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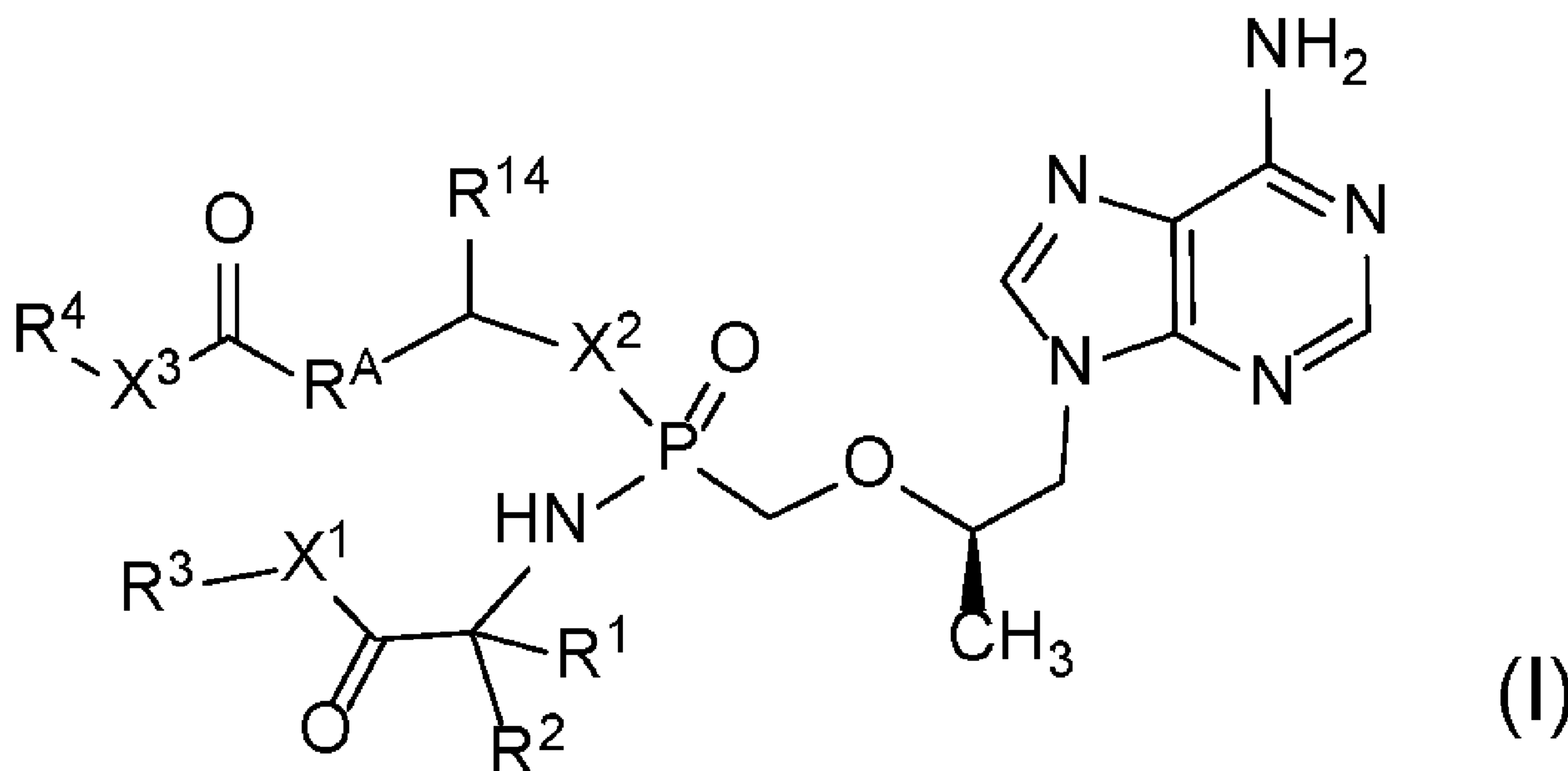
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R4-X3-C(=O)-RA-CH(R14)-X2-P(=O)(N-CH(R1)(R2)-C(=O)-X1-R3)O-CH(R14)-CH2-Nc1ncnc2ncn12 (I)

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ANTIVIRAL ALIPHATIC ESTER PRODRUGS OF TENOFOVIR

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

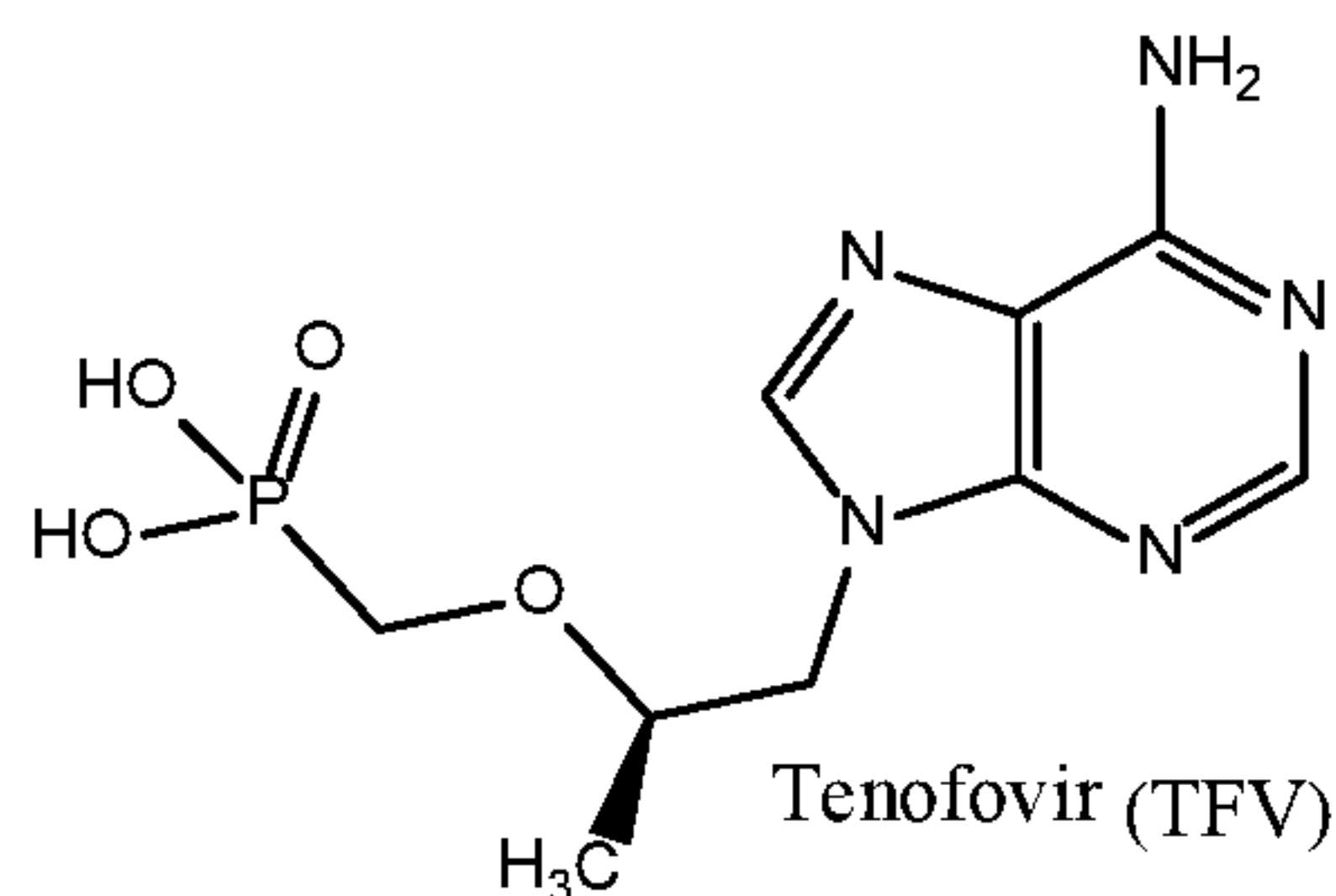
5 The retrovirus designated human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), particularly the strains known as HIV type-1 (HIV-1) and type-2 (HIV-2), have been etiologically linked to the immunosuppressive disease known as acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). HIV seropositive individuals are initially asymptomatic but typically develop AIDS related complex (ARC) followed by AIDS. Affected individuals exhibit severe
10 immunosuppression which makes them highly susceptible to debilitating and ultimately fatal opportunistic infections. Replication of HIV by a host cell requires integration of the viral genome into the host cell's DNA. Since HIV is a retrovirus, the HIV replication cycle requires transcription of the viral RNA genome into DNA via an enzyme known as reverse transcriptase (RT).

15 Reverse transcriptase has three known enzymatic functions: The enzyme acts as an RNA-dependent DNA polymerase, as a ribonuclease, and as a DNA-dependent DNA polymerase. In its role as an RNA-dependent DNA polymerase, RT transcribes a single-stranded DNA copy of the viral RNA. As a ribonuclease, RT destroys the original viral RNA and frees the DNA just produced from the original RNA. During the viral
20 RNA-dependent polymerization process, RT's ribonuclease activity is required for removing RNA and leaving the polypurine tract preserved for initiation of DNA-dependent polymerization. As a DNA-dependent DNA polymerase, RT makes a second, complementary DNA strand using the first DNA strand as a template. The two strands form double-stranded DNA, which is integrated into the host cell's genome by HIV integrase.

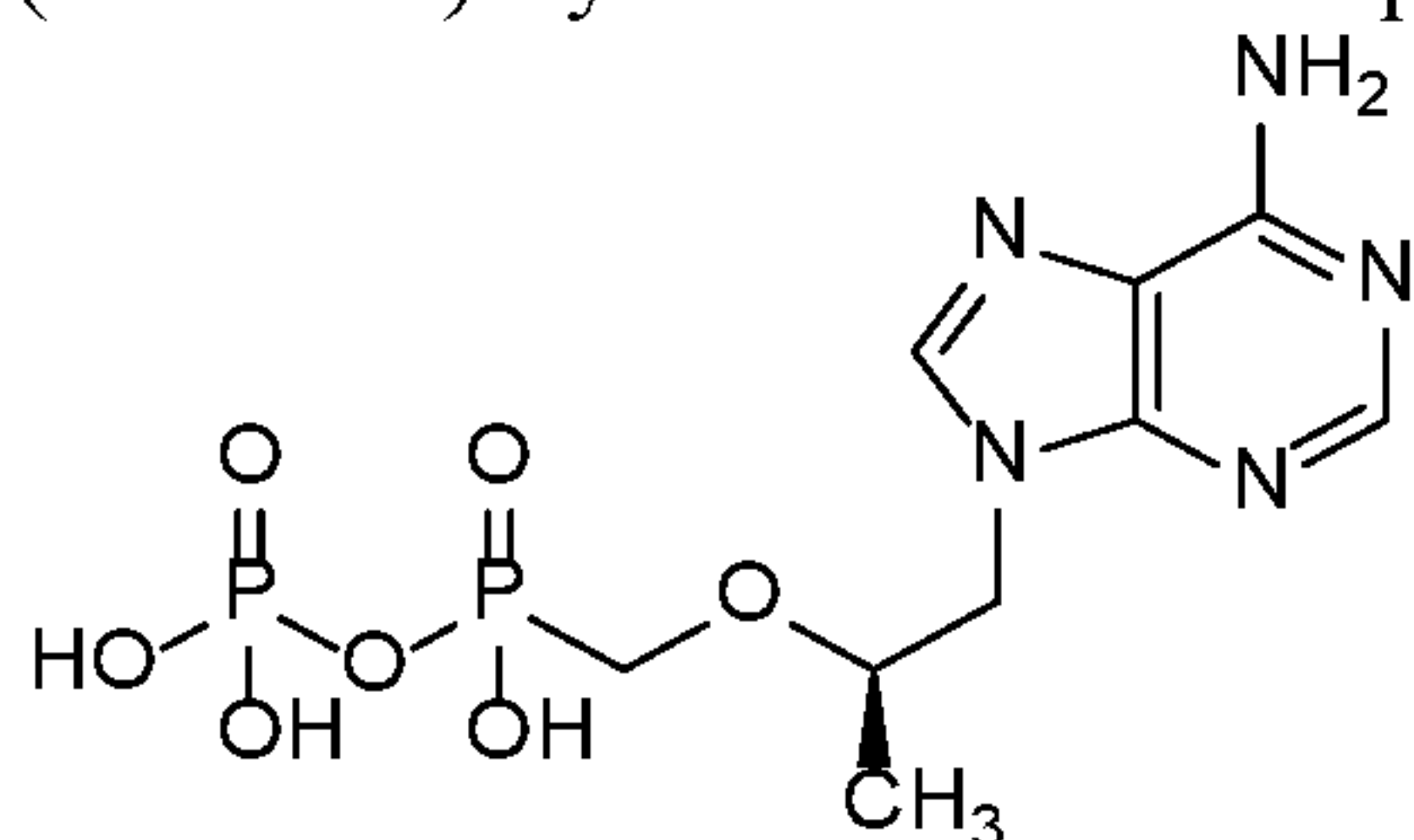
25 It is known that compounds that inhibit enzymatic functions of HIV RT will inhibit HIV replication in infected cells. These compounds are useful in the treatment of HIV infection in humans. Classes of RT inhibitors include non-nucleoside active site competitive RT inhibitors (NNRTIs), such as efavirenz (EFV), nevirapine (NVP), etravirine (ETR), and rilpivirine (RPV), and active site RT inhibitors which include nucleoside reverse
30 transcriptase inhibitors (NsRTIs) and nucleotide reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NtRTIs), collectively referred to as NRTIs. Examples of NsRTI's include 3'-azido-3'-deoxythymidine (AZT), 2',3'-dideoxyinosine (ddI), 2',3'-dideoxycytidine (ddC), 2',3'-didehydro-2',3'-dideoxythymidine (d4T), 2',3'-dideoxy-3'-thiacytidine (3TC), abacavir, emtricitabine and 4'-ethynyl-2-fluoro-2'-deoxyadenosine (EFdA) which is also known as a as
35 nucleoside reverse transcriptase translocation inhibitor. Examples of NtRTIs include tenofovir (TFV, also known as PMPA, 9-(2-phosphonyl-methoxypropyl)adenine), tenofovir

disoproxil fumarate (VIREAD®, US Patent No.'s 5977089, 5935946) and tenofovir alafenamide fumarate (US Patent No.'s 7390791, 8,754,065).

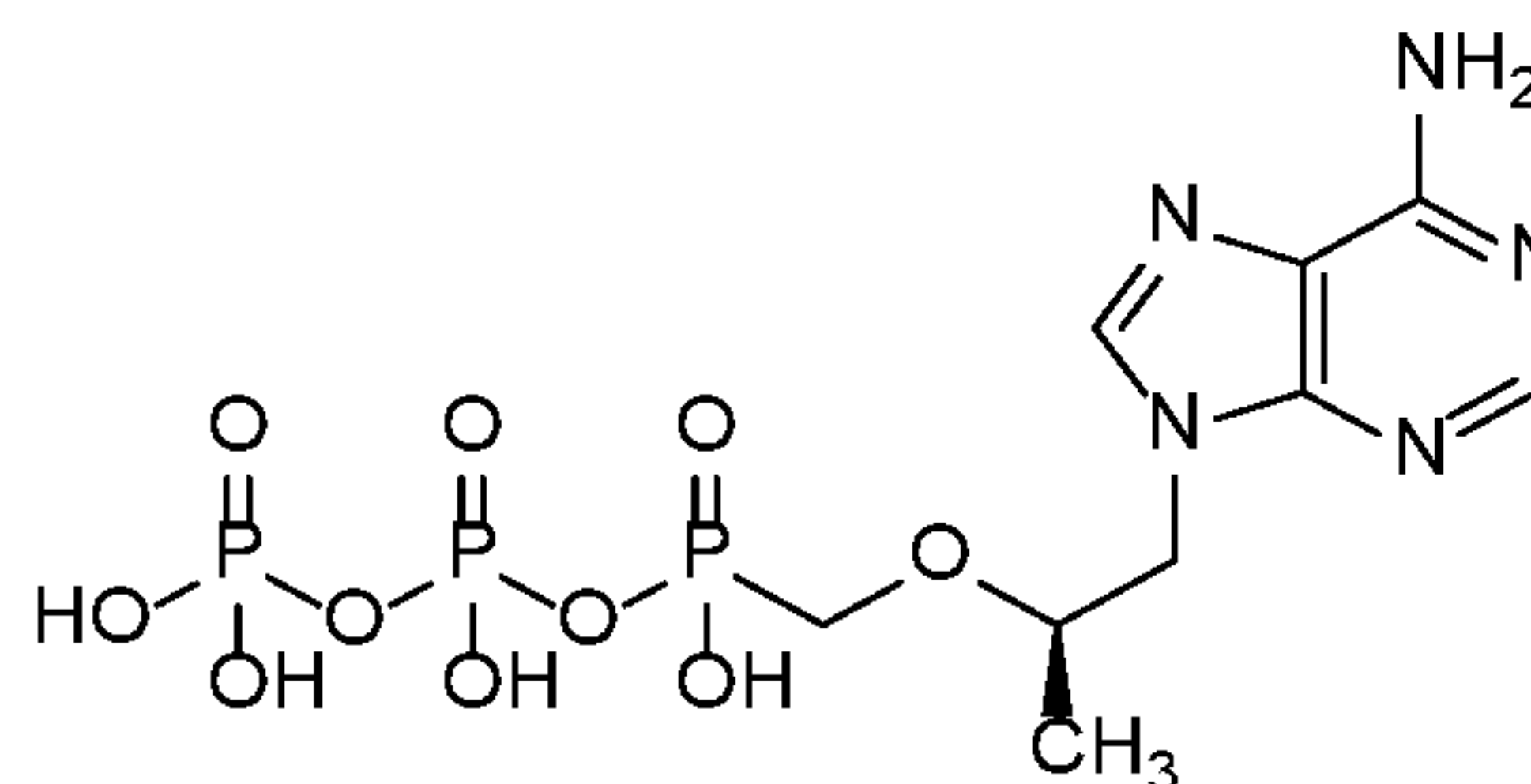
TFV belongs to a class of HIV anti-retroviral (ARV) agents known as nucleotide analog reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NRTIs). Tenofovir is a mono-phosphonate:



After being taken up by cells, TFV is first converted to tenofovir-monophosphate (TFV-MP) by adenosine monophosphate kinase and then to the active antiviral tenofovir-diphosphate (TFV-DP) by 5'-nucleoside diphosphate kinase.



Tenofovir-monophosphate (TFV-MP)



Tenofovir-diphosphate (TFV-DP)

TFV-DP inhibits HIV DNA synthesis by competing with the natural substrate, deoxyadenosine triphosphate, for incorporation into the complementary DNA strand by HIV reverse transcriptase; following incorporation, TFV acts as a chain terminator due to lack of a 3'-hydroxyl group that is required for addition of the next nucleotide. TFV has poor cellular permeability and thus has limited bioavailability. Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (TDF) is approved for treating HIV infection and is marketed by Gilead under the trade name VIREAD™. The disoproxil prodrug improves cell permeability and absorption after oral dosing, with the pro-moiety being cleaved rapidly after absorption to yield the parent TFV. As a result, the circulating level of TFV is much higher than that of TDF. Tenofovir alafenamide fumarate (TAF) is currently approved by the USFDA as an active ingredient in combination with additional ARVs for treating HIV infection in the pharmaceutical products GENVOYA®, ODEFSEY® and DESCOVY®.

While each of the foregoing drugs is effective in treating HIV infection and AIDS, there remains a need to develop additional HIV antiviral drugs including additional RT inhibitors. A particular problem is the development of mutant HIV strains that are resistant to the known inhibitors. The use of RT inhibitors to treat AIDS often leads to

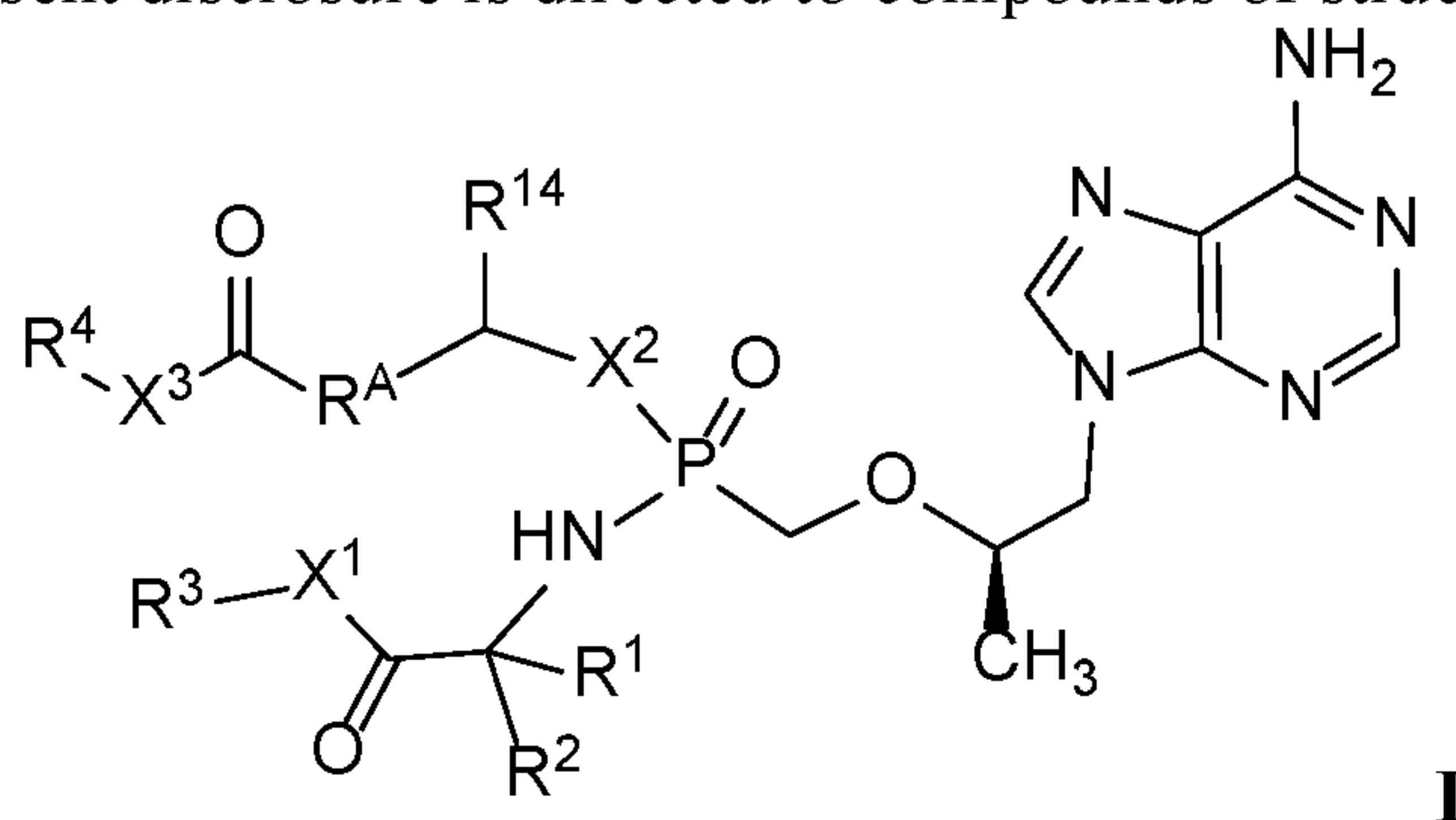
viruses that are less sensitive to the inhibitors. This resistance is typically the result of mutations that occur in the reverse transcriptase segment of the pol gene. The continued use of antiviral compounds to prevent HIV infection will inevitably result in the emergence of new resistant strains of HIV. Accordingly, there is a particular need for new RT inhibitors that are effective against mutant HIV strains.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present disclosure is directed to aliphatic ester prodrugs of tenofovir and their use in the inhibition of nucleotide reverse transcriptase. In addition to the use of said compounds in the inhibition of HIV reverse transcriptase, the disclosure is also directed to the use of said compounds for prophylaxis of infection by HIV, the treatment of infection by HIV, and the prophylaxis, treatment, and/or delay in the onset or progression of AIDS and/or ARC.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present disclosure is directed to compounds of structural Formula I:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

X¹ is -O- or -S-;

X² is -O- or -S-;

X³ is -O- or -S-;

R¹ is (a) -C₁₋₄alkyl, (b) -C₁₋₄alkyl substituted with -OH, -SH, -SCH₃, -NH₂, -NH-C(=NH)-NH₂, (c) -CH₂-phenyl, (d) -CH₂-phenol, (e) -(CH₂)₁₋₂-COOH, (f) -(CH₂)₁₋₂-CONH₂, (g) -CH₂-1*H*-indole, (h) -CH₂-imidazole, (i) aryl (for example but not limited to phenyl or naphthyl) or (j) heteroaryl (for example but not limited to pyridine);

R² is (a) -C₁₋₄alkyl, (b) -C₁₋₄alkyl substituted with -OH, -SH, -SCH₃, -NH₂, -NH-C(=NH)-NH₂, (c) -CH₂-phenyl, (d) -CH₂-phenol, (e) -(CH₂)₁₋₂-COOH, (f) -(CH₂)₁₋₂-CONH₂, (g) -CH₂-1*H*-indole, (h) -CH₂-imidazole, (i) aryl (for example but not limited to phenyl or naphthyl) or (j) heteroaryl (for example but not limited to pyridine);

or **R¹** and **R²** are joined together with the carbon to which they are both attached to form -C₃₋₆cycloalkyl or a 4 to 6-membered heterocyclic ring;

R³ is:

- (a) -C₁₋₁₀alkyl unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -CN, -CF₃, -OR^{5a}, -SH, -NR^{6R7}, -C₃₋₆cycloalkyl or spiro-C₃₋₆cycloalkyl,
- (b) -CH₂-phenyl unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8a}, -SH, -NR^{6R7} or -C₁₋₃alkyl,
- (c) -C₃₋₈cycloalkyl unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8a}, -SH, -NR^{6R7} or -C₁₋₃alkyl,
- (d) aryl unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8a}, -SH, -NR^{6R7} or -C₁₋₃alkyl,
- (e) -C₁₋₅alkyl-X-C₁₋₅alkyl wherein X is O, S or NH,
- (f) heteroaryl unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8a}, -SH, -NR^{6R7} or -C₁₋₃alkyl, or
- (g) a heterocyclic ring unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8a}, -SH, -NR^{6R7} or -C₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁴ is:

- (a) -C₁₋₁₀alkyl unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -CN, -CF₃, -OR^{5b}, -SH, -NR^{9R10}, -C₃₋₆cycloalkyl or spiro-C₃₋₆cycloalkyl,
- (b) -CH₂-phenyl unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8b}, -SH, -NR^{9R10} or -C₁₋₃alkyl,
- (c) -C₃₋₈cycloalkyl unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8b}, -SH, -NR^{9R10} or -C₁₋₃alkyl,
- (d) aryl unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8b}, -SH, -NR^{9R10} or -C₁₋₃alkyl,
- (e) -C₁₋₅alkyl-X-C₁₋₅alkyl wherein X is O, S or NH;

(f) heteroaryl unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8b}, -SH, -NR⁹R¹⁰ or -C₁₋₃alkyl, or

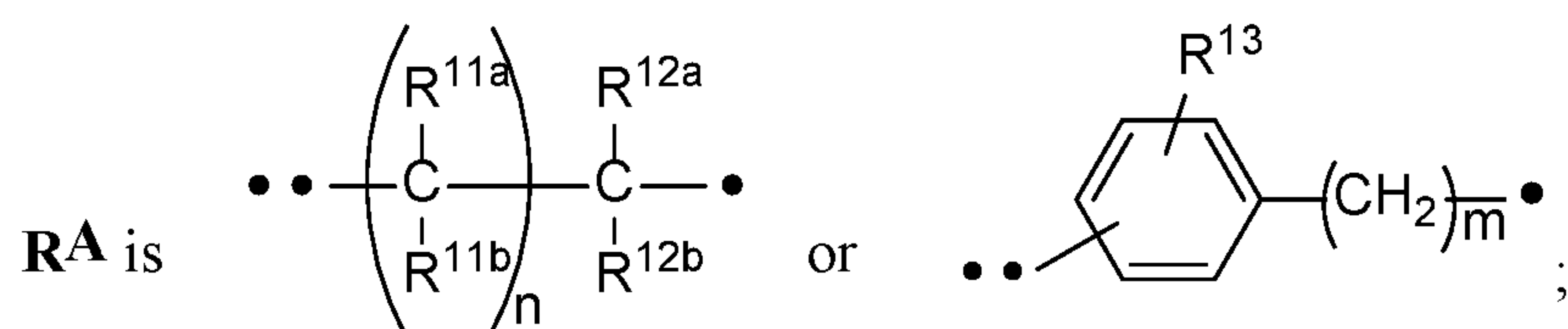
(g) a heterocyclic ring unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8b}, -SH, -NR⁹R¹⁰ or -C₁₋₃alkyl;

R^{5a} and **R^{5b}** are each independently -H or -C₃₋₆cycloalkyl;

R⁶ and **R⁷** are each independently -H, -C₁₋₃alkyl or -C₃₋₆cycloalkyl;

R^{8a} and **R^{8b}** are each independently -H, -C₁₋₃alkyl or -C₃₋₆cycloalkyl;

R⁹ and **R¹⁰** are each independently -H, -C₁₋₃alkyl or -C₃₋₆cycloalkyl;



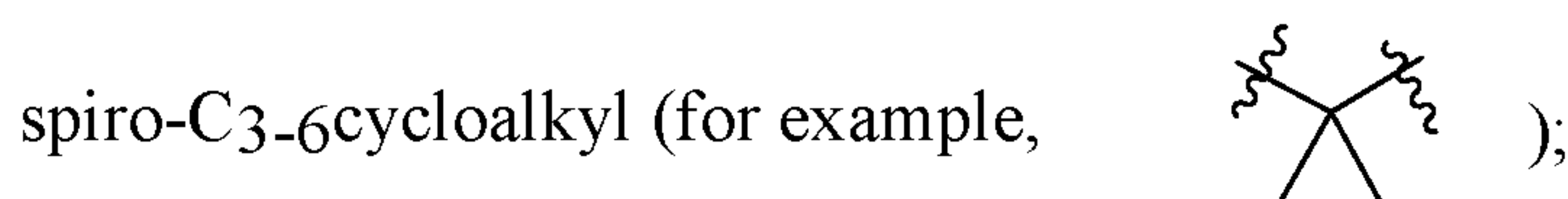
wherein “•” is the point of attachment to -CH(R¹⁴) and “••” is the point of attachment to -C(O)X³R⁴;

n is 0 (zero) or 1 (one);

m is 0 (zero) or 1 (one);

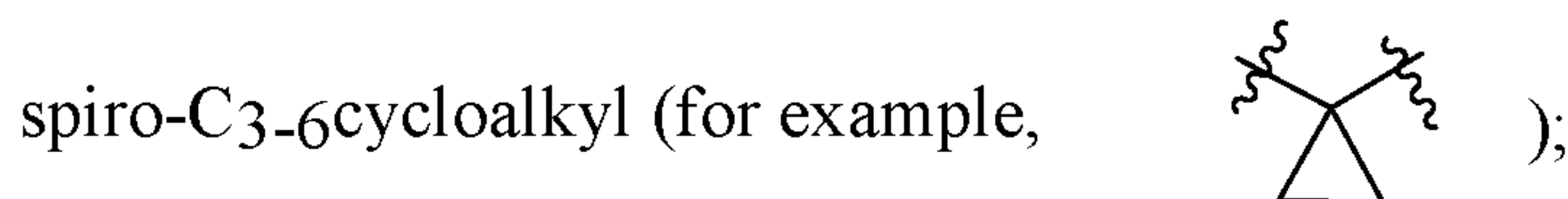
R^{11a} and **R^{11b}** are each independently -H or -C₁₋₃alkyl (e.g., -CH₃);

or **R^{11a}** and **R^{11b}** are joined together with the carbon to which they are both attached to form



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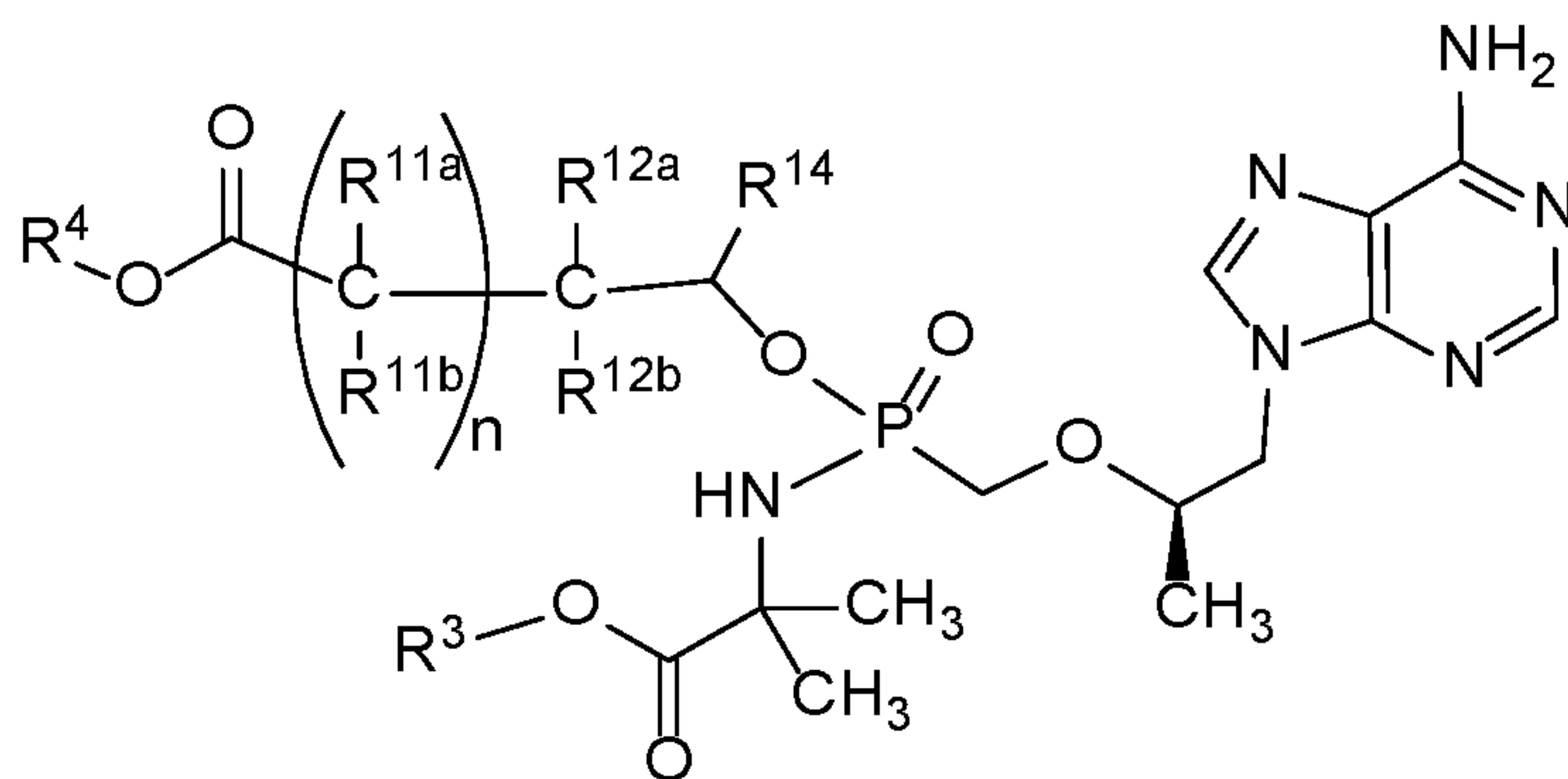


R¹³ is H, -C₁₋₆alkyl or halo (e.g., F, Cl or Br); and

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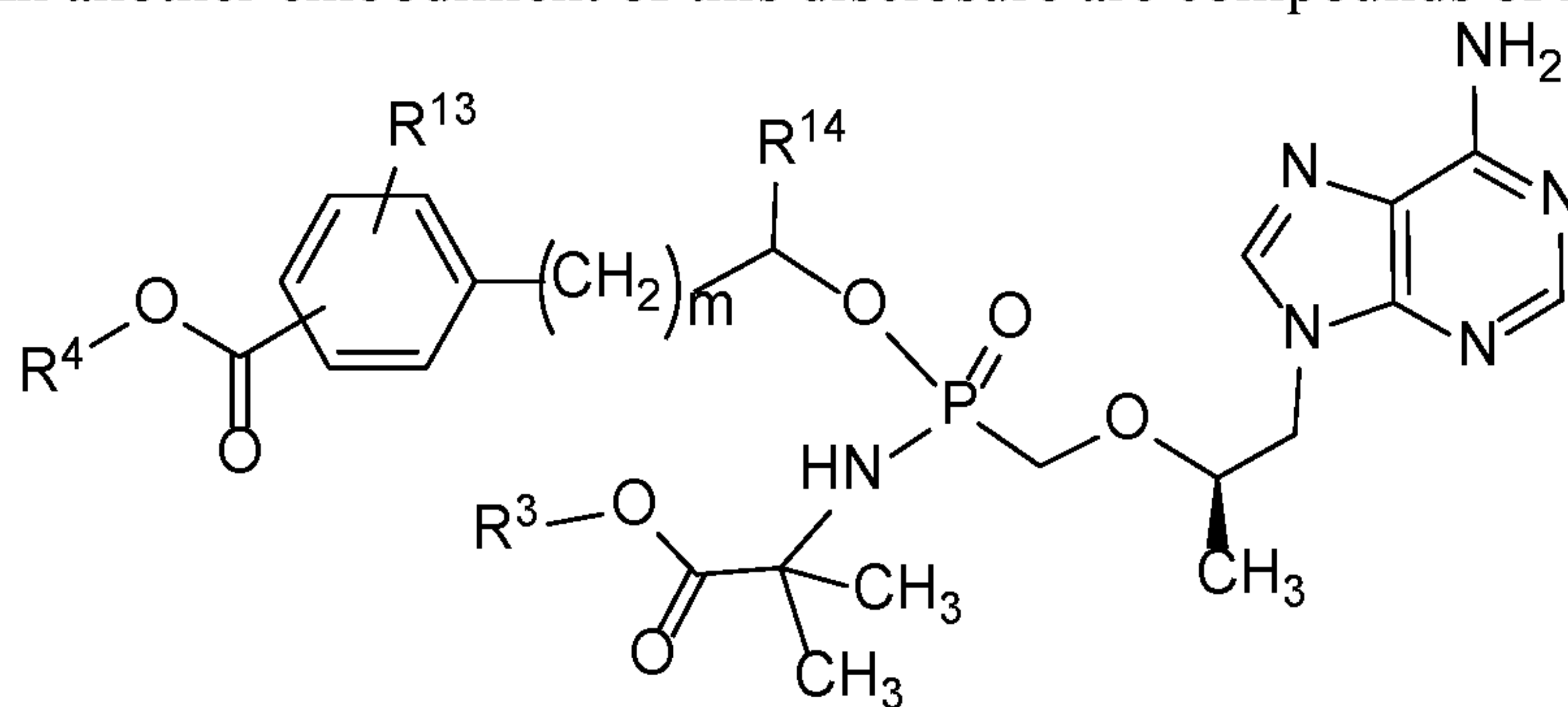
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

In an embodiment of this disclosure are compounds of Formula Ia,

**Ia**

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein the variables are as defined in Formula I.

In another embodiment of this disclosure are compounds of Formula Ib:

**Ib**

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein the variables are as defined in Formula I.

In **Embodiment 1** of this disclosure are compounds of Formula I or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein **R¹** and **R²** are each independently selected from -C₁₋₄alkyl. In a class of this embodiment, **R¹** and **R²** are -C₁₋₄alkyl and both are the same moiety. In another class of this embodiment, **R¹** and **R²** are both methyl, ethyl, propyl or i-propyl. In a further class of this embodiment **R¹** and **R²** are both methyl.

In **Embodiment 2** of this disclosure are compounds of Formula I, Ia or Ib, or Embodiment 1, or any class thereof, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the foregoing, wherein **R¹⁴** is H, -C₁₋₃ alkyl or halo. In a class of Embodiment 2, **R¹⁴** is H, -CH₃, or halo (for example, F, Cl or Br); or **R¹⁴** is H or -CH₃; or **R¹⁴** is H.

In **Embodiment 3** of this disclosure are compounds of Formula I or Ia, or Embodiment 1 or 2, or any class thereof, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the foregoing, wherein **n** is zero (meaning CR^{11a}R^{11b} is absent and CR^{12a}R^{12b} is bonded directly to C(O)X³R⁴ in Formula I or COOR⁴ in Formula Ia), and R^{12a} and R^{12b} are as defined in Formula I.

In **Embodiment 4a** of this disclosure are compounds of Formula I or Ia, or Embodiment 1 or 2, or any class thereof, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the foregoing, wherein **n** is one, and:

R11a and **R11b** are independently –H or –C₁₋₃alkyl (e.g., –CH₃), and

5 **R12a** and **R12b** are independently –H or –C₁₋₃alkyl (e.g., –CH₃), or **R12a** and **R12b** are joined together with the carbon to which they are both attached to form spiro-C₃₋₆cycloalkyl (e.g., spiro-cyclopropyl).

In **Embodiment 4b** of this disclosure are compounds of Formula I or Ia, or Embodiment 1 or 2, or any class thereof, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the foregoing, wherein **n** is one, and:

10 **R11a** and **R11b** are independently –H or –C₁₋₃alkyl (e.g., –CH₃), or **R11a** and **R11b** are joined together with the carbon to which they are both attached to form spiro-C₃₋₆cycloalkyl (e.g., spiro-cyclopropyl), and **R12a** and **R12b** are independently –H or –C₁₋₃alkyl (e.g., –CH₃).

15 In **Embodiment 5** of this disclosure are compounds of Formula I or Ib, or Embodiment 1 or 2, or any class thereof, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the foregoing, wherein **m** is zero (i.e., (CH₂)_m is absent and CH(R¹⁴) is bonded directly to the phenyl ring).

In **Embodiment 6** of this disclosure are compounds of Formula I or Ib, or Embodiment 1 or 2, or any class thereof, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the foregoing, wherein **m** is one.

In **Embodiment 7** of this disclosure are compounds of Formula I or Ib, or Embodiment 1, 2, 5 or 6, or any class thereof, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the foregoing, wherein **R13** is H, –C₁₋₃ alkyl or halo. In a class of Embodiment 7, **R13** is H, –CH₃ or halo (for example, F, Cl or Br).

In **Embodiment 8** of this disclosure are compounds of Formula I, Ia or Ib, or Embodiment 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7, or any class thereof, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the foregoing, wherein **R3** is:

- 30 (a) –C₁₋₈alkyl, –CH₂CH₂OH, –CH₂CH₂CH₂OH, –CH₂CH₂SH, –CH₂CH₂CH₂SH, –CH₂CH₂NH₂, –CH₂CH₂CH₂NH₂, –CH₂CF₂CH₃ or –CH₂CH₂CF₃;
- (b) –CH₂-phenyl, unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, –OR^{8a}, –SH, –NR⁶R⁷ or –C₁₋₃alkyl,
- 35 (c) –C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, –OR^{8a}, –SH, –NR⁶R⁷ or –C₁₋₃alkyl,

(d) phenyl or naphthyl, each unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8a}, -SH, -NR⁶R⁷ or -C₁₋₃alkyl,

(e) -CH₂CH₂OCH₃, -CH₂CH₂CH₂OCH₃, -CH₂CH₂SCH₃, -CH₂CH₂CH₂SCH₃,
-CH₂CH₂NHCH₃, -CH₂CH₂CH₂NHCH₃,

(f) pyridyl, unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8a}, -SH, -NR⁶R⁷ or -C₁₋₃alkyl, or

(g) piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, or tetrahydropyranyl, each unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8a}, -SH, -NR⁶R⁷ or -C₁₋₃alkyl.

In a first class of Embodiment 8, **R³** is:

(a) -C₁₋₈alkyl, -CH₂CH₂OH, -CH₂CH₂CH₂OH, -CH₂CH₂SH, -CH₂CH₂CH₂SH, -CH₂CH₂NH₂, -CH₂CH₂CH₂NH₂, -CH₂CF₂CH₃ or -CH₂CH₂CF₃;

(b) -CH₂-phenyl, unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8a}, -SH, -NR⁶R⁷ or -C₁₋₃alkyl, or

(c) -C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8a}, -SH, -NR⁶R⁷ or -C₁₋₃alkyl.

In a second class of Embodiment 8, **R³** is -C₁₋₈alkyl, and in a third class thereof **R³** is -C₂₋₆alkyl.

In **Embodiment 9** of this disclosure are compounds of Formula I, Ia or Ib, or Embodiment 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8, or any class thereof, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the foregoing, wherein **R⁴** is

(a) -C₁₋₈alkyl, -CH₂CH₂OH, -CH₂CH₂CH₂OH, -CH₂CH₂SH, -CH₂CH₂CH₂SH, -CH₂CH₂NH₂, -CH₂CH₂CH₂NH₂, -CH₂CF₂CH₃ or -CH₂CH₂CF₃;

(b) -CH₂-phenyl, unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8b}, -SH, -NR⁹R¹⁰ or -C₁₋₃alkyl,

(c) -C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8b}, -SH, -NR⁹R¹⁰ or -C₁₋₃alkyl,

(d) phenyl or naphthyl, each unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8b}, -SH, -NR⁹R¹⁰ or -C₁₋₃alkyl,

(e) $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SCH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SCH}_3$,
 $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NHCH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NHCH}_3$,

(f) pyridyl, unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents independently,
 wherein each substituent is independently from fluoro, chloro, bromo, $-\text{OR}^{8b}$, $-\text{SH}$, $-\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ or $-\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$, or

(g) piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, or tetrahydropyranyl, each unsubstituted
 or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently
 fluoro, chloro, bromo, $-\text{OR}^{8b}$, $-\text{SH}$, $-\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ or $-\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$.

In a first class of Embodiment 9, R^4 is:

(a) $-\text{C}_{1-8}\text{alkyl}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SH}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SH}$,
 $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CH}_3$ or $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_3$;

(b) $-\text{CH}_2\text{-phenyl}$, unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each
 substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, $-\text{OR}^{8b}$, $-\text{SH}$, $-\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ or
 $-\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$, or

(c) $-\text{C}_{3-6}\text{cycloalkyl}$, unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein
 each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, $-\text{OR}^{8b}$, $-\text{SH}$, $-\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ or
 $-\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$.

In a second class of Embodiment 9, R^4 is $-\text{C}_{1-8}\text{alkyl}$, and in a third class thereof R^4 is $-\text{C}_{2-6}\text{alkyl}$.

In **Embodiment 10** of this disclosure are compounds of Formula I, Ia or Ib, or
 any one of Embodiments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7, or any class thereof, or pharmaceutically
 acceptable salts of the foregoing, wherein R^3 and R^4 are each independently $-\text{C}_{1-8}\text{alkyl}$,
 $-\text{C}_{3-6}\text{cycloalkyl}$ or $-\text{CH}_2\text{-phenyl}$, and wherein each of R^3 and R^4 is unsubstituted or
 substituted as defined in Formula I. In class (A) thereof, R^3 is $-\text{C}_{1-8}\text{alkyl}$, $-\text{C}_{3-6}\text{cycloalkyl}$
 or $-\text{CH}_2\text{-phenyl}$, and R^4 is $-\text{C}_{1-8}\text{alkyl}$ or $-\text{C}_{3-6}\text{cycloalkyl}$. In class (B) thereof, R^3 and R^4
 are each independently selected from $-\text{C}_{2-6}\text{alkyl}$, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl,
 cyclohexyl or $-\text{CH}_2\text{-phenyl}$. In class (C) thereof, R^3 and R^4 are each independently selected
 from $-\text{C}_{1-8}\text{alkyl}$, or in a sub-class thereof, R^3 and R^4 are each independently selected from $-\text{C}_{2-6}\text{alkyl}$.

In **Embodiment 11** of this disclosure are compounds of Formula I or a
 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein one of X^1 and X^2 is $-\text{O}-$ and the other is $-\text{O}-$
 or $-\text{S}-$. In a class thereof, X^1 and X^2 are both $-\text{O}-$. In another class thereof, X^1 and X^2 are
 both
 $-\text{S}-$.

In **Embodiment 12** of this disclosure are compounds of Formula I or a
 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein X^3 is $-\text{O}-$

In **Embodiment 13** of this disclosure are compounds of Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

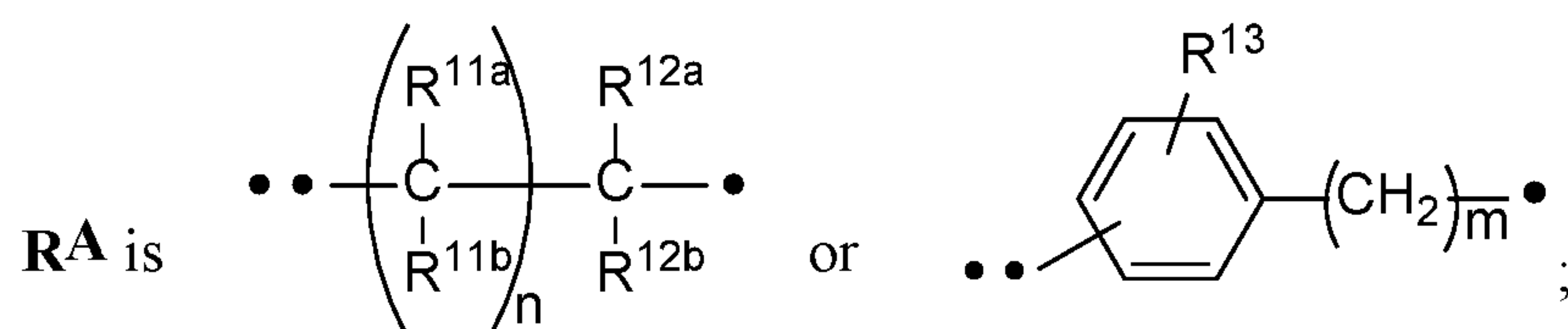
one of **X¹** and **X²** is -O- and the other is -O- or -S-;

X³ is -O- or S;

5 **R¹** and **R²** are both the same alkyl group wherein the alkyl group is methyl, ethyl, propyl or i-propyl;

R³ is -C₁₋₈alkyl;

R⁴ is -C₁₋₈alkyl;



10 wherein “•” is the point of attachment to -CH(R¹⁴) and “••” is the point of attachment to -C(O)OR⁴;

n is 0 or 1;

m is 0 or 1;

R^{11a} and **R^{11b}** are each independently -H or -C₁₋₃alkyl, or **R^{11a}** and **R^{11b}** are joined together with the carbon to which they are both attached to form spiro-C₃₋₆cycloalkyl;

15 **R^{12a}** and **R^{12b}** are each independently -H or -C₁₋₃alkyl, or **R^{12a}** and **R^{12b}** are joined together with the carbon to which they are both attached to form spiro-C₃₋₆cycloalkyl;

R¹³ is H, -C₁₋₃alkyl or halo; and

R¹⁴ is -H or -C₁₋₃alkyl.

In **Embodiment 14** of this disclosure are compounds of Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

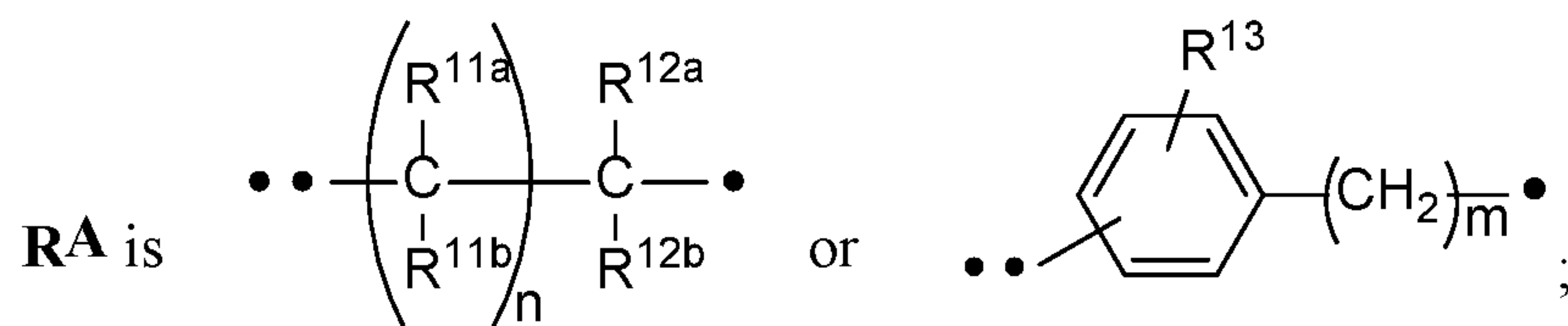
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X¹ is -O-, **X²** is -O- and **X³** is -O-;

R¹ and **R²** are both methyl;

R³ is -C₂₋₆alkyl;

R⁴ is -C₂₋₆alkyl;



25 wherein “•” is the point of attachment to -CH(R¹⁴) and “••” is the point of attachment to -C(O)OR⁴;

when **n** is 0, **R^{12a}** and **R^{12b}** are each independently -H or -C₁₋₃alkyl or **R^{12a}** and **R^{12b}** are joined together with the carbon to which they are both attached to form spiro-C₃₋₆cycloalkyl (for example, spiro-cyclopropyl);

when **n** is 1,

(a) **R12a** and **R12b** are each independently -H or -C₁₋₃alkyl or **R12a** and **R12b** are joined together with the carbon to which they are both attached to form spiro-C₃₋₆cycloalkyl (for example, spiro-cyclopropyl), and **R11a** and **R11b** are each

independently -H or -C₁₋₃alkyl; or

(b) **R12a** and **R12b** are each independently -H or -C₁₋₃alkyl; and **R11a** and **R11b** are each independently -H or -C₁₋₃alkyl or **R11a** and **R11b** are joined together with the carbon to which they are both attached to form spiro-C₃₋₆cycloalkyl (for example, spiro-cyclopropyl);

m is 0 or 1;

R13 is H, -C₁₋₃alkyl, F, Cl or Br; and

R14 is -H or -CH₃.

Reference to the compounds of Formula I herein encompasses the compounds of Formula I, Ia and Ib, and all embodiments, classes and sub-classes thereof and includes the compounds of the Examples herein.

When a moiety in a compound of Formula I can be substituted with more than one substituent, the definition of each substituent is independently selected at each occurrence.

As used herein, "alkyl" refers to both branched- and straight-chain saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon groups having the specified number of carbon atoms in a specified range.

For example the term "C₁₋₈alkyl" means linear or branched chain alkyl groups, including all possible isomers, having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 or 8 carbon atoms, and includes each of the octyl, heptyl, hexyl and pentyl isomers as well as *n*-, *iso*-, *sec*- and *tert*-butyl (butyl, *i*-butyl, *s*-butyl, *t*-butyl, collectively "C₄alkyl"; Bu = butyl), *n*- and *i*-propyl (propyl, *i*-propyl, collectively "C₃alkyl"; Pr = propyl), ethyl (Et) and methyl (Me). "C₁₋₆alkyl" has 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms and includes each of the alkyl groups within C₁₋₈alkyl except for those containing 7 or 8 carbon atoms. "C₁₋₄alkyl" has 1, 2, 3 or 4 carbon atoms and includes each of *n*-, *i*-, *s*- and *t*-butyl, *n*- and *i*-propyl, ethyl and methyl. "C₁₋₃alkyl" has 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms and includes each of *n*-propyl, *i*-propyl, ethyl and methyl.

"Cycloalkyl" refers to a cyclized alkyl ring having the indicated number of carbon atoms in a specified range. Thus, for example, "C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl" includes each of cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl and cyclooctyl.

"C₃₋₆cycloalkyl" includes each of cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl and cyclohexyl.

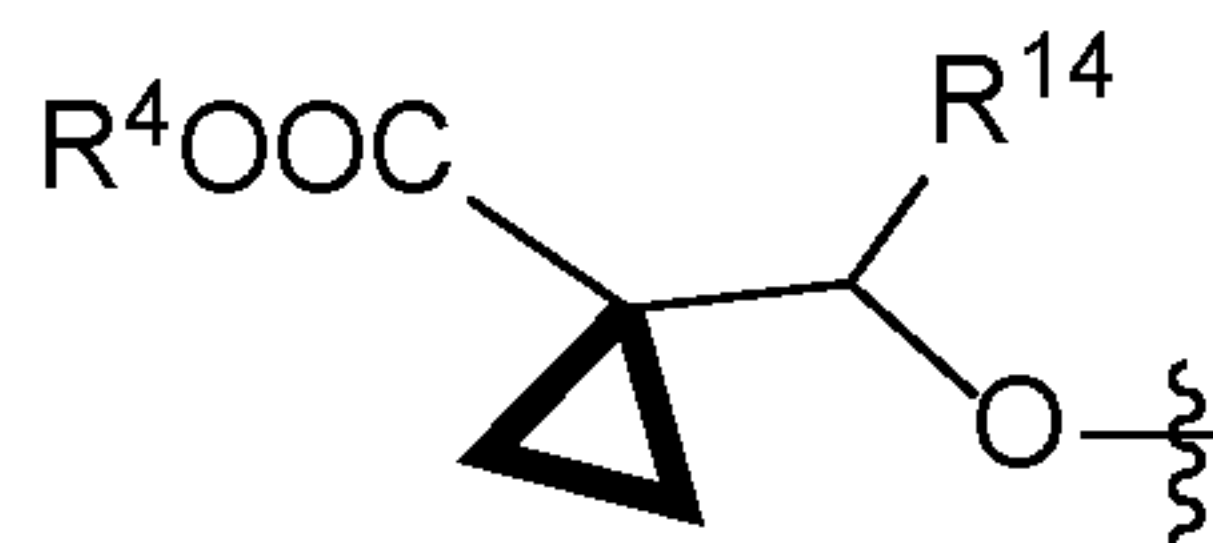
When cycloalkyl is a substituent on an alkyl group in a compound of Formula I, the cycloalkyl substituent can be bonded to any available carbon in the alkyl group. The

following are illustrations of -C₃₋₆cycloalkyl substituents wherein the substituent is cyclopropyl in bold:



“Spiro-C₃₋₆cycloalkyl” refers to a cycloalkyl ring bonded to a non-

- 5 terminal carbon atom wherein the non-terminal carbon atom is shared with the cycloalkyl group. Spiro-C₃₋₆cycloalkyl includes each of spiro-cyclopropyl, spiro-cyclobutyl, spiro-cyclopentyl and spiro-cyclohexyl. The following is an illustration of a spiro-C₃₋₆cycloalkyl substituent wherein the substituent is spiro-cyclopropyl in bold:



- 10 Examples of -C₁₋₅alkyl-X-C₁₋₅alkyl groups include, but are not limited to, -CH₂CH₂OCH₃, -CH₂CH₂OCH₂CH₃, -CH₂CH₂CH₂OCH₃, -CH₂CH₂CH₂OCH₂CH₃, -CH₂CH₂SCH₃, -CH₂CH₂SCH₂CH₃, -CH₂CH₂CH₂SCH₃, -CH₂CH₂CH₂SCH₂CH₃, -CH₂CH₂NHCH₃, -CH₂CH₂NHCH₂CH₃, -CH₂CH₂CH₂NHCH₃, or -CH₂CH₂CH₂NHCH₂CH₃.

- 15 "Aryl" refers to (i) phenyl, (ii) 9- or 10-membered bicyclic, fused carbocyclic ring systems in which at least one ring is aromatic, and (iii) 11- to 14-membered tricyclic, fused carbocyclic ring systems in which at least one ring is aromatic. Suitable aryls include, for example, substituted and unsubstituted phenyl and substituted and unsubstituted naphthyl. An aryl of particular interest is unsubstituted or substituted phenyl.

- 20 "Halo" or "halogen" refers to chloro, fluoro, bromo or iodo; chloro, fluoro and bromo are a class of halogens of interest, and particularly chloro and fluoro.

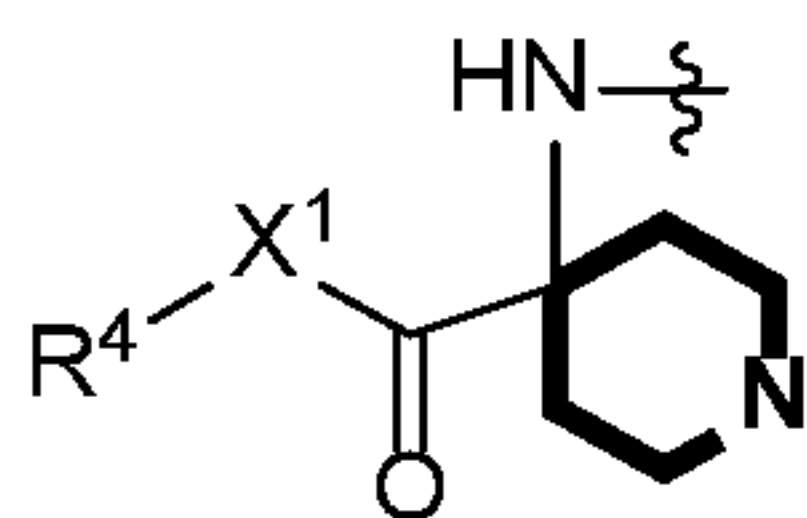
- "Heteroaryl" refers to (i) a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein each N is optionally in the form of an oxide, and (ii) a 9- or 10-membered bicyclic fused ring system, wherein the fused ring system of (ii) contains from 1 to 6 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein each ring in the fused ring system contains zero, one or more than one heteroatom, at least one ring is aromatic, each N is optionally in the form of an oxide, and each S in a ring which is not aromatic is optionally S(O) or S(O)₂. Examples of 5-membered heteroaromatic rings include, but are not limited to, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, triazolyl (i.e., 1,2,3-triazolyl or 1,2,4-triazolyl), triazolinone (e.g., 2,4-dihydro-3*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-one), imidazolyl, tetrazolyl, furanyl, furanonyl (e.g., furan-2(5*H*)-one), thienyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxazolyl, isooxazolyl, oxadiazolyl (i.e., the 1,2,3-, 1,2,4-, 1,2,5- (furazanyl), or 1,3,4- oxadiazolyl isomer), oxatriazolyl, and thiadiazolyl. Examples of 6-membered

heteroaromatic rings include, but are not limited to, pyridyl (also referred to as pyridinyl), pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, and triazinyl. Examples of 9- and 10-membered heteroaromatic bicyclic fused ring systems include, but are not limited to, benzofuranyl, indolyl, indazolyl, naphthyridinyl, isobenzofuranyl, benzopiperidinyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzoxazolyl, chromenyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, isoindolyl, benzopiperidinyl, benzofuranyl, imidazo[1,2-a]pyridinyl, benzotriazolyl, indazolyl, indolinyl, and isoindolinyl. A class of heteroaryls includes unsubstituted or substituted (1) thienyl, furyl, thiazolyl and oxazolyl, and (2) a 6-membered heteroaryl comprised of carbon atoms and 1 or 2 N heteroatoms, e.g., pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl or pyridazinyl.

The term "heterocyclic ring" refers to (i) a saturated 4- to 7-membered cyclized ring and (ii) an unsaturated, non-aromatic 4 to 7-membered cyclized ring comprised of carbon atoms and 1- 4 heteratoms independently selected from O, N and S. Heterocyclic rings within the scope of this disclosure include, for example but are not limited to, azetidiny, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, thiazolidinyl, isothiazolidinyl, oxazolidinyl, isoxazolidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, imidazolidinyl, piperazinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl, pyrazolidinyl, hexahydropyrimidinyl, thiazinanyl, thiazepanyl, azepanyl, diazepanyl, tetrahydropyranyl, tetrahydrothiopyranyl, and dioxanyl. Examples of 4- to 7-membered, unsaturated, non-aromatic heterocyclic rings within the scope of this disclosure include mono-unsaturated heterocyclic rings corresponding to the saturated heterocyclic rings listed in the preceding sentence in which a single bond is replaced with a double bond (e.g., a carbon-carbon single bond is replaced with a carbon-carbon double bond).

In a class of heterocyclic rings are 4 to 6-membered saturated monocyclic rings comprised of carbon atoms and 1 or 2 heteroatoms, wherein the heteroatoms are selected from N, O and S. Examples of 4 to 6 membered heterocyclic rings include but are not limited to, azetidiny, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydropyranyl and tetrahydrothiopyranyl, and a sub-class thereof is piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl and tetrahydropyranyl.

The following is an illustration of **R¹** and **R²** when they are joined together to form a heterocyclic ring:



It is understood that the specific rings and ring systems suitable for use in the present disclosure are not limited to those listed in the preceding paragraphs. These rings and ring systems are merely representative.

As would be recognized by one of ordinary skill in the art, certain compounds of the present disclosure may be able to exist as tautomers. All tautomeric forms of these

compounds, whether isolated individually or in mixtures, are within the scope of the present disclosure. For example, in instances where an –OH substituent is permitted on a heteroaromatic ring and keto-enol tautomerism is possible, it is understood that the substituent might in fact be present, in whole or in part, in the oxo (=O) form.

5 A "stable" compound is a compound which can be prepared and isolated and whose structure and properties remain or can be caused to remain essentially unchanged for a period of time sufficient to allow use of the compound for the purposes described herein (e.g., therapeutic or prophylactic administration to a subject). The compounds of the present disclosure are limited to stable compounds embraced by Formula I and its embodiments. For
10 example, certain moieties as defined in Formula I may be unsubstituted or substituted, and the latter is intended to encompass substitution patterns (i.e., number and kind of substituents) that are chemically possible for the moiety and that result in a stable compound.

Each compound of Formula I is comprised of a phosphonamide having a defined (*R*) chiral center in the alkyl-ether linking group which connects the nucleobase to the
15 phosphorus as shown in Formula I, and may have one or more additional chiral centers depending on substituent selection. For example, each of compounds of Examples 1-14 herein has an asymmetric phosphorus center. Accordingly, a compound of Formula I may have multiple chiral centers (also referred to as asymmetric or stereogenic centers). This disclosure encompasses compounds of Formula I having either the (*R*) or (*S*) stereo-
20 configuration at a phosphorus asymmetric center and at any additional asymmetric centers that may be present in a compound of Formula I, as well as stereo-isomeric mixtures thereof.

This disclosure includes individual diastereomers, particularly epimers, i.e., compounds having the same chemical formula but which differ in the spatial arrangement around a single atom. This disclosure also includes mixtures of diastereomers, particularly
25 mixtures of epimers, in all ratios. Embodiments of this disclosure also include a mixture of epimers enriched with 51% or more of one of the epimers, including for example 60% or more, 70% or more, 80% or more, or 90% or more of one epimer. A single epimer is preferred. An individual or single epimer refers to an epimer obtained by chiral synthesis and/or using generally known separation and purification techniques, and which may be
30 100% of one epimer or may contain small amounts (e.g., 10% or less) of the opposite epimer. Thus, individual diastereomers are a subject of this disclosure in pure form, both as levorotatory and as dextrorotatory antipodes, in the form of racemates and in the form of mixtures of the two diastereomers in all ratios. In the case of a cis/trans isomerism this disclosure includes both the cis form and the trans form as well as mixtures of these forms in
35 all ratios.

The preparation of individual stereoisomers can be carried out, if desired, by separation of a mixture by customary methods, for example by chromatography or

crystallization, by the use of stereochemically uniform starting materials for the synthesis or by stereoselective synthesis. Optionally a derivatization can be carried out before a separation of stereoisomers. The separation of a mixture of stereoisomers can be carried out at an intermediate step during the synthesis of a compound of Formula I or it can be done on a final racemic product. Absolute stereochemistry may be determined by X-ray crystallography of crystalline products or crystalline intermediates which are derivatized, if necessary, with a reagent containing a stereogenic center of known configuration. Alternatively, absolute stereochemistry may be determined by Vibrational Circular Dichroism (VCD) spectroscopy analysis. The present disclosure includes all such isomers, as well as salts, solvates (which includes hydrates), and solvated salts of such racemates, enantiomers, diastereomers and tautomers and mixtures thereof

The atoms in a compound of Formula I may exhibit their natural isotopic abundances, or one or more of the atoms may be artificially enriched in a particular isotope having the same atomic number, but an atomic mass or mass number different from the atomic mass or mass number predominantly found in nature. The present disclosure is meant to include all suitable isotopic variations of the compounds of Formula I; for example, different isotopic forms of hydrogen (H) include protium (^1H) and deuterium (^2H). Protium is the predominant hydrogen isotope found in nature. Enriching for deuterium may afford certain therapeutic advantages, such as increasing *in vivo* half-life or reducing dosage requirements, or may provide a compound useful as a standard for characterization of biological samples. Isotopically-enriched compounds of Formula I can be prepared without undue experimentation by conventional techniques well known to those skilled in the art or by processes analogous to those described in the Schemes and Examples herein using appropriate isotopically-enriched reagents and/or intermediates.

The compounds can be administered in the form of pharmaceutically acceptable salts. The term "pharmaceutically acceptable salt" refers to a salt which is not biologically or otherwise undesirable (e.g., is neither toxic nor otherwise deleterious to the recipient thereof). Since the compounds of Formula I contain by definition at least one basic group, this disclosure includes the corresponding pharmaceutically acceptable salts. When the compounds of Formula I contain one or more acidic groups, the disclosure also includes the corresponding pharmaceutically acceptable salts. Thus, the compounds of Formula I that contain acidic groups (e.g., $-\text{COOH}$) could be used according to the disclosure as, for example but not limited to, alkali metal salts, alkaline earth metal salts or as ammonium salts. Examples of such salts include but are not limited to sodium salts, potassium salts, calcium salts, magnesium salts or salts with ammonia or organic amines such as, for example, ethylamine, ethanolamine, triethanolamine or amino acids. Compounds of Formula I, which contain one or more basic groups, i.e. groups which can be protonated, could be used

according to the disclosure in the form of their acid addition salts with inorganic or organic acids as, for example but not limited to, salts with hydrogen chloride, hydrogen bromide, phosphoric acid, sulfuric acid, nitric acid, benzenesulfonic acid, methanesulfonic acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid, naphthalenedisulfonic acids, oxalic acid, acetic acid, trifluoroacetic acid, tartaric acid, lactic acid, salicylic acid, benzoic acid, formic acid, propionic acid, pivalic acid, diethylacetic acid, malonic acid, succinic acid, pimelic acid, fumaric acid, maleic acid, malic acid, sulfaminic acid, phenylpropionic acid, gluconic acid, ascorbic acid, isonicotinic acid, citric acid, adipic acid, etc. If the compounds of Formula I simultaneously contain acidic and basic groups in the molecule, the disclosure also includes, in addition to the salt forms mentioned, inner salts or betaines (zwitterions). Salts can be obtained from the compounds of Formula I by customary methods which are known to the person skilled in the art, for example by combination with an organic or inorganic acid or base in a solvent or dispersant, or by anion exchange or cation exchange from other salts. The present disclosure also includes all salts of the compounds of Formula I which, owing to low physiological compatibility, are not directly suitable for use in pharmaceuticals but which could be used, for example, as intermediates for chemical reactions or for the preparation of pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

The instant disclosure encompasses any composition comprised of a compound of Formula I or a compound that is a salt thereof, including for example but not limited to, a composition comprised of said compound associated together with one or more additional molecular and/or ionic component(s) which may be referred to as a "co-crystal." The term "co-crystal" as used herein refers to a solid phase (which may or may not be crystalline) wherein two or more different molecular and/or ionic components (generally in a stoichiometric ratio) are held together by non-ionic interactions including but not limited to hydrogen-bonding, dipole-dipole interactions, dipole-quadrupole interactions or dispersion forces (van der Waals). There is no proton transfer between the dissimilar components and the solid phase is neither a simple salt nor a solvate. A discussion of co-crystals can be found, e.g., in S. Aitipamula et al., *Crystal Growth and Design*, 2012, 12 (5), pp. 2147–2152.

More specifically with reference to this disclosure, a co-crystal is comprised of a compound of Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and one or more non-pharmaceutically active component(s) which is not biologically or otherwise undesirable (e.g., is neither toxic nor otherwise deleterious to the recipient thereof). Co-crystals can be obtained from a compound of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, by customary methods known in the chemical arts. For example, co-crystals comprised of a compound of this disclosure could be prepared by adding an acid or a neutral molecule at the desired stoichiometry to the compound, adding an appropriate solvent to achieve dissolution and, for example, precipitating, lyophilizing or concentrating the solution to obtain the solid

composition. The co-crystal can be, but is not limited to, an embodiment wherein the composition is comprised of a neutral compound (i.e. not a salt form) of Formula I and one or more non-pharmaceutically active component(s); and in a further embodiment, the co-crystal composition is crystalline. Crystalline compositions may be prepared, for example, by adding
5 an acid or a neutral molecule at the desired stoichiometry to the compound of Formula I, adding an appropriate solvent and heating to achieve complete dissolution, and then allowing the solution to cool and crystals to grow. The present disclosure also includes all co-crystals of the compounds of this disclosure which, owing to low physiological compatibility, are not directly suitable for use in pharmaceuticals but which can be used, for example, as
10 intermediates for chemical reactions or for the preparation of pharmaceutically acceptable co-crystals or salts.

Furthermore, compounds of the present disclosure may exist in amorphous form and/or one or more crystalline forms, and as such all amorphous and crystalline forms and mixtures thereof of the compounds of Formula I and salts thereof are intended to be
15 included within the scope of the present disclosure. In addition, some of the compounds of the instant disclosure may form solvates with water (i.e., a hydrate) or common organic solvents. Such solvates and hydrates, particularly the pharmaceutically acceptable solvates and hydrates, of the compounds of this disclosure are likewise encompassed within the scope of the compounds defined by Formula I and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,
20 along with un-solvated and anhydrous forms of such compounds.

Accordingly, the compounds of Formula I or salts thereof including pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, embodiments thereof and specific compounds described and claimed herein, encompass, stereoisomers, tautomers, physical forms (e.g., amorphous and crystalline forms), co-crystal forms, solvate and hydrate forms, and any
25 combination of the foregoing forms where such forms are possible.

The compounds of Formula I described herein are prodrugs. A discussion of prodrugs is provided in (a) Stella, V. J.; Borchardt, R. T.; Hageman, M. J.; Oliyai, R.; Maag, H. et al. *Prodrugs: Challenges and Rewards Part 1 and Part 2*; Springer, p. 726; New York, NY, USA, 2007, (b) Rautio, J.; Kumpulainen, H.; Heimbach, T.; Oliyai, R.; Oh, D. et al. Prodrugs: design and clinical applications. *Nat. Rev. Drug Discov.* 2008, 7, 255, (c) T. Higuchi and V. Stella, *Pro-drugs as Novel Delivery Systems* (1987) 14 of the A.C.S. Symposium Series, and in (d) *Bioreversible Carriers in Drug Design*, (1987) Edward B. Roche, ed., American Pharmaceutical Association and Pergamon Press. More specifically, compounds of Formula I pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof (or any embodiment
35 thereof) are prodrug modifications of tenofovir, which is a mono-phosphonate. The compounds described herein may be converted intracellularly (*in vivo* or *in vitro*) to the corresponding monophosphate or diphosphate of tenofovir. The conversion may occur by

one or more mechanisms, *e.g.*, an enzyme-catalyzed chemical reaction, a metabolic chemical reaction, and/or a spontaneous chemical reaction (*e.g.*, solvolysis), such as, for example, through hydrolysis in blood. While not wishing to be bound by any particular theory, tenofovir diphosphate is generally understood to be responsible for inhibiting the HIV RT enzyme and for the resulting antiviral activity after administration of the compound of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, to a subject.

Another embodiment of the present disclosure is a compound of Formula I wherein the compound or its salt is in a substantially pure form. As used herein "substantially pure" means suitably at least about 60 wt.%, typically at least about 70 wt.%, preferably at least about 80 wt.%, more preferably at least about 90 wt.% (*e.g.*, from about 90 wt.% to about 99 wt.%), even more preferably at least about 95 wt.% (*e.g.*, from about 95 wt.% to about 99 wt.%, or from about 98 wt. % to 100 wt. %), and most preferably at least about 99 wt.% (*e.g.*, 100 wt.%) of a product containing a compound of Formula I or its salt (*e.g.*, the product isolated from a reaction mixture affording the compound or salt) consists of the compound or salt. The level of purity of the compounds and salts can be determined using a standard method of analysis such as, high performance liquid chromatography, and/or mass spectrometry or NMR techniques. If more than one method of analysis is employed and the methods provide experimentally significant differences in the level of purity determined, then the method providing the highest purity level governs. A compound or salt of 100% purity is one which is free of detectable impurities as determined by a standard method of analysis. With respect to a compound of the disclosure which has one or more asymmetric centers and can occur as mixtures of stereoisomers, a substantially pure compound can be either a substantially pure mixture of the stereoisomers or a substantially pure individual stereoisomer.

The compounds of Formula I and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof are useful for HIV reverse transcriptase inhibition and for inhibiting HIV replication *in vitro* and *in vivo*. More particularly, the compounds of Formula I are useful for inhibiting the polymerase function of HIV-1 reverse transcriptase. The testing of compounds of the Examples of this disclosure in the Viking assay set forth in Example 15 below, illustrate the ability of compounds of the disclosure to inhibit the RNA-dependent DNA polymerase activity of HIV-1 reverse transcriptase. The compounds of Formula I may also be useful agents against HIV-2. The compounds of Examples 1-14 of the present disclosure may also exhibit activity against drug resistant forms of HIV (*e.g.*, NNRTI-associated mutant strains K103N and/or Y181C; NRTI-associated mutant strains M184V and M184I mutants).

This disclosure also encompasses methods for the treatment or prophylaxis of infection by HIV, for the inhibition of HIV reverse transcriptase, for the treatment, prophylaxis, or delay in the onset of AIDS in a subject in need thereof, which comprise

administering to the subject an effective amount of a compound of the disclosure or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

This disclosure further encompasses methods for the treatment or prophylaxis of infection by HIV, for the inhibition of HIV reverse transcriptase, for the treatment, prophylaxis, or delay in the onset of AIDS in a subject in need thereof, which comprise administering to the subject an effective amount of a compound of the disclosure or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in combination with an effective amount of one or more additional anti-HIV agents selected from the group consisting of HIV antiviral agents, immunomodulators, and anti-infective agents. Within this embodiment, the anti-HIV agent is an antiviral selected from the group consisting of HIV protease inhibitors, HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors, HIV integrase inhibitors, HIV fusion inhibitors, HIV entry inhibitors, and HIV maturation inhibitors

This disclosure encompasses a pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of the disclosure, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. The disclosure also encompasses a pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of the disclosure, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier further comprising an effective amount of one or more additional anti-HIV agents selected from the group consisting of HIV antiviral agents, immunomodulators, and anti-infective agents. Within this embodiment, the anti-HIV agent is an antiviral selected from the group consisting of HIV protease inhibitors, HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors, HIV integrase inhibitors, HIV fusion inhibitors, HIV entry inhibitors, and HIV maturation inhibitors.

The compounds of this disclosure could also be useful for inhibition of HBV reverse transcriptase. Accordingly, this disclosure also encompasses methods for the treatment of chronic hepatitis B which comprise administering to the subject an effective amount of a compound of the disclosure or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

This disclosure also encompasses a compound of the disclosure, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for use in the preparation of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of infection by HIV, for the inhibition of HIV reverse transcriptase, or for the treatment, prophylaxis, or delay in the onset of AIDS in a subject in need thereof.

Other embodiments of the present disclosure include the following (wherein reference to Formula I encompasses the compounds of Formula I, Ia or Ib and each of the embodiments, classes and sub-classes thereof, and each of the compounds of the Examples herein):

(a) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

(b) A pharmaceutical composition which comprises the product prepared by combining (e.g., mixing) an effective amount of a compound of Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

(c) The pharmaceutical composition of (a) or (b), further comprising an effective amount of one or more anti-HIV agents selected from the group consisting of HIV antiviral agents, immunomodulators, and anti-infective agents.

(d) The pharmaceutical composition of (c), wherein the anti-HIV agent is selected from one or more of an antiviral selected from the group consisting of HIV protease inhibitors, nucleoside HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors, non-nucleoside HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors, HIV integrase inhibitors, HIV fusion inhibitors, HIV entry inhibitors and HIV maturation inhibitors.

(e) A combination which is (i) a compound of Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and (ii) an anti-HIV agent selected from the group consisting of HIV antiviral agents, immunomodulators, and anti-infective agents; wherein the compound and the anti-HIV agent are each employed in an amount that renders the combination effective for inhibition of HIV reverse transcriptase, for treatment or prophylaxis of infection by HIV, or for treatment, prophylaxis of, or delay in the onset or progression of AIDS.

(f) The combination of (e), wherein the anti-HIV agent is an antiviral selected from the group consisting of HIV protease inhibitors, nucleoside HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors, non-nucleoside HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors, HIV integrase inhibitors, HIV fusion inhibitors, HIV entry inhibitors and HIV maturation inhibitors.

(g) A method for the inhibition of HIV reverse transcriptase in a subject in need thereof which comprises administering to the subject an effective amount of a compound of Formula I or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

(h) A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of infection by HIV (e.g., HIV-1) in a subject in need thereof which comprises administering to the subject an effective amount of a compound of Formula I or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

(i) The method of (h), wherein the compound of Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is administered in combination with an effective amount of at least one other HIV antiviral selected from the group consisting of HIV protease inhibitors, HIV integrase inhibitors, non-nucleoside HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors, nucleoside HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors, HIV fusion inhibitors, HIV entry inhibitors and HIV maturation inhibitors.

(j) A method for the prophylaxis, treatment or delay in the onset or progression of AIDS in a subject in need thereof which comprises administering to the

subject an effective amount of a compound of Formula I or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

(k) The method of (j), wherein the compound is administered in combination with an effective amount of at least one other HIV antiviral selected from the group consisting of HIV protease inhibitors, HIV integrase inhibitors, non-nucleoside HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors, nucleoside HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors, HIV fusion inhibitors, HIV entry inhibitors and HIV maturation inhibitors.

(l) A method for the inhibition of HIV reverse transcriptase in a subject in need thereof which comprises administering to the subject the pharmaceutical composition of (a), (b), (c) or (d) or the combination of (e) or (f).

(m) A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of infection by HIV (e.g., HIV-1) in a subject in need thereof, which comprises administering to the subject the pharmaceutical composition of (a), (b), (c) or (d) or the combination of (e) or (f).

(n) A method for the prophylaxis, treatment, or delay in the onset or progression of AIDS in a subject in need thereof which comprises administering to the subject the pharmaceutical composition of (a), (b), (c) or (d) or the combination of (e) or (f).

The present disclosure also includes compounds of Formula I, Ia or Ib and each of the embodiments, classes and sub-classes thereof, and each of the compounds of the Examples herein, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the foregoing, (i) for use in, (ii) for use as a medicament for, or (iii) for use in the preparation of a medicament for: (a) therapy (e.g., of the human body), (b) medicine, (c) inhibition of HIV reverse transcriptase, (d) treatment or prophylaxis of infection by HIV, or (e) treatment, prophylaxis of, or delay in the onset or progression of AIDS. In these uses, the compounds of the present disclosure can optionally be employed in combination with one or more anti-HIV agents selected from HIV antiviral agents, anti-infective agents, and immunomodulators.

Additional embodiments of the present disclosure include each of the compounds of Formula I, and pharmaceutical compositions, combinations, and methods and uses set forth in the preceding paragraphs, wherein the compound or its salt employed therein is substantially pure. With respect to a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of Formula I or its salt and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and optionally one or more excipients, it is understood that the term "substantially pure" is in reference to a compound of Formula I or its salt per se.

Still additional embodiments of the present disclosure include the pharmaceutical compositions, combinations and methods set forth in (a)-(n) above and the uses (i)(a)-(e) through (iii)(a)-(e) set forth above, wherein the HIV of interest is HIV-1. Thus, for example, in the pharmaceutical composition (d), the compound of Formula I is employed

in an amount effective against HIV-1 and the anti-HIV agent is an HIV-1 antiviral selected from the group consisting of HIV-1 protease inhibitors, HIV-1 reverse transcriptase inhibitors, HIV-1 integrase inhibitors, HIV-1 fusion inhibitors, HIV-1 entry inhibitors and HIV-1 maturation inhibitors.

5 In all of the embodiments etc., herein, the compound may optionally be used in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

The term "administration" and variants thereof (e.g., "administering" a compound) in reference to a compound of Formula I means providing the compound to the individual in need of treatment or prophylaxis and includes both self-administration and
10 administration to the patient by another person. When a compound is provided in combination with one or more other active agents (e.g., antiviral agents useful for treating or prophylaxis of HIV infection or AIDS), "administration" and its variants are each understood to include provision of the compound and other agents at the same time or at different times. When the agents of a combination are administered at the same time, they can be
15 administered together in a single composition or they can be administered separately.

As used herein, the term "composition" is intended to encompass a product comprising the specified ingredients, as well as any product which results from combining the specified ingredients. Ingredients suitable for inclusion in a pharmaceutical composition are pharmaceutically acceptable ingredients, which means the ingredients must be compatible
20 with each other and not deleterious to the recipient thereof.

The term "subject" or "patient" as used herein refers to an animal, preferably a mammal, most preferably a human, who has been the object of treatment, observation or experiment.

The term "effective amount" as used herein means an amount of a compound
25 sufficient to inhibit HIV reverse transcriptase, inhibit HIV replication, exert a prophylactic effect, and/or a exert a therapeutic effect after administration. One embodiment of "effective amount" is a "therapeutically effective amount" which is an amount of a compound that is effective for inhibiting HIV reverse transcriptase, inhibiting HIV replication (either of the foregoing which may also be referred to herein as an "inhibition effective amount"), treating
30 HIV infection, treating AIDS, delaying the onset of AIDS, and/or slowing progression of ARC or AIDS in a patient infected with HIV. Another embodiment of "effective amount" is a "prophylactically effective amount" which is an amount of the compound that is effective for prophylaxis of HIV infection in a subject not infected with HIV, or prophylaxis of ARC or AIDS in an HIV-infected patient. It is understood that an effective amount can
35 simultaneously be both a therapeutically effective amount, e.g., for treatment of HIV infection, and a prophylactically effective amount, e.g., for prevention or reduction of risk for developing AIDS in a subject infected with HIV. The term "preventing," as used herein with

respect to an HIV viral infection or AIDS, refers to reducing the likelihood or severity of HIV infection or AIDS. When the compound of Formula I is administered as a salt, reference to an amount of the compound in milligrams or grams is based on the free form (i.e., the non-salt form) of the compound. In the combination therapies of the present disclosure, an
5 effective amount can refer to each individual agent or to the combination as a whole, wherein the amounts of all agents administered in the combination are together effective, but wherein a component agent of the combination may or may not be present individually in an effective amount with reference to what is considered effective for that component agent if it were administered alone.

10 In the method of the present disclosure (i.e., inhibiting HIV reverse transcriptase, treating or prophylaxis of HIV infection, inhibiting HIV replication, treating or prophylaxis of AIDS, delaying the onset of AIDS, or delaying or slowing progression of AIDS), the compounds of this disclosure, optionally in the form of a salt, can be administered by means that produce contact of the active agent with the agent's site of action. They can be
15 administered by conventional means available for use in conjunction with pharmaceuticals, either as individual therapeutic agents or in a combination of therapeutic agents. They can be administered alone, but typically are administered with a pharmaceutical carrier selected on the basis of the chosen route of administration and standard pharmaceutical practice. The compounds of the disclosure can, for example, be administered orally (e.g., via tablet or
20 capsule), parenterally (including subcutaneous injections, intravenous, intramuscular or intrasternal injection, or infusion techniques), by inhalation spray, or rectally, in the form of a unit dosage of a pharmaceutical composition containing an effective amount of the compound and conventional non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, adjuvants and vehicles. The compound could also be administered via an implantable drug delivery device adapted to
25 provide an effective amount of the compound or a pharmaceutical composition of the compound over an extended period of time for example, but not limited to, over the course of a month, 3 months, 6 months or a year.

Solid preparations suitable for oral administration (e.g., powders, pills, capsules and tablets) can be prepared according to techniques known in the art and can
30 employ such solid excipients as starches, sugars, kaolin, lubricants, binders, disintegrating agents and the like. Liquid preparations suitable for oral administration (e.g., suspensions, syrups, elixirs and the like) can be prepared according to techniques known in the art and can employ any of the usual media such as water, glycols, oils, alcohols and the like. Parenteral compositions can be prepared according to techniques known in the art and typically employ
35 sterile water as a carrier and optionally other ingredients, such as a solubility aid. Injectable solutions can be prepared according to methods known in the art wherein the carrier comprises a saline solution, a glucose solution or a solution containing a mixture of saline and

glucose. Implantable compositions can be prepared according to methods known in the art wherein the carrier comprises the active chemical ingredient with polymers as suitable excipients, or utilizing an implantable device for drug delivery. Further description of methods suitable for use in preparing pharmaceutical compositions for use in the present disclosure and of ingredients suitable for use in said compositions is provided in Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, 18th edition, edited by A. R. Gennaro, Mack Publishing Co., 1990 and in Remington - The Science and Practice of Pharmacy, 22nd Edition, published by Pharmaceutical Press and Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at University of the Sciences, 2012, ISBN 978 0 85711-062-6 and prior editions.

Formulations of compounds described by Formula I that result in drug supersaturation and/or rapid dissolution may be utilized to facilitate oral drug absorption. Formulation approaches to cause drug supersaturation and/or rapid dissolution include, but are not limited to, nanoparticulate systems, amorphous systems, solid solutions, solid dispersions, and lipid systems. Such formulation approaches and techniques for preparing them are well known in the art. For example, solid dispersions can be prepared using excipients and processes as described in reviews (e.g., A.T.M. Serajuddin, J Pharm Sci, 88:10, pp. 1058-1066 (1999)). Nanoparticulate systems based on both attrition and direct synthesis have also been described in reviews such as Wu et al (F. Kesisoglou, S. Panmai, Y. Wu, Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews, 59:7 pp. 631-644 (2007)).

The compounds of Formula I can be administered in a dosage range of 0.001 to 1000 mg/kg of mammal (e.g., human) body weight per day, or at longer time intervals on non-consecutive days as appropriate, in a single dose or in divided doses. One example of a dosage range is 0.01 to 500 mg/kg body weight per day, or at other time intervals as appropriate, administered orally or via other routes of administration in a single dose or in divided doses. Another example of a dosage range is 0.1 to 100 mg/kg body weight per day, or at other time intervals as appropriate, administered orally or via other routes of administration in single or divided doses. Another example of a dosage range is 50 mg to 1 gram per day, in a single dose or divided doses.

Daily or weekly administration or less frequent dosing regimens with longer time intervals on non-consecutive days (as discussed below), can be via any suitable route of administration, e.g. but not limited to, oral or parenteral. Daily or weekly administration is preferably via oral administration. For either a daily or weekly dosing regimen, on each day (calendar day or about a 24 hour period of time) of drug administration (the "administration day"), the desired dosage amount may be administered once per administration day or in divided dosage amounts administered at two or more staggered times during the administration day, e.g., a first administration followed about 12 hours later with a second administration during the course of an administration day (the "dosage time(s)"). The desired

dosage amount at each of the one or more dosage times on an administration day can be administered via one oral dosage unit such as a tablet, or more than one oral dosage unit as appropriate. Preferably the administration is via a single oral dosage unit, e.g. a tablet, once per administration day.

5 For weekly or less frequent dosing regimens with longer time intervals on non-consecutive days, a parenteral route of administration may be employed. Examples of dosing regimens with longer time intervals on non-consecutive days include but are not limited to administration weekly (every seventh day with leeway as to exact date of dosing), bi-weekly (every two weeks with leeway as to exact date of dosing), monthly (e.g., every 30 days, or
10 the same calendar day each month with leeway as to exact date of dosing), bimonthly (e.g., every 60 days, or the same calendar day every two months with leeway as to exact date of dosing), every 3 months (e.g., every 90 days, or the same calendar day every three months with leeway as to exact date of dosing), every six months (e.g., every 180 days, or the same calendar day every six months with leeway as to exact date of dosing), or yearly (e.g., every
15 12 months with leeway as to exact date of the annual dosing). "Leeway" is intended to mean that the dosing regimens described herein also encompasses those wherein the patient generally follows the time intervals between administration days including when the interval is not always strictly followed by the patient, e.g., a weekly dosing regimen where the patient may take the drug product the day before or the day after the seventh day following the prior
20 administration day for one or more weeks. The leeway time may increase as the dosing regimen interval increases.

For oral (e.g., tablets or capsules) or other routes of administration, the dosage units may contain 1.0 mg to 1000 mg of the active ingredient, for example but not limited to, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900 or
25 1000 milligrams of the active ingredient for the symptomatic adjustment of the dosage to the patient to be treated. Furthermore, the compound may be formulated in oral formulations for immediate or modified release such as extended or controlled release.

The favorable pharmacokinetic profile of tested compounds of this disclosure may also render the compounds suitable for less frequent dosing. Thus, the compounds of the
30 disclosure could be administered orally, weekly or parenterally at longer time intervals as described above. For parenteral administration, the compositions can be administered, e.g., intravenously (IV) or intramuscularly (IM) via injection, or using other infusion techniques. One or more of such injections or infusions may be administered at each dosing time interval as needed to deliver the appropriate amount of active agent. The compound could also be
35 administered subcutaneously using an implantable device. For parenteral administration including implantable devices employing longer duration dosing intervals such as monthly, every 3 months, every 6 months, yearly or longer intervals, the dosage amount would be

adjusted upward as needed to provide effective treatment during the time intervals between administration of each dose.

The specific dose level and frequency of dosage for any particular patient may be varied and will depend upon a variety of factors including the activity of the specific compound employed, the metabolic stability and length of action of that compound, the age, body weight, general health, sex, diet, mode and time of administration, rate of excretion, drug combination, the severity of the particular condition, and the host undergoing therapy. In some cases, depending on the potency of the compound or the individual response, it may be necessary to deviate upwards or downwards from the given dose. The amount and frequency of administration will be regulated according to the judgment of the attending clinician considering such factors.

As noted above, the present disclosure is also directed to use of a compound of Formula I with one or more anti-HIV agents. An "anti-HIV agent" is any agent which is directly or indirectly effective in the inhibition of HIV, the treatment or prophylaxis of HIV infection, and/or the treatment, prophylaxis or delay in the onset or progression of AIDS. It is understood that an anti-HIV agent is effective in treating, preventing, or delaying the onset or progression of HIV infection or AIDS and/or diseases or conditions arising therefrom or associated therewith. For example, the compounds of this disclosure may be effectively administered, whether at periods of pre-exposure and/or post-exposure to HIV, in combination with effective amounts of one or more anti-HIV agents selected from HIV antiviral agents, immunomodulators, antiinfectives, or vaccines useful for treating HIV infection or AIDS. Suitable HIV antivirals for use in combination with the compounds of the present disclosure include, for example, those listed in Table A as follows:

Table A: Antiviral Agents for Treating HIV infection or AIDS

Name	Type
abacavir, abacavir sulfate, ABC, Ziagen®	nRTI
abacavir + lamivudine, Epzicom®	nRTI
abacavir + lamivudine + zidovudine, Trizivir®	nRTI
amprenavir, Agenerase®	PI
atazanavir, atazanavir sulfate, Reyataz®	PI
AZT, zidovudine, azidothymidine, Retrovir®	nRTI
capravirine	nnRTI
darunavir, Prezista®	PI
ddC, zalcitabine, dideoxycytidine, Hivid®	nRTI
ddI, didanosine, dideoxyinosine, Videx®	nRTI
ddI (enteric coated), Videx EC®	nRTI

delavirdine, delavirdine mesylate, DLV, Rescriptor®	nnRTI
dolutegravir, Tivicay®	InI
doravirine, MK-1439	nnRTI
efavirenz, EFV, Sustiva®, Stocrin®	nnRTI
EFdA (4'-ethynyl-2-fluoro-2'-deoxyadenosine)	nRTI
elvitegravir	InI
emtricitabine, FTC, Emtriva®	nRTI
emivirine, Coactinon®	nnRTI
enfuvirtide, Fuzeon®	FI
enteric coated didanosine, Videx EC®	nRTI
etravirine, TMC-125	nnRTI
fosamprenavir calcium, Lexiva®	PI
indinavir, indinavir sulfate, Crixivan®	PI
lamivudine, 3TC, Epivir®	nRTI
lamivudine + zidovudine, Combivir®	nRTI
lopinavir	PI
lopinavir + ritonavir, Kaletra®	PI
maraviroc, Selzentry®	EI
nelfinavir, nelfinavir mesylate, Viracept®	PI
nevirapine, NVP, Viramune®	nnRTI
PPL-100 (also known as PL-462) (Ambrilia)	PI
raltegravir, MK-0518, Isentress™	InI
rilpivirine	nnRTI
ritonavir, Norvir®	PI
saquinavir, saquinavir mesylate, Invirase®, Fortovase®	PI
stavudine, d4T, didehydrodeoxythymidine, Zerit®	nRTI
tipranavir, Aptivus®	PI
vicriviroc	EI

EI = entry inhibitor; FI = fusion inhibitor; InI = integrase inhibitor; PI = protease inhibitor; nRTI = nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor; nnRTI = non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor. Some of the drugs listed in the table are used in a salt form; e.g., abacavir sulfate, delavirdine mesylate, indinavir sulfate, atazanavir sulfate, nelfinavir mesylate, saquinavir mesylate.

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It is understood that the scope of combinations of the compounds of this disclosure with anti-HIV agents is not limited to the HIV antivirals listed in Table A, but

includes in principle any combination with any pharmaceutical composition useful for the treatment or prophylaxis of AIDS. The HIV antiviral agents and other agents will typically be employed in these combinations in their conventional dosage ranges and regimens as reported in the art, including, for example, the dosages described in the current Physicians' Desk Reference, Thomson PDR, 70th edition (2016), Montvale, NJ: PDR Network, or in prior editions thereof. The dosage ranges for a compound of the disclosure in these combinations can be the same as those set forth above.

The compounds of this disclosure are also useful in the preparation and execution of screening assays for antiviral compounds. For example, the compounds of this disclosure can be useful for isolating enzyme mutants, which are excellent screening tools for more powerful antiviral compounds. Furthermore, the compounds of this disclosure can be useful in establishing or determining the binding site of other antivirals to HIV reverse transcriptase, e.g., by competitive inhibition.

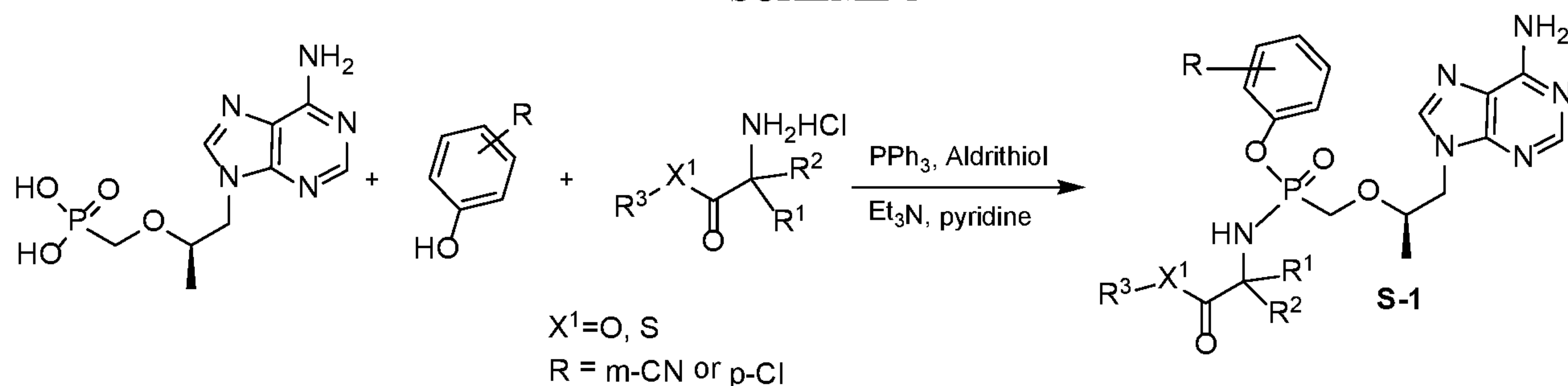
Abbreviations and acronyms employed herein include the following:

Ac	Acetyl	mg	milligrams
aq	Aqueous	MHz	megahertz
AUC	Area under the curve	min	minute
Bu	Butyl	μL	microliters
Bz	Benzoyl	mL	milliliters
DBU	1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene	mmol	millimoles
DCM	dichloromethane	MS	mass spectrometry
DHP	3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran	NHS	normal human serum
DIEA or DIPEA or Hünig's base	<i>N,N</i> -diisopropylethylamine	NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy
DMF	dimethylformamide	PBMC	peripheral blood mononuclear cell
DMAP	4-Dimethylaminopyridine		
DMSO	dimethyl sulfoxide	Ph	phenyl
EDCI or EDC	<i>N</i> -ethyl- <i>N'</i> -(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide hydrochloride	P.O.	oral
		PE	Petroleum ether
Et	Ethyl	PTSA	para-toluenesulfonic acid
EtOH	Ethanol	Pr	propyl
EtOAc	ethyl acetate	RT or rt	room temperature (ambient, about 25 °C)
e.g.	for example	sat or sat'd	saturated

g	grams		
GI	gastrointestinal	ACN	acetonitrile
h	Hour	SFC	supercritical fluid chromatography
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus	tBu	<i>tert</i> -butyl
HPBCD	hydroxypropyl β -cyclodextrin	TEA	triethylamine (Et ₃ N)
HPLC	high-performance liquid chromatography	TEMED	tetramethylethylenediamine
Hz	hertz	TFA	trifluoroacetic acid
IPA	isopropanol	TFV	Tenofovir
IV	intravenous	TFV-MP	Tenofovir monophosphate
iPr	isopropyl	TFV-DP	Tenofovir diphosphate
L	liter	THF	tetrahydrofuran
LC	liquid chromatography	TMS	tetramethylsilane
LC/MS	liquid chromatography mass spectrometry	UPLC	ultra high pressure liquid chromatography
Me	methyl	UV	ultraviolet
MeOH	methanol	UV/VIS	ultraviolet/visible

Several methods for preparing the compounds of this disclosure are described in the following Schemes and Examples. Starting materials and intermediates were purchased commercially from common catalog sources or were made using known procedures, or as otherwise illustrated. Some frequently applied routes to the compounds of Formula I are described in in the Schemes that follow. In some cases the order of carrying out the reaction steps in the schemes may be varied to facilitate the reaction or to avoid unwanted reaction products.

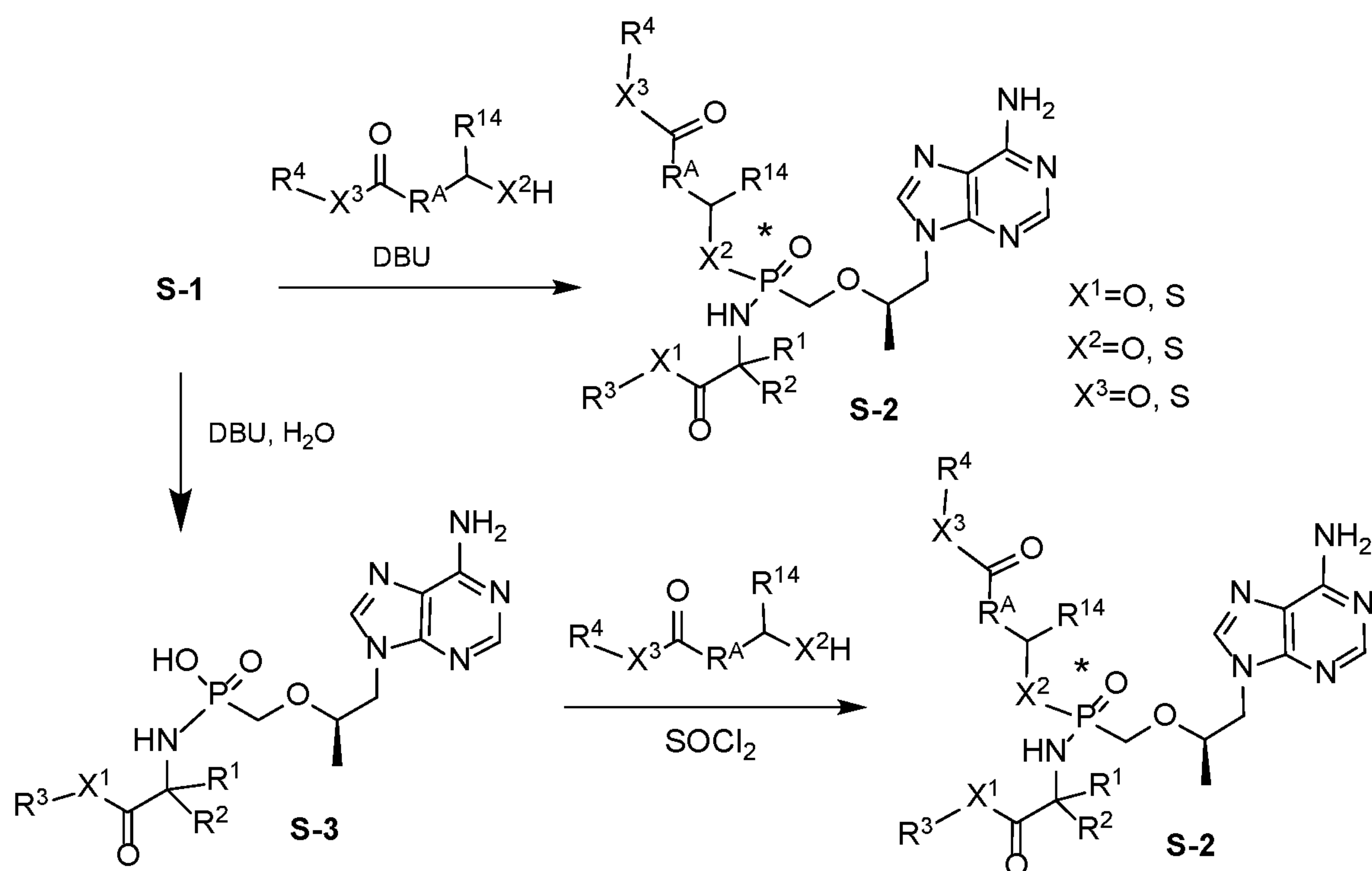
SCHEME 1



Intermediate compounds of Formula **S-1** are prepared from (*R*)-(((1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)phosphonic acid, referred to herein as TFV, with

variably-substituted phenols (for example, meta-CN or para-Cl) in a one-step one-pot condensation reaction with 2,2'-dipyridyldisulfide (aldrithiol), triphenylphosphine, and base, with p-chlorophenol and m-cyanophenol being preferred. Amino esters that are not commercially available can be readily prepared by condensation between the corresponding amino acid and alcohols with thionyl chloride.

SCHEME 2



The subsequent reaction of **S-1** with a corresponding hydroxy ester or mercapto ester in the presence of DBU base yields the products of Formula **S-2** of the present disclosure. The products of Formula **S-2** of the present disclosure can also be obtained in a two-step sequence. First, intermediate compounds of Formula **S-3** are prepared from Intermediate compounds of Formula **S-1** in the presence of DBU and H₂O. Next, the subsequent reaction of **S-3** with a corresponding hydroxy ester or mercapto ester in the presence of SOCl₂ yields the products of Formula **S-2** of the present disclosure.

Reactions sensitive to moisture or air were performed under nitrogen or argon using anhydrous solvents and reagents. The progress of reactions was determined by either analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) usually performed with E. Merck pre-coated TLC plates, silica gel 60F-254, layer thickness 0.25 mm or liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC/MS).

Typically the analytical LC-MS system used consisted of a Waters ZQ™ platform with electrospray ionization in positive ion detection mode with an Agilent 1100 series HPLC with autosampler. The column was commonly a Waters Xterra MS C18, 3.0 × 50 mm, 5 μm or a

Waters Acquity UPLC[®] BEH C18 1.0 x 50 mm, 1.7 μ m. The flow rate was 1 mL/min, and the injection volume was 10 μ L. UV detection was in the range 210–400 nm. The mobile phase consisted of solvent A (water plus 0.05% TFA) and solvent B (MeCN plus 0.05% TFA) with a gradient of 100% solvent A for 0.7 min changing to 100% solvent B over 3.75 min, maintained for 1.1 min, then reverting to 100% solvent A over 0.2 min.

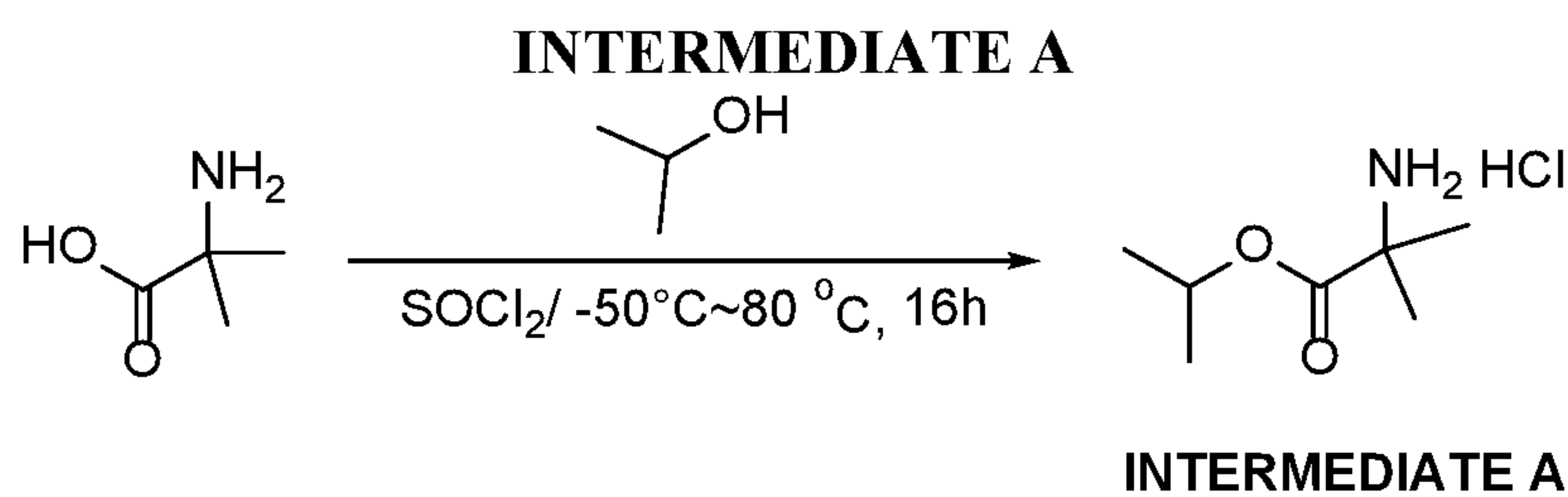
Preparative HPLC purifications were usually performed using either a mass spectrometry directed system or a non-mass guided system. Usually they were performed on a Waters Chromatography Workstation configured with LC-MS System consisting of: Waters ZQ[™] single quad MS system with Electrospray Ionization, Waters 2525 Gradient Pump, Waters 2767 Injecto /Collector, Waters 996 PDA Detector, the MS Conditions of: 150-750 amu, Positive Electrospray, Collection Triggered by MS, and a Waters SUNFIRE[®] C-18 5 micron, 30 mm (id) x 100 mm column. The mobile phases consisted of mixtures of acetonitrile (10-100%) in water containing 0.1% TFA. Flow rates were maintained at 50 mL/min, the injection volume was 1800 μ L, and the UV detection range was 210–400 nm. An alternate preparative HPLC system used was a Gilson Workstation consisting of: Gilson GX-281 Injector/Collector, Gilson UV/VIS-155 Detector, Gilson 333 and 334 Pumps, and either a Phenomenex Gemini-NX C-18 5 micron, 50 mm (id) x 250 mm column or a Waters XBridge[™] C-18 5 micron OBD[™], 30 mm (id) x 250 mm column. The mobile phases consisted of mixtures of acetonitrile (0-75%) in water containing 5mmol (NH₄)HCO₃. Flow rates were maintained at 50 mL/min for the Waters Xbridge[™] column and 90 mL/min for the Phenomenex Gemini column. The injection volume ranged from 1000-8000 μ L, and the UV detection range was 210–400 nm. Mobile phase gradients were optimized for the individual compounds. Reactions performed using microwave irradiation were normally carried out using an Emrys Optimizer manufactured by Personal Chemistry, or an Initiator manufactured by Biotage. Concentration of solutions was carried out on a rotary evaporator under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography was usually performed using either a Biotage[®] Flash Chromatography apparatus (Dyax Corp.), an ISCO CombiFlash[®] Rf apparatus, or an ISCO CombiFlash[®] Companion XL on silica gel (32-63 μ M, 60 Å pore size) in pre-packed cartridges of the size noted. ¹H NMR spectra were acquired at 500 MHz spectrometers in CDCl₃ solutions unless otherwise noted. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm). Tetramethylsilane (TMS) was used as internal reference in CD₃Cl solutions, and residual CH₃OH peak or TMS was used as internal reference in CD₃OD solutions. Coupling constants (J) were reported in hertz (Hz). Chiral analytical chromatography was most commonly performed on one of CHIRALPAK[®] AS, CHIRALPAK[®] AD, CHIRALCEL[®] OD, CHIRALCEL[®] IA, or CHIRALCEL[®] OJ columns (250x4.6 mm) (Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd.) with noted percentage of either ethanol in hexane (%Et/Hex) or isopropanol in heptane (%IPA/Hep) as isocratic solvent systems. Chiral preparative chromatography was conducted

on one of of CHIRALPAK AS, of CHIRALPAK AD, CHIRALCEL[®] OD, CHIRALCEL[®] IA, CHIRALCEL[®] OJ columns (20x250 mm) (Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd.) with desired isocratic solvent systems identified on chiral analytical chromatography or by supercritical fluid (SFC) conditions.

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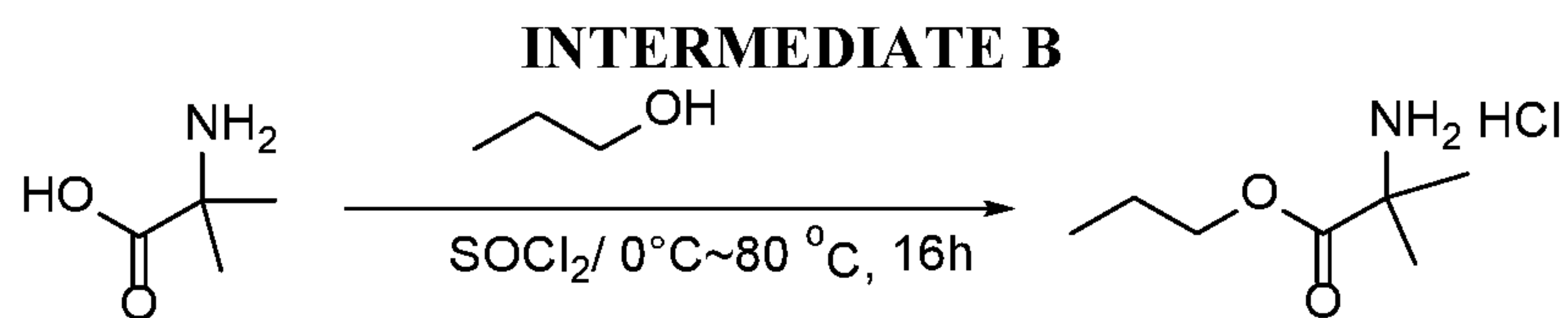
It is understood that a chiral center in a compound may exist in the "S" or "R" stereo-configuration, or as a mixture of both. Within a molecule, each bond drawn as a straight line from a chiral center includes both the (R) and (S) stereoisomers as well as mixtures thereof. The compounds of the disclosure herein including those in Examples 1-14 contain a phosphorus chiral center. The isomer mixture in each of Examples 1-14 were separated, providing an Isomer #A, e.g., Isomer 1 A (faster eluting isomer) and an Isomer #B, e.g., Isomer 1B (slower eluting isomer), based on their observed elution order resulting from the separation as performed in the Example. Elution time and/or order of separated isomers may differ if performed under conditions different than those employed herein. Absolute stereochemistry (R or S) of the phosphorus chiral center in each of the "A" and "B" separated stereoisomers in Examples 1-6 and 8-14 was not determined, and "A" and "B" only refer to elution order. Absolute stereochemistry (R or S) of the phosphorus chiral center was determined for each of the "A" and "B" separated isomers in Example 7. An asterisk (*) may be used in the associated chemical structure drawings of the Example compounds to indicate the phosphorus chiral center.

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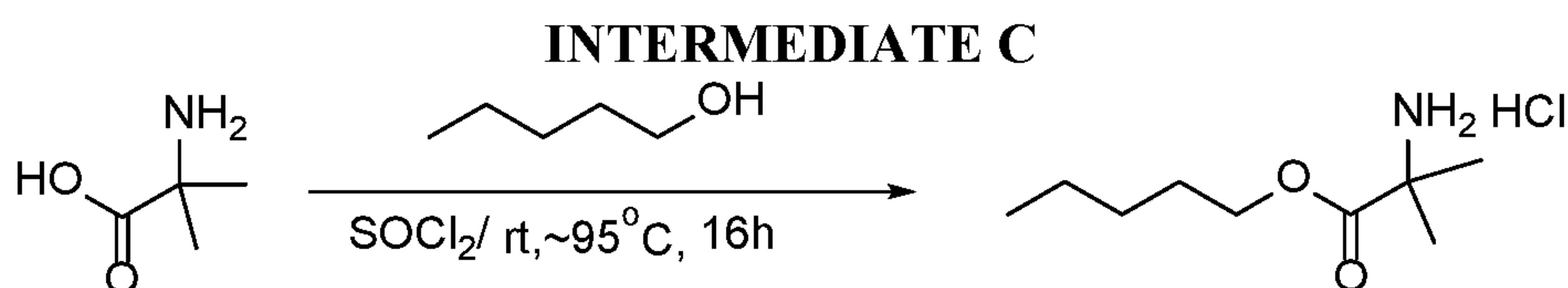


Isopropyl 2-amino-2-methylpropanoate hydrochloride: To a solution of 2-amino-2-methylpropanoic acid (20 g, 194 mmol) in propan-2-ol (200 mL) was added dropwise thionyl chloride (98 g, 833 mmol) at -50°C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80°C for 16 hours. The resulting reaction mixture was cooled down to RT, and then concentrated under reduced pressure to give a residue, which was triturated with diethyl ether to afford the title compound: ¹H NMR (400MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.55 (brs, 3H), 4.98 (heptuplet, *J*=6.25Hz, 1H), 1.45 (s, 6H), 1.44 (s, 1H), 1.24 (d, *J*=6.25Hz, 6H).

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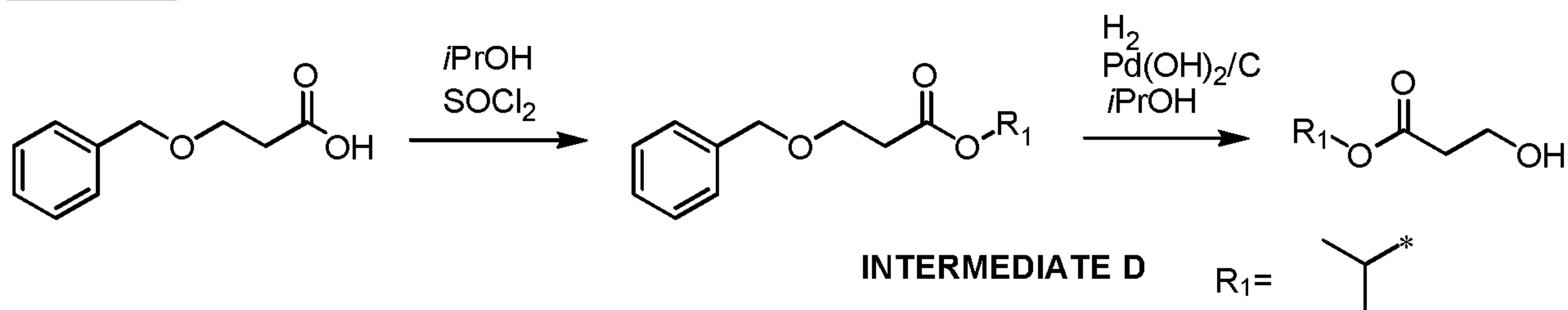
Propyl 2-amino-2-methylpropanoate hydrochloride: To a solution of 2-amino-2-methylpropanoic acid (5 g, 48.5 mmol) in propan-1-ol (150 mL) at 0°C was added dropwise thionyl chloride (11.54 g, 97 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated at 80°C overnight. The resulting reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to give a residue, which was triturated with diethyl ether to afford the title compound: ¹H NMR (400MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8, 61 (brs, 3H), 4.13 (t, *J*=6.40Hz, 2H), 1.68-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.48 (s, 6H), 0.91 (t, *J*=7.43Hz, 3H).



Pentyl 2-amino-2-methylpropanoate hydrochloride: To a solution of 2-amino-2-methylpropanoic acid (6 g, 58.2 mmol) in pentan-1-ol (100 mL) was added dropwise at RT thionyl chloride (17.31 g, 145 mmol). The mixture was heated at 95°C overnight. The resulting reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to give a residue, which was triturated with diethyl ether to afford the title compound: ¹H NMR (400MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8,68 (brs, 3H), 4.15 (t, *J*=6.50Hz, 2H), 1.65-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.48 (s, 6H), 1.33-1.29 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, *J*=7.12Hz, 3H).

INTERMEDIATE D

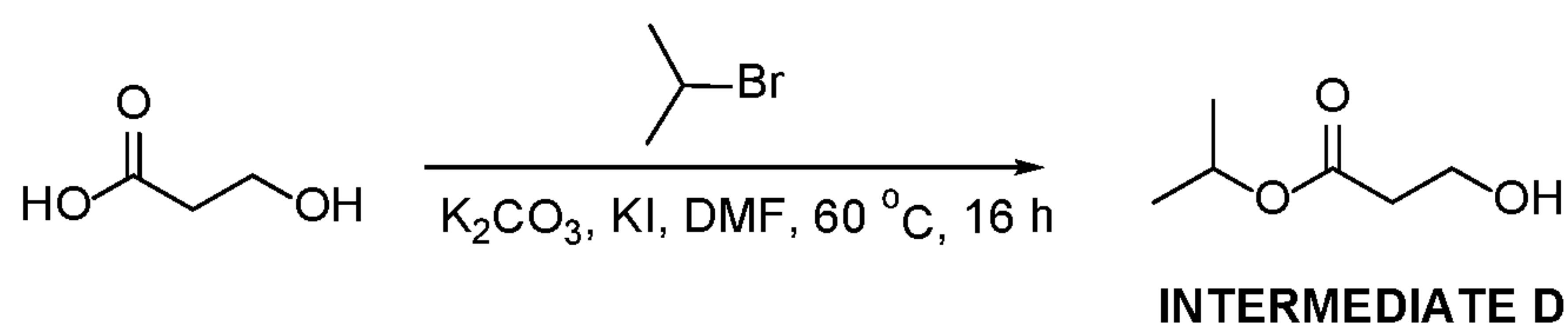
Method 1:



Isopropyl 3-hydroxypropanoate: *Step 1*: To a solution of 3-(benzyloxy)propanoic acid (10.0 g, 55.5 mmol) in propan-2-ol (84 mL) at RT was added dropwise thionyl chloride (4.46 mL, 61 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT overnight. The reaction mixture was

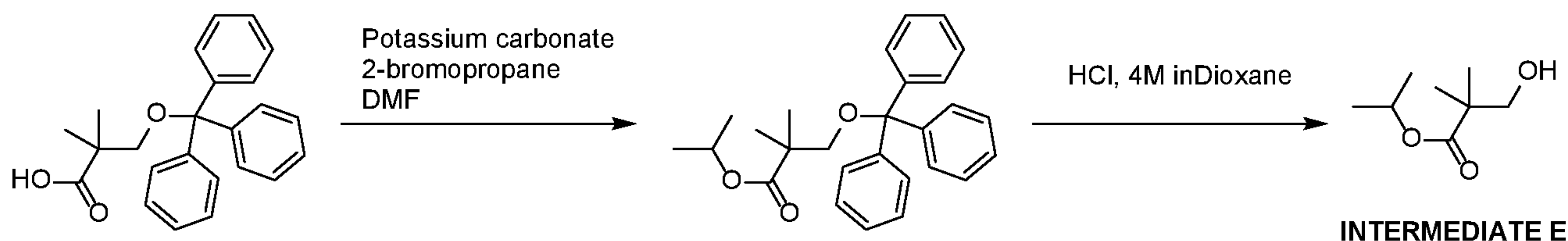
concentrated under reduced pressure and used directly in the next step without further purification. *Step 2:* To a solution of isopropyl 3-(benzyloxy)propanoate (11.99 g, 53.9 mmol) in propan-2-ol (130 mL) was added palladium hydroxide on Carbon (1.8 g, 16.91 mmol). After 3 times vacuo/nitrogen, the reaction mixture was stirred under hydrogen at RT overnight. The resulting mixture was filtered on a pad of CELITE® (diatomaceous earth), the filtrate was partially concentrated under reduced pressure, and then further palladium hydroxide on Carbon (1.8 g, 16.91 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred under hydrogen at RT for 4 days. The resulting mixture was filtered on a pad of CELITE®. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the title compound. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 4.89 (heptuplet, *J*= 6.27Hz, 1H), 4.64 (brs, 1H), 3.62 (t, *J*= 6.19Hz, 2H), 2.38 (t, *J*= 6.19Hz, 2H), 1.18 (d, *J*= 6.27Hz, 6H).

Method 2:



To a solution of 3-hydroxypropanoic acid (15 g, 167 mmol) in DMF (100 mL) were added 2-bromopropane (27 g, 216 mmol), potassium carbonate (58 g, 416 mmol) and potassium iodide (1 g, 8 mmol) at RT. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 16 hours. After cooling down to RT, the reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate was diluted with water (200 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 400 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (3 x 100 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc:10% to 20%) to afford the title compound. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.07-4.99 (m, 1H), 3.83 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 6H).

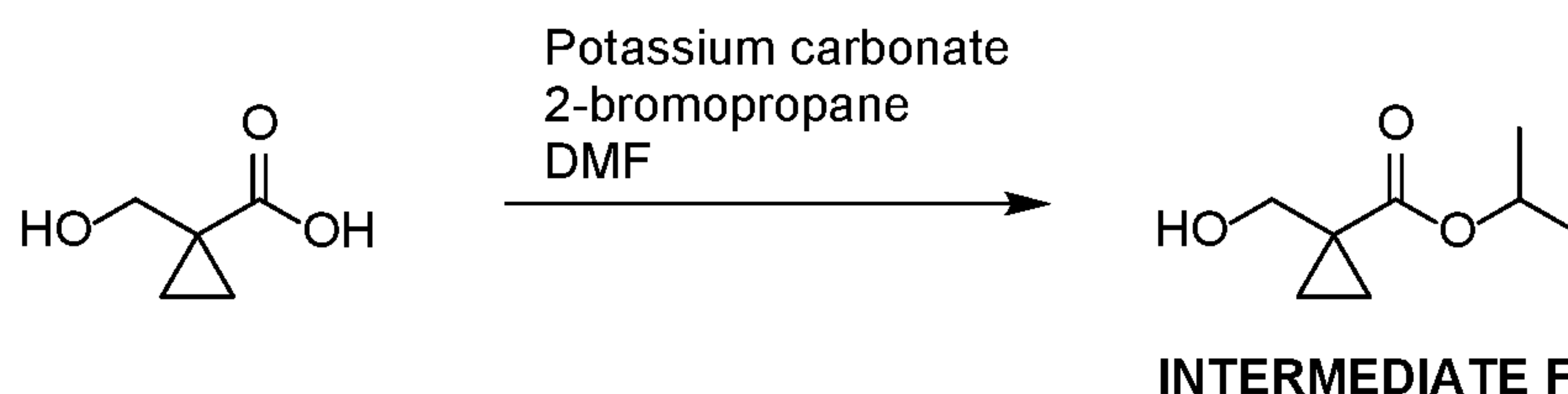
INTERMEDIATE E



Isopropyl 3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethylpropanoate: *Step 1:* To a solution of 2,2-dimethyl-3-(trityloxy)propanoic acid (10 g, 27.7 mmol) and potassium carbonate (4.60 g, 33.3 mmol) in

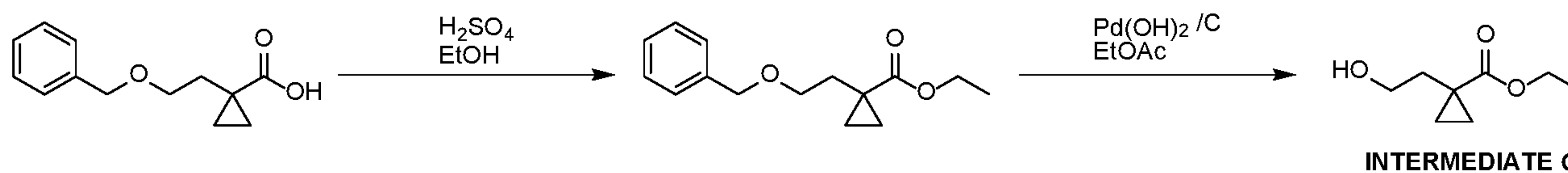
DMF (100 mL) at 0°C under nitrogen was added 2-bromopropane (3.13 mL, 33.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60°C for 24 h, and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was dissolved in water and ethyl acetate. The aqueous layer was washed three times with ethyl acetate, and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the expected compound. *Step 2:* To a solution of isopropyl 2,2-dimethyl-3-(trityloxy)propanoate (11 g, 27.3 mmol) in dioxane (10 mL) was added hydrochloric acid, 4M in dioxane (13.66 mL, 54.7 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 2 h, and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (DCM/MeOH) to afford the title compound. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 4.85 (heptuplet, *J*= 6.29Hz, 1H), 4.74 (brs, 1H), 3.38 (s, 2H), 1.16 (d, *J*= 6.29Hz, 6H), 1.04 (s, 6H).

INTERMEDIATE F



Isopropyl 1-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate: INTERMEDIATE F was synthesized according to previous scheme and to that step 1 of method described for synthesis of INTERMEDIATE E starting from 1-(hydroxymethyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylic acid to afford the title compound. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 4.85 (heptuplet, *J*= 6.24Hz, 1H), 4.56 (t, *J*= 5.76Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J*= 5.76Hz, 2H), 1.15 (d, *J*= 6.24Hz, 6H), 0.99-0.96 (m, 2H), 0.85-0.83 (m, 2H).

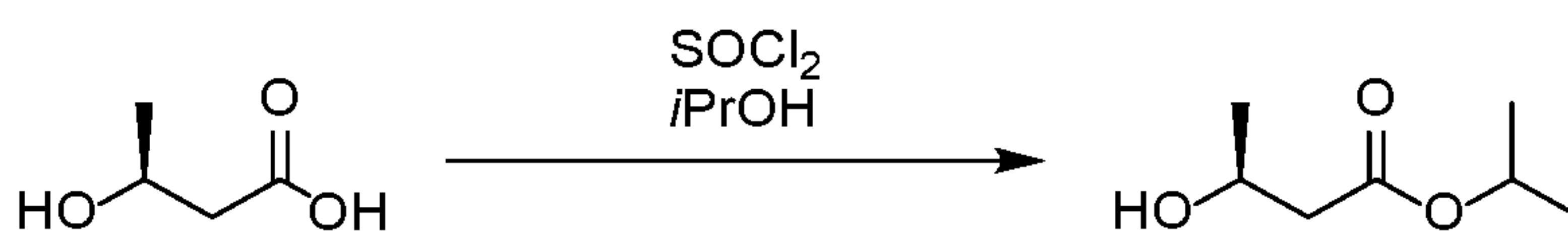
INTERMEDIATE G



Ethyl 1-(2-hydroxyethyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate: *Step 1:* To a suspension of 1-(2-(benzyloxy)ethyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylic acid (5 g, 22.70 mmol) in EtOH (113 mL, 22.70 mmol) was added dropwise sulfuric acid (4.84 mL, 91 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80° C for 4 hours. The resulting reaction mixture was then cooled down to RT, diluted with dichloromethane and washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution. The organic layer was dried, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to

afford the expected intermediate. *Step 2:* To a solution of ethyl 1-(2-(benzyloxy)ethyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate (5.54g, 22.31 mmol) in EtOAc (80 mL) was added palladium hydroxide on carbon (1.567 g, 2.23 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT under hydrogen pressure for 2 hours. The resulting reaction mixture was filtered through a CELITE® pad and washed with EtOAc. The resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure at RT to afford the title compound. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.11 (q, *J*= 7.14Hz, 2H), 3.78 (t, *J*= 6.12Hz, 2H), 1.82 (t, *J*= 6.12Hz, 2H), 1.28-1.24 (m, 2H), 1.23 (d, *J*= 7.14Hz, 3H), 0.78-0.75 (m, 2H).

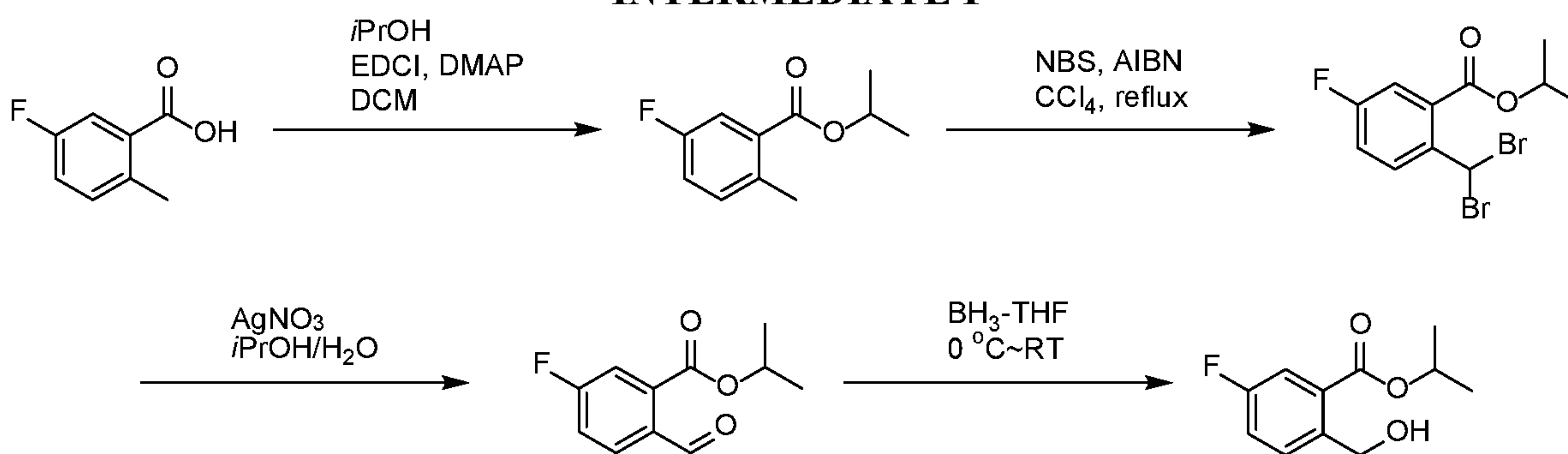
INTERMEDIATE H



INTERMEDIATE H

Isopropyl (S)-3-hydroxybutanoate: To a solution of (S)-3-hydroxybutanoic acid (0.565 g, 5.43 mmol) in propan-2-ol (5.52 mL) was added dropwise thionyl chloride (0.79 mL, 10.85 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80°C overnight, and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was diluted with EtOAc, washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution, dried and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the title compound. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.06 (heptuplet, *J*= 6.26Hz, 1H), 4.22-4.14 (m, 1H), 2.47 (dd, *J*= 16.40Hz, 3.44Hz, 1H), 2.38 (dd, *J*= 16.40Hz, 8.68Hz, 1H), 1.25 (d, *J*= 6.26Hz, 6H), 1.22 (d, *J*= 6.33Hz, 3H).

INTERMEDIATE I

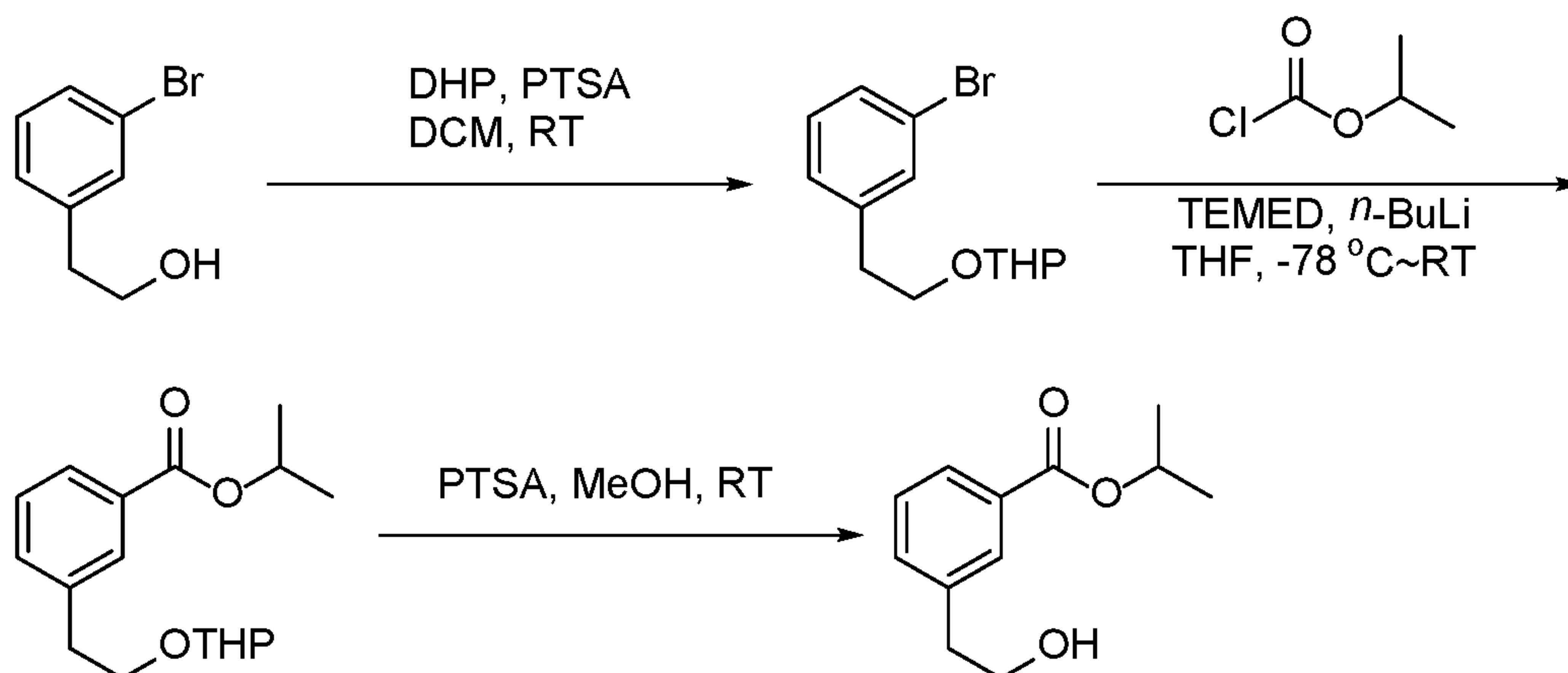


INTERMEDIATE I

Isopropyl 5-fluoro-2-(hydroxymethyl)benzoate: *Step 1:* To a solution of 5-fluoro-2-methylbenzoic acid (20 g, 130 mmol) in DCM (200 mL) were added *N*-ethyl-*N'*-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide hydrochloride (36 g, 188 mmol), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (45 g, 368 mmol) and propan-2-ol (23 g, 390 mmol) at RT. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 5 hours, and then was concentrated under

reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc: 2 to 5%) to afford the expected intermediate: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.59-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.06 (m, 1H), 5.26-5.20 (m, 1H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 1.37 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 6H). *Step 2:* To a solution of isopropyl 5-fluoro-2-methylbenzoate (5.0 g, 25.5 mmol) in carbon tetrachloride (100 mL) were added *N*-bromosuccinimide (13.6 g, 76.4 mmol) and azodiisobutyronitrile (1.3 g, 7.7 mmol). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 16 hours. After cooling down to RT, the resulting reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc: 2 to 3%) to afford the expected intermediate: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18-8.14 (m, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 1H), 5.31-5.25 (m, 1H), 1.41 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 6H). *Step 3:* A solution of isopropyl 2-(dibromomethyl)-5-fluorobenzoate (2.0 g, 6.0 mmol) in isopropanol (60 mL) and water (15 mL) was treated with silver nitrate (3.0 g, 18.0 mmol) for 30 min. at RT. The resulting reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (200 mL) and a filtration was performed. The filtrate was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc: 1 to 5%) to afford the expected intermediate: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.56 (s, 1H), 8.00-7.97 (m, 1H), 7.63-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 1H), 5.34-5.28 (m, 1H), 1.40 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 6H). *Step 4:* To a solution of isopropyl 5-fluoro-2-formylbenzoate (1.10 g, 5.24 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added 1 *M* solution of borane in THF (7.86 mL, 7.86 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 30 min, and then quenched with water (50 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 30 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc: 1 to 10%) to afford the title compound: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 1H), 5.32-5.26 (m, 1H), 4.77 (s, 2H), 1.42 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 6H).

INTERMEDIATE J

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Isopropyl 3-(2-hydroxyethyl)benzoate: Step 1: To a solution of 2-(3-bromophenyl)ethanol (5.0 g, 25.0 mmol) in DCM (50 mL) were added 3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran (12.5 g, 62.0 mmol) and 4-methylbenzenesulfonic acid (0.3 g, 0.10 mmol) at RT. The reaction mixture was stirred

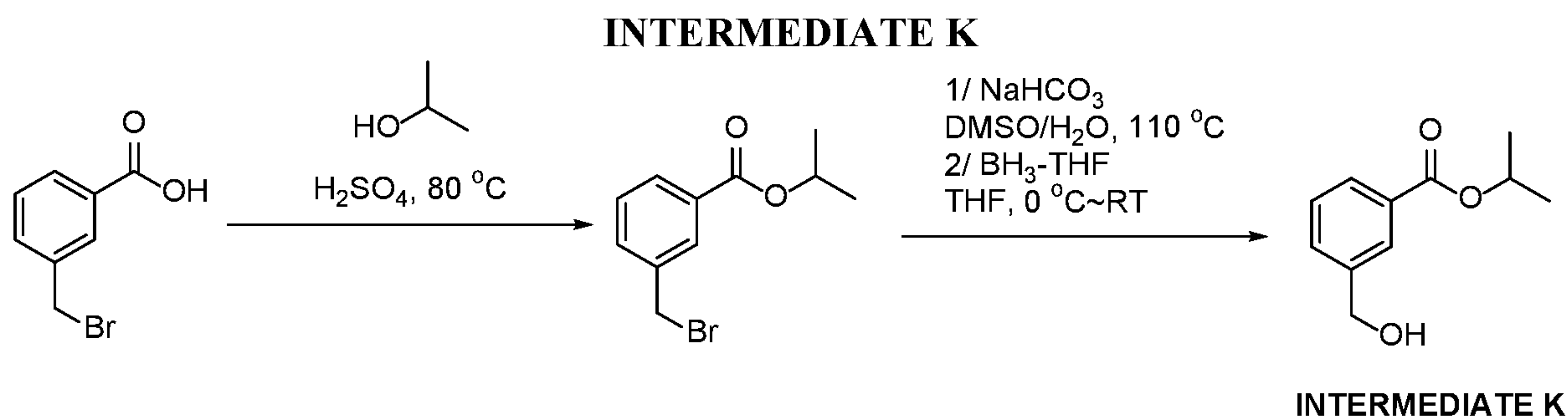
for 2 hours, and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc: 2 to 4%) to afford the expected intermediate: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.13 (m, 2H), 4.61 (m, 1H), 4.07-3.43 (m, 4H), 2.91 (m, 2H), 1.97-1.46 (m, 6H). *Step 2:* To a solution of 2-(3-

bromophenethoxy)tetrahydro-2H-pyran (1.30 g, 4.56 mmol) in THF (15 mL) was added tetramethylethylenediamine (1.06 g, 9.12 mmol) at RT. The resulting solution was cooled down to -78°C followed by the addition of *n*-butyl lithium (2.0 mL, 5.0 mmol, 2.5 M in hexane). After stirring for additional 2 hours at -78°C , isopropyl carbonochloridate (0.56 g, 4.56 mmol) was added. The temperature was allowed to warm to RT spontaneously and after stirring for additional 3 hours at RT, the resulting reaction mixture was concentrated under

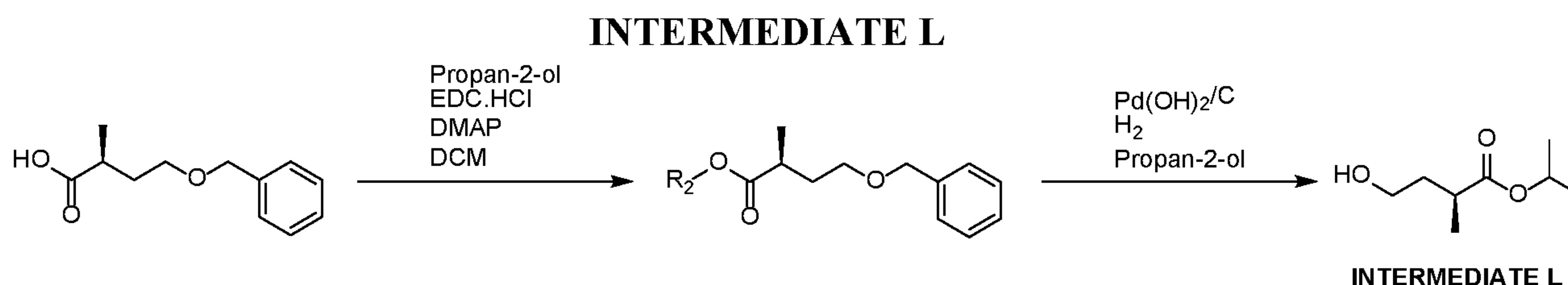
reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc: 1 to 5%) to afford the expected intermediate: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.33 (m, 2H), 5.30-5.22 (m, 1H), 4.61-4.59 (m, 1H), 3.97-3.93 (m, 1H), 3.74-3.60 (m, 2H), 3.46-3.43 (m, 1H), 2.98-2.94 (m, 2H), 1.82-1.43 (m, 6H), 1.37 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H). *Step 3:* To a solution of isopropyl 3-(2-((tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-

yl)oxy)ethyl)benzoate (0.80 g, 2.74 mmol) in methanol (10 mL) was added 4-methylbenzenesulfonic acid (0.10 g, 0.58 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 1 hour. The resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography, eluted with (PE/EtOAc: 5 to 50%) to afford the title compound: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.96-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.36 (m, 2H),

5.33-5.25 (m, 1H), 3.93 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H).



Isopropyl 3-(hydroxymethyl)benzoate: *Step 1*: To a solution of 3-(bromomethyl)benzoic acid (3.01 g, 14.00 mmol) in propan-2-ol (42.10 g) was added concentrated sulfuric acid (1.36 g, 13.95 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 16 hours at 80°C. The resulting reaction mixture was cooled down to RT and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc: 1 to 2%) to afford the expected intermediate: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05-7.97 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 1H), 5.29-5.24 (m, 1H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 6H). *Step 2*: To a solution of isopropyl 3-(bromomethyl)benzoate (1.0 g, 3.89 mmol) in DMSO (20 mL) were added sodium hydrogenocarbonate (0.98 g, 11.67 mmol) and water (1 mL) at RT. The reaction mixture was stirred for 16 hours at 110°C under nitrogen atmosphere. Upon completion, the resulting reaction mixture was cooled down to RT and diluted with water (100 mL). The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 100 mL) and the organic layer was washed with brine, dried, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was dissolved into THF (30 mL) followed by the addition of 1 *M* solution of borane in THF (3.89 mL, 3.89 mmol) at 0°C. After stirring for 30 min at RT, the reaction was quenched with water (1 mL) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc: 5 to 10%) to afford the title compound: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03-8.02 (m, 1H), 7.98-7.93 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 1H), 5.30-5.23 (m, 1H), 4.76 (s, 2H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 6H).

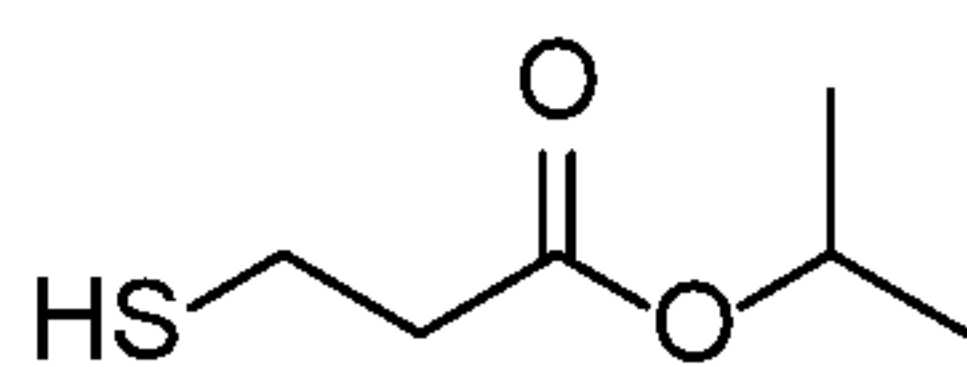


Isopropyl (S)-4-hydroxy-2-methylbutanoate: *Step 1*: To a solution of (S)-4-(benzyloxy)-2-methylbutanoic acid (12 g, 57.6 mmol) in DCM (222 mL) were added propan-2-ol (22.06 mL, 288 mmol), EDC (13.26 g, 69.1 mmol) and DMAP (0.704 g, 5.76 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 20h. The resulting mixture was washed with water, 10% citric

acid solution and brine. The organic layer was dried, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was used directly in the next step without further purification.

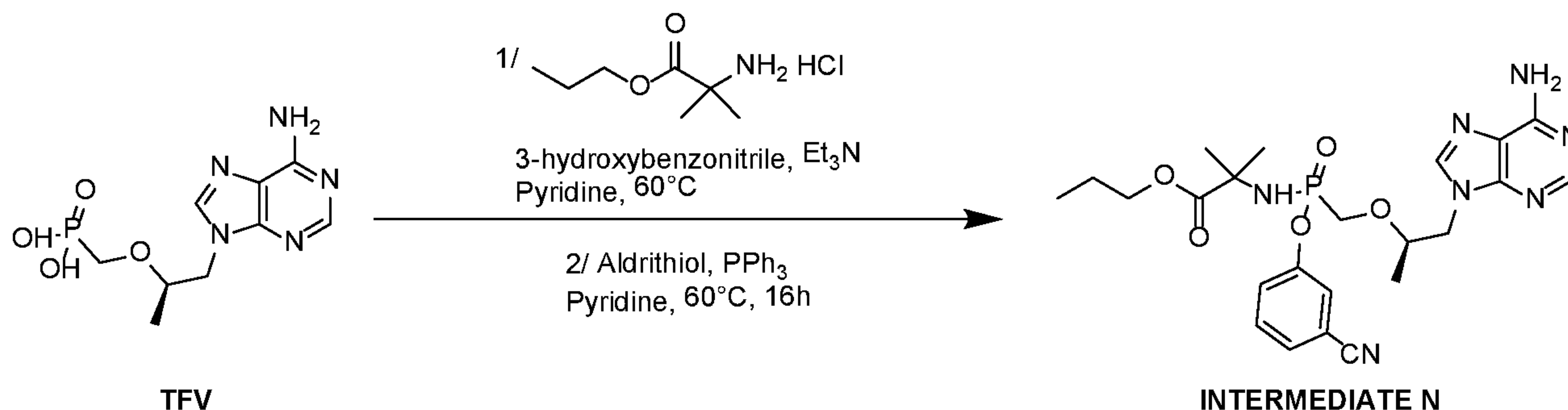
Step 2: To a solution of isopropyl (*S*)-4-(benzyloxy)-2-methylbutanoate (12.26 g, 49.0 mmol) in propan-2-ol (240 mL) was added Palladium hydroxide on carbon (5.16 g, 7.35 mmol). The reaction mixture was flushed 3 times with vacuum and nitrogen and then stirred under hydrogen for 22 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a CELITE® pad and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure ($T < 40^{\circ}\text{C}$) to afford the title compound. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.01 (heptuplet, $J = 6.28\text{Hz}$, 1H), 3.73-3.64 (m, 2H), 2.63-2.54 (m, 1H), 1.96-1.88 (m, 1H), 1.73-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.24 (d, $J = 6.28\text{Hz}$, 3H), 1.23 (d, $J = 6.28\text{Hz}$, 3H), 1.18 (d, $J = 7.09\text{Hz}$, 3H).

INTERMEDIATE M



Isopropyl 3-mercaptopropanoate: INTERMEDIATE M is commercially available, and was purchased from TCI.

INTERMEDIATE N

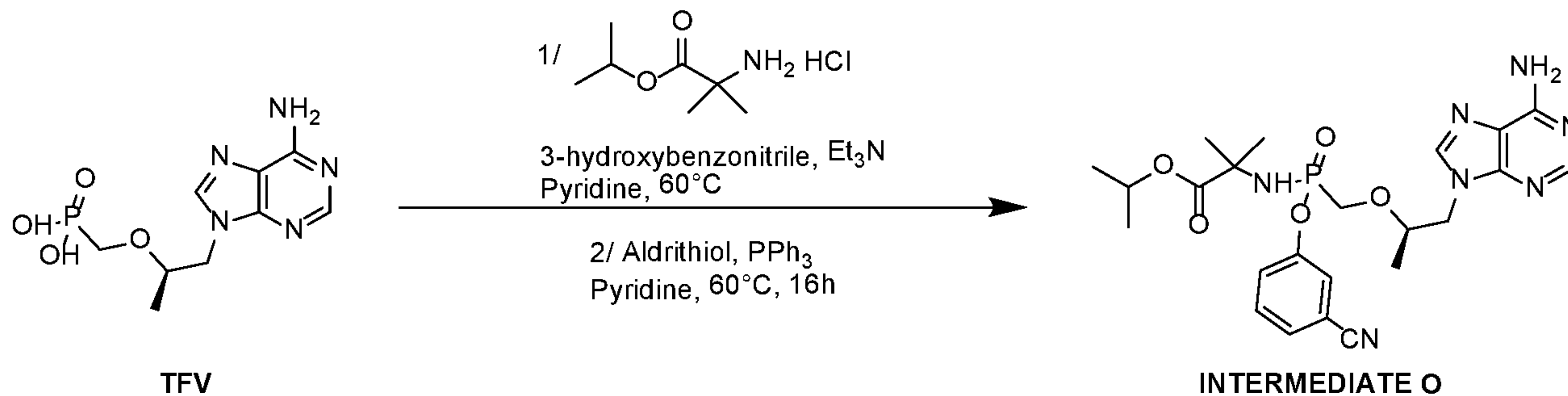


Propyl 2-((((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)(3-

cyanophenoxy)phosphoryl)-amino)-2-methylpropanoate: To a mixture of propyl 2-amino-2-methylpropanoate hydrochloride (15 g, 83 mmol), 3-hydroxybenzonitrile (12 g, 99 mmol), (*R*)-(((1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)phosphonic acid (here referred to TFV, 24 g, 83 mmol) and triethylamine (67 g, 661 mmol) in pyridine (700 mL) were added triphenylphosphine (87 g, 330 mmol) and 1,2-di(pyridin-2-yl)disulfane (73 g, 330 mmol) at RT. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60°C for 16 hours under nitrogen. After cooling down to RT, the resulting mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH: 2 to 10%) to afford the title compound. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 8.18-8.15 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.32 (m, 1H), 4.41-4.36 (m, 1H), 4.27-4.22 (m, 1H), 4.09-3.99 (m, 4H), 3.88-3.80 (m, 1H), 1.65-

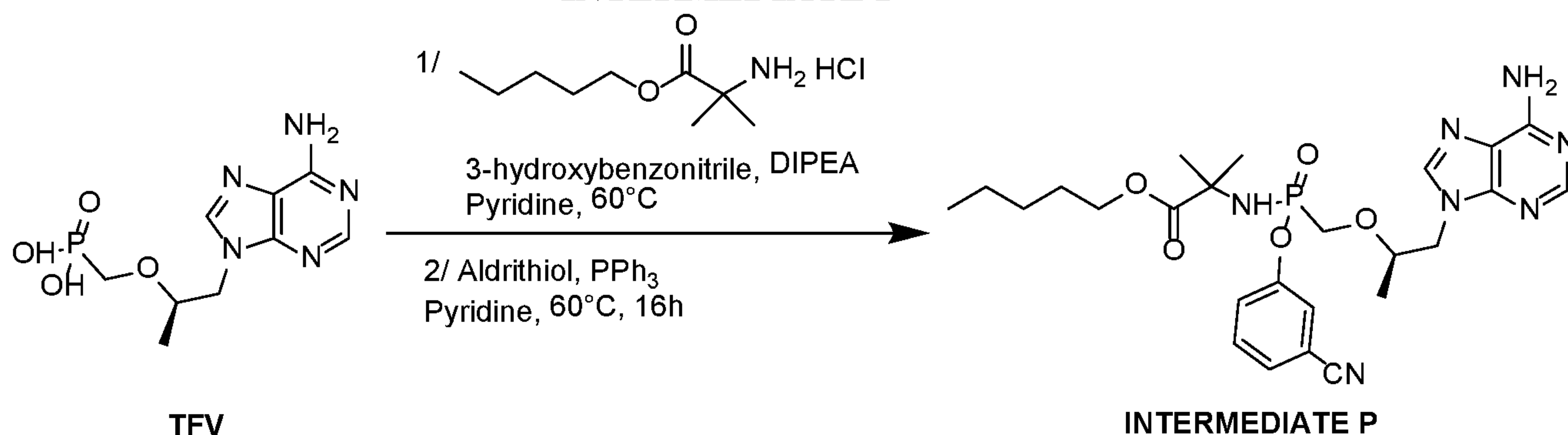
1.57 (m, 2H), 1.43-1.38 (m, 6H), 1.28-1.24 (m, 3H), 0.96-0.89 (m, 3H); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CD_3OD): 25.41, 25.30; LC/MS: $[(\text{M}+1)]^+ = 516.2$.

INTERMEDIATE O



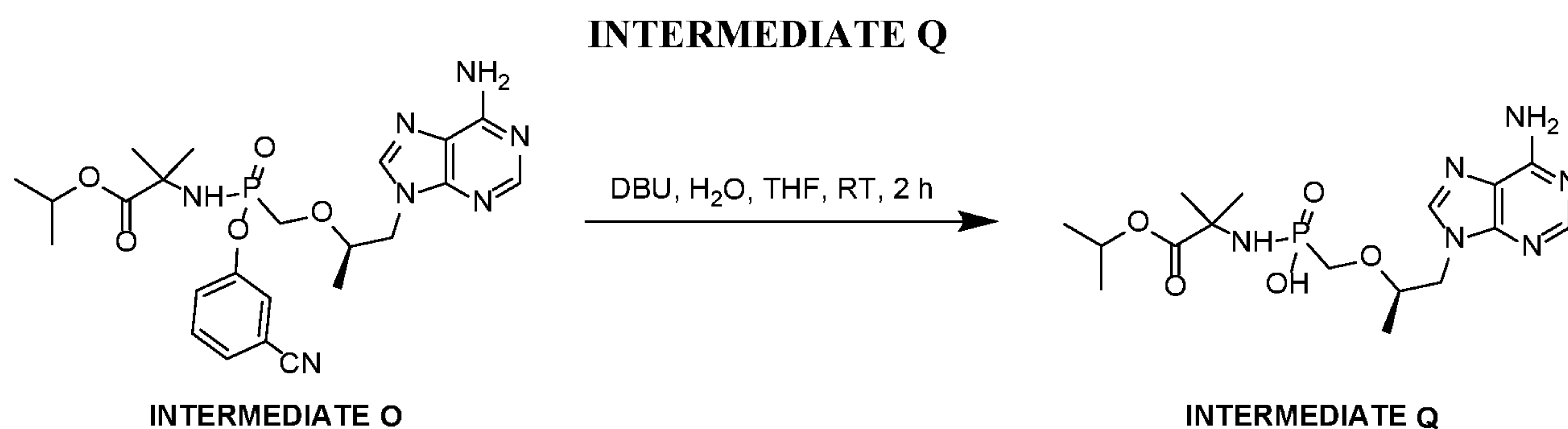
Isopropyl 2-((((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)(3-cyanophenoxy)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanoate: To a mixture of isopropyl 2-amino-2-methylpropanoate hydrochloride (15 g, 83 mmol), 3-hydroxybenzonitrile (10 g, 87 mmol), TFV (24 g, 83 mmol) and triethylamine (67 g, 661 mmol) in pyridine (1 L) were added triphenylphosphine (87 g, 330 mmol) and 1,2-di(pyridin-2-yl)disulfane (73 g, 330 mmol) at RT. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60°C for 16 hours under nitrogen. After cooling down to RT, the resulting mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH: 2 to 10%) to afford the title compound. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.31 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.03 (m, 1H), 5.99 (br s, 2H), 5.11-4.92 (m, 1H), 4.41-4.39 (m, 1H), 4.20-4.07 (m, 1H), 4.05-3.85 (m, 3H), 3.81-3.57 (m, 1H), 1.51-1.28 (m, 15H); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): 22.82, 22.76 ; LC/MS: $[(\text{M}+1)]^+ = 516.0$.

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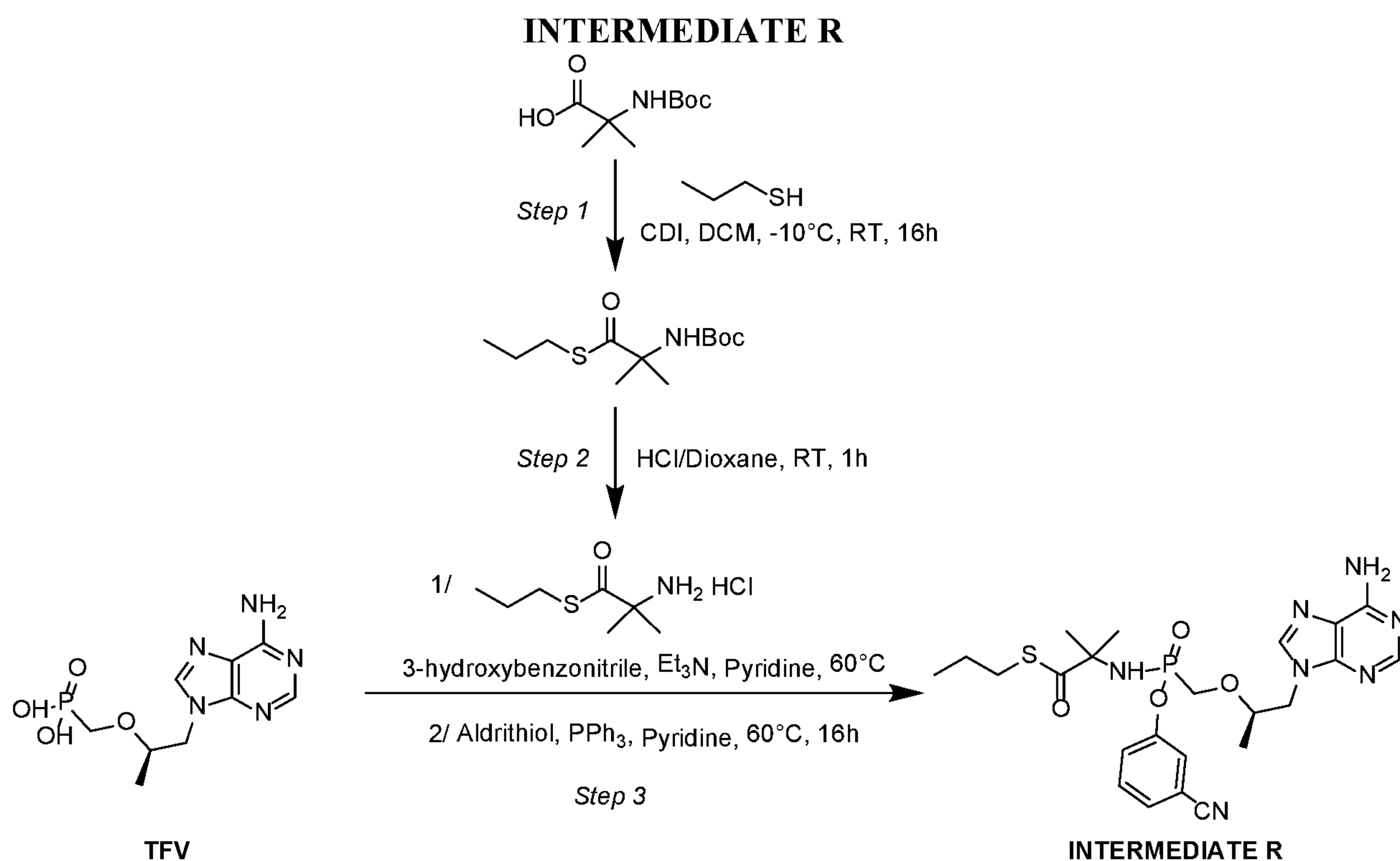


Pentyl 2-((((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)(3-cyanophenoxy)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanoate: To a mixture of pentyl 2-amino-2-methylpropanoate hydrochloride (1.92 g, 9.14 mmol), 3-hydroxybenzonitrile (1.09 g, 9.14 mmol), TFV (2.5 g, 8.70 mmol) and DIPEA (13.50 g, 104 mmol) in pyridine (25 mL), stirred and heated at 60°C were added triphenylphosphine (15.98 g, 60.9 mmol) and 1,2-di(pyridin-

2-yl)disulfane (13.42 g, 60.9 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60°C overnight under nitrogen. After cooling down to RT, the resulting mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was dissolved in EtOAc and a saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution was added. The organic layer was washed twice with brine, dried and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH: 0 to 10%) to afford the title compound. LC/MS: [(M+1)]⁺ = 544.7.



P-((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)-N-(1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)phosphonamidic acid: To a solution of isopropyl 2-((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)(3-cyanophenoxy)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanoate (2.5 g, 4.85 mmol) in THF (13.86 mL) was added H₂O (1.747 mL, 97 mmol) and DBU (1.096 mL, 7.27 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 2 hours, and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was dissolved in water and extracted many times with DCM. The aqueous layer was lyophilized to afford the title compound. LC/MS: [(M+1)]⁺ = 415.7.



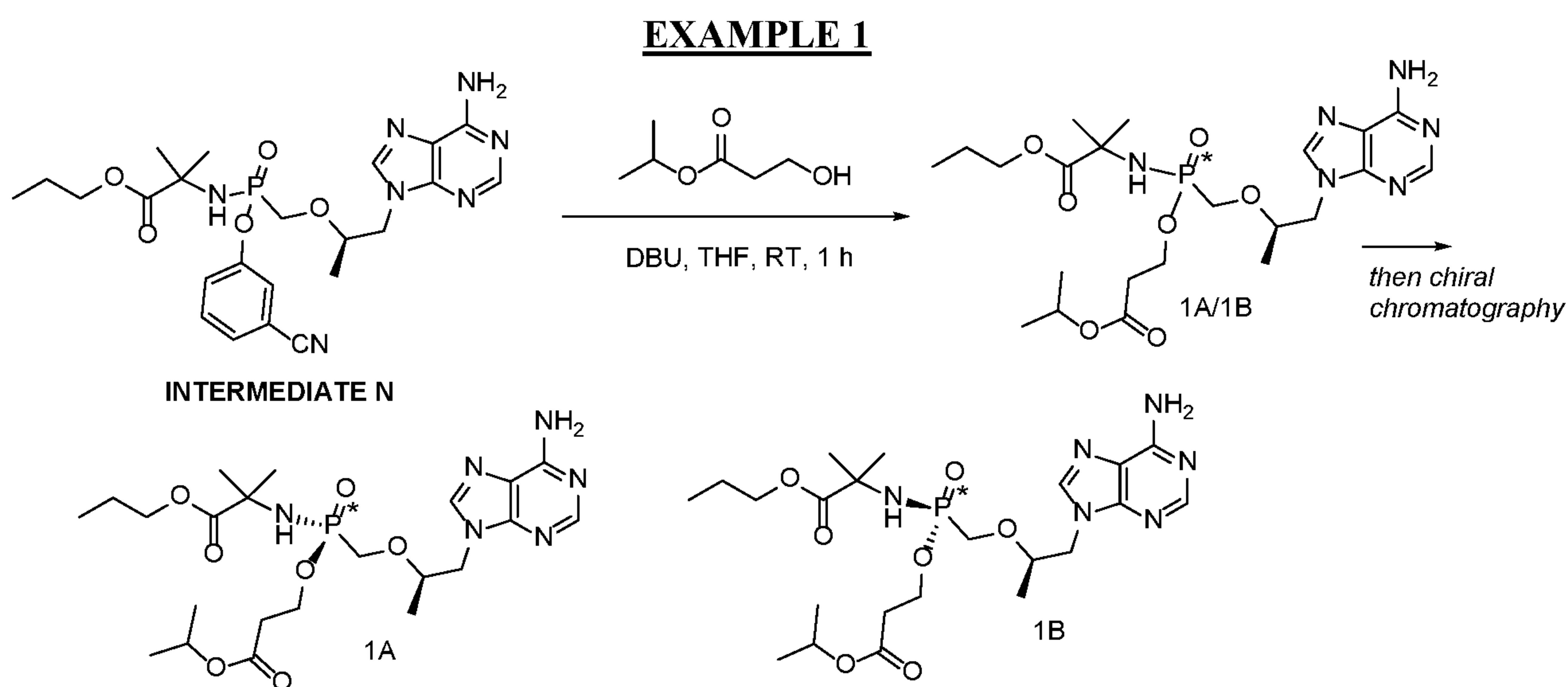
S-propyl 2-((((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)(3-cyanophenoxy)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanethioate:

Step 1: S-propyl 2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-2-methylpropanethioate: To a solution of 2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-2-methylpropanoic acid (2.67 g, 13.13 mmol) in DCM (30 mL) was added CDI (2.13 g, 13.13 mmol) at -10 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 1 hour followed by the addition of propane-1-thiol (1.01 g, 13.13 mmol) in 5 min at 0 °C. After stirring for 16 hours at RT, the resulting reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc: 9/1) to afford the expected intermediate. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.02-4.97 (brs, 1H), 2.84 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.66-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.49 (s, 6H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); LC/MS: [(M+1)]⁺ = 262.2.

Step 2: S-propyl 2-amino-2-methylpropanethioate hydrochloride: S-propyl 2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-2-methylpropanethioate (1.8 g, 6.9 mmol) was treated with 4M HCl (gas) in 1,4-dioxane (20 mL) at RT for 1 hour. Volatiles were evaporated out under reduced pressure to afford the expected intermediate. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.98 (brs, 3H), 2.97 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.81 (s, 6H), 1.70-1.60 (m, 2H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). LC/MS: [(M+1)]⁺ = 162.1.

Step 3: S-propyl 2-((((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)(3-cyanophenoxy)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanethioate: To a mixture of TFV (1.45 g, 5.06 mmol), S-propyl 2-amino-2-methylpropanethioate hydrochloride (1.01 g, 5.06 mmol), 3-

hydroxybenzonitrile (0.91 g, 7.59 mmol) and triethylamine (4.09 g, 40.51 mmol) in pyridine (50 mL) were added triphenylphosphine (5.31 g, 20.23 mmol) and aldrithiol (4.46 g, 20.23 mmol) at RT. The reaction mixture was stirred for 16 hours at 60 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. After cooling down to RT, the resulting reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH: 2 to 10%) to afford the title compound. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.55-7.09 (m, 4H), 5.89 (br s, 2H), 4.48-4.38 (m, 1H), 4.18-4.11 (m, 1H), 4.09-3.95 (m, 3H), 3.73-3.63 (m, 1H), 2.88-2.75 (m, 2H), 1.69-1.51 (m, 9H), 1.27-1.22 (m, 2H), 0.99-0.92 (m, 3H); ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃): 22.51, 22.32; LC/MS: [(M+1)]⁺ = 532.2.



Step 1: Propyl 2-((((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)(3-isopropoxy-3-oxopropoxy)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanoate

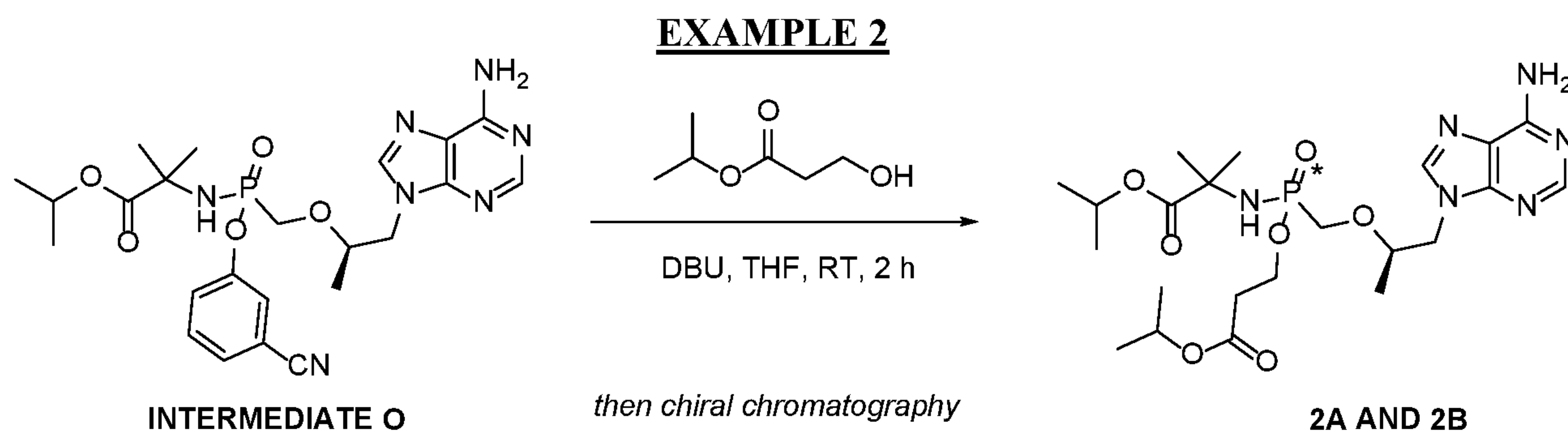
To a stirred solution of INTERMEDIATE N (17.5 g, 33.9 mmol) in DCM (25 mL) were added INTERMEDIATE D (6.7 g, 50.9 mmol) and DBU (5.2 g, 33.9 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 1 hour, then quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (30 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 150 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (3 x 100 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH: 5% to 10%) to afford a mixture of the two diastereomers.

Step 2: Propyl 2-(((R)-((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)(3-isopropoxy-3-oxopropoxy)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanoate and propyl 2-(((S)-((((R)-

1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)(3-isopropoxy-3-oxopropoxy)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanoate:

The two diastereomers were separated by preparative chiral SFC with the following condition: Column: CHIRALPAK-AD, 20 x 250 mm; Mobile Phase A: CO₂; Mobile Phase

- 5 B: MeOH; Gradient: 20% B in 10 min; Flow rate: 40 mL/min; Detector: UV 254 nm; to afford Isomer **1A** (faster eluting, Rt = 3.63 min): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 4.99-4.95 (m, 1H), 4.35 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.25-4.11 (m, 3H), 4.01 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.92-3.86 (m, 1H), 3.80 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.65-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 1.21-1.16 (m, 9H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 26.24; LC/MS: [(M+1)]⁺ = 529.1; and Isomer **1B** (slower eluting, Rt = 4.26 min): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 4.96-4.93 (m, 1H), 4.34 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.23-4.11 (m, 3H), 4.05 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.94-3.89 (m, 1H), 3.80 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.59-2.54 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.45 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 6H), 1.20-1.16 (m, 9H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 26.23; LC/MS: [(M+1)]⁺ = 529.0.



- 20 **Step 1:** Isopropyl 2-((((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)(3-isopropoxy-3-oxopropoxy)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanoate

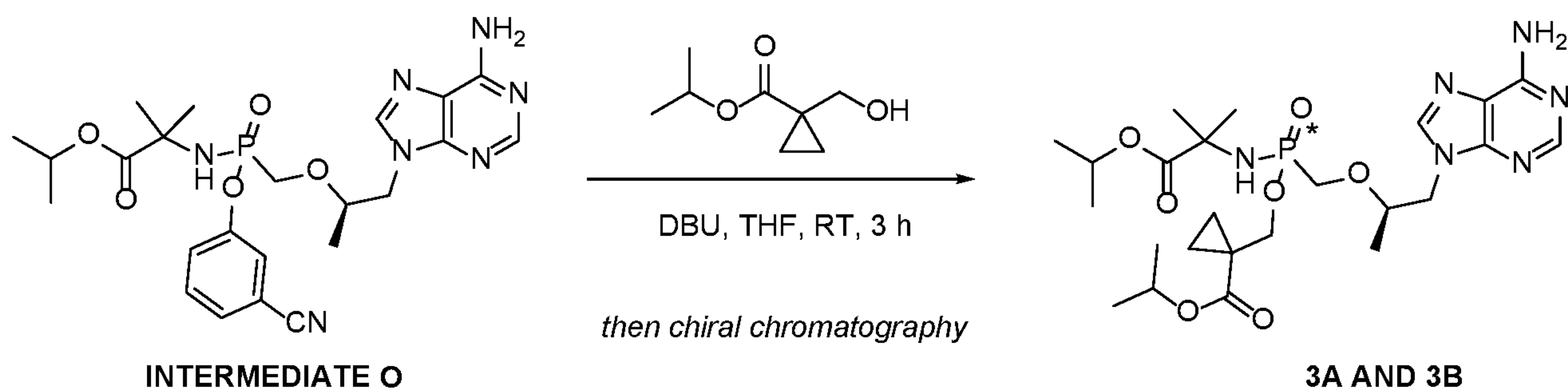
To a stirred solution of INTERMEDIATE O (18.0 g, 34.9 mmol) in DCM (30 mL) were added INTERMEDIATE D (6.9 g, 52.4 mmol) and DBU (5.3 g, 34.9 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 2 hours and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH: 2% to 10%) to afford a mixture of the two diastereomers.

- 25 **Step 2:** Isopropyl 2-(((R)-((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)(3-isopropoxy-3-oxopropoxy)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanoate and isopropyl 2-(((S)-((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)(3-isopropoxy-3-oxopropoxy)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanoate:

The two diastereomers were separated by preparative chiral SFC with the following condition: Column: CHIRALPAK-IC, 5 x 25 cm, 5 μm; Mobile Phase A: CO₂; Mobile Phase

B: IPA(0.2% DEA); Flow rate: 180 mL/min; Gradient: 50% B in 8 min; Detector: UV 254 nm; to afford Isomer **2A** (faster eluting, $R_t = 4.75$ min): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 4.99-4.91 (m, 2H), 4.32 (dd, $J = 11.1, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.22-4.13 (m, 3H), 3.97-3.89 (m, 1H), 3.77 (dd, $J = 8.4, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dd, $J = 9.3, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.59-2.54 (m, 2H), 1.43 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 6H), 1.23-1.16 (m, 15H); ^{31}P NMR (121 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 26.14; LC/MS: $[(M+1)]^+ = 529.0$; and Isomer **2B** (slower eluting, $R_t = 6.53$ min): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 4.98-4.90 (m, 2H), 4.32 (dd, $J = 11.4, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.28-4.09 (m, 3H), 3.93-3.87 (m, 1H), 3.81 (dd, $J = 8.4, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, $J = 9.3, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.58-2.54 (m, 2H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 1.17-1.13 (m, 15H); ^{31}P NMR (121 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 26.13; LC/MS: $[(M+1)]^+ = 529.1$.

EXAMPLE 3



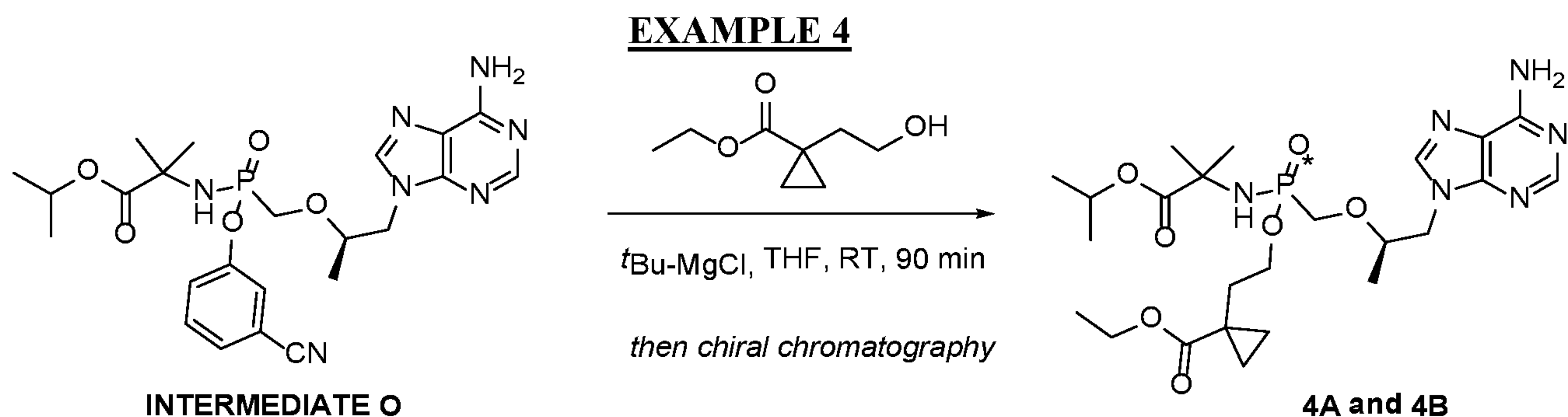
Step 1: Isopropyl 1-((((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)methyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate

To a solution of INTERMEDIATE O (10.0 g, 19.4 mmol) in THF (40 mL) were added INTERMEDIATE F (4.6 g, 29.1 mmol) and DBU (2.9 g, 19.4 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 3 hours, then the resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH: 2% to 10%) to afford a mixture of the two diastereomers.

Step 2: Isopropyl 1-(((R)-((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)methyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate and isopropyl 1-(((S)-((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)methyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate:

The two diastereomers were separated by preparative chiral SFC with the following condition: Column: CHIRALPAK IA, 5 x 25 cm, 5 μm ; Mobile Phase A: CO_2 ; Mobile Phase B: EtOH; Gradient: 30% B in 7 min; Flow rate: 150 mL/min; Detector: UV 254 nm; to afford Isomer **3A** (faster eluting, $R_t = 4.27$ min): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 8.14 (s,

1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.20 (brs, 2H), 4.91-4.76 (m, 3H), 4.29-4.06 (m, 3H), 3.99-3.90 (m, 2H), 3.72-3.56 (m, 2H), 1.34 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 6H), 1.18-1.14 (m, 12H), 1.14-1.07 (m, 5H), 1.05-0.95 (m, 2H); ^{31}P NMR (121 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 24.09; LC/MS: $[(\text{M}+1)]^+ = 555.2$; and Isomer **3B** (slower eluting, $R_t = 4.88$ min): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.18 (brs, 2H), 4.90-4.81 (m, 3H), 4.27-4.12 (m, 2H), 4.07-3.92 (m, 3H), 3.70-3.65 (m, 2H), 1.35 (s, 6H), 1.23-1.15 (m, 12H), 1.13-1.11 (m, 2H), 1.08-1.05 (m, 3H), 0.98-0.95 (m, 2H); ^{31}P NMR (121 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 24.08; LC/MS: $[(\text{M}+1)]^+ = 555.1$.



Step 1: Ethyl 1-(2-((((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)ethyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate

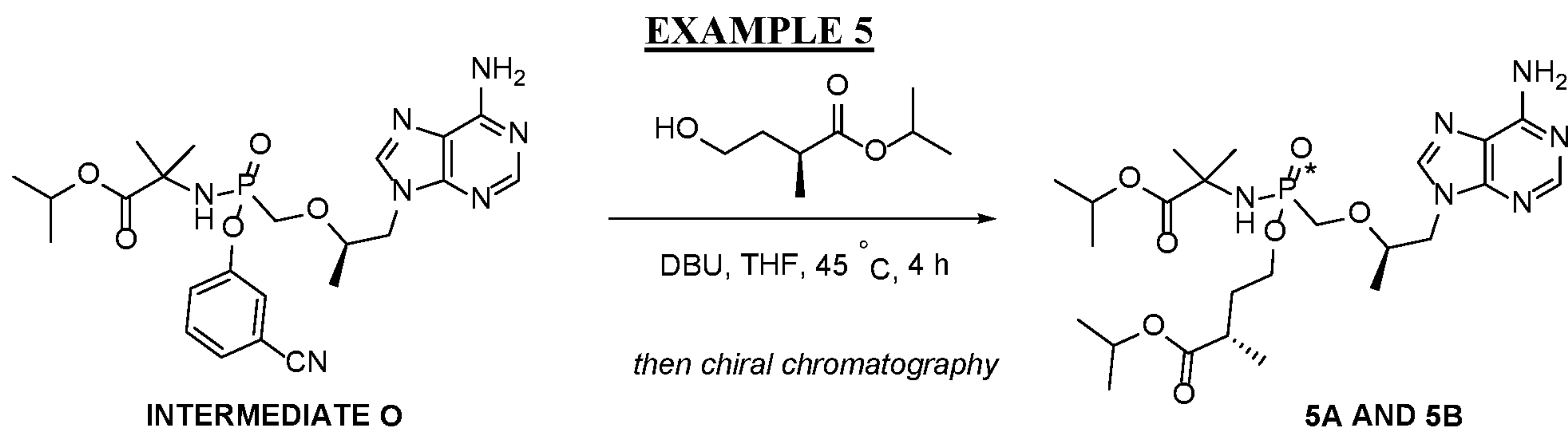
To a stirred solution of INTERMEDIATE O (2 g, 3.88 mmol) and INTERMEDIATE G (1.228 g, 7.76 mmol) in THF (25.9 mL) was added *tert*-butylmagnesium chloride (8.54 mL, 8.54 mmol). The reaction was carried out in a sealed vial. The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 90 min. The resulting mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH: 0 to 10%) to afford a mixture of the two diastereomers.

Step 2: Ethyl 1-(2-((((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)ethyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate and ethyl 1-(2-((((((S)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)ethyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate:

The two diastereomers were separated by preparative chiral SFC with the following condition: Column: CHIRALPAK ID, 2 x 25 cm, 5 μm ; Mobile Phase A: CO_2 ; Mobile Phase B: IPA (0.1% DEA); Flow rate: 60 g/min; Gradient: 40% B in 6 min; Detector: UV 254 nm; to afford Isomer **4A** (faster eluting, $R_t = 3.89$ min): ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.17 (s, 2H), 4.84 (heptuplet, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.74-4.72 (m, 1H), 4.27-4.24 (m, 1H), 4.17-4.13 (m, 1H), 4.05-3.89 (m, 5H), 3.70-3.54 (m, 2H), 1.81-1.78 (m, 2H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.18-1.07 (m, 14H), 0.83-0.82 (m, 2H); ^{31}P NMR (243 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 23.84; LC/MS: $[(\text{M}+1)]^+ = 555.4$; and Isomer **4B** (slower eluting, $R_t = 4.33$

min): ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.16 (s, 2H), 4.85 (heptuplet, $J = 6.0\text{Hz}$, 1H), 4.76-4.74 (m, 1H), 4.26-4.22 (m, 1H), 4.18-4.13 (m, 1H), 4.05-3.92 (m, 5H), 3.65-3.63 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.34 (m, 6H), 1.18-1.05 (m, 14H), 0.84-0.78 (m, 2H); ^{31}P NMR (243 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 23.91; LC/MS: $[(\text{M}+1)]^+ = 555.3$.

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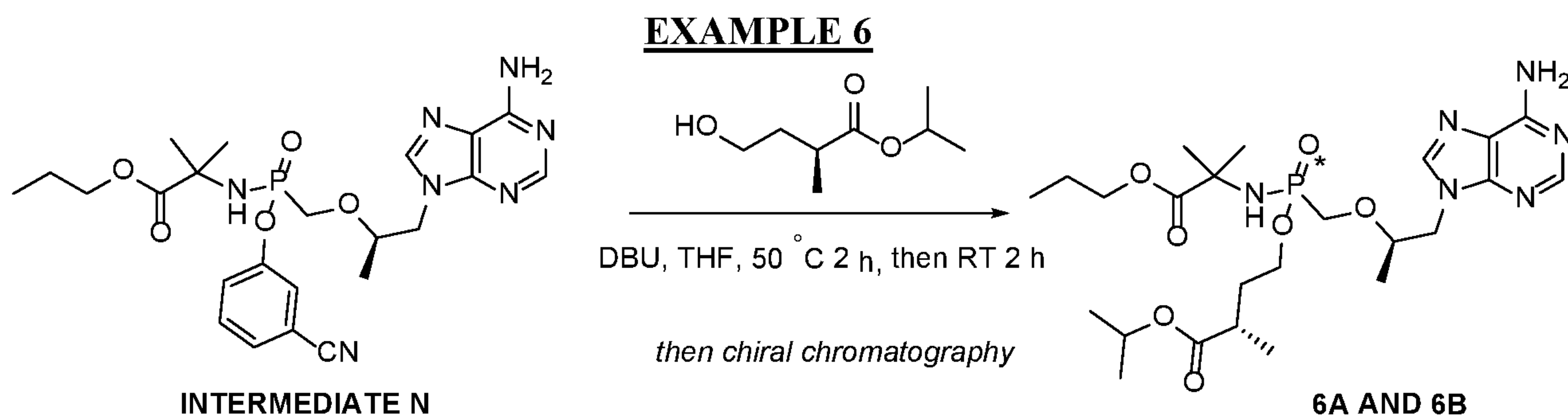


Step 1: Isopropyl (S)-4-((((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)-2-methylbutanoate

To a solution of INTERMEDIATE O (6.0 g, 12.0 mmol) in THF (100 mL) were added INTERMEDIATE L (3.8 g, 24.0 mmol) and DBU (2.7 g, 18.9 mmol) at RT. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 4 hours, and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH: 5% to 10%) to afford a mixture of the two diastereomers.

Step 2: Isopropyl (S)-4-(((R)-((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)-2-methylbutanoate and isopropyl (S)-4-(((S)-((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)-2-methylbutanoate:

The two diastereomers were separated by preparative chiral SFC with the following condition: Column: CHIRALPAK IC, 2 x 25 cm, 5 μm ; Mobile Phase A: CO_2 ; Mobile Phase B: IPA (plus 0.5% (2M NH_3 in MeOH), v/v); Gradient: 40% B in 10 min; Flow rate: 150 mL/min; Detector: 254 nm; to afford: Isomer **5A** (faster eluting, $R_t = 6.27$ min): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.17 (brs, 2H), 4.86-4.80 (m, 3H), 4.22-4.15 (m, 2H), 3.85-3.82 (m, 3H), 3.63 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.49-2.45 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.81 (m, 1H), 1.58-1.51 (m, 1H), 1.32 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 6H), 1.16-1.13 (m, 12H), 1.06-1.03 (m, 6H); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 24.15; LC/MS: $[(\text{M}+1)]^+ = 557.3$; and Isomer **5B** (slower eluting, $R_t = 7.95$ min): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.17 (brs, 2H), 4.87-4.73 (m, 3H), 4.25-4.10 (m, 2H), 3.90-3.83 (m, 3H), 3.66 (dd, $J = 13.2, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.55 (dd, $J = 13.2, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.49-2.45 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.84 (m, 1H), 1.58-1.53 (m, 1H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.15-1.13 (m, 12H), 1.06-1.04 (m, 6H); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 24.12; LC/MS: $[(\text{M}+1)]^+ = 557.3$.

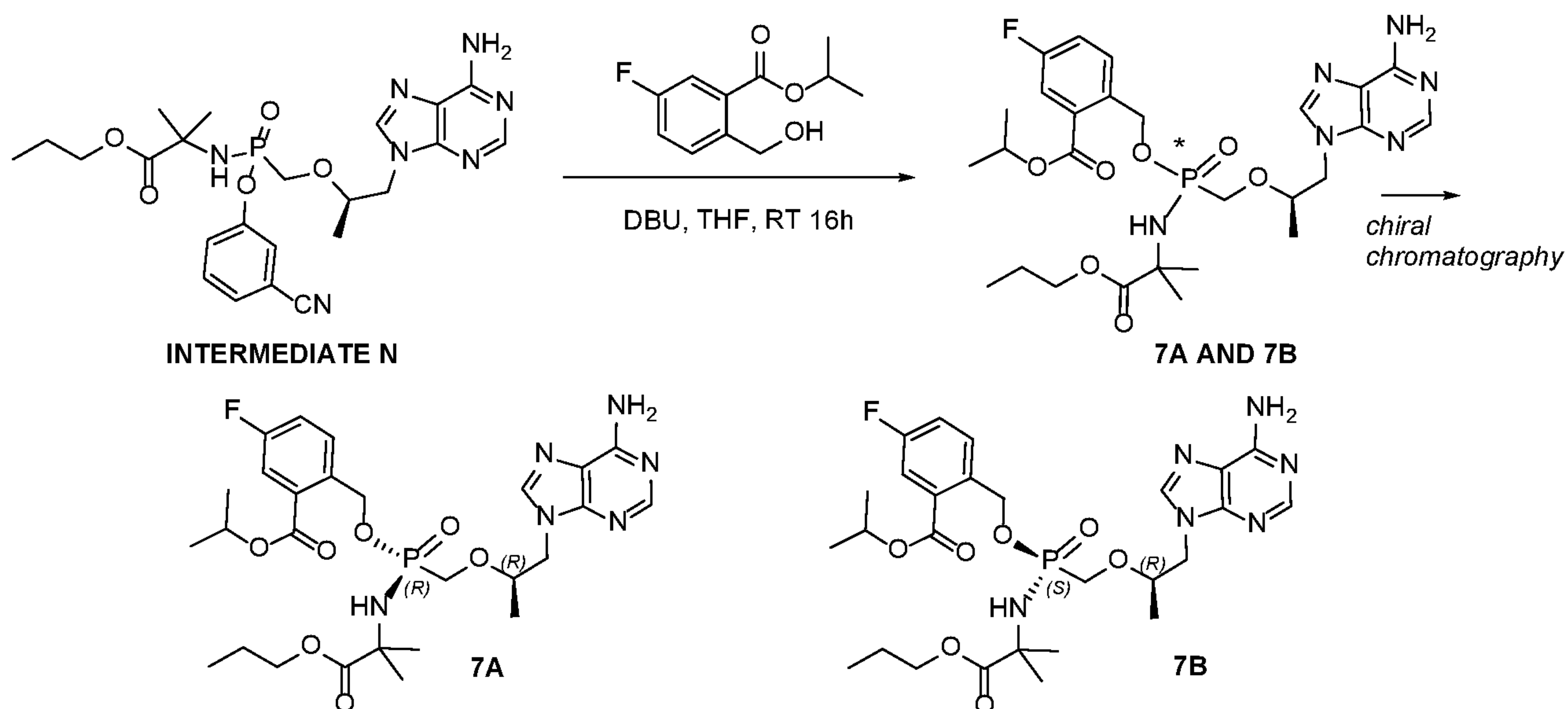


Step 1: Isopropyl (S)-4-((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-propoxypropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)-2-methylbutanoate

To a solution of INTERMEDIATE N (6.34 g, 12.67 mmol) in THF (100 mL) were added INTERMEDIATE L (4.06 g, 25.30 mmol) and DBU (2.88 g, 19.00 mmol) at RT. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45°C for 4 hours, and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH: 5% to 10%) to afford a mixture of the two diastereomers.

Step 2: Isopropyl (S)-4-(((R)-((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-propoxypropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)-2-methylbutanoate and isopropyl (S)-4-(((S)-((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-propoxypropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)-2-methylbutanoate:

The two diastereomers were separated by preparative chiral SFC with the following condition: Column: Chiralpak IF, 2 * 25 cm, 5 um; Mobile Phase A: CO₂; Mobile Phase B: IPA; Gradient: 30% B in 10 min; Flow rate: 40 mL/min; Detector: UV 254 nm; to afford: Isomer **6A** (faster eluting, Rt = 5.57 min): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.17 (brs, 2H), 4.90-4.78 (m, 2H), 4.24 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.97-3.85 (m, 5H), 3.68 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.50-2.47 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.84 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.53 (m, 3H), 1.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 6H), 1.14-1.12 (m, 6H), 1.09-1.07 (m, 6H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 24.15; LC/MS: [(M+1)]⁺ = 557.3; and Isomer **6B** (slower eluting, Rt = 6.72 min): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.17 (brs, 2H), 4.90-4.84 (m, 2H), 4.25 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.98-3.92 (m, 3H), 3.87-3.81 (m, 2H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.50-2.45 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.83 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.53 (m, 3H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 6H), 1.17-1.13 (m, 6H), 1.09-1.07 (m, 6H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 24.17; LC/MS: [(M+1)]⁺ = 557.3.

EXAMPLE 7**Step 1:**

Isopropyl 2-((((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-propoxypropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)methyl)-5-fluorobenzoate

To a solution of INTERMEDIATE N (331 mg, 0.64 mmol) in THF (4 mL) were added INTERMEDIATE I (407 mg, 1.92 mmol) and DBU (97.4 mg, 0.64 mmol) at RT. The reaction mixture was stirred at RT overnight, and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH: 2% to 10%) followed by RP-18 chromatography (H₂O + NH₄HCO₃)/ACN to afford a mixture of the two diastereomers.

Step 2: Isopropyl 2-((((((R)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-propoxypropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)methyl)-5-fluorobenzoate (7A); and isopropyl 2-((((((S)-1-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-propoxypropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)methyl)-5-fluorobenzoate (7B):

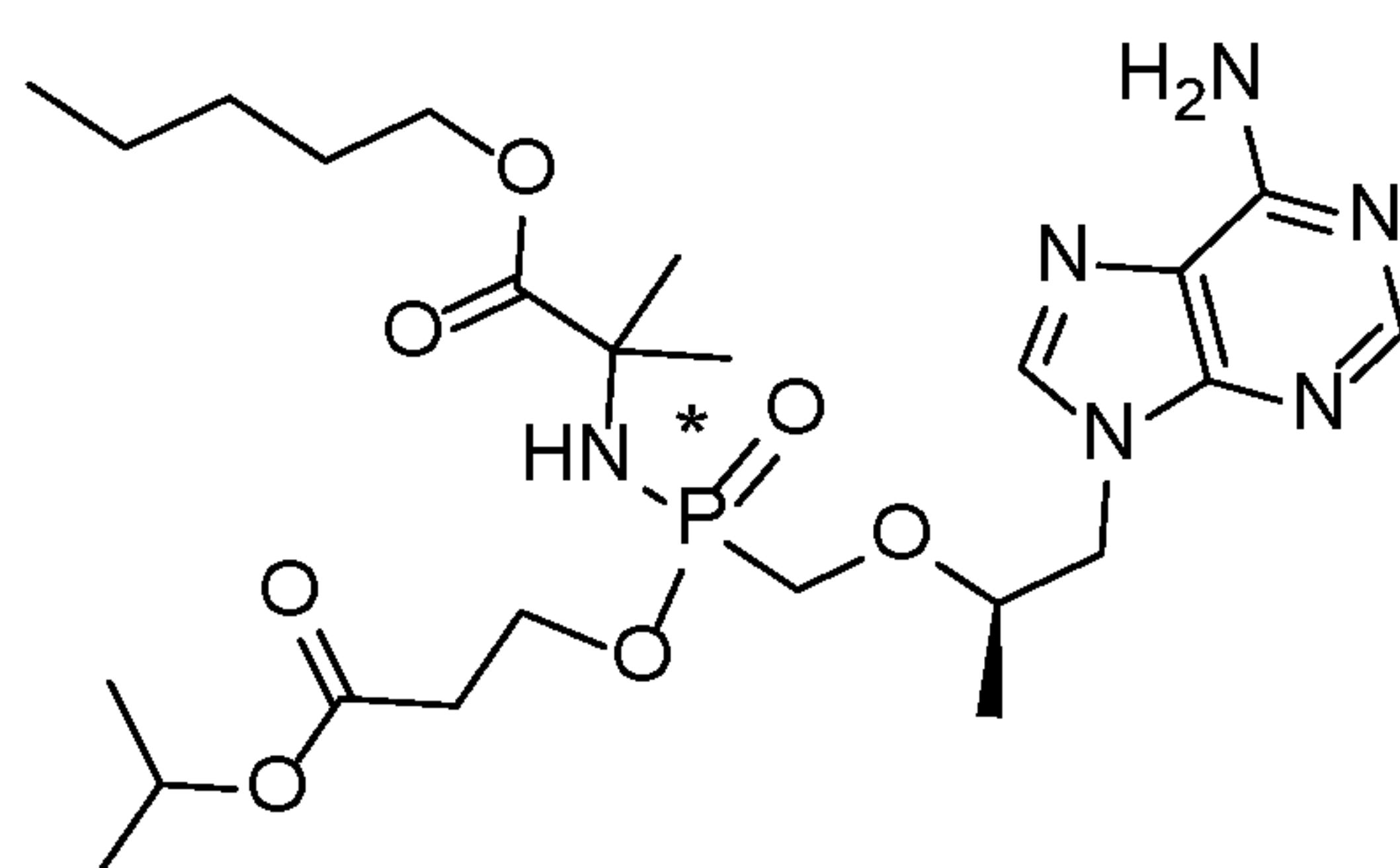
The two diastereomers were separated by preparative chiral HPLC with the following condition: Column: Chiralpak IF, 2 * 25 cm, 5 μ m; Mobile Phase A: Hexane; Mobile Phase B: IPA; Gradient: 50% B in 31 min; Flow rate: 13 mL/min; Detector: UV 254 nm; to afford: Isomer 7A (faster eluting, Rt = 19.96 min): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.65-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.20 (br s, 2H), 5.27 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.12-5.05 (m, 2H), 4.27-4.23 (m, 1H), 4.18-4.13 (m, 1H), 3.96-3.92 (m, 3H), 3.77 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.55-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.38-1.30 (m, 12H), 1.06 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 24.89; LC/MS: [(M+1)]⁺ = 609.3; and Isomer 7B (slower eluting, Rt = 25.29 min): ¹H NMR (400

MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.65-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.19 (br s, 2H), 5.29-5.27 (m, 2H), 5.14-5.07 (m, 2H), 4.27-4.14 (m, 2H), 3.98-3.94 (m, 3H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 1.56-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.38-1.30 (m, 12H), 1.04 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.83 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 24.88; LC/MS: [(M+1)]⁺ = 609.3.

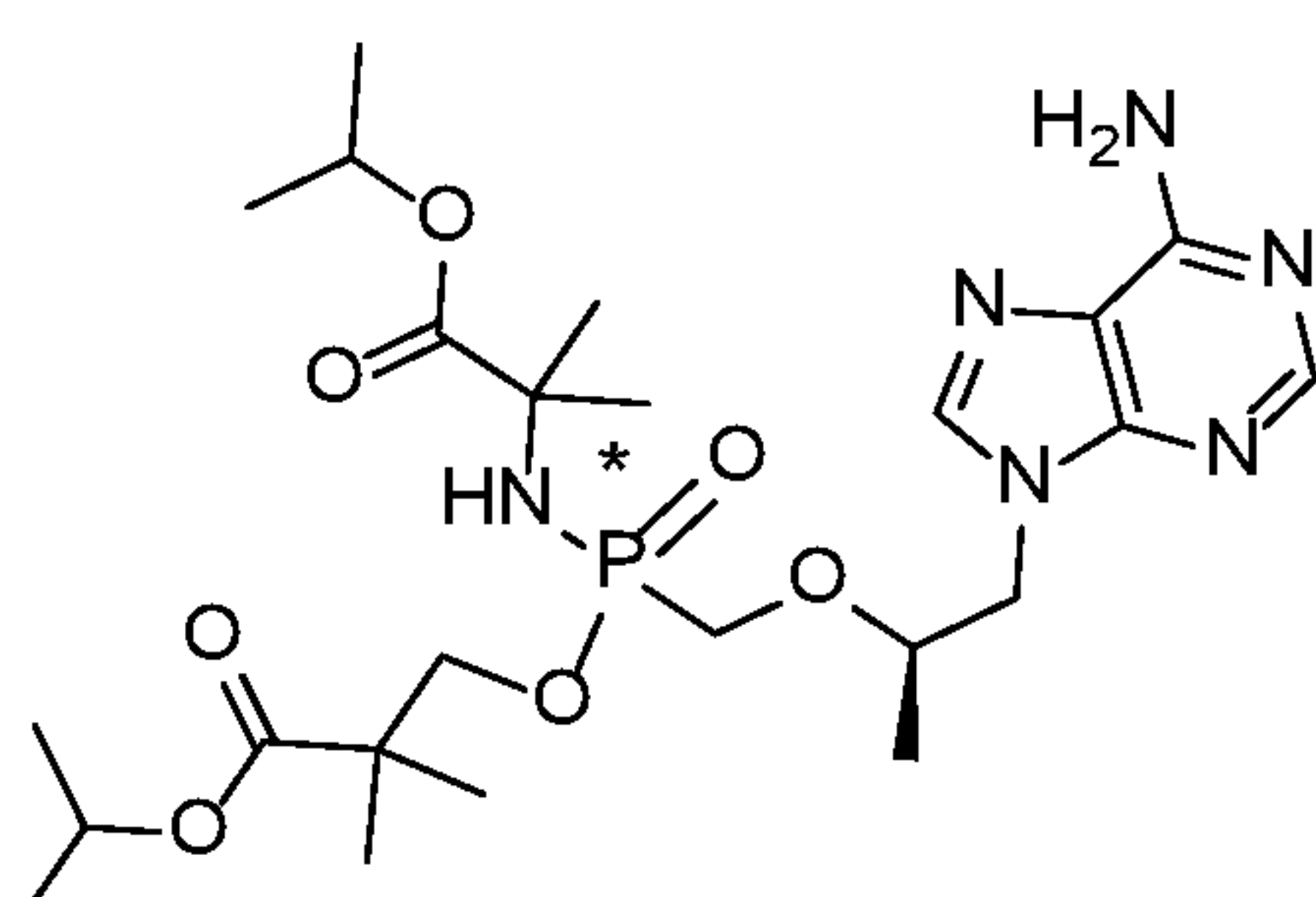
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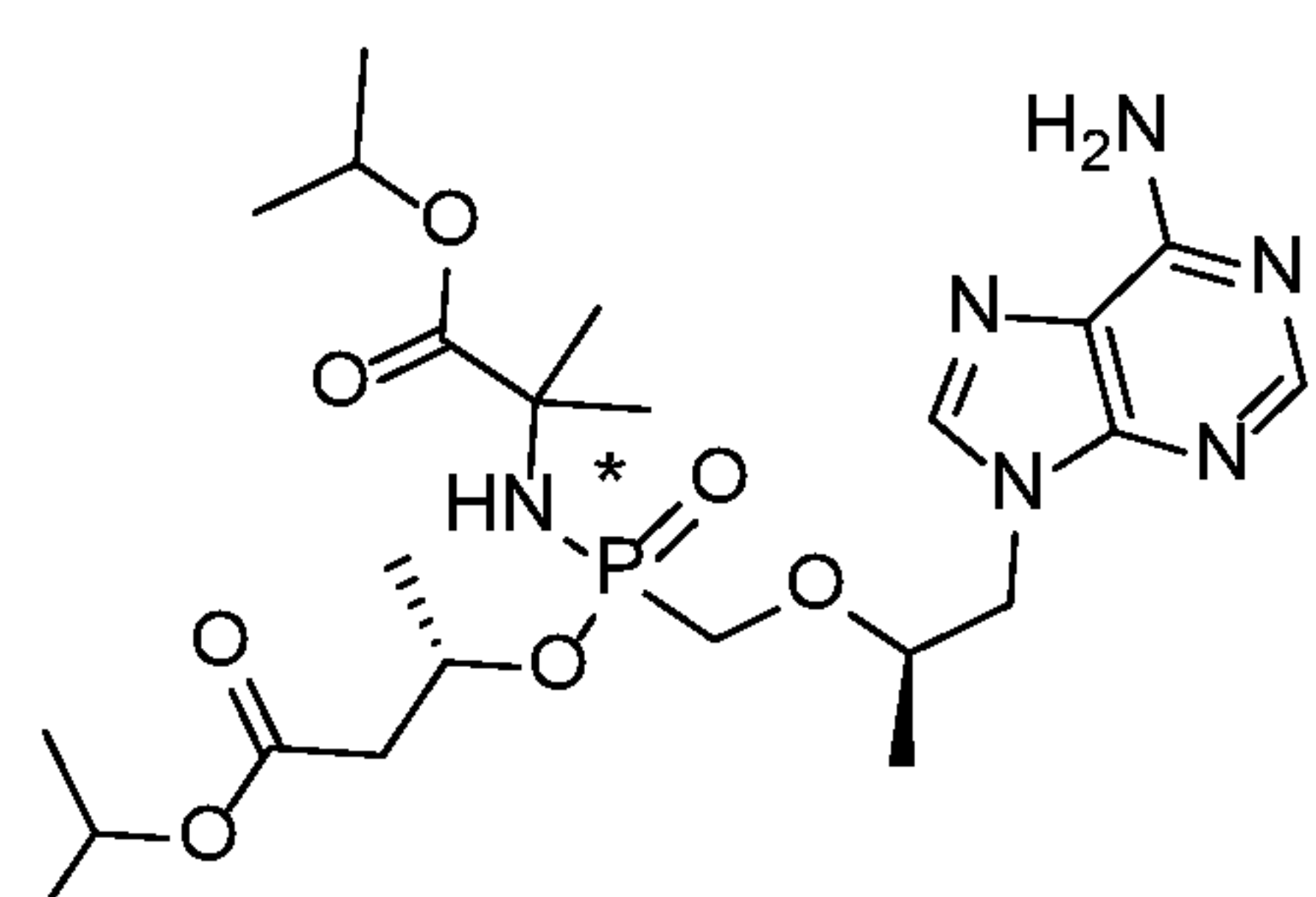
The compounds in Examples 8 to 14 were prepared in an analogous fashion to that described for Examples 1–7 above, i.e., wherein Step 1 describes preparation of the compound as a mixture of diastereoisomers and Step 2 describes the separation of the diastereoisomers. The noted “Intermediates” in Examples 8 to 14 refer to the intermediate example letters that represent each of the two intermediates that were used in Step 1 of each Example. The isomers were separated by either preparative HPLC, preparative chiral HPLC, or preparative chiral SFC. The noted ‘Isomer separation/purification conditions’ provides the conditions of separation used to obtain each diastereoisomer.

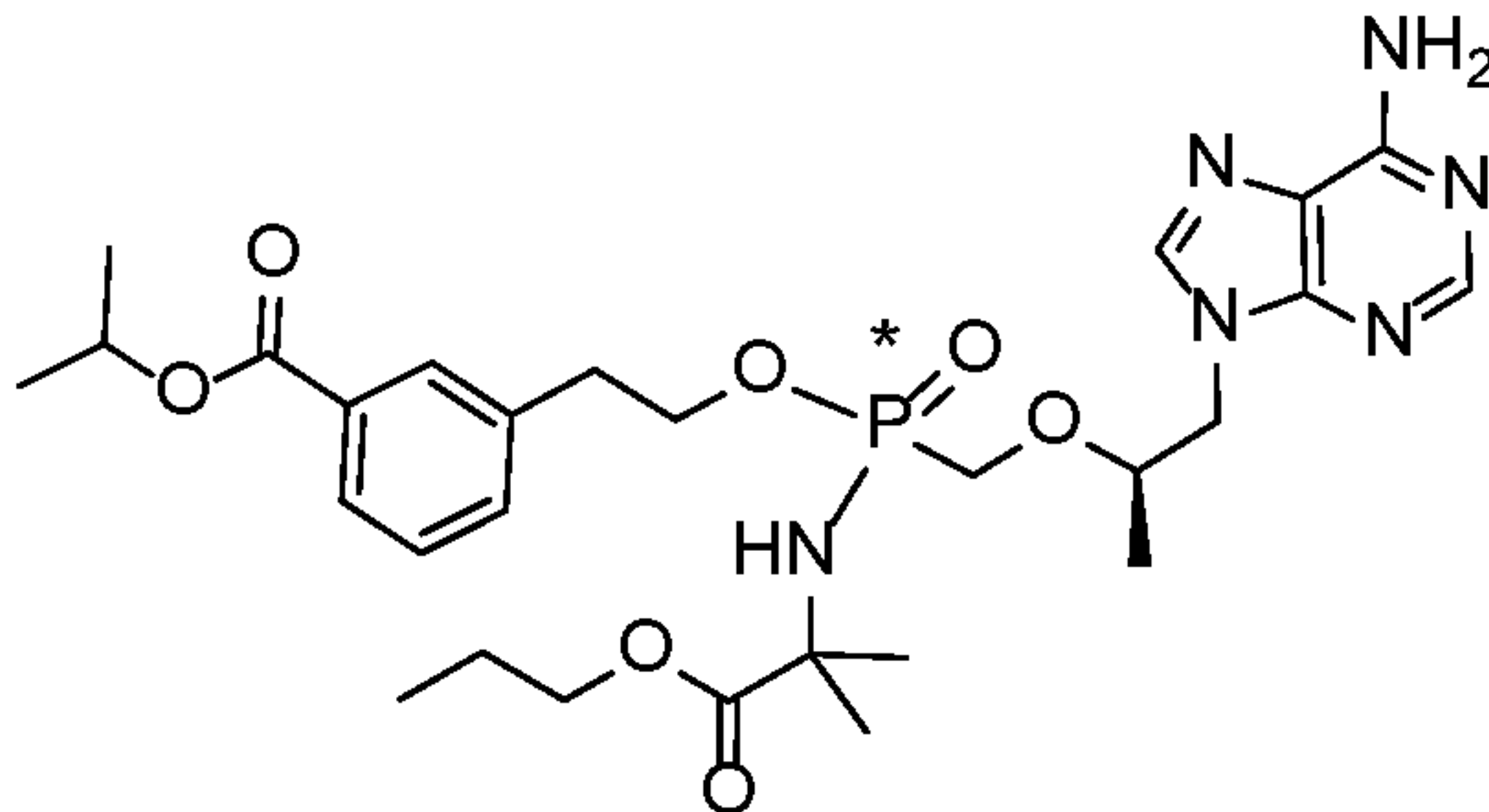
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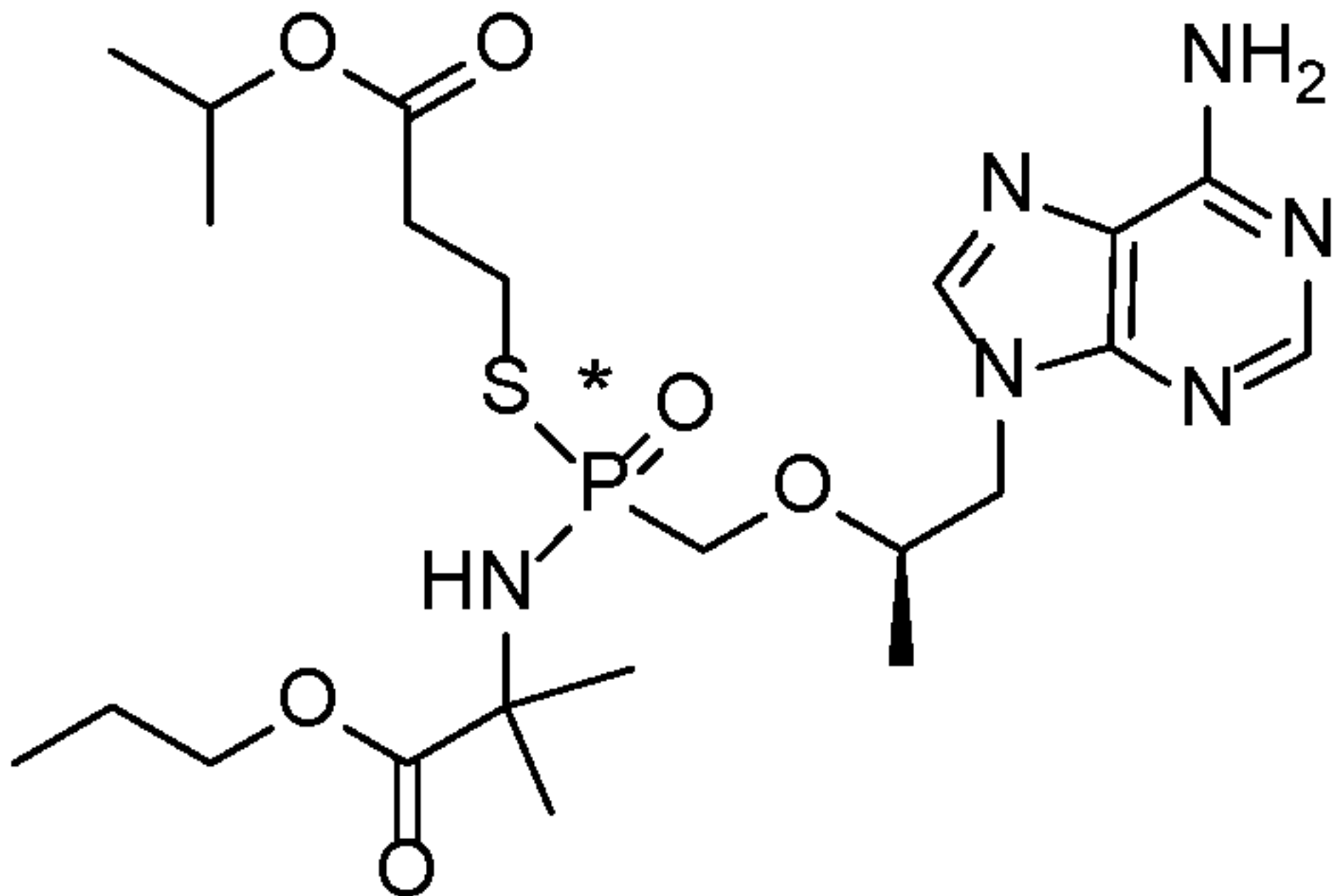
Example 8			
		Pentyl 2-(((<i>S</i>)-(((<i>R</i>)-1-(6-amino-9<i>H</i>-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)(3-isopropoxy-3-oxopropoxy)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanoate; and Pentyl 2-(((<i>R</i>)-(((<i>R</i>)-1-(6-amino-9<i>H</i>-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)(3-isopropoxy-3-oxopropoxy)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanoate	
Intermediates: P and D. Isomer separation/purification conditions: Chiral Prep SFC - CHIRALPAK IC 2 x 25 cm, 5 μm; Mobile Phase A: CO₂: 60%, Mobile Phase B: IPA: 40% (12 min); Flow rate: 60 mL/min; Detector 254 nm			
Isomer	NMR ³¹ P (ppm)	LC/MS (M+1) ⁺	Elution order
8A	CDCl ₃ , 162MHz: 24.11	557.2	Faster eluting
8B	CDCl ₃ , 162MHz: 23.97	557.2	Slower eluting

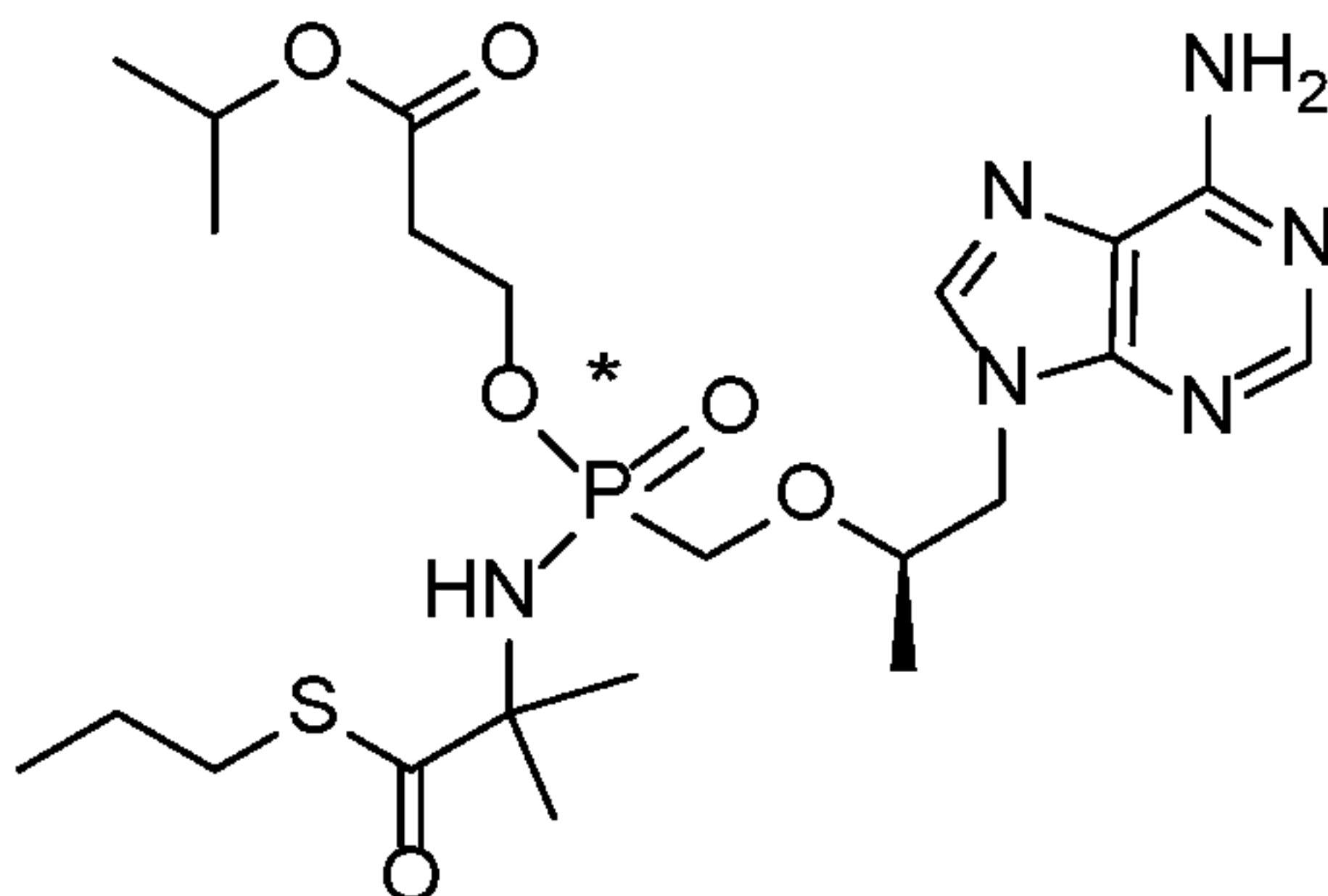
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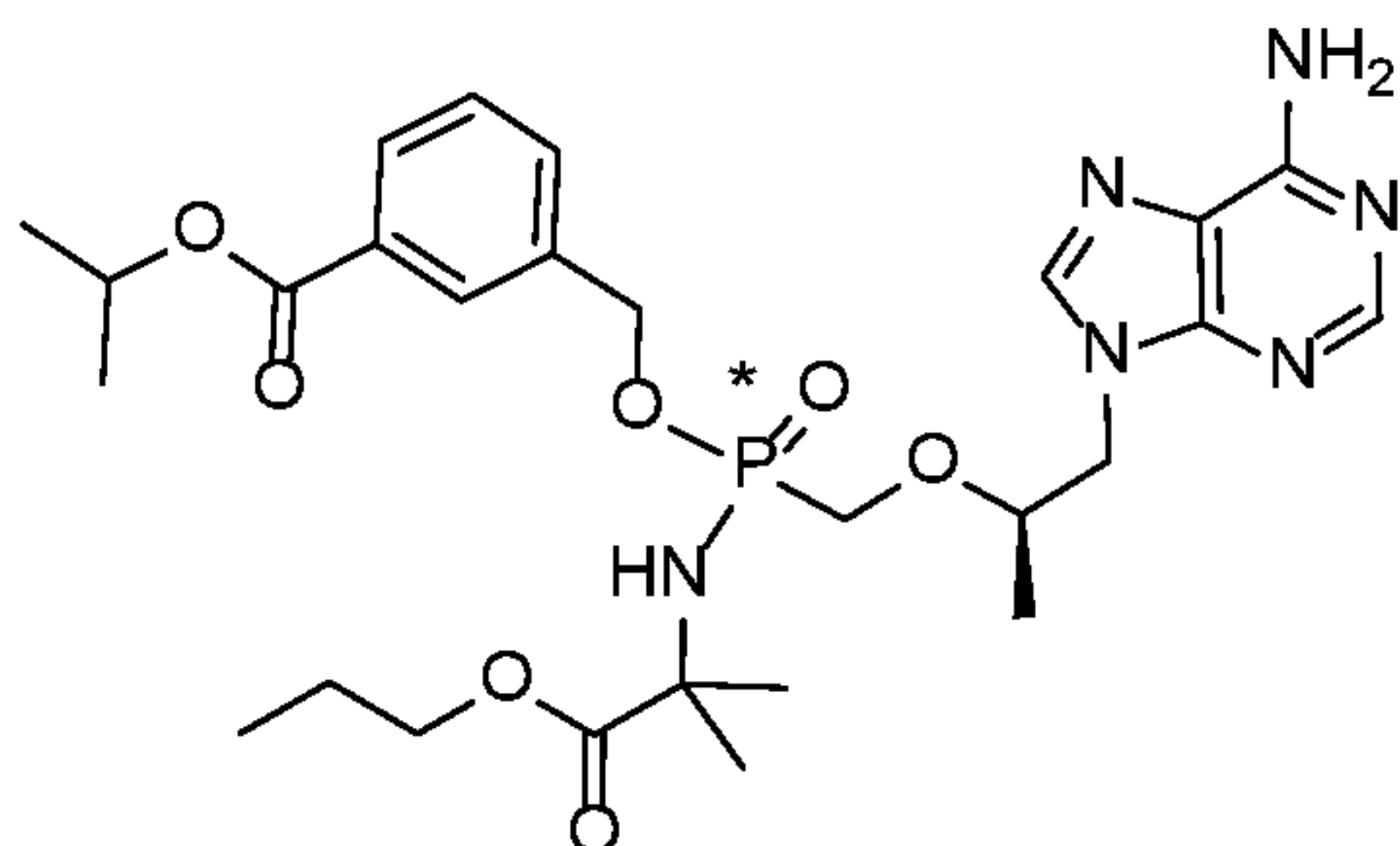
Example 9			
	Isopropyl 3-(((<i>S</i>)-((((<i>R</i>)-1-(6-amino-9 <i>H</i> -purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)-2,2-dimethylpropanoate; and Isopropyl 3-((((<i>R</i>)-((((<i>R</i>)-1-(6-amino-9 <i>H</i> -purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)-2,2-dimethylpropanoate		
Intermediates: O and E			
Isomer separation/purification conditions: Chiral Prep HPLC - Chiralpak AD-H 2 x 25 cm, 5μm; Mobile Phase: Heptane/EtOH (85/15) in 20 min; Flow rate: 50 g/min; Detector: 254 nm			
Isomer	NMR ³¹ P (ppm)	LC/MS (M+1) ⁺	Elution order
9A	DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆ , 243MHz: 23.97	557.4	Faster eluting
9B	DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆ , 243MHz: 23.98	557.4	Slower eluting

Example 10			
		Isopropyl (<i>S</i>)-3-(((<i>S</i>)-((((<i>R</i>)-1-(6-amino-9 <i>H</i> -purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)butanoate; and Isopropyl (<i>S</i>)-3-(((<i>R</i>)-((((<i>R</i>)-1-(6-amino-9 <i>H</i> -purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)butanoate	
Intermediates: Q and H			
Isomer separation/purification conditions: Prep-SFC: Chiralpak AD-H, 2 x 25 cm, 5 um; Mobile Phase A: CO ₂ ; Mobile Phase B: MeOH; Gradient: 30% B in 8 min; Flow rate: 40 mL/min; Detector: UV 254 nm; Followed by: Prep-SFC: Chiralpak IC, 2 x 25 cm, 5 um; Mobile Phase A: CO ₂ ; Mobile Phase B: MeOH; Gradient: 30% B in 10 min; Flow rate: 40 mL/min; Detector: UV 254 nm			
Isomer	NMR ³¹ P (ppm)	LC/MS (M+1) ⁺	Elution order
10A	DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆ , 162MHz: 23.57	543.2	Faster eluting
10B	DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆ , 162MHz: 23.38	543.2	Slower eluting

Example 11			
		Isopropyl 3-(2-(((<i>R</i>)-((((<i>R</i>)-1-(6-amino-9 <i>H</i> -purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-propoxypropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)ethyl)benzoate, and Isopropyl 3-(2-(((<i>S</i>)-((((<i>R</i>)-1-(6-amino-9 <i>H</i> -purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-propoxypropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)ethyl)benzoate	
Intermediates: N and J			
Isomer separation/purification conditions: Prep-Chiral-HPLC: CHIRALPAK-AD-H, 20 * 250 mm; Mobile Phase A: Hex.; Mobile Phase B: EtOH; Flow rate: 20 mL/min; Gradient: 30% B in 35 min; Detector: UV 254 nm			
Isomer	NMR ³¹ P (ppm)	LC/MS (M+1) ⁺	Elution order
11A	DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆ , 162MHz: 24.24	605.3	Faster eluting
11B	DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆ , 162MHz: 24.18	605.3	Slower eluting

Example 12			
		Propyl 2-(((<i>S</i>)-(((<i>R</i>)-1-(6-amino-9 <i>H</i> -purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((3-isopropoxy-3-oxopropyl)thio)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanoate; and Propyl 2-(((<i>R</i>)-(((<i>R</i>)-1-(6-amino-9 <i>H</i> -purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((3-isopropoxy-3-oxopropyl)thio)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanoate	
Intermediates: N and M			
Isomer separation/purification conditions: Prep Chiral HPLC: CHIRALPAK-IC, 5 x 25 cm, 5 um; Mobile Phase A: Hex.; Mobile Phase B: EtOH; Flow rate: 16 mL/min; Gradient: 50% B in 16 min; Detector: UV 254 nm			
Isomer	NMR ³¹ P (ppm)	LC/MS (M+1) ⁺	Elution order
12A	DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆ , 162MHz: 39.14	545.2	Faster eluting
12B	DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆ , 162MHz: 39.39	545.2	Slower eluting

Example 13			
	Isopropyl 3-(((<i>S</i>)-((((<i>R</i>)-1-(6-amino-9 <i>H</i> -purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-(propylthio)propan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)propanoate; and Isopropyl 3-(((<i>R</i>)-((((<i>R</i>)-1-(6-amino-9 <i>H</i> -purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-(propylthio)propan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)propanoate		
Intermediates: R and D Isomer separation/purification conditions: Prep-Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak IC, 2 x 25 cm, 5 um; Mobile Phase A: Hex.; Mobile Phase B: EtOH; Gradient: 30 B% in 24 min; Flow rate: 20 mL/min; Detector 254 nm			
Isomer	NMR ³¹ P (ppm)	LC/MS (M+1) ⁺	Elution order
13A	DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆ , 162MHz: 23.64	545.1	Faster eluting
13B	DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆ , 162MHz: 23.53	545.1	Slower eluting

Example 14			
		Isopropyl 3-((((<i>R</i>)-((((<i>R</i>)-1-(6-amino-9 <i>H</i> -purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-propoxypropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)methyl)benzoate; and Isopropyl 3-((((<i>S</i>)-((((<i>R</i>)-1-(6-amino-9 <i>H</i> -purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-propoxypropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)methyl)benzoate	
Intermediates: N and K			
Isomer separation/purification conditions: Prep-Chiral-HPLC: CHIRALPAK-AD-H, 20 * 250 mm; Mobile Phase A: Hex.; Mobile Phase B: EtOH; Flow rate: 20 mL/min; Gradient: 50% B in 32 min; Detector: UV 254 nm			
Isomer	NMR ³¹ P (ppm)	LC/MS (M+1) ⁺	Elution order
14A	CD ₃ OD, 162MHz: 26.64	591.3	Faster eluting
14B	CD ₃ OD, 162MHz: 26.63	591.3	Slower eluting

EXAMPLE 15Assessing antiviral potency in a Multiple Round HIV-1 Infection Assay (Viking Assay)

The antiviral activity of the tenofovir prodrugs of the Examples herein was assessed in an assay that measures the rate of replication of HIV in cell culture, termed the Viking assay (Viral KINetics in Green cells) and performed as follows. HIV-1 replication was monitored using MT4-gag-GFP clone D3 (hereafter designated MT4-GFP), which are MT-4 cells modified to harbor a GFP reporter gene, the expression of which is dependent on the HIV-1 expressed proteins tat and rev. Productive infection of an MT4-GFP cell with HIV-1 results in GFP expression approximately 24 h post-infection. MT4-GFP cells were maintained at 37°C/5% CO₂/90% relative humidity in RPMI 1640 supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum, 100 U/ml penicillin/streptomycin, and 400 µg/ml G418 to maintain the reporter gene. For infections, MT4-GFP cells were placed in the same medium lacking G418 and infected overnight with HIV-1 (H9/IIIB strain) virus at an approximate multiplicity of infection of 0.01 in the same incubation conditions. Cells were then washed and re-suspended in either RPMI 1640 supplemented with 10% or 50% normal human serum (NHS) at 1.6 x 10⁵ cells/mL (10% NHS or 50% NHS, respectively). Compound plates were prepared by dispensing compounds dissolved in DMSO into wells of 384 well poly-D-lysine-coated plates (0.2 µl/well) using an ECHO acoustic dispenser. Each compound was tested in a 10-point serial 3-fold dilution (typical final concentrations: 8.4 µM – 0.42 nM). Controls included no inhibitor (DMSO only) and a combination of three antiviral agents (efavirenz, indinavir, an in-house integrase strand transfer inhibitor at final concentrations of 4 µM each). Cells were added (50 µL/well) to compound plates and the infected cells were maintained at 37°C/5% CO₂/90% relative humidity.

Infected cells were quantified at two time points, ~48h and ~72h post-infection, by counting the number of green cells in each well using an Acumen eX3 scanner. The increase in the number of green cells over ~24h period gives the reproductive ratio, R₀, which is typically 5-15 and has been shown experimentally to be in logarithmic phase (data not shown). Inhibition of R₀ is calculated for each well, and IC₅₀s determined by non-linear 4-parameter curve fitting. Assay IC₅₀ results are shown in Table 1.

EXAMPLE 16Prodrug stability assay in bio-relevant media

The following assay was employed to evaluate the stability of the prodrugs in simulated gastrointestinal tract conditions. Preparation of fasted state simulated intestinal fluid (FaSSIF) using Phares SIF Powder was carried out according to protocols from Phare Drug Delivery AG (Baselland, Switzerland). For sample preparation, 10 µL stock solutions (10 mM) of prodrug substance in DMSO was added to 990 µL of 0.5 mg/mL Pancreatin solution

(Fisher CAS #8049-47-6) in FaSSIF. Two samples were prepared for each compound. If the sample was a clear solution, it was directly analyzed by HPLC. If the sample was not clear, the sample was diluted with 100% MeCN, maintained at 37 °C and observed 5 h later. If the sample was clear, HPLC analysis was directly performed. If the sample was still not clear, the sample was diluted with 100% ACN and assayed by HPLC. All the samples were vortexed for 3 min and observed before injection. For the diluted samples, the area is multiplied by a dilution factor when the data is analyzed. The analysis was carried out with an Agilent 1100 series HPLC with autosampler. The column was a Poroshell 120 EC-C18, 4.6 × 50mm, 2.7 µm. The flow rate was 1.8 mL/min, and the injection volume was 5 or 10 µL. UV detection was in the range 210–400 nm. The mobile phase consisted of solvent A (water plus 10 mM tetrabutylammonium bromide) and solvent B (acetonitrile) with a gradient of: 90% solvent A at 0 min, changing to 95% solvent B over 6 min, maintaining for 1.5 min, then reverting to 90% solvent A over 1.6 min. The HPLC peak area of the prodrug at 5h was divided by the HPLC peak area of the prodrug at 0 h, to generate the % claimed parent ratio, which is summarized in Table 1 for gastrointestinal (GI) Tract stability.

EXAMPLE 17

Pharmacokinetic Studies in Dogs – In Vivo Dog PK

Prodrugs were administered to beagle dogs through intravenous (IV) and oral (P.O.) administrations in a non-crossover manner. The IV dose was prepared in 20% hydroxypropyl β-cyclodextrin (HPBCD) and was administered via cephalic or saphenous vein. The P.O. dose was prepared in 10% polysorbate 80 (Tween 80) and was administered via gavage. Blood samples were serially collected following dose administration for up to 48 hr and plasma was separated by centrifugation. The concentrations of prodrugs in dog plasma were determined by a LC-MS/MS assay following a protein precipitation step and addition of an appropriate internal standard (labetalol, imipramine or diclofenac). Quantification was done by determining peak area-ratios of the prodrugs and tenofovir to the internal standard. Additional blood sample(s) was collected following dose administration for up to 24 hr. Peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) were isolated by centrifugation, using tubes and reagents specified for such application. The concentrations of tenofovir and/or its phosphate conjugate(s) in PBMCs were determined by an LC-MS/MS assay following a protein precipitation step and addition of an appropriate internal standard (labetalol, imipramine or diclofenac). Quantification was done by determining peak area-ratios of tenofovir and/or its phosphate conjugate(s) to the internal standard. Pharmacokinetic parameters were obtained using non-compartmental methods (Watson[®]). The area under the plasma concentration-time curve (AUC_{0-t}) was calculated from the first time point (0 min) up to the last time point with measurable drug concentration using the linear

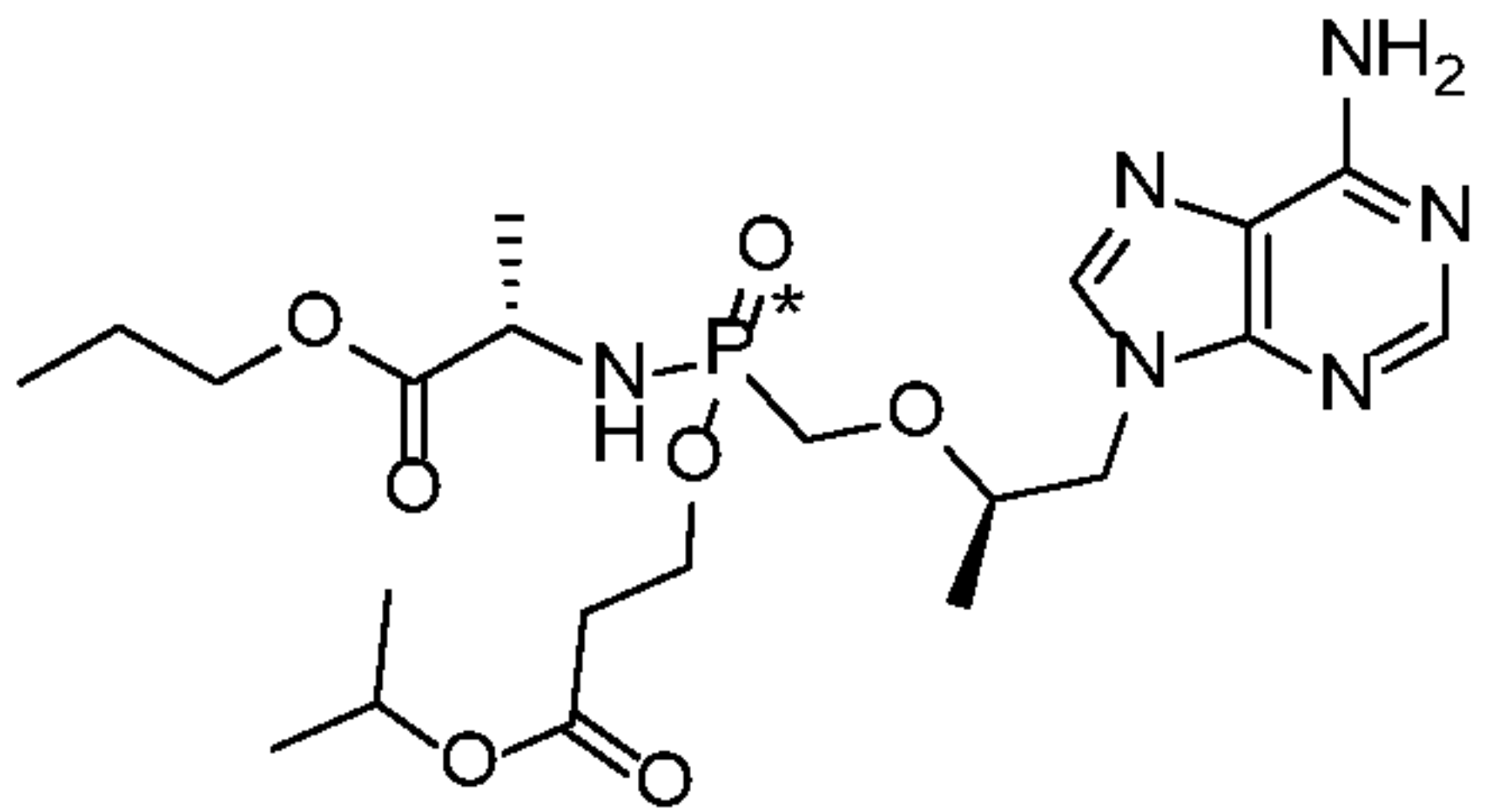
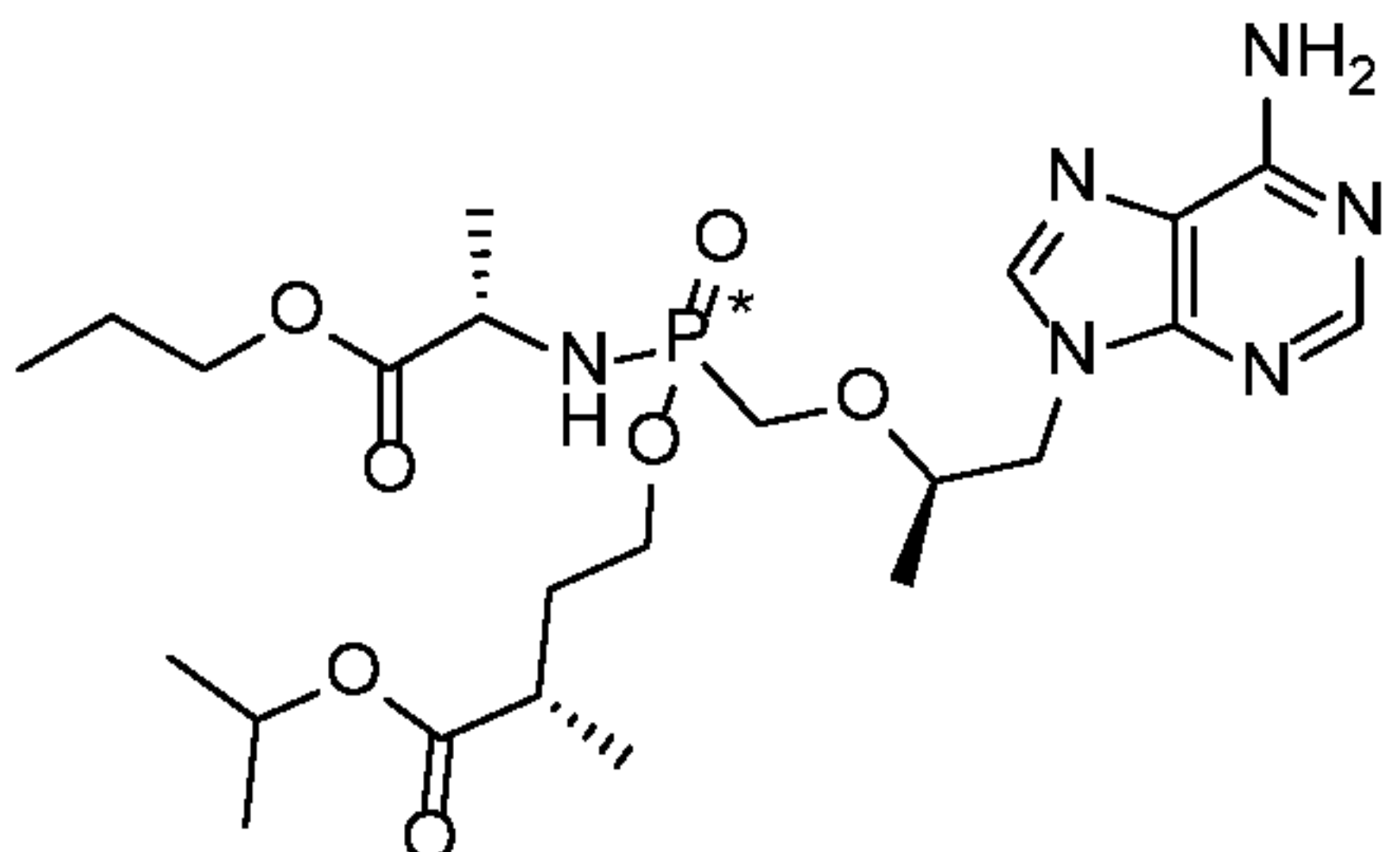
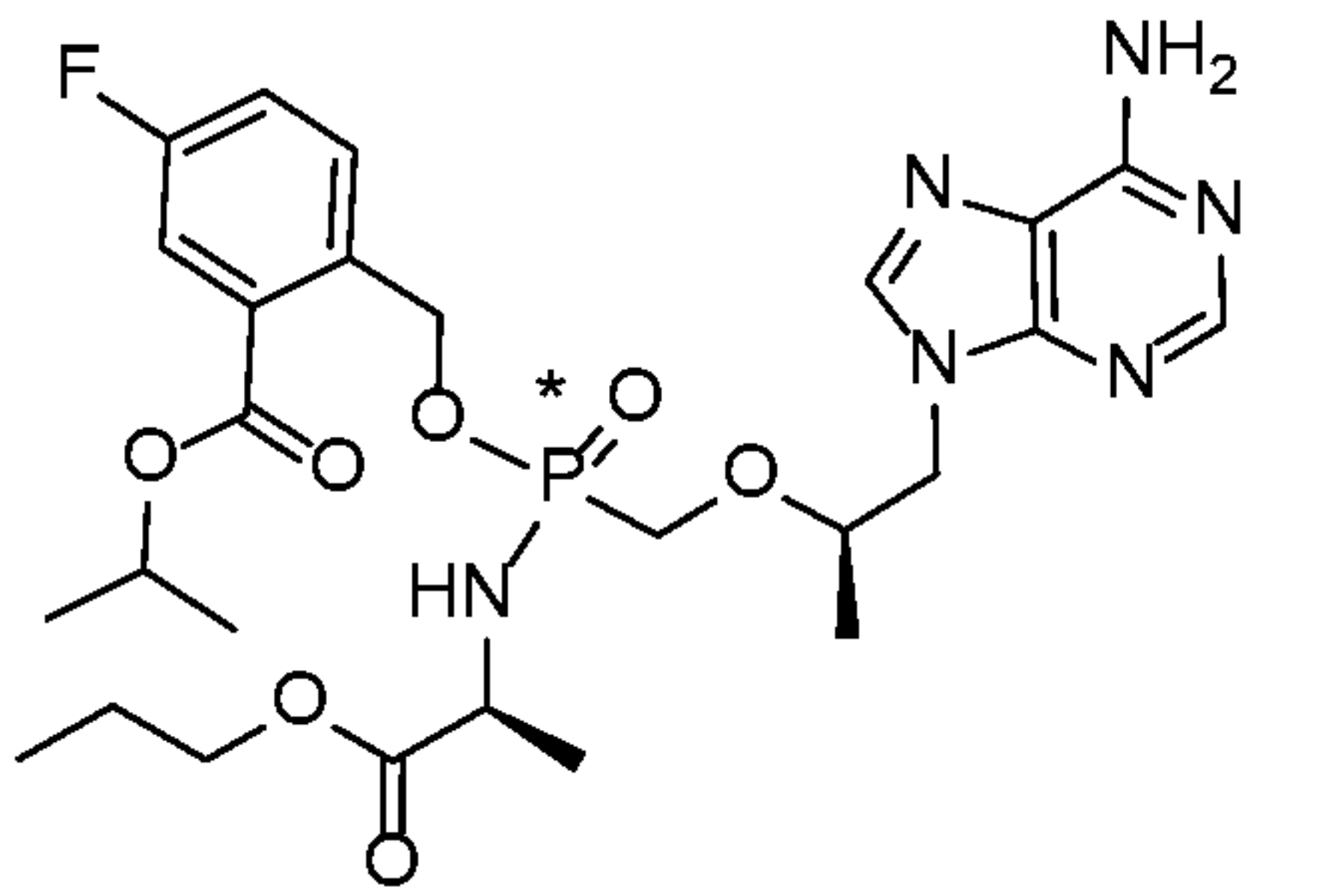
trapezoidal or linear/log-linear trapezoidal rule. The IV plasma clearance was calculated by dividing the dose by $AUC_{0-\infty}$. The terminal half-life of elimination was determined by unweighted linear regression analysis of the log-transformed data. The time points for determination of half-life were selected by visual inspection of the data. The volume of distribution at steady state ($V_{d_{ss}}$) was obtained from the product of plasma clearance and mean residence time (determined by dividing the area under the first moment curve by the area under the curve). The maximum plasma concentration (C_{max}) and the time at which maximum concentration occurred (T_{max}) were obtained by inspection of the plasma concentration-time data. Absolute oral bioavailability (%F) was determined from dose-adjusted IV and P.O. AUC ratios of the prodrug. Table 1 shows in vivo dog PK data in the form of TFV-DP concentrations (μM) in dog PBMCs at 24 h following a 10 mg/kg P.O. dose of the indicated prodrug.

TABLE 1

Example	Viking, IC₅₀ (10% NHS) (nM)	Viking, IC₅₀ (50% NHS) (nM)	GI Tract stability (%)	In Vivo Dog PK (μM)
1A	23.19	102.50		
1B	5.09	13.75	99.35	29.96
2A	22.45	69.78	100.30	23.29
2B	601.30	622.40		
3A	88.67	521.30		
3B	16.77	70.88		12.46
4A	252.40	756.40		
4B	7.84	22.67	99.72	
5A	7.52	33.64		15.27
5B	540.20	2224.00		
6A	5.54	15.46		45.66
6B	73.10	246.00		
7A	107.30	654.40		
7B	1.08	5.55	95.0	59.5
8A	0.92	11.35	92.12	4.67
8B	7.59	49.76	99.59	9.55
9A	173.30	562.00		
9B	8.34	26.37	98.18	5.57
10A	11.38	71.71	99.75	
10B	283.70	1071.00		
11A	2.18	6.39	88.58	
11B	45.77	301.60		
12A	75.44	321.80	96.69	
12B	13.00	38.60	54.83	
13A	5.08	21.85	76.99	55.4
13B	99.61	248.00		
14A	1.71	7.58	96.71	
14B	16.74	114.40		

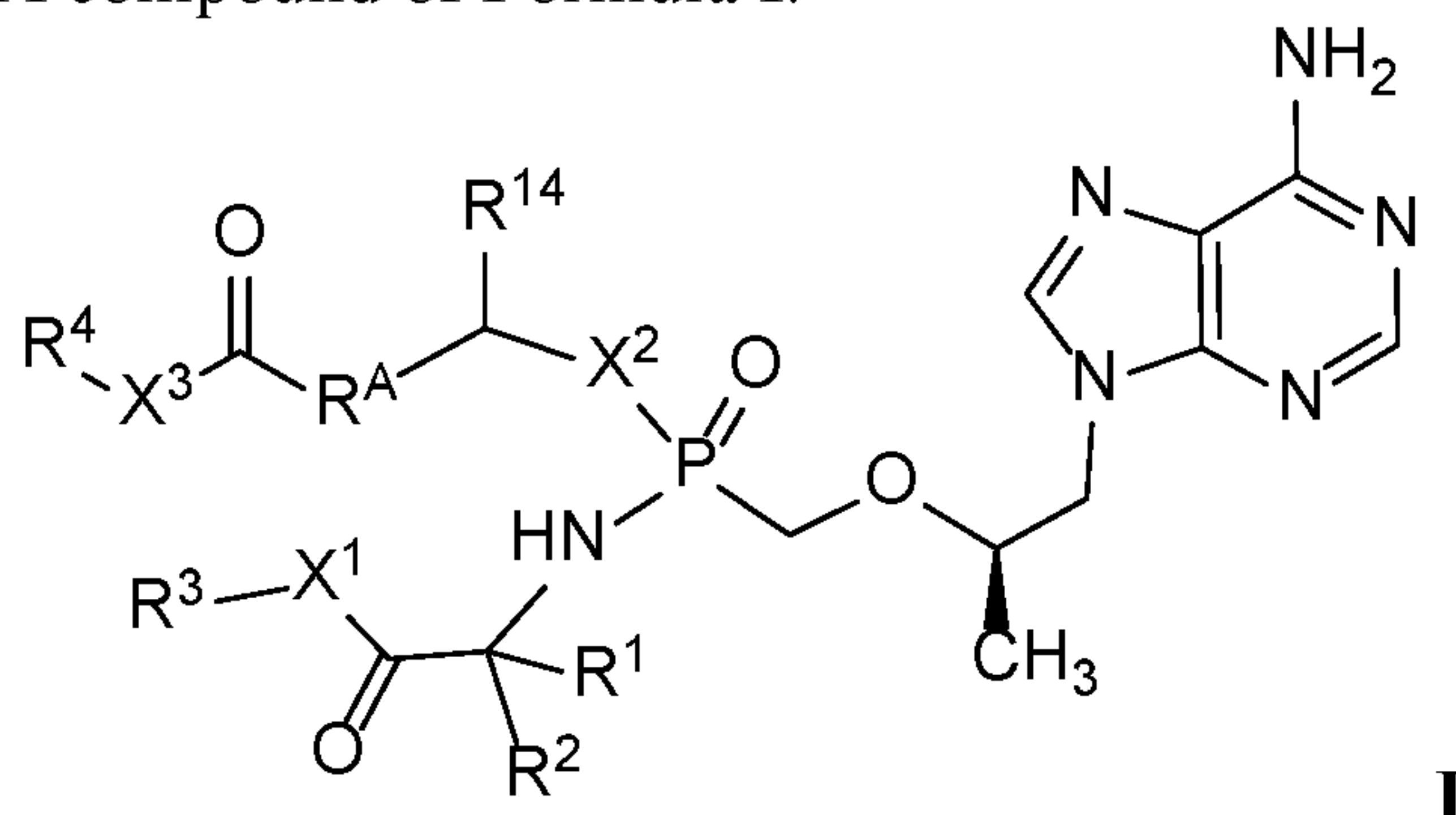
Data for stereo-isomers of compounds 15, 16 and 17 in Table 2 are for comparison to data provided for the stereo-isomers of compounds 1, 6 and 7, respectively.

TABLE 2

L-Ala Compound No./Structure	Isomer	Viking, IC₅₀ (10% NHS) (nM)	Viking, IC₅₀ (50% NHS) (nM)	GI Tract stability (%)	In Vivo Dog PK (μM)
15 	15A	101		60.1	1.9
	15B	340	1220		
16 	16A	213		51.3	1.5
	16B	730	1830		
17 	17A	35		20.3	2.6
	17B	570	2230		

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound of Formula I:



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5 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

X¹ is -O- or -S-;

X² is -O- or -S-;

X³ is -O- or -S-;

10 **R¹** is (a) -C₁₋₄alkyl, (b) -C₁₋₄alkyl substituted with -OH, -SH, -SCH₃, -NH₂,
-NH-C(=NH)-NH₂, (c) -CH₂-phenyl, (d) -CH₂-phenol, (e) -(CH₂)₁₋₂-COOH, (f)
-(CH₂)₁₋₂-CONH₂, (g) -CH₂-1*H*-indole, (h) -CH₂-imidazole, (i) aryl or (j) heteroaryl;

R² is (a) -C₁₋₄alkyl, (b) -C₁₋₄alkyl substituted with -OH, -SH, -SCH₃, -NH₂,
-NH-C(=NH)-NH₂, (c) -CH₂-phenyl, (d) -CH₂-phenol, (e) -(CH₂)₁₋₂-COOH, (f)
-(CH₂)₁₋₂-CONH₂, (g) -CH₂-1*H*-indole, (h) -CH₂-imidazole, (i) aryl or (j) heteroaryl;

15 or **R¹** and **R²** are joined together with the carbon to which they are both attached to form
-C₃₋₆cycloalkyl or a 4 to 6-membered heterocyclic ring;

R³ is:

(a) -C₁₋₁₀alkyl unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each
substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -CN, -CF₃, -OR^{5a}, -SH, -NR⁶R⁷,
20 -C₃₋₆cycloalkyl or spiro-C₃₋₆cycloalkyl,

(b) -CH₂-phenyl unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each
substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8a}, -SH, -NR⁶R⁷ or -C₁₋₃
alkyl,

(c) -C₃₋₈cycloalkyl unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein
25 each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8a}, -SH, -NR⁶R⁷ or -C₁₋₃
alkyl,

(d) aryl unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each
substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8a}, -SH, -NR⁶R⁷ or -C₁₋₃
alkyl,

30 (e) -C₁₋₅alkyl-X-C₁₋₅alkyl wherein X is O, S or NH,

(f) heteroaryl unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8a}, -SH, -NR⁶R⁷ or -C₁₋₃alkyl, or

(g) a heterocyclic ring unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8a}, -SH, -NR⁶R⁷ or -C₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁴ is:

(a) -C₁₋₁₀alkyl unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -CN, -CF₃, -OR^{5b}, -SH, -NR⁹R¹⁰, -C₃₋₆cycloalkyl or spiro-C₃₋₆cycloalkyl,

(b) -CH₂-phenyl unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8b}, -SH, -NR⁹R¹⁰ or -C₁₋₃alkyl,

(c) -C₃₋₈cycloalkyl unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8b}, -SH, -NR⁹R¹⁰ or -C₁₋₃alkyl,

(d) aryl unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8b}, -SH, -NR⁹R¹⁰ or -C₁₋₃alkyl,

(e) -C₁₋₅alkyl-X-C₁₋₅alkyl wherein X is O, S or NH;

(f) heteroaryl unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8b}, -SH, -NR⁹R¹⁰ or -C₁₋₃alkyl, or

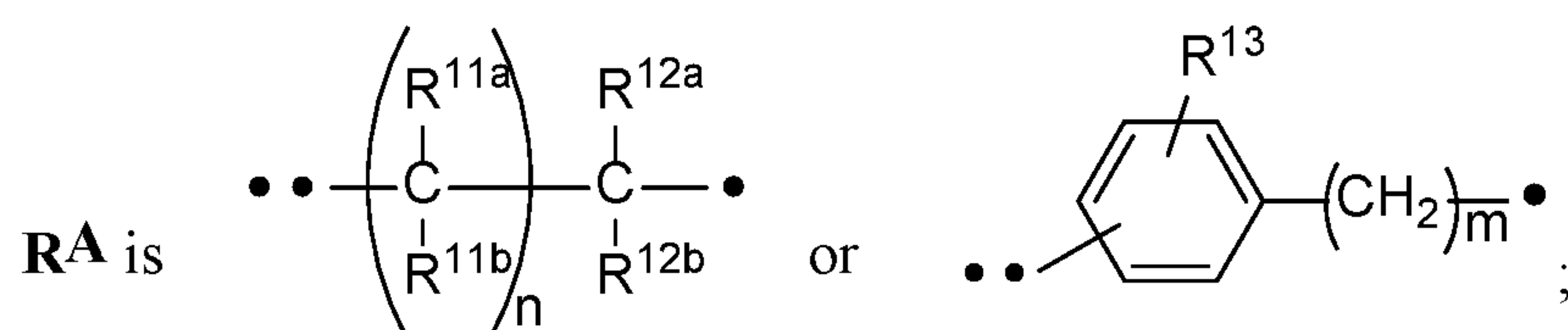
(g) a heterocyclic ring unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8b}, -SH, -NR⁹R¹⁰ or -C₁₋₃alkyl;

R^{5a} and **R^{5b}** are each independently -H or -C₃₋₆cycloalkyl;

R⁶ and **R⁷** are each independently -H, -C₁₋₃alkyl or -C₃₋₆cycloalkyl;

R^{8a} and **R^{8b}** are each independently -H, -C₁₋₃alkyl or -C₃₋₆cycloalkyl;

R⁹ and **R¹⁰** are each independently -H, -C₁₋₃alkyl or -C₃₋₆cycloalkyl;



wherein “•” is the point of attachment to $-\text{CH}(\text{R}^{14})$ and “••” is the point of attachment to $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{X}^3\text{R}^4$;

n is 0 or 1;

m is 0 or 1;

5 **R^{11a}** and **R^{11b}** are each independently -H or $-\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$;

or **R^{11a}** and **R^{11b}** are joined together with the carbon to which they are both attached to form spiro- $\text{C}_{3-6}\text{cycloalkyl}$;

R^{12a} and **R^{12b}** are each independently -H or $-\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$;

10 or **R^{12a}** and **R^{12b}** are joined together with the carbon to which they are both attached to form spiro- $\text{C}_{3-6}\text{cycloalkyl}$;

R¹³ is H, $-\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ or halo; and

R¹⁴ is H, $-\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ or halo.

15 2. The compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein **R¹** and **R²** are both the same and are selected from methyl, ethyl, propyl or i-propyl.

20 3. The compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein **R¹** and **R²** are both methyl.

4. The compound of claim 3, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein **X¹** is $-\text{O}-$ and **X²** is $-\text{O}-$ or $-\text{S}-$.

25 5. The compound of claim 3, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein **X¹** is $-\text{O}-$ or $-\text{S}-$ and **X²** is $-\text{O}-$.

6. The compound of claim 3, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein **R³** is

30 (a) $-\text{C}_{1-8}\text{alkyl}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SH}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SH}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CH}_3$ or $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_3$;

(b) $-\text{CH}_2\text{-phenyl}$, unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, $-\text{OR}^{8a}$, $-\text{SH}$, $-\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$ or $-\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$,

35 (c) $-\text{C}_{3-6}\text{cycloalkyl}$, unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, $-\text{OR}^{8a}$, $-\text{SH}$, $-\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$ or $-\text{C}_{1-3}\text{alkyl}$,

- (d) phenyl or naphthyl, each unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8a}, -SH, -NR⁶R⁷ or -C₁₋₃alkyl,
- (e) -CH₂CH₂OCH₃, -CH₂CH₂CH₂OCH₃, -CH₂CH₂SCH₃, -CH₂CH₂CH₂SCH₃,
 5 -CH₂CH₂NHCH₃, -CH₂CH₂CH₂NHCH₃,
- (f) pyridyl, unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8a}, -SH, -NR⁶R⁷ or -C₁₋₃alkyl, or
- (g) piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, or tetrahydropyranyl, each unsubstituted
 10 or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8a}, -SH, -NR⁶R⁷ or -C₁₋₃alkyl.

7. The compound of claim 6, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein **R⁴** is

- 15 (a) -C₁₋₈alkyl, -CH₂CH₂OH, -CH₂CH₂CH₂OH, -CH₂CH₂SH, -CH₂CH₂CH₂SH, -CH₂CH₂NH₂, -CH₂CH₂CH₂NH₂, -CH₂CF₂CH₃ or -CH₂CH₂CF₃;
- (b) -CH₂-phenyl, unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8b}, -SH, -NR⁹R¹⁰ or -C₁₋₃alkyl,
- 20 (c) -C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8b}, -SH, -NR⁹R¹⁰ or -C₁₋₃alkyl,
- (d) phenyl or naphthyl, each unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8b}, -SH,
 25 -NR⁹R¹⁰ or -C₁₋₃alkyl,
- (e) -CH₂CH₂OCH₃, -CH₂CH₂CH₂OCH₃, -CH₂CH₂SCH₃, -CH₂CH₂CH₂SCH₃, -CH₂CH₂NHCH₃, -CH₂CH₂CH₂NHCH₃,
- (f) pyridyl, unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents independently, wherein each substituent is independently from fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8b}, -SH, -
 30 NR⁹R¹⁰ or -C₁₋₃alkyl, or
- (g) piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, or tetrahydropyranyl, each unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, -OR^{8b}, -SH, -NR⁹R¹⁰ or -C₁₋₃alkyl.

35 8. The compound of claim 7, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein **R³** is:

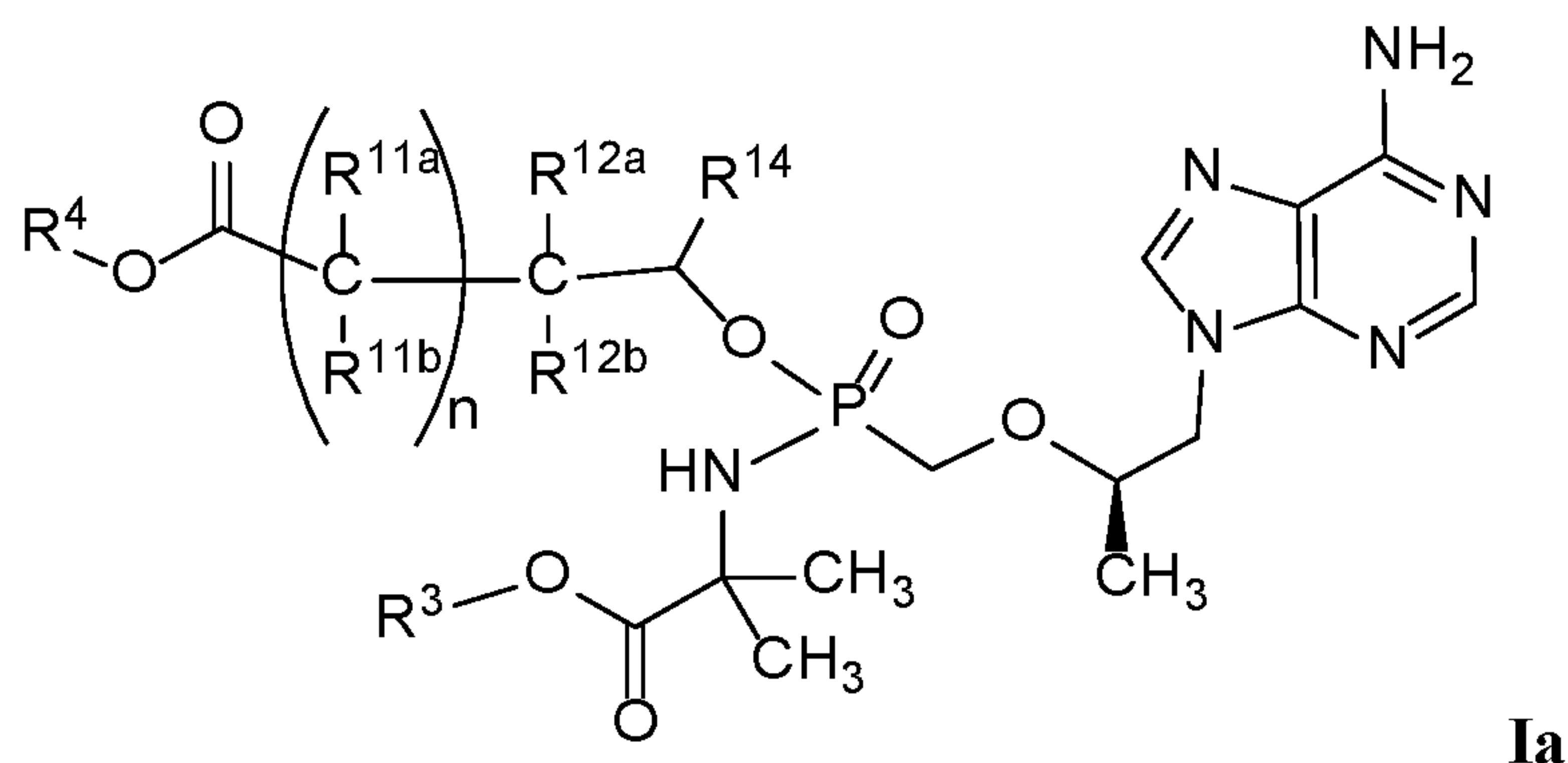
- (a) $-C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $-CH_2CH_2OH$, $-CH_2CH_2CH_2OH$, $-CH_2CH_2SH$, $-CH_2CH_2CH_2SH$,
 $-CH_2CH_2NH_2$, $-CH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2$, $-CH_2CF_2CH_3$ or $-CH_2CH_2CF_3$;
 (b) $-CH_2$ -phenyl, unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each
 substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, $-OR^{8a}$, $-SH$, $-N NR^6R^7$ or
 $-C_{1-3}$ alkyl, or
 (c) $-C_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein
 each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, $-OR^{8a}$, $-SH$, $-NR^6R^7$ or
 $-C_{1-3}$ alkyl.

and R^4 is:

- (a) $-C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $-CH_2CH_2OH$, $-CH_2CH_2CH_2OH$, $-CH_2CH_2SH$, $-CH_2CH_2CH_2SH$,
 $-CH_2CH_2NH_2$, $-CH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2$, $-CH_2CF_2CH_3$ or $-CH_2CH_2CF_3$;
 (b) $-CH_2$ -phenyl, unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein each
 substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, $-OR^{8b}$, $-SH$, $-NR^9R^{10}$ or
 $-C_{1-3}$ alkyl, or
 (c) $-C_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents, wherein
 each substituent is independently fluoro, chloro, bromo, $-OR^{8b}$, $-SH$, $-NR^9R^{10}$ or
 $-C_{1-3}$ alkyl.

9. The compound of any one of claims 1, 6, 7 or 8 having the structural

Formula Ia:



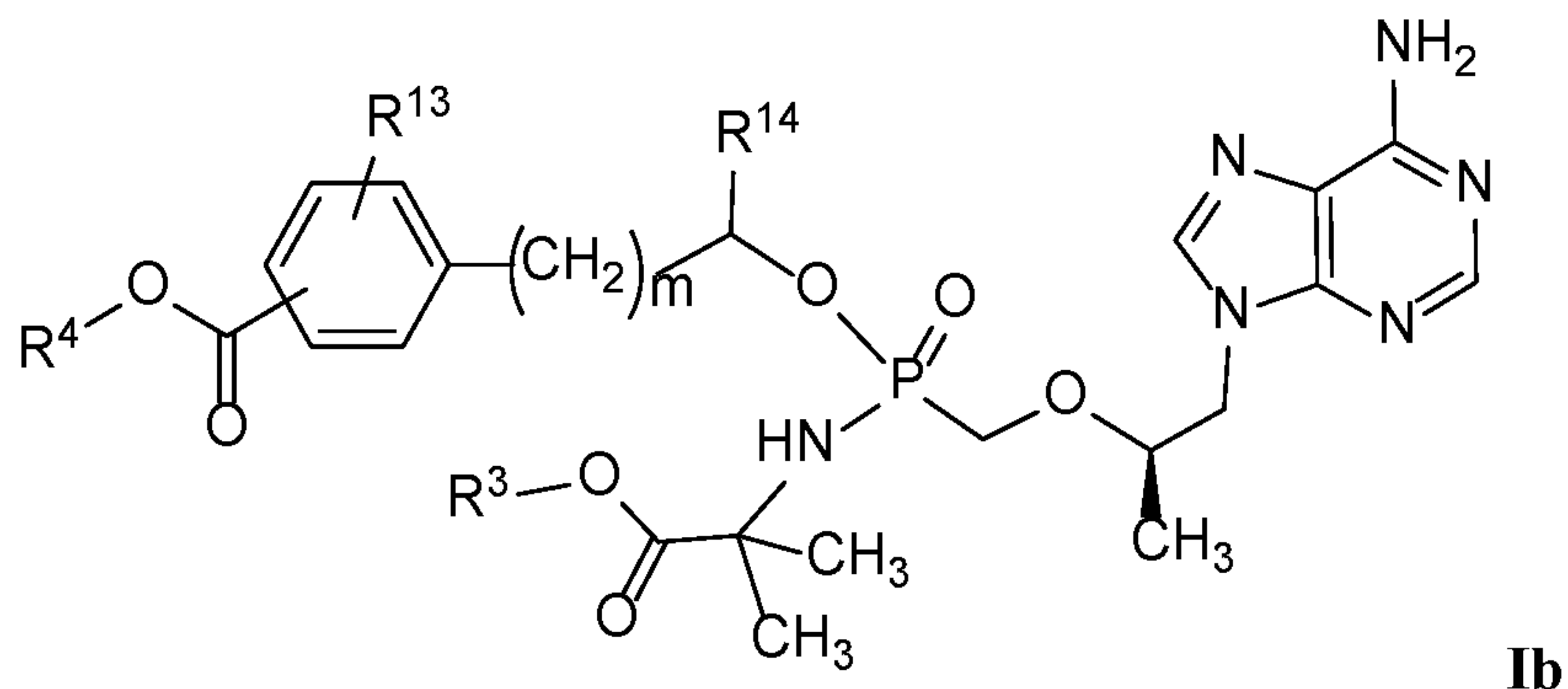
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10. The compound of claim 9 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,
 wherein n is 0; or
 wherein n is 1 and
 (a) R^{11a} and R^{11b} are independently $-H$ or $-C_{1-3}$ alkyl, and
 R^{12a} and R^{12b} are independently $-H$ or $-C_{1-3}$ alkyl, or R^{12a} and R^{12b} are joined
 together with the carbon to which they are both attached to form spiro- C_{3-6} cycloalkyl; or

- (c) **R11a** and **R11b** are independently –H or –C₁₋₃alkyl, or **R11a** and **R11b** are joined together with the carbon to which they are both attached to form spiro-C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, and **R12a** and **R12b** are independently –H or –C₁₋₃alkyl.

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11. The compound of any one of claims 1, 6, 7 or 8 having the structural Formula Ib:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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12. The compound of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

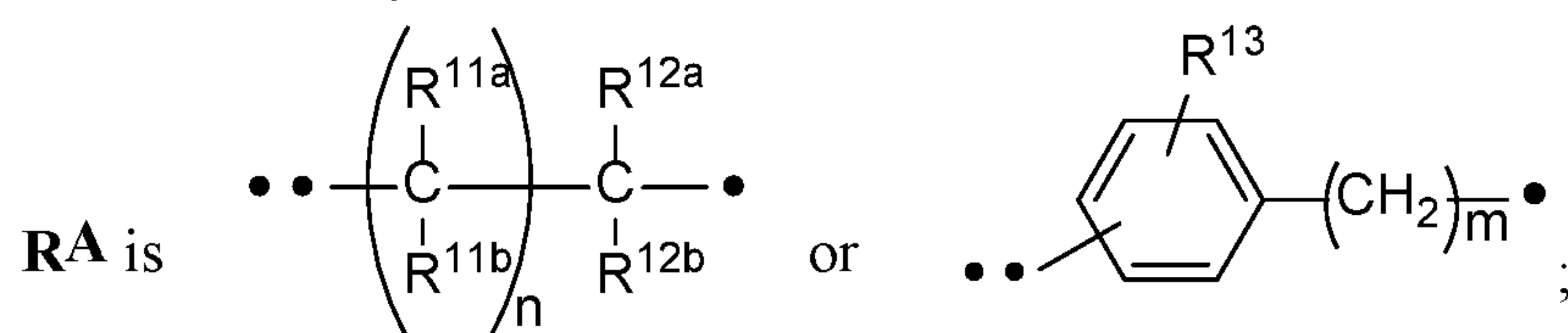
one of **X1** and **X2** is –O– and the other is –O– or –S–;

X3 is –O– or S;

15 **R1** and **R2** are both the same alkyl group wherein the alkyl group is methyl, ethyl, propyl or i-propyl;

R3 is –C₁₋₈alkyl;

R4 is –C₁₋₈alkyl;



wherein “•” is the point of attachment to –CH(R¹⁴) and “••” is the point of attachment to –C(O)OR⁴;

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n is 0 or 1;

m is 0 or 1;

R11a and **R11b** are each independently –H or –C₁₋₃alkyl, or **R11a** and **R11b** are joined together with the carbon to which they are both attached to form spiro-C₃₋₆cycloalkyl;

25 **R12a** and **R12b** are each independently –H or –C₁₋₃alkyl, or **R12a** and **R12b** are joined together with the carbon to which they are both attached to form spiro-C₃₋₆cycloalkyl;

R13 is H, –C₁₋₃alkyl or halo; and

R¹⁴ is -H or -C₁₋₃alkyl.

13. The compound of claim 1 that is:

Propyl 2-(((*R*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)(3-isopropoxy-3-oxopropoxy)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanoate;
 Propyl 2-(((*S*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)(3-isopropoxy-3-oxopropoxy)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanoate;
 Isopropyl 2-(((*R*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)(3-isopropoxy-3-oxopropoxy)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanoate;
 Isopropyl 2-(((*S*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)(3-isopropoxy-3-oxopropoxy)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanoate;
 Isopropyl 1-(((*R*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)methyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate;
 Isopropyl 1-(((*S*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)methyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate;
 Ethyl 1-(2-(((*R*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-ethyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)ethyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate;
 Ethyl 1-(2-(((*S*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)ethyl)cyclopropane-1-carboxylate;
 Isopropyl (*S*)-4-(((*R*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)-2-methylbutanoate;
 Isopropyl (*S*)-4-(((*S*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)-2-methylbutanoate;
 Isopropyl (*S*)-4-(((*R*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-propoxypropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)-2-methylbutanoate;
 Isopropyl (*S*)-4-(((*S*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-propoxypropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)-2-methylbutanoate;
 Isopropyl 2-(((*R*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-propoxypropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)methyl)-5-fluorobenzoate;
 Isopropyl 2-(((*S*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-propoxypropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)methyl)-5-fluorobenzoate;
 Pentyl 2-(((*S*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)(3-isopropoxy-3-oxopropoxy)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanoate;

Pentyl 2-(((*R*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)(3-isopropoxy-3-oxopropoxy)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanoate;
 Isopropyl 3-(((*S*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)-2,2-dimethylpropanoate;
 Isopropyl 3-(((*R*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)-2,2-dimethylpropanoate;
 Isopropyl (*S*)-3-(((*S*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)butanoate;
 Isopropyl (*S*)-3-(((*R*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)butanoate;
 Isopropyl 3-(2-(((*R*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-propoxypropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)ethyl)benzoate;
 Isopropyl 3-(2-(((*S*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-propoxypropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)ethyl)benzoate;
 Propyl 2-(((*S*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((3-isopropoxy-3-oxopropyl)thio)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanoate;
 Propyl 2-(((*R*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((3-isopropoxy-3-oxopropyl)thio)phosphoryl)amino)-2-methylpropanoate;
 Isopropyl 3-(((*S*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-(propylthio)propan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)propanoate;
 Isopropyl 3-(((*R*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-(propylthio)propan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)propanoate;
 Isopropyl 3-(((*R*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-propoxypropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)methyl)benzoate; or
 Isopropyl 3-(((*S*)-(((*R*)-1-(6-amino-9*H*-purin-9-yl)propan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)((2-methyl-1-oxo-1-propoxypropan-2-yl)amino)phosphoryl)oxy)methyl)benzoate;
 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

14. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of the compound according to any one of claims 1 to 8, 12 or 13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

15. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 14 further comprising an effective amount of one or more additional HIV antiviral agent selected from HIV protease inhibitors, HIV integrase inhibitors, non-nucleoside HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors,

nucleoside HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors, HIV fusion inhibitors and HIV entry inhibitors.

16. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 14 further comprising an
 5 effective amount of one or more additional HIV antiviral agent selected from:
 abacavir, abacavir sulfate, abacavir + lamivudine, abacavir + lamivudine + zidovudine,
 amprenavir, atazanavir, atazanavir sulfate, AZT, capravirine, darunavir, dideoxycytidine,
 dideoxyinosine, delavirdine, delavirdine mesylate, dolutegravir, doravirine, efavirenz, 4'-
 ethynyl-2-fluoro-2'-deoxyadenosine, elvitegravir, emtricitabine, emivirine, enfuvirtide,
 10 etravirine, fosamprenavir calcium, indinavir, indinavir sulfate, lamivudine, lamivudine +
 zidovudine, lopinavir, lopinavir + ritonavir, maraviroc, nelfinavir, nelfinavir mesylate,
 nevirapine, PPL-100, raltegravir, rilpivirine, ritonavir, saquinavir, saquinavir mesylate,
 stavudine, tipranavir, or vicriviroc.

15 17. A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of infection by HIV or for
 the prophylaxis, treatment, or delay in the onset of AIDS in a subject in need thereof which
 comprises administering to the subject an effective amount of the compound according to any
 one of claims 1 to 8, 12 or 13 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

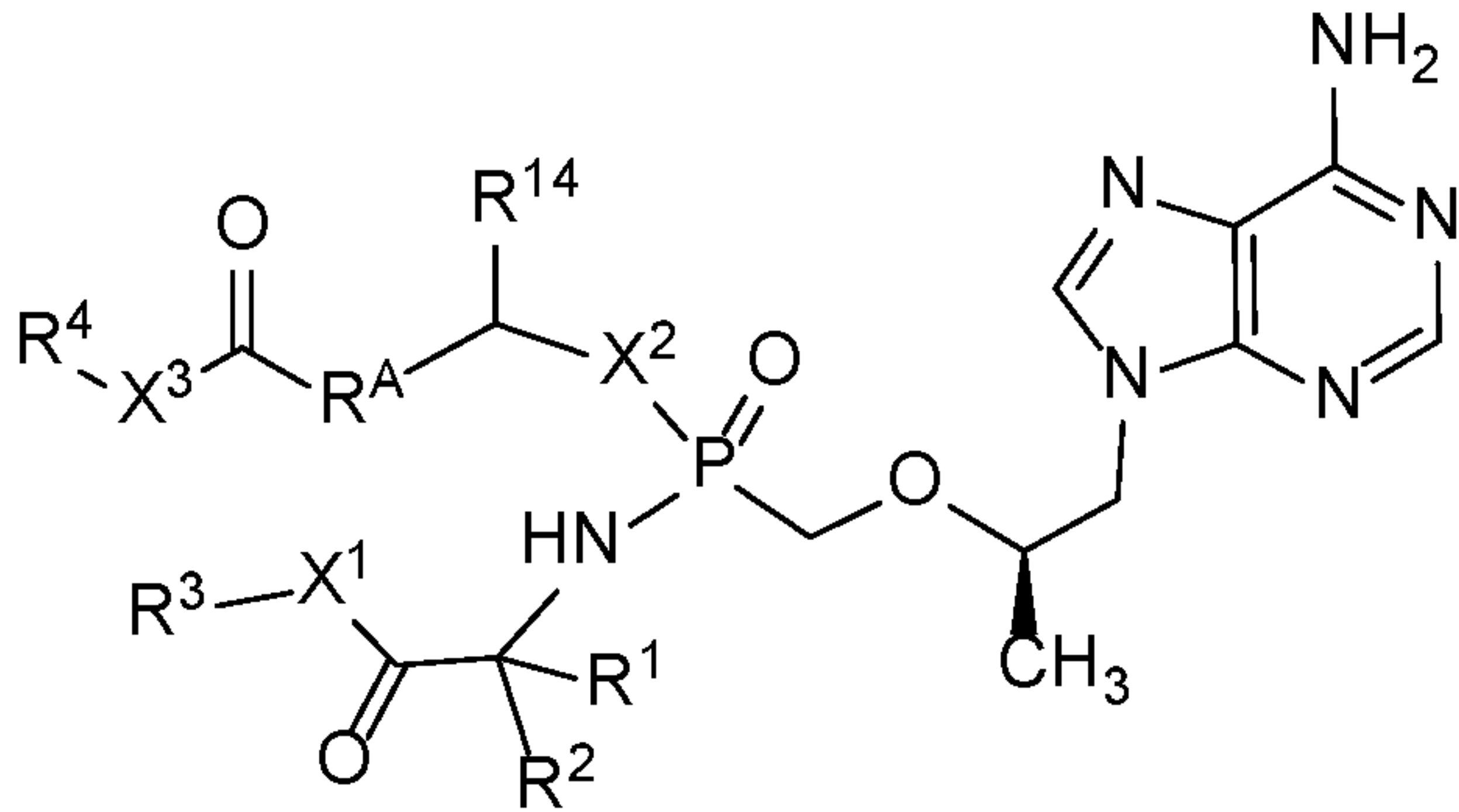
20 18. The method of claim 17 further comprising administering to the
 subject an effective amount of one or more additional HIV antiviral agent selected from HIV
 protease inhibitors, HIV integrase inhibitors, non-nucleoside HIV reverse transcriptase
 inhibitors, nucleoside HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors, HIV fusion inhibitors and HIV
 entry inhibitors.

25 19. The method of claim 17 further comprising administering to the subject
 an effective amount of one or more additional HIV antiviral agent selected from:
 abacavir, abacavir sulfate, abacavir + lamivudine, abacavir + lamivudine + zidovudine,
 amprenavir, atazanavir, atazanavir sulfate, AZT, capravirine, darunavir, dideoxycytidine,
 30 dideoxyinosine, delavirdine, delavirdine mesylate, dolutegravir, doravirine, efavirenz, 4'-
 ethynyl-2-fluoro-2'-deoxyadenosine, elvitegravir, emtricitabine, emivirine, enfuvirtide,
 etravirine, fosamprenavir calcium, indinavir, indinavir sulfate, lamivudine, lamivudine +
 zidovudine, lopinavir, lopinavir + ritonavir, maraviroc, nelfinavir, nelfinavir mesylate,
 nevirapine, PPL-100, raltegravir, rilpivirine, ritonavir, saquinavir, saquinavir mesylate,
 35 stavudine, tipranavir, or vicriviroc.

20. The method of any one of claims 17 to 19 wherein the subject is human.

5 21. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 8, 12 or 13 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for use in the preparation of a medicament for the prophylaxis or treatment of infection by HIV or for the prophylaxis, treatment, or delay in the onset of AIDS in a subject in need thereof.

10 22. Use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 8, 12 or 13 in the manufacture of a medicament for the prophylaxis or treatment of infection by HIV or for the prophylaxis, treatment, or delay in the onset of AIDS in a subject in need thereof.



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