3-
yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro- benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 118);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[5-(1-isoquinolyl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-
3-
yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 121);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[4-methyl-5-(2-quinolyl)-1,2,4-triazol-
3-
yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 122);
- 4-[(5-pyrimidin-2-yltetrazol-2-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 123);
- 4-[(5-pyrimidin-2-yltetrazol-1-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 124);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[(5-pyrimidin-2-yltetrazol-1-
yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 125);
- 4-[[5-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 126);
- 4-[[5-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 127);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]tetrazol-2-
yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 128);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]tetrazol-1-
yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 129);
- 4-[[5-[3-morpholino-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]tetrazol-2-
yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 130);

- 4-[[5-[3-morpholino-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 131);
- 4-[[5-(2-pyridylmethyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid;2,2,2-trifluoroacetic acid (comp. 132);
- 4-[[5- (2-pyridylmethyl)tetrazol- 1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid;2,2,2-trifluoroacetic acid (comp. 133);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-pyridylmethyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid;2,2,2-trifluoroacetic acid (comp. 134);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-pyridylmethyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid;2,2,2-trifluoroacetic acid (comp. 135);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[4- methyl-5- [1-phenyl- 5-(2- thienyl)pyrazol-3- yl]-1,2,4- triazol-3- yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 136);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[5- (6-fluoro- 2-methyl- 3-quinolyl)- 4-methyl- 1,2,4-triazol- 3- yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 137);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[5- (4-fluorophenyl)- 4-(2- morpholinoethyl)-1,2,4- triazol-3- yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 138);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[4-(2-furylmethyl)- 5-pyrazin- 2-yl- 1,2,4-triazol- 3- yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 139);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-(2-furylmethyl)- 5-(2-pyridyl)-1,2,4- triazol-3- yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 140);
- 4-[[4- benzyl-5- (pyrrolidin-1- ylmethyl)-1,2,4- triazol-3- yl]sulfanyl]-3,5- difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 141);
- 4-[[4- benzyl-5- (2-furyl)- 1,2,4-triazol- 3-yl]sulfanyl]- 3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 142);

- 4-[[4- benzyl-5- (2-thienyl)- 1,2,4-triazol- 3-yl]sulfanyl]- 3,5-difluoro- benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 143);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[4-(2-furylmethyl)-5-(2- thienyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3- yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 144);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[5- (2-fluorophenyl)- 4-(2- furylmethyl)-1,2,4- triazol-3- yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 145);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-(2-furylmethyl)-5-(4-pyridyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3- yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 146);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-(2-furylmethyl)-5-(3-pyridyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3- yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 147);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(3-isoquinolyl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3- yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 148);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[(5- imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin- 3-yl- 4-methyl- 1,2,4-triazol- 3- yl)sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 149);
- 4-[[5-(1-benzyl- 4-phenyl- 4-piperidyl)-4-methyl- 1,2,4-triazol- 3-yl]sulfanyl]- 3,5- difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 150);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonylphenyl]-1,2,4- triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 151);
- 4-[[5-[3-(4-benzylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonylphenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4- triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 152);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-(3-pyridyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3- yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 153);
- methyl 4-[[2-[[2,6-difluoro-4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5- yl]methyl]benzoate (comp. 154);

- methyl 4-[[1-[[2,6-difluoro-4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]methyl]benzoate (comp. 155);
- methyl 6-[2-[[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]pyridine-3-carboxylate (comp. 156);
- methyl 6-[1-[[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]pyridine-3-carboxylate (comp. 157);
- 4-[[2-[[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]methyl]benzoic acid (comp. 158);
- 4-[[1-[[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]methyl]benzoic acid (comp. 159);
- 4-[[2-[[2,6-difluoro-4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]methyl]benzoic acid (comp. 160);
- 4-[[1-[[2,6-difluoro-4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]methyl]benzoic acid (comp. 161);
- 6-[2-[[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]pyridine-3-carboxylic acid (comp. 162);
- 3-[2-[[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]benzoic acid (comp. 163);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-(8-quinolylmethyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 164);
- 4-[[5-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluorobenzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 165);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 166);
- 4-[[5-[3-(azepan-1-ylmethyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluorobenzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 167);

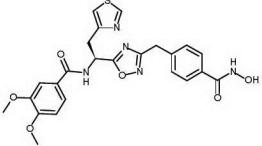
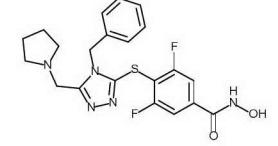
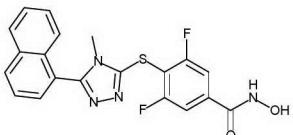
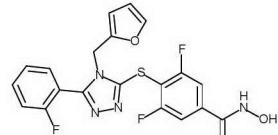
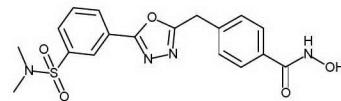
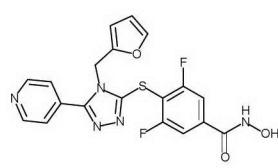
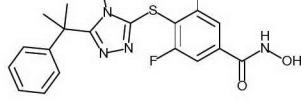
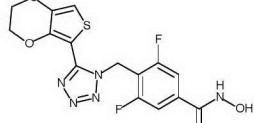
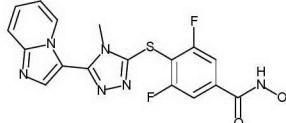
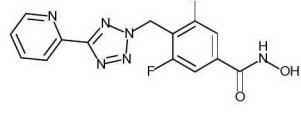
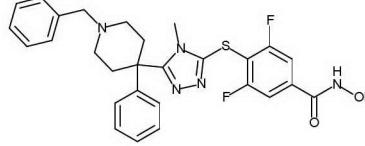
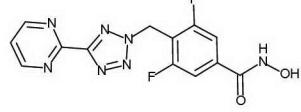
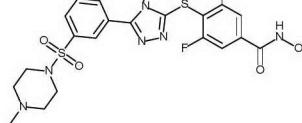
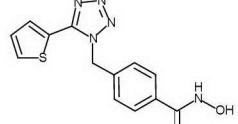
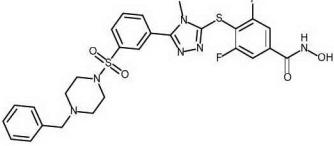
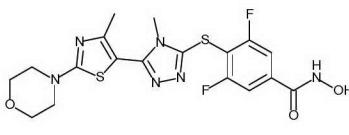
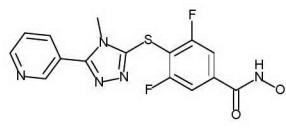
- 4-[[5-[4-(azepan-1-ylmethyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 168);
- 4-[[5-(4-aminophenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 169);
- 4-[[5-(4-aminophenyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 170);
- 4-[[5-(4-aminophenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 171);
- 4-[[5-(4-aminophenyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 172);
- 4-[[5-[4-(aminomethyl)phenyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 173);
- 4-[[5-[4-(aminomethyl)phenyl]tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 174);
- 4-[[5-[4-(aminomethyl)phenyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 175);
- 4-[[5-[4-(aminomethyl)phenyl]tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 176);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[1-(2-pyridyl)cyclopropyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 177);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[1-(3-pyridyl)cyclopropyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 178);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(3-fluoro-2-pyridyl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 180);

- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[3-(1-piperidylmethyl)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 181);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[3-(morpholinomethyl)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 182);
- 4-((3-((1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-4-yl)methyl)-N-hydroxybenzamide (comp. 183);
- 4-[[5-[3-[[benzyl(methyl)amino]methyl]phenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 184);
- 4-[[3-[(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)methyl]-5-(2-thienyl)-1,2,4-triazol-4-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 185);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[1-methyl-1-(3-pyridyl)ethyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 186);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[4-[methyl(methylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 187);
- 4-[(5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 188);
- 4-[(5-phenyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 189);
- 4-[(5-phenyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 190);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-(pyridin-3-yl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 191);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[(5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 192);

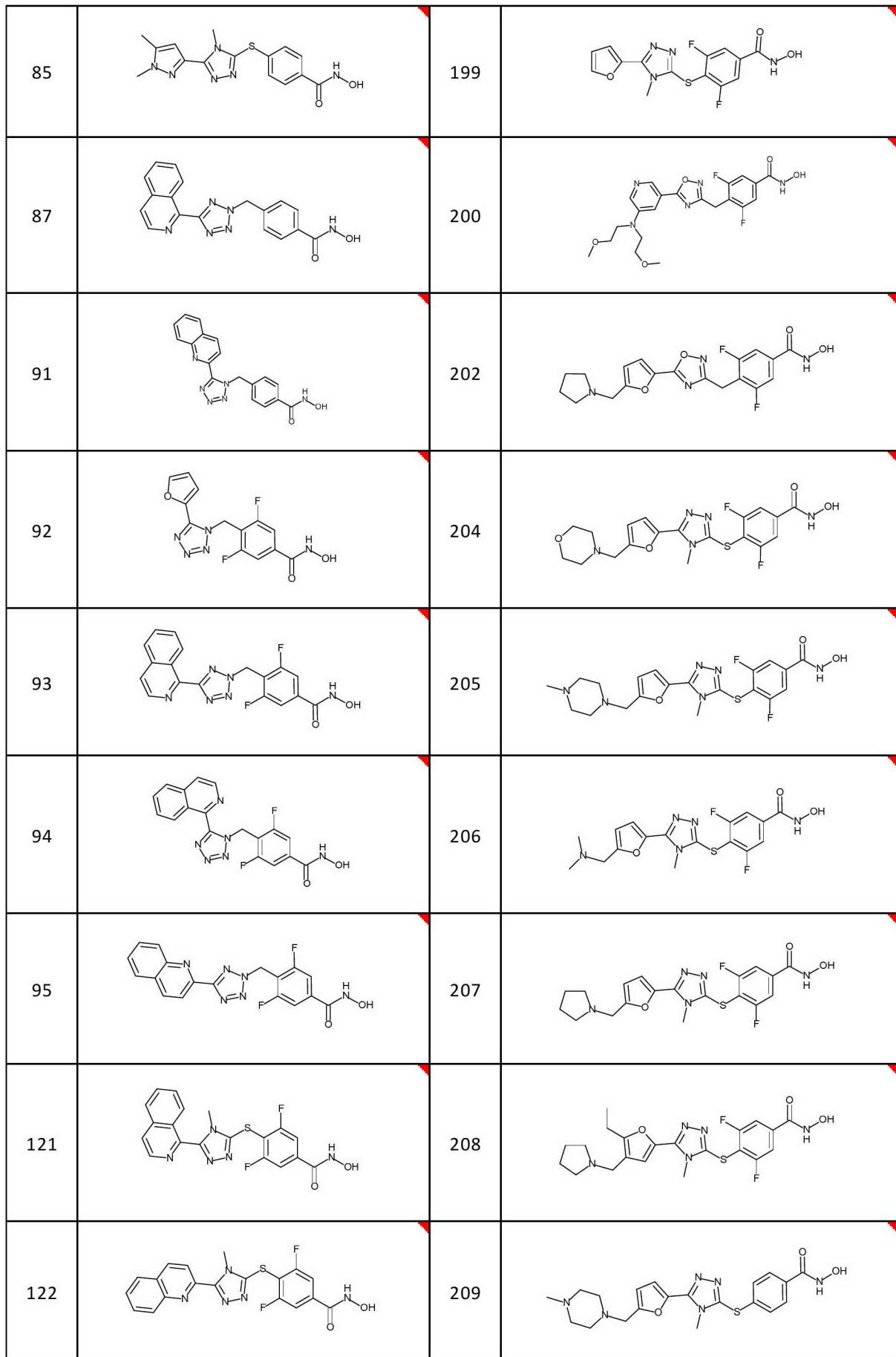
- 4-[[5-(2-morpholino-4-pyridyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 193);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-phenyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 194);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(4-pyridyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 195);
- 4-[[5-(5-bromo-3-pyridyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 196);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(5-morpholino-3-pyridyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 197);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-phenyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 198);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-furyl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 199);
- 4-[[5-[5-[bis(2-methoxyethyl)amino]-3-pyridyl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl]methyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 200);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[5-(2-oxa-6-azaspiro[3.3]heptan-6-yl)-3-pyridyl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 201);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[5-(pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl)-2-furyl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 202);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[5-(morpholinomethyl)-3-furyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 203);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[5-(morpholinomethyl)-2-furyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 204);

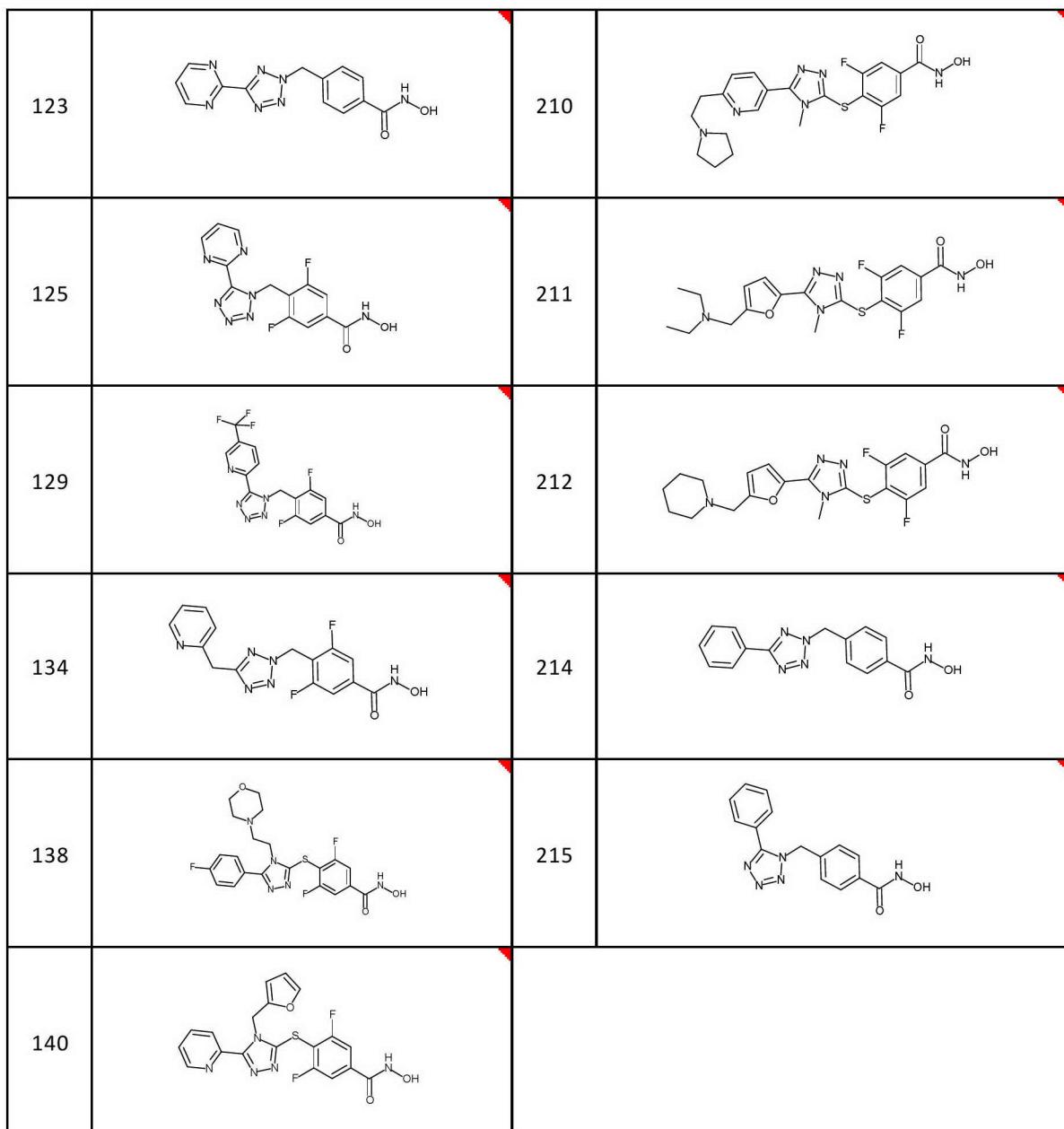
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[5-[(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)methyl]-2-furyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 205);
- 4-[[5-[5-[(dimethylamino)methyl]-2-furyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 206);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[5-(pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl)-2-furyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 207);
- 4-[[5-[5-ethyl-4-(pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl)-2-furyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 208);
- 4-[[4-methyl-5-[5-[(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)methyl]-2-furyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 209);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[6-(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)-3-pyridyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 210);
- 4-[[5-[5-(diethylaminomethyl)-2-furyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 211);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[5-(1-piperidylmethyl)-2-furyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 212);
- 4-[(5-phenyltetrazol-2-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 214);
- 4-[(5-phenyltetrazol-1-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 215);
- 4-[(5-phenyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 216); and
- N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-phenyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 217),
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or stereoisomer thereof.

In another aspect there is provided a compound selected from the group consisting of:

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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or stereoisomer thereof.

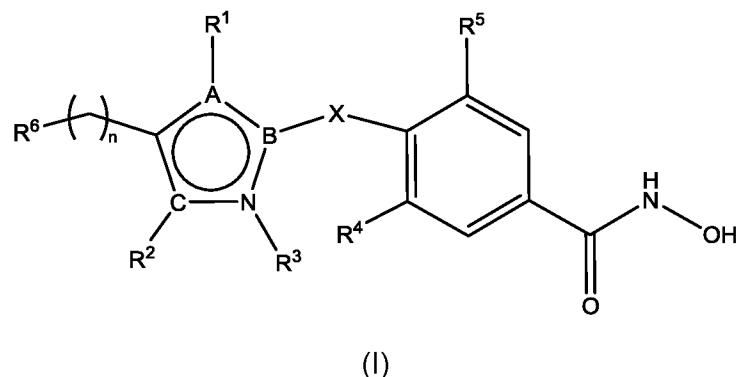
In another aspect, there is provided a pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective quantity of at least one of the compounds of the formula (I) or (II) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof as defined herein together with at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

In another aspect, there is provided a method for the treatment of one or more diseases HDAC6-mediated selected from the group consisting of organ transplant rejection,

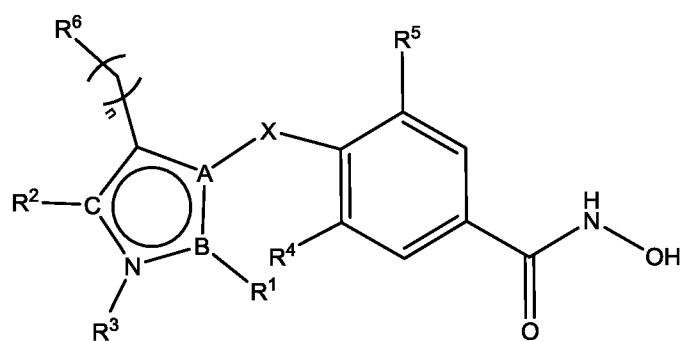
myositis, diseases associated with abnormal functions of lymphocytes, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, peripheral neuropathy, autoimmune diseases, inflammatory diseases, cancer and neurodegenerative diseases, ocular diseases, and GVHD, comprising administering to a subject in need thereof, a therapeutically effective quantity of at least one of the compounds of the formula (I) or (II) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof as defined herein, or a pharmaceutical composition as defined herein.

In another aspect, there is provided use of at least one of the compounds of the formula (I) or (II) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof as defined herein, or a pharmaceutical composition as defined herein, in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of one or more diseases HDAC6-mediated selected from the group consisting of organ transplant rejection, myositis, diseases associated with abnormal functions of lymphocytes, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, peripheral neuropathy, autoimmune diseases, inflammatory diseases, cancer and neurodegenerative diseases, ocular diseases, and GVHD.

According to a first aspect, the present invention relates to compounds of formulas (I) and (II) and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, isomers and prodrugs thereof:



(I)



(II)

wherein

A = N, O, S in formula (I), while A = N in formula (II);

B = C, N;

C = N, O in formula (I), while C = N in formula (II);

X = CH₂, S, NH, O, CD₂;

n = 0, 1;

when n = 1, the carbon atom may be substituted with R¹² and R¹³ being independently selected from the group comprising H, D, -Me, -phenyl, -F and -OH or together R¹² and R¹³ can form a saturated cyclic moiety, preferably cyclopropane, cyclobutane, cyclopentane or cyclohexane;

when n = 1, R⁶ may be absent;

$R^4 = R^5 = H, F;$

R^1 is absent or it is selected from the group comprising -H, -NH₂, C1-C4 alkyl, phenyl, phenyl substituted with one or more halogens, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, methylfuran, cyclobutylmethyl, tetrahydrofuran-2-yl-methyl, 3-(diethylamino)propyl, 2-methoxyethyl, vinyl, 2-(methylsulfanyl)ethyl, 1-cyclopropylethyl, pyridin-2-yl, (pyridin-3-yl)methyl, 2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl, 2-(thiophen-2-yl)ethyl, 3,4-dimethoxyphenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, methylphenyl, 2-chloro-5-(morpholin-4-sulfonyl)phenyl, 4-[(difluoromethyl)sulfanyl]phenyl, 4-(morpholin-4-sulfonyl)phenyl, 5-(dimethylsulfamoyl)-2-methylphenyl, 3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl, 4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl, 2-(morpholin-4-yl)ethyl, 3-(morpholin-4-yl)propyl, 1-naphthyl, 2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl, benzhydryl, 5-indanyl, thiophene and methylthiophene;

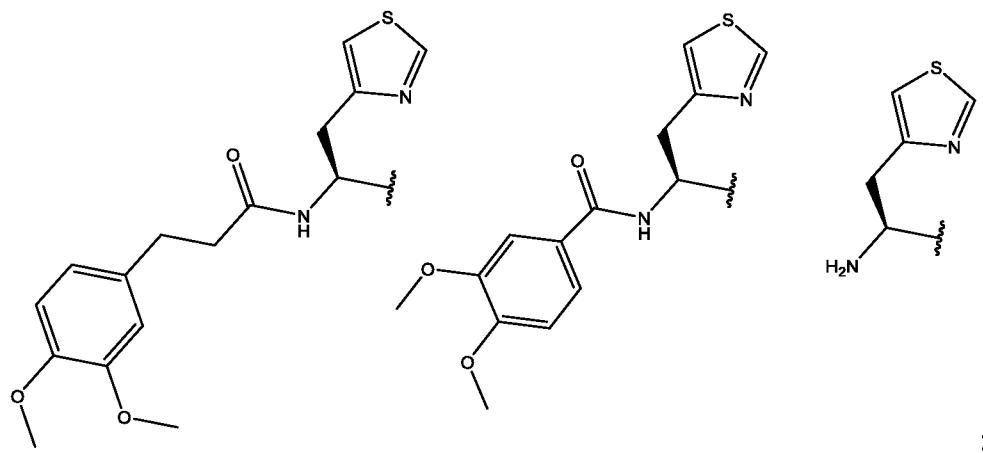
R^2 is absent or it is selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl-methyl, heteroaryl, phenyl, phenyl substituted with one or more halogens, phenyl substituted with one or more alkoxy groups, phenyl substituted with one or more nitro groups, benzyl, alkyl-substituted benzyl, (2,2-difluorocyclopentyl)methyl, 2-bromo-3-fluorophenyl, (2,2-dimethylcyclopropyl)methyl, 4-hydroxyphenyl, 2-(benzyloxy)ethyl, 2-bromo-4-methoxyphenyl, 2-methyl-quinoline, 3-methylpyridin-4-yl, 4-methanesulfonyl-2-methylphenyl, 2-chloro-4,6-dinitrophenyl, 1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl, or 2-benzyloxyphenyl;

R^3 is absent or it is selected from H, alkoxyaryl, phenyl, phenyl substituted with CF₃, benzyl, pyridyl, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl-methyl, heteroaryl, phenyl substituted with one or more halogens, phenyl substituted with one or more alkoxy groups, phenyl substituted with one or more nitro groups, benzyl, alkyl-substituted benzyl, (2,2-difluorocyclopentyl)methyl, 2-bromo-3-fluorophenyl, (2,2-dimethylcyclopropyl)methyl, 4-hydroxyphenyl, 2-(benzyloxy)ethyl, 2-bromo-4-methoxyphenyl, methyl-2-quinoline, 3-

methylpyridin-4-yl, 4-methanesulfonyl-2-methylphenyl, 2-chloro-4,6-dinitrophenyl, 1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl, or 2-benzyloxyphenyl;

R^6 is a substituted or non-substituted mono or polycyclic residue, optionally partially or totally unsaturated, comprising carbon atoms and optionally one or more heteroatoms selected from N, S or O;

or R^6 can be selected from:



with the proviso that in the compounds of formula (I), when the pentaheterocyclic core is 1,3,4-oxadiazole, R^6 is not naphthyl.

A further class of preferred compounds comprises compounds of formula (I) and (II) and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, isomers and pharmacologically acceptable esters thereof, wherein the pentaheterocyclic core is selected from the group consisting of tetrazole, 1,2,4-triazole, 1,3,4-oxadiazole, 1,2,4-oxadiazole, 1,3,4-thiadiazole.

Another class of preferred compounds comprises compounds of formula (I) and (II) and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, isomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

$A = N, O, S$ in formula (I), while $A = N$ in formula (II);

$B = C, N$;

$C = N, O$ in formula (I), while $C = N$ in formula (II);

X = CH₂, S;

n = 0, 1;

when n = 1, the carbon atom may be substituted with R¹² and R¹³ being independently selected from the group comprising H, -Me, -phenyl, -F and -OH or together R¹² and R¹³ can form a saturated cyclic moiety, preferably cyclopropane, cyclobutane, cyclopentane or cyclohexane;

when n = 1, R⁶ may be absent;

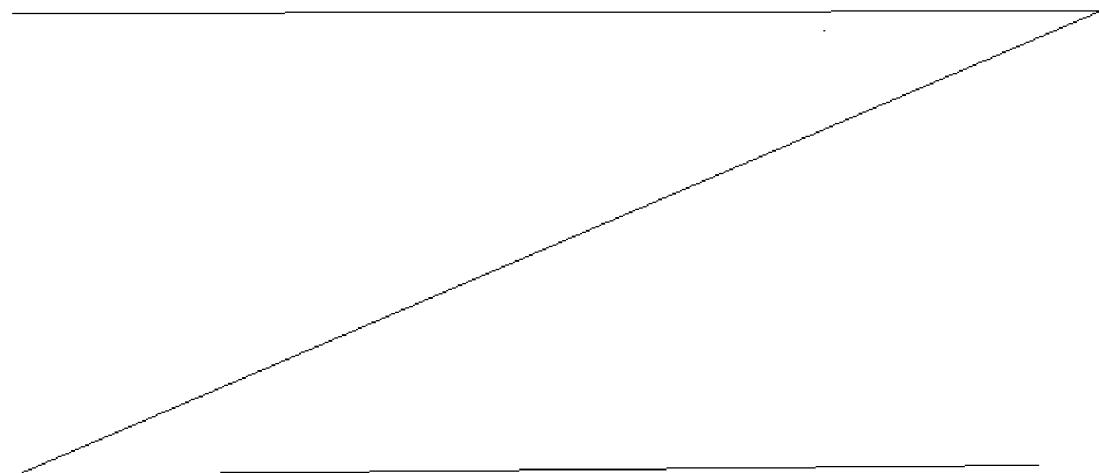
R⁴ = R⁵ = H, F;

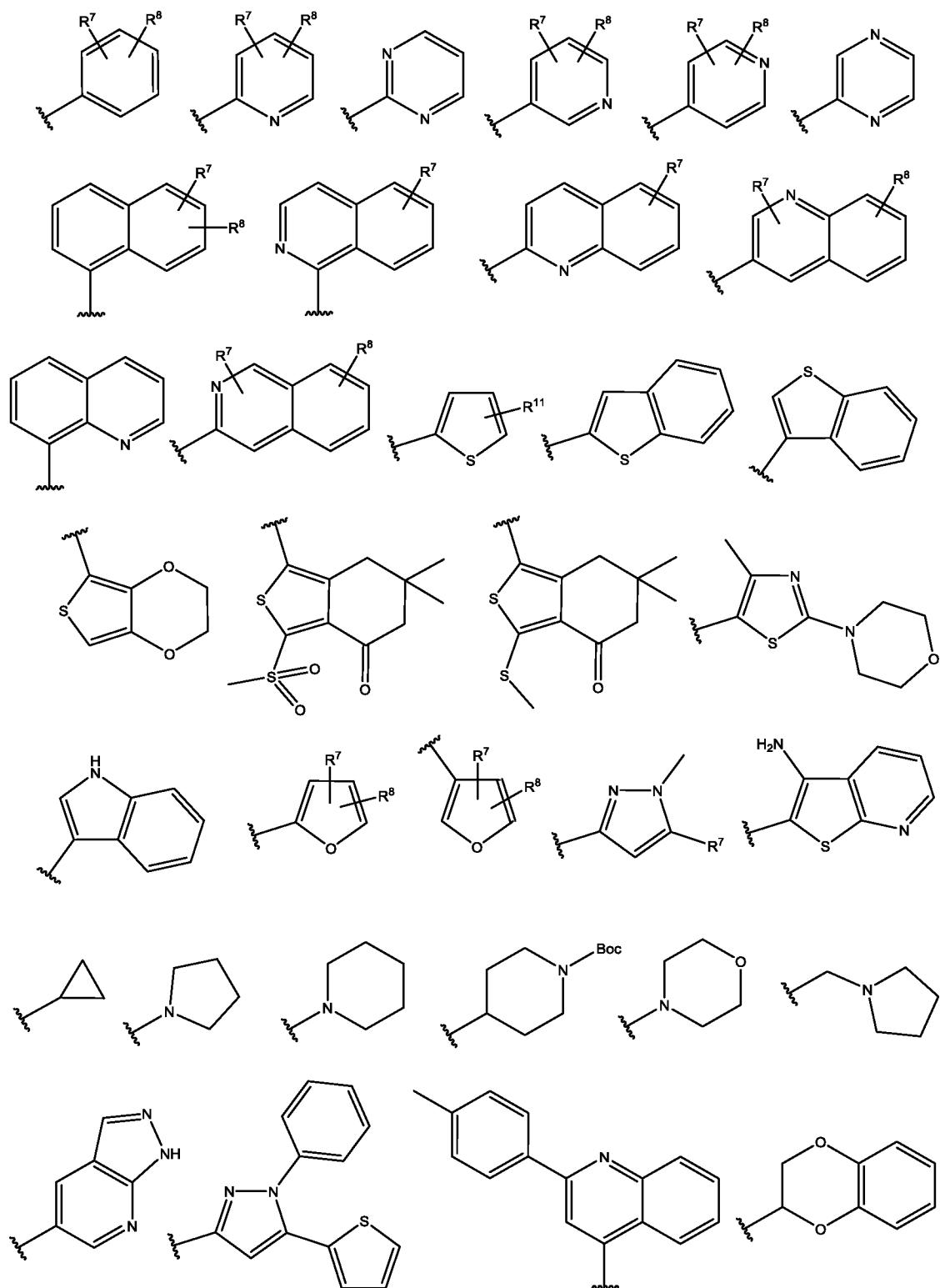
R¹ is absent or it is selected from the group comprising -H, -NH₂, -CH₃, -CH₂CH₃, phenyl, p-fluorophenyl, m-chlorophenyl, p-chlorophenyl, benzyl, methylfuran, cyclopropyl, isobutyl, methylphenyl, trifluorophenyl, thiophene and 2- (morpholin-4-yl) ethyl;

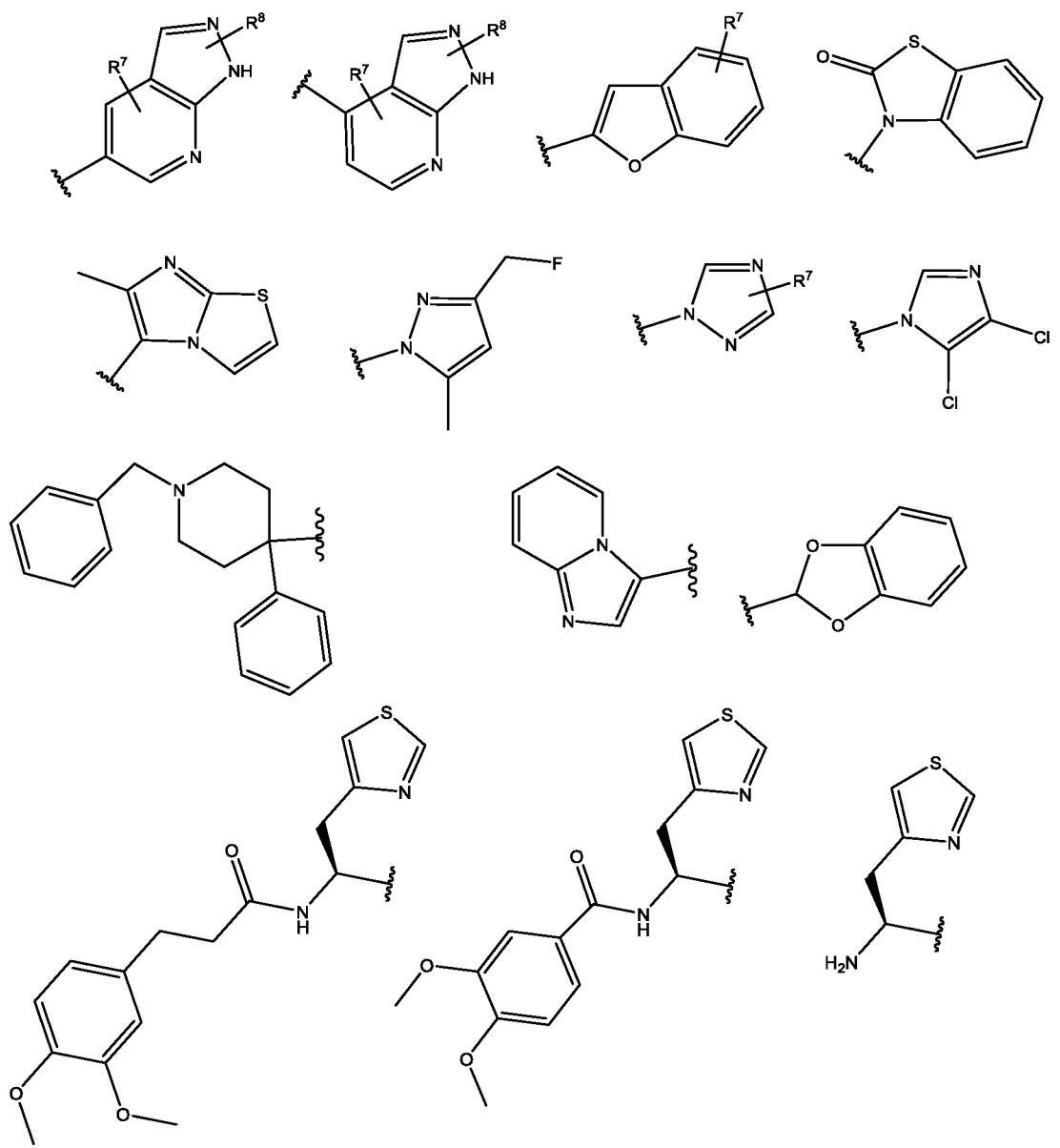
R² is absent or it is selected from H, phenyl, or p-dichlorophenyl;

R³ is absent or it is selected from H, o-methoxyphenyl, p-trifluoromethylphenyl, benzyl, or pyridyl;

R⁶ is selected from the group comprising:

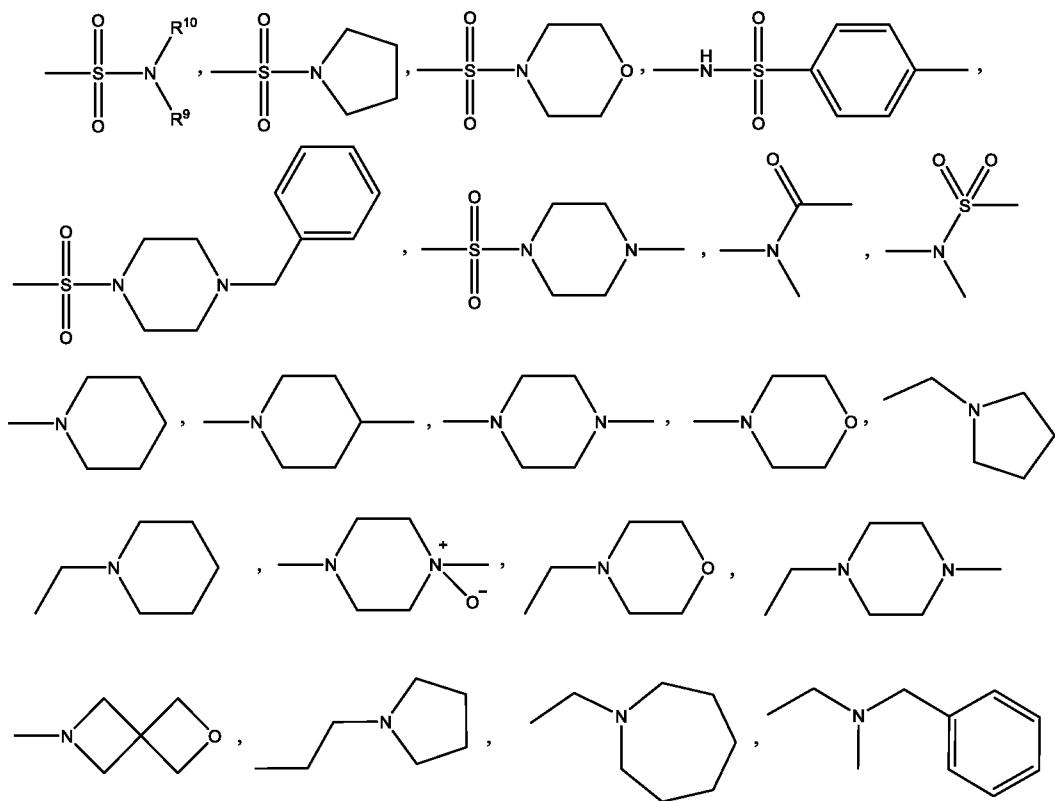






wherein:

R^7 and R^8 are independently selected from the group comprising H, D, -Cl, -F, -Br, -CF₃, -Me, -Et, -OMe, -OBenzyl, -SF₅, -OCH₂F, -CH₂NH₂, -NH₂, -CH₂NMe₂, -NMe₂, -N(CH₂CH₂OCH₃)₂, -COOH, -COOMe, -OH, -NHNH₂, -NO₂, -OEt, -OCHF₂, -OiPr, -CHF₂, -NEt₂,



or R⁷ and R⁸ together can form a heteropentacyclic moiety (-OCH₂O-);

R⁹ = R¹⁰ = -H, -Me, -Et;

R¹¹ is selected from the group comprising -H, -Cl, -CH₃, -NO₂ and -Br.

The following compounds of formulas (I) and (II) are particularly preferred:

- (S)-N-(1-(3-(4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)benzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)-2-(thiazol-4-yl)ethyl)-3,4-dimethoxybenzamide (comp. 1);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 2);
- 4-((5-(3-(N,N-dimethylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)methyl)-N-hydroxybenzamide (comp. 3);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 4);
- 4-((5-(2,3-dihydrothieno[3,4-b][1,4]dioxin-5-yl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)methyl)-3,5-

difluoro-N-hydroxybenzamide (comp. 5);

- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-(pyridin-2-yl)-2H-tetrazol-2-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 6);
- difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-2H-tetrazol-2-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 7);
- N-hydroxy-4-((5-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 8);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(4-methyl-2-morpholinothiazol-5-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 9);
- N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 10);
- 4-((5-(furan-2-yl)-2H-tetrazol-2-yl)methyl)-N-hydroxybenzamide (comp. 12);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 13);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(pyridin-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 14);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 15);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(4-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)phenyl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 16);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 17);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-((5-(furan-2-yl)-2H-tetrazol-2-yl)methyl)-N-hydroxybenzamide (comp. 19);
- N-hydroxy-4-((5-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 20);

- 3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-N-[(1S)-1-[3-[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl]-2-thiazol-4-yl-ethyl]propanamide (comp. 21);
- 4-[[5-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 23);
- 4-[(4,5-diphenyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 24);
- 4-[[4-(2-furylmethyl)-5-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid;2,2,2-trifluoroacetic acid (comp. 25);
- 4-[5-[(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)methyl]-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 26);
- 4-[[5-benzyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid;2,2,2-trifluoroacetic acid (comp. 27);
- 4-[[4-amino-5-[4-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 28);
- 4-[[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 29);
- 4-[[4-ethyl-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 30);
- 4-[[5-(4-chlorophenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 31);
- 4-[[5-(5-chloro-2-thienyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 32);
- 4-[[5-(2-fluorophenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 33);

- 4-[[5-(4-fluorophenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 34);
- 4-[[5-(4-methoxyphenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 35);
- 4-[(5-benzyltetrazol-2-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 36);
- 4-[(5-benzyltetrazol-1-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 37);
- 4-[[5-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 38);
- 4-[[5-(3-methyl-2-thienyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 39);
- 4-[[5-(5-methyl-2-thienyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 41);
- 4-[[5-(benzothiophen-3-yl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 42);
- 4-[[5-(2,3-dihydrothieno[3,4-b][1,4]dioxin-5-yl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 43);
- 4-[[5-[(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)methyl]-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 44);
- 4-[[5-[(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)methyl]-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 45);
- 4-[[5-(2-fluorophenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 46);
- 4-[[5-[(1S)-1-amino-2-thiazol-4-yl-ethyl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid;2,2,2-trifluoroacetic acid (comp. 48);

- 4-[[5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 49);
- 4-[[5-(2-thienyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 50);
- 4-[[2-benzyl-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 51);
- 4-[[2-(2-pyridyl)-5-(2-thienyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 52);
- 4-[[2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-(2-thienyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 53);
- 4-[[5-(6,6-dimethyl-3-methylsulfanyl)-4-oxo-5,7-dihydro-2-benzothiophen-1-yl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 54);
- 4-[[5-(benzothiophen-2-yl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 55);
- 4-[[5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 57);
- 4-[[5-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 58);
- 4-[[5-[3-(dimethylsulfamoyl)phenyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 59);
- 4-[(5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)amino]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 60);
- 4-[[4-amino-5-[3-(diethylsulfamoyl)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 61);
- 4-[[1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 62);

- 4-[[5-(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylsulfonylphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]amino]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 63);
- 4-[[5-(3-morpholinosulfonylphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 64);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-thienyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 65);
- 4-[[5-[3-(diethylsulfamoyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 66);
- 4-[[4-methyl-5-[2-(p-tolyl)-4-quinolyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 67);
- 4-[(5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 68);
- 4-[[5-(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylsulfonylphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 69);
- 4-[[5-(3-benzyloxy-4-methoxy-phenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 70);
- 4-[[5-(3-benzyloxy-4-methoxy-phenyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 71);
- 4-[(5-cyclopropyl-1-phenyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 72);
- 4-[[5-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 73);
- 4-[[5-(4-methyl-2-morpholino-thiazol-5-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 75);

- 4-[[5-[3-(dimethylamino)phenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 77);
- 4-[[5-(3-methoxyphenyl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 78);
- 4-[[5-(2,3-dihydrothieno[3,4-b][1,4]dioxin-5-yl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]-3,5-difluorobenzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 79);
- 4-[[5-[3-(dimethylamino)phenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluorobenzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 80);
- tert-butyl 4-[5-[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]sulfanyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]piperidine-1-carboxylate (comp. 82);
- 4-[[5-(2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-3-yl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 83);
- 4-[[5-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 84);
- 4-[[5-(1,5-dimethylpyrazol-3-yl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 85);
- 4-[[5-(2-furyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 86);
- 4-[[5-(1-isoquinolyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 87);
- 4-[[5-(1-isoquinolyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 88);
- 4-[[5-(2-pyridyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 89);
- 4-[[5-(2-quinolyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 90);
- 4-[[5-(2-quinolyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 91);

- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-furyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 92);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(1-isoquinolyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 93);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(1-isoquinolyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 94);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-quinolyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 95);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-quinolyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 96);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-thienyl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 97);
- 4-[(5-benzhydryl-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 98);
- 4-[[5-(3-aminothieno[2,3-b]pyridin-2-yl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 99);
- 4-[[5-(1,5-dimethylpyrazol-3-yl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 100);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-(1-phenylcyclobutyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 101);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[1-(3-fluorophenyl)cyclopentyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 102);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[1-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclohexyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 103);

- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[1-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopropyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp 104);
- 4-[[5-[3-(pentafluoro-lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 106);
- 4-[[5-[3-(pentafluoro-lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 107);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[5- [3-(pentafluoro- lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol- 2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 108);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[5- [3-(pentafluoro- lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol- 1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 109);
- 4-[[5-[4-(pentafluoro-lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 110);
- 4-[[5-[4-(pentafluoro-lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 111);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[4-(pentafluoro-lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 112);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[4-(pentafluoro-lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 113);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4- methyl-5-[3-(4-methyl-4-oxido-piperazin-4-ium-1-yl)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 114);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(1-piperidylmethyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 115);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-(2-furylmethyl)-5-pyrrolidin-1-yl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 116);

- 4-[(4-benzyl-5-morpholino-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)sulfanyl]-3,5-difluorobenzene carbohydroxamic acid (comp. 117);
- 4-[[5-(2,3-dihydrothieno[3,4-b][1,4]dioxin-5-yl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluorobenzene carbohydroxamic acid (comp. 118);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(1-isoquinolyl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benze necarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 121);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-(2-quinolyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benze necarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 122);
- 4-[(5-pyrimidin-2-yltetrazol-2-yl)methyl]benze necarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 123);
- 4-[(5-pyrimidin-2-yltetrazol-1-yl)methyl]benze necarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 124);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[(5-pyrimidin-2-yltetrazol-1-yl)methyl]benze necarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 125);
- 4-[[5-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benze necarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 126);
- 4-[[5-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benze necarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 127);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benze necarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 128);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benze necarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 129);
- 4-[[5-[3-morpholino-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benze necarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 130);

- 4-[[5-[3-morpholino-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 131);
- 4-[[5-(2-pyridylmethyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid;2,2,2-trifluoroacetic acid (comp. 132);
- 4-[[5- (2-pyridylmethyl)tetrazol- 1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid;2,2,2-trifluoroacetic acid (comp. 133);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-pyridylmethyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid;2,2,2-trifluoroacetic acid (comp. 134);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-pyridylmethyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid;2,2,2-trifluoroacetic acid (comp. 135);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4- methyl-5- [1-phenyl- 5-(2- thienyl)pyrazol-3- yl]-1,2,4- triazol-3- yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 136);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(6-fluoro- 2-methyl-3-quinolyl)- 4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol- 3- yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 137);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(2-morpholinoethyl)-1,2,4- triazol-3- yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 138);
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- 4-[[4-benzyl-5-(2-furyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro- benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 142);

- 4-[[4-benzyl-5-(2-thienyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 143);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-(2-furylmethyl)-5-(2-thienyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 144);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-fluorophenyl)-4-(2-furylmethyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 145);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-(2-furylmethyl)-5-(4-pyridyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 146);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-(2-furylmethyl)-5-(3-pyridyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 147);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(3-isoquinolyl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 148);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[(5-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 149);
- 4-[[5-(1-benzyl-4-phenyl-4-piperidyl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 150);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonylphenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 151);
- 4-[[5-[3-(4-benzylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonylphenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 152);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-(3-pyridyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 153);
- methyl 4-[[2-[[2,6-difluoro-4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]methyl]benzoate (comp. 154);

- methyl 4-[[1-[[2,6-difluoro-4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]methyl]benzoate (comp. 155);
- methyl 6-[2-[[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]pyridine-3-carboxylate (comp. 156);
- methyl 6-[1-[[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]pyridine-3-carboxylate (comp. 157);
- 4-[[2-[[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]methyl]benzoic acid (comp. 158);
- 4-[[1-[[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]methyl]benzoic acid (comp. 159);
- 4-[[2-[[2,6-difluoro-4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]methyl]benzoic acid (comp. 160);
- 4-[[1-[[2,6-difluoro-4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]methyl]benzoic acid (comp. 161);
- 6-[2-[[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]pyridine-3-carboxylic acid (comp. 162);
- 3-[2-[[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]benzoic acid (comp. 163);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-(8-quinolylmethyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 164);
- 4-[[5-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluorobenzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 165);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 166);
- 4-[[5-[3-(azepan-1-ylmethyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluorobenzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 167);

- 4-[[5-[4-(azepan-1-ylmethyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 168);
- 4-[[5-(4-aminophenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 169);
- 4-[[5-(4-aminophenyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 170);
- 4-[[5-(4-aminophenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 171);
- 4-[[5-(4-aminophenyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 172);
- 4-[[5-[4-(aminomethyl)phenyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 173);
- 4-[[5-[4-(aminomethyl)phenyl]tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 174);
- 4-[[5-[4-(aminomethyl)phenyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 175);
- 4-[[5-[4-(aminomethyl)phenyl]tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 176);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[1-(2-pyridyl)cyclopropyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 177);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[1-(3-pyridyl)cyclopropyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 178);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[(4-methyl-5-pyridazin-3-yl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 179);

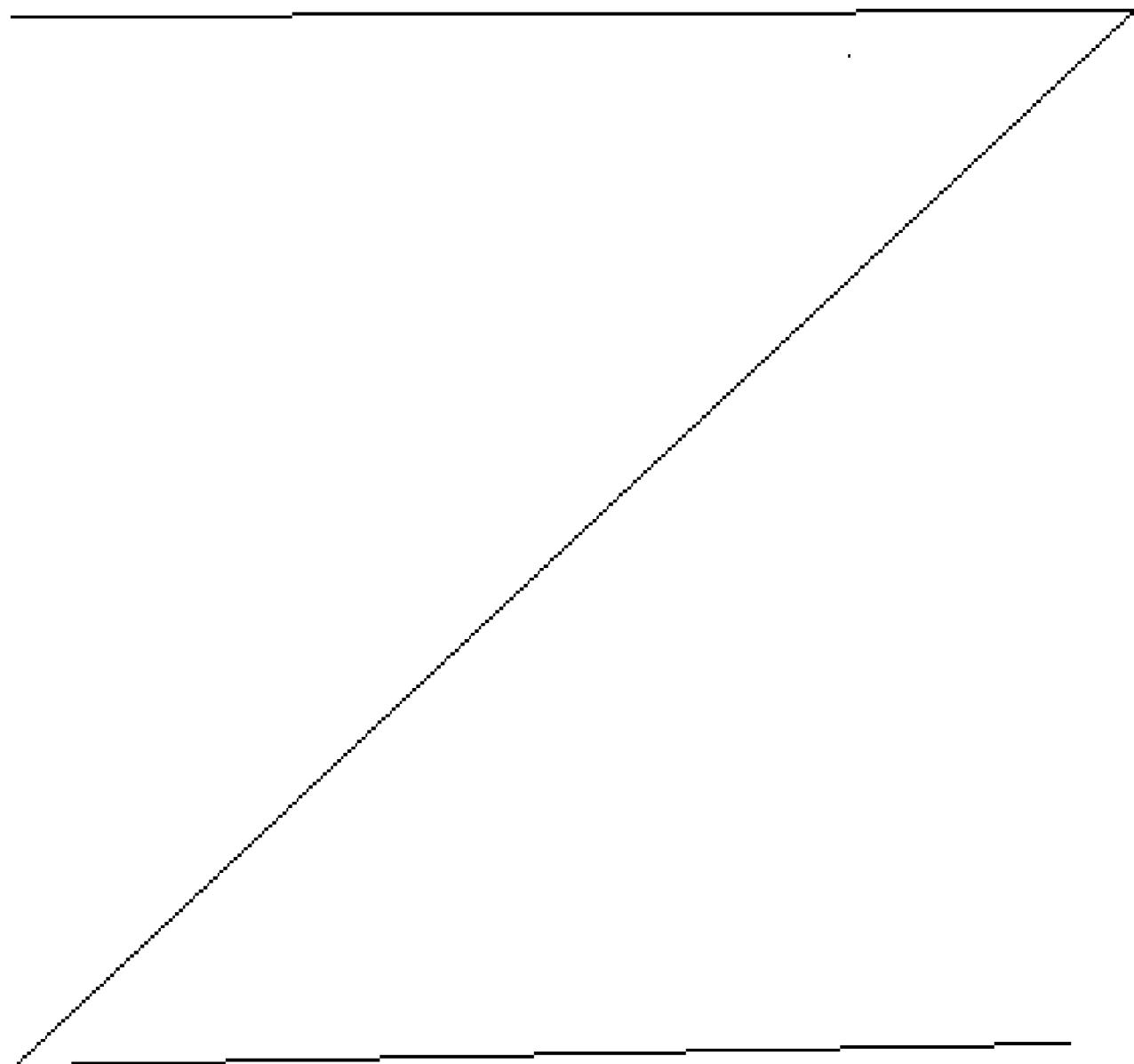
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- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[3-(1-piperidylmethyl)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 181);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[3-(morpholinomethyl)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 182);
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- 4-[[3-[(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)methyl]-5-(2-thienyl)-1,2,4-triazol-4-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 185);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[1-methyl-1-(3-pyridyl)ethyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 186);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[4-[methyl(methylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 187);
- 4-[(5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 188);
- 4-[(5-phenyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 189);
- 4-[(5-phenyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 190);
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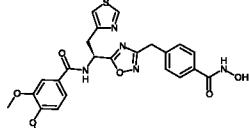
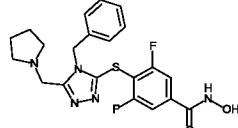
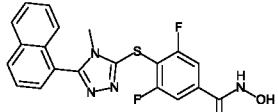
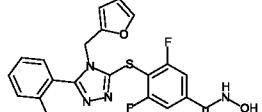
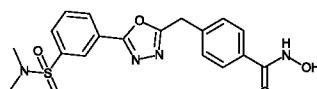
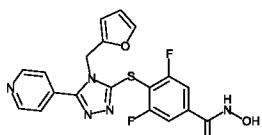
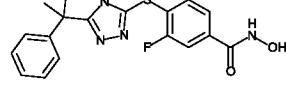
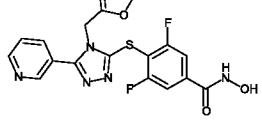
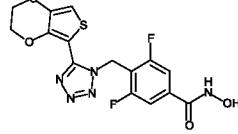
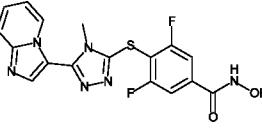
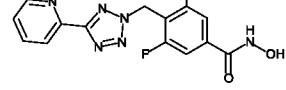
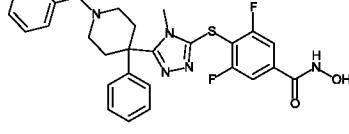
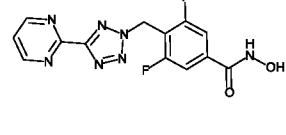
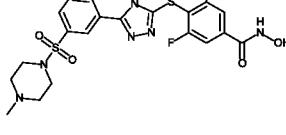
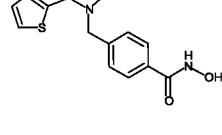
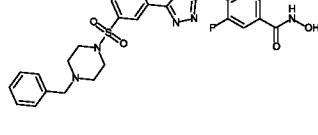
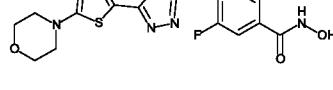
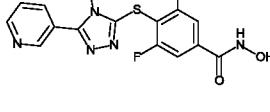
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- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-phenyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 194);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(4-pyridyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 195);
- 4-[[5-(5-bromo-3-pyridyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 196);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(5-morpholino-3-pyridyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzamide (comp. 197);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-phenyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 198);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-furyl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 199);
- 4-[[5-[5-[bis(2-methoxyethyl)amino]-3-pyridyl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl]methyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 200);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[5-(2-oxa-6-azaspiro[3.3]heptan-6-yl)-3-pyridyl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 201);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[5-(pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl)-2-furyl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 202);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[5-(morpholinomethyl)-3-furyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 203);

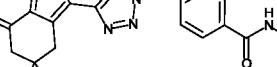
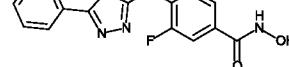
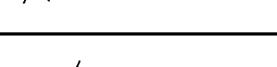
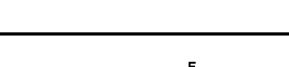
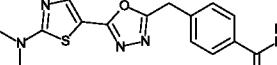
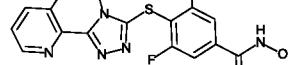
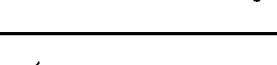
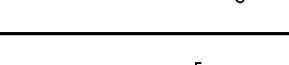
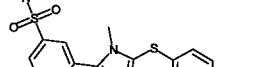
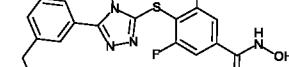
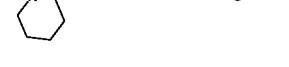
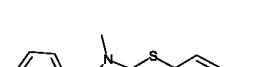
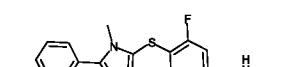
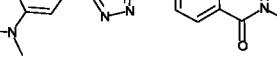
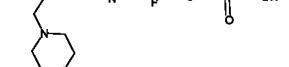
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- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[5-[(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)methyl]-2-furyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 205);
- 4-[[5-[5-(dimethylamino)methyl]-2-furyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 206);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[5-(pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl)-2-furyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 207);
- 4-[[5-[5-ethyl-4-(pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl)-2-furyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 208);
- 4-[[4-methyl-5-[5-[(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)methyl]-2-furyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 209);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[6-(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)-3-pyridyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 210);
- 4-[[5-[5-(diethylaminomethyl)-2-furyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 211);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[5-(1-piperidylmethyl)-2-furyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 212);
- 4-[[5-[5-(diethylaminomethyl)-2-methyl-3-furyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 213);
- 4-[(5-phenyltetrazol-2-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 214);
- 4-[(5-phenyltetrazol-1-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 215);
- 4-[(5-phenyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 216);

- N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-phenyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 217).

The following compounds of formulas (I) and (II) are particularly preferred:



1		141	
2		145	
3		146	
4		147	
5		149	
6		150	
7		151	
8		152	
9		153	

68		178	
74		179	
75		180	
76		181	
77		182	
78		186	
79		191	
82		195	
84		197	

Compounds of the present invention may contain one or more chiral centres (asymmetric carbon atoms), therefore they may exist in enantiomeric and/or diastereoisomeric forms.

All possible optical isomers, alone or in a mixture with each other, fall within the scope of the present invention.

Compounds according to the invention may be used alone or in combination with other drugs such as proteasome inhibitors, immunochemical inhibitors, steroids, bromodomain inhibitors and other epigenetic drugs, traditional chemotherapeutic agents, kinase inhibitors, such as, for example, but not limited to, JAK family, CTLA4, PD1 or PDL1 checkpoints inhibitors, such as nivolumab, pemrolizumab, pidilizumab or BMS-936559 (anti-PD1), atezolizumab or avelumab (anti-PDL1), ipilimumab or tremelimumab (anti-CTLA4).

The compounds of the invention alone or in combination are preferably useful for the treatment of HDAC6-mediated diseases.

The compounds of the invention alone or in combination are preferably useful for the treatment of graft rejection, GVHD, myositis, diseases associated with abnormal lymphocyte functions, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, peripheral neuropathy, autoimmune diseases, inflammatory diseases, cancer and neurodegenerative diseases, ocular diseases (e.g. uveitis).

Therefore, the present invention also provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising a therapeutically effective amount of compounds of formula (I) or (II) or pharmaceutically acceptable salts, isomers and pharmacologically acceptable prodrugs thereof, together with at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

Such compositions can be liquid, suitable for enteral or parenteral administration, or solid, for example, in the form of capsules, tablets, pills, powders or granules for oral administration, or in forms suitable for cutaneous administration such as creams or ointments, or for inhalation delivery.

The pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention can be prepared by using known methods.

General Synthetic Pathway

The compounds described in the present invention can be prepared by using methods known to those skilled in the art.

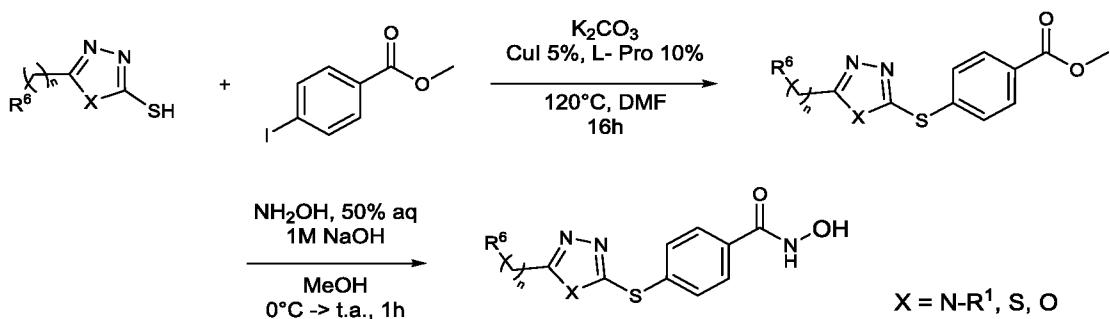
All starting materials, reagents, acids, bases, solvents and catalysts used in the synthesis of the described compounds are commercially available.

Reaction progression was monitored by HPLC, UPLC or HPLC-MS analysis.

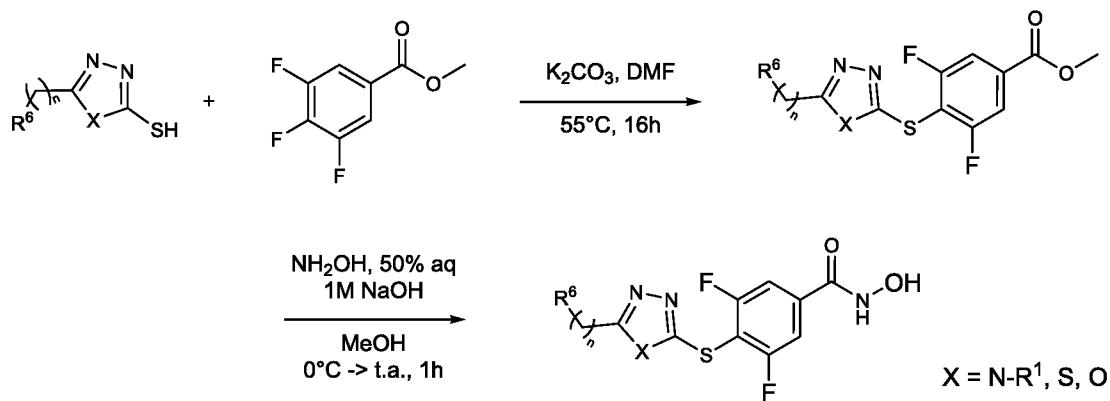
The triazole-thiol core compounds were obtained by reaction of 1,2,4-triazole-thiols, optionally substituted with methyl-4-iodo-benzoate or methyl-3,4,5-trifluoro-benzoate, in the presence of potassium carbonate in DMF under heating overnight. The reaction with methyl 4-iodo-benzoate was catalysed with copper iodide and L-proline (**Scheme 1**) and was heated at 120°C (Liang-Feng et al., Tetrahedron (2011), 67, 2878-2881). On the other hand, the reaction with methyl 3,4,5-trifluoro-benzoate proceeds even under mild conditions (55°C) and without catalysis (**Scheme 2**) (Dudutiene et al., Bioorg. Med. Chem. (2013), 21(7), 2093-2106; WO03/062225).

The same conditions were used to synthesize 1,3,4-thiadiazole-2-thiol and 1,3,4-oxadiazole-2-thiol core compounds.

The conversion of ester derivatives into the corresponding hydroxamic acids was achieved by treating with a large excess of aqueous hydroxylamine in a basic medium (NaOH), in methanol. Hydroxamic acid can also be synthesized by methyl ester hydrolysis with NaOH and subsequent condensation with hydroxylamine, upon activation with HATU or other coupling reagents.

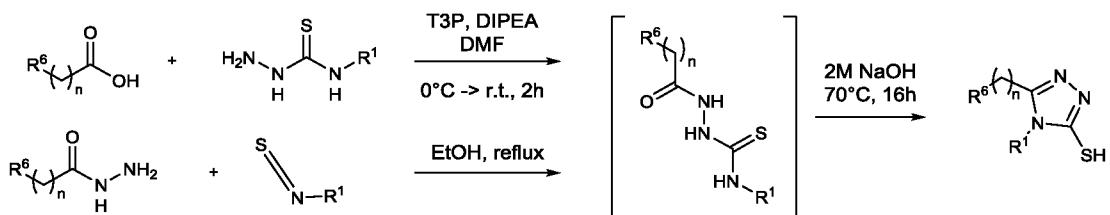


Scheme 1 - Synthesis of Benzohydroxamic Derivatives with Triazole, Thiadiazole and Oxadiazole Core

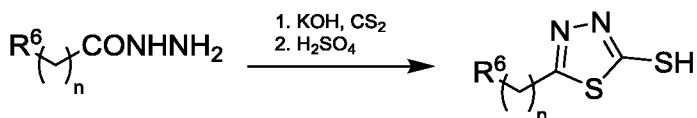


Scheme 2 - Synthesis of 3,5-Difluorobenzohydroxamic Derivatives with Triazole, Thiadiazole and Oxadiazole Core

Many of the starting 1,2,4-triazole-thiols are commercially available. In some cases they have been synthesized according to the two routes shown in **Scheme 3**. The open intermediate was prepared from carboxylic acid by activation with T3P and condensation with *N*-substituted hydrazine carbothioamide in the presence of DIPEA in DMF (US2007/0232808). The same intermediate was obtained starting from hydrazide, which was treated with *N*-substituted isothiocyanate in refluxing ethanol (Lei et al., ChemMedChem (2016), 11, 822-826; Nadjet et al., Molecules (2015), 20, 16048-16067). Cyclization of the open intermediate was achieved by addition of aqueous NaOH to the reaction mixture.



1,3,4-thiadiazole-2-thiols not commercially available were synthesized by treating the corresponding hydrazide with KOH and CS₂ at low temperature (0-5°C) for 1 hour and with H₂SO₄ in a second step, as described in **Scheme 4**.



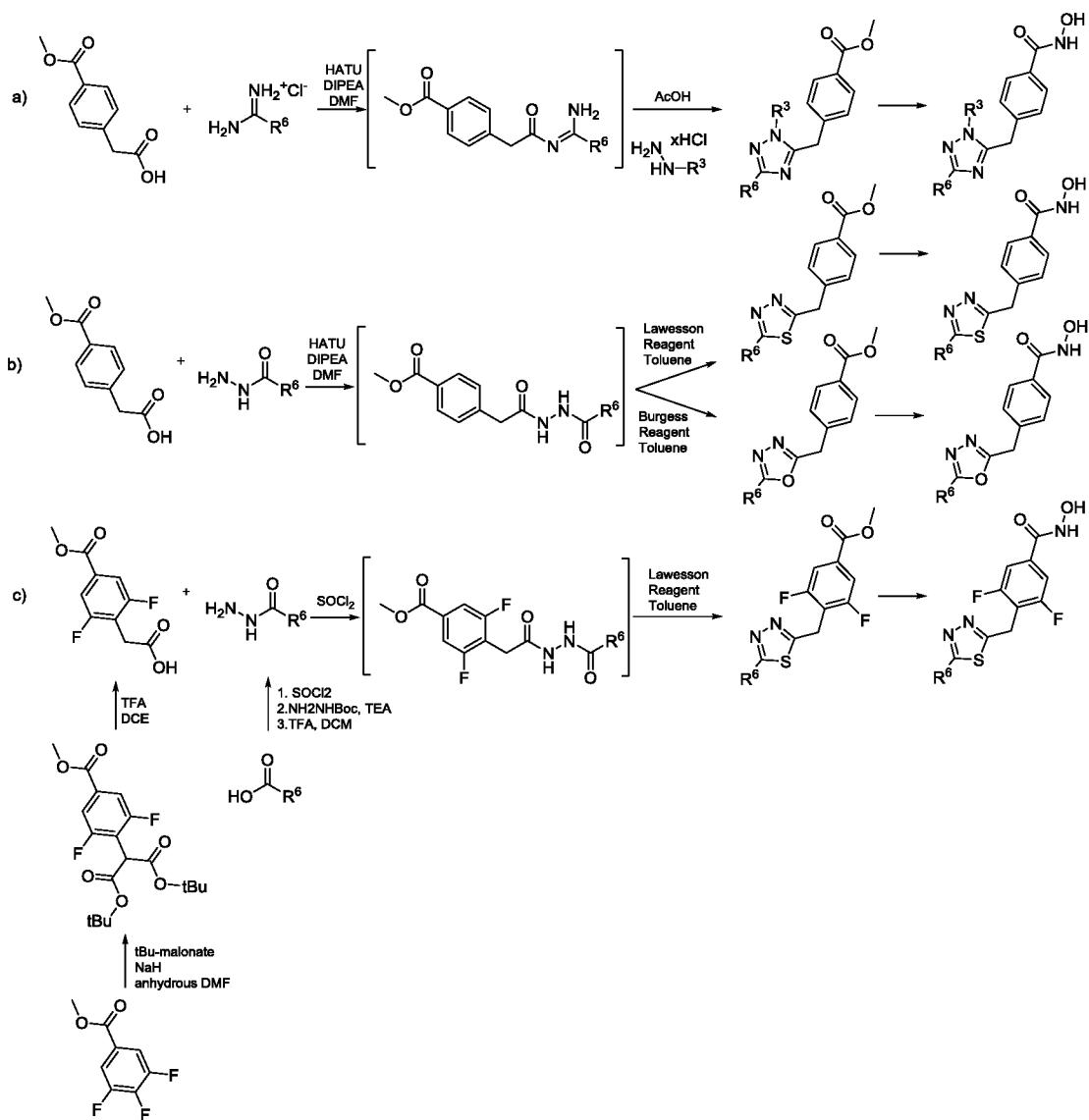
Scheme 4 - Synthesis of 1,3,4-Thiadiazole-thiols

Compounds with triazole core were prepared as described in **Scheme 5a** starting from 2-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)acetic acid by reaction with a carboxyimidamide in the presence of HATU and DIPEA in DMF. Upon complete conversion of starting products into the intermediate, a substituted hydrazine and an excess of acetic acid were added to the reaction mixture. The formation of triazole cycle was achieved by heating the mixture overnight (Castanedo et al., J. Org. Chem. (2011), 76(4), 1177-1179).

Compounds with 1,3,4-thiadiazole and 1,3,4-oxadiazole scaffold were also obtained by cyclization of an open intermediate, prepared by condensation of 2-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)acetic acid or 2-(2,6-difluoro-4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)acetic acid with appropriate hydrazide by usual HATU, DIPEA activation. Hydrazides were either commercially available or could be easily prepared from the corresponding carboxylic acid (**Scheme 5c**). Lawesson's Reagent was used as cyclizing agent for 1,3,4-thiadiazole derivatives, while the same intermediate cyclized

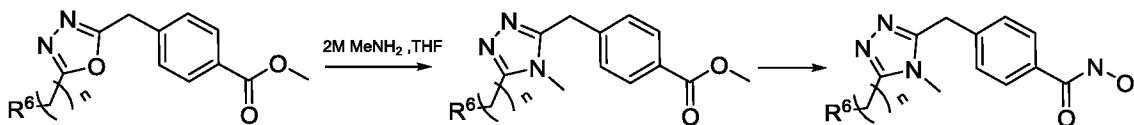
upon treatment with an excess of Burgess' Reagent in refluxing toluene or THF to provide 1,3,4-oxadiazoles (**Scheme 5b**). As 2-(2,6-difluoro-4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)acetic acid is not commercially available, it was synthesized reacting methyl 3,4,5-trifluorobenzoate and di-tert-butyl malonate in presence of sodium hydride in anhydrous DMF. The resulting di-tert-butyl 2-(2,6-difluoro-4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)malonate was then decarboxylated by treating with TFA under reflux (**Scheme 5c**).

Due to the lower reactivity of 2-(2,6-difluoro-4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)acetic acid, it was necessary to activate it with thionyl chloride to achieve the condensation (**Scheme 5c**). The conversion of ester derivatives into the corresponding hydroxamic acids was achieved by hydroxylaminolysis, as already described in the above cases.



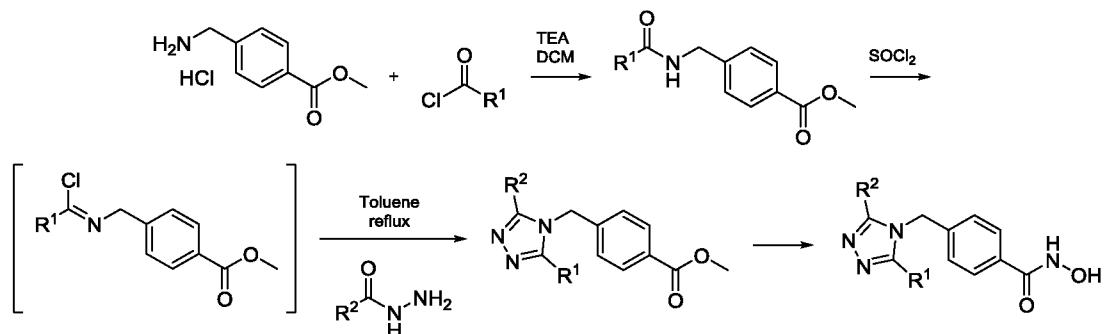
Scheme 5 - Synthesis of Benzohydroxamic Derivatives with Triazole, Thiadiazole and Oxadiazole Core

1,3,4-oxadiazol derivatives were used as starting material for the synthesis of compounds bearing triazole core. The conversion was obtained by heating the oxadiazole in THF in presence of MeNH₂, as described in **Scheme 6**.



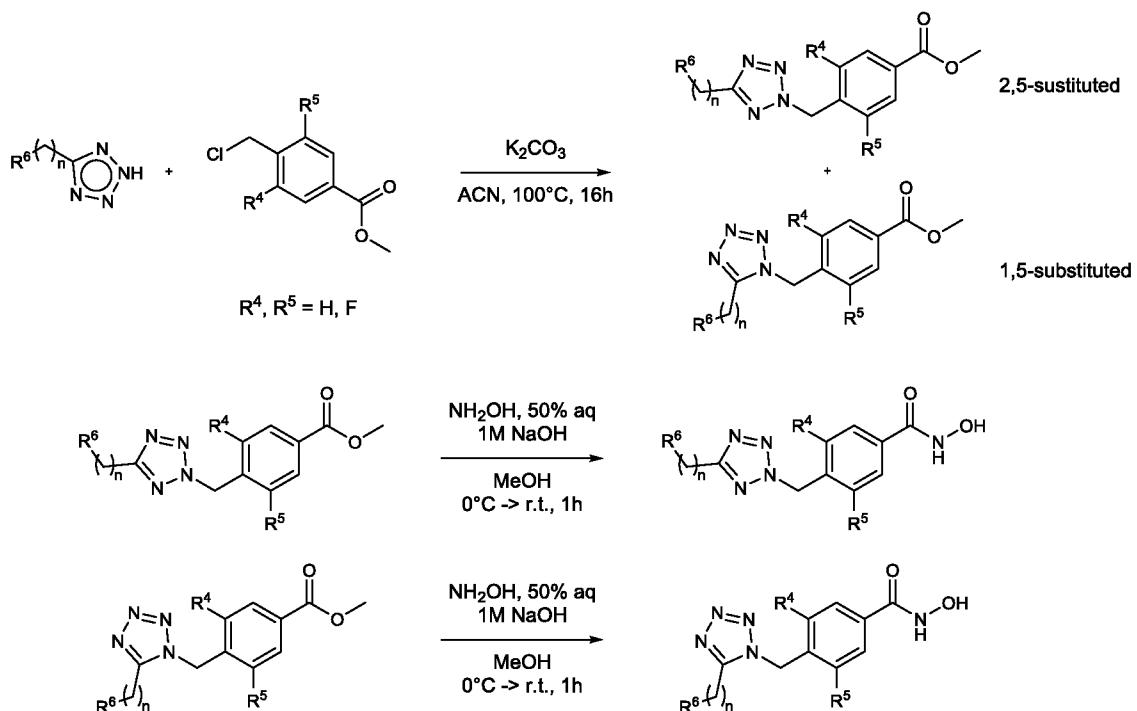
Scheme 6 - Synthesis of 1,2,3-Triazole derivatives.

Compounds bearing a 3,4,5-trisubstituted 1,2,4-triazole as a scaffold were prepared starting from methyl p-aminomethylbenzoate hydrochloride and the corresponding acylchloride in presence of trimethylamine. The amide thus obtained was refluxed in thionyl chloride to form an intermediate imidoyl chloride, which gave the desired product upon reaction with the corresponding hydrazide and subsequent cyclization in refluxing toluene (**Scheme 7**). (WO2011106650 (A2) — 2011-09-01; Begum et al *Med. Chem. Commun.* **2015**, 6, 80-89; Aster et al. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **2008**, 18, 2799–2804.)



Scheme 7 - Synthesis of Benzohydroxamic Derivatives with 3,4,5-Trisubstituted 1,2,4-Triazole Core

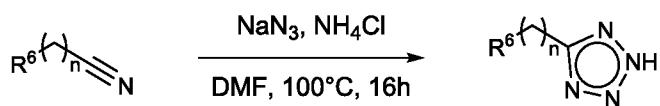
The compounds containing tetrazole moiety were obtained by reaction of *N*-H-tetrazole with methyl 4-(chloromethyl)benzoic acid or methyl 4-(chloromethyl)-3,5-difluoro benzoate in the presence of potassium carbonate in acetonitrile, under heating (**Scheme 8**) (WO2012/106995).



Scheme 8 - Synthesis of Benzo-hydroxamic and 3,5-Difluoro Benzo-Hydroxamic Derivatives with Tetrazole Core

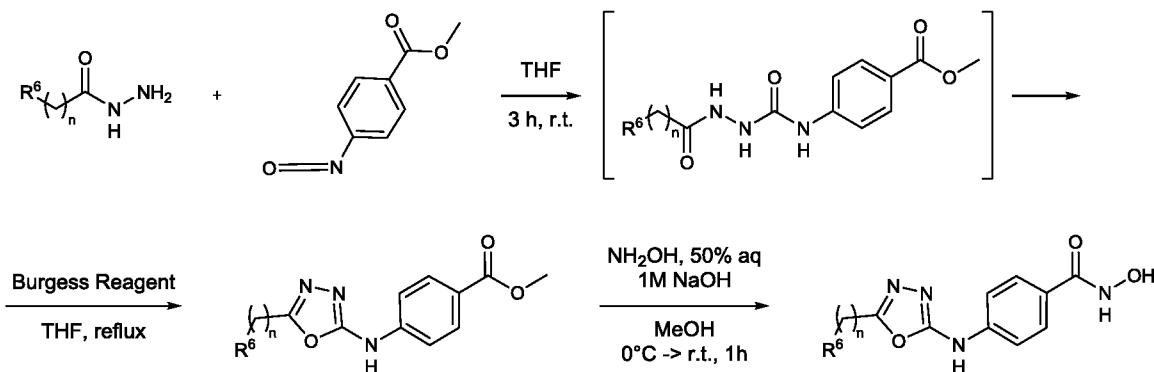
Regioselectivity is dependent on the tetrazole substrate, usually being the 2,5-disubstituted product 2-10 fold favoured with respect to the 1,5-disubstituted product. The regioisomers, separated by chromatography on silica, were treated separately with an excess of hydroxylamine and aqueous sodium hydroxide to obtain the respective hydroxamic products.

Some of the starting *N*-H-tetrazoles are commercially available while others were synthesized by treating the respective nitrile with sodium azide and ammonium chloride in DMF under heating (**Scheme 9**).



Scheme 9 - Synthesis of NH-Tetrazoles

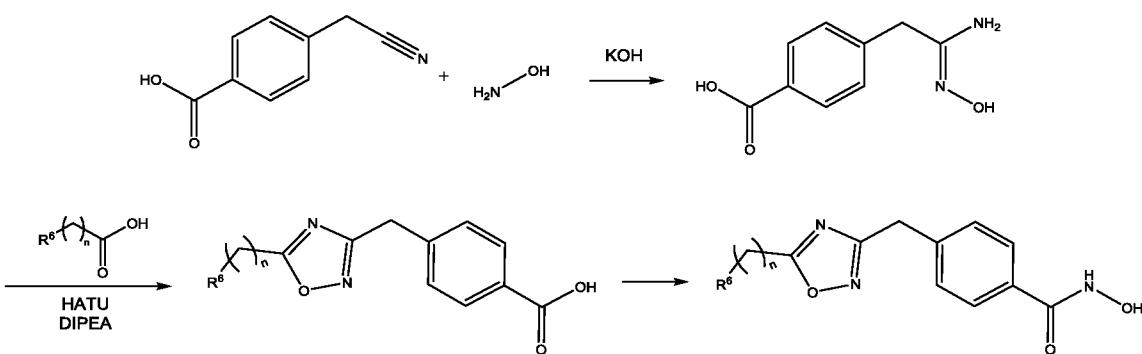
Compounds containing the 2-amino-1,3,4-oxadiazole moiety were obtained by combining an acyl hydrazide with methyl 4-isocyanatobenzoate in THF at room temperature (rt) and refluxing the intermediate just formed in the presence of an excess of Burgess Reagent (**Scheme 10**) (Dolman et al., *J. Org. Chem.* (2006), 71(25), 9548).



Scheme 10 - Synthesis of Benzo-Hydroxamic Derivatives with 2-Amino-1,3,4-Oxadiazole Core

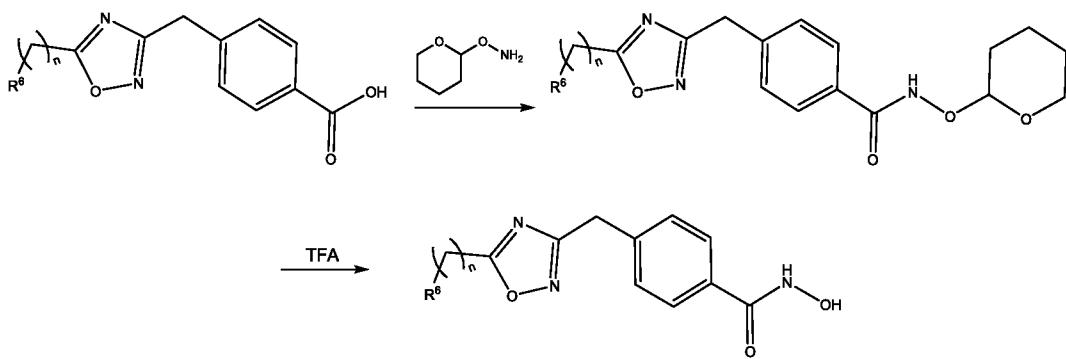
Conversion of ester compounds into hydroxamic acid has been achieved, as described in the above cases, by hydroxylaminolysis.

The 1,2,4-oxadiazole core compounds were synthesized from 4-(cyanomethyl)benzoic acid, or from the corresponding methyl ester, by treatment with hydroxylamine hydrochloride in the presence of an excess of potassium hydroxide or sodium bicarbonate in refluxing ethanol (**Scheme 11**). The (Z)-4-(2-amino-2-(hydroxylimino)ethyl)benzoic acid thus obtained was then reacted with a suitable carboxylic acid previously activated with HATU and DIPEA or other activators to give an open intermediate, which undergoes cyclization by heating at 100°C and in the presence of molecular sieves or cyclizing agents, such as carbonildiimidazole.



Scheme 11 - Synthesis of Benzohydroxamic Derivatives with 1,2,4-Oxadiazole Core

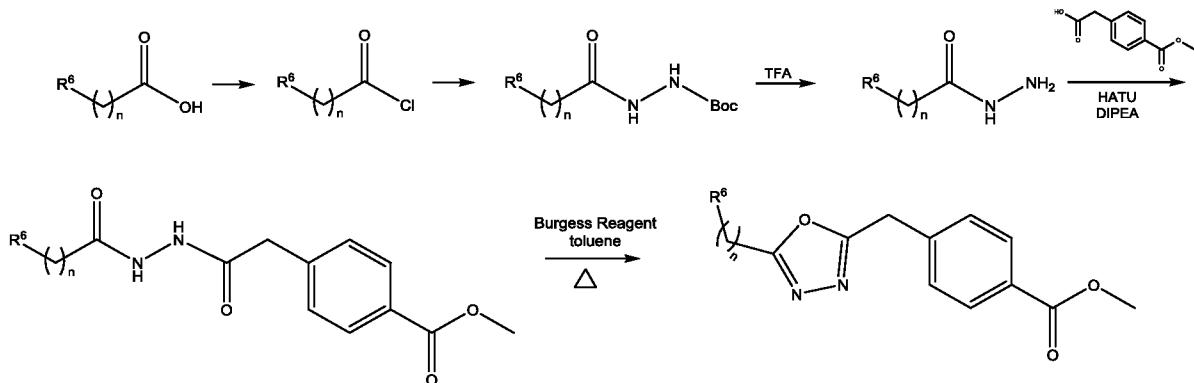
The conversion of the carboxylic acid into hydroxamic acid can be accomplished with any method known in the art. Generally it is obtained by activation with HATU, DCC or acyl chloride and reaction of the activated compound with aqueous hydroxylamine. In some cases it has been necessary to condense the carboxylic acid with O-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)hydroxylamine in order to obtain an hydroxamic acid protected form which can be released by treatment with TFA (**Scheme 12**).



Scheme 12 - Conversion of the carboxylic acid into hydroxamic acid through a protected form thereof

For the synthesis of compounds with 1,3,4-oxadiazole core (**Scheme 13**) the appropriate hydrazide was prepared by reaction of the corresponding acid, activated by acyl chloride, with Boc-hydrazine and subsequent deprotection by TFA treatment. The hydrazide was then condensed with 2-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)acetic acid, previously activated with HATU and DIPEA. The cyclisation of the open intermediate

was achieved by treatment with an excess of Burgess Reagent in toluene or THF under reflux.



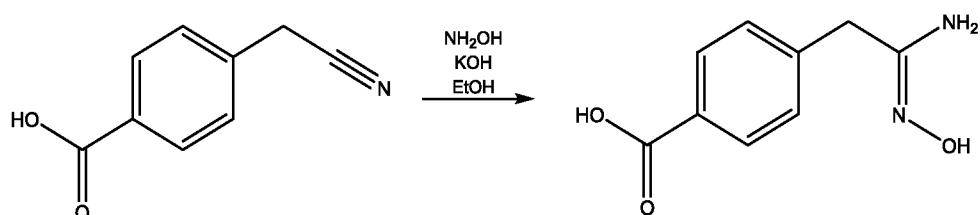
Scheme 13 - Synthesis of Hydroxamic Derivatives with 1,3,4-Oxadiazole Core

As previously shown, it is possible to obtain the final hydroxamic derivative by methyl ester hydroxylaminolysis reacting it with hydroxylamine, in the presence of a large excess of sodium hydroxide.

The following examples are intended to further illustrate the invention but not limiting it.

EXAMPLE 1 - Synthesis of (S)-N-(1-(3-(4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)benzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)-2-(thiazol-4-yl)ethyl-3,4-dimethoxybenzamide (comp. 1)

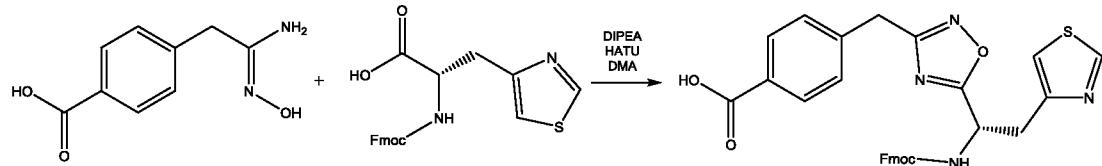
Step A



To a solution of 4-(cyanomethyl)benzoic acid (3.04 g, 1 eq) in EtOH (250 ml), KOH (3.17 g, 3 eq) and hydroxylamine hydrochloride (2.62 g, 2 eq) were added. The reaction mixture was refluxed 20 hours. The solution was then cooled, diluted with water (300 ml) and acidified to pH 6 with conc. HCl. The precipitated white solid was filtered and

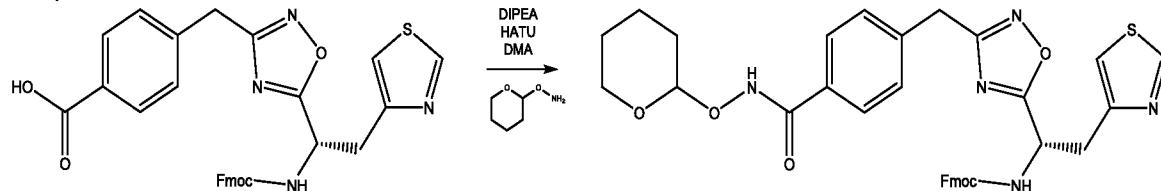
dried under vacuum at 50°C overnight. 2.6g of product were obtained, which was used for the next step without any further purification.

Step B



(S)-2-(N-Fmoc-amino)-3-(thiazol-4-il)propanoic acid (2g, 1 eq) was activated by treatment with HATU (2.5 g, 1.3 eq) and DIPEA (1.4 ml) in DMA at room temperature for 1 hour. Additional DIPEA (1.4 mL) and (Z)-4-(2-amino-2-(hydroxyimino)ethyl)benzoic acid (985 mg, 1 eq) were then added to the reaction mixture. After complete dissolution of the starting products, molecular sieves were added in order to remove the forming water and aid the cyclization of the open intermediate. After two hours, the molecular sieves were removed by filtration and the solvent evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was taken up in methanol. The white solid separating was removed by filtration. The solvent was partially evaporated. An additional precipitation of a white solid was observed, which was filtered. The solution was evaporated to dryness and the residue was purified by reverse phase flash chromatography (C₁₈) in H₂O/ACN/TFA gradient.

Step C

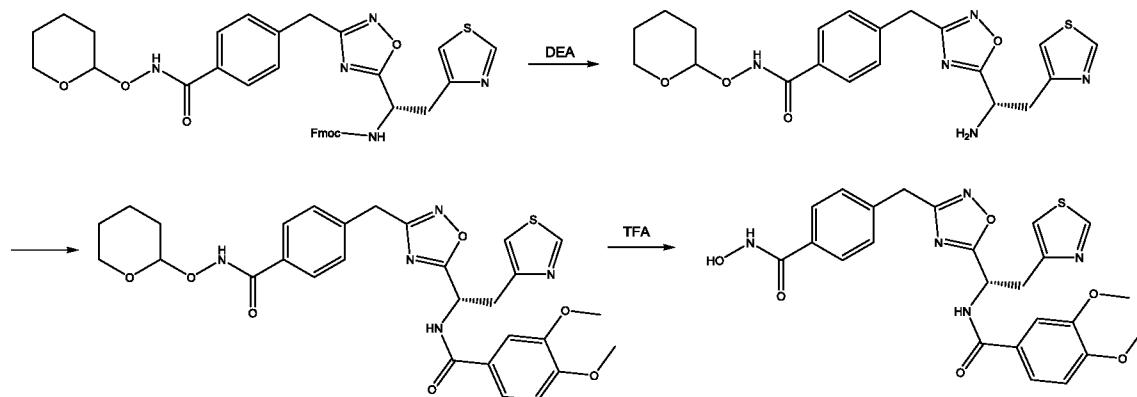


The acid obtained in step B (82 mg, 1 eq) was activated by treatment with HATU (73 mg, 1.3 eq) and DIPEA (41 μ l, 1.3 eq) in DMF at room temperature. O-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)hydroxylamine (17 mg, 1 eq) was then added to the reaction mixture. After 2

hours stirring at room temperature, the solvent was evaporated in a vacuum centrifuge.

The residue was used for the next step without any further purification.

Step D

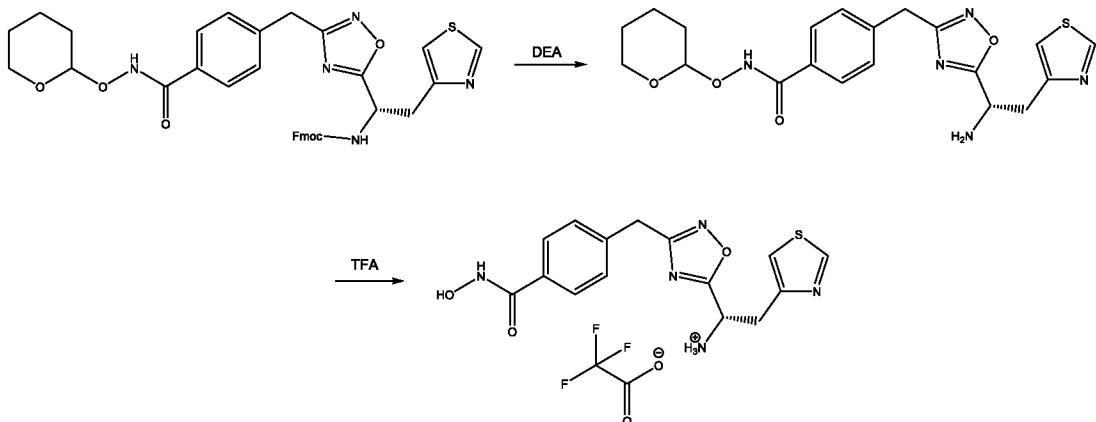


The product obtained in step C was diluted in 1 ml of THF and treated with DEA (70 μ l, 4.5 eq). After 4h stirring at 40°C, the solvent and the excess of DEA were removed by evaporation under reduced pressure. The residue was taken up with 1 ml of DMF and 3,4-dimethoxybenzoic acid (27 mg, 1 eq), previously activated with HATU (74 mg, 1.3 eq) and DIPEA (41 μ l, 1.3 eq) in DMF (1 ml), was added to the solution. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature 4 hours. Finally, 0.4 ml of TFA was added to deprotect the hydroxamic functionality. After 4 hours, the solvent and the excess of TFA were removed by evaporation and the residue was purified via semipreparative LC-MS (m/z 509.84 [MH $^+$]).

The following compound was synthesized using the same procedure:

Comp.	Structure	m/z [MH $^+$]
21		537,97

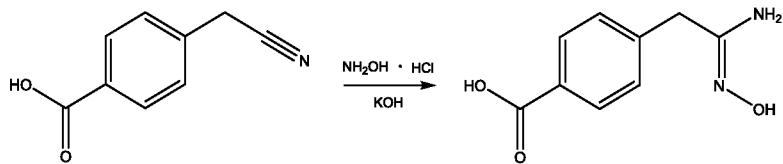
EXAMPLE 2- Synthesis of (S)-4 -((5-(1-amino-2-(thiazol-4-yl)ethyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)methyl)-N-hydroxybenzamide 2,2,2-trifluoroacetate (comp. 48)



(9H-Fluoren-9-yl)methyl((1S)-1-(3-((4-((tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)oxy)carbamoyl)benzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)-2-(thiazol-4-yl)ethyl)carbamate (obtained in Step C of Synthesis of Compound 1) (222 mg, 1 eq) was treated with DEA (159 μ l, 4.5 eq) in DMF (1 ml) overnight at RT. Then 0.520 ml of TFA (20 eq) were added to the reaction mixture. Solvent was removed by evaporation and the residue was purified in semipreparative LC-MS (m/z 346.04 [MH $^+$]).

Example 3 - Synthesis of 4-[(5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)methyl]benzenecarboxylic acid (comp. 49)

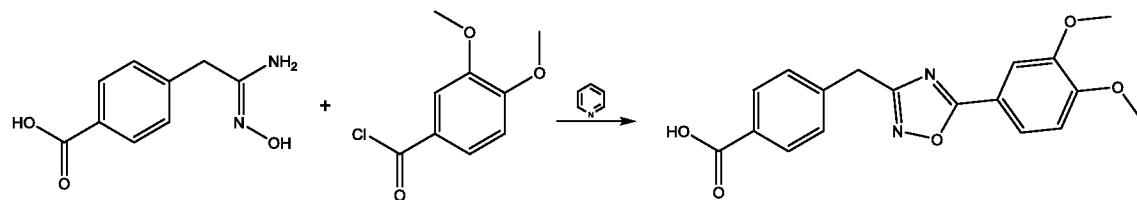
Step A



A mixture of 4-(cyanomethyl)benzoic acid (3 g, 1 eq), hydroxylamine hydrochloride (2.6 g, 2 eq) and potassium hydroxide (3.2 g, 3 eq) in ethanol (250 ml) was heated overnight under reflux. After cooling to RT, 300 ml of water and 15 ml of 1N HCl (pH \approx 5) were added to the reaction mixture. The desired product, obtained as a precipitate, was

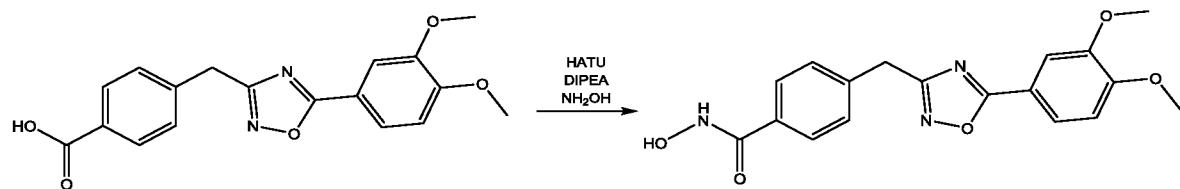
filtered off on a sintered septum and dried under vacuum overnight. 320 mg of clean product was recovered.

Step B



(Z)-4-(2-amino-2-(hydroxyimino)ethyl)benzoic acid (319 mg, 1.1 eq) obtained in step A was dissolved in toluene (6 ml) and pyridine (3 ml) was added. 3,4-Dimethoxybenzoyl chloride (300 mg, 1 eq), previously prepared by reacting 3,4-dimethoxybenzoic acid with an excess of thionyl chloride, was added to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was refluxed 4 hours. Solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the product was purified by semipreparative LC-MS.

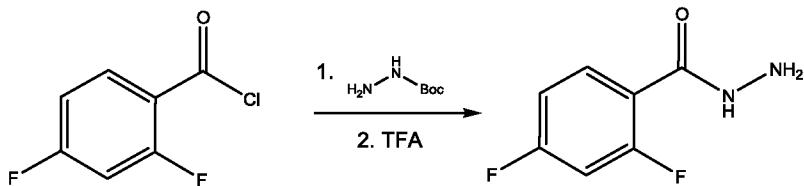
Step C



4-((5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)methyl)benzoic acid (71 mg, 1 eq) obtained in Step B was activated by treating with HATU (103 mg, 1.3 eq) and DIPEA (47 µl, 1.3 eq) in DMF (1 mL) 30 minutes at room temperature. Hydroxylamine hydrochloride (14 mg, 1 eq) and additional DIPEA (47 µl, 1.3 eq) were then added to the reaction mixture. After stirring at room temperature overnight, the solvent was removed evaporating under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by semipreparative LC-MS. 33 mg of clean product was recovered (m/z 356.08 [MH⁺]).

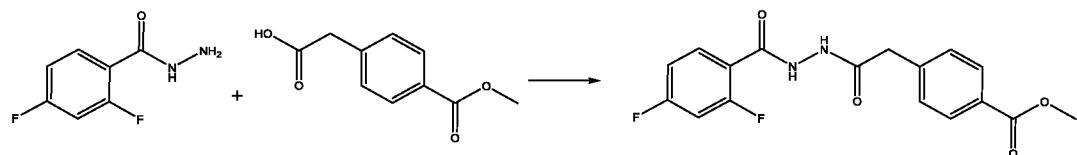
Example 4. Synthesis of 4-((5-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)methyl)-N-hydroxybenzamide (comp. 58)

Step A



A solution of Boc-hydrazine (150 mg, 1 eq) in ACN (2 ml) and 95 mg of NaHCO_3 (1 eq) were added to a solution of 2,4-difluorobenzoyl chloride (200 mg, 1 eq) in ACN (3 ml). After three hours at RT, solvent was evaporated in air flow. Residue was treated with TFA for three hours. Acid was removed in air stream and the residue was taken up with EtOAc and washed with 2.5% NaHCO_3 solution. The combined organic phases were dried on Na_2SO_4 , filtered and evaporated to dryness. 159 mg of product was obtained, which was used for the next step without any further purification.

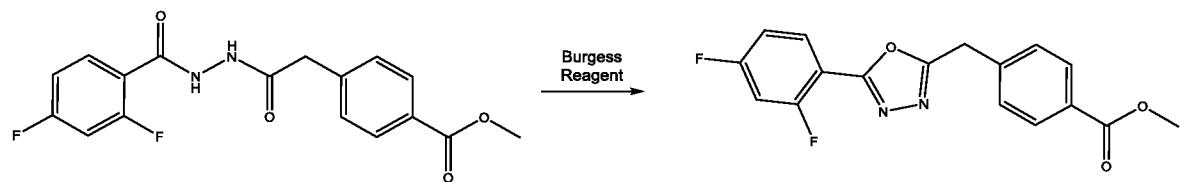
Step B



HATU (439 mg, 1.3 eq) and DIPEA (0.4 mL, 2.6 eq) were added to a solution of 2-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)acetic acid (224 mg, 1.3 eq) in 5 ml of THF. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1h until complete dissolution of reagents. A solution of 2,4-difluorobenzohydrazide (153 mg, 1 eq) in THF (2 ml) was then added to the mixture. After 4 hours at RT, complete conversion of the starting reagents to the desired product was observed. Solvent was removed by evaporation in air stream. The

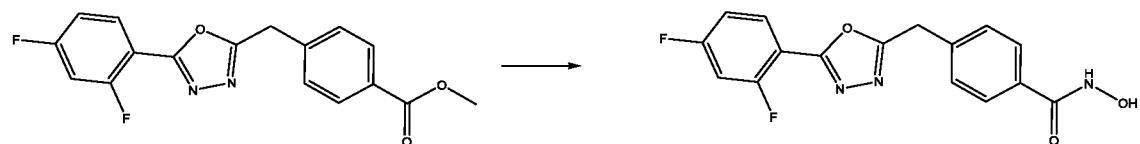
residue was taken up in H_2O and the formed precipitate was filtered on a sintered septum. The product (149 mg) was used in the subsequent step without any further purification.

Step C



175 mg of Burgess Reagent (1.72 eq) was added to a suspension of compound obtained in Step B (149 mg, 1 eq) in 5 ml of dry toluene heated under reflux. After one hour, complete conversion of the starting compound into the cyclic product was observed. Solvent was removed evaporating under vacuum. The residue was taken up with DCM and washed with 1N HCl and H_2O . Organic phase was dried on Na_2SO_4 , filtered and evaporated to dryness. 132.3 mg of product was recovered, which was used in the following step without any further purification.

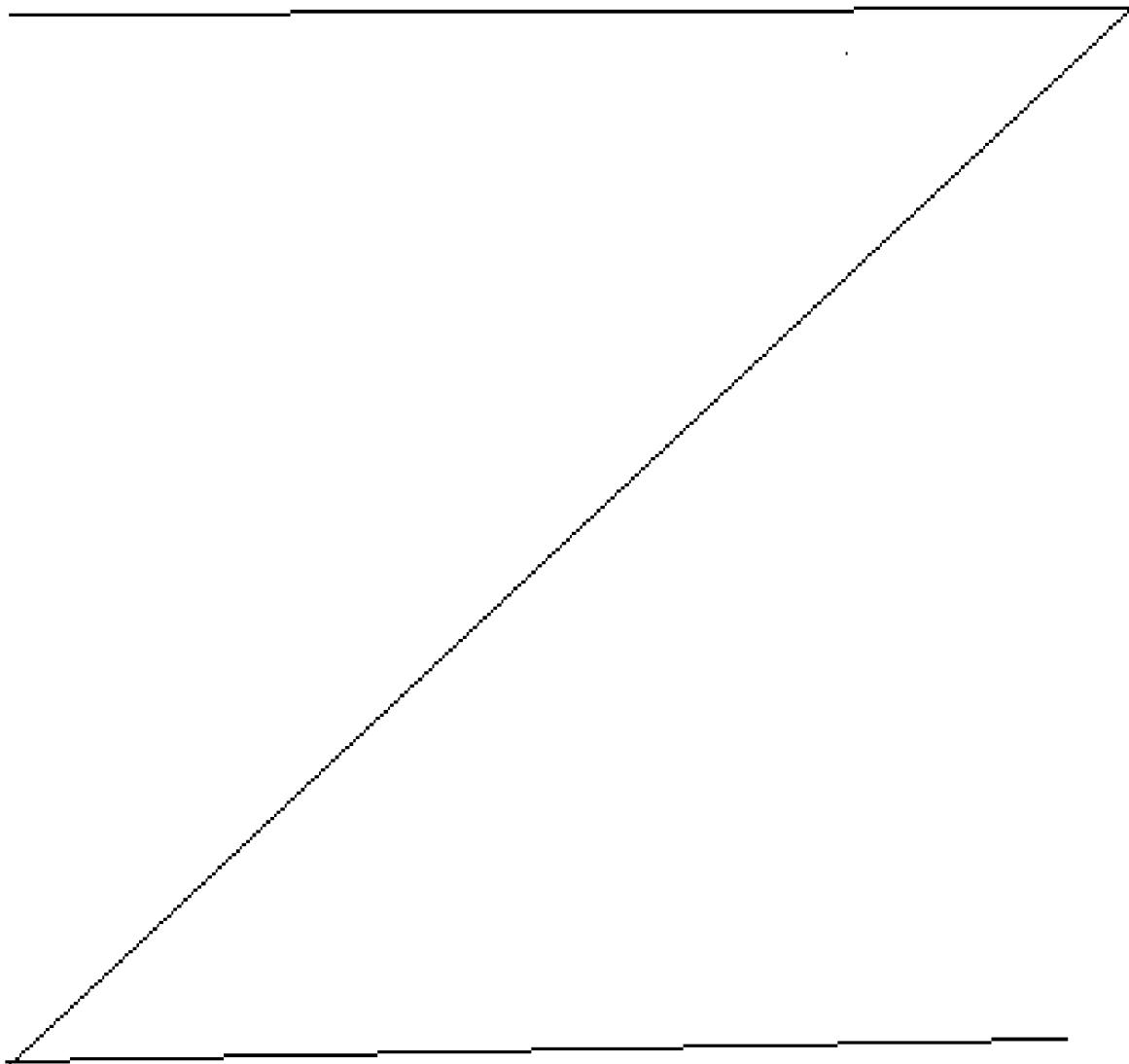
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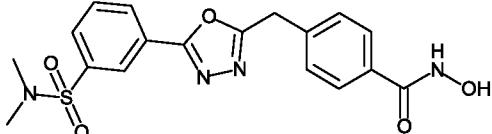
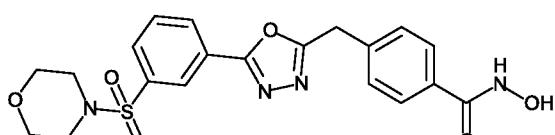
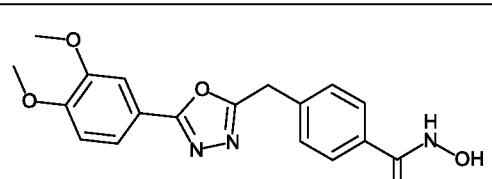
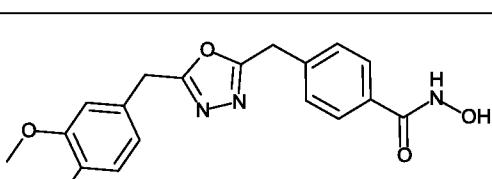
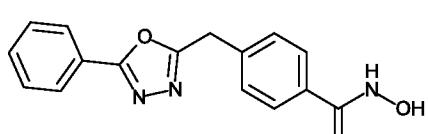
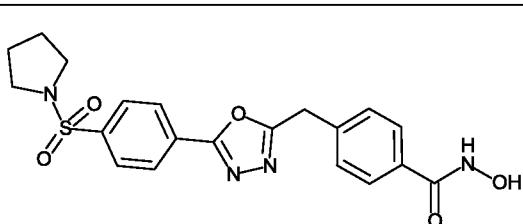
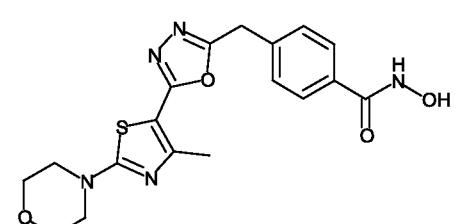


0.707 ml of aqueous hydroxylamine (60 eq) was added to a solution of compound obtained in step C (132 mg, 1 eq) in 4 ml of MeOH/THF. 1,998 ml of 1N NaOH (5 eq) was slowly added dropwise. Approximately after one hour, the system was neutralized by addition of 1N HCl (2 ml). The solvent was evaporated under vacuum and the residue was diluted with a 2.5% NaHCO_3 solution, filtered and washed with H_2O . Solid

was suspended in Et₂O and filtered. 53 mg of pure product was obtained (m/z 332.01 [MH⁺]).

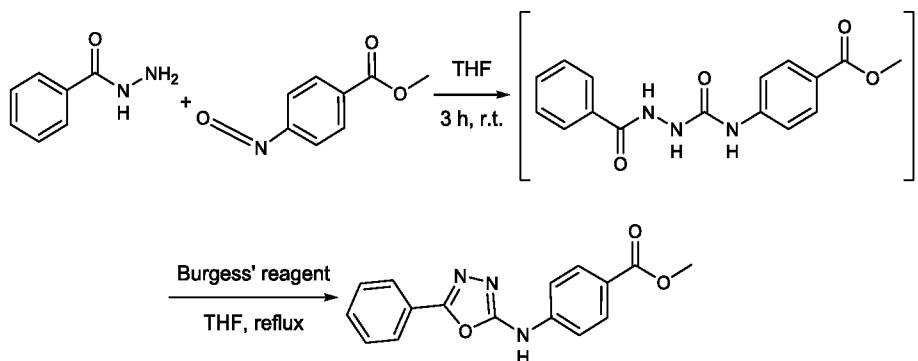
The following compounds were synthesized using the same procedure:



Comp.	Structure	m/z [MH ⁺]
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64		445,05
57		356,01
45		370,08
68		296,04
69		428,94
75		401,96

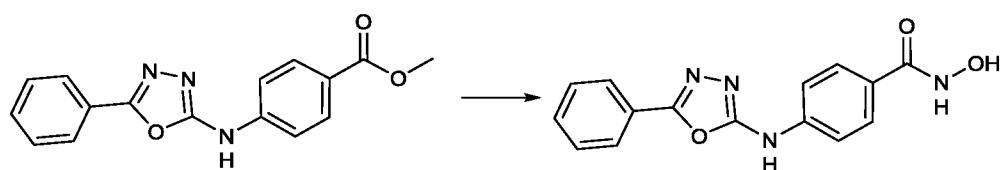
Example 5. Synthesis of 4-[(5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)amino]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 60)

Step A



68 mg of benzohydrazide (1 eq) and methyl 4-isocyanobenzoate (88.5 mg, 1 eq) were mixed in THF (5 mL) at room temperature. The resulting solution was stirred for 3 hours. The intermediate formation was verified by HPLC and LC-MS. The solvent was removed by evaporation under reduced pressure. The residue was taken up with toluene. The mixture was refluxed and Burgess Reagent (298 mg, 2.5 eq) was added in small portions until complete conversion of the intermediate into cyclic product. After cooling down to room temperature, washing with water was carried out. The organic phase was dried, filtered and evaporated to dryness. The product was purified by crystallization from DCM. 172 mg of clean product was obtained (Dolman et al., J. Org. Chem. (2006), 71(25), 9548).

Step B



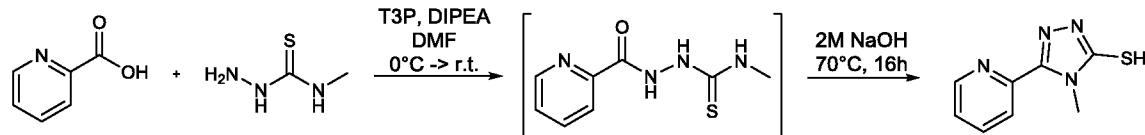
The ester obtained in step A (172 mg, 1 eq) was suspended in 4 ml of methanol and the reaction mixture was cooled with ice bath at 0°C and magnetically stirred. After hydroxylamine (50%, aqueous solution, 1.365 ml, 40 eq) addition, 1M sodium hydroxide (6 ml, 10 eq) aqueous solution was slowly added dropwise. The ice bath was removed, allowing the solution to reach room temperature. The conversion of the starting product into hydroxamic acid was confirmed by HPLC after 1 hour. The methanolic portion was removed evaporating under reduced pressure, and the reaction was subsequently quenched by adding 6 ml of 1M HCl aqueous solution and 6 ml of ethyl acetate. The phases were separated and the aqueous layer was re-extracted with additional ethyl acetate (3x). The organic phases were combined and washed with sodium bicarbonate saturated solution (2x), brine (2x), dried over sodium sulphate, filtered, and concentrated to dryness. 26 mg of pure product was recovered (m/z 297.09 [MH⁺]).

The following compound was synthesized using the same procedure:

Comp.	Structure	m/z [MH ⁺]
63		430,00

Example 6. Synthesis of 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(pyridin-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 14)

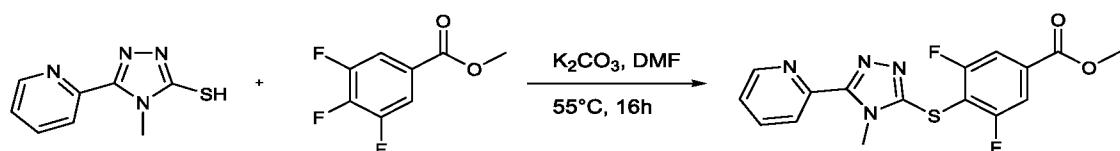
Step A



2-Pyridylcarboxylic acid (123 mg, 1 eq) and 4-methyl-3-thiosemicarbazide (116 mg, 1.1 eq) were suspended in 2 ml of DMF and the mixture was cooled to 0°C with an ice bath. T3P (50% DMF solution, 893 µL, 1.5 eq) and diisopropylethylamine (310 µL, 1.78 eq) were added slowly to the reaction mixture under stirring. The ice bath was removed and the mixture was reacted at room temperature for 16 hours. The complete conversion of the starting material was confirmed by HPLC. 2 ml of ethyl acetate, 2 ml of water and 2 ml of 4M NaOH aqueous solution were added to the reaction mixture. The phases were separated, and the organic layer was re-extracted with 4M NaOH aqueous solution. The combined aqueous phases were stirred 16 hours at 70°C. Conversion of the open intermediate into the desired product was confirmed by LC-MS. The reaction mixture pH was adjusted to 5 by dropwise addition of conc. hydrochloric acid under stirring. The precipitate was collected by filtration.

157 mg of product was obtained, which was used in the following step without any further purification.

Step B



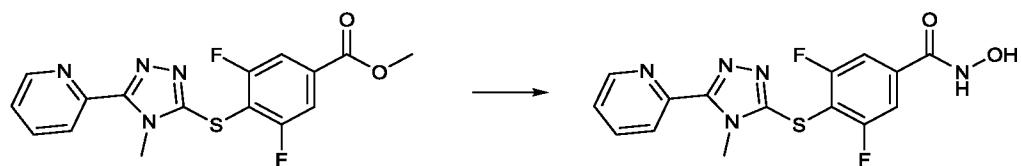
4-Methyl-5-(pyridin-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thiol (157 mg, 1 eq), methyl 3,4,5-trifluorobenzoate (156 mg, eq) and potassium carbonate (261 mg, 2.3 eq) were suspended in 2 ml of DMF under an argon atmosphere. The resulting mixture was warmed to 40°C and stirred overnight.

The reaction mixture was diluted with 10 ml of ethyl acetate and 10 ml of water. The phases were separated and the aqueous layer was re-extracted with additional ethyl

acetate (3x). The organic phases were combined and washed with brine (2x), dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated.

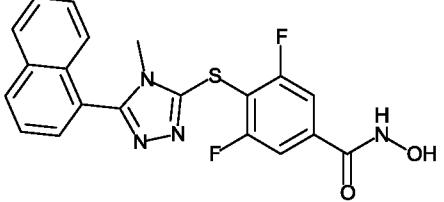
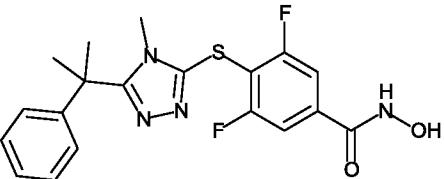
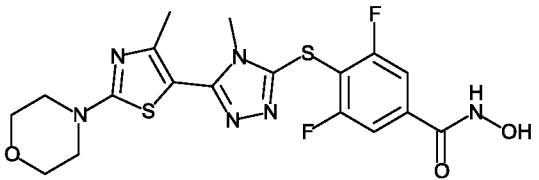
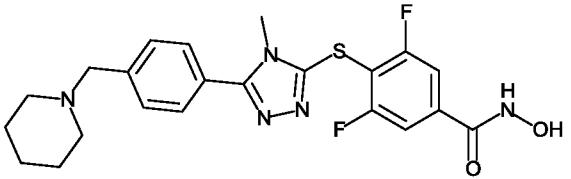
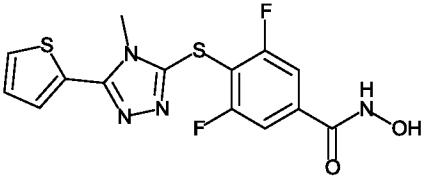
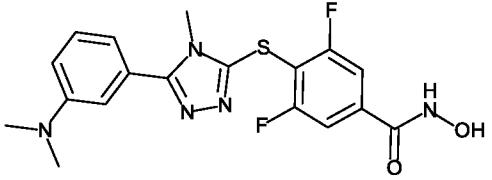
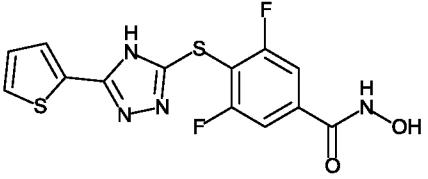
The crude reaction was purified by flash chromatography (Grace Reveleris X2, hexane: ethyl acetate). 149 mg of clean product was obtained (Dudutiene et al., *Bioorg. Med. Chem.* (2013), 21(7), 2093-2106; International Patent Application WO03/062225).

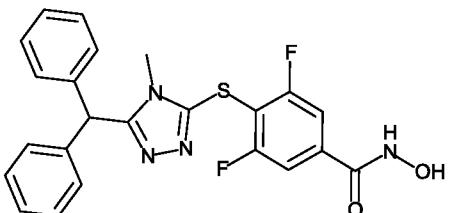
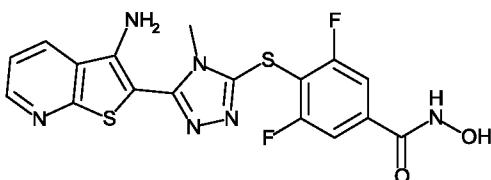
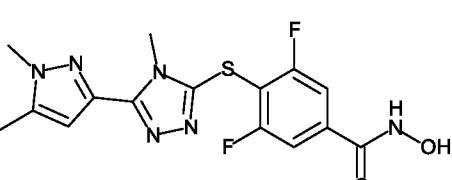
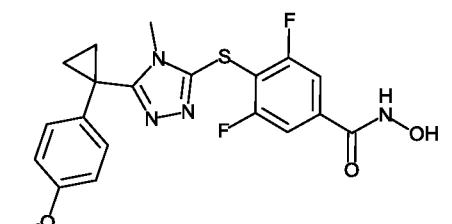
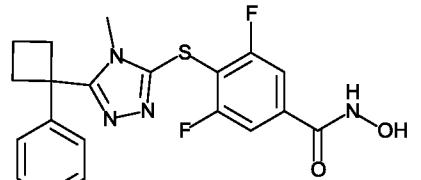
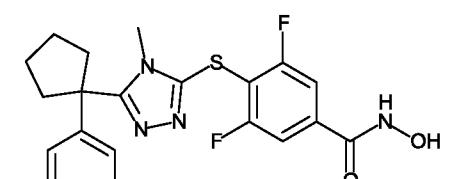
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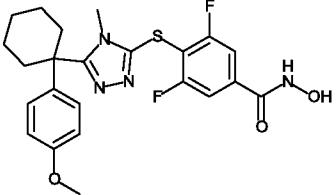
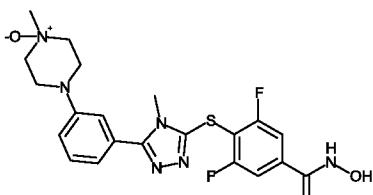
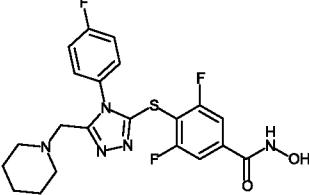
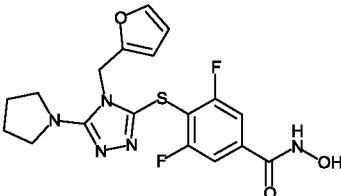
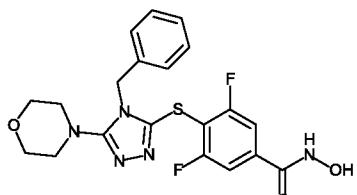
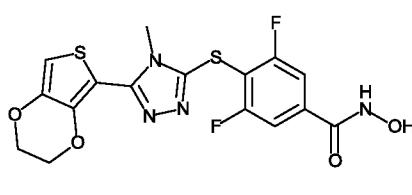


The ester obtained in step B (149 mg, 1 eq) was suspended in 5 ml of methanol and the reaction mixture was cooled with ice bath at 0°C and magnetically stirred. After hydroxylamine (50%, aqueous solution, 0.97 ml, 40 eq) addition, 1M sodium hydroxide (4.1 ml, 10 eq) aqueous solution was added dropwise. The ice bath was removed, allowing the solution to reach room temperature. The conversion of the starting product into hydroxamic acid was confirmed by HPLC after 1 hour. The methanolic portion was removed by evaporation under reduced pressure, and the reaction was subsequently quenched by adding 4.1 ml of 1M hydrochloric acid aqueous solution and 6 ml of ethyl acetate. The phases were separated and the aqueous layer was re-extracted with additional ethyl acetate (3x). The organic phases were combined and washed with sodium bicarbonate saturated solution (2x), brine (2x), dried over sodium sulphate, filtered, and concentrated to dryness. 113 mg of pure product was recovered (m/z 363.94 [MH⁺]).

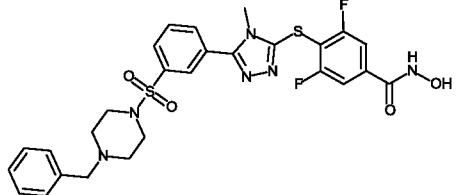
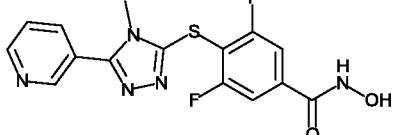
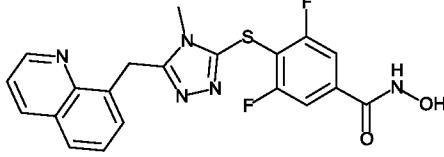
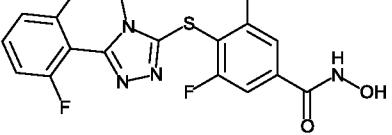
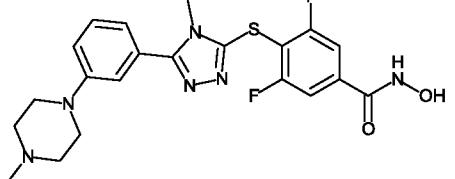
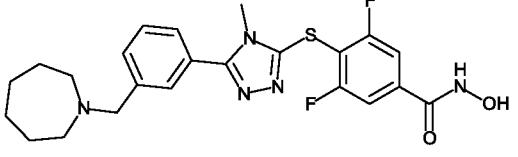
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Comp.	Structure	m/z [MH ⁺]
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9		468,97
16		460,01
17		368,91
80		405,92
97		354,92

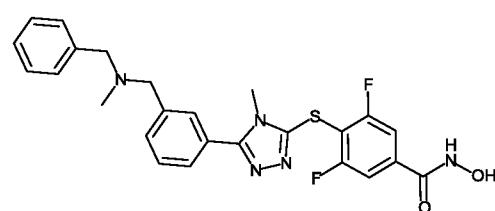
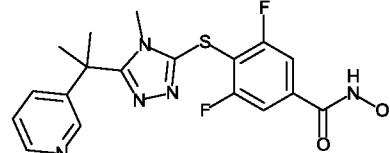
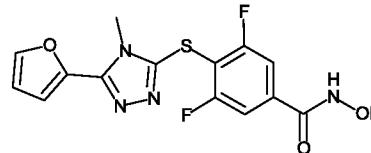
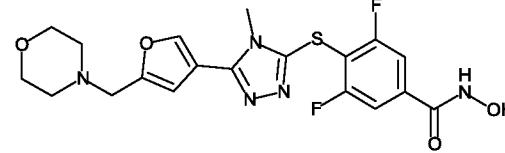
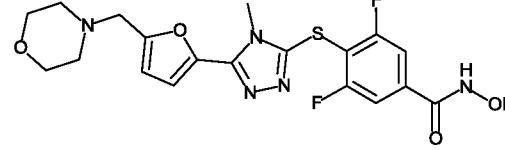
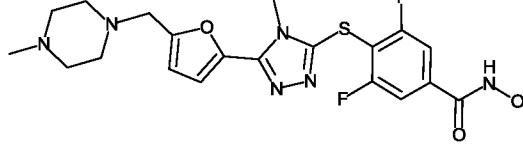
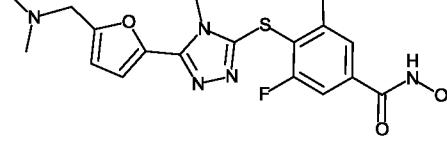
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100		380,94
104		432,93
101		417,04
102		449,02

103		475,05
114		477,08
115		464,00
116		422,01
117		448,04
118		426,91

121		413,89
122		413,96
136		510,89
137		445,87
138		479,88
139		430,9

152		601,2
153		364,1
164		428,3
165		399,5
166		461,3
167		474,4

168		474,5
177		404,8
178		404,8
179		365,1
180		382,1
181		460,7
182		462,2

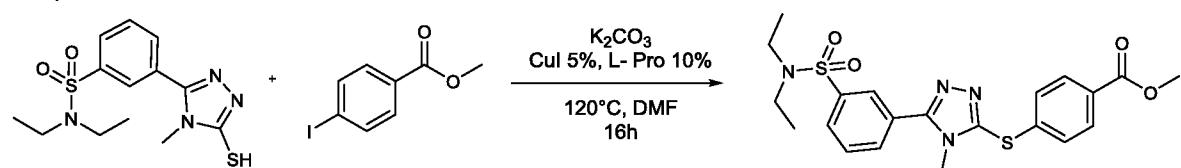
		
184		496,3
		
186		406,5
		
199		353,12
		
203		452,07
		
204		452,09
		
205		465,08
		
206		410,1

The following compound was synthesized using this procedure, starting from 2-mercaptop-1,3,4-oxadiazole instead of 2-mercaptop-1,3,4-triazole:

Comp.	Structure	m/z [MH ⁺]
192		350,03

Example 7. Synthesis of 4-[[5-[3-(diethylsulfamoyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarboxylic acid (comp. 66)

Step A

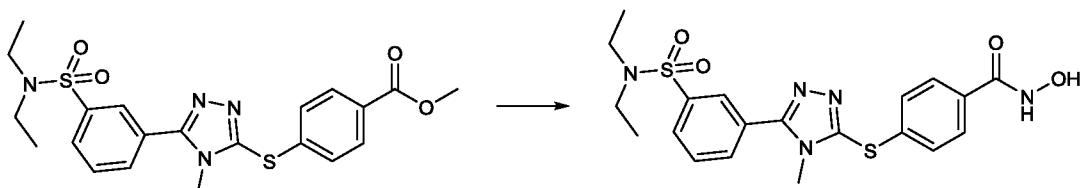


To a solution of copper iodide (10 mg, 0.05 eq), L-proline (11 mg, 0.1 eq) and potassium carbonate (152 mg, 1.1 eq) in 1 mL of DMF under argon atmosphere, methyl 4-iodobenzoate (288 mg, 1.1 eq) and *N,N*-diethyl-3-(5-mercaptop-4-methyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)benzenesulfonamide (326 mg, 1 eq) were added sequentially. The reaction mixture was heated at 120°C and stirred overnight. The consumption of heteroaromatic thiol was observed by HPLC.

The reaction mixture was diluted with 10 ml of ethyl acetate and 10 ml of water. The phases were separated and the aqueous layer was re-extracted with additional ethyl acetate (3x). The organic phases were combined and washed with brine (2x), dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated.

The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (Grace Reveleris X2, hexane: ethyl acetate). 236 mg of product was obtained.

Step B



The ester obtained in step A (236 mg, 1 eq) was suspended in 15 ml of methanol and the reaction mixture was cooled with ice bath at 0°C and magnetically stirred. After hydroxylamine (50%, aqueous solution, 1.2 ml, 40 eq) addition, 1M sodium hydroxide (4.1 ml, 10 eq) aqueous solution was added dropwise. The ice bath was removed, allowing the solution to reach room temperature. The conversion of the starting product into hydroxamic acid was confirmed by HPLC after 1 hour. The methanolic portion was removed by evaporation under reduced pressure, and the reaction was subsequently quenched by adding 4.1 ml of 1M hydrochloric acid aqueous solution and 6 ml of ethyl acetate. The phases were separated and the aqueous layer was re-extracted with additional ethyl acetate (3x). The organic phases were combined and washed with sodium bicarbonate saturated solution (2x), brine (2x), dried over sodium sulphate, filtered, and concentrated to dryness. 207 mg of pure product was recovered (m/z 432.00 [MH⁺]).

The following compounds were synthesized using this procedure:

Comp.	Structure	m/z [MH ⁺]
10		332,99
24		389,05
25		432,03
27		421,11
28		393,11
29		331,03

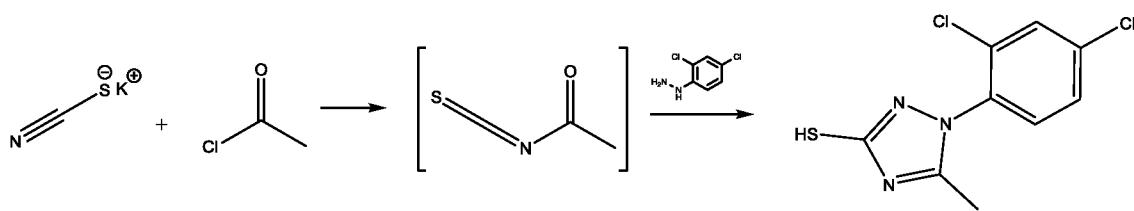
82		434,05
83		384,93
84		370,94
85		344,98
209		429,07

The following compound was synthesized using this procedure, starting from 2-mercaptop-1,3,4-oxadiazole instead of 2-mercaptop-1,3,4-triazole:

Comp.	Structure	m/z [MH ⁺]
188		314,3

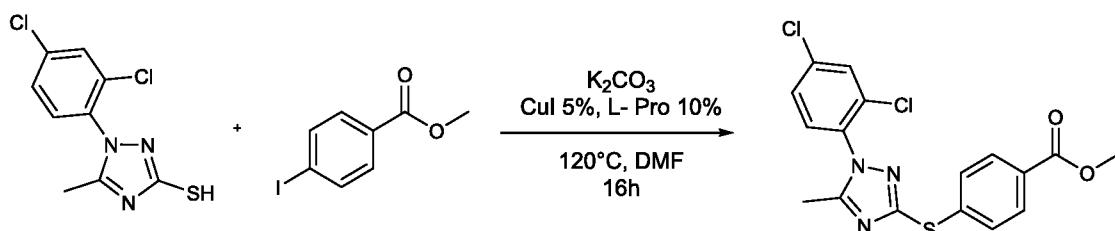
Example 8. Synthesis of 4-[(1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 62)

Step A



To a solution of potassium thiocyanate (194 mg, 1 eq) in dry acetonitrile (6 ml) acetyl chloride (143 μ L, 1 eq) was added slowly. The mixture was refluxed one hour, then the formed potassium chloride was removed by filtration. (2,4-dichlorophenyl)hydrazine (427 mg, 1 eq) was added to the solution and the reaction mixture was heated under reflux. After 1.5 h, LC-MS analysis showed complete hydrazine consumption. The reaction mixture was abundantly diluted with cold water (50 mL) and the precipitated solid was recovered by filtration. The product was purified by crystallization from n-Hex/EtOAc 75:25. 60 mg of product was recovered.

Step B

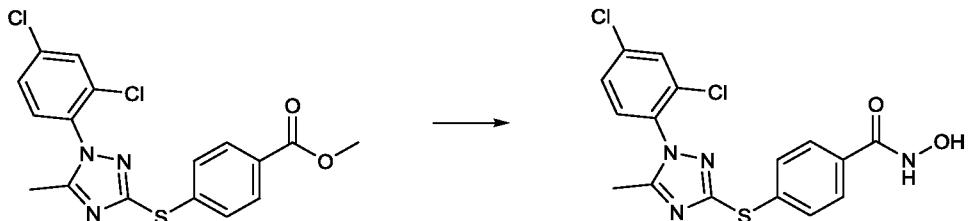


To a solution of copper iodide (2 mg, 0.05 eq), L-proline (3 mg, 0.1 eq) and potassium carbonate (35 mg, 1.1 eq) in 2 ml of DMF under argon atmosphere, methyl 4-iodobenzoate (66.5 mg, 1.1 eq) and 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-methyl-1H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thiol (60 mg, eq) were added. The reaction mixture was heated at 120°C and stirred overnight. The consumption of heteroaromatic thiol was observed by HPLC.

The reaction mixture was diluted with 6 ml of ethyl acetate and 6 ml of water. The phases were separated and the aqueous layer was re-extracted with additional ethyl acetate (3x). The organic phases were combined and washed with brine (2x), dried over

sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated. The obtained residue was used in the following step without any further purification.

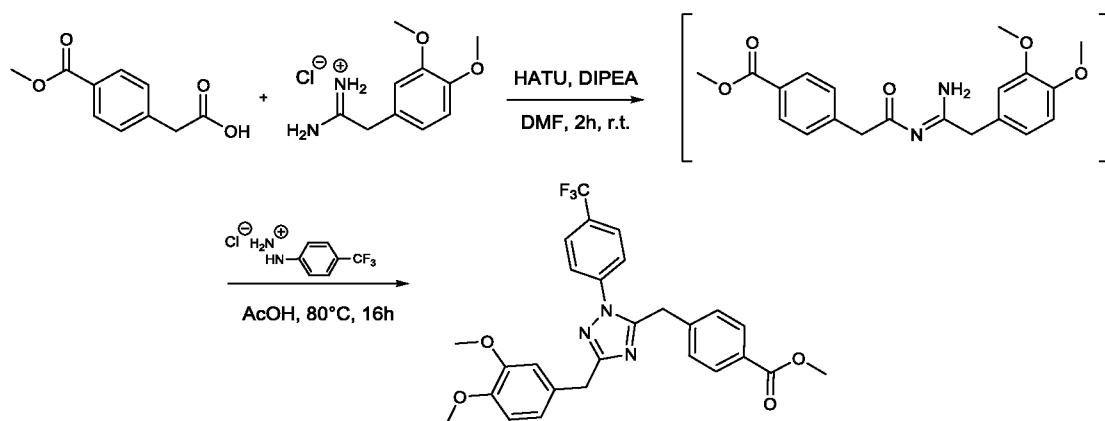
Step C



The ester obtained in step B (40 mg, 1 eq) was suspended in 6 ml of methanol and the reaction mixture was cooled with ice bath at 0°C and magnetically stirred. After hydroxylamine (50%, aqueous solution, 236 µl, 40 eq) addition, 1M sodium hydroxide (1 ml, 10 eq) aqueous solution was added dropwise. The ice bath was removed, allowing the solution to reach room temperature. The conversion of the starting product into hydroxamic acid was confirmed by HPLC after 1 hour. The methanolic portion was removed by evaporation under reduced pressure, and the reaction was subsequently quenched by adding 1 ml of 1M hydrochloric acid aqueous solution and 1 ml of ethyl acetate. The phases were separated and the aqueous layer was re-extracted with additional ethyl acetate (3x). The organic phases were combined and washed with sodium bicarbonate saturated solution (2x), brine (2x), dried over sodium sulphate, filtered, and concentrated to dryness. 30 mg of pure product was recovered (m/z 396.89 [MH⁺]).

Example 9. Synthesis of 4-[[5-[(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)methyl]-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarboxylic acid (comp. 44)

Step A



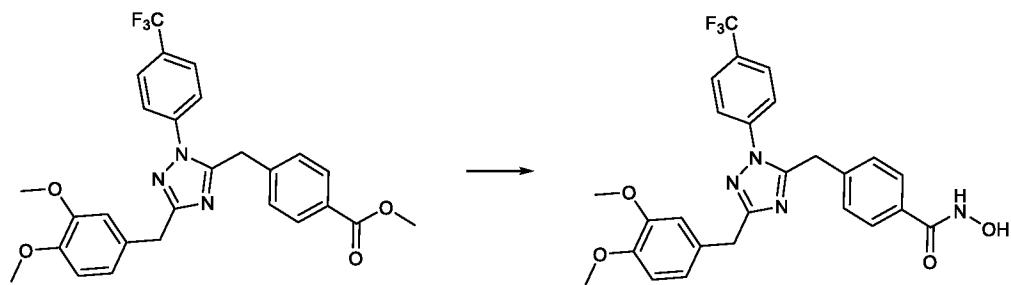
A vial with screw cap was charged with 2-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)acetic acid (97 mg, 0.5 mmol), 1-amino-2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethan-1-imino hydrochloride 200 mg, 1.73 eq) and HATU (209 mg, 1.1 eq). 2 ml of DMF and DIPEA (248 μ L, 3 eq) were added sequentially under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature and checked by HPLC for carboxylic acid consumption and acylamidine intermediate formation. The complete conversion into intermediate was observed within 2-3 hours.

(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)hydrazine hydrochloride (187 mg, 1.76 eq) and acetic acid (286 μ L, 10 eq) were then added to the reaction mixture. The vial was sealed and the mixture was heated to 80°C and stirred overnight.

Consumption of acylamidine intermediate was observed by HPLC. The mixture was allowed to reach room temperature before diluting it with ethyl acetate and sequentially washing with saturated sodium bicarbonate aqueous solution and brine. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated to dryness.

The product was purified by flash chromatography (hexane: ethyl acetate) (Castanedo et al., J. Org. Chem. (2011), 76(4), 1177-1179).

Step B



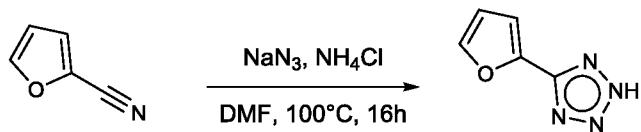
The ester obtained in step A (82 mg, 1 eq) was suspended in 5 ml of methanol and the resulting reaction mixture was cooled with ice bath at 0°C and magnetically stirred. After hydroxylamine (50%, aqueous solution, 189 µl, 20 eq) addition, 1M sodium hydroxide (1.6 ml, 10 eq) aqueous solution was added dropwise. The ice bath was removed, allowing the solution to reach room temperature. The conversion of the starting product into hydroxamic acid was confirmed by HPLC after 1 hour. The methanolic portion was removed by evaporation under reduced pressure, and the reaction was subsequently quenched by adding 1.6 ml of 1M hydrochloric acid aqueous solution and 3 ml of ethyl acetate. The phases were separated and the aqueous layer was re-extracted with additional ethyl acetate (3x). The organic phases were combined and washed with sodium bicarbonate saturated solution (2x), brine (2x), dried over sodium sulphate, filtered, and concentrated to dryness. 27 mg of pure product was recovered (m/z 513.18 [MH⁺]).

The following compounds were synthesized using this procedure:

Comp.	Structure	m/z [MH ⁺]
51		419,01
52		377,99
53		407,04
216		293,1

Example 10. Synthesis of 4-((5-(furan-2-yl)-2H-tetrazol-2-yl)methyl)-N-hydroxybenzamide (comp. 12)

Step A

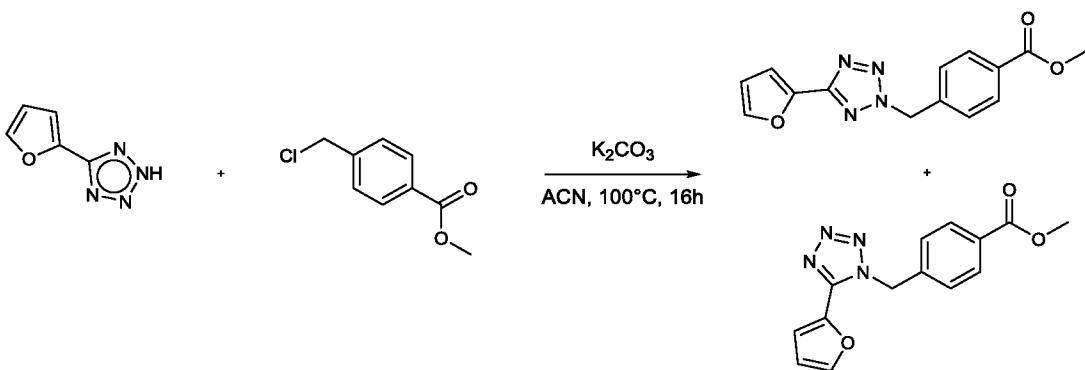


Furan-2-carbonitrile (500 mg, 1 eq) was dissolved in 10 ml of DMF. Sodium azide (770 mg, 2.2 eq) and ammonium chloride (631 mg, 2.2 eq) were added to the reaction mixture at room temperature under magnetic stirring. The suspension was heated at

120°C and stirred overnight. The complete conversion of the starting material was observed by LC-MS.

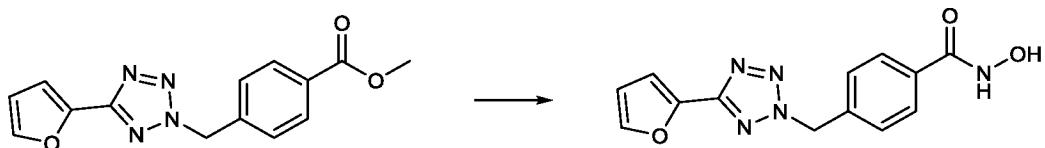
The mixture was cooled to 0°C with ice bath, diluted with 10 ml of water and acidified with 1M hydrochloric acid aqueous solution. The formed precipitate was collected by filtration and washed twice with water before drying under vacuum. 720 mg of product was obtained (International Patent Application WO2006/003096).

Step B



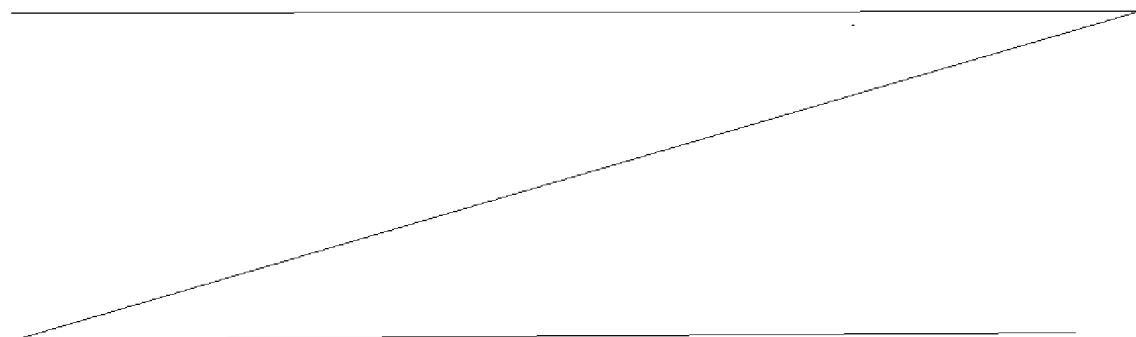
The reaction vessel was charged with potassium carbonate (742 mg, 1 eq) and 5 ml of acetonitrile. The tetrazole obtained in step A (364 mg, 1 eq) was added as a solid under magnetic stirring at room temperature, while methyl 4-chloromethylbenzoate (1.1 eq) was added as a solution in 5 ml of acetonitrile. The mixture was heated at 100°C and stirred overnight. The complete conversion of starting material into the two regioisomeric products was checked by LC-MS. Insoluble material was removed by filtration and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure. The two regioisomers were isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (toluene : ethyl acetate). 384 mg of 2,5-disubstituted isomer and 234 mg of 1,5-disubstituted isomer were recovered (International Patent Application WO2012/106995).

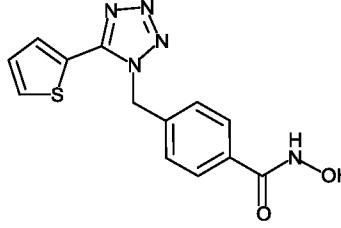
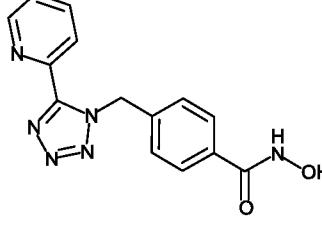
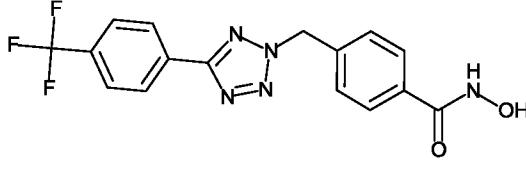
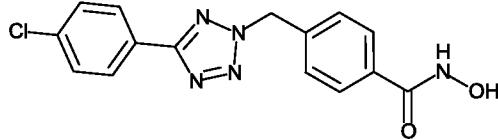
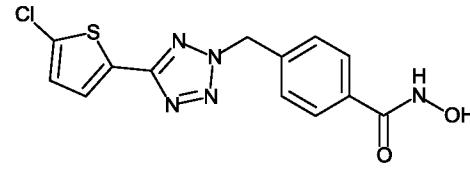
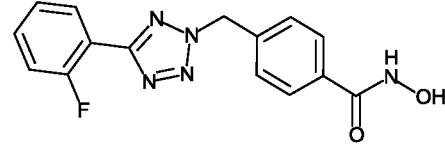
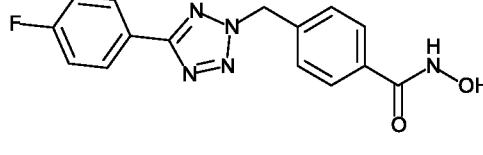
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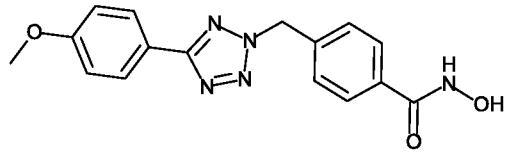
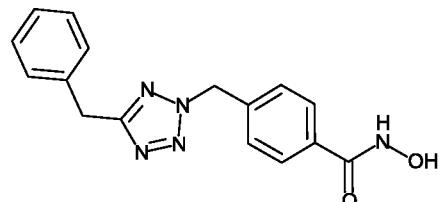
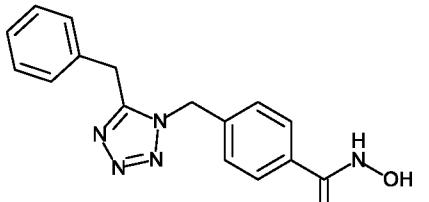
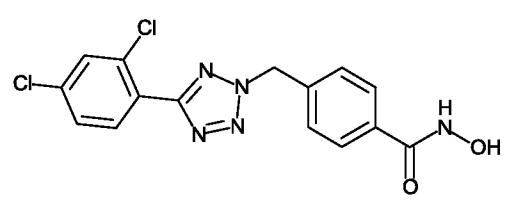
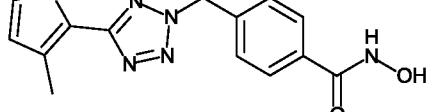
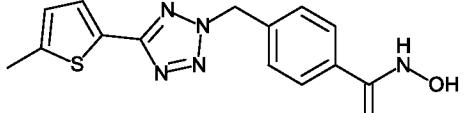
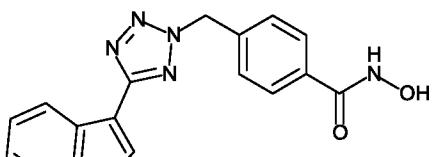


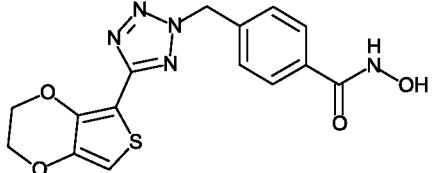
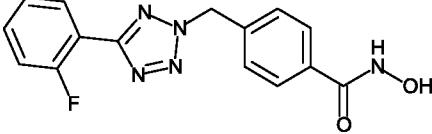
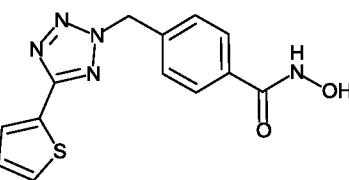
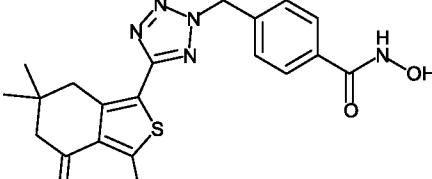
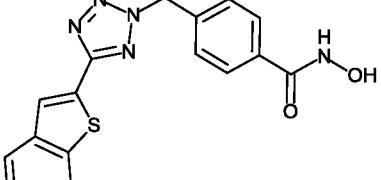
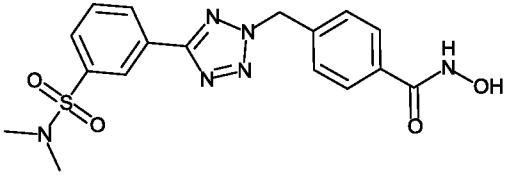
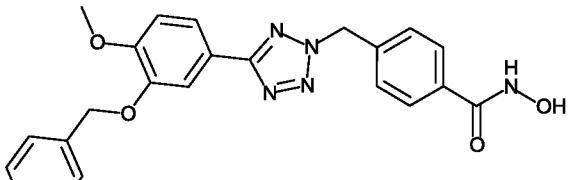
The ester obtained in step B (100 mg, 1 eq) was suspended in 10 ml of methanol and the resulting reaction mixture was cooled with ice bath at 0°C and magnetically stirred. After hydroxylamine (50%, aqueous solution, 700 µl, 30 eq) addition, 1M sodium hydroxide (3.52 ml, 10 eq) aqueous solution was added dropwise. The ice bath was removed, allowing the solution to reach room temperature. The conversion of the starting product into hydroxamic acid was confirmed by HPLC after 1 hour. The methanolic portion was removed by evaporation under reduced pressure, and the reaction was subsequently quenched by adding 3.52 ml of 1M hydrochloric acid aqueous solution and 6 ml of ethyl acetate. The phases were separated and the aqueous layer was re-extracted with additional ethyl acetate (3x). The organic phases were combined and washed with sodium bicarbonate saturated solution (2x), brine (2x), dried over sodium sulphate, filtered, and concentrated to dryness. 93.5 mg of clean product was recovered (m/z 286.02 [MH⁺]).

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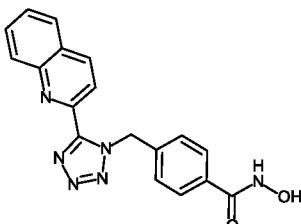
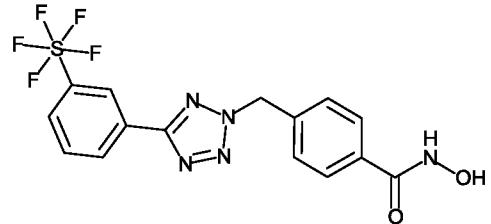
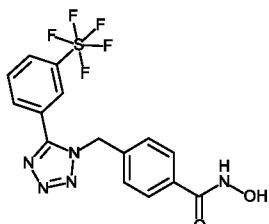
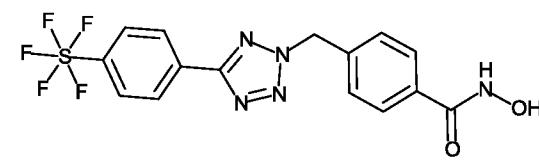
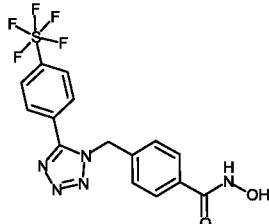
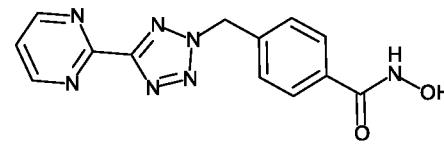


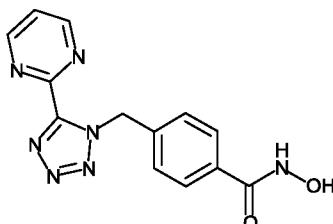
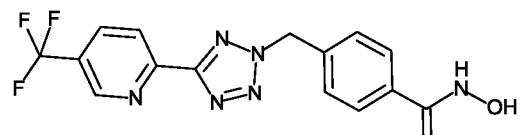
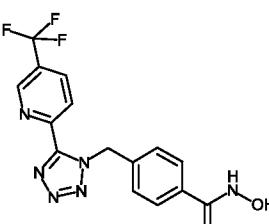
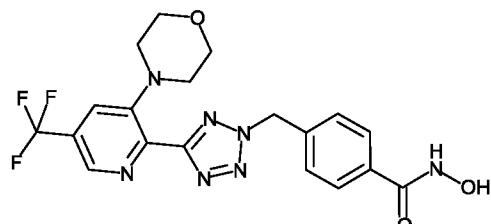
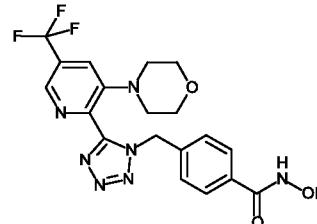
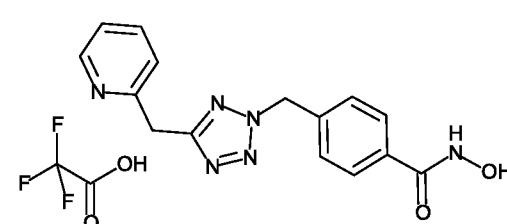
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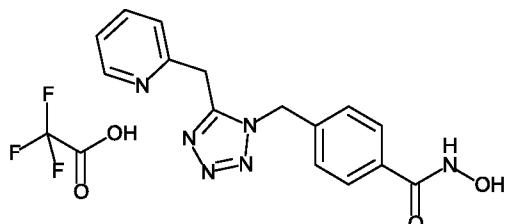
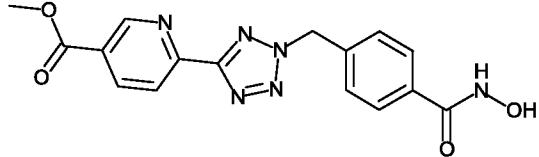
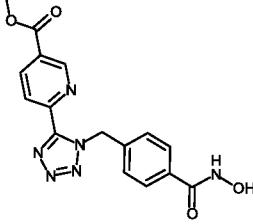
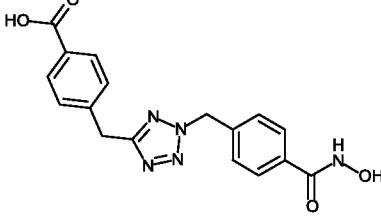
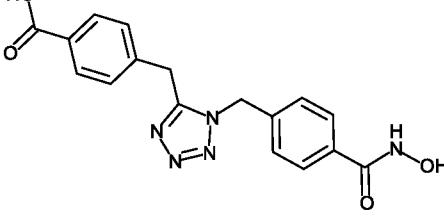
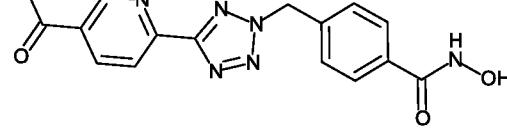
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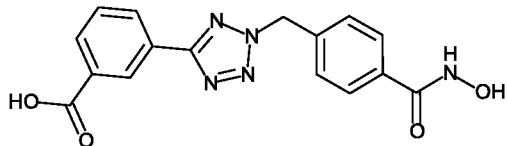
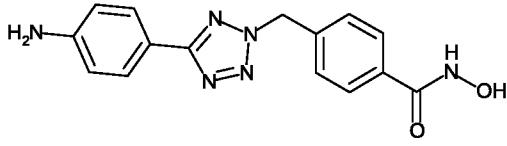
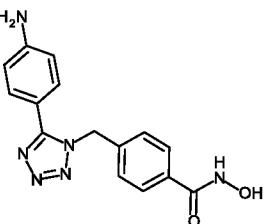
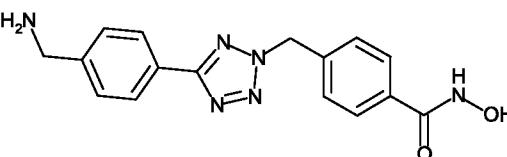
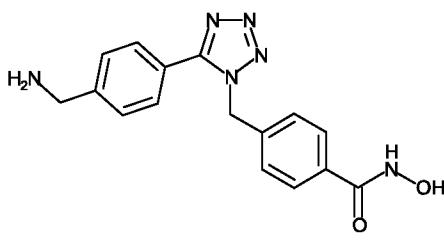
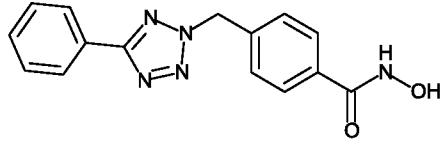
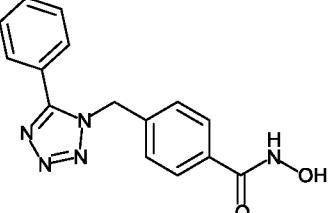
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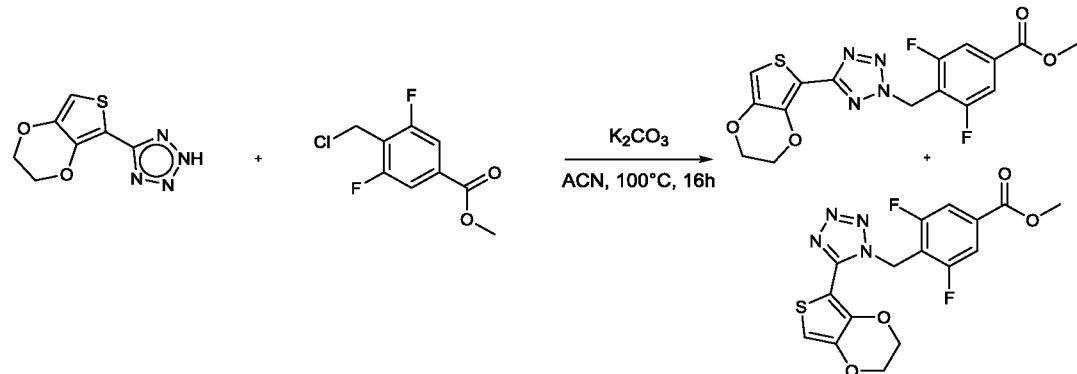
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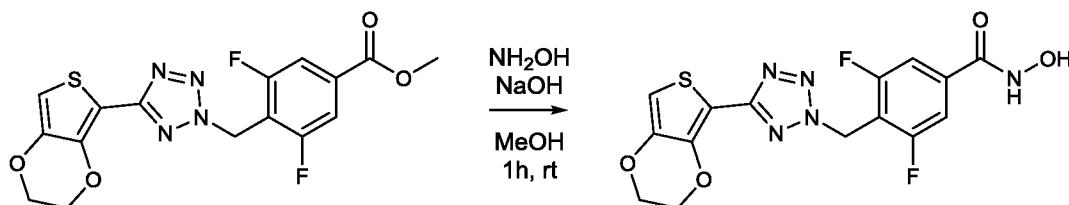
Example 11. Synthesis of 4-((5-(2,3-dihydrothieno[3,4-b][1,4]dioxin-5-yl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)methyl)-3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxybenzamide (comp. 5)

Step A



The reaction vessel was charged with potassium carbonate (85 mg, 1 eq) and 2 ml of acetonitrile. Tetrazole (105 mg, 1 eq) was added as a solid under magnetic stirring at room temperature, while methyl 3,5-difluoro-4-chloromethylbenzoate (122.3 mg, 1.1 eq) was added as a solution in 2 ml of acetonitrile. The mixture was heated at 100°C and stirred overnight. The complete conversion of starting material into the two regioisomeric products was checked by LC-MS. Insoluble material was removed by filtration and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure. The two regioisomers were isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (toluene : ethyl acetate). 23 mg of 2,5-disubstituted isomer and 52 mg of 1,5-disubstituted isomer was recovered (International Patent Application WO2012/106995).

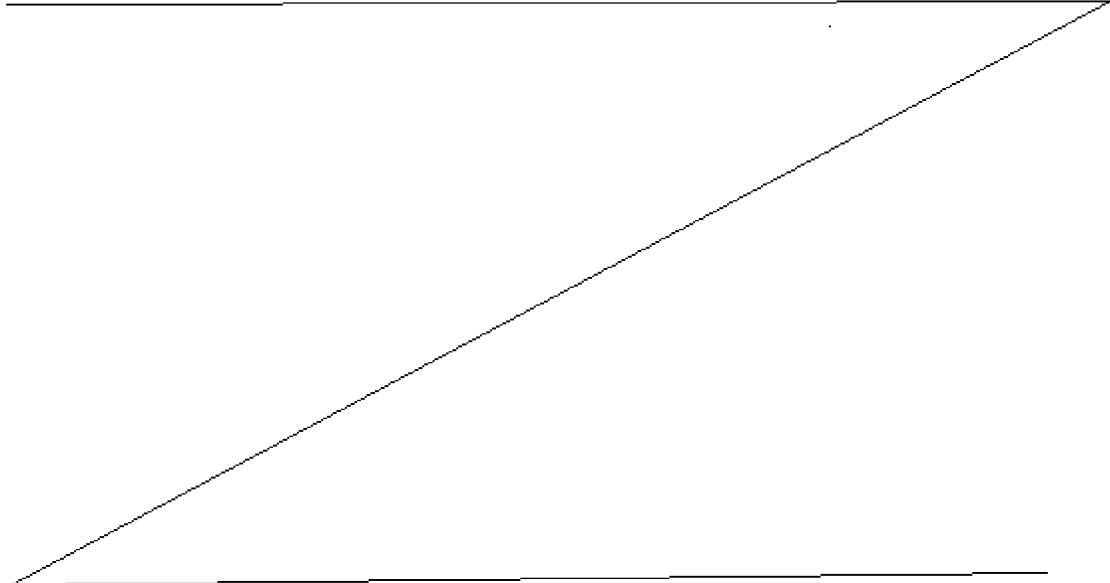
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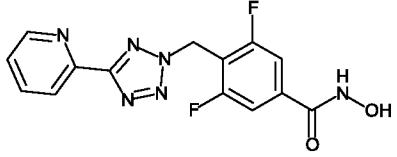
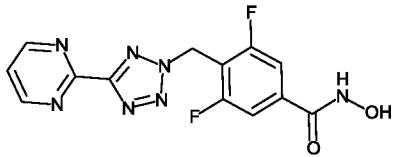
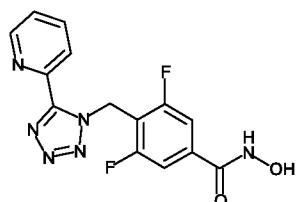
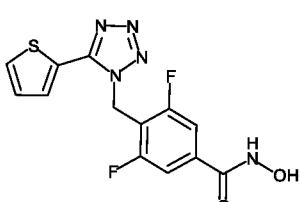
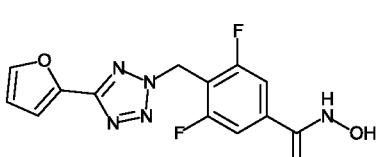
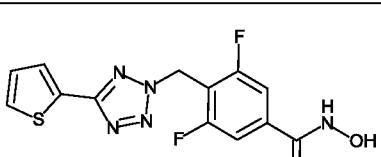
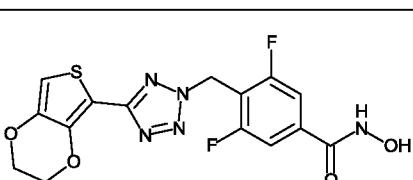


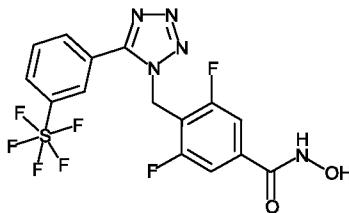
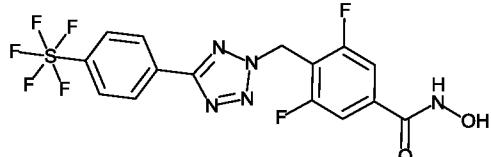
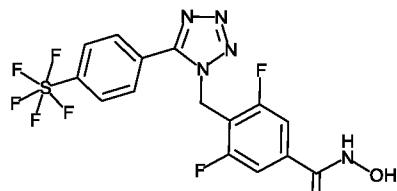
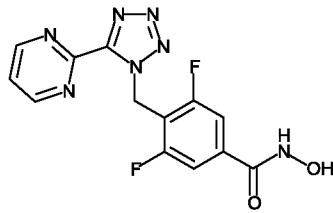
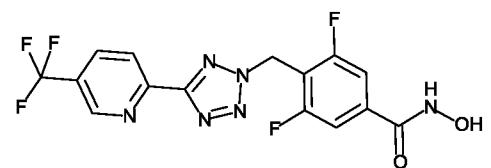
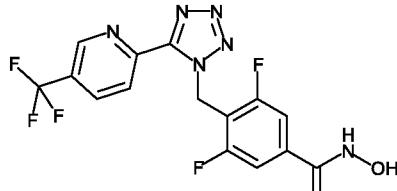
The ester obtained in step A (52 mg, 1 eq) was suspended in 2 ml of methanol and the resulting reaction mixture was cooled with ice bath at 0°C and magnetically stirred. After

hydroxylamine (50%, aqueous solution, 311 μ l, 40 eq) addition, 1M sodium hydroxide (1.3 ml, 10 eq) aqueous solution was added dropwise. The ice bath was removed, allowing the solution to reach room temperature. The conversion of the starting product into hydroxamic acid was confirmed by HPLC after 1 hour. The methanolic portion was removed by evaporation under reduced pressure, and the reaction was subsequently quenched by adding 1.3 ml of 1M hydrochloric acid aqueous solution and 2 ml of ethyl acetate. The phases were separated and the aqueous layer was re-extracted with additional ethyl acetate (3x). The organic phases were combined and washed with sodium bicarbonate saturated solution (2x), brine (2x), dried over sodium sulphate, filtered, and concentrated to dryness. 32 mg of clean product was recovered (m/z 395.91 [MH $^+$]).

The following compounds were synthesized using this procedure:



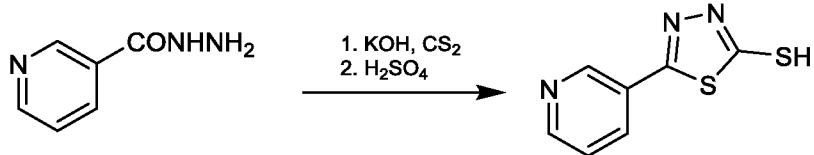
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65		337,96
79		395,91

109		457,91
112		457,91
113		457,91
125		333,95
128		400,94
129		400,94

171		347,5
172		347,3
175		361,4
176		361,1

Example 12 – Synthesis of 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-(pyridin-3-yl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 191)

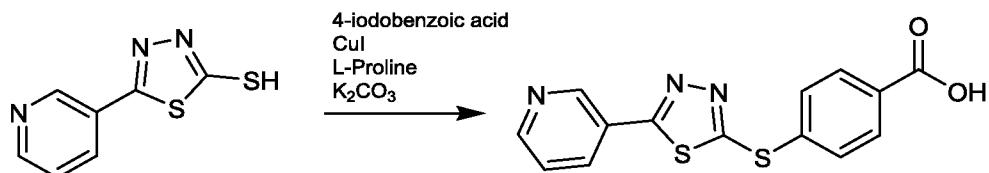
Step A



KOH (1.48g, 26.47 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was dissolved in 45 mL of anhydrous ethanol. The hydrazide (3.30g, 24.06 mmol, 1 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was cooled to 0-5°C. CS₂ (1.66 mL, 27.67 mmol, 1.15 equiv) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0-5°C for 1h. The resulted precipitate was collected, rinsed with cold acetone and dried affording 5.50g of yellow solid. The obtained intermediate was

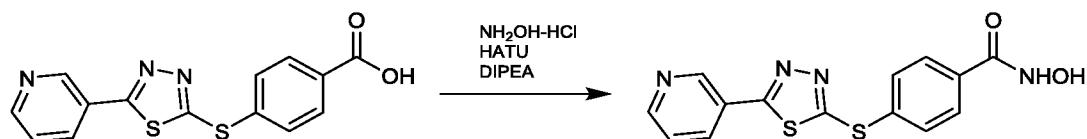
added in small portions to 25 mL of sulfuric acid cooled to 0-5°C. After 1h at 0-5°C the reaction mixture was poured into ice water and the resulted precipitate was collected, rinsed with water and dried.

Step B



A mixture of 5-(pyridin-3-yl)-1,3,4-thiadiazole-2-thiol obtained in step A (0.8g, 4.1 mmol, 1 equiv), 4-iodobenzoic acid (1.22g, 4.92 mmol, 1.2 equiv), L-proline (0.047g, 0.4 mmol, 0.1 equiv) and K₂CO₃ (2.26g, 16.4 mmol, 4 equiv) in 20 mL of anhydrous DMF was degassed and CuI (0.039g, 0.2 mmol, 0.05 equiv) was added. The reaction vessel was sealed and the reaction mixture was stirred at 120°C for 48h. Complete conversion of the starting thiole was monitored by LC-MS. The reaction mixture was poured into 150 mL of water and filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was acidified with HCl. The formed precipitate was filtered and rinsed successively with water, acetonitrile and diethyl ether.

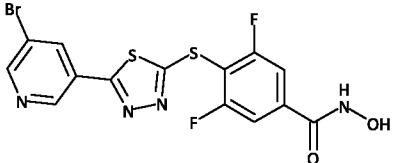
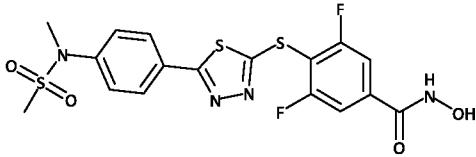
Step C



HATU (0.181mg, 0.476 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added to a solution of the carboxylic acid obtained in step B (0.1g, 0.317 mmol, 1 equiv) and DIPEA (0.333 mL, 1.902 mmol, 6 equiv) in 2 mL of anhydrous DMF. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature

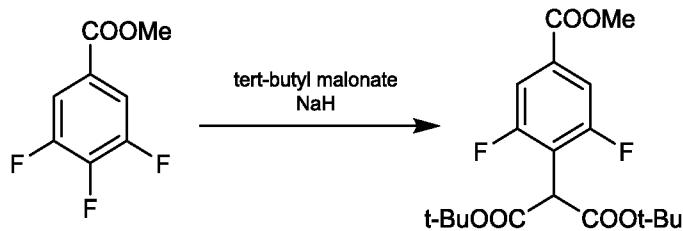
and monitored by LC-MS for full conversion of the acid into the HATU-intermediate: after 1h conversion was complete. NH₂OH-HCl (0.066g, 0.951 mmol, 3 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2h more. The reaction was monitored by LC-MS. The reaction mixture was diluted with water to 50 mL of total volume and extracted with EtOAc (225 mL). After evaporation, 101 mg of very viscous orange oil was obtained. Trituration with acetonitrile (~15min sonication) led to formation of a precipitate which was collected by filtration, rinsed with acetonitrile and diethyl ether and dried. 40mg of pure product were obtained (m/z 366.99 [MH⁺]). LCMS: 94.5%. NMR: OK.

The following compounds were synthesized using this procedure:

Comp.	Structure	m/z [MH ⁺]
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187		473,4

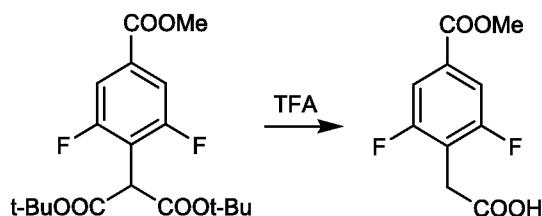
Example 13 – Synthesis 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-phenyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 198)

Step A



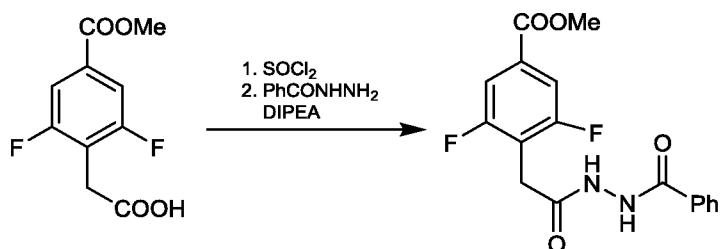
tert-Butyl malonate (11.4g, 52.73 mmol, 2 equiv) was added dropwise to a suspension of NaH (1.5 equiv) in 70 mL of anhydrous DMF. After 5 min of stirring at rt, methyl 3,4,5-trifluorobenzoate (5g, 26.3 mmol, 1 equiv) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3h at rt (formation of a white precipitate was observed), diluted with water and extracted with EtOAc. After concentration, the residue was purified by column chromatography. 11.0g of inseparable mixture of the product and tert-Butyl malonate in 1:3 ratio (by NMR) was obtained. This mixture was used in the next step without further purification.

Step B



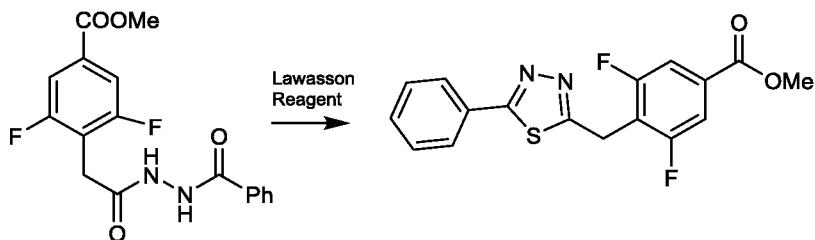
The mixture obtained in step A (8.6g, 22 mmol, 1 equiv) and TFA (17 mL, 10 equiv) were dissolved in 10 mL of anhydrous DCE and refluxed o/n. After cooling, the solvent was evaporated and the residue was treated with hexane and the formed precipitate was collected. NMR analysis of the precipitate and of the filtrate revealed that a mixture of the product and malonic acid (in approx. the same 2:1 ratio in favor of the product) was obtained. The crops were combined and used in the next step.

Step C



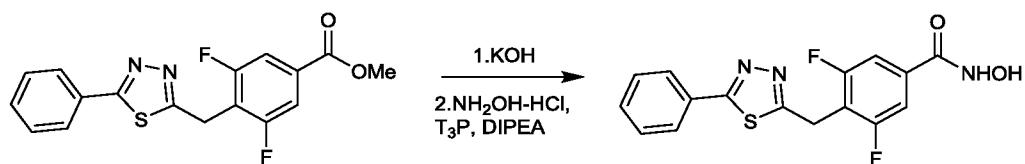
The mixture obtained in step B (0.5g, 2.17 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in 5 mL of SOCl_2 , refluxed for 1h and concentrated. The obtained crude chloroanhydride was mixed with benzoylhydrazine (0.643g, 4.72 mmol, 2 equiv) in 10 mL of anhydrous DMF followed by addition of DIPEA (1.99 mL, 11.45 mmol, 5 equiv). After being stirred overnight, the reaction mixture was quenched with water, extracted with EtOAc and concentrated. The residue was treated with DCM and filtered.

Step D



A mixture of the compound obtained in step C (0.277g, 0.88 mmol, 1 equiv) and Lawesson Reagent (0.35g, 0.86 mmol, 0.98 equiv) in 5 mL of toluene was stirred in the sealed vessel at 120°C for 15 min. Full conversion of the starting material was monitored by UPLC. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography first using EtOAc in hexane (gradient 20% to 100%) then 5% MeOH in DCM.

Step E



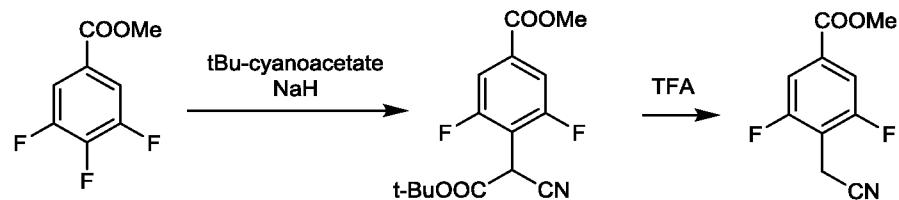
KOH (0.021g, 0.37mmol, 2 equiv) was added to a solution of the cyclic compound obtained in step D (0.06g, 0.18 mmol, 1 equiv) in 14 mL of THF/water = 4/1 mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt overnight and acidified with 1M HCl. The obtained precipitate was collected and dried in vacuo. This solid was then dissolved in THF together with DIPEA (0.333 mL, 1.902 mmol, 6 equiv). HATU (0.181mg, 0.476 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt and the full conversion of the acid to the HATU-intermediate was monitored by LC-MS. NH₂OH-HCl (0.066g, 0.951 mmol, 3 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2h more. The reaction mixture was diluted with water to 50 mL of total volume and extracted with EtOAc (225 mL). After evaporation 101 mg of very viscous oil was obtained. Trituration with acetonitrile (~15min sonication) led to formation of a precipitate which was collected by filtration, rinsed with acetonitrile and ether and dried. 33 mg of pure product were obtained (m/z 348.09 [MH⁺]).

The following compounds were synthesized using this procedure:

Comp.	Structure	m/z [MH ⁺]
190		312,12
195		349,11
197		433,8

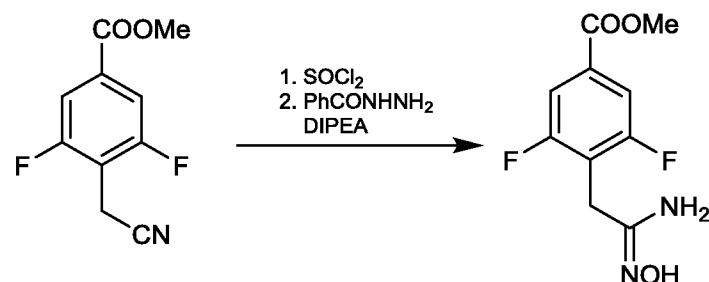
Example 14 – Synthesis of 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-phenyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 194)

Step A



tert-Butyl cyanoacetate (11.4g, 52.73 mmol, 2 equiv) was added dropwise to a suspension of NaH (1.5 equiv) in 70 mL of anhydrous DMF. After 5 min of stirring at rt, methyl 3,4,5-trifluorobenzoate (5g, 26.3 mmol, 1 equiv) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3h at rt, diluted with water and extracted with EtOAc. After concentration the residue was purified by column chromatography, then diluted in 20 mL of anhydrous DCE and treated with TFA (8.6 mL, 10 equiv) under reflux o/n. The solvent was evaporated, the residue was dissolved in DCM, washed with NaHCO₃ saturated solution, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography.

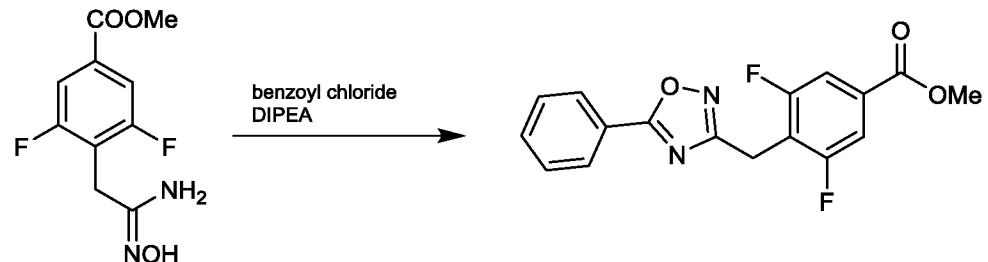
Step B



A mixture of the nitrile derivative obtained in step A (2g, 11 mmol, 1 equiv), NH₂OH hydrochloride (1.5g, 22 mmol, 2 equiv) and NaHCO₃ (1.81, 22 mmol, 2 equiv) in 40 mL

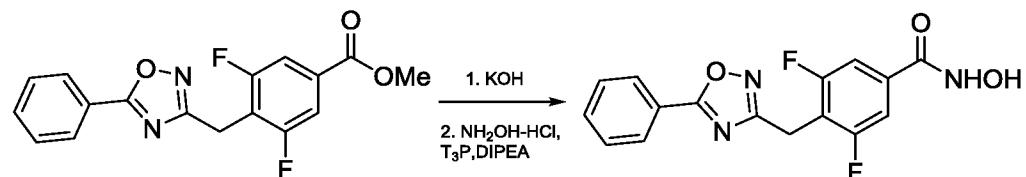
of methanol was refluxed overnight. After filtration and concentration the obtained crude product was purified by column chromatography (10% of EtOAc in DCM).

Step C



Benzoyl chloride (0.243g, 1.73 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added to a solution of methyl (Z)-4-(2-amino-2-(hydroxyimino)ethyl)-3,5-difluorobenzoate obtained in step B (0.3g, 1.44 mmol, 1 equiv) and DIPEA (0.75 mL, 4.32 mmol, 3 equiv) in 2 mL of anhydrous DMF. After being stirred overnight the reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc. Column chromatography purification (neat DCM) gave 41 mg of product.

Step D



KOH (0.014 g, 0.24 mmol, 2 equiv) was added to a solution of the methyl ester obtained in step C (0.04 g, 0.12 mmol, 1 equiv) in 14 mL of THF/water = 4/1 mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt overnight and acidified with 1M HCl. The obtained precipitate was collected and dried in vacuo. The obtained carboxylic acid was dissolved in 2 mL of anhydrous THF. DIPEA (0.72 mmol, 6 equiv) and HATU (0.18 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt and monitored by LC-MS for full conversion of the acid to the HATU-intermediate. NH₂OH hydrochloride

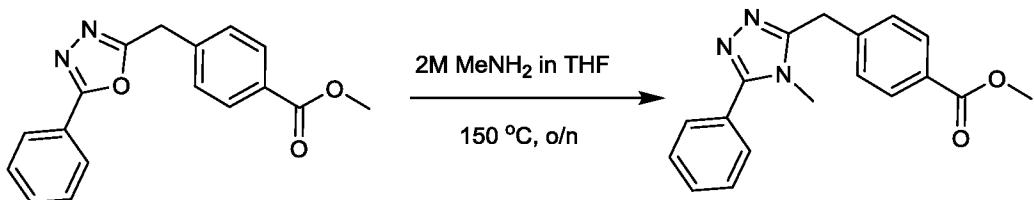
(0.025 g, 0.36 mmol, 3 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2h more, then diluted with water to 50 mL of total volume and extracted with EtOAc (225 mL). After evaporation 101 mg of very viscous oil was obtained. Trituration with acetonitrile (~15min sonication) led to formation of a precipitate which was collected by filtration, rinsed with acetonitrile and ether and dried. 20mg of pure product were obtained (m/z 332.13 [MH⁺]).

The following compounds were synthesized using this procedure:

Comp.	Structure	m/z [MH ⁺]
189		296,5
193		382,13
200		464,13
201		430,1
202		405,12

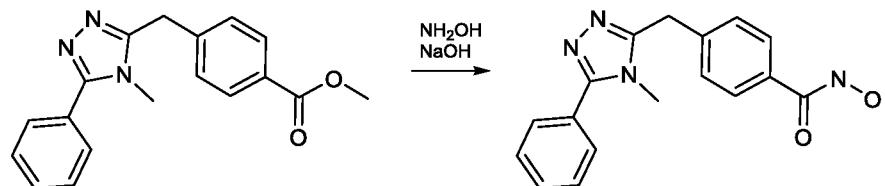
Example 15 – Synthesis of N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-phenyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 217)

Step A



Acetic acid (0.3 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of crude methyl 4-((5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)methyl)benzoate (0.38g, 1.29 mmol, 1 equiv) in 2M solution of MeNH₂ in THF (15 mL). The reaction vessel was sealed and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 150°C overnight. After cooling, the solvent was evaporated; the residue was treated with water and extracted with EtOAc. The organic phase was dried and evaporated yielding 258 mg of orange oil which was used in the next step without further purification.

Step B

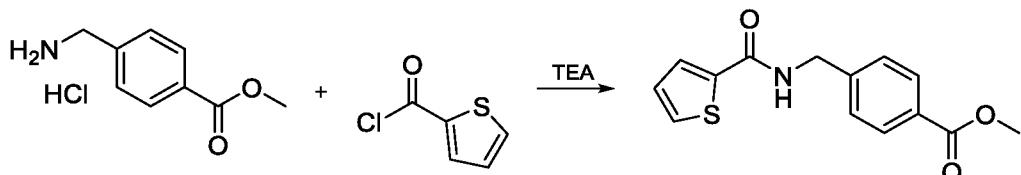


The methyl ester obtained in step A (0.041g, 0.139 mmol, 1 equiv) was suspended in 8 mL of methanol and the resulted solution was cooled with ice bath. 50% solution of NH₂OH in water (0.34 mL, 40 equiv) was added followed by slow addition of 1M NaOH solution (1.4 mL, 10 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred allowing to reach rt (about

1h) and acidified with 1M HCl. The white precipitate was collected by filtration. Prep. HPLC purification gave 24 mg of pure product (m/z 309.12 [MH⁺]).

Example 16 – Synthesis of 4-((3-((1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-4-yl)methyl)-N-hydroxybenzamide (comp. 183)

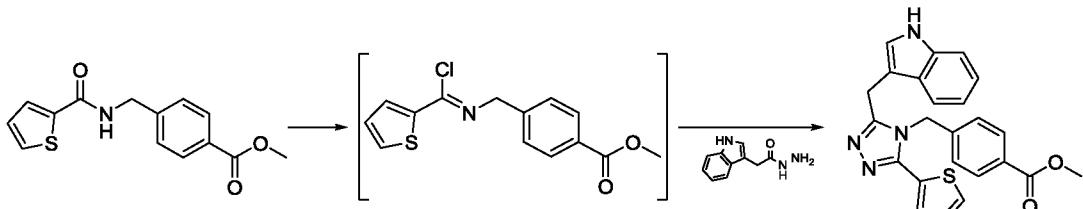
Step A



Methyl 4-(aminomethyl)benzoate hydrochloride (402 mg, 2 mmol, 1 eq.) was dissolved in dichloromethane (8 ml) in presence of trimethylamine (616 μ L, 4.4 mmol, 2.2 eq.). 2-Thiophenecarbonyl chloride (236 μ L, 2.2 mmol, 1.1 eq.) was then added and the mixture was stirred at r.t. overnight.

Upon completion, reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and washed with water. Organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated affording a crude product which was used for the subsequent step without any further purification.

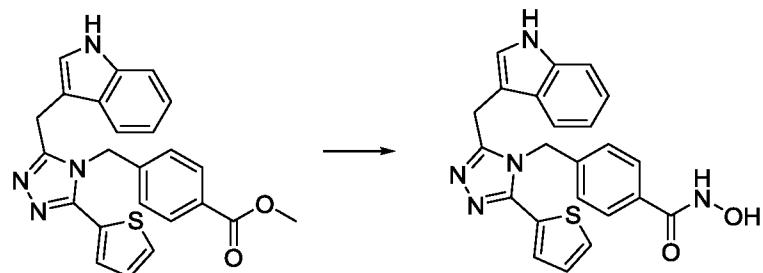
Step B



Methyl 4-((thiophene-2-carboxamido)methyl)benzoate (1 mmol, 1 eq.) was suspended in tioyl chloride (4 ml, 5.5 eq) under argon, and stirred at reflux temperature overnight. The mixture was concentrated at reduced pressure to remove the excess of SOCl_2 . The crude imidoyl chloride thus obtained was suspended in dry toluene, and indole-3-acetic acid hydrazide (189 mg, 1 mmol, 1 eq) was added as a solid. The resulting mixture was

heated up to 120°C and agitated over weekend. The mixture was concentrated by rotary evaporation. Product was precipitated from EtOAc/MeOH 1% and collected by filtration. 113 mg of product were obtained.

Step C



The methyl ester obtained in step B (0.041g, 0.139 mmol, 1 equiv) was suspended in 8 mL of methanol and the resulted solution was cooled with ice bath. 50% solution of NH₂OH in water (0.34 mL, 40 equiv) was added followed by slow addition of 1M NaOH solution (1.4 mL, 10 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred allowing to reach rt (about 1h) and acidified with 1M HCl. The white precipitate was collected by filtration. Prep. HPLC purification gave pure product (m/z 430.3 [MH⁺]).

The following compound was synthesized using this procedure

Comp.	Structure	m/z [MH ⁺]
185		451,3

Example 17 - Enzymatic screening

Enzymatic activity on recombinant human HDAC6 and HDAC3 was evaluated (Table 2) for each synthesized compound. Compounds that showed good HDAC6 selectivity,

defined as log of the IC₅₀ ratio between HDAC6 and another isoform less than -2, were also screened on all other isoforms in order to obtain the full profile (Table 3).

For each test compound, solutions at five different concentrations (usually in the range 3-30000 nM) 5X concentrated in the reaction buffer (25 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8, 130 mM NaCl, 0.05% Tween-20, 10% Glycerol) plus DMSO normalized to the amount present in the more concentrated inhibitor solution, usually 0.75% equivalent to the final 0.15% in the plate were prepared. 10 µL of triplicate solution for each test compound concentration were placed on a 96-well plate and 15 µL of 3,33X concentrated enzyme solution in the reaction buffer (25 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8, 130 mM NaCl 0.05% Tween-20 10% glycerol, 1 mg/ml BSA or 2 mg/ml for HDAC4, HDAC5 and HDAC9 - note: for HDAC7, 50mM TRIS-HCl, pH 8, 137mM NaCl, 2.7mM KCl, and 1mM MgCl₂ were used) were added to each well. After a period of incubation at 30°C (incubation times vary for different isoforms and are shown in table 1) 25 µL of solution containing the substrate were added. As substrate, FLUOR DE LYS® deacetylase substrate (Enzo Life Sciences, cat# BML-KI104, FdL), FLUOR DE LYS®-Green substrate (Enzo Life Sciences, cat# BML-KI572 FdL_G) and trifluoroacetyl-L-lysine (Tfal)– 2X concentrated solution in 25 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8, 130 mM NaCl 0,05% Tween-20 10% glycerol) were used. Following a reaction period at 30°C (reaction times vary for different isoforms and are reported in Table 1), 50 µL of the development solution consisting of concentrate FLUOR DE LYS® developer I (Enzo Life Sciences, cat# BML-KI105), diluted 200 times in HAB plus 2 µM TSA was added and, after 25 minutes at room temperature in the dark, using the Victor 1420 Multilabel Counter Perkin Elmer Wallac instrument, the fluorescence reading was carried out.

Table 1 - Operational details for the enzymatic test of each individual isoform

Enzyme	Substrate	Preincubation	Reaction	Reading
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Isoform	Source	Concentration				method λ ex/ λ em (0.1 s)
HDAC1	BPS cat 50051	1.6 nM	150 μ M FdL	30 minutes at 30°C	30 minutes at 30°C	355/460 nm
HDAC2	BPS cat 50002	3 nM	150 μ M FdL	30 minutes at 30°C	30 minutes at 30°C	355/460 nm
HDAC3	BPS cat 50003	400 pM	60 μ M FdL	30 minutes at 30°C	30 minutes at 30°C	355/460 nm
HDAC4	BPS cat 50004	32 pM	20 μ M Tfal	30 minutes at 30°C	80 minutes at 30°C	355/460 nm
HDAC5	BPS cat 50005	700 pM	20 μ M Tfal	30 minutes at 30°C	60 minutes at 30°C	355/460 nm
HDAC6	BPS cat 50006	1.5 nM	60 μ M FdL	30 minutes at 30°C	30 minutes at 30°C	355/460 nm
HDAC7	BPS cat 50007	14 pM	20 μ M Tfal	30 minutes at 30°C	30 minutes at 30°C	355/460 nm
HDAC8	BPS cat 50008	3.9 nM	25 μ M FdL_G	55 minutes at RT	25 minutes at 30°C	485/535 nm
HDAC9	BPS cat 50009	900 pM	20 μ M Tfal	30 minutes at 30°C	80 minutes at 30°C	355/460 nm
HDAC10	BPS cat 50010	13 nM	150 μ M FdL	30 minutes at 30°C	180 minutes at 30°C	355/460 nm
HDAC11	BML cat SE560	25 nM	150 μ M FdL	30 minutes at 30°C	240 minutes at 30°C	355/460 nm

Data on HDAC6 and HDAC3 enzymatic inhibition of synthesized compounds are shown in Table 2. Complete inhibition profiles on all isoforms for selected compounds are shown in Table 3. Molecules showed good HDAC6 activity and marked selectivity against other isoforms.

Table 2 - Enzyme Inhibitory Activity Assay on HDAC6 (IC₅₀ nM) and selectivity vs. HDAC3 (log of ratio between IC₅₀s on the two enzymes)

Comp.	Selectivity vs HDAC3	HDAC6 IC ₅₀ (nM)
1	-1.6	81
2	-2.7	16
3	-1.6	11
4	-3.0	20

5	-2.8	17
6	-3.0	7
7	-3.0	5
8	-1.6	19
9	-2.9	79
10	-1.8	8
12	-2.0	4
13	-2.8	4
14	-2.7	8
15	-2.5	19
16	-2.7	5
17	-2.5	9
19	-2.9	4
20	-2.0	4
21	-1.4	116
22	-1.8	5
23	-1.7	11
24	-1.4	56
25	-1.7	47
26	-0.4	258
27	-1.1	77
28	-1.6	10
29	-1.1	19
30	-1.7	25
31	-1.5	14
32	-1.4	6
33	-1.7	3
34	-1.6	7
35	-1.6	5
36	-1.4	52
37	-1.4	212
38	-1.6	10
39	-1.5	3
40	-1.6	7
41	-1.4	4
42	-0.9	5
43	-1.7	3
44	-0.7	415
45	-1.1	68
46	-1.7	5
47	-1.5	6
48	-1.6	257
49	-1.6	7
50	-1.9	2
51	-1.4	368
52	-1.6	344
53	-1.2	333

54	-1.5	18
55	-1.2	6
57	-1.5	8
58	-1.5	6
59	-1.8	7
60	-1.0	136
61	-1.7	9
62	-1.5	127
63	-1.0	682
64	-1.4	13
65	-2.5	6
66	-2.2	6
67	-1.8	70
68	-1.5	4
69	-1.5	11
70	-1.6	9
71	-0.7	52
72	-1.1	162
73	-1.7	8
74	-1.8	17
75	-1.7	4
76	-2.3	28
77	-1.8	17
78	-1.8	20
79	-2.3	8
80	-2.1	16
82	-1.7	27
83	-1.1	22
84	-1.7	21
85	-1.9	5
86	-1.7	39
87	-2.1	20
88	-1.3	2
89	-2.3	9
90	-0.9	20
91	-1.9	3
92	-2.5	27
93	-2.8	22
94	-1.7	7
95	-1.8	10
96	-2.3	7
97	-2.4	51
98	-2.2	61
99	-2.4	7
100	-2.6	7
101	-2.4	18
102	-2.6	33

103	-2.4	56
104	-2.2	48
106	-1.5	26
107	-1.2	162
108	-2.1	108
109	-2.1	35
100	-2.6	7
110	-1.7	25
111	-0.2	271
112	-2.2	123
113	-1.6	158
114	-3.1	256
115	-2.5	122
116	-2.6	25
117	-2.7	17
118	-2.4	6
121	-2.7	12
122	-2.1	12
123	-2.1	8
124	-2.0	72
125	-2.8	17
126	-1.4	86
127	-1.8	9
128	-2.4	45
129	-2.5	13
130	-1.2	837
131	-1.1	57
132	-2.2	25
133	-1.8	283
134	-3.1	10
135	-2.5	93
136	-2.6	40
137	-2.8	14
138	-2.8	12
139	-2.9	18
140	-2.6	14
141	-2.5	25
142	-2.3	20
143	-1.9	25
144	-2.3	12
145	-2.6	16
146	-2.9	20
147	-2.9	16
148	-2.1	6
149	-2.6	11
150	-2.1	24
151	-2.8	9

152	-2.5	22
153	-2.9	25
154	-2,2	32
155	-2,0	172
156	-1,2	61
157	-1,2	27
158	-1,6	231
159	-1,5	1370
160	-2,5	115
161	-2,5	327
162	-1,1	138
163	-1,6	12
164	-1,8	45
165	-2,6	8
166	-2,5	9
167	-2,7	6
168	-2,6	7
169	-1,9	1
170	-1,5	8
171	-2,2	4
172	-2,4	8
173	-1,5	2
174	-0,8	129
175	-2,0	4
176	-1,7	55
177	-2,8	21
178	-2,7	23
179	-3,1	11
180	-2,7	6
181	-2,7	10
182	-2,5	16
183	-2,2	212
184	-2,1	17
185	-1,9	1004
186	-3,3	23
187	-2,4	55
188	-1,2	7
189	-1,6	9
190	-1,7	3
191	-2,7	22
192	-2,2	31
193	-1,8	6
194	-2,4	11
195	-2,7	4
196	-2,4	53
197	-2,2	10
198	-2,1	5

199	-2,5	6
200	-2,7	8
201	-1,6	16
202	-3,0	9
203	-1,8	14
204	-2,3	7
205	-2,4	5
206	-2,6	7
207	-2,5	7
208	-2,2	4
209	-1,9	11
210	-2,7	7
211	-2,5	8
212	-2,5	6
213	-2,6	13
214	-1,9	3
215	-1,9	9

Preferred compounds of the present invention show HDAC6 IC₅₀ values below 20 nM and a selectivity index vs HDAC3 below -1.6.

Table 3 - Complete inhibition profile on all HDACs for some preferred compounds according to the invention (IC₅₀ nM)

Comp	HDAC										
	1	2	3	8	6	4	5	7	9	10	11
1	1927	6663	2866	710	81	10113	12042	3528	5866	2477	2681
2	11585	>30000	8648	#N/D	16	1459	1854	1087	592	14100	8050
6	7512	27504	7255	1024	7	1036	1046	750	756	10879	5172
8	1094	4017	979	1355	27	2994	2690	1484	1733	2008	1373
10	1015	4449	487	506	9	2502	2678	817	1084	2818	981
13	2886	11374	2492	490	4	606	512	623	640	2680	1470
15	7091	8799	6293	999	19	660	706	473	659	8625	4589
17	3991	16022	2827	193	9	1393	1538	550	496	6863	2289
19	2517	9478	2635	647	4	675	597	1017	592	2697	798
22	416	1561	271	933	5	3459	3742	1202	1854	684	423
23	616	2033	568	2831	11	4242	4812	6674	2686	1099	486
28	426	1568	373	270	10	1331	1170	1029	328	636	568
33	232	810	138	413	3	1914	2360	608	948	441	225
50	254	958	154	455	2	1950	1955	611	800	398	245
58	364	1748	206	1001	6	3930	3688	1511	2170	591	282
59	353	2315	448	547	7	2487	4125	820	1545	542	515
61	495	6911	488	494	9	1593	2515	529	884	991	904
65	2411	17667	1856	1081	6	831	1194	1076	995	1454	975
66	747	1035	921	419	6	481	325	214	168	1339	1006
77	581	5233	1152	795	17	2650	4467	1362	1732	2812	1441

79	2315	6747	1649	#N/D	8	541	687	1306	514	1912	659
80	4641	13782	1866	548	16	731	1281	764	426	5577	2816
85	469	1704	339	216	5	1030	559	514	452	954	557
98	1009	4236	8926	186	61	1614	2657	1990	844	1478	2086

Example 18 - Cytotoxicity

Cytotoxic activity was evaluated on B 697 promyelocytic cell line for all synthesized compounds and on peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) for compounds showing a good potency/selectivity profile.

Cells were seeded in plate (2x10⁴ cells per well for 697, 5x10⁵ cells per well for PBMCs). The test compounds (concentrations from 1.5 nM to 10000nM for PBMCs and from 1 nM to 10000 nM for 697) were added after 24 hours and incubated 72 hours.

The molecules cytotoxic activity was evaluated using CellTiter 96® Aqueous One Solution Cell Proliferation Assay (Promega), which measures the mitochondria function, following the manufacturer's instructions.

IC₅₀ values are shown in Table 4. Most of the molecules shows a low toxicity.

Table 4 - Cell Cytotoxicity on 697 cell line and PBMC (IC50 nM)

comp.	697 TOXICITY	PBMC TOXICITY (72 h)
1	10390	7000
2	6079	>1000
3	2878	735
4	>10000	10000>X>1000
5	88692	10000>X>1000
6	>10000	20000
7	4188	10000
8	8881	3500
9	>10000	>10000
10	4329	4500
12	>10000	10000>X>1000
13	10000>X>1000	10000>X>1000
14	3941	>10000
15	8723	>10000
16	7882	7500
17	5203	9000
19	1164	>10000
20	1121	2000

74	2283	2000
75	1199	514
76	>10000	>10000
77	11086	2000
78	22173	6000
79	22173	3000
82	6504	n.a
84	5203	4500
85	1157	2000
87	6656	6000
91	783	812
92	>10000	>10000
93	>10000	>10000
94	908	n.a
100	7092	10000
121	5911	n.a
122	1028	n.a
123	1970	n.a
125	>10000	>10000
129	13175	n.a
134	>10000	n.a
141	>10000	n.a
146	>10000	n.a
147	>10000	n.a
149	794	n.a
150	1256	n.a
151	287	n.a
152	1447	n.a
154	22668	>10000
155	22670	n.a
156	1567	>10000
157	913	940
158	16947	n.a
159	16945	n.a
160	16945	n.a
161	16945	n.a
162	16945	n.a
163	48981	n.a
164	1403	661
165	55283	>10000
166	61437	>10000
167	42998	>10000
168	36855	7001
169	271	24
170	61431	n.a
171	6143	>10000
172	61425	>10000

173	1886	948
174	50287	n.a
175	10055	1261
176	50287	5302
177	50287	>10000
178	50287	>10000
179	50287	>10000
180	40221	>10000
181	50287	>10000
182	50287	100000
183	50287	n.a
184	14691	100000
185	10448	n.a
186	10448	100000
189	291	1050
190	333	983
195	3124	>10000
203	15161	>10000
204	15369	n.a
205	15369	n.a
208	15369	n.a
209	15369	n.a
210	10414	>10000
212	15369	n.a
213	15369	n.a
214	409	n.a
215	340	n.a
216	288	n.a

n.a = not available

Preferred compounds of the present invention show IC₅₀ value for 697 cell line over 1000 nM and for PBMC over 5000 nM.

Example 19 – Stability to Phase I metabolism in rat and human S9 liver fraction

Test compounds were incubated in rat and human liver S9 fraction at 37°C up to 90 minutes in order to evaluate their stability to Phase I metabolism by hepatic enzymes.

Each test compound was incubated at μ M concentration (50 μ M when the samples were analysed by UV/HPLC, 1 or 2 μ M when the samples were analysed by LC-MS/MS) with S9 fraction (protein content 2 mg/mL) in 100 mM phosphate buffer (pH 7.4), 3.3 mM MgCl₂ and 1.3 mM NADPH for 0, 10, 30, 60 and 90 minutes at 37°C in a

thermostated oscillating bath. The reaction was stopped placing samples on ice bath and adding acidified acetonitrile. After centrifugation (10 minutes at 14000 rpm) an aliquot of the supernatant was diluted with water, filtered with 0.45 µm regenerated cellulose syringe filters and injected in HPLC-UV or in LC-MS/MS. The percentages of the amount remaining at the various incubation times with respect to the initial amount were calculated. The intrinsic clearance was also calculated.

Example 20 - Stability in rat and human plasma

In order to evaluate the stability to circulating enzymes, test compounds were incubated in human and rat plasma at 37°C in a thermostated oscillating bath. Each test compound was incubated at µM (50 µM when the samples were analysed by UV/HPLC, 1 or 2 µM when the samples were analysed by LC-MS/MS) concentration for 0, 15, 30min and 1, 2 and 4 hours. The reaction was stopped placing tubes on ice bath and adding acidified acetonitrile. After centrifugation for 10 minutes at 14000 rpm, an aliquot of the supernatant was diluted with water, filtered with 0.45 µm syringe filters and injected in HPLC-UV or in LC-MS/MS. The percentages of amount remaining at the various times of incubation with respect to initial amount were calculated. The half-life in plasma was also calculated.

In vitro metabolic stability data are summarized in Tables 5 and 5'. Most of the molecules showed a good stability.

Table 5 – *In vitro* enzymatic stability assay of preferred compounds (residual percentage in S9 after 90 min and in plasma after 4 hours).

comp.	rat plasma	human plasma	rat S9 fraction	human S9 fraction
1	86	102	70	81
2	79	71	1	78
3	79	100	66	93

4	106	n.a.	34	n.a.
5	97	n.a.	36	n.a.
6	87	96	96.6	85.6
7	77	93	96	89
8	62	91	82	100
9	106	n.a.	75	n.a.
10	86	99	82	95
12	87	n.a.	44	n.a.
13	96.7	94	90.9	98
14	38	77	88	87
15	78	91	60	83
16	75	n.a.	74	n.a.
17	87	98	71	83
19	96	100	68	94
20	98.5	94.3	88	101.7
68	77	n.a.	34	n.a.
74	94	100	61	84
75	116	n.a.	75	n.a.
76	98	96	76	77
77	n.a.	n.a.	40	n.a.
79	99	n.a.	73	n.a.
85	76	n.a.	75	n.a.
87	0	n.a.	77	n.a.
91	93	n.a.	8	n.a.
92	79	n.a.	71	n.a.
93	10	n.a.	53	n.a.
94	75	n.a.	22	n.a.
95	75	n.a.	41	n.a.
100	80	92	30	76
121	100	n.a.	25	n.a.
122	94	n.a.	47	n.a.
123	99	n.a.	99	n.a.
125	78	77	90	83
129	93	n.a.	45	n.a.
134	76	n.a.	95	n.a.
138	n.a.	n.a.	79	n.a.
140	85	n.a.	12	n.a.
141	73	n.a.	36	n.a.
145	79	n.a.	7	n.a.
146	n.a.	n.a.	59	n.a.
147	89	n.a.	76	n.a.
149	n.a.	n.a.	84	n.a.
150	92	n.a.	35	n.a.
151	87	n.a.	62	n.a.
152	113	n.a.	31	n.a.
153	76	n.a.	91	n.a.
167	85	91	55	78

169	68	n.a.	44	n.a.
171	77	88	48	74
179	98	100	58	79
180	100	97	70	80
186	75	n.a.	9	n.a.
187	101	92	17	54
188	93	90	7	49
189	78	100	5	72
190	73	99	9	64
191	92	93	35	42
192	90	100	17	43
193	81	100	63	71
194	89	99	3	29
195	84	93	32	68
196	99	89	23	26
197	82	96	62	86
198	63	95	6	51
199	92	90	57	75
200	96	102	32	37
201	95	88	34	75
203	94	95	58	74
204	89	79	72	84
205	89	80	71	95
206	88	92	50	97
208	81	87	81	81
209	69	77	84	100
210	84	79	71	80
211	86	76	67	59
212	81	83	60	75
213	80	97	58	63
214	60	92	9	73
215	57	90	65	82
216	89	91	62	84

n.a. = not available

Preferred compounds of the present invention show residual percentage in rat S9 fraction over 25%, in human S9 fraction over 85%, in rat plasma over 75% and in human plasma over 90%.

Table 5' - *In vitro* Enzyme stability assay (residual percentage in S9 after 90 min and in plasma after 4 h)

comp.	rat plasma	rat S9 fraction
22	81	6
23	77	8
25	77	9
28	90	68
29	103	74
30	49	63
31	76	0
33	52	2
36	60	38
37	6	82
38	n.a.	1
39	63	0
42	n.a.	16
44	32	87
45	81	69
47	76	0
49	82	57
54	n.a.	0
55	n.a.	46
57	94	71
58	106	15
59	53	8
61	71	49
62	83	55
65	88	8
66	66	54
67	101	44
70	79	18
71	4	58
80	77	32
83	76	92
89	70	97
96	99	41
98	89	88
99	91	108
101	73	9
102	82	16

103	79	5
109	10	72
110	92	16
115	73	57
116	78	65
117	82	88
135	78	96
137	100	52
139	90	40

n.a. = not available

Preferred compounds of the present invention show residual percentage in rat S9 fraction over 25% and in rat plasma over 75%.

Example 21 - In vitro α -tubulin and H3 histone acetylation in 697 cell line

The in vitro α -tubulin and H3 histone acetylation determination was evaluated on B 697 promyelocytic cell line.

The test molecules were diluted from 20 mM stock solution in DMSO with RPMI 10% FCS + 0.01% DMSO medium at 20X concentration compared to the final concentration, added to the cells (15×10^6 cells in a total volume of 30 ml in RPMI medium 10% FCS + 0.01% DMSO) to obtain the final concentrations of 1000, 333, 111 and 37 nM and incubated at 37°C, 5%CO₂ for 16 hours.

At the end of the incubation period, 5×10^6 cells were taken from each sample, centrifuged for 5 minutes at 1100 rpm and washed in 0.9% NaCl at 4°C. The resulting pellet was lysed by treating at 4°C for 30 minutes with 150 μ l of Complete Lysis-M (Roche, cat-04719956051) containing protease inhibitors and phosphatase (Complete Easy Pack proteinase inhibitor cocktail tablets cat: 04693116001 ; Phostop easypack phosphatase inhibitor cocktails, cat: 01906837001- Roche), then centrifuged 10 minutes at 14,000 rpm (20817x g). 0.150 μ g of supernatant (total protein extract) were diluted in 100 μ l of 1x PBS and immobilized in Maxisorp F96 NUN-IMMUNO Plate (Nunc cat #

5442404) at room temperature overnight. Plates were washed twice with Wash Buffer (PBS1X + 0,005% tween 20) and saturated for 1 hour at room temperature with 300 μ L of 1x PBS containing 10FCS. After washing with buffer (1x PBS containing 0.005% tween), the plates were incubated for two hours at room temperature in the presence of anti-acetylated- α -tubulin antibody (Monoclonal Anti -acetylated -tubulin clone 6-11B-1, mouse ascites fluid, cat#T6793 Sigma, 100 μ l diluted 1 : 1000 in 1x PBS containing 10% FCS) or with total anti- α -tubulin antibody (Monoclonal Anti aplha-tubulin produced in mouse; cat#T6074 Sigma). After washing, 100 μ l per well of TMB substrate kit was added for 10 minutes at room temperature in the dark. The reaction was stopped by adding 50 μ l of 2N H₂SO₄. The plates were read at Multiskan Spectrum spectrophotometer at a wavelength of 450nm.

The degree of acetylation was calculated by dividing the absorbance obtained for acetylated α -tubulin by the absorbance of total α -tubulin.

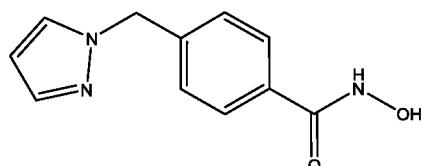
The remaining cells (10x10⁶) were treated by acid extraction of histones (Kazuhiro et al., PNAS (2002), 99 (13) 8921-8926). Cells were centrifuged 5 min at 1100 rpm at 4°C and washed once in 0.9% NaCl. The resulting pellet was lysed with lysine buffer (10 mM Tris · HCl, pH 6.5/50 mM sodium bisulphite, 1% Triton X-100/10 mM MgCl₂/8.6% saccharose containing the protease inhibitor mixture (Roche)) for 20 min at 4°C. The resulting nucleus pellet was repeatedly washed in buffer until supernatant clarification (centrifuged at 7,500 xg, 5 minutes after each wash) and finally washed in nucleus buffer (10 mM Tris · HCl/13 mM EDTA, pH 7, 4) and resuspended in 250 μ l of 0.2 M HCl/H₂SO₄. Histone proteins were extracted in an acidic environment by incubating overnight at 4°C under gentle shaking. After centrifugation at 14,000 rpm at 4°C for 10 minutes, 1250 μ l of cold acetone was added to the supernatant and incubated overnight at -20°C, resulting in the precipitation of histone proteins. The pellet obtained after

centrifugation for 10 minutes at 14000 rpm and 4°C was washed with cold acetone, evaporated to dryness and resuspended in 50 µl distilled water. The protein content determination of both total and histone extracts was carried out by a colorimetric assay using a BCA Protein Assay Kit (Pierce cat: 23227).

H3 histone acetylation and total H3 amount were quantified by commercial ELISA assays PathScan acetylated histone H3 Sandwich Elisa kit, cat#7232C and PathScan total histone H3 Sandwich Elisa Kit, cat#7253C Cell Signaling) according to supplier reported method and by detecting absorbance at 450 nm wavelength using Multiskan Spectrum. ELISA tests were performed by analysing 0.250 µg and 0.500 µg of histone extract of each sample. The degree of acetylation was calculated by dividing H3 histone absorbance by histone total absorbance.

Test results of tubulin and H3 histone acetylation, expressed as *fold increase* of ratio of acetylated α-tubulin/total α-tubulin and H3Ac/H3Tot, respectively, of each sample relative to the control sample (untreated) are summarized in Tables 6 and 6'. The molecules showed a good tubulin acetylation and a poor H3 histone acetylation.

Givinostat, a pan-HDAC inhibitor, has been used as a reference compound. As expected, the reference compound showed a good acetylation of both tubulin and H3 histone. Example 43 of WO 2012/106343, a HDAC inhibitor, has been used as comparative compound in order to show the unexpected effects of the compounds of the invention over a compound of the prior art having the following formula:



Example 43

Table 6 – Tubulin acetylation in 697 cell line (*fold increase* of the ratio of acetylated tubulin and total tubulin towards control).

Comp.	Conc (nM)			
	1000	333	111	37
8	12	9	4	3
10	16	13	7	3
15	12	5	3	1
17	10	9	8	3
19	17	21	15	7
100	14	9	3	2
7	11	8	3	2
125	14	6	3	1
167	13	9	3	2
168	16	19	11	3
171	22	20	19	10
179	14	6	7	2
180	19	15	7	2
195	14	10	11	6
Example 43 (prior art)	7	3	1	1
Givinostat	18	12	4	1

Relative to Example 43, the molecules of the invention showed a higher acetylation of tubulin.

Table 6'; - Acetylation of H3 histone in 697 cell line (fold increase of the report between acetylated H3 and total H3 towards control).

comp.	Conc (nM)		
	1000	333	111
8	3	2	1
10	2	1	1
17	2	1	2
15	1	1	1
19	2	2	1
100	2	3	1
7	1	1	1
125	1	1	1
167	2	1	1
168	2	1	1
171	3	n.a.	n.a.
179	1	n.a.	n.a.
180	1	n.a.	n.a.
195	1	1	1
Example 43 (prior art)	1	1	1
Givinostat	23	17	8

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With the exception of Givinostat, all the molecules showed a poor acetylation of the H3 histone.

Example 22 - Pharmacokinetics

Plasma levels and main pharmacokinetic parameters of test compounds were evaluated after single intravenous and oral administration to the mouse.

The doses administered were 1.3 - 2.6 mg/kg via intravenous route and 2.6 - 5.2 mg/kg by oral gavage. The formulations were prepared in a mixture of DMSO/PEG400/H₂O. Blood was collected at the following sampling times: 5, 10, 15, 30 minutes, 1, 2, 4 and 6 hours after administration. Plasma samples (100 µL) were deproteinized by addition of 1% formic acid in ACN, then vortex mixed and centrifuged. For each sample, an aliquot of the supernatant was collected and diluted with water, filtered with 0.45 µm regenerated cellulose filter and analysed by LC-MS/MS. Plasma levels of the test compounds were calculated on a calibration curve prepared in the range 0.5-200 ng/mL.

Pharmacokinetic parameters were calculated on the mean plasma concentration curve using the software KineticaTM v. 5.1, with a non-compartmental method.

Main parameters are summarized in Table 7. The three molecules tested showed good oral bioavailability.

Table 7 - Pharmacokinetic parameters in mouse for three preferred compounds

	comp.8		comp. 17		comp. 10	
	i.v.	Os	i.v.	Os	i.v.	Os
Dose (mg/kg)	2.6	5.2	1.3	2.6	2.6	5.2
Cmax (ng/mL)	-	238	-	60	-	144
Tmax (h)	-	0.08	-	0.08	-	0.25
AUC_{tot} (ng·h/mL)	253	94	114	42	239	123
C0 (ng/mL)	1287	-	727	-	949	-

CL (L/h*kg)	10.3	-	11.4	-	10.9	-
Vd (L/kg)	15.3	-	16.8	-	20.5	-
T_{1/2} (h)	1	-	1	-	1,3	-
F%	18.5		18.4		25.8	

Example 23 - Evaluation of Maximum Tolerated Dose (MTD)

Following chronic intraperitoneal administration in C57BL/6 mice, compounds MTD was estimated by clinical (body weight and behaviour) and blood (white blood cells and platelets) parameters evaluation. The compounds were administered after dissolution in a H₂O/PEG400 mixture in ratio 1: 1 w/w containing 5% DMSO (for compound 17, 20% DMSO was used).

All animals were weighed the day before the treatment (day 0) and the average body weight was determined.

Animals (8 animals per group) were treated once a day starting from Day 1 during 5 consecutive days per week with:

- a) the compounds at doses of 10, 30, 50 mg/kg ip,
- b) Givinostat at 100 mg/kg (internal control) and
- c) the vehicle solutions used for solubilizing the substances.

The volume of the solutions administered was 10 mL/Kg. The treatment was repeated for 2 weeks, for a total of 10 treatments/group.

On a daily basis any clinical sign (skin appearance, mobility and animal reactivity, respiration, etc.) indicating a possible toxicity of the compounds has been reported. The animal weight was evaluated on days 2, 4, 9 and 11.

On Day 1, 3, 5, 8, 10 and 12, blood sample (about 50 µL) were taken from the tail of the animal to evaluate the effect of the substances on blood parameters. Withdrawals were performed on 4 animals per group on alternate days.

Samples were harvested in tubes containing EDTA, appropriately diluted in physiological solution and analysed with a cell counter.

At the end of the study (day 12) the animals were sacrificed 60 minutes after the last treatment. Gross necropsy evaluation was performed to detect any internal organ abnormalities. Table 8 summarizes the data obtained in MTD determination experiments for some of the compounds according to the invention. Givinostat is a HDAC pan inhibitor and was used as a reference. The tested molecules are well tolerated.

Table 8 - Day 12 values of parameters monitored in the MTD experiment on mouse for four of the preferred compounds according to the invention

	Body weight % vs control	Platelet % vs control	White blood cells % vs control
Compound 8 50 mg/kg	-0.3	12	-15
Compound 10 50 mg/kg	1.7	3.6	-30
Compound 17 30 mg/kg	-6	-17	-22
Compound 50 50 mg/kg	0	-0.1	-47
Givinostat 100 mg/Kg	0.9	-7	-72

Example 24 - T CD4 lymphocyte proliferation mediated by mouse regulatory T cells suppression assay

To evaluate the ability of the molecules under this patent to increase regulatory T cell (Treg, CD4⁺CD25⁺) suppression activity a T-cell (responder T cells, Teff) proliferation suppression assay was used. Treg cells at different concentrations were cultured with Teff cells (CD4⁺CD25⁻) in the presence of proliferative stimuli. T cells need of two stimuli

to proliferate: the first given by the recognition of antigen associated with MHC by T cell receptor (TCR) and the second one derived from co-stimulatory molecules such as CD28. In the absence of a specific antigen, TCR activation can take place with an antibody recognizing one of the composing subunits, CD3 ϵ . In this assay, anti-CD3 ϵ monoclonal antibody and CD4 T cell depleted splenocytes were used as activator stimuli. Therefore, the ability to reduce Teff cells proliferation by Tregs in the presence or absence of HDAC6 inhibitors was assessed.

Treg and Teff cells were separated using the Treg isolation kit based on magnetic beads separation technique (Miltenyi Biotec) through an initial negative selection and a final positive selection process.

Single cell suspension was obtained from spleen of C57BL/6 mice using a 70 μ m strainer.

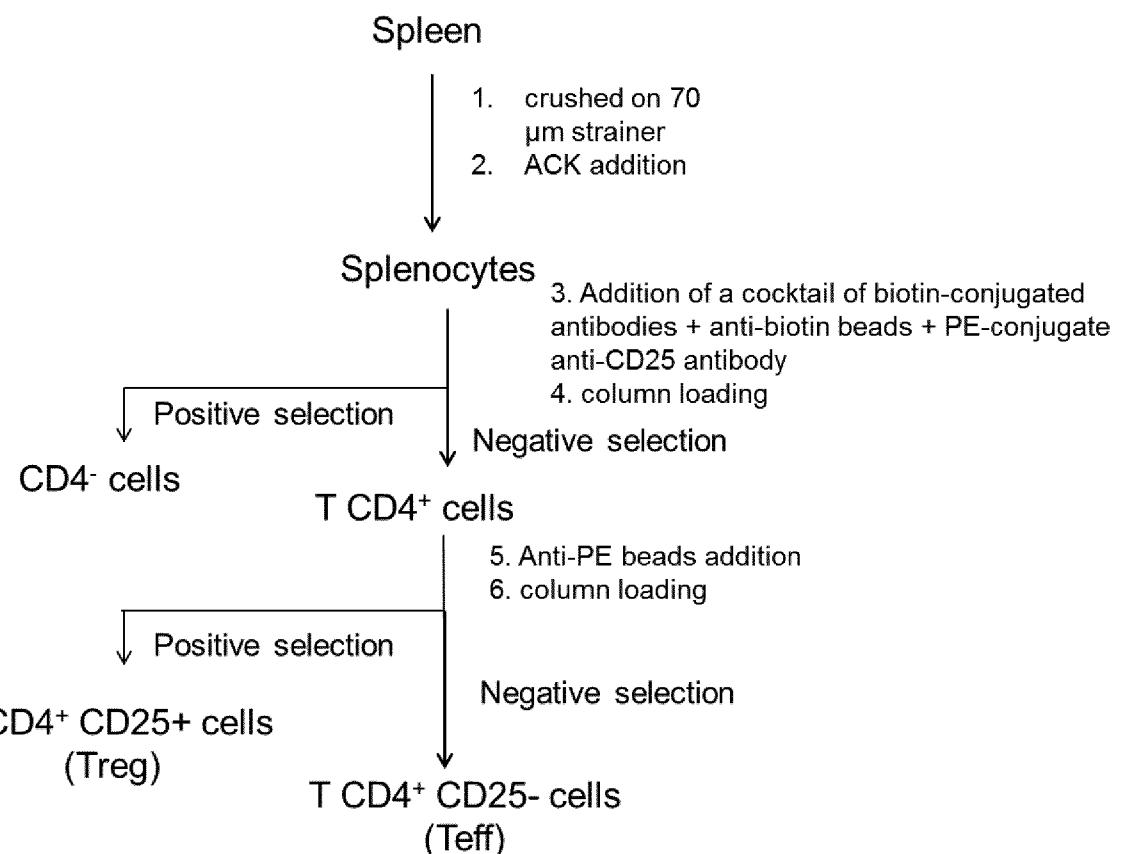
Cell suspension was treated with ACK buffer to lyse red blood cells and then centrifuged for 5 minutes at 300 x g. After centrifugation, the cells were resuspended in PBS (Phosphate Bufferd Saline, Gibco) and counted. Subsequently, splenocytes were resuspended in a buffer consisting of PBS, 0.5% BSA and 2 mM EDTA.

To proceed with the first step of Treg separation, CD4 negative cells were indirectly magnetically labeled with a cocktail of biotin-conjugated antibodies against CD8a, CD11b, CD45R, CD49b, Ter-119 and Anti-Biotin MicroBeads CD4+ cells were thus obtained by negative selection as flow-through of a magnetic MACS column.

Cells bound to microbeads were eluted and conserved for their use as antigen presenting cells (APC) in the proliferation assay.

In the second step of Treg purification, pre-enriched CD4+ cells were labelled with an R-phycoerythrin (PE)-conjugated anti-CD25 antibody that preferentially binds to Treg cells and magnetic beads coupled with an anti PE antibody. The cell suspension was

then loaded on a column. The Teff cells pass through the column without binding (negative selection), while beads-bound Treg cells adhere through the magnetic beads (positive selection). Treg cells were then eluted from the column by buffer flow using a plunger. Treg and Teff cell purification is summarized in the following scheme:



The cells obtained were used for the Treg suppression assay as follows:

- CD4- cells from first positive selection as APC
- Treg CD4+ CD25+ as suppressor cells
- Teff CD4+ CD25- as responder/proliferating cells

CD4- cells were treated with mitomycin C (50 µg/ml, Sigma) for 30 min at 37°C to prevent their proliferation. They were then resuspended at a concentration of 4.0 x 10⁵/

50 μ l in complete medium (RPMI, FBS10%, penicillin/streptomycin 1X, 50 μ M beta mercaptoethanol). Teffs were labeled with carboxy fluorescein succinimidyl ester (CFSE) at a concentration of 2 μ M in PBS at 37°C, and after 10 minutes incubation, the reaction was blocked with a 10% FBS PBS solution. CFSE labelling allows covalent modification of Teff cell to analyse their proliferation by fluorescence dilution. The labelled Teffs were then centrifuged and resuspended at the final concentration of 5.0x10⁴/ 50 μ l in complete medium. Finally, the Tregs obtained by purification were diluted to the final concentration of 5.0x10⁴/ 50 μ l in complete medium.

Then a co-culture of Teff (5,0x10⁴), T CD4⁻ (4,0x10⁵) was prepared and Treg cells in different ratios (1:1, 1:2, 1:4, 1:8 ratio Teff to Treg cells) were added thereto. The test compounds at different concentrations or DMSO vehicle were added to the cell suspension. Finally, an anti-CD3 ϵ monoclonal antibody (Miltenyi Biotec) was added at a concentration of 1 μ g/ml. Cells were plated in flat bottom 96-well plates and each condition was set up in a technical duplicate. To determine how the different substances directly influence cell proliferation, the effect of the compounds on a labelled Teff and CD4 cells⁻ co-culture in the presence of stimulus provided by anti-CD3 ϵ monoclonal antibody, in the absence of Treg cells, was evaluated. The cell proliferation negative control has been determined only on labelled Teffs which, in the absence of T CD4⁻ and anti-CD3 ϵ monoclonal antibody should not proliferate.

After 72 h incubation, the co-cultured cells were labelled with a PE/Cy5 -labelled anti-CD4 antibody (1:200 dilution, Biolegend) for 15 minutes at room temperature (RT). After labelling, the cells were washed and resuspended in 200 μ l of PBS.

The percentage of proliferated Teff was detected by flow cytometry by observing the dilution of the signal from CFSE within the T CD4⁺ cells population. CFSE labelling is inherited by daughters cells after mitosis induced by cell activation. CSFE fluorescence

signal analysis allows to obtain the percentage of proliferating cells which are represented by populations with lower fluorescence with respect to non-proliferating population.

In this assay, direct antiproliferative activity of the substances tested must be excluded. Thus, a threshold has been established whereby, if a proliferation reduction > 10% in Teff cells without Treg is observed, the proliferation inhibitory cannot entirely be attributed to the induction of Treg's suppressor activity alone.

To compare compounds effect on Treg's suppressive ability, the standardized proliferation rate was calculated by applying the min-max standardization to proliferation rates for each sample compared to control. The obtained values were converted into a standardized suppression percentage:

Standardized suppression = 100 - (% standardized proliferation)

The area under the curve (AUC) of the plot of the standard suppression percentage values was then calculated. The relative suppression given by formula: (AUC drug/AUC control) is the value that allows the comparison of the activity of the compounds. The above procedures have been performed by data processing using the GraphPad Prism 7 software.

Further details of the entire procedure can be found in Akimova et al., Methods Mol Biol (2016), 1371: 43-78.

The results of Treg cell suppression assay are reported in Tables 9 and 10. A compound with RS greater than 1.5 induces a good suppression activity in Treg cells. RS values above 2.5 indicate a high activity in this assay. Many of the tested molecules show high activity.

Table 9 - Relative T-reg suppression for some of the preferred compounds of the invention

Comp.	Concentration, μM	# of experiments	RS
8	0.25	2	1.5
8	0.5	1	2.24
8	1	1	2.1
10	1	4	5.2
10	0.75	3	7.4
10	0.5	5	3.2
15	1	3	3.0
17	1	6	1.9
17	0.5	3	1.7
19	1	2	2.3
6	1	3	1.7
13	1	3	1.9
77	1	3	2.4
79	1	1	1.7
85	1	2	3.8
85	0.5	3	3.0
85	0.25	3	2.0
ctrl	1.5	23	1.8

Table 10 - Relative T-reg suppression for other compounds according to the invention

Comp.	Concentration, μM	# of experiments	RS
22	0.25	5	4.2
23	0.25	3	4.2
28	0.25	1	2.9
33	0.10	2	4.6
50	0.25	5	4.2
58	0.25	1	3.4
59	0.5	1	4.8
61	1	3	1.1
65	1	3	4.4
66	1	3	2.6
ctrl	1.5	23	1.8

Example 25 - Mixed Lymphocytes Reaction (MLR) with Human PBMCs

In order to study HDAC6 inhibitors ability to inhibit the activation of allogenic T CD4+ cells, a Mixed Lymphocytes Reaction (MLR or mixed lymphocyte culture, CLM) assay was performed. This is a reaction involving blast transformation of *in vitro* cultured

lymphocytes in the presence of allogeneic lymphocytes. There is the so-called "two-way" reaction wherein the two lymphocyte populations stimulate each other to proliferate, and the so-called "one way" reaction, wherein the proliferation of one of the two populations is inhibited by mitomycin C or irradiation, these cells provide proliferation stimulus (stimulator) to the so-called "responder" cells.

Human peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) used in MLR were obtained by Ficoll gradient separation from Buffy Coat of healthy donors.

We used a two-way MLR. The cells from the two donors were plated at 1:1 ratio (allogenic stimulation) to the final concentration of 2×10^5 per well in U-bottom 96 well plates in RPMI 1640 medium with 10% FBS and antibiotics. As a control we individually plated the cells from each donor (singenic stimulus). The experiment for each inhibitor was set in decuplicate for allogeneic stimuli and in quintuplicate for singenic stimuli. The cells were cultured for 6 days in an incubator at 37°C.

After 6 days the effect of the test compounds was evaluated by measuring the production of pro-inflammatory cytokines recognized to be characteristics of this assay. For this purpose, the culture supernatant was harvested and used for IFN-γ, TNF-α and IL-6 inflammatory cytokine assay.

The results of MLR tests are summarized in Tables 11 and 12. The JAK inhibitor ruxolitinib was used as the active reference compound in the test.

Table 11 - MLR test for some preferred compounds according to the invention

comp.	Concentration μM	MLR exp #	IFN-γ	TNF-α	IL-6
8	1	2	15.7	28.1	-1.5
8	0.5	3	35.3	35.1	-13.0
8	0.25	2	24.1	54.7	-33.1
10	1	7	25.6	49.4	20.6
15	1	6	21.0	33.9	22.9
17	1	3	41.6	39.4	31.2
19	1	2	-7.85	25.9	4.62

6	1	3	-6.5	13.5	15.5
13	1	3	-10.9	37.2	38.3
77	1	4	32.1	64.2	34.3
79	1	3	27.5	50.9	38.6
85	1	5	51.8	73.8	66.9
ctrl	1.5	17	20.6	32.0	13.8
ruxolitinib	0.05	15	87.9	61.2	73.3

Values in the table indicate the inhibition percentages. Negative values indicate an induction.

Table 12 - MLR Test for Other Compounds according to the Invention

comp.	Concentration, μM	MLR exp #	IFN- γ	TNF- α	IL-6
58	0.25	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a
59	0.5	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a
61	1	1	16	n.a	-21
65	1	2	45.0	67.3	5.4
66	1	3	53.0	42.8	12.9
ctrl	1.5	17	20.6	32.0	13.8
ruxolitinib	0.05	15	87.9	61.2	73.3

Example 26 - Inhibition of the expression of PD-L1 in *in vitro* derived dendritic cells

The current literature describes that selective HDAC6 inhibitors have a great potential as immune modulators to be used in cancer immunotherapy (Tavares MT et al. ACS Med Chem Lett. 2017; 8(10):1031-1036).

Solid tumors are known to have a strong myeloid component that contributes to tumor development, progression and dissemination.

Dendritic Cells (DCs) are professional antigen-presenting cells (APCs) which play a crucial role in the regulation of the adaptive immune response. They can efficiently present neo tumor antigens in the context of MHC class I and II to stimulate T cell responses against the tumor. However, in the tumor microenvironment, cancer cells can dampen the activation of T cells via DCs in various ways. This activity is exemplified by

the induction of the expression of the immune checkpoint inhibitor PD-L1 on the DC surface. PD-L1 can interact with PD-1 expressed on T cells and repress their activation. Thus, reduction of PD-L1 expression on the DC may represent a means to counter this process.

We hypothesized that selective HDAC6 inhibition could reduce the expression of PD-L1 on DCs, thus increasing their T cell stimulatory activity.

To obtain in vitro derived DCs, human monocytes purified from PBMC, were treated for 5 days with GMCSF(50ng/ml) and IL-4 (10ng/ml) in the presence of two selective HDAC6 inhibitors described in this invention (compounds 10 and 19) and the HDAC inhibitor example 43 of WO 2012/106343. Control cells were treated with the inhibitor's vehicle. This procedure induces the formation of immature dendritic cells (iDCs) that express PD-L1 (Brown JA et al. J Immunol. 2003;170:1257-66). After 5 days, iDCs were analyzed for the expression of the inhibitory marker PD-L1.

As shown in **figure 1** compounds 10 and 19 of this invention, reduced the PD-L1 expression in a statistically significant way. Conversely, example 43 of WO 2012/106343 was not able to reduce PD-L1 expression, indicating a different biological activity of this molecule compared to what observed for compounds 10 and 19.

Example 27 - In vivo murine tumor models

Four different immune-oncology mouse models of cancer were used to evaluate the in vivo efficacy of compounds 8 and 10 of this invention. In this experiment, we compared the efficacy of an anti PD-1 antibody with that shown by the HDAC6 inhibitors. Anti PD-1 targets the immune checkpoint PD-1/PD-L1 axis and is an established immunotherapy in a growing number of malignancies (Pardoll D.M., Nature Reviews Cancer, 2012, 12: 252–264).

Tumors were induced in immunocompetent mice using the following cell lines:

- EMT6 (murine breast cancer)
- CT26 (murine colon cancer)
- 4T1 (triple negative murine breast cancer)

According to the literature, the sensitivity of these murine tumors to anti PD-1 treatment is summarized in the following table:

Cell line	Expected sensitivity to anti-PD-1 in vivo
EMT6	++++
CT26	+++
4T1	++

- Therapeutic treatment started when tumor nodules reached approximately 3 mm in diameter.
- Compounds 8 and 10 were administered by oral gavage once a day for 5 days a week at 50 mg/kg.
- Anti PD-1 antibody was administered three times a week by ip injection at 10 mg/kg.

The results of the experiments are shown in **figure 2**. Compounds 8, 10 and the anti PD1 antibody had comparable efficacy in reducing tumor growth. The results are also in agreement with the expected efficacy of anti PD-1 antibody. The selective HDAC6 inhibitors of this invention have reduced direct anti-tumor activity as exemplified by the lack of cytotoxic activity in vitro. Therefore, the in vivo results in these immune-oncology models suggest that treatment with selective HDAC6 inhibitors leads to a possible activation of anti-tumor immune response.

To demonstrate that the *in vivo* antitumor activity of compounds 8 and 10 is mediated by an activation of the immune system, we carried out further experiments using the CT-26 murine model.

Adult BALB/c mice were injected s.c. with 1×10^6 CT26 tumor cells (diluted to 100 μ l with phosphate-buffered saline). One week later, mice were given daily compounds 8 and 10 p.o. at 50mg/Kg and/or injected with anti-PD1 antibody at 10mg/Kg. At time of sacrifice, spleens were taken to analyze ex vivo, the tumor immune response. Spleen cells were stimulated with a mixture of CT-26 tumor specific peptides recognized in the context of both MHC I and MHC II. Thus, using this ex vivo stimulation, a specific tumor response mediated by CD4 and CD8 T cells can be detected.

The results shown in **figure 3** confirm the previous data of efficacy of our molecules as single agents in reducing tumor growth. This reduction was again comparable to that obtained with anti PD-1 antibody. Additionally, combination treatment of anti PD-1 antibody and HDAC6 inhibitors lead to further improvement, especially with compound 10.

To demonstrate specific activation of immune system against the tumor, spleens of the animals were isolated and splenocytes were cultured in the presence of specific CT-26 peptides recognized by both CD4 and CD8 T cells (Kreiter S. et al. *Nature*, 2015, 520:692-696).

The results are shown in **figure 4 and 5** where the percentage of CD4 and CD8 T cells that produce IFN- γ and TNF- α are indicated for each treatment group.

In summary, the results shown in **figures 3-5**, indicate that:

- The selective HDAC6 inhibitors 8 and 10 can significantly reduce CT-26 tumor progression.

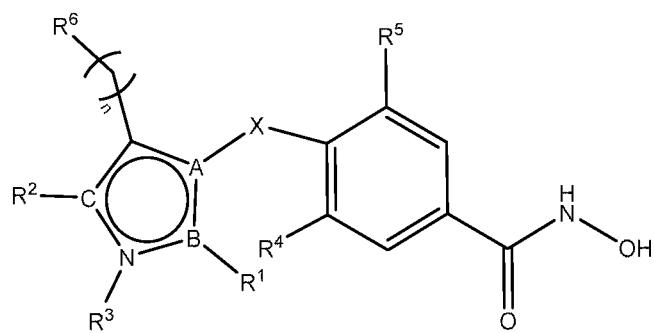
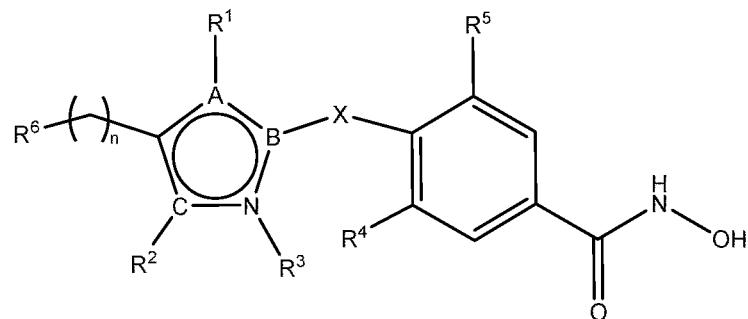
- The efficacy of the two compounds is comparable to that of the anti PD-1 antibody.
- Combination of compound 10 with anti PD-1 antibody further improves tumor growth inhibition.
- Ex vivo stimulation with CT-26 specific peptides indicate that treatment with HDAC6 inhibitors, alone and in combination with anti PD-1 antibody, elicited a specific antitumor T cell mediated immune response.
- The results of the ex vivo assay indicate that a greater neo antigen immune response was achieved with compounds 8 and 10 compared to anti PD-1 antibody.

In the claims which follow and in the preceding description of the invention, except where the context requires otherwise due to express language or necessary implication, the word “comprise” or variations such as “comprises” or “comprising” is used in an inclusive sense, i.e. to specify the presence of the stated features but not to preclude the presence or addition of further features in various embodiments of the invention.

It is to be understood that, if any prior art publication is referred to herein, such reference does not constitute an admission that the publication forms a part of the common general knowledge in the art, in Australia or any other country.

Claims

1. A compound of the formula (I) or (II), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof:



wherein

A = N, O, S in formula (I), while A = N in formula (II);

B = C, N;

C = N, O in formula (I), while C = N in formula (II);

X = CH₂, S, NH;

n = 0, 1;

when $n = 1$, the carbon atom may be substituted with R^{12} and R^{13} being independently selected from the group consisting of H, -Me, -phenyl, -F and -OH or together R^{12} and R^{13} can form a saturated cyclic moiety;

when $n = 1$, R^6 is not absent;

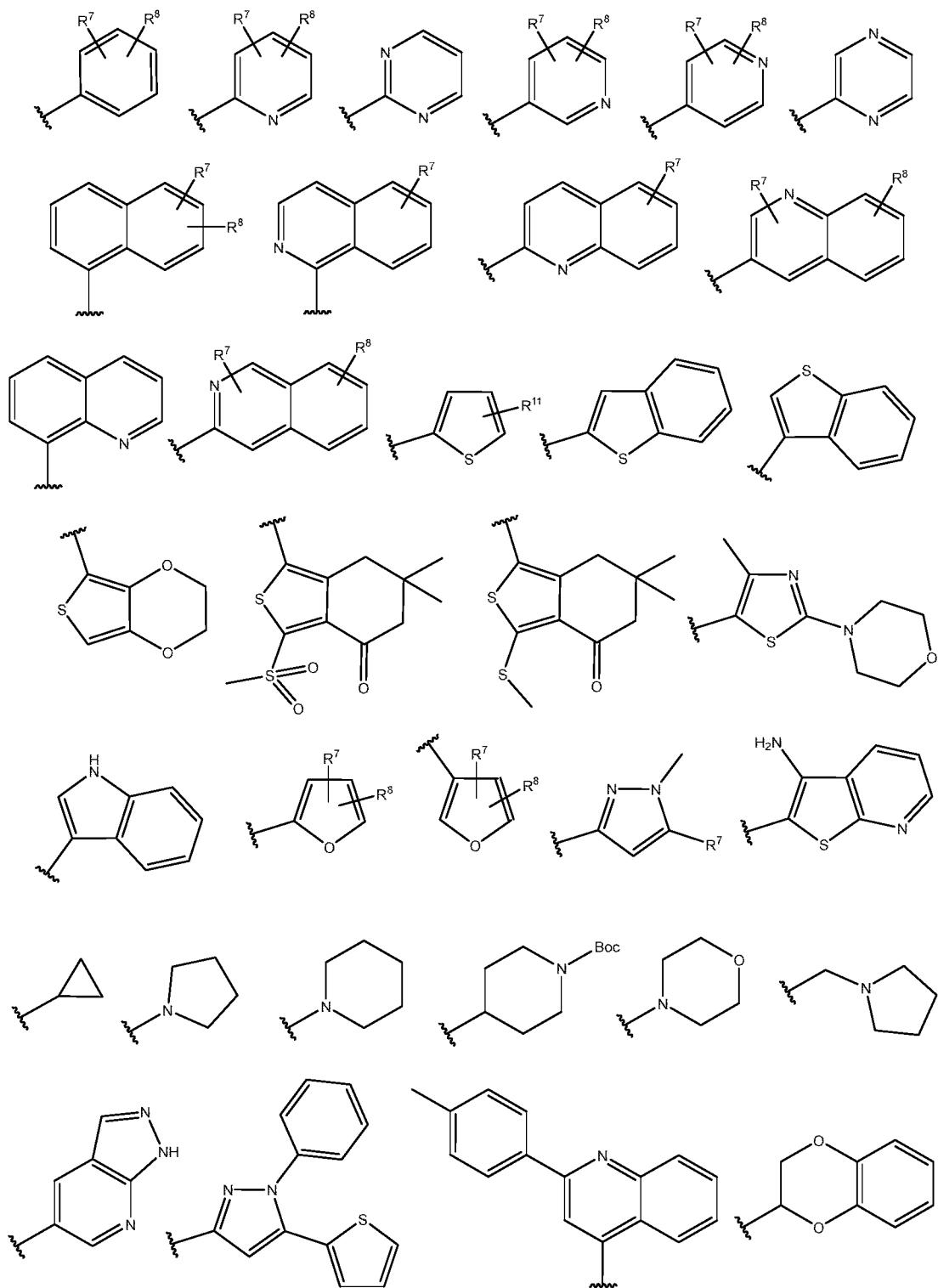
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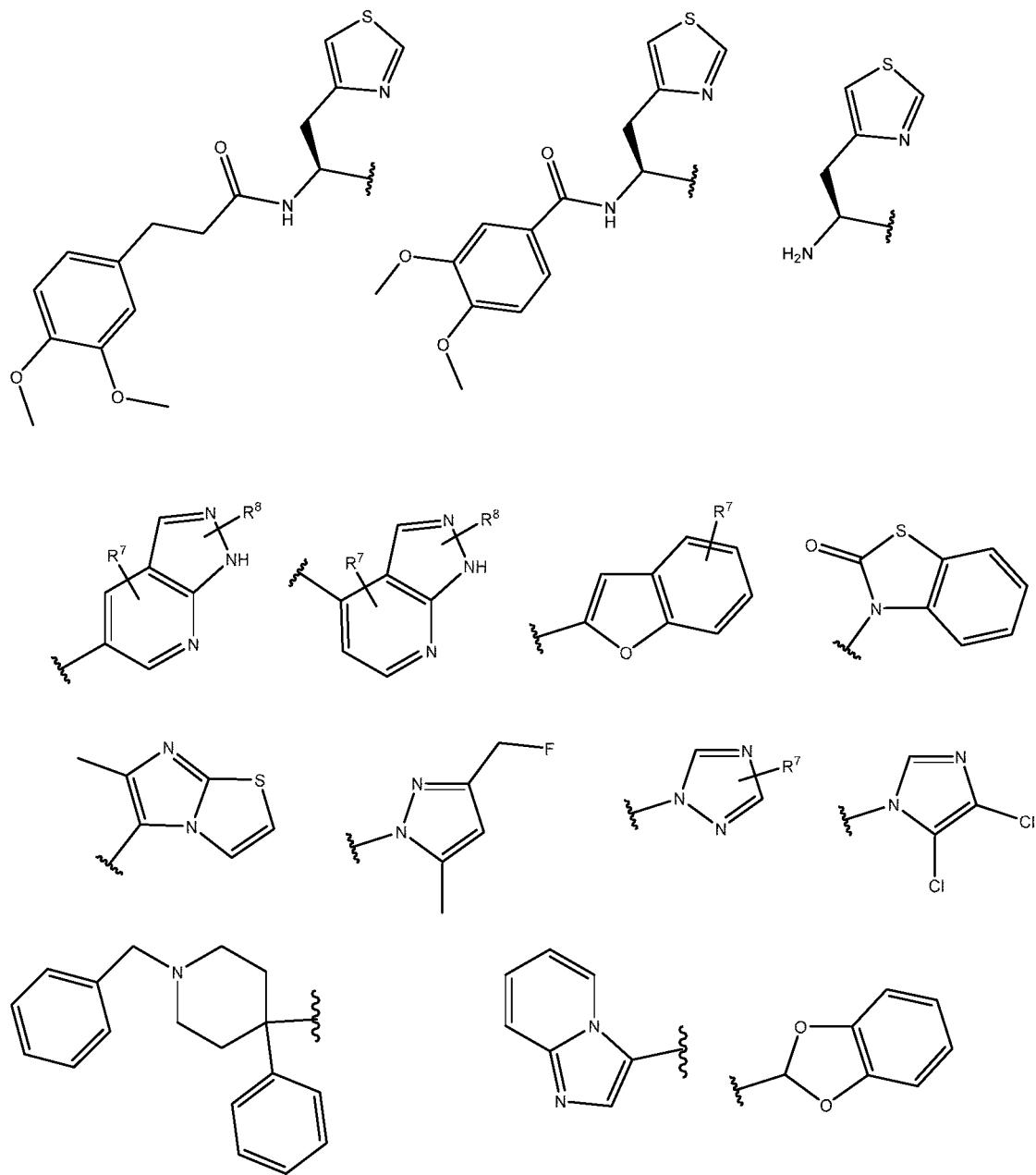
R^1 is absent or it is selected from the group consisting of -H, -NH₂, -CH₃, -CH₂CH₃, phenyl, p-fluorophenyl, m-chlorophenyl, p-chlorophenyl, benzyl, methylfuran, cyclopropyl, isobutyl, methylphenyl, trifluorophenyl, thiophene and 2- (morpholin-4-yl) ethyl;

R^2 is absent or it is selected from H, phenyl, or p-dichlorophenyl;

R^3 is absent or it is selected from H, o-methoxyphenyl, p-trifluoromethylphenyl, benzyl, or pyridyl;

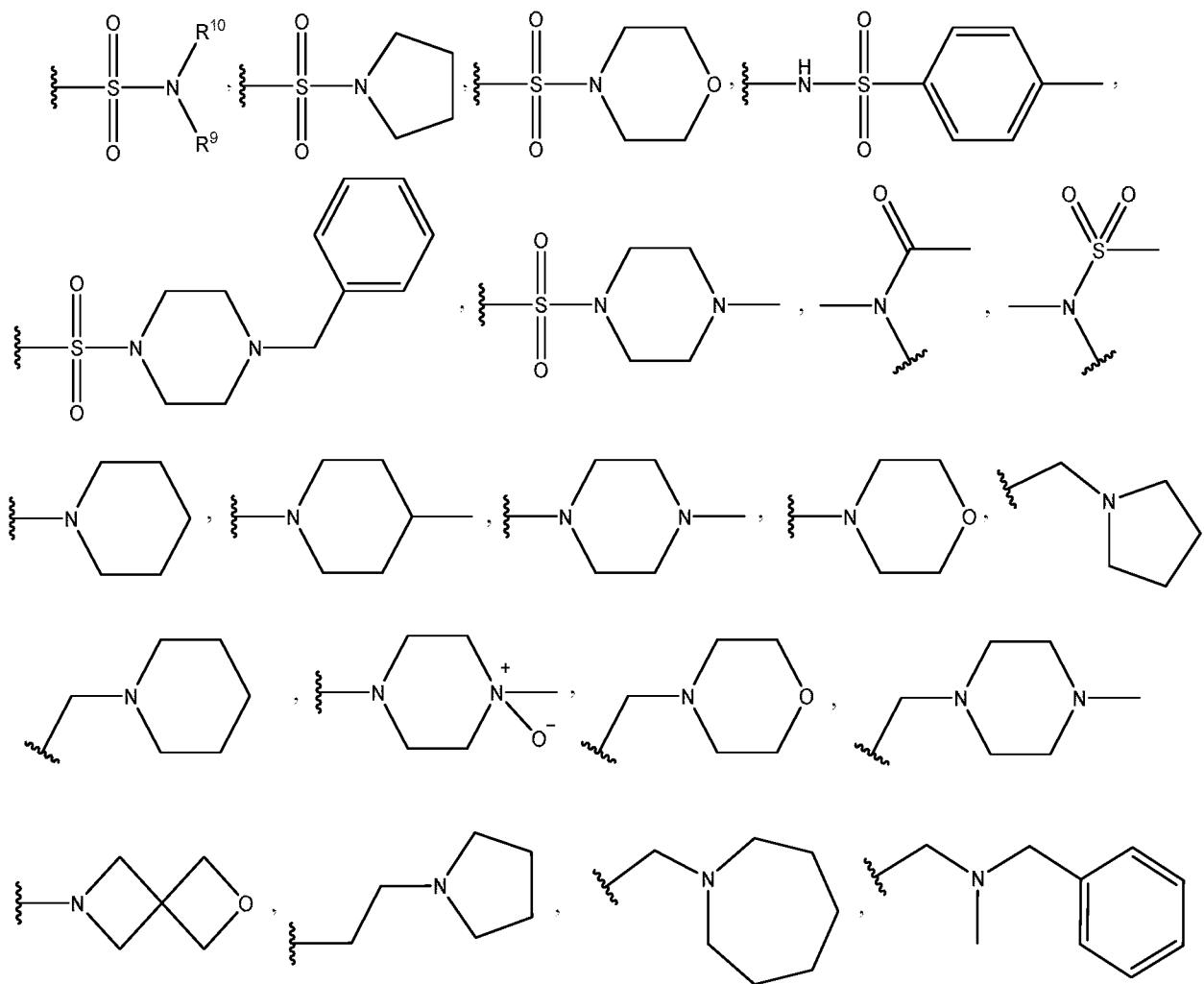
R^6 is selected from the group consisting of:





wherein:

R⁷ and R⁸ are independently selected from the group consisting of H, D, -Cl, -F, -Br, -CF₃, -Me, -Et, -OMe, -OMe, -OBenzyl, -SF₅, -OCH₂F, -CH₂NH₂, -CH₂NMe₂, -NH₂, -NMe₂, -N(CH₂CH₂OCH₃)₂, -COOH, -COOMe, -OH, -NHNH₂, -NO₂, -OEt, -OCHF₂, -O*i*Pr, -CHF₂, -NEt₂,



or R⁷ and R⁸ together can form a heteropentacyclic moiety (-OCH₂O-);

$R^9 = R^{10} = -H, -Me, -Et;$

R^{11} is selected from the group consisting of -H, -Cl, -CH₃, -NO₂ and -Br;

with the proviso that in the compounds of formula (I), when the pentaheterocyclic core is 1,3,4-oxadiazole, R^6 is not naphthyl.

2. A compound according to claim 1, wherein the saturated cyclic moiety is cyclopropane, cyclobutane, cyclopentane or cyclohexane.
3. A compound selected from the group consisting of:
 - (S)-N-(1-(3-(4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)benzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)-2-(thiazol-4-yl)ethyl)-3,4-dimethoxybenzamide (comp. 1);

- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 2);
- 4-((5-(3-(N,N-dimethylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)methyl)-N-hydroxybenzamide (comp. 3);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 4);
- 4-((5-(2,3-dihydrothieno[3,4-b][1,4]dioxin-5-yl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)methyl)-3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxybenzamide (comp. 5);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-(pyridin-2-yl)-2H-tetrazol-2-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 6);
- difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-2H-tetrazol-2-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 7);
- N-hydroxy-4-((5-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 8);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(4-methyl-2-morpholinothiazol-5-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 9);
- N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 10);
- 4-((5-(furan-2-yl)-2H-tetrazol-2-yl)methyl)-N-hydroxybenzamide (comp. 12);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 13);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(pyridin-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 14);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 15);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(4-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)phenyl)-4H-1,2,4-

triazol-3-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 16);

- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 17);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-((5-(furan-2-yl)-2H-tetrazol-2-yl)methyl)-N-hydroxybenzamide (comp. 19);
- N-hydroxy-4-((5-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 20);
- 3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-N-[(1S)-1-[3-[[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl]-2-thiazol-4-yl-ethyl]propanamide (comp. 21);
- 4-[[5-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 23);
- 4-[(4,5-diphenyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 24);
- 4-[[4-(2-furylmethyl)-5-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid;2,2,2-trifluoroacetic acid (comp. 25);
- 4-[5-[(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)methyl]-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 26);
- 4-[[5-benzyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 27);
- 4-[[4-amino-5-[4-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 28);
- 4-[[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 29);
- 4-[[4-ethyl-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 30);

- 4-[[5-(4-chlorophenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 31);
- 4-[[5-(5-chloro-2-thienyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 32);
- 4-[[5-(2-fluorophenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 33);
- 4-[[5-(4-fluorophenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 34);
- 4-[[5-(4-methoxyphenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 35);
- 4-[(5-benzyltetrazol-2-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 36);
- 4-[(5-benzyltetrazol-1-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 37);
- 4-[[5-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 38);
- 4-[[5-(3-methyl-2-thienyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 39);
- 4-[[5-(5-methyl-2-thienyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 41);
- 4-[[5-(benzothiophen-3-yl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 42);
- 4-[[5-(2,3-dihydrothieno[3,4-b][1,4]dioxin-5-yl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 43);
- 4-[[5-[(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)methyl]-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 44);

- 4-[[5-[(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)methyl]-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 45);
- 4-[[5-(2-fluorophenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 46);
- 4-[[5-[(1S)-1-amino-2-thiazol-4-yl-ethyl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid;2,2,2-trifluoroacetic acid (comp. 48);
- 4-[[5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 49);
- 4-[[5-(2-thienyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 50);
- 4-[[2-benzyl-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 51);
- 4-[[2-(2-pyridyl)-5-(2-thienyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 52);
- 4-[[2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-(2-thienyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 53);
- 4-[[5-(6,6-dimethyl-3-methylsulfanyl)-4-oxo-5,7-dihydro-2-benzothiophen-1-yl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 54);
- 4-[[5-(benzothiophen-2-yl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 55);
- 4-[[5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 57);
- 4-[[5-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 58);
- 4-[[5-[3-(dimethylsulfamoyl)phenyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 59);

- 4-[(5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)amino]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 60);
- 4-[[4-amino-5-[3-(diethylsulfamoyl)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 61);
- 4-[[5-(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylsulfonylphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]amino]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 63);
- 4-[[5-(3-morpholinosulfonylphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 64);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-thienyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 65);
- 4-[[5-[3-(diethylsulfamoyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 66);
- 4-[[4-methyl-5-[2-(p-tolyl)-4-quinolyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 67);
- 4-[(5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 68);
- 4-[[5-(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylsulfonylphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 69);
- 4-[[5-(3-benzyloxy-4-methoxy-phenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 70);
- 4-[[5-(3-benzyloxy-4-methoxy-phenyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 71);
- 4-[(5-cyclopropyl-1-phenyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 72);

- 4-[[5-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 73);
- 4-[[5-(4-methyl-2-morpholino-thiazol-5-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 75);
- 4-[[5-[3-(dimethylamino)phenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 77);
- 4-[[5-(3-methoxyphenyl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 78);
- 4-[[5-(2,3-dihydrothieno[3,4-b][1,4]dioxin-5-yl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]-3,5-difluorobzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 79);
- 4-[[5-[3-(dimethylamino)phenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluorobzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 80);
- tert-butyl 4-[5-[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]sulfanyl-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]piperidine-1-carboxylate (comp. 82);
- 4-[[5-(2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-3-yl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 83);
- 4-[[5-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 84);
- 4-[[5-(1,5-dimethylpyrazol-3-yl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 85);
- 4-[[5-(2-furyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 86);
- 4-[[5-(1-isoquinolyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 87);
- 4-[[5-(1-isoquinolyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 88);

- 4-[[5-(2-pyridyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 89);
- 4-[[5-(2-quinolyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 90);
- 4-[[5-(2-quinolyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 91);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-furyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 92);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(1-isoquinolyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 93);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(1-isoquinolyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 94);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-quinolyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 95);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-quinolyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 96);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-thienyl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 97);
- 4-[(5-benzhydryl-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 98);
- 4-[[5-(3-aminothieno[2,3-b]pyridin-2-yl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 99);
- 4-[[5-(1,5-dimethylpyrazol-3-yl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 100);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-(1-phenylcyclobutyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 101);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[1-(3-fluorophenyl)cyclopentyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 102);

- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[1-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclohexyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 103);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[1-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopropyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp 104);
- 4-[[5-[3-(pentafluoro-lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 106);
- 4-[[5-[3-(pentafluoro-lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 107);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[5- [3-(pentafluoro- lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol- 2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 108);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[5- [3-(pentafluoro- lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol- 1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 109);
- 4-[[5- [4-(pentafluoro- lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol- 2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 110);
- 4-[[5- [4-(pentafluoro- lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol- 1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 111);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[5- [4-(pentafluoro- lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol- 2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 112);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[5- [4-(pentafluoro- lambda6-sulfanyl)phenyl]tetrazol- 1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 113);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[4- methyl-5- [3-(4- methyl-4- oxido-piperazin- 4-ium- 1-yl)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3- yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 114);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(1- piperidylmethyl)-1,2,4- triazol-3- yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 115);

- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[(4- (2-furylmethyl)- 5-pyrrolidin- 1-yl- 1,2,4-triazol- 3-yl)sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 116);
- 4-[(4- benzyl-5- morpholino-1,2,4- triazol-3- yl)sulfanyl]-3,5- difluoro- benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 117);
- 4-[(5- (2,3-dihydrothieno[3,4-b][1,4]dioxin-5- yl)-4-methyl-1,2,4- triazol-3-yl)sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro- benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 118);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[(5-(1-isoquinolyl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 121);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[(4-methyl-5-(2-quinolyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 122);
- 4-[(5-pyrimidin-2-yltetrazol-2-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 123);
- 4-[(5-pyrimidin-2-yltetrazol-1-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 124);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[(5-pyrimidin-2-yltetrazol-1- yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 125);
- 4-[(5-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]tetrazol-2-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 126);
- 4-[(5-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]tetrazol-1-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 127);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[(5-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]tetrazol-2- yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 128);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[(5-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]tetrazol-1- yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 129);

- 4-[[5-[3-morpholino-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 130);
- 4-[[5-[3-morpholino-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 131);
- 4-[[5-(2-pyridylmethyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid;2,2,2-trifluoroacetic acid (comp. 132);
- 4-[[5- (2-pyridylmethyl)tetrazol- 1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid;2,2,2-trifluoroacetic acid (comp. 133);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-pyridylmethyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid;2,2,2-trifluoroacetic acid (comp. 134);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-pyridylmethyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid;2,2,2-trifluoroacetic acid (comp. 135);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[4- methyl-5- [1-phenyl- 5-(2- thienyl)pyrazol-3- yl]-1,2,4- triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 136);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[5- (6-fluoro- 2-methyl- 3-quinolyl)- 4-methyl- 1,2,4-triazol- 3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 137);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[5- (4-fluorophenyl)- 4-(2- morpholinoethyl)-1,2,4- triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 138);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[4-(2-furylmethyl)- 5-pyrazin- 2-yl- 1,2,4-triazol- 3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 139);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-(2-furylmethyl)- 5-(2-pyridyl)-1,2,4- triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 140);
- 4-[[4- benzyl-5- (pyrrolidin-1- ylmethyl)-1,2,4- triazol-3- yl]sulfanyl]-3,5- difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 141);

- 4-[[4- benzyl-5- (2-furyl)- 1,2,4-triazol- 3-yl]sulfanyl]- 3,5-difluoro- benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 142);
- 4-[[4- benzyl-5- (2-thienyl)- 1,2,4-triazol- 3-yl]sulfanyl]- 3,5-difluoro- benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 143);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[4-(2-furylmethyl)-5-(2-thienyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 144);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[[5- (2-fluorophenyl)- 4-(2-furylmethyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 145);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-(2-furylmethyl)-5-(4-pyridyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 146);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-(2-furylmethyl)-5-(3-pyridyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 147);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(3-isoquinolyl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 148);
- 3,5-difluoro- 4-[(5- imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin- 3-yl- 4-methyl- 1,2,4-triazol- 3-yl)sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 149);
- 4-[[5-(1-benzyl- 4-phenyl- 4-piperidyl)-4-methyl- 1,2,4-triazol- 3-yl]sulfanyl]- 3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 150);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonylphenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 151);
- 4-[[5-[3-(4-benzylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonylphenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 152);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-(3-pyridyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 153);

- methyl 4-[[2-[[2,6-difluoro-4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]methyl]benzoate (comp. 154);
- methyl 4-[[1-[[2,6-difluoro-4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]methyl]benzoate (comp. 155);
- methyl 6-[2-[[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]pyridine-3-carboxylate (comp. 156);
- methyl 6-[1-[[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]pyridine-3-carboxylate (comp. 157);
- 4-[[2-[[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]methyl]benzoic acid (comp. 158);
- 4-[[1-[[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]methyl]benzoic acid (comp. 159);
- 4-[[2-[[2,6-difluoro-4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]methyl]benzoic acid (comp. 160);
- 4-[[1-[[2,6-difluoro-4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]methyl]benzoic acid (comp. 161);
- 6-[2-[[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]pyridine-3-carboxylic acid (comp. 162);
- 3-[2-[[4-(hydroxycarbamoyl)phenyl]methyl]tetrazol-5-yl]benzoic acid (comp. 163);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-(8-quinolylmethyl)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 164);
- 4-[[5-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluorobenzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 165);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 166);

- 4-[[5-[3-(azepan-1-ylmethyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 167);
- 4-[[5-[4-(azepan-1-ylmethyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 168);
- 4-[[5-(4-aminophenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 169);
- 4-[[5-(4-aminophenyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 170);
- 4-[[5-(4-aminophenyl)tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 171);
- 4-[[5-(4-aminophenyl)tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 172);
- 4-[[5-[4-(aminomethyl)phenyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 173);
- 4-[[5-[4-(aminomethyl)phenyl]tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 174);
- 4-[[5-[4-(aminomethyl)phenyl]tetrazol-2-yl]methyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 175);
- 4-[[5-[4-(aminomethyl)phenyl]tetrazol-1-yl]methyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 176);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[1-(2-pyridyl)cyclopropyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 177);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[1-(3-pyridyl)cyclopropyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 178);

- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(3-fluoro-2-pyridyl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 180);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[3-(1-piperidylmethyl)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 181);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[3-(morpholinomethyl)phenyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 182);
- 4-((3-((1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-4-yl)methyl)-N-hydroxybenzamide (comp. 183);
- 4-[[5-[3-[[benzyl(methyl)amino]methyl]phenyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 184);
- 4-[[3-[(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)methyl]-5-(2-thienyl)-1,2,4-triazol-4-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 185);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[1-methyl-1-(3-pyridyl)ethyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 186);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[4-[methyl(methylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 187);
- 4-[(5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 188);
- 4-[(5-phenyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 189);
- 4-[(5-phenyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 190);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-(pyridin-3-yl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)thio)benzamide (comp. 191);

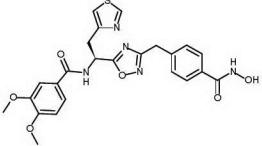
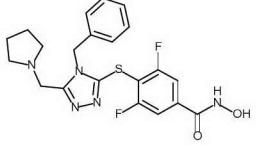
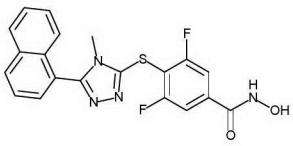
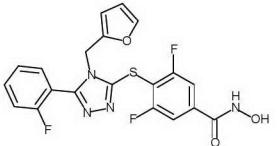
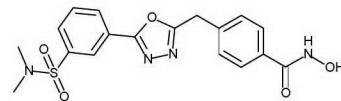
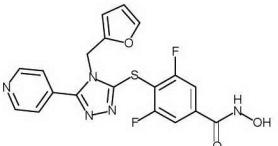
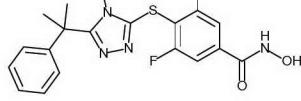
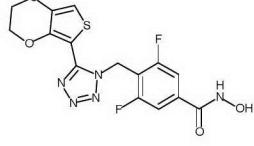
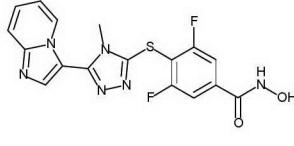
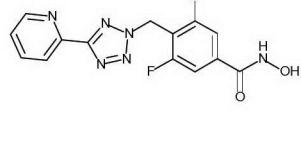
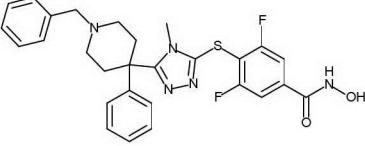
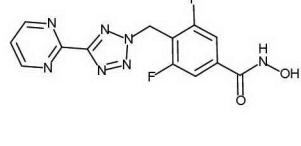
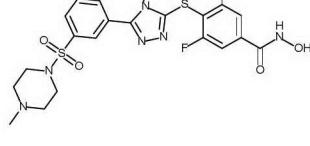
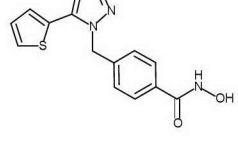
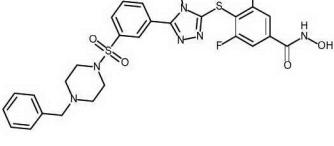
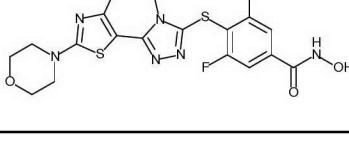
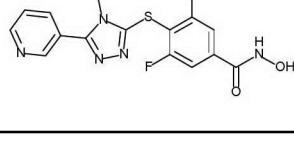
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- 4-[[5-(2-morpholino-4-pyridyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 193);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-phenyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 194);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(4-pyridyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 195);
- 4-[[5-(5-bromo-3-pyridyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 196);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(5-morpholino-3-pyridyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 197);
- 3,5-difluoro-N-hydroxy-4-((5-phenyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 198);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-(2-furyl)-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 199);
- 4-[[5-[5-[bis(2-methoxyethyl)amino]-3-pyridyl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl]methyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 200);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[5-(2-oxa-6-azaspiro[3.3]heptan-6-yl)-3-pyridyl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 201);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[5-[5-(pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl)-2-furyl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl]methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 202);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[5-(morpholinomethyl)-3-furyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 203);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[5-(morpholinomethyl)-2-furyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 204);

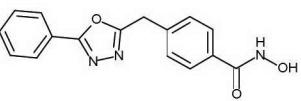
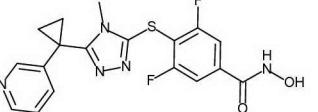
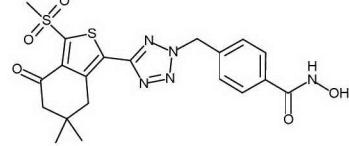
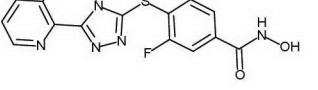
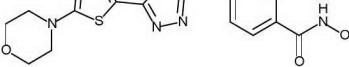
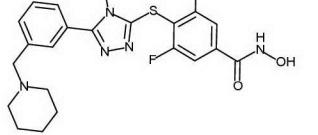
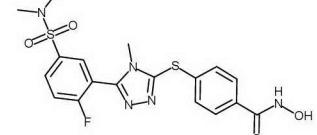
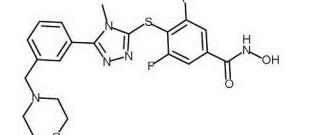
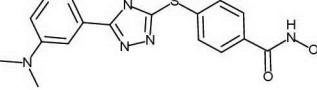
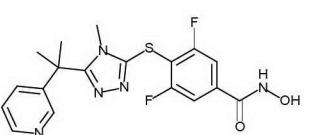
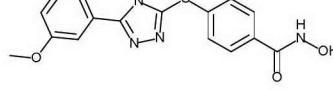
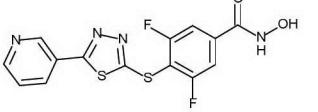
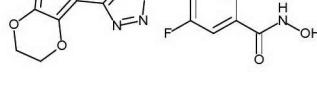
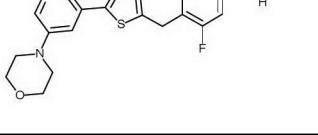
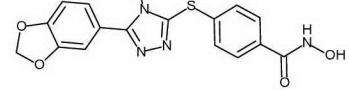
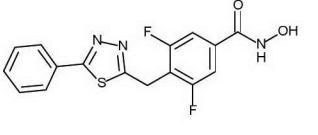
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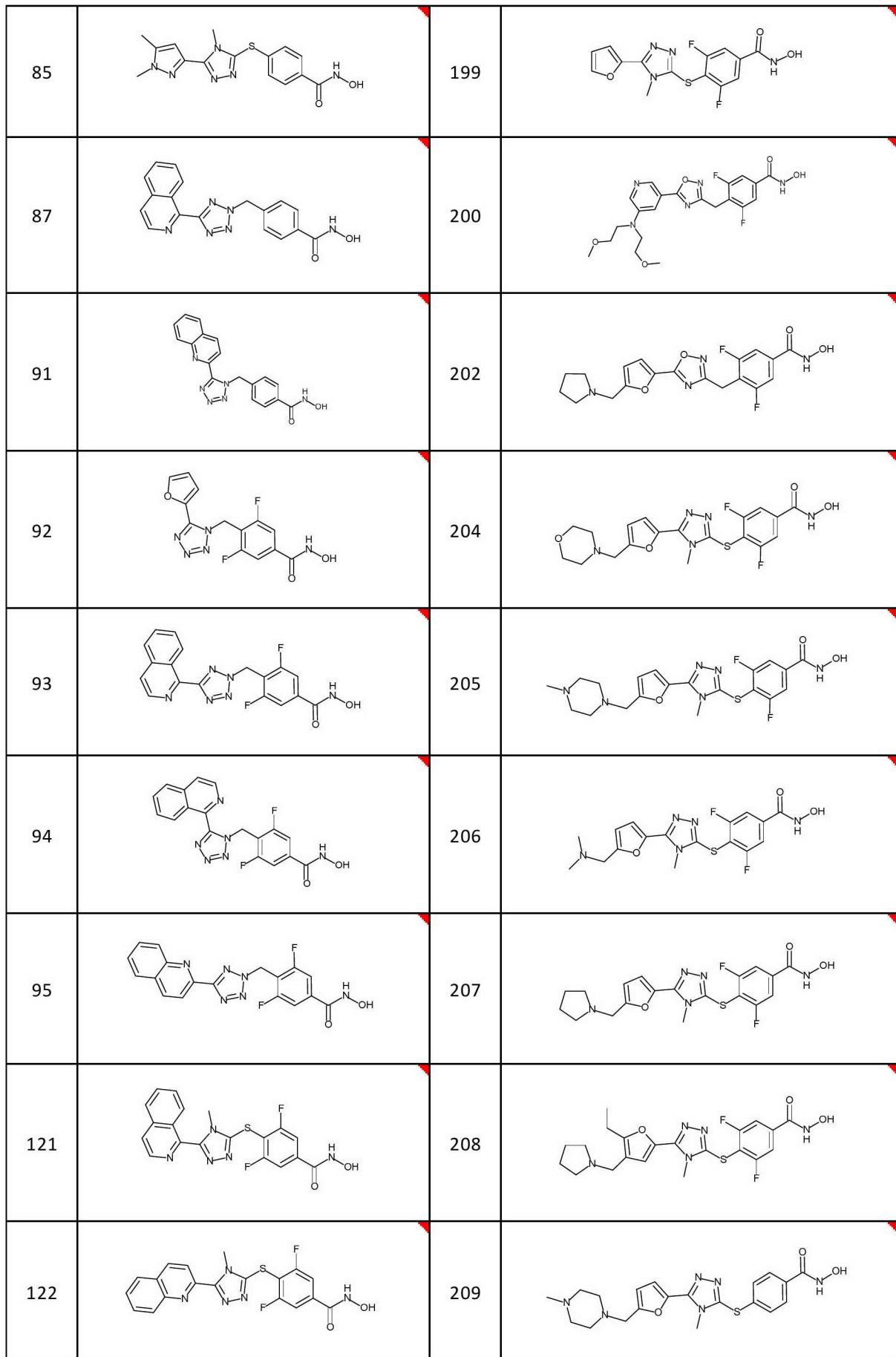
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[5-[(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)methyl]-2-furyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 205);
- 4-[[5-[5-[(dimethylamino)methyl]-2-furyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 206);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[5-(pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl)-2-furyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 207);
- 4-[[5-[5-ethyl-4-(pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl)-2-furyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 208);
- 4-[[4-methyl-5-[5-[(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)methyl]-2-furyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 209);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[6-(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)-3-pyridyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 210);
- 4-[[5-[5-(diethylaminomethyl)-2-furyl]-4-methyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-3,5-difluoro-benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 211);
- 3,5-difluoro-4-[[4-methyl-5-[5-(1-piperidylmethyl)-2-furyl]-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 212);
- 4-[(5-phenyltetrazol-2-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 214);
- 4-[(5-phenyltetrazol-1-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 215);
- 4-[(5-phenyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)methyl]benzenecarbohydroxamic acid (comp. 216); and
- N-hydroxy-4-((4-methyl-5-phenyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)methyl)benzamide (comp. 217),

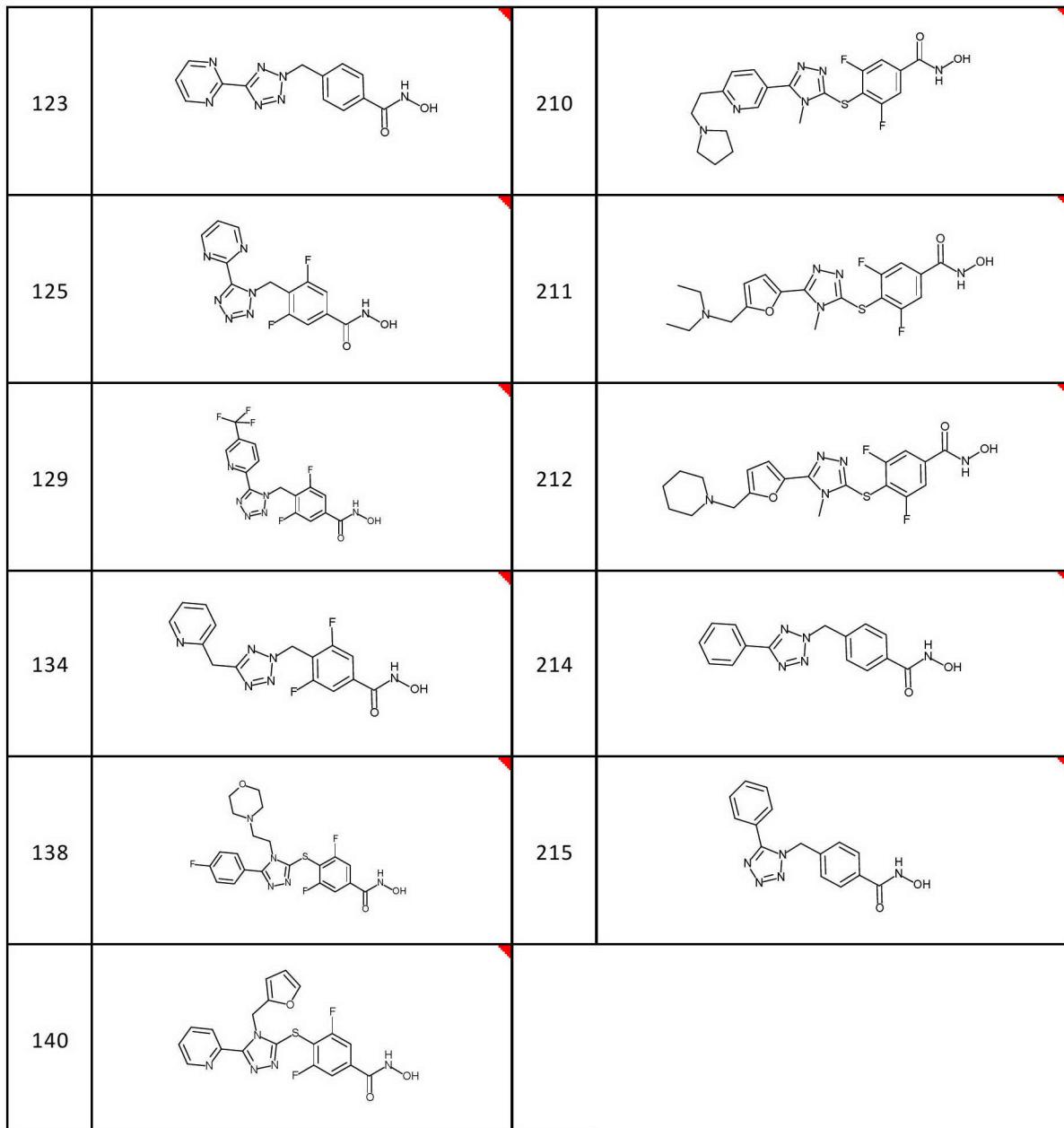
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or stereoisomer thereof.

4. A compound selected from the group consisting of:

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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or stereoisomer thereof.

5. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 4, in combination with a drug selected from the group consisting of proteasome inhibitors, immune checkpoint inhibitors, steroids, bromodomain inhibitors, epigenetic drugs, traditional chemotherapy, kinase inhibitors.
6. A compound according to claim 5, wherein the kinase inhibitors are selected from JAK family and CTLA4, PD1 or PDL1 checkpoints inhibitors.

7. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective quantity of at least one of the compounds of the formula (I) or (II) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 6 together with at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.
8. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 7, suitable to be administered by enteral route, parenteral route, oral route, topical route, or inhalatory route.
9. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 7 or 8, in the form of a liquid or a solid, preferably in the form of capsules, tablets, coated tablets, powders, granules, creams or ointments.
10. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 9, in the form of capsules, tablets, coated tablets, powders, granules, creams or ointments.
11. A method for the treatment of one or more diseases HDAC6-mediated selected from the group consisting of organ transplant rejection, myositis, diseases associated with abnormal functions of lymphocytes, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, peripheral neuropathy, autoimmune diseases, inflammatory diseases, cancer and neurodegenerative diseases, ocular diseases, and GVHD, comprising administering to a subject in need thereof, a therapeutically effective quantity of at least one of the compounds of the formula (I) or (II) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 6, or a pharmaceutical composition according to any one of claims 7 to 10.
12. Use of at least one of the compounds of the formula (I) or (II) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof according to any one of claims 1 to 6, or a pharmaceutical composition according to any one of claims 7 to 10, in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of one or more diseases HDAC6-mediated selected from the group consisting of organ transplant rejection, myositis, diseases associated

with abnormal functions of lymphocytes, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, peripheral neuropathy, autoimmune diseases, inflammatory diseases, cancer and neurodegenerative diseases, ocular diseases, and GVHD.

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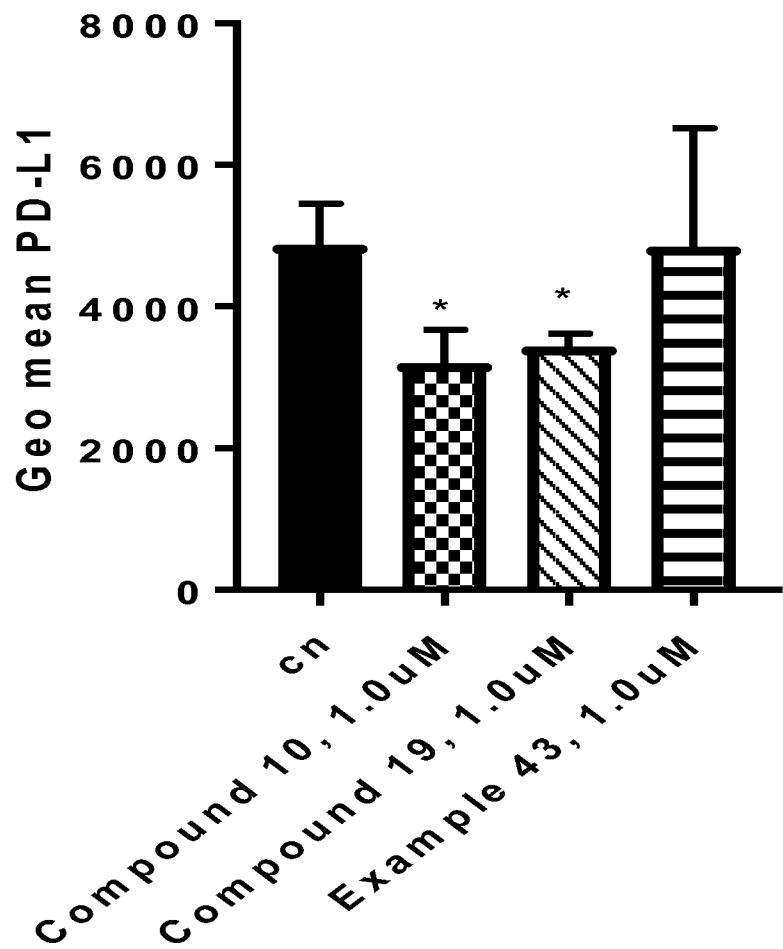
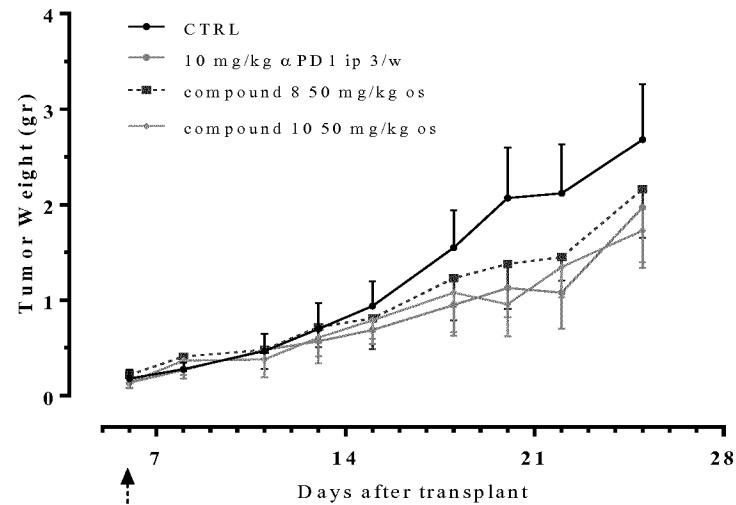


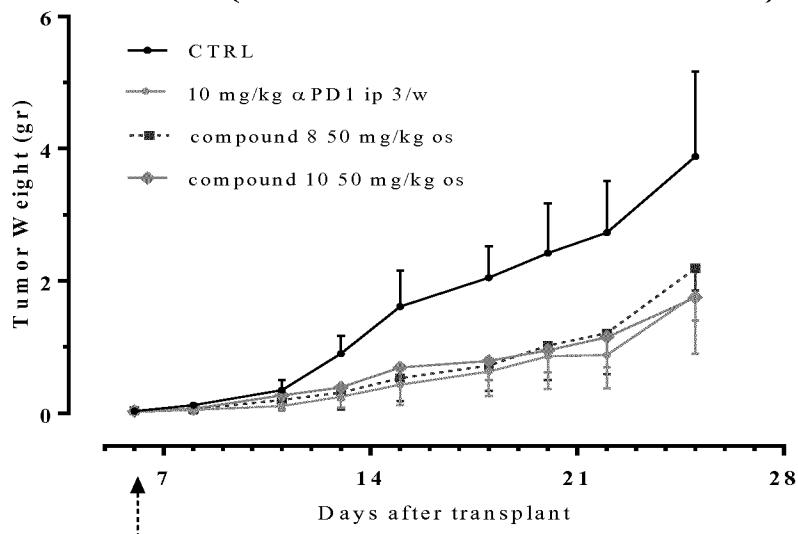
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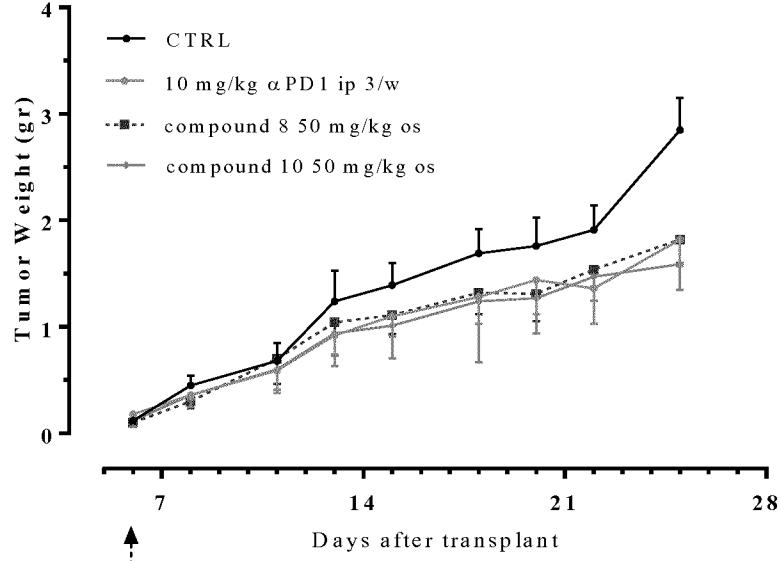
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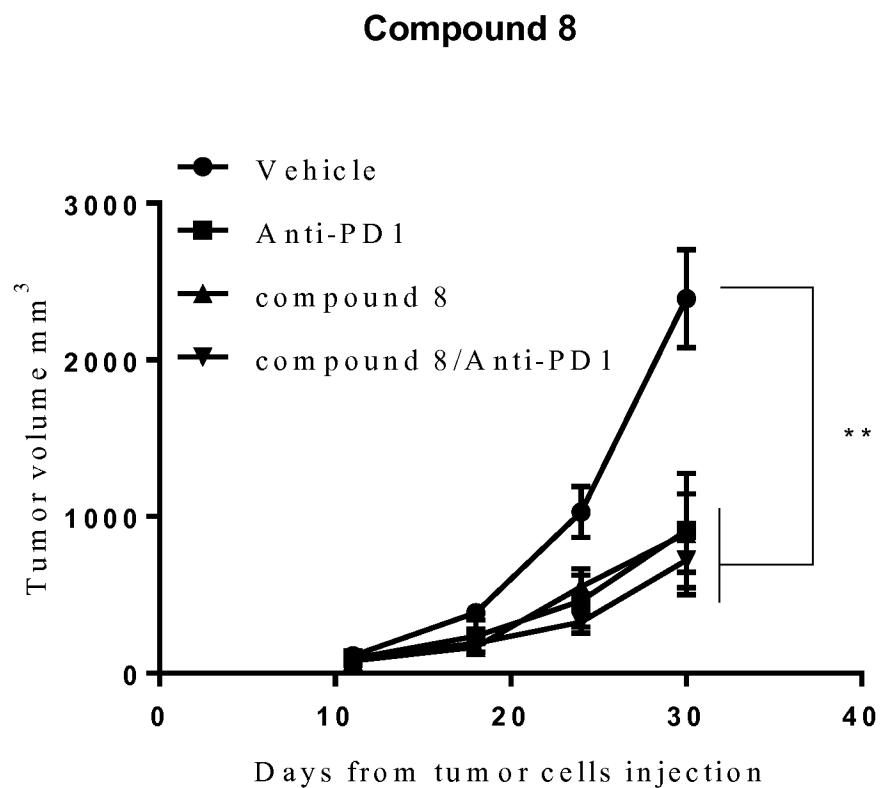
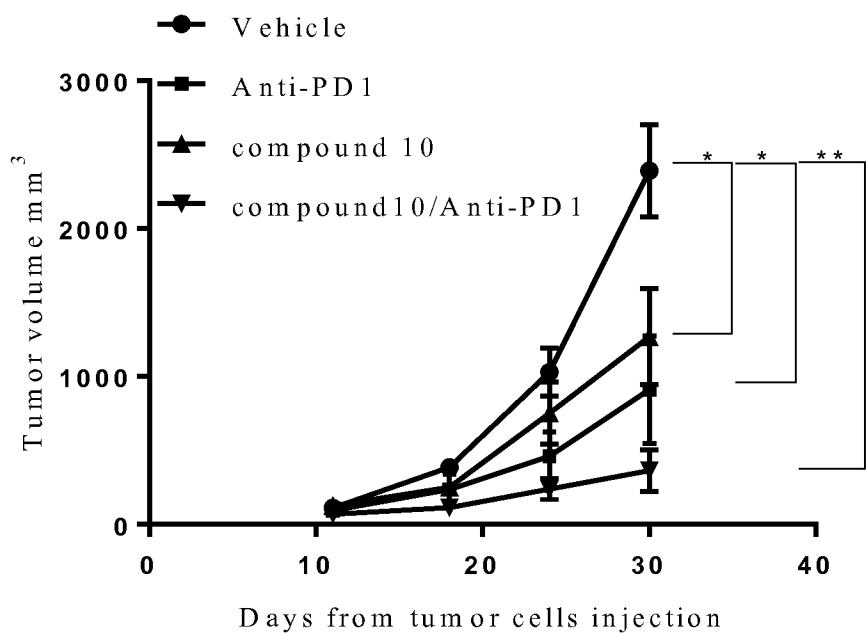
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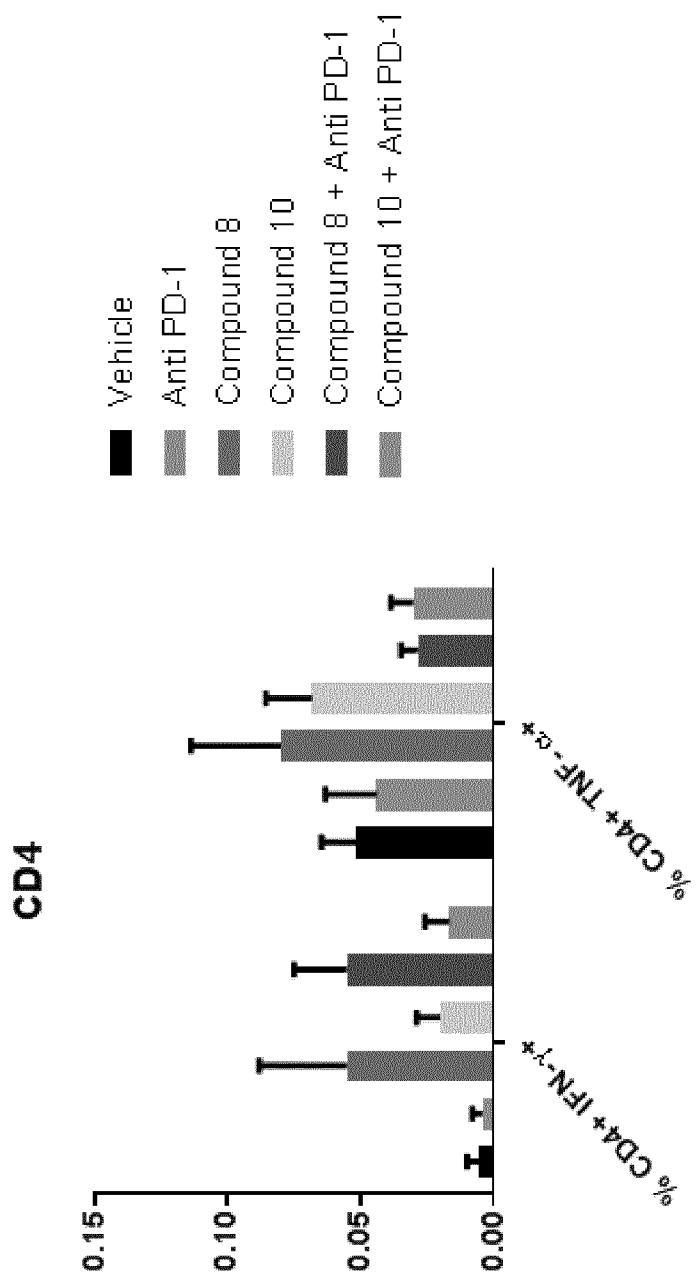


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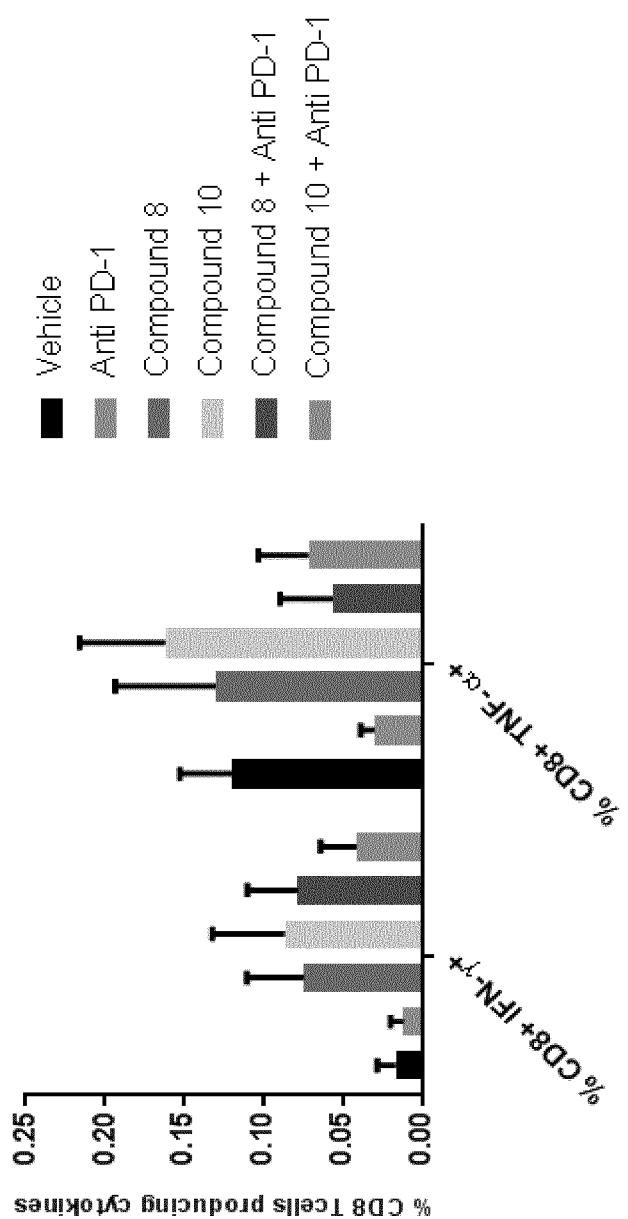


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