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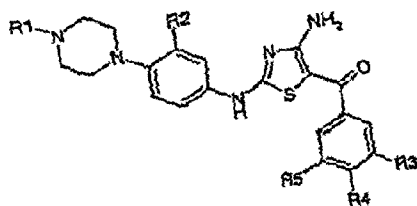
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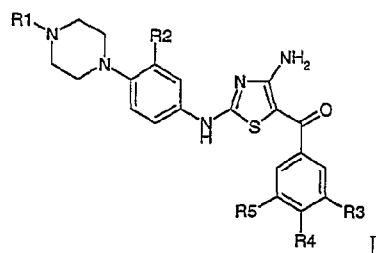
(54) Title: DIAMINOTHIAZOLES AND THEIR USE AS INHIBITORS OF CYCLIN-DEPENDENT KINASE



(57) Abstract: Disclosed are novel diaminothiazoles of formula I that are selective inhibitors of Cdk4. These compounds and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts and esters are anti-proliferative agents useful in the treatment or control of solid tumors, in particular breast, colon, lung and prostate tumors. Also disclosed are pharmaceutical compositions containing these compounds as well as intermediates useful in the preparation of the compounds.

Diaminothiazoles

The present invention is directed to novel diaminothiazoles of formula



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These compounds inhibit cyclin-dependent kinase 4 (Cdk4) and are selective against Cdk2 and Cdk1. These compounds and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts and esters have antiproliferative activity and are useful in the treatment or control of cancer, in particular solid tumors. This invention is also directed to pharmaceutical compositions
10 containing such compounds and to methods of treating or controlling cancer, most particularly the treatment or control of breast, lung and colon and prostate tumors. Finally, this invention is also directed to novel intermediate compounds useful in the preparation of a compound of formula I.

15 Uncontrolled cell proliferation is the hallmark of cancer. Cancerous tumor cells typically have some form of damage to the genes that directly or indirectly regulate the cell-division cycle.

The progression of cells through the various phases of the cell cycle is regulated by a
20 series of multienzyme complexes consisting of a regulatory protein, a cyclin, and a kinase. These kinases are called cyclin-dependent kinases (Cdks). The Cdks are expressed throughout the cell cycle, while the levels of the cyclins vary depending on the stage of the cell cycle.

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The transition from G₁ phase into S phase is regulated by the complex of Cdk4 with cyclin D. This complex phosphorylates the tumor suppressor protein Retinoblastoma (pRb), releasing the transcription factor E2F and allowing the expression of genes required in S phase (Nevins, J. R. *Science* 1992, 258, 424-429). Blocking the activity of the Cdk4/cyclin D complex arrests the cell cycle in G₁ phase. For example, the proteins of the INK4 family, including p16^{INK4a}, which block the kinase activity of the Cdk4/cyclin D complex, cause arrest in G₁ (Sherr, C. J. *Science* 1996, 274, 1672-1677).

Recent experiments show that the complex of Cdk4 with cyclin D3 also plays a role in cell cycle progression through G₂ phase. Inhibition of this complex, either by p16 or using a dominant negative Cdk4, results in arrest in G₂ phase in cells that do not express pRb (Gabrielli B. G. et al. *J. Biol. Chem.* 1999, 274, 13961-13969).

Numerous defects in the pRb pathway have been shown to be involved in various cancers. For example, overexpression of Cdk4 has been observed in cases of hereditary melanoma (Webster, K. R. *Exp. Opin. Invest. Drugs* 1998, 7, 865-887); cyclin D is overexpressed in many human cancers (Sherr, C. J. *Science* 1996, 274, 1672-1677); p16 is mutated or deleted in many tumors (Webster, K. R. *Exp. Opin. Invest. Drugs* 1998, 7, 865-887); and pRb function is lost through mutation or deletion in many human cancers (Weinberg, R. A. *Cell* 1995, 81, 323-330). Defects in this pathway have also been shown to have an effect on prognosis. For example, loss of p16 is correlated with poor prognosis in non-small-cell lung carcinoma (NSCLC) and malignant melanoma (Tsihlias, J. et al. *Annu. Rev. Med.* 1999, 50, 401-423).

Because of the involvement of the Cdk4/cyclin D/pRb pathway in human cancer through its role in regulating progression of the cell cycle from G₁ to S phase, and the potential therapeutic benefit from modulating this pathway, there has been considerable interest in agents that inhibit or promote elements of this pathway. For example, effects on cancer cells have been shown using antibodies, antisense oligonucleotides and overexpression or addition of proteins involved in the pathway. See, e.g., Lukas, J. et al. *Nature* 1995, 79, 573-582; Nevins, J. R. *Science* 1992, 258, 424-429; Lim, I. K. et al. *Molecular Carcinogenesis* 1998, 23, 25-35; Tam, S. W. et al. *Oncogene* 1994, 9, 2663-2674; Driscoll, B. et al. *Am. J. Physiol.* 1997, 273 (*Lung Cell. Mol. Physiol.*), L941-L949; and Sang,

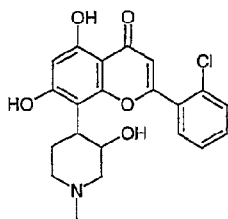
J. et al. *Chin. Sci. Bull.* 1999, 44, 541-544). There is thus an extensive body of literature validating the use of compounds inhibiting targets in the Cdk4 pathway as anti-proliferative therapeutic agents.

5 It is thus desirable to identify chemical inhibitors of Cdk4 kinase activity. It is particularly desirable to identify small molecule compounds that may be readily synthesized and are effective in inhibiting Cdk4 or Cdk4/cyclin complexes, for treating one or more types of tumors.

10 There are several examples of small molecule inhibitors of the cyclin-dependent kinases, including Cdk4 (Rosania, G. R. et al. *Exp. Opin. Ther. Patents* 2000, 10, 215-230). Several of these compounds inhibit multiple targets.

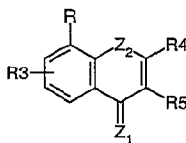
For example, Flavopiridol (Aventis)

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is in Phase II clinical trials for lymphoma and multiple myeloma and also for the treatment of solid tumors. It inhibits Cdk1, Cdk2 and Cdk4 and it blocks cells in both G1 and G2
 20 phases. It is also a weaker inhibitor of PKC and EGFR (Senderowicz, A. M. et al. *J. Natl. Cancer Inst.* 2000, 92, 376-387).

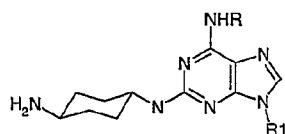
WO9716447 (Mitotix) discloses the following compounds related to flavopiridol



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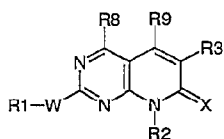
Some of these compounds are stated to inhibit Cdk4.

WO9943675 and WO9943676 (Hoechst) disclose the following purine derivatives



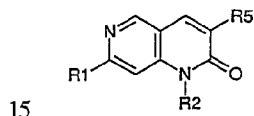
which are stated to inhibit Cdk2 and Cdk4.

5 WO9833798 (Warner-Lambert) discloses the following pyridopyrimidines



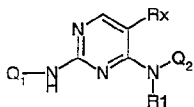
10 These compounds are stated to inhibit the cyclin dependent kinases Cdk1, Cdk2, and Cdk4. Some of these compounds also inhibit the receptor tyrosine kinases PDGFR and EGFR, and the cellular Src protein kinase, c-Src.

WO9909030 (Warner-Lambert) discloses naphthyridinones



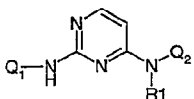
15 that inhibit PDGFR, FGFR, c-Src, and the cyclin dependent kinases Cdk1, Cdk2, and Cdk4.

WO0039101 (AstraZeneca) discloses diaminopyrimidines



20 that inhibit Cdk4 and FAK3.

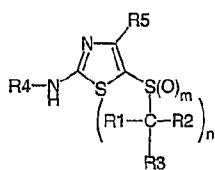
WO0012485 (Zeneca) discloses diaminopyrimidines



that inhibit Cdk4 and FAK3.

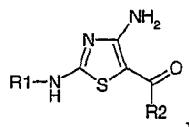
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WO9924416 (Bristol-Myers Squibb) discloses aminothiazole inhibitors of formula



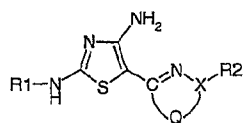
The compounds inhibit Cdk1, Cdk2 and Cdk4.

- 5 WO9921845 (Agouron) discloses diaminothiazole inhibitors of Cdk1, Cdk2 and Cdk4, having the following structure



- where R1 and R2 are ring systems. This patent application indicates that in cases where the
 10 R² ring system does not bear an ortho substituent, the compounds lack potency and selectivity as inhibitors of Cdk4.

- Finally, WO0075120 (Agouron) discloses diaminothiazole inhibitors of protein kinases including VEGF-R, FGF-R, CDK complexes, TEK, CHK1, LCK, and FAK, having
 15 the following structure



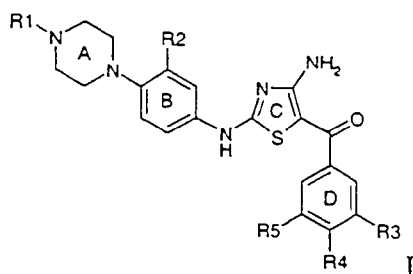
- It is desirable to provide small molecule inhibitors of Cdk4 that are selective against other Cdks. That is, the small molecule is significantly more inhibitory (at least 10 times,
 20 preferably 100 times) of Cdk4 than Cdk1 and Cdk2. This parameter is desirable because of the potential concomitant toxicity and other undesirable complications that may follow from inhibiting multiple targets. Thus, for purposes of this invention, the inhibition of Cdk2 and Cdk1 are monitored to determine the selectivity of the inhibition of Cdk4. A

compound that exhibits selectivity against Cdk2 and Cdk1 is expected to have a better safety profile than a compound that is not selective between Cdk4, Cdk2 and Cdk1.

There continues to be a need for easily synthesized, small molecule compounds that are specific inhibitors of Cdk4 for the treatment or control of one or more types of solid tumors. It is an object of this invention to provide such compounds, compositions containing such compounds, and methods of using such compounds in the treatment or control of breast, colon, lung and prostate tumors.

The present invention is directed to novel diaminothiazoles capable of selectively inhibiting the activity of Cdk4. These compounds are useful in the treatment or control of cancer, in particular the treatment or control of solid tumors.

In a first aspect, the present invention provides a compound of the formula (I)



or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts or esters thereof, wherein

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl that optionally may be substituted with a group selected from OR^6 , cycloalkyl, and NR^7R^8 , cycloalkyl, COR^9 , and SO_2R^{10} ;

R^2 is selected from the group consisting of H, F, Cl, and CH_3 ;

R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, which optionally may be substituted with a group selected from OR^6 and NR^7R^8 , OR^{11} , $NR^{12}R^{13}$, halogen, NO_2 , $CONR^6R^9$, $NHSO_2R^{14}$, CN, S-lower alkyl, OCF_3 , and $OCHF_2$,

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or alternatively, R^3 and R^4 taken together with the two carbons and the bond between them from the benzene ring (D) to which R^3 and R^4 are attached can form a ring system having up to two additional rings, each of said rings having 5-7 atoms, and the ring attached to the benzene ring (D) optionally including one or more hetero atoms and being optionally substituted by lower alkyl, provided that R^3 and R^4 are not simultaneously - OCH_3 , and provided further that R^4 is not -Cl when R^3 is $-NO_2$;

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R^6 and R^9 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, and lower alkyl that optionally may be substituted by OH and halogen;

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R^7 and R^8 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, and lower alkyl that optionally may be substituted by OR^6 ,

or, alternatively, R^7 is H and R^8 is OH, or, alternatively, NR^7R^8 can optionally form a ring having 5-6 atoms, said ring optionally including one or more additional hetero atoms and being optionally substituted by the group consisting of one or more of OR^6 and lower alkyl which itself may be optionally substituted by OH;

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R^{10} is selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl which optionally may be substituted by one or more chlorine or fluorine, and NH_2 ;

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R^{11} is selected from the group consisting of H, and lower alkyl that optionally may be substituted by OR^6 , COOH, halogen and $NR^{15}R^{16}$;

R^{12} and R^{13} are independently selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl that optionally may be substituted with a group selected from OR^6 , $COOH$ and $NR^{15}R^{16}$, COR^{17} , and SO_2R^{18} , provided that only one of R^{12} and R^{13} is COR^{17} or SO_2R^{18} , or alternatively $NR^{12}R^{13}$ can optionally form a ring having 5-6 atoms, said ring optionally including one or more additional hetero atoms and being optionally substituted by the group consisting of one or more of OR^6 and lower alkyl which itself may be optionally substituted by OH;

R^{14} is lower alkyl;

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R^{15} and R^{16} are independently selected from the group consisting of H, and lower alkyl that optionally may be substituted by OH,

or alternatively $NR^{15}R^{16}$ can optionally form a ring having 5-6 atoms, said ring optionally including one or more additional hetero atoms and being optionally substituted by the group consisting of one or more of OR^6 and lower alkyl which itself may be optionally substituted by OH;

R^{17} is selected from the group consisting of H, and lower alkyl which optionally may be substituted by OH, $COOH$ and $NR^{15}R^{16}$; and

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R^{18} is lower alkyl.

The present invention is also directed to pharmaceutical compositions comprising a therapeutically effective amount of one or more compounds of formula I and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

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The present invention is further directed to a method for treating solid tumor, in particular breast or colon tumors, by administering to a human patient in need of such therapy an effective amount of a compound of formula I, its salt and/or ester.

5 The present invention is also directed to novel intermediate compounds useful in the preparation of compounds of formula I.

As used herein, the following terms shall have the following definitions.

10 "Cycloalkyl" means a non-aromatic, partially or completely saturated cyclic aliphatic hydrocarbon group containing 3 to 8 atoms. Examples of cycloalkyl groups include cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl and cyclohexyl.

"Effective amount" means an amount that is effective to prevent, alleviate or
15 ameliorate symptoms of disease or prolong the survival of the subject being treated.

"Halogen" means fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine.

"Hetero atom" means an atom selected from N, O and S.

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"IC₅₀" refers to the concentration of a particular compound according to the invention required to inhibit 50% of a specific measured activity. IC₅₀ can be measured, *inter alia*, as is described in Example 125, *infra*.

25 "Lower alkyl" denotes a straight-chain or branched saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon having 1 to 6, preferably 1 to 4, carbon atoms. Typical lower alkyl groups include methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, t-butyl, 2-butyl, pentyl, hexyl and the like.

"Pharmaceutically acceptable ester" refers to a conventionally esterified compound
30 of formula I having a carboxyl group, which esters retain the biological effectiveness and properties of the compounds of formula I and are cleaved *in vivo* (in the organism) to the corresponding active carboxylic acid. Examples of ester groups which are cleaved (in this case hydrolyzed) *in vivo* to the corresponding carboxylic acids (R²⁴C(=O)OH) are lower alkyl esters which may be substituted with NR²⁵R²⁶ where R²⁵ and R²⁶ are lower alkyl, or
35 where NR²⁵R²⁶ taken together form a monocyclic aliphatic heterocycle, such as pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, N-methylpiperazine, etc.; acyloxyalkyl esters of the formula

$R^{24}C(=O)OCHR^{27}OC(=O)R^{28}$ where R^{27} is hydrogen or methyl, and R^{28} is lower alkyl or cycloalkyl; carbonate esters of the formula $R^{24}C(=O)OCHR^{27}OC(=O)OR^{29}$ where R^{27} is hydrogen or methyl, and R^{29} is lower alkyl or cycloalkyl; or aminocarbonylmethyl esters of the formula $R^{24}C(=O)OCH_2C(=O)NR^{25}R^{26}$ where R^{25} and R^{26} are hydrogen or lower alkyl,
5 or where $NR^{25}R^{26}$ taken together form a monocyclic aliphatic heterocycle, such as pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, N-methylpiperazine, etc.

Examples of lower alkyl esters are the methyl, ethyl, and n-propyl esters, and the like. Examples of lower alkyl esters substituted with $NR^{19}R^{20}$ are the diethylaminoethyl, 2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl, 2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)ethyl esters, and the like. Examples of acyloxyalkyl esters are the pivaloxymethyl, 1-acetoxyethyl, and acetoxyethyl esters.
10 Examples of carbonate esters are the 1-(ethoxycarbonyloxy)ethyl and 1-(cyclohexyloxycarbonyloxy)ethyl esters. Examples of aminocarbonylmethyl esters are the N,N-dimethylcarbamoylmethyl and carbamoylmethyl esters.

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Further information concerning examples of and the use of esters for the delivery of pharmaceutical compounds is available in *Design of Prodrugs*. Bundgaard H ed. (Elsevier, 1985). *See also*, H. Ansel et. al., *Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms and Drug Delivery Systems* (6th Ed. 1995) at pp. 108-109; Krogsgaard-Larsen, et. al., *Textbook of Drug Design and*
20 *Development* (2d Ed. 1996) at pp. 152-191.

“Pharmaceutically acceptable salt” refers to conventional acid-addition salts or base-addition salts that retain the biological effectiveness and properties of the compounds of formula I and are formed from suitable non-toxic organic or inorganic acids or organic
25 or inorganic bases. Sample acid-addition salts include those derived from inorganic acids such as hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, hydroiodic acid, sulfuric acid, sulfamic acid, phosphoric acid and nitric acid, and those derived from organic acids such as p-toluenesulfonic acid, salicylic acid, methanesulfonic acid, oxalic acid, succinic acid, citric acid, malic acid, lactic acid, fumaric acid, and the like. Sample base-addition salts include
30 those derived from ammonium, potassium, sodium and, quaternary ammonium hydroxides, such as for example, tetramethylammonium hydroxide. The chemical modification of a pharmaceutical compound (i.e. drug) into a salt is a technique well known to pharmaceutical chemists to obtain improved physical and chemical stability, hygroscopicity, flowability and solubility of compounds. *See, e.g.*, H. Ansel et. al.,
35 *Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms and Drug Delivery Systems* (6th Ed. 1995) at pp. 196 and 1456-1457.

“Pharmaceutically acceptable,” such as pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient, etc., means pharmacologically acceptable and substantially non-toxic to the subject to which the particular compound is administered.

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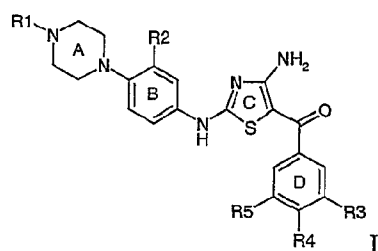
“Substituted,” as in substituted alkyl, means that the substitution can occur at one or more positions and, unless otherwise indicated, that the substituents at each substitution site are independently selected from the specified options.

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“Therapeutically effective amount” means an amount of at least one compound of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof, that significantly inhibits proliferation and/or prevents differentiation of a human tumor cell, including human tumor cell lines.

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In one embodiment, the invention is directed to a compound of formula



or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts or esters thereof, wherein

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R^1 is selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl that optionally may be substituted from the group selected from OR^6 , cycloalkyl, and NR^7R^8 , cycloalkyl, COR^9 , and SO_2R^{10} ;

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R^2 is selected from the group consisting of H, F, Cl, and CH_3 ;

R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, which optionally may be substituted with a group selected from OR^6 and NR^7R^8 ,

OR¹¹, NR¹²R¹³, halogen, NO₂, CONR⁶R⁹, NHSO₂R¹⁴, CN, S-lower alkyl, OCF₃, and OCHF₂,

or alternatively, R³ and R⁴ taken together with the two carbons and the bond
5 between them from the benzene ring (D) to which R³ and R⁴ are attached can form a ring system having up to two additional rings, each of said rings having 5-7 atoms, and the ring attached to the benzene ring (D) optionally including one or more hetero atoms and being optionally substituted by lower alkyl,

10 provided that R³ and R⁴ are not simultaneously -OCH₃, and provided further that R⁴ is not -Cl when R³ is -NO₂;

R⁶ and R⁹ are independently selected from the group consisting of H, and lower alkyl that optionally may be substituted by OH and halogen;

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R⁷ and R⁸ are independently selected from the group consisting of H, and lower alkyl that optionally may be substituted by OR⁶, or, alternatively, R⁷ is H and R⁸ is OH,

or, alternatively, NR⁷R⁸ can optionally form a ring having 5-6 atoms, said ring
20 optionally including one or more additional hetero atoms and being optionally substituted by the group consisting of one or more of OR⁶ and lower alkyl which itself may be optionally substituted by OH;

R¹⁰ is selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl which optionally may be
25 substituted by one or more chlorine or fluorine, and NH₂;

R¹¹ is selected from the group consisting of H, and lower alkyl that optionally may be substituted by a group selected from OR⁶, COOH, halogen and NR¹⁵R¹⁶;

R^{12} and R^{13} are independently selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl that optionally may be substituted with a group selected from OR^6 , $COOH$ and $NR^{15}R^{16}$, COR^{17} , and SO_2R^{18} , provided that only one of R^{12} and R^{13} is COR^{17} or SO_2R^{18} , or alternatively $NR^{12}R^{13}$ can optionally form a ring having 5-6 atoms, said ring optionally including one or more additional hetero atoms and being optionally substituted by the group consisting of one or more of OR^6 and lower alkyl which itself may be optionally substituted by OH;

R^{14} is lower alkyl;

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R^{15} and R^{16} are independently selected from the group consisting of H, and lower alkyl that optionally may be substituted by OH, or alternatively $NR^{15}R^{16}$ can optionally form a ring having 5-6 atoms, said ring optionally including one or more additional hetero atoms and being optionally substituted by the group consisting of one or more of OR^6 and lower alkyl which itself may be optionally substituted by OH;

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R^{17} is selected from the group consisting of H, and lower alkyl which optionally may be substituted by OH, $COOH$ and $NR^{15}R^{16}$; and

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R^{18} is lower alkyl.

In a preferred embodiment of the compounds of formula I, R^1 is selected from the group consisting of H, CH_2CH_2OH , $CH_2CH_2CH_2OH$, CH_3CO- , $CH(CH_3)_2$, $CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$, cyclopropylmethyl and CH_3 . More preferably, R^1 is H, methyl, $CH_2CH_2CH_2OH$, or $CH(CH_3)_2$.

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In another preferred embodiment of the compounds of formula I, R^2 is selected from the group consisting of H and fluorine, most preferably H.

In another preferred embodiment of the compounds of formula I, R^3 is selected from the group OR^{11} , lower alkyl, NH_2 , Cl, F, H, , $OCHF_2$, and NO_2 . More preferably, R^3 is OCH_3 , F, lower alkyl or $OCHF_2$. Most preferably, R^3 is F, OCH_3 or CH_2CH_3 .

5 In another preferred embodiment of the compounds of formula I, R^4 is selected from the group consisting of acetamido, chloro, diethylamino, hydrogen, hydroxy, hydroxyethylamino, [1-(hydroxymethyl)-3-methylbutyl]amino, 1-(3-hydroxymethyl)piperidinyl, 4-hydroxy-1-piperidinyl, methoxy, 2-methoxy-ethylamino, 2-methyl-1-pyrrolidinyl, morpholino, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl. More preferably, R^4 is
10 selected from the group consisting of H and CH_3O- .

When R^3 and R^4 taken together with the benzene ring to which they are attached form a ring system, preferred ring systems are 2-dibenzofuranyl, 1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl, 2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl, or 3,4-dihydro-2H-1,5-benzodioxepin-7-yl, more
15 preferably 2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl.

In another preferred embodiment of the compounds of formula I, R^5 is selected from the group consisting of H, OR^{11} and F, most preferably H.

20 In another preferred embodiment of the compounds of formula I, R^1 is selected from the group consisting of H, and lower alkyl that optionally may be substituted by OR^6 ;

R^2 is selected from the group consisting of H and F;

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R^3 is selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, halogen, $NR^{12}R^{13}$, NO_2 , $OCHF_2$, and OR^{11} ;

R^4 is selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl that optionally may be
30 may be substituted by OR^6 , halogen, and $NR^{12}R^{13}$,

or alternatively, R^3 and R^4 taken together with the two carbons and the bond between them from the benzene ring (D) to which R^3 and R^4 are attached can form a ring

system having up to two additional rings, each of said rings having 5-7 atoms, and the ring attached to the benzene ring (D) optionally including one or more hetero atoms and being optionally substituted by lower alkyl, provided that R^4 is not -Cl when R^3 is -NO₂;

5 R^6 is selected from the group consisting of H, and methyl;

R^{11} is selected from the group consisting of H, and lower alkyl that optionally may be substituted by a group selected from OR⁶, COOH, halogen and NR¹⁵R¹⁶;

10 R^{12} and R^{13} are independently selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl that optionally may be substituted with a group selected from OR⁶, COOH and NR¹⁵R¹⁶, or alternatively NR¹²R¹³ can optionally form a ring having 5-6 atoms, said ring optionally including one or more additional hetero atoms and being optionally substituted by the group consisting of one or more of OR⁶ and lower alkyl which itself may be optionally substituted by OH; and

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R^{15} and R^{16} are independently selected from the group consisting of H, and lower alkyl that optionally may be substituted by OH, or alternatively NR¹⁵R¹⁶ can optionally form a ring having 5-6 atoms, said ring optionally including one or more additional hetero

20 atoms and being optionally substituted by the group consisting of one or more of OR⁶ and lower alkyl which itself may be optionally substituted by OH.

In a most preferred embodiment of the compounds of formula I,

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of H, CH₂CH₂OH, CH₂CH₂CH₂OH, CH₃CO-, CH(CH₃)₂, CH₂CH(CH₃)₂, cyclopropylmethyl, and CH₃;

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R^2 is selected from the group consisting of H and F;

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of OR¹¹, lower alkyl, NH₂, Cl, F, H, OCHF₂, and NO₂;

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R⁴ is selected from the group consisting of H, and diethylamino;

R⁵ is H; and

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R¹¹ is unsubstituted lower alkyl.

In another most preferred embodiment of the compounds of formula I,

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of H, CH₂CH₂CH₂OH, CH(CH₃)₂, CH₃,
10 and cyclopropylmethyl;

R², R⁴ and R⁵ are H; and

R³ is selected from the group consisting of OCH₃, F, and CH₂CH₃.

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The following are examples of preferred compounds of formula I:

- a) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl)methanone (Example 24),
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- b) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)methanone (Example 25),
- c) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone (Example 26),
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- d) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(1-piperidinyl)phenyl]methanone (Example 27),
- e) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(4-morpholinyl)phenyl]methanone, acetate salt (Example 28),
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- f) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3,4-dihydro-2H-1,5-benzodioxepin-7-yl)methanone (Example 29),
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- g) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl]-(4-hydroxyphenyl)methanone (Example 30),

- h) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-nitrophenyl)methanone (Example 31),
- 5 i) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (Example 32),
- j) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(diethylamino)phenyl]methanone (Example 33),
- 10 k) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](2-dibenzofuranyl)methanone (Example 34),
- l) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (Example 35),
- 15 m) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-methoxyphenyl)methanone (Example 36),
- n) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3,4-dichlorophenyl)methanone (Example 37),
- 20 o) [4-Amino-2-[[3-fluoro-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)methanone (Example 38),
- 25 p) [4-Amino-2-[[3-fluoro-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)methanone (Example 39),
- q) [4-Amino-2-[[3-fluoro-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-methoxyphenyl)methanone (Example 40),
- 30 r) [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl)methanone (Example 41),
- s) [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)methanone (Example 42),
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- t) [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-methoxyphenyl)methanone (Example 43),
- 5 u) [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)methanone (Example 44),
- v) N-[4-[[4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl]carbonyl]phenyl]acetamide (Example 45),
- 10 w) [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(diethylamino)phenyl]methanone (Example 46),
- x) 1-Acetyl-4-[4-[[4-amino-5-[(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)carbonyl]-2-thiazolyl]amino]phenyl]piperazine (Example 47),
- 15 y) 1-Acetyl-4-[4-[[4-amino-5-[4-(diethylamino)benzoyl]-2-thiazolyl]amino]phenyl]piperazine, trifluoroacetate salt (Example 48),
- z) [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl)methanone (Example 49),
- 20 aa) [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone (Example 50),
- bb) [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-fluorophenyl)methanone (Example 51),
- cc) [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3,5-difluorophenyl)methanone (Example 52),
- 30 dd) [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-methoxyphenyl)methanone (Example 53),
- ee) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-fluorophenyl)methanone (Example 54),
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- ff) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone (Example 55),
- 5 gg) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (Example 56),
- hh) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(2-hydroxyethyl)amino-3-nitrophenyl]methanone (Example 57),
- 10 ii) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-nitro-4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone (Example 58),
- jj) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-nitro-4-(4-morpholinyl)phenyl]methanone (Example 59),
- 15 kk) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-nitro-4-[(2-methoxyethyl)amino]phenyl]methanone (Example 60),
- ll) racemic [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-nitro-4-[3-(hydroxymethyl)-1-piperidinyl]phenyl]methanone (Example 61),
- 20 mm) racemic [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-nitro-4-(2-methyl-1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone (Example 62),
- 25 nn) (R)-[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-nitro-4-[[1-(hydroxymethyl)-3-methylbutyl]amino]phenyl]methanone (Example 63),
- 30 oo) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-nitro-4-(4-hydroxy-1-piperidinyl)phenyl]methanone (Example 64),
- pp) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-amino-4-(4-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone (Example 65),
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- qq) (R)-[3-Amino-4-[[1-(hydroxymethyl)-3-methylbutyl]amino]phenyl][4-amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl]methanone (Example 66),
- 5 rr) [4-Amino-2-[[3-fluoro-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-5-yl)methanone (Example 67),
- ss) [4-Amino-2-[[3-fluoro-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone (Example 68),
- 10 tt) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone, phosphoric acid (Example 69),
- uu) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}(3methylsulfanyl-phenyl)-methanone (Example 70).
- 15 vv) (4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-methanone (Example 71),
- 20 ww) (4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone (Example 72),
- xx) 3-(4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazole-5-carbonyl)-benzotrile (Example 73),
- 25 yy) (4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3-nitro-phenyl)-methanone (Example 74),
- zz) (4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-m-tolyl-methanone (Example 75),
- 30 aaa) (4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3-ethyl-phenyl)-methanone (Example 76),
- 35 bbb) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-ethyl-phenyl)-methanone (Example 77),

- ccc) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-m-
tolyl-methanone (Example 78),
- 5 ddd) 3-{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazole-5-
carbonyl}-benzotrile (Example 79).
- eee) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-
fluoro-phenyl)-methanone, with hydrogen bromide (Example 80),
- 10 fff) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-
(3,4,5-trifluoro-phenyl)-methanone, with hydrogen bromide (Example 81),
- ggg) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3,5-
15 difluoro-phenyl)-methanone, with hydrogen bromide (Example 82),
- hhh) 4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-
yl)-(3-fluoro-4-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone, hydrogen bromide (Example 83),
- 20 iii) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(4-
fluoro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone, with hydrogen bromide (Example 84),
- jjj) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-
25 fluoro-4-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone, with hydrogen bromide(Example 85),
- kkk) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(4-
difluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone, with hydrogen bromide(Example 86),
- lll) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-
30 trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone, with hydrogen bromide(Example 87),
- mmm) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(4-
piperidin-1-yl-phenyl)-methanone, with hydrogen bromide(Example 88),
- 35 nnn) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(4-
morpholin-4-yl-phenyl)-methanone, with hydrogen bromide(Example 89),

- ooo) (4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3,5-difluoro-phenyl)-methanone, with hydrogen bromide(Example 90),
- 5 ppp) (4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3,4-difluoro-phenyl)-methanone, with hydrogen bromide(Example 91),
- qqq) (4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone, with hydrogen bromide(Example 92),
- 10 rrr)(4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-methanone, with hydrogen bromide(Example 93),
- sss)4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-yl)-methanone, with hydrogen bromide
15 (Example 94),
- ttt) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3,5-difluoro-phenyl)-methanone, with hydrogen bromide (Example 95),
- 20 uuu) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3,5-difluoro-4-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone, with hydrogen bromide (Example 96),
- vvv) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(4-fluoro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone, with hydrogen bromide(Example 97),
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- www) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone, with hydrogen bromide (Example 98),
- xxx) (4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-methanone, with acetic acid (Example 99),
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- yyy) [4-Amino-2-(4-piperazin-1-yl-phenylamino)-thiazol-5-yl]-(3,4,5-trifluoro-phenyl)-methanone, with acetic acid (Example 100),

- zzz) [4-Amino-2-(4-piperazin-1-yl-phenylamino)-thiazol-5-yl]-(3,5-difluoro-4-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone, with acetic acid (Example 101),
- aaaa) [4-Amino-2-(4-piperazin-1-yl-phenylamino)-thiazol-5-yl]-(4-fluoro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone, with acetic acid (Example 102),
- 5 bbbb) [4-Amino-2-(4-piperazin-1-yl-phenylamino)-thiazol-5-yl]-(3-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone, with acetic acid (Example 103),
- cccc) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-sec-butyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-methanone (Example 104),
- 10 dddd) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-sec-butyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-methanone (Example 105),
- eeee) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-sec-butyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-yl)-methanone (Example 106),
- ffff) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopentyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-methanone (Example 107),
- 15 gggg) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopentyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-yl)-methanone (Example 108),
- hhhh) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone (Example 109),
- iiii) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-methanone (Example 110),
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- jjjj) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-difluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone (Example 111),
- kkkk) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-hydroxy-phenyl)-methanone, with acetic acid (Example 112),
- 5 llll) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isobutyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-hydroxy-phenyl)-methanone, with acetic acid (Example 113),
- mmmm)
4-Amino-2-(4-piperazin-1-yl-phenylamino)-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-difluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone (Example 114),
- 10 nnnn) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-difluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone (Example 115),
- oooo) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone (Example 116),
- 15 pppp) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-methanone (Example 117),
- qqqq) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-yl)-methanone (Example 118),
- rrrr) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-fluoro-4-hydroxy-phenyl)-methanone (Example 119),

ssss) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-difluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone (Example 120),

tttt) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-methanone (Example 121),

5 uuuu) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-fluoro-4-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone (Example 122),

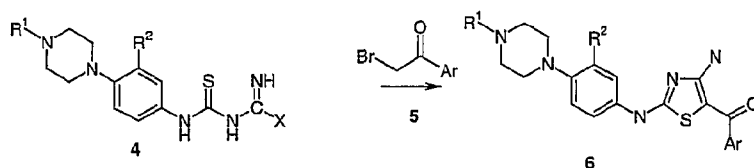
vvvv) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-hydroxy-phenyl)-methanone (Example 123), and

10 www) 3-{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazole-5-carbonyl}-benzonitrile (Example 124).

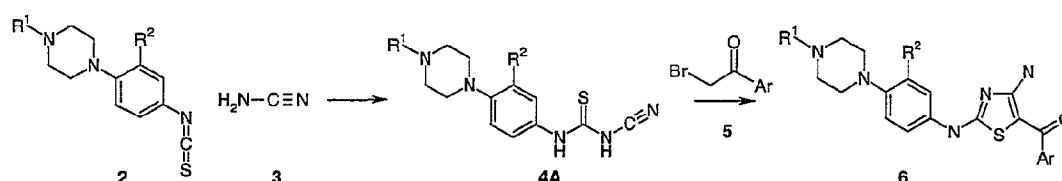
The compounds disclosed herein and covered by formula I above may exhibit tautomerism or structural isomerism. It is intended that the invention encompasses any tautomeric or structural isomeric form of these compounds, or mixtures of such forms, and is not limited to any one tautomeric or structural isomeric form depicted in the
15 formula above.

The compounds of the present invention can be prepared by any conventional means. Suitable processes for synthesizing these compounds are provided in the examples. Generally, compounds of formula I can be prepared according to one of the below
20 described synthetic routes.

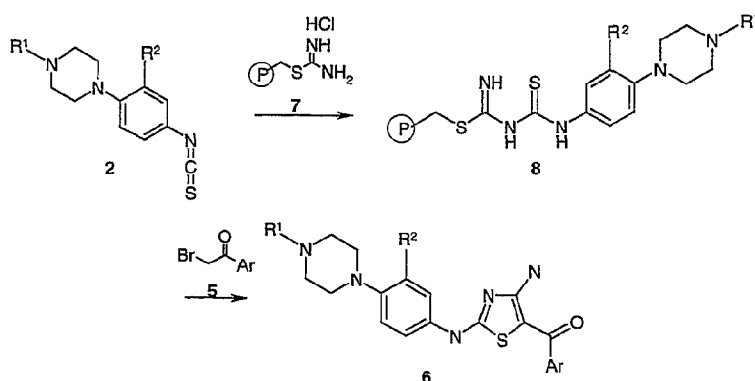
Compounds of the invention can be prepared by the alkylation and cyclization of a number of thiourea derivatives, as shown in Scheme I, using reactions that are known. Among the thiourea derivatives that can be used are nitroamidinothioureas (Binu, R. et al. *Org. Prep. Proced. Int.* 1998, 30, 93-96); 1-[(arylthiocarbamoyl)amino]-3,5-dimethylpyrazoles (Jenardanan, G. C. et al. *Synth. Commun.* 1997, 27, 3457-3462); and N-(aminoiminomethyl)-N¹-phenylthioureas (Rajasekharan, K. N. et al. *Synthesis* 1986, 353-355).

Scheme I

- 5 Another thiourea derivative that can be used for the preparation of compounds of the invention by alkylation and cyclization is N-cyanothiourea (Gewald, K. et al. *J. Prakt. Chem.* 1967, 97-104). For example, pursuant to Scheme IA below, an N-cyanothiourea of formula 4A can be reacted with a halomethylketone, such as a bromomethylketone of formula 5, at a temperature between around room temperature and around 65 °C, to give a
- 10 compound of formula 6.

Scheme IA

- 15 Alternatively, the compounds of the invention are also conveniently prepared by reaction of a resin-bound substituted (aminothioxomethyl) carbamimidothioic acid methyl ester of formula 8 with a bromomethyl aryl ketone of formula 5 as shown in Scheme II below.



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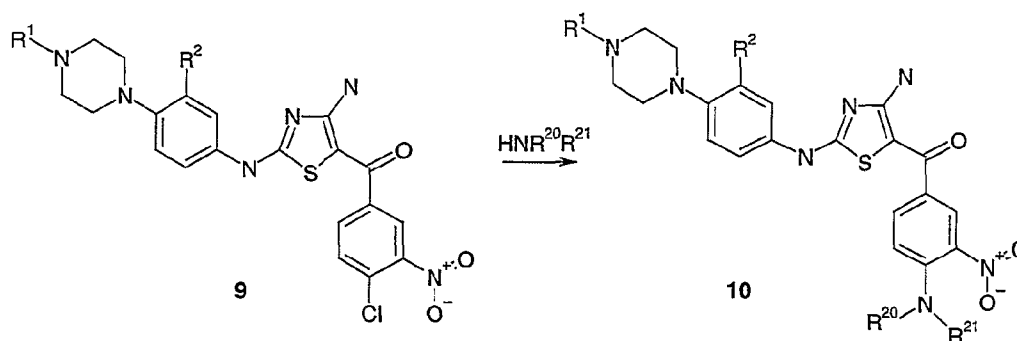
Scheme II

The resin-bound thiourea derivative of formula 8 can be made by any conventional procedure known to one skilled in the art of organic synthesis. For example, it can be

conveniently prepared by the reaction of a resin-bound thiuronium salt of formula 7 with an isothiocyanate of formula 2 in the presence of a base, such as a tertiary amine (e.g., triethylamine or diisopropylethylamine) in an inert solvent, such as a polar aprotic solvent (e.g., N,N-dimethylformamide). The reaction is conveniently carried out at a temperature around room temperature. The resin-bound thiourea derivative of formula 8 is then converted to the product of formula 6 by treatment with a halomethylketone (for example, a bromomethylketone of formula 5) in a suitable inert solvent such as a polar aprotic solvent (e.g., N,N-dimethylformamide) at a temperature around room temperature.

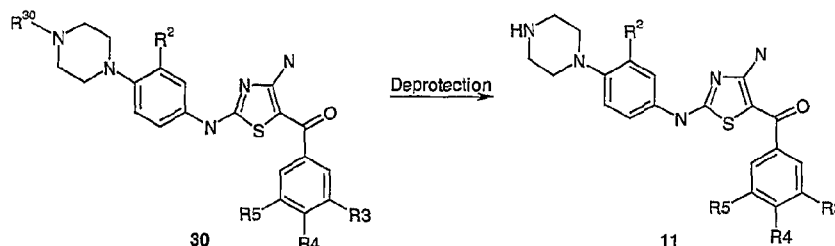
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Scheme III

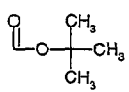
As shown in Scheme III above, compounds of formula 1 where R^3 represents nitro, R^4 represents $NR^{20}R^{21}$ (wherein R^{20} and R^{21} are independently selected from H and lower alkyl which itself can be substituted by OH, or alternatively, $NR^{20}R^{21}$ can optionally form a ring having 5-6 atoms, said ring including one or more additional hetero atoms and being optionally substituted by OH and lower alkyl which itself may be substituted by OH) and R^5 represents hydrogen (that is to say, compounds of formula 10), can be conveniently prepared by treating a compound of formula 9, with an amine of formula $HNR^{21}R^{20}$, in the optional presence of an additional base, such as a tertiary amine (e.g., triethylamine or diisopropylethylamine) in an inert solvent, such as a lower alcohol (e.g., ethanol, isopropanol, n-butanol, or the like) or a polar aprotic solvent (e.g., N,N-dimethylformamide). The reaction is conveniently carried out a temperature between about 70 degrees and about 110 degrees, preferably at about the reflux temperature of the solvent or about 100 degrees, whichever is lower.

C. Removal of Protective Groups

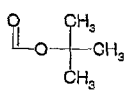
Scheme IV

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As shown in Scheme IV, compounds of formula I where R^1 represents H (that is, compounds of formula 11) can be prepared by removal of a protective group from compounds of formula 30 where R^{30} represents a protective group commonly used for the protection of a secondary amine. Many such protective groups are known to those of skill in the art of organic synthesis. For example, several suitable protective groups are enumerated in "Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis" (Greene, T. W. and Wuts, P. G. M., 2nd Edition, John Wiley & Sons, N.Y. 1991). Preferred protective groups are those compatible with the reaction conditions used to prepare compounds of the invention. One such protective group is the tert-butoxycarbonyl (t-BOC) group. The tert-butoxy carbonyl group can be conveniently removed by treatment of a compound of formula 30 in which

R^{30} represents , with an acid to give a compound of formula I in which R^1

represents H. Examples of acids that can be used to effect this transformation are well known, and include trifluoroacetic acid, hydrochloric acid, hydrofluoric acid, and aluminum chloride. For example, the t-BOC group may be conveniently removed by

treating a compound of formula 30 in which R^{30} represents , with trifluoroacetic acid, in an inert solvent, such as a halogenated hydrocarbon (e.g., dichloromethane). The reaction can be carried out at a temperature between about 0 degrees and about room temperature, preferably at about room temperature.

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D. Separating a mixture of stereoisomers into the optically pure stereoisomers (when compound of formula I is chiral)

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The optional separation of isomeric structures of formula I can be carried out according to known methods such as for example resolution or chiral high pressure liquid

chromatography (also known as chiral HPLC). Resolution methods are well known, and are summarized in "Enantiomers, Racemates, and Resolutions" (Jacques, J. et al. John Wiley and Sons, NY, 1981). Methods for chiral HPLC are also well known, and are summarized in "Separation of Enantiomers by Liquid Chromatographic Methods" (Pirkle, W. H. and Finn, J. in "Asymmetric Synthesis", Vol. 1, Morrison, J. D., Ed., Academic Press, Inc., NY 1983, pp. 87-124).

10 E. Converting a compound of formula I that bears a basic nitrogen into a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt

The optional conversion of a compound of formula I that bears a basic nitrogen into a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt can be effected by conventional means. For example, the compound can be treated with an inorganic acid such as for example hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, sulfuric acid, nitric acid, phosphoric acid, or with an appropriate organic acid such as acetic acid, citric acid, tartaric acid, methanesulfonic acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid, or the like.

20 F. Converting a compound of formula I that bears a carboxylic acid group into a pharmaceutically acceptable alkali metal salt

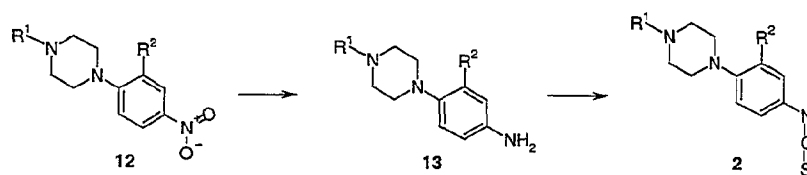
The optional conversion of a compound of formula I that bears a carboxylic acid group into a pharmaceutically acceptable alkali metal salt can be effected by conventional means. For example, the compound can be treated with an inorganic base such as lithium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, or the like.

30 G. Converting a compound of formula I that bears a carboxylic acid group into a pharmaceutically acceptable ester

The optional conversion of a compound of formula I that bears a carboxylic acid group into a pharmaceutically acceptable ester can be effected by conventional means. The conditions for the formation of the ester will depend on the stability of the other functional groups in the molecule to the reaction conditions. If the other moieties in the molecule are stable to acidic conditions, the ester may be conveniently prepared by heating in a solution of a mineral acid (e.g., sulfuric acid) in an alcohol. Other methods of preparing the ester, which may be convenient if the molecule is not stable to acidic conditions include treating the compound with an alcohol in the presence of a coupling agent and in the optional presence of additional agents that may accelerate the reaction. Many such coupling agents

are known to one skilled in the art of organic chemistry. Two examples are dicyclohexylcarbodiimide and triphenylphosphine /diethyl azodicarboxylate. In the case where dicyclohexylcarbodiimide is used as the coupling agent, the reaction is conveniently carried out by treating the acid with the alcohol, dicyclohexylcarbodiimide, and the optional presence of a catalytic amount (0-10 mole%) of N,N-dimethylaminopyridine, in an inert solvent such as a halogenated hydrocarbon (e.g., dichloromethane) at a temperature between about 0 degrees and about room temperature, preferably at about room temperature. In the case where triphenylphosphine/diethyl azodicarboxylate is used as the coupling agent, the reaction is conveniently carried out by treating the acid with the alcohol, triphenylphosphine and diethyl azodicarboxylate, in an inert solvent such as an ether (e.g., tetrahydrofuran) or an aromatic hydrocarbon (e.g., benzene) at a temperature between about 0 degrees and about room temperature, preferably at about 0 degrees.

Turning to the intermediates, isothiocyanate intermediates of formula 2 used to make compounds of the invention can be made by any conventional means. For example, they may be made by the route shown in Scheme V below.



Scheme V

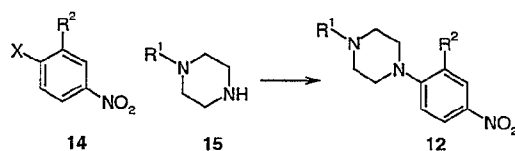
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The nitro group in a compound of formula 12 can be reduced to give an aniline of formula 13 using a number of methods familiar to one skilled in the art. These methods include (1) treatment of the nitro compound of formula 12 with iron/acetic acid, with tin(II) chloride/hydrochloric acid, or with zinc and ammonium chloride; and (2) hydrogenation in the presence of a noble metal catalyst such as palladium-on-carbon.

The isothiocyanates of formula 2 may be made from anilines of formula 13 using any one of a number of reagents known to those skilled in organic synthesis to be useful for the transformation of an aniline of formula 13 into an isothiocyanate of formula 2. Among these reagents are carbon disulfide, thiophosgene, 1,1'-thiocarbonylbis(2-pyridone), and thiocarbonyl diimidazole. The reaction can be carried out by treating an aniline of formula 13 with thiocarbonyl diimidazole in a suitable inert solvent such as a polar aprotic solvent (e.g., N,N-dimethylformamide) at a temperature between about -20 degrees and about 0 degrees, preferably at about -15 degrees.

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Nitro compounds of formula 12 can be made by a variety of methods that are known in the field of organic synthesis. For example, they may be made by the nucleophilic substitution of a nitrobenzene derivative that bears a leaving group at the position para to the nitro group in accordance with Scheme VI below:



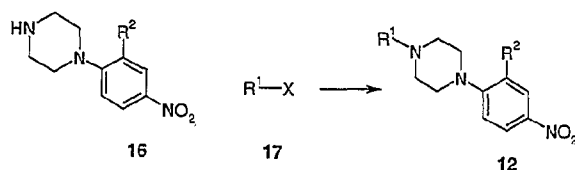
Scheme VI

The nucleophilic substitution reaction between an amine of formula 15 and a nitrobenzene of formula 14 (wherein X is a leaving group) to give the substituted product of formula 12 can be conveniently carried out by heating these materials together at a temperature between about 50 and about 100 degrees, preferably at about 80 degrees, in the optional presence of an inert solvent such as acetonitrile (Scheme VI). Suitable leaving groups of formula X include chloride and fluoride. By way of example and not as a limitation, the following compounds of formula 14 are available commercially from the noted vendors:

	<u>Supplier</u>
	Aldrich
	Aldrich
	Aldrich
	Lancaster Synthesis
	Aldrich

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Alternatively, nitro compounds of formula 12 may be synthesized according to Scheme VII below.



Scheme VII

5 The alkylation of compounds of formula 16 to give compounds of formula 12, in which R¹ represents an alkyl group can be achieved by treating the compound with an alkylating agent of formula 17, in which X represents one of a number of leaving groups well known to those with knowledge of organic synthesis, such as a halide (e.g., chloride, bromide, iodide) or a sulfonate (e.g., mesylate, tosylate, triflate), or the like, in an inert solvent, such as acetonitrile, a lower alkyl ketone (e.g., acetone or 2-butanone), a polar aprotic solvent (e.g., N,N-dimethylformamide), or an aromatic hydrocarbon (e.g., benzene or toluene), in the presence of a base, such as sodium carbonate or potassium carbonate, and in the optional presence of a catalyst such as potassium iodide. Except where the leaving group is triflate, the reaction can be conveniently carried out at a temperature
10 between about 50 degrees and about 110 degrees, preferably at about 80 degrees. Where the leaving group is triflate, the reaction is conveniently carried out at a temperature between about 0 degrees and room temperature, preferably at about room temperature.

 Compounds of formula 12 where R¹ represents an acyl group may be prepared by
20 acylation of compounds of formula 16. The reaction can be effected using known methods. For example, the compound of formula 16 can be treated with a carboxylic acid of formula 17, in which X represents OH, in the presence of a coupling agent, many examples of which are well known per se in peptide chemistry, and in the optional presence of a substance that increases the rate of the reaction, such as 1-hydroxybenzotriazole or 1-
25 hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole; or by reaction of the compound of formula 16 with a reactive derivative of carboxylic acids such as the corresponding acid halides (for example, the acid chloride), acid anhydride, mixed anhydride, activated ester, etc. The reaction is conveniently carried out by treating the compound of formula 16 with an acid chloride in the presence of a base such as pyridine, or a tertiary amine (e.g., diisopropylethylamine) or
30 an inorganic base such as sodium or potassium carbonate, in an inert solvent such as a halogenated hydrocarbon (e.g., dichloromethane) at a temperature between about 0 degrees and about room temperature, preferably at about room temperature.

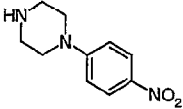
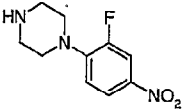
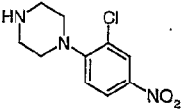
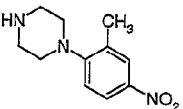
Compounds of formula 12 where R¹ represents an alkoxy carbonyl group may be prepared by the alkoxy carbonylation of compounds of formula 16 to give compounds of formula 12, in which R¹ represents an alkoxy carbonyl group. This synthesis can be effected using reactions that are well known in the fields of organic chemistry and peptide chemistry. Conditions for many of these reactions are given in "Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis" (Greene, T. W. and Wuts, P. G. M., 2nd Edition, John Wiley & Sons, N.Y. 1991). In the case of the preferred alkoxy carbonyl protective group, namely the tert-butoxy carbonyl (t-BOC) group, the protective group can be introduced by reacting the amine of formula 16 with di-tert-butyl dicarbonate in an inert solvent such as a mixture of water and an ether such as dioxane, or in a halogenated solvent (such as dichloromethane), or in acetonitrile, in the optional presence of a base or of a catalyst, such as N,N-dimethylamino-pyridine. As an alternative to di-tert-butyl dicarbonate, the following reagents could also be used: 2-(tert-butoxy carbonyloximino)-2-phenylacetonitrile, or tert-butyl azidoformate.

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Compounds of formula 12 where R¹ represents a sulfonyl group may be prepared by the sulfonylation of compounds of formula 16 to give compounds of formula 12, in which R¹ represents a sulfonyl group. This synthesis can be effected using reactions that are well known in the field of organic chemistry. For example, compounds of formula 12 in which R¹ represents a sulfonyl group can be prepared by reaction of compounds of formula 16 with a sulfonyl chloride in the presence of an appropriate base for example pyridine that can also be used as solvent. The reaction may also be performed by using a tertiary amine as the base, in the presence of an inert solvent such as tetrahydrofuran or dichloro-methane; or in aqueous solution using an alkali metal hydroxide such as sodium hydroxide as the base. The reaction is conveniently carried out at a temperature of between about room temperature and about 80 degrees, preferably at about room temperature.

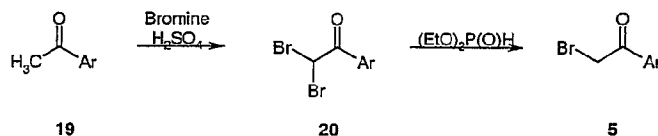
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Sample compounds of formula 16 may be obtained as indicated below.

	Available commercially (Aldrich)
	Can be prepared by the procedure of Brickner, S. J. et al. <i>J. Med. Chem.</i> 1996, 39, 673-679
	Can be prepared by the procedure of Kemp, J. E. G. et al. EP 257864
	Can be prepared from 2-chloro-5-nitrotoluene (Aldrich) by procedures analogous to those described in Kemp, J. E. G. et al. EP 257864 for the preparation of 1-(2-chloro-4-nitrophenyl)piperazine

5 Bromomethylketone intermediates 5 used to make compounds of the invention are available commercially or can be made using one of a number of methods known to those skilled in the art of organic synthesis, for example: Friedel-Crafts reactions of an arene with bromoacetyl bromide or bromoacetyl chloride; oxidation of a 2-bromo-1-phenethyl alcohol; reaction of a diazomethyl ketone with HBr; reduction of a dibromomethyl ketone
 10 (see Scheme VIII) below; or reaction of a methyl ketone with a brominating agent (see Scheme IX) such as bromine, copper(II) bromide, tetrabutylammonium tribromide, or 5,5-dibromo-barbituric acid.

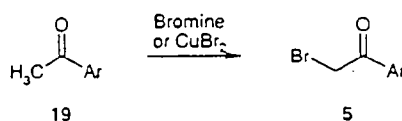
According to the method of Diwu et al. (*Tetrahedron Lett.* 1998, 39, 4987-4990),
 15 methyl ketones of formula 19 can be converted into the corresponding dibromomethyl ketones of formula 20 by treatment with bromine in neat sulfuric acid. The dibromomethyl ketones of formula 20 can then be converted into the desired bromomethyl ketones of formula 5 by reduction with diethylphosphite.



Scheme VIII

Bromomethyl ketones of formula 5 can also be prepared directly from methyl ketones of formula 19 using a variety of reagents well known to those of ordinary skill in
 25 the art of organic synthesis, such as those mentioned above. For example, the reaction may

be conveniently carried out by treating the methyl ketone of formula 19 with bromine in a suitable inert solvent such as a halogenated hydrocarbon (e.g., carbon tetrachloride) in the optional presence of other agents that facilitate the reaction, such as a Bronsted or Lewis acid catalyst (e.g., aluminum chloride or acetic acid). The optimal reaction temperature depends on whether or not a catalyst is used. In the case where aluminum chloride is used, the reaction is conveniently carried out at about 0 degrees. In the cases where acetic acid is added, or where no catalyst is used, the reaction is conveniently carried out at a temperature between about room temperature and about 80 degrees, preferably at about room temperature. Alternatively, a methyl ketone of formula 19 may be converted to a bromomethylketone of formula 5 by treatment with copper(II) bromide in a suitable unreactive solvent such as ethyl acetate, preferably at the reflux temperature.



Scheme IX

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Compositions/Formulations

In a second aspect, the present invention provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of the first aspect, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

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These pharmaceutical compositions can be administered orally, for example in the form of tablets, coated tablets, dragees, hard or soft gelatin capsules, solutions, emulsions or suspensions. They can also be administered rectally, for example, in the form of suppositories, or parenterally, for example, in the form of injection solutions.

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The pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention comprising compounds of formula I, and/or the salts or esters thereof, may be manufactured in a manner that is known in the art, e.g. by means of conventional mixing, encapsulating, dissolving, granulating, emulsifying, entrapping, dragee-making, or lyophilizing processes. These pharmaceutical preparations can be formulated with therapeutically inert, inorganic or organic carriers. Lactose, corn starch or derivatives thereof, talc, steric acid or its salts can be used as such carriers for tablets, coated tablets, dragees and hard gelatin capsules.

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Suitable carriers for soft gelatin capsules include vegetable oils, waxes and fats. Depending on the nature of the active substance, no carriers are generally required in the case of soft gelatin capsules. Suitable carriers for the manufacture of solutions and syrups are water, polyols, saccharose, invert sugar and glucose. Suitable carriers for injection are water, 5 alcohols, polyols, glycerine, vegetable oils, phospholipids and surfactants. Suitable carriers for suppositories are natural or hardened oils, waxes, fats and semi-liquid polyols.

The pharmaceutical preparations can also contain preserving agents, solubilizing agents, stabilizing agents, wetting agents, emulsifying agents, sweetening agents, coloring 10 agents, flavoring agents, salts for varying the osmotic pressure, buffers, coating agents or antioxidants. They can also contain other therapeutically valuable substances, including additional active ingredients other than those of formula I.

15 As mentioned above, the compounds of the present invention, including the compounds of formula I, are useful in the treatment or control of cell proliferative disorders, in particular oncological disorders. These compounds and formulations containing said compounds are particularly useful in the treatment or control of solid tumors, such as, for example, breast, colon, lung and prostate tumors.

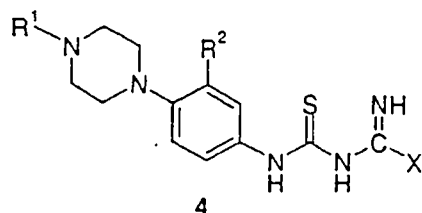
20 In a third aspect, the present invention provides a method for treating cancer comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to the first aspect.

25 In a fourth aspect, the present invention provides use of the compound of the first aspect for the preparation of medicaments.

In fifth aspect, the present invention provides process for the preparation of 30 compound of the first aspect by alkylation and cyclization with a halomethylketone, like bromomethylketone of

a) a thiourea derivative of formula 4

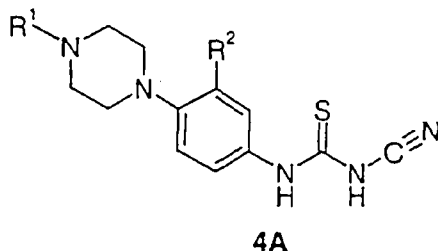
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wherein X is NO₂,

or

b) a thiourea derivative of formula 4A



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A therapeutically effective amount of a compound in accordance with this invention means an amount of compound that is effective to prevent, alleviate or ameliorate symptoms of disease or prolong the survival of the subject being treated. Determination of a therapeutically effective amount is within the skill in the art.

The therapeutically effective amount or dosage of a compound according to this invention can vary within wide limits and may be determined in a manner known in the art. Such dosage will be adjusted to the individual requirements in each particular case including the specific compound(s) being administered, the route of administration, the condition being treated, as well as the patient being treated. In general, in the case of oral or parenteral administration to adult humans weighing approximately 70 Kg, a daily dosage of about 10 mg to about 10,000 mg, preferably from about 200 mg to about 1,000 mg, should be appropriate, although the upper limit may be exceeded when indicated. The daily dosage can be administered as a single dose or in divided doses, or for parenteral administration, it may be given as continuous infusion.

In another embodiment, the present invention is also directed to novel intermediates useful in the preparation of compounds of formula I. These novel intermediates include the following compounds:

- 5 a) 1-(2-Fluoro-4-isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-methylpiperazine (Example 2C),
- b) 1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine (Example 3A),
- c) 4-[4-(1-Methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]benzenamine (Example 3B),
- 10 d) 1-(4-Isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-(1-methylethyl)piperazine (Example 3C),
- e) 4-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-1-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)piperazine (Example 5B),
- 15 f) 1-(4-Isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)piperazine (Example 14B),
- g) 1-(4-Isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-(1-methylpropyl)piperazine (Example 14C),
- h) 4-Cyclopentyl-1-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)piperazine (Example 14D),
- 20 i) 1-(4-Isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-(2-methylpropyl)piperazine (Example 14E),
- j) 4-(3-Hydroxypropyl)-1-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)piperazine (Example 14F),
- k) 2-Bromo-1-(3,4,5-trifluoro-phenyl)ethanone (Example 14H),
- 25 l) 2-Bromo-1-(4-fluoro-3-methoxy-phenyl)ethanone (Example 14I),
- m) 2-Bromo-1-(4-fluoro-3-methoxy-phenyl)ethanone (Example 14K),
- 30 n) 2-Bromo-1-(3-difluoromethoxy-phenyl)ethanone (Example 14L),
- o) [4-amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](4-chloro-3-nitrophenyl)methanone (Example 15),
- 35 p) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenylamino]thioxomethyl], polymer bound (Example 18),

- q) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[3-fluoro-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenylamino]thioxomethyl], polymer bound (Example 19),
- 5 r) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenylamino]thioxomethyl], polymer bound (Example 20),
- s) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[4-(4-acetyl-1-piperazinyl)phenylamino]thioxomethyl], polymer bound (Example 21),
- 10 t) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[4-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenylamino]thioxomethyl], polymer bound (Example 22),
- u) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[4-[4-[(1,1-dimethylethoxy)carbonyl]-1-piperazinyl]phenylamino]thioxomethyl], polymer bound (Example 23A),
- 15 v) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[4-[4-(2-methoxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenylamino]thioxomethyl], polymer bound (Example 23B),
- w) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[4-[4-(1-methylpropyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenylamino]thioxomethyl], polymer bound (Example 23C),
- 20 x) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[4-(4-cyclopentyl-1-piperazinyl)phenylamino]thioxomethyl], polymer bound (Example 23D),
- 25 y) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[4-[4-(2-methylpropyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenylamino]thioxomethyl], polymer bound (Example 23E),
- z) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[4-[4-(3-hydroxypropyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenylamino]thioxomethyl], polymer bound (Example 23F),
- 30 aa) 4-[4-[[4-Amino-5-(3-fluorobenzoyl)-2-thiazolyl]amino]phenyl]-1-piperazinecarboxylic acid, 1,1-dimethylethyl ester (Example 54A),
- bb) 4-[4-[[4-Amino-5-[4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)benzoyl]-2-thiazolyl]amino]phenyl]-1-piperazinecarboxylic acid, 1,1-dimethylethyl ester (Example 55A),
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- cc) 4-[4-[[4-Amino-5-(3-fluoro-4-methoxybenzoyl)-2-thiazolyl]amino]phenyl]-1-piperazinecarboxylic acid, 1,1-dimethylethyl ester (Example 56A).

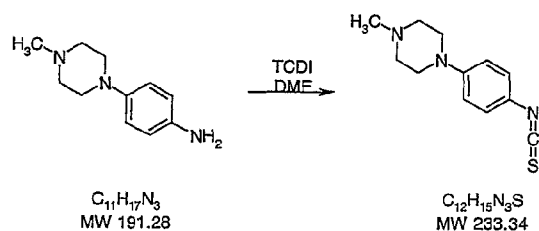
Examples

The following examples illustrate preferred methods for synthesizing the compounds and formulations of the present invention.

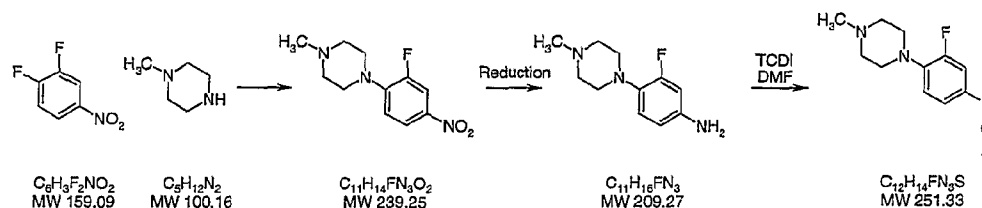
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Example 1

1-(4-Isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-methylpiperazine



- 10 A mixture of thiocarbonyldiimidazole (4.46 g, 25.0 mmol) (Aldrich) and N,N-dimethylformamide (20 mL) was cooled to about -15 °C and a solution of 4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)benzenamine (prepared according to the procedure of Chong, W. K. et al. WO9921845; 4.78 g, 25.0 mmol) was added over a period of 30 min. The cooling bath was removed and the mixture was stirred for 1 h. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and ice-water
- 15 was added. After 30 min, the mixture was extracted with ether (3 x 200 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered, and evaporated to give 1-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-methylpiperazine (4.84 g, 83%) as a pale purple solid.

Example 21-(2-Fluoro-4-isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-methylpiperazine

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A. 1-(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenyl)-4-methylpiperazine

A solution of 3,4-difluoronitrobenzene (12.00 g, 75.4 mmol) (Aldrich) and N-methylpiperazine (18.89 g, 188.6 mmol) in acetonitrile (150 mL) was heated at reflux for 3 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to stand overnight at room temperature, then the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was partitioned between water and ethyl acetate (200 mL each). The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 200 mL) and the combined organic layers were then washed with water and brine (200 mL each), dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and evaporated under reduced pressure to give 1-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenyl)-4-methylpiperazine as a pale brown solid (17.5 g, 97%, mp 68-70°C).

B. 3-Fluoro-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)benzenamine

A solution of 1-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenyl)-4-methylpiperazine (5.00 g, 20.9 mmol) (from Step A above) and 10% palladium-on-carbon (0.20 g, 0.2 mmol) in ethyl acetate (100 mL) and ethanol (50 mL) was hydrogenated at 50 psi in a Parr shaker for 4 h. The mixture was filtered through Celite™. The Celite™ was washed with ethyl acetate (50 mL) and the solvent was evaporated to give 3-fluoro-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)benzenamine as a white solid (4.05 g, 93%, mp 89-91°C).

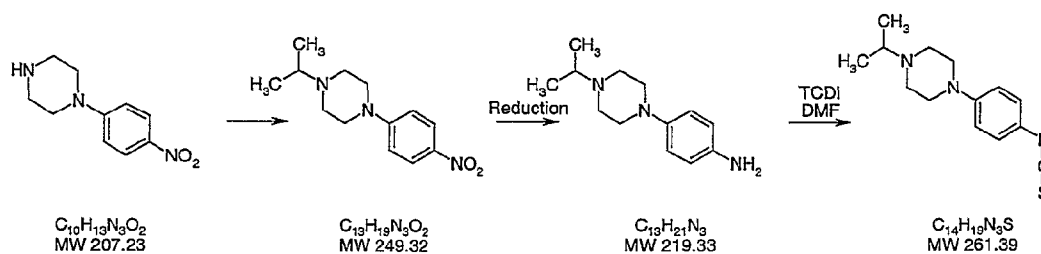
C. 1-(2-Fluoro-4-isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-methylpiperazine

Thiocarbonyl diimidazole (3.00 g, 3.53 mmol) (Aldrich) was dissolved in N,N-dimethylformamide (10 mL) and the solution was cooled to -10°C (ice/acetone bath). A solution of 3-fluoro-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl) benzenamine (2.26 g, 10.8 mmol) (from Step B above) in N,N-dimethylformamide (30 mL) was added over a period of 30 minutes,

then the cooling bath was removed and the solution was stirred overnight. Ice-water was then added (100 mL) and the mixture was extracted with ether (3 x 200 mL). The combined ether layers were dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and evaporated to give 1-(2-fluoro-4-isothio-cyanatophenyl)-4-methylpiperazine as a yellow oil that solidified on standing (3.88 g, 92%).

Example 3

1-(4-Isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-(1-methylethyl)piperazine



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A. 1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine

A mixture of 1-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine (2.00 g, 9.7 mmol) (Acros Organics), powdered potassium carbonate (2.7 g, 19.3 mmol), 2-bromopropane (0.96 mL, 10.1 mmol), potassium iodide (50 mg) and a catalytic amount of 18-crown-6 in acetonitrile (15 mL) was heated at reflux overnight. The mixture was filtered, and the filter cake was washed with acetonitrile. The solvent was evaporated from the combined filtrates and the residue was partitioned between water and ethyl acetate. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered, evaporated and chromatographed (0-66% acetone/dichloromethane) to give 1-(1-methylethyl)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine (1.7 g, 71%).

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B. 4-[4-(1-Methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]benzenamine

A mixture of 1-(1-methylethyl)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine (1.7 g, 6.8 mmol) (from Step A above) and 10% palladium-on-charcoal in ethanol (30 mL) was hydrogenated at room temperature and atmospheric pressure overnight. The catalyst was filtered off and the filter cake washed thoroughly with ethanol. The mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure to give 4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]benzenamine (1.6 g, quantitative yield) as a dark brown oil.

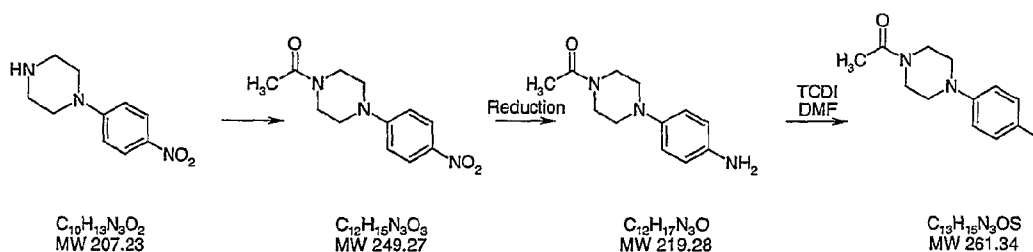
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C. 1-(4-Isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-(1-methylethyl)piperazine

A solution of 4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]benzenamine (1.6 g, ~ 6.8 mmol) (from Step B above) in N,N-dimethylformamide (25 mL) was added dropwise over 20 min to a cooled (-15°C) solution of thiocarbonyldiimidazole (1.4 g, 7.7 mmol) (Aldrich) in N,N-dimethylformamide (30 mL). After the addition was complete, the mixture was stirred at -15 °C for 20 min, then the cooling bath was removed and the solution was stirred for 1 h. Ice-water was added and the mixture was extracted with ether. The ether layer was dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and evaporated to give 1-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-(1-methylethyl)piperazine (1.8 g, quantitative yield).

Example 4

1-(Acetyl)-4-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)piperazine



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This compound can be prepared by the procedure of Chong, W. K. et al. WO9921845, or as follows:

A. 1-Acetyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine

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Powdered potassium carbonate (276 mg, 2 mmol) and then acetyl chloride (0.14 mL, 2 mmol) were added to a solution of 1-(4-nitrophenyl) piperazine (2.1 g, 1 mmol) (Acros Organics) in dichloromethane (75 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight and then further quantities of powdered potassium carbonate (500 mg, 3.6 mmol) and acetyl chloride (0.2 mL, 2.8 mmol) were added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, then it was filtered and the filter cake was washed with dichloromethane. The solvent was evaporated from the filtrate, and the residue was chromatographed (0-66% acetone/dichloromethane) to give 1-acetyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine (1.8 g, 72%).

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B. 1-Acetyl-4-(4-aminophenyl)piperazine

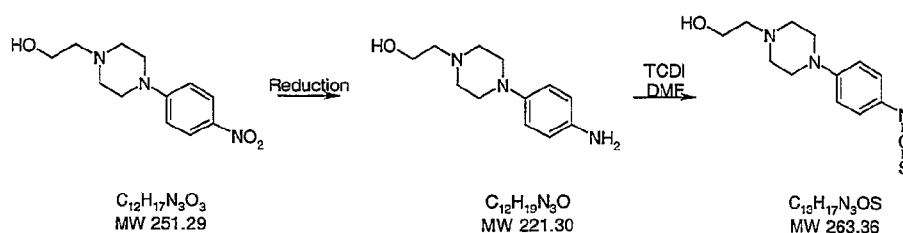
A mixture of 1-acetyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine (1.8 g, 7.2 mmol) (from Step A above) and 10% palladium-on-charcoal in ethanol (50 mL) was hydrogenated at room temperature and atmospheric pressure overnight. The catalyst was filtered off and the filter cake washed thoroughly with ethanol. The mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure to give 1-acetyl-4-(4-amino-phenyl)piperazine (1.0 g, 63%) as an off-white solid.

C. 1-(Acetyl)-4-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)piperazine

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A solution of 1-acetyl-4-(4-aminophenyl)piperazine (1.0 g, 4.6 mmol) (from Step B above) in N,N-dimethylformamide (10 mL) was added dropwise to a cooled (-15°C) solution of thiocarbonyldiimidazole (855 mg, 4.8 mmol) in N,N-dimethylformamide (10 mL). After the addition was complete, the mixture was stirred at -15°C for 30 min, then the cooling bath was removed and the solution was stirred for 1 h. Ice-water was added and the mixture was extracted with ether (4 x 50 mL). The combined ether layers were washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and evaporated to give 1-(acetyl)-4-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)piperazine (1.0 g, 84%).

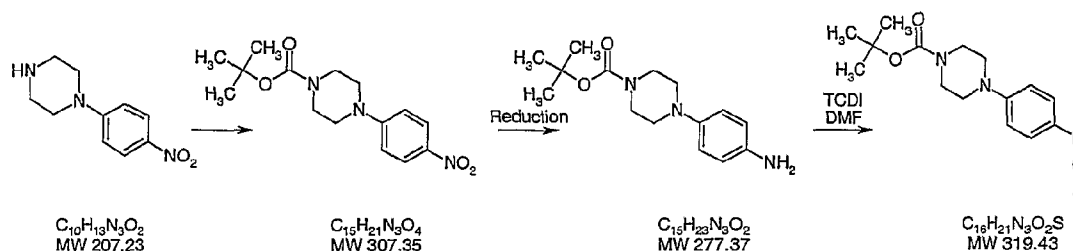
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Example 54-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-1-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)piperazine

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This compound was prepared from 4-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-piperazine-ethanol (Bionet Research Ltd.) using the hydrogenation and isothiocyanate-forming reactions used in Example 4.

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Example 6**4-(4-Isothiocyanatophenyl)-1-piperazinecarboxylic acid, 1,1-dimethylethyl ester**

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A. 4-(4-Nitrophenyl)-1-piperazinecarboxylic acid, 1,1-dimethylethyl ester

10 1-(4-Nitrophenyl)piperazine (20 g, 96.5 mmol) (Acros Organics) was dissolved in dioxane (300 mL), and diisopropylethylamine (13.7 g, 106 mmol) (Aldrich) was added. To the solution was added di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (21 g, 96.6 mmol). After stirring overnight, the mixture was poured into water (1 L) and stirred for 10 minutes. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 500 mL) and the combined organic

15 extracts were dried over $MgSO_4$, filtered, and evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was recrystallized from a mixture of ethyl acetate/hexane to provide 4-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-piperazinecarboxylic acid, 1,1-dimethylethyl ester (22.7 g, 77%).

B. 4-(4-Aminophenyl)-1-piperazinecarboxylic acid, 1,1-dimethylethyl ester

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4-(4-Nitrophenyl)-1-piperazinecarboxylic acid, 1,1-dimethylethyl ester (20 g, 65 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous ethanol (250 mL) and 10% Pd/C (1.8 g) was added. The mixture was stirred for 1.5 h under 10 psi of hydrogen and filtered through a Celite pad. The pad was washed with ethyl acetate (3 x 100 mL) and the combined solution was

25 evaporated *in vacuo* to yield 4-(4-amino-phenyl)-1-piperazinecarboxylic acid, 1,1-dimethylethyl ester (18 g, 98% yield).

C. 4-(4-Isothiocyanatophenyl)-1-piperazinecarboxylic acid, 1,1-dimethylethyl ester

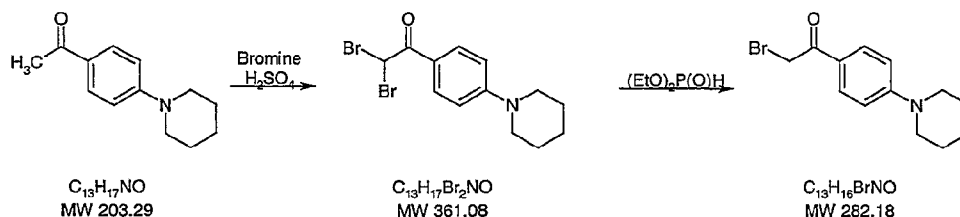
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A solution of 4-(4-aminophenyl)-1-piperazinecarboxylic acid, 1,1-dimethylethyl ester (15 g, 54.1 mmol) (from Step B above) in *N,N*-dimethyl-formamide (120 mL) was added dropwise to a cooled ($-15^{\circ}C$) solution of 1,1'-thiocarbonyldiimidazole (9.66 g, 54.2

35 mmol) (Aldrich) in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (40 mL). After the addition was complete, the cooling bath was removed and the solution was stirred for 1 h. The mixture was poured

into ice-water (1 L), stirred for 30 minutes, and extracted with diethyl ether. The combined extracts were dried over Na_2SO_4 , and evaporated *in vacuo* to provide 4-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)-1-piperazinecarboxylic acid, 1,1-dimethylethyl ester (18 g, 94%).

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Example 72-Bromo-1-[4-(1-piperidinyl)phenyl]ethanone

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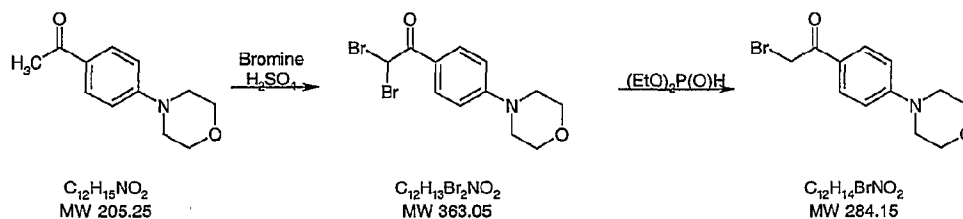
A. 2,2-Dibromo-1-[4-(1-piperidinyl)phenyl]ethanone

Following the procedure of Diwu et al. (Tetrahedron Lett. 1998, 39, 4987-4990), 1-[4-(1-piperidinyl)phenyl]ethanone (5 g, 24.6 mmol) (Aldrich) was dissolved in concentrated sulfuric acid (25 mL) and the resulting solution was cooled to 0°C . To the solution was slowly added bromine (1.3 mL, 25.4 mmol) at 0°C with stirring. The mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature and stirred for 6h. The reaction mixture was poured into ice/water. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried *in vacuo* to provide 2,2-dibromo-1-[4-(1-piperidinyl)phenyl]ethanone (8.2 g, 93%).

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B. 2-Bromo-1-[4-(1-piperidinyl)phenyl]ethanone

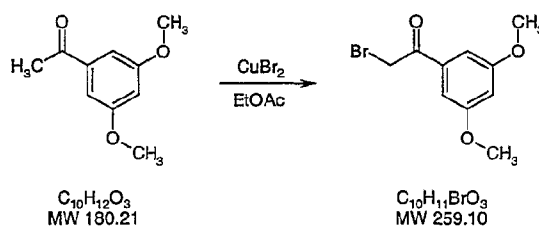
2,2-Dibromo-1-[4-(1-piperidinyl)phenyl]ethanone (3 g, 8.3 mmol) (from Step A above) was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (15 mL), and cooled to 0°C . To the resulting solution were added dropwise diethylphosphite (1.13 mL, 8.7 mmol) and triethylamine (1.21 mL, 8.7 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (7 mL) at 0°C with stirring. The mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred for 6 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and poured into ice/water. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried *in vacuo* to provide 2-bromo-1-[4-(1-piperidinyl)phenyl]ethanone (2.3 g, 100% yield).

Example 8**2-Bromo-1-[4-(4-morpholinyl)phenyl]ethanone**

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This compound was prepared from 1-[4-(4-morpholinyl)phenyl]ethanone (Aldrich) by procedures analogous to those used to prepare 2-bromo-1-[4-(1-piperidinyl)phenyl]ethanone (Example 7).

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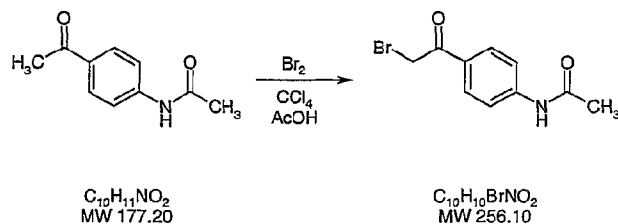
Example 9**2-Bromo-1-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethanone**

15 A mixture of 1-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethanone (3.0 g, 16.6 mmol) (Aldrich) and copper(II) bromide (6.2 g, 27.8 mmol) (Aldrich) in ethyl acetate (35 mL) was heated at reflux under argon for 5 h. Charcoal was added to the mixture which was stirred and then filtered through Celite™. The filter cake was washed with ethyl acetate, and the combined filtrates were evaporated and then purified by elution with dichloromethane (500 mL)

20 through silica gel (150 g) in a filter funnel to give crude 1-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethanone (4.9 g, quantitative yield). This was used without further purification.

Example 10

N-[4-(Bromoacetyl)phenyl]acetamide



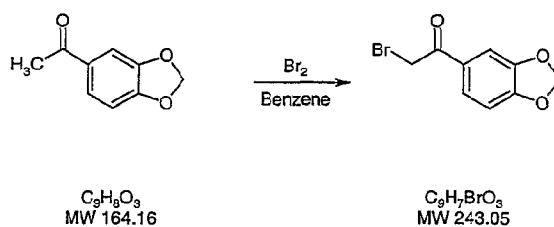
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A solution of bromine (0.31 mL, 5.9 mmol) in carbon tetrachloride (10 mL) was added to a suspension of N-(4-acetylphenyl)acetamide (1 g, 5.6 mmol) (Lancaster Synthesis) in carbon tetrachloride (20 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for several hours but TLC indicated only starting material. Acetic acid (10 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight. Filtration gave N-[4-(bromoacetyl)phenyl]acetamide (1.4 g) as a solid. HPLC indicated that the purity was approximately 80%. This material was used directly in subsequent steps without purification.

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Example 11

1-(1,3-Benzodioxol-5-yl)-2-bromoethanone



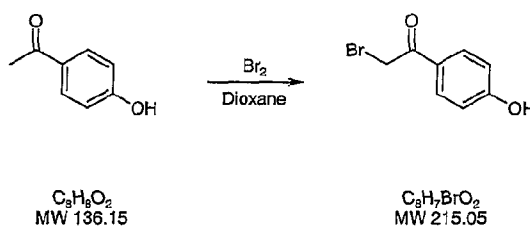
Eight drops of a solution of bromine (1.95 g, 12.2 mmol) in benzene (10 mL) were added to a solution of 1-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)ethanone (2.00 g, 12.2 mmol) (Acros Organics) in benzene (40 mL) in a flask protected from light with aluminum foil. The solution was heated to reflux for ~ 30 seconds, but it did not decolorize. The rest of the bromine solution was added in ~ 1 mL aliquots and the solution was then allowed to stand for 2 h. Ethyl acetate (100 mL) was added, and the solution was washed with water and

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saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (100 mL each), dried ($MgSO_4$), filtered and evaporated to give a black liquid that solidified on standing. NMR indicated that it was a ~1:3 mixture of 1-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-2,2-dibromoethanone and 1-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-2-bromoethanone. This material was used directly in subsequent steps without purification.

Example 12

2-Bromo-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)ethanone



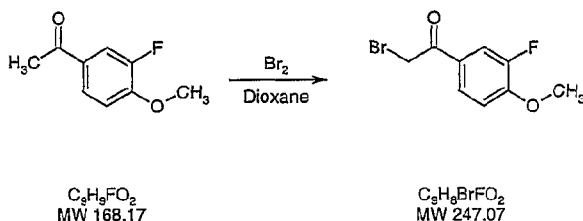
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To a solution of 4-hydroxyacetophenone (2.5 g, 18.3 mmol) (Aldrich) in dioxane (10 mL) was added dropwise a solution of bromine (3.22 g, 20.1 mmol) in dioxane (20 mL). After stirring for 10 minutes, the mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was recrystallized from methanol to provide 2-bromo-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)ethanone (1.73 g, 44% yield).

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Example 13

2-Bromo-1-(3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)ethanone

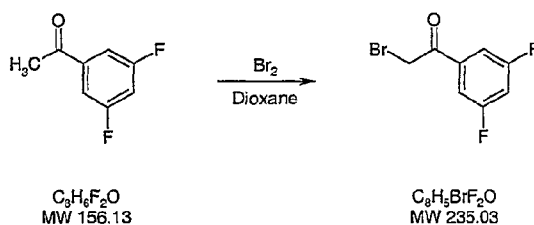


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To a solution of 3'-fluoro-4'-methoxyacetophenone (1 g, 5.9 mmol) (Aldrich) in dioxane (10 mL) was added dropwise a solution of bromine (1.13 g, 7.1 mmol) in dioxane (30 mL). After stirring for 10 minutes, the mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by flash chromatography, with 10:4 hexanes/dichloromethane as an eluant, to provide 2-bromo-1-(3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)ethanone as a white powder (910 mg, 63% yield).

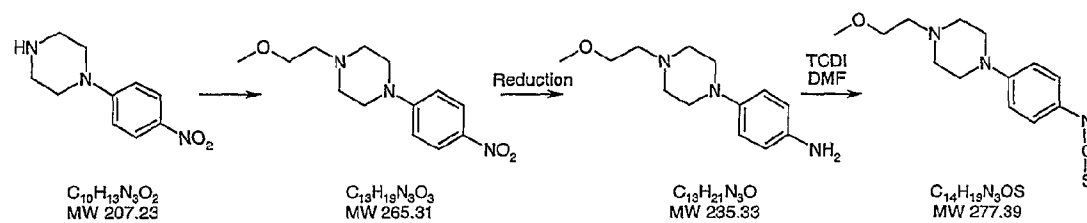
Example 14A

15 2-Bromo-1-(3,5-difluorophenyl)ethanone



To a solution of 3',5'-difluoroacetophenone (3 g, 19.2 mmol) (Lancaster Synthesis) in dioxane (30 mL) was added dropwise a solution of bromine (3.67 g, 23 mmol) in dioxane (75 mL). After stirring for 10 minutes, the mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by flash chromatography, with 10:2 hexanes/dichloromethane as an eluant, to provide 2-bromo-1-(3,5-difluorophenyl)ethanone as a colorless oil (2.9 g, 64% yield).

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Example 14B1-(4-Isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)piperazine

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A. 1-(1-[2-methoxy-ethyl])-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine

A mixture of 4-chloronitrobenzene (5.5g, 34.9 mmol) (Aldrich), and 1-(2-methoxy-ethyl)piperazine 5g, 34.6mmol (Chess, GmbH) was heated at 80°C overnight.

10 Dichloromethane (100mL) was added and washed with water (3x100mL). The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated to a dark red oil. Chromatography (4% methanol in dichloromethane) followed by recrystallization from ethyl acetate/hexane gave 1-(1-[2-methoxy-ethyl])-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine (5.36g, 58%)

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B. 4-[4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-1-piperazinyl]benzenamine

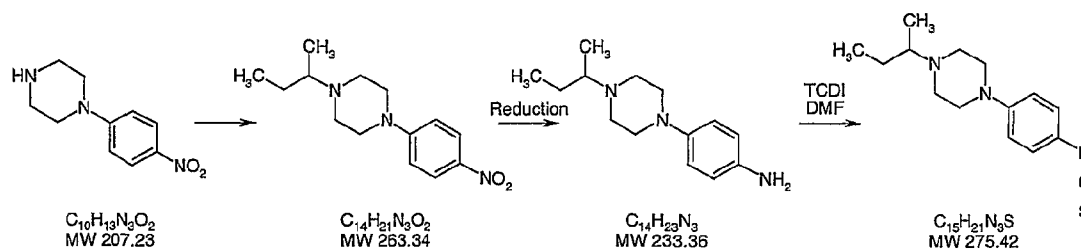
A mixture of 1-(1-[2-methoxy-ethyl])-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine (5.36 g, 20.2 mmol) (from Step A above) and 10% palladium-on-charcoal in ethanol (125 mL) was hydrogenated at room temperature at 20 psi for one hour. The catalyst was filtered off and

20 the filter cake washed thoroughly with ethanol. The mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure to give 4-[4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-1-piperazinyl]benzenamine (4 g, 84%)

C. 1-(4-Isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-(1-[2-methoxy-ethyl])piperazine

25 A solution of 4-[4-(1-[2-methoxy-ethyl])-1-piperazinyl]benzenamine (4 g, 17 mmol) (from Step B above) in N,N-dimethylformamide (60 mL) was added dropwise over 20 min to a cooled (-15°C) solution of thiocarbonyldiimidazole (3g, 17.03 mmol) (Aldrich) in N,N-dimethylformamide (15 mL). After the addition was complete, the mixture was stirred at -15°C for 20 min, then the cooling bath was removed and the

30 solution was stirred for 1 h. Ice-water (800ml) was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. The solid was filtered off and washed with water and dried under vacuum to give 1-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-(1-[2-methoxy-ethyl])piperazine (2.8 g, 67%).

Example 14C1-(4-Isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-(1-methylpropyl)piperazine

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A. 1-(sec-butyl)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine

A mixture of 1-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine (6, 28.98 mmol) (Acros Organics), powdered potassium carbonate (2.7g, 30.4 mmol), 2-Bromobutane (3.32ml, 30.4 mmol), and a catalytic amount of 18-crown-6 in acetonitrile (45 mL) was heated at reflux overnight. The mixture was filtered, and the filter cake was washed with acetonitrile. The solvent was evaporated from the combined filtrates and the residue was partitioned between water and ethyl acetate. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, evaporated and chromatographed (2.5% methanol in dichloromethane) to give 1-(sec-butyl)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine (4.45g, 58%).

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B. 4-[4-(sec-butyl)-1-piperazinyl]benzenamine

A mixture of 1-(sec-butyl)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine (4.45 g, 16.9 mmol) (from Step A above) and 10% palladium-on-charcoal in ethanol (125 mL) was hydrogenated at room temperature at 20 psi for 1.25 hour. The catalyst was filtered off and the filter cake washed thoroughly with ethanol. The mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure to give 4-[4-(sec-butyl)-1-piperazinyl]benzenamine (3.55g, 90%)

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C. 1-(4-Isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-(sec-butyl)piperazine

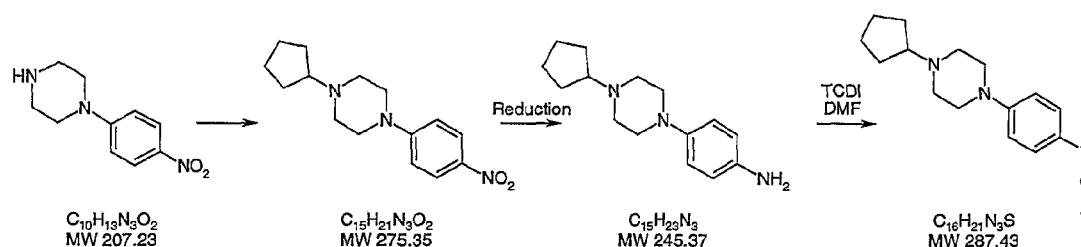
A solution of 4-[4-(sec-butyl)-1-piperazinyl]benzenamine (3.5 g, 15 mmol) (from Step B above) in N,N-dimethylformamide (40 mL) was added dropwise over 20 min to a cooled (-15°C) solution of thiocarbonyldiimidazole (2.68g, 15.03 mmol) (Aldrich) in N,N-dimethylformamide (15 mL). After the addition was complete, the mixture was stirred at -15°C for 20 min, then the cooling bath was removed and the solution was stirred for 1 h. Ice-water (800ml) was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. The solid was filtered

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off and washed with water and dried under vacuum to give 1-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-(sec-butyl)piperazine (3.6g, 87%) as a purple solid.

Example 14D

5 4-Cyclopentyl-1-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)piperazine



A. 1-Cyclopentyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine

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A mixture of 1-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine (12 g, 57.9 mmol) (Acros Organics), powdered potassium carbonate (5.4 g, 39 mmol), iodocyclopentane (7 mL, 60.8 mmol) (Aldrich) and a catalytic amount of 18-crown-6 in acetonitrile (90 mL) was heated at reflux overnight. The mixture was filtered, and the filter cake was washed with acetonitrile. The solvent was evaporated from the combined filtrates and the residue was partitioned between water and ethyl acetate. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered, evaporated to a yellow solid and dried under vacuum to give 1-cyclopentyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine (6.6g, 41%).

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B. 4-(4-Cyclopentyl-1-piperazinyl)benzenamine

A mixture of 1-cyclopentyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine (6.6 g, 23.9 mmol) (from Step A above) and 10% palladium-on-charcoal in ethanol (175 mL) was hydrogenated at room temperature at 20 psi for 1.25 hr. The catalyst was filtered off and the filter cake washed thoroughly with ethanol. The mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure to give 4-(4-cyclopentyl-1-piperazinyl)benzenamine (5.7 g, 97%)

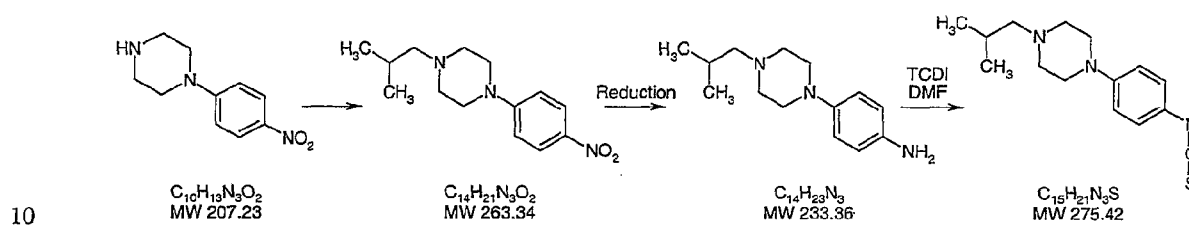
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C. 4-Cyclopentyl-1-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)piperazine

A solution of 4-[4-(1-cyclopentyl)-1-piperazinyl]benzenamine (5.7 g, 22.4 mmol) (from Step B above) in N,N-dimethylformamide (75 mL) was added dropwise over 20 min to a cooled ($-15^{\circ}C$) solution of thiocarbonyldiimidazole (4 g, 22.5 mmol) (Aldrich) in

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N,N-dimethylformamide (40 mL). After the addition was complete, the mixture was stirred at -15°C for 20 min, then the cooling bath was removed and the solution was stirred for 1 hr. then poured into ice-water (1500 mL), stirred for 30 min. then the precipitate filtered and washed with water and dried under vacuum to give 4-cyclopentyl-1-(4-
5 isothiocyanatophenyl)piperazine (6 g, 93%)

Example 14E1-(4-Isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-(2-methylpropyl)piperazineA. 1-(isobutyl)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine

A mixture of 1-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine (8 g, 38.6 mmol) (Acros Organics),
15 powdered potassium carbonate (3.58g, 25.98 mmol), 1-Iodo-2-methylpropane (4.66ml, 40.5 mmol), and a catalytic amount of 18-crown-6 in acetonitrile (60 mL) was heated at reflux overnight. The mixture was filtered, and the filter cake was washed with acetonitrile. The solvent was evaporated from the combined filtrates and the residue was partitioned between water and ethyl acetate. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was
20 extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, evaporated and dried under vacuum to give 1-(isobutyl)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine (9.4g, 92%) as a yellow solid.

B. 4-[4-(isobutyl)-1-piperazinyl]benzenamine

25 A mixture of 1-(isobutyl)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine (9.4 g, 35.7mmol) (from Step A above) and 10% palladium-on-charcoal in ethanol (175 mL) was hydrogenated at room temperature at 20 psi for 1.25 hour. The catalyst was filtered off and the filter cake washed thoroughly with ethanol. The mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure to
30 give 4-[4-(isobutyl)-1-piperazinyl] benzenamine (7.8g, 94%) as a dark red solid.

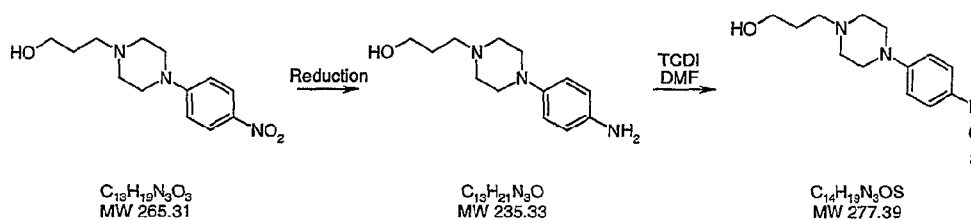
C. 1-(4-Isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-(1-isobutyl)piperazine

A solution of 4-[4-(isobutyl)-1-piperazinyl]benzenamine (7.8 g, 33.4 mmol) (from Step B above) in N,N-dimethylformamide (75 mL) was added dropwise over 20 min to a cooled (-15°C) solution of thiocarbonyldiimidazole (5.97g, 33.5 mmol) (Aldrich) in N,N-dimethylformamide (25 mL). After the addition was complete, the mixture was stirred at -15°C for 20 min, the cooling bath was removed and the solution was stirred for 1 h. Ice-water (700ml) was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. The solid was filtered off and washed with water and dried under vacuum to give 1-(4-Isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-(1-isobutyl)piperazine (8g, 87%)

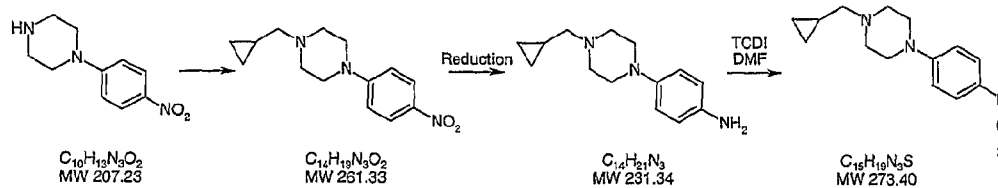
Example 14F

4-(3-Hydroxypropyl)-1-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)piperazine

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This compound was prepared from 4-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-piperazine-propanol (which can be prepared according to the procedure of Loewe and Mieth *Arzneim.-Forsch.* 1966, 16, 1306-1310) using the hydrogenation and isothiocyanate-forming reactions used in Example 4. MS (ES) $\text{MH}^+ = 277$.

Example 14G**4-Cyclopropylmethyl-1-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)piperazine**

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A. 1-(Cyclopropylmethyl)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine

A mixture of 1-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine (10g, 48.3 mmol) (Acros Organics), powdered potassium carbonate (4.5g, 32.6 mmol), Cyclopropylmethyl bromide (4.93ml, 50.7 mmol), and a catalytic amount of 18-crown-6 in acetonitrile (75 mL) was heated at reflux overnight. The mixture was filtered, and the filter cake was washed with acetonitrile. The solvent was evaporated from the combined filtrates and the residue was partitioned between water and ethyl acetate. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, evaporated and chromatographed (4% methanol in dichloromethane) to give 1-(cyclopropylmethyl)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine (4.27g, 34%).

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B. 4-[4-(Cyclopropylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]benzenamine

A mixture of 1-(cyclopropylmethyl)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine (4.27 g, 16.3 mmol) (from Step A above) and 10% palladium-on-charcoal in ethanol (125 mL) was hydrogenated at room temperature at 20 psi for one hour. The catalyst was filtered off and the filter cake washed thoroughly with ethanol. The mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure to give 4-[4-(cyclopropylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]benzenamine (3.7 g, 98%) as a dark red solid.

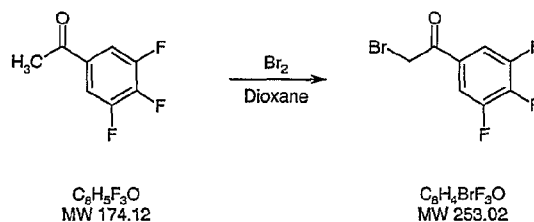
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C. 1-(4-Isouthiocyanatophenyl)-4-(1-cyclopropylmethyl)piperazine

A solution of 4-[4-(cyclopropylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]benzenamine (3.7 g, 16 mmol) (from Step B above) in N,N-dimethylformamide (50 mL) was added dropwise over 20 min to a cooled (-15°C) solution of thiocarbonyldiimidazole (2.87g, 16.1mmol) (Aldrich) in N,N-dimethylformamide (25 mL). After the addition was complete, the mixture was stirred at -15°C for 20 min, then the cooling bath was removed and the

solution was stirred for 1 h. Ice-water (1000 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. The solid was filtered off and washed with water and dried under vacuum. (4g, 91%).

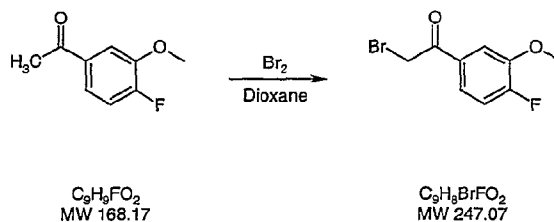
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Example 14H**2-Bromo-1-(3,4,5-trifluoro-phenyl)ethanone**

10 This compound was prepared from 1-(3,4,5-trifluoro-phenyl)ethanone (ABCR GmbH & Co. KG) following the procedure used in Example 13.

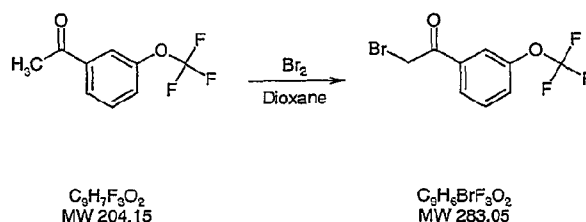
Example 14I**2-Bromo-1-(4-fluoro-3-methoxy-phenyl)ethanone**

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This compound was prepared from 1-(4-fluoro-3-methoxy-phenyl)ethanone (Apin Chemicals Ltd.) following the procedure used in Example 13.

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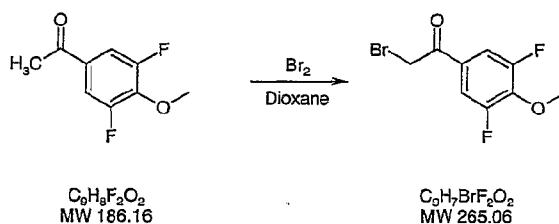
Example 14J**2-Bromo-1-(3-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)ethanone**

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Example 14K

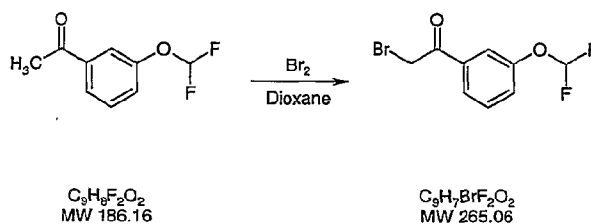
5 2-Bromo-1-(3,5-difluoro-4-methoxy-phenyl)ethanone



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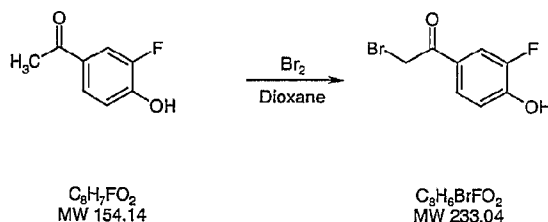
15 2-Bromo-1-(3-difluoromethoxy-phenyl)ethanone



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Example 14M

2-Bromo-1-(4-hydroxy-3-fluoro-phenyl)ethanone

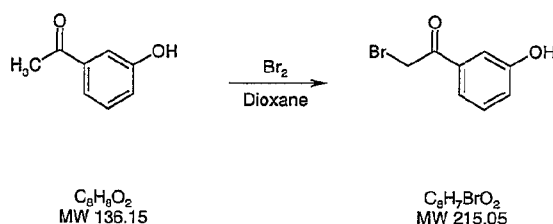


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Example 14N

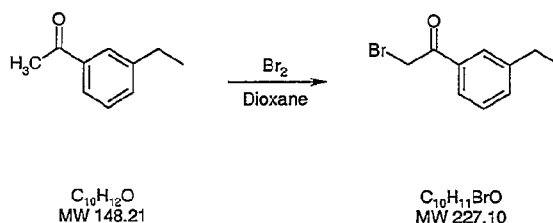
10 2-Bromo-1-(3-hydroxy-phenyl)ethanone



15 This compound was prepared from 1-(3-hydroxy-phenyl)ethanone (Aldrich) following the procedure used in Example 13.

Example 14O

2-Bromo-1-(3-ethylphenyl)ethanone



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To a stirred solution of 3-ethylacetophenone (Maybridge Chemical Company Ltd.; 1.103 g, 7.44 mmol) in dry 1,4-dioxane (15 mL) was added bromine (383 μL , 7.44 mmol). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. and then the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator. The residue was chromatographed on a Foxy 200 machine

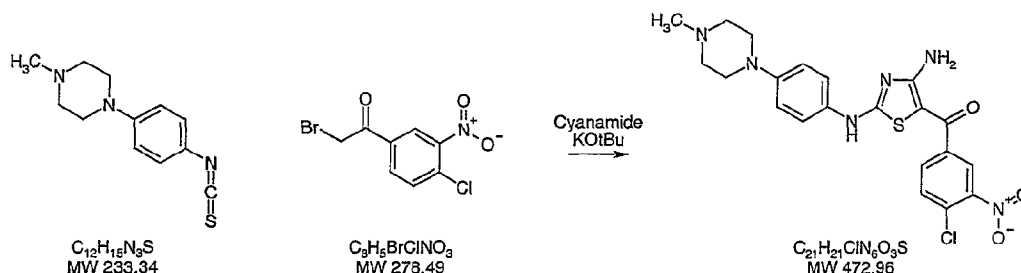
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(Isco, Inc., P.O. Box 82531, Lincoln, Nebraska 68501, USA.; eluent, 5%CH₂Cl₂/Hexane, 0-2 min. then 20-30% CH₂Cl₂/Hexane, 2-20 min.) to give 2-bromo-1-(3-ethylphenyl)ethanone (1.15g, 68%) as a clear oil.

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Example 15

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](4-chloro-3-nitrophenyl)methanone



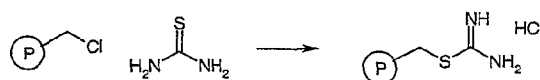
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To a mixture of 1-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-methylpiperazine (of Example 1; 1.0 g, 4.3 mmol) and cyanamide (0.2 g, 4.8 mmol) in acetonitrile (43 mL), a solution of potassium *tert*-butoxide (43 mL, 0.1 M in *tert*-BuOH) was added. After 30 minutes at room temperature, 2-bromo-1-(4-chloro-3-nitro-phenyl)ethanone (1.2 g, 4.3 mmol) (Maybridge Chemical Company Ltd.) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4h and then poured into 50 mL of water. The product was collected by filtration, washed with water and diethyl ether. The yellow powder was dried *in vacuo* to provide 0.9 g (45% yield) of [4-amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](4-chloro-3-nitrophenyl)methanone.

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Example 16

Resin-bound thiuronium salt



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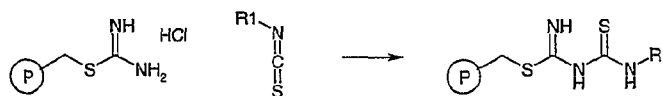
Following the procedure of Obrecht et al. (Helv. Chim. Acta. 1997, 80, 65-72), a mixture of Merrifield resin (77 g, 331 mmol: Cl load of 4.3 mmol/g) (Fluka) and thiourea (126 g, 1650 mmol) in dioxane/ethanol (4/1) (750 mL) was heated at 85°C for 5 days. The reaction mixture was filtered and the resin was successively washed with hot ethanol (2 x 500 mL), ethanol (500 mL), dioxane (2 x 500 mL), hexanes (2 x 500 mL) and diethyl ether (2 x 500 mL). The pale yellow resin was dried *in vacuo* to afford 115 g of the title resin. The loading of the resin was determined by nitrogen and sulfur analysis: N (7.78), S (9.77).

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Example 17

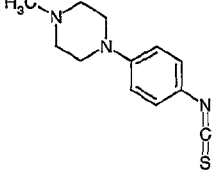
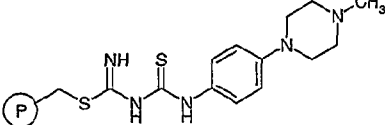
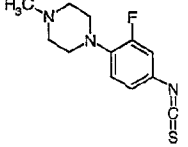
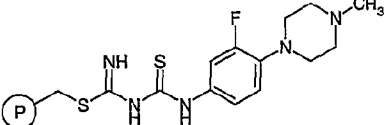
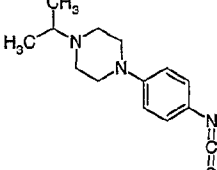
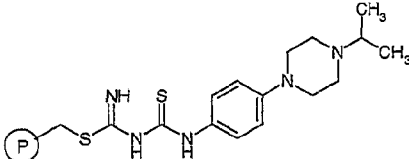
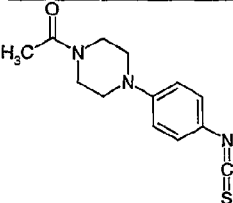
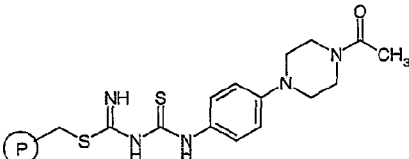
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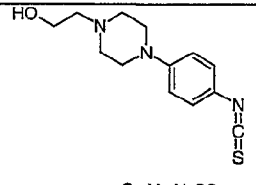
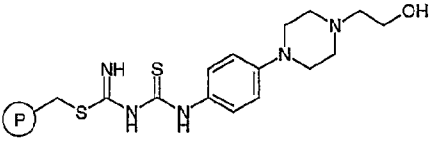
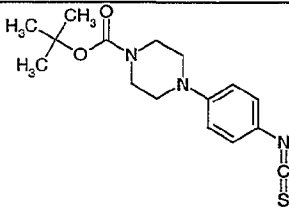
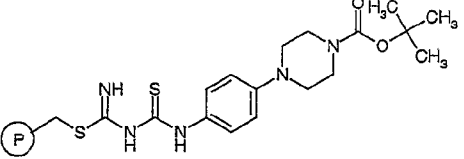
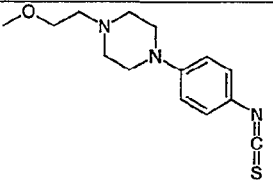
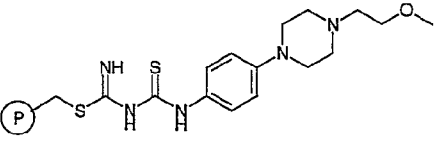
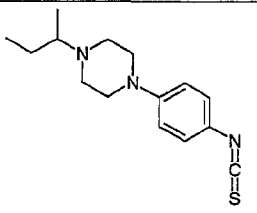
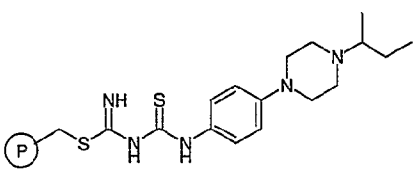
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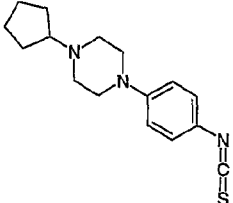
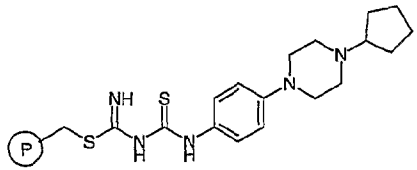
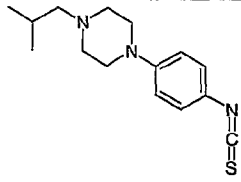
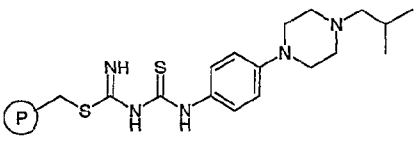
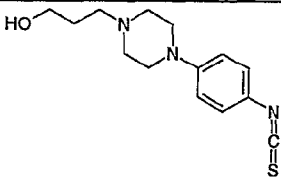
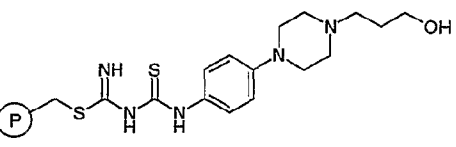


A mixture of resin-bound thiouronium salt (of Example 16; 1 g, 2.8 mmol, loading capacity: 2.8 mmol/g), isothiocyanate (R¹NCS), 5.6 mmol), N,N-diisopropylethylamine (5.6 mmol) (Aldrich), and resin-bound N,N-diisopropyl-ethylamine (5.6 mmol, loading capacity: 3.59 mmol/g from Argonaut, Inc.) in N,N-dimethylformamide (12 mL) was gently shaken overnight. The resin was filtered and washed successively with N,N-dimethylformamide, THF, MeOH, CH₂Cl₂, and diethyl ether. The resin was dried at 40°C/high vacuum overnight to provide resin-bound thiourea.

15 The following resin-bound thioureas were prepared from the indicated isothiocyanates using the general procedure described in Example 17.

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 <p data-bbox="576 846 667 887">C₁₂H₁₄FN₃S MW 251.33</p> <p data-bbox="539 902 671 936">Example 2</p>	 <p data-bbox="946 902 1086 936">Example 19</p>
 <p data-bbox="587 1149 678 1189">C₁₄H₁₉N₃S MW 261.39</p> <p data-bbox="539 1205 671 1238">Example 3</p>	 <p data-bbox="946 1205 1086 1238">Example 20</p>
 <p data-bbox="563 1473 667 1514">C₁₃H₁₅N₃OS MW 261.35</p> <p data-bbox="539 1574 671 1608">Example 4</p>	 <p data-bbox="946 1574 1086 1608">Example 21</p>
Starting Material: Isothiocyanate (R ¹ NCS)	Product: Resin-bound thiourea

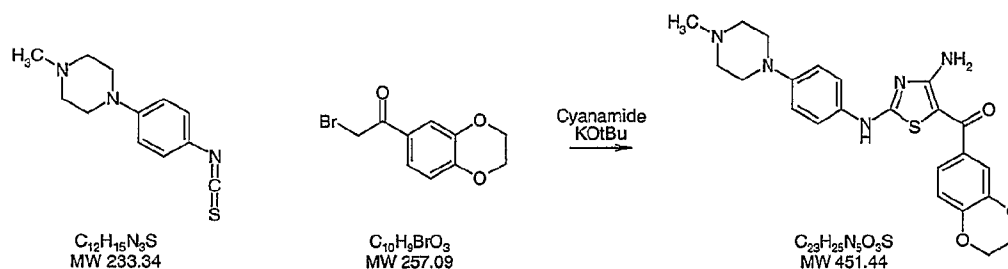
 <p style="text-align: center;"> $C_{13}H_{17}N_3OS$ MW 263.36 </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Example 5</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Example 22</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"> $C_{18}H_{21}N_3O_2S$ MW 319.43 </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Example 6</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Example 23A</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"> $C_{14}H_{19}N_3OS$ MW 277.39 </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Example 14B</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Example 23B</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"> $C_{15}H_{21}N_3S$ MW 275.42 </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Example 14C</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Example 23C</p>

Starting Material: Isothiocyanate (R ¹ NCS)	Product: Resin-bound thiourea
 <p data-bbox="558 660 654 705">$C_{16}H_{21}N_3S$ MW 287.43</p> <p data-bbox="510 716 678 750">Example 14D</p>	 <p data-bbox="933 716 1093 750">Example 23D</p>
 <p data-bbox="558 952 654 996">$C_{15}H_{21}N_3S$ MW 275.42</p> <p data-bbox="510 1008 678 1041">Example 14E</p>	 <p data-bbox="933 1008 1093 1041">Example 23E</p>
 <p data-bbox="542 1243 646 1288">$C_{14}H_{19}N_3OS$ MW 277.39</p> <p data-bbox="510 1299 678 1332">Example 14F</p>	 <p data-bbox="933 1299 1093 1332">Example 23F</p>

Example 24

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl)methanone

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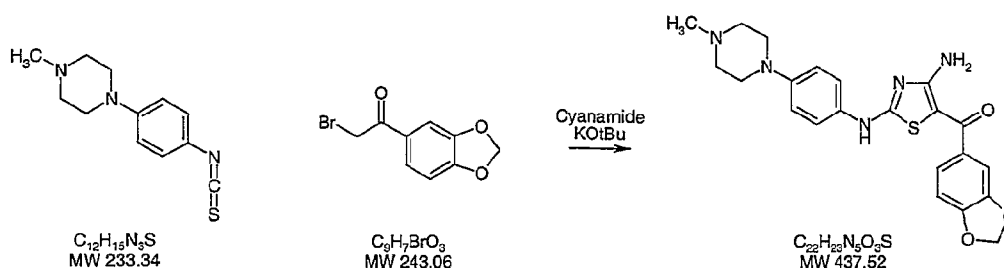


Tert-Butanol (4 mL) and then 1-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-methyl piperazine (of Example 1; 219 mg, 1 mmol) were added to a solution of cyanamide (44 mg, 1.05 mmol) (Aldrich) in acetonitrile (5 mL). Potassium t-butoxide (1 M in tert-butanol; 1 mL, 1 mmol) was added and the solution was stirred for 30 min. 2-Bromo-1-(2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl)ethanone (257 mg, 1 mmol) (Maybridge Chemical Company Ltd.) was added, and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 days. The yellow solid was filtered off and washed with cold acetonitrile and then ether to give [4-amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl)methanone (280 mg, 66%).

Example 25

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)methanone

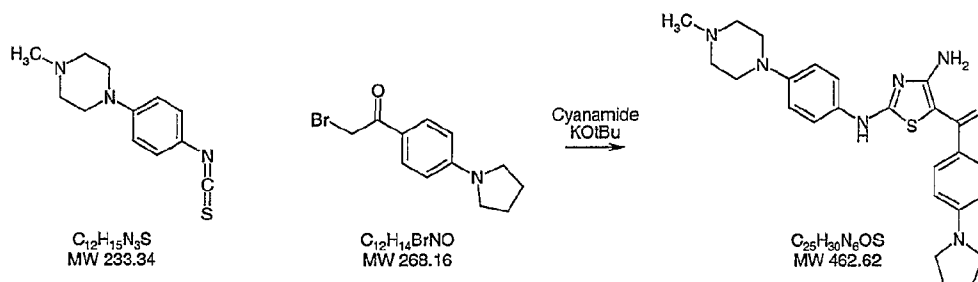
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This compound was prepared in 75% yield from cyanamide (Aldrich), 1-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-methylpiperazine (of Example 1), and 1-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-2-bromoethanone (of Example 11) following the procedure used to in Example 24.

Example 26

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone

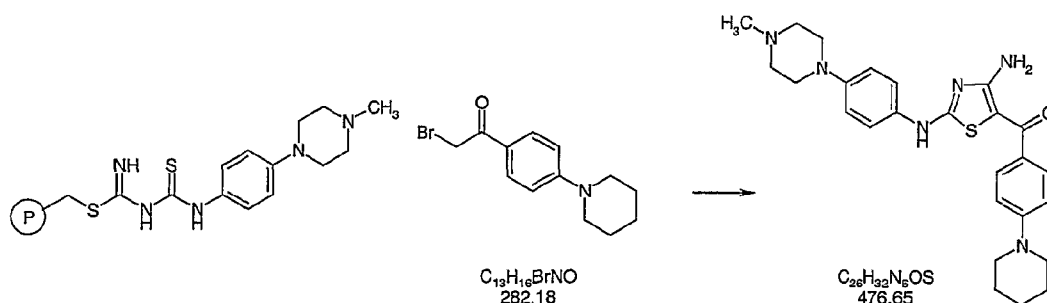


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 10 and the solution was stirred for 30 min. 2-Bromo-1-[4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]ethanone (257 mg, 1 mmol) (Lancaster) was added, and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 2 days. The yellow-brown solid was filtered off and washed with cold acetonitrile, water and then cold acetonitrile (weight of solid: 271 mg). A portion of this
 15 crude product (50 mg) was purified by chromatography (10% methanol/dichloromethane) to give [4-amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(1-pyrrolidinyl) phenyl]methanone (18.5 mg).

Example 27

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(1-piperidinyl)phenyl]methanone

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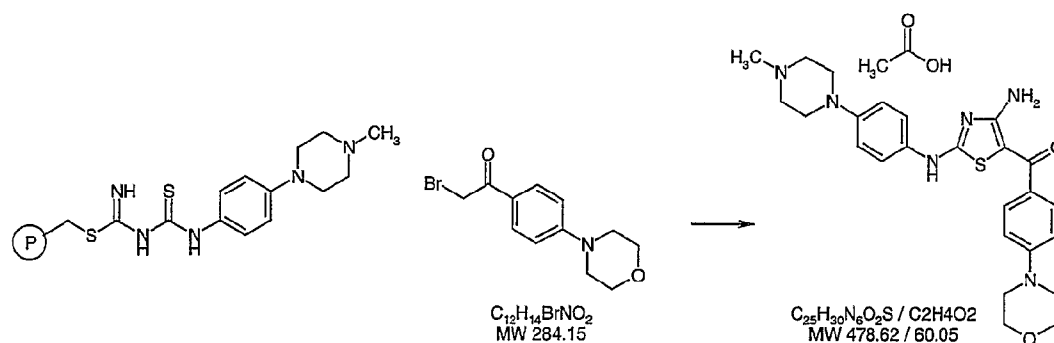
10 A mixture of the resin-bound thiourea of Example 18 (57 mg, 0.1 mmol, loading capacity: 1.76 mmol/g) and 2-bromo-1-[4-(1-piperidinyl)phenyl] ethanone (of Example 7; 56 mg, 0.2 mmol) in N,N-dimethylformamide (1.5 mL) was shaken overnight. The reaction suspension was filtered and the resin was washed with N,N-dimethylformamide and dichloromethane. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and the residue was triturated by diethyl ether/hexanes (1/9) to yield [4-amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(1-piperidinyl) phenyl]methanone. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 477$

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Example 28

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(4-morpholinyl)phenyl]methanone, acetate salt

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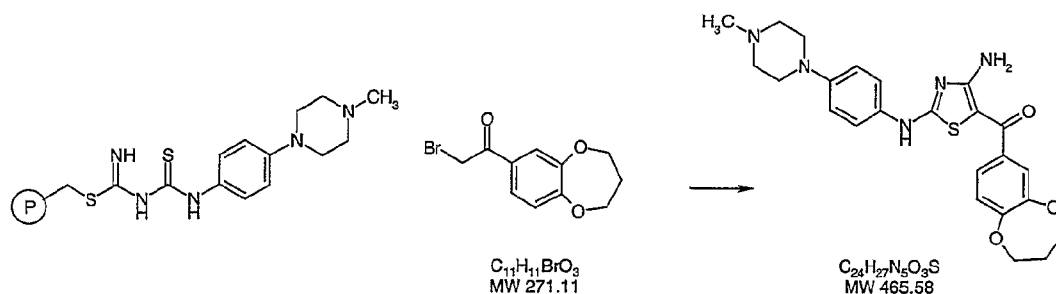


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 18 and 2-bromo-1-[4-(4-morpholinyl)phenyl]ethanone (of Example 8) by the procedure used in Example 27. The crude product was purified by HPLC using an Amicon C_{18} 2x5 cm column with the following gradient: A (20 mM NH_4OAc/H_2O), B (20 mM NH_4OAc/CH_3CN), A to B gradient (10 to 75% over 10 minutes), flow rate: 20 mL/min. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 479$

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Example 29

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3,4-dihydro-2H-1,5-benzodioxepin-7-yl)methanone

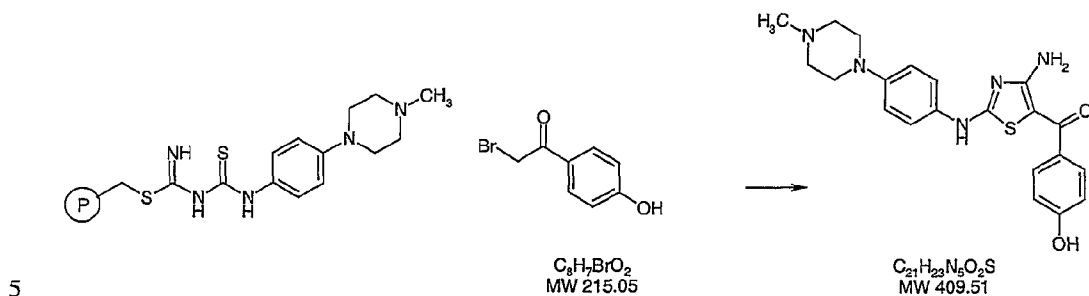


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This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 18 and 2-bromo-1-(3,4-dihydro-2H-1,5-benzodioxepin-7-yl)ethanone (Maybridge Chemical Company Ltd.) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 466$.

Example 30

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl]-(4-hydroxyphenyl)methanone

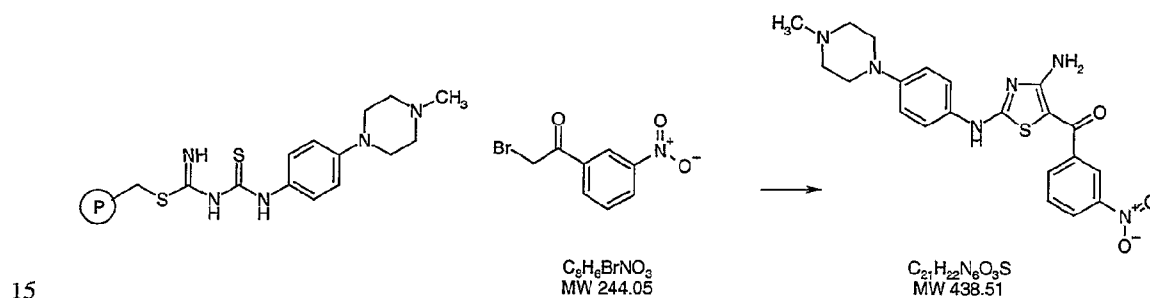


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 18 and 2-bromo-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)ethanone (of Example 12) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 410$

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Example 31

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl]-(3-nitrophenyl)methanone

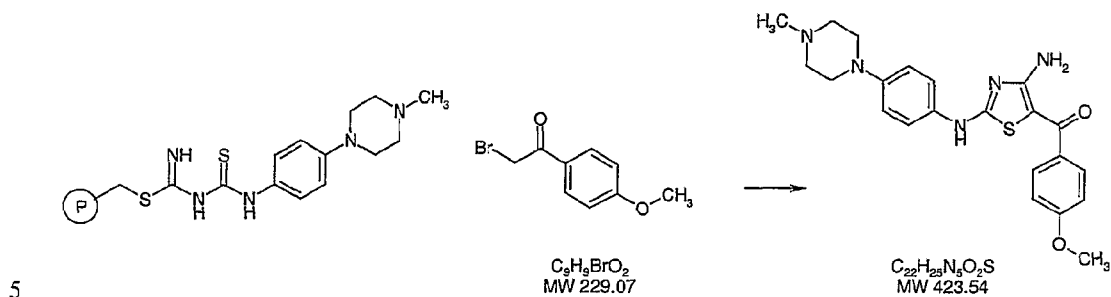


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 18 and 2-bromo-1-(3-nitrophenyl)ethanone (Aldrich) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 439$.

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Example 32

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](4-methoxyphenyl)methanone

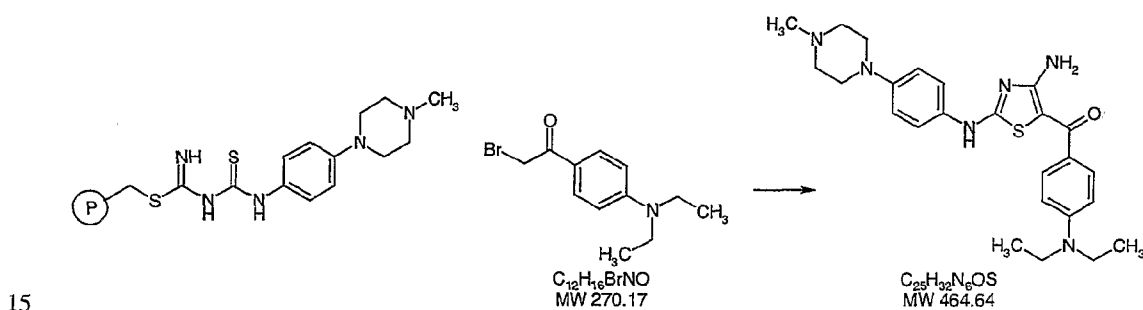


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 18 and 2-bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (Aldrich) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 424$.

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Example 33

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(diethylamino)phenyl]methanone

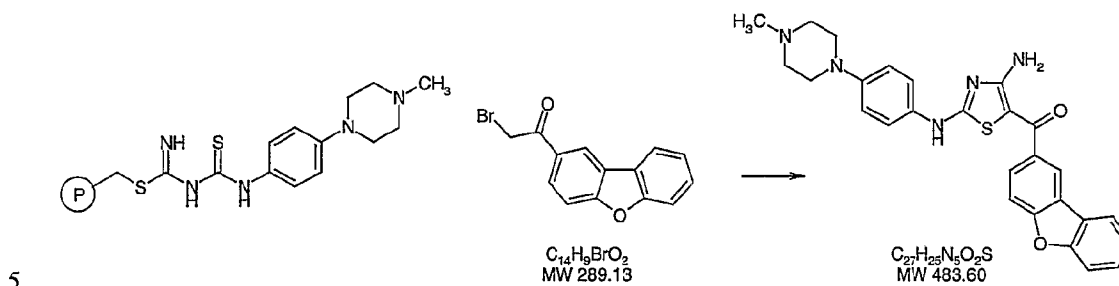


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 18 and 2-bromo-1-[4-(diethylamino)phenyl]ethanone (Lancaster Synthesis) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 465$.

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Example 34

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](2-dibenzofuranyl)methanone

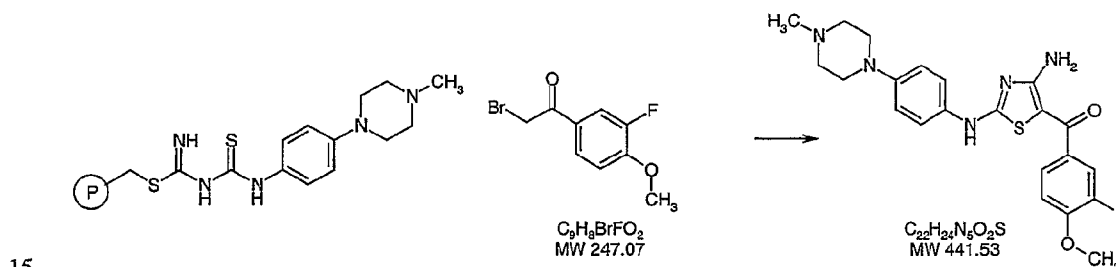


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 18 and 2-bromo-1-(2-dibenzofuranyl)ethanone (Salor), by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 484$.

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Example 35

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)methanone

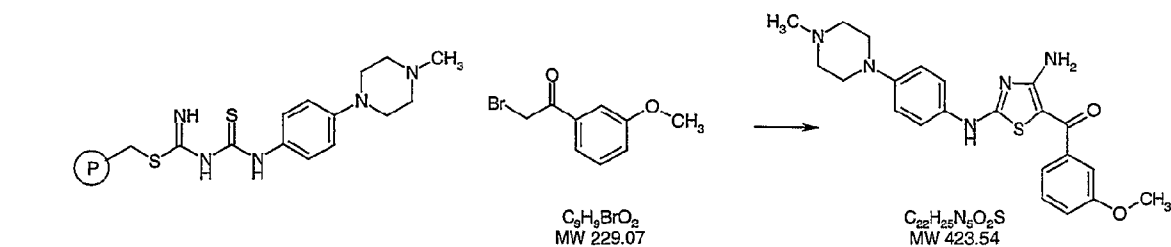


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 18 and 2-bromo-1-(3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (of Example 13) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 442$.

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Example 36

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-methoxyphenyl)methanone

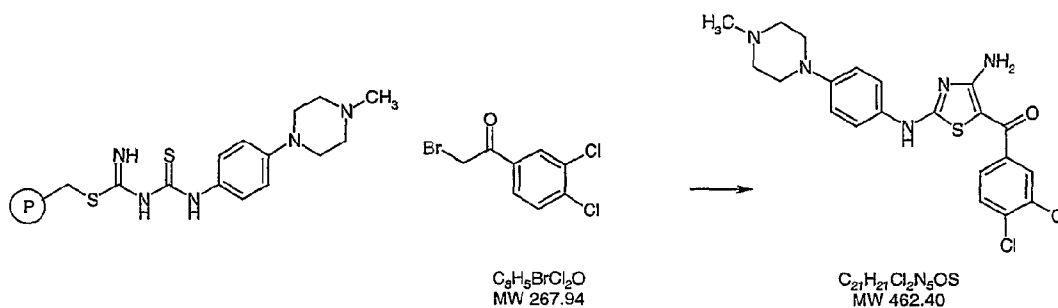


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 18 and 2-bromo-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (Aldrich) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 424$.

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Example 37

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3,4-dichlorophenyl)methanone



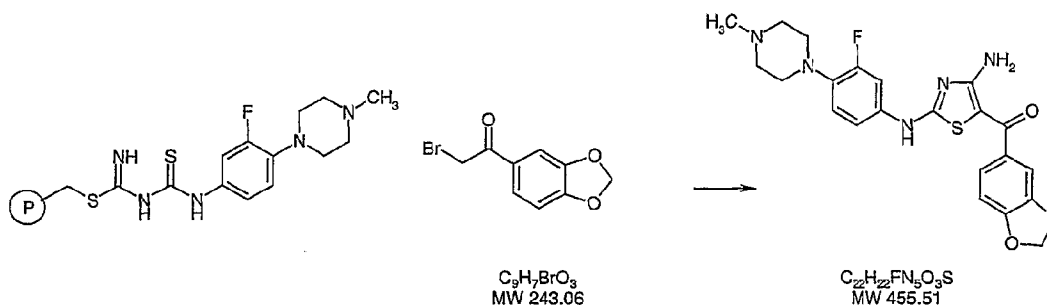
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This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 18 and 2-bromo-1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethanone (Lancaster Synthesis) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 462$.

Example 38

[4-Amino-2-[[3-fluoro-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl] (1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)methanone

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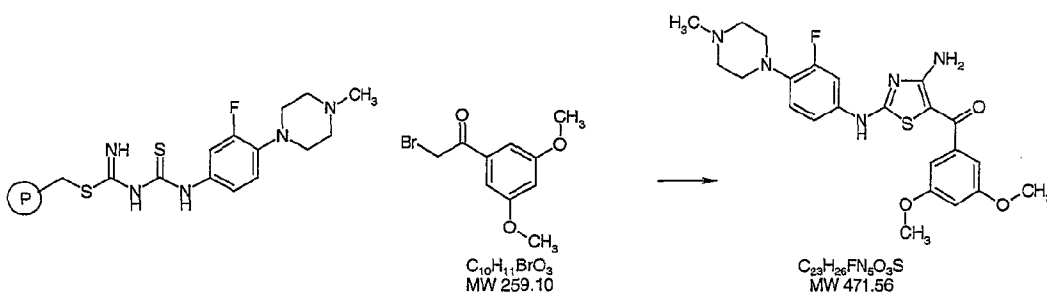
This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 19 and 1-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-2-bromoethanone (of Example 11) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 456$.

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Example 39

[4-Amino-2-[[3-fluoro-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)methanone

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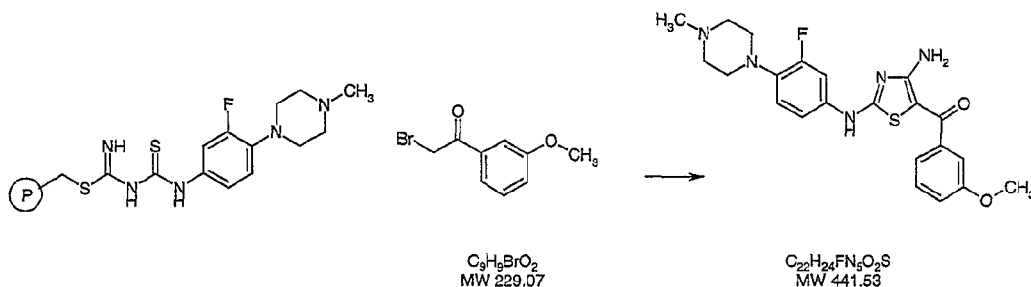


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 19 and 2-bromo-1-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethanone (of Example 9) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 472$.

Example 40

[4-Amino-2-[[3-fluoro-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-methoxyphenyl)methanone

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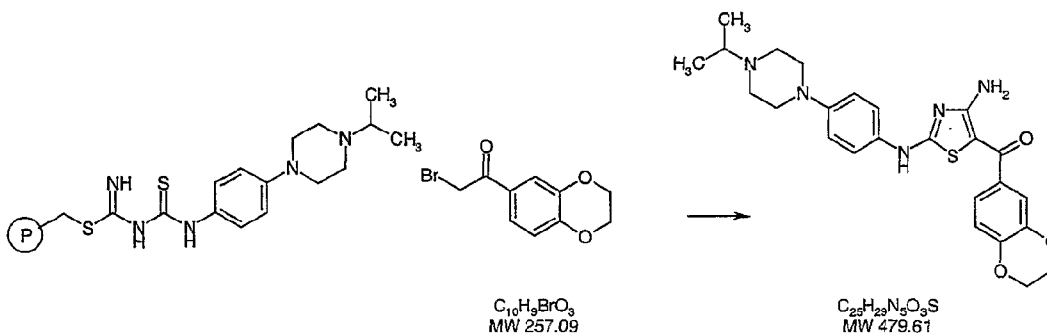


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 19 and 2-bromo-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (Aldrich) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 442$.

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Example 41

[4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl] (2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl)methanone



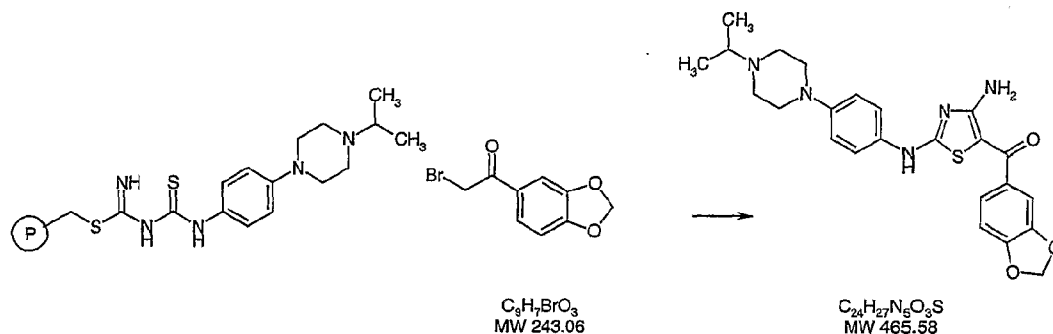
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This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 20 and 2-bromo-1-(2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl)ethanone (Maybridge Chemical Company Ltd.) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 480$.

Example 42

[4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)methanone

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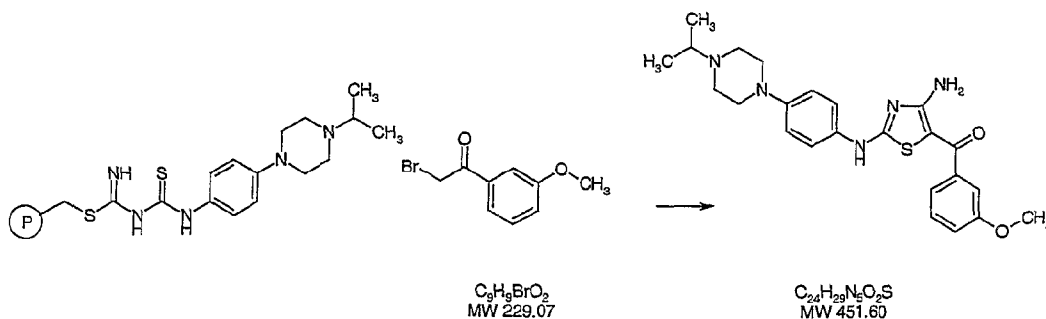


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 20 and 1-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-2-bromoethanone (of Example 11) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 466$.

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Example 43

[4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-methoxyphenyl)methanone



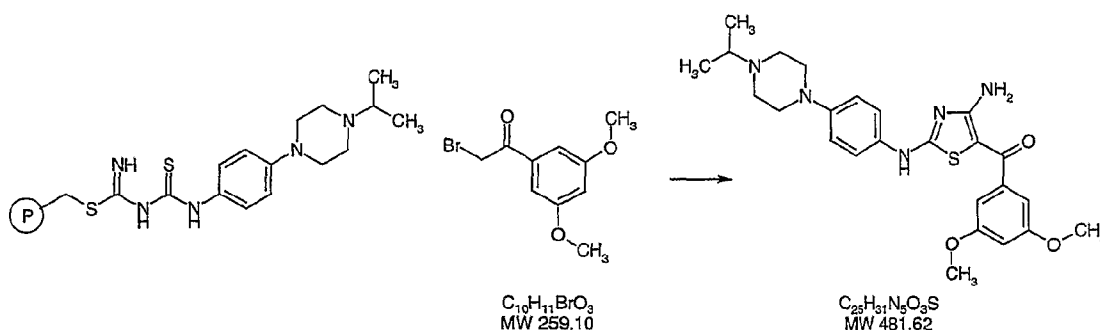
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This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 20 and 2-bromo-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (Aldrich) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 452$.

Example 44

[4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl] (3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)methanone

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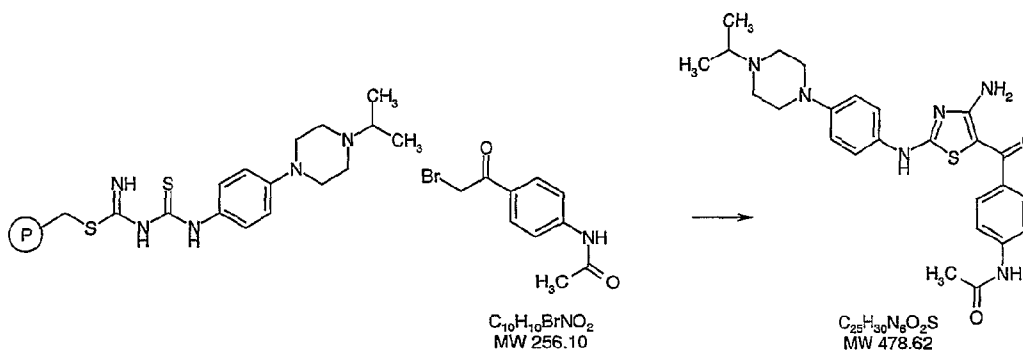
This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 20 and 2-bromo-1-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethanone (of Example 9) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 482$.

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Example 45

N-[4-[[4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl]carbonyl]phenyl]acetamide

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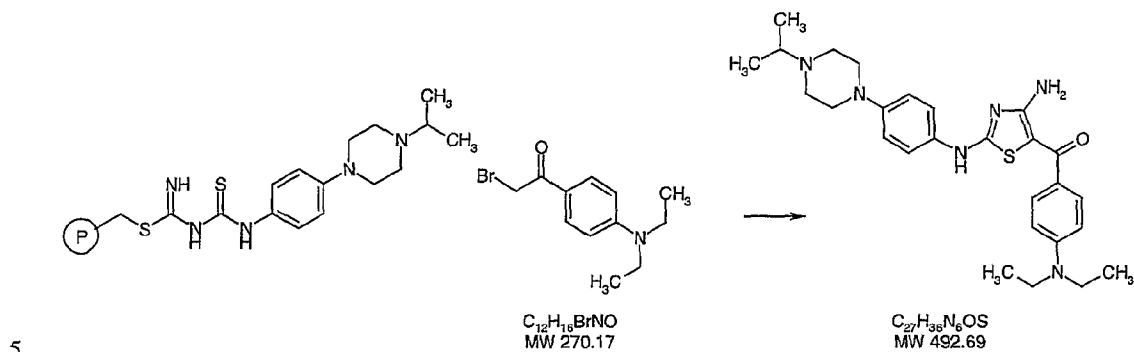


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 20 and N-[4-(bromoacetyl)phenyl]acetamide (of Example 10) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 479$.

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Example 46

[4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(diethylamino)phenyl]methanone

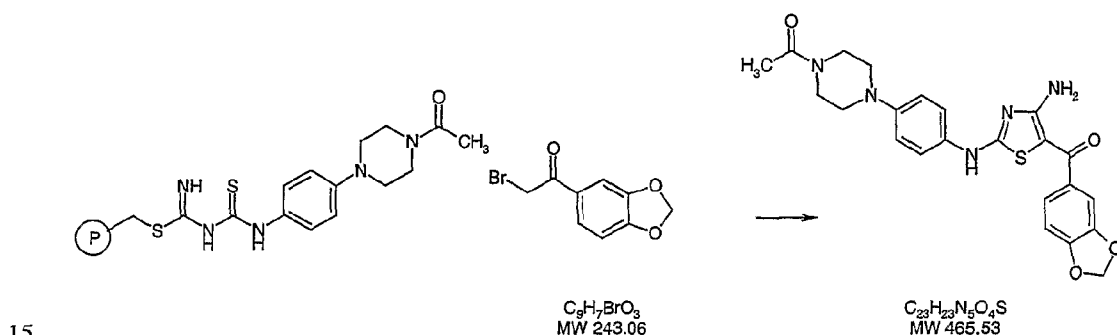


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 20 and 2-bromo-1-[4-(diethylamino)phenyl]ethanone (Lancaster Synthesis) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 493$.

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Example 47

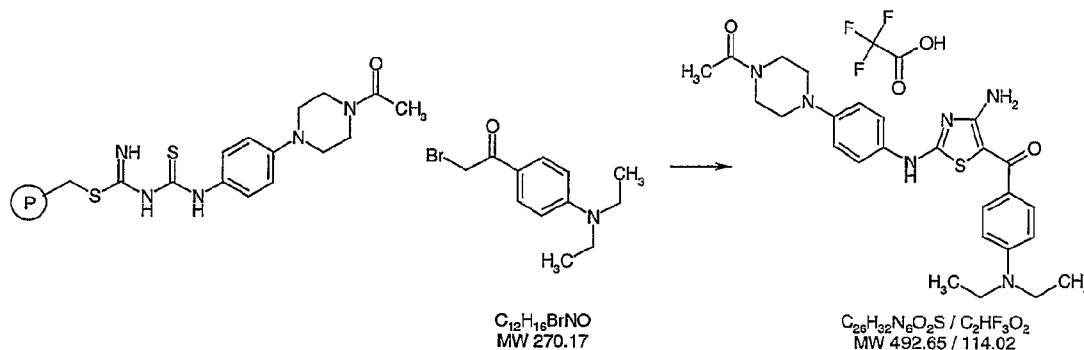
1-Acetyl-4-[4-[[4-amino-5-[(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)carbonyl]-2-thiazolyl]amino]phenyl]piperazine



This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 21 and 1-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-2-bromoethanone (of Example 11) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 466$.

Example 48

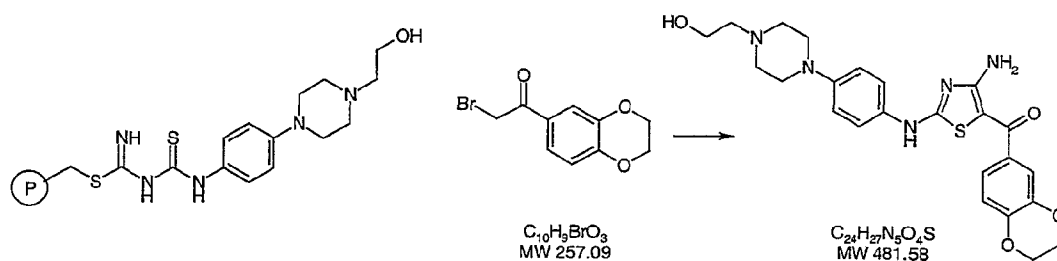
1-Acetyl-4-[4-[[4-amino-5-[4-(diethylamino)benzoyl]-2-thiazolyl]amino]phenyl]piperazine, trifluoroacetate salt



This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 21 and 2-bromo-1-[4-(diethylamino)phenyl]ethanone (Lancaster Synthesis) by the procedure used in Example 27. The crude product was purified by HPLC using an Amicon C₁₈ 2x5 cm column with the following gradient: A (0.05% TFA/H₂O), B (0.05% TFA/CH₃CN), A to B gradient (10 to 75% over 10 minutes), flow rate: 20 mL/min. Mass spectrum (ES) MH⁺ = 493.

Example 49

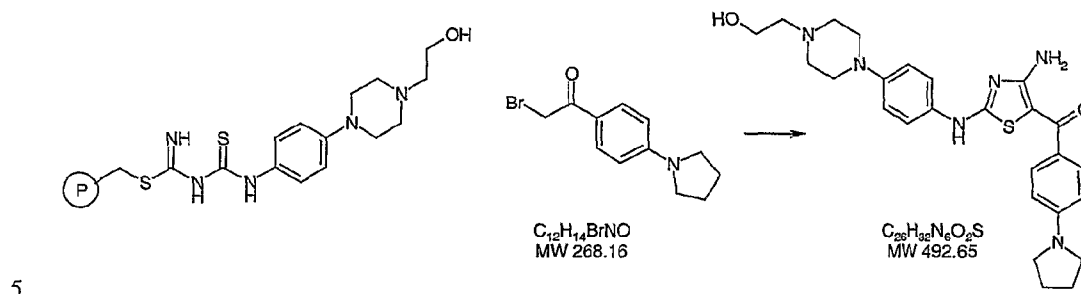
15 [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl] (2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl)methanone (2,3-



This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 22 and 2-bromo-1-(2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl)ethanone (Maybridge Chemical Company Ltd.) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) MH⁺ = 482.

Example 50

[4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone

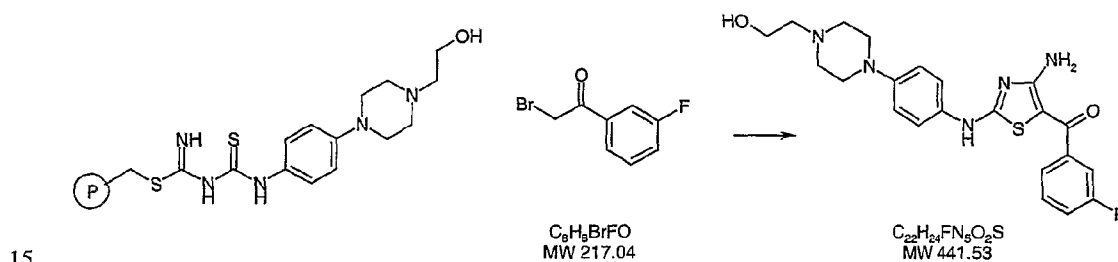


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 22 and 2-bromo-1-[4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]ethanone (Lancaster Synthesis) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 493$.

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Example 51

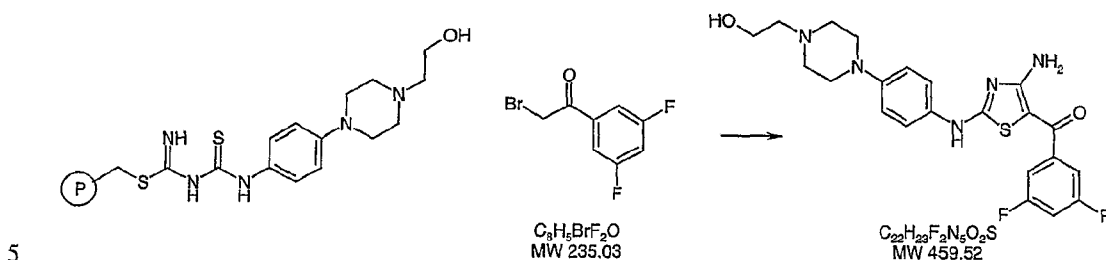
[4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-fluorophenyl)methanone



This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 22 and 2-bromo-1-(3-fluorophenyl)ethanone (Maybridge Chemical Company Ltd.) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 442$.

Example 52

[4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3,5-difluorophenyl)methanone

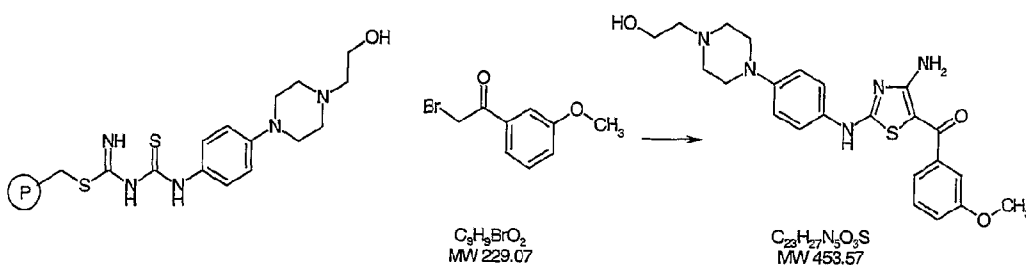


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 22 and 2-bromo-1-(3,5-difluorophenyl)ethanone (of Example 14) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 460$.

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Example 53

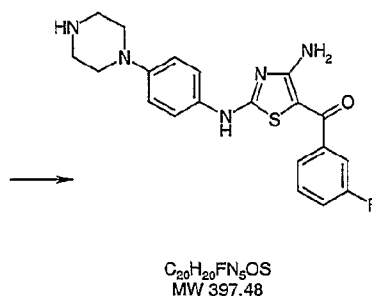
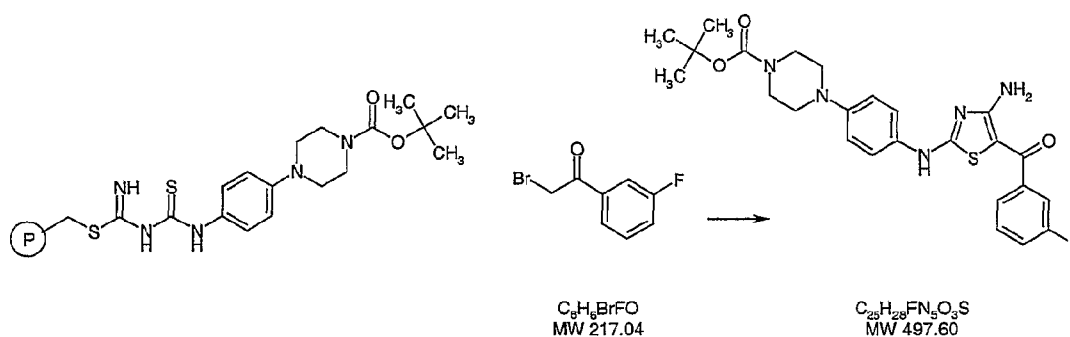
[4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-methoxyphenyl)methanone



This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 22 and 2-bromo-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (Aldrich) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 454$.

Example 54

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-fluorophenyl) methanone



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A. 4-[4-[[4-Amino-5-(3-fluorobenzoyl)-2-thiazolyl]amino]phenyl]-1-piperazine-carboxylic acid, 1,1-dimethylethyl ester

10 This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23A and 2-bromo-1-(3-fluorophenyl)ethanone (Maybridge Chemical Company Ltd.) by the procedure used in Example 27.

15 B. [4-Amino-2-[[4-(1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-fluorophenyl) methanone

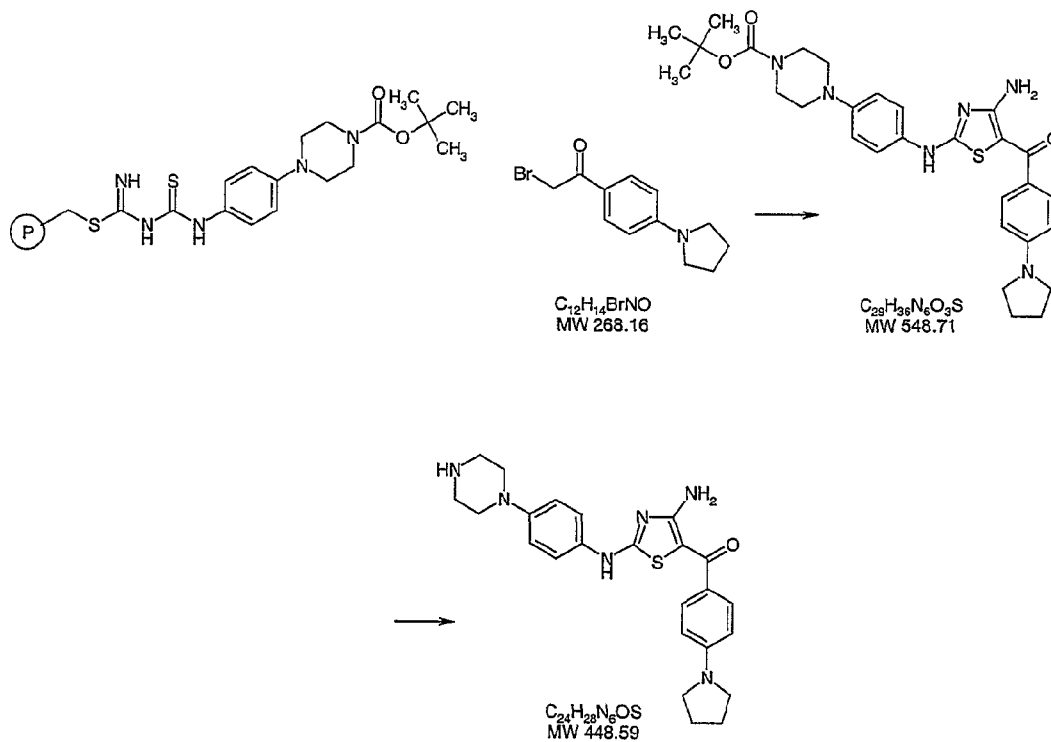
A mixture of 4-[4-[[4-amino-5-(3-fluorobenzoyl)-2-thiazolyl]amino]phenyl]-1-piperazinecarboxylic acid, 1,1-dimethylethyl ester (75 mg, 0.15 mmol) (from Step A above) and a solution of TFA/CH₂Cl₂ (1:1; 1.5 mL) was gently shaken for 1.5h. The solution was evaporated *in vacuo*. To the residue was added resin-bound N,N-diisopropylethylamine (2.5 g, loading capacity: 3.8 mmol/g from Argonaut, Inc.) and CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL). After shaking overnight, the mixture was filtered and washed successively with CH₃OH and CH₂Cl₂. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and the residue was triturated by diethyl

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ether/hexanes (1/9) to afford [4-amino-2-[[4-(1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-fluorophenyl)methanone (60 mg, 100%).

Example 55

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone



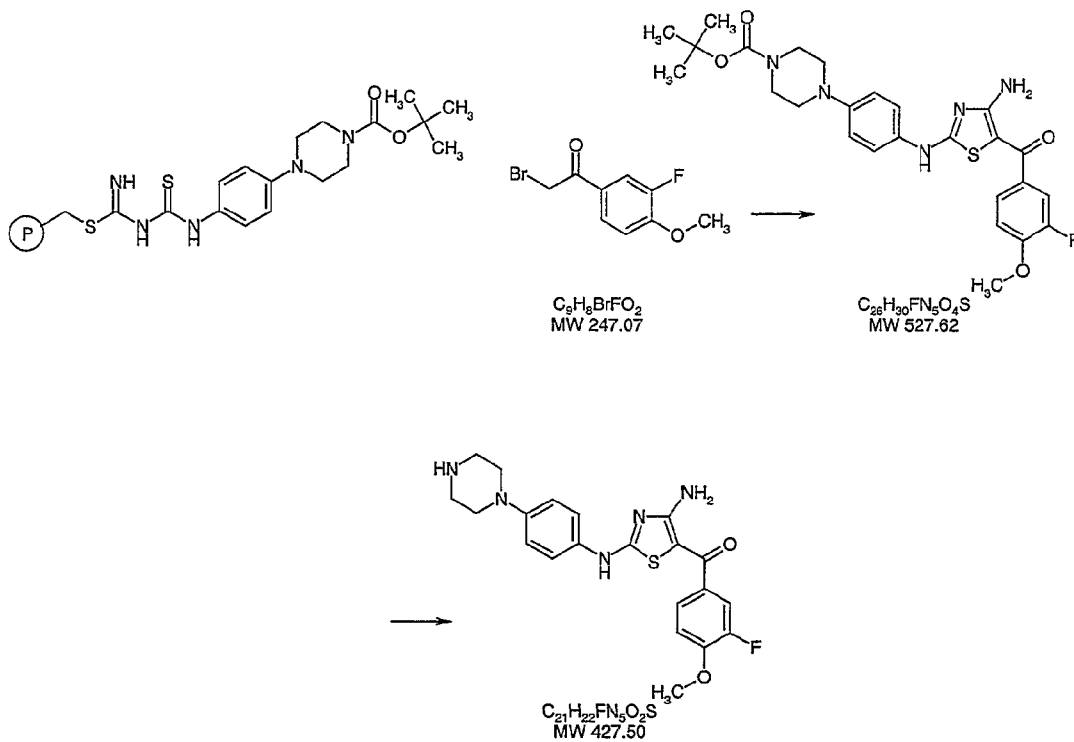
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This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23A and 2-bromo-1-[4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]ethanone (Lancaster Synthesis) by the procedures used in Example 54. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 449$.

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Example 56

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino)-5-thiazolyl](3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)methanone



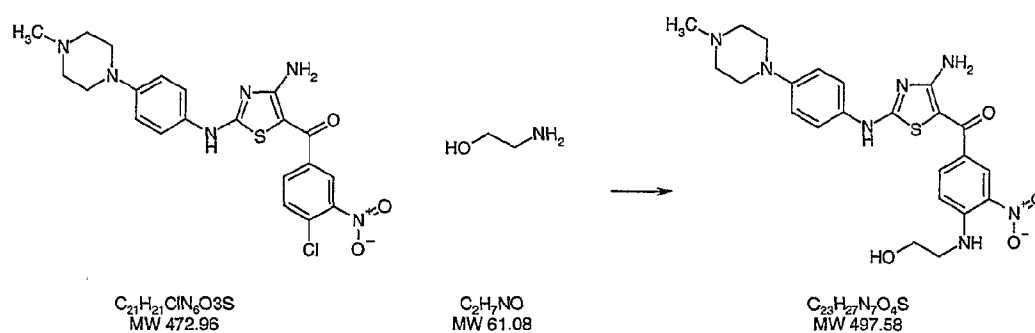
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This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23A and 2-bromo-1-(3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (of Example 13) by the procedures used in Example 54. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 428$.

Example 57

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(2-hydroxyethyl)amino-3-nitrophenyl]methanone

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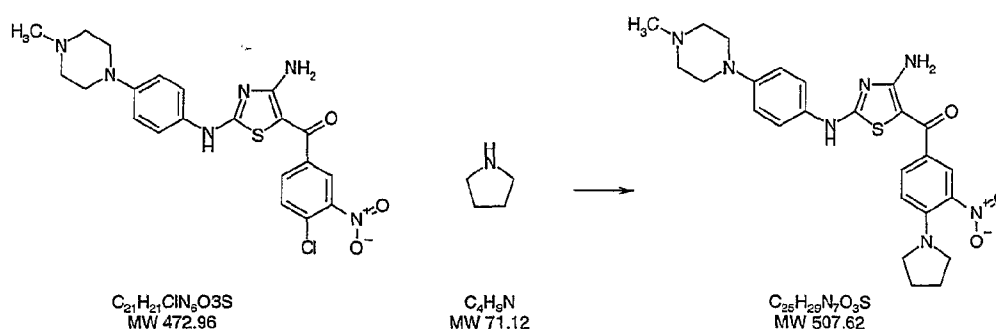
A mixture of [4-amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-chloro-3-nitrophenyl]methanone (of Example 15; 0.25 g, 0.53 mmol), ethanolamine (0.13 mL, 2.12 mmol), N,N-diisopropylethylamine (Aldrich) (0.37 mL, 2.12 mmol) in n-butanol (10 mL) was heated at 100 °C overnight. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel using MeOH/CH₂Cl₂ (1/9) as the eluent to afford 73 mg (28% yield) of the title compound. Mass spectrum (ES) MH⁺ = 498.

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Example 58

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-nitro-4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone

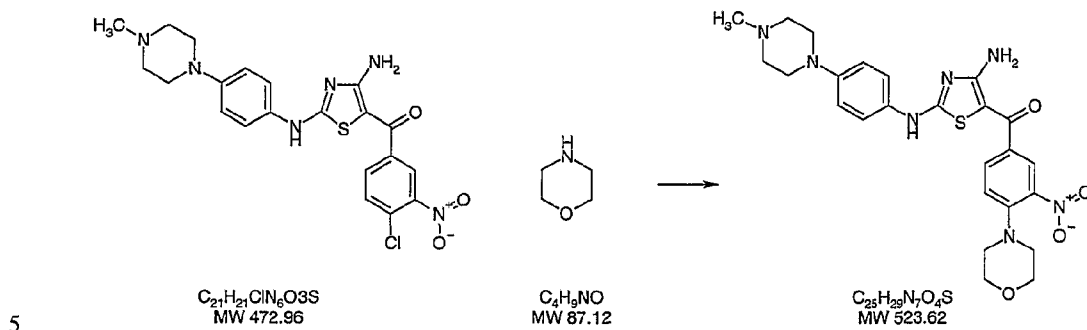
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This compound was prepared from the compound of Example 15 and pyrrolidine by the procedure used in Example 57. Mass spectrum (ES) MH⁺ = 508.

Example 59

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-nitro-4-(4-morpholinyl)phenyl]methanone

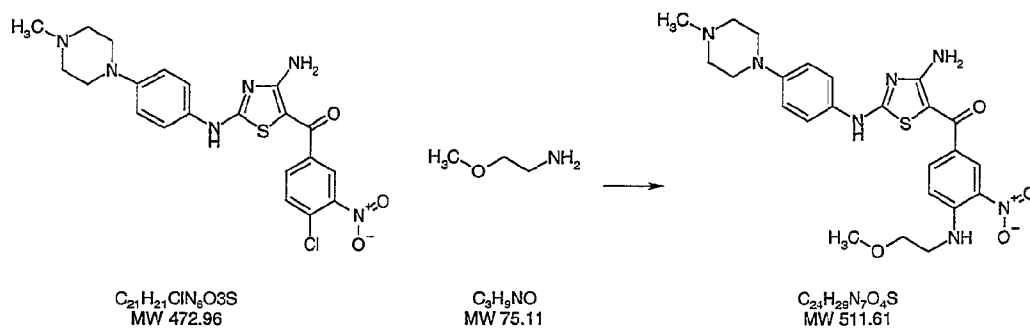


[0429] This compound was prepared from the compound of Example 15 and morpholine by the procedure used in Example 57. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 524$.

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Example 60

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-nitro-4-[(2-methoxyethyl)amino]phenyl]methanone

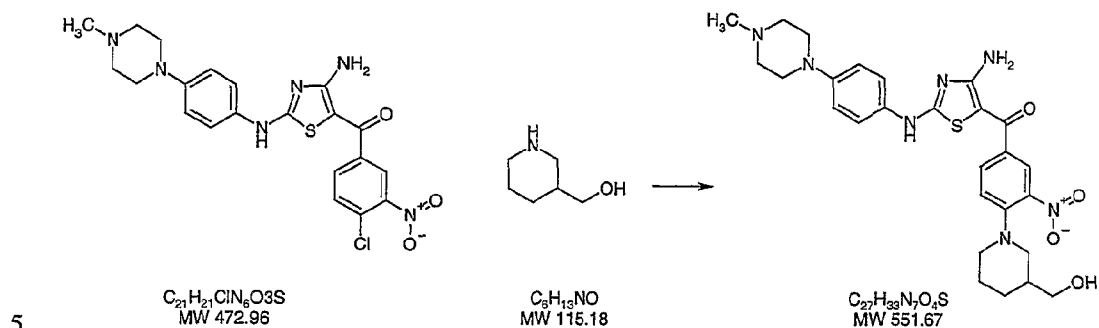


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This compound was prepared from the compound of Example 15 and 2-methoxyethanamine (Aldrich) by the procedure used in Example 57. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 512$.

Example 61

racemic [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl] [3-nitro-4-[3-(hydroxymethyl)-1-piperidinyl]phenyl]methanone

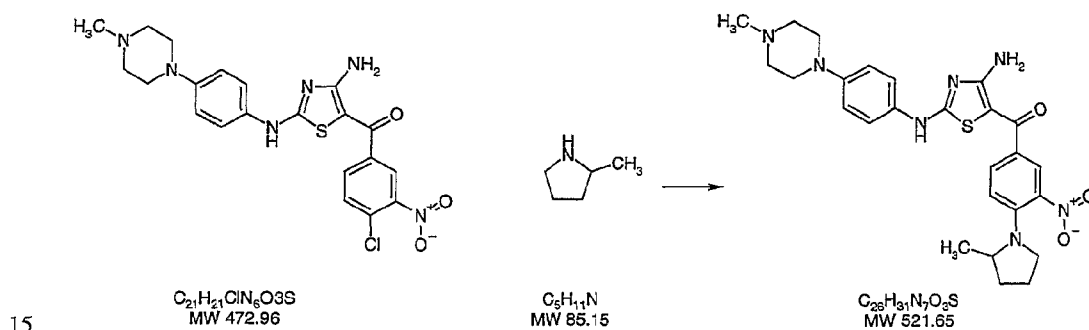


This compound was prepared from the compound of Example 15 and racemic 3-piperidinemethanol (Aldrich) by the procedure used in Example 57. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 552$.

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Example 62

racemic [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl] [3-nitro-4-(2-methyl-1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone

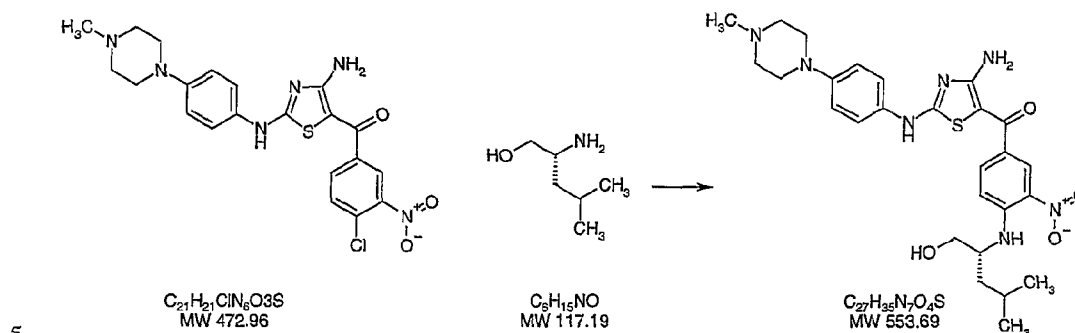


This compound was prepared from the compound of Example 15 and racemic 2-methylpyrrolidine (Alfa Aesar) by the procedure used in Example 57. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 522$.

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Example 63

(R)-[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-nitro-4-[[1-(hydroxymethyl)-3-methylbutyl]amino]phenyl]methanone

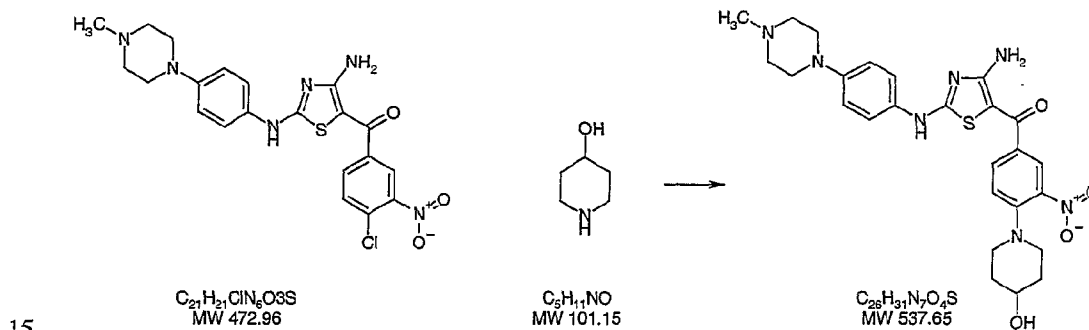


This compound was prepared from the compound of Example 15 and (R)-2-amino-4-methyl-1-pentanol (Aldrich) by the procedure used in Example 57. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 554$.

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Example 64

[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-nitro-4-(4-hydroxy-1-piperidinyl)phenyl]methanone

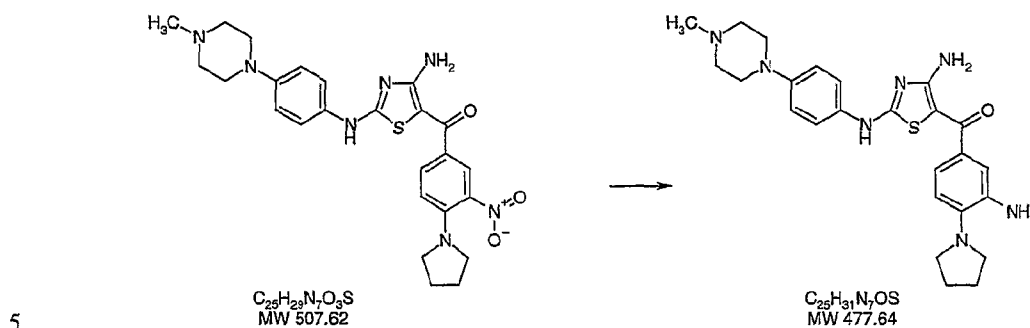


This compound was prepared from the compound of Example 15 and 4-piperidinol (Aldrich) by the procedure used in Example 57. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 538$.

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Example 65

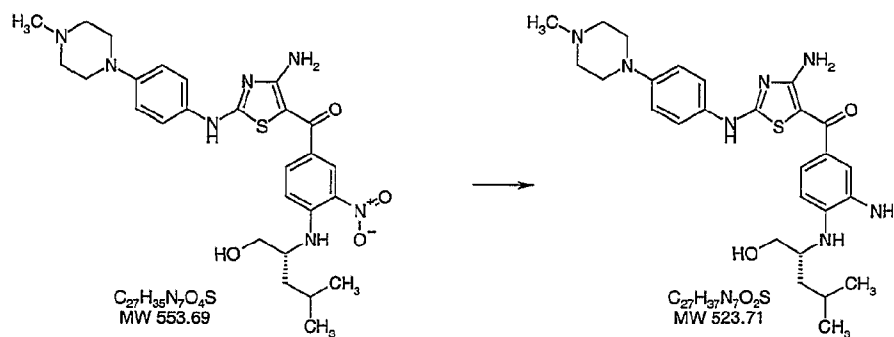
[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-amino-4-(4-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone



A solution of [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-nitro-4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone (of Example 58; 0.16 g, 0.32 mmol), NH_2NH_2 (2 mL), 10% Pd/C (5 mg), and 2-propanol (12 mL) was heated at reflux for 1 h. The mixture was filtered through a Celite™ pad and concentrated *in vacuo*. Flash chromatography with 4:1 dichloromethane/methanol furnished [4-amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-amino-4-(4-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone (91 mg, 61% yield).

Example 66

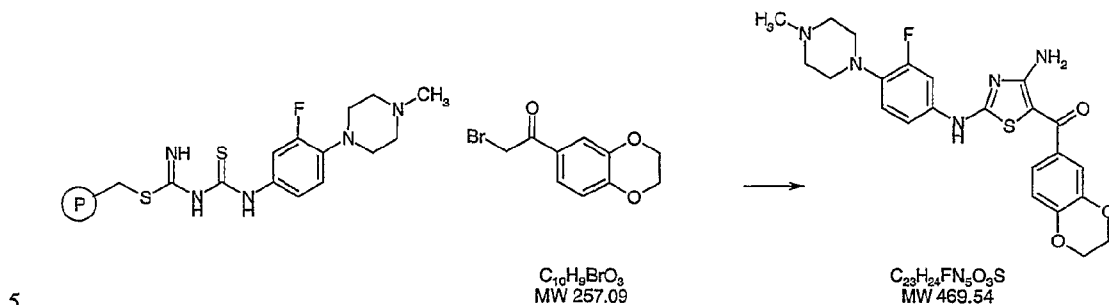
(R)-[3-Amino-4-[[1-(hydroxymethyl)-3-methylbutyl]amino]phenyl][4-amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl]methanone



A solution of (R)-[4-amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-nitro-4-[[1-(hydroxymethyl)-3-methylbutyl]amino]phenyl] methanone (of Example 63; 30 mg, 0.05 mmol), NH_2NH_2 (0.5 mL), 10% Pd/C (5 mg), and 2-propanol (2 mL) was heated at reflux for 1 h. The mixture was filtered through a Celite™ pad and concentrated *in vacuo*. Flash chromatography with 4:1 dichloromethane/methanol furnished (R)-[3-amino-4-[[1-(hydroxymethyl)-3-methylbutyl]amino]phenyl][4-amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl]methanone (15 mg, 53% yield).

Example 67

[4-Amino-2-[[3-fluoro-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl] (2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-5-yl)methanone (2,3-

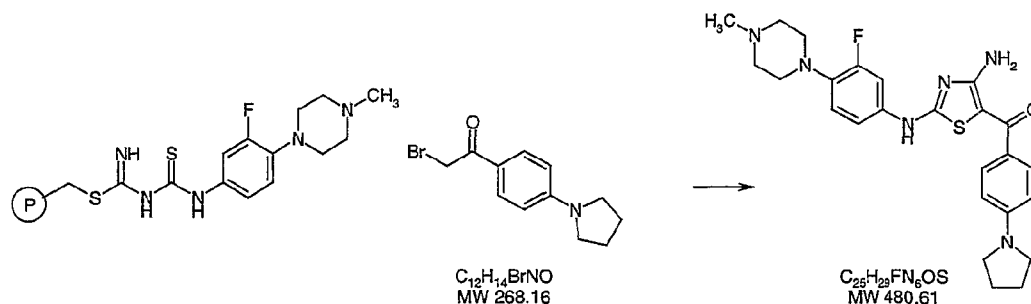


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 19 and 2-bromo-1-(2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl)ethanone (Maybridge Chemical Company Ltd.) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 470$.

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Example 68

[4-Amino-2-[[3-fluoro-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl] [4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone

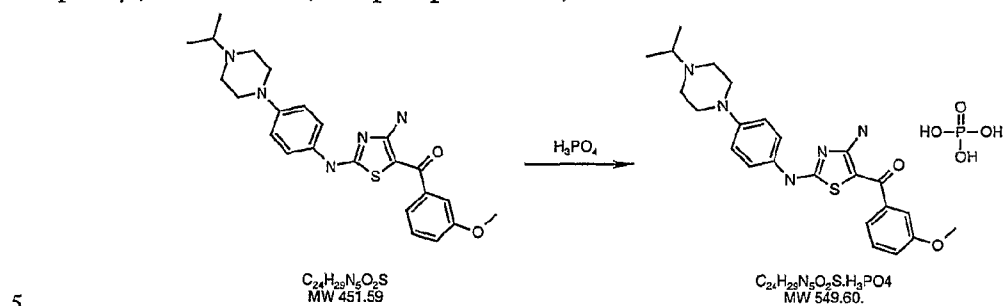


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This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 19 and 2-bromo-1-[4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]ethanone (Lancaster) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 481$.

Example 69

{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone (with phosphoric acid)

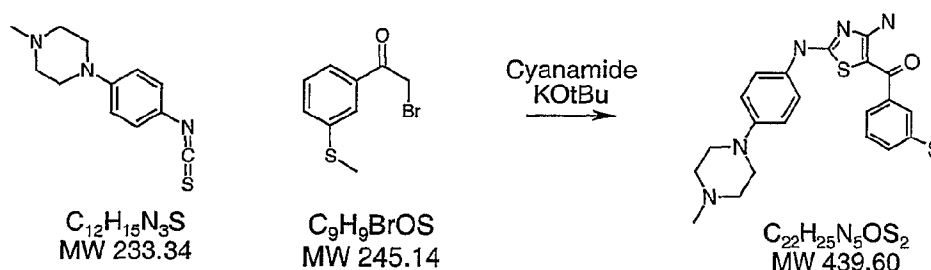


A solution of {4-amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone (of Example 43; 113 mg, 0.25 mmol) was dissolved in hot ethanol (10 ml) and to this was added 25mg of phosphoric acid in ethanol (1 ml). This was cooled and crystals were collected and dried to furnish {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone; compound with phosphoric acid. MicroAnalysis C, H, N, P, and S.

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Example 70

15 {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}(3-methylsulfanyl-phenyl)-methanone



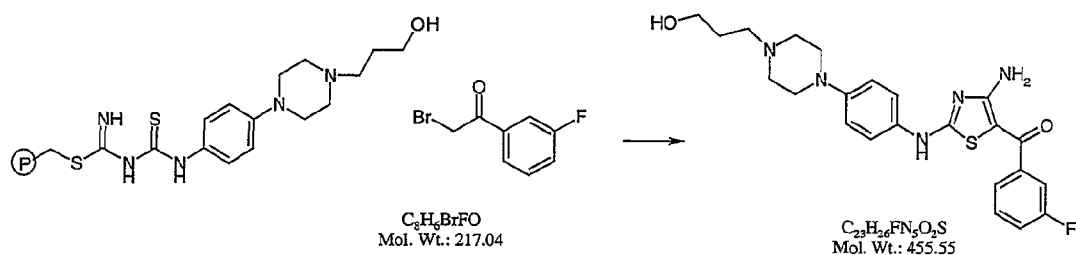
20 To a mixture of 1-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-methylpiperazine (of Example 1; 0.466 g, 2.0 mmol) and cyanamide (0.088 g, 2.1 mmol) in acetonitrile (3 mL) and *t*-butanol (5ml), a solution of potassium *tert*-butoxide (2.0 mL, 1.0 M in *tert*-BuOH) was added. After 30 minutes at room temperature, 2-bromo-1-(3-methylsulfanyl-phenyl)ethanone (which can be prepared by the procedure of Rogers, N.H. et. al. EP 87953; 0.49 g, 2.0 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature

25 for 1 hour and then refluxed for 15 minutes. The cooled mixture was diluted with ethyl

acetate and washed in turn with saturated aqueous sodium carbonate and brine. The dried (sodium sulfate) solution was evaporated and the residue chromatographed on silica gel. Elution of the desired product with 9:1 dichloromethane / methanol and crystallization from ethyl acetate / hexane provided 0.439 g (50% yield) of [4-amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-
 5 piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-methylsulfanyl-phenyl)methanone. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 440$.

Example 71

10 (4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-methanone

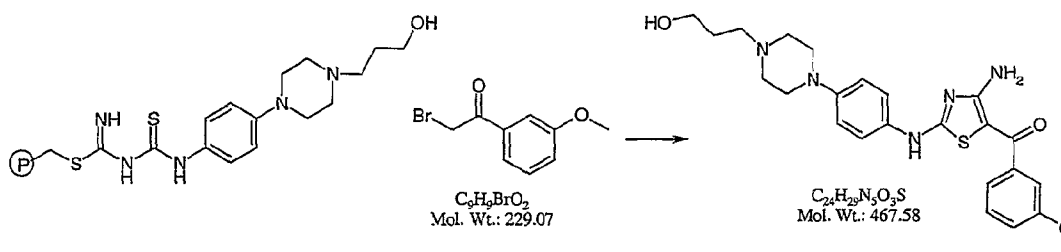


15 This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23F and 2-bromo-1-(3-fluorophenyl)ethanone (Maybridge Chemical Company Ltd.) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 456$.

Example 72

(4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone

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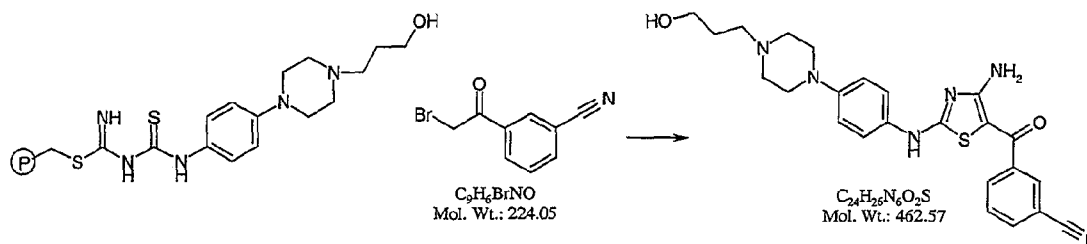
This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23F and 2-bromo-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (Aldrich) by the procedure used in Example 27.

10 Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 468$.

Example 73

3-(4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazole-5-carbonyl)-benzonitrile

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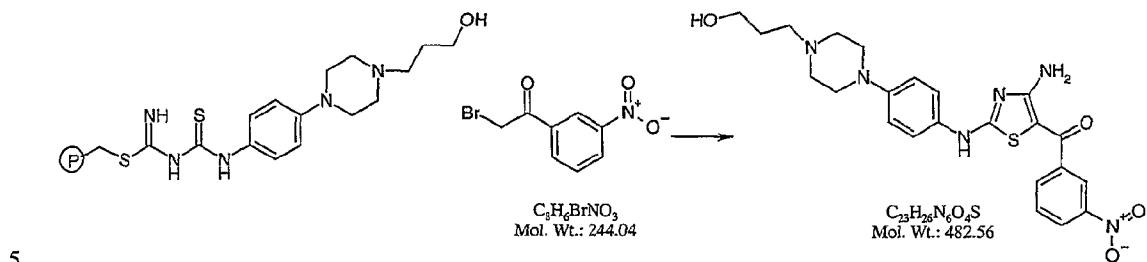


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23F and 2-bromo-1-(3-cyanophenyl)ethanone (which can be prepared by the procedure of Aloup, J.-C. et al., WO 9512594 A1 19950511) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 463$.

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Example 74

(4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3-nitro-phenyl)-methanone

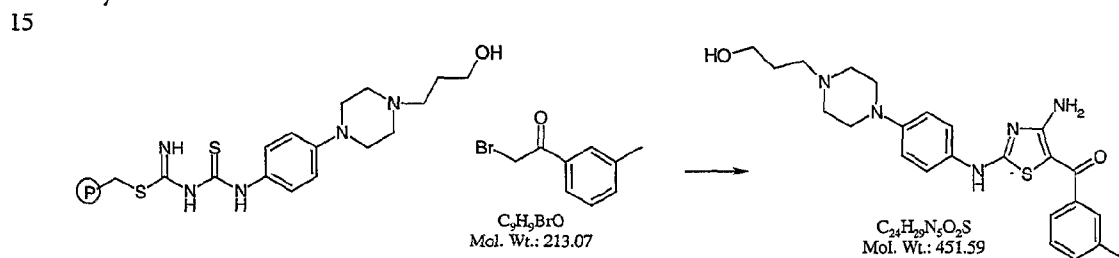


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23F and 2-bromo-1-(3-nitrophenyl)ethanone (which is available from Aldrich) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 483$.

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Example 75

(4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-m-tolyl-methanone

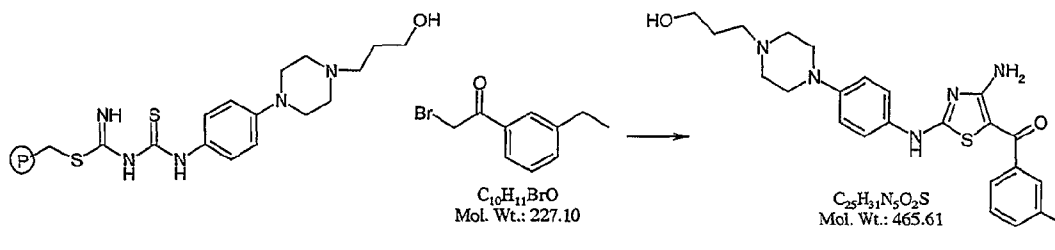


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23F and 2-bromo-1-(3-methylphenyl)ethanone (which can be prepared by the procedure of Itoh, T. et al. EP 1020426) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 452$.

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Example 76

(4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3-ethyl-phenyl)-methanone



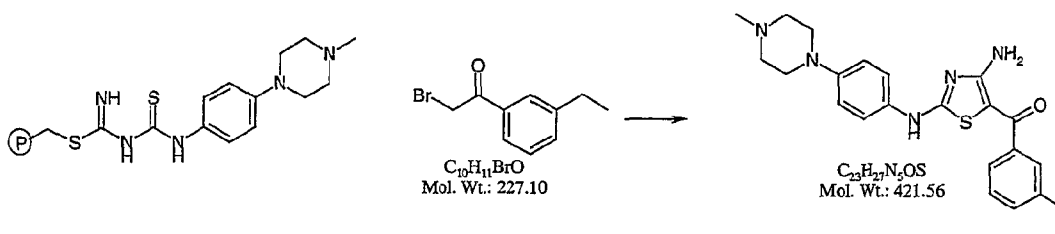
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This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23F and 2-bromo-1-(3-ethylphenyl)ethanone (of Example 14O) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 466$.

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Example 77

{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-ethyl-phenyl)-methanone

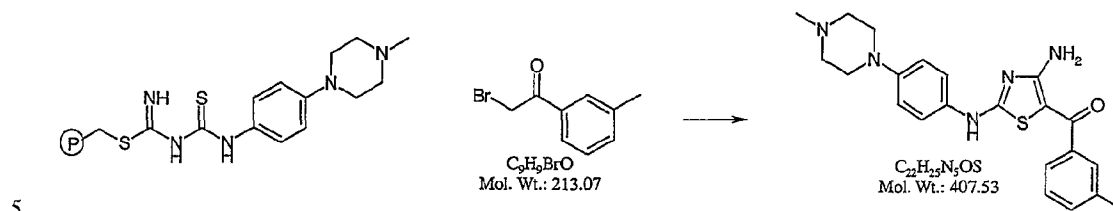


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This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 18 and 2-bromo-1-(3-ethylphenyl)ethanone (of Example 14O) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 422$.

Example 78

{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-m-tolyl-methanone

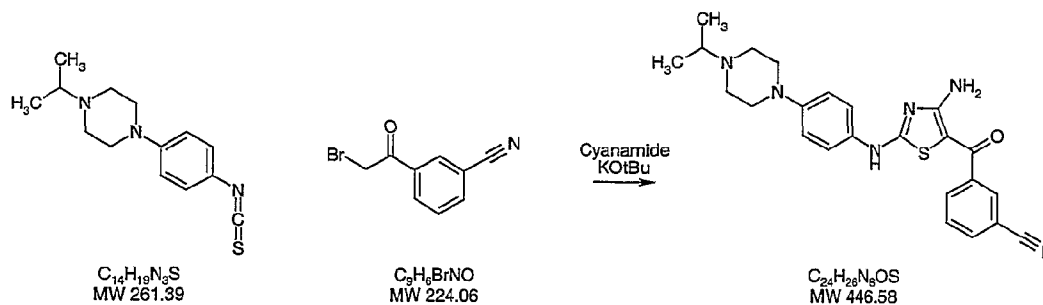


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 18 and 2-bromo-1-(3-methylphenyl)ethanone (which can be prepared by the procedure of Itoh, T. et al. EP 1020426) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 408$.

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Example 79

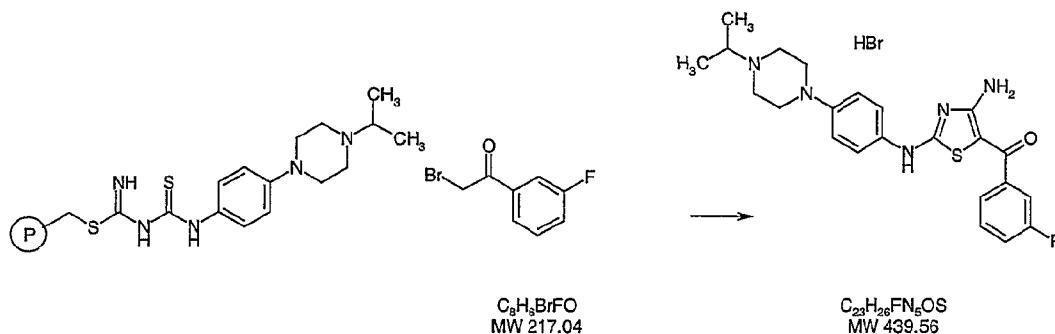
3-[4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazole-5-carbonyl]-benzonitrile



This compound was prepared from cyanamide, 1-(4-isothio-cyanatophenyl)-4-isopropylpiperazine (of Example 3) and 3-cyanophenacyl bromide (Maybridge Chemical Co. Ltd.) following the procedure used in Example 24. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 447$.

Example 80

{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-methanone (with hydrogen bromide)

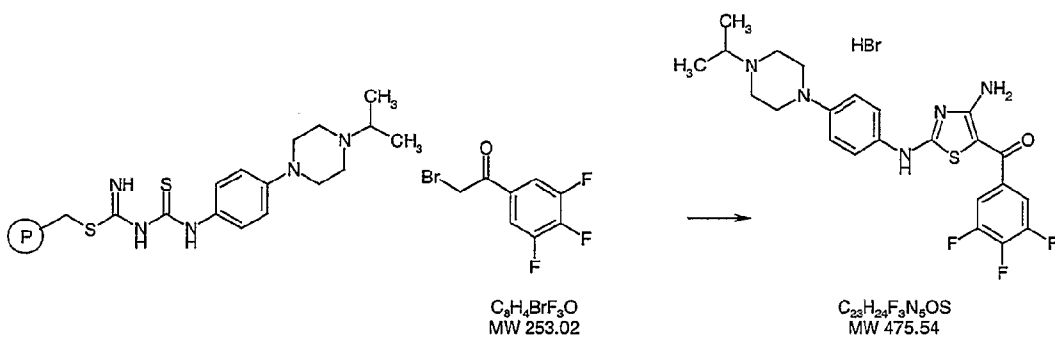


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 20 and 2-bromo-1-(3-fluoro-phenyl)ethanone (Aldrich) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 440$.

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Example 81

{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3,4,5-trifluoro-phenyl)-methanone (with hydrogen bromide)

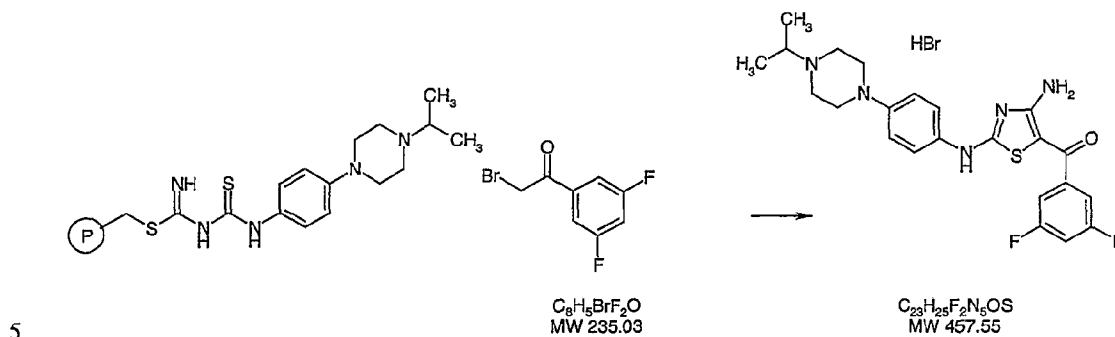


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 20 and 2-bromo-1-(3,4,5-trifluoro-phenyl)ethanone (of Example 14H) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 476$.

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Example 82

{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-methanone (with hydrogen bromide)

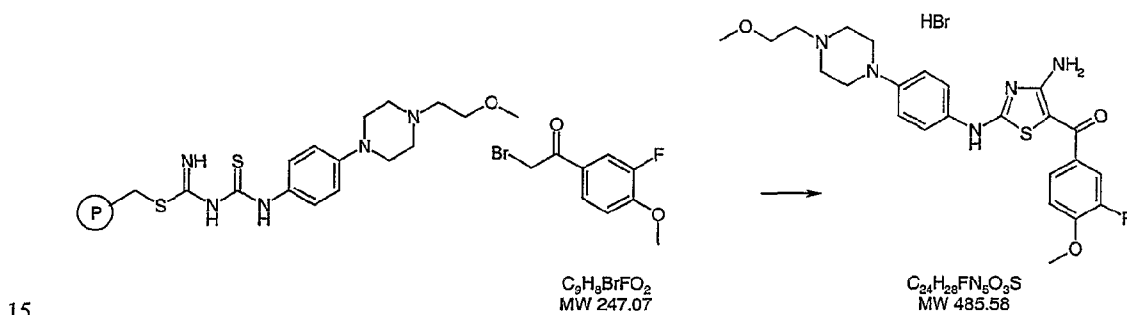


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 20 and 2-bromo-1-(3,5-difluorophenyl)ethanone (of Example 14A) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 458$.

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Example 83

4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3-fluoro-4-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone (with hydrogen bromide)

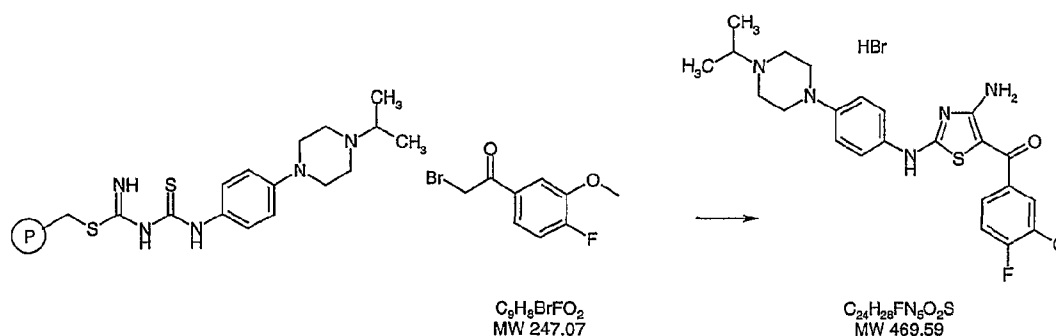


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23B and 2-bromo-1-(3-fluoro-4-methoxy-phenyl)ethanone (of Example 13) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 486$.

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Example 84

{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(4-fluoro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone (with hydrogen bromide)

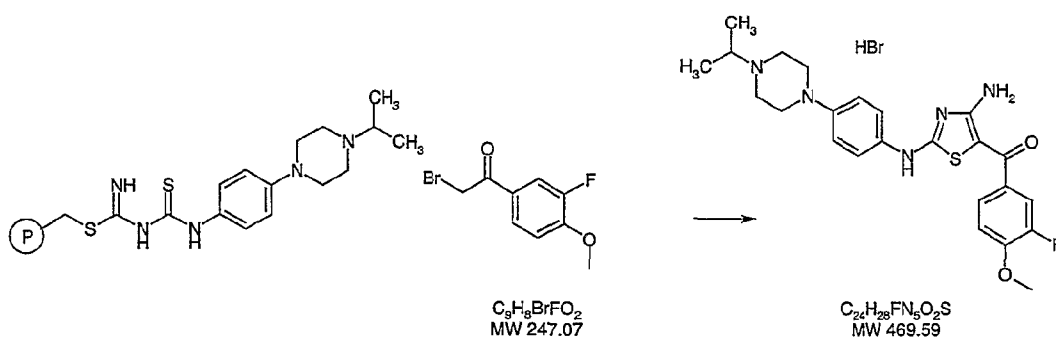


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 20 and 2-bromo-1-(4-fluoro-3-methoxy-phenyl)ethanone (of Example 14I) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 470$.

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Example 85

{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-fluoro-4-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone (with hydrogen bromide)



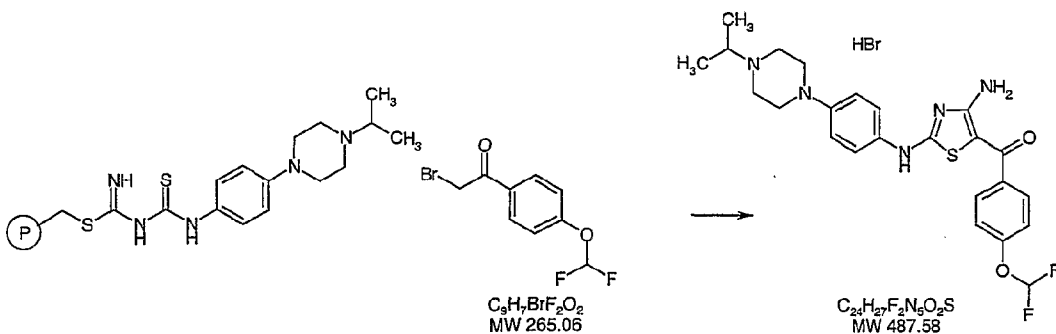
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This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 20 and 2-bromo-1-(3-fluoro-4-methoxy-phenyl)ethanone (of Example 13) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 470$.

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Example 86

{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(4-difluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone (with hydrogen bromide)

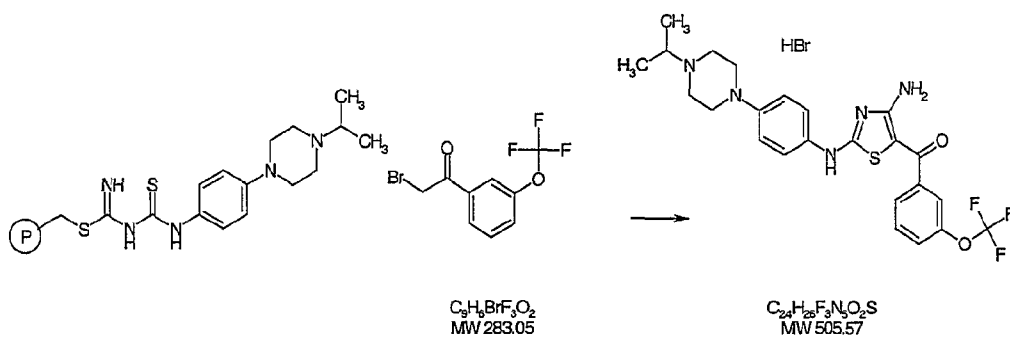


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 20 and 2-bromo-1-(4-difluoromethoxy-phenyl)ethanone (Maybridge Chemical Company Ltd.) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 488$.

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Example 87

{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone (with hydrogen bromide)



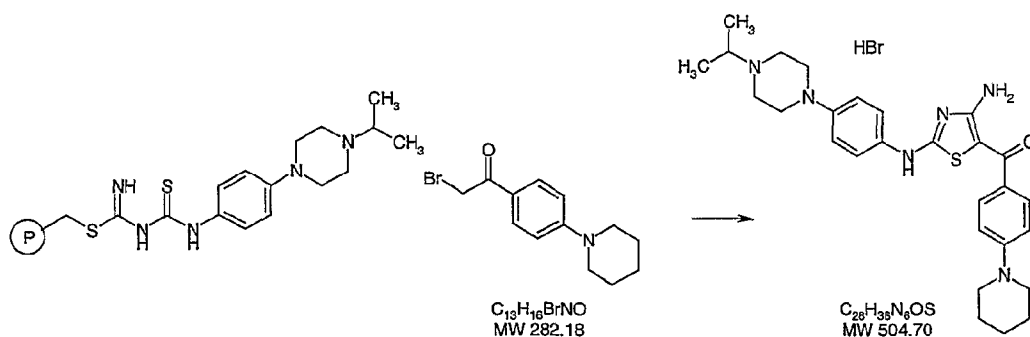
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This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 20 and 2-bromo-1-(3-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)ethanone (of Example 14J) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 506$.

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Example 88

{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(4-piperidin-1-yl-phenyl)-methanone (with hydrogen bromide)



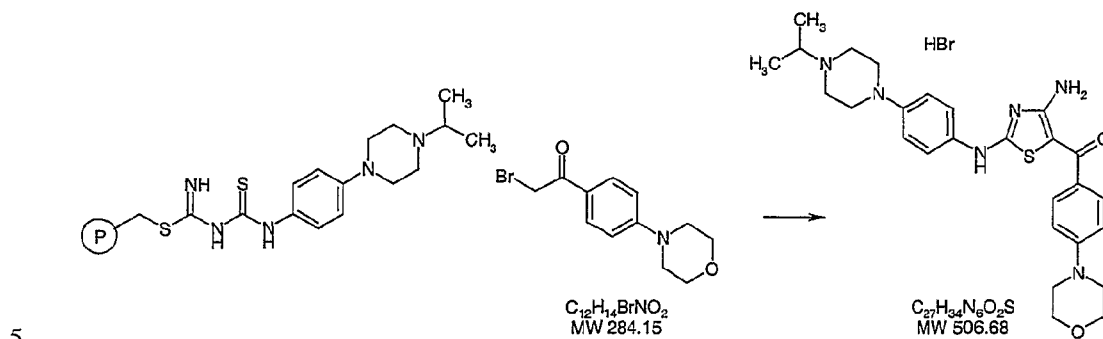
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This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 20 and 2-bromo-1-(4-piperidin-1-yl-phenyl)ethanone (of Example 7) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 505$.

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Example 89

{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(4-morpholin-4-yl-phenyl)-methanone (with hydrogen bromide)



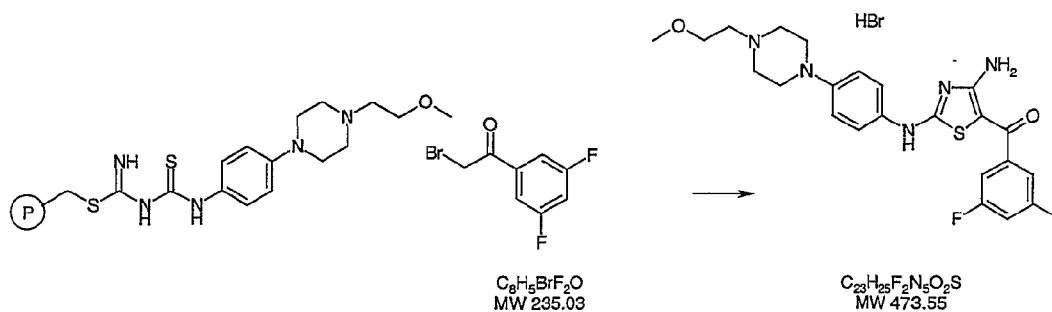
This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 20 and 2-bromo-1-(4-morpholin-4-phenyl)ethanone (of Example 8) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) MH^+ = 507.

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Example 90

(4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3,5-difluoro-phenyl)-methanone (with hydrogen bromide)

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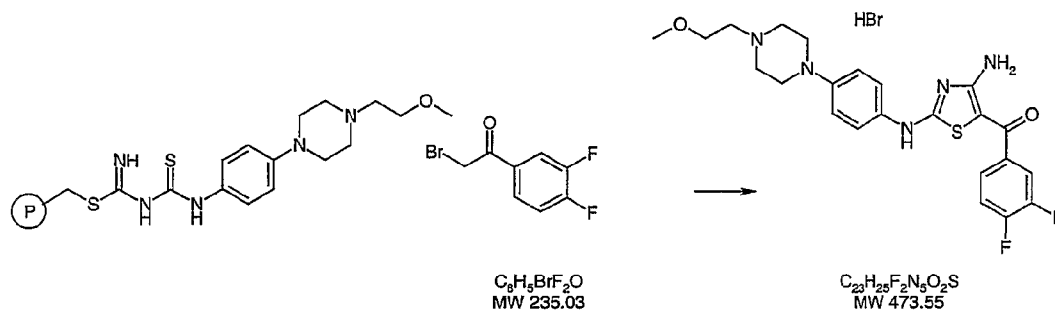


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23B and 2-bromo-1-(3,5-difluorophenyl)ethanone (of Example 14A) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) MH^+ = 474.

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Example 91

(4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3,4-difluoro-phenyl)-methanone (with hydrogen bromide)

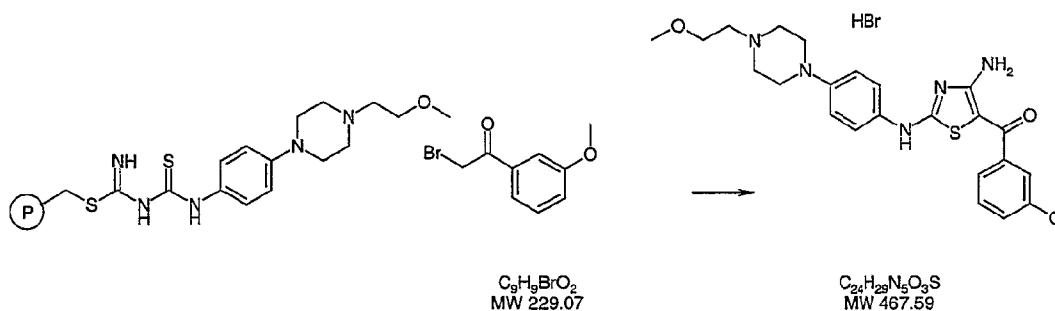


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23B and 2-bromo-1-(3,4-difluorophenyl)ethanone (Maybridge Chem Co. Ltd.) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 474$.

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Example 92

(4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone (with hydrogen bromide)

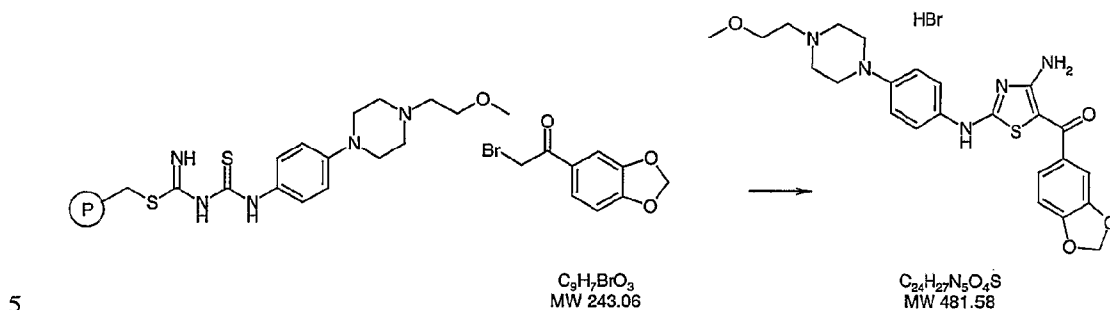


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This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23B and 2-bromo-1-(3-methoxy)ethanone (Aldrich) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 468$.

Example 93

(4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-methanone (with hydrogen bromide)

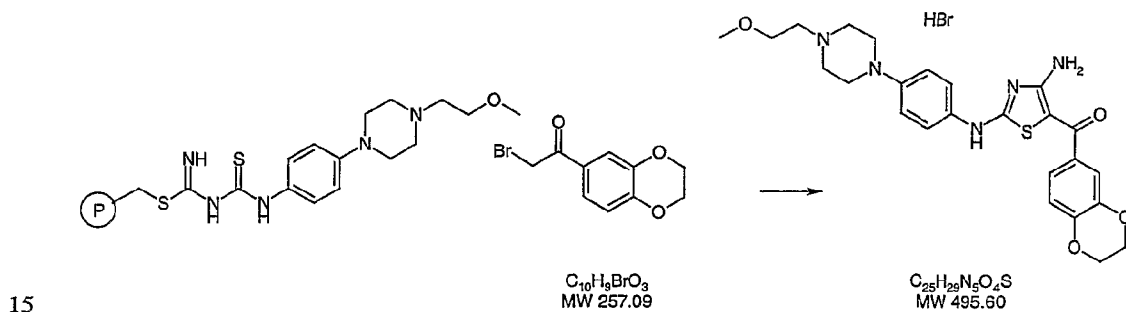


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23B and 2-bromo-1-(benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl)ethanone (of Example 11) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) MH^+ =482.

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Example 94

(4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-yl)-methanone (with hydrogen bromide)

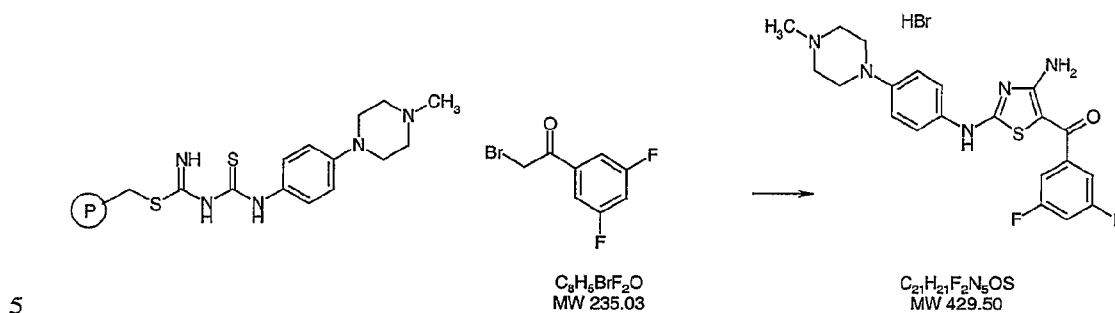


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23B and 2-bromo-1-(2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-yl)ethanone (Maybridge Chem Co. Ltd.) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) MH^+ =496.

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Example 95

{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3,5-difluoro-phenyl)-methanone (with hydrogen bromide)

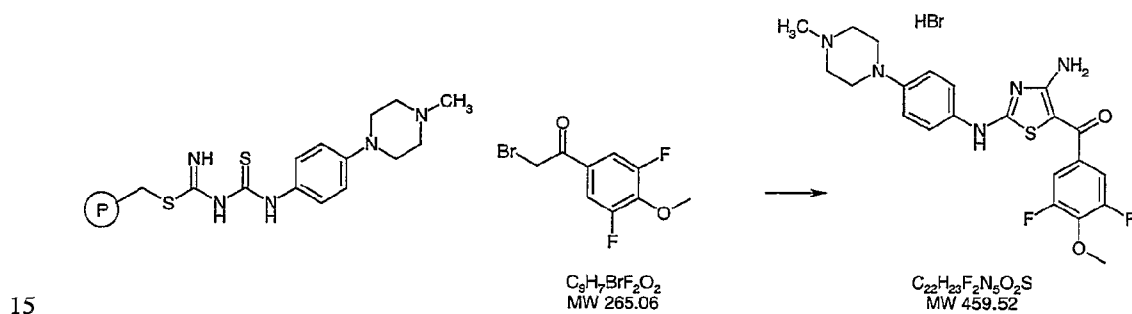


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 18 and 2-bromo-1-(3,5-difluorophenyl)ethanone (of Example 14A) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 430$.

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Example 96

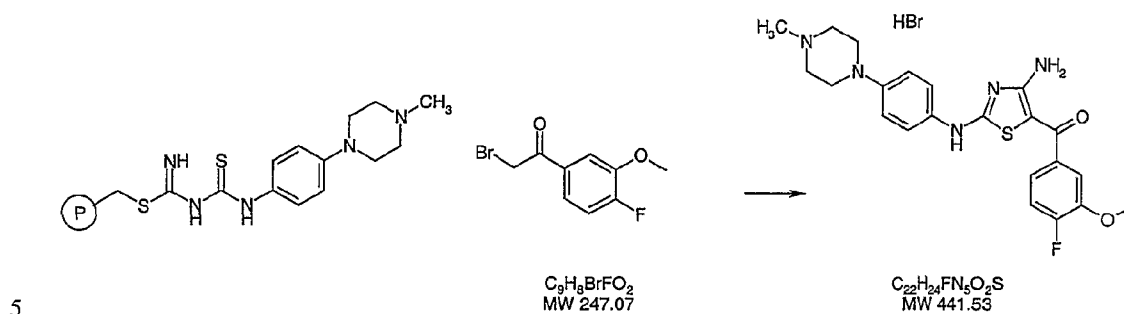
{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3,5-difluoro-4-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone (with hydrogen bromide)



This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 18 and 2-bromo-1-(3,5-difluoro-4-methoxy-phenyl)ethanone (of Example 14K) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 460$.

Example 97

{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(4-fluoro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone (with hydrogen bromide)

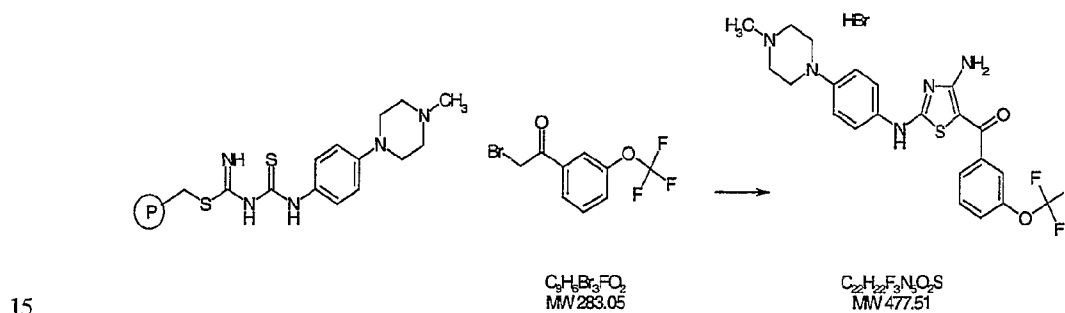


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 18 and 2-bromo-1-(4-fluoro-3-methoxy-phenyl)ethanone (of Example 14I) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 442$.

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Example 98

{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone (with hydrogen bromide)

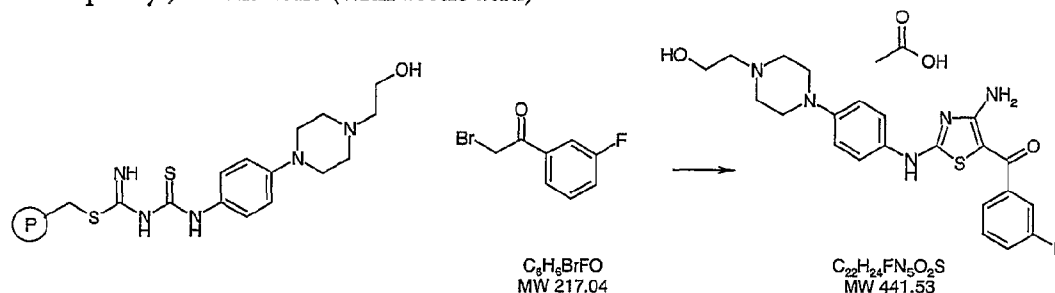


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 18 and 2-bromo-1-(3-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)ethanone (of Example 14J) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 478$.

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Example 99

(4-Amino-2-[4-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl)-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-methanone (with acetic acid)



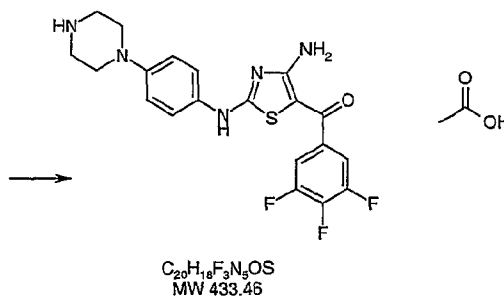
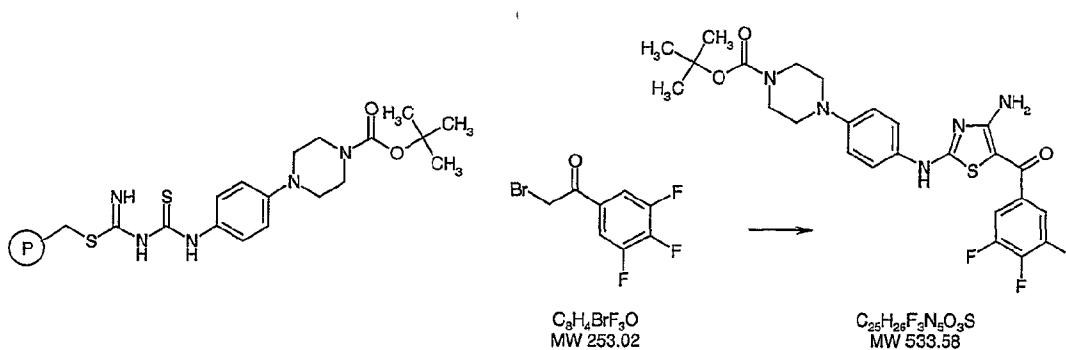
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This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 22 and 2-bromo-1-(3-fluorophenyl)ethanone (Aldrich) by the procedure used in Example 27. The crude product was purified by HPLC as described in Example 28. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 442$.

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Example 100

[4-Amino-2-(4-piperazin-1-yl-phenylamino)-thiazol-5-yl]-(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)-methanone (with acetic acid)



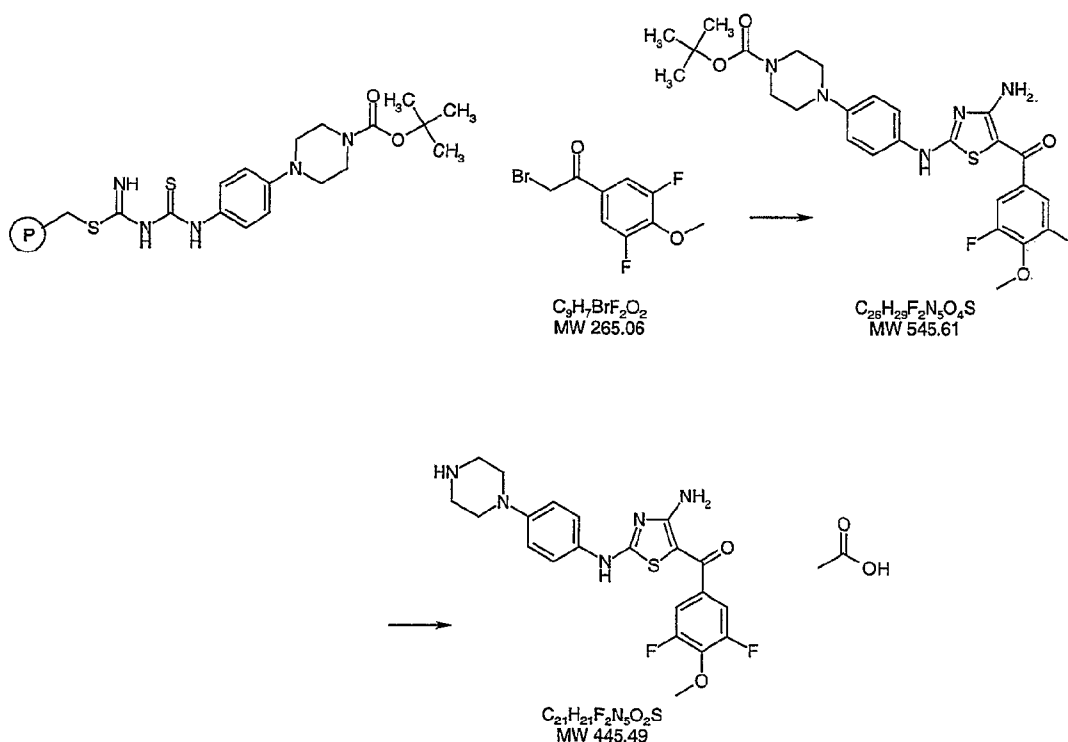
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This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23A and 2-bromo-1-(3,4,5-trifluoro-phenyl)ethanone (of Example 14H) by the procedures used in Example 54. The crude product was purified by HPLC as described in Example 28. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 434$.

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Example 101

[4-Amino-2-(4-piperazin-1-yl-phenylamino)-thiazol-5-yl]-(3,5-difluoro-4-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone (with acetic acid)



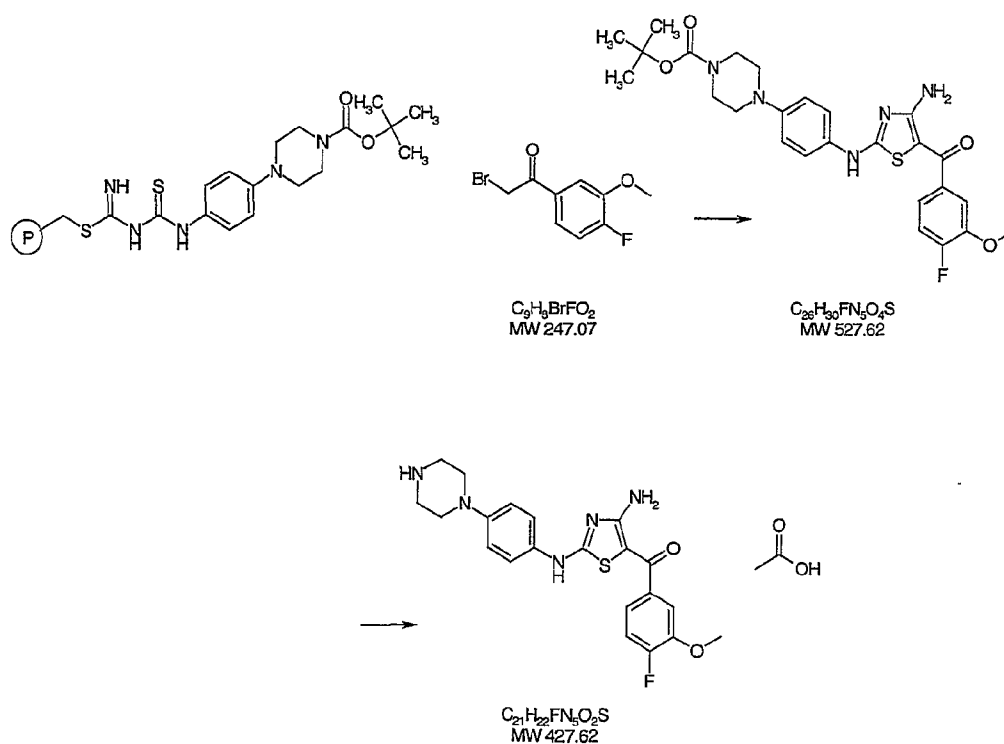
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This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23A and 2-bromo-1-(3,5-difluoro-4-methoxy-phenyl)ethanone (of Example 14K) by the procedures

used in Example 54. The crude product was purified by HPLC as described in Example 28. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 446$.

Example 102

5 [4-Amino-2-(4-piperazin-1-yl-phenylamino)-thiazol-5-yl]-(4-fluoro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone (with acetic acid)

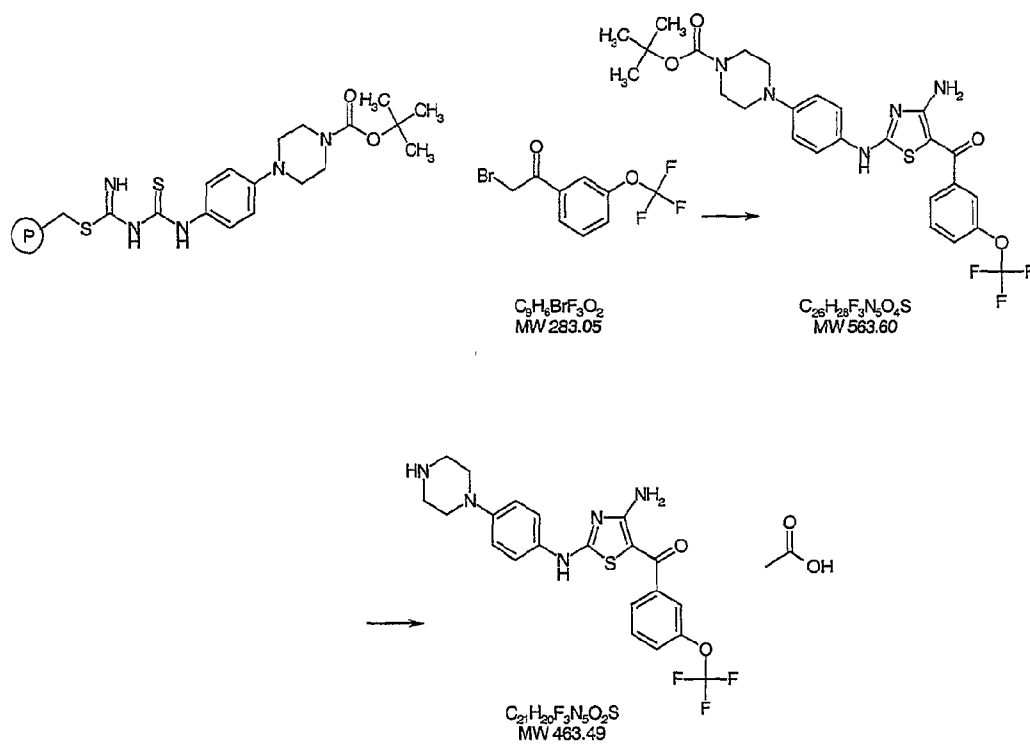


This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23A and 2-bromo-1-(4-fluoro-3-methoxy-phenyl)ethanone (of Example 14I) by the procedures used in Example 54. The crude product was purified by HPLC as described in Example 28. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 428$.

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Example 103

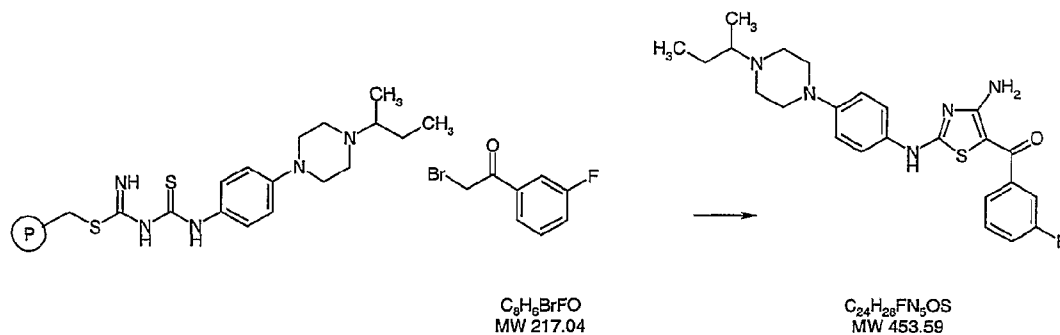
[4-Amino-2-(4-piperazin-1-yl-phenylamino)-thiazol-5-yl]-(3-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone (with acetic acid)



This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23A and 2-bromo-1-(3-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)ethanone (of Example 14J) by the procedures used in Example 54. The crude product was purified by HPLC as described in Example 28. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 464$.

Example 104

{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-sec-butyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-methanone

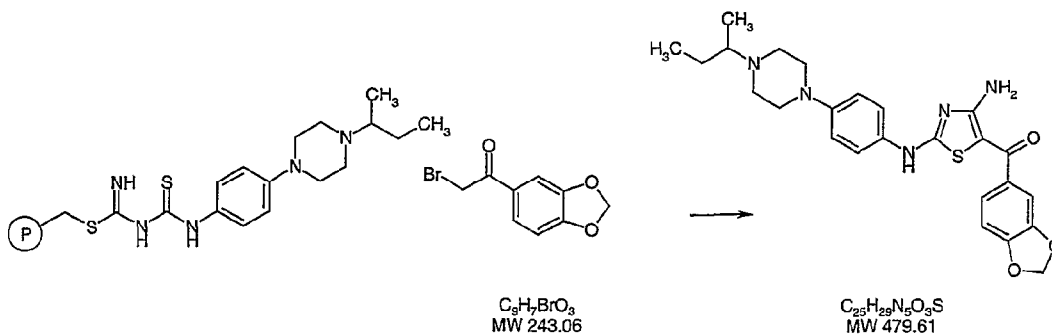


- 5 This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23C and 2-bromo-1-(3-fluoro-phenyl)ethanone (Aldrich) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 454$.

Example 105

{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-sec-butyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-methanone

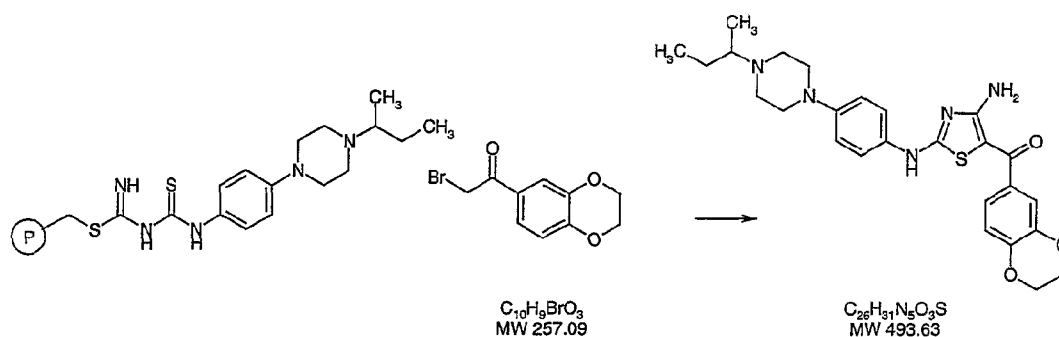
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This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23C and 2-bromo-1-(benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl)ethanone (of Example 11) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 480$.

Example 106

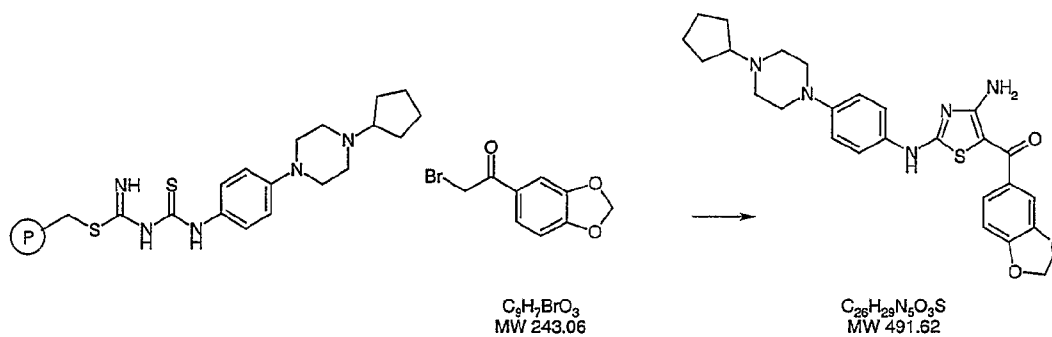
- 5 {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-sec-butyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-yl)-methanone



- 10 This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23C and 2-bromo-1-(2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-yl)ethanone (Maybridge Chem Co. Ltd.) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 494$.

Example 107

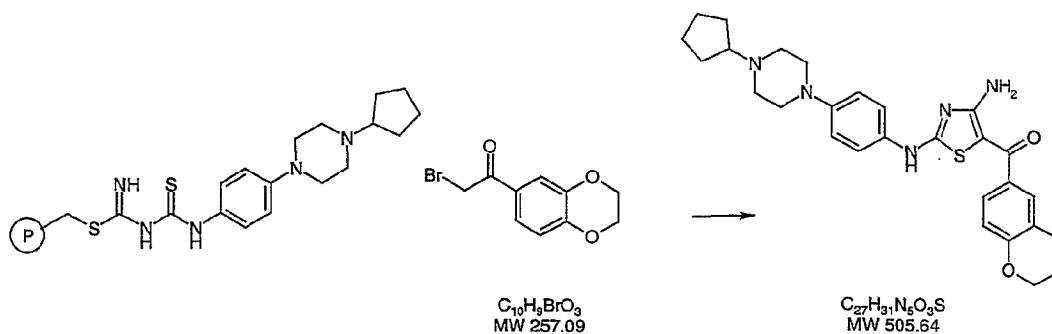
{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopentyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl]-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl}-methanone



- 5 This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23D and 2-bromo-1-(benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl)ethanone (of Example 11) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 492$.

Example 108

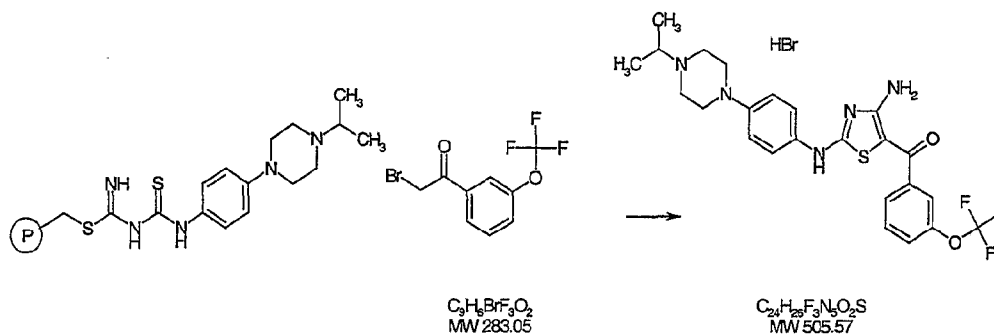
{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopentyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(2,3-dihydro-
 10 benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-yl)-methanone



This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23D and 2-bromo-1-(2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-yl)ethanone (Maybridge Chem Co. Ltd) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) MH^+ =506.

Example 109

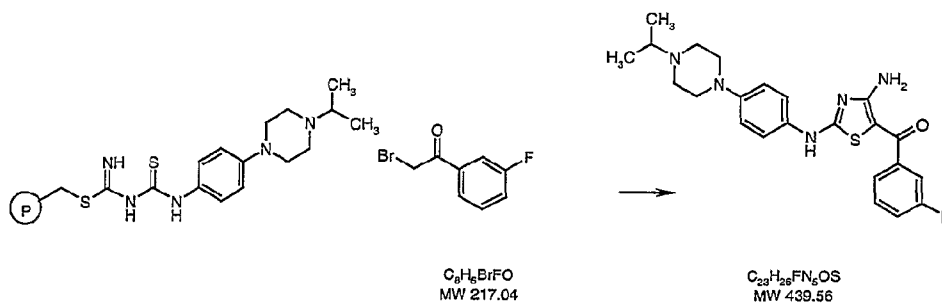
- 5 {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone



- 10 This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 20 and 2-bromo-1-(3-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)ethanone (of Example 14J) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) MH^+ = 506.

Example 110

{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-methanone

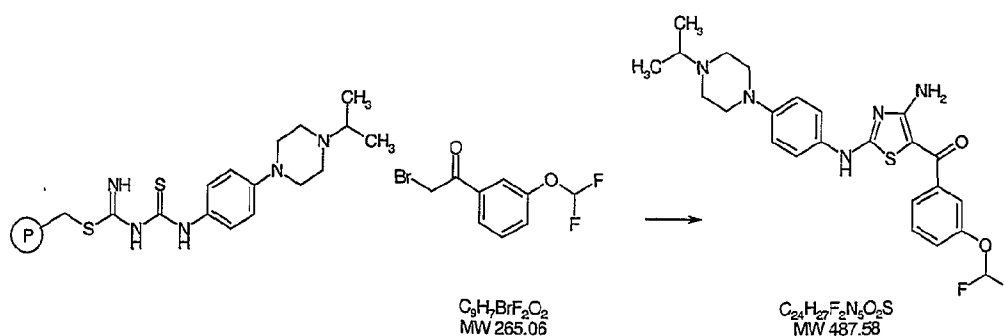


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This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 20 and 2-bromo-1-(3-fluoro-phenyl)ethanone (Aldrich) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 440$.

Example 111

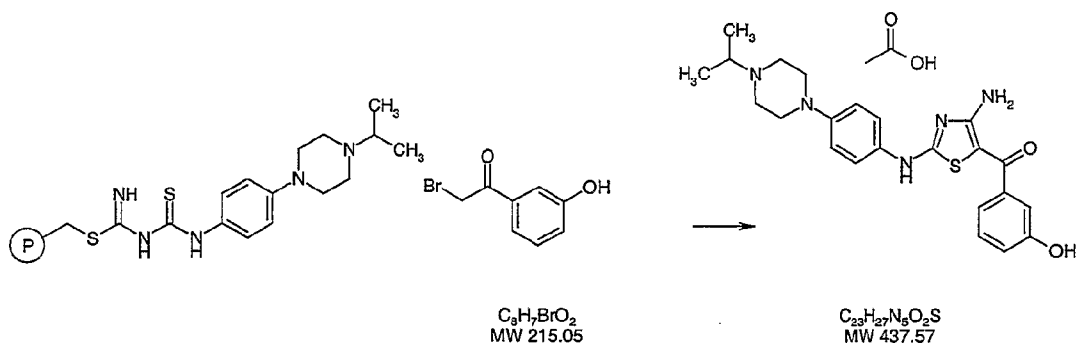
10 {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-difluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone



This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 20 and 2-bromo-1-(3-difluoromethoxy-phenyl)ethanone (of Example 14L) by the procedure used in Example 27. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 488$.

Example 112

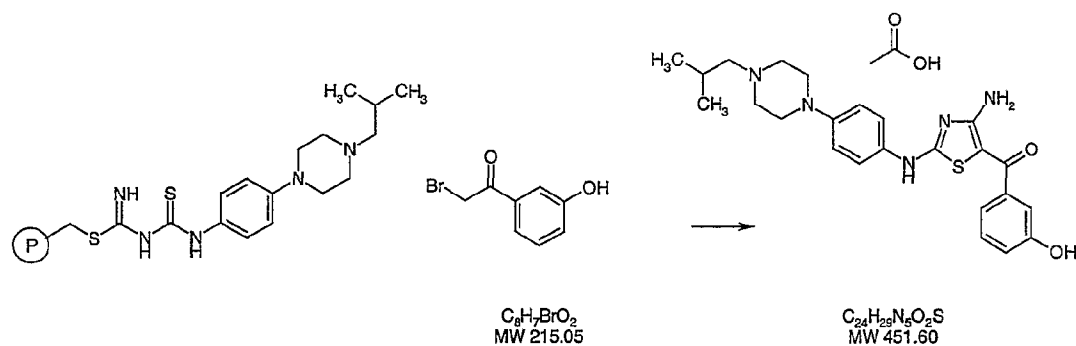
- 5 {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-hydroxy-phenyl)-methanone (with acetic acid)



- 10 This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 20 and 2-bromo-1-(3-hydroxy-phenyl)ethanone (of Example 14N) by the procedure used in Example 27. The crude product was purified by HPLC as described in Example 28. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 438$.

Example 113

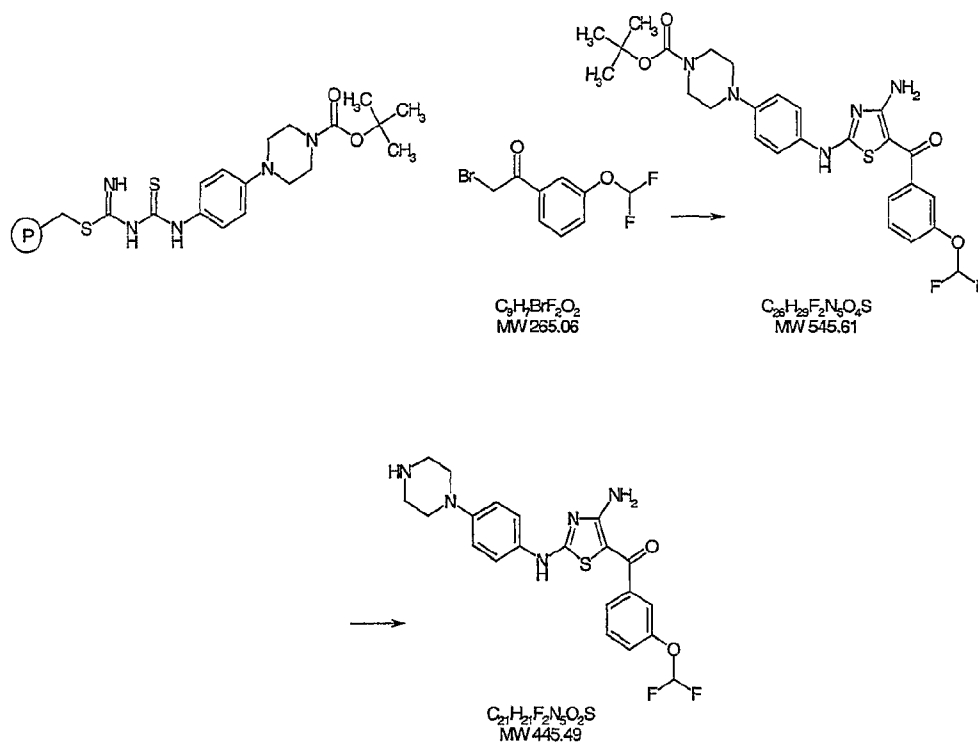
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- 5 This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23E and 2-bromo-1-(3-hydroxy-phenyl)ethanone (of Example 14N) by the procedure used in Example 27. The crude product was purified by HPLC as described in Example 28. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 452$.

Example 114

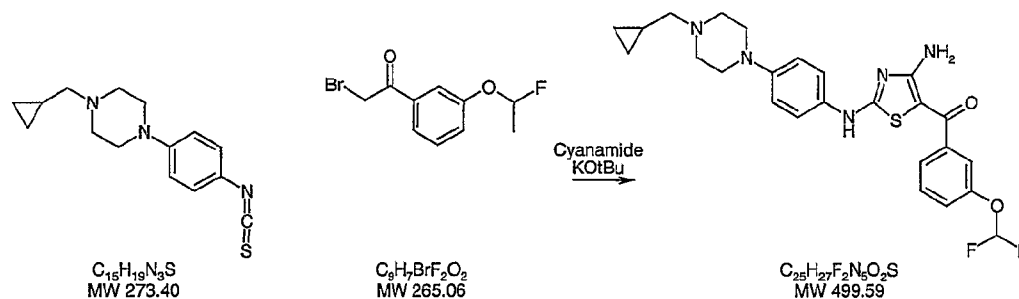
[4-Amino-2-(4-piperazin-1-yl-phenylamino)-thiazol-5-yl]-(3-difluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone



- 5 This compound was prepared from the resin-bound thiourea of Example 23A and 2-bromo-1-(3-difluoromethoxy-phenyl)ethanone (of Example 14L) by the procedures used in Example 54. Mass spectrum (ES) MH^+ = 446.

Example 115

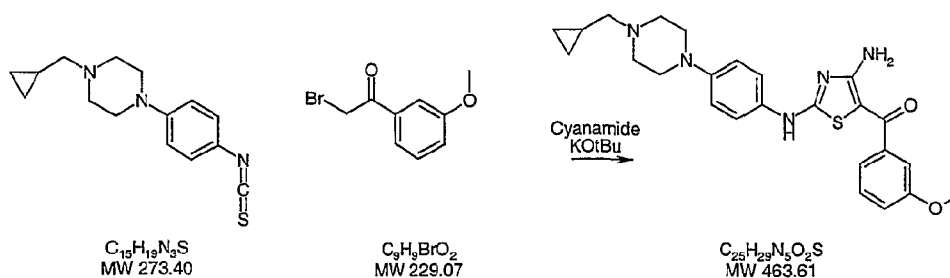
{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-difluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone



- 5 This compound was prepared from cyanamide, 1-(4-isothiocyanato-phenyl)-4-cyclopropylmethylpiperazine (of Example 14G) and 2-bromo-1-(3-difluoromethoxyphenyl)ethanone (of Example 14L) following the procedure used in Example 24. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 500$.

Example 116

- 10 {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone

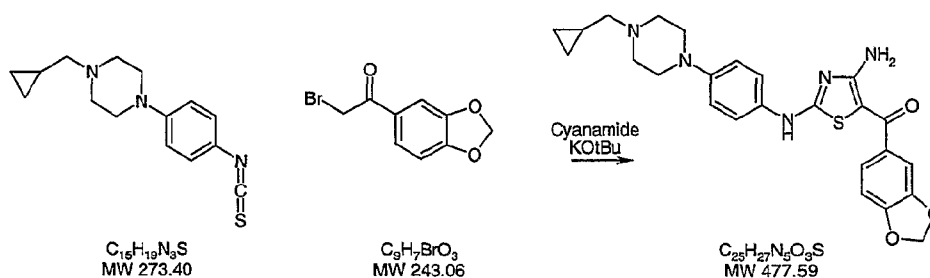


This compound was prepared from cyanamide, 1-(4-isothiocyanato-phenyl)-4-cyclopropylmethylpiperazine (of Example 14G) and 2-bromo-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (Aldrich) following the procedure used in Example 24 Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 464$.

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Example 117

{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-methanone

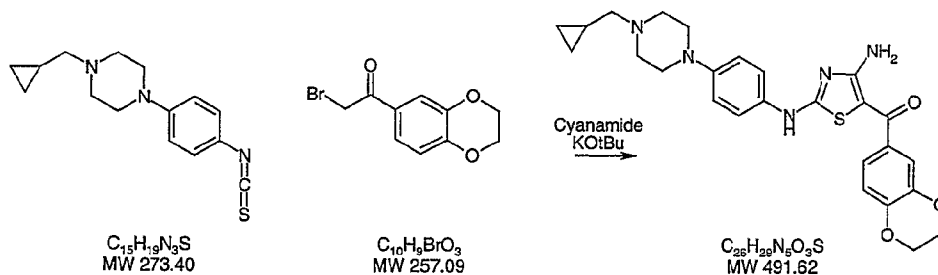


This compound was prepared from cyanamide, 1-(4-isothiocyanato-phenyl)-4-cyclopropylmethylpiperazine (of Example 14G) and 2-bromo-1-(benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl)ethanone (of Example 11) following the procedure used in Example 24 Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 478$.

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Example 118

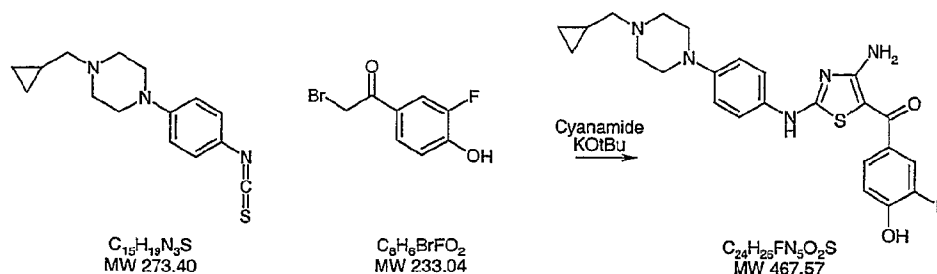
{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-yl)-methanone



- 5 This compound was prepared from cyanamide, 1-(4-isothiocyanato-phenyl)-4-cyclopropylmethylpiperazine (of Example 14G) and 2-bromo-1-(2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-yl)ethanone (Maybridge Chemical Company Ltd.) following the procedure used in Example 24. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 492$.

Example 119

- 10 {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-fluoro-4-hydroxy-phenyl)-methanone

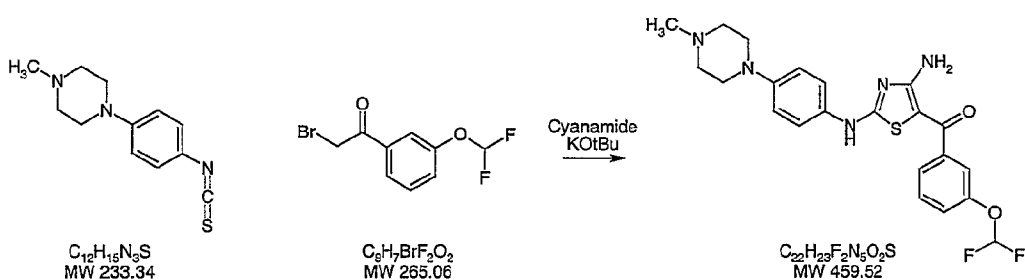


This compound was prepared from cyanamide, 1-(4-isothiocyanato-phenyl)-4-cyclopropylmethylpiperazine (of Example 14G) and 2-bromo-1-(3-fluoro-4-

hydroxyphenyl)ethanone (of Example 14M) following the procedure used in Example 24.
Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 468$.

Example 120

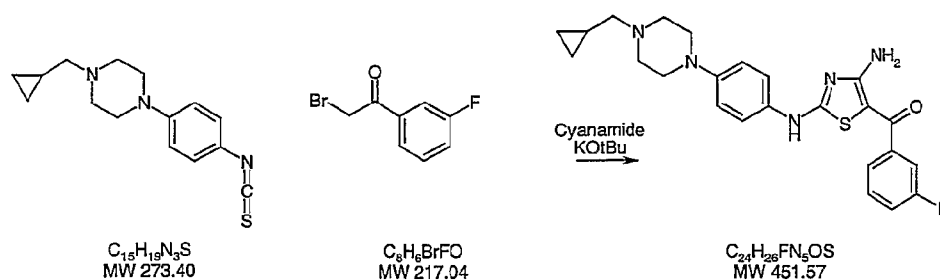
5 {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-difluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone



This compound was prepared from cyanamide, 1-(4-isothiocyanato-phenyl)-4-methylpiperazine (of Example 1) and 2-bromo-1-(3-difluoro-methoxy-phenyl)ethanone (of Example 14L) following the procedure used in Example 24. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ =$
10 460.

Example 121

{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-methanone

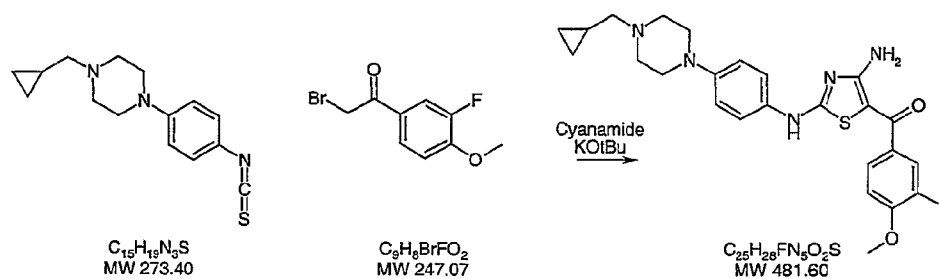


This compound was prepared from cyanamide, 1-(4-isothiocyanatphenyl)-4-cyclopropylmethylpiperazine (of Example 14G) and 2-bromo-1-(3-fluorophenyl)ethanone (Aldrich) following the procedure used in Example 24 Mass spectrum (ES) MH^+ =452.

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Example 122

{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-fluoro-4-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone

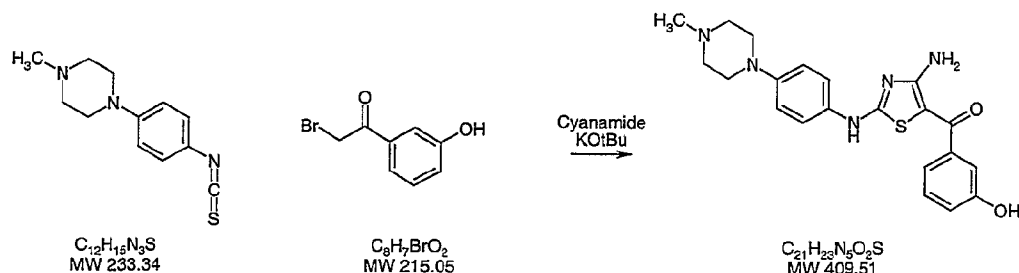


This compound was prepared from cyanamide, 1-(4-isothiocyanato-phenyl)-4-cyclopropylmethylpiperazine (of Example 14G) and 2-bromo-1-(3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (of Example 13) following the procedure used in Example 24. Mass spectrum (ES) MH^+ =482.

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Example 123

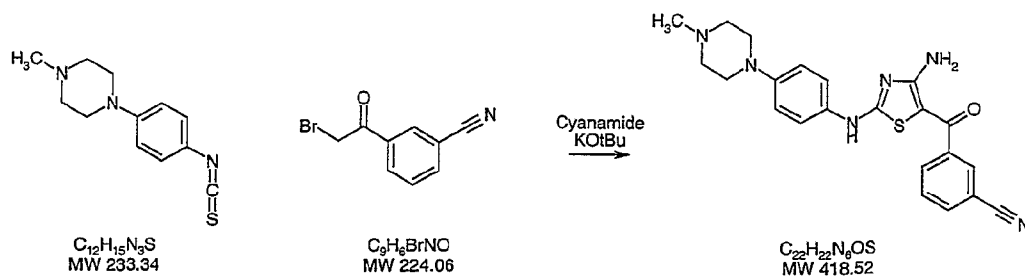
{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-hydroxy-phenyl)-methanone



- 5 This compound was prepared from cyanamide, 1-(4-isothiocyanato-phenyl)-4-cyclopropylmethylpiperazine (of Example 1) and 2-bromo-1-(3-hydroxyphenyl)ethanone (of Example 14N) following the procedure used in Example 24. Mass spectrum (ES) MH^+ = 410.

Example 124

- 10 3-{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazole-5-carbonyl}-benzonitrile



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This compound was prepared from cyanamide, 1-(4-isothiocyanato-phenyl)-4-methylpiperazine (of Example 1) and 3-cyanophenacyl bromide (Maybridge Chemical Co. Ltd.) following the procedure used in Example 24. Mass spectrum (ES) $MH^+ = 419$.

Example 125

5 Antiproliferative Activity

The antiproliferative activity of the compounds of the invention is demonstrated below. These activities indicate that the compounds of the present invention are useful in treating cancer, in particular solid tumors such as breast and colon tumors.

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Kinase Assays

To determine inhibition of Cdk4, Cdk2 and Cdk1 activity, kinase assays were conducted using FlashPlate™ assays (NEN™-Life Science Products). FlashPlate assays were performed using recombinant human cyclin B-CDK1, human cyclin E-CDK2 or human
15 cyclin D1-CDK4 complexes. GST-cyclinE (GST-cycE), CDK2, GST-cyclinB (GST-cycB), CDK1, GST-CDK4 and cyclin D1 (cycD1) cDNA clones in baculovirus vectors were provided by Dr. W. Harper at the Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX. Proteins were co-expressed in High Five™ insect cells and the complex was purified on glutathione
20 Sepharose resin (Pharmacia, Piscataway, NJ) as previously described (Harper, J. W. et al. *Cell* 1993, 75, 805-816). A 6x-Histidine tagged truncated form of retinoblastoma (Rb) protein (amino acid 386-928) was used as the substrate for the cycD1-CDK4, cycB-CDK1 and the cycE-CDK2 assays (the expression plasmid was provided by Dr. Veronica Sullivan, Department of Molecular Virology, Roche Research Centre, Welwyn Garden City, United Kingdom). The Rb protein is a natural substrate for phosphorylation by CDK4, CDK2 and
25 CDK1 (see Herwig and Strauss *Eur. J. Biochem.* Vol. 246 (1997) pp.581-601 and the references cited therein).

The expression of the 62Kd protein was under the control of an IPTG inducible promoter in an M15 *E. coli* strain. Cells were lysed by sonication and purification was
30 carried out by binding lysates at pH 8.0 to a Ni-chelated agarose column pretreated with 1 mM imidazole. The resin was then washed several times with incrementally decreasing pH buffers to pH 6.0, and eluted with 500 mM imidazole. Eluted protein was dialysed against 20 mM HEPES pH 7.5, 30% glycerol, 200 mM NaCl, and 1 mM DTT. Purified Rb fusion protein stocks were quantitated for protein concentration, aliquoted, and stored at -70°C.

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For all three kinase assays reported herein, 96-well FlashPlates were coated with Rb protein at 10 µg/ml, using 100 µl per well. Plates were incubated at 4°C overnight or at room temperature for 3 hours on a shaker. To control for nonspecific phosphorylation, one row of wells was coated with 100 µl/well coating buffer (20 mM HEPES, 0.2 M NaCl).
5 Plates were then washed twice with wash buffer (0.01% Tween 20 in phosphate-buffered saline). Compounds to be tested ("test compounds") were added to the wells at 5x final concentration. Reactions were initiated by immediate addition of 40 µl reaction mix (25 mM HEPES, 20 mM MgCl₂, 0.002% Tween 20, 2mM DTT, 1 µM ATP, 4 nM ³³P-ATP) and a sufficient amount of enzyme to give counts that were at least 10-fold above background.
10 Plates were incubated at room temperature on a shaker for 30 minutes. Plates were washed four times with the wash buffer, sealed, and counted on the TopCount scintillation counter (Packard Instrument Co., Downers Grove, IL). The percent inhibition of Rb phosphorylation, which is a measure of the inhibition of CDK activity, was determined according to the following formula:

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$$100 \times \frac{1 - \text{test compound} - \text{nonspecific}}{\text{total} - \text{nonspecific}}$$

where "test compound" refers to the average counts per minute of the test
20 duplicates, "nonspecific" refers to the average counts per minute when no CyclinD/Cdk4, etc., was added, and "total" refers to the average counts per minute when no compound was added. The IC₅₀ value is the concentration of test compound that reduces by 50% the protein-kinase induced incorporation of the radiolabel under the test conditions described.

25 The results of the foregoing *in vitro* experiments are set forth in Table 1 below.

The IC₅₀ values are summarized in the Table 1 below.

Cell Based Assays (Tetrazolium dye proliferation assay)

30 Proliferation was evaluated by the tetrazolium dye assay according to the procedure of Denizot and Lang (Denizot, F. and Lang, R. *J Immunol Methods* 1986, 89, 271-277). The cell line used was HCT116, a colorectal carcinoma cell line obtained from the American Type Cell Culture Collection (ATCC; Rockville, MD). The cells were grown in McCoy's 5A medium supplemented with 10% FCS and L-glutamine.

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Cells were plated at the appropriate seeding density to give logarithmic growth over the course of the assay in a 96-well tissue culture plate. Plates were incubated overnight at 37°C in a humidified incubator with 5% CO₂. The next day, test compounds were serially diluted to four times the final concentration in the appropriate medium containing 1.2% DMSO. One-fourth final volume of each dilution was added in duplicate to the plates containing cells. The same volume of 1.2% DMSO in medium was added to a row of "control wells" such that the final concentration of DMSO in each well was 0.3%. Wells to which no cells were added served as the "blank." Wells to which no inhibitor was added served as "no inhibitor control." The plates were returned to the incubator, and at set time points (determined by their growth curves) plates were analyzed as described below.

3-(4,5-dimethylthiazole-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyl-2H-tetrazolium bromide (thiazolyl blue; MTT; Sigma) was added to each well to yield a final concentration of 1 mg/ml. Plates were returned to the incubator for 2.5-3 hours at 37°C. The MTT-containing medium was removed and the resulting formazan metabolite was solubilized in 100% ethanol with shaking for 15 minutes at room temperature. Absorbance readings were taken in a microtiter plate reader (Dynatech and Molecular Devices plate readers were used interchangeably) at a wavelength of 570 nm with a 650 nm reference. Percent inhibition (% INH) is calculated by subtracting the absorbance of the blank well from all wells, then subtracting the ratio of the average absorbance of each test duplicate (S_{AVE}) by the average of the controls (C_{AVE}) from 1.00. The final number is then multiplied by 100 (% INH = $(1.00 - S_{AVE}/C_{AVE}) \times 100$). The concentration at which 50% inhibition of cell proliferation is obtained (the IC₅₀) is determined from the linear regression of a plot of the logarithm of the concentration versus percent inhibition. The IC₅₀ values are also shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1

This table shows the IC₅₀s of compounds of the instant Examples in CDK4, CDK2, and CDK1 kinase assays, and also the IC₅₀s in the cell-based assays ("MTT") assay.

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Example Number	CDK4 IC ₅₀ (μ M)	CDK2 IC ₅₀ (μ M)	CDK1 IC ₅₀ (μ M)	MTT IC ₅₀ (μ M)
Example 24	0.02	4.3	2.5	3.9
Example 25	0.018	3.5	0.5	3.5
Example 26	0.059	6.2	9	5.6
Example 27	0.004	9.4	20.1	9.1
Example 28	0.017	22.2	9.2	9.5
Example 29	0.103	9.6	15.9	9.5
Example 30	0.053	2.3	2.4	3.6
Example 31	0.026	2.3	0.5	4.1
Example 32	0.08	9.6	3.9	5.6
Example 33	0.008	6.5	6.1	9.2
Example 34	0.049	6.1	11.7	3.8
Example 35	0.008	1.8	1.1	1.8
Example 36	0.025	5.4	2.1	2.8
Example 37	0.073	6.3	10	6.6

<u>Table 1 - Continued</u>					
Example Number		CDK4 IC ₅₀ (μ M)	CDK2 IC ₅₀ (μ M)	CDK1 IC ₅₀ (μ M)	MTT IC ₅₀ (μ M)
Example 38		0.006	2.6	2.0	1.9
Example 39		0.021	7.9	2.8	3.6
Example 40		0.014	3.1	1.3	3.0
Example 41		0.015	3.7	2.9	3.0
Example 42		0.01	2.9	1.9	1.5
Example 43		0.021	3.4	1.9	1.3
Example 44		0.028	11.9	1.8	3.8
Example 45		0.025	4.9	5.6	2.9
Example 46		0.014	5.2	3.6	3.6
Example 47		0.043	0.9	0.5	2.8
Example 48		0.01	7.1	2.3	13.3
Example 49		0.015	1.5	2.1	5.3
Example 50		0.03	2.5	5.5	9.3
Example 51		0.02	0.5	0.9	0.9
Example 52		0.028	0.7	1.2	2.3
Example 53		0.006	1.3	2.3	2.5

<u>Table 1 - Continued</u>					
Example Number		CDK4 IC ₅₀ (μ M)	CDK2 IC ₅₀ (μ M)	CDK1 IC ₅₀ (μ M)	MTT IC ₅₀ (μ M)
Example 54		0.013	0.2	0.3	0.7
Example 55		0.05	3.2	4.3	3.8
Example 56		0.014	0.8	1.0	0.8
Example 57		0.009	1.9	0.9	2.1
Example 58		0.019	2.4	3.9	3.1
Example 59		0.024	4.4	4.3	3.9
Example 60		0.017	7.9	5.9	4.9
Example 61		0.012	2.3	3.5	3.9
Example 62		0.044	5.9	10	4.4
Example 63		0.025	5.3	5.2	1.3
Example 64		0.009	4.8	3.5	8.0
Example 65		0.026	7.4	2.2	1.2
Example 66		0.02	3.8	9.6	10.8

Example 126
Tablet Formulation

Item	Ingredients	Mg/Tablet					
		5	25	100	250	500	750
1	Compound A *	5	25	100	250	500	750
2	Anhydrous Lactose	103	83	35	19	38	57
3	Croscarmellose Sodium	6	6	8	16	32	48
4	Povidone K30	5	5	6	12	24	36
5	Magnesium Stearate	1	1	1	3	6	9
	Total Weight	120	120	150	300	600	900

*Compound A represents a compound of the invention.

5 Manufacturing Procedure:

1. Mix Items 1, 2 and 3 in a suitable mixer for 15 minutes.
2. Granulate the powder mix from Step 1 with 20% Povidone K30 Solution (Item 4).
3. Dry the granulation from Step 2 at 50°C.
4. Pass the granulation from Step 3 through a suitable milling equipment.
- 10 5. Add the Item 5 to the milled granulation Step 4 and mix for 3 minutes.
6. Compress the granulation from Step 5 on a suitable press.

Example 127

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Capsule Formulation

Item	Ingredients	mg/Capsule				
		5	25	100	250	500
1	Compound A *	5	25	100	250	500
2	Anhydrous Lactose	159	123	148	--	--
3	Corn Starch	25	35	40	35	70
4	Talc	10	15	10	12	24
5	Magnesium Stearate	1	2	2	3	6
	Total Fill Weight	200	200	300	300	600

Compound A represents a compound of the invention.

Manufacturing Procedure:

1. Mix Items 1, 2 and 3 in a suitable mixer for 15 minutes.
- 20 2. Add Items 4 & 5 and mix for 3 minutes.
3. Fill into a suitable capsule.

Example 128

Injection Solution/Emulsion Preparation

Item	Ingredient	mg/mL
1	Compound A *	1 mg
2	PEG 400	10-50 mg
3	Lecithin	20-50 mg
4	Soy Oil	1-5 mg
5	Glycerol	8-12 mg
6	Water q.s.	1 mL

Compound A represents a compound of the invention.

5 Manufacturing Procedure:

1. Dissolve item 1 in item 2.
2. Add items 3, 4 and 5 to item 6 and mix until dispersed, then homogenize.
3. Add the solution from step 1 to the mixture from step 2 and homogenize until the dispersion is translucent.
- 10 4. Sterile filter through a 0.2 μm filter and fill into vials.

Example 129

Injection Solution/Emulsion Preparation

Item	Ingredient	mg/mL
1	Compound A *	1 mg
2	Glycofurol	10-50 mg
3	Lecithin	20-50 mg
4	Soy Oil	1-5 mg
5	Glycerol	8-12 mg
6	Water	q.s. 1 mL

Compound A represents a compound of the invention.

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Manufacturing Procedure:

1. Dissolve item 1 in item 2.
2. Add items 3, 4 and 5 to item 6 and mix until dispersed, then homogenize.
3. Add the solution from step 1 to the mixture from step 2 and homogenize until the dispersion is translucent.
- 20 4. Sterile filter through a 0.2 μm filter and fill into vials.

While the invention has been illustrated by reference to specific and preferred embodiments, those skilled in the art will understand that variations and modifications may be made through routine experimentation and practice of the invention. Thus, the
5 invention is intended not to be limited by the foregoing description, but to be defined by the appended claims and their equivalents.

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Throughout this specification and the claims which follow, unless the context requires otherwise, the word "comprise", or variations such as "comprises" or "comprising", will be understood to imply the inclusion of a stated integer or group of integers or steps but not the exclusion of any other integer or group of integers or steps.

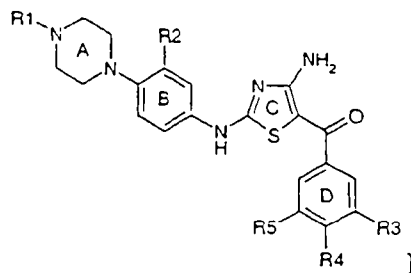
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10 knowledge in the field of endeavour to which this specification relates.

The claims defining the invention are as follows:

1. A compound of formula:



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or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts or esters thereof, wherein

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl that optionally may be substituted with a group selected from OR^6 , cycloalkyl, and NR^7R^8 , cycloalkyl, COR^9 , and SO_2R^{10} ;

R^2 is selected from the group consisting of H, F, Cl, and CH_3 ;

R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, which optionally may be substituted with a group selected from OR^6 and NR^7R^8 , OR^{11} , $NR^{12}R^{13}$, halogen, NO_2 , $CONR^6R^9$, $NHSO_2R^{14}$, CN, S-lower alkyl, OCF_3 , and $OCHF_2$,

or alternatively, R^3 and R^4 taken together with the two carbons and the bond between them from the benzene ring (D) to which R^3 and R^4 are attached can form a ring system having up to two additional rings, each of said rings having 5-7 atoms, and the ring attached to the benzene ring (D) optionally including one or more hetero atoms and being optionally substituted by lower alkyl, provided that R^3 and R^4 are not simultaneously - OCH_3 , and provided further that R^4 is not -Cl when R^3 is - NO_2 ;

R^6 and R^9 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, and lower alkyl that optionally may be substituted by OH and halogen;

R^7 and R^8 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, and lower alkyl that optionally may be substituted by OR^6 , or, alternatively, R^7 is H and R^8 is OH, or,

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alternatively, NR^7R^8 can optionally form a ring having 5-6 atoms, said ring optionally including one or more additional hetero atoms and being optionally substituted by the group consisting of one or more of OR^6 and lower alkyl which itself may be optionally substituted by OH;

5 R^{10} is selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl which optionally may be substituted by one or more chlorine or fluorine, and NH_2 ;

R^{11} is selected from the group consisting of H, and lower alkyl that optionally may be substituted by OR^6 , COOH , halogen and $\text{NR}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$;

R^{12} and R^{13} are independently selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl
10 that optionally may be substituted with a group selected from OR^6 , COOH and $\text{NR}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$, COR^{17} , and SO_2R^{18} , provided that only one of R^{12} and R^{13} is COR^{17} or SO_2R^{18} , or alternatively $\text{NR}^{12}\text{R}^{13}$ can optionally form a ring having 5-6 atoms, said ring optionally including one or more additional hetero atoms and being optionally substituted by the group consisting of one or more of OR^6 and lower alkyl which itself may be optionally
15 substituted by OH;

R^{14} is lower alkyl;

R^{15} and R^{16} are independently selected from the group consisting of H, and lower alkyl that optionally may be substituted by OH, or alternatively $\text{NR}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$ can optionally
20 form a ring having 5-6 atoms, said ring optionally including one or more additional hetero atoms and being optionally substituted by the group consisting of one or more of OR^6 and lower alkyl which itself may be optionally substituted by OH;

R^{17} is selected from the group consisting of H, and lower alkyl which optionally may be substituted with a group selected from OH, COOH and $\text{NR}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$; and

R^{18} is lower alkyl.

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2. The compound of claim 1 wherein R^1 is selected from the group consisting of H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}-$, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, cyclopropylmethyl and CH_3 .

3. The compound of claims 1 and 2 wherein R^2 is selected from the group consisting of H and fluorine.

4. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein R^3 is selected from the
5 group consisting of OR^{11} , lower alkyl, NH_2 , Cl, F, H, $OCHF_2$ and NO_2 .

5. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein R^4 is selected from the
group consisting of acetamido, chloro, diethylamino, hydrogen, hydroxy, hydroxy-
ethylamino, [1-(hydroxymethyl)-3-methylbutyl]amino, 1-(3-hydroxymethyl) piperidinyl,
10 4-hydroxy-1-piperidinyl, methoxy, 2-methoxyethylamino, 2-methyl-1-pyrrolidinyl,
morpholino, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl.

6. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein R^3 and R^4 taken
together with the benzene ring to which they are attached form a polycyclic ring system.

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7. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 6 wherein the ring system is
selected from the group consisting of 2-dibenzofuranyl, 1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl, 2,3-
dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl, and 3,4-dihydro-2H-1,5-benzodioxepin-7-yl.

8. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 7 which is selected from the group
20 consisting of:

a) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](2,3-dihydro-
1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl)methanone,

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b) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](1,3-
benzodioxol-5-yl)methanone,

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c) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3,4-dihydro-
2H-1,5-benzodioxepin-7-yl)methanone,

- d) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](2-dibenzofuranyl)methanone,
- e) [4-Amino-2-[[3-fluoro-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)methanone,
- 5 f) [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl)methanone,
- 10 g) [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)methanone,
- h) 1-Acetyl-4-[4-[[4-amino-5-[(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)carbonyl]-2-thiazolyl]amino]phenyl]piperazine, and
- 15 i) [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl)methanone.
- j) [4-Amino-2-[[3-fluoro-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-5-yl)methanone,
- 20 k) (4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-methanone,
- 25 l) 4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-yl)-methanone,
- m) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-sec-butyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-methanone,
- 30 n) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-sec-butyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-yl)-methanone,
- o) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopentyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-methanone,
- 35 p) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopentyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-yl)-methanone,

q) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-methanone, and

5 r) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-yl)-methanone.

9. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of H and F.

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10. The compound of any one of claims 9 which is selected from the group consisting of:

15 a) [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl]-(3,5-difluorophenyl)methanone,

b) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3,5-difluoro-phenyl)-methanone,

20 c) (4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3,5-difluoro-phenyl)-methanone,

d) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3,5-difluoro-phenyl)-methanone, and

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e) [4-Amino-2-(4-piperazin-1-yl-phenylamino)-thiazol-5-yl]-(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)-methanone.

11. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein R⁵ is H.

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12. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein at least one of R³, R⁴ and R⁵ is halogen.

13. The compound of claims 11 and 12 which is selected from the group
35 consisting of:

- a) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3,4-dichlorophenyl)methanone,
- b) [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl]
5 (3-fluorophenyl)methanone,
- c) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-fluorophenyl)
methanone,
- d) (4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-
10 5-yl)-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-methanone,
- e) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-
15 fluoro-phenyl)-methanone,
- f) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-
(3,4,5-trifluoro-phenyl)-methanone,
- g) (4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-
20 yl)-(3,4-difluoro-phenyl)-methanone,
- h) (4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(2-hydroxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-
yl)-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-methanone,
- i) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-sec-butyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-
25 fluoro-phenyl)-methanone,
- j) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-
30 fluoro-phenyl)-methanone, and
- k) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-
yl}-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-methanone.

14. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein at least one of R³, R⁴ and R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of OR¹¹, OCF₃, and OCHF₂.

15. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 14 which is selected from the group consisting of:

- 5 a) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl]-(4-hydroxyphenyl)methanone,
- b) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](4-methoxyphenyl)methanone,
- 10 c) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)methanone,
- d) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-methoxyphenyl)methanone,
- 15 e) [4-Amino-2-[[3-fluoro-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)methanone,
- f) [4-Amino-2-[[3-fluoro-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-methoxyphenyl)methanone,
- 20 g) [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-methoxyphenyl)methanone,
- 25 h) [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)methanone,
- i) [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-methoxyphenyl)methanone, and
- 30 j) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)methanone.
- k) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone,
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- l) (4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone,
- 5 m) 4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3-fluoro-4-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone,
- n) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(4-fluoro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone,
- 10 o) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-fluoro-4-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone,
- p) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(4-difluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone,
- 15 q) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone,
- r) (4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone,
- 20 s) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3,5-difluoro-4-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone, and
- 25 t) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(4-fluoro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone.
- u) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone,
- 30 v) [4-Amino-2-(4-piperazin-1-yl-phenylamino)-thiazol-5-yl]-(3,5-difluoro-4-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone,
- w) [4-Amino-2-(4-piperazin-1-yl-phenylamino)-thiazol-5-yl]-(4-fluoro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone,
- 35 x) [4-Amino-2-(4-piperazin-1-yl-phenylamino)-thiazol-5-yl]-(3-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone,

- y) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone,
- 5 z) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-difluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone,
- aa) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-hydroxy-phenyl)-methanone,
- 10 bb) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isobutyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-hydroxy-phenyl)-methanone,
- cc) [4-Amino-2-(4-piperazin-1-yl-phenylamino)-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-difluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone,
- 15 dd) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-difluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone,
- ee) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone,
- 20 ff) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-fluoro-4-hydroxy-phenyl)-methanone,
- 25 gg) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-difluoromethoxy-phenyl)-methanone,
- hh) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-fluoro-4-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone, and
- 30 ii) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-hydroxy-phenyl)-methanone.

16..The compound of any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein each of R³, R⁴ and R⁵ is independently selected from NO₂, NHSO₂R¹⁴ and NR¹²R¹³.

17. The compound of claim 16 which is selected from the group consisting of:

- 5 a) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone,
- b) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(1-piperidinyl)phenyl]methanone,
- 10 c) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(4-morpholinyl)phenyl]methanone, with acetate salt,
- d) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-nitrophenyl)methanone,
- 15 e) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(diethylamino)phenyl]methanone,
- f) N-[4-[[4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl]carbonyl]phenyl]acetamide,
- 20 g) [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(diethylamino)phenyl]methanone,
- h) 1-Acetyl-4-[4-[[4-amino-5-[4-(diethylamino)benzoyl]-2-thiazolyl]amino]phenyl]piperazine, trifluoroacetate salt,
- 25 i) [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone,
- 30 j) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone, and

- k) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(2-hydroxyethyl)amino-3-nitrophenyl]methanone.
- 5 l) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-nitro-4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone,
- m) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-nitro-4-(4-morpholinyl)phenyl]methanone,
- 10 n) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-nitro-4-[(2-methoxyethyl)amino]phenyl]methanone,
- o) racemic [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-nitro-4-[3-(hydroxymethyl)-1-piperidinyl]phenyl]methanone,
- 15 p) racemic [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-nitro-4-(2-methyl-1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone,
- q) (R)-[4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-nitro-4-[[1-(hydroxymethyl)-3-methylbutyl]amino]phenyl]methanone,
- 20 r) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-nitro-4-(4-hydroxy-1-piperidinyl)phenyl]methanone,
- 25 s) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][3-amino-4-(4-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone, and
- t) (R)-[3-Amino-4-[[1-(hydroxymethyl)-3-methylbutyl]amino]phenyl][4-amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl]methanone.
- 30 u) [4-Amino-2-[[3-fluoro-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl][4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl]methanone,
- v) (4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3-nitro-phenyl)-methanone,
- 35 w) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(4-piperidin-1-yl-phenyl)-methanone, and

x) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(4-morpholin-4-yl-phenyl)-methanone.

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18. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein any one or more of R³, R⁴ and R⁵ is CN.

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19. The compound of claim 18 which is selected from the group consisting of:

a) 3-(4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazole-5-carbonyl)-benzotrile,

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b) 3-{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-isopropyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazole-5-carbonyl}-benzotrile, and

c) 3-{4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazole-5-carbonyl}-benzotrile.

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20. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 19 wherein each one of R³, R⁴ and R⁵ is independently selected from H and lower alkyl.

21. The compound of claim 20 which is selected from the group consisting of:

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a) (4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-m-tolyl-methanone,

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b) (4-Amino-2-{4-[4-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-phenylamino}-thiazol-5-yl)-(3-ethyl-phenyl)-methanone,

c) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-(3-ethyl-phenyl)-methanone, and

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d) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}-m-tolyl-methanone.

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22. The compound of claims 1 to 21 wherein at least one of R³, R⁴ and R⁵ is selected from S-lower alkyl.

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23. The compound of claim 1 which is selected from the group consisting of

a) {4-Amino-2-[4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamino]-thiazol-5-yl}(3methylsulfanyl-phenyl)-methanone.

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b) [4-Amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-yl)methanone, and

c) [4-Amino-2-[[4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](3-methoxyphenyl)methanone.

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24. A pharmaceutical composition comprising as an active ingredient an effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1 to 23 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

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25. A method for treating cancer comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 23.

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26. The method of claim 25 wherein the cancer is a solid tumor.

27. The method of claim 26 wherein the solid tumor is a breast, colon, lung or prostate tumor.

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28. Intermediate compound for the preparation of compounds of any one of claims 1 to 23 selected from the group consisting of:

a) 1-(2-Fluoro-4-isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-methylpiperazine,

b) 1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine),

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c) 4-[4-(1-Methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]benzenamine,

- d) 1-(4-Isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-(1-methylethyl)piperazine,
e) 4-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-1-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)piperazine,
f) 1-(4-Isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-(2-methoxy-ethyl)piperazine,
g) 1-(4-Isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-(1-methylpropyl)piperazine,
5 h) 4-Cyclopentyl-1-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)piperazine,
i) 1-(4-Isothiocyanatophenyl)-4-(2-methylpropyl)piperazine, and
j) 4-(3-Hydroxypropyl)-1-(4-isothiocyanatophenyl)piperazine.
k) 2-Bromo-1-(3,4,5-trifluoro-phenyl)ethanone,
l) 2-Bromo-1-(4-fluoro-3-methoxy-phenyl)ethanone,
10 m) 2-Bromo-1-(4-fluoro-3-methoxy-phenyl)ethanone, and
n) 2-Bromo-1-(3-difluoromethoxy-phenyl)ethanone.
o) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenylamino]
thioxomethyl], polymer bound,
p) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[3-fluoro-4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenylamino]
15 thioxomethyl], polymer bound,
q) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[4-[4-(1-methylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenylamino]
thioxomethyl], polymer bound,
r) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[4-(4-acetyl-1-piperazinyl)phenylamino]thioxo-
methyl], polymer bound,
20 s) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[4-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]phenylamino]
thioxomethyl], polymer bound,
t) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[4-[4-[(1,1-dimethylethoxy)carbonyl]-1-
piperazinyl] phenylamino]thioxomethyl], polymer bound,
u) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[4-[4-(2-methoxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]
25 phenylamino] thioxomethyl], polymer bound,
v) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[4-[4-(1-methylpropyl)-1-piperazinyl]
phenylamino] thioxomethyl], polymer bound,
w) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[4-(4-cyclopentyl-1-piperazinyl)phenylamino]
thioxomethyl], polymer bound,
30 x) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[4-[4-(2-methylpropyl)-1-piperazinyl]
phenylamino] thioxomethyl], polymer bound, and
y) Carbamimidothioic acid, [[4-[4-(3-hydroxypropyl)-1-piperazinyl]
phenylamino] thioxomethyl], polymer bound.
z) [4-amino-2-[[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]amino]-5-thiazolyl](4-
35 chloro-3-nitrophenyl)methanone,
aa) 4-[4-[[4-Amino-5-(3-fluorobenzoyl)-2-thiazolyl]amino]phenyl]-1-
piperazinecarboxylic acid, 1,1-dimethylethyl ester,

- bb) 4-[4-[[4-Amino-5-[4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)benzoyl]-2-thiazolyl]amino]phenyl]-1-piperazinecarboxylic acid, 1,1-dimethylethyl ester, and
 cc) 4-[4-[[4-Amino-5-(3-fluoro-4-methoxybenzoyl)-2-thiazolyl]amino]phenyl]-1-piperazinecarboxylic acid, 1,1-dimethylethyl ester.

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29. Use of the compound of any one of claims 1 to 23 for the preparation of medicaments.

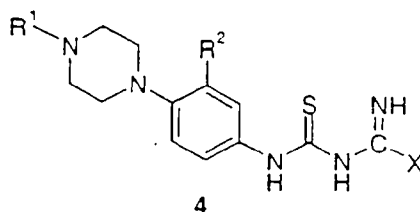
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30. The use according to claim 29 for the preparation of medicaments for the treatment of cancer.

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31. The use according to claim 30 for the preparation of medicaments for the treatment of breast, colon, lung or prostate tumor.

32. Process for the preparation of compound of any one of claims 1 to 23 by alkylation and cyclization with a halomethylketone, like bromomethylketone of
 a) a thiourea derivate of formula 4

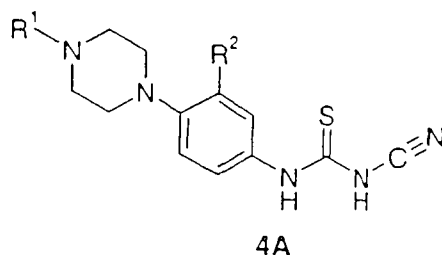


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wherein X is NO₂,

or

- b) a thiourea derivate of formula 4A



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33. Compound of any one of claims 1 to 23 obtained by the process of claim 32.

34. Compound of any one of claims 1 to 23 for the use as defined in claims 29 to 31.

35. Compounds and pharmaceutically acceptable salts or esters thereof of
5 formula I, pharmaceutical compositions containing same, processes for preparing
medicaments containing same and/or uses thereof substantially as herein described with
reference to the Examples.