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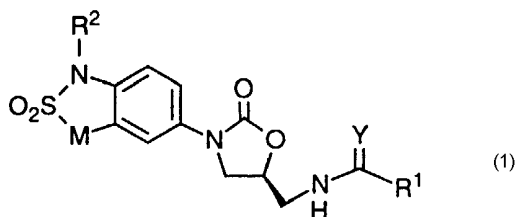
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(54) Title: NOVEL BENZOSULTAM OXAZOLIDINONE ANTIBACTERIAL AGENTS



(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a compound of formula (1) wherein M is -CH<sub>2</sub>- or -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, which have potent antibacterial activities.

## NOVEL BENZOSULTAM OXAZOLIDINONE ANTIBACTERIAL AGENTS

## FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to novel benzosultam oxazolidinones, specifically  
 5 relates to N-substituted bicyclic benzosultam oxazolidinones; and their preparations. These  
 compounds have potent antibacterial activities.

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The oxazolidinone antibacterial agents are a novel synthetic class of antimicrobials  
 10 with potent activity against a number of human and veterinary pathogens, including  
 gram-positive aerobic bacteria such as multiply-resistant staphylococci and streptococci,  
 anaerobic organisms such as bacteroides and clostridia species, and acid-fast organisms  
 such as *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and *Mycobacterium avium*. The benzosultam  
 oxazolidinones of the present invention may also possess activities against gram-negative  
 15 organisms such as *Haemophilus influenza* and *Moraxella catarrhalis*.

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

US Patent No. 5,164,510 discloses 5'-indolinyloxazolidin-2-ones which are useful  
 as antibacterial agents.

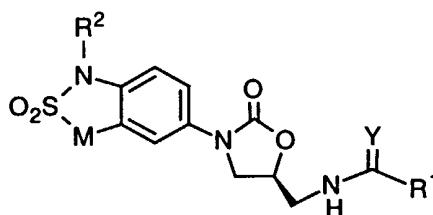
20 US Patent Nos. 5,036,092; 5,036,093; 5,039,690; 5,032,605 and 4,965,268 disclose  
 aminomethyl oxazolidinyl aza cycloalkylbenzene derivatives useful as antibacterial agents.

US Patent Nos. 5,792,765 and 5,684,023 disclose substituted oxazolidinones useful  
 as antibacterial agents.

PCT International Publications WO 98/32438, WO 98/34929, WO 99/36069, WO  
 25 9911264, discloses sultam derivatives useful in the treatment of disease states mediated by  
 the chemokine, interleukin-8.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a compound of formula I



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

$R^1$  is H,  $NH_2$ ,  $NHC_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$  alkenyl,  $OC_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $SC_{1-4}$  alkyl,

$(CH_2)_i-C_{3-6}$  cycloalkyl, or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl, optionally substituted with 1-3 F, 1-2 Cl or CN;

$R^2$  is H,  $C_{1-12}$  alkyl optionally substituted with phenyl or CN, or  $C_{2-12}$  alkyl substituted with

5 OH, SH,  $NH_2$ ,  $-OC_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $-NHC_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $-NHCOC_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $-NHSO_2C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $-S(O)_iC_{1-6}$  alkyl, or one to three halo;

Y is O or S;

M is  $-(CH_2)_n-$ , wherein n is 1 or 2 and

i is 0, 1, or 2.

10 In another aspect, the present invention also provides:

a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier,

a method for treating microbial infections in humans or other warm-blooded animals by administering to the subject in need a therapeutically effective amount of a

15 compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

the use of a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to prepare a medicament for treating microbial infections in humans or other warm-blooded animals, and

20 The invention also contains novel intermediates and processes that are useful for preparing compounds of formula I.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The following definitions are used, unless otherwise described.

25 The term alkyl, alkenyl, etc. refer to both straight and branched groups, but reference to an individual radical such as "propyl" embraces only the straight chain radical, a branched chain isomer such as "isopropyl" being specifically referred to.

The carbon atom content of various hydrocarbon-containing moieties is indicated by a prefix designating the minimum and maximum number of carbon atoms in the moiety, i.e., the prefix  $C_{i-j}$  indicates a moiety of the integer "i" to the integer "j" carbon atoms, 30 inclusive. Thus, for example,  $C_{1-7}$  alkyl refers to alkyl of one to seven carbon atoms, inclusive.

Warm-blooded animals refer to farm animal, companion animal or other type of animal.

The term "halo" refers to fluoro, chloro, bromo, or iodo

The compounds of the present invention are generally named according to the IUPAC or CAS nomenclature system.

Abbreviations which are well known to one of ordinary skill in the art may be used (e.g. "Ph" for phenyl, "Me" for methyl, "Et" for ethyl, "h" for hour or hours and "rt" for room temperature).

Specific and preferred values listed below for radicals, substituents, and ranges, are for illustration only; they do not exclude other defined values or other values within defined ranges for the radicals and substituents.

10 A specific value for  $R^1$  is  $NH_2$ ,  $-OCH_3$ , or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl.

A specific value for  $R^1$  is methyl, ethyl, or isopropyl.

A specific value for  $R^1$  is methyl.

A specific value for  $R_1$  is ethyl.

A specific value for  $R^2$  is  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl.

15 A specific value for  $R^2$  is  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl substituted with CN.

A specific value for  $R^2$  is benzyl.

A specific value for  $R^2$  is  $C_{2-6}$  alkyl substituted with OH, SH,  $NH_2$ , F,  $-OC_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $-NHC_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $-NHCOC_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $-NHSO_2 C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $-S(O)_i C_{1-6}$  alkyl, or one to three halo.

A specific value for  $R^2$  is methyl or methyl substituted with CN.

20 A specific value for  $R^2$  is ethyl substituted with fluoro or methoxy.

A specific value for  $R^2$  is  $-CH_2CH_2F$ .

A specific value for Y is sulfur.

A specific value for Y is oxygen.

A specific value for n is 1.

25 These absolute configurations are called (S)-configuration according to the Cahn-Ingold-Prelog nomenclature system. It will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that compounds of the present invention may have additional chiral centers and be isolated in optically active or racemic form. It is to be understood that the present invention encompasses any racemic, optically-active, polymorphic, tautomeric, or stereoisomeric form, or mixture thereof, of a compound of the invention. It is well known in the art how to  
30 prepare the optically active forms (for example, by resolution of the racemic form by recrystallization techniques, by synthesis from optically-active starting materials, by chiral synthesis, or by chromatographic separation using a chiral stationary phase) and how to

determine activity using the standard tests described herein, or using other similar tests which are well known in the art.

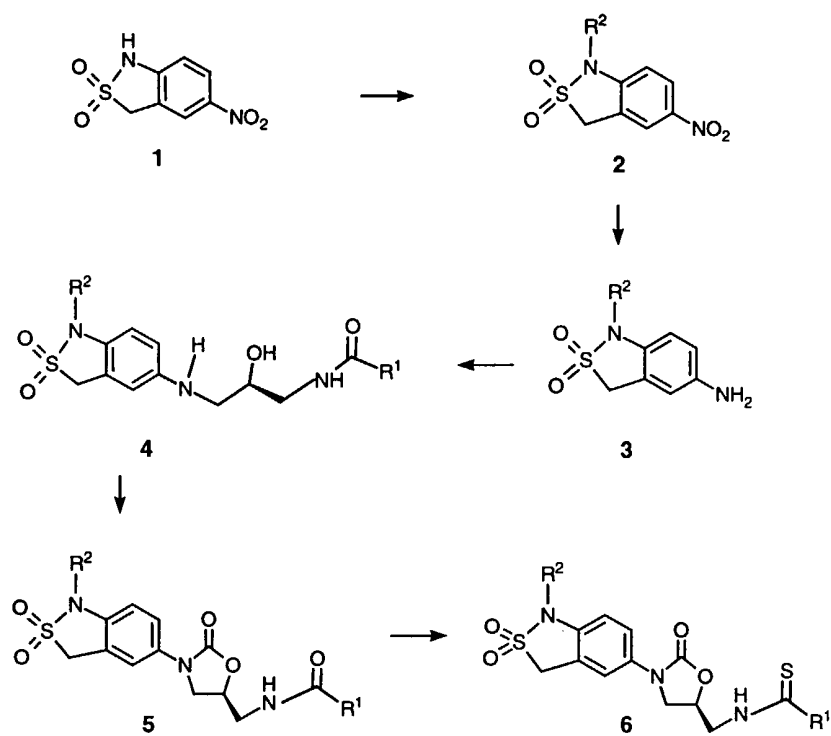
Examples of the present invention are:

- 5 (1) N-[(5S)-3-(1-Methyl-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-5-yl)-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl]methyl)acetamide, (PNU-252307)
- (2) N-[(5S)-3-[1-(2-Fluoroethyl)-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-5-yl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl]methyl)acetamide, (PNU-254380)
- (3) N-[(5S)-3-[1-(2-Nitriloethyl)-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-5-yl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl]methyl)acetamide, (PNU-274919)
- 10 (4) N-[(5S)-3-[1-(2-Methoxyethyl)-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-5-yl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl]methyl)acetamide, and (PNU-276461)
- (5) N-[(5S)-3-[1-(2-Fluoroethyl)-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-5-yl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl]methyl)ethanethioamide. (PNU-254646)

The following describes the preparation of compounds of the present invention. All  
15 of the starting materials are prepared by procedures described herein or by procedures that would be well known to one of ordinary skill in organic chemistry.

As shown in CHART I, nitrobenzosultam **1**, (can be obtained according to the methods described in *J. Het. Chem.* **1986**, *23*, 1645), is first converted to a sodium salt by treatment with a suitable base such as sodium bicarbonate. The nitrogen at the 1-position  
20 can then be alkylated by treatment with a variety of alkylating agents including alkyl halides and heating in a suitable solvent such as DMF. These compounds of general structure **2** can be reduced by catalytic hydrogenation in the presence of a suitable catalyst such as palladium on carbon in a suitable solvent such as ethyl acetate, THF, methanol or combinations thereof to afford 5-aminobenzosultams **3**. When **3** are treated with  
25 magnesium triflate and N-[(2S)oxiranylmethyl] acetamide, prepared by the method of Schaus and Jacobsen (*Tetrahedron Lett.* **1996**, *37*, 7937), in a suitable solvent, preferably acetonitrile, the chiral alcohols **4** can be obtained. These compounds can be cyclized to the desired oxazolidinones **5** by reaction with a carbonyl equivalent such as carbonyl diimidazole or preferably N,N'-disuccinimidyl carbonate with an appropriate base such as  
30 triethylamine in a mixed solvent system such as acetonitrile/DMF. Additionally, these oxazolidinone amides can be reacted with a sulfurating agent such as Lawesson's Reagent in an appropriate solvent such as THF to obtain the corresponding thioamides **6**.

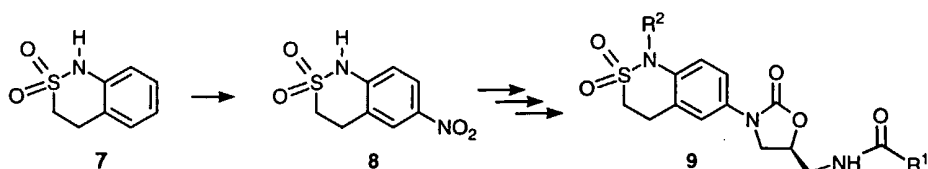
CHART I



In CHART II, the compounds wherein  $n = 2$  can be prepared from the known intermediate **7** (Sianesi, E. et al. *Chem. Ber.* **1971**, *104*, 1880). Nitration of structure **7** provides structure **8**. The remaining synthetic steps which lead to structure **9** are similar to the procedures outlined in CHART I.

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CHART II



It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that the described synthetic procedures  
 10 are merely representative in nature and that alternative synthetic processes are known to one  
 of ordinary skill in organic chemistry.

The pharmaceutical compositions of this invention may be prepared by combining  
 the compounds of formula I of this invention with a solid or liquid pharmaceutically  
 acceptable carrier and, optionally, with pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvants and  
 15 excipients employing standard and conventional techniques. Solid form compositions  
 include powders, tablets, dispersible granules, capsules, cachets and suppositories. A solid  
 carrier can be at least one substance which may also function as a diluent, flavoring agent,  
 solubilizer, lubricant, suspending agent, binder, tablet disintegrating agent, and  
 encapsulating agent. Inert solid carriers include magnesium carbonate, magnesium stearate,  
 20 talc, sugar, lactose, pectin, dextrin, starch, gelatin, cellulosic materials, low melting wax,  
 cocoa butter, and the like. Liquid form compositions include solutions, suspensions and  
 emulsions. For example, there may be provided solutions of the compounds of this  
 invention dissolved in water and water-propylene glycol and water-polyethylene glycol  
 systems, optionally containing suitable conventional coloring agents, flavoring agents,  
 25 stabilizers and thickening agents.

Preferably, the pharmaceutical composition is provided employing conventional  
 techniques in unit dosage form containing effective or appropriate amounts of the active  
 component, that is, the compounds of formula I according to this invention.

The quantity of active component, that is the compound of formula I according to  
 30 this invention, in the pharmaceutical composition and unit dosage form thereof may be  
 varied or adjusted widely depending upon the particular application, the potency of the

particular compound and the desired concentration. Generally, the quantity of active component will range between 0.5% to 90% by weight of the composition.

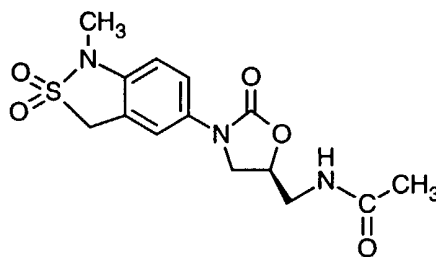
In therapeutic use for treating, or combating, bacterial infections in warm-blooded animals, the compounds or pharmaceutical compositions thereof will be administered orally, topically, transdermally, and/or parenterally at a dosage to obtain and maintain a concentration, that is, an amount, or blood-level of active component in the animal undergoing treatment which will be antibacterially effective. Generally, such antibacterially effective amount of dosage of active component will be in the range of about 0.1 to about 500, preferably about 1.0 to about 50 mg/kg of body weight/day. It is to be understood that the dosages may vary depending upon the requirements of the patient, the severity of the bacterial infection being treated, and the particular compound being used. Also, it is to be understood that the initial dosage administered may be increased beyond the above upper level in order to rapidly achieve the desired blood-level or the initial dosage may be smaller than the optimum and the daily dosage may be progressively increased during the course of treatment depending on the particular situation. If desired, the daily dose may also be divided into multiple doses for administration, e.g., two to four times per day.

The compounds of formula I according to this invention are administered parenterally, i.e., by injection, for example, by intravenous injection or by other parenteral routes of administration. Pharmaceutical compositions for parenteral administration will generally contain a pharmaceutically acceptable amount of the compound according to formula I as a soluble salt (acid addition salt or base salt) dissolved in a pharmaceutically acceptable liquid carrier such as, for example, water-for-injection and a buffer to provide a suitably buffered isotonic solution, for example, having a pH of about 3.5-6. Suitable buffering agents include, for example, trisodium orthophosphate, sodium bicarbonate, sodium citrate, N-methylglucamine, L(+)-lysine and L(+)-arginine to name but a few representative buffering agents. The compounds according to formula I generally will be dissolved in the carrier in an amount sufficient to provide a pharmaceutically acceptable injectable concentration in the range of about 1 mg/ml to about 400 mg/ml of solution. The resulting liquid pharmaceutical composition will be administered so as to obtain the above-mentioned antibacterially effective amount of dosage. The compounds of formula I according to this invention are advantageously administered orally in solid and liquid dosage forms.

In cases where compounds are sufficiently basic or acidic to form stable nontoxic acid or base salts, administration of the compounds as salts may be appropriate. Examples of pharmaceutically acceptable salts are organic acid addition salts formed with acids which form a physiological acceptable anion, for example, tosylate, methanesulfonate, acetate, citrate, malonate, tartarate, succinate, benzoate, ascorbate,  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate, maleate, fumarate, benzenesulfonate and  $\alpha$ -glycerophosphate. Suitable inorganic salts may also be formed, including hydrobromide, hydrochloride, sulfate, nitrate, bicarbonate, and carbonate salts.

### EXAMPLES

**Example 1** Preparation of N-{[(5S)-3-(1-methyl-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-5-yl)-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl]methyl}acetamide (PNU-252307)



Step 1: Preparation of 1-methyl-5-nitro-1,3-dihydro-2H-2,1-benzisothiazole-2,2-dione:

NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.2g, 2.4mmol) is dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O (3mL) and 5-Nitro-1,3-dihydro-2H-2,1-benzisothiazole-2,2-dione (1) (0.41g, 1.9mmol) is added with stirring. The mixture is heated to 80°C for 0.5 hrs and a yellow solid formed. The mixture is cooled to 0°C and filtered. The solid is washed with cold H<sub>2</sub>O (5mL) then with cold EtOH (15mL). The yellow solid thus obtained is dried under high vacuum then dissolved in dry DMF (3.5mL). Iodomethane (0.15mL, 2.1mmol) is added and the solution heated to 100°C for 2 hrs. The solution is cooled to room temperature then poured into ice water (50mL). The solid is collected by filtration and gave crystals (0.27g, 62%) after recrystallization from EtOH. Mp 214-6 °C. HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S +H<sub>1</sub> 229.0283, found 229.0280.

Step 2: Preparation of N-{(2R)-2-hydroxy-3-[(1-methyl-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-5-yl)amino]propyl}acetamide:

The product of Step 1 (0.20g, 0.88mmol) is dissolved into EtOAc (30mL) in a Parr bottle and 10% Pd/C (100mg) added under nitrogen. The mixture is hydrogenated on a Parr apparatus for 2 hrs at 30psi. Filtration and evaporation of solvent gave a white solid. This material is added to a mixture of N-[(2S)oxiranylmethyl] acetamide (0.81g, 7.0mmol) and

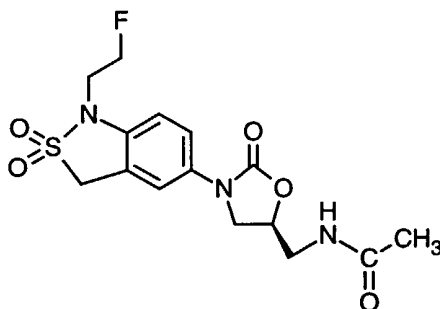
magnesium trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.42g, 1.3mmol) in dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN (10mL) at room temperature. After 20hrs solvent is evaporated and the residue purified by chromatography (4%MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to give a foamy solid (0.23g, 79%). HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S +H<sub>1</sub> 314.1174, found 314.1174.

- 5 Step: 3 Preparation of N-[(5S)-3-(1-methyl-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-5-yl)-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl]methyl}acetamide PNU-252307

The previous product (0.20g, 0.63mmol) is dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (5mL) and DMF (2.5mL). *N,N'*-Disuccinimidyl carbonate (0.23g, 0.90mmol) is added followed by triethylamine (0.26mL, 1.9mmol) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 20hrs.

- 10 The mixture is poured into CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30mL) and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (3x20mL). The organics are dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and solvent evaporated. The residue is chromatographed (3%MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to obtain a white solid (0.142g, 66%). Mp 84-6 °C. HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S +H<sub>1</sub> 340.0967, found 340.0965.

- 15 **Example 2** Preparation of N-[(5S)-3-[1-(2-fluoroethyl)-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-5-yl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl]methyl}acetamide PNU-254380



- 20 Step 1: Preparation of 1-(2-fluoroethyl)-5-nitro-1,3-dihydro-2H-2,1-benzisothiazole-2,2-dione

- NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.93g, 11.0mmol) is dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O (15mL) and 5-Nitro-1,3-dihydro-2H-2,1-benzisothiazole-2,2-dione (**1**) (1.90g, 8.9mmol) is added with stirring. The mixture is heated to 80°C for 0.5 hrs and a yellow solid formed. The mixture is cooled to 0°C and filtered. The solid is washed with cold H<sub>2</sub>O (15mL) then with cold EtOH (25mL). The yellow solid thus obtained is dried under high vacuum then dissolved in dry DMF (15mL). 1-Bromo-2-fluoroethane (1.52 mL, 20.0mmol) is added and the solution heated to 100°C for 4 hrs. The solution is cooled to room temperature then poured into ice water (50mL). The solid is collected by filtration and gave crystals (1.55g, 67%) after recrystallization

from EtOH. Mp 142-4 °C. HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S +NA<sub>1</sub> 283.0165, found 283.0166.

Step 2: Preparation of 5-amino-1-(2-fluoroethyl)-1,3-dihydro-2H-2,1-benzisothiazole-2,2-dione

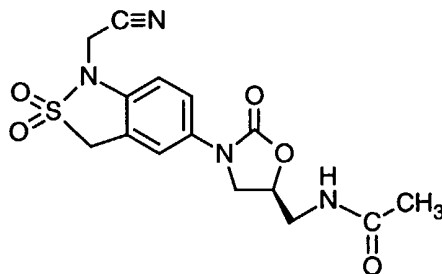
5 The product of Step 1 (1.25g, 4.8mmol) is dissolved into EtOAc (30mL) in a Parr bottle and 10% Pd/C (100mg) added under nitrogen. The mixture is hydrogenated on a Parr apparatus for 4 hrs at 40psi. Filtration and evaporation of solvent gave a solid (1.1g, 99%). Mp 119-21 °C. HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S +H<sub>1</sub> 231.0603, found 231.0610.

Step 3: N-((5S)-3-[1-(2-fluoroethyl)-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-10 5-yl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl)methyl)acetamide PNU-254380

The previous 5-amino product (0.95g, 4.1mmol) is added to a mixture of N-[(2S)oxiranylmethyl] acetamide (0.81g, 7.0mmol) and magnesium trifluoromethanesulfonate (2.0g, 6.2 mmol) in dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN (45mL) at room temperature. After 20hrs solvent is evaporated and the residue chromatographed (4% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

15 The intermediate product is dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (25mL) and DMF (12mL). *N,N'*-Disuccinimidyl carbonate (2.25g, 9.0mmol) is added followed by triethylamine (2.6mL, 18.8mmol) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 20hrs. The mixture is poured into CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30mL) and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (3x20mL). The organics are dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and solvent evaporated. The residue is chromatographed (3%MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to  
20 obtain a white solid (0.58g, 38%). Mp 84-7 °C (dec). HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S +H<sub>1</sub> 372.1029, found 372.1021.

**Example 3** Preparation of N-((5S)-3-[1-(2-nitriloethyl)-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-5-yl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl)methyl)acetamide PNU-274919



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Step 1: Preparation of 2-(5-nitro-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-1-yl)acetonitrile

NaHCO<sub>3</sub> ( 1.48g, 17.6mmol) is dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O (20mL) and 5-Nitro-1,3-dihydro-2H-2,1-benzisothiazole-2,2-dione (1) (3.17g, 14.8mmol) is added with stirring. The mixture is

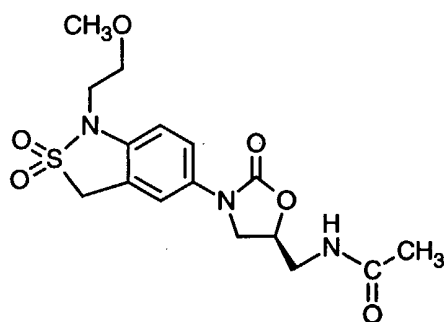
heated to 80°C for 0.5 hrs and a yellow solid formed. The mixture is cooled to 0°C and filtered. The solid is washed with cold H<sub>2</sub>O (25mL) then with cold EtOH (45mL). The yellow solid thus obtained (intermediate sodium salt) is dried under high vacuum. A portion of this material (1.0g, 4.2mmol) is dissolved in dry DMF (7.0mL).

- 5 Bromoacetonitrile (0.34mL, 5.0mmol) is added and the solution heated to 100°C for 2 hrs. The solution is cooled to room temperature then poured into ice water (50mL). The solid is collected by filtration and gave an off-white solid (0.73g, 69%) after recrystallization from EtOH. Mp 200-2 °C. HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S +H<sub>1</sub> 254.0235, found 254.0235.

Step 2: N-((5S)-3-[1-(2-nitriloethyl)-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-  
10 5-yl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl)methyl)acetamide PNU-274919

- The product of Step 1 (0.73g, 2.9mmol) is dissolved into EtOAc (30mL) in a Parr bottle and 10% Pd/C (100mg) added under nitrogen. The mixture is hydrogenated on a Parr apparatus for 2 hrs at 40psi. Filtration and evaporation of solvent gave a yellow solid which is added to a mixture of N-[(2S)oxiranylmethyl]acetamide (0.97g, 8.0mmol) and  
15 magnesium trifluoromethanesulfonate (1.3g, 4.0 mmol) in dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN (30mL) at room temperature. After 20hrs solvent is evaporated and the residue chromatographed (4% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The intermediate product is dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (20mL) and DMF (10mL). N,N'-Disuccinimidyl carbonate (1.0g, 4.1mmol) is added followed by triethylamine (1.2mL, 8.7mmol) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 20hrs. The  
20 mixture is poured into CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30mL) and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (3x20mL). The organics are dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and solvent evaporated. The residue is chromatographed (3%MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to obtain a pale yellow solid (0.12g, 11%). Mp 124-6 °C (dec). HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S +H<sub>1</sub> 365.0919, found 365.0915.

- 25 **Example 4** Preparation of N-((5S)-3-[1-(2-methoxyethyl)-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-5-yl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl)methyl)acetamide PNU-276461



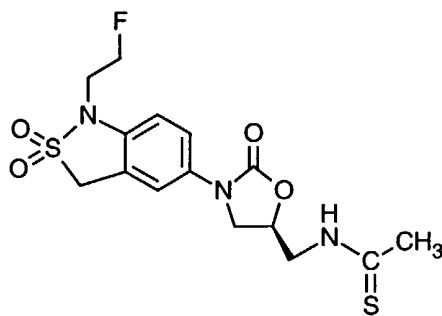
Step 1: 1-(2-methoxyethyl)-5-nitro-1,3-dihydro-2H-2,1-benzisothiazole-2,2-dione

NaHCO<sub>3</sub> ( 1.48g, 17.6mmol) is dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O (20mL) and 5-Nitro-1,3-dihydro-2H-2,1-benzisothiazole-2,2-dione (1) (3.17g, 14.8mmol) is added with stirring. The mixture is heated to 80°C for 0.5 hrs and a yellow solid formed. The mixture is cooled to 0°C and  
5 filtered. The solid is washed with cold H<sub>2</sub>O (25mL) then with cold EtOH (45mL). The yellow solid thus obtained (intermediate sodium salt) is dried under high vacuum. A portion of this material (1.0g, 4.2mmol) is dissolved in dry DMF (7.0mL). 2-Bromoethyl methyl ether (1.41mL, 15.0mmol) and potassium iodide (10mg) are added and the solution heated to 130°C for 5 days. The solution is cooled to room temperature then poured into  
10 ice water (50mL). The solid is collected by filtration and gave a solid (0.77g, 67%) after chromatography (50% EtOAc/ Heptane). Mp 130-2 °C. HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S +H<sub>1</sub> 273.0545, found 273.0548.

Step 2: N-((5S)-3-[1-(2-methoxyethyl)-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-5-yl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl)methyl)acetamide PNU-276461

15 The product of Step 1 (0.70g, 2.6mmol) is dissolved into EtOAc (30mL) in a Parr bottle and 10% Pd/C (100mg) added under nitrogen. The mixture is hydrogenated on a Parr apparatus for 2 hrs at 40psi. Filtration and evaporation of solvent gave a residue which is added to a mixture of N-[(2S)oxiranylmethyl]acetamide (0.115g, 1.0mmol) and magnesium trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.32g, 1.0 mmol) in dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN (10mL) at room temperature.  
20 After 20hrs solvent is evaporated and the residue is dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (10mL) and DMF (5mL). N,N'-Disuccinimidyl carbonate (0.30g, 1.2mmol) is added followed by triethylamine (0.34mL, 2.4mmol) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 20hrs. The mixture is poured into CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30mL) and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (3x20mL). The organics are dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and solvent evaporated. The residue is chromatographed  
25 (3%MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to obtain a pale yellow foamy solid (0.114g, 38%). HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S 383.1151, found 383.1149.

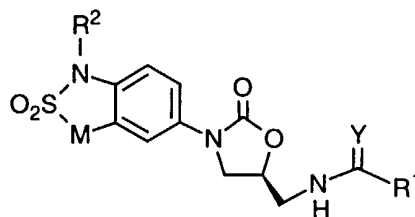
**Example 5** Preparation of N-((5S)-3-[1-(2-fluoroethyl)-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-5-yl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl)methyl)ethanethioamide PNU-254646



The product from example 2 (0.195g, 0.52mmol) and Lawesson's Reagent (0.21g, 0.52mmol) are stirred in dry THF (20mL) and heated to reflux for 20 hrs. The mixture is cooled to room temperature and solvent evaporated. The residue is chromatographed  
5 (4%MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to give a solid (0.178g, 88%). Mp 90-3 °C (dec). HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> +H<sub>1</sub> 388.0801, found 388.0805.

## CLAIMS

1. A compound of formula I



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

R<sup>1</sup> is

- a) H,  
 b) NH<sub>2</sub>,  
 10 c) NHC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl,  
 d) C<sub>1-6</sub> alkenyl,  
 e) OC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, SC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl,  
 f) (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>i</sub>-C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl, or  
 g) C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, optionally substituted with one to three halo;

15 R<sup>2</sup> is

- a) H,  
 b) C<sub>1-12</sub> alkyl, optionally substituted with phenyl or CN, or  
 c) C<sub>2-12</sub> alkyl substituted with OH, SH, NH<sub>2</sub>, -OC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -NHC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl,  
 -NHCOC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -S(O)<sub>i</sub>C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, or one to three halo;  
 20 Y is O or S;  
 M is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-, wherein n is 1 or 2; and  
 i is 0, 1, or 2.

2. A compound of claim I wherein R<sup>1</sup> is NH<sub>2</sub>, -OCH<sub>3</sub>, or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl.

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3. A compound of claim I wherein R<sup>1</sup> is methyl

4. A compound of claim I wherein R<sup>1</sup> is ethyl.

- 30 5. A compound of claim I wherein R<sup>2</sup> is C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, optionally substituted with phenyl or CN.

6. A compound of claim I wherein R<sup>2</sup> is C<sub>2-6</sub> alkyl substituted with OH, SH, NH<sub>2</sub>, F, -OC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -NHC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -NHCOC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -NHSO<sub>2</sub> C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, or -S(O)<sub>i</sub>C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl.
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7. A compound of claim I wherein R<sup>2</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with CN, or C<sub>2-4</sub> alkyl substituted with fluoro or OC<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl.
8. A compound of claim I wherein R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl; R<sup>2</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with CN, or C<sub>2-4</sub> alkyl substituted with fluoro or OC<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl; Y is sulfur or oxygen; and n is 1.
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9. A compound of claim 8 wherein Y is sulfur.
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10. A compound of claim 8 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is CH<sub>3</sub> or CH<sub>3</sub>CN; R<sup>2</sup> is CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>F or CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>; Y is sulfur or oxygen, n is 1.
11. A compound of claim 10 wherein Y is sulfur.
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12. A compound of claim 1 which is
- (a) N-[(5S)-3-(1-Methyl-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-5-yl)-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl]methyl)acetamide,
- (b) N-[(5S)-3-[1-(2-Fluoroethyl)-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-5-yl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl]methyl)acetamide,
- 25 (c) N-[(5S)-3-[1-(2-Nitriloethyl)-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-5-yl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl]methyl)acetamide,
- (d) N-[(5S)-3-[1-(2-Methoxyethyl)-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-5-yl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl]methyl)acetamide, or
- (e) N-[(5S)-3-[1-(2-Fluoroethyl)-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-5-yl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl]methyl)ethanethioamide.
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13. A compound of claim 1 which is N-[(5S)-3-[1-(2-Fluoroethyl)-2,2-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzisothiazol-5-yl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl]methyl)ethanethioamide.

14. A use of compounds of claims 1 through 13 for manufacturing of medicinals for treating microbial infections.
15. The use of claim 14 wherein said medicinal is administered orally, parenterally, transdermally, or topically in a pharmaceutical composition.
16. The use of claim 14 wherein said medicinal is administered in an amount of from about 0.1 to about 500 mg/kg of body weight/day.
- 10 17. The use of claim 14 wherein said medicinal is administered in an amount of from about 1 to about 50 mg/kg of body weight/day.
18. A use for treating microbial infections of claim 14 wherein the infection is skin infection.
- 15 19. A use for treating microbial infections of claim 14 wherein the infection is eye infection.
- 20 20. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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