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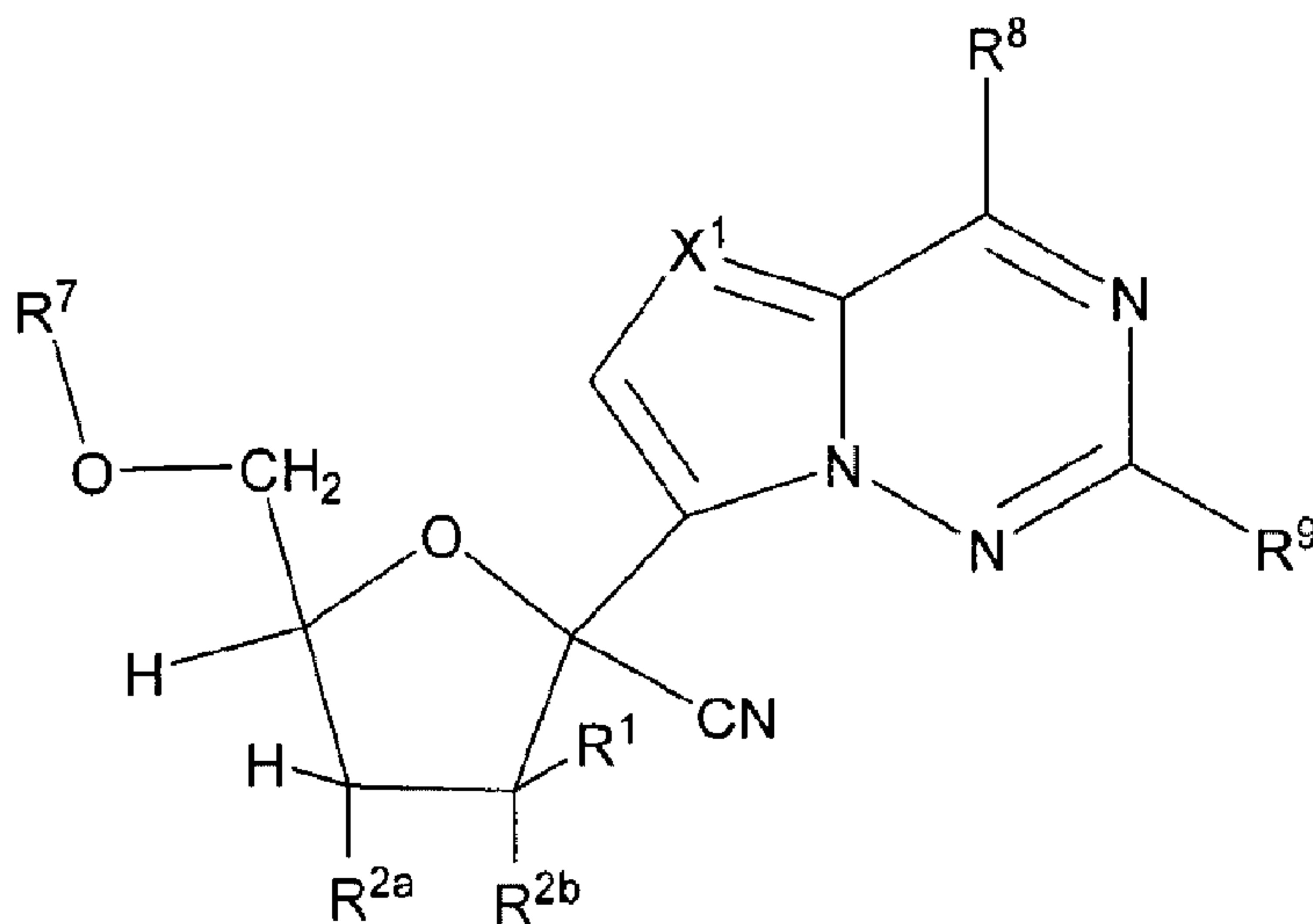
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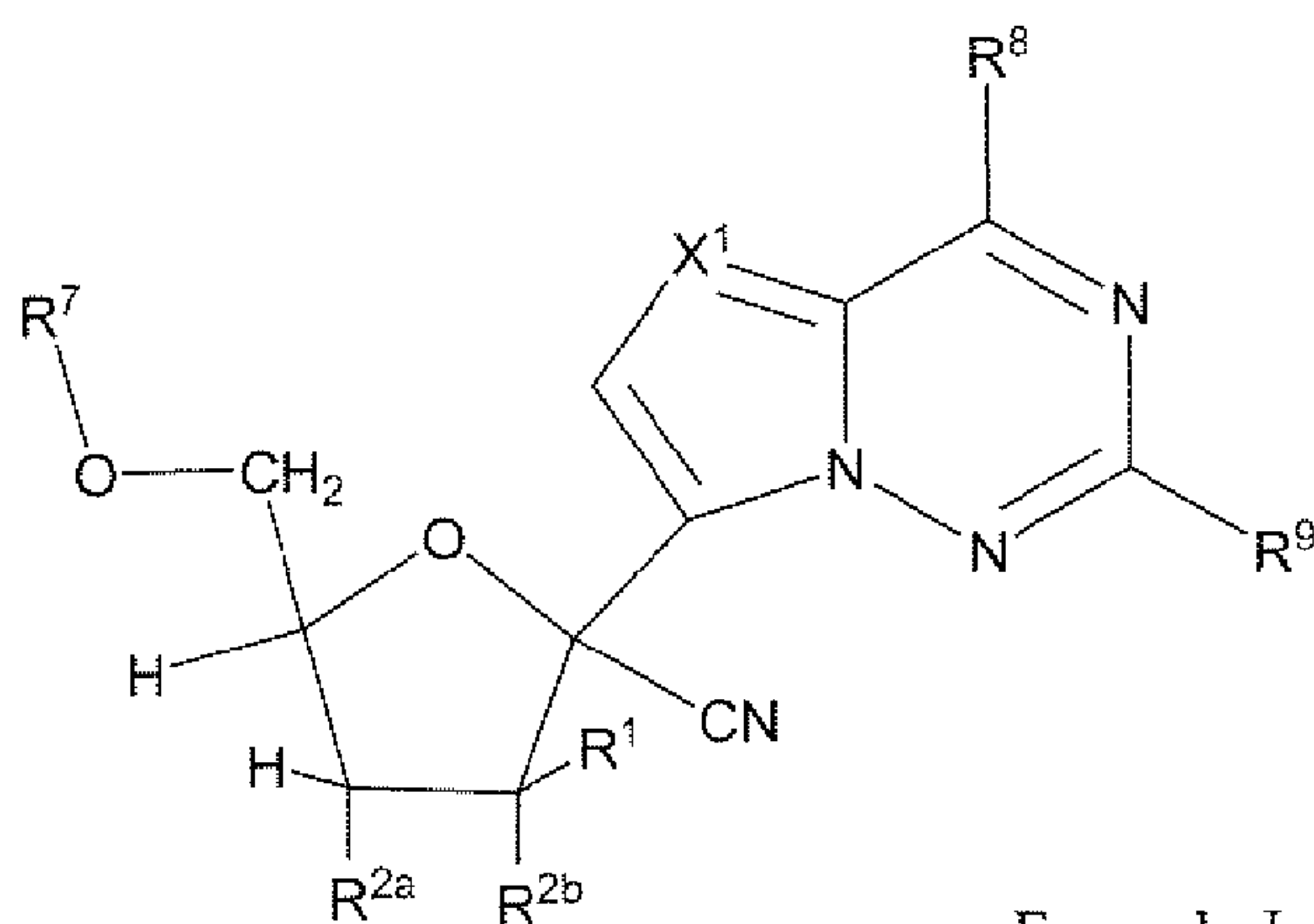
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**PROCESSES AND INTERMEDIATES FOR THE PREPARATION OF 1'-
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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

5 The invention relates generally to methods and intermediates for preparing compounds with antiviral activity, more particularly methods and intermediates for preparing nucleosides active against *Flaviviridae* infections.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Viruses comprising the *Flaviviridae* family comprise at least three
10 distinguishable genera including *pestiviruses*, *flaviviruses*, and *hepaciviruses* (Calisher, *et al.*, J. Gen. Virol., 1993, 70, 37-43). While *pestiviruses* cause many economically important animal diseases such as bovine viral diarrhea virus (BVDV), classical swine fever virus (CSFV, hog cholera) and border disease of sheep (BDV), their importance in human disease is less well characterized (Moennig, V., *et al.*, Adv.
15 Vir. Res. 1992, 48, 53-98). *Flaviviruses* are responsible for important human diseases such as dengue fever and yellow fever while *hepaciviruses* cause hepatitis C virus infections in humans. Other important viral infections caused by the *Flaviviridae* family include West Nile virus (WNV) Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV), tick-borne encephalitis virus, Junjin virus, Murray Valley encephalitis, St Louis encephalitis,
20 Omsk hemorrhagic fever virus and Zika virus. Combined, infections from the *Flaviviridae* virus family cause significant mortality, morbidity and economic losses throughout the world. Therefore, there is a need to develop effective treatments for *Flaviviridae* virus infections.

The hepatitis C virus (HCV) is the leading cause of chronic liver disease
25 worldwide (Boyer, N. *et al.* J Hepatol. 32:98-112, 2000) so a significant focus of current antiviral research is directed toward the development of improved methods of treatment of chronic HCV infections in humans (Di Besceglie, A.M. and Bacon, B. R., Scientific American, Oct.: 80-85, (1999); Gordon, C. P., *et al.*, *J. Med. Chem.* **2005**, *48*, 1-20; Maradpour, D.; *et al.*, *Nat. Rev. Micro.* **2007**, *5*(6), 453-463). A

number of HCV treatments are reviewed by Bymock et al. in *Antiviral Chemistry & Chemotherapy*, 11:2; 79-95 (2000).

RNA-dependent RNA polymerase (RdRp) is one of the best studied targets for the development of novel HCV therapeutic agents. The NS5B polymerase is a target for inhibitors in early human clinical trials (Sommadossi, J., WO 01/90121 A2, US 2004/0006002 A1). These enzymes have been extensively characterized at the biochemical and structural level, with screening assays for identifying selective inhibitors (De Clercq, E. (2001) *J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther.* 297:1-10; De Clercq, E. (2001) *J. Clin. Virol.* 22:73-89). Biochemical targets such as NS5B are important in developing HCV therapies since HCV does not replicate in the laboratory and there are difficulties in developing cell-based assays and preclinical animal systems.

Currently, there are primarily two antiviral compounds, ribavirin, a nucleoside analog, and interferon-alpha (α) (IFN), which are used for the treatment of chronic HCV infections in humans. Ribavirin alone is not effective in reducing viral RNA levels, has significant toxicity, and is known to induce anemia. The combination of IFN and ribavirin has been reported to be effective in the management of chronic hepatitis C (Scott, L. J., et al. *Drugs* **2002**, 62, 507-556) but less than half the patients given this treatment show a persistent benefit. Other patent applications disclosing the use of nucleoside analogs to treat hepatitis C virus include WO 01/32153, WO 01/60315, WO 02/057425, WO 02/057287, WO 02/032920, WO 02/18404, WO 04/046331, WO2008/089105 and WO2008/141079 but additional treatments for HCV infections have not yet become available for patients. Therefore, drugs having improved antiviral and pharmacokinetic properties with enhanced activity against development of HCV resistance, improved oral bioavailability, greater efficacy, fewer undesirable side effects and extended effective half-life *in vivo* (De Francesco, R. et al. (2003) *Antiviral Research* 58:1-16) are urgently needed.

Certain ribosides of the nucleobases pyrrolo[1,2-f][1,2,4]triazine, imidazo[1,5-f][1,2,4]triazine, imidazo[1,2-f][1,2,4]triazine, and [1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-f][1,2,4]triazine have been disclosed in *Carbohydrate Research* 2001, 331(1), 77-82; *Nucleosides & Nucleotides* (1996), 15(1-3), 793-807; *Tetrahedron Letters* (1994), 35(30), 5339-42; *Heterocycles* (1992), 34(3), 569-74; *J. Chem. Soc. Perkin Trans. 1* 1985, 3, 621-30; *J. Chem. Soc. Perkin Trans. 1* 1984, 2,

229-38; WO 2000056734; *Organic Letters* (2001), 3(6), 839-842; *J. Chem. Soc.*

Perkin Trans. 1 1999, 20, 2929-2936; and *J. Med. Chem.* 1986, 29(11), 2231-5.

However, these compounds have not been disclosed as useful for the treatment of HCV.

5 Ribosides of pyrrolo[1,2-f][1,2,4]triazinyl, imidazo[1,5-f][1,2,4]triazinyl, imidazo[1,2-f][1,2,4]triazinyl, and [1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-f][1,2,4]triazinyl nucleobases with antiviral, anti-HCV, and anti-RdRp activity have been disclosed by Babu, Y. S., WO2008/089105 and WO2008/141079; Cho, et al., WO2009/132123 and Francom, et al. WO2010/002877.

10 Butler, et al., WO2009/132135, has disclosed anti-viral pyrrolo[1,2-f][1,2,4]triazinyl, imidazo[1,5-f][1,2,4]triazinyl, imidazo[1,2-f][1,2,4]triazinyl, and [1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-f][1,2,4]triazinyl nucleosides wherein the 1' position of the nucleoside sugar is substituted with a cyano group. However, the methods described for introducing the 1' cyano group only produced about a 3:1 ratio of β to α anomers
15 and, in certain circumstances, the cyanation reactions was particularly slow. Therefore, there is a need to develop more efficient processes and intermediates for the syntheses of nucleosides of pyrrolo[1,2-f][1,2,4]triazinyl and imidazo[1,2-f][1,2,4]triazinyl heterocycles.

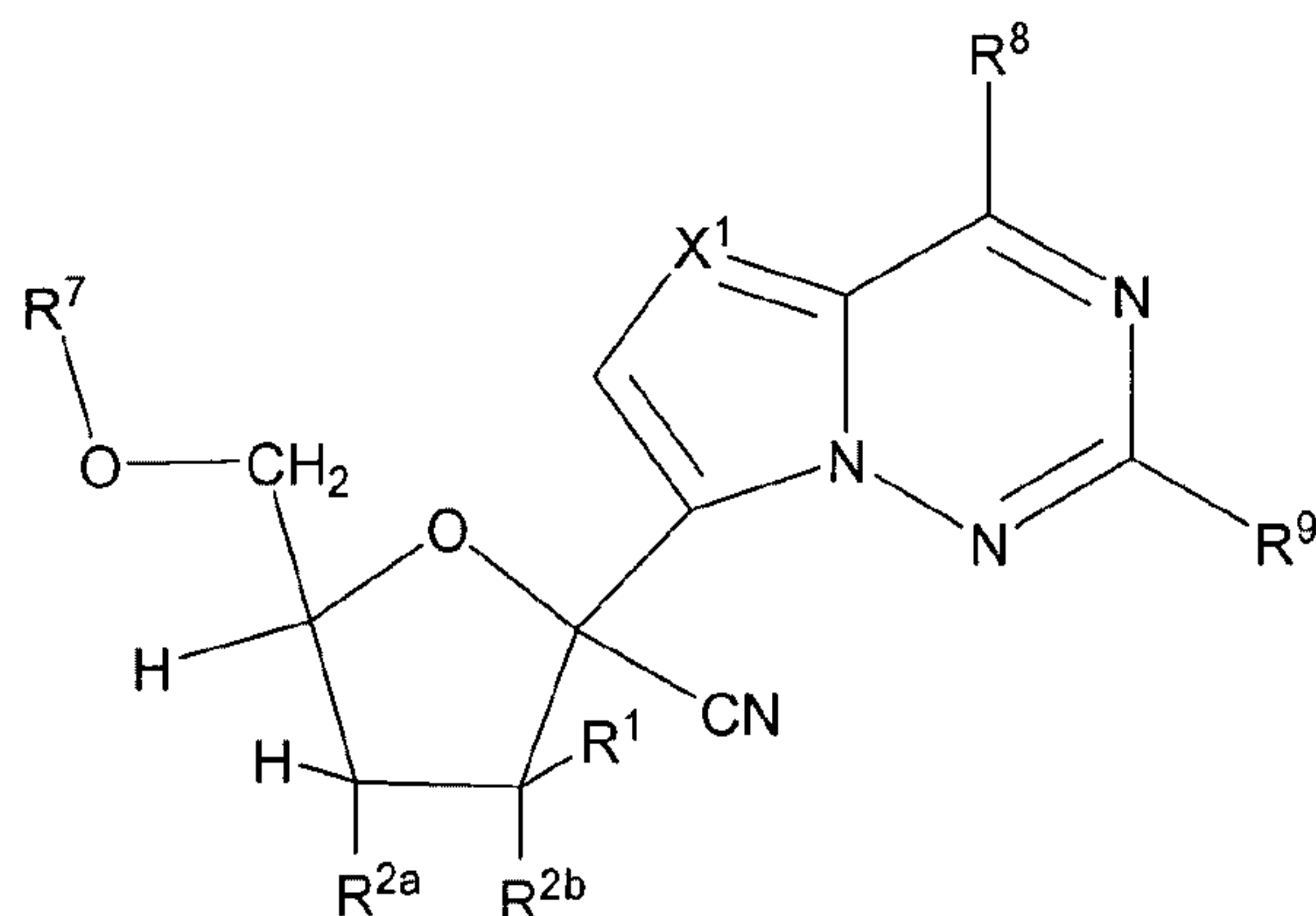
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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Provided are processes and intermediates for the syntheses of nucleosides of pyrrolo[1,2-f][1,2,4]triazinyl and imidazo[1,2-f][1,2,4]triazinyl heterocycles.

Provided are methods for preparing a compound of Formula I:

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Formula I

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, thereof;

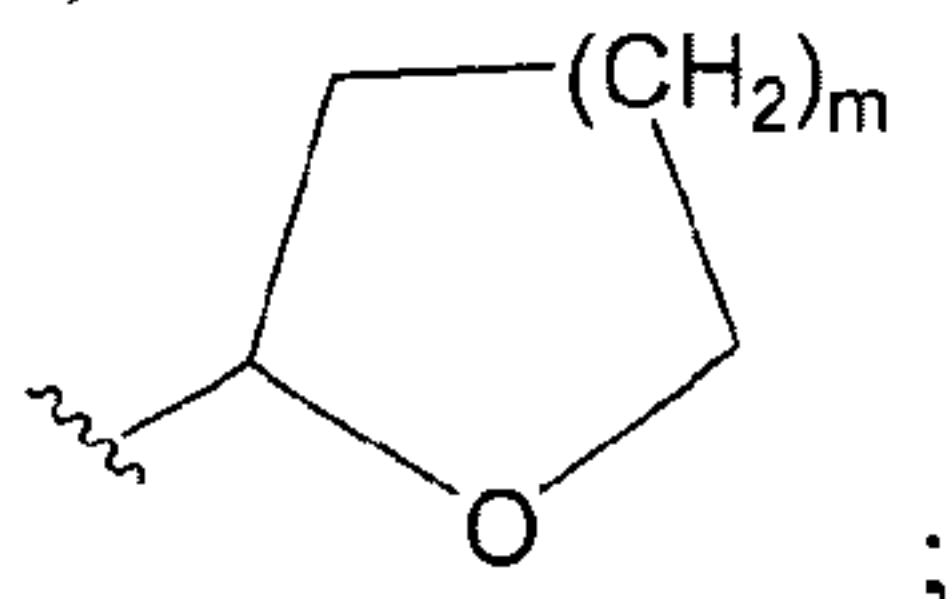
wherein:

- 5 R^1 is H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₄-C₈)carbocyclalkyl, (C₁-C₈)substituted alkyl, (C₂-C₈)alkenyl, (C₂-C₈)substituted alkenyl, (C₂-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)substituted alkynyl, or aryl(C₁-C₈)alkyl;

each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is independently H, F or OR⁴;

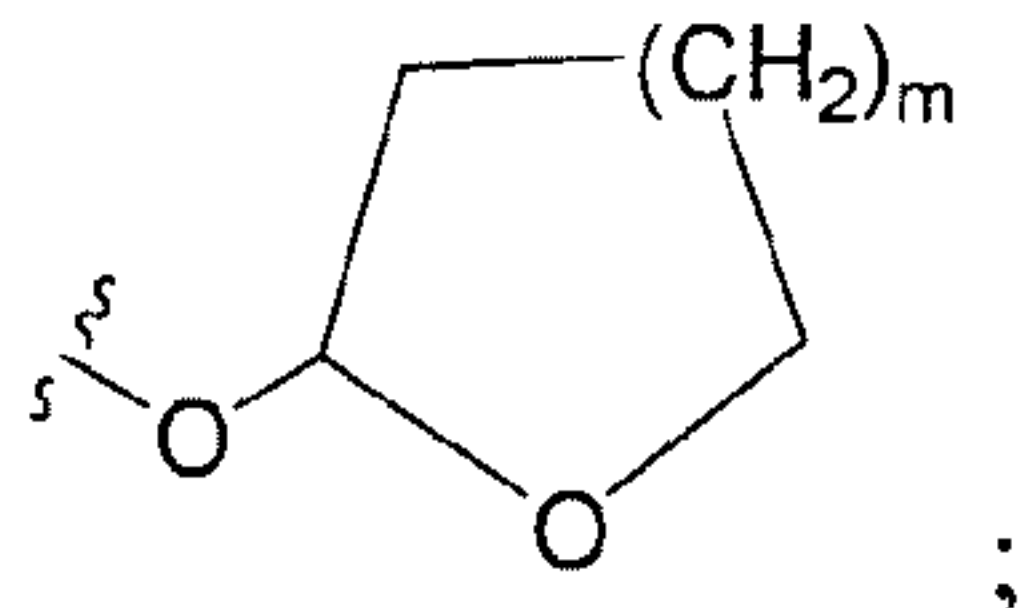
- 10 each R^3 is independently (C₁-C₈) alkyl, (C₁-C₈) substituted alkyl, C₆-C₂₀ aryl, C₆-C₂₀ substituted aryl, C₂-C₂₀ heterocyclyl, C₂-C₂₀ substituted heterocyclyl, C₇-C₂₀ arylalkyl, C₇-C₂₀ substituted arylalkyl, (C₁-C₈) alkoxy, or (C₁-C₈) substituted alkoxy;

each R^4 and R^7 is independently H, optionally substituted allyl, -C(R⁵)₂R⁶, Si(R³)₃, C(O)R⁵, C(O)OR⁵, -(C(R⁵)₂)_m-R¹⁵ or



- 15 or any two of R^4 and R^7 when taken together are -C(R¹⁹)₂-, -C(O)- or -Si(R³)₂(X²)_mSi(R³)₂-;

each R^{15} is independently -O-C(R⁵)₂R⁶, -Si(R³)₃, C(O)OR⁵, -OC(O)R⁵ or



- 20 each R^5 , R^{18} and R^{19} is independently H, (C₁-C₈) alkyl, (C₁-C₈) substituted alkyl, (C₂-C₈)alkenyl, (C₂-C₈) substituted alkenyl, (C₂-C₈) alkynyl, (C₂-C₈) substituted

alkynyl, C₆–C₂₀ aryl, C₆–C₂₀ substituted aryl, C₂–C₂₀ heterocyclyl, C₂–C₂₀ substituted heterocyclyl, C₇–C₂₀ arylalkyl or C₇–C₂₀ substituted arylalkyl;

each R⁶ is independently C₆–C₂₀ aryl, C₆–C₂₀ substituted aryl, or optionally substituted heteroaryl;

5 each R^a is independently H, (C₁–C₈)alkyl, (C₂–C₈)alkenyl, (C₂–C₈)alkynyl, aryl(C₁–C₈)alkyl, (C₄–C₈)carbocyclalkyl, -C(=O)R¹¹, -C(=O)OR¹¹, -C(=O)NR¹¹R¹², -C(=O)SR¹¹,

-S(O)R¹¹, -S(O)₂R¹¹, -S(O)(OR¹¹), -S(O)₂(OR¹¹), or -SO₂NR¹¹R¹²;

X¹ is C-R¹⁰ or N;

10 each X² is O or CH₂;

each m is 1 or 2;

each n is independently 0, 1 or 2;

each R⁸ is halogen, NR¹¹R¹², N(R¹¹)OR¹¹, NR¹¹NR¹¹R¹², N₃, NO, NO₂, CHO, CH(=NR¹¹), -CH=NHNR¹¹, -CH=N(OR¹¹), -CH(OR¹¹)₂, -C(=O)NR¹¹R¹², -C(=S)NR¹¹R¹²,
15 -C(=O)OR¹¹, (C₁–C₈)alkyl, (C₂–C₈)alkenyl, (C₂–C₈)alkynyl, (C₄–C₈)carbocyclalkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, -C(=O)(C₁–C₈)alkyl, -S(O)_n(C₁–C₈)alkyl, aryl(C₁–C₈)alkyl, CN, OR¹¹ or SR¹¹;

each R⁹ and R¹⁰ is independently H, halogen, NR¹¹R¹², N(R¹¹)OR¹¹, N(R¹¹)N(R¹¹)(R¹²), N₃, NO, NO₂, CHO, CN, -CH(=NR¹¹), -CH=NNH(R¹¹),
20 -CH=N(OR¹¹), -CH(OR¹¹)₂, -C(=O)NR¹¹R¹², -C(=S)NR¹¹R¹², -C(=O)OR¹¹, R¹¹, OR¹¹ or SR¹¹;

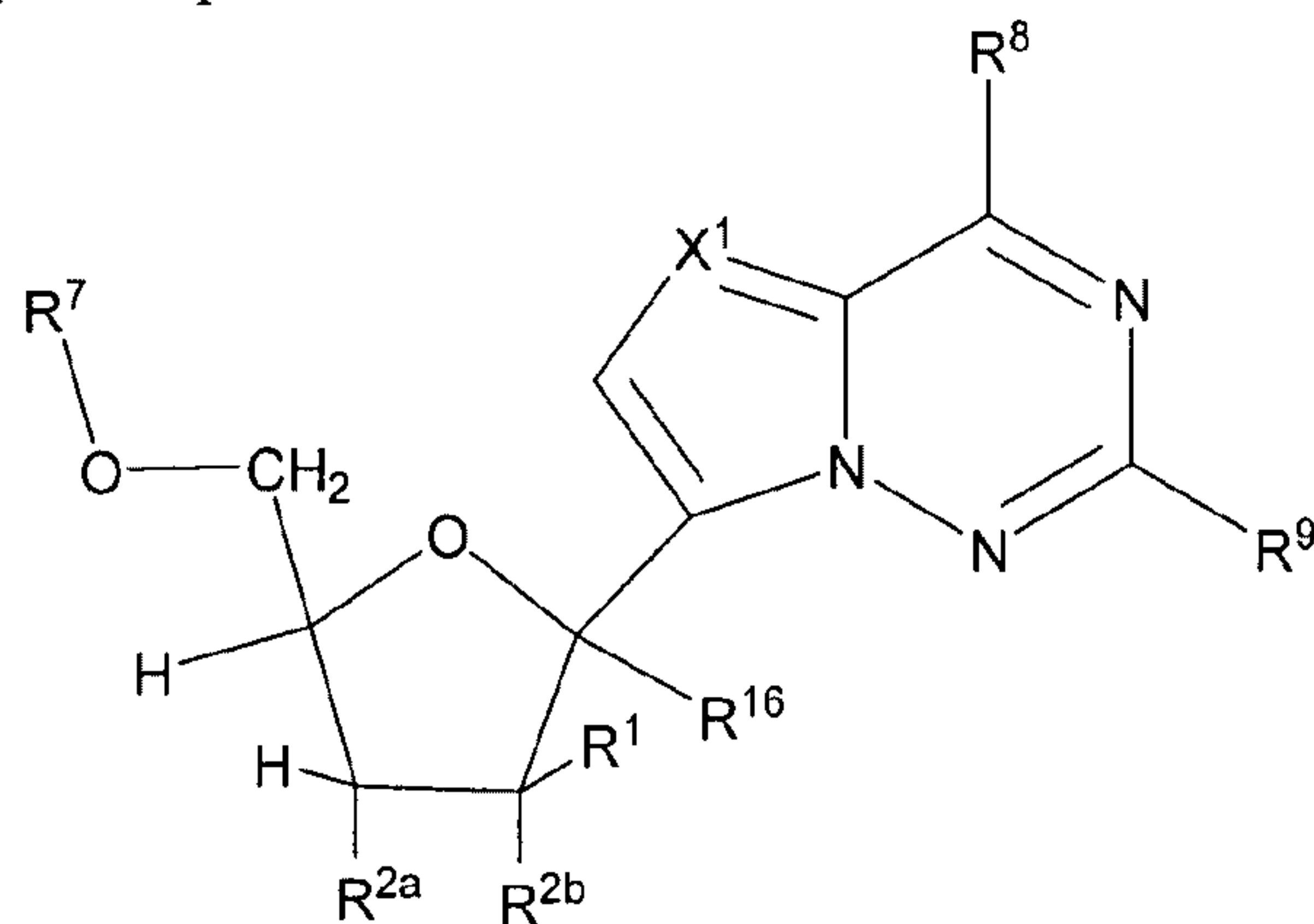
each R¹¹ and R¹² is independently H, (C₁–C₈)alkyl, (C₂–C₈)alkenyl, (C₂–C₈)alkynyl, (C₃–C₈)carbocyclyl, (C₄–C₈)carbocyclalkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, -C(=O)(C₁–C₈)alkyl, -S(O)_n(C₁–C₈)alkyl, aryl(C₁–C₈)alkyl or
25 Si(R³)₃; or R¹¹ and R¹² taken together with a nitrogen to which they are both attached form a 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring wherein any one carbon atom of said heterocyclic ring can optionally be replaced with -O-, -S(O)_n- or -NR^a-; or R¹¹ and R¹² taken together are -Si(R³)₂(X²)_mSi(R³)₂-;

wherein each (C₁–C₈)alkyl, (C₂–C₈)alkenyl, (C₂–C₈)alkynyl and aryl(C₁–C₈)alkyl
30 of each R¹, R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R¹⁸, R¹⁹, R¹¹ and R¹² is, independently, optionally substituted with one or more halo, hydroxy, CN, N₃, N(R^a)₂ or OR^a; and wherein one

or more of the non-terminal carbon atoms of each of said (C₁-C₈)alkyl is optionally replaced with -O-, -S(O)_n- or -NR^a-;

said method comprising:

(a) providing a compound of Formula II



Formula II

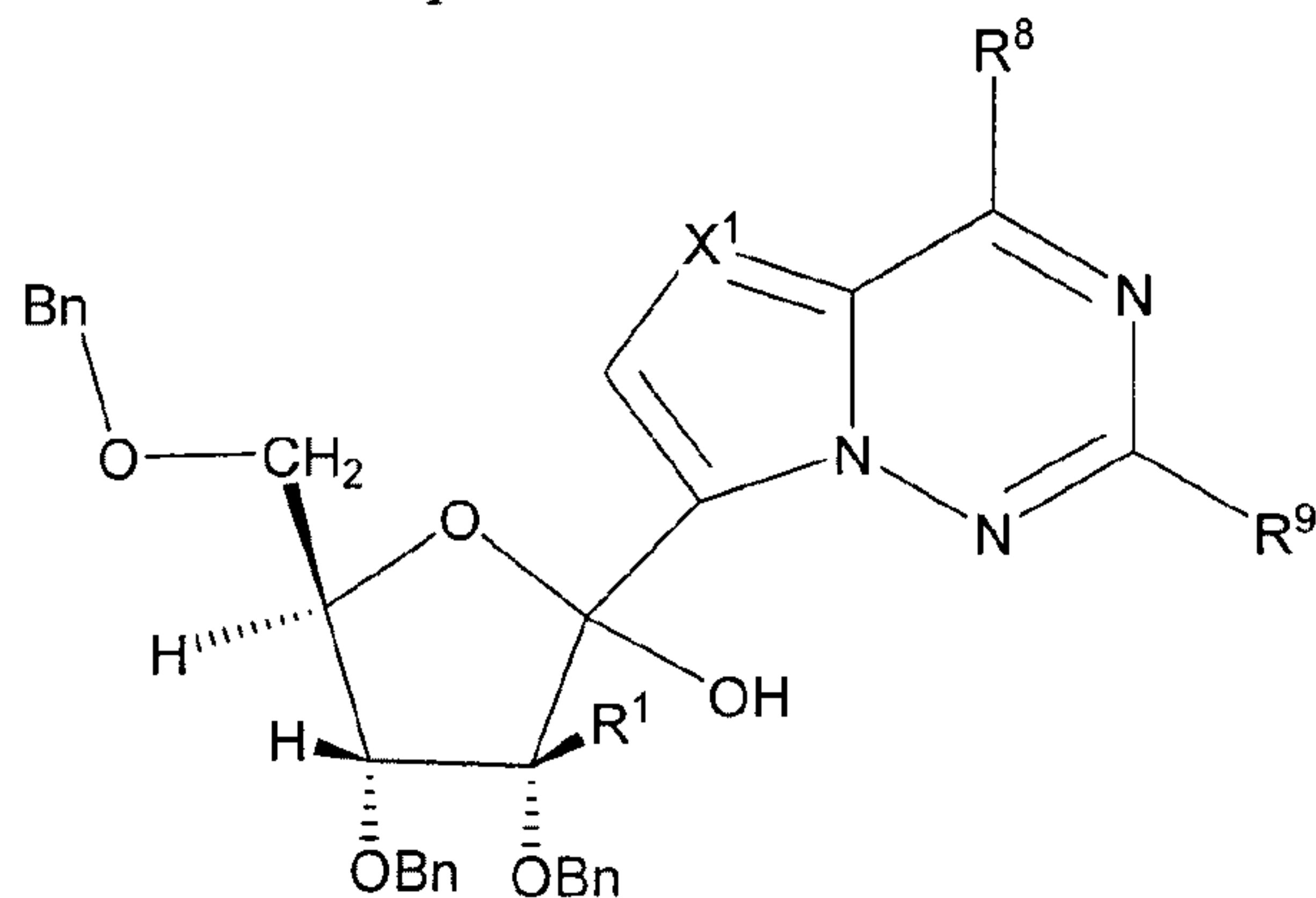
or salt thereof;

wherein R¹⁶ is OH, OR¹⁸, -OC(O)OR¹⁸ or -OC(O)R¹⁸;

(b) treating the compound of Formula II with a cyanide reagent and a Lewis acid;

thereby forming the compound of Formula I;

provided that when the compound of Formula II is:



wherein X¹ is CH or N, R¹ is CH₃, R⁸ is NH₂, and R⁹ is NH₂ or H or;

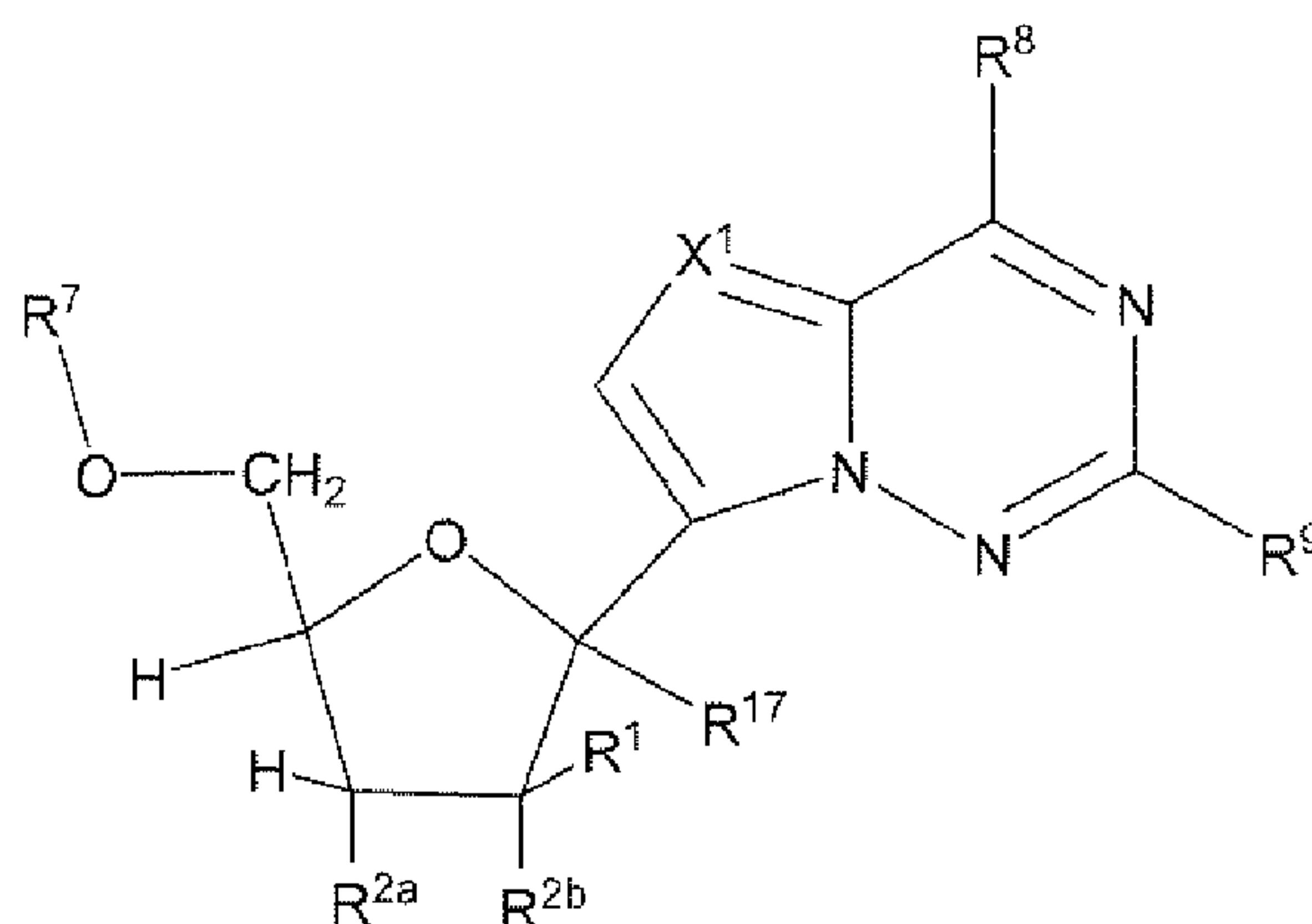
wherein X¹ is CH, R¹ is CH₃, R⁸ is OH, and R⁹ is NH₂ or;

wherein X¹ is CH, each R¹ and R⁹ is H and R⁸ is NH₂;

then said cyanide reagent is not (CH₃)₃SiCN or said Lewis acid is not BF₃-

O(CH₂CH₃)₂.

Also provided are compounds of Formula II that are useful intermediates for the preparation of compounds of Formula I. Provided are compounds of Formula II
5 represented by Formula VI:



Formula VI

or an acceptable salt, thereof;

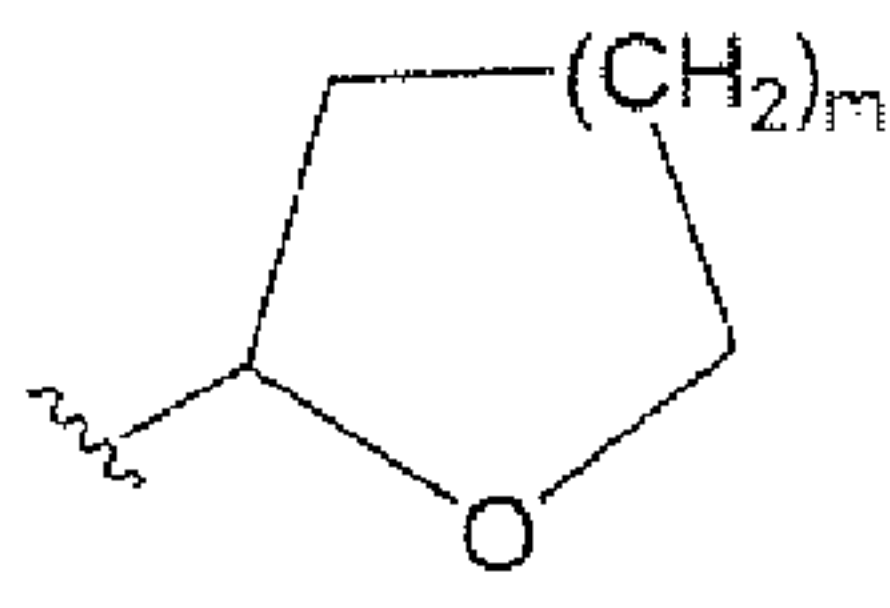
10 wherein:

R¹ is H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₄-C₈)carbocyclalkyl, (C₁-C₈)substituted alkyl, (C₂-C₈)alkenyl, (C₂-C₈)substituted alkenyl, (C₂-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)substituted alkynyl, or aryl(C₁-C₈)alkyl;

each R^{2a} or R^{2b} is independently H, F or OR⁴;

15 each R³ is independently (C₁-C₈) alkyl, (C₁-C₈) substituted alkyl, C₆-C₂₀ aryl, C₆-C₂₀ substituted aryl, C₂-C₂₀ heterocyclyl, C₂-C₂₀ substituted heterocyclyl, C₇-C₂₀ arylalkyl, C₇-C₂₀ substituted arylalkyl, (C₁-C₈) alkoxy, or (C₁-C₈) substituted alkoxy;

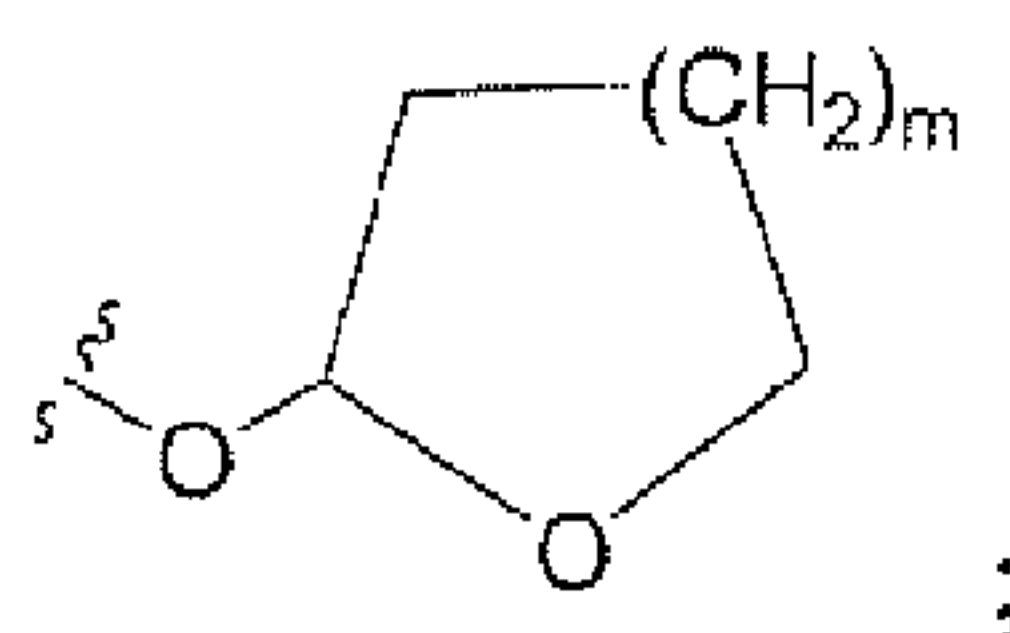
each R⁴ or R⁷ is independently H, optionally substituted allyl, -C(R⁵)₂R⁶, Si(R³)₃, C(O)R⁵, C(O)OR⁵, -(C(R⁵)₂)_m-R¹⁵ or



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or any two of R⁴ or R⁷ when taken together are -C(R¹⁹)₂-, -C(O)- or -Si(R³)₂(X²)_mSi(R³)₂-;

each R^{15} is independently $-O-C(R^5)_2R^6$, $-Si(R^3)_3$, $C(O)OR^5$, $-OC(O)R^5$ or



each R^5 , R^{18} or R^{19} is independently H, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_1-C_8) substituted alkyl, (C_2-C_8) alkenyl, (C_2-C_8) substituted alkenyl, (C_2-C_8) alkynyl, (C_2-C_8) substituted alkynyl, C_6-C_{20} aryl, C_6-C_{20} substituted aryl, C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyl, C_2-C_{20} substituted heterocyclyl, C_7-C_{20} arylalkyl, or C_7-C_{20} substituted arylalkyl;

each R^6 is independently C_6-C_{20} aryl, C_6-C_{20} substituted aryl, or optionally substituted heteroaryl;

each R^a is independently H, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_2-C_8) alkenyl, (C_2-C_8) alkynyl, aryl(C_1-C_8)alkyl, (C_4-C_8) carbocyclylalkyl, $-C(=O)R^{11}$, $-C(=O)OR^{11}$, $-C(=O)NR^{11}R^{12}$, $-C(=O)SR^{11}$, $-S(O)R^{11}$, $-S(O)_2R^{11}$, $-S(O)(OR^{11})$, $-S(O)_2(OR^{11})$, or $-SO_2NR^{11}R^{12}$;

X^1 is $C-R^{10}$ or N;

each X^2 is O or CH_2 ;

each m is 1 or 2;

each n is independently 0, 1 or 2;

each R^8 is halogen, $NR^{11}R^{12}$, $N(R^{11})OR^{11}$, $NR^{11}NR^{11}R^{12}$, N_3 , NO, NO_2 , CHO, $CH(=NR^{11})$, $-CH=NHNR^{11}$, $-CH=N(OR^{11})$, $-CH(OR^{11})_2$, $-C(=O)NR^{11}R^{12}$, $-C(=S)NR^{11}R^{12}$, $-C(=O)OR^{11}$, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_2-C_8) alkenyl, (C_2-C_8) alkynyl, (C_4-C_8) carbocyclylalkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, $-C(=O)(C_1-C_8)$ alkyl, $-S(O)_n(C_1-C_8)$ alkyl, aryl(C_1-C_8)alkyl, CN, OR^{11} or SR^{11} ;

each R^9 or R^{10} is independently H, halogen, $NR^{11}R^{12}$, $N(R^{11})OR^{11}$, $N(R^{11})N(R^{11})(R^{12})$, N_3 , NO, NO_2 , CHO, CN, $-CH(=NR^{11})$, $-CH=NNH(R^{11})$, $-CH=N(OR^{11})$, $-CH(OR^{11})_2$, $-C(=O)NR^{11}R^{12}$, $-C(=S)NR^{11}R^{12}$, $-C(=O)OR^{11}$, R^{11} , OR^{11} or SR^{11} ;

each R^{11} or R^{12} is independently H, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_2-C_8) alkenyl, (C_2-C_8) alkynyl, (C_3-C_8) carbocyclyl, (C_4-C_8) carbocyclylalkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, $-C(=O)(C_1-C_8)$ alkyl, $-S(O)_n(C_1-C_8)$ alkyl, aryl(C_1-C_8)alkyl or $Si(R^3)_3$; or R^{11} and R^{12} taken together with a nitrogen to which they are both attached form a 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring wherein any one carbon atom

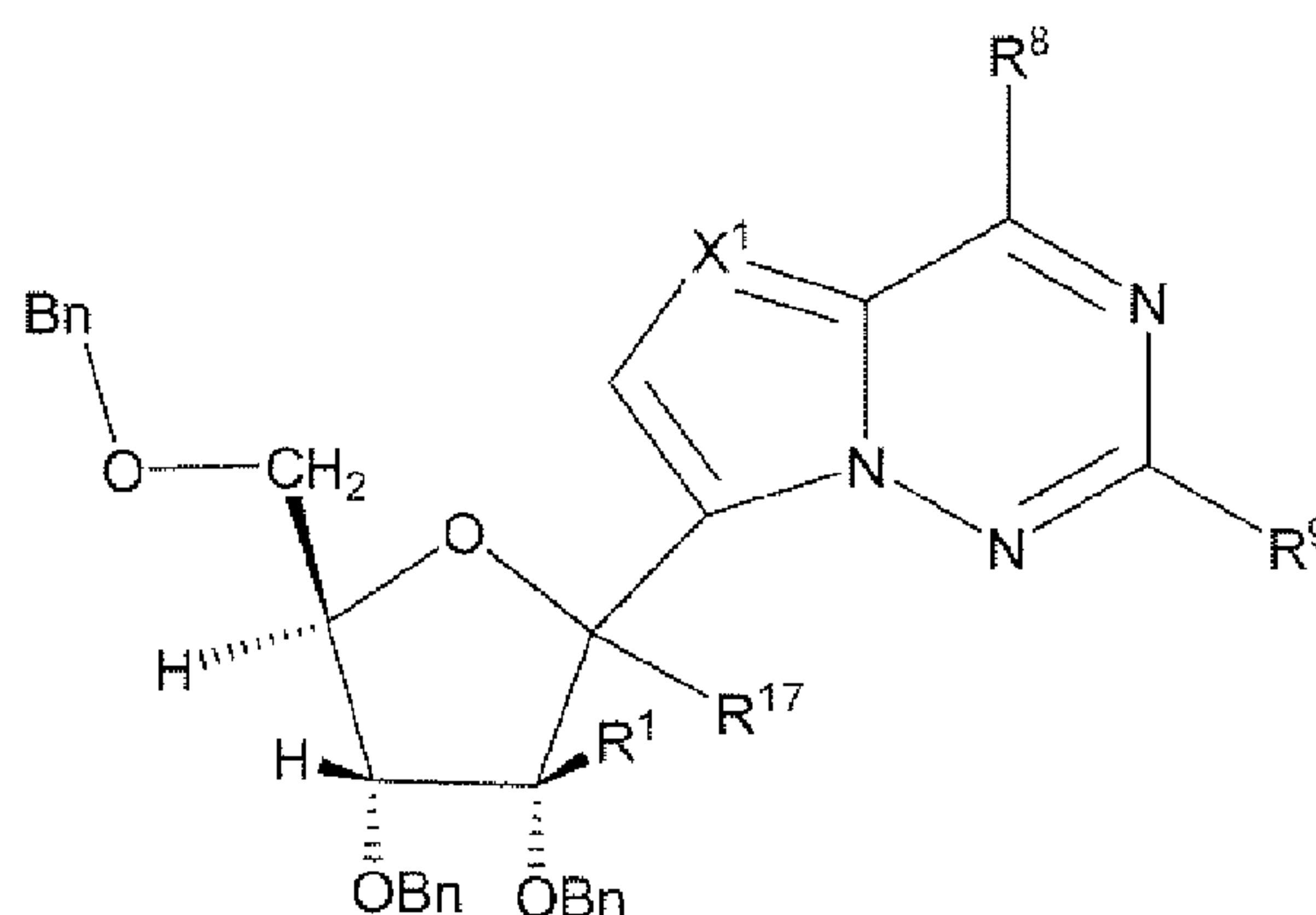
of said heterocyclic ring can optionally be replaced with -O-, -S(O)_n- or -NR^a-; or R¹¹ and R¹² taken together are -Si(R³)₂(X²)_mSi(R³)₂-;

R¹⁷ is OH, OR¹⁸, -OC(O)OR¹⁸ or -OC(O)R¹⁸;

wherein each (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)alkenyl, (C₂-C₈)alkynyl or aryl(C₁-C₈)alkyl
 5 of each R¹, R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R¹⁸, R¹⁹, R¹¹ or R¹² is, independently, optionally substituted with one or more halo, hydroxy, CN, N₃, N(R^a)₂ or OR^a; and wherein one or more of the non-terminal carbon atoms of each said (C₁-C₈)alkyl is optionally replaced with -O-, -S(O)_n- or -NR^a-;

provided that when R¹⁷ is OH or OCH₃, R¹ is H or CH₃ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b}
 10 is OR⁴, then each R⁷ and each R⁴ is not H; and

provided that the compound of Formula VI is not a compound of Formula VII



Formula VII

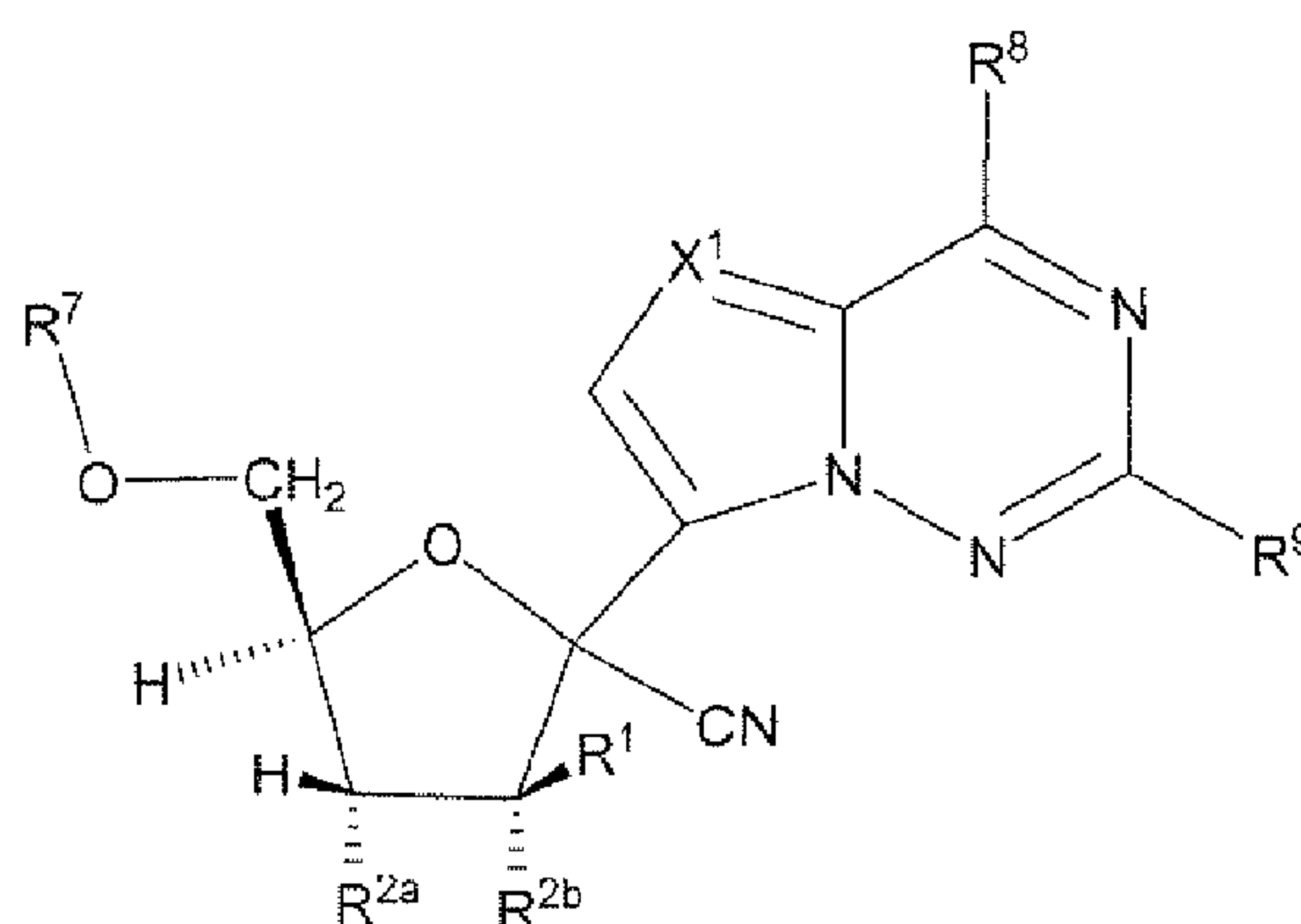
wherein R¹⁷ is OH and

- 15 (a) X¹ is CH, R¹ is CH₃, R⁸ is NH₂ and R⁹ is NH₂ or H; or
 (b) X¹ is CH, R¹ is CH₃, R⁸ is OH and R⁹ is NH₂; or
 (c) X¹ is CH, each R¹ and R⁹ is H and R⁸ is NH₂; or
 (d) X¹ is N, R¹ is CH₃, R⁸ is NH₂, and R⁹ is H, NH₂ or SCH₃;
 (e) X¹ is N, R¹ is CH₃, R⁸ is SCH₃ or NHCH₃, and R⁹ is SCH₃; or
 20 (f) X¹ is N, R¹ is CH₃, R⁸ is OCH₃, and R⁹ is SCH₃, SO₂CH₃ or NH₂;
 or wherein R¹⁷ is OCH₃, X¹ is CH, each R¹ and R⁹ is H and R⁸ is NH₂.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS

Reference will now be made in detail to certain embodiments of the invention, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying description, structures and formulas. While the invention will be described in conjunction with the enumerated
 5 embodiments, it will be understood that they are not intended to limit the invention to those embodiments. On the contrary, the invention is intended to cover all alternatives, modifications, and equivalents, which may be included within the scope of the present invention.

In one embodiment, provided is a method of preparing a compound of Formula
 10 I represented by a compound of Formula Ib



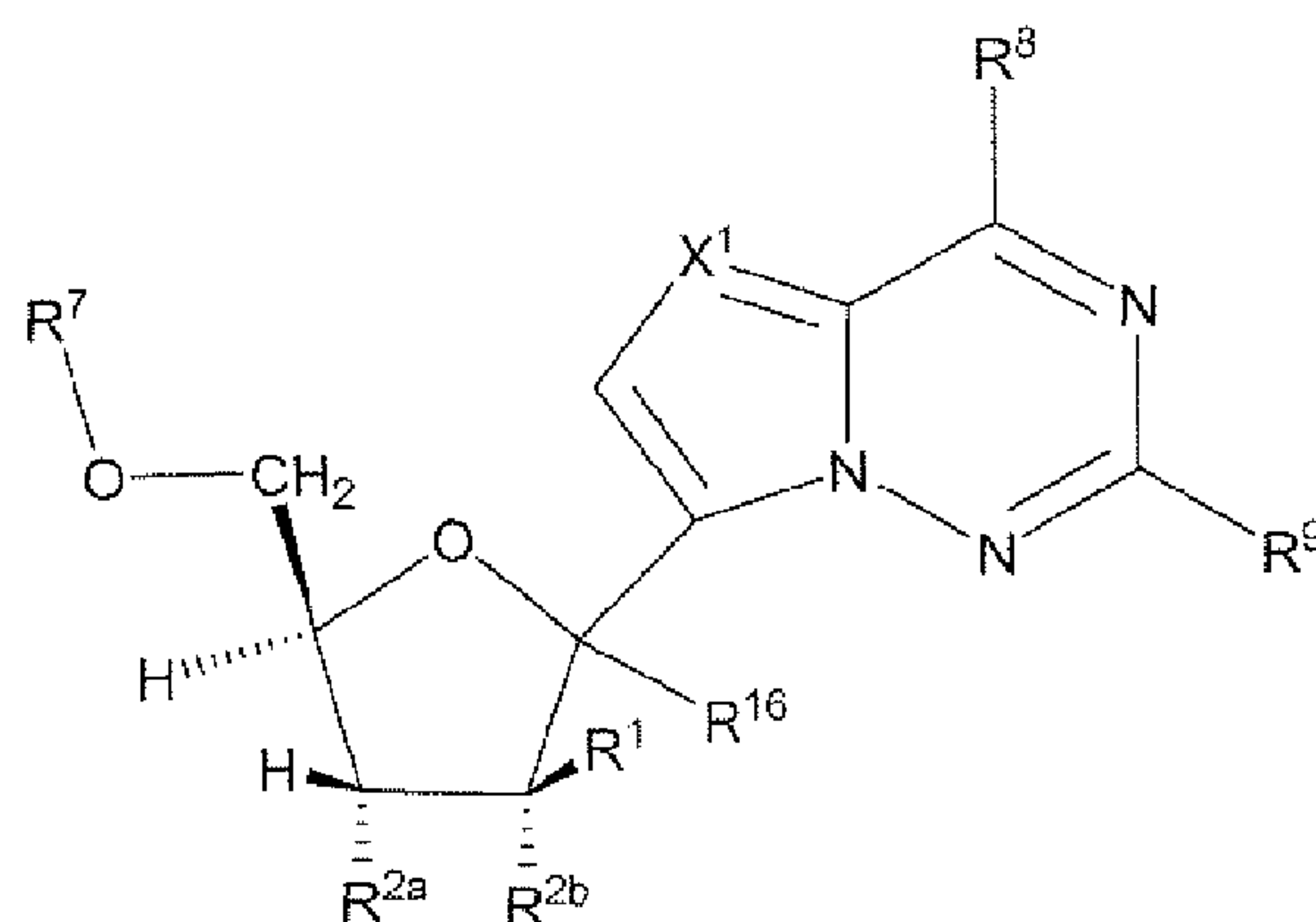
Formula Ib

or an acceptable salt, thereof;

wherein the variables are defined as for Formula I;

15 said method comprising :

(a) providing a compound of Formula IIb



Formula IIb

or an acceptable salt thereof;

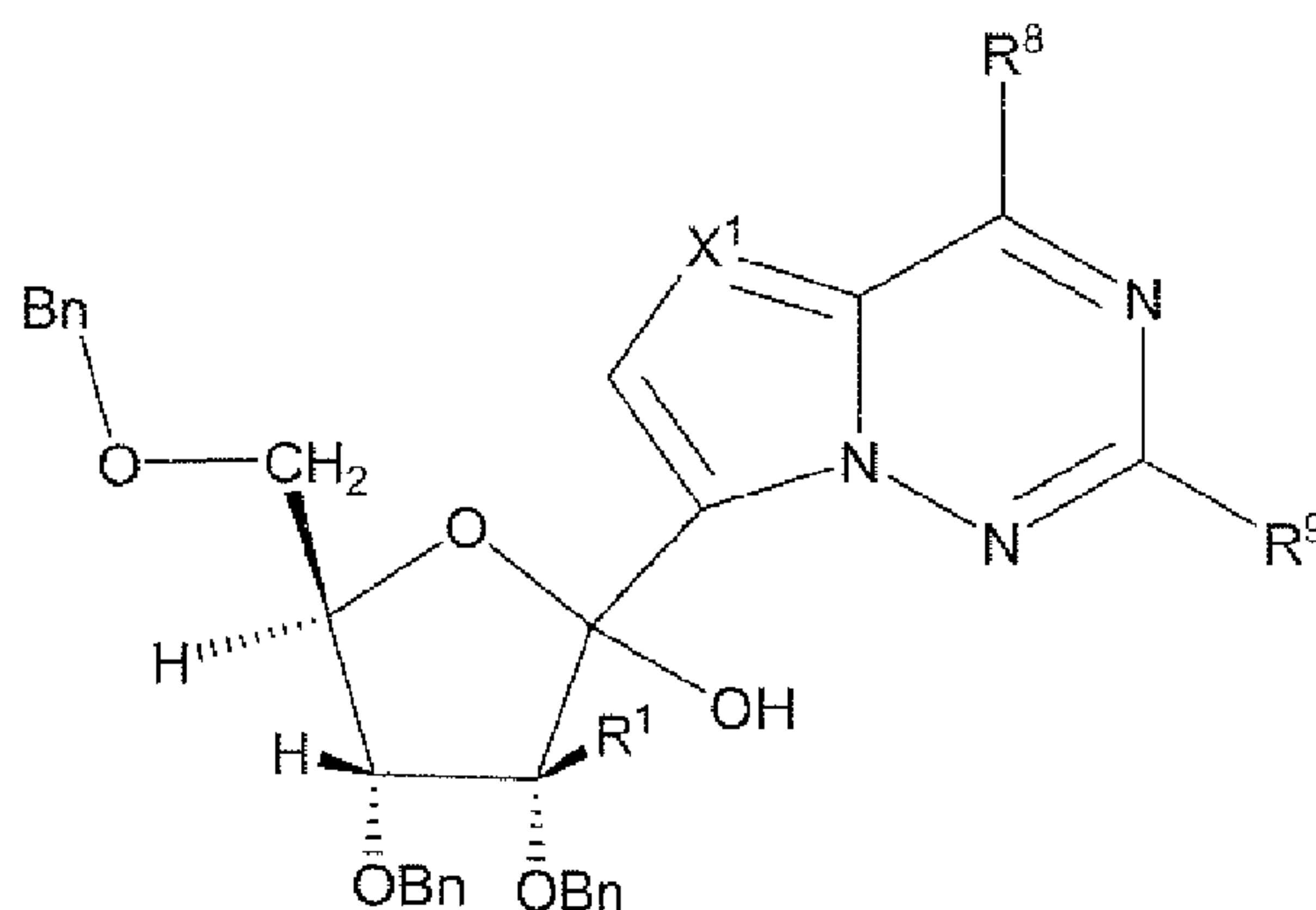
wherein the variables are defined as for Formula II;

(b) treating the compound of Formula IIb with a cyanide reagent and a Lewis

5 acid;

thereby forming the compound of Formula Ib;

provided that when the compound of Formula IIb is:



wherein X^1 is CH or N, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is NH_2 , and R^9 is NH_2 or H or;

10 wherein X^1 is CH, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is OH, and R^9 is NH_2 or;

wherein X^1 is CH, each R^1 and R^9 is H and R^8 is NH_2 ;

then said cyanide reagent is not $(CH_3)_3SiCN$ or said Lewis acid is not $BF_3 \cdot O(CH_2CH_3)_2$.

15 In another embodiment of the method of preparing a compound of Formula Ib from a compound of Formula IIb, R^{16} of Formula IIb is OH or OR^{18} . The following additional independent aspects of this embodiment are as follows:

(a) R^1 is H. R^1 is CH_3 .

(b) X^1 is C- R^{10} . X^1 is C-H. X^1 is N.

(c) R^8 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^8 is OR^{11} . R^8 is SR^{11} .

20 (d) R^9 is H. R^9 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^9 is SR^{11} .

(e) R^{2b} is OR^4 . R^{2b} is F. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is independently OR^4 . R^{2a} is OR^4

and R^{2b} is F. R^{2a} is OR^4 , R^{2b} is F and R^4 is $C(O)R^5$. R^{2a} is OR^4 , R^{2b} is F and R^4 is

$C(O)R^5$ wherein R^5 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is

$C(R^5)_2R^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is CH_2R^6 and

R^6 is phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is substituted phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OH. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein each R^4 is independently $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein each R^4 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein each R^4 is CH_2R^6 and each R^6 is independently substituted phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(R^{19})_2-$. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2a} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$, R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is F. R^{2a} is H.

(f) R^7 is $C(O)R^5$. R^7 is H. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is phenyl. R^7 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is substituted phenyl. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 . R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ wherein each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $C(O)R^5$ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ wherein each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two

R^4 taken together are $-\text{CH}(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{CH}(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^5$ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{CH}(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^5$ wherein R^5 is phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is F. R^7 is H, each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 , each R^4 is H and R^{16} is OR^{18} . R^7 is H, each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 , each R^4 is H and R^{16} is OR^{18} wherein R^{18} is optionally substituted (C_1 - C_8) alkyl.

(g) The cyanide reagent is $(R^3)_3\text{SiCN}$. The cyanide reagent is $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{SiCN}$.
 10 The cyanide reagent is $\text{R}^5\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CN}$. The cyanide reagent is $\text{R}^5\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CN}$ wherein R^5 is (C_1 - C_8) alkoxy or (C_1 - C_8) substituted alkoxy.

(h) The Lewis acid comprises boron. The Lewis acid comprises BF_3 or BCl_3 . The Lewis acid is $\text{BF}_3\text{-O}(\text{R}^{13})_2$, $\text{BF}_3\text{-S}(\text{R}^{13})_2$, $\text{BCl}_3\text{-O}(\text{R}^{13})_2$ or $\text{BCl}_3\text{-S}(\text{R}^{13})_2$ wherein each R^{13} is independently (C_1 - C_8) alkyl, (C_1 - C_8) substituted alkyl, (C_2 - C_8) alkenyl,
 15 (C_2 - C_8) substituted alkenyl, (C_2 - C_8) alkynyl, (C_2 - C_8) substituted alkynyl, C_6 - C_{20} aryl, C_6 - C_{20} substituted aryl, C_2 - C_{20} heterocyclyl, C_2 - C_{20} substituted heterocyclyl, C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, or C_7 - C_{20} substituted arylalkyl; wherein each (C_1 - C_8) alkyl, (C_2 - C_8) alkenyl, (C_2 - C_8) alkynyl or aryl(C_1 - C_8) alkyl of each R^{13} is, independently, optionally substituted with one or more halogens and wherein one or more of the non-terminal
 20 carbon atoms of each said (C_1 - C_8) alkyl is optionally replaced with $-\text{O}-$ or $-\text{S}(\text{O})_n-$; or two R^{13} when taken together with the oxygen to which they are both attached form a 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring wherein one carbon atom of said heterocyclic ring can optionally be replaced with $-\text{O}-$ or $-\text{S}(\text{O})_n-$. The Lewis acid is $\text{BF}_3\text{-O}(\text{R}^{13})_2$ and R^{13} is (C_1 - C_8) alkyl. The Lewis acid is $(\text{R}^{20})_3\text{CS}(\text{O})_2\text{OSi}(\text{R}^3)_3$ wherein at least two R^{20}
 25 are halo. The Lewis acid is $(\text{R}^{20})_3\text{CS}(\text{O})_2\text{OSi}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ wherein at least two R^{20} are fluorine. The Lewis acid is trimethylsilyltriflate. The Lewis acid is a transition metal salt of $(\text{R}^{20})_3\text{CS}(\text{O})_2\text{OH}$ wherein at least two R^{20} are halo. The Lewis acid is a transition metal salt of $(\text{R}^{20})_3\text{CS}(\text{O})_2\text{OH}$ wherein at least two R^{20} are fluorine. The Lewis acid is a transition metal triflate. The Lewis acid is a lanthanide salt of
 30 $(\text{R}^{20})_3\text{CS}(\text{O})_2\text{OH}$ wherein at least two R^{20} are halo. The Lewis acid is a lanthanide salt of $(\text{R}^{20})_3\text{CS}(\text{O})_2\text{OH}$ wherein at least two R^{20} are fluorine. The Lewis acid is a

lanthanide triflate. The Lewis acid is an alkaline earth metal salt of $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OH$ wherein at least two R^{20} are halo. The Lewis acid is an alkaline earth metal salt of $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OH$ wherein at least two R^{20} are fluorine. The Lewis acid is an alkaline earth metal triflate. The Lewis acid is a aluminum, gallium, indium, thallium, tin, lead or bismuth salt of $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OH$ wherein at least two R^{20} are halo. The Lewis acid is a aluminum, gallium, indium, thallium, tin, lead or bismuth salt of $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OH$ wherein at least two R^{20} are fluorine. The Lewis acid is a triflate of aluminum, gallium, indium, thallium, tin, lead or bismuth. The Lewis acid comprises a transition metal or salt thereof. The Lewis acid comprises titanium or a salt thereof. The Lewis acid comprises $TiCl_4$. The Lewis acid comprises a lanthanide or a salt thereof. The Lewis acid comprises scandium or a salt thereof. The Lewis acid comprises vanadium or a salt thereof. The Lewis acid comprises tin or a salt thereof. The Lewis acid comprises $SnCl_4$. The Lewis acid comprises zinc or a salt thereof. The Lewis acid comprises $ZnCl_2$. The Lewis acid comprises samarium or a salt thereof. The Lewis acid comprises nickel or a salt thereof. The Lewis acid comprises copper or a salt thereof. The Lewis acid comprises aluminum or a salt thereof. The Lewis acid comprises gold or a salt thereof.

In another embodiment of a method of preparing a compound of Formula Ib, R^{16} of Formula IIb is $-OC(O)R^{18}$. The following are additional independent aspects of this embodiment:

- (a) R^1 is H. R^1 is CH_3 .
- (b) X^1 is C- R^{10} . X^1 is C-H. X^1 is N.
- (c) R^8 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^8 is OR^{11} . R^8 is SR^{11} .
- (d) R^9 is H. R^9 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^9 is SR^{11} .
- (e) R^{2b} is OR^4 . R^{2b} is F. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is independently OR^4 . R^{2a} is OR^4 and R^{2b} is F. R^{2a} is OR^4 , R^{2b} is F and R^4 is $C(O)R^5$. R^{2a} is OR^4 , R^{2b} is F and R^4 is $C(O)R^5$ wherein R^5 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is substituted phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OH. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein each R^4 is independently $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein each R^4 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b}

is OR^4 wherein each R^4 is CH_2R^6 and each R^6 is independently substituted phenyl.
 Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{C}(\text{R}^{19})_2-$. Each R^{2a}
 and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2-$. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is
 OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{CH}(\text{R}^{19})-$. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4
 5 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{CH}(\text{R}^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted
 phenyl. R^{2a} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is $\text{C}(\text{R}^5)_2\text{R}^6$, R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b}
 is F. R^{2a} is H.

(f) R^7 is $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^5$. R^7 is H. R^7 is $\text{C}(\text{R}^5)_2\text{R}^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or substituted
 phenyl. R^7 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is phenyl. R^7 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is substituted phenyl. R^7
 10 is $\text{C}(\text{R}^5)_2\text{R}^6$ and each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is
 $\text{Si}(\text{R}^3)_3$. R^7 is $\text{Si}(\text{R}^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 . R^7 is $\text{Si}(\text{R}^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein
 each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-
 yl. R^7 is $\text{C}(\text{R}^5)_2\text{R}^6$ wherein each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted
 phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2-$.
 15 R^7 is $\text{Si}(\text{R}^3)_3$ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2-$.
 R^7 is $\text{Si}(\text{R}^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4
 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2-$. R^7 is $\text{Si}(\text{R}^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each
 R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein
 the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2-$. R^7 is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl and each R^{2a}
 20 and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2-$. R^7 is $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^5$ and
 each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2-$. R^7 is
 $\text{C}(\text{R}^5)_2\text{R}^6$ wherein each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and
 each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{CH}(\text{R}^{19})-$ wherein R^{19}
 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $\text{Si}(\text{R}^3)_3$ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the
 25 two R^4 taken together are $-\text{CH}(\text{R}^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7
 is $\text{Si}(\text{R}^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the
 two R^4 taken together are $-\text{CH}(\text{R}^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7
 is $\text{Si}(\text{R}^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and
 each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{CH}(\text{R}^{19})-$ wherein R^{19}
 30 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b}
 is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{CH}(\text{R}^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or
 substituted phenyl. R^7 is $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^5$ and each

R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $C(O)R^5$ wherein R^5 is phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is F.

(g) The cyanide reagent is $(R^3)_3SiCN$. The cyanide reagent is $(CH_3)_3SiCN$.

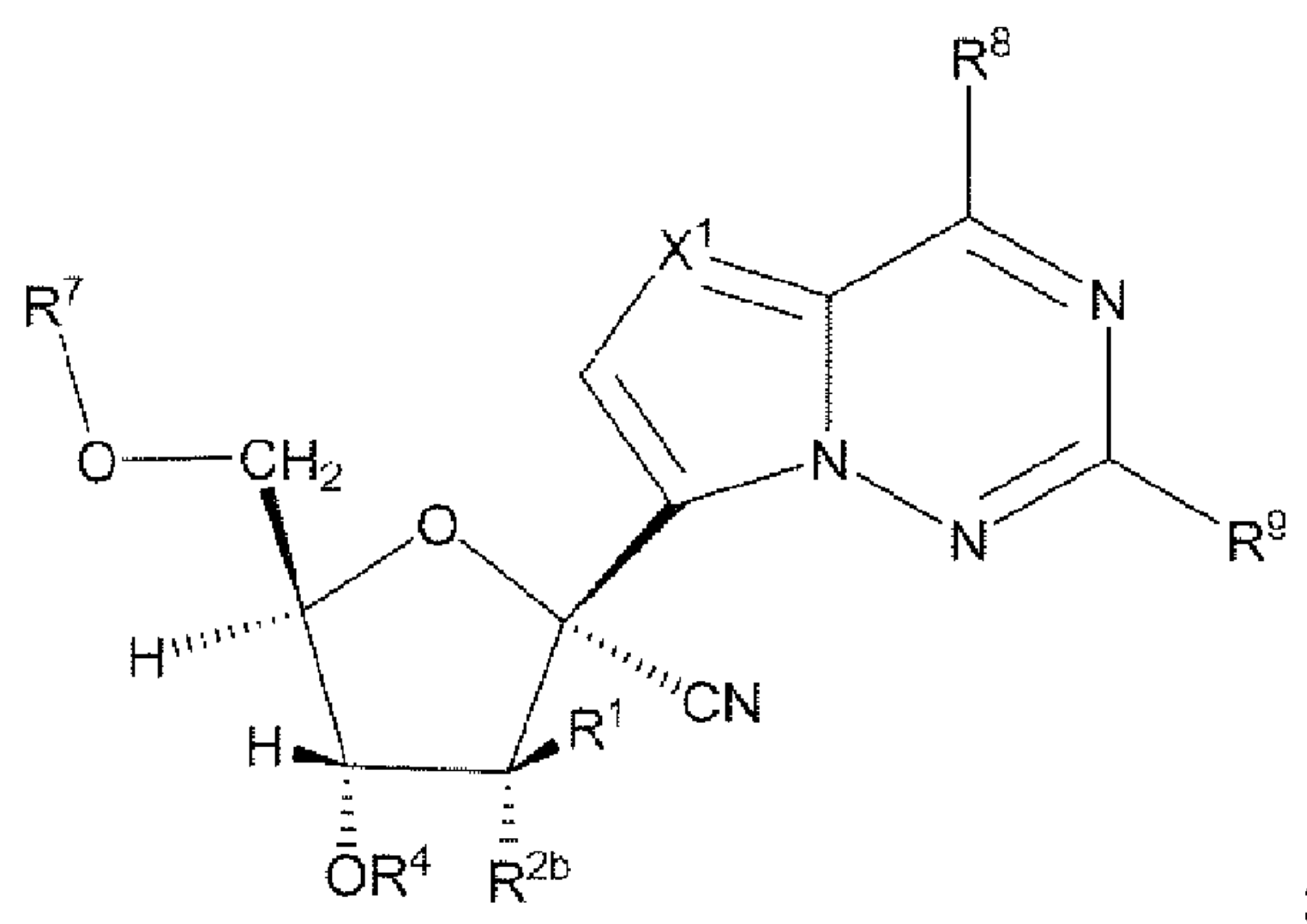
5 The cyanide reagent is $R^5C(O)CN$. The cyanide reagent is $R^5C(O)CN$ wherein R^5 is (C_1-C_8) alkoxy or (C_1-C_8) substituted alkoxy.

(h) The Lewis acid comprises boron. The Lewis acid comprises BF_3 or BCl_3 . The Lewis acid is $BF_3-O(R^{13})_2$, $BF_3-S(R^{13})_2$, $BCl_3-O(R^{13})_2$ or $BCl_3-S(R^{13})_2$ wherein each R^{13} is independently (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_1-C_8) substituted alkyl, (C_2-C_8) alkenyl,
 10 (C_2-C_8) substituted alkenyl, (C_2-C_8) alkynyl, (C_2-C_8) substituted alkynyl, C_6-C_{20} aryl, C_6-C_{20} substituted aryl, C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyl, C_2-C_{20} substituted heterocyclyl, C_7-C_{20} arylalkyl, or C_7-C_{20} substituted arylalkyl; wherein each (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_2-C_8) alkenyl, (C_2-C_8) alkynyl or aryl (C_1-C_8) alkyl of each R^{13} is, independently, optionally substituted with one or more halogens and wherein one or more of the non-terminal
 15 carbon atoms of each said (C_1-C_8) alkyl is optionally replaced with $-O-$ or $-S(O)_n-$; or two R^{13} when taken together with the oxygen to which they are both attached form a 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring wherein one carbon atom of said heterocyclic ring can optionally be replaced with $-O-$ or $-S(O)_n-$. The Lewis acid is $BF_3-O(R^{13})_2$ and R^{13} is (C_1-C_8) alkyl. The Lewis acid is $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OSi(R^3)_3$ wherein at least two R^{20}
 20 are halo. The Lewis acid is $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OSi(CH_3)_3$ wherein at least two R^{20} are fluorine. The Lewis acid is trimethylsilyltriflate. The Lewis acid is a transition metal triflate. The Lewis acid is a lanthanide triflate. The Lewis acid is an alkaline metal triflate. The Lewis acid is a triflate of aluminum, gallium, indium, thallium, tin, lead or bismuth. The Lewis acid comprises a transition metal or salt thereof. The Lewis
 25 acid comprises titanium or a salt thereof. The Lewis acid comprises $TiCl_4$. The Lewis acid comprises a lanthanide or a salt thereof. The Lewis acid comprises scandium or a salt thereof. The Lewis acid comprises vanadium or a salt thereof. The Lewis acid comprises tin or a salt thereof. The Lewis acid comprises $SnCl_4$. The Lewis acid comprises zinc or a salt thereof. The Lewis acid comprises $ZnCl_2$. The
 30 Lewis acid comprises samarium or a salt thereof. The Lewis acid comprises nickel or a salt thereof. The Lewis acid comprises copper or a salt thereof. The Lewis acid

comprises aluminum or a salt thereof. The Lewis acid comprises gold or a salt thereof.

(i) R^{18} is (C_1-C_8) alkyl or substituted (C_1-C_8) alkyl. R^{18} is (C_1-C_8) alkyl. R^{18} is methyl.

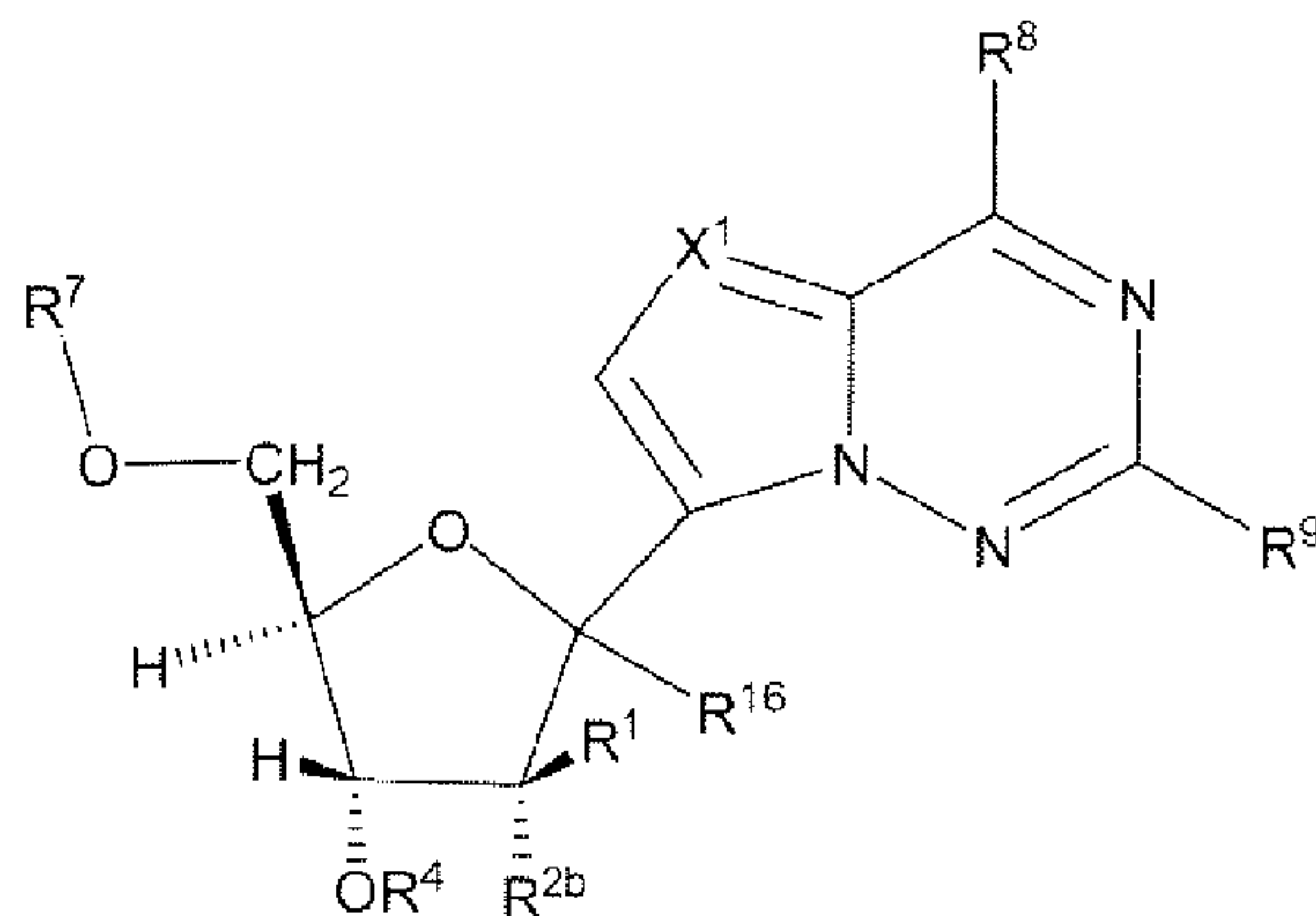
5 In another embodiment of the method of preparing a compound of Formula Ib, the compound of Formula Ib is represented by Formula Ic



Formula Ic

or a salt thereof; and the compound of Formula IIb is represented by Formula

10 IIc



Formula IIc

or a salt thereof;

wherein:

15 R^{16} is OH or OR^{18} ;

R^{18} is optionally substituted (C_1-C_8) alkyl;

the Lewis acid is $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OSi(R^3)_3$ or a metal salt of $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OH$;

at least two R^{20} are halogen; and

said metal is selected from the group consisting aluminum, gallium, indium, thallium, tin, lead, bismuth, an alkaline earth metal, a transition metal and a lanthanide; and

5 the remaining variables are defined as for Formula IIb. The following are additional independent aspects of this embodiment:

(a) R^1 is H. R^1 is CH_3 .

(b) X^1 is C- R^{10} . X^1 is C-H. X^1 is N.

(c) R^8 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^8 is OR^{11} . R^8 is SR^{11} .

10 (d) R^9 is H. R^9 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^9 is SR^{11} .

(e) R^{2b} is OR^4 . R^{2b} is F. R^{2b} is F and R^4 is $C(O)R^5$. R^{2b} is F and R^4 is $C(O)R^5$

wherein R^5 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is phenyl.

R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is substituted phenyl. Each OR^4 and R^{2b} is

15 OH. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein each R^4 is independently $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or

substituted phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein each R^4 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is phenyl. R^{2b} is

OR^4 wherein each R^4 is CH_2R^6 and each R^6 is independently substituted phenyl. R^{2b}

is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(R^{19})_2-$. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two

R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are -

20 $CH(R^{19})-$. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is

phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^4 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$, R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl and

R^{2b} is F.

(f) R^7 is $C(O)R^5$. R^7 is H. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or substituted

phenyl. R^7 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is phenyl. R^7 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is substituted phenyl. R^7

25 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is

$Si(R^3)_3$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 . R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein

each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-

yl. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ wherein each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted

phenyl and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$

30 and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-}$

butyl) wherein each R^3 is CH_3 and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are -

$C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein

each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $C(O)R^5$ and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ wherein each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$ and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $C(O)R^5$ and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $C(O)R^5$ wherein R^5 is phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is F. R^7 is H, R^{2b} is OR^4 , each R^4 is H and R^{16} is OR^{18} . R^7 is H, R^{2b} is OR^4 , each R^4 is H and R^{16} is OR^{18} wherein R^{18} is optionally substituted (C_1 - C_8) alkyl.

(g) The cyanide reagent is $(R^3)_3SiCN$. The cyanide reagent is $(CH_3)_3SiCN$.
 20 The cyanide reagent is $R^5C(O)CN$. The cyanide reagent is $R^5C(O)CN$ wherein R^5 is (C_1 - C_8) alkoxy or (C_1 - C_8) substituted alkoxy.
 (h) The Lewis acid is $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OSi(R^3)_3$ wherein at least two R^{20} are halo. The Lewis acid is $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OSi(CH_3)_3$ wherein at least two R^{20} are fluorine. The Lewis acid is trimethylsilyltriflate. The Lewis acid is a transition metal salt of
 25 $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OH$ wherein at least two R^{20} are halo. The Lewis acid is a transition metal salt of $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OH$ wherein at least two R^{20} are fluorine. The Lewis acid is a transition metal triflate. The Lewis acid is a lanthanide salt of $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OH$ wherein at least two R^{20} are halo. The Lewis acid is a lanthanide salt of $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OH$ wherein at least two R^{20} are fluorine. The Lewis acid is a lanthanide
 30 triflate. The Lewis acid is an alkaline earth metal salt of $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OH$ wherein at least two R^{20} are halo. The Lewis acid is an alkaline earth metal salt of $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OH$ wherein at least two R^{20}

are fluorine. The Lewis acid is an alkaline earth metal triflate. The Lewis acid is a
 aluminum, gallium, indium, thallium, tin, lead or bismuth salt of $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OH$
 wherein at least two R^{20} are halo. The Lewis acid is a aluminum, gallium, indium,
 thallium, tin, lead or bismuth salt of $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OH$ wherein at least two R^{20} are
 5 fluorine. The Lewis acid is a triflate of aluminum, gallium, indium, thallium, tin, lead
 or bismuth. The Lewis acid is a triflate of indium.

In another embodiment of the method of preparing a compound of Formula Ic
 from a compound of Formula IIc, each X^1 is CH and each R^8 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. In another
 aspect of this embodiment, each R^8 is NH_2 . In another aspect of this embodiment,
 10 each R^9 is H. In another aspect of this embodiment, each R^8 is NH_2 and each R^9 is H.
 In another aspect of this embodiment, the Lewis acid is $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OSi(CH_3)_3$
 wherein at least two R^{20} are fluorine. In another aspect of this embodiment, the Lewis
 acid is trimethylsilyl triflate. In another aspect of this embodiment, the Lewis acid is a
 transition metal triflate. In another aspect of this embodiment, the Lewis acid is a
 15 lanthanide triflate. In another aspect of this embodiment, the Lewis acid is an alkaline
 earth metal triflate. In another aspect of this embodiment, the Lewis acid is a triflate
 of aluminum, gallium, indium, thallium, tin, lead or bismuth. In another aspect of this
 embodiment, the Lewis acid is a triflate of indium. In another aspect of this
 embodiment, the cyanide reagent is $(R^3)_3SiCN$. In another aspect of this embodiment,
 20 the cyanide reagent is $(CH_3)_3SiCN$. In another aspect of this embodiment, the Lewis
 acid is $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OSi(CH_3)_3$ wherein at least two R^{20} are fluorine and the cyanide
 reagent is $(R^3)_3SiCN$. In another aspect of this embodiment, the Lewis acid is
 trimethylsilyl triflate and the cyanide reagent is $(R^3)_3SiCN$. In another aspect of this
 embodiment, the Lewis acid is trimethylsilyl triflate and the cyanide reagent is
 25 $(CH_3)_3SiCN$. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is $C(O)R^5$. In another aspect
 of this embodiment, R^7 is H. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is CH_2R^6 and
 R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is
 $Si(R^3)_3$. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl. In
 another aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$ and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4
 30 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is tetrahydro-
 2H-pyran-2-yl and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. In
 another aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is

C(O)R⁵ and R^{2b} is OR⁴ wherein the two R⁴ taken together are -C(CH₃)₂-. In another aspect of this embodiment, R⁷ is C(O)R⁵ wherein R⁵ is phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is F. In another aspect of this embodiment, R⁷ is H, R^{2b} is OR⁴, each R⁴ is H and R¹⁶ is OR¹⁸. In another aspect of this embodiment, R⁷ is H, R^{2b} is OR⁴, each R⁴ is H and R¹⁶ is OR¹⁸ wherein R¹⁸ is optionally substituted (C₁-C₈) alkyl.

In another embodiment of the method of preparing a compound of Formula Ic from a compound of Formula IIc, each X¹ is CH, each R¹ is H or (C₁-C₈)alkyl, each R⁸ is NH₂ and each R⁹ is H. In another aspect of this embodiment, the Lewis acid is (R²⁰)₃CS(O)₂OSi(CH₃)₃ wherein at least two R²⁰ are fluorine. In another aspect of this embodiment, the Lewis acid is trimethylsilyl triflate. In another aspect of this embodiment, the Lewis acid is a transition metal triflate. In another aspect of this embodiment, the Lewis acid is a lanthanide triflate. In another aspect of this embodiment, the Lewis acid is an alkaline earth metal triflate. In another aspect of this embodiment, the Lewis acid is a triflate of aluminum, gallium, indium, thallium, tin, lead or bismuth. In another aspect of this embodiment, the Lewis acid is a triflate of indium. In another aspect of this embodiment, the cyanide reagent is (R³)₃SiCN. In another aspect of this embodiment, the cyanide reagent is (CH₃)₃SiCN. In another aspect of this embodiment, the Lewis acid is (R²⁰)₃CS(O)₂OSi(CH₃)₃ wherein at least two R²⁰ are fluorine and the cyanide reagent is (R³)₃SiCN. In another aspect of this embodiment, the Lewis acid is trimethylsilyl triflate and the cyanide reagent is (R³)₃SiCN. In another aspect of this embodiment, the Lewis acid is trimethylsilyl triflate and the cyanide reagent is (CH₃)₃SiCN. In another aspect of this embodiment, R⁷ is C(O)R⁵. In another aspect of this embodiment, R⁷ is H. In another aspect of this embodiment, R⁷ is CH₂R⁶ and R⁶ is phenyl or substituted phenyl. In another aspect of this embodiment, R⁷ is Si(R³)₃. In another aspect of this embodiment, R⁷ is tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl. In another aspect of this embodiment, R⁷ is Si(R³)₃ and R^{2b} is OR⁴ wherein the two R⁴ taken together are -C(CH₃)₂-. In another aspect of this embodiment, R⁷ is tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl and R^{2b} is OR⁴ wherein the two R⁴ taken together are -C(CH₃)₂-. In another aspect of this embodiment, R⁷ is C(O)R⁵ and R^{2b} is OR⁴ wherein the two R⁴ taken together are -C(CH₃)₂-. In another aspect of this embodiment, R⁷ is C(O)R⁵ wherein R⁵ is phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is F. In another aspect of this embodiment, R⁷ is

H, R^{2b} is OR^4 , each R^4 is H and R^{16} is OR^{18} . In another aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is H, R^{2b} is OR^4 , each R^4 is H and R^{16} is OR^{18} wherein R^{18} is optionally substituted (C_1 - C_8) alkyl.

Typically, the method of preparing compounds of Formula I, Ib or Ic from a compound of Formula II, IIb or IIc, respectively, are preformed in a suitable aprotic solvent at about -78 to 80 °C for about 10 minutes about 3 days. Non-limiting examples of suitable aprotic solvents include CH_2Cl_2 , acetonitrile, CH_2ClCH_2Cl or other halocarbon solvents. More typically, the method is performed at about -20 to about 65 °C for about 10 minutes to 4 hours. The mole ratio of the compound of Formula II, IIb or IIc to cyanide reagent is about 1:1 to 1:10, more typically about 1:2 to 1:6. The mole ratio of the compound of Formula II, IIb or IIc to Lewis acid is about 1:0.1 to about 1:10, more typically about 1:0.7 to about 1:6.

The conversion of the compounds of Formula II, IIb or IIc to a compound of Formula I, Ib or Ic, respectively, is promoted by Lewis acids. Many Lewis acids may promote this conversion including many that are commercially available. Non-limiting examples of Lewis acids comprising boron that are suitable for promoting this conversion are boron trifluoride etherates of methyl, ethyl, propyl, and butyl ethers; boron trifluoride-*tert*-butyl methyl etherate; boron trifluoride and boron trifluoride methyl sulfide complex. Non-limiting examples of Lewis acids comprising trialkylsilyl groups that are suitable for promoting this conversion are tri- $(C_1$ - C_{12} alkyl)silyl -polyfluoro(C_1 - C_{12})alkylsulfonates, trimethylsilyl polyfluoro(C_1 - C_{12})alkylsulfonates, trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate, *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate and triethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate. Additional non-limiting examples of Lewis acids suitable for promoting this conversion are transition metal polyfluoro(C_1 - C_{12})alkylsulfonates, lanthanide polyfluoro(C_1 - C_{12})alkylsulfonates, alkaline earth metal polyfluoro(C_1 - C_{12})alkylsulfonates, polyfluoro(C_1 - C_{12})alkylsulfonates of aluminium, gallium, indium, thallium, tin, lead and bismuth, $TiCl_4$, $AlCl_3$, $ZnCl_2$, ZnI_2 , $SnCl_4$, $InCl_3$, Sc (trifluoromethanesulfonate)₃, Sn (trifluoromethanesulfonate)₂, $InBr_3$, indium (trifluoromethanesulfonate)₃, $AuCl_3$, montmorilite clays, Cu (trifluoromethanesulfonate)₂, vanadyl trifluoromethanesulfonate, and salen complexes of Ti and Vn (Belokon, et al., Tetrahedron 2001, 771). In a preferred

embodiment, the Lewis acid is trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate. In another preferred embodiment, the Lewis acid is trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate and the yield of the compound of Formula I, Ib or Ic is about 50% or greater. In another preferred embodiment, the Lewis acid is trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate and the yield of the compound of Formula I, Ib or Ic is about 70% or greater. In another preferred embodiment, the Lewis acid is trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate and the yield of the compound of Formula I, Ib or Ic is about 90% or greater. In another preferred embodiment, the Lewis acid is trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate and the ratio of β to α anomer of the compound of formula I, Ib, or Ic is about 3.5 to 1 or greater. In another preferred embodiment, the Lewis acid is trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate and the ratio of β to α anomer of the compound of Formula I, Ib, or Ic is about 4 to 1 or greater. In another preferred embodiment, the Lewis acid is trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate and the ratio of β to α anomer of the compound of formula I, Ib, or Ic is about 5 to 1 or greater. In another preferred embodiment, the Lewis acid is trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate and the ratio of β to α anomer of the compound of formula I, Ib, or Ic is about 6 to 1 or greater. In another preferred embodiment, the Lewis acid is trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate and the ratio of β to α anomer of the compound of formula I, Ib, or Ic is about 8 to 1 or greater. In another preferred embodiment, the Lewis acid is trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate and the ratio of β to α anomer of the compound of formula I, Ib, or Ic is about 10 to 1 or greater.

In another embodiment, provided is a method of preparing a compound of Formula II or IIb wherein R^{16} is $-\text{OC}(\text{O})R^{18}$,

the method comprising:

- (c) providing a compound of Formula II or IIb wherein R^{16} is OH; and
- (d) treating the compound of Formula II or IIb wherein R^{16} is OH with $\text{YC}(\text{O})R^{18}$ wherein Y is selected from halogen, cyano, imidazol-1-yl; pyrazol-1-yl, $-\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})R^{18}$ or $-\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}^{18}$;

thereby forming a compound of Formula II or IIb wherein R^{16} is $-\text{OC}(\text{O})R^{18}$.

In another embodiment, the method of preparing the compound of Formula II

or IIb wherein R^{16} is $OC(O)R^{18}$ has the following additional independent aspects.

- (a) R^1 is H. R^1 is CH_3 .
- (b) X^1 is $C-R^{10}$. X^1 is $C-H$. X^1 is N.
- (c) R^8 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^8 is OR^{11} . R^8 is SR^{11} .
- 5 (d) R^9 is H. R^9 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^9 is SR^{11} .
- (e) R^{2b} is OR^4 . R^{2b} is F. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is independently OR^4 . R^{2a} is OR^4 and R^{2b} is F. R^{2a} is OR^4 , R^{2b} is F and R^4 is $C(O)R^5$. R^{2a} is OR^4 , R^{2b} is F and R^4 is $C(O)R^5$ wherein R^5 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is substituted phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein each R^4 is independently $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein each R^4 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein each R^4 is CH_2R^6 and each R^6 is independently substituted phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(R^{19})_2-$. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2a} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$, R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is F. R^{2a} is H.
- 20 (f) R^7 is $C(O)R^5$. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is phenyl. R^7 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is substituted phenyl. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 . R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ wherein each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken
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together are $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2-$. R^7 is $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^5$ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2-$. R^7 is $\text{C}(\text{R}^5)_2\text{R}^6$ wherein each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{CH}(\text{R}^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $\text{Si}(\text{R}^3)_3$ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{CH}(\text{R}^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $\text{Si}(\text{R}^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{CH}(\text{R}^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $\text{Si}(\text{R}^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{CH}(\text{R}^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{CH}(\text{R}^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^5$ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-\text{CH}(\text{R}^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^5$ wherein R^5 is phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is F.

(g) R^{18} is $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8)\text{alkyl}$ or substituted $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8)\text{alkyl}$. R^{18} is $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8)\text{alkyl}$. R^{18} is methyl.

In one embodiment, the mole ratio of the compound of Formula II, IIb or IIc wherein R^{16} is OH to $\text{YC}(\text{O})\text{R}^{18}$ is about 1:1 to about 1:10, preferably about 1:1 to about 1:6.5. Typically, the compound of Formula II, IIb or IIc wherein R^{16} is OH is treated with $\text{YC}(\text{O})\text{R}^{18}$ in an aprotic solvent such as, but not limited to, pyridine, THF or ether at about -30 to about 125°C for about 30 minutes to about 24 hours. In one embodiment, Y is halogen. In another embodiment, Y is Cl. In another embodiment, Y is cyano. In another embodiment, Y is imidazol-1-yl. In another embodiment, Y is pyrazol-1-yl. In another embodiment, Y is $-\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^{18}$. In another embodiment, Y is $-\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}^{18}$. In a particular embodiment, R^{18} is $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl. In another particular embodiment, R^{18} is CH_3 . In another embodiment, R^{18} is $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl and Y is $-\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^{18}$. In another embodiment, R^{18} is CH_3 and Y $-\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^{18}$.

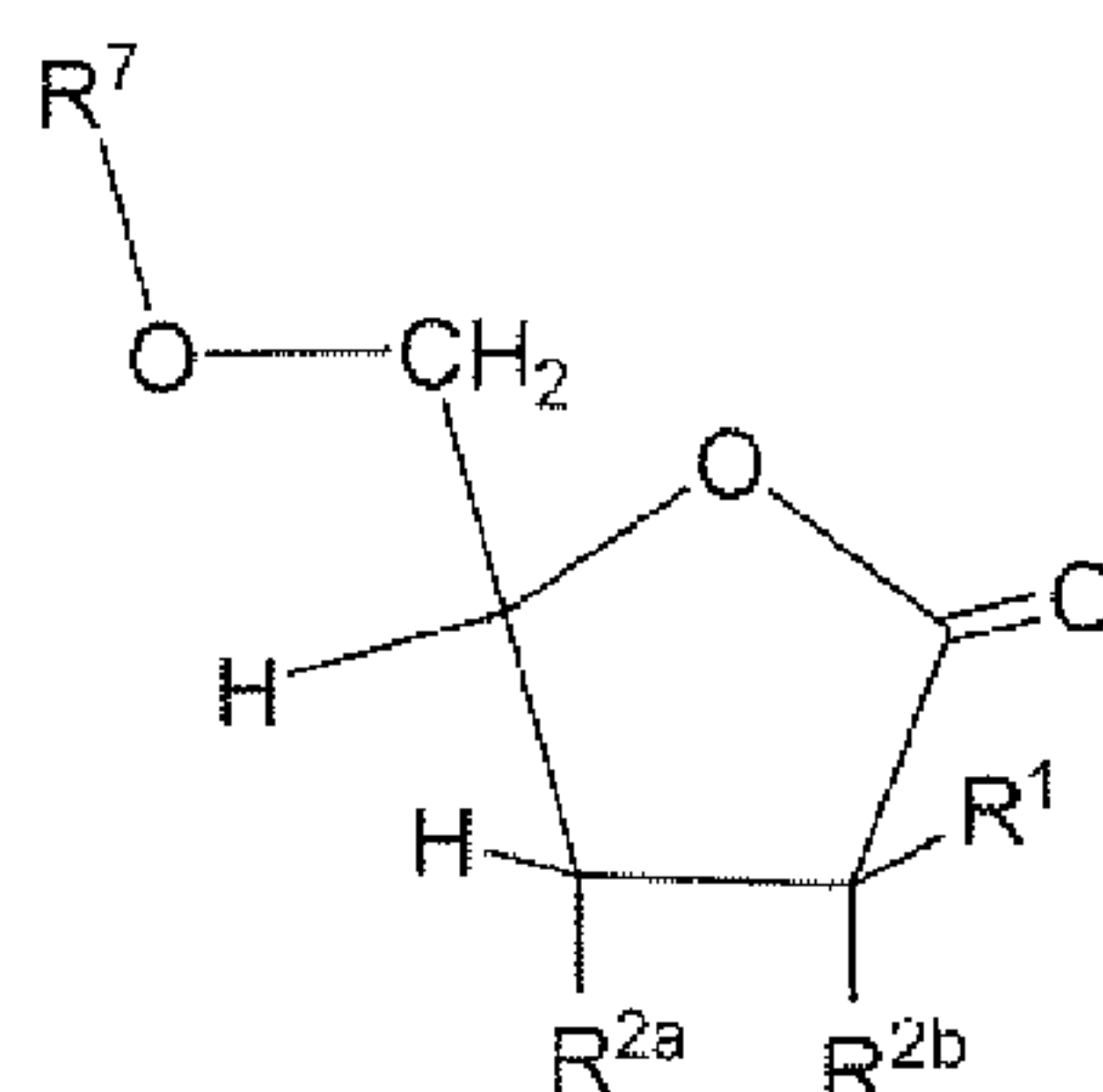
The reaction of the compound of Formula II, IIb or IIc wherein R^{16} is OH with $\text{YC}(\text{O})\text{R}^{18}$ may be catalyzed or accelerated in the presence of a suitable base. Non-limiting examples of suitable bases include triethylamine, di-isopropylethylamine, pyridine, 4-dimethylaminopyridine, DBU,

NaH and KH. The mole ratio of YC(O)R^{18} to base is typically about 1:1 to 1:4.

In another embodiment, provided is a method of preparing a compound of Formula II wherein R^{16} is OH,

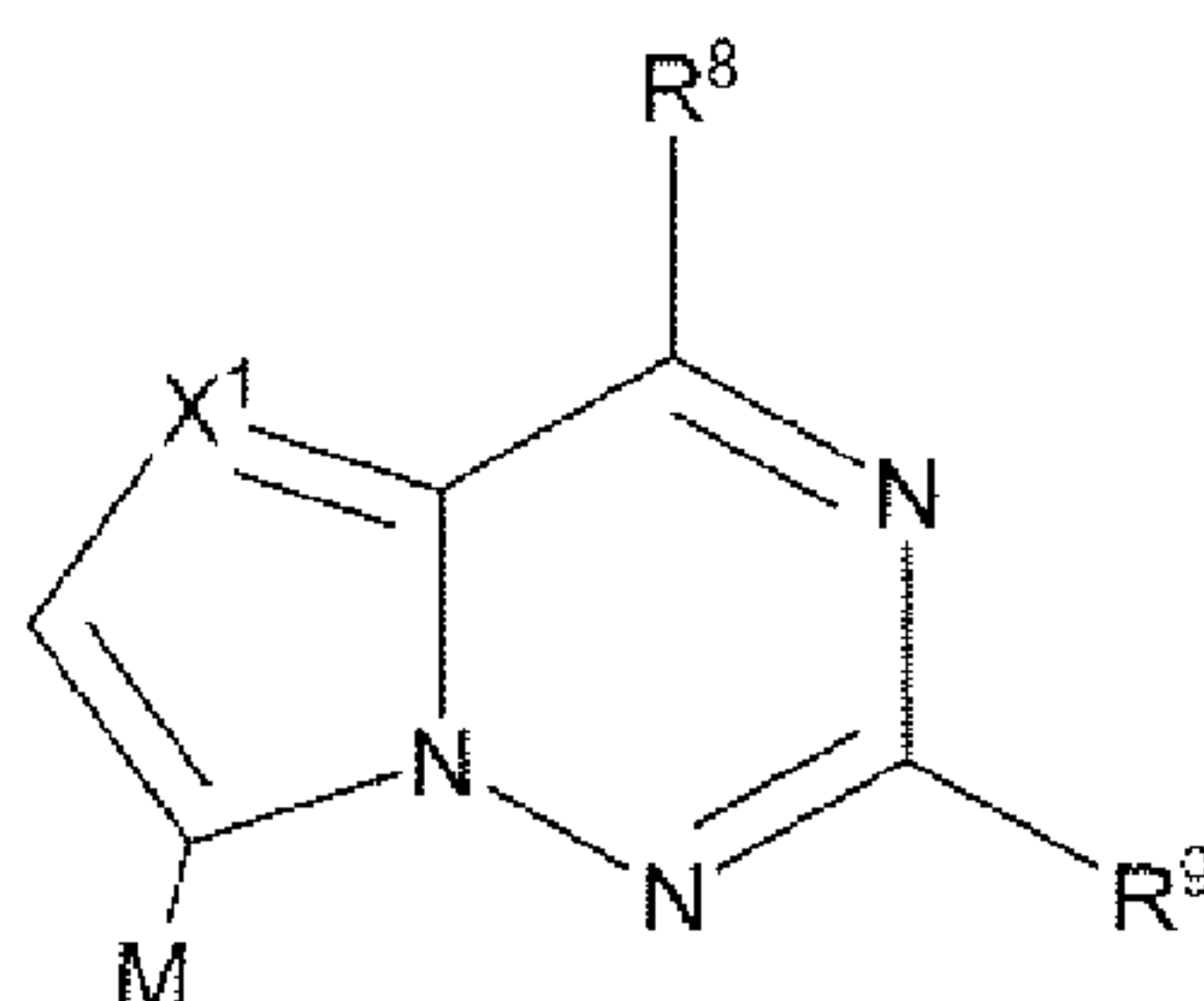
5 the method comprising:

(e) providing a compound of Formula III:



Formula III

(f) treating the compound of Formula III with an organometallic compound of
10 Formula IV:

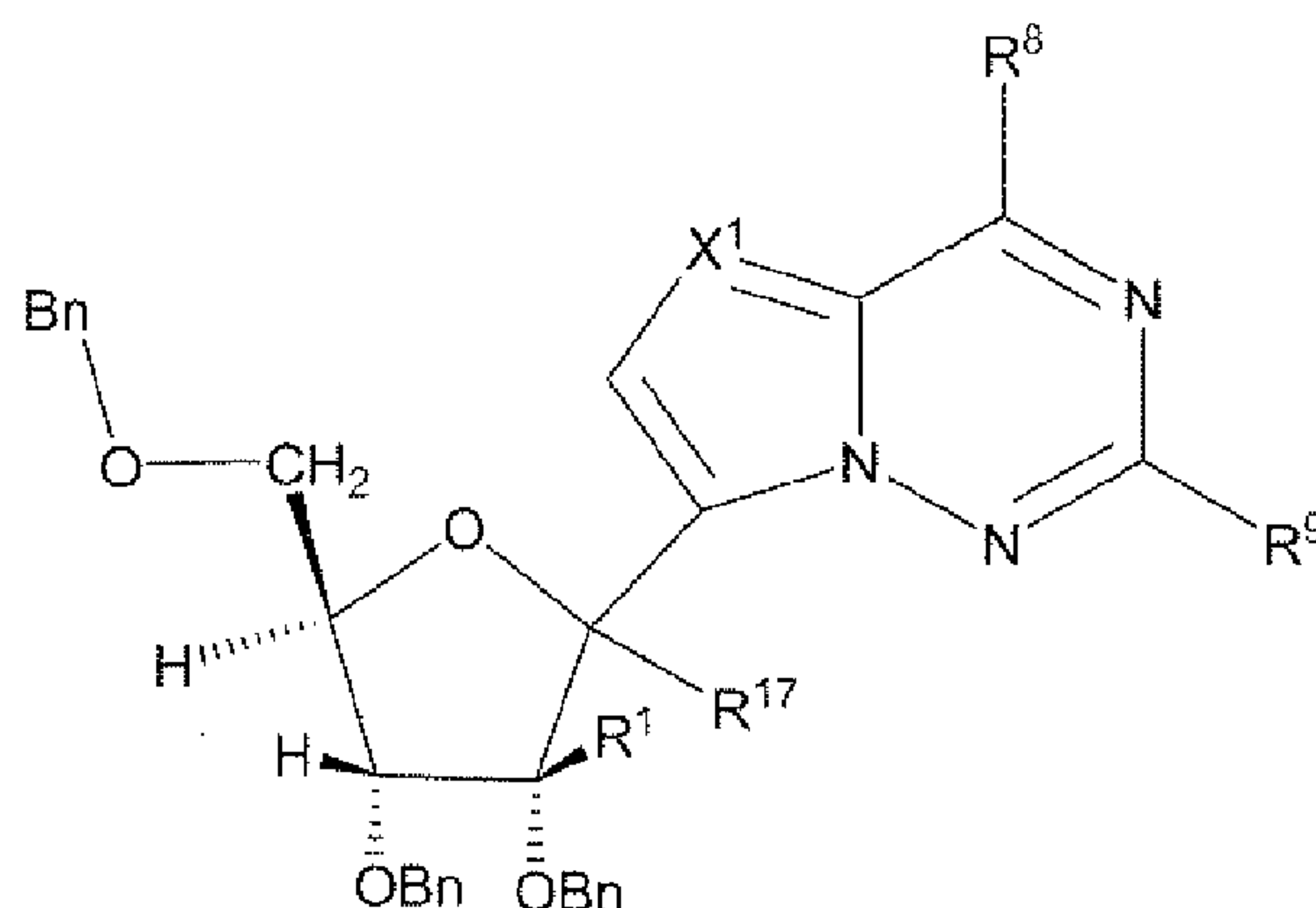


Formula IV

wherein M is MgX^3 or Li and X^3 is halogen;

thereby forming a compound of Formula II wherein R^{16} is OH;

15 provided that when M is Li, the compound of Formula II is not a compound of Formula VII

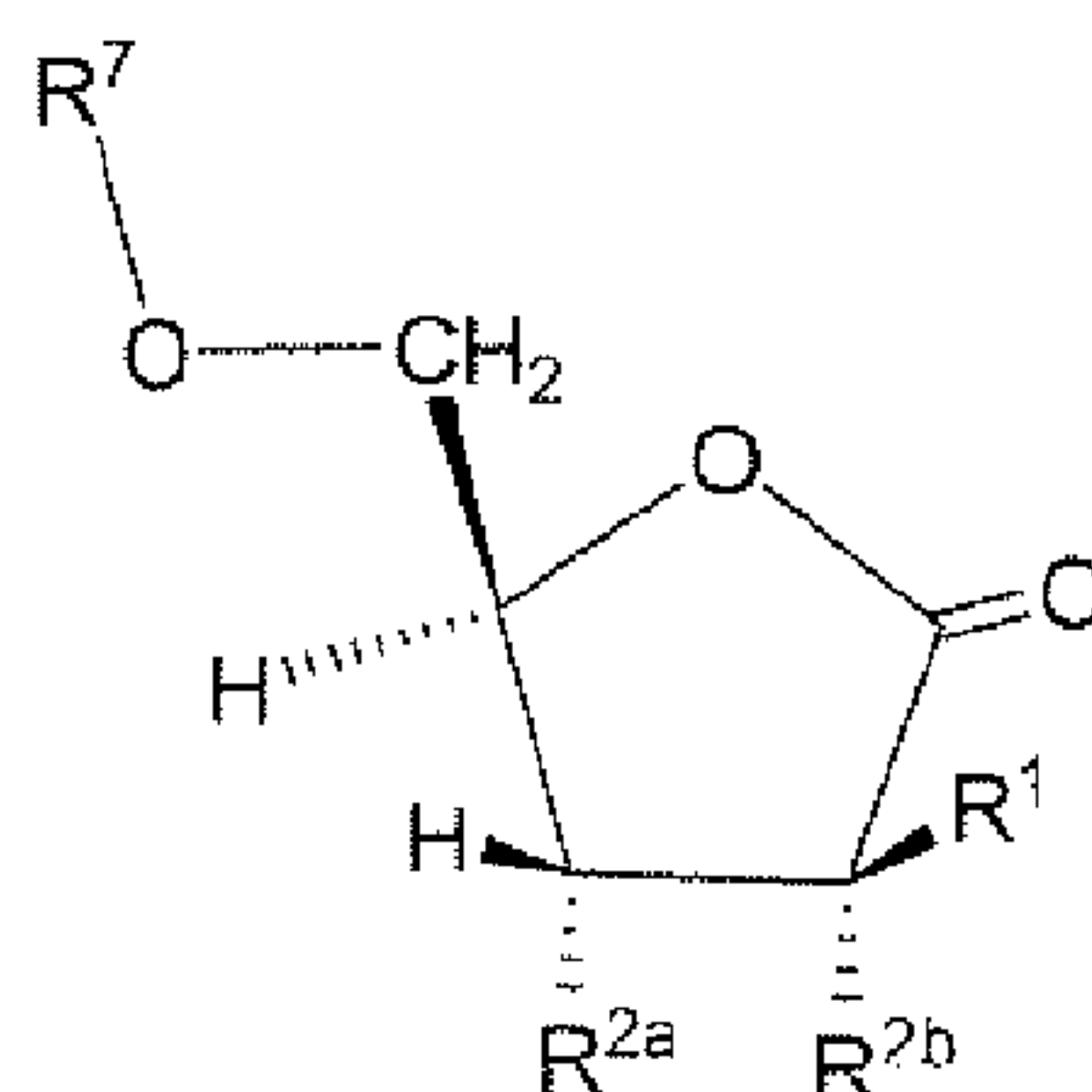


Formula VII

wherein R^{17} is OH; and

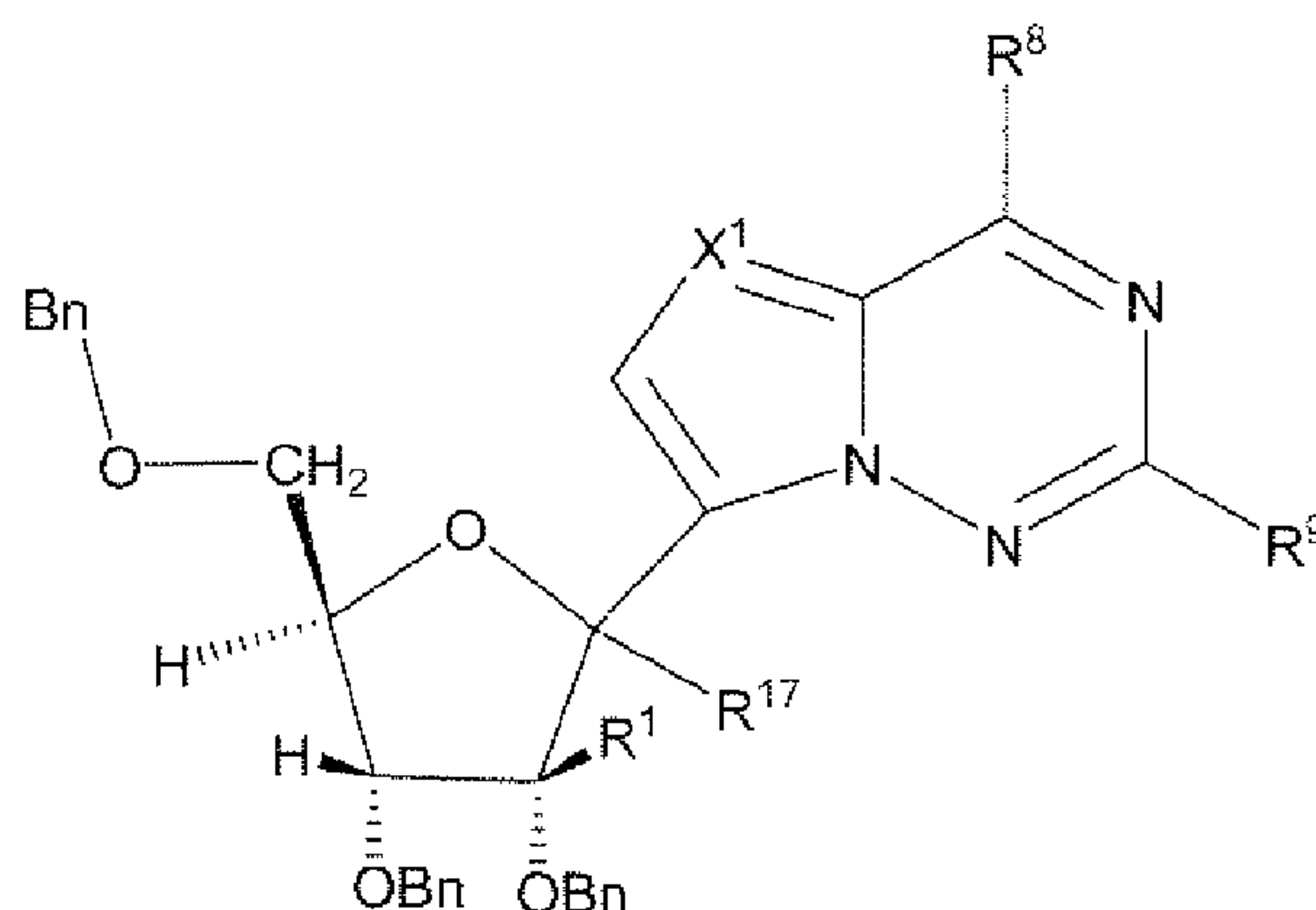
- 5 (a) X^1 is CH, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is NH_2 and R^9 is NH_2 or H; or
 (b) X^1 is CH, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is OH and R^9 is NH_2 ; or
 (c) X^1 is CH, each R^1 and R^9 is H and R^8 is NH_2 ; or
 (d) X^1 is N, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is NH_2 , and R^9 is H, NH_2 or SCH_3 ; or
 (e) X^1 is N, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is SCH_3 or $NHCH_3$, and R^9 is SCH_3 ; or
 10 (f) X^1 is N, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is OCH_3 , and R^9 is SCH_3 , SO_2CH_3 or NH_2 .

10 In another embodiment of the method of preparing a compound of Formula II wherein R^{16} is OH, the compound of Formula II is Formula IIb wherein R^{16} is OH and the compound of Formula III is a compound of Formula IIIb:



Formula IIIb

15 provided that when M is Li, the compound of Formula IIb is not a compound of Formula VII



Formula VII

wherein R^{17} is OH; and

- (a) X^1 is CH, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is NH_2 and R^9 is NH_2 or H; or
- (b) X^1 is CH, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is OH and R^9 is NH_2 ; or
- (c) X^1 is CH, each R^1 and R^9 is H and R^8 is NH_2 ; or
- (d) X^1 is N, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is NH_2 , and R^9 is H, NH_2 or SCH_3 ; or
- (e) X^1 is N, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is SCH_3 or $NHCH_3$, and R^9 is SCH_3 ; or
- (f) X^1 is N, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is OCH_3 , and R^9 is SCH_3 , SO_2CH_3 or NH_2 .

The following are additional independent aspects of this embodiment:

- (a) R^1 is H. R^1 is CH_3 .
- (b) R^{2b} is OR^4 . R^{2b} is F. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is independently OR^4 . R^{2a} is OR^4 and R^{2b} is F. R^{2a} is OR^4 , R^{2b} is F and R^4 is $C(O)R^5$. R^{2a} is OR^4 , R^{2b} is F and R^4 is $C(O)R^5$ wherein R^5 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is substituted phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OH. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein each R^4 is independently $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein each R^4 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein each R^4 is CH_2R^6 and each R^6 is independently substituted phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(R^{19})_2-$. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2a} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is

$C(R^5)_2R^6$, R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is F. R^{2a} is H.

- (c) R^7 is $C(O)R^5$. R^7 is H. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is phenyl. R^7 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is substituted phenyl. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 . R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ wherein each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $C(O)R^5$ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ wherein each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $C(O)R^5$ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $C(O)R^5$ wherein R^5 is phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is F.

(d) X^1 is $C-R^{10}$. X^1 is C-H. X^1 is N.

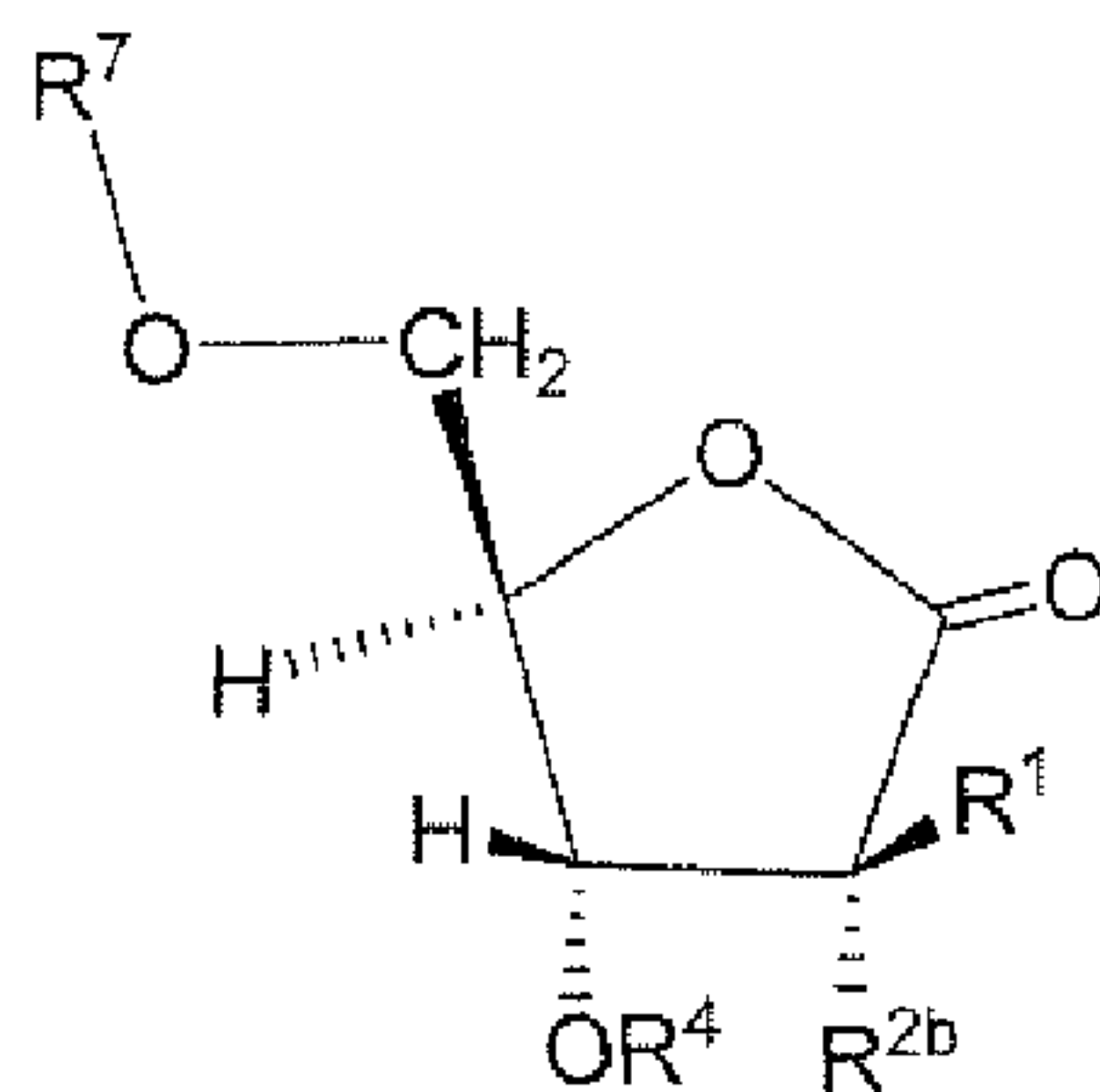
(e) R^8 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^8 is OR^{11} . R^8 is SR^{11} .

(f) R^9 is H. R^9 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^9 is SR^{11} .

- (g) Each R^{11} or R^{12} is independently (C_1-C_8) alkyl, $-C(=O)(C_1-C_8)$ alkyl, $-S(O)_n(C_1-C_8)$ alkyl, aryl (C_1-C_8) alkyl or $Si(R^3)_3$; or R^{11} and R^{12} taken together with a nitrogen to which they are both attached form a 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring; or R^{11} and R^{12} taken together are $-Si(R^3)_2(X^2)_mSi(R^3)_2-$. Each R^{11} or R^{12} is
- 5 independently (C_1-C_8) alkyl. Each R^{11} or R^{12} is independently $Si(R^3)_3$. Each R^{11} or R^{12} is independently $Si(R^3)_3$ wherein at least two of R^3 are CH_3 or phenyl. Each R^{11} or R^{12} is independently $Si(CH_3)_3$. Each R^{11} and R^{12} of $NR^{11}R^{12}$ is independently selected from $Si(R^3)_3$ or R^{11} and R^{12} of $NR^{11}R^{12}$ taken together are $-Si(R^3)_2(X^2)_mSi(R^3)_2-$. Each R^{11} and R^{12} of $NR^{11}R^{12}$ is independently selected from
- 10 $Si(R^3)_3$ or R^{11} and R^{12} of $NR^{11}R^{12}$ taken together are $-Si(R^3)_2(X^2)_mSi(R^3)_2-$; and each R^3 is methyl.

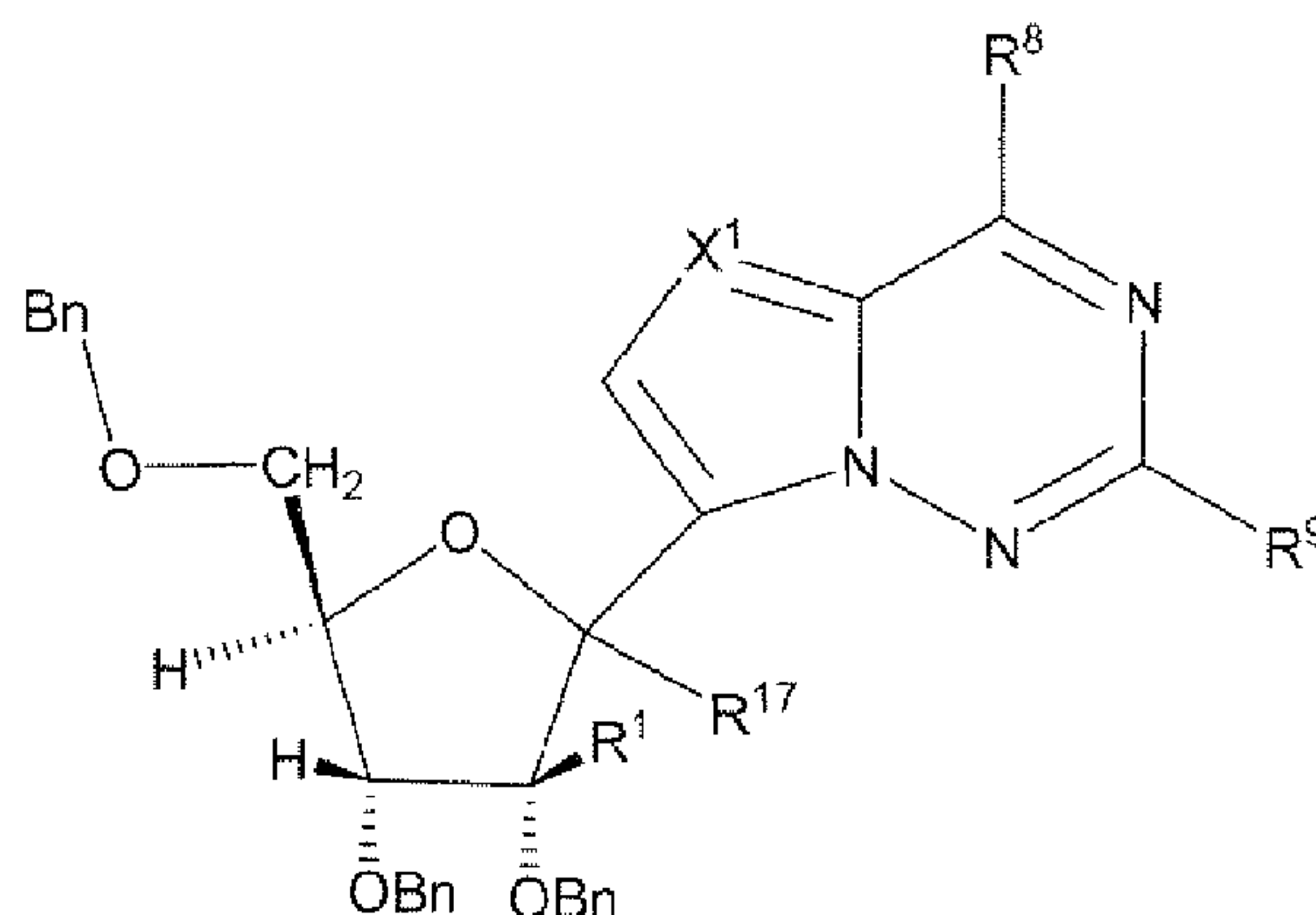
(h) M is MgX^3 . M is Li.

- In another embodiment of the method of preparing a compound of Formula IIb wherein R^{16} is OH, the compound of Formula IIb is Formula IIc and the compound of
- 15 Formula IIIb is a compound of Formula IIIc:



Formula IIIc

provided that when M is Li, the compound of Formula IIc is not a compound of Formula VII



Formula VII

wherein R^{17} is OH; and

- (a) X^1 is CH, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is NH_2 and R^9 is NH_2 or H; or
- (b) X^1 is CH, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is OH and R^9 is NH_2 ; or
- (c) X^1 is CH, each R^1 and R^9 is H and R^8 is NH_2 ; or
- (d) X^1 is N, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is NH_2 , and R^9 is H, NH_2 or SCH_3 ; or
- (e) X^1 is N, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is SCH_3 or $NHCH_3$, and R^9 is SCH_3 ; or
- (f) X^1 is N, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is OCH_3 , and R^9 is SCH_3 , SO_2CH_3 or NH_2 .

The following are additional independent aspects of this embodiment:

- (a) R^1 is H. R^1 is CH_3 .
- (b) R^{2b} is OR^4 . R^{2b} is F. R^{2b} is F and R^4 is $C(O)R^5$. R^{2b} is F and R^4 is $C(O)R^5$ wherein R^5 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is substituted phenyl. Each OR^4 and R^{2b} is OH. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein each R^4 is independently $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein each R^4 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein each R^4 is CH_2R^6 and each R^6 is independently substituted phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(R^{19})_2-$. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^4 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$, R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is F.
- (c) R^7 is $C(O)R^5$. R^7 is H. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is phenyl. R^7 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is substituted phenyl. R^7

is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 . R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ wherein each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$ and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$.
 10 R^7 is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $C(O)R^5$ and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ wherein each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$ and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl.
 15 R^7 is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $C(O)R^5$ and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $C(O)R^5$ wherein R^5 is phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is F.

- 25 (d) X^1 is $C-R^{10}$. X^1 is C-H. X^1 is N.
 (e) R^8 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^8 is OR^{11} . R^8 is SR^{11} .
 (f) R^9 is H. R^9 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^9 is SR^{11} .
 (g) Each R^{11} or R^{12} is independently (C_1-C_8) alkyl, $-C(=O)(C_1-C_8)$ alkyl, $-S(O)_n(C_1-C_8)$ alkyl, aryl (C_1-C_8) alkyl or $Si(R^3)_3$; or R^{11} and R^{12} taken together with a
 30 nitrogen to which they are both attached form a 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring; or R^{11} and R^{12} taken together are $-Si(R^3)_2(X^2)_mSi(R^3)_2-$. Each R^{11} or R^{12} is independently (C_1-C_8) alkyl. Each R^{11} or

R^{12} is independently $Si(R^3)_3$. Each R^{11} or R^{12} is independently $Si(R^3)_3$ wherein at least two of R^3 are CH_3 or phenyl. Each R^{11} or R^{12} is independently $Si(CH_3)_3$. Each R^{11} and R^{12} of $NR^{11}R^{12}$ is independently selected from $Si(R^3)_3$ or R^{11} and R^{12} of $NR^{11}R^{12}$ taken together are $-Si(R^3)_2(X^2)_mSi(R^3)_2-$. Each R^{11} and R^{12} of $NR^{11}R^{12}$ is
 5 independently selected from $Si(R^3)_3$ or R^{11} and R^{12} of $NR^{11}R^{12}$ taken together are $-Si(R^3)_2(X^2)_mSi(R^3)_2-$; and each R^3 is methyl.

(h) M is MgX^3 . M is Li.

In another embodiment, the method of preparing a compound of Formula I further comprises the method of preparing a compound of Formula II wherein R^{16} is
 10 OH.

In another embodiment, the method of preparing a compound of Formula Ib further comprises a method for preparing the compound of Formula IIb wherein R^{16} is OH.

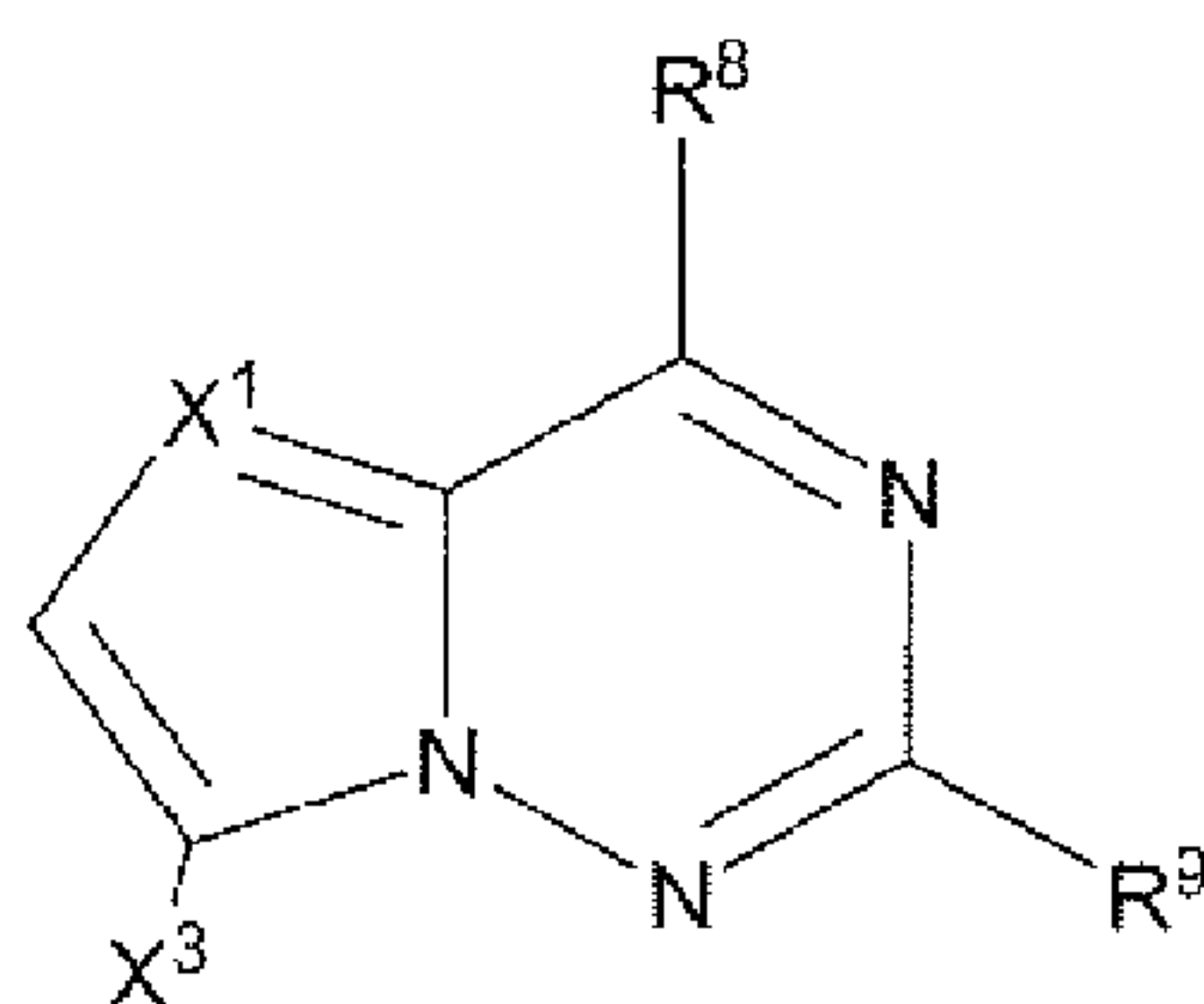
In another embodiment, the method of preparing a compound of Formula Ic further comprises the method for preparing a compound of Formula IIc wherein R^{16} is
 15 OH.

Typically, the method of preparing a compound of Formula II, IIb or IIc wherein R^{16} is OH from a compound of Formula III, IIIb or IIIc, respectively, is performed in a suitable aprotic solvent at about -100 to about 50 °C for about 5
 20 minutes to 24 hours. Non-limiting examples of suitable aprotic solvents include THF, dioxane and ether. More typically, the suitable solvent is THF and the preferred temperature is about -78 to 0 °C. The mole ratio of the compound of Formula IV to the compound of Formula III, IIIb or IIIc is about 1:2 to 2:1; preferably about 1:1.

In another embodiment, the method of preparing a compound of Formula II, IIb or IIc wherein R^{16} is OH from a compound of Formula III, IIIb or IIIc, respectively, further comprises a method of preparing a compound of Formula IV wherein M is MgX^3 or Li and X^3 is halogen,
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the method comprising:

(g) providing a compound of Formula V:



Formula V

wherein X^3 is Cl, Br or I and

- (h) treating the compound of Formula V with an organometallic reagent
 5 comprising an organomagnesium or organolithium compound;
 thereby forming a compound of Formula IV.

In another embodiment, the method of preparing a compound of Formula IV from a compound of Formula V comprises the following independent aspects:

- (a) X^1 is C- R^{10} . X^1 is C-H. X^1 is N.
 10 (b) R^8 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^8 is OR^{11} . R^8 is SR^{11} .
 (c) R^9 is H. R^9 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^9 is SR^{11} .
 (d) Each R^{11} or R^{12} is independently (C₁-C₈)alkyl, -C(=O)(C₁-C₈)alkyl, -S(O)_n(C₁-C₈)alkyl, aryl(C₁-C₈)alkyl or Si(R^3)₃; or R^{11} and R^{12} taken together with a nitrogen to which they are both attached form a 3 to 7 membered
 15 heterocyclic ring; or R^{11} and R^{12} taken together are -Si(R^3)₂(X^2)_mSi(R^3)₂-. Each R^{11} or R^{12} is independently (C₁-C₈)alkyl. Each R^{11} or R^{12} is independently Si(R^3)₃. Each R^{11} or R^{12} is independently Si(R^3)₃ wherein at least two of R^3 are CH₃ or phenyl. Each R^{11} or R^{12} is independently Si(CH₃)₃. Each R^{11} and R^{12} of $NR^{11}R^{12}$ is independently selected from Si(R^3)₃ or R^{11} and R^{12} of $NR^{11}R^{12}$ taken together are -Si(R^3)₂(X^2)_mSi(R^3)₂-. Each R^{11} and R^{12} of $NR^{11}R^{12}$ is independently selected from Si(R^3)₃ or R^{11} and R^{12} of $NR^{11}R^{12}$ taken together are -Si(R^3)₂(X^2)_mSi(R^3)₂-; and each R^3 is methyl.
 20 (e) X^3 is Cl. X^3 is Br. X^3 is I.

- In one embodiment, the method of preparing a compound of Formula IV
 25 comprises treating a compound of Formula V with a organomagnesium compound. Typically, the transmetalation reaction is performed in a suitable aprotic solvent at about -78 to about 50 °C for about 5 minutes to 24 hours. Non-limiting

examples of suitable aprotic solvents include THF, dioxane and ether. In one embodiment, the mole ratio of the compound of Formula V to organomagnesium compound is about 1:1 to about 1:3, preferably about 1:2. In one embodiment, the organomagnesium compound comprises an alkylmagnesium chloride, bromide, or iodide. In another embodiment, the organomagnesium compound comprises 2-propylmagnesium chloride. In one embodiment, the organomagnesium compound comprises an alkylmagnesium chloride, bromide, or iodide and lithium chloride. In another embodiment, the organomagnesium compound comprises 2-propylmagnesium chloride and lithium chloride. In another embodiment, the organomagnesium compound is 2-propylmagnesium chloride and lithium chloride in about a 1:1 mole ratio. In a preferred embodiment, the organomagnesium compound comprises 2-propylmagnesium chloride and lithium chloride in a 1:1 mole ratio and the X^3 of Formula V is Br or I.

In another aspect wherein the compound of Formula IV is prepared by treating a compound of Formula V with a organomagnesium compound, the compound of Formula V may be treated with more than one organomagnesium compound. This procedure would be preferable when the compound of Formula V comprises a substituent with an acidic hydrogen. Non-limiting examples of the substituents with acidic hydrogens are NH_2 , OH, SH, $NH(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$ and the like. One skilled in the art will recognize that the acidic hydrogen group of the substituent of the compound of Formula V will consume one mole equivalent of the organomagnesium compound. The organomagnesium compound consumed may be different from the organomagnesium compound that produces the transmetalation reaction. For example, but not by way of limitation, treating the compound of Formula V with about one mole equivalent of methylmagnesium chloride would neutralize an acidic hydrogen of $NH(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$, OH, or SH substituent by forming a magnesium salt and the X^3 group (Cl, Br, or I group) of the compound of Formula V may be transmetalated with another organomagnesium compound such as 2-propylmagnesium chloride or 2-propylmagnesium chloride and lithium chloride. Similarly, if additional acidic hydrogens are present, an additional about equivalent amount of organomagnesium compound would be required to neutralize each additional acidic hydrogen, e.g., each

additional NH₂ substituent would require about two additional equivalents of organomagnesium compound. Typically, the transmetalation reactions of this aspect are performed in a suitable aprotic solvent at about -78 to about to about 50 °C for about 5 minutes to 24 hours. Non-limiting examples of suitable aprotic solvents include THF, dioxane and ether. In one embodiment, the compound of Formula IV is prepared by treating the compound of Formula V with about one mole equivalent of a first organomagnesium compound for each acidic hydrogen in a substituent followed by treatment with a second organomagnesium compound to transmetallate the X³ group of Formula V. In one embodiment, the mole ratio of the first organomagnesium compound to each acid hydrogen in a substituent of a molecule of Formula V is about 1:1 to about 1:1.4 and the mole ratio of the second organomagnesium compound to the compound of Formula V is about 1:0.8 to about 1:2. In one embodiment, the first organomagnesium compound comprises an alkylmagnesium chloride, bromide, or iodide. In another embodiment, the first organomagnesium compound comprises methylmagnesium chloride. In another embodiment, the second organomagnesium compound comprises an alkylmagnesium chloride, bromide, or iodide. In another embodiment, the second organomagnesium compound comprises 2-propylmagnesium chloride. In one embodiment, the second organomagnesium compound comprises an alkylmagnesium chloride, bromide, or iodide and lithium chloride. In another embodiment the second organomagnesium compound is 2-propylmagnesium chloride and lithium chloride in a 1:1 mole ratio. In a preferred embodiment, the first organomagnesium compound is methylmagnesium chloride and the second organomagnesium compound comprises 2-propylmagnesium chloride. In another preferred embodiment the first organomagnesium compound is methylmagnesium chloride and the second organomagnesium compound is 2-propylmagnesium chloride and lithium chloride in a 1:1 mole ratio. In another preferred embodiment the first organomagnesium compound is methylmagnesium chloride, the second organomagnesium compound is 2-propylmagnesium chloride and lithium chloride in about 1:1 mole ratio, and the X³ of Formula V is Br or I. In another preferred embodiment the first organomagnesium compound is methylmagnesium chloride, the second organomagnesium compound is 2-propylmagnesium chloride and lithium chloride in about 1:1 mole ratio,

the X^3 of Formula V is Br or I. and R^8 is NH_2 .

The magnesium salts of the substituents of Formula V discussed above may be converted to a protected form of the substituent such as, but not limited to, a silyl protected substituent. Subsequently, the X^3 group (Cl, Br, or I group) of the compound of Formula V may be transmetalated with the same or a different organomagnesium compound such as 2-propylmagnesium chloride or 2-propylmagnesium chloride and lithium chloride. Similarly, if additional acidic hydrogens are present, an additional about one equivalent amount of organomagnesium compound would be required to neutralize each additional acidic hydrogen, e.g., each additional NH_2 substituent would require about two additional equivalents of organomagnesium compound and the resulting magnesium salts could be converted to protecting groups, such as but not limited to, silyl protecting groups. Non-limiting examples of the resulting protected substituents would be $OSi(R^3)_3$, $SSi(R^3)_3$, $N[Si(R^3)_3][C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl}]$, $N[Si(R^3)_2(CH_2)_2 Si(R^3)_2]$ and $N[Si(R^3)_3]_2$. All such intermediates with protected substituents are within the scope of the instant invention. Non-limiting examples of silylating reagents to convert the intermediate magnesium salt of the substituents to protected substituents include $X^3Si(R^3)_3$, $X^3Si(R^3)_2(CH_2)_2 Si(R^3)_2X^3$ and $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OSi(R^3)_3$; more specifically $ClSi(R^3)_3$, $ClSi(R^3)_2(CH_2)_2 Si(R^3)_2Cl$ and $CF_3S(O)_2OSi(R^3)_3$; and most specifically $ClSi(CH_3)_3$, $ClSi(CH_3)_2(CH_2)_2 Si(CH_3)_2Cl$ and $CF_3S(O)_2OSi(CH_3)_3$. These silylating reagents may be present before the addition of the initial organometallic agent if the temperature of the reaction is sufficiently controlled or they may be added after conversion of the substituent to the magnesium salt.

Typically, the conversion of substituents of Formula V with acidic hydrogens to protected substituents are performed in a suitable aprotic solvent at about -78 to about to about $50^\circ C$ for about 5 minutes to 24 hours. Non-limiting examples of suitable aprotic solvents include THF, dioxane and ether.

In one embodiment, the compound of Formula IV is prepared by treating the compound of Formula V comprising substituents with acidic hydrogens with about one mole equivalent of a first organomagnesium compound for each acidic hydrogen in a substituent, treatment with about 1-1.4 equivalents of protecting group reagent

for each acid hydrogen, and treatment with 1-2 equivalents of the same or a different organomagnesium compound to transmetallate the X^3 group of Formula V.

In another embodiment, the compound of Formula IV is prepared by treating a mixture of compound of Formula V and about 1-1.4 equivalents of protecting group
5 reagent per acidic hydrogen in Formula V with about 1-1.4 equivalents of a first organomagnesium compound for each acid hydrogen in a substituent, followed by treatment with 1-2 equivalents of the same or a different organomagnesium compound to transmetallate the X^3 group of Formula V.

In another embodiment, the compound of Formula IV is prepared by treating a
10 mixture of compound of Formula V and about 1-1.4 equivalents of protecting reagent per acidic hydrogen in Formula V with about 1-1.4 equivalents of a organomagnesium compound for each acid hydrogen in a substituent and an additional 1-2 equivalents of organomagnesium compound to transmetallate the X^3 group of Formula V. In another aspect of this embodiment, the X^3 of Formula V is Br
15 or I and R^8 of Formula V is NH_2 .

In another embodiment, the method of preparing a compound of Formula I or Formula Ib further comprises a method of preparing a compound of Formula IV wherein M is Li by treating a compound of Formula V with an organolithium compound. Typically, the transmetalation reaction is performed in a suitable aprotic
20 solvent at about -100 to about to about 20 °C for about 5 minutes to 24 hours. Non-limiting examples of suitable aprotic solvents include THF and ether. In one aspect of this embodiment, the mole ratio of the compound of Formula V to organolithium compound is about 1:1 to about 1:3, preferably about 1:1.4. In another aspect of this embodiment, the organolithium compound comprises an alkyllithium compound. In
25 another aspect of this embodiment, the organolithium compound comprises *n*-butyllithium. In another aspect of this embodiment, the organolithium compound comprises *iso*-butyllithium. In another aspect of this embodiment, the organolithium compound comprises *tert*-butyllithium. In a preferred aspect of this embodiment, the organolithium compound comprises an alkyllithium compound and the X^3 of Formula
30 V is Br or I.

In another embodiment wherein the compound of Formula IV is prepared by treating a compound of Formula V with an organolithium compound, the compound of Formula V may be treated with more than one mole equivalent of organolithium compound. This procedure would be preferable when the compound of Formula V is comprised of a substituent with an acidic hydrogen. Non-limiting examples of the substituents with acidic hydrogens are NH_2 , OH , SH , $\text{NH}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6 \text{ alkyl})$ and the like. One skilled in the art will recognize that the acidic hydrogen group of the substituent of the compound of Formula V will consume one mole equivalent of the organolithium compound. For example, but not by way of limitation, treating the compound of Formula V with about one mole equivalent of organolithium compound would neutralize an acidic hydrogen of $\text{NH}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6 \text{ alkyl})$, OH , or SH substituent by forming a lithium salt and the X^3 group (Cl , Br , or I group) of the compound of Formula V may be transmetalated with another mole equivalent of organolithium compound. Similarly, if additional acidic hydrogens are present, an additional about equivalent amount of organolithium compound would be required to neutralize each additional acidic hydrogen, e.g., each additional NH_2 substituent would require about two additional equivalents of organolithium compound. Typically, the transmetalation reactions of this aspect are performed in a suitable aprotic solvent at about -100 to about to about 20°C for about 5 minutes to 24 hours. Non-limiting examples of suitable aprotic solvents include THF, dioxane and ether. In one embodiment, the mole ratio of the organolithium compound to the each acid hydrogen in a substituent of a molecule of Formula V is about 1:1 to about 1:1.4 and the mole ratio of the additional amount of organolithium compound to the compound of Formula V is about 1:0.8 to about 1:1.4. In another aspect of this embodiment, the organolithium compound comprises an alkyl lithium compound. In another embodiment, the organolithium compound comprises *n*-butyllithium. In another embodiment, the organolithium compound comprises *iso*-butyllithium. In another embodiment, the organolithium compound comprises *tert*-butyllithium. In a preferred embodiment, the organolithium compound comprises a $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl lithium}$ compound and the X^3 of Formula V is Br or I .

The lithium salts of the substituents of Formula V discussed above may be converted to a protected form of the

substituent such as, but not limited to, a silyl protected substituent. Subsequently, the X^3 group (Cl, Br, or I group) of the compound of Formula V may be transmetalated with the same or a different organolithium compound. Similarly, if additional acidic hydrogens are present, an additional about one equivalent amount of organolithium compound would be required to neutralize each additional acidic hydrogen, e.g., each additional NH_2 substituent would require about two additional equivalents of organolithium compound and the resulting lithium salts could be converted to protecting groups, such as but not limited to, silyl protecting groups. Non-limiting examples of the resulting protected substituents would be $OSi(R^3)_3$, $SSi(R^3)_3$, $N[Si(R^3)_3][C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl}]$, $N[Si(R^3)_2(CH_2)_2 Si(R^3)_2]$ and $N[Si(R^3)_3]_2$. All such intermediates with protected substituents are within the scope of the instant invention. Non-limiting examples of silylating reagents to convert the intermediate lithium salt of the substituents to protected substituents include $X^3Si(R^3)_3$, $X^3Si(R^3)_2(CH_2)_2 Si(R^3)_2X^3$ and $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OSi(R^3)_3$; more specifically $ClSi(R^3)_3$, $ClSi(R^3)_2(CH_2)_2 Si(R^3)_2Cl$ and $CF_3S(O)_2OSi(R^3)_3$, and most specifically $ClSi(CH_3)_3$, $ClSi(CH_3)_2(CH_2)_2 Si(CH_3)_2Cl$ and $CF_3S(O)_2OSi(CH_3)_3$. These silylating reagents may be present before the addition of the initial organometallic agent if the temperature of the reaction is sufficiently controlled or they may be added after conversion of the substituent to the lithium salt.

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Typically, the conversion of substituents of Formula V with acid hydrogens to protected substituents are performed in a suitable aprotic solvent at about -100 to about to about $20^\circ C$ for about 5 minutes to 24 hours. Non-limiting examples of suitable aprotic solvents include THF, dioxane and ether.

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In one embodiment, the compound of Formula IV is prepared by treating the compound of Formula V comprising substituents with acid hydrogens with about 1-1.4 mole equivalent of a organolithium compound for each acid hydrogen in a substituent, treatment with about 1-1.4 equivalents of protecting group reagent for each acid hydrogen, and treatment with 1-1.4 equivalents of the same or a different organolithium compound to transmetalate the X^3 group of Formula V.

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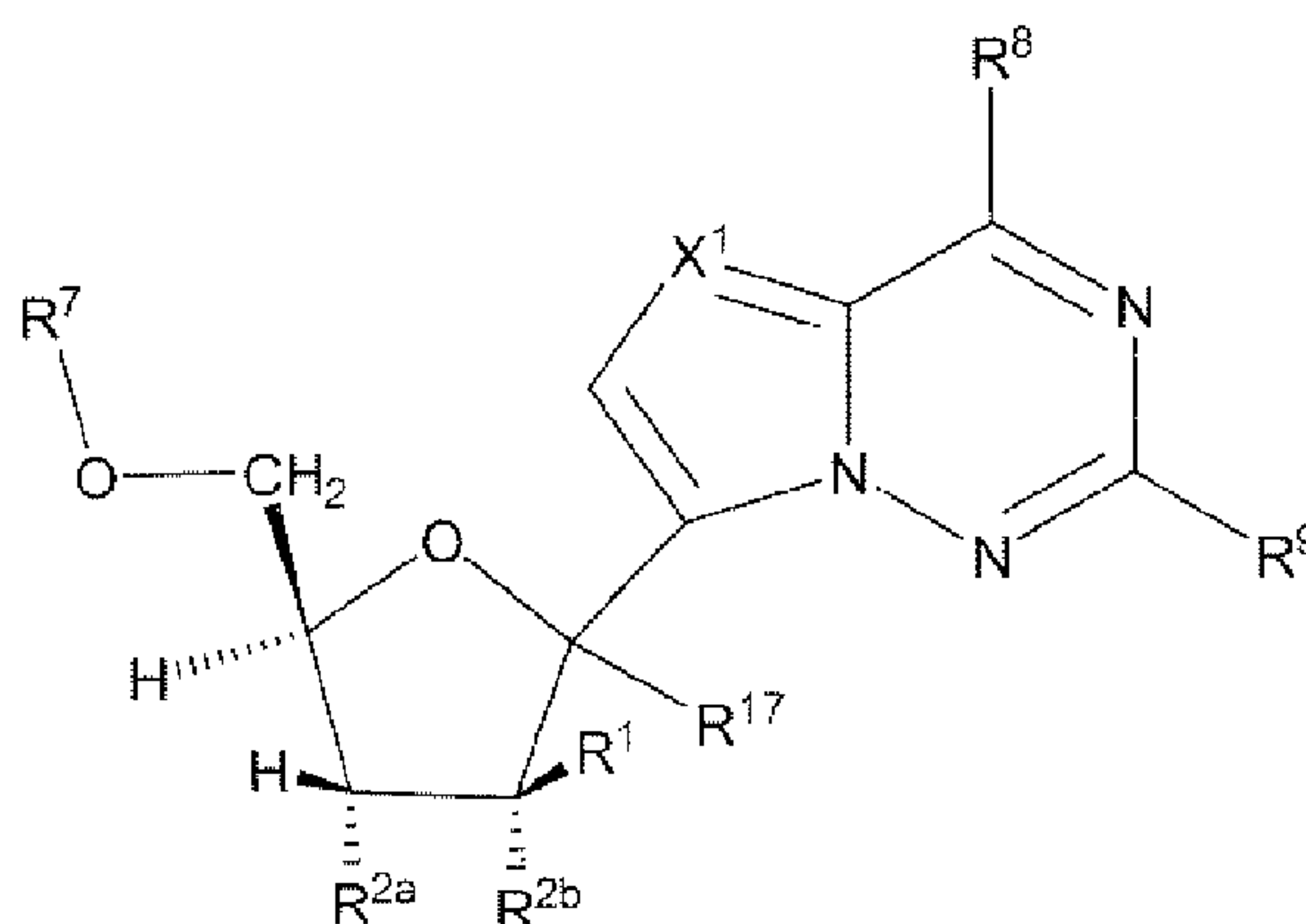
In another embodiment, the compound of Formula IV is prepared by treating a mixture of compound of Formula V and

about 1-1.4 equivalents of protecting group reagent per acidic hydrogen in Formula V with about 1-1.4 equivalents of a first organolithium compound for each acid hydrogen in a substituent, followed by treatment with 1-1.4 equivalents of the same or a different organolithium compound to transmetallate the X^3 group of Formula V.

5 In another embodiment, the compound of Formula IV is prepared by treating a mixture of compound of Formula V and about 1-1.4 equivalents of protecting reagent per acidic hydrogen in Formula V with about 1-1.4 equivalents of a organolithium compound for each acid hydrogen in a substituent and an additional 1-1.4 equivalents of organolithium compound to transmetallate the X^3 group of Formula V. In another aspect of this embodiment, the X^3 of Formula V is Br or I. and R^8 of Formula V is NH_2 . In another aspect of this embodiment, the organolithium compound comprises an alkyllithium compound. In another embodiment, the organolithium compound comprises *n*-butyllithium. In another embodiment, the organolithium compound comprises *iso*-butyllithium. In another embodiment, the organolithium compound comprises *tert*-butyllithium. In a preferred embodiment, the organolithium compound comprises a (C_1 - C_6)alkyllithium compound and the X^3 of Formula V is Br or I. In another embodiment, the protecting group reagent is a silylating reagent. In another embodiment, the protecting group reagent is $X^3Si(R^3)_3$ or $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OSi(R^3)_3$. In another embodiment, the protecting group reagent is $ClSi(R^3)_3$ or $CF_3S(O)_2OSi(R^3)_3$. In another embodiment, the protecting group reagent is $ClSi(CH_3)_3$ or $CF_3S(O)_2OSi(CH_3)_3$.

In another embodiment, provided are useful intermediates for the syntheses of compounds of Formula I represented by Formula VI. In one embodiment, R^{17} is OH. In another embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)R^{18}$. In another embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)OR^{18}$. In another embodiment, R^{17} is OR^{18} .

In another embodiment, provided is a compound of Formula IIb represented by Formula VIb:



Formula VIb

or an acceptable salt, thereof;

wherein the variables are defined as for Formula VI.

5 In one embodiment of the compound of Formula VIb, R¹⁷ is OH. The following are additional independent aspects of this embodiment:

- (a) R¹ is H. R¹ is CH₃.
- (b) X¹ is C-R¹⁰. X¹ is C-H. X¹ is N.
- (c) R⁸ is NR¹¹R¹². R⁸ is OR¹¹. R⁸ is SR¹¹.
- 10 (d) R⁹ is H. R⁹ is NR¹¹R¹². R⁹ is SR¹¹.
- (e) R^{2b} is OR⁴. R^{2b} is F. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is independently OR⁴. R^{2a} is OR⁴ and R^{2b} is F. R^{2a} is OR⁴, R^{2b} is F and R⁴ is C(O)R⁵. R^{2a} is OR⁴, R^{2b} is F and R⁴ is C(O)R⁵ wherein R⁵ is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2b} is OR⁴ wherein R⁴ is C(R⁵)₂R⁶ and R⁶ is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2b} is OR⁴ wherein R⁴ is CH₂R⁶ and R⁶ is phenyl. R^{2b} is OR⁴ wherein R⁴ is CH₂R⁶ and R⁶ is substituted phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR⁴ wherein each R⁴ is independently C(R⁵)₂R⁶ and R⁶ is phenyl or substituted phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR⁴ wherein each R⁴ is CH₂R⁶ and R⁶ is phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR⁴ wherein each R⁴ is CH₂R⁶ and each R⁶ is independently substituted phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR⁴ wherein the two R⁴ taken together are -C(R¹⁹)₂-. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR⁴ wherein the two R⁴ taken together are -C(CH₃)₂-. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR⁴ wherein the two R⁴ taken together are -CH(R¹⁹)-. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR⁴ wherein the two R⁴ taken together are -CH(R¹⁹)- wherein R¹⁹ is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2a} is OR⁴ wherein R⁴ is C(R⁵)₂R⁶, R⁶ is phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is F. R^{2a} is H.
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(f) R^7 is $C(O)R^5$. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is phenyl. R^7 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is substituted phenyl. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 . R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ wherein each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $C(O)R^5$ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ wherein each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $C(O)R^5$ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $C(O)R^5$ wherein R^5 is phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is F.

(g) R^1 is H, X^1 is CH, and R^8 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^1 is H, X^1 is CH, and R^8 is NH_2 . R^1 is CH_3 , X^1 is CH, and R^8 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^1 is CH_3 , X^1 is CH, and R^8 is NH_2 . R^1 is H, X^1 is N, and R^8 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^1 is H, X^1 is N, and R^8 is NH_2 . R^1 is CH_3 , X^1 is N, and R^8 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^1 is CH_3 , X^1 is N, and R^8 is NH_2 . R^1 is H, X^1 is CH, and R^9 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^1 is H, X^1 is CH, and R^9 is

NH₂. R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, and R⁹ is SR¹¹. R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, and R⁹ is SH. R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, and R⁹ is H. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, and R⁹ is NR¹¹R¹². R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, and R⁹ is NH₂. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, and R⁹ is SR¹¹. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, and R⁹ is SH. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, and R⁹ is H.

5 (h) R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ is OR¹¹. R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ is OH. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ is OR¹¹. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ is OH. R¹ is H, X¹ is N, and R⁸ is OR¹¹. R¹ is H, X¹ is N, and R⁸ is OH. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is N, and R⁸ is OR¹¹. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is N, and R⁸ is OH.

(i) R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ is SR¹¹. R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ is SH. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ is SR¹¹. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ is SH. R¹ is H, X¹ is N, and R⁸ is SR¹¹. R¹ is H, X¹ is N, and R⁸ is SH. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is N, and R⁸ is SR¹¹. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is N, and R⁸ is SH.

(j) R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, R⁹ is H and R⁸ is NR¹¹R¹². R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, R⁹ is H and R⁸ is NH₂. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, R⁹ is H and R⁸ is NR¹¹R¹². R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, R⁹ is H and R⁸ is NH₂. R¹ is H, X¹ is N, R⁹ is H and R⁸ is NR¹¹R¹². R¹ is H, X¹ is N, R⁹ is H and R⁸ is NH₂. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is N, R⁹ is H and R⁸ is NR¹¹R¹². R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is N, R⁹ is H and R⁸ is NH₂. R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, R⁹ is NR¹¹R¹² and R⁸ is NR¹¹R¹². R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, R⁹ is NR¹¹R¹² and R⁸ is NH₂. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, R⁹ is NR¹¹R¹² and R⁸ is NR¹¹R¹². R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, R⁹ is NR¹¹R¹² and R⁸ is NH₂. R¹ is H, X¹ is N, R⁹ is NR¹¹R¹² and R⁸ is NR¹¹R¹². R¹ is H, X¹ is N, R⁹ is NR¹¹R¹² and R⁸ is NH₂. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is N, R⁹ is NR¹¹R¹² and R⁸ is NR¹¹R¹². R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is N, R⁹ is NR¹¹R¹² and R⁸ is NH₂.

(k) R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ and R⁹ are independently SR¹¹. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ and R⁹ are independently SR¹¹. R¹ is H, X¹ is N, and R⁸ and R⁹ are independently SR¹¹. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is N, and R⁸ and R⁹ are independently SR¹¹.

In one embodiment of the compound of Formula VIb, R¹⁷ is -OR¹⁸. The following are additional independent aspects of this embodiment:

- (a) R¹ is H. R¹ is CH₃.
- 30 (b) X¹ is C-R¹⁰. X¹ is C-H. X¹ is N.
- (c) R⁸ is NR¹¹R¹². R⁸ is OR¹¹. R⁸ is SR¹¹.

(d) R^9 is H. R^9 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^9 is SR^{11} .

(e) R^{2b} is OR^4 . R^{2b} is F. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is independently OR^4 . R^{2a} is OR^4 and R^{2b} is F. R^{2a} is OR^4 , R^{2b} is F and R^4 is $C(O)R^5$. R^{2a} is OR^4 , R^{2b} is F and R^4 is $C(O)R^5$ wherein R^5 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is phenyl. R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is substituted phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein each R^4 is independently $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein each R^4 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein each R^4 is CH_2R^6 and each R^6 is independently substituted phenyl. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(R^{19})_2-$. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$. Each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^{2a} is OR^4 wherein R^4 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$, R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is F. R^{2a} is H.

(f) R^7 is $C(O)R^5$. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is phenyl. R^7 is CH_2R^6 and R^6 is substituted phenyl. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ and each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 . R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ wherein each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is CH_3 and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $C(O)R^5$ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-C(CH_3)_2-$. R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ wherein each R^5 and R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR^4 wherein the two R^4 taken together are $-CH(R^{19})-$ wherein R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R^7 is

Si(R³)₃ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR⁴ wherein the two R⁴ taken together are -CH(R¹⁹)- wherein R¹⁹ is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R⁷ is Si(R³)₂(*t*-butyl) wherein each R³ is CH₃ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR⁴ wherein the two R⁴ taken together are -CH(R¹⁹)- wherein R¹⁹ is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R⁷ is Si(R³)₂(*t*-butyl) wherein each R³ is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR⁴ wherein the two R⁴ taken together are -CH(R¹⁹)- wherein R¹⁹ is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R⁷ is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR⁴ wherein the two R⁴ taken together are -CH(R¹⁹)- wherein R¹⁹ is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R⁷ is C(O)R⁵ and each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is OR⁴ wherein the two R⁴ taken together are -CH(R¹⁹)- wherein R¹⁹ is phenyl or substituted phenyl. R⁷ is C(O)R⁵ wherein R⁵ is phenyl or substituted phenyl and R^{2b} is F.

(g) R¹⁸ is (C₁-C₈)alkyl or substituted (C₁-C₈)alkyl. R¹⁸ is (C₁-C₈)alkyl. R¹⁸ is methyl.

(h) R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ is NR¹¹R¹². R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ is NH₂. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ is NR¹¹R¹². R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ is NH₂. R¹ is H, X¹ is N, and R⁸ is NR¹¹R¹². R¹ is H, X¹ is N, and R⁸ is NH₂. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is N, and R⁸ is NR¹¹R¹². R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is N, and R⁸ is NH₂. R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, and R⁹ is NR¹¹R¹². R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, and R⁹ is NH₂. R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, and R⁹ is SR¹¹. R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, and R⁹ is SH. R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, and R⁹ is H. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, and R⁹ is NR¹¹R¹². R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, and R⁹ is NH₂. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, and R⁹ is SR¹¹. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, and R⁹ is SH. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, and R⁹ is H.

(i) R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ is OR¹¹. R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ is OH. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ is OR¹¹. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ is OH. R¹ is H, X¹ is N, and R⁸ is OR¹¹. R¹ is H, X¹ is N, and R⁸ is OH. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is N, and R⁸ is OR¹¹. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is N, and R⁸ is OH.

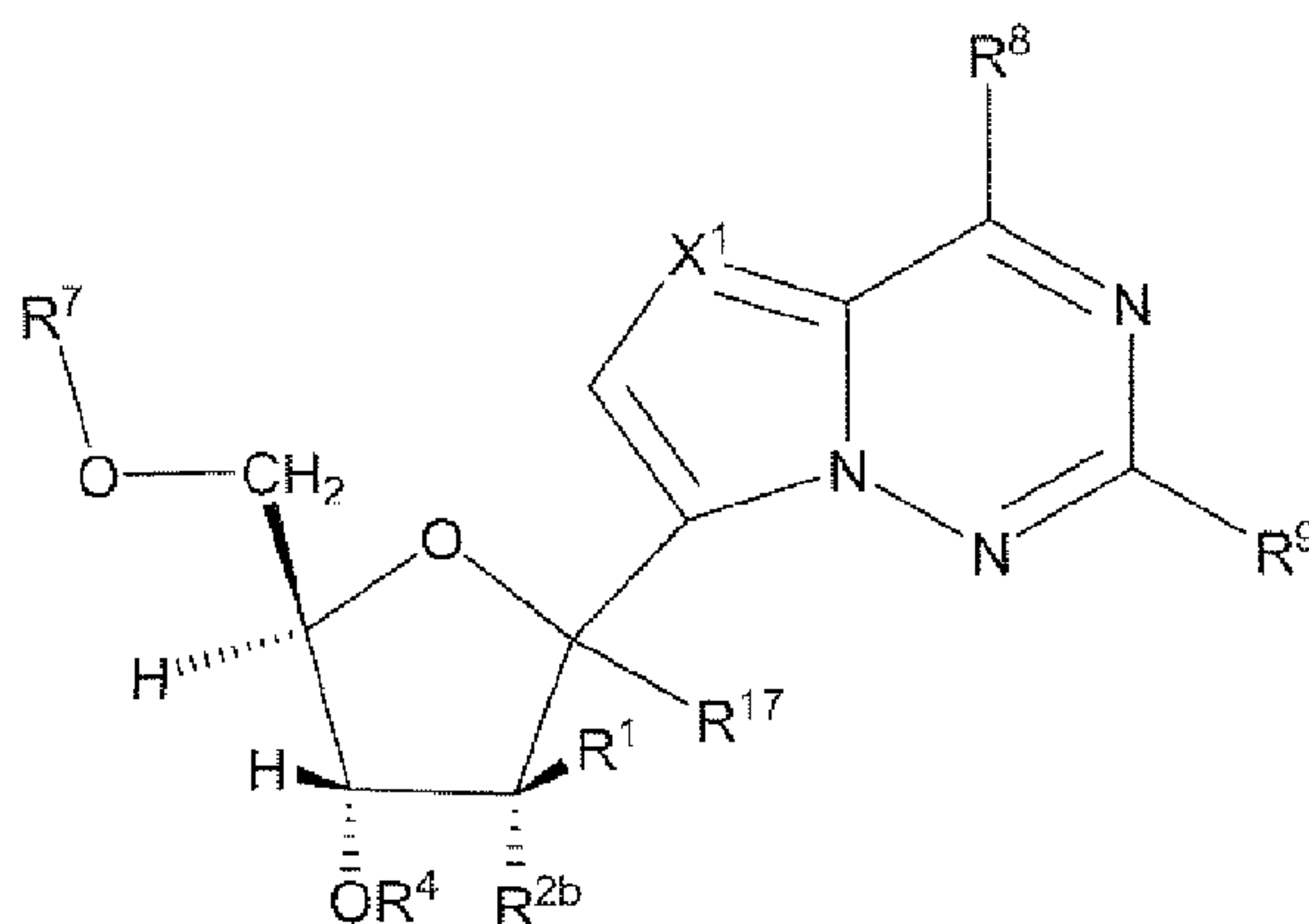
(j) R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ is SR¹¹. R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ is SH. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ is SR¹¹. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, and R⁸ is SH. R¹ is H, X¹ is N, and R⁸ is SR¹¹. R¹ is H, X¹ is N, and R⁸ is SH. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is N, and R⁸ is SR¹¹. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is N, and R⁸ is SH.

(k) R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, R⁹ is H and R⁸ is NR¹¹R¹². R¹ is H, X¹ is CH, R⁹ is H and R⁸ is NH₂. R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, R⁹ is H and R⁸ is NR¹¹R¹². R¹ is CH₃, X¹ is CH, R⁹ is H and R⁸ is NH₂. R¹ is H, X¹ is N,

R^9 is H and R^8 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^1 is H, X^1 is N, R^9 is H and R^8 is NH_2 . R^1 is CH_3 , X^1 is N, R^9 is H and R^8 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^1 is CH_3 , X^1 is N, R^9 is H and R^8 is NH_2 . R^1 is H, X^1 is CH, R^9 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$ and R^8 is NH_2 . R^1 is CH_3 , X^1 is CH, R^9 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$ and R^8 is NH_2 . R^1 is CH_3 , X^1 is CH, R^9 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$ and R^8 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^1 is H, X^1 is N, R^9 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$ and R^8 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^1 is H, X^1 is N, R^9 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$ and R^8 is NH_2 . R^1 is CH_3 , X^1 is N, R^9 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$ and R^8 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$. R^1 is CH_3 , X^1 is N, R^9 is $NR^{11}R^{12}$ and R^8 is NH_2 .

(l) R^1 is H, X^1 is CH, and R^8 and R^9 are independently SR^{11} . R^1 is CH_3 , X^1 is CH, and R^8 and R^9 are independently SR^{11} . R^1 is H, X^1 is N, and R^8 and R^9 are independently SR^{11} . R^1 is CH_3 , X^1 is N, and R^8 and R^9 are independently SR^{11} .

In another embodiment, the compound of Formula VIb is a compound of Formula VIc



Formula VIc

or an acceptable salt thereof,

wherein:

R^{2b} is OR^4 or F;

each R^4 is independently $-CH_2R^6$ or $C(O)R^5$ wherein R^5 is phenyl or substituted phenyl,

R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$, $C(O)R^5$ or $-C(R^5)_2R^6$ wherein each R^5 is independently H, phenyl, or substituted phenyl;

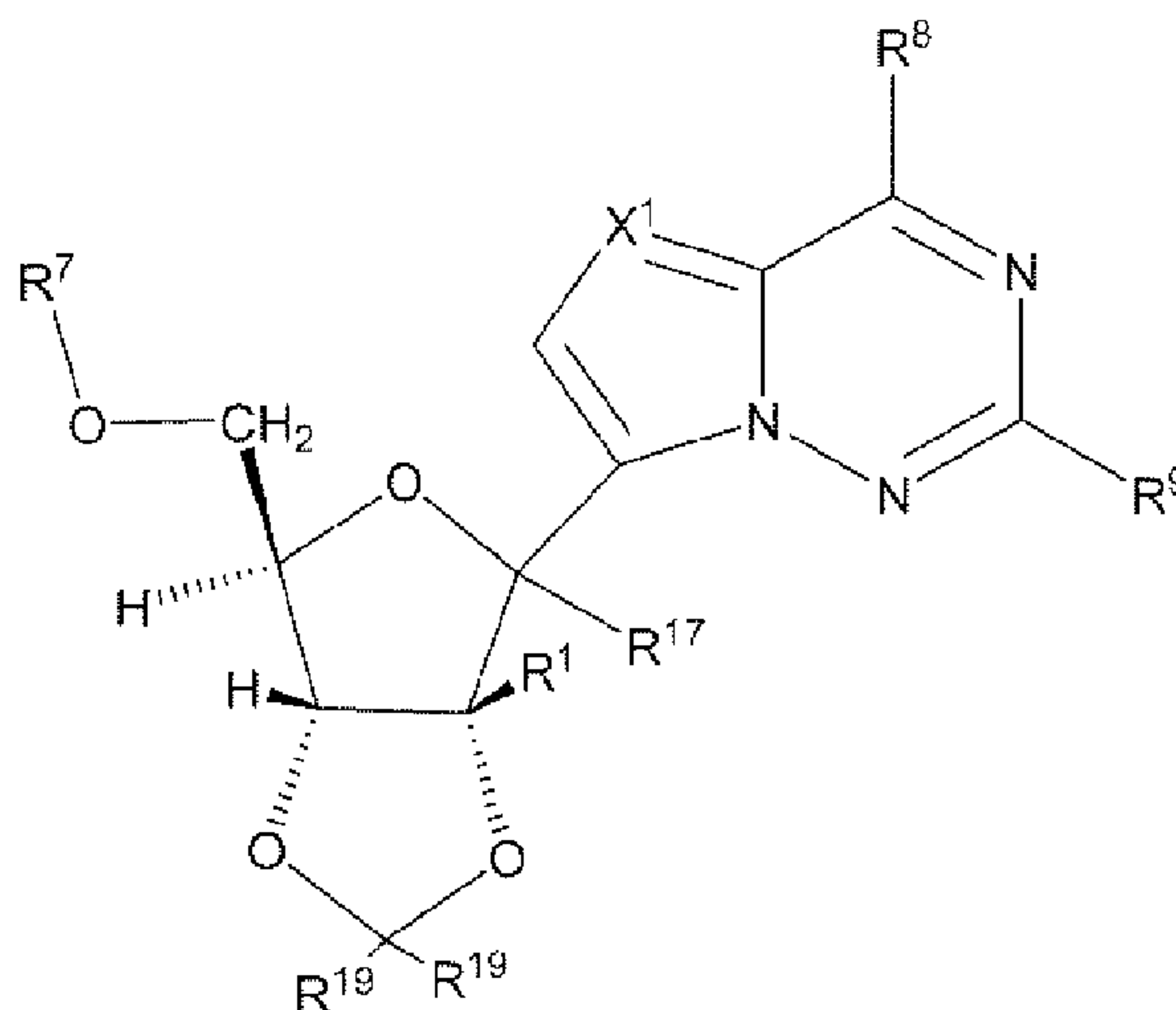
R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl; and

the remaining variables are defined as in Formula VI.

In one aspect of this embodiment, R^{2b} is OR^4 . In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{2b} is F. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is $-CH_2R^6$. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is $C(O)R^5$ wherein R^5 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{2b} is F and each R^4 and R^7 is $C(O)R^5$ wherein each R^5 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is OH. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is OR^{18} . In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)R^{18}$. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)CH_3$. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is ethoxy or methoxy. In another aspect of this embodiment, X^1 is $C-R^{10}$. In another aspect of this embodiment, X^1 is C-H. In another aspect of this embodiment, X^1 is N. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^1 is H. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^1 is CH_3 . In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is OH and X^1 is $C-R^{10}$. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)R^{18}$ and X^1 is $C-R^{10}$. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)CH_3$ and X^1 is $C-R^{10}$. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is OR^{18} and X^1 is $C-R^{10}$. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is OH and X^1 is C-H. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)R^{18}$ and X^1 is C-H. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)CH_3$ and X^1 is C-H. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is OR^{18} and X^1 is C-H. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is OH and X^1 is N. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)R^{18}$ and X^1 is N. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)CH_3$ and X^1 is N. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is OR^{18} and X^1 is N. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is OH, R^1 is H, and X^1 is $C-R^{10}$. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)R^{18}$, R^1 is H and X^1 is $C-R^{10}$. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)CH_3$, R^1 is H and X^1 is $C-R^{10}$. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is OR^{18} , R^1 is H and X^1 is $C-R^{10}$. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is OH, R^1 is H and X^1 is C-H. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)R^{18}$, R^1 is H and X^1 is C-H. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)CH_3$, R^1 is H and X^1 is C-H. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is OR^{18} , R^1 is H and X^1 is C-H. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is OH, R^1 is H and X^1 is N. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)R^{18}$, R^1 is H and X^1 is N. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)CH_3$, R^1 is H and X^1 is N. In another aspect of this embodiment,

R^{17} is OR^{18} , R^1 is H and X^1 is N. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is OH, R^1 is CH_3 , and X^1 is C- R^{10} . In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)R^{18}$, R^1 is CH_3 and X^1 is C- R^{10} . In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)CH_3$, R^1 is CH_3 and X^1 is C- R^{10} . In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is OR^{18} , R^1 is CH_3 and X^1 is C- R^{10} . In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is OH, R^1 is CH_3 and X^1 is C-H. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)R^{18}$, R^1 is CH_3 and X^1 is C-H. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)CH_3$, R^1 is CH_3 and X^1 is C-H. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is OR^{18} , R^1 is CH_3 and X^1 is C-H. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is OH, R^1 is CH_3 and X^1 is N. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)R^{18}$, R^1 is CH_3 and X^1 is N. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is $-OC(O)CH_3$, R^1 is CH_3 and X^1 is N. In another aspect of this embodiment, R^{17} is OR^{18} , R^1 is CH_3 and X^1 is N.

In another embodiment, the compound of Formula VIb is a compound of
 Formula VIc

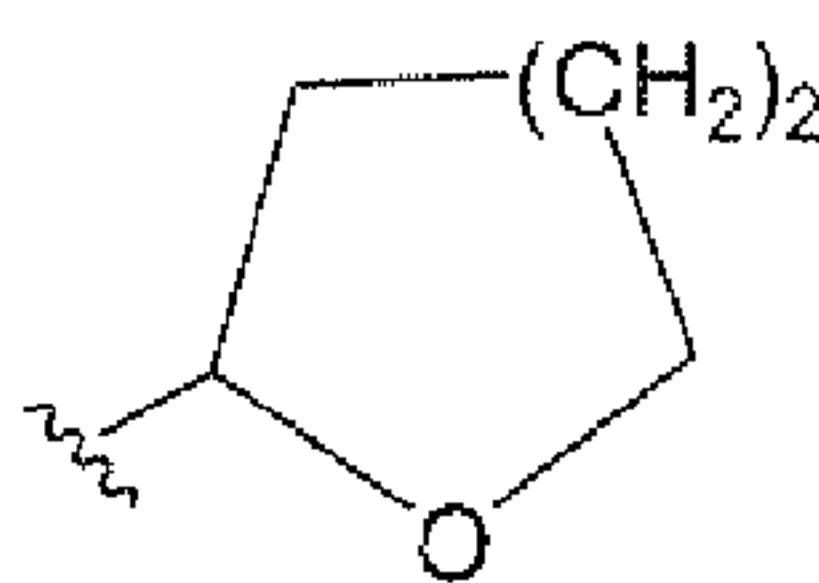


Formula VIc

or an acceptable salt thereof,

wherein:

each R^{19} is independently H, phenyl, substituted phenyl, or methyl and
 R^7 is $-C(R^5)_2R^6$, $Si(R^3)_3$, $C(O)R^5$, or



and the remaining variables are defined as in Formula VI.

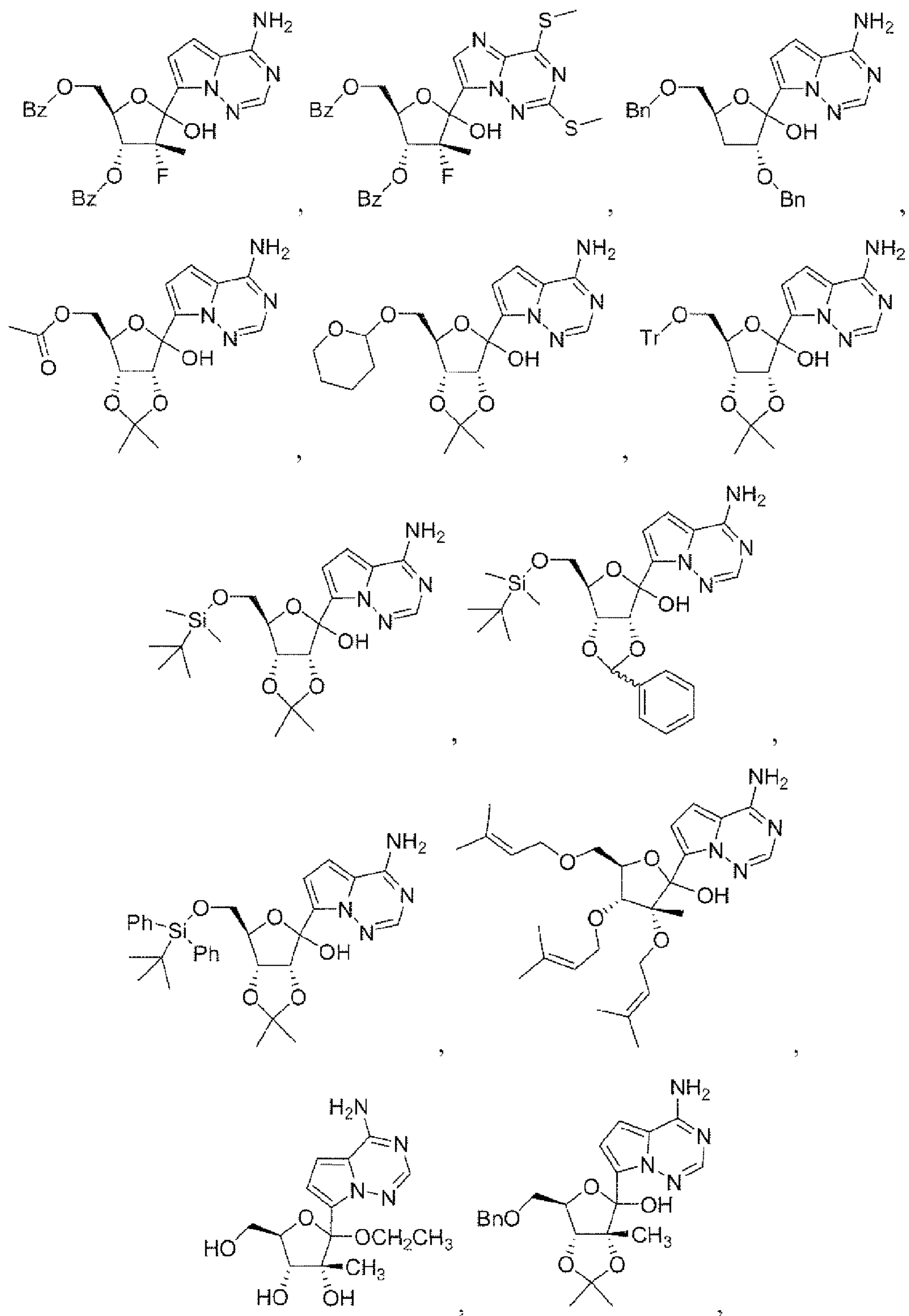
In one aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is CH_2R^6 wherein R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl. In one aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ wherein each R^5 or R^6 is
 5 independently phenyl or substituted phenyl. In one aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$. In one aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl. In one aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is methyl. In one aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is $C(O)R^5$. In one aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is $C(O)CH_3$. In one aspect of this
 10 embodiment, R^7 is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl. In one aspect of this embodiment, each R^{19} is CH_3 . In one aspect of this embodiment, one of R^{19} is H and the other of R^{19} is phenyl or substituted phenyl. In one aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is CH_2R^6 wherein R^6 is phenyl or substituted phenyl each R^{19} is CH_3 . In one aspect of this
 15 embodiment, R^7 is $C(R^5)_2R^6$ wherein each R^5 or R^6 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{19} is CH_3 . In one aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is $Si(R^3)_3$ and each R^{19} is CH_3 . In one aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is independently phenyl or substituted phenyl and each R^{19} is CH_3 .
 In one aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is $Si(R^3)_2(t\text{-butyl})$ wherein each R^3 is methyl and each R^{19} is CH_3 . In one aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is $C(O)R^5$ and each R^{19} is CH_3 .
 20 In one aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is $C(O)CH_3$ and each R^{19} is CH_3 . In one aspect of this embodiment, R^7 is tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl and each R^{19} is CH_3 .

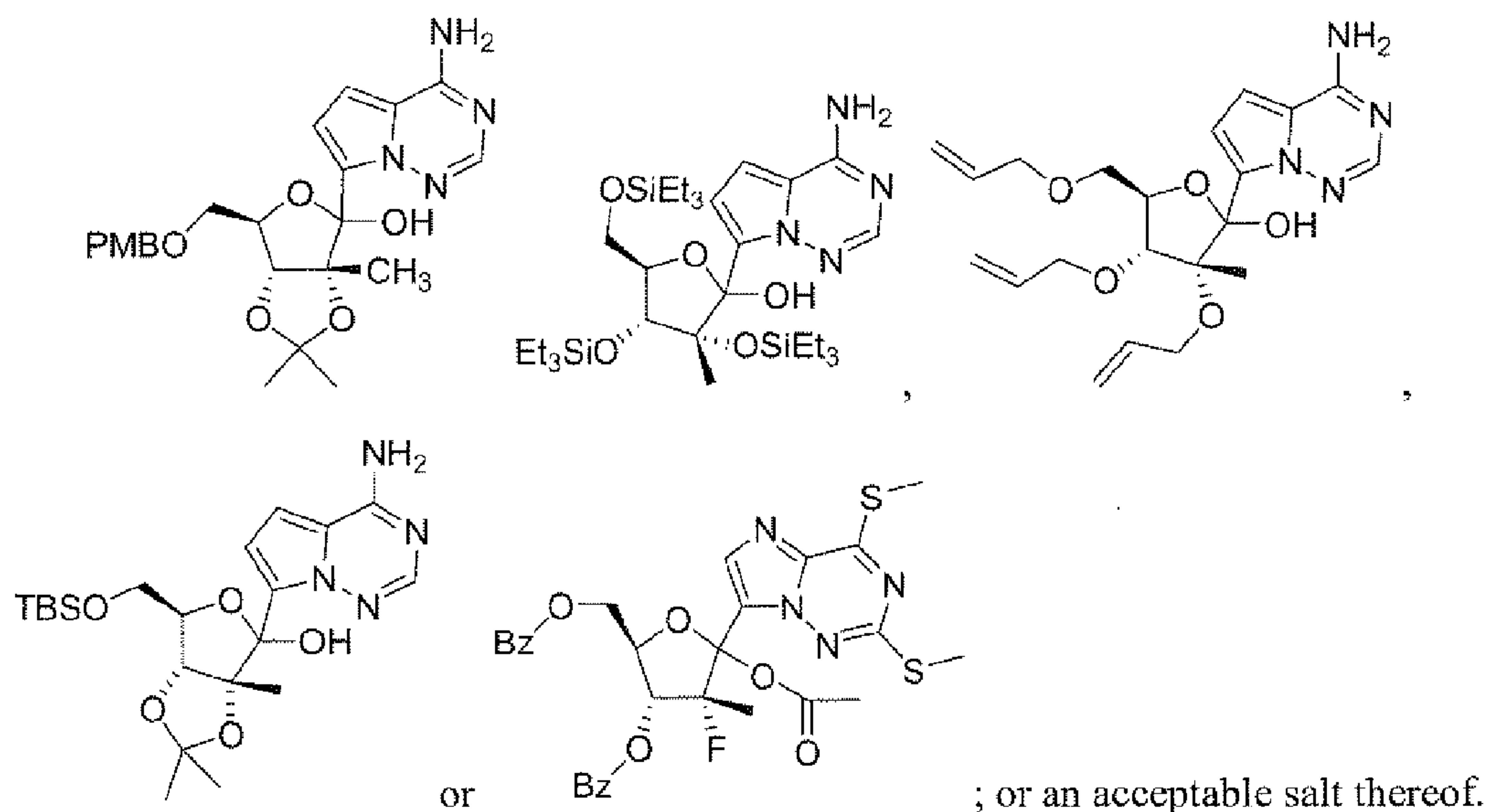
In another embodiment of Formula VIId, R^{17} is OH. In another embodiment of Formula VIId, R^{17} is $-OC(O)R^{18}$. In another embodiment of Formula VIId, R^{17} is $-$
 25 $OC(O)CH_3$. In another embodiment of Formula VIId, R^{17} is OR^{18} . In another aspect of this embodiment, X^1 is $C-R^{10}$. In another embodiment of Formula VIId, X^1 is C-H. In another embodiment of Formula VIId, X^1 is N. In another embodiment of Formula VIId, R^1 is H. In another embodiment of Formula VIId, R^1 is CH_3 . In another
 embodiment of Formula VIId, R^{17} is OH and X^1 is $C-R^{10}$. In another embodiment of
 30 Formula VIId, R^{17} is $-OC(O)R^{18}$ and X^1 is

C-R¹⁰. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is -OC(O)CH₃ and X¹ is C-R¹⁰. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is OR¹⁸ and X¹ is C-R¹⁰. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is OH and X¹ is C-H. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is -OC(O)R¹⁸ and X¹ is C-H. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is -OC(O)CH₃ and X¹ is C-H. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is OR¹⁸ and X¹ is C-H. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is OH and X¹ is N. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is -OC(O)R¹⁸ and X¹ is N. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is -OC(O)CH₃ and X¹ is N. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is OR¹⁸ and X¹ is N. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is OH, R¹ is H, and X¹ is C-R¹⁰. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is -OC(O)R¹⁸, R¹ is H and X¹ is C-R¹⁰. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is -OC(O)CH₃, R¹ is H and X¹ is C-R¹⁰. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is OR¹⁸, R¹ is H and X¹ is C-R¹⁰. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is OH, R¹ is H and X¹ is C-H. In another aspect of this embodiment, R¹⁷ is -OC(O)R¹⁸, R¹ is H and X¹ is C-H. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is -OC(O)CH₃, R¹ is H and X¹ is C-H. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is OR¹⁸, R¹ is H and X¹ is C-H. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹ is H and X¹ is N. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is -OC(O)R¹⁸, R¹ is H and X¹ is N. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is -OC(O)CH₃, R¹ is H and X¹ is N. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is OR¹⁸, R¹ is H and X¹ is N. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is OH, R¹ is CH₃, and X¹ is C-R¹⁰. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is -OC(O)R¹⁸, R¹ is CH₃ and X¹ is C-R¹⁰. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is -OC(O)CH₃, R¹ is CH₃ and X¹ is C-R¹⁰. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is OR¹⁸, R¹ is CH₃ and X¹ is C-R¹⁰. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is OH, R¹ is CH₃ and X¹ is C-H. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is -OC(O)R¹⁸, R¹ is CH₃ and X¹ is C-H. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is -OC(O)CH₃, R¹ is CH₃ and X¹ is C-H. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is OR¹⁸, R¹ is CH₃ and X¹ is C-H. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is OH, R¹ is CH₃ and X¹ is N. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is -OC(O)R¹⁸, R¹ is CH₃ and X¹ is N. In another embodiment of Formula VId, R¹⁷ is -OC(O)CH₃, R¹ is CH₃ and X¹ is N. In another

embodiment of Formula VIId, R^{17} is OR^{18} , R^1 is CH_3 and X^1 is N.

In another embodiment, the compound of Formula VIb is





DEFINITIONS

5 Unless stated otherwise, the following terms and phrases as used herein are intended to have the following meanings:

When trade names are used herein, applicants intend to independently include the tradename product and the active ingredient(s) of the tradename product.

10 As used herein, "a compound of the invention" or "a compound of Formula I" means a compound of Formula I or an acceptable salt, thereof. Similarly, with respect to isolatable intermediates, the phrase "a compound of Formula (number)" means a compound of that formula and an acceptable salts, thereof.

15 "Alkyl" is hydrocarbon containing normal, secondary, tertiary or cyclic carbon atoms. For example, an alkyl group can have 1 to 20 carbon atoms (*i.e.*, C₁-C₂₀ alkyl), 1 to 8 carbon atoms (*i.e.*, C₁-C₈ alkyl), or 1 to 6 carbon atoms (*i.e.*, C₁-C₆ alkyl). Examples of suitable alkyl groups include, but are not limited to, methyl (Me, -CH₃), ethyl (Et, -CH₂CH₃), 1-propyl (n-Pr, n-propyl, -CH₂CH₂CH₃), 2-propyl (i-Pr, i-propyl, -CH(CH₃)₂), 1-butyl (n-Bu, n-butyl, -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 2-methyl-1-propyl (i-Bu, i-butyl, -CH₂CH(CH₃)₂), 2-butyl (s-Bu, s-butyl, -CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃), 2-methyl-20 2-propyl (t-Bu, t-butyl, -C(CH₃)₃), 1-pentyl (n-pentyl, -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 2-pentyl (-CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₂CH₃), 3-pentyl (-CH(CH₂CH₃)₂), 2-methyl-2-butyl (-C(CH₃)₂CH₂CH₃), 3-methyl-2-butyl (-CH(CH₃)CH(CH₃)₂), 3-methyl-1-butyl

(-CH₂CH₂CH(CH₃)₂), 2-methyl-1-butyl (-CH₂CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃), 1-hexyl (-CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 2-hexyl (-CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 3-hexyl (-CH(CH₂CH₃)(CH₂CH₂CH₃)), 2-methyl-2-pentyl (-C(CH₃)₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 3-methyl-2-pentyl (-CH(CH₃)CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃), 4-methyl-2-pentyl (-CH(CH₃)CH₂CH(CH₃)₂),
 5 3-methyl-3-pentyl (-C(CH₃)(CH₂CH₃)₂), 2-methyl-3-pentyl (-CH(CH₂CH₃)CH(CH₃)₂), 2,3-dimethyl-2-butyl (-C(CH₃)₂CH(CH₃)₂), 3,3-dimethyl-2-butyl (-CH(CH₃)C(CH₃)₃), and octyl (-CH₂)₇CH₃).

“Alkoxy” means a group having the formula -O-alkyl, in which an alkyl group, as defined above, is attached to the parent molecule via an oxygen atom. The
 10 alkyl portion of an alkoxy group can have 1 to 20 carbon atoms (*i.e.*, C₁-C₂₀ alkoxy), 1 to 12 carbon atoms (*i.e.*, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy), or 1 to 6 carbon atoms (*i.e.*, C₁-C₆ alkoxy). Examples of suitable alkoxy groups include, but are not limited to, methoxy (-O-CH₃ or -OMe), ethoxy (-OCH₂CH₃ or -OEt), t-butoxy (-O-C(CH₃)₃ or -OtBu) and the like.

15 “Haloalkyl” is an alkyl group, as defined above, in which one or more hydrogen atoms of the alkyl group is replaced with a halogen atom. The alkyl portion of a haloalkyl group can have 1 to 20 carbon atoms (*i.e.*, C₁-C₂₀ haloalkyl), 1 to 12 carbon atoms (*i.e.*, C₁-C₁₂ haloalkyl), or 1 to 6 carbon atoms (*i.e.*, C₁-C₆ alkyl). Examples of suitable haloalkyl groups include, but are not limited
 20 to, -CF₃, -CHF₂, -CFH₂, -CH₂CF₃, and the like. The term “haloalkyl” includes “polyfluoroalkyl”. The term “polyfluoroalkyl” is an alkyl group, as defined above, in which two or more hydrogen atoms of the alkyl group is replaced with a fluorine atom.

“Alkenyl” is a hydrocarbon containing normal, secondary, tertiary or cyclic
 25 carbon atoms with at least one site of unsaturation, *i.e.* a carbon-carbon, *sp*² double bond. For example, an alkenyl group can have 2 to 20 carbon atoms (*i.e.*, C₂-C₂₀ alkenyl), 2 to 8 carbon atoms (*i.e.*, C₂-C₈ alkenyl), or 2 to 6 carbon atoms (*i.e.*, C₂-C₆ alkenyl). Examples of suitable alkenyl groups include, but are not limited to, ethylene or vinyl (-CH=CH₂), allyl (-CH₂CH=CH₂), cyclopentenyl (-C₅H₇), and 5-hexenyl
 30 (-CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH=CH₂).

“Alkynyl” is a hydrocarbon containing normal, secondary, tertiary or cyclic

carbon atoms with at least one site of unsaturation, *i.e.* a carbon-carbon, *sp* triple bond. For example, an alkynyl group can have 2 to 20 carbon atoms (*i.e.*, C₂-C₂₀ alkynyl), 2 to 8 carbon atoms (*i.e.*, C₂-C₈ alkyne), or 2 to 6 carbon atoms (*i.e.*, C₂-C₆ alkynyl). Examples of suitable alkynyl groups include, but are not limited to,

5 acetylenic (-C≡CH), propargyl (-CH₂C≡CH), and the like.

“Alkylene” refers to a saturated, branched or straight chain or cyclic hydrocarbon radical having two monovalent radical centers derived by the removal of two hydrogen atoms from the same or two different carbon atoms of a parent alkane. For example, an alkylene group can have 1 to 20 carbon atoms, 1 to 10 carbon atoms, or 1 to 6 carbon

10 atoms. Typical alkylene radicals include, but are not limited to, methylene (-CH₂-), 1,1-ethyl (-CH(CH₃)-), 1,2-ethyl (-CH₂CH₂-), 1,1-propyl (-CH(CH₂CH₃)-), 1,2-propyl (-CH₂CH(CH₃)-), 1,3-propyl (-CH₂CH₂CH₂-), 1,4-butyl (-CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-), and the like.

“Alkenylene” refers to an unsaturated, branched or straight chain or cyclic

15 hydrocarbon radical having two monovalent radical centers derived by the removal of two hydrogen atoms from the same or two different carbon atoms of a parent alkene. For example, an alkenylene group can have 1 to 20 carbon atoms, 1 to 10 carbon atoms, or 1 to 6 carbon atoms. Typical alkenylene radicals include, but are not limited to, 1,2-ethylene (-CH=CH-).

20 “Alkynylene” refers to an unsaturated, branched or straight chain or cyclic hydrocarbon radical having two monovalent radical centers derived by the removal of two hydrogen atoms from the same or two different carbon atoms of a parent alkyne. For example, an alkynylene group can have 1 to 20 carbon atoms, 1 to 10 carbon atoms, or 1 to 6 carbon atoms. Typical alkynylene radicals include, but are not limited to,

25 acetylene (-C≡C-), propargyl (-CH₂C≡C-), and 4-pentynyl (-CH₂CH₂CH₂C≡C-).

“Amino” refers generally to a nitrogen radical which can be considered a derivative of ammonia, having the formula -N(X)₂, where each “X” is independently H, substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted carbocyclyl, substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclyl, etc. The hybridization of the nitrogen is approximately sp³.

30 Nonlimiting types of amino include -NH₂, -N(alkyl)₂, -NH(alkyl), -N(carbocyclyl)₂, -NH(carbocyclyl), -N(heterocyclyl)₂, -NH(heterocyclyl), -N(aryl)₂, -NH(aryl), -

N(alkyl)(aryl), -N(alkyl)(heterocyclyl), -N(carbocyclyl)(heterocyclyl), -
 N(aryl)(heteroaryl), -N(alkyl)(heteroaryl), etc. The term “alkylamino” refers to an
 amino group substituted with at least one alkyl group. Nonlimiting examples of amino
 groups include -NH₂, -NH(CH₃), -N(CH₃)₂, -NH(CH₂CH₃), -N(CH₂CH₃)₂, -
 5 NH(phenyl), -N(phenyl)₂, -NH(benzyl), -N(benzyl)₂, etc. Substituted alkylamino refers
 generally to alkylamino groups, as defined above, in which at least one substituted alkyl,
 as defined herein, is attached to the amino nitrogen atom. Non-limiting examples of
 substituted alkylamino includes -NH(alkylene-C(O)-OH), -NH(alkylene-C(O)-O-alkyl),
 -N(alkylene-C(O)-OH)₂, -N(alkylene-C(O)-O-alkyl)₂, etc.

10 “Aryl” means an aromatic hydrocarbon radical derived by the removal of one
 hydrogen atom from a single carbon atom of a parent aromatic ring system. For
 example, an aryl group can have 6 to 20 carbon atoms, 6 to 14 carbon atoms, or 6 to 10
 carbon atoms. Typical aryl groups include, but are not limited to, radicals derived from
 benzene (e.g., phenyl), substituted benzene, naphthalene, anthracene, biphenyl, and the
 15 like.

“Arylalkyl” refers to an acyclic alkyl radical in which one of the hydrogen
 atoms bonded to a carbon atom, typically a terminal or sp³ carbon atom, is replaced
 with an aryl radical. Typical arylalkyl groups include, but are not limited to, benzyl,
 2-phenylethan-1-yl, naphthylmethyl, 2-naphthylethan-1-yl, naphthobenzyl,
 20 2-naphthophenylethan-1-yl and the like. The arylalkyl group can comprise 7 to 20
 carbon atoms, e.g., the alkyl moiety is 1 to 6 carbon atoms and the aryl moiety is 6 to
 14 carbon atoms.

“Arylalkenyl” refers to an acyclic alkenyl radical in which one of the
 hydrogen atoms bonded to a carbon atom, typically a terminal or sp³ carbon atom, but
 25 also an sp² carbon atom, is replaced with an aryl radical. The aryl portion of the
 arylalkenyl can include, for example, any of the aryl groups disclosed herein, and the
 alkenyl portion of the arylalkenyl can include, for example, any of the alkenyl groups
 disclosed herein. The arylalkenyl group can comprise 8 to 20 carbon atoms, e.g., the
 alkenyl moiety is 2 to 6 carbon atoms and the aryl moiety is 6 to 14 carbon atoms.

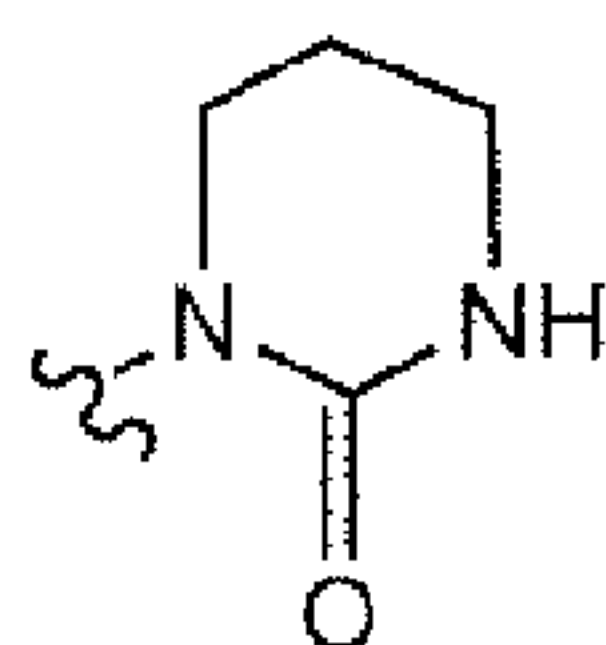
30 “Arylalkynyl” refers to an acyclic alkynyl radical in which one of the
 hydrogen atoms bonded to a carbon atom, typically a terminal or sp³ carbon atom, but
 also an sp carbon atom, is replaced with an

aryl radical. The aryl portion of the arylalkynyl can include, for example, any of the aryl groups disclosed herein, and the alkynyl portion of the arylalkynyl can include, for example, any of the alkynyl groups disclosed herein. The arylalkynyl group can comprise 8 to 20 carbon atoms, *e.g.*, the alkynyl moiety is 2 to 6 carbon atoms and the
 5 aryl moiety is 6 to 14 carbon atoms.

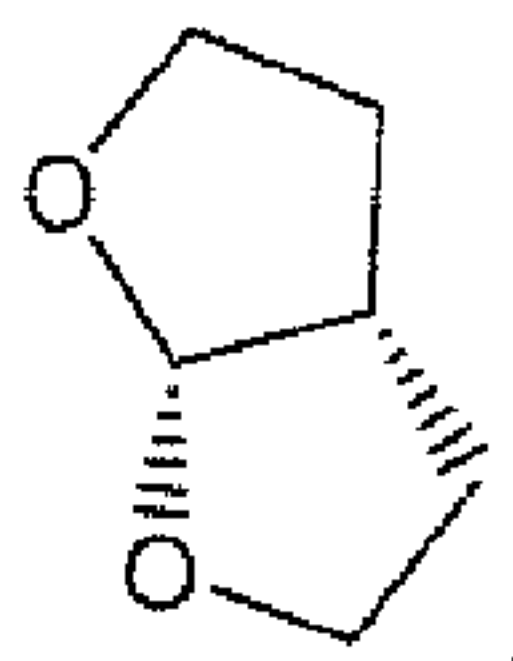
The term “substituted” in reference to alkyl, alkylene, aryl, arylalkyl, alkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl, etc., for example, “substituted alkyl”, “substituted alkylene”, “substituted aryl”, “substituted arylalkyl”, “substituted heterocyclyl”, and “substituted carbocyclyl”, unless otherwise indicated, means alkyl,
 10 alkylene, aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclyl, carbocyclyl respectively, in which one or more hydrogen atoms are each independently replaced with a non-hydrogen substituent. Typical substituents include, but are not limited to, -X, -R^b, -O⁻, =O, -OR^b, -SR^b, -S⁻, -NR^b₂, -N⁺R^b₃, =NR^b, -CX₃, -CN, -OCN, -SCN, -N=C=O, -NCS, -NO, -NO₂, =N₂, -N₃, -NHC(=O)R^b, -OC(=O)R^b, -NHC(=O)NR^b₂, -S(=O)₂-, -S(=O)₂OH, -S(=O)₂
 15 R^b, -OS(=O)₂OR^b, -S(=O)₂NR^b₂, -S(=O)R^b, -OP(=O)(OR^b)₂, -P(=O)(OR^b)₂, -P(=O)(O⁻)₂, -P(=O)(OH)₂, -P(O)(OR^b)(O⁻), -C(=O)R^b, -C(=O)X, -C(S)R^b, -C(O)OR^b, -C(O)O⁻, -C(S)OR^b, -C(O)SR^b, -C(S)SR^b, -C(O)NR^b₂, -C(S)NR^b₂, -C(=NR^b)NR^b₂, where each X is independently a halogen: F, Cl, Br, or I; and each R^b is independently H, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, a heterocycle, or a protecting group or prodrug moiety. Alkylene,
 20 alkenylene, and alkynylene groups may also be similarly substituted. Unless otherwise indicated, when the term “substituted” is used in conjunction with groups such as arylalkyl, which have two or more moieties capable of substitution, the substituents can be attached to the aryl moiety, the alkyl moiety, or both.

“Heterocycle” or “heterocyclyl” as used herein includes by way of example
 25 and not limitation those heterocycles described in Paquette, Leo A.; Principles of Modern Heterocyclic Chemistry (W.A. Benjamin, New York, 1968), particularly Chapters 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 9; The Chemistry of Heterocyclic Compounds, A Series of Monographs” (John Wiley & Sons, New York, 1950 to present), in particular Volumes 13, 14, 16, 19, and 28; and *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* (1960) 82:5566. In one
 30 specific embodiment of the invention “heterocycle” includes a “carbocycle” as defined herein, wherein one or more (*e.g.* 1, 2, 3, or 4) carbon atoms have been replaced with a heteroatom (*e.g.* O, N, or

S). The terms “heterocycle” or “heterocyclyl” includes saturated rings, partially unsaturated rings, and aromatic rings (*i.e.*, heteroaromatic rings). Substituted heterocyclyls include, for example, heterocyclic rings substituted with any of the substituents disclosed herein including carbonyl groups. A non-limiting example of a
 5 carbonyl substituted heterocyclyl is:



Examples of heterocycles include by way of example and not limitation pyridyl, dihydropyridyl, tetrahydropyridyl (piperidyl), thiazolyl, tetrahydrothiophenyl, sulfur oxidized tetrahydrothiophenyl, pyrimidinyl, furanyl,
 10 thienyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, tetrazolyl, benzofuranyl, thianaphthalenyl, indolyl, indolenyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, benzimidazolyl, piperidinyl, 4-piperidonyl, pyrrolidinyl, 2-pyrrolidonyl, pyrrolinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydroquinolinyl, tetrahydroisoquinolinyl, decahydroquinolinyl, octahydroisoquinolinyl, azocinyl, triazinyl, 6H-1,2,5-thiadiazinyl, 2H,6H-1,5,2-
 15 dithiazinyl, thienyl, thianthrenyl, pyranyl, isobenzofuranyl, chromenyl, xanthenyl, phenoxathinyl, 2H-pyrrolyl, isothiazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, indolizinyl, isoindolyl, 3H-indolyl, 1H-indazolyl, purinyl, 4H-quinolizinyl, phthalazinyl, naphthyridinyl, quinoxalinyl, quinazolinyl, cinnolinyl, pteridinyl, 4aH-carbazolyl, carbazolyl, β -carbolinyl, phenanthridinyl, acridinyl, pyrimidinyl,
 20 phenanthrolinyl, phenazinyl, phenothiazinyl, furazanyl, phenoxazinyl, isochromanyl, chromanyl, imidazolidinyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolidinyl, pyrazolyl, piperazinyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, quinuclidinyl, morpholinyl, oxazolidinyl, benzotriazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, oxindolyl, benzoxazolyl, isatinoyl, and bis-tetrahydrofuranyl:



25 By way of example and not limitation, carbon bonded heterocycles are bonded at position 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 of a pyridine, position 3, 4, 5, or 6 of a pyridazine, position 2, 4, 5, or 6 of a pyrimidine, position 2, 3,

5, or 6 of a pyrazine, position 2, 3, 4, or 5 of a furan, tetrahydrofuran, thiofuran, thiophene, pyrrole or tetrahydropyrrole, position 2, 4, or 5 of an oxazole, imidazole or thiazole, position 3, 4, or 5 of an isoxazole, pyrazole, or isothiazole, position 2 or 3 of an aziridine, position 2, 3, or 4 of an azetidine, position 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 of a quinoline or position 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 of an isoquinoline. Still more typically, carbon bonded heterocycles include 2-pyridyl, 3-pyridyl, 4-pyridyl, 5-pyridyl, 6-pyridyl, 3-pyridazinyl, 4-pyridazinyl, 5-pyridazinyl, 6-pyridazinyl, 2-pyrimidinyl, 4-pyrimidinyl, 5-pyrimidinyl, 6-pyrimidinyl, 2-pyrazinyl, 3-pyrazinyl, 5-pyrazinyl, 6-pyrazinyl, 2-thiazolyl, 4-thiazolyl, or 5-thiazolyl.

10 By way of example and not limitation, nitrogen bonded heterocycles are bonded at position 1 of an aziridine, azetidine, pyrrole, pyrrolidine, 2-pyrroline, 3-pyrroline, imidazole, imidazolidine, 2-imidazoline, 3-imidazoline, pyrazole, pyrazoline, 2-pyrazoline, 3-pyrazoline, piperidine, piperazine, indole, indoline, 1H-indazole, position 2 of a isoindole, or isoindoline, position 4 of a morpholine, and position 9 of a carbazole, or β -carboline. Still more typically, nitrogen bonded heterocycles include 1-aziridyl, 1-azetetyl, 1-pyrrolyl, 1-imidazolyl, 1-pyrazolyl, and 1-piperidinyl.

20 "Heteroaryl" refers to an aromatic heterocyclyl having at least one heteroatom in the ring. Non-limiting examples of suitable heteroatoms which can be included in the aromatic ring include oxygen, sulfur, and nitrogen. Non-limiting examples of heteroaryl rings include all of those aromatic rings listed in the definition of "heterocyclyl", including pyridinyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, purinyl, furanyl, thienyl, benzofuranyl, benzothiophenyl, carbazolyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrazolyl, isothiazolyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, pyridazyl, pyrimidyl, pyrazyl, etc.

25 "Carbocycle" or "carbocyclyl" refers to a saturated (i.e., cycloalkyl), partially unsaturated (c.g., cycloalkenyl, cycloalkadienyl, etc.) or aromatic ring having 3 to 7 carbon atoms as a monocycle, 7 to 12 carbon atoms as a bicycle, and up to about 20 carbon atoms as a polycycle. Monocyclic carbocycles have 3 to 7 ring atoms, still more typically 5 or 6 ring atoms. Bicyclic carbocycles have 7 to 12 ring atoms, e.g., arranged as a bicyclo [4,5], [5,5], [5,6] or [6,6] system, or 9 or 10 ring atoms arranged as a bicyclo [5,6] or [6,6] system, or spiro-

fused rings. Non-limiting examples of monocyclic carbocycles include cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, 1-cyclopent-1-enyl, 1-cyclopent-2-enyl, 1-cyclopent-3-enyl, cyclohexyl, 1-cyclohex-1-enyl, 1-cyclohex-2-enyl, 1-cyclohex-3-enyl, and phenyl.

Non-limiting examples of bicyclo carbocycles includes naphthyl,

5 tetrahydronaphthalene, and decaline.

“Carbocyclalkyl” refers to to an acyclic alkyl radical in which one of the hydrogen atoms bonded to a carbon atom is replaced with a carbocyclalkyl radical as described herein. Typical, but non-limiting, examples of carbocyclalkyl groups include cyclopropylmethyl, cyclopropylethyl, cyclobutylmethyl, cyclopentylmethyl
10 and cyclohexylmethyl.

“Heteroarylalkyl” refers to an alkyl group, as defined herein, in which a hydrogen atom has been replaced with a heteroaryl group as defined herein. Non-limiting examples of heteroaryl alkyl include -CH₂-pyridinyl, -CH₂-pyrrolyl, -CH₂-oxazolyl, -CH₂-indolyl, -CH₂-isoindolyl,
15 -CH₂-purinyl, -CH₂-furanyl, -CH₂-thienyl, -CH₂-benzofuranyl, -CH₂-benzothiophenyl, -CH₂-carbazolyl, -CH₂-imidazolyl, -CH₂-thiazolyl, -CH₂-isoxazolyl, -CH₂-pyrazolyl, -CH₂-isothiazolyl, -CH₂-quinolyl, -CH₂-isoquinolyl, -CH₂-pyridazyl, -CH₂-pyrimidyl, -CH₂-pyrazyl, -CH(CH₃)-pyridinyl, -CH(CH₃)-pyrrolyl, -CH(CH₃)-oxazolyl, -CH(CH₃)-indolyl, -CH(CH₃)-isoindolyl, -CH(CH₃)-purinyl, -CH(CH₃)-furanyl, -CH(CH₃)-thienyl, -CH(CH₃)-benzofuranyl, -CH(CH₃)-benzothiophenyl, -CH(CH₃)-carbazolyl,
20 -CH(CH₃)-imidazolyl, -CH(CH₃)-thiazolyl, -CH(CH₃)-isoxazolyl, -CH(CH₃)-pyrazolyl, -CH(CH₃)-isothiazolyl, -CH(CH₃)-quinolyl, -CH(CH₃)-isoquinolyl, -CH(CH₃)-pyridazyl, -CH(CH₃)-pyrimidyl, -CH(CH₃)-pyrazyl, etc.

The term “optionally substituted” in reference to a particular moiety of the compound of Formula I, Ib, Ic, II, IIb, IIc, III, IIIb, IIIc, IV, V, VI, or VIb-d (e.g., an optionally substituted aryl group) refers to a moiety wherein all substituents are hydrogen or wherein one or more of the hydrogens of the moiety may be replaced by substituents such as those listed under the definition of “substituted” or as otherwise indicated.

30 The term “optionally replaced” in reference to a particular moiety of the compound of Formula I, Ib, Ic, II, IIb, IIc, III, IIIb, IIIc, IV, V, VI, or VIb-d (e.g., the carbon atoms of said (C₁-C₈)alkyl may be

optionally replaced by -O-, -S-, or -NR^a-) means that one or more of the methylene groups of the (C₁-C₈)alkyl may be replaced by 0, 1, 2, or more of the groups specified (e.g., -O-, -S-, or -NR^a-).

5 The term “non-terminal carbon atom(s)” in reference to an alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkylene, alkenylene, or alkynylene moiety refers to the carbon atoms in the moiety that intervene between the first carbon atom of the moiety and the last carbon atom in the moiety. Therefore, by way of example and not limitation, in the alkyl moiety -CH₂(C^{*})H₂(C^{*})H₂CH₃ or alkylene moiety -CH₂(C^{*})H₂(C^{*})H₂CH₂- the C^{*} atoms would be considered to be the non-terminal carbon atoms.

10 The term “transition metal” or “transition element” is defined following the nomenclature of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry in the *Compendium of Chemical Terminology*, Internet edition.

The term “lanthanide” means the elements La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Pm, Sm, Eu, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, Yb and Lu.

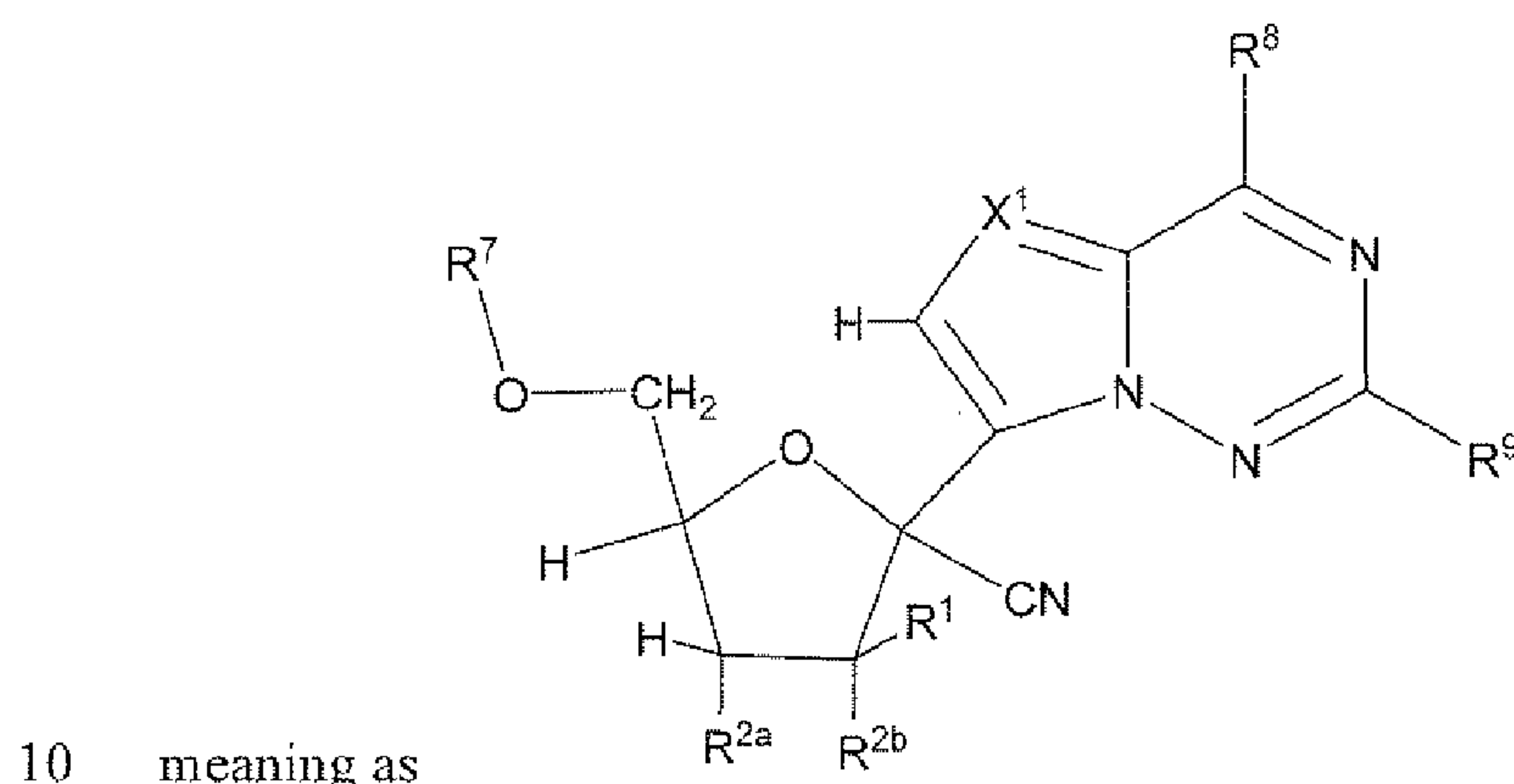
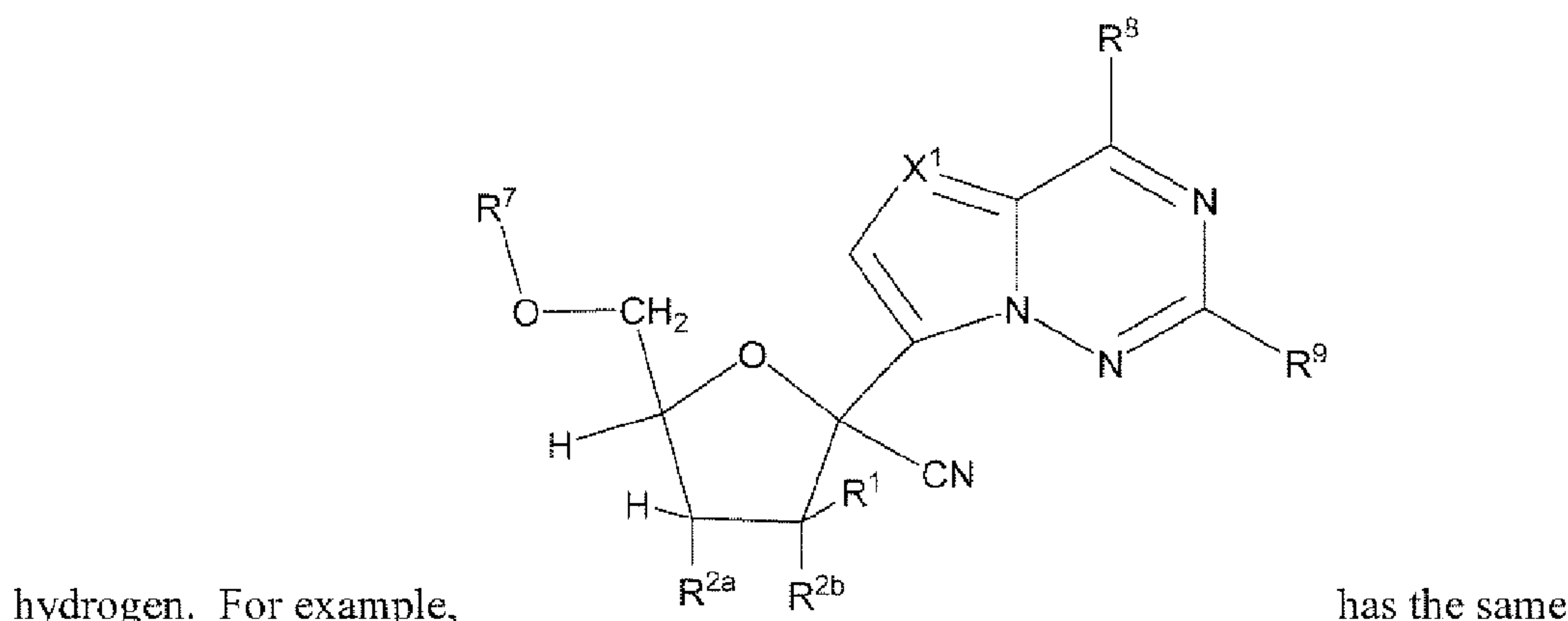
15 The term “alkaline earth or alkaline earth metal” means the elements Be, Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba and Ra.

The transition metals, lanthanides, alkaline earth metals and other metals such as aluminum, gallium, indium, thallium, tin, lead or bismuth referred to herein may form salts with acidic compounds. For example, they may form salts of triflic acid
20 (CF₃SO₂OH). Many of these metals can exist in multiple oxidation states and thus form more than one salt with acid compounds. When reference is made to a salt of a metal, all such oxidation states are contemplated as being included in this invention so long as they are stable oxidation states of the metal.

The term “treating”, in reference to the method claims described herein, means
25 combining the reagents described in the claim under conditions wherein a reaction occurs. A non-limiting example is “treating a compound of Formula IIIb with a compound of Formula IV” would mean combining the compound of Formula IIIb with a compound of Formula IV” under conditions wherein the two molecules would react. The ordering of the combining step, i.e., adding a compound of Formula IIIb to
30 a compound of Formula IV or adding a compound of Formula IV to a compound of Formula IIIb, is dependent upon the substituents and stability of the respective compounds being combined. The choice

of the order of combination would be well understood by one skilled in the art based on the knowledge imparted with the instant disclosure. Both orders of combining the reagents are encompassed by the instant invention.

Unless otherwise specified, the carbon atoms of the compounds of Formula I, Ib, Ic, II, IIb, IIc, III, IIIb, IIIc, IV, V, VI, or VIb-d are intended to have a valence of four. In some chemical structure representations where carbon atoms do not have a sufficient number of variables attached to produce a valence of four, the remaining carbon substituents needed to provide a valence of four should be assumed to be



“Protecting group” refers to a moiety of a compound that masks or alters the properties of a functional group or the properties of the compound as a whole. The chemical substructure of a protecting group varies widely. One function of a protecting group is to serve as an intermediate in the synthesis of the parental drug substance. Chemical protecting groups and strategies for protection/deprotection are well known in the art. See: “Protective Groups in Organic Chemistry”, Theodora W. Greene (John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 1991. Protecting groups are often

utilized to mask the reactivity of certain functional groups, to assist in the efficiency of desired chemical reactions, e.g. making and breaking chemical bonds in an ordered and planned fashion. Protection of functional groups of a compound alters other physical properties besides the reactivity of the protected functional group, such as the polarity, lipophilicity (hydrophobicity), and other properties which can be measured by common analytical tools.

It is to be noted that all enantiomers, diastereomers, and racemic mixtures, tautomers, polymorphs, pseudopolymorphs of compounds within the scope of Formula I, Ib, Ic, II, IIb, IIc, III, IIIb, IIIc, IV, V, VI, or VIb-d and acceptable salts thereof are embraced by the present invention. All mixtures of such enantiomers and diastereomers are within the scope of the present invention.

A compound of Formula I, Ib, Ic, II, IIb, IIc, III, IIIb, IIIc, IV, V, VI, or VIb-d and acceptable salts thereof may exist as different polymorphs or pseudopolymorphs. As used herein, crystalline polymorphism means the ability of a crystalline compound to exist in different crystal structures. The crystalline polymorphism may result from differences in crystal packing (packing polymorphism) or differences in packing between different conformers of the same molecule (conformational polymorphism). As used herein, crystalline pseudopolymorphism means the ability of a hydrate or solvate of a compound to exist in different crystal structures. The pseudopolymorphs of the instant invention may exist due to differences in crystal packing (packing pseudopolymorphism) or due to differences in packing between different conformers of the same molecule (conformational pseudopolymorphism). The instant invention comprises all polymorphs and pseudopolymorphs of the compounds of Formula I, Ib, Ic, II, IIb, IIc, III, IIIb, IIIc, IV, V, VI, or VIb-d and their acceptable salts.

A compound of Formula I, Ib, Ic, II, IIb, IIc, III, IIIb, IIIc, IV, V, VI, or VIb-d and acceptable salts thereof may also exist as an amorphous solid. As used herein, an amorphous solid is a solid in which there is no long-range order of the positions of the atoms in the solid. This definition applies as well when the crystal size is two nanometers or less. Additives, including solvents, may be used to create the amorphous forms of the instant invention. The instant invention comprises all amorphous forms of the compounds of Formula I, Ib, Ic, II, IIb, IIc, III, IIIb, IIIc, IV, V, VI, or VIb-d and their acceptable salts.

The modifier "about" used in connection with a quantity is inclusive of the stated value and has the meaning dictated by the context (e.g., includes the degree of error associated with measurement of the particular quantity).

The compounds of the invention, exemplified by Formula I, Ib, Ic, II, IIb, IIc, 5 III, IIIb, IIIc, IV, V, VI, or VIb-d may have chiral centers, e.g. chiral carbon or phosphorus atoms. The compounds of the invention thus include racemic mixtures of all stereoisomers, including enantiomers, diastereomers, and atropisomers. In addition, the compounds of the invention include enriched or resolved optical isomers at any or all asymmetric, chiral atoms. In other words, the chiral centers apparent 10 from the depictions are provided as the chiral isomers or racemic mixtures. Both racemic and diastereomeric mixtures, as well as the individual optical isomers isolated or synthesized, substantially free of their enantiomeric or diastereomeric partners, are all within the scope of the invention. The racemic mixtures are separated into their individual, substantially optically pure isomers through well-known techniques such 15 as, for example, the separation of diastereomeric salts formed with optically active adjuncts, e.g., acids or bases followed by conversion back to the optically active substances. In most instances, the desired optical isomer is synthesized by means of stereospecific reactions, beginning with the appropriate stereoisomer of the desired starting material.

20 The term "chiral" refers to molecules which have the property of non-superimposability of the mirror image partner, while the term "achiral" refers to molecules which are superimposable on their mirror image partner.

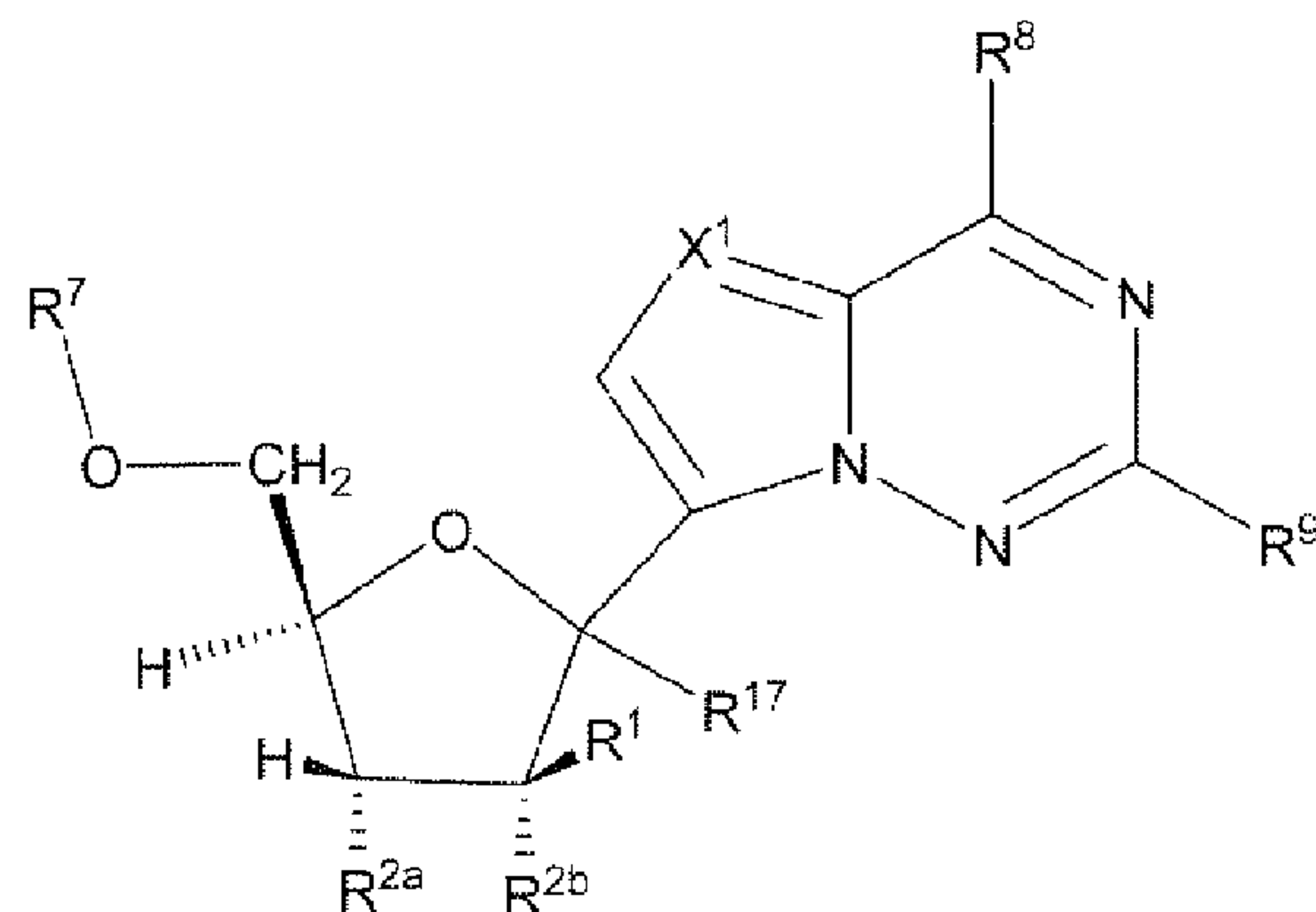
The term "stereoisomers" refers to compounds which have identical chemical constitution, but differ with regard to the arrangement of the atoms or groups in space.

25 "Diastereomer" refers to a stereoisomer with two or more centers of chirality and whose molecules are not mirror images of one another. Diastereomers have different physical properties, e.g. melting points, boiling points, spectral properties, and reactivities. Mixtures of diastereomers may separate under high resolution analytical procedures such as electrophoresis and chromatography.

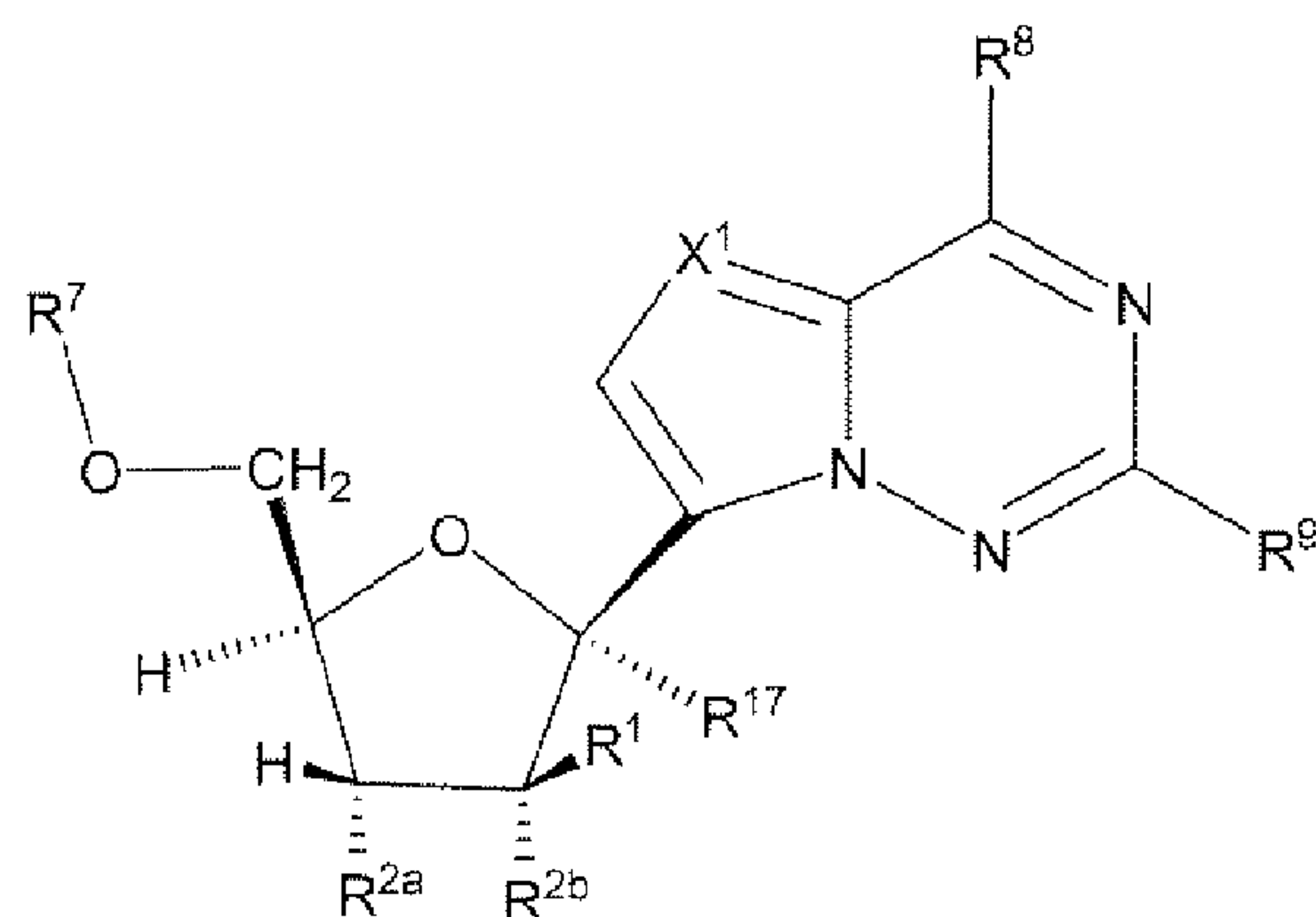
30 "Enantiomers" refer to two stereoisomers of a compound which are non-superimposable mirror images of one another.

Stereochemical definitions and conventions used herein generally follow S. P. Parker, Ed., McGraw-Hill Dictionary of Chemical Terms (1984) McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York; and Eliel, E. and Wilen, S., Stereochemistry of Organic Compounds (1994) John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York. Many organic compounds exist in optically active forms, i.e., they have the ability to rotate the plane of plane-polarized light. In describing an optically active compound, the prefixes D and L or R and S are used to denote the absolute configuration of the molecule about its chiral center(s). The prefixes d and l, D and L, or (+) and (-) are employed to designate the sign of rotation of plane-polarized light by the compound, with S, (-), or l meaning that the compound is levorotatory while a compound prefixed with R, (+), or d is dextrorotatory. For a given chemical structure, these stereoisomers are identical except that they are mirror images of one another. A specific stereoisomer may also be referred to as an enantiomer, and a mixture of such isomers is often called an enantiomeric mixture. A 50:50 mixture of enantiomers is referred to as a racemic mixture or a racemate, which may occur where there has been no stereoselection or stereospecificity in a chemical reaction or process. The terms "racemic mixture" and "racemate" refer to an equimolar mixture of two enantiomeric species, devoid of optical activity.

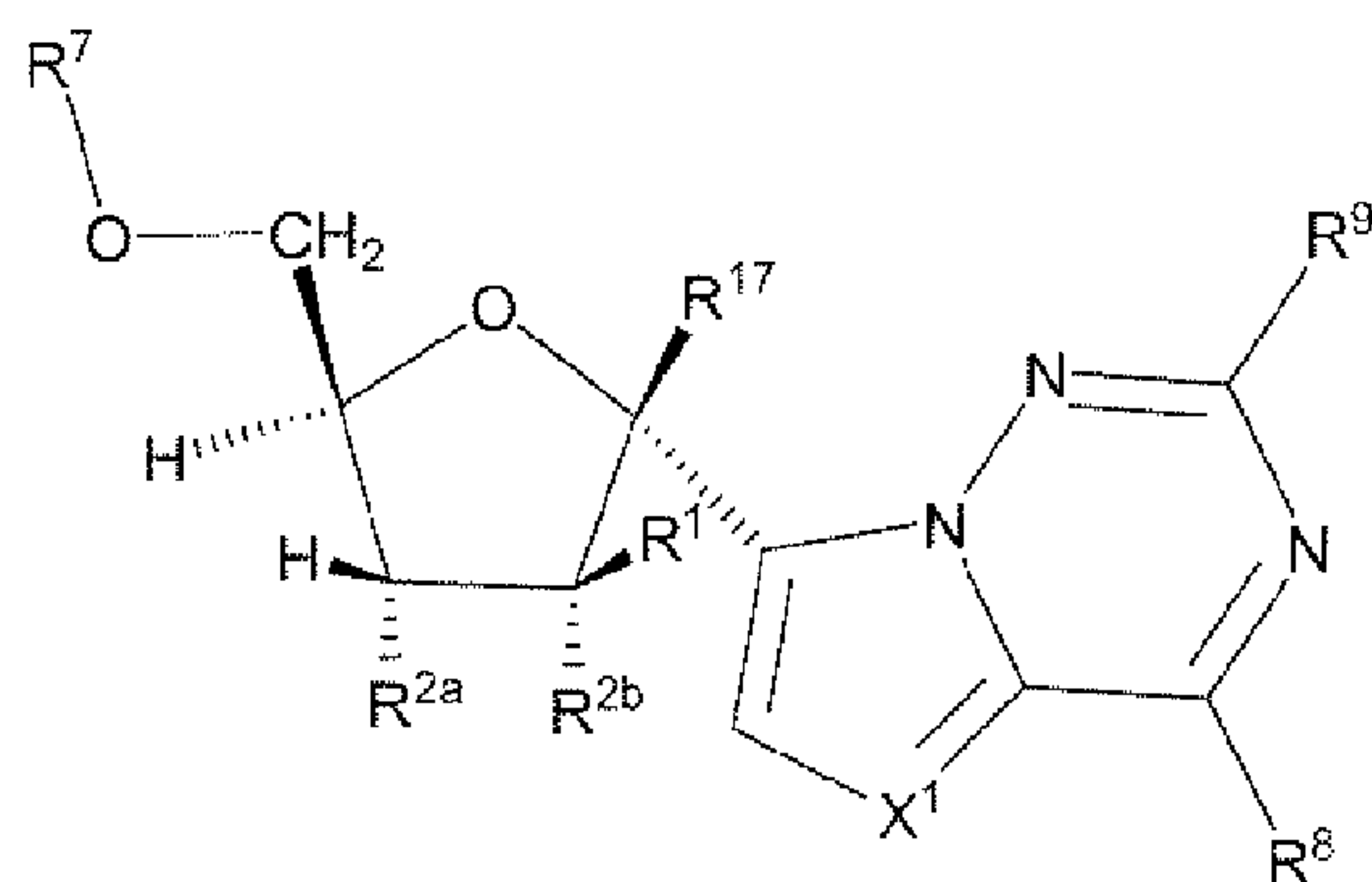
The compounds of Formula I, Ib, Ic, II, IIb, IIc, VI, and VIb-d are nucleosides with an anomeric carbon atom at position 1 of the carbohydrate ring. A non-limiting example would be Formula VIb wherein the R¹⁷ substituent is in the 1 position of the carbohydrate. Thus Formula VIb is actually a representation of at least two compounds of Formula VIb1 (β riboside) and VIb2 (α riboside) with respect to the anomeric carbon atom. It is intended that Formula I, Ib, II, IIb, VI, and VIb-d are inclusive of both anomeric carbon isomers.



Formula VIb



Formula VIb1



Formula VIb2

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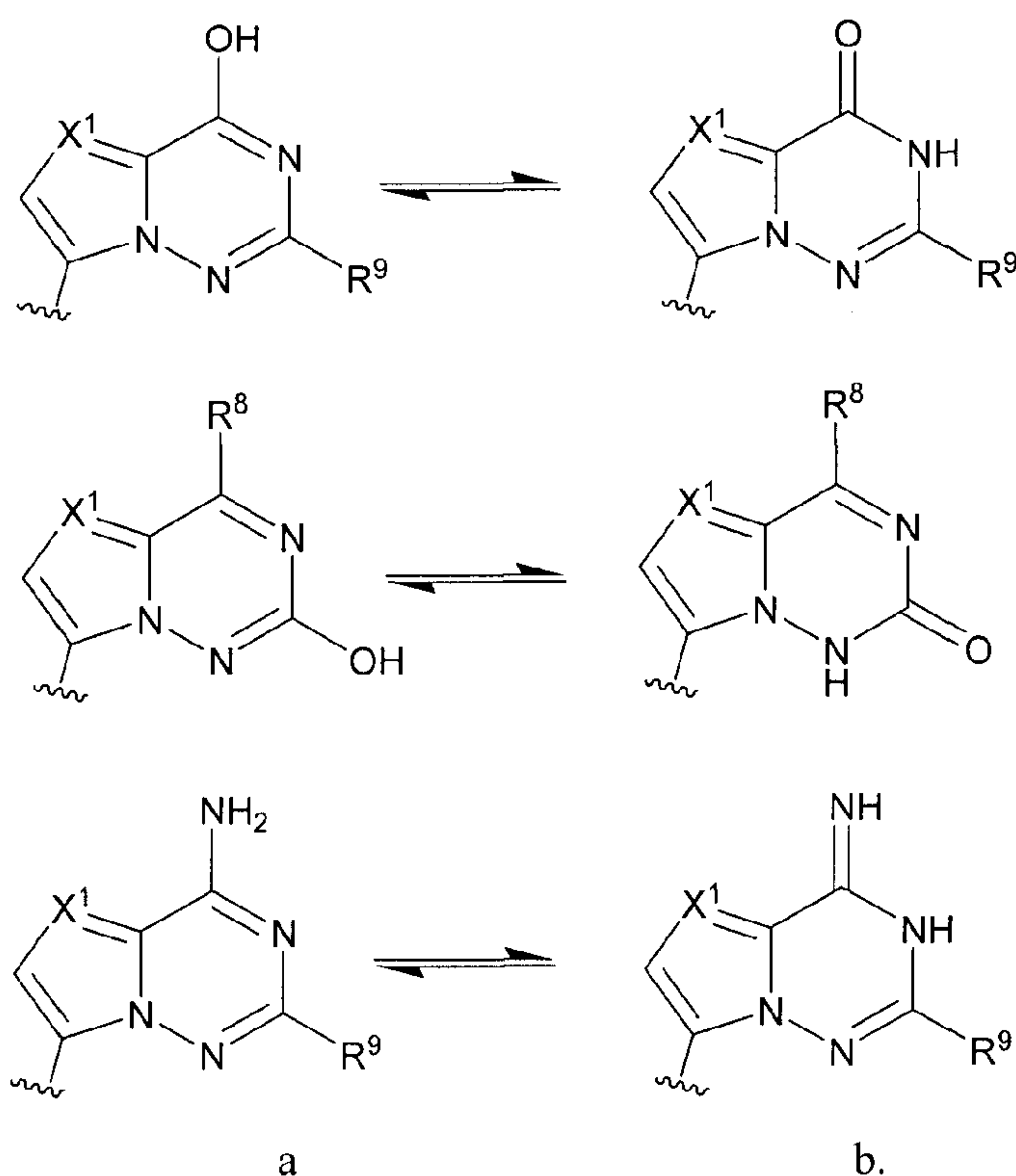
The method of preparing a compound of Formula I, Ib or Ic from a compound of Formula II, IIb, or IIc, respectively, provides different ratios of the β riboside to α riboside depending upon the reaction conditions and particularly the Lewis acid
 10 used to promote the reaction. In preferred embodiments, the amount of β riboside exceeds the amount of α riboside. In one preferred embodiment, the ratio of β

riboside to α riboside is at least about 3:1; in another preferred embodiment, the ratio is at least about 3.5:1; in another preferred embodiment, the ratio is at least about 4:1; in another preferred embodiment, the ratio is at least about 5:1; in another preferred embodiment, the ratio is at least about 6:1; in another preferred embodiment, the ratio is at least about 7:1; in another preferred embodiment, the ratio is at least about 8:1; and in a particular preferred embodiment, the ratio is at least 9:1 or more.

Whenever a compound described herein is substituted with more than one of the same designated group, e.g., "R" or "R¹", then it will be understood that the groups may be the same or different, i.e., each group is independently selected. Wavy lines, ~~~~~, indicate the site of covalent bond attachments to the adjoining substructures, groups, moieties, or atoms.

The compounds of the invention can also exist as tautomeric isomers in certain cases. Although only one delocalized resonance structure may be depicted, all such forms are contemplated within the scope of the invention. For example, ene-amine tautomers can exist for purine, pyrimidine, imidazole, guanidine, amidine, and tetrazole systems and all their possible tautomeric forms are within the scope of the invention.

One skilled in the art will recognize that the pyrrolo[1,2-f][1,2,4]triazinyl and imidazo[1,2-f][1,2,4]triazinyl heterocycles can exist in tautomeric forms. For example, but not by way of limitation, structures (a) and (b) can have equivalent tautomeric forms as shown below:



All possible tautomeric forms of the heterocycles in all of the embodiments disclosed herein are within the scope of the invention.

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Examples

Certain abbreviations and acronyms are used in describing the experimental details. Although most of these would be understood by one skilled in the art, Table 1 contains a list of many of these abbreviations and acronyms.

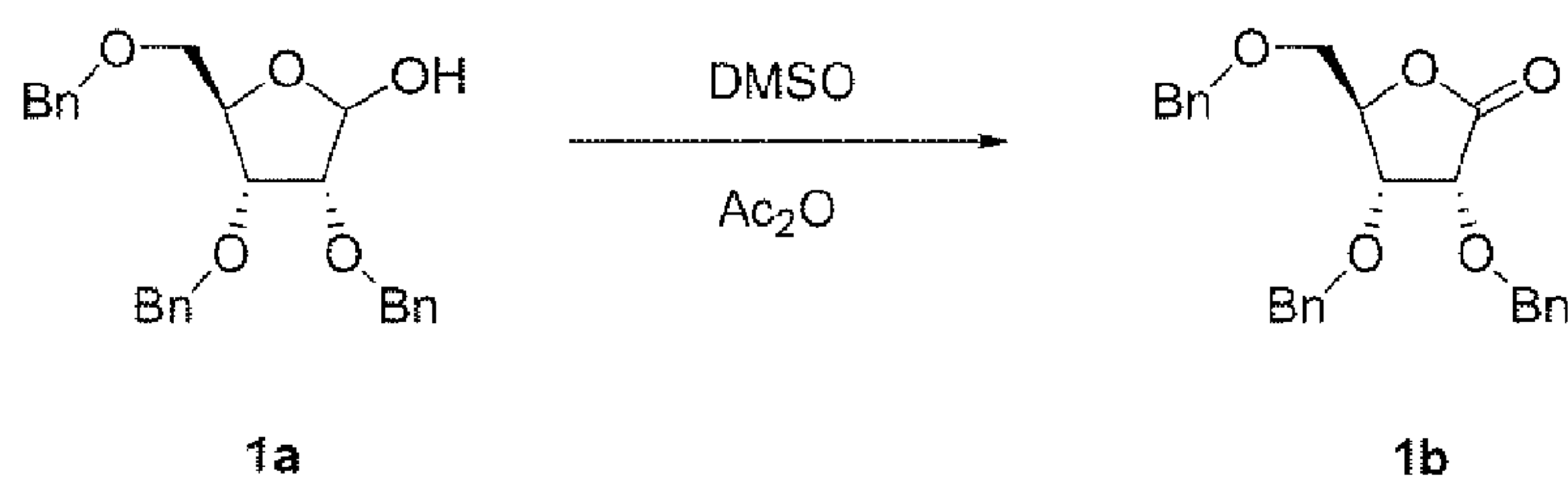
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Table 1. List of abbreviations and acronyms.

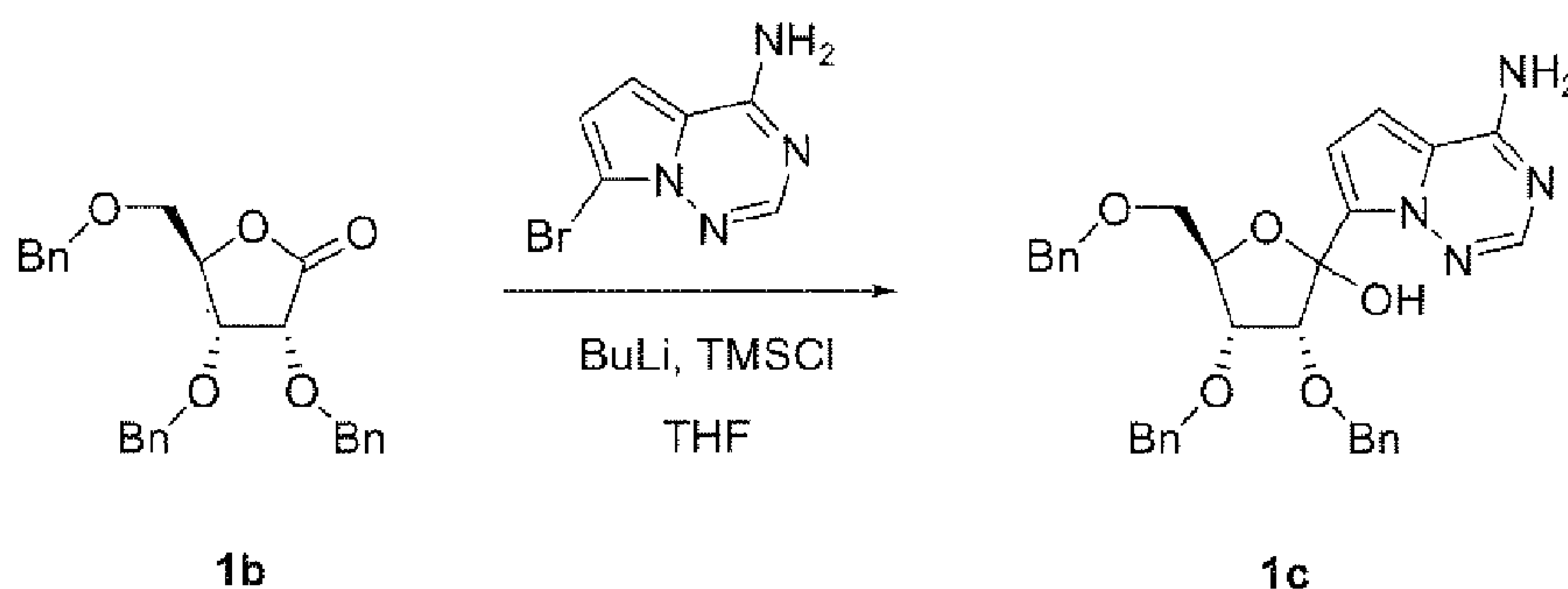
Abbreviation	Meaning
Ac ₂ O	acetic anhydride
AIBN	2,2'-azobis(2-methylpropionitrile)

Bn	unsubstituted benzyl
BnBr	benzylbromide
BSA	bis(trimethylsilyl)acetamide
Bz	benzoyl
BzCl	benzoyl chloride
CDI	carbonyl diimidazole
DABCO	1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane
DBN	1,5-diazabicyclo[4.3.0]non-5-ene
DDQ	2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone
DBU	1,5-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-5-ene
DCA	dichloroacetamide
DCC	dicyclohexylcarbodiimide
DCM	dichloromethane
DMAP	4-dimethylaminopyridine
DME	1,2-dimethoxyethane
DMTCI	dimethoxytrityl chloride
DMSO	dimethylsulfoxide
DMTr	4, 4'-dimethoxytrityl
DMF	dimethylformamide
EtOAc	ethyl acetate
ESI	electrospray ionization
IIMDS	hexamethyldisilazane
HPLC	High pressure liquid chromatography
LDA	lithium diisopropylamide
LRMS	low resolution mass spectrum
MCPBA	meta-chloroperbenzoic acid
MeCN	acetonitrile
MeOH	methanol
MMTC	mono methoxytrityl chloride
m/z or m/e	mass to charge ratio
MH ⁺	mass plus 1

MH ⁻	mass minus 1
MsOH	methanesulfonic acid
MS or ms	mass spectrum
NBS	N-bromosuccinimide
PMB	<i>para</i> -methoxybenzyl
Ph	phenyl
rt or r.t.	room temperature
TBAF	tetrabutylammonium fluoride
TMSCl	chlorotrimethylsilane
TMSBr	bromotrimethylsilane
TMSI	iodotrimethylsilane
TMSOTf	(trimethylsilyl)trifluoromethylsulfonate
TEA	triethylamine
TBA	tributylamine
TBAP	tributylammonium pyrophosphate
TBSCl	<i>t</i> -butyldimethylsilyl chloride
TEAB	triethylammonium bicarbonate
TFA	trifluoroacetic acid
TLC or tlc	thin layer chromatography
Tr	triphenylmethyl
Tol	4-methylbenzoyl
Turbo Grignard	1:1 mixture of isopropylmagnesium chloride and lithium chloride
δ	parts per million down field from tetramethylsilane

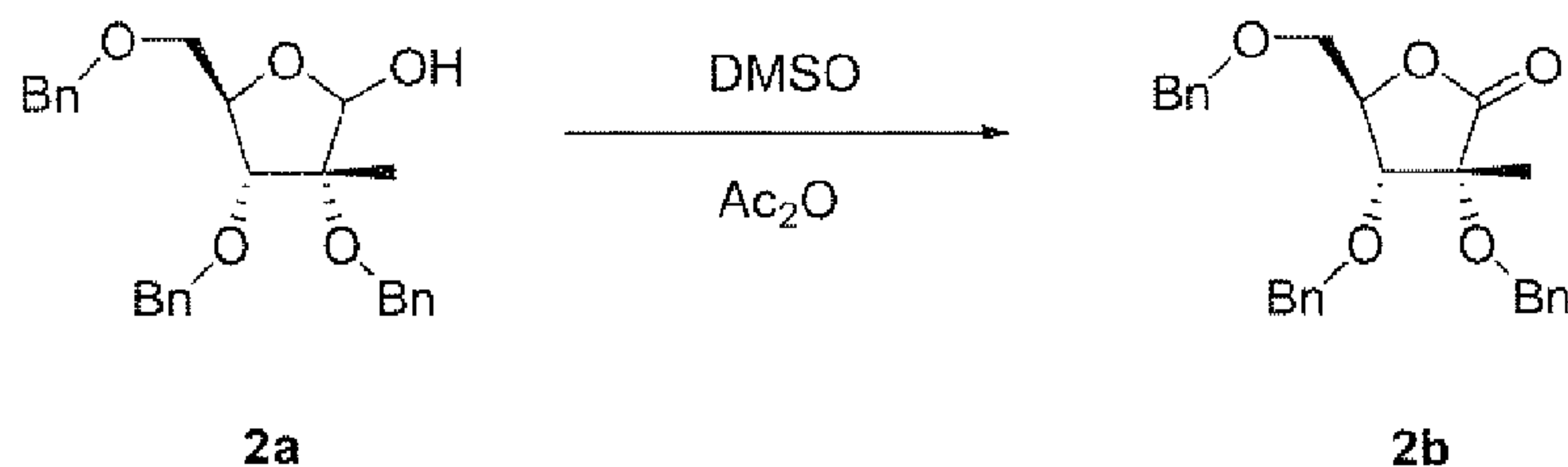
Compound 1c

Compound **1a** (prepared according to *J. Org. Chem.*, **1961**, *26*, 4605; 10.0 g, 23.8 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous DMSO (30 mL) and placed under nitrogen. Acetic anhydride (20 mL) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 48 h at room temperature. When the reaction was complete by LC/MS, it was poured onto 500 mL ice water and stirred for 20 min. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 200 mL). The organic extracts were combined and washed with water (3 x 200 mL). The aqueous layers were discarded and the organic was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and evaporated to dryness. The residue was taken up in DCM and loaded onto a silica gel column. The final product **1b** was purified by elution with 25% EtOAc / hexanes; 96% yield. ¹H-NMR (CD₃CN): δ 3.63-3.75 (m, 2H), 4.27 (d, 1H), 4.50-4.57 (m, 3H), 4.65 (s, 3H), 4.69-4.80 (m, 2H), 7.25 (d, 2H), 7.39 (m, 13H).

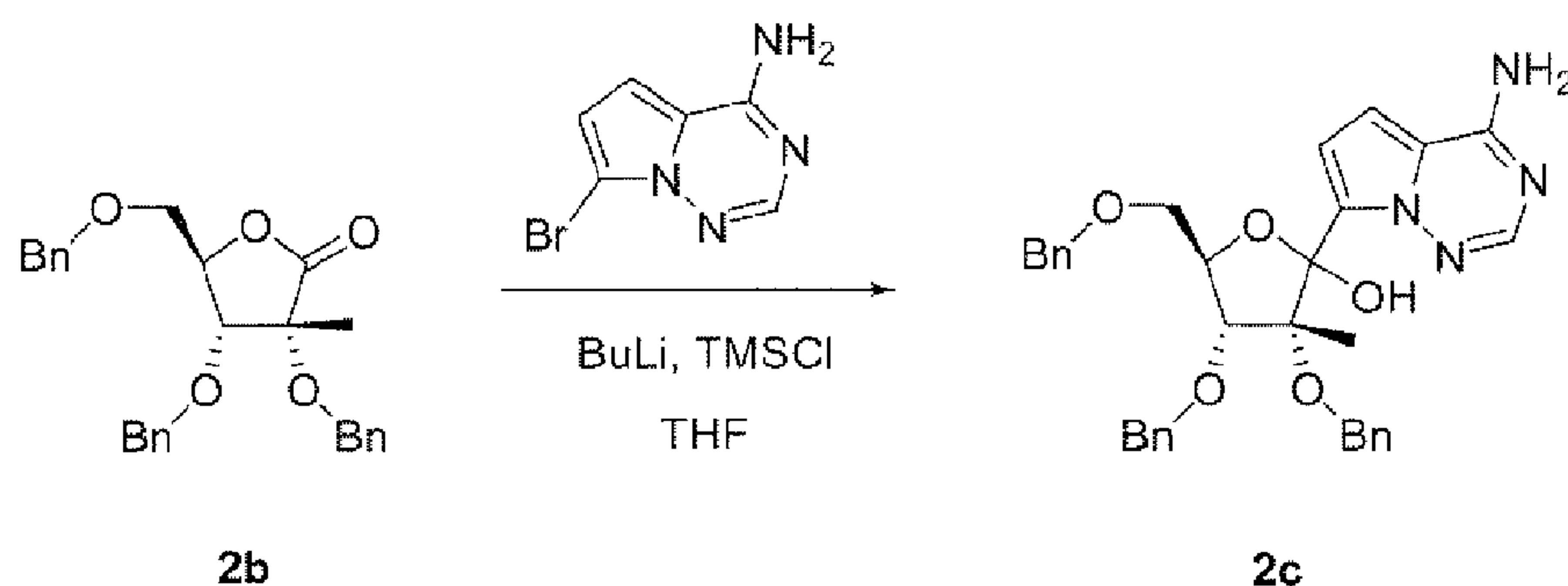


7-Bromo-pyrrolo[2,1-f][1,2,4]triazin-4-ylamine (prepared according to WO2007/056170, 0.5 g, 2.4 mmol) was suspended in anhydrous THF (10 mL). Under nitrogen with stirring, TMSCl (0.668 mL, 5.28 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 20 min. at room temperature. The reaction was then cooled to -78 °C and a solution of BuLi (6.0 mL, 1.6 M in hexanes) was added slowly. The reaction was stirred for 10 min. at -78 °C and then a solution of the lactone **1b** (1.0g, 2.4 mmol in THF) was added via syringe. When the reaction was complete by LC/MS, acetic acid (0.5 mL) was added to quench the reaction. Solvents were removed by rotary evaporation and the residue was taken up in a mixture of 50:50 dichloromethane / water (100 mL). The organic layer was collected and washed with 50 mL additional water, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and filtered. Evaporation and purification by column chromatography (0 -50% EtOAc: hexanes) provided a 1:1 mixture of anomers **1c**; 25% yield. LC/MS (m/z: 553, M + H⁺).

Compound 2c



5 To a dry, argon purged round bottom flask (100 mL) were added anhydrous DMSO (6 mL) and anhydrous acetic anhydride (4 mL, 42.4 mmol). Compound **2a** (1.0 g, 2.3 mmol) was then added and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature until complete disappearance of the starting material. After 17 h, the
 10 flask was placed into an ice bath and sat. NaHCO_3 (6 mL) was added to neutralize the reaction mixture. The organic material was then extracted using EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried using MgSO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude material was purified using flash silica gel chromatography (hexanes / EtOAc). 955 mg (96 %) of the desired material **2b** was
 15 isolated. LC/MS = 433.2 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.33 (m, 15H), 4.80 (d, 1H), 4.64 (m, 6H), 4.06 (d, 1H), 3.79 (dd, 1H), 3.64 (dd, 1H), 1.54 (s, 3H).

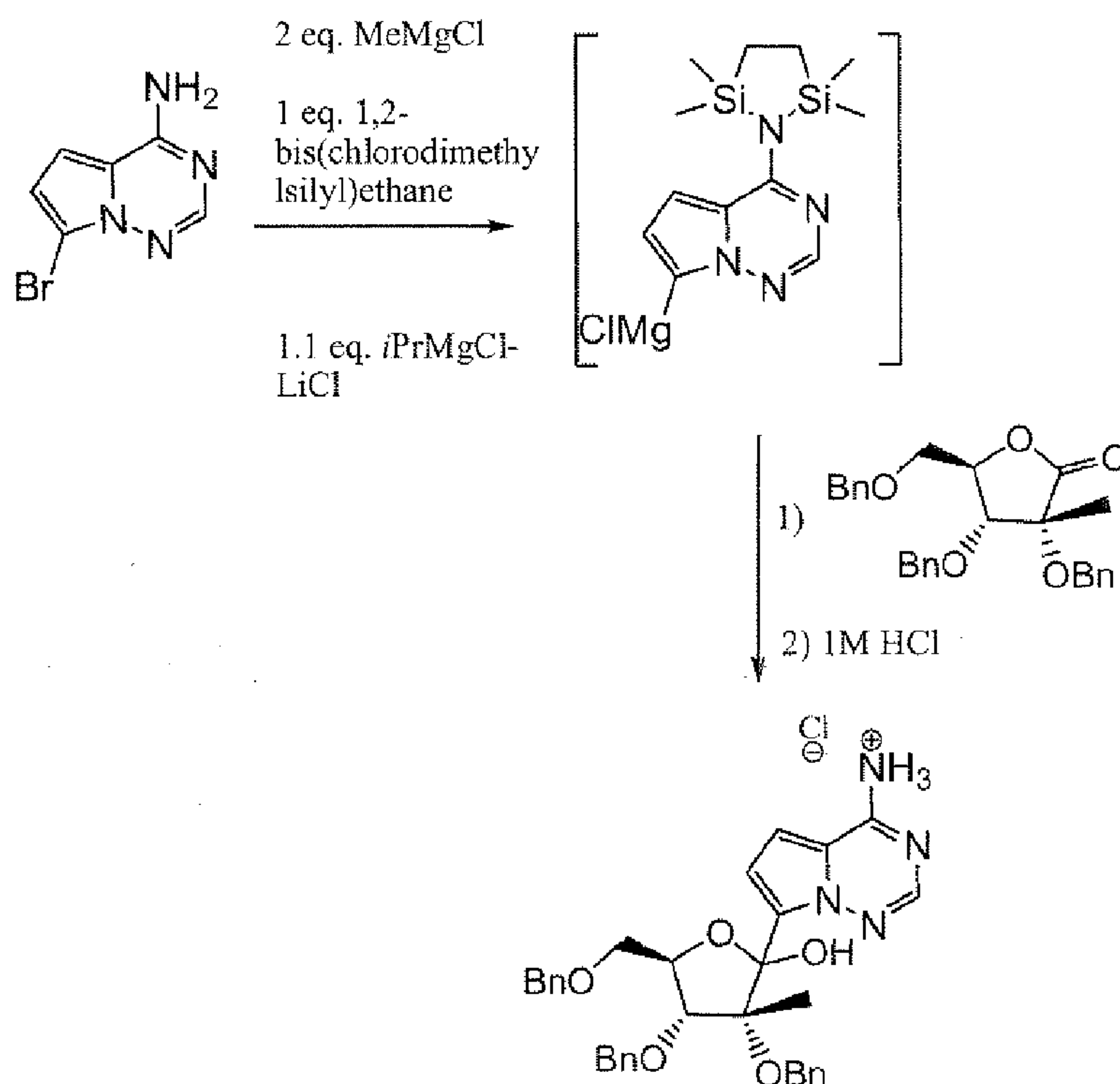


20 To a dry, argon purged round bottom flask (100 mL) were added 7-bromo-pyrrolo[2,1-f][1,2,4]triazin-4-ylamine (234 mg, 1.10 mmol) and anhydrous THF (1.5 mL). TMSCl (276 μL , 2.2 mmol) was then added and the reaction mixture stirred for 2h. The flask was placed into a dry ice/acetone bath ($\sim -78^\circ\text{C}$) and BuLi (2.5 mL, 4.0

mmol, 1.6 M in hexanes) was added dropwise. After 1 h, a solution of **2b** (432 mg, 1.0 mmol) in THF was cooled to 0 °C and then added to the reaction flask dropwise. After 1 h of stirring at -78 °C, the flask was warmed to 0 °C and sat. NH₄Cl (5 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The organics were extracted using EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried using MgSO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude material was purified using flash silica gel chromatography (hexanes / EtOAc). 560 mg (90 %) of the desired material **2c** was isolated. LC/MS = 567.2 (M + H⁺). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.27 (m, 15H), 7.01 (m, 1H), 6.51 (m, 1H), 4.66 (m, 8H), 4.40 (m, 2H), 3.79 (m, 3H), 1.62 (s, 2'-CH₃ from the one anomer), 1.18 (s, 2'-CH₃ from the other anomer).

Alternative procedures for **2c**

To a dry, argon purged round bottom flask were added 7-bromo-pyrrolo[2,1-f][1,2,4]triazin-4-ylamine (9.6 g, 45 mmol) and anhydrous THF (60 mL). TMSCl (12.4 mL, 99 mmol) was then added and the reaction mixture stirred for 2 h. The flask was placed into a dry ice/acetone bath (~ -78 °C) and BuLi (98 mL, 158 mmol, 1.6M in hexanes) was added dropwise. After 1 h, this reaction mixture was added to a solution of **2b** (13.0 g, 30 mmol) in THF at -78 °C via cannula. After 2 h of stirring at -78 °C, the flask was warmed to 0 °C. Saturated NH₄Cl (150 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The organics were extracted using EtOAc (3 x 100 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried using MgSO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude material was purified using flash silica gel chromatography (hexanes / EtOAc). 7.5 g (44 %) of the desired material **2c** was isolated. LC/MS = 567.2 (M + H⁺).

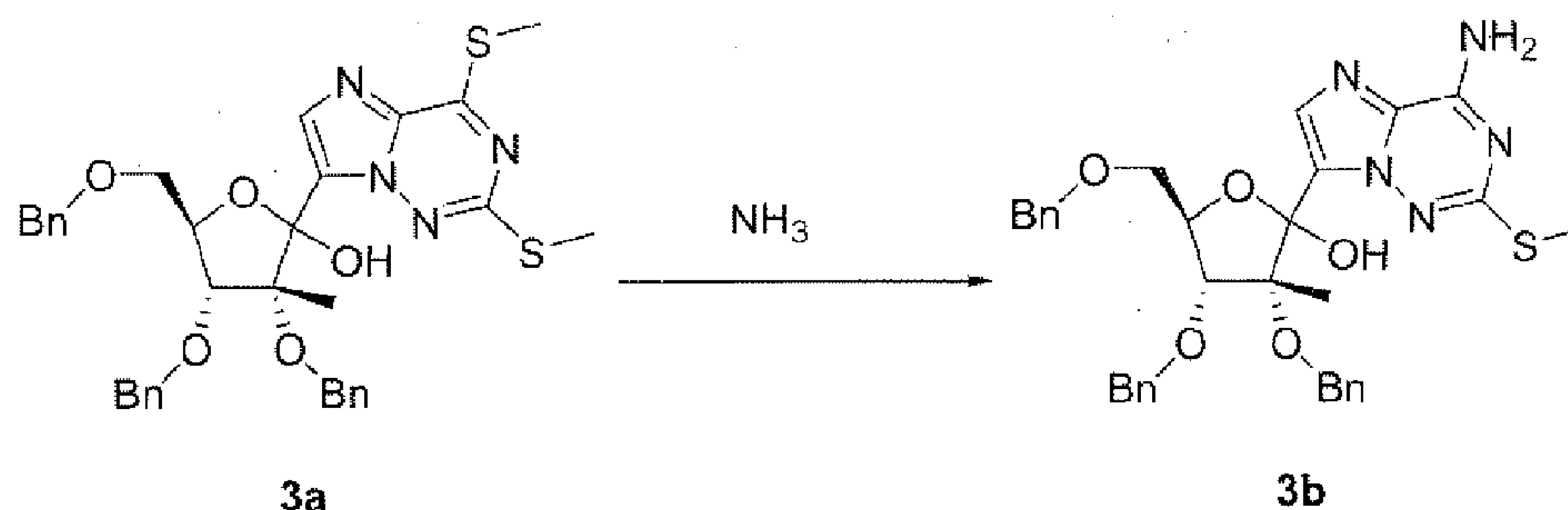


- To a 500 ml jacketed 3-necked flask fitted with a thermocouple, vacuum/N₂ inlet and overhead stirring apparatus was added 7-bromo-pyrrolo[2,1-f][1,2,4]triazin-4-ylamine (20g, 1.0 equiv., 94 mmol). This was suspended in dry THF (200 ml) and cooled to 0 °C. To this was added dropwise 31 ml of MeMgCl solution (3M in THF, 1.0 equiv.). This proceeded with bubbling and a significant exotherm. The rate of addition was controlled to maintain internal temperature below 10 °C. Following completion of addition and cooling to 0 °C, 1,2-bis(chlorodimethylsilyl)ethane (20.2 g, 1.0 equiv.) was added in a single portion, with exotherm to about 5 °C. Once the temperature had returned to 0 °C, a second portion of 31 ml MeMgCl (3M in THF, 1.0 equiv.) was added as before. Once the temperature returned to 0 °C, 80 ml of *i*PrMgCl·LiCl solution (1.3 M in THF, 1.1 equiv.) was added. The resulting dark solution was allowed to warm to room temperature, and conversion was checked by HPLC, with sample preparation in MeOH to provide the des-bromo heterocycle.
- Once the conversion of 7-bromo-pyrrolo[2,1-f][1,2,4]triazin-4-ylamine was >95% complete (5 hrs), the solution was cooled to 0 °C, and a solution of **2b** (40.6 g, 94 mmol) in 100 ml THF was added via cannula. The resulting orange solution was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. After 12 hrs, the reaction

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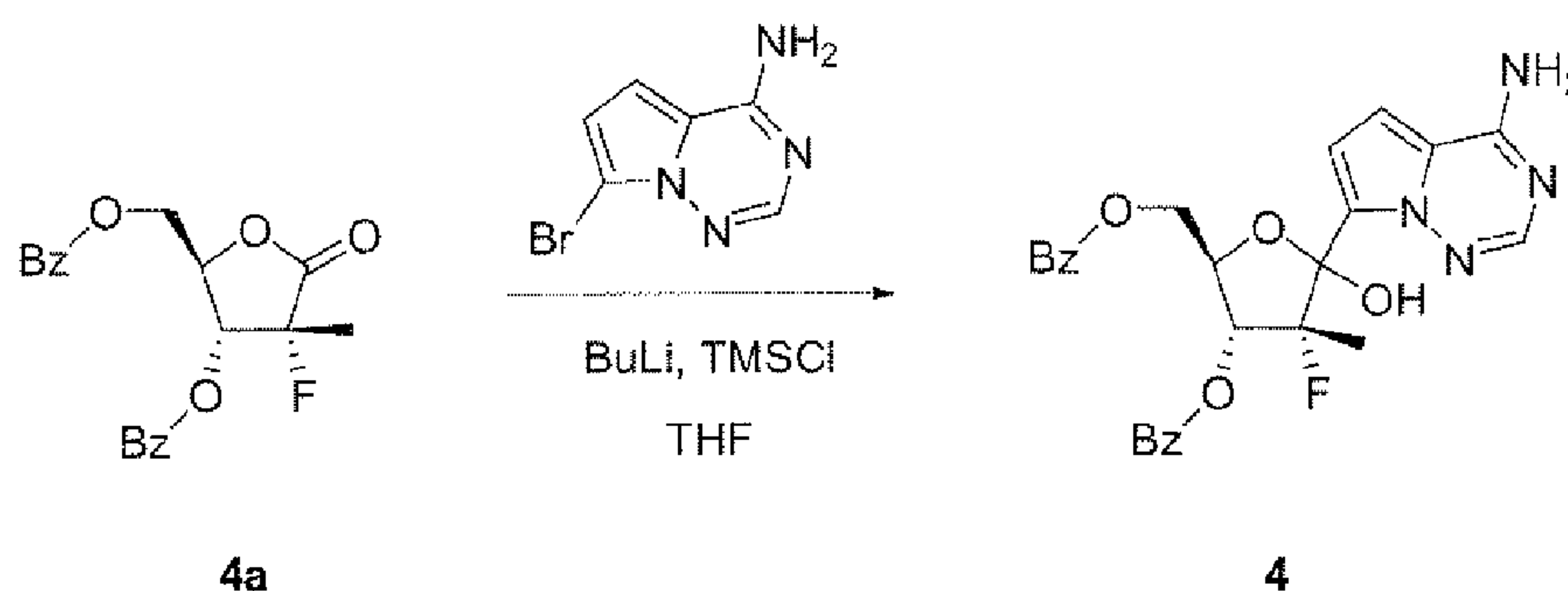
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solution of **2b** (810 mg, 1.87 mmol) in THF (0.6 mL) was added dropwise to the mixture. The mixture was then allowed to warm up to room temperature. After 30 min, saturated NH_4Cl was added to quench the reaction. The mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate; the organic layer was washed with brine and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (~40% EtOAc / hexanes), affording **3a** as an isomeric mixture (0.77 g, 64%). MS = 645.2 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$).



Compound **3a** (2.0 g, 3.10 mmol) was transferred to a steel bomb reactor, and cooled at -78°C . Liquid ammonia (~20 mL) was collected at -78°C and added to the bomb reactor. The bomb reactor was tightly sealed and warmed up to room temperature. The mixture was then heated at 50°C for 20 h. Complete conversion occurred. After the ammonia gas was vented, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc / hexanes), affording the product **3b** as a pale yellow solid (1.78 g, 94%). MS = 614.3 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$).

Compound 4



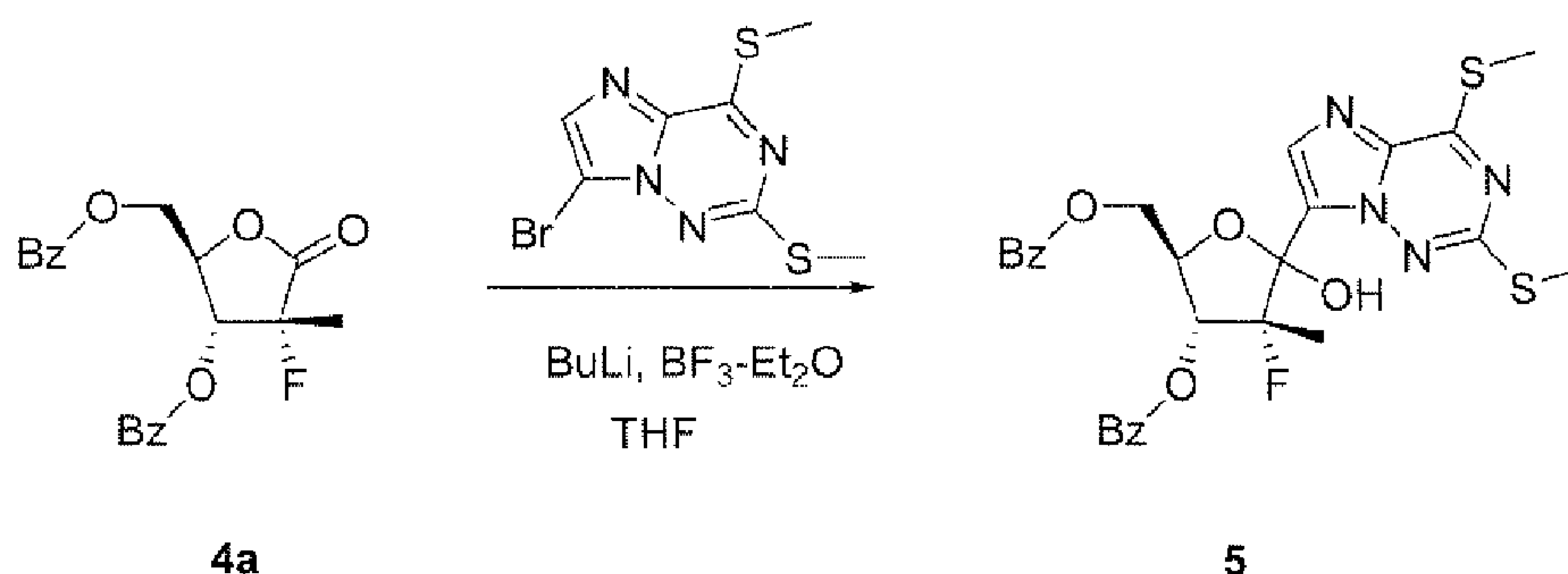
To a suspension of 7-bromo-pyrrolo[2,1-f][1,2,4]triazin-4-ylamine (2.13 g, 10 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added TMSCl (2.66 mL, 21 mmol) and stirred at room temperature for 16 h under argon. After cooling to -78°C , a solution of BuLi (1.6 M,

21 mL, 33 mmol) in hexanes was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at the same temperature. A solution of **4a** (prepared according to WO 200631725, 4.46 g, 12 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was then added. After stirring for 2 h at -78 °C, saturated ammonium chloride was added to quench the reaction. The mixture was
 5 extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic extract was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate / hexanes), affording **4** as a yellow solid (1.6 g, 32%). MS = 507.1 (M + H⁺).

10 **Alternative procedure for Compound 4 using 1,2-bis-[(chlorodimethyl)silanyl]ethane instead of chlorotrimethylsilane**

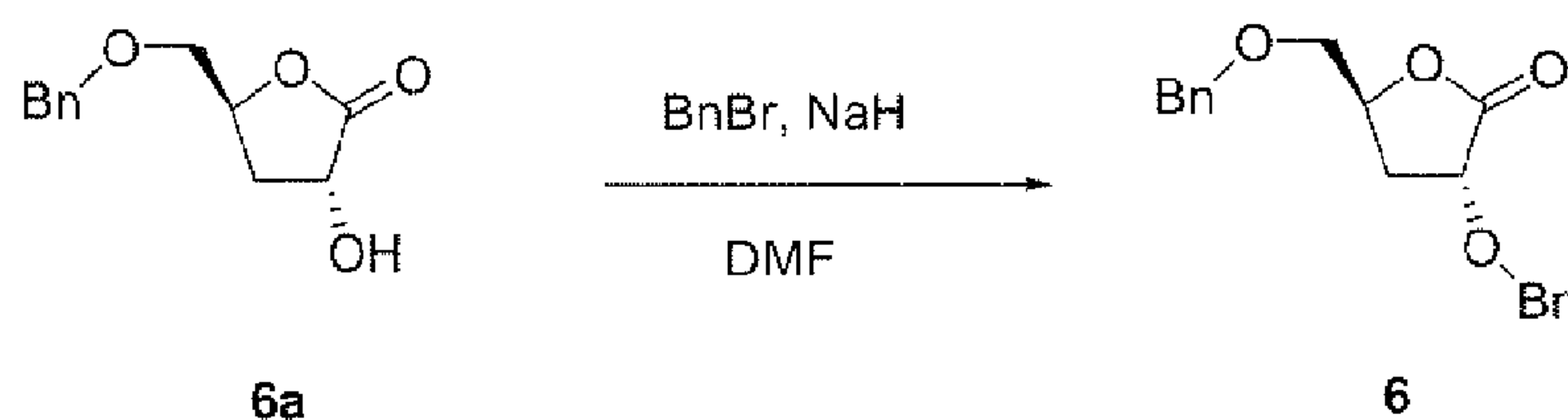
To a suspension of 7-bromo-pyrrolo[2,1-f][1,2,4]triazin-4-ylamine (500 mg, 2.35 mmol) in THF (6.5 mL) was added BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 1.6 mL) at -78 °C. After 30 min., a solution of 1,2-bis-[(chlorodimethyl)silanyl]ethane (538 mg, 2.4
 15 mmol) in THF (1.2 mL) was added. After 45 min., BuLi (1.6 mL) was added. After an additional 30 min., BuLi (1.5 mL) was added. After 30 min., a solution of **4a** (610 mg, 1.64 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was then added dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 2 h under argon. Acetic acid (0.7 mL) was added dropwise to quench the reaction, followed by addition of saturated ammonium chloride. The
 20 mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic extract was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate / hexanes), affording **4** (320 mg, 40%). The starting **4a** was also recovered (350 mg) from the chromatography.

25 **Compound 5**



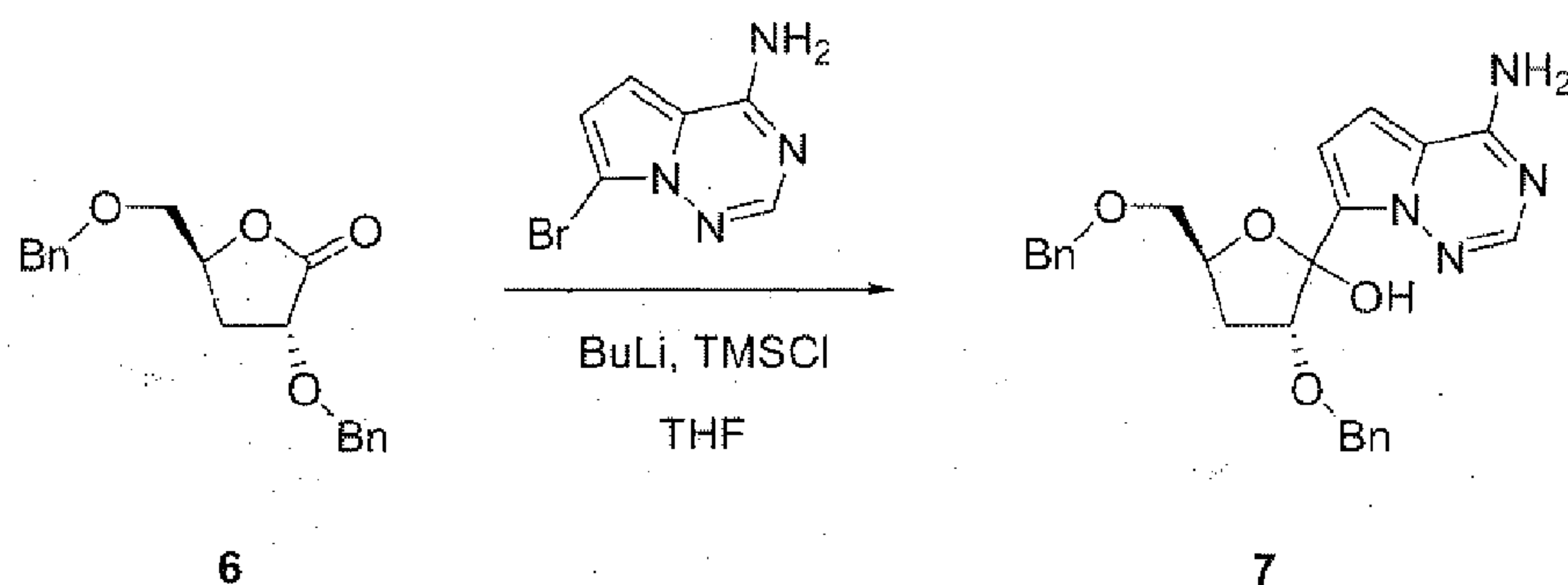
To a suspension of 7-bromo-2,4-bis-methylsulfanyl-imidazo[2,1-f][1,2,4]triazine (prepared according to WO2008116064, 500 mg, 1.72 mmol) in anhydrous THF (5 mL) was dropwise added BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 1.61 mL, 2.41 mmol) at -78 °C. The suspension became red brown solution after 5 min, and then a mixture of **4a** (675 mg, 1.81 mmol) and boron trifluoride etherate (2.40 mL, 1.89 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise to the mixture. After stirring for 2 h at -78 °C, saturated NH₄Cl was added to quench the reaction. The mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate; the organic layer was washed with brine and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc / hexanes),
 10 affording **5** as a rich yellow foam (650 mg, 67%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.13 (d, 2H), 8.03 (d, 2H), 7.81 (d, 1H), 7.59 (t, 1H), 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.36 (t, 2H), 6.40 (brs, 1H), 6.01 (dd, 1H), 4.78 (m, 2H), 4.60 (dd, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.62 (d, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -167.5. MS = 585.1 (M + H⁺).

15 Compound 6



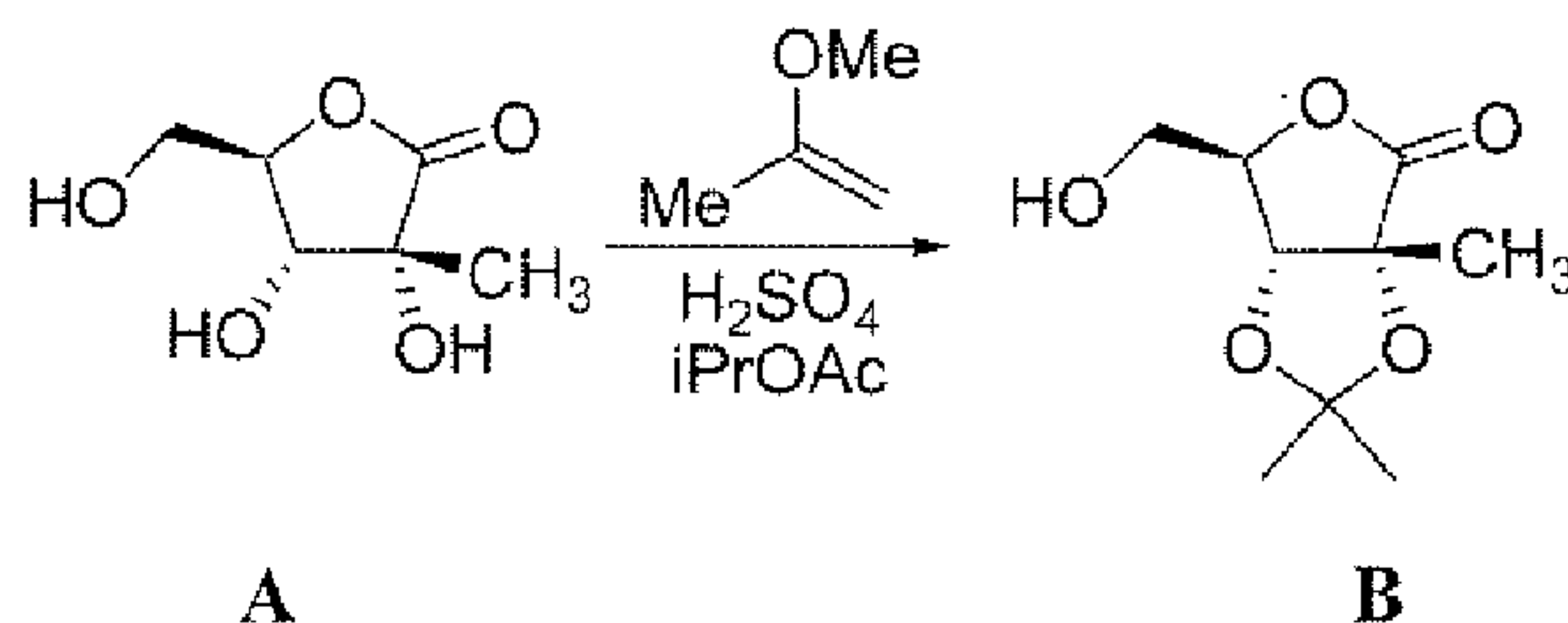
To a suspension of sodium hydride (about 60% suspension in oil, 400 mg, 10 mmol) in DMF (about 20 mL) is added dropwise a solution of **6a** (prepared according to *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans 1*, **1991**, 490, about 2.2 g, 10 mmol) in DMF (10 mL)
 20 at about 0 °C. The mixture is then stirred at about room temperature until the gas evolution ceases. Benzyl bromide (about 1 eq.) is added and the mixture is stirred for about 1 to 16 h at about 0 to 100 °C. The mixture is poured into ice-water (300 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic extract may be purified by silica gel
 25 chromatography to give **6**.

Compound 7



To a suspension of 7-bromo-pyrrolo[2,1-f][1,2,4]triazin-4-ylamine (about 10 mmol) in THF (about 20 mL) is added TMSCl (about 21 mmol) and the mixture is stirred at about room temperature for about 1 to 16 h under argon. After cooling to about -78 °C, a solution of BuLi (about 1.6 M in hexanes, about 33 mmol) is added dropwise. The mixture is stirred for about 1 to 5 h at about the same temperature. A solution of **6** (about 12 mmol) in THF (about 10 mL) is then added. After stirring for about 2 h at about -78 °C, saturated ammonium chloride is added to quench the reaction. The mixture is extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic extract is concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue may be purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate / hexanes), to give **7**.

Lactone B



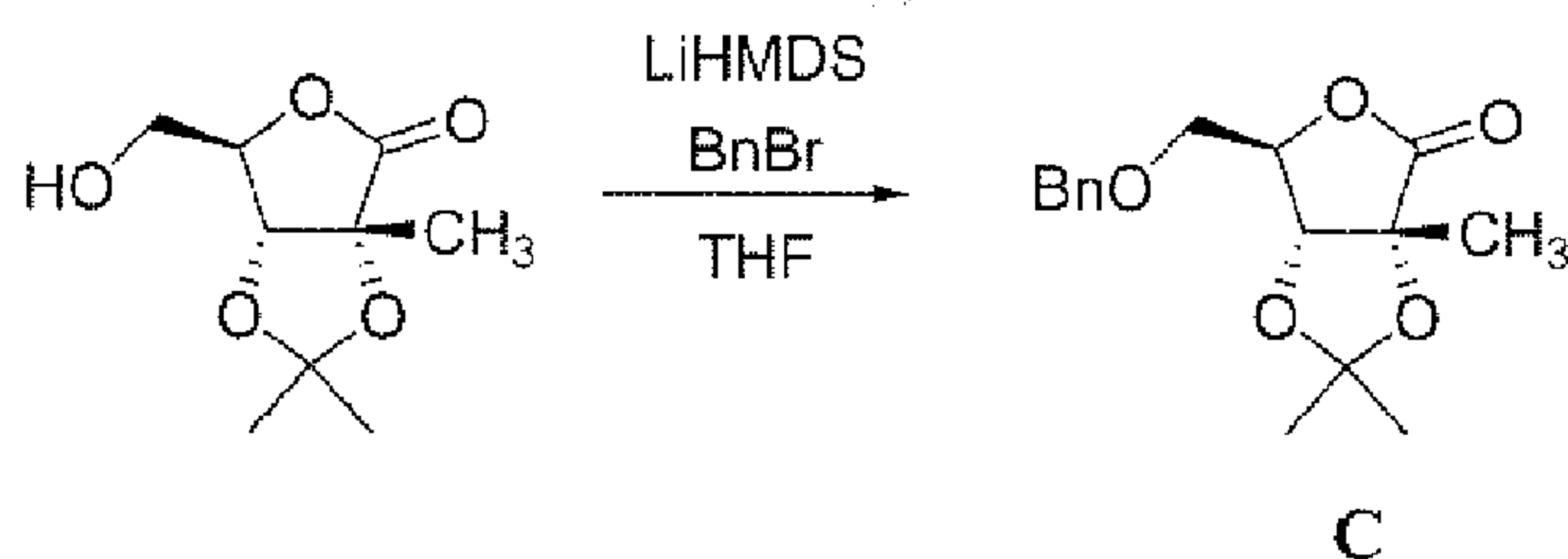
20.0 g lactone A (123.4 mmol) is suspended in 200 mL iPrOAc and to this mixture is added 65 μ L H₂SO₄ (1.23 mmol, 0.01 equiv.). This mixture is cooled to 15 °C. To the cooled mixture is added 11.8mL 2-methoxypropene (123.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) over a period of 2 h. Upon completion of addition the mixture is allowed to stir for 12 h at 15 °C. Following age, the mixture is warmed to 20 °C and another 6.0 mL 2-methoxypropene (0.5 equiv) is added to the reaction mixture. The mixture is aged with stirring at 20 °C for an additional 7 h. Following age, The solids are removed by filtration, rinsed with 100 mL iPrOAc. The combined organic washes are

washed 1x with 100 mL water, and the organic layer is concentrated to a colorless oil.

This oil is diluted with 100 mL heptane, and upon concentration affords colorless solids, which are collected by filtration, and rinsed with 100 mL heptane giving 8.36 g (36% yield) of desired compound, $(M+H)/Z = 203$.

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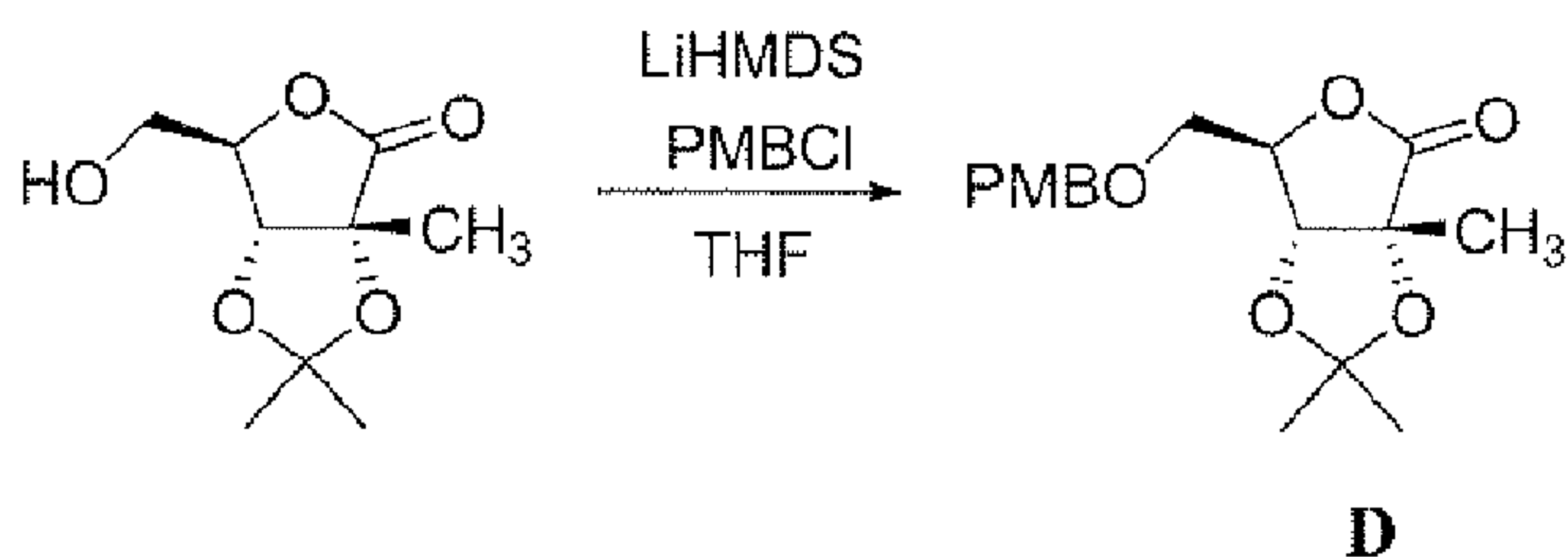
Lactone C



0.50 g lactone acetonide **B** (2.47 mmol), 0.294 mL benzyl bromide (2.47 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 5.0 mL tetrahydrofuran are combined and the mixture is cooled to 0 °C. To the cooled mixture is added 2.47 mL of a 1.0 M LiHMDS in THF solution (2.47 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) over a period of 2.0 h. The mixture is allowed to slowly warm to 22 °C, and is aged with stirring over 16 h. Following age, to the mixture is added 5.0 mL water, and the layers are split. The organic layer is concentrated, and the oil is purified by SiO₂ chromatography (0 → 40% EtOAc/Hexanes) affording 88.4 mg desired product as a colorless oil, $(M+H)/Z = 293$.

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Lactone D



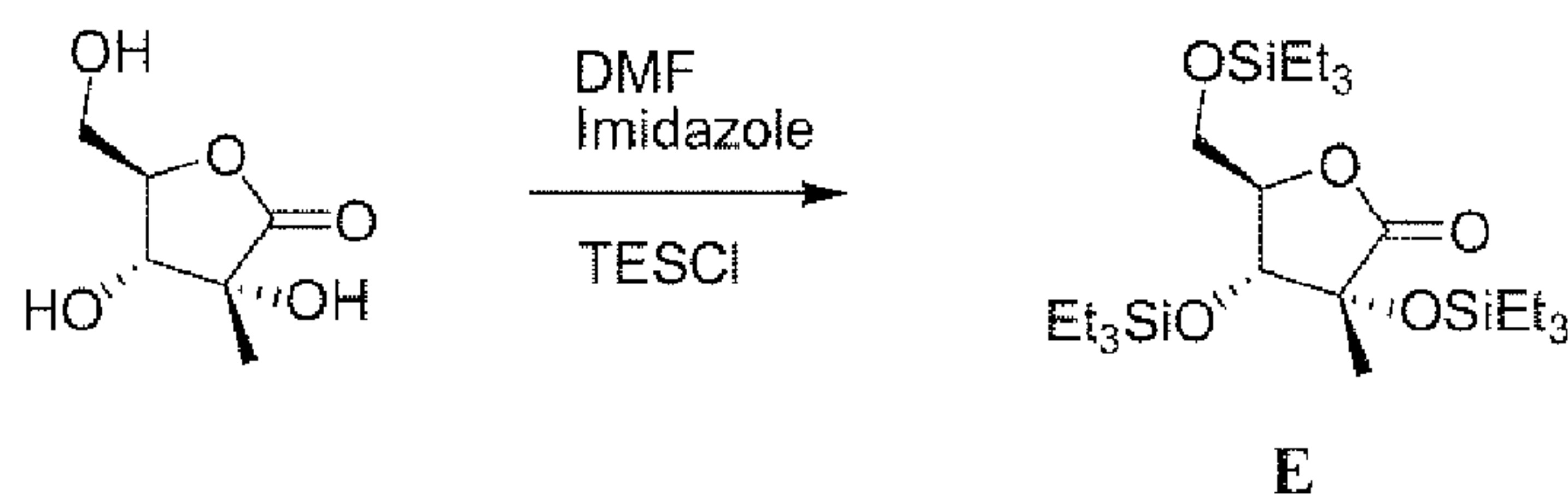
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0.50 g lactone acetonide **B** (2.47 mmol), 0.335 mL PMBBR (2.47 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 5.0 mL tetrahydrofuran are combined and the mixture is cooled to 0 °C. To the cooled mixture is added 2.0 mL of a 1.0 M LiHMDS in THF solution (2.0 mmol, 0.8 equiv.) over a period of 2.0 h. The mixture is allowed to slowly warm to 22 °C, and is aged with stirring over 16 h. Following age, the mixture is cooled to 0 °C

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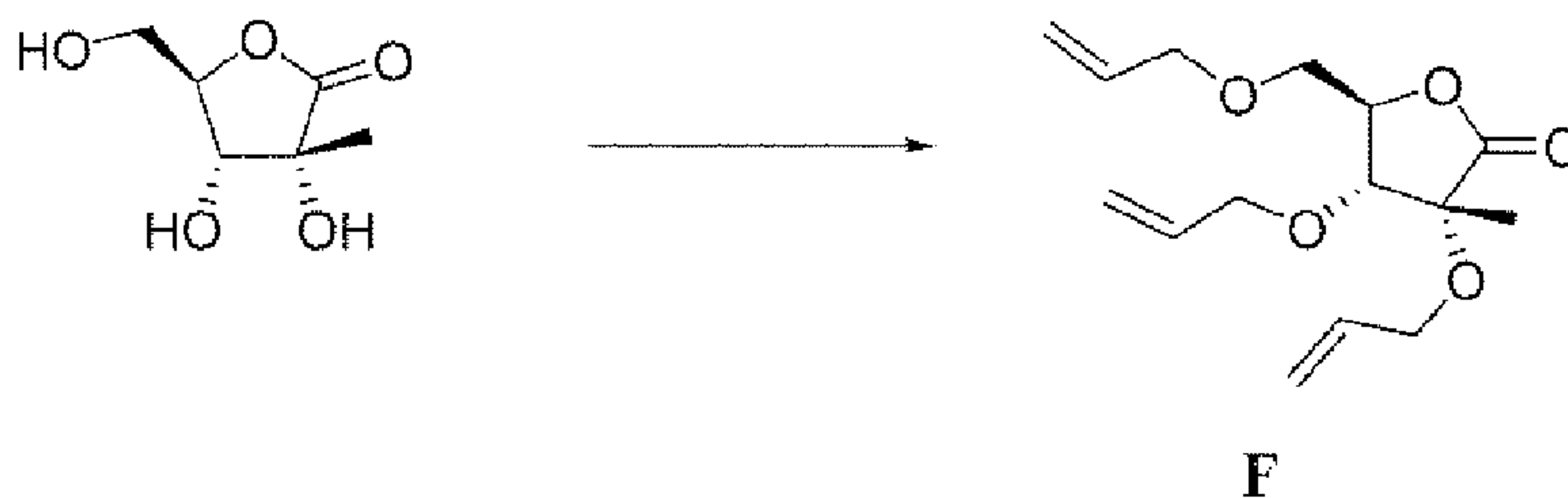
and to the cooled mixture is added the remaining 0.5 mL 1.0 M LiHMDS/THF solution (0.2 equiv.) over a period of 40 min. Following completion of base addition, the mixture is warmed to 23 °C and aged for 1 h with stirring. Following age, the mixture is cooled to 0 °C, and to the cooled mixture is added 0.6 mL 4 N sulfuric acid solution, followed by 0.6 mL water, and the resulting layers are separated (aq. pH ~ 9). The combined organic washes are concentrated to a colorless oil, and the oil is purified by SiO₂ chromatography (0 → 40% EtOAc/Hexanes) affording 23.4 mg desired product **D** as a colorless oil, (M+H)/Z = 323.

10 Lactone E



Lactone A (4.82 g, 29.7 mmol, 1.0 eq) was dissolved in 50 mL DMF. Imidazole (8.1 g, 119 mmol, 4 eq) was added. Triethylsilylchloride (17.9 g, 119 mmol, 4 eq) was then added over ~5 min and the mixture heated to 50 °C. 2 mL methanol was added to quench the reaction. 50 mL toluene was added and the mixture washed sequentially with 40 mL water, 2 x 30 mL 5% NaHCO₃, and 25 mL sat'd. NaCl. The organics were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated to 14 g of a crude oil. The oil was purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with 10% EtOAc:hexanes to yield 9 g of Lactone E, (M+H)/Z = 505.

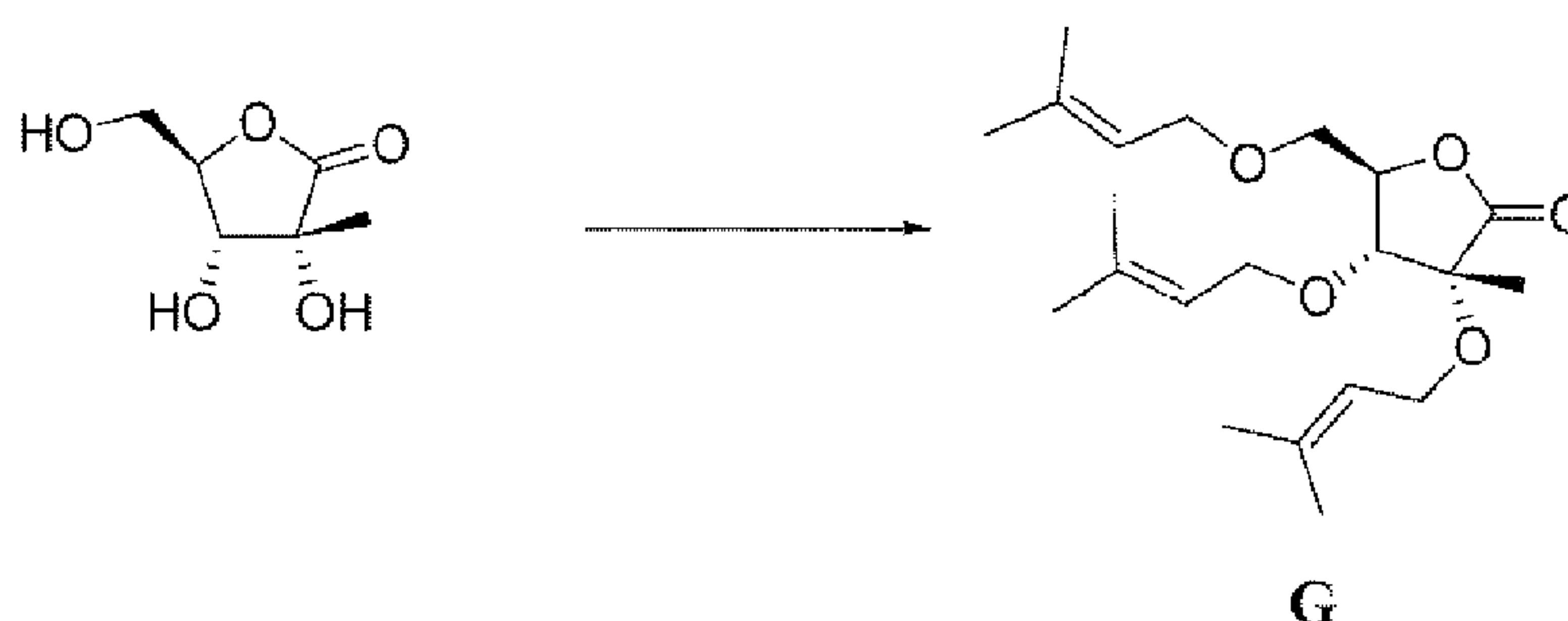
Lactone F



To a flask was charged NaH (1.60 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (15 mL). The solution was cooled in an ice bath and lactone A (1.56 g) was added in DMF (3

mL) followed by a wash with DMF (1 mL) and the ice bath was removed. After 1h, DMF (5 mL) was added to promote better stirring. The mixture was placed in an ice bath and allyl bromide (3.7 mL) was added and the ice bath removed. After stirring overnight the mixture was cooled in an ice bath and the reaction mixture carefully
 5 quenched with water (10 mL). To the mixture was added EtOAc (65 mL) and after agitation and separation the organics were washed with water and brine. The organics were dried over a mixture of Na₂SO₄ and MgSO₄, concentrated, and column purified on silica gel to give 1.1 g of the tri-allyl derivative, (M+H)/Z = 283.

10 Lactone G



To a flask was charged NaH (1.7 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (30 mL). The solution was cooled in an ice bath and Lactone A (1.57 g) was added in DMF (4
 15 mL) followed by a wash with DMF (1 mL). The ice bath was removed and after 1.5 h the reaction mixture was cooled in an ice bath and 3,3-dimethylallyl bromide (5.2 mL) was added. The ice bath removed and the reaction left to stir overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl (3 mL) followed by diluting with water (27 mL) and EtOAc (100 mL). The organics were
 20 then washed with water and brine (30 mL each) and then dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel giving 1.42 g (40%) of the tri-prenyl Lactone G, (M+H)/Z = 367.

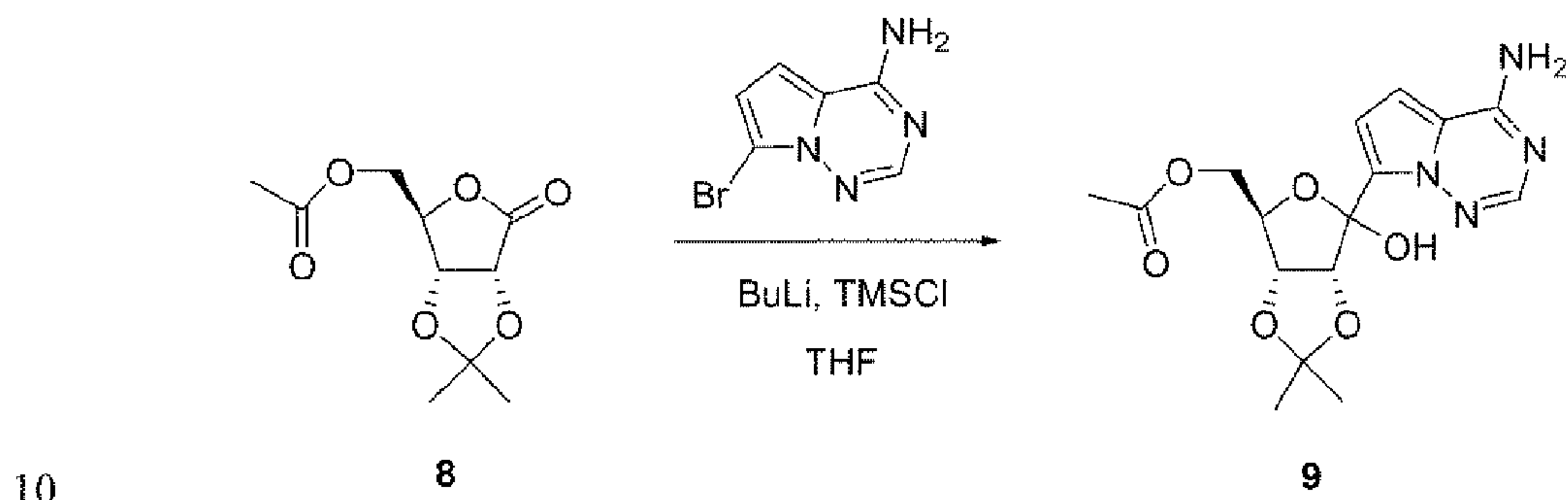
Lactone H



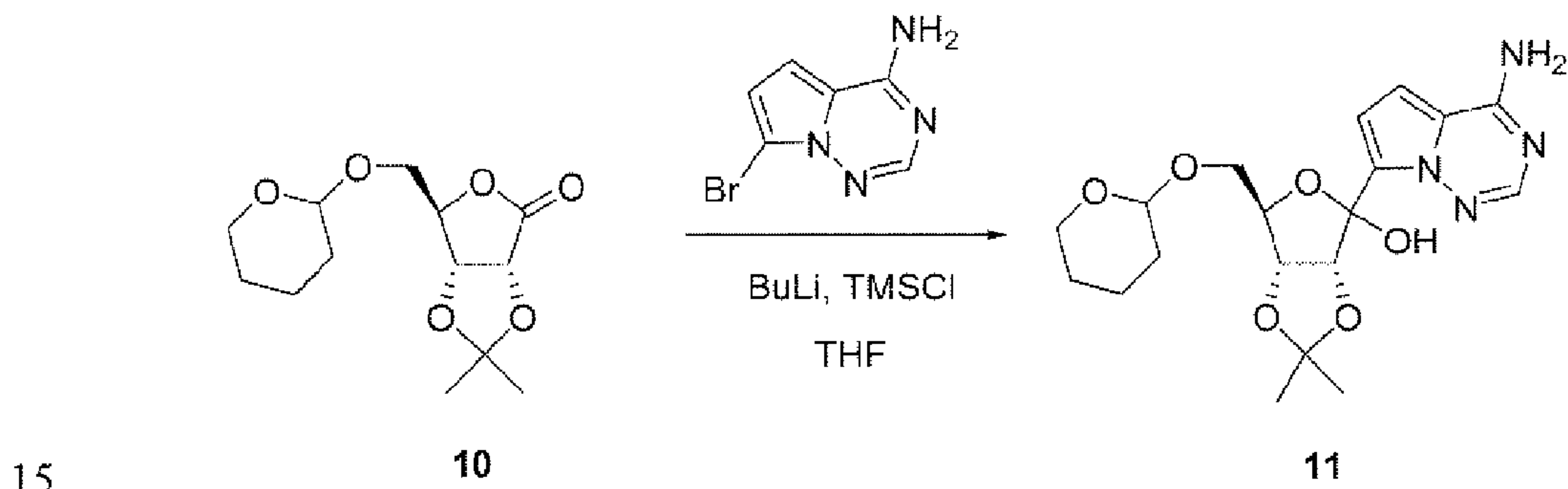
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H

To a flask was charged the Lactone B (1.99 g) and DMF (20 mL). To the solution was added imidazole (1.00 g) and TBSCl (1.93 g) and the mixture was left to stir overnight. The next day water (20 mL) and EtOAc (50 mL) were added. The organics were then separated and washed with brine (20 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel giving 2.75g (88%) of the Lactone H, (M+H)/Z = 317.

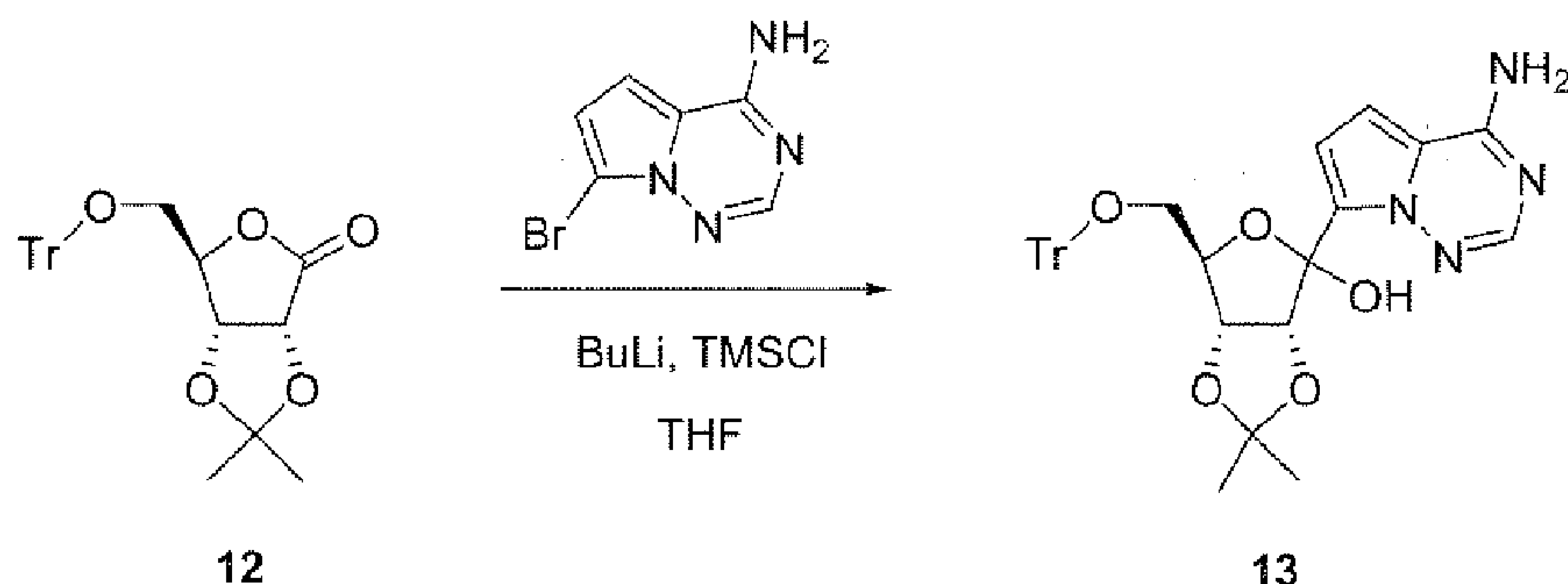
Compound 9

Compound 9 may be synthesized in the same manner as **1c** by substituting **Compound 8** (Ogura, et al. *J. Org. Chem.* **1972**, 37, 72-75) for **1b** in the reaction.

Compound 11

Compound 11 may be synthesized in the same manner as **1c** by substituting **Compound 10** (Ogura, et al. *J. Org. Chem.* **1972**, 37, 72-75) for **1b** in the reaction.

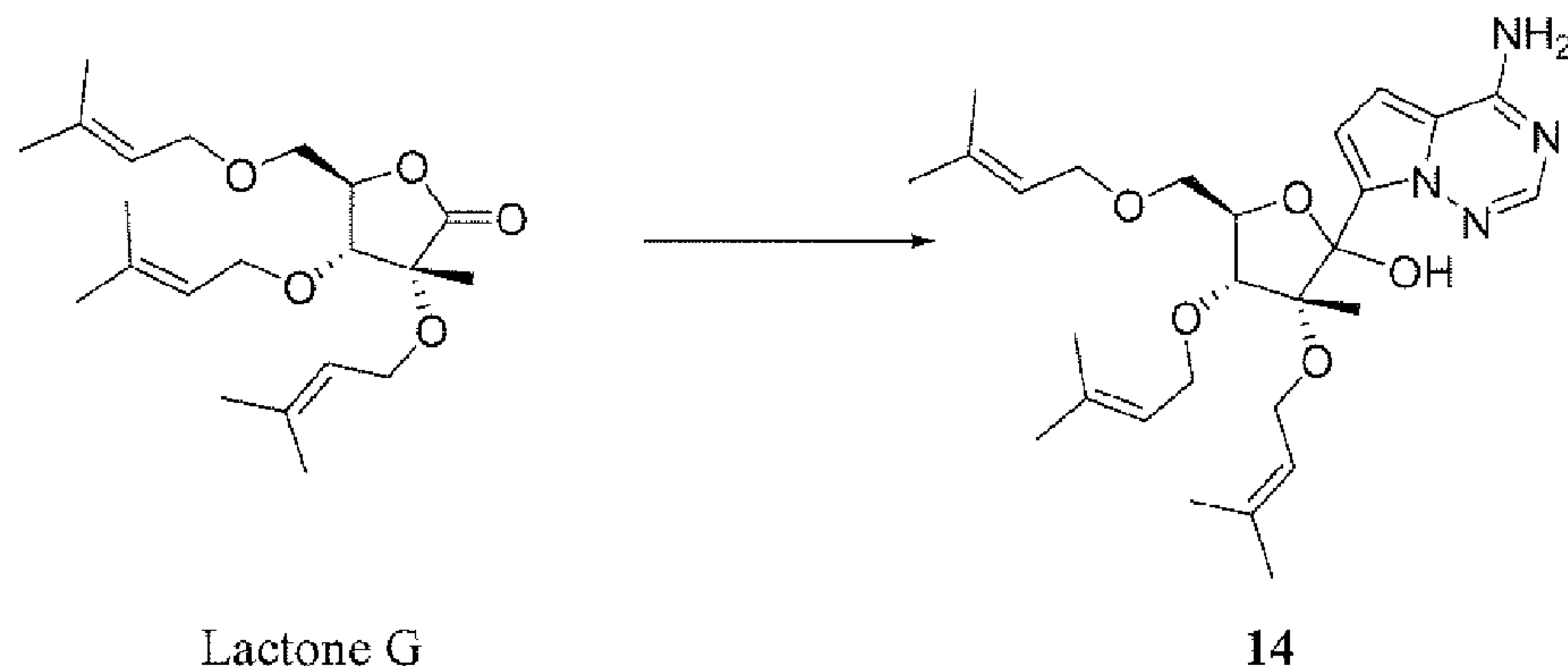
Compound 13



Compound 13 may be synthesized in the same manner as **1c** by substituting **Compound 12** (Camps, et al.; *Tetrahedron* **1982**, 38, 2395-2402) for **1b** in the reaction.

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Compound 14

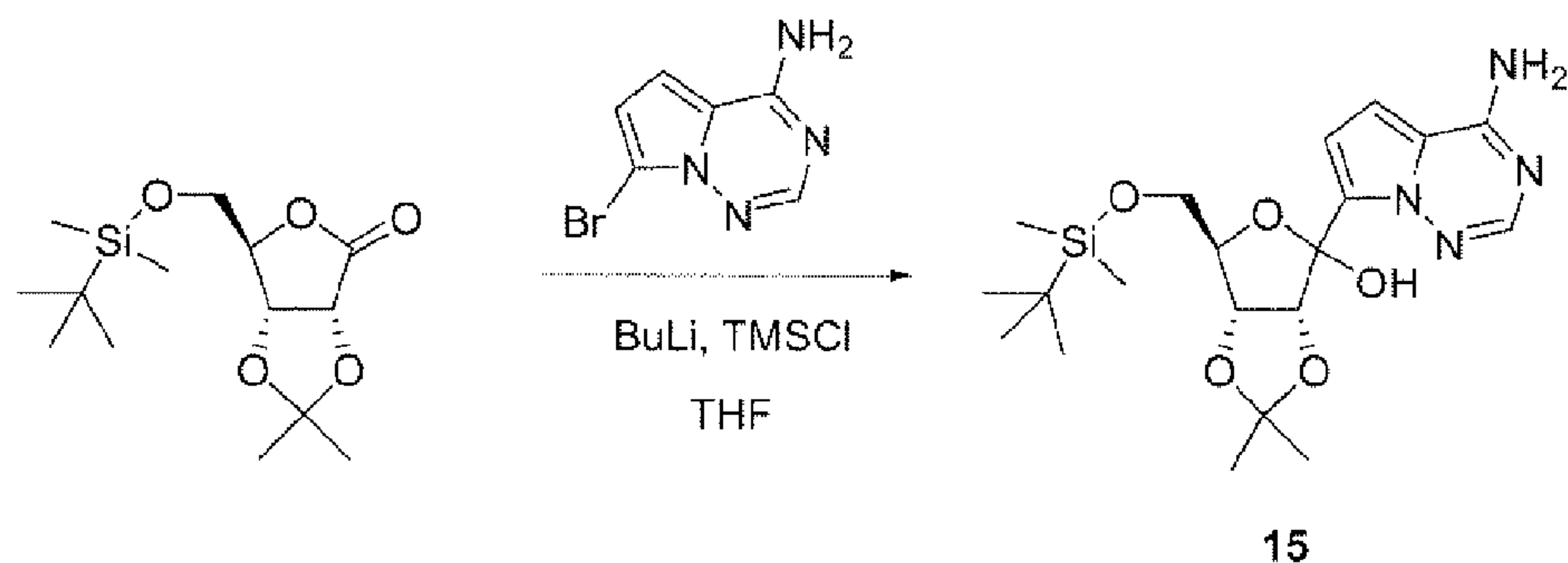


To 7-bromo-pyrrolo[2,1-f][1,2,4]triazin-4-ylamine (0.501 g) and THF (31.5 mL) was added 1,2-bis(chloromethylsilyl)ethane (0.518 g). To the cloudy solution was added NaH (60% in mineral oil, 0.235 g). After 10 minutes the solution was cooled in a -40 °C bath and nBuLi (2.16 M in hexanes, 3.6 mL) was added. After 13 min the lactone (1.031 g) was added in THF (3 mL) followed by a wash with 0.1 mL of THF. After 3h the reaction mixture was at -20 °C and was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl (3 mL) followed by the addition of water (7 mL). The solution was left to warm to room temperature overnight. The next day EtOAc (32 mL) was added and after separating the organics they were washed with water and brine (10 mL each). The organics were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, concentrated and the resulting residue purified by column chromatography on silica gel giving 0.567 g (48%) of the tri-

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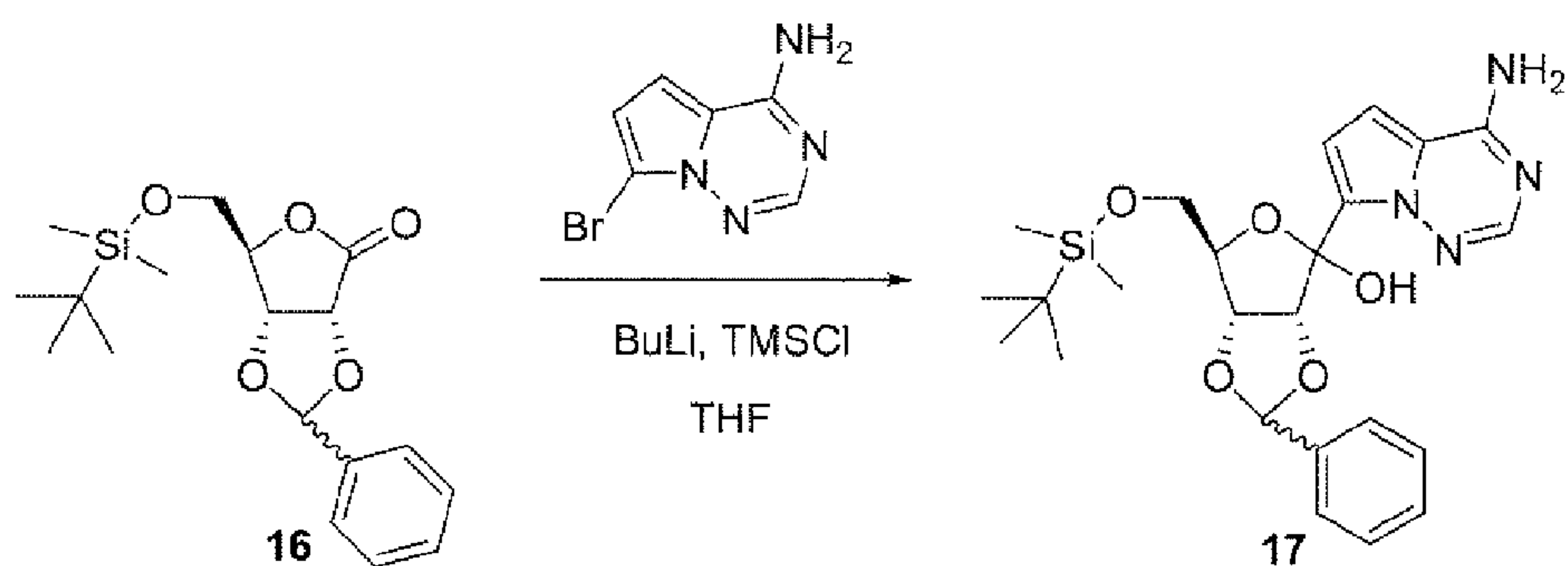
prenyl protected lactol **14**, (M+H)/Z = 501.

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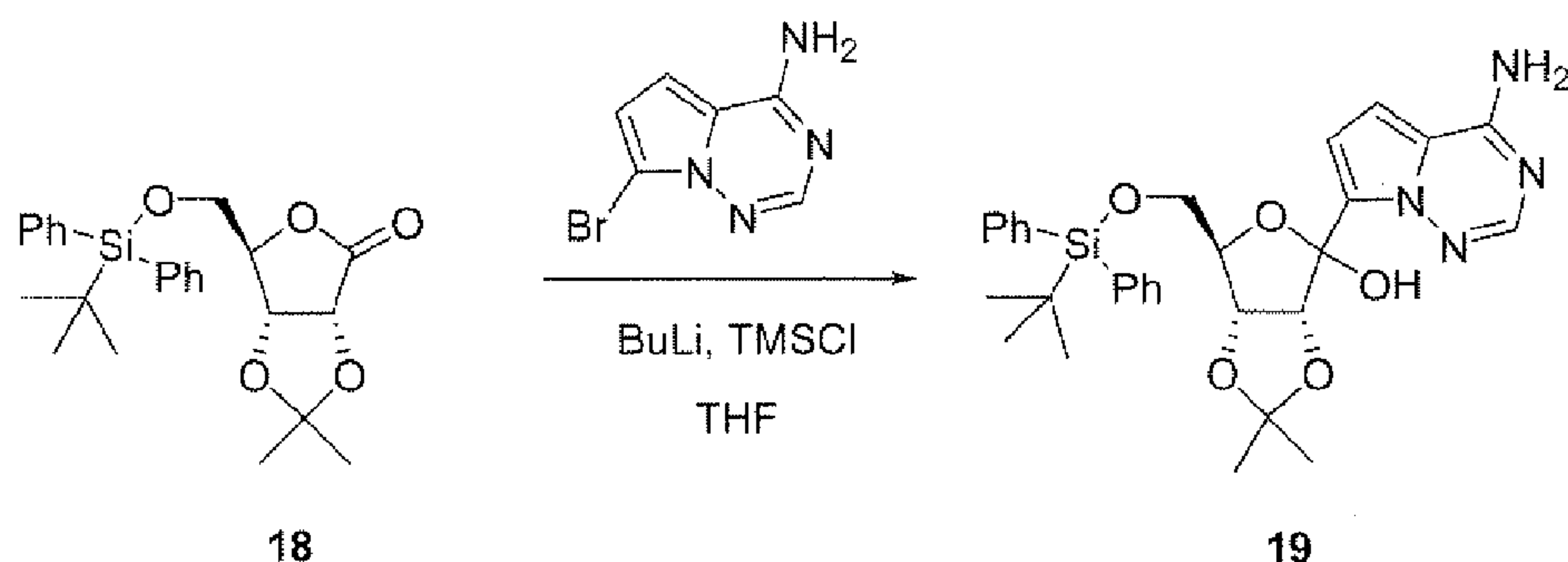
- 5 **Compound 15** may be synthesized in the same manner as **1c** by substituting the *t*-butylsilyl lactone depicted (Alessandrini, et al.; *J. Carbohydrate Chem.* **2008**, 27, 322-344) for **1b** in the reaction.

Compound 17



- 10 **Compound 17** may be synthesized in the same manner as **1c** by substituting **Compound 16** (Alessandrini, et al.; *J. Carbohydrate Chem.* **2008**, 27, 322-344) for **1b** in the reaction.

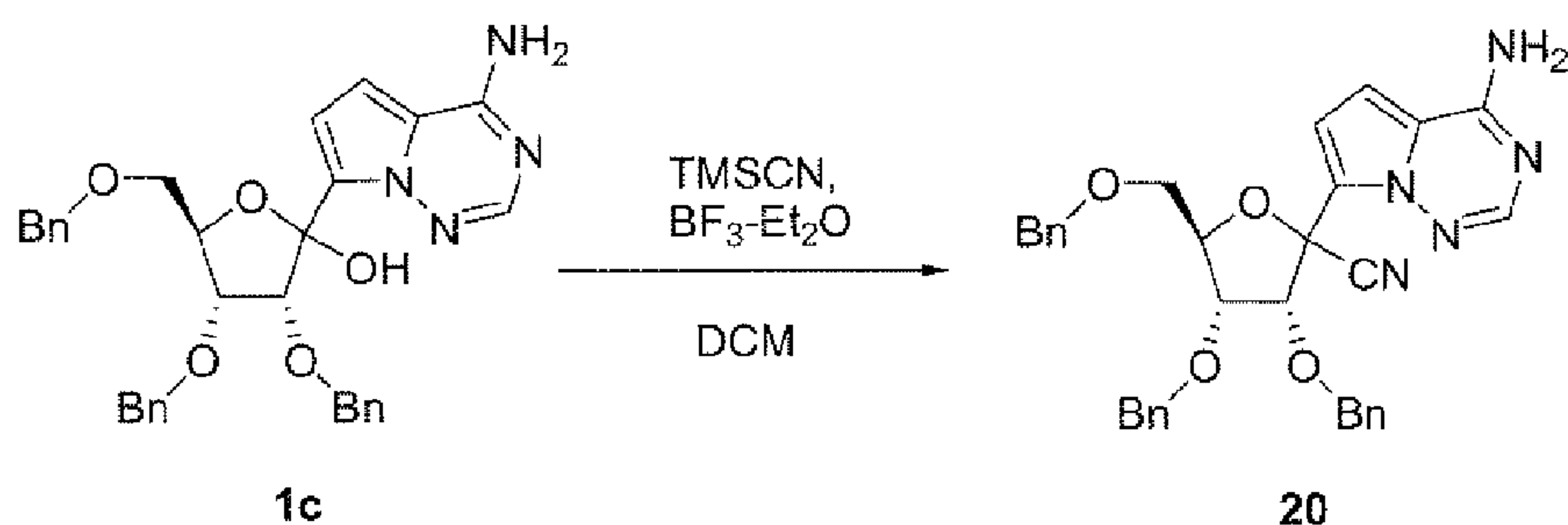
15 Compound 19



Compound 19 may be synthesized in the same manner as **1c** by substituting **Compound 18** (Piccirilli, et al.; *Helvetica Chimica Acta* **1991**, 74, 397-406) for **1b** in the reaction.

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Compound 20

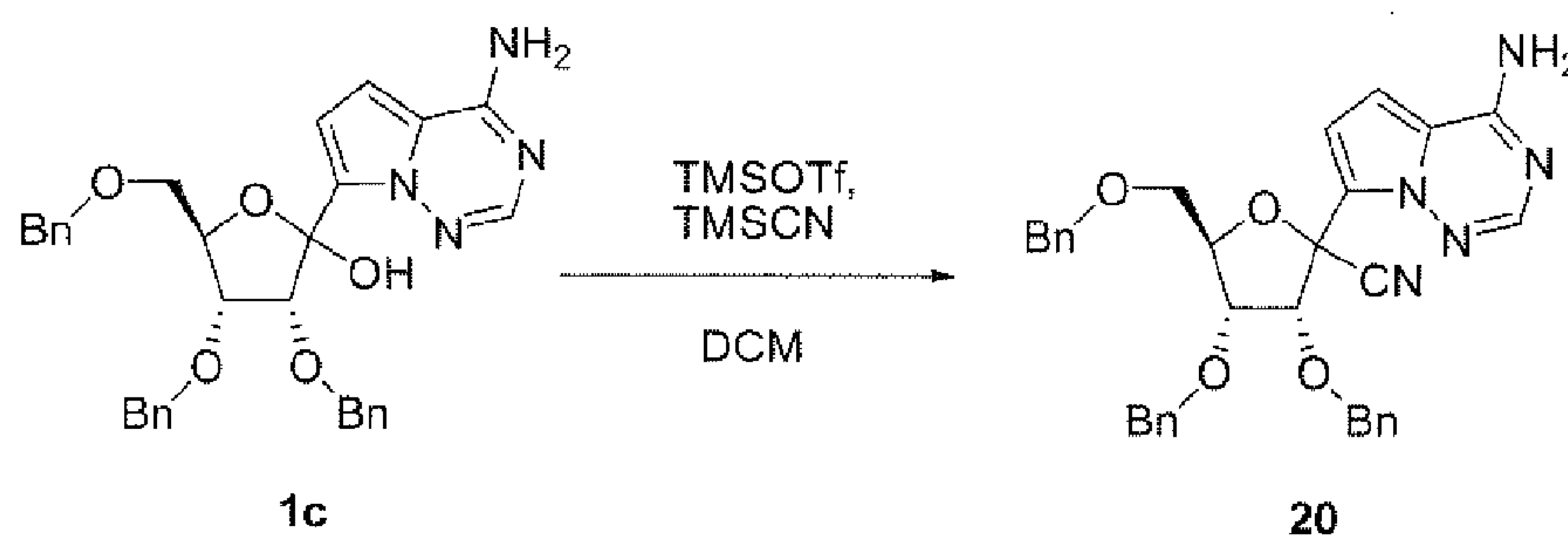


Compound **1c** (0.28 g, 0.51mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous dichloromethane (10 mL) and placed under nitrogen. Trimethylsilyl cyanide (0.35 mL) was added and the mixture was cooled to 0 °C. After stirring for 10 min., boron trifluoride etherate (50 uL) was added and the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature. When the reaction was complete by LC/MS, triethylamine was added to quench the reaction and solvents were removed by rotary evaporation. The residue was taken up in dichloromethane and loaded onto a silica gel column. A mixture of anomers was eluted using a gradient of 0-75% ethyl acetate and hexanes; 37% yield of **20**. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 3.61-3.90 (m, 2H), 4.09-4.19 (m, 2H), 4.30-4.88 (m, 7H), 4.96 (d, 0.5H), 5.10 (d, 0.5H), 6.41 (bs, 2H), 6.73-6.78 (m, 1H), 6.81-6.88 (m, 1H), 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.39 (m, 13H), 7.86 (s, 0.5H), 7.93 (s, 0.5H).

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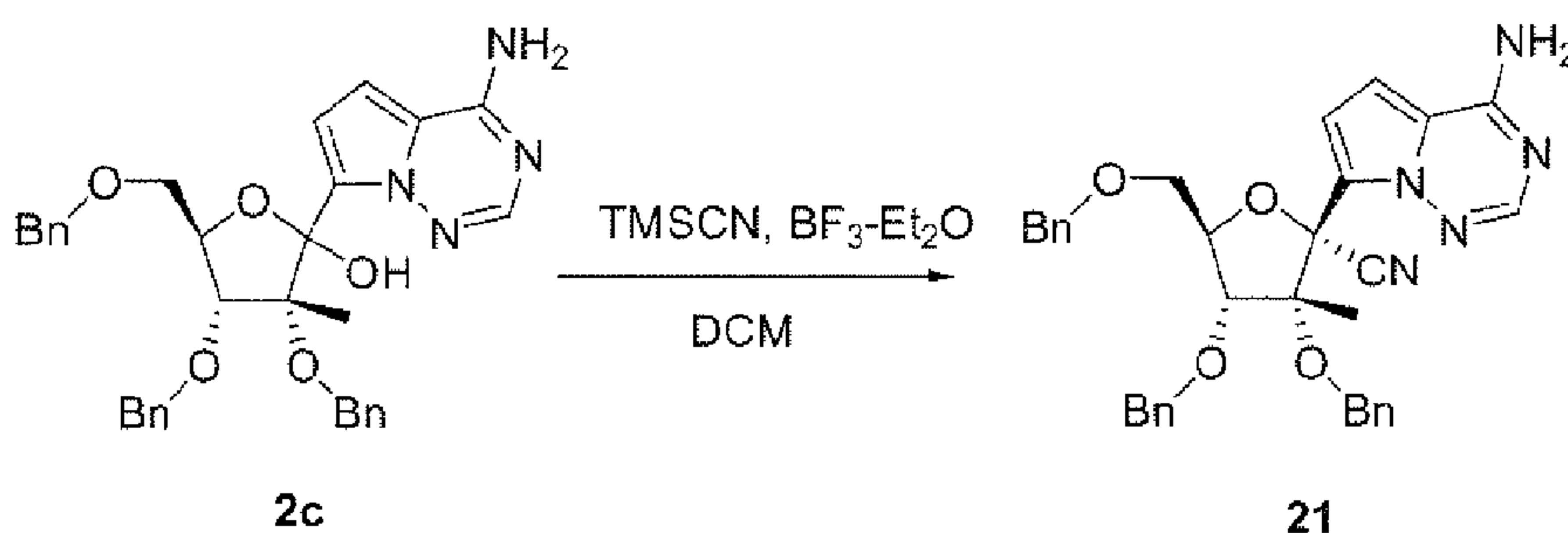
Alternative Preparation of Compound 4 using trimethylsilyl triflate as the Lewis

acid



Compound **1c** (1.1 g, 2.0 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous dichloromethane (35 mL) and placed under nitrogen. Trimethylsilyl cyanide (1.21 mL, 9.1 mmol) was added and the mixture was cooled to 0 °C. After stirring for 10 min., trimethylsilyl triflate (2.0 mL, 11 mmol) was added. When the reaction was complete by LC/MS (~2 h), dichloromethane (70 mL) was added to dilute followed by saturated sodium bicarbonate (70 mL). The mixture was stirred for 10 min. and the organic layer was collected by separatory funnel. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane, which was combined with the first organic extract. The solvents were removed by rotary evaporation. The residue was taken up in dichloromethane and loaded onto a silica gel column. A mixture of anomers was eluted using a gradient of 0-75% ethyl acetate and hexanes; 90% yield of **20**.

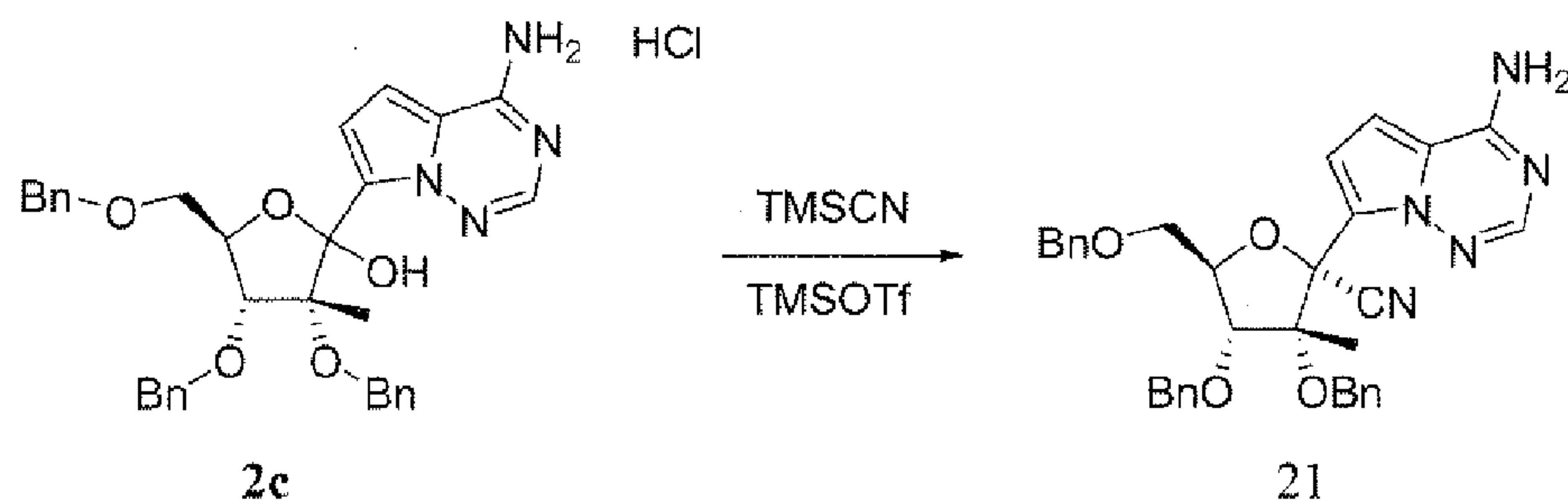
15 Compound 21



To a solution of compound **2c** (1 g, 1.77 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) at 0 °C was added TMSCN (1.4 mL, 10.5 mmol) and BF₃-Et₂O (1 mL, 8.1 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 h, then at room temperature for additional 0.5 h. The reaction was quenched with NaHCO₃ at 0 °C, and diluted with CH₃CO₂Et. The organic phase was separated, washed

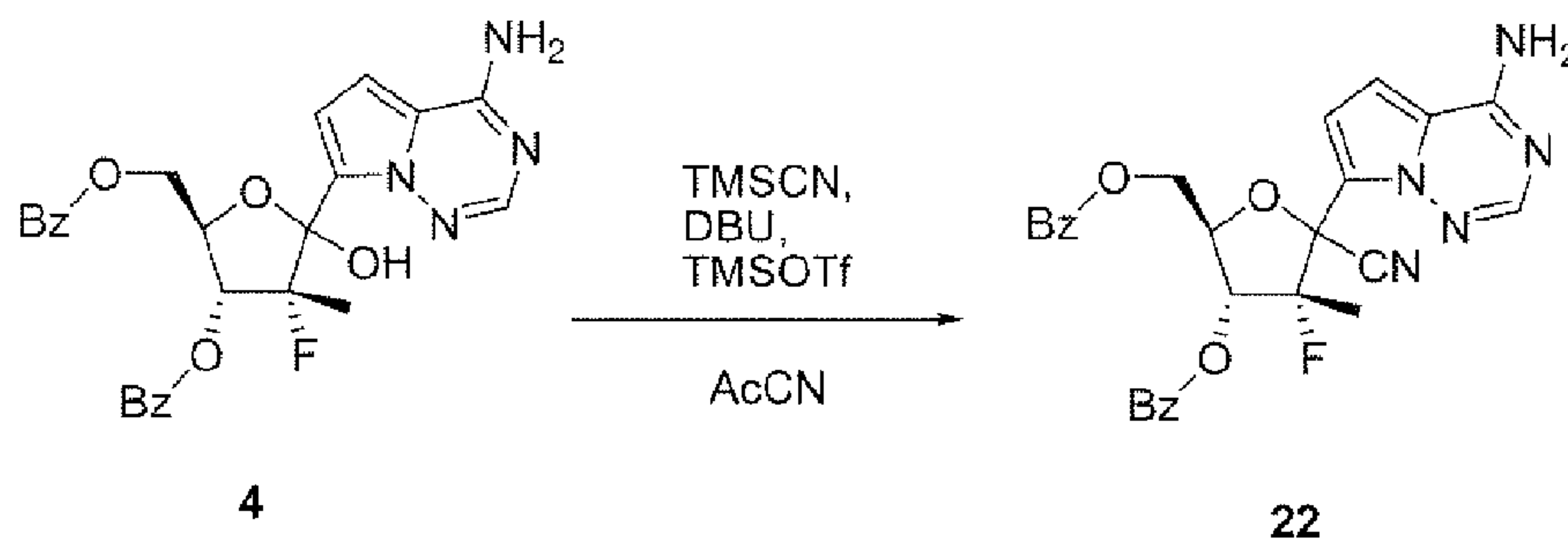
with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel, eluted with $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$ -hexanes (1:1 to 2:1), to give the desired compound **21** (620 mg, 61%). MS = 576.1 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$).

5 Alternative preparation of Compound 21



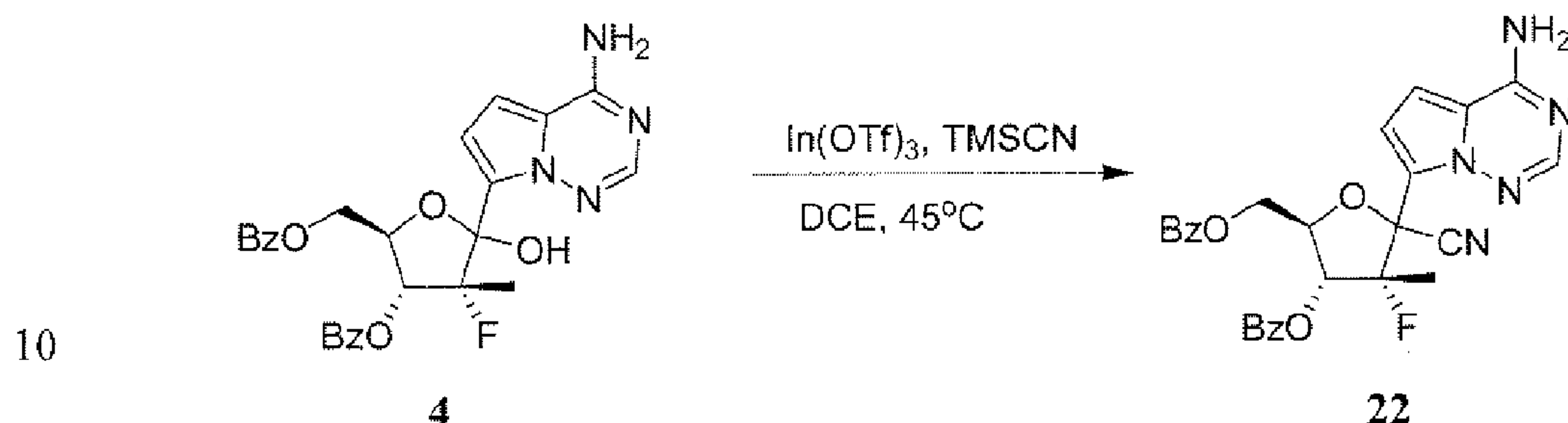
A flask was charged with **2c**·HCl (53.2 g, 1 eq) and dichloromethane (530 mL). The slurry was cooled to $-16\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and TMSOTf (17.5 mL, 1.1 eq) was charged over 2 minutes while maintaining an internal temperature $<-5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$; the solution became homogeneous. When the reaction mixture was $-14\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ the TMSCN (1.34 mL, 2.3eq) was charged over 2 minutes. After 1h, a solution of 10% (w/w) potassium carbonate/water (480 mL) was added followed by 45% (w/w) potassium hydroxide/water (53 mL) while maintaining a temperature of $<0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. The mixture was warmed to $20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and after the layers separated the organics were exchanged with acetonitrile followed by a wash with heptanes. The acetonitrile organics were concentrated and exchanged with DCM (200 mL) and concentrated to a foam giving 48.6g (95%) of **Compound 21**, ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)/Z = 576.

20 Compound 22



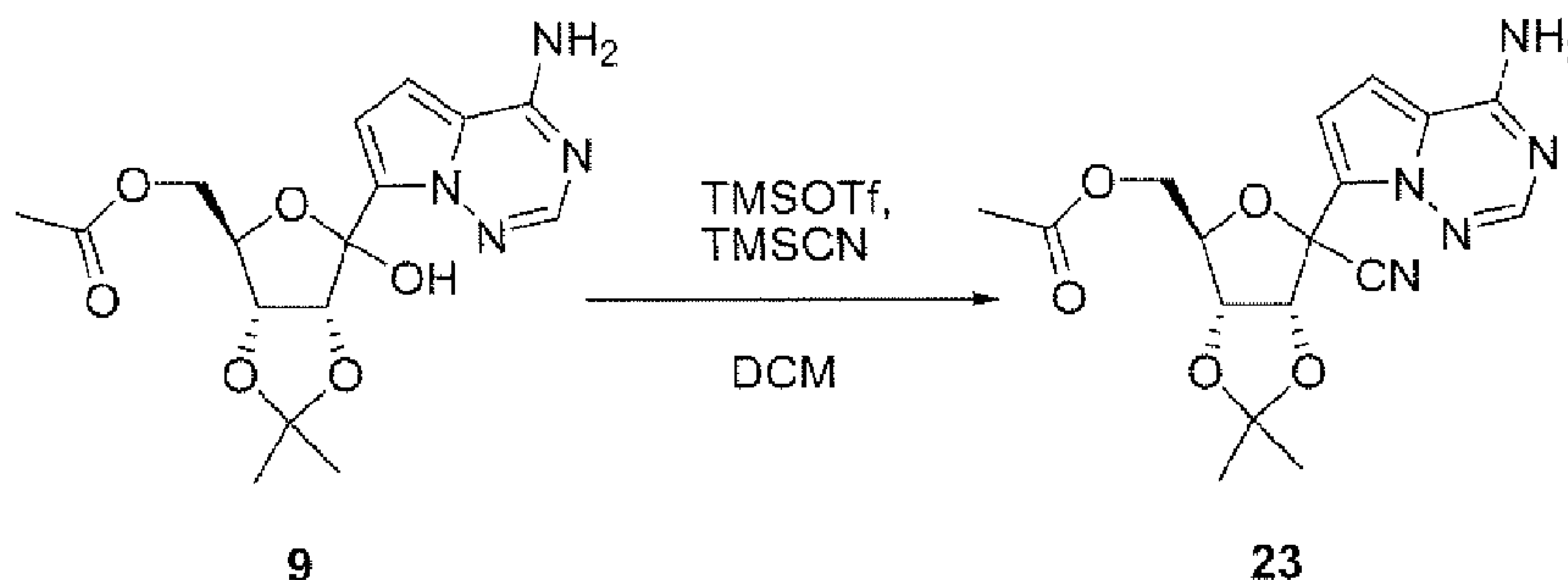
To a solution of compound **4** (50 mg, 0.1 mmol) and TMSCN (67 μ L, 0.5 mmol) in acetonitrile (2.0 mL) at 0 °C was added TMSOTf (91 μ L, 0.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h, then at 65 °C for 3 d. The reaction was quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ at room temperature, and diluted with
 5 CH₃CO₂Et. The organic phase was separated, washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by RP-HPLC (acetonitrile / water), to give the desired compound **22** (28 mg, 54%). MS = 516.1 (M + H⁺).

Alternative preparation of Compound 22



To a stirred solution of **4** (5 g, 10 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (300 mL, 0.04M) under argon was added In(OTf)₃ (16.8 g, 30 mmol) and stirred for 5 min. The reaction mixture was then heated to 45 °C. TMSCN (8.0 mL, 60 mmol) was added
 15 quickly. The reaction was allowed to progress overnight. The solvent was evaporated off, and the crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (with Hex:EtOAc as eluent), affording compound **22** (~5 g).
 MS [M + H⁺] = 516.3

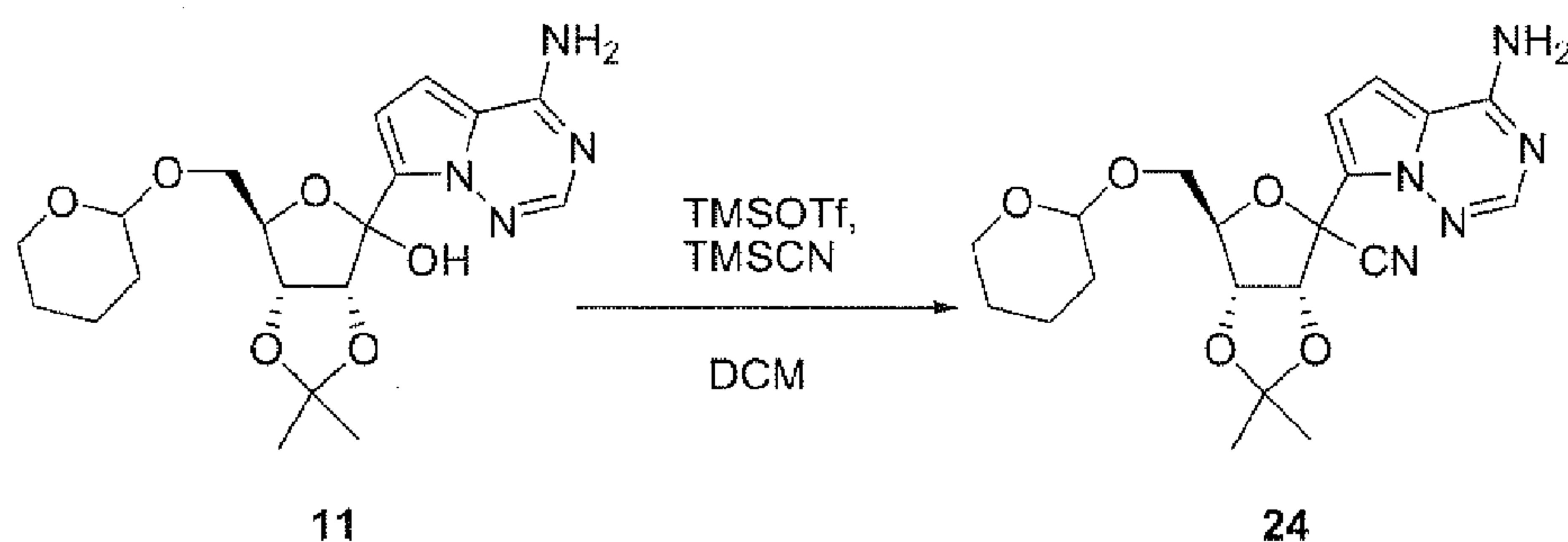
20 Compound 23



Compound 23 may be prepared in the same manner as **Compound 20** by

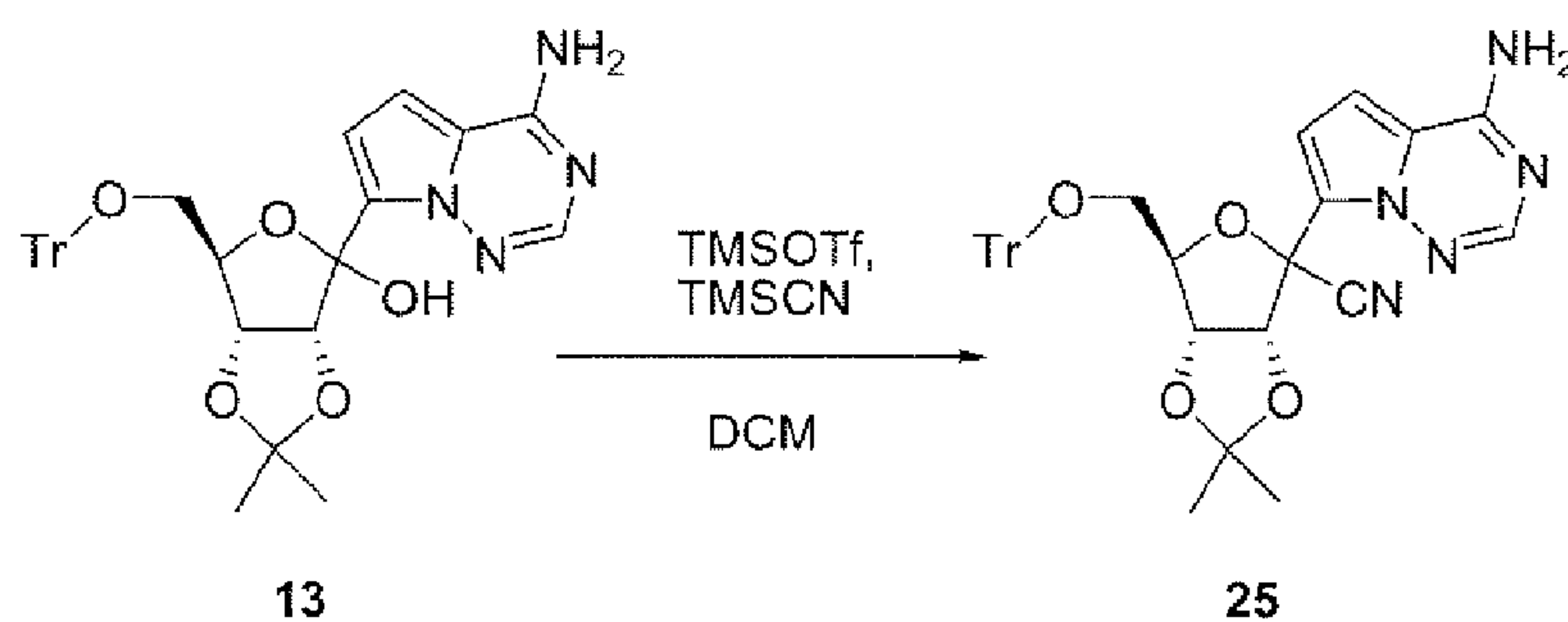
substituting **Compound 9** for **1c**.

Compound 24



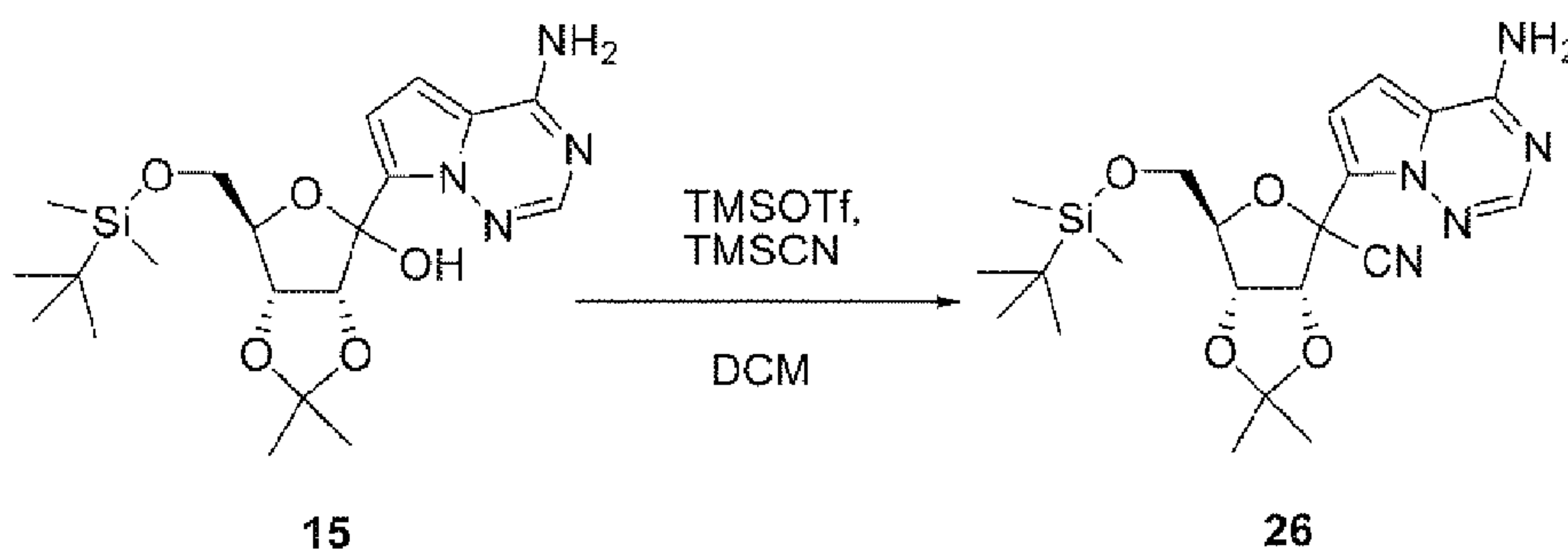
Compound 24 may be prepared in the same manner as **Compound 20** by substituting **Compound 11** for **1c**.

Compound 25

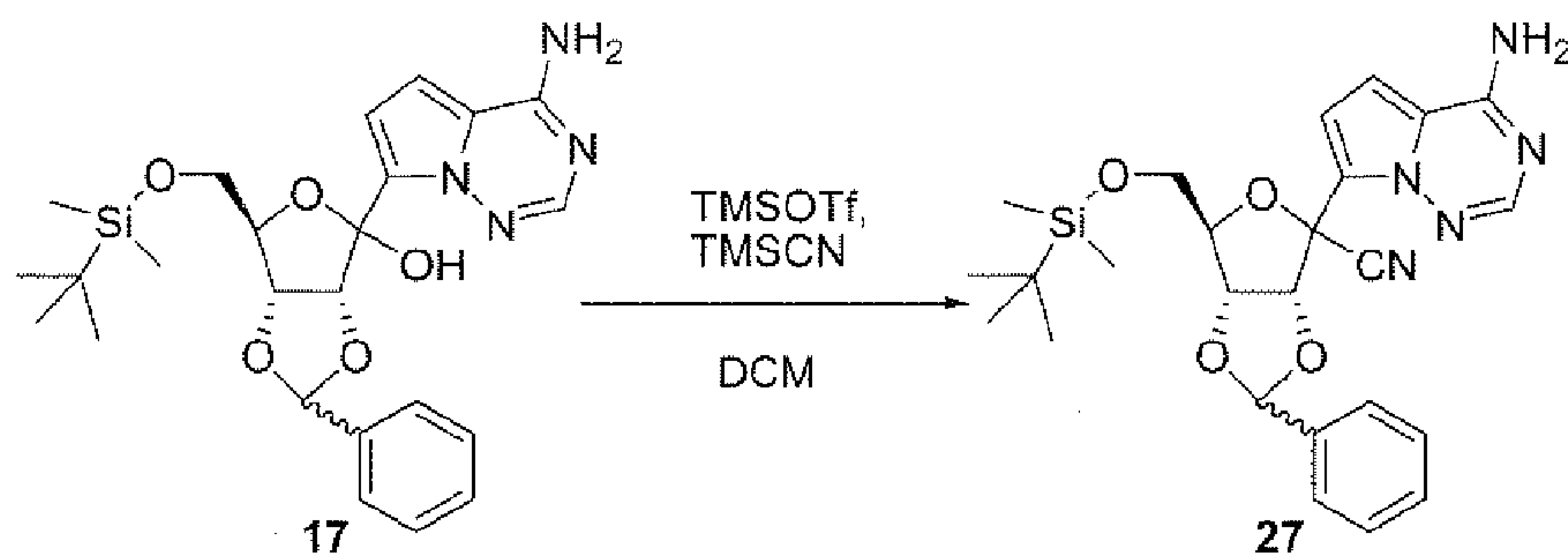


Compound 25 may be prepared in the same manner as **Compound 20** by substituting **Compound 13** for **1c**.

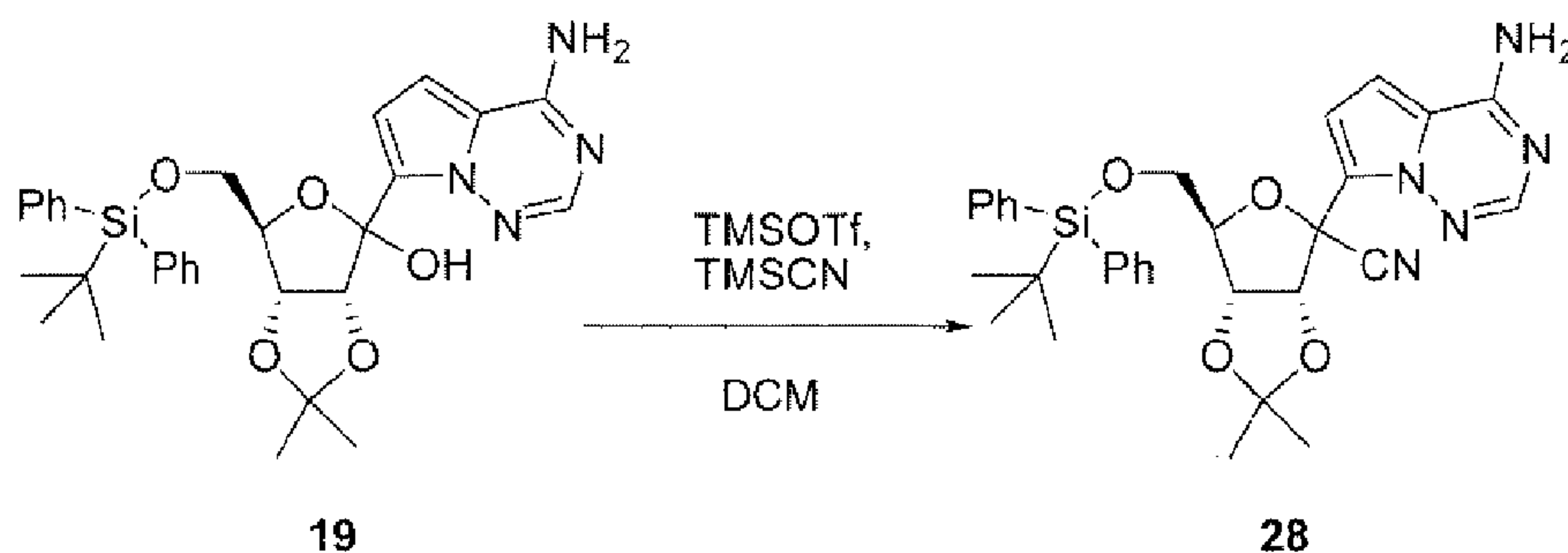
Compound 26



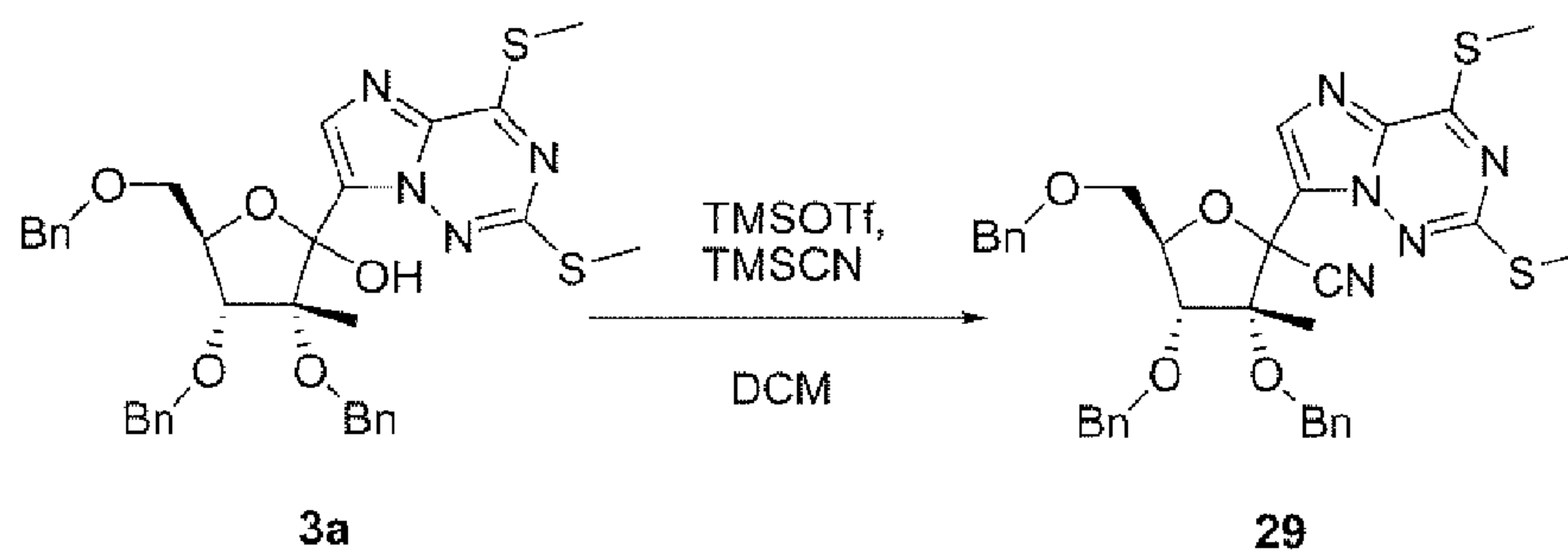
Compound 26 may be prepared in the same manner as **Compound 20** by substituting **Compound 15** for **1c**.

Compound 27

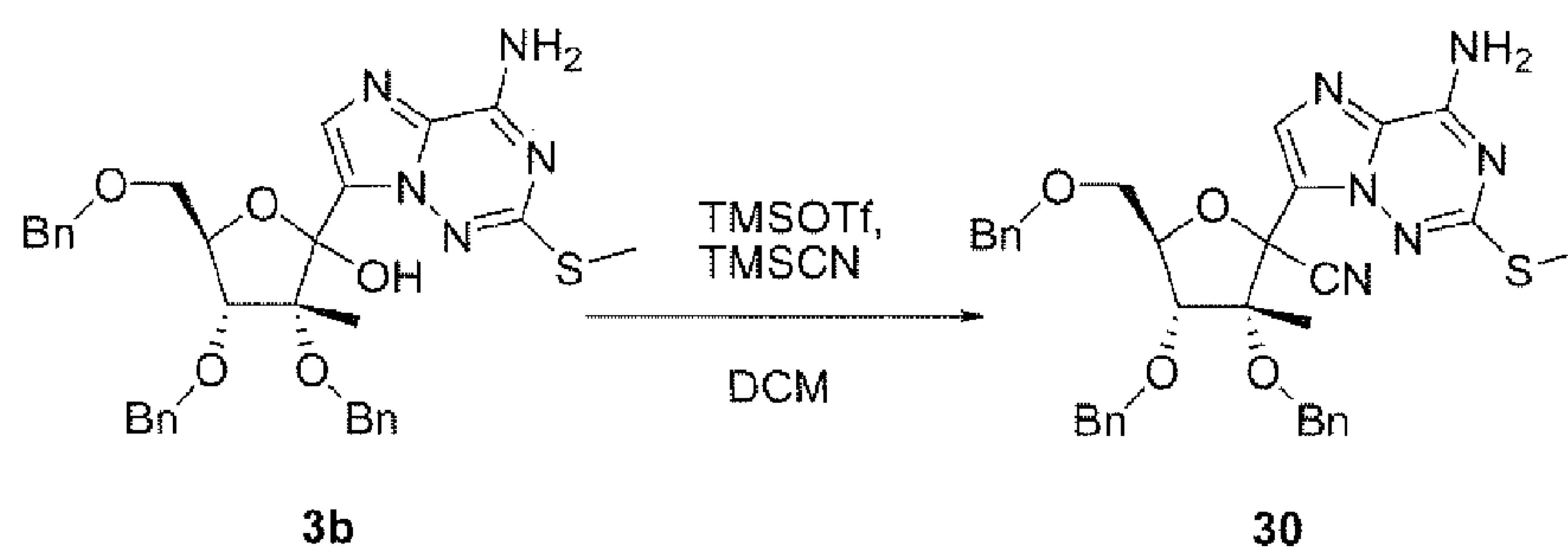
Compound 27 may be prepared in the same manner as **Compound 20** by substituting **Compound 17** for **1c**.

Compound 28

Compound 28 may be prepared in the same manner as **Compound 20** by substituting **Compound 19** for **1c**.

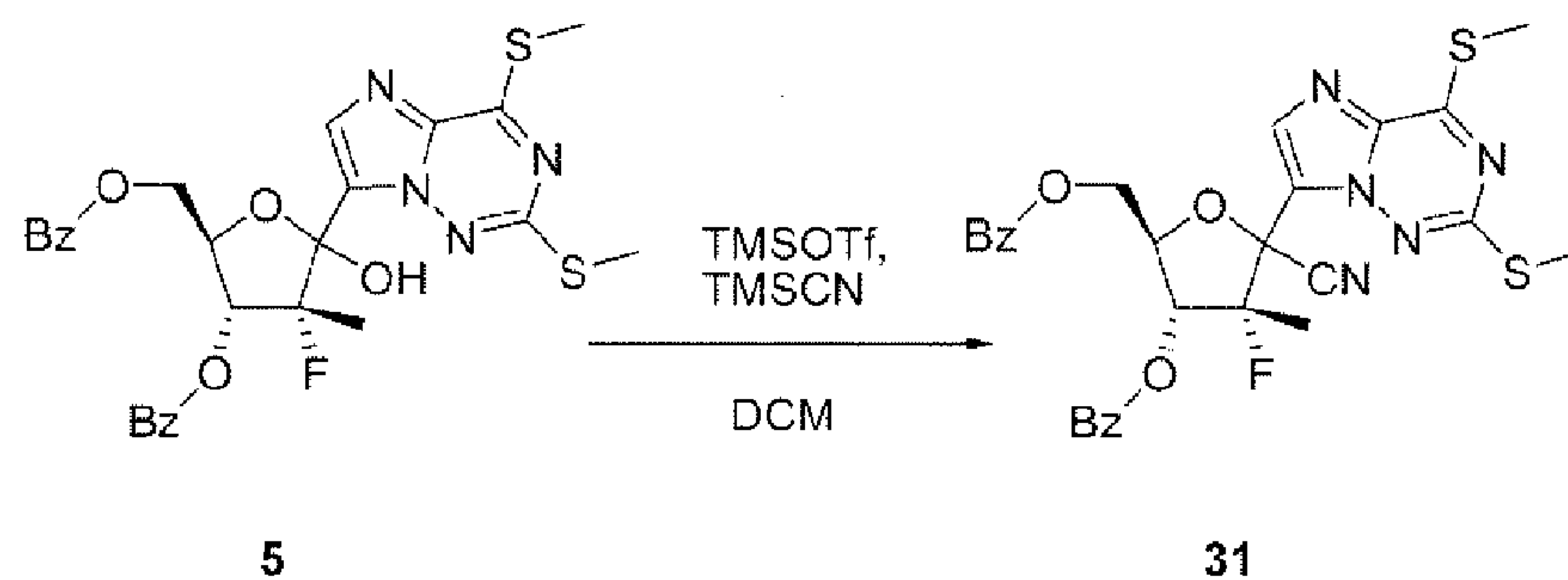
Compound 29

Compound 29 may be prepared in the same manner as **Compound 20** by substituting **Compound 3a** for **1c**.

Compound 30

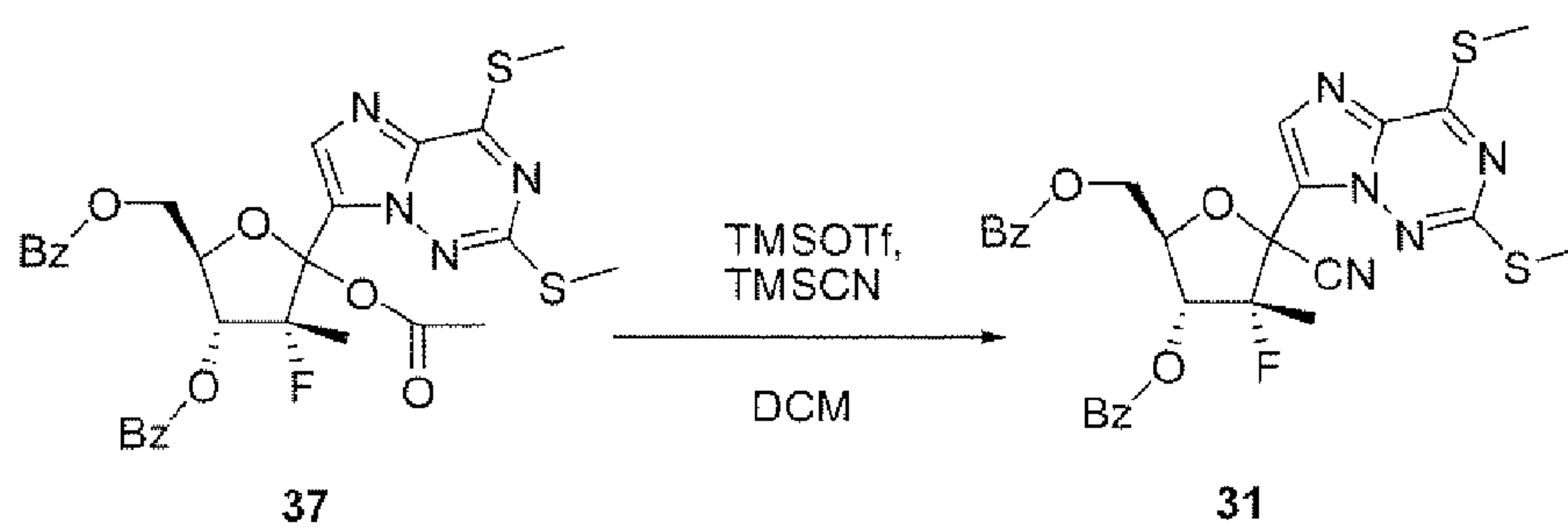
Compound 30 may be prepared in the same manner as **Compound 20** by substituting **Compound 3b** for **1c**.

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Compound 31

Compound 31 may be prepared in the same manner as **Compound 20** by substituting **Compound 5** for **1c**.

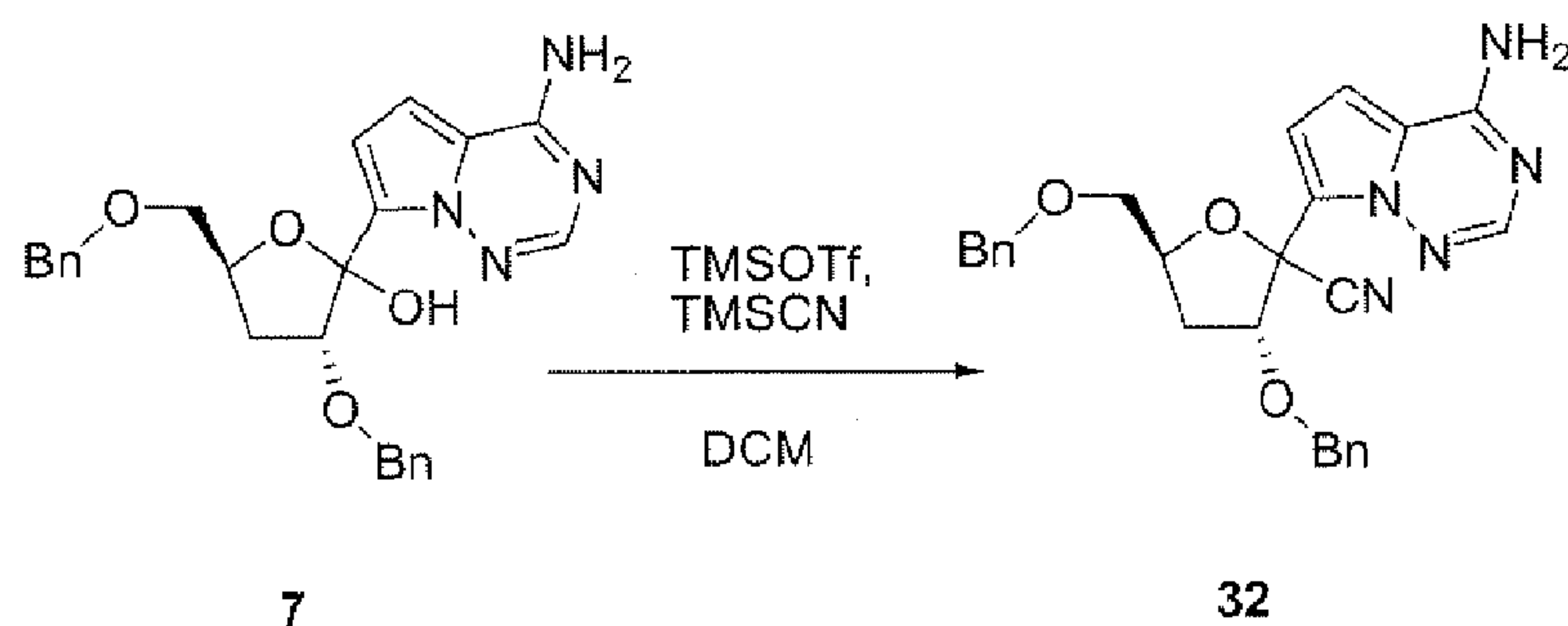
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Alternative preparation of Compound 31

Compound 31 may also be prepared in the same manner as **Compound 20** by substituting **Compound 37** for **1c**.

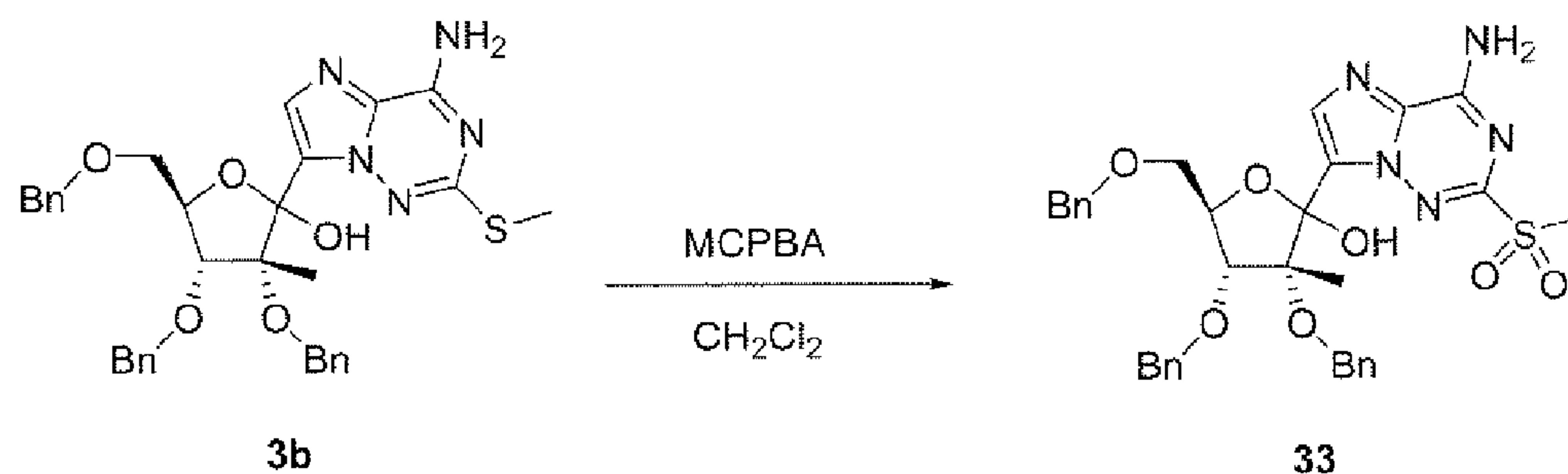
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Compound 32



Compound 32 may be prepared in the same manner as **Compound 20** by substituting **Compound 7** for **1c**.

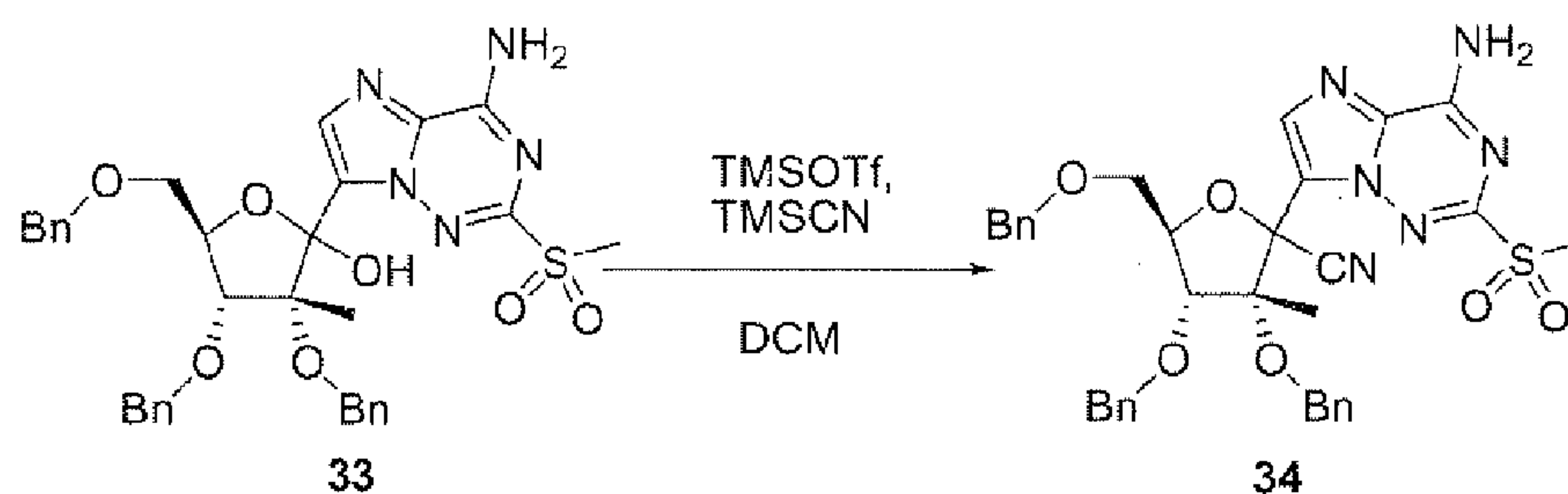
5 **Compound 33**



10 A solution of MCPBA (1.55 g, 8.96 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 mL) was dropwise added to a solution of **3b** (2.5 g, 4.07 mmol) in dichloromethane (40 mL) while stirring. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature until complete disappearance of the starting material. After 3.5 h, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude material was purified using flash silica gel

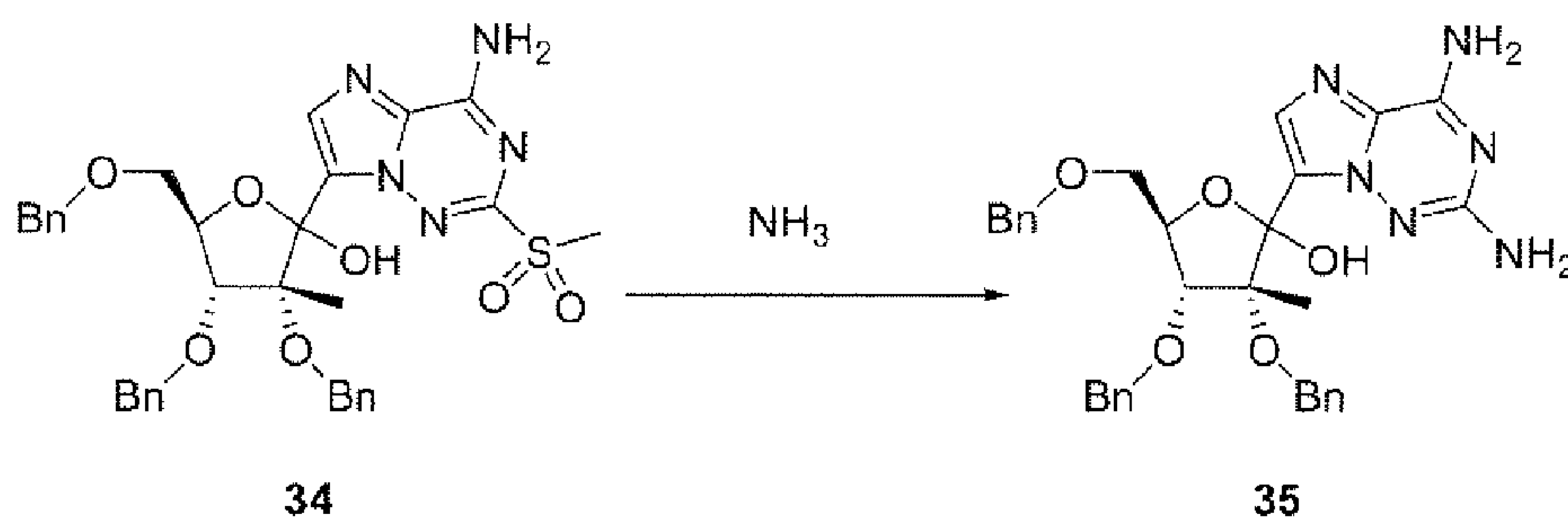
15 chromatography (hexanes / EtOAc). 2.0 g (77 %) of the desired material **33** was isolated. LC/MS = 646.2 (M+H⁺).

Compound 34



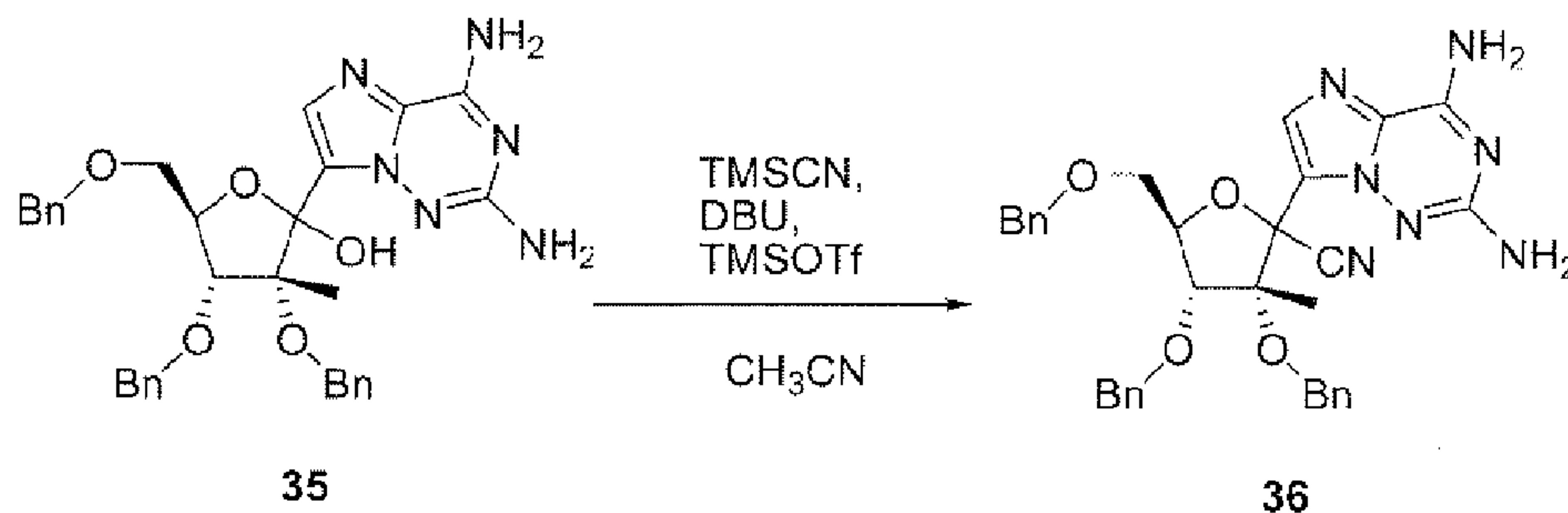
Compound 34 may be prepared in the same manner as **Compound 20** by substituting **Compound 33** for **1c**.

5 **Compound 35**



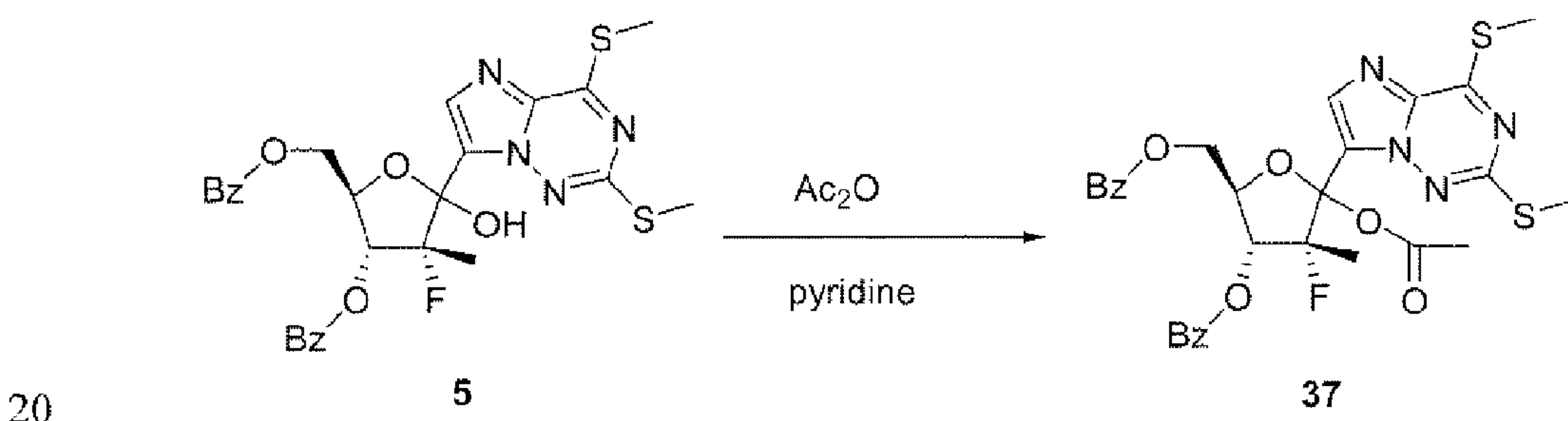
Compound **34** (2.0 g, 3.10 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (15 mL) in a round bottom flask (50 mL) and then transferred to a steel bomb reactor. The solvent was removed under a positive flow of N_2 (g) and the solid material was treated with liquid NH_3 at -78°C . The tightly sealed bomb reactor was placed into a pre-heated oil bath at 110°C and the reaction continued to proceed for 14 h. 1.8 g (100%) of the desired material **35** was isolated using MeOH and was used as is for the next reaction. LC/MS = 583.3 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$)

Compound 36



To a dry, argon purged round bottom flask (50 mL) were added 3,4-bis-benzyloxy-5-benzyloxymethyl-2-(2,4-diamino-imidazo[2,1-f][1,2,4]triazin-7-yl)-3-methyl-tetrahydro-furan-2-ol **35** (800 mg, 1.37 mmol) and anhydrous MeCN (18 mL). The flask was cooled to 0 °C and DBU (1.02 mL, 6.85 mmol) was added. After 5 min of stirring, TMSOTf (1.49 mL, 8.22 mmol) was added to the flask followed by dropwise addition of TMSCN (1.10 mL, 8.22 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and the flask was then equipped with a reflux condenser and placed into a vessel preheated at 65 °C. After 2 days of stirring, the flask was cooled to room temperature and then placed into an ice bath and the reaction was quenched with saturated NaHCO₃. EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) was used to extract the organic material and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (3 x 10 mL) and dried using MgSO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude material was purified using flash chromatography (hexanes / EtOAc). 750 mg (93 %) of the desired material **36** was isolated. LC/MS = 592.3 (M+H⁺).

Compound 37



To a solution of **5** (300 mg, 0.51 mmol) in pyridine (1.5 mL) was added acetic anhydride (0.29 mL, 3.08 mmol) and stirred at 120 °C for 16 h. After cooling to room temperature, ethyl acetate and water were added. The ethyl acetate layer was taken, washed with dilute HCl followed by saturated ammonium chloride, dried over magnesium sulfate, and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (dichloromethane / ethyl acetate), affording two stereoisomers of **37**.

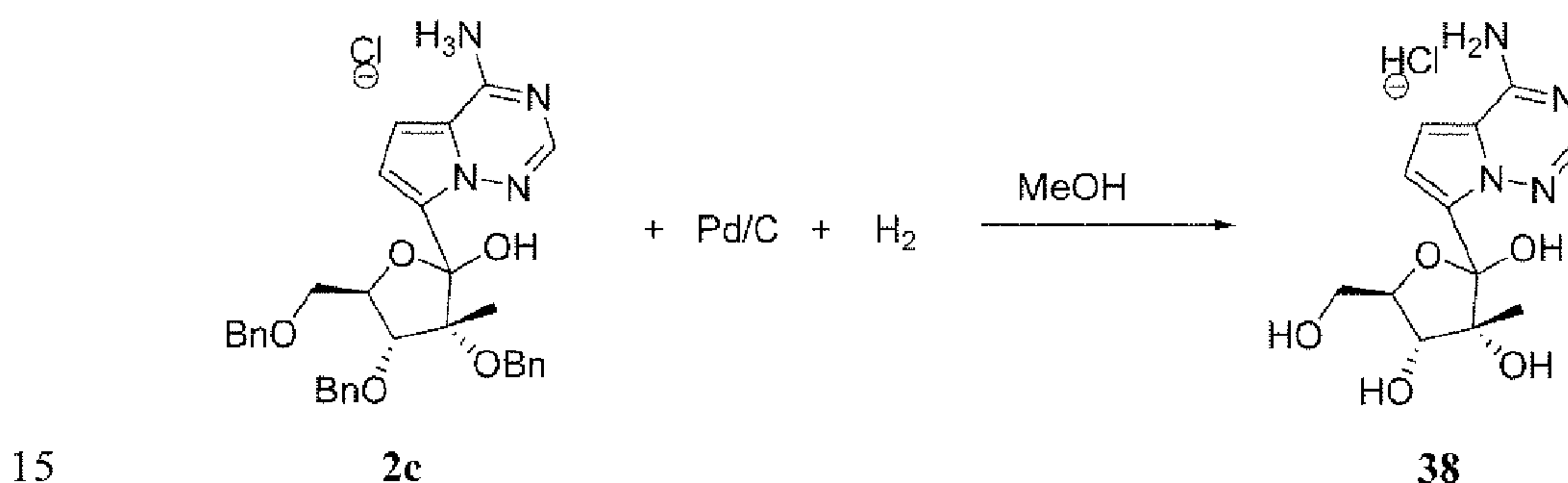
For fast moving isomer of **37**; 26 mg, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.39 (d,

$J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.39 (dd, $J = 8.2, 26.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.61 (m, 1H), 4.77 (dd, $J = 2.6, 12.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dd, $J = 4.8, 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 1.68 (d, $J = 22.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.54 (s, 3H).

5 MS = 627.0 ($M + H^+$).

For slow moving isomer of **37**; 81 mg, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.06 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.00 (dd, $J = 8.6, 23.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.91 (m, 1H), 4.77 (dd, $J = 4.0, 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.52 (dd, $J = 4.2, 12.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.66 (d, $J = 22.4$ Hz, 3H),
 10 MS = 627.1 ($M + H^+$).

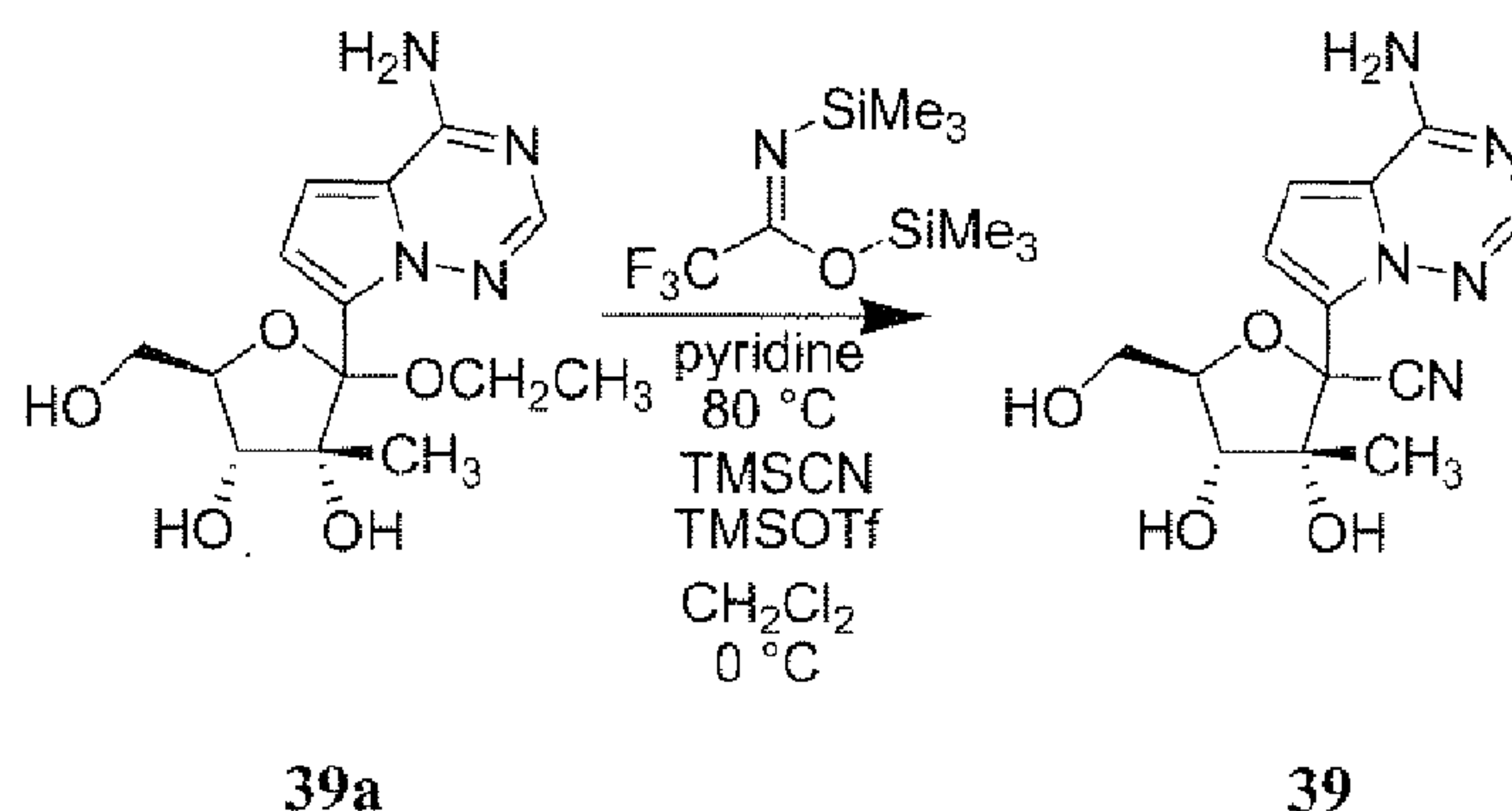
Compound 38



To a 3-neck flask under filled with N_2 was added 441 mg (0.2 mmol, 0.25 equiv.) Palladium (10% on C, Degussa type, 50% water content). This was suspended in MeOH (7.5 ml, 15 vol.), and then 500 mg (0.83 mmol, 1 equiv.) **2c-HCl** was added. The reaction was placed under light vacuum, then under a H_2 atmosphere.
 20 After being stirred vigorously overnight, the reaction was found to be complete. The reaction mixture was filtered through celite, which was then rinsed several times with MeOH. The MeOH was removed under rotary evaporation, and the resulting oil was taken up in EtOAc, giving a white precipitate. This was filtered, providing
Compound 38. Yield: 248 mg (90%), ($M+H$)/ $Z = 297$.

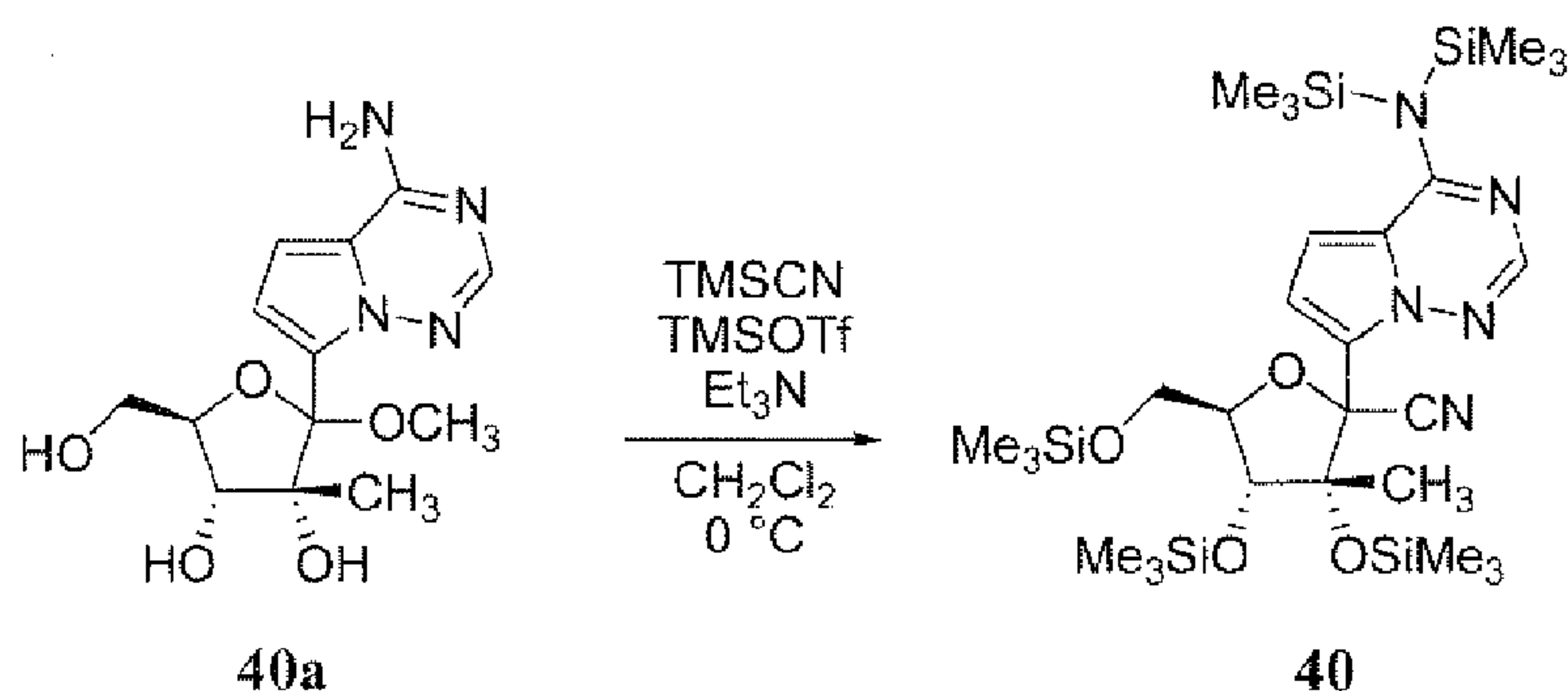
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Compound 39



1.0 g of **39a** (3.08 mmol) is combined with 10.0 mL pyridine (124.78 mmol) and 4.76 mL (N,O-bis(trimethylsilyl)trifluoroacetamide +1% TMSCl solution; 18.50 mmol, 6.0 equiv.). The mixture is heated to 80 °C, and aged for on hour. Following 1.0 h age, the homogeneous yellow solution is cooled to 23 °C, and aged with stirring for 18 h. Following aging, to the solution is added 10.0 mL toluene, and the mixture is concentrated by vacuum distillation to an orange oil. The oil is dissolved in 10.0 mL dichloromethane, and the solution is cooled to -10 °C. To this cooled solution is added dropwise 2.51 mL TMSOTf (13.88 mmol, 4.5 equiv.) over a period of 30 min. Following TMSOTf addition, the mixture is aged at -5.0 C for 5 min. Following aging, 2.31 mL TMSCN (18.50 mmol, 6.0 equiv.) is added over 8 min. following TMSCN addition, the mixture is warmed to 23 °C, and aged with stirring for 2.0 h. Following aging, the mixture is added to a solution of 7.0 g 25 wt% NaOMe/MeOH solution (32.0 mmol, 10.7 equiv.) cooled to 0 °C. Following neutralization, the resulting mixture is concentrated to a viscous red oil. This oil is dissolved in 25 mL EtOAc, and to this solution is added 10 mL heptane. The precipitated solids are filtered, and washed with 20 mL EtOAc. The combined rinse and liquors are concentrated and purified by SiO₂ chromatography to afford the desired compound as a mixture of isomers, (M+H)/Z = 306.

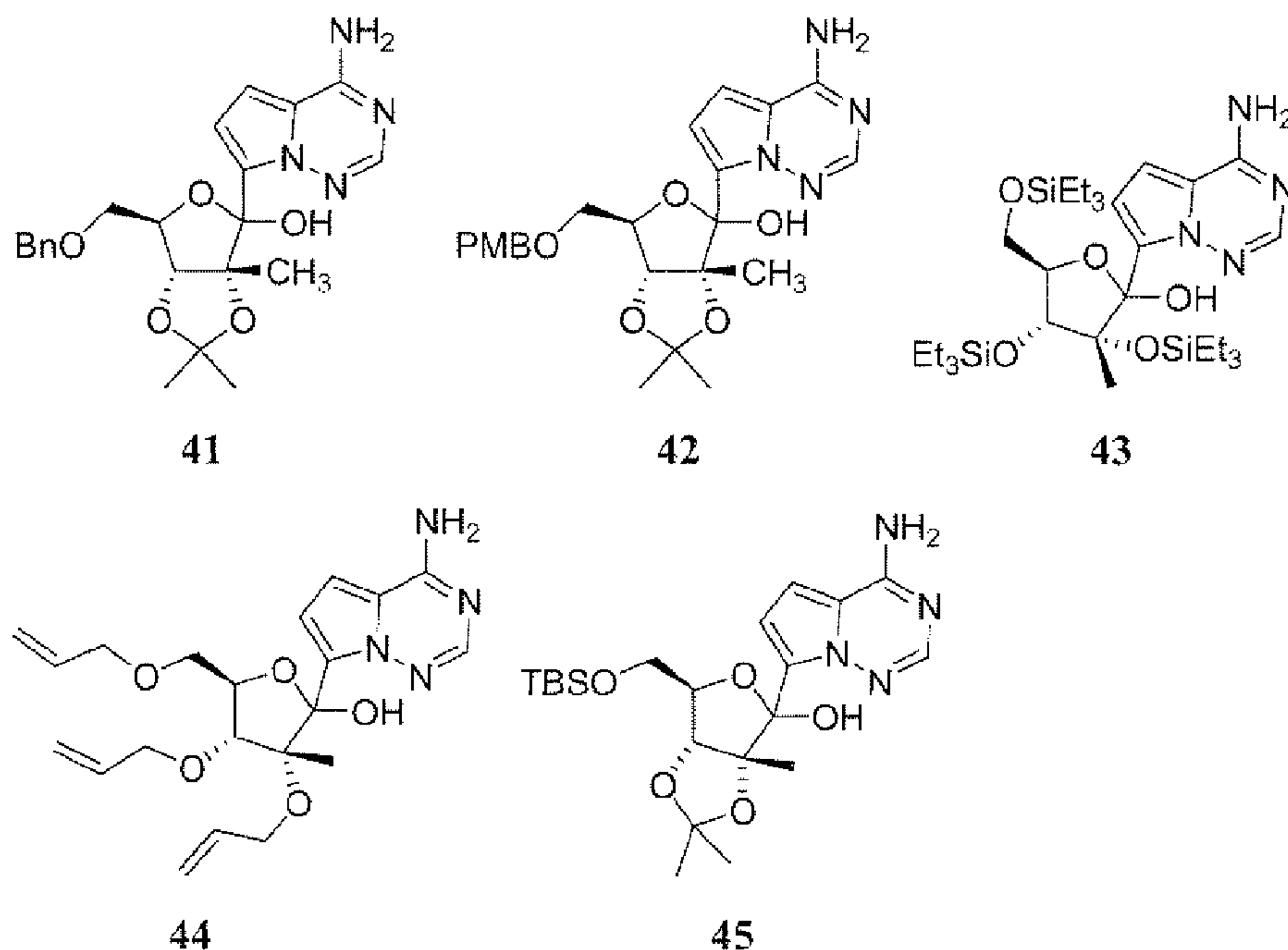
Compound 40



0.10 g **40a** (0.232 mmol) is combined with 200.1 mg triethylamine (1.92 mmol, 6.0 equiv.) is suspended in 1.0 mL dichloromethane and this mixture is cooled to -5.0 °C. To this heterogeneous suspension is added 470 µL TMSOTf (8.0 equiv.) over a period of 3 minutes with stirring. The mixture is aged @-5.0 °C for 10 minutes with stirring. Following age, to the cooled mixture is added 240 µL TMSCN (6.0 equiv.). The mixture is aged with stirring at 0 °C for an additional 2 h. The desired compound **40** is formed in ~50% by ANHPLC, (M+H)/Z = 666.

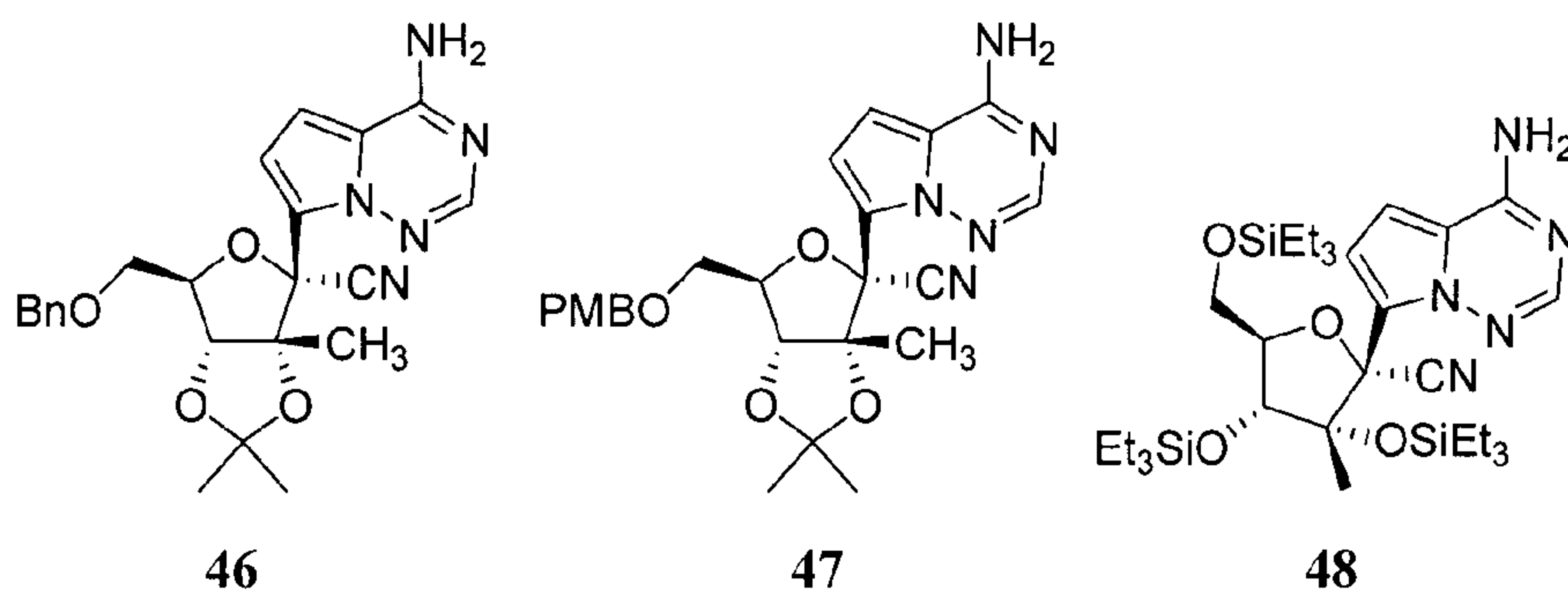
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Compounds 41-45

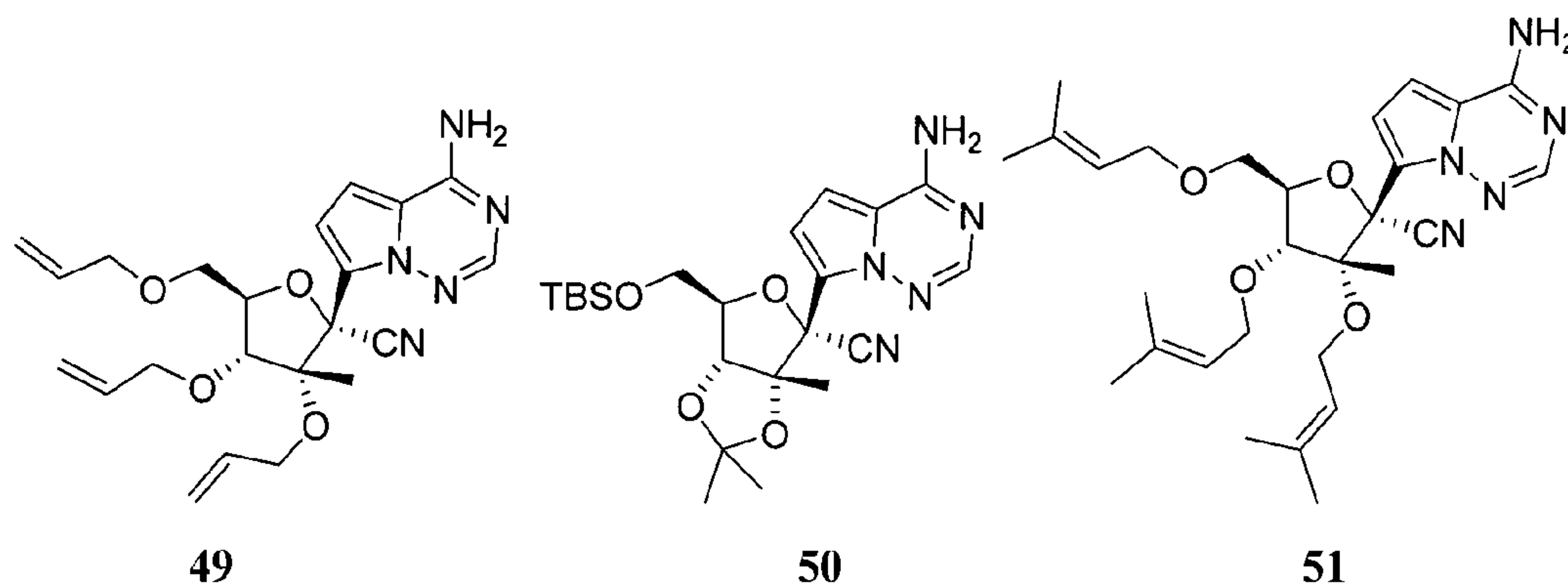


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Using either Lactone C, D, E, F or H, Compounds **41**, **42**, **43**, **44**, or **45**, respectively, may be prepared using the procedures described to prepare **Compounds 2c** or **14**.

Compounds 46-51

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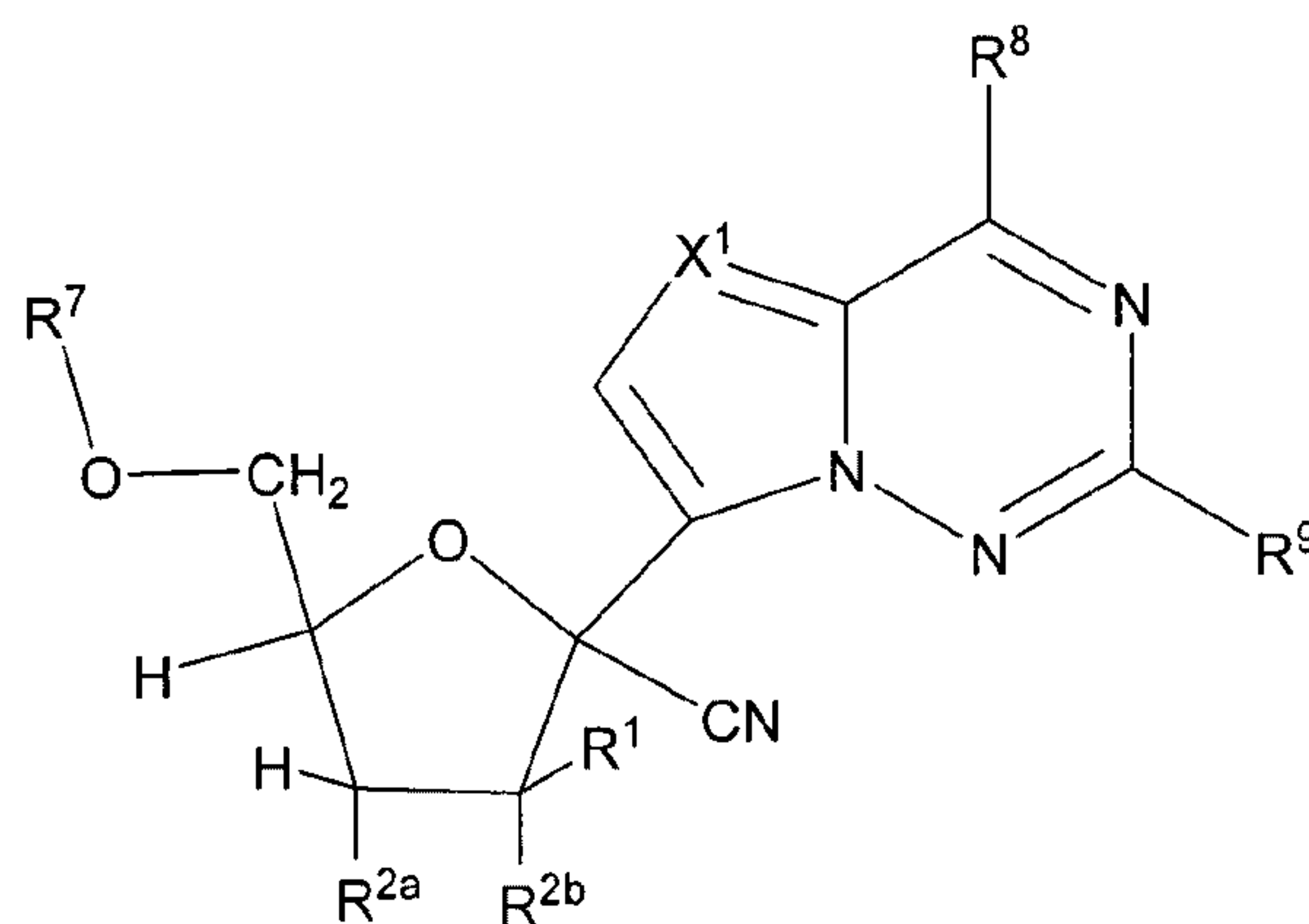


Using **Compounds 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 or 14**, respectively, **Compounds 46, 47, 48,**
 10 **49, 50 or 51**, respectively, may be obtained using the cyanation procedures described for
 the examples disclosed herein.

The invention has been described with reference to various specific and preferred
 embodiments and techniques. However, one skilled in the art will understand that many
 15 variations and modifications may be made while remaining within the spirit and scope of
 the invention.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for preparing a compound of Formula I:



Formula I

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, thereof;

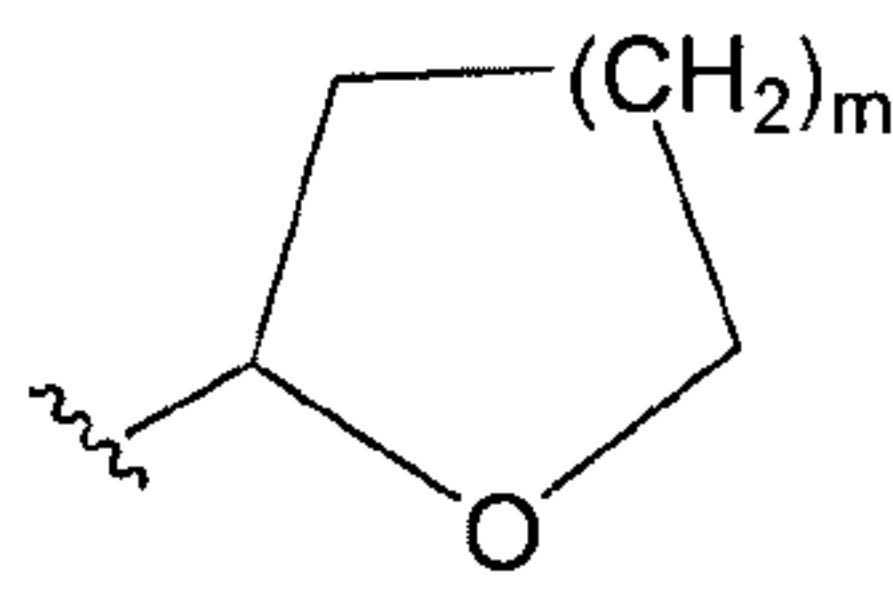
wherein:

R¹ is H, (C₁–C₈)alkyl, (C₄–C₈)carbocyclalkyl, (C₁–C₈)substituted alkyl, (C₂–C₈)alkenyl, (C₂–C₈)substituted alkenyl, (C₂–C₈)alkynyl, (C₂–C₈)substituted alkynyl, or aryl(C₁–C₈)alkyl;

each R^{2a} and R^{2b} is independently H, F or OR⁴;

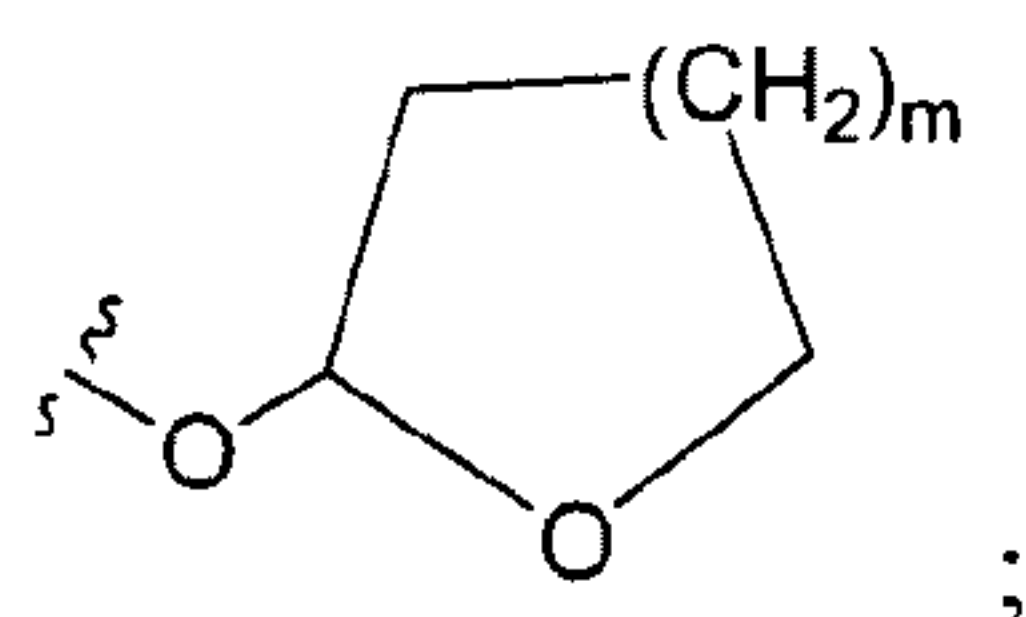
each R³ is independently (C₁–C₈) alkyl, (C₁–C₈) substituted alkyl, C₆–C₂₀ aryl, C₆–C₂₀ substituted aryl, C₂–C₂₀ heterocyclyl, C₂–C₂₀ substituted heterocyclyl, C₇–C₂₀ arylalkyl, C₇–C₂₀ substituted arylalkyl, (C₁–C₈) alkoxy, or (C₁–C₈) substituted alkoxy;

each R⁴ and R⁷ is independently H, optionally substituted allyl, –C(R⁵)₂R⁶, Si(R³)₃, C(O)R⁵, C(O)OR⁵, –(C(R⁵)₂)_m–R¹⁵ or



or any two of R⁴ and R⁷ when taken together are –C(R¹⁹)₂–, –C(O)– or –Si(R³)₂(X²)_mSi(R³)₂–;

each R¹⁵ is independently –O–C(R⁵)₂R⁶, –Si(R³)₃, C(O)OR⁵, –OC(O)R⁵ or



each R^5 , R^{18} and R^{19} is independently H, (C₁-C₈) alkyl, (C₁-C₈) substituted alkyl, (C₂-C₈) alkenyl, (C₂-C₈) substituted alkenyl, (C₂-C₈) alkynyl, (C₂-C₈) substituted alkynyl, C₆-C₂₀ aryl, C₆-C₂₀ substituted aryl, C₂-C₂₀ heterocyclyl, C₂-C₂₀ substituted heterocyclyl, C₇-C₂₀ arylalkyl or C₇-C₂₀ substituted arylalkyl;

each R^6 is independently C₆-C₂₀ aryl, C₆-C₂₀ substituted aryl, or optionally substituted heteroaryl;

each R^a is independently H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)alkenyl, (C₂-C₈)alkynyl, aryl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₄-C₈)carbocyclalkyl, -C(=O) R^{11} , -C(=O)OR¹¹, -C(=O)NR¹¹R¹², -C(=O)SR¹¹, -S(O) R^{11} , -S(O)₂R¹¹, -S(O)(OR¹¹), -S(O)₂(OR¹¹), or -SO₂NR¹¹R¹²;

X^1 is C- R^{10} or N;

each X^2 is O or CH₂;

each m is 1 or 2;

each n is independently 0, 1 or 2;

each R^8 is halogen, NR¹¹R¹², N(R^{11})OR¹¹, NR¹¹NR¹¹R¹², N₃, NO, NO₂, CHO, CH(=NR¹¹), -CH=NHNR¹¹, -CH=N(OR¹¹), -CH(OR¹¹)₂, -C(=O)NR¹¹R¹², -C(=S)NR¹¹R¹², -C(=O)OR¹¹, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)alkenyl, (C₂-C₈)alkynyl, (C₄-C₈)carbocyclalkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, -C(=O)(C₁-C₈)alkyl, -S(O)_n(C₁-C₈)alkyl, aryl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, CN, OR¹¹ or SR¹¹;

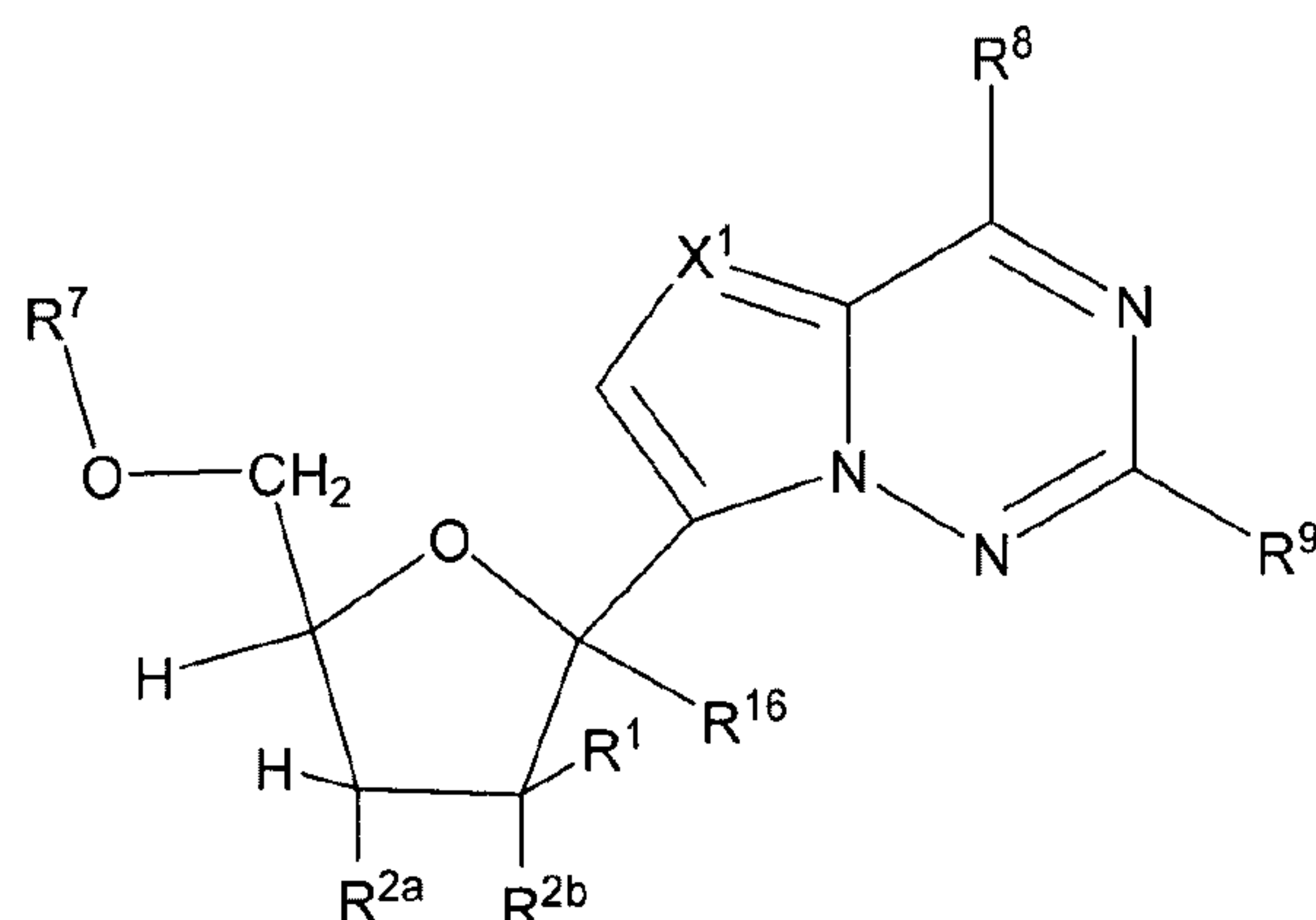
each R^9 and R^{10} is independently H, halogen, NR¹¹R¹², N(R^{11})OR¹¹, N(R^{11})N(R^{11})(R¹²), N₃, NO, NO₂, CHO, CN, -CH(=NR¹¹), -CH=NNH(R¹¹), -CH=N(OR¹¹), -CH(OR¹¹)₂, -C(=O)NR¹¹R¹², -C(=S)NR¹¹R¹², -C(=O)OR¹¹, R¹¹, OR¹¹ or SR¹¹;

each R^{11} and R^{12} is independently H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)alkenyl, (C₂-C₈)alkynyl, (C₃-C₈)carbocyclyl, (C₄-C₈)carbocyclalkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, -C(=O)(C₁-C₈)alkyl, -S(O)_n(C₁-C₈)alkyl, aryl(C₁-C₈)alkyl or Si(R³)₃; or R^{11} and R^{12} taken together with a nitrogen to which they are both attached form a 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring wherein any one carbon atom of said heterocyclic ring can optionally be replaced with -O-, -S(O)_n- or -NR^a-; or R^{11} and R^{12} taken together are -Si(R³)₂(X²)_mSi(R³)₂-;

wherein each (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)alkenyl, (C₂-C₈)alkynyl and aryl(C₁-C₈)alkyl of each R¹, R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R¹⁸, R¹⁹, R¹¹ and R¹² is, independently, optionally substituted with one or more halo, hydroxy, CN, N₃, N(R^a)₂ or OR^a; and wherein one or more of the non-terminal carbon atoms of each of said (C₁-C₈)alkyl is
5 optionally replaced with -O-, -S(O)_n- or -NR^a-;

said method comprising:

(a) providing a compound of Formula II



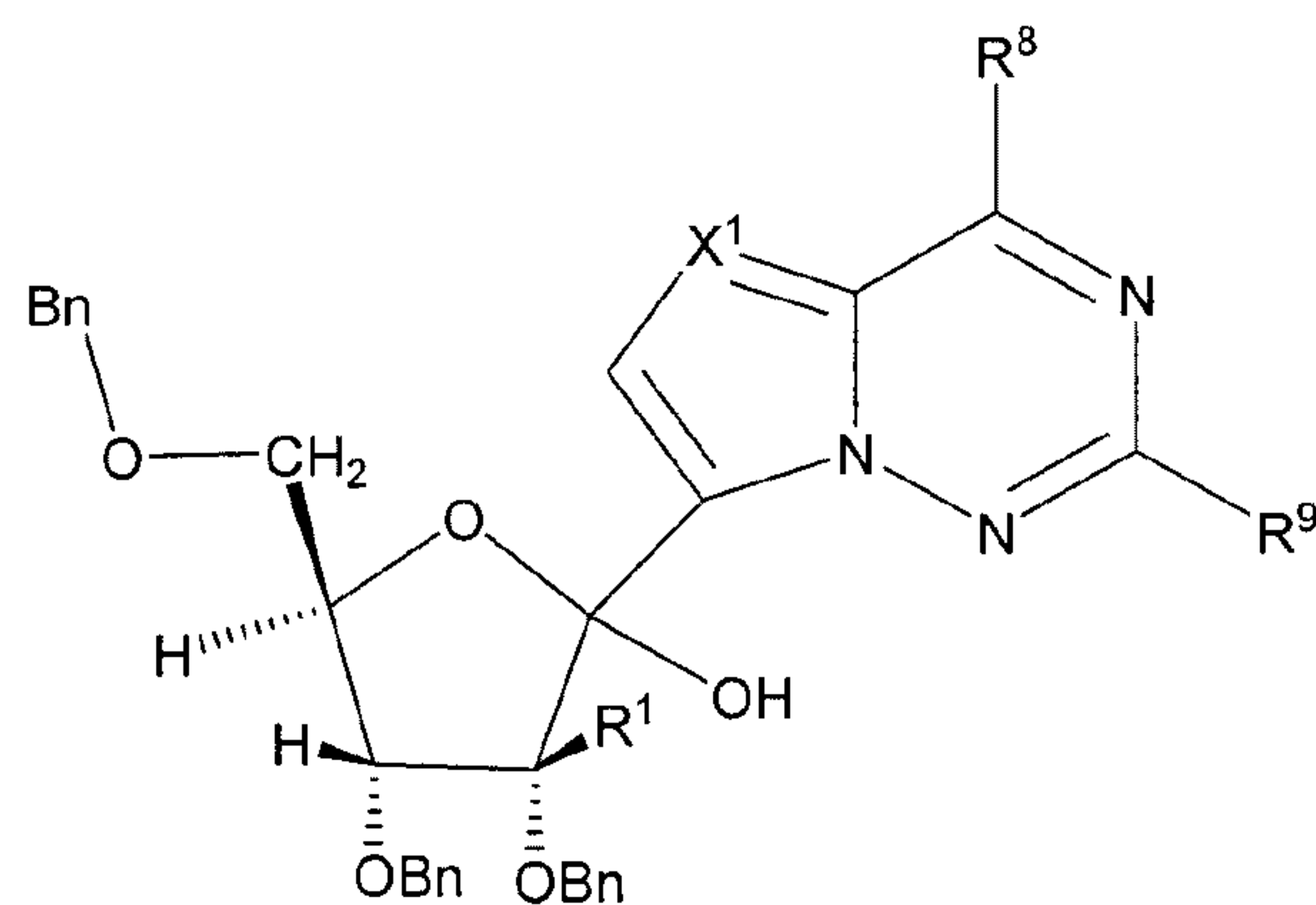
Formula II

10 or salt thereof;

wherein R¹⁶ is OH, OR¹⁸, -OC(O)OR¹⁸ or -OC(O)R¹⁸;

(b) treating the compound of Formula II with a cyanide reagent and a Lewis acid; thereby forming the compound of Formula I;

provided that when the compound of Formula II is:



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wherein X¹ is CH or N, R¹ is CH₃, R⁸ is NH₂, and R⁹ is NH₂ or H or;

wherein X¹ is CH, R¹ is CH₃, R⁸ is OH, and R⁹ is NH₂ or;

wherein X^1 is CH, each R^1 and R^9 is H and R^8 is NH_2 ;

then said cyanide reagent is not $(CH_3)_3SiCN$ or said Lewis acid is not $BF_3 \cdot O(CH_2CH_3)_2$.

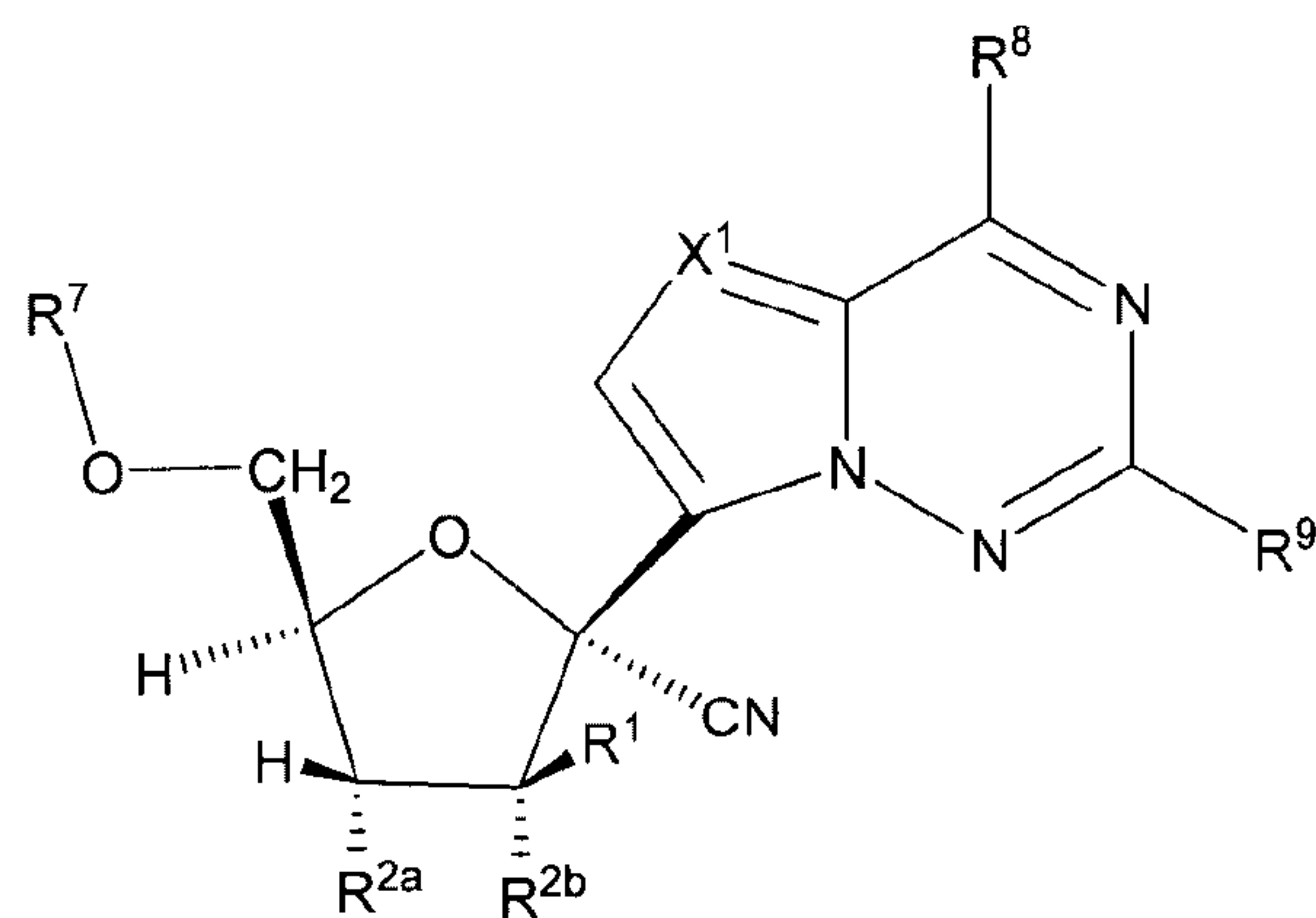
- 5 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the Lewis acid is $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OSi(R^3)_3$ or a metal salt of $(R^{20})_3CS(O)_2OH$;

wherein each R^{20} is independently H, $(C_1-C_8)alkyl$, substituted $(C_1-C_8)alkyl$ or halo, wherein at least two R^{20} are halogen;

- 10 wherein substituted $(C_1-C_8)alkyl$ is substituted with one or more halo, hydroxy, CN, N_3 , $N(R^a)_2$ or OR^a ; and wherein one or more of the non-terminal carbon atoms of each of said $(C_1-C_8)alkyl$ is optionally replaced with $-O-$, $-S(O)_n-$ or $-NR^a-$; and

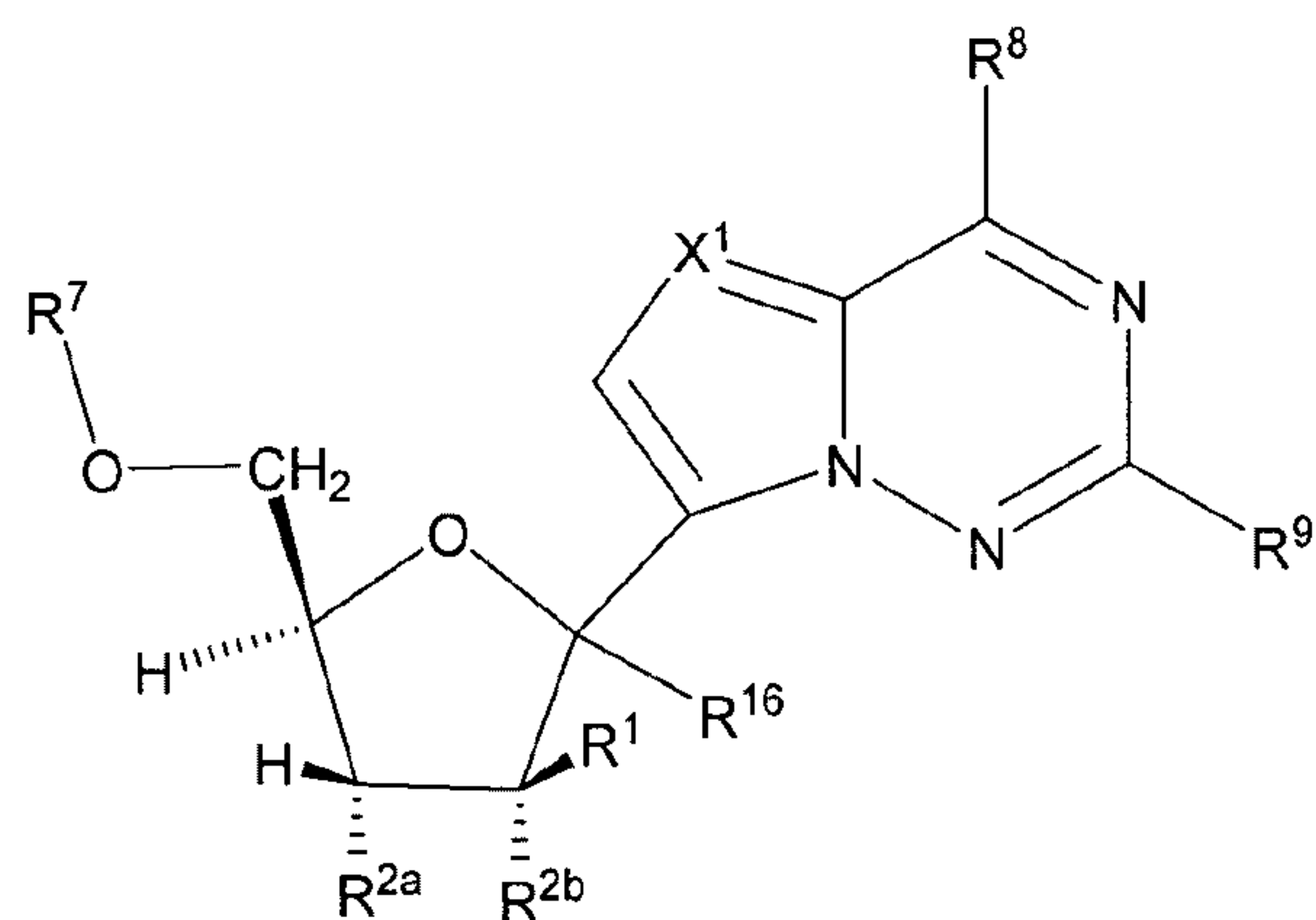
said metal is selected from the group consisting aluminum, gallium, indium, thallium, tin, lead, bismuth, an alkaline earth metal, a transition metal and a lanthanide.

- 15 3. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein the compound of Formula I is a compound of Formula Ib:



Formula Ib

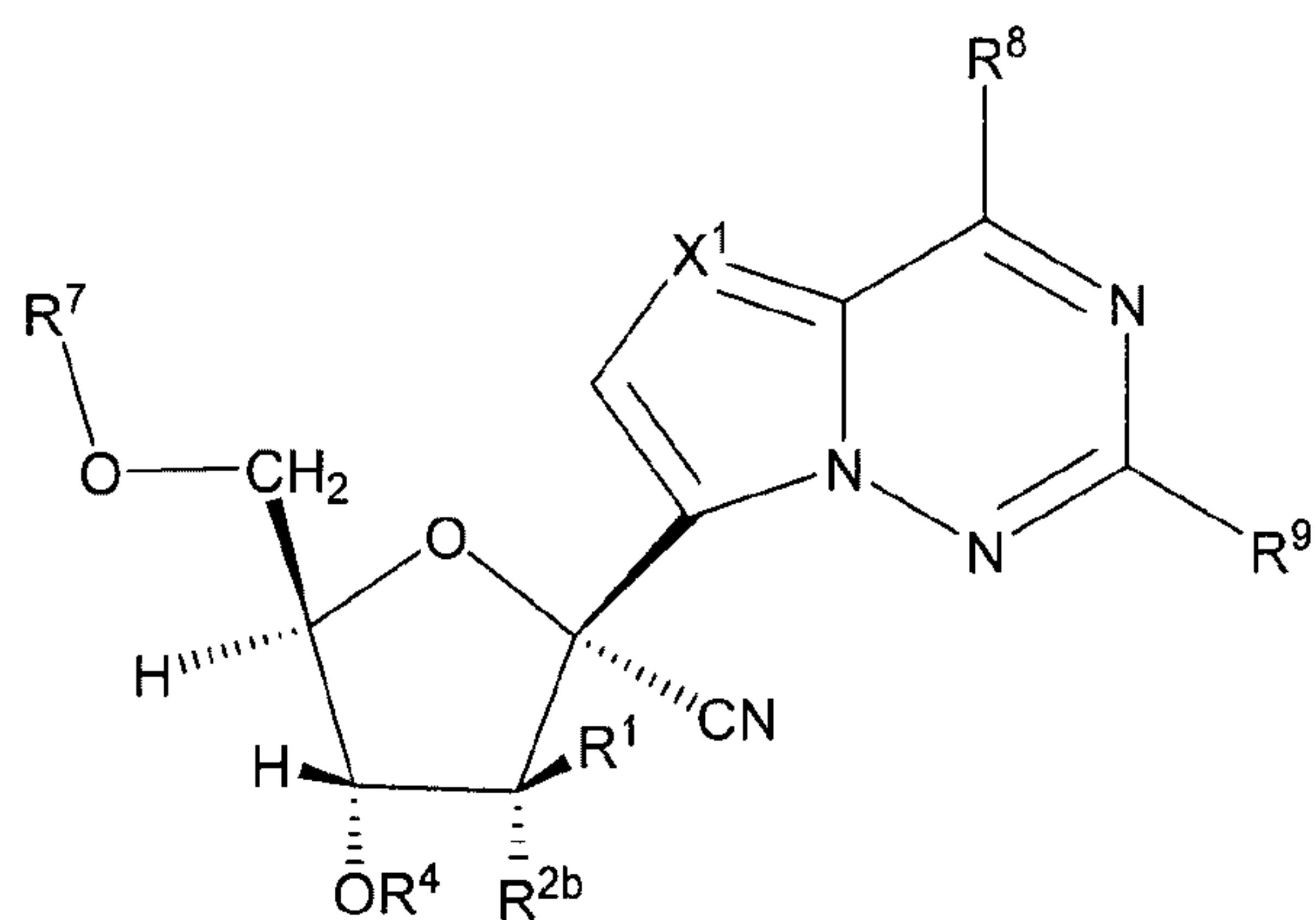
or a salt thereof and the compound of Formula II is a compound of Formula IIb:



Formula IIb

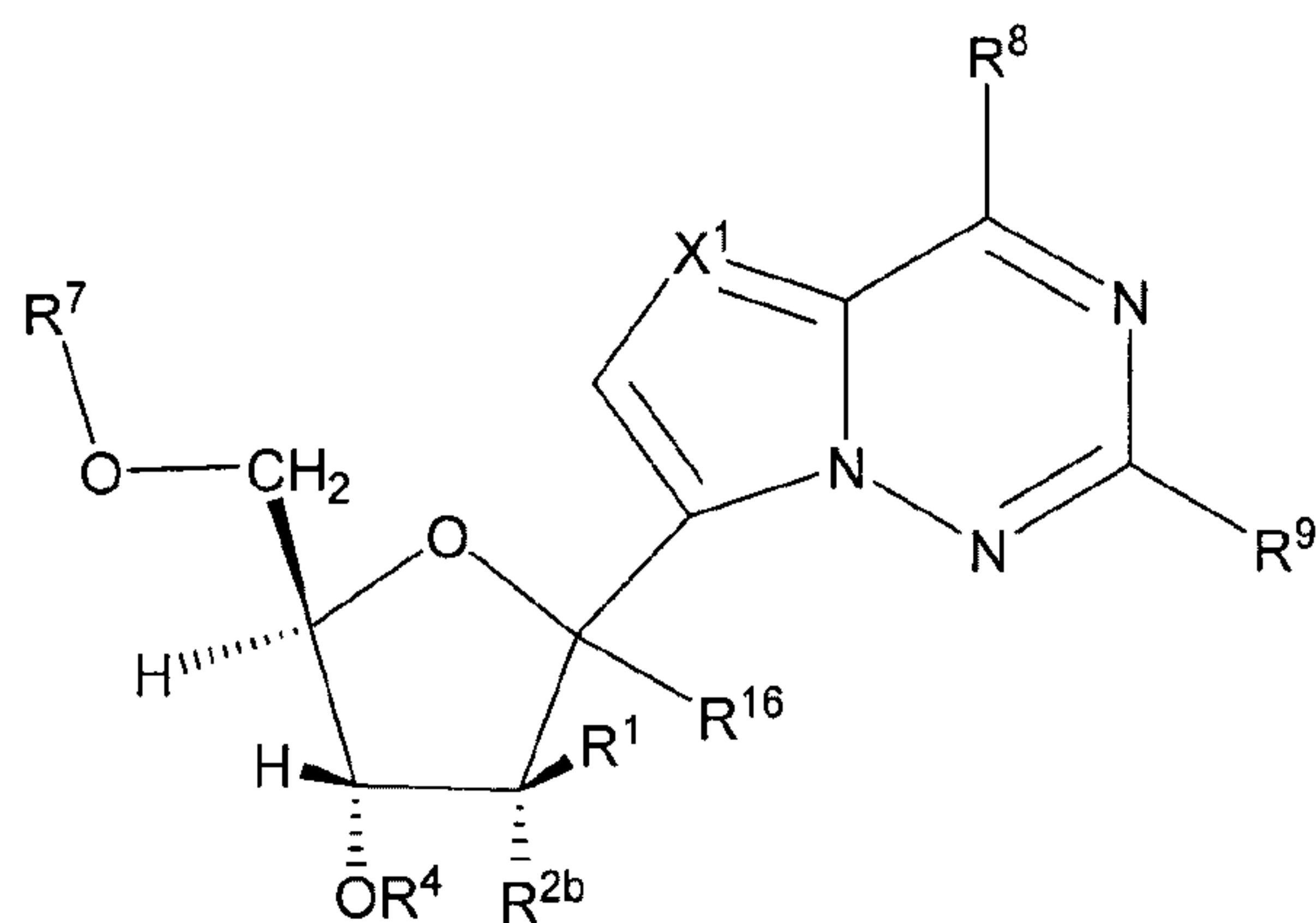
or a salt thereof.

4. The method of any one of claims 1-3, wherein R^{16} is $-OH$ or OR^{18} .
5. The method of claim 3, wherein the compound of Formula Ib is represented by Formula Ic:



Formula Ic

or a salt thereof and the compound of Formula IIb is represented by Formula IIc:



Formula IIc

or a salt thereof.

5 6. The method of claim 2, wherein each R^{20} is F and the cyanide reagent is $(CH_3)_3SiCN$.

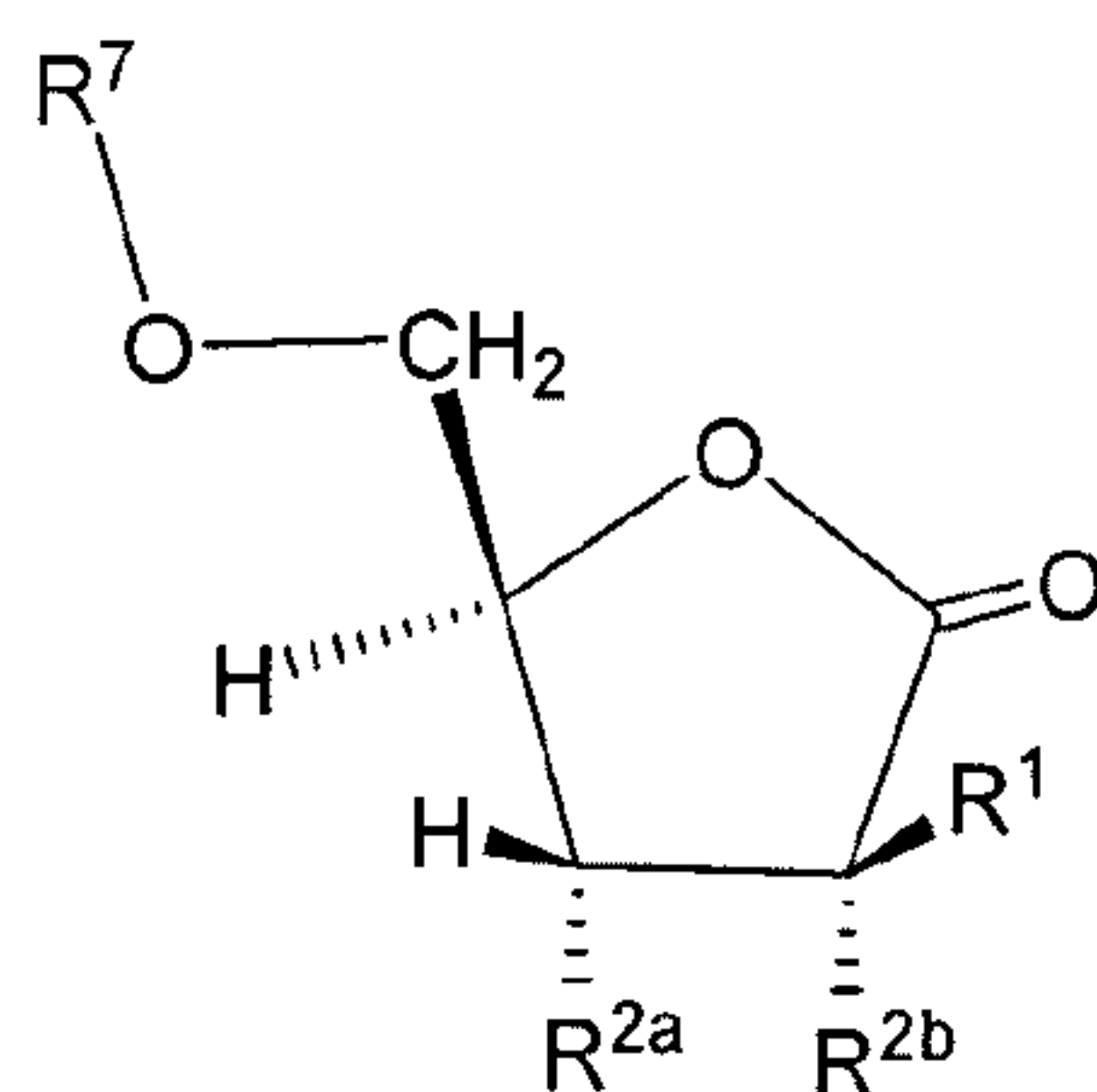
7. The method of any one of claims 1-6, wherein the Lewis acid is $CF_3S(O)_2OSi(CH_3)_3$ or a metal salt of $CF_3S(O)_2OH$ wherein said metal is indium.

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8. The method of any one of claims 1-7, wherein X^1 is CH.

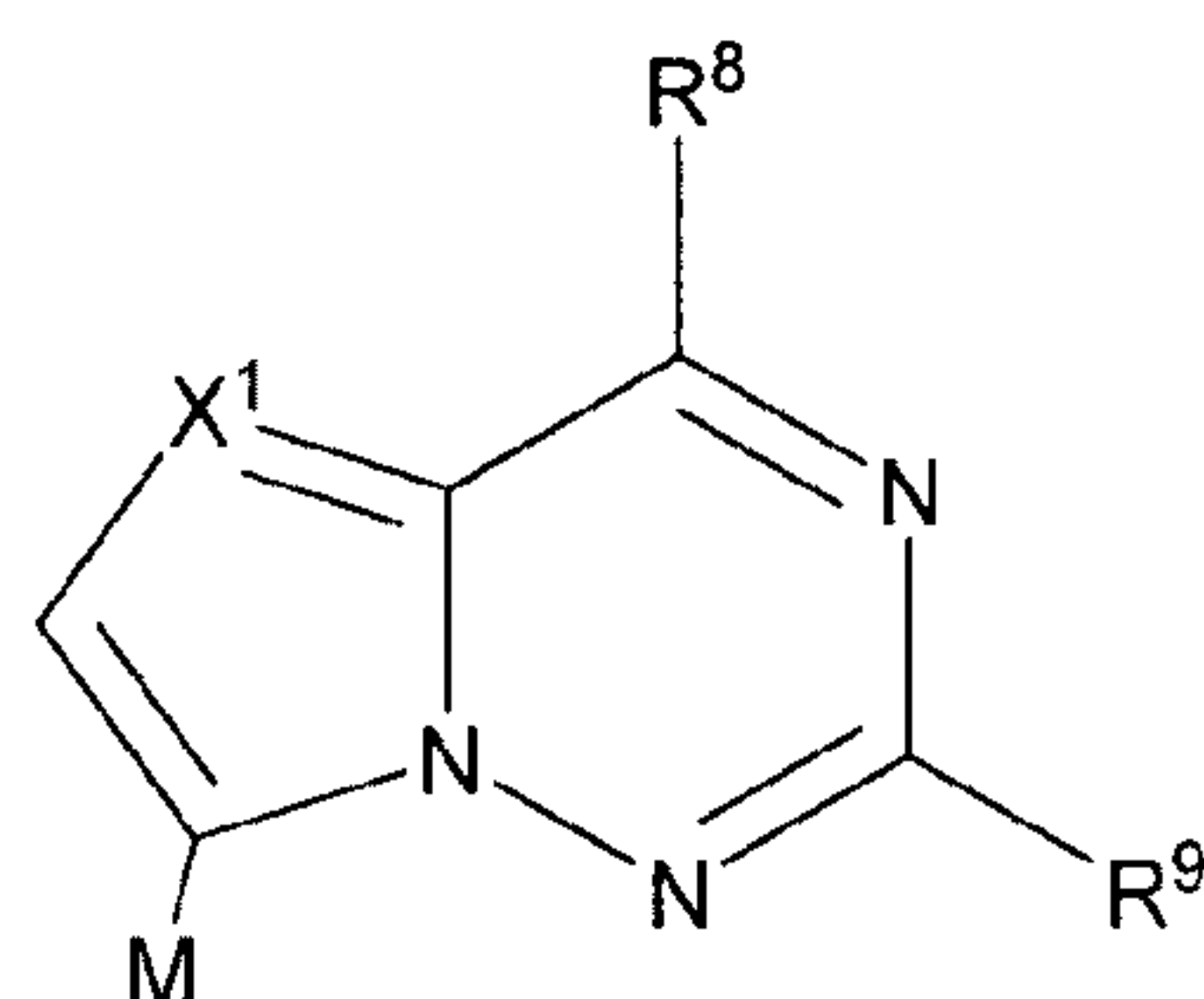
9. The method of claim 3, further comprising preparing the compound of Formula IIb wherein R^{16} is OH,

15 wherein preparing the compound of Formula IIb comprises:
providing a compound of Formula IIIb:



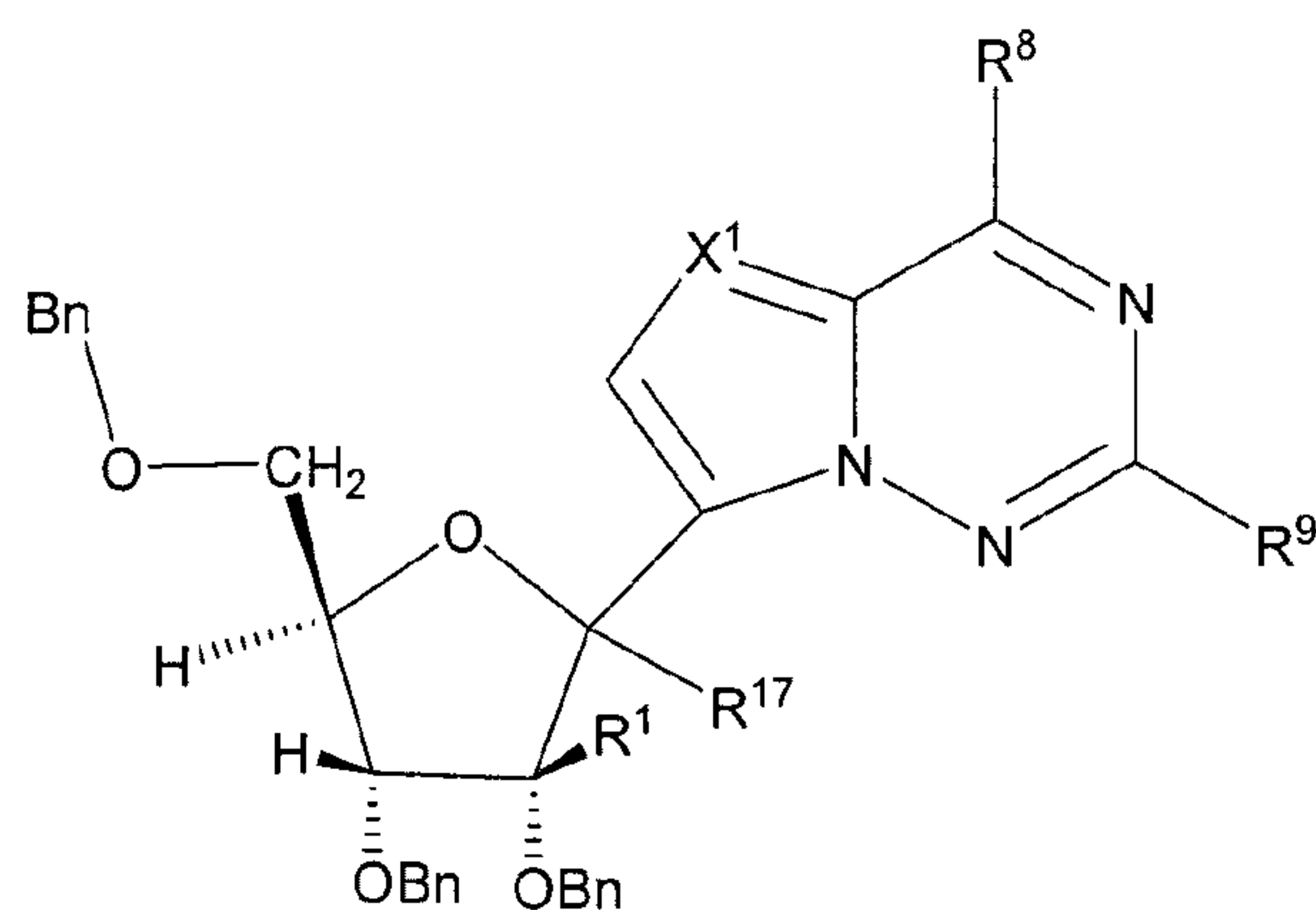
Formula IIIb

and treating the compound of Formula IIIb with an organometallic compound of Formula IV:



Formula IV

- 5 wherein M is MgX^3 or Li and X^3 is halogen;
 thereby forming a compound of Formula IIb wherein R^{16} is OH;
 provided that when M is Li, the compound of Formula IIb is not a compound of
 Formula VII



Formula VII

- 10 wherein R^{17} is OH; and
- (a) X^1 is CH, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is NH_2 and R^9 is NH_2 or H; or
 - (b) X^1 is CH, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is OH and R^9 is NH_2 ; or
 - (c) X^1 is CH, each R^1 and R^9 is H and R^8 is NH_2 ; or
 - 15 (d) X^1 is N, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is NH_2 , and R^9 is H, NH_2 or SCH_3 ; or
 - (e) X^1 is N, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is SCH_3 or $NHCH_3$, and R^9 is SCH_3 ; or
 - (f) X^1 is N, R^1 is CH_3 , R^8 is OCH_3 , and R^9 is SCH_3 , SO_2CH_3 or NH_2 .
10. The method of claim 9, wherein M is MgX^3 .

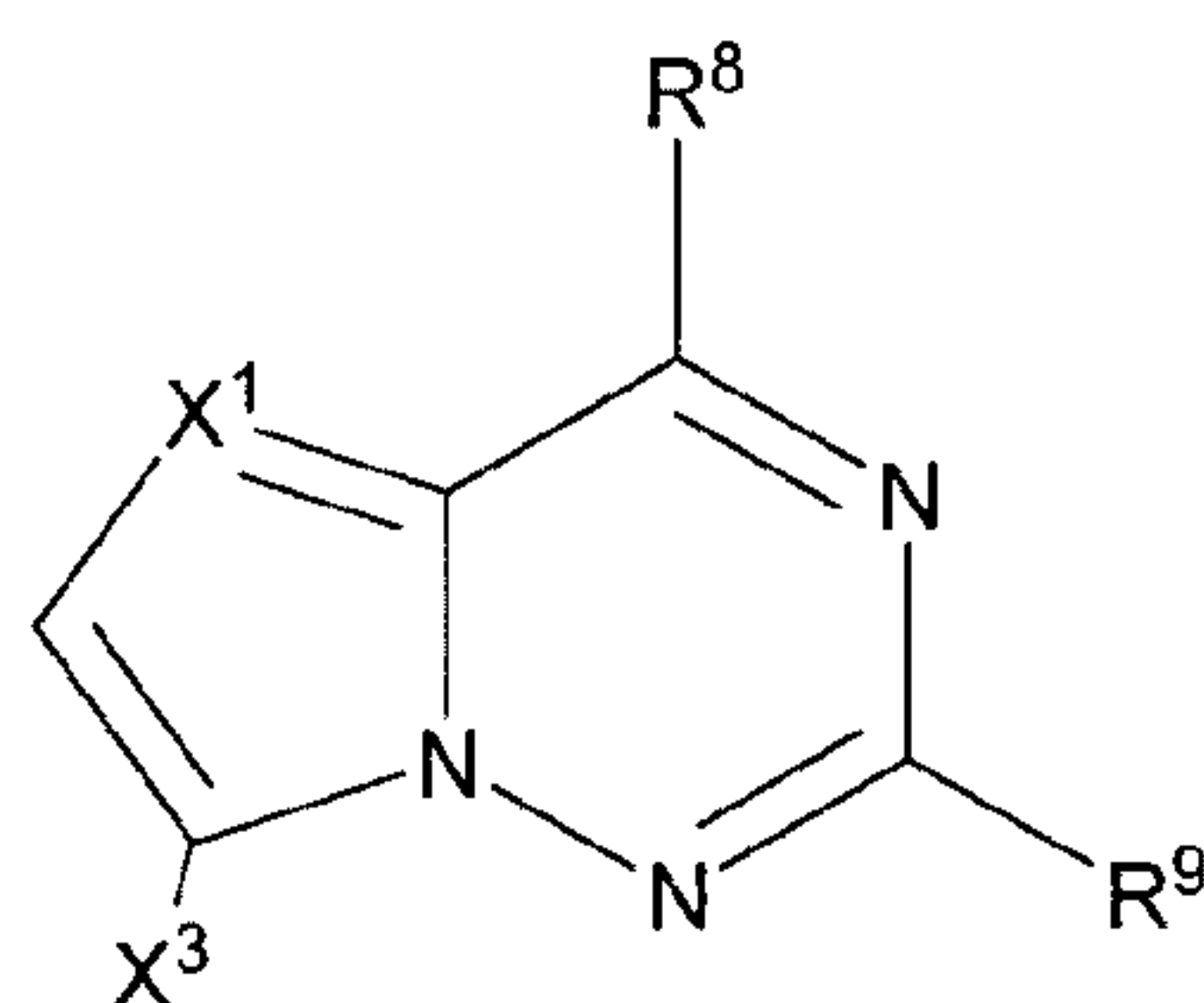
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11. The method of claim 9 or 10, wherein X^1 is CH.

12. The method of claim 9, further comprising preparing the organometallic compound of Formula IV,

5 wherein preparing the compound of Formula IV comprises:

providing a compound of Formula V:



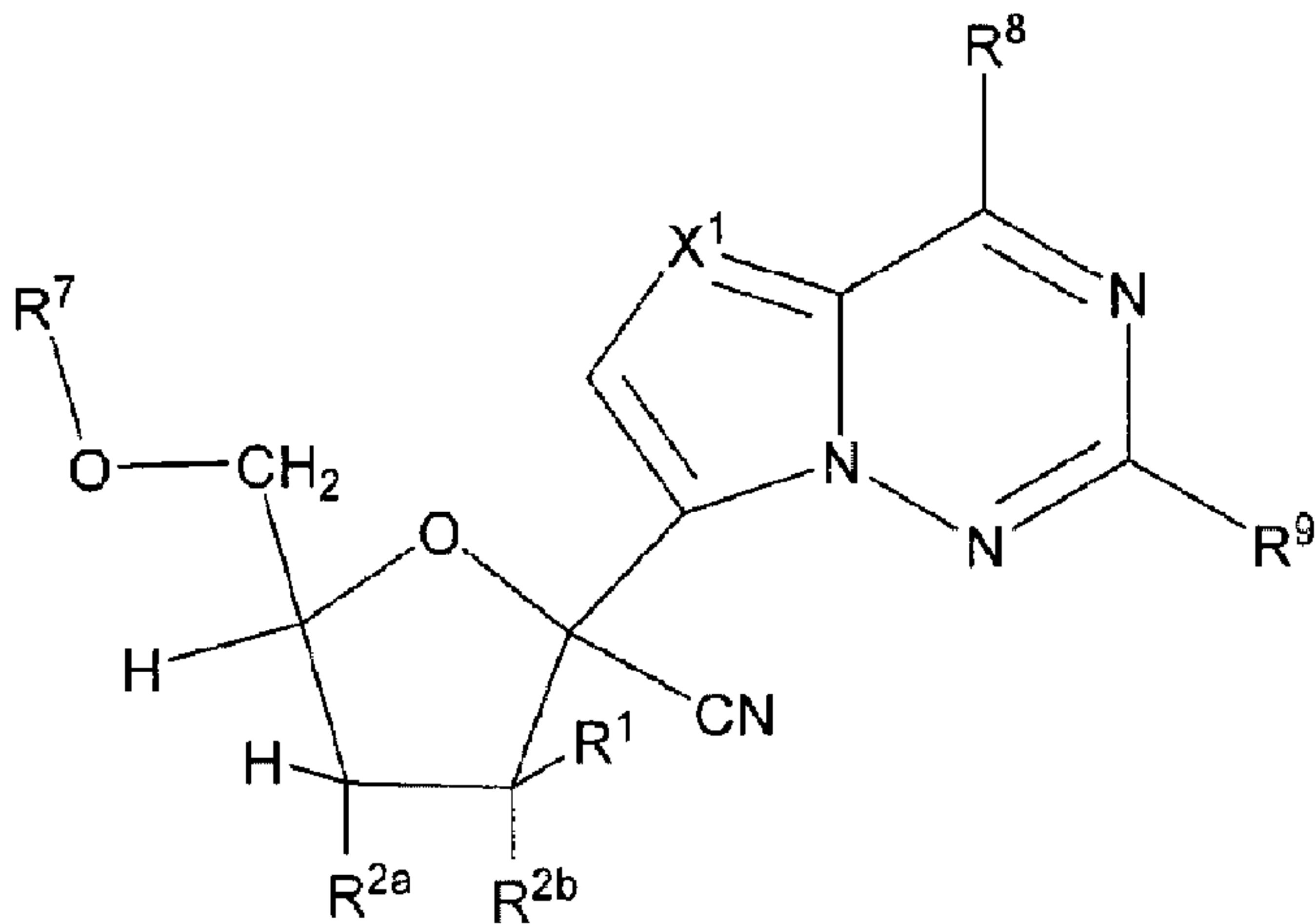
Formula V

wherein X^3 is Cl, Br or I and

10 treating the compound of Formula V with an organometallic reagent comprising an organomagnesium or organolithium compound;

thereby forming a compound of Formula IV.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the organometallic reagent comprises an
15 organomagnesium compound.



Formula I