

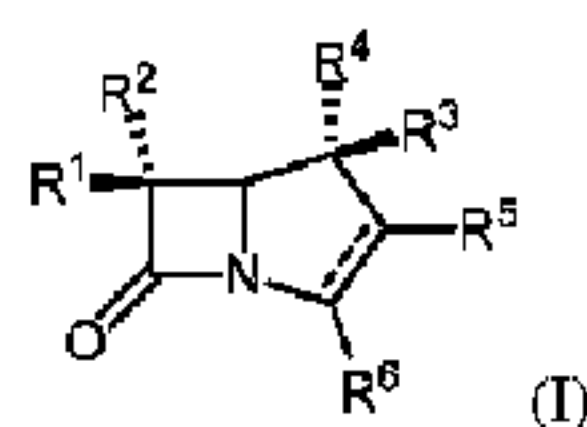
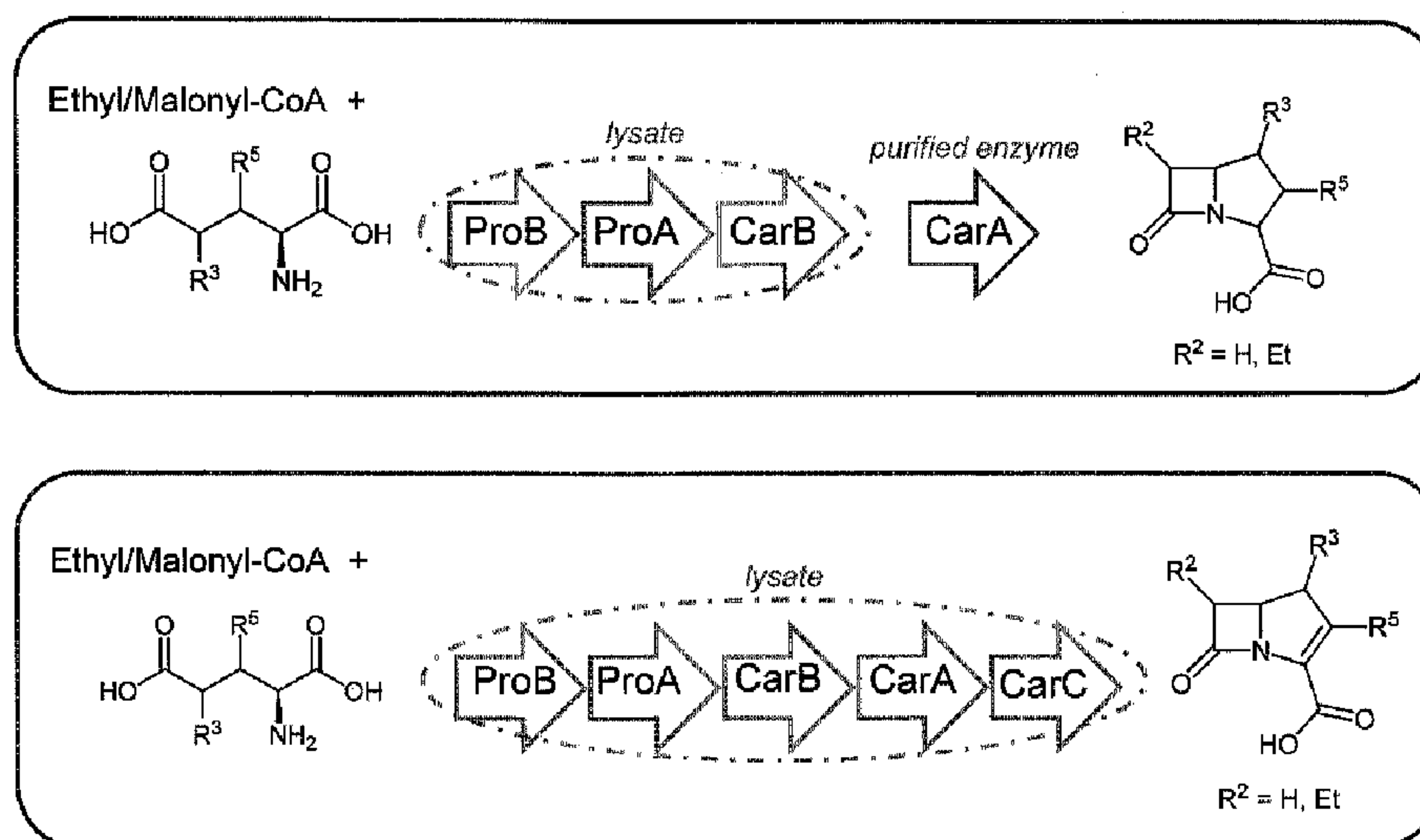


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Figure 5B



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(57) **Abrégé/Abstract:**

Provided herein are cell-free systems for generating carbapenems, e.g., a compound of the Formula (I): or salts thereof; wherein (II), R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, and R⁶ are defined herein. Also provided are pharmaceutical compositions comprising a compound



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generated by the inventive cell- free system, and use of these compounds and compositions for the treatment of bacterial infections.

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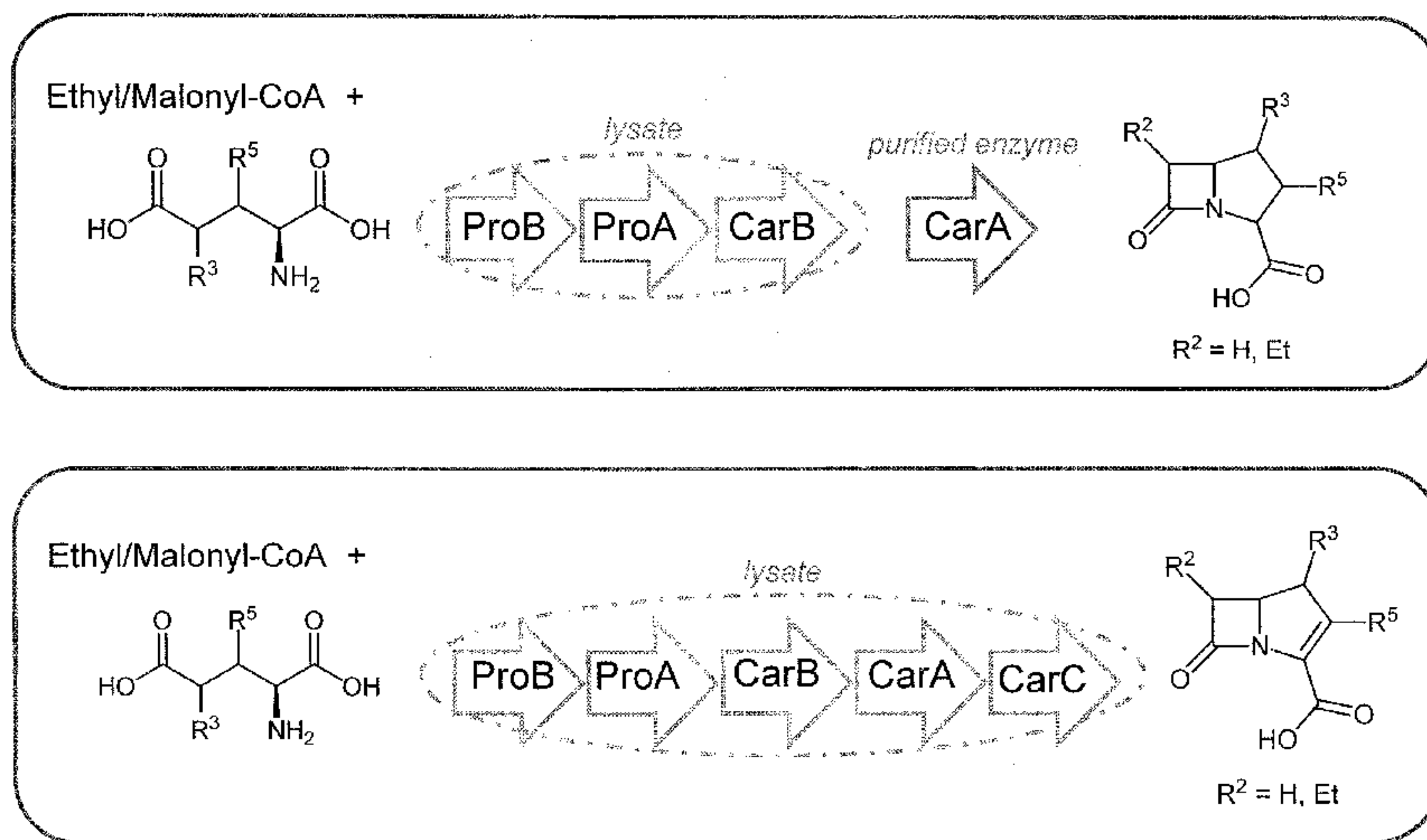
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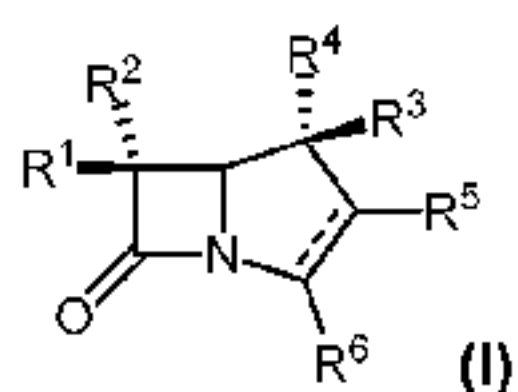
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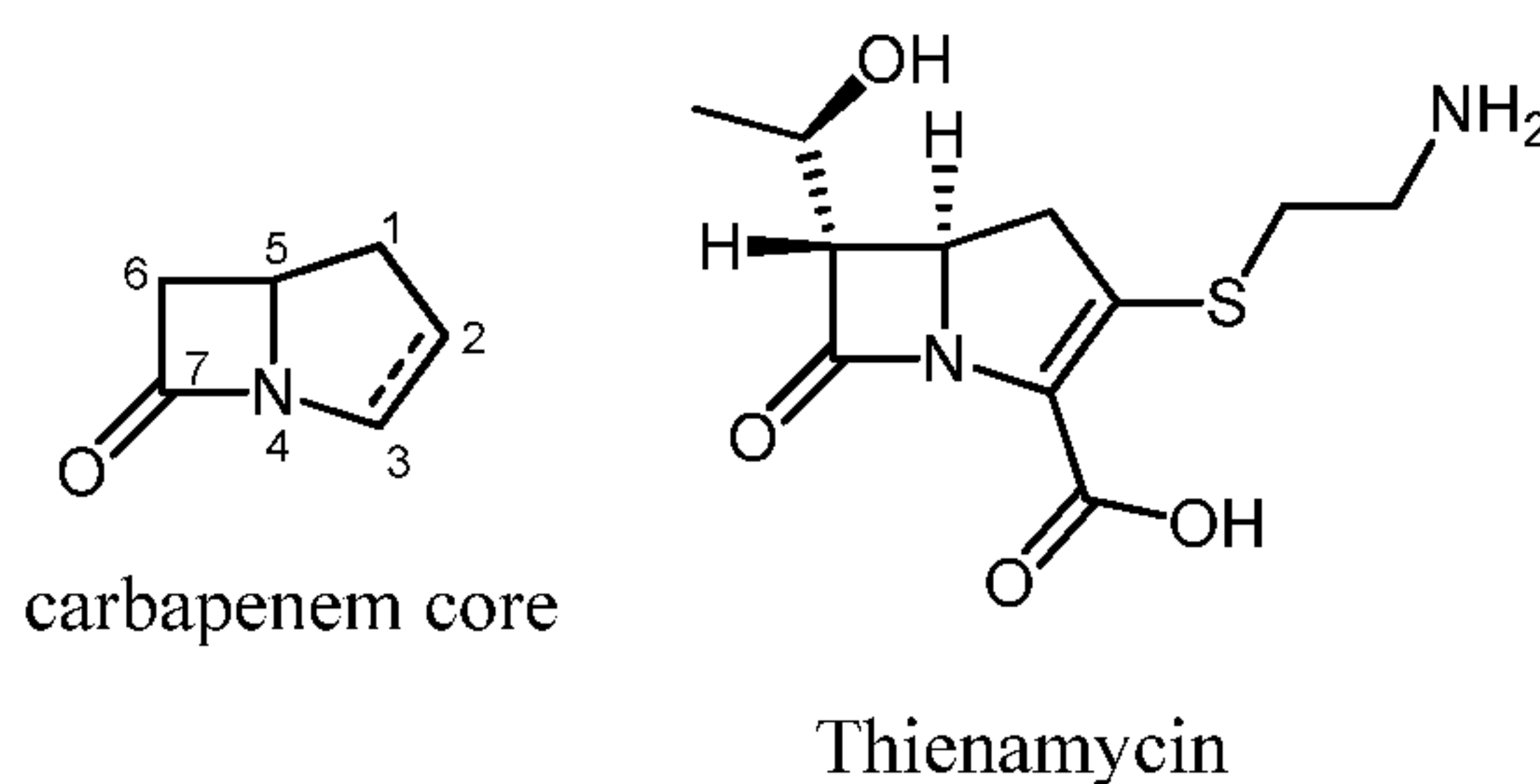
CELL-FREE PREPARATION OF CARBAPENEMS

Related Applications

[0001] The present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to U.S. provisional patent application, U.S.S.N. 61/533,039, filed September 9, 2011, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Background of the Invention

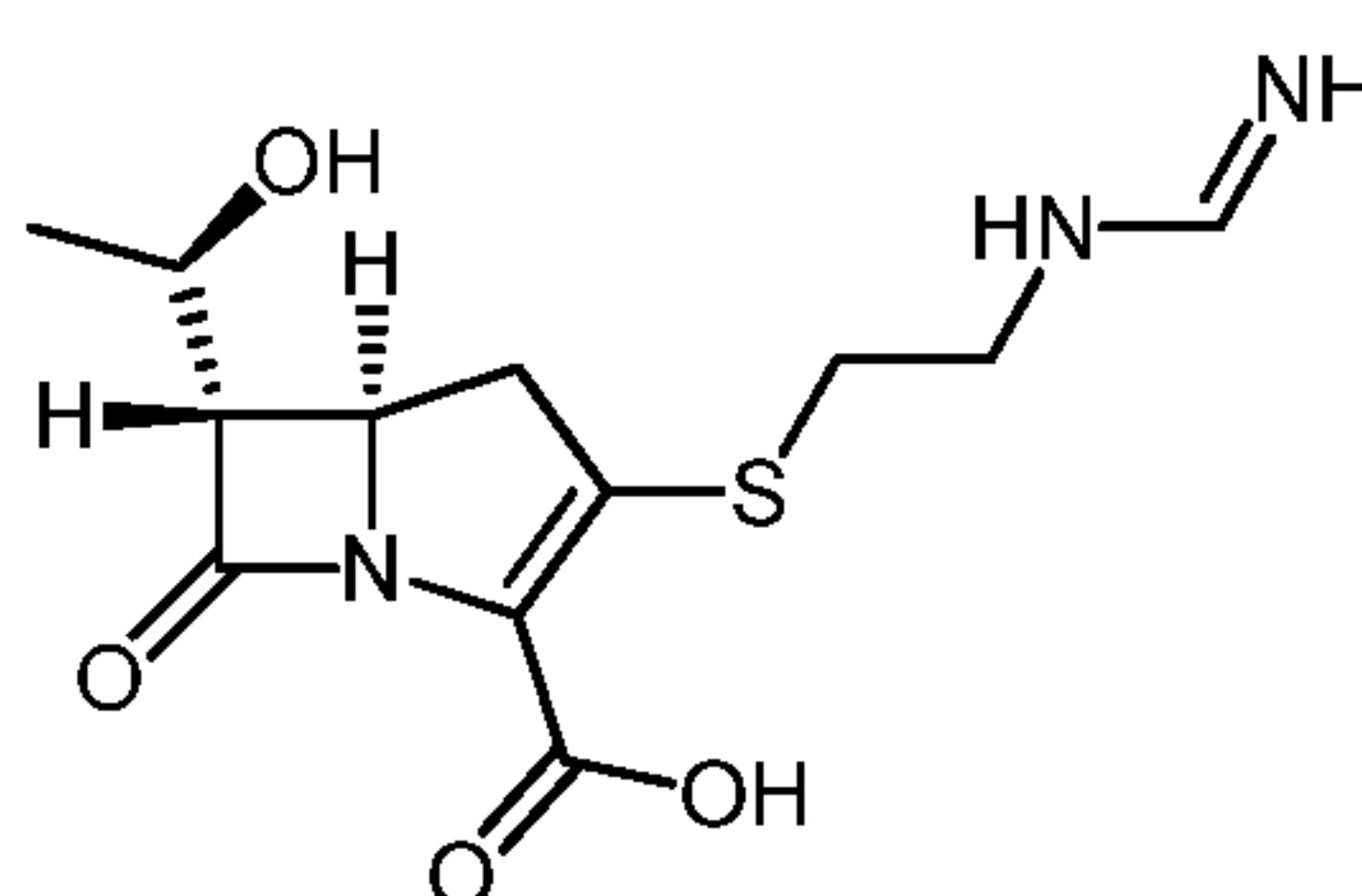
[0002] In 1976, fermentation broths obtained from the soil bacteria *Streptomyces cattleya* were found to be active in screens for inhibitors of peptidoglycan biosynthesis. Initial attempts to isolate the active species proved difficult due to the chemical instability of that component. After many attempts and extensive purification, the material was finally isolated in >90% purity, allowing for the structural elucidation of the first isolated naturally-occurring carbapenem antibiotic, thienamycin. See, *e.g.*, Kahan *et al.*, *J. Antibiot.* (1979) 32:1–12.



[0003] Since 1978 to 2000, over twenty-three total chemical syntheses of thienamycin have been reported, the large majority producing thienamycin after 12 or more sequential chemical steps in relatively low yield (*e.g.*, from 0.2% to 10% yield). See, *e.g.*, Salzmann *et al.*, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* (1980) 102:6161; Huang *et al.*, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* (1980) 102:2060; Reider *et al.*, *Tetrahedron Letters* (1982) 23:2293–2296; Desiraju *et al.*, *J. Chem. Soc. Chem. Comm.* (1984) 494; Evans *et al.*, *Tetrahedron Letters* (1986) 27:4961; Grieco *et al.*, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* (1984) 106:6414; and Jacobi *et al.*, *J. Org. Chem.* (1996) 61:2413. Production of thienamycin through traditional fermentation from *Streptomyces cattleya* also faced significant hurdles, such as low titer and difficulties in isolating and purifying thienamycin produced by fermentation. See, *e.g.*, U.S. Patents 3,950,357 and 4,006,060 each of which are incorporated herein by reference. Thienamycin was eventually considered ill-suited for clinical treatment due to its chemical instability due in aqueous media and biological instability to dehydropeptidase-I (DHP-I). Researchers have since sought alternatives to

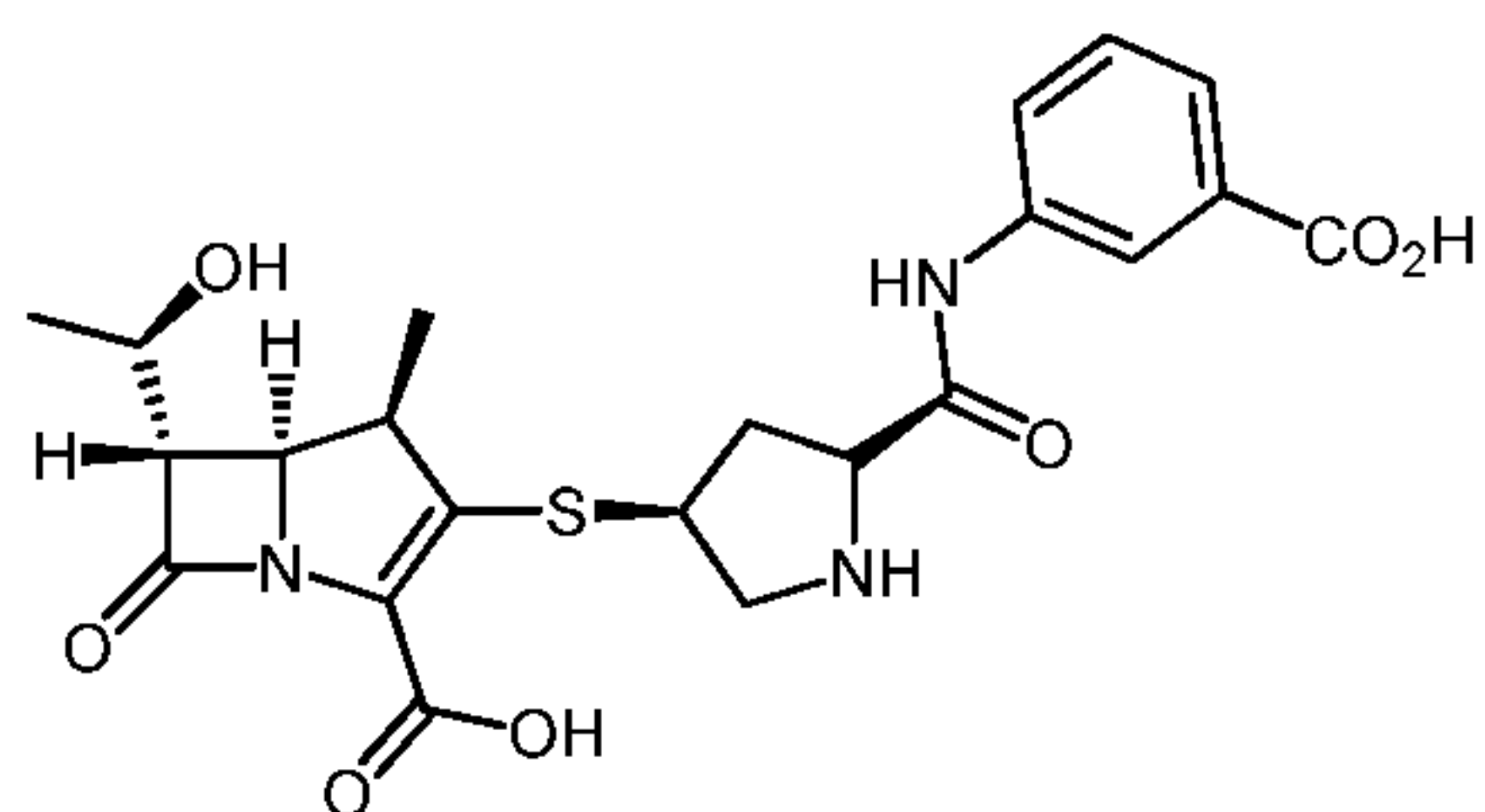
thienamycin which maintain thienamycin's excellent antibacterial activity but are unfettered with thienamycin's stability problems.

[0004] One such carbapenem, imipenem, was developed in 1985 as an intravenous product. See, *e.g.*, U.S. Patent 4,194,047 incorporated herein by reference. Imipenem has a broad spectrum of activity against aerobic and anaerobic Gram positive as well as Gram negative bacteria, and continues to be commonly used against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, one of the leading agents of nosocomial infections. The current manufacture of imipenem utilizes a chemical synthetic route which is, from simple building blocks to the final product, typically low yielding, resulting in high levels of waste production and high cost of manufacture. See, *e.g.*, Grabowski, *Chirality* (2005) 17:S249–S259, and references cited therein.

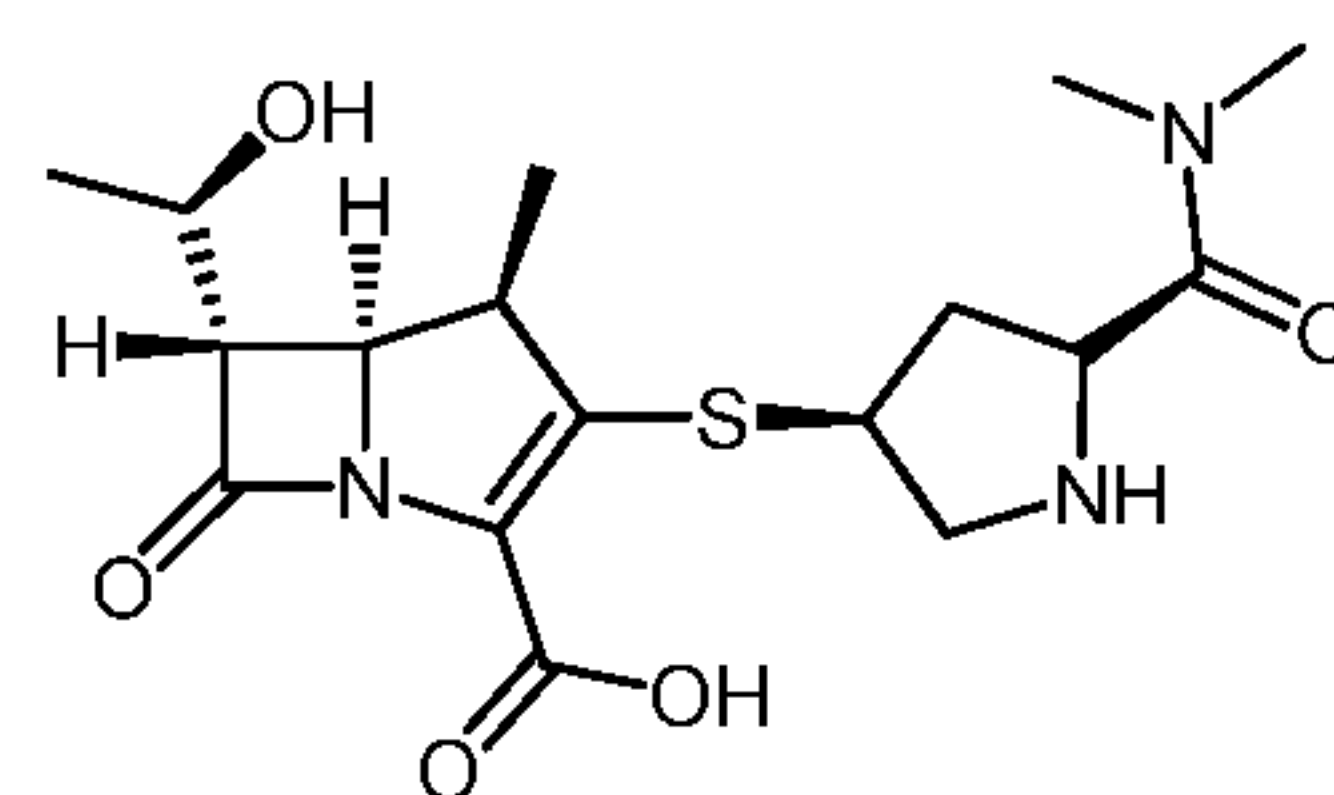


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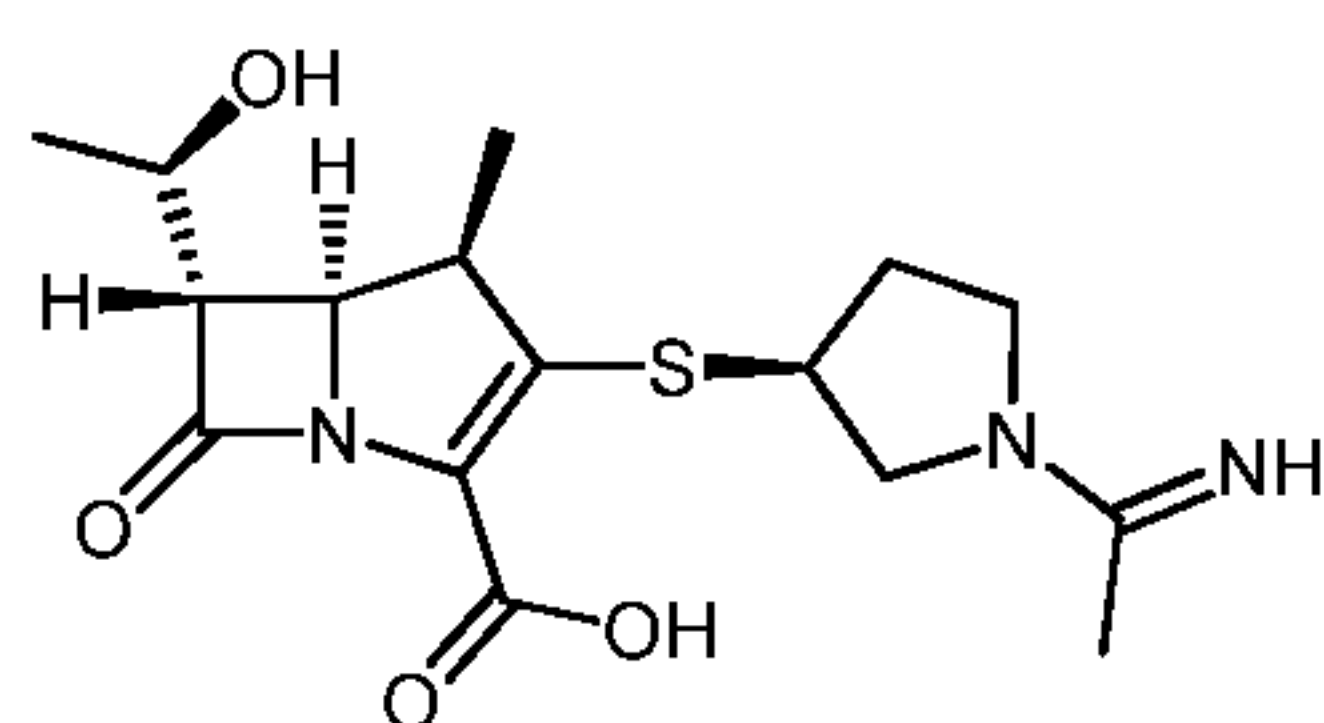
[0005] Other promising carbapenem antibiotics have been found efficacious in humans, *e.g.*, including ertapenem (INVANZ, Merck), meropenem (MERREM, Astra Zeneca), panipenem, biapenem, doripenem (FINIBAX, Johnson & Johnson), L-646591, and ER-35768, each for parenteral use; orally active carbapenems CL-191121, L-036, DU-6681, and R-95867, and their corresponding ester prodrugs L-084, DZ-2640, and CS-834. See, *e.g.*, Kumagai *et al.*, *Curr. Med. Chem. – Anti-Infective Agents* (2002) 1:1–14. Other carbapenems include, but are not limited to, safrinam, tebipenem, tomopenem, S-4661, SM 216601, GV 129606, ZD-4433, R-83201, BO-2502A, BO-3482, DK-35C, DA-1131, S-4661, L-786,392, L-695256, L-786,392, GV104326, GV-118819, GV 143253, MK-0826, J-110,441, J-111225, FR-21818, DX-8739, CS-023, ME-1036, CP 5068, CL 188624, CL-190294, OCA-983, T-5575, and PZ-60. The majority of these carbapenems are produced by chemical synthesis.



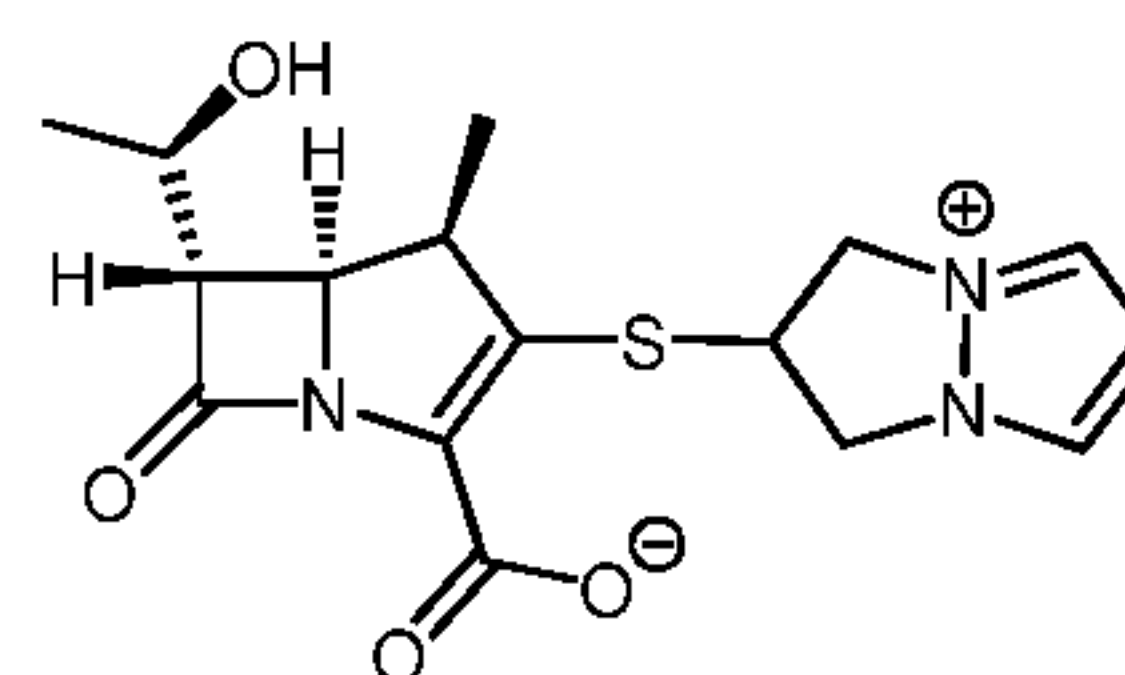
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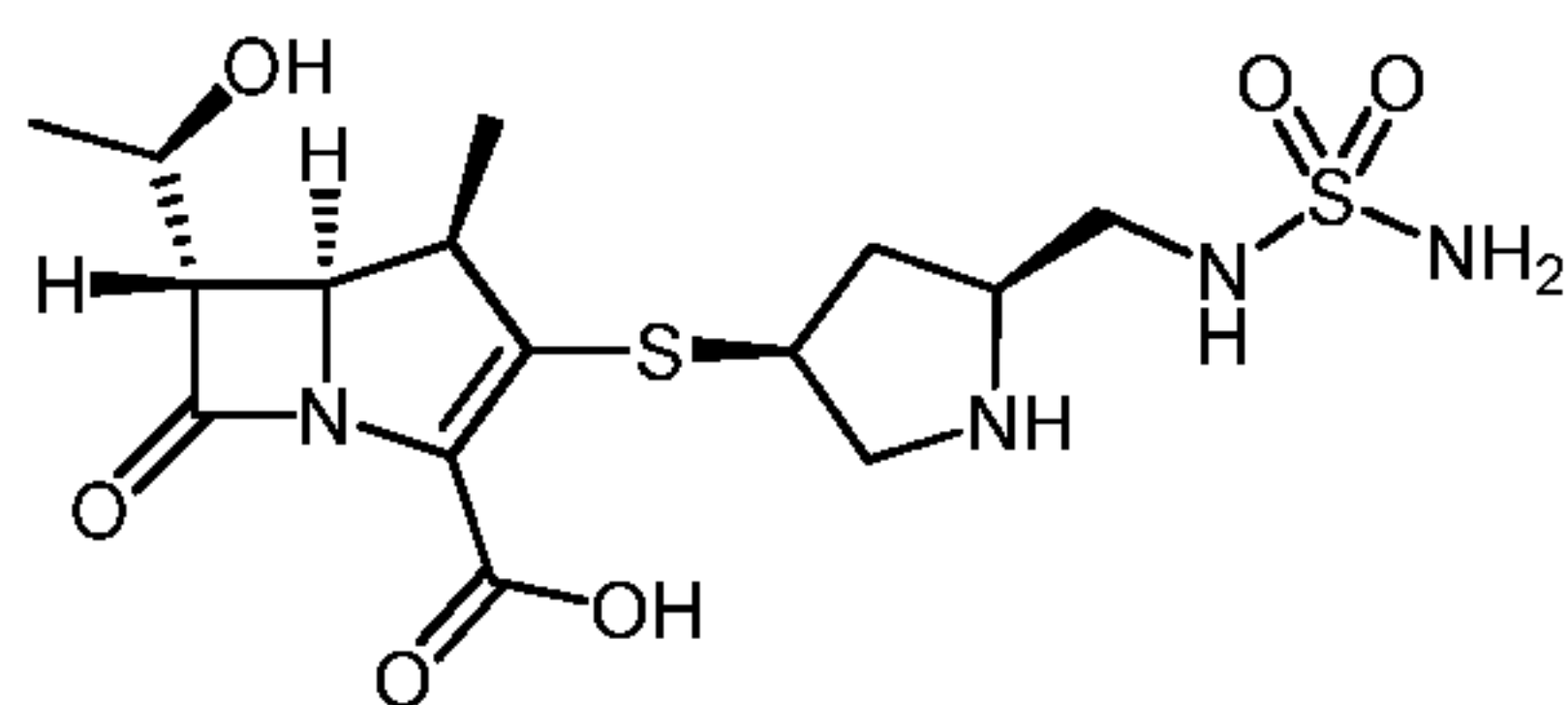
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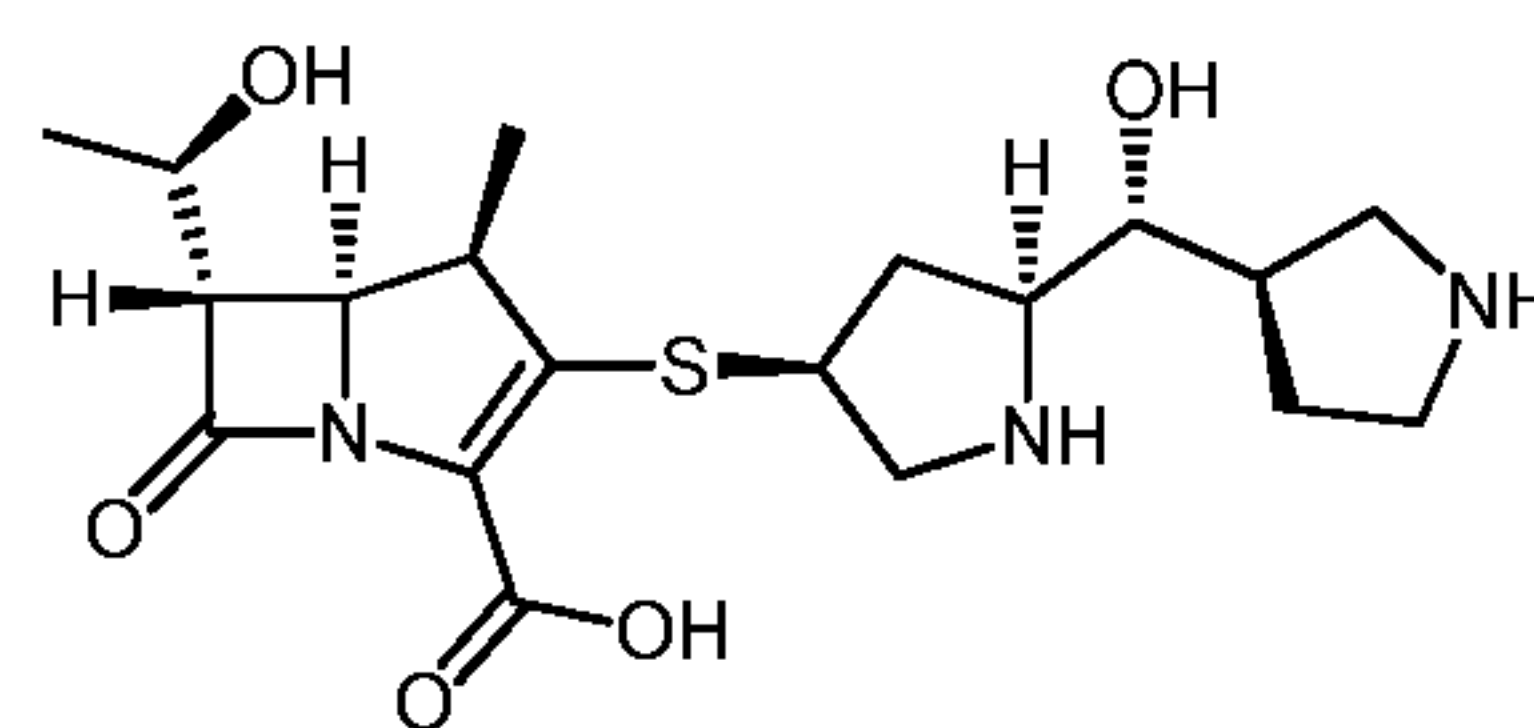
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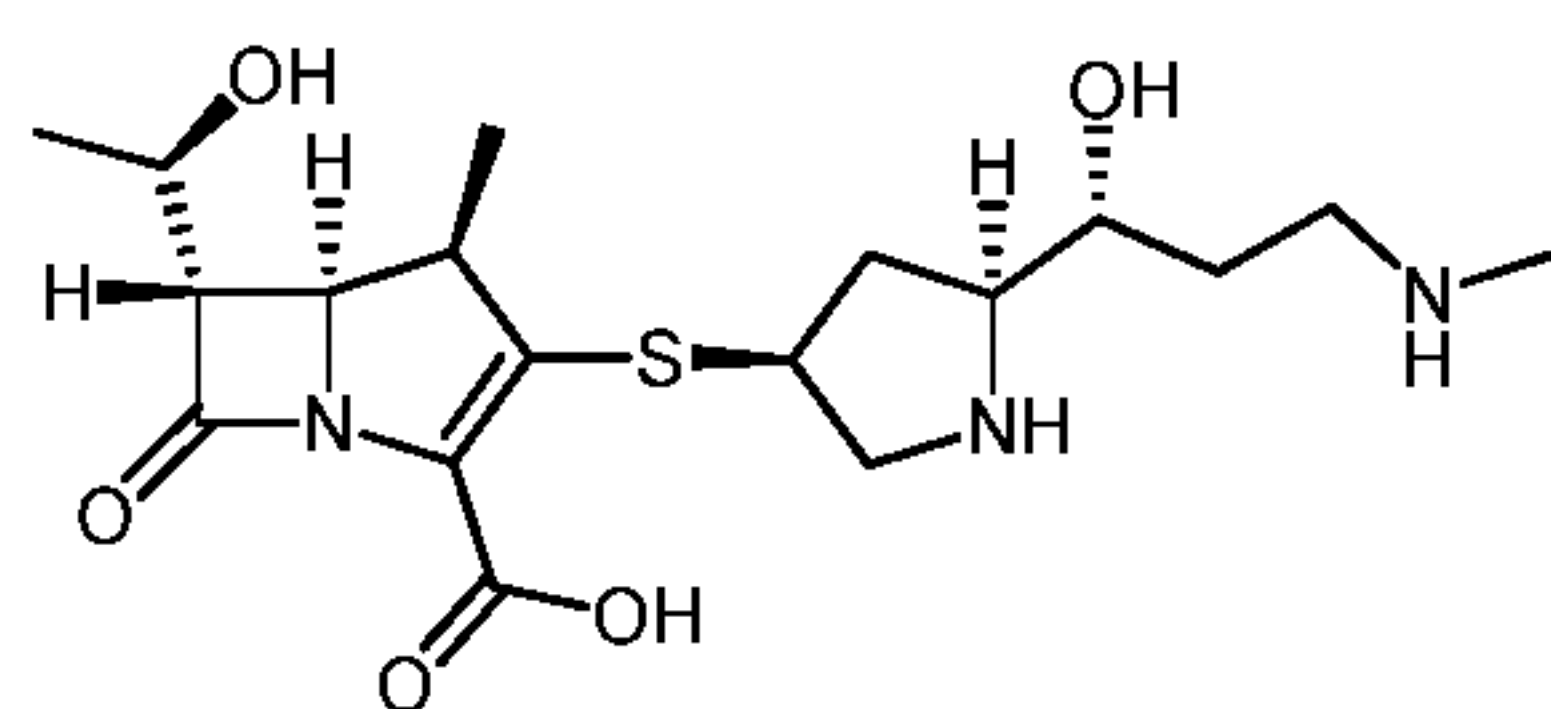
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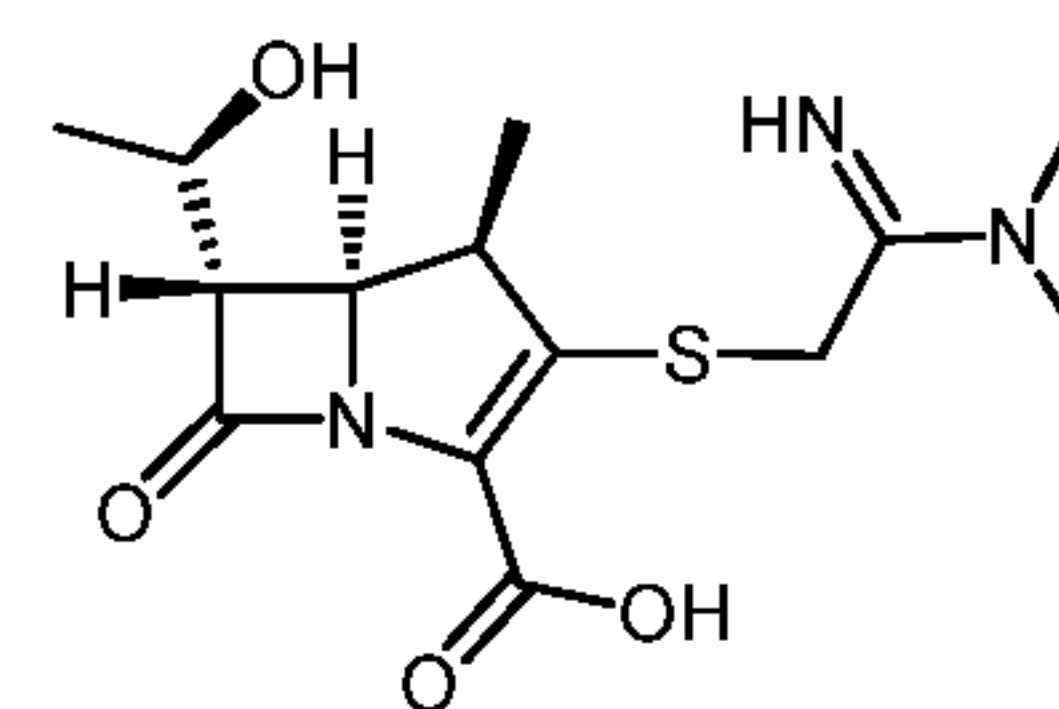
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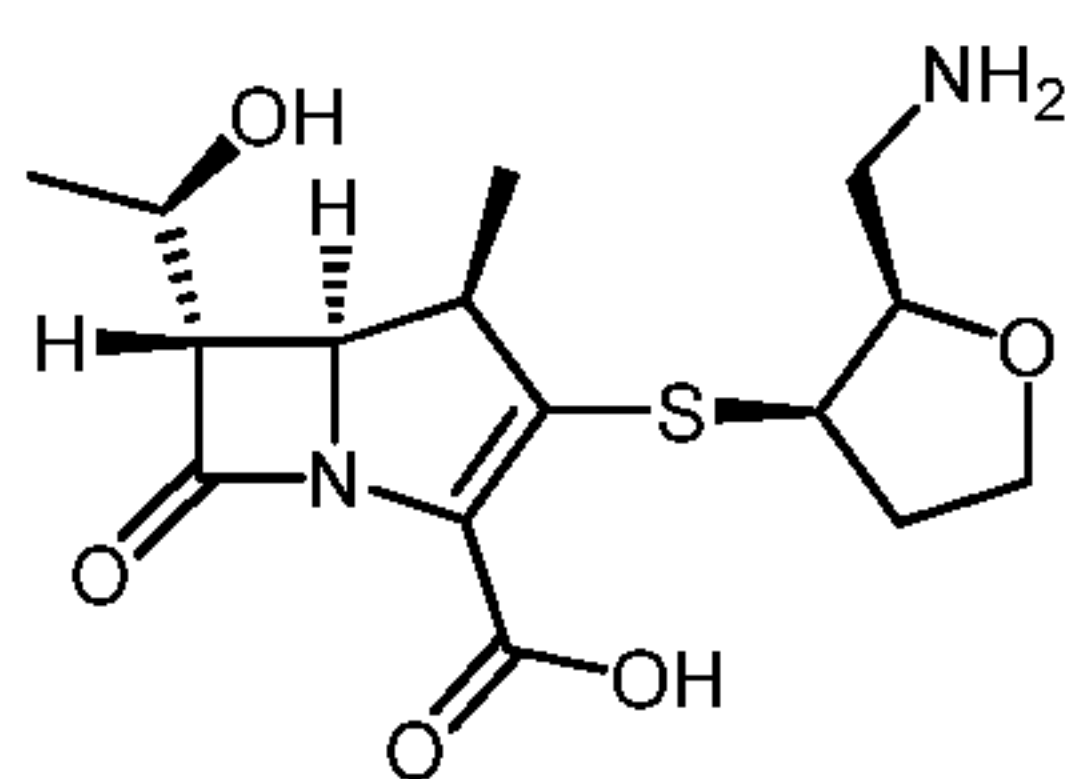
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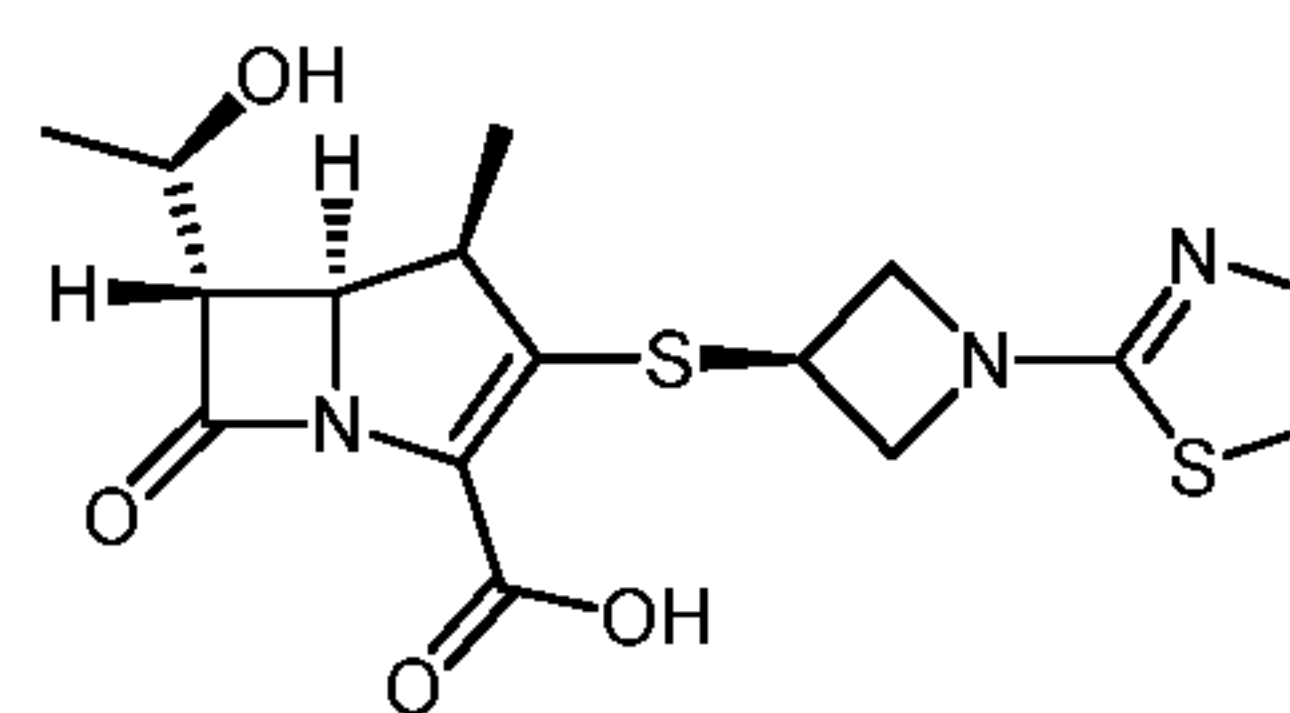
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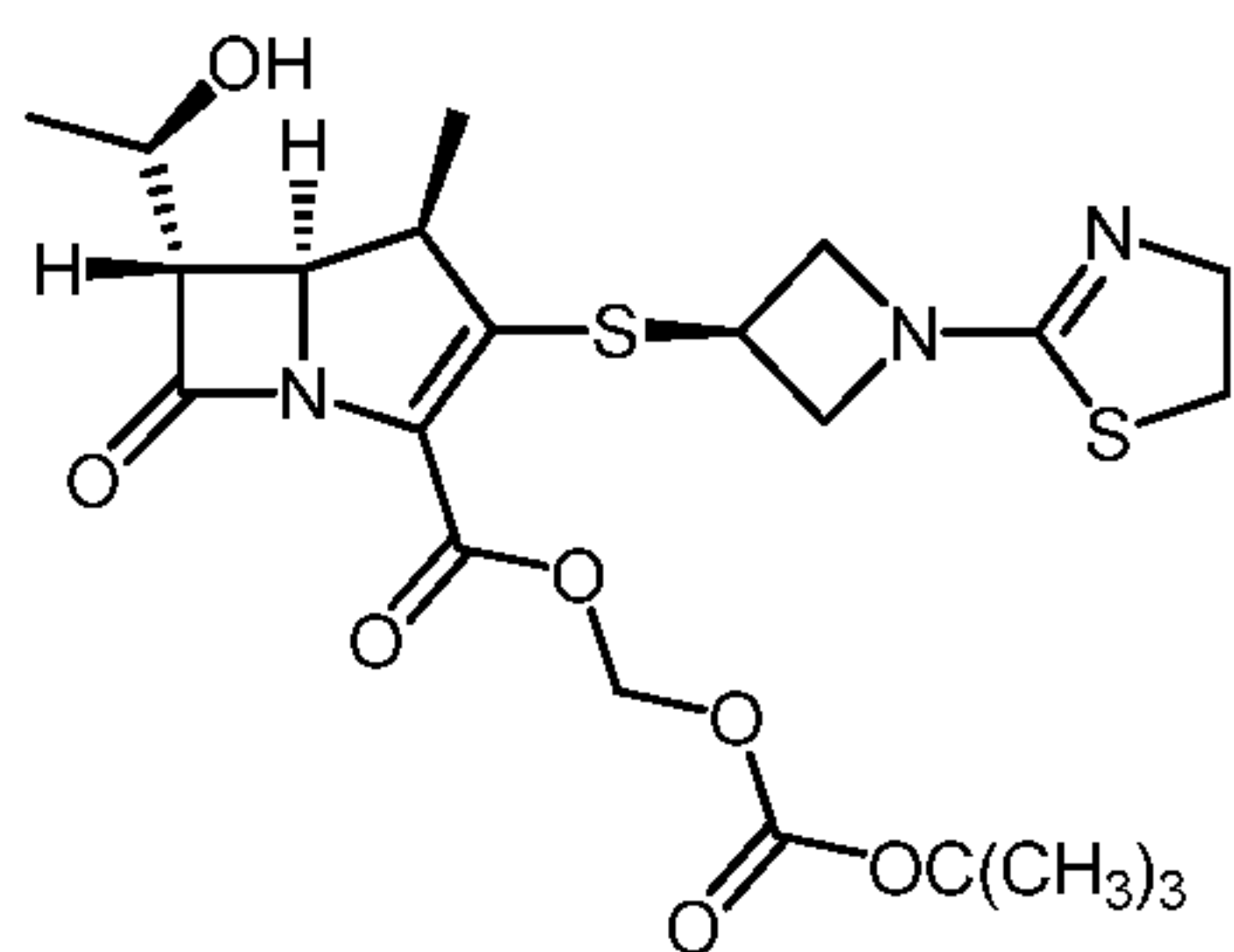
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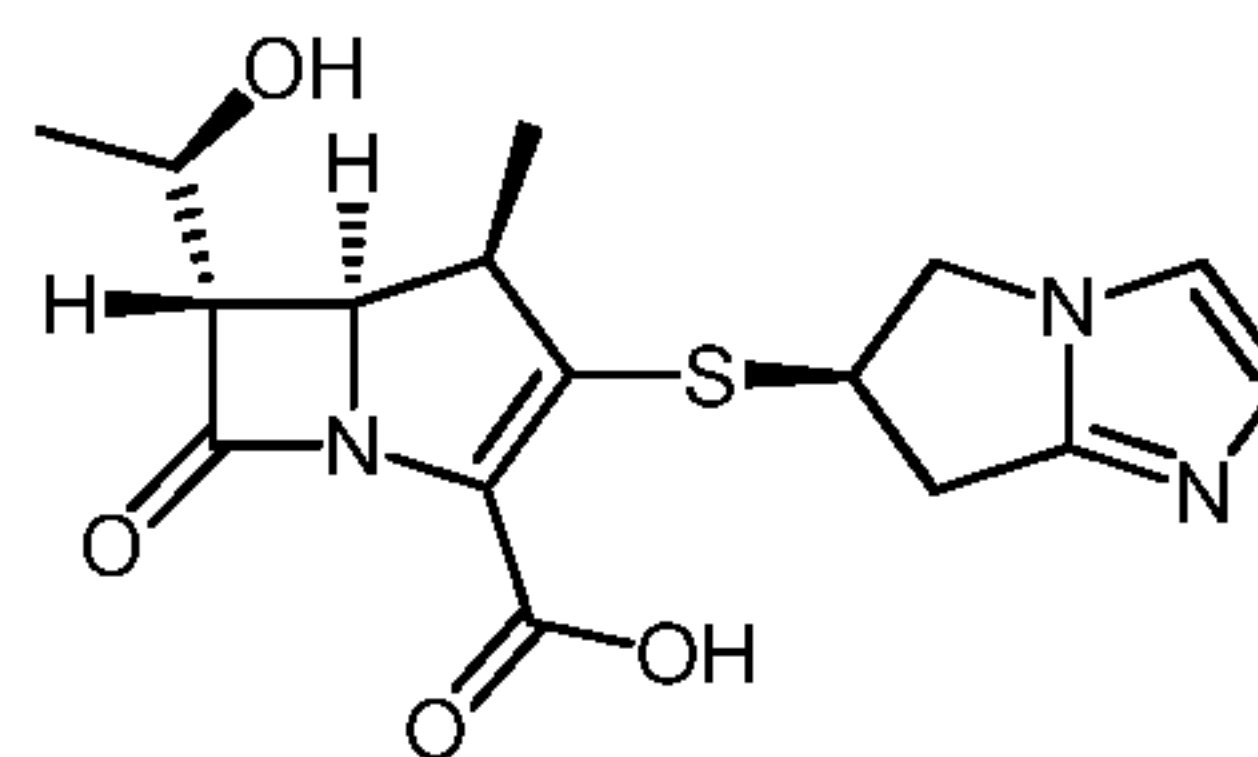
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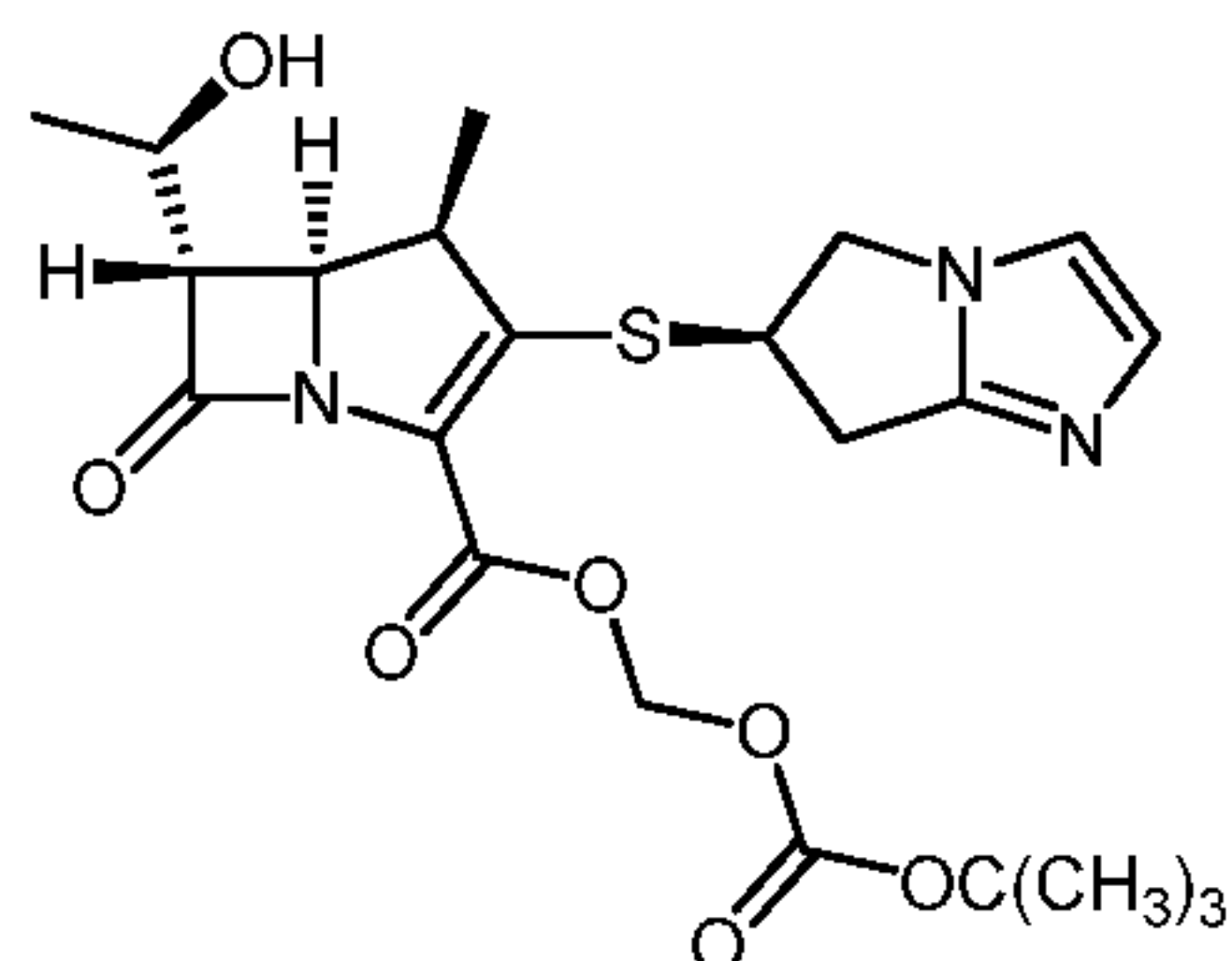
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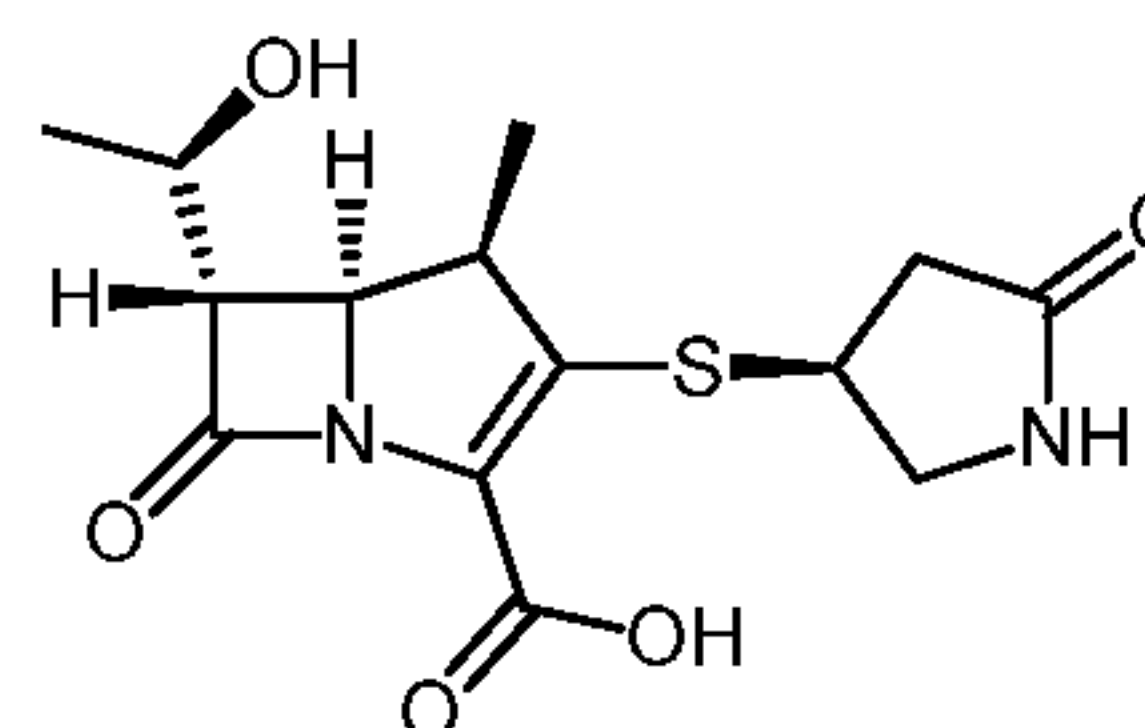
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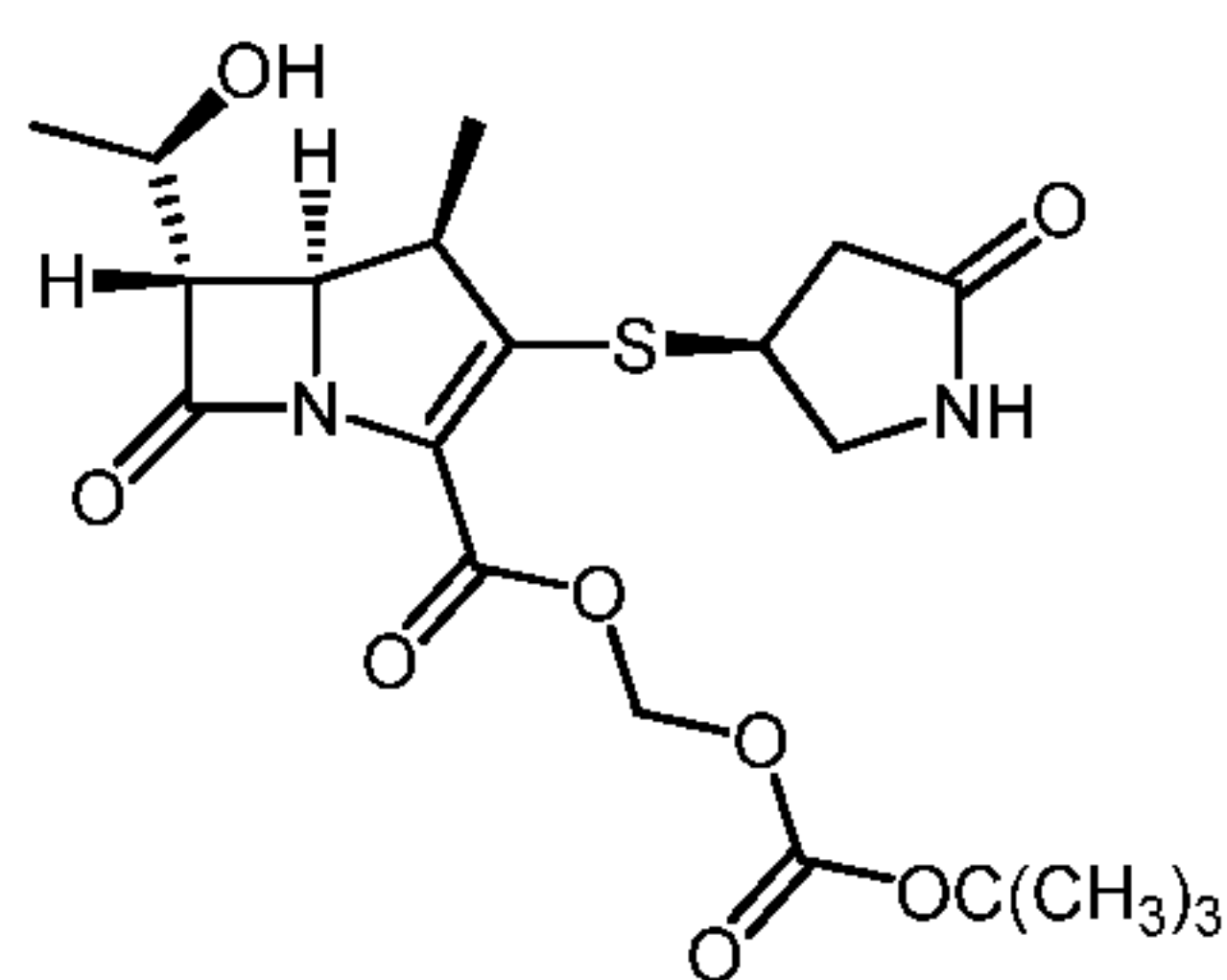
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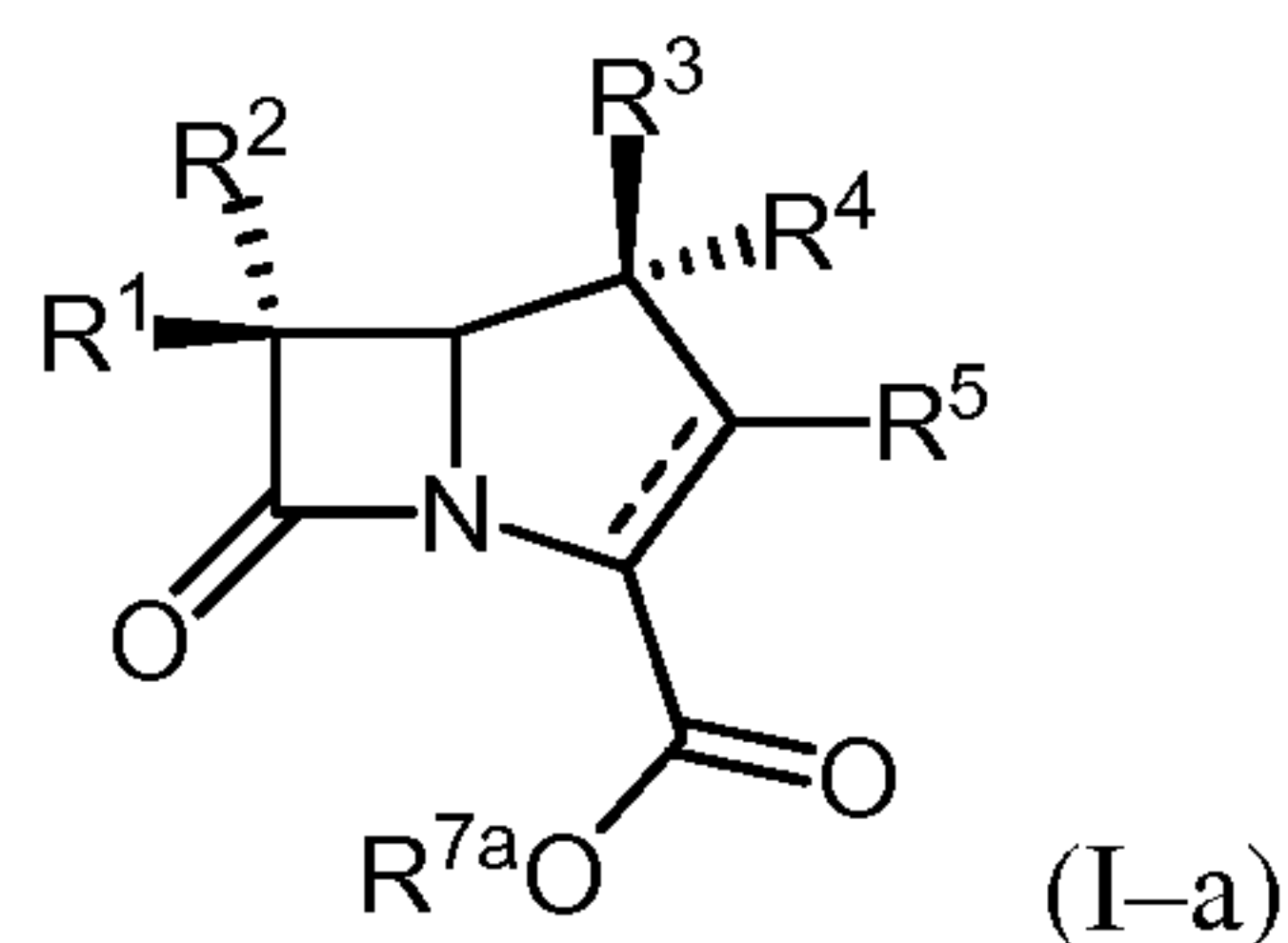
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[0006] Thus there continues to remain a need for more efficient, environmentally friendly, and cost-effective processes for the production and development of existing and new carbapenems antibiotics.

Summary of the Invention

[0007] The present invention provides cell-free systems, methods, and compositions (*e.g.*, all lystate) useful in the generation of carbapenems and intermediates thereto.

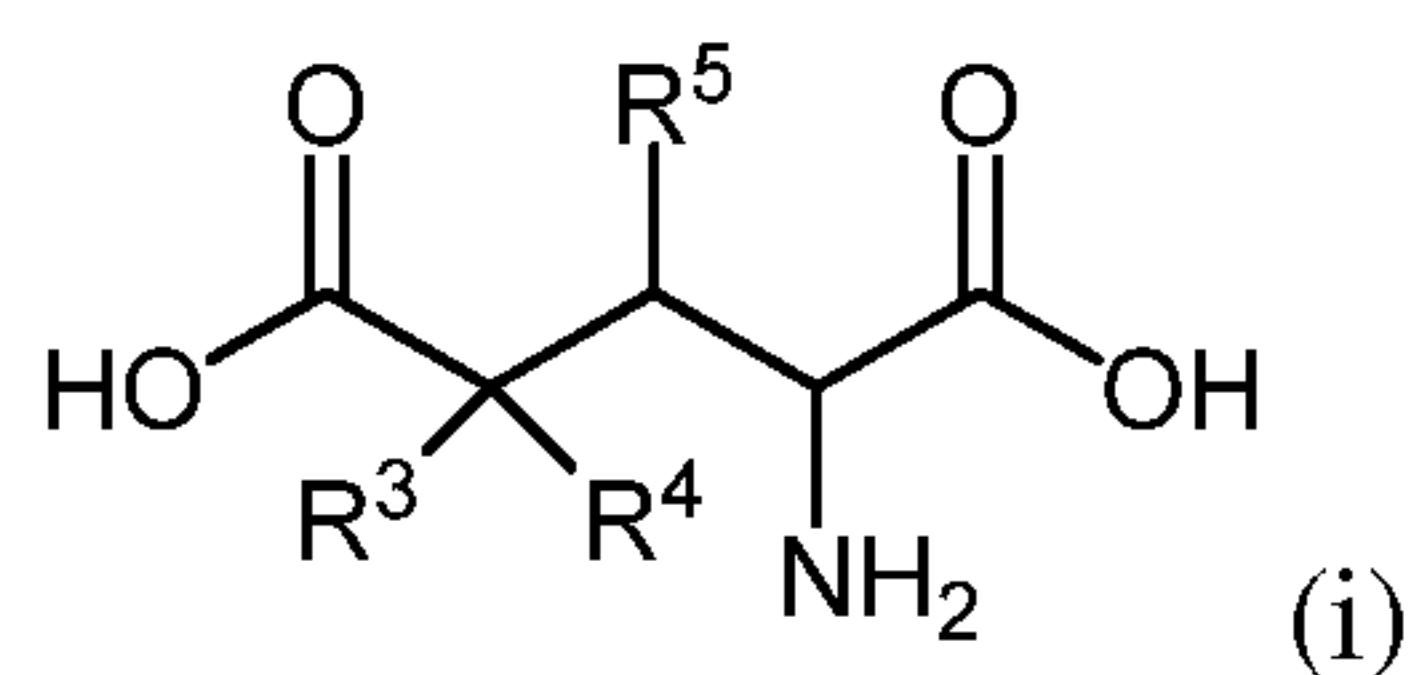
[0008] In one aspect, provided is a cell lysate comprising a group of enzymes capable of generating a compound of the Formula (I-a):



or a salt or tautomer thereof, or a combination thereof;

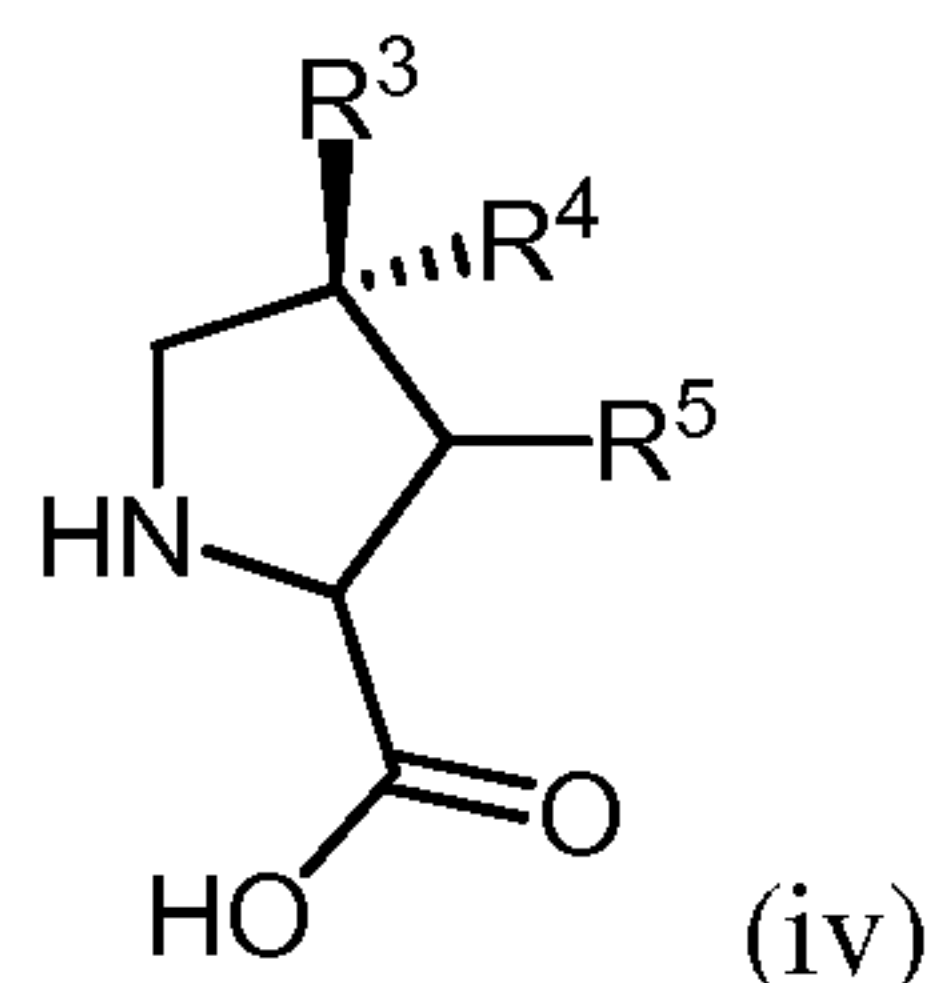
from:

- (1) glucose and glycine or salts thereof; and/or
- (2) glucose and an optionally substituted glutamate of Formula (i):



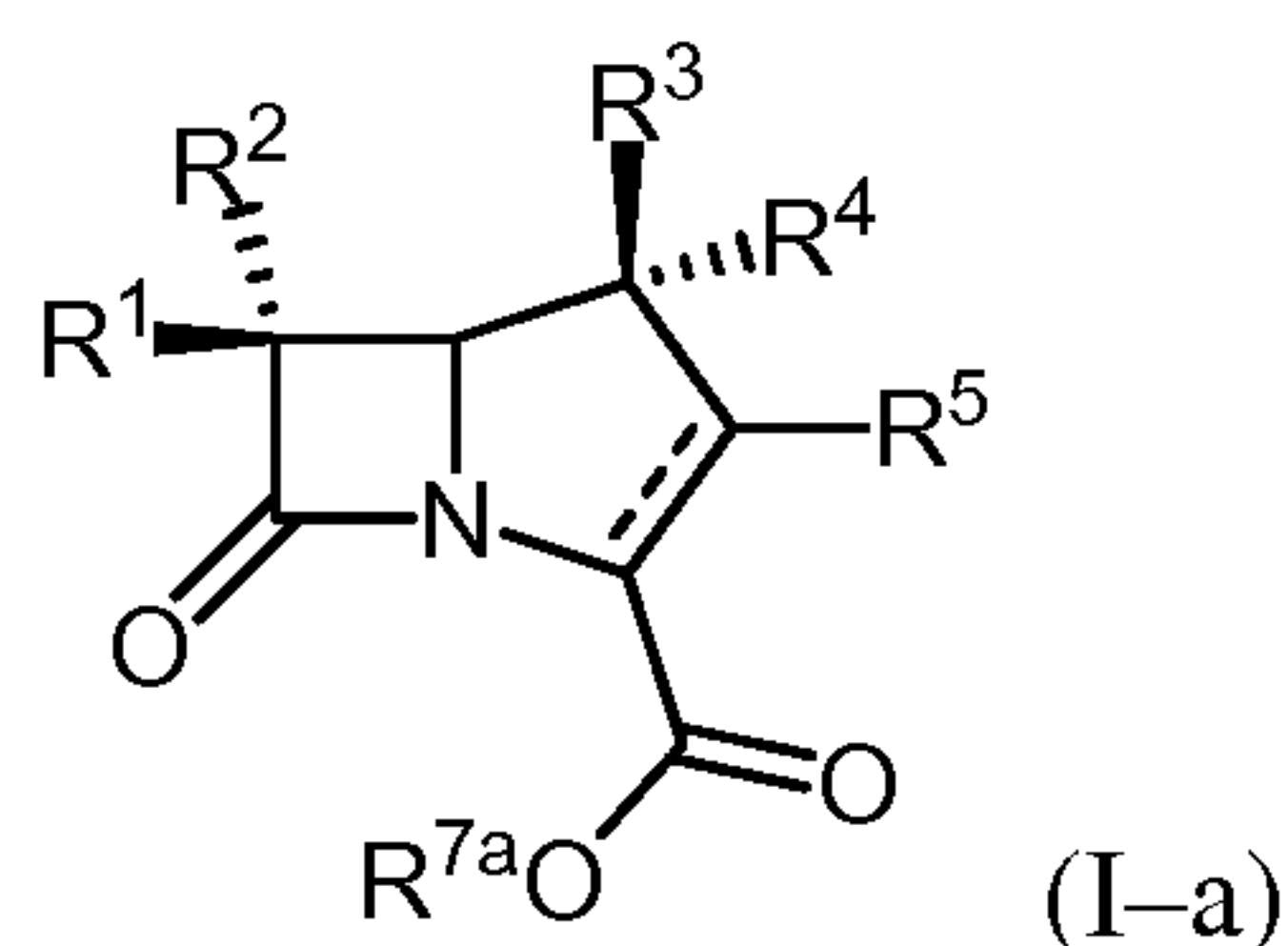
or salts thereof; and/or

- (3) glucose and a proline compound of Formula (iv):



or salts thereof; wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , and R^{7a} are as defined herein, and $\equiv$ represents a single or double bond.

[0009] In another aspect, provided is a method of generating a compound of Formula (I-a):



or a salt or tautomer thereof, or a combination thereof;

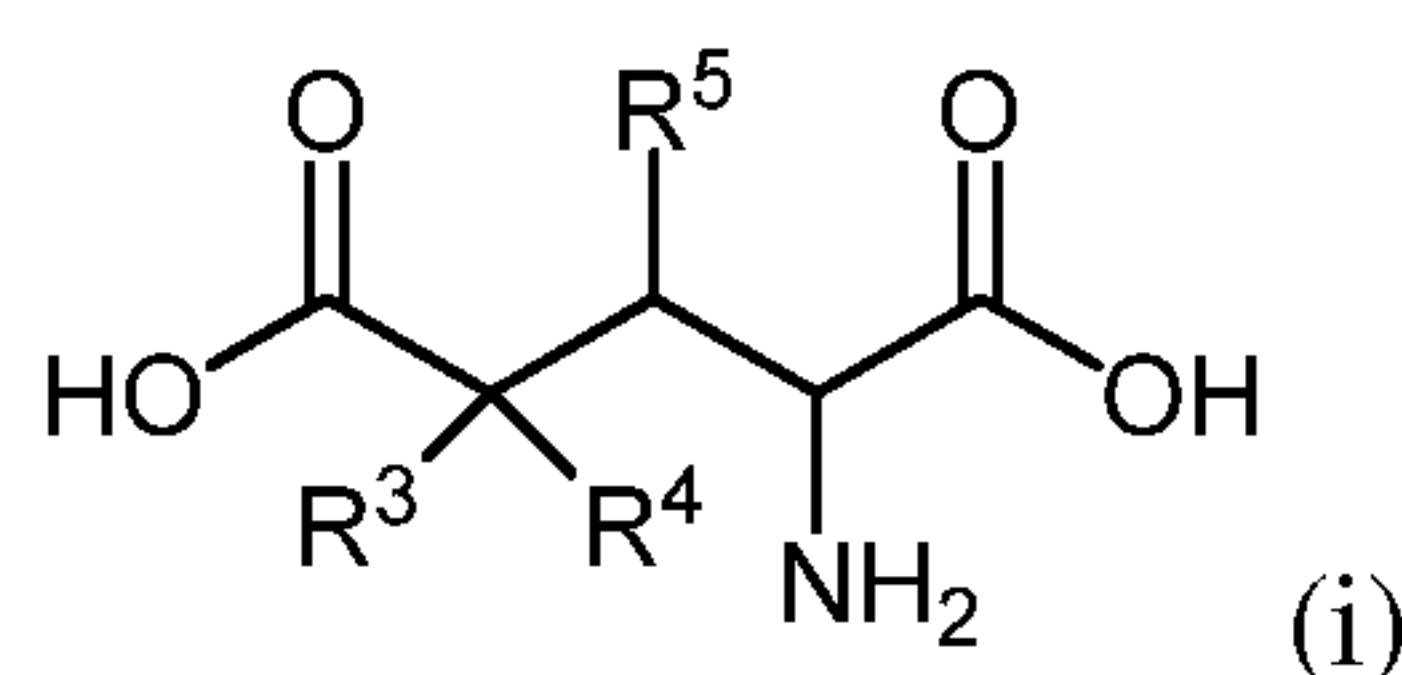
the method comprising:

providing a cell lysate comprising one or more enzymes, wherein the enzymes are selected from the group consisting of a kinase (*e.g.*, a gamma-glutamyl kinase), a dehydrogenase (*e.g.*, a Glu-5-P dehydrogenase), glycolysis/acetyl-CoA biosynthesis multi-enzyme, an acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase, a beta-oxidation multienzyme, a crotonyl-CoA reductase, an acetyl-CoA carboxylase, a malonyl-CoA reductase, a threonine aldolase, a

beta-alanine transferase, a proline 3-hydroxylase, a proline oxidase, a carboxymethyl-Pro synthase, a carbapenam synthetase, a beta-lactam synthetase, a carbapenem synthase, a transferase, an oxygenase, a methyltransferase, and isozymes thereof;

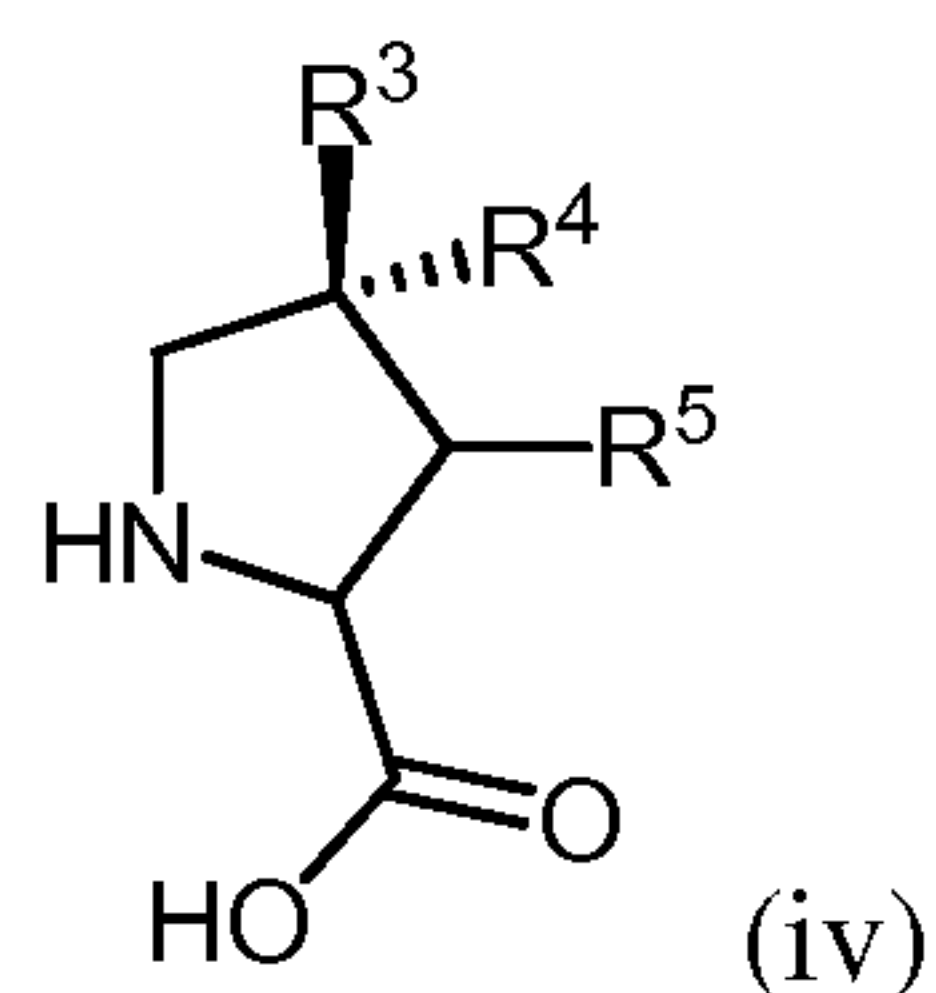
wherein the one or more cell lysates are contacted with:

- (1) glucose and glycine or salts thereof; and/or
- (2) glucose and an optionally substituted glutamate of Formula (i):



or salts thereof, and/or

- (3) glucose and a proline compound of formula (iv):

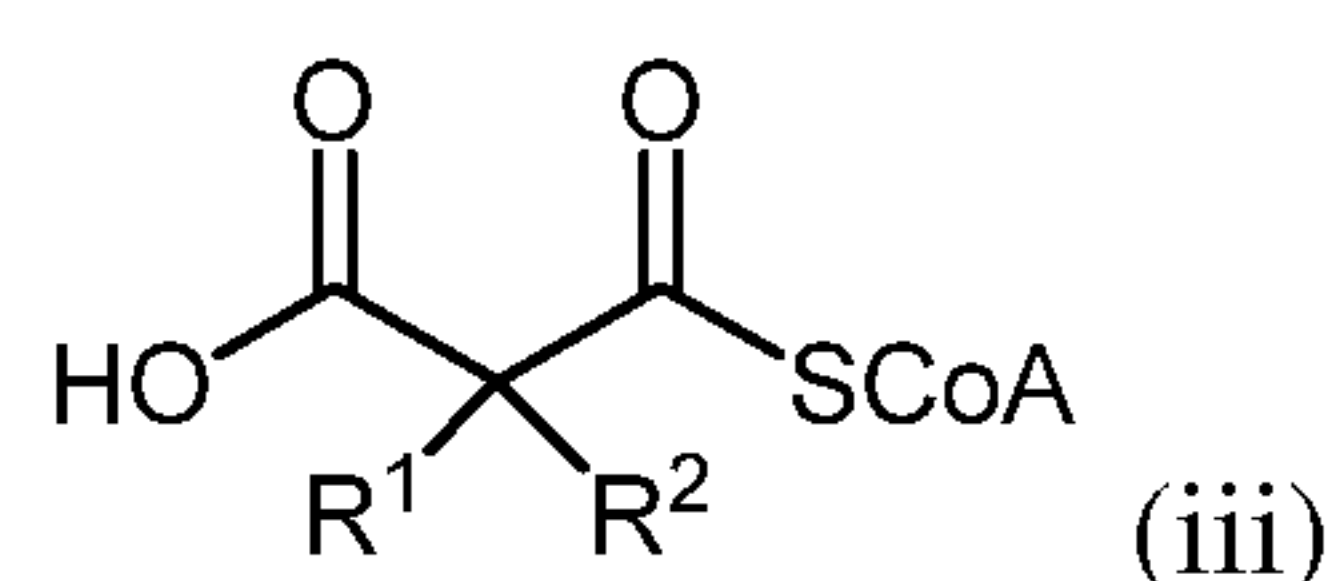


or salts thereof; wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , and R^{7a} are as defined herein, and the $\equiv$ represents a single or double bond. In certain embodiments, the $\equiv$ represents a single bond. In certain embodiments, the $\equiv$ represents a double bond. In certain embodiments, R^1 is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, R^3 is hydrogen or $-\text{CH}_3$. In certain embodiments, R^2 is hydrogen, $-\text{CH}_3$ or $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$. In certain embodiments, R^4 is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, R^5 is hydrogen or $-\text{OH}$.

[0010] In certain embodiments, the cell lysate is a lysate of an *E.coli* organism engineered to overexpress one or more enzymes. In certain embodiments, the cell lysate is a combination of different cell lysates, wherein each different lysate is engineered to overexpress one or more enzymes, *e.g.*, one or more different enzymes or a different combination of two or more enzymes. In certain embodiments, the cell lysate is a lysate of a cell engineered to overexpress one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of gamma-glutamyl kinase, Glu-5-P dehydrogenase, glycolysis/acetyl-CoA biosynthesis multi-enzyme, an acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase, a beta-oxidation multienzyme, a crotonyl-CoA reductase, an acetyl-CoA carboxylase, a malonyl-CoA reductase, a threonine aldolase, a beta-alanine transferase, a proline 3-hydroxylase, a proline oxidase, a carboxymethyl-Pro synthase, a carbapenam synthetase, a beta-lactam synthetase, a carbapenem synthase, a transferase, an oxygenase, a methyltransferase, and isozymes thereof. In certain

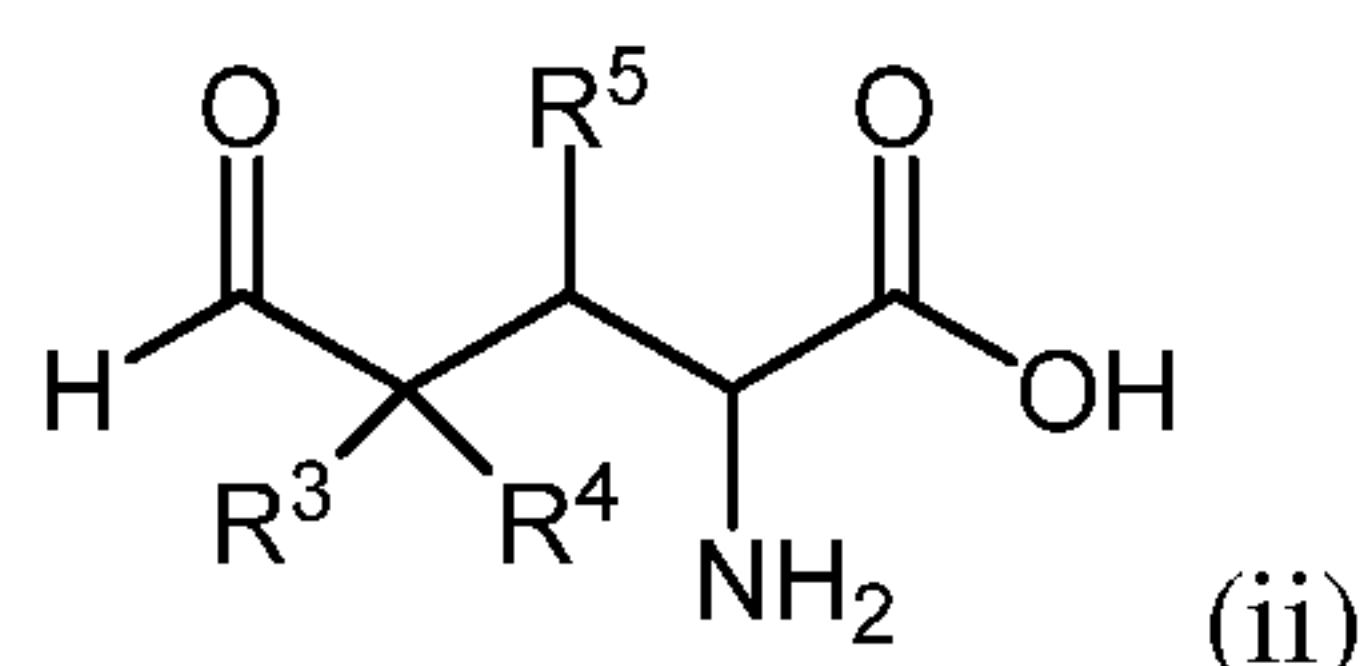
embodiments, one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of gamma-glutamyl kinase, Glu-5-P dehydrogenase, glycolysis/acetyl-CoA biosynthesis multi-enzyme, an acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase, a beta-oxidation multienzyme, a crotonyl-CoA reductase, an acetyl-CoA carboxylase, a malonyl-CoA reductase, a threonine aldolase, a beta-alanine transferase, a proline 3-hydroxylase, a proline oxidase, and isozymes thereof, were present in the cell prior to lysing. In certain embodiments, one or more enzymes are found in the cytoplasm of the cell prior to lysing. In certain embodiments, one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of a carboxymethyl-Pro synthase, a carbapenam synthetase, a beta-lactam synthetase, a carbapenem synthase, a transferase, an oxygenase, and a methyltransferase, and isozymes thereof, are sequestered in the periplasmic space of the cell prior to lysing.

[0011] In certain embodiments, the glucose is enzymatically converted to an optionally substituted CoA compound of Formula (iii):



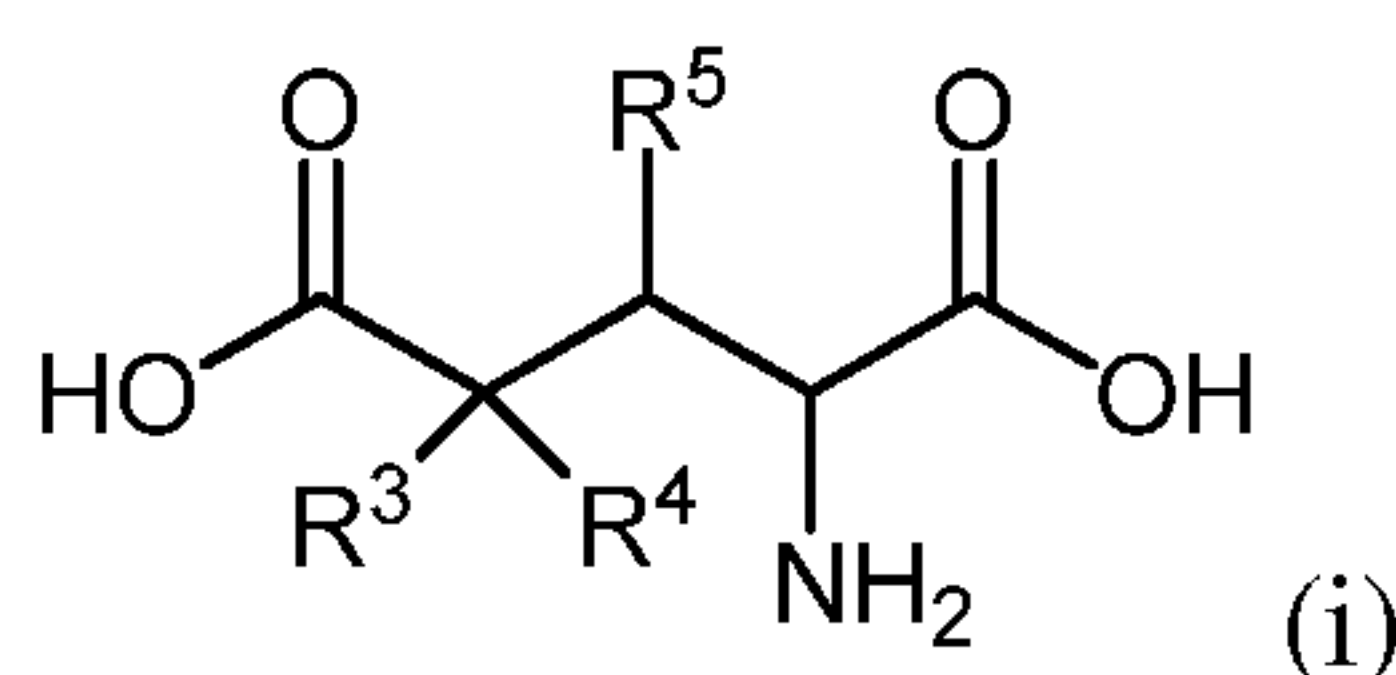
or salt thereof; wherein -SCoA is Coenzyme A monoradical.

[0012] In certain embodiments, glucose and glycine are enzymatically converted to an optionally substituted glutamate semialdehyde of Formula (ii):

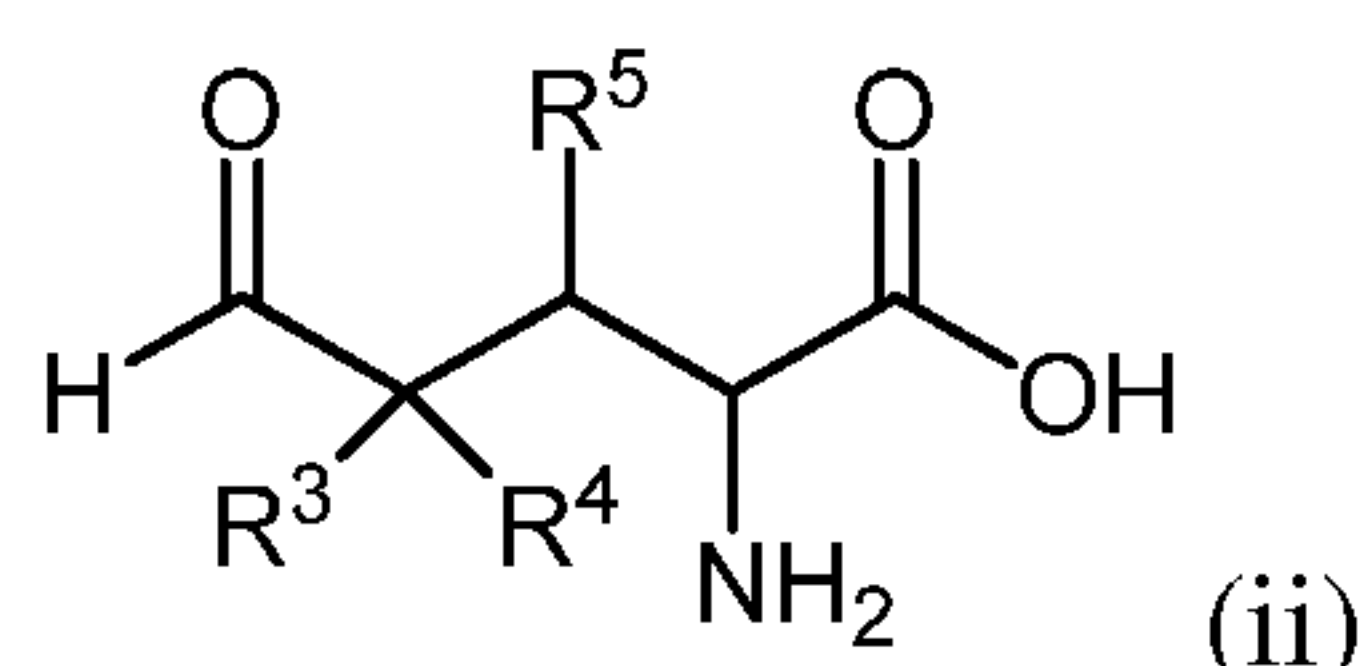


or salt thereof; upon contact with acetyl-CoA carboxylase, malonyl-CoA reductase, threonine aldolase, a kinase, and a dehydrogenase.

[0013] In certain embodiments, the optionally substituted glutamate of Formula (i):

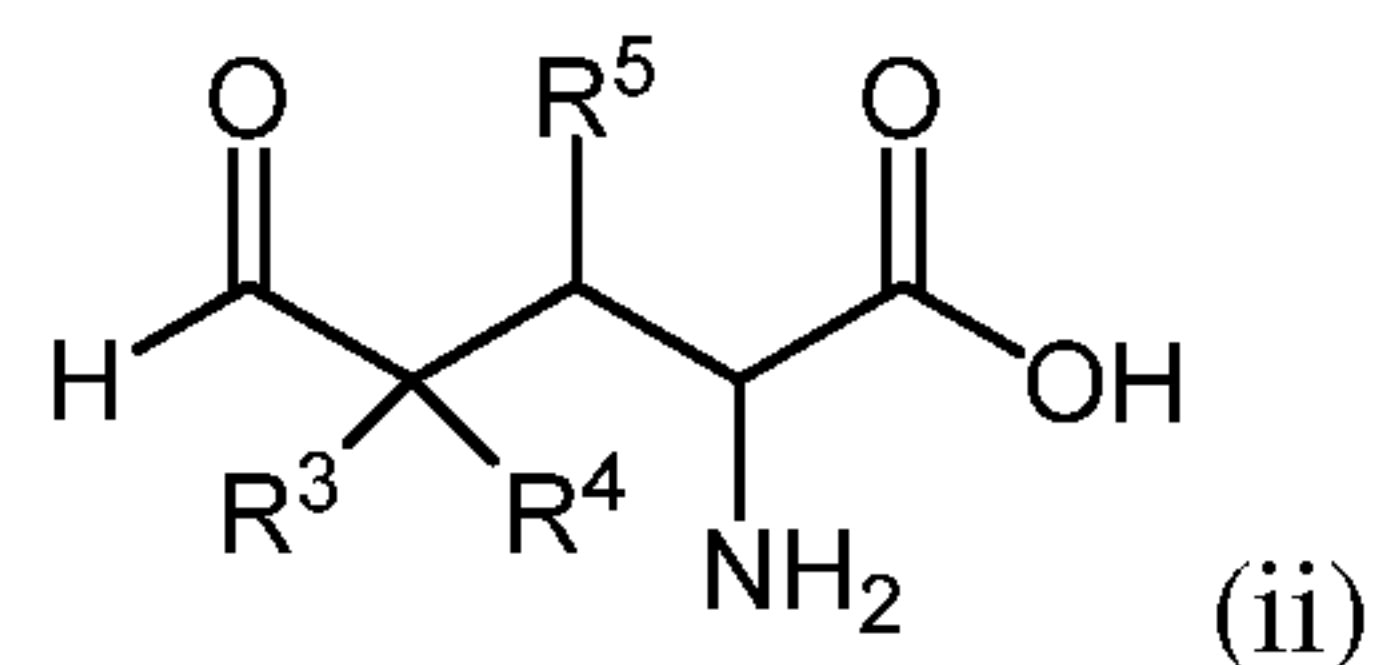


is converted to an optionally substituted glutamate semialdehyde compound of Formula (ii):

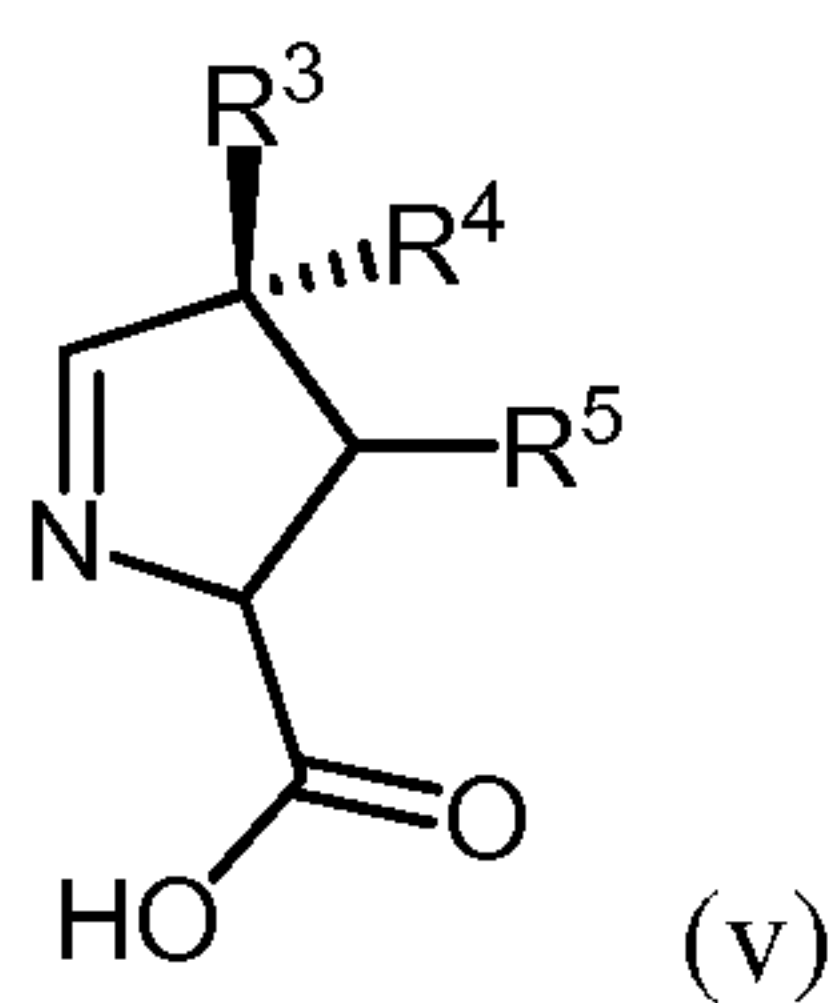


or salt thereof; upon contact with a kinase and a dehydrogenase.

[0014] In certain embodiments, the optionally substituted glutamate semialdehyde compound of Formula (ii):

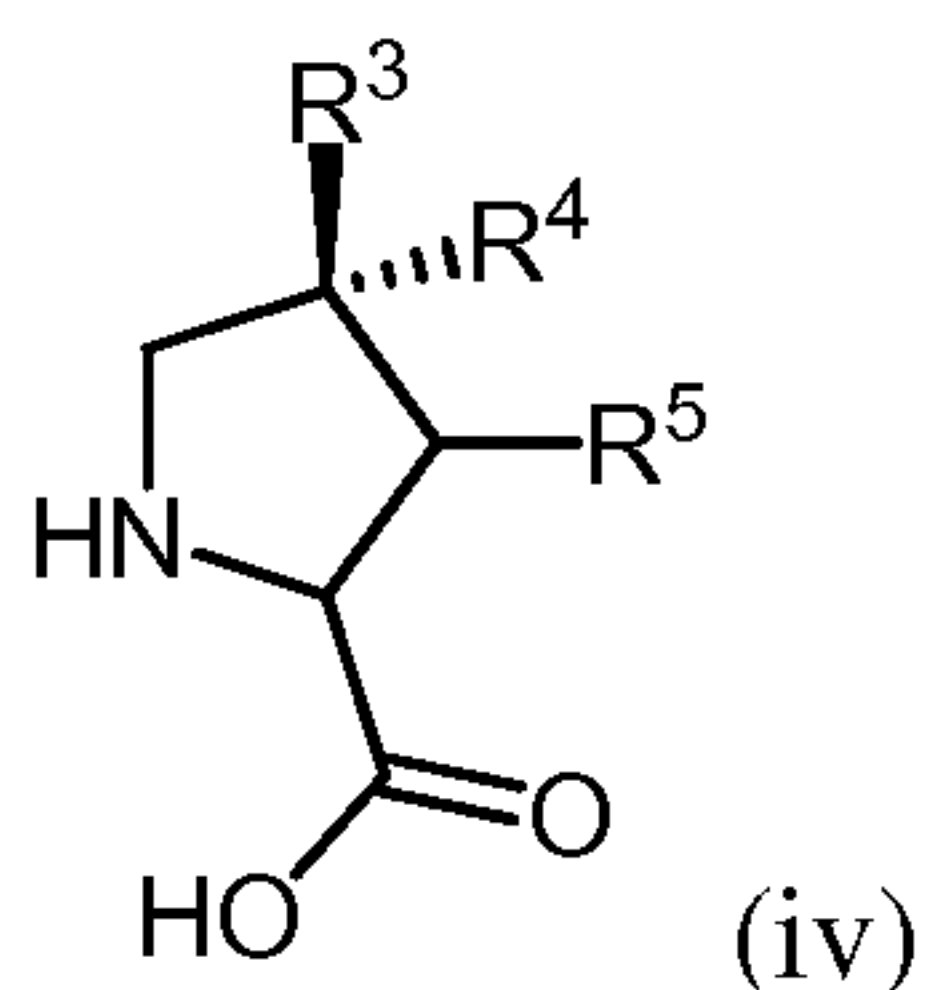


or salt thereof, cyclizes to form a pyrrole compound of formula:

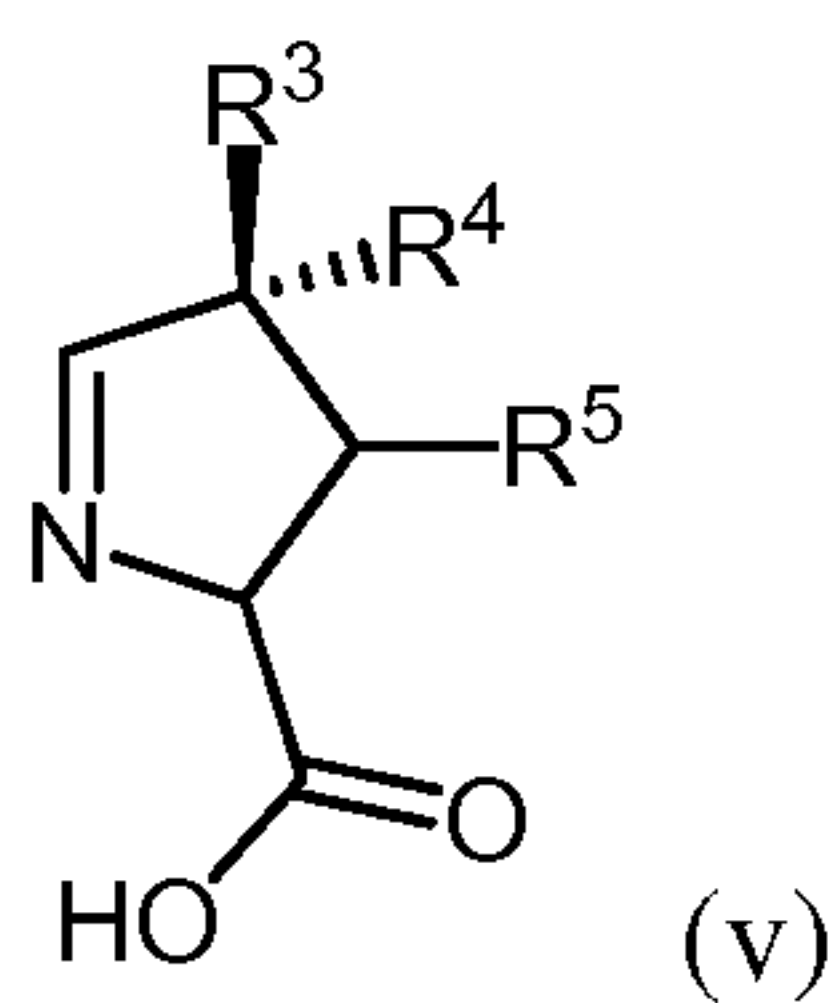


or salt thereof, and water as a by-product.

[0015] In certain embodiments, the proline compound of Formula (iv):

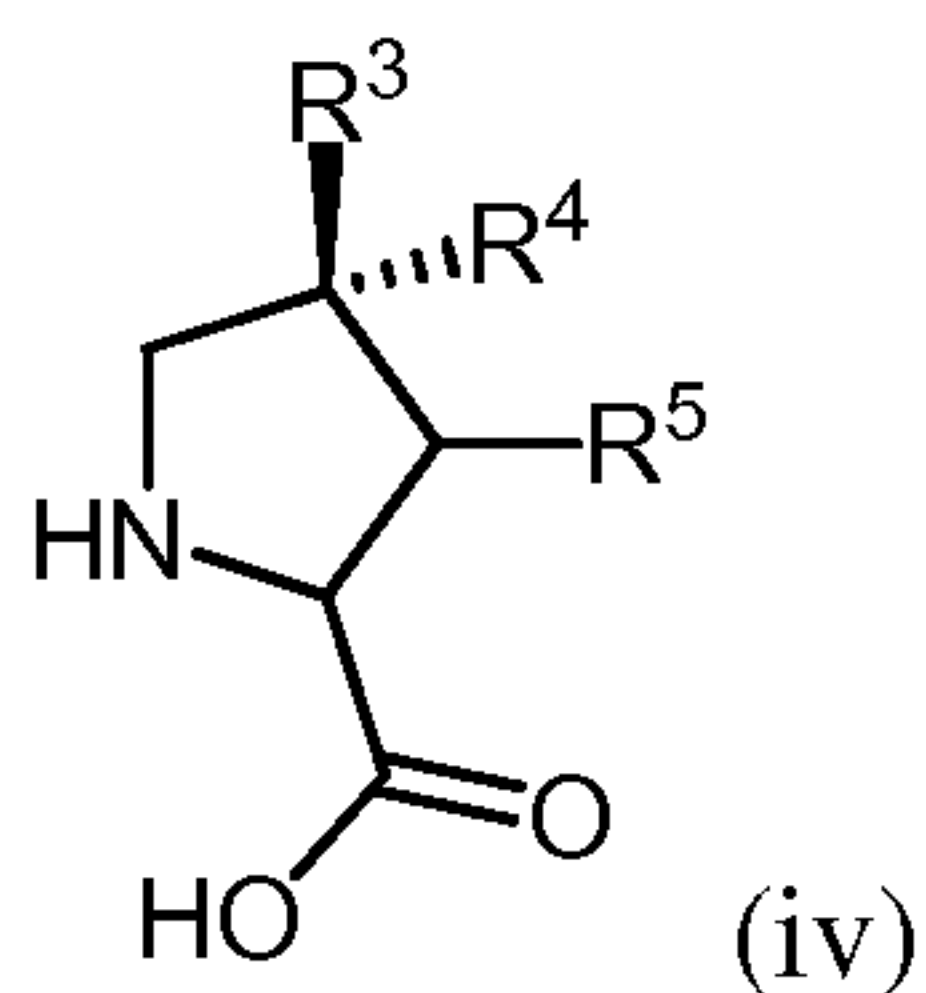


or salt thereof, is enzymatically converted to a pyrrole compound of formula:

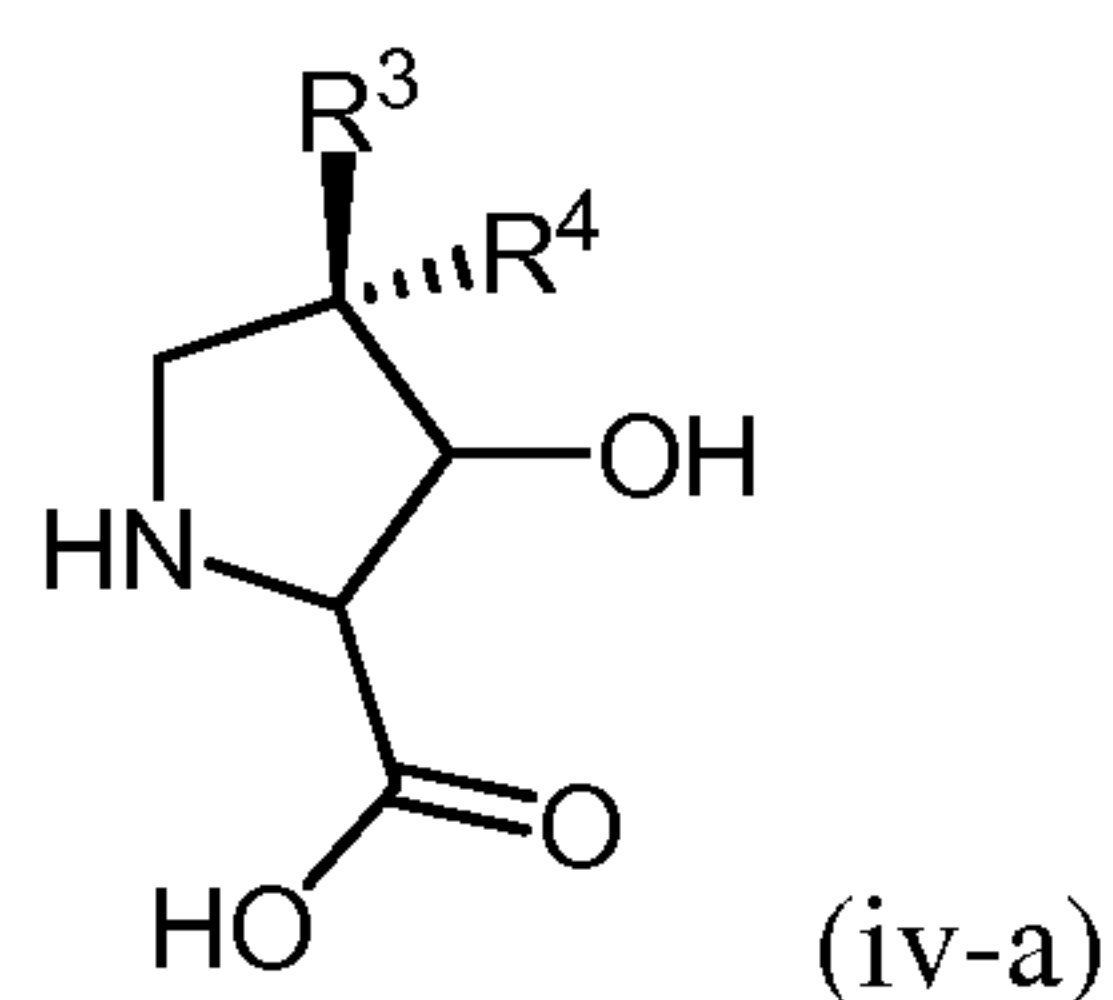


or salt thereof; upon contact with a proline oxidase.

[0016] In certain embodiments, the proline compound of Formula (iv):

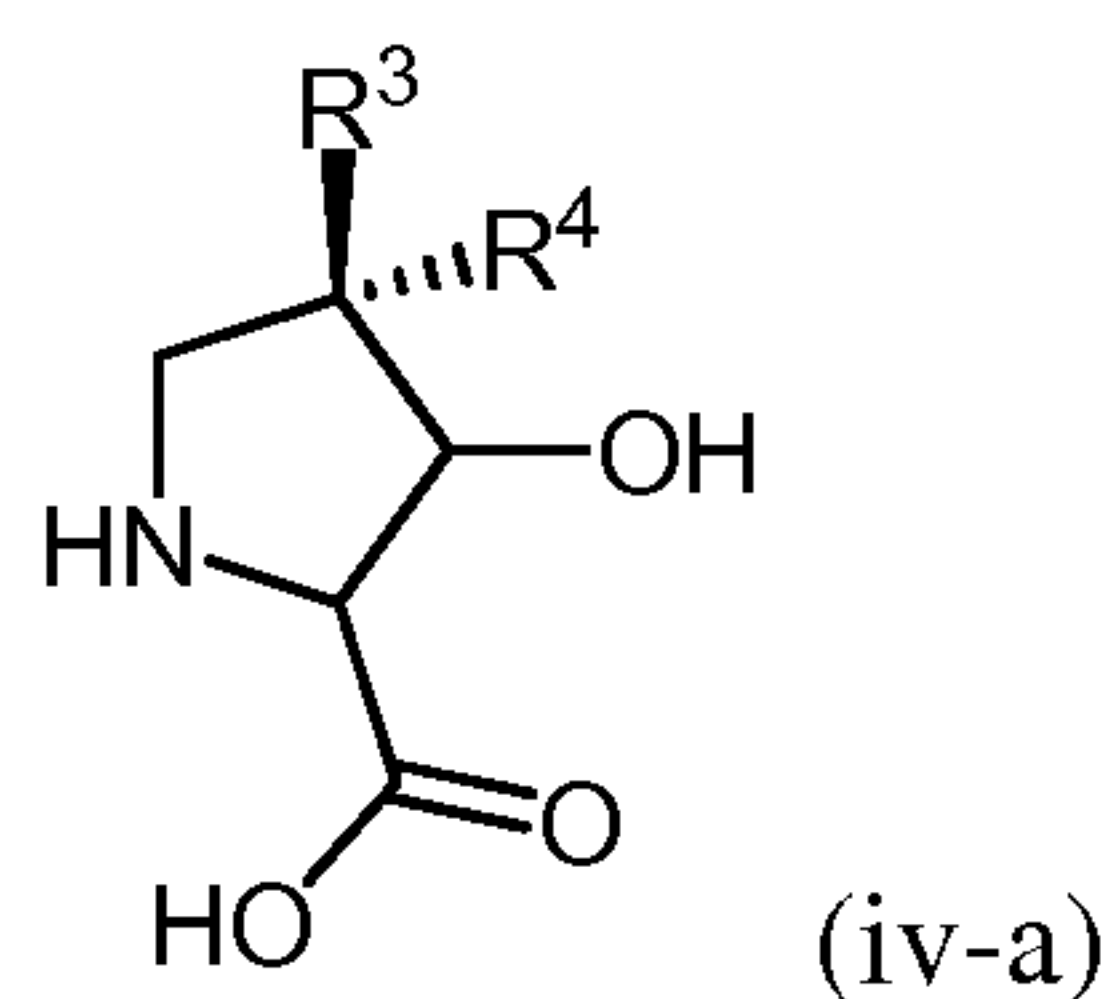


or salt thereof, wherein R⁵ is hydrogen, is enzymatically converted to a 3-hydroxylated proline compound of formula:

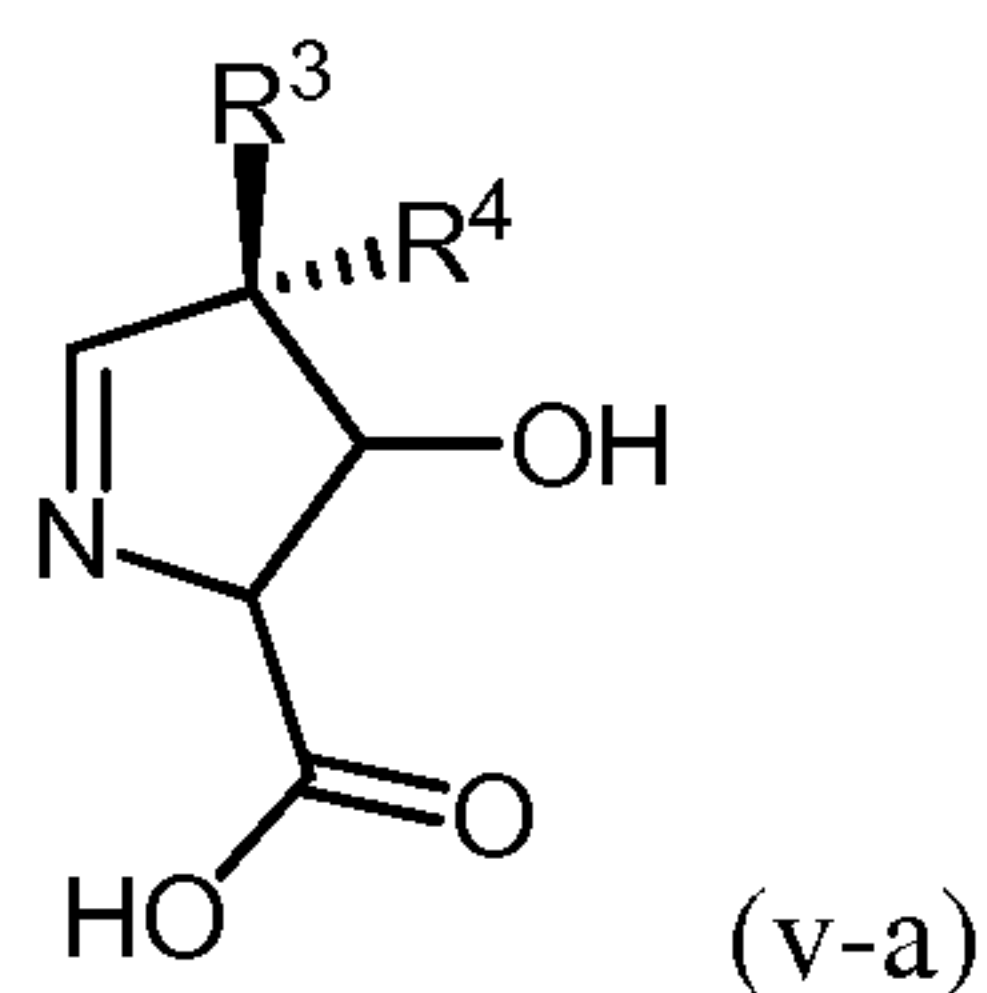


or salt thereof; upon contact with a proline-3-hydroxylase.

[0017] In certain embodiments, the 3-hydroxylated proline compound of formula:

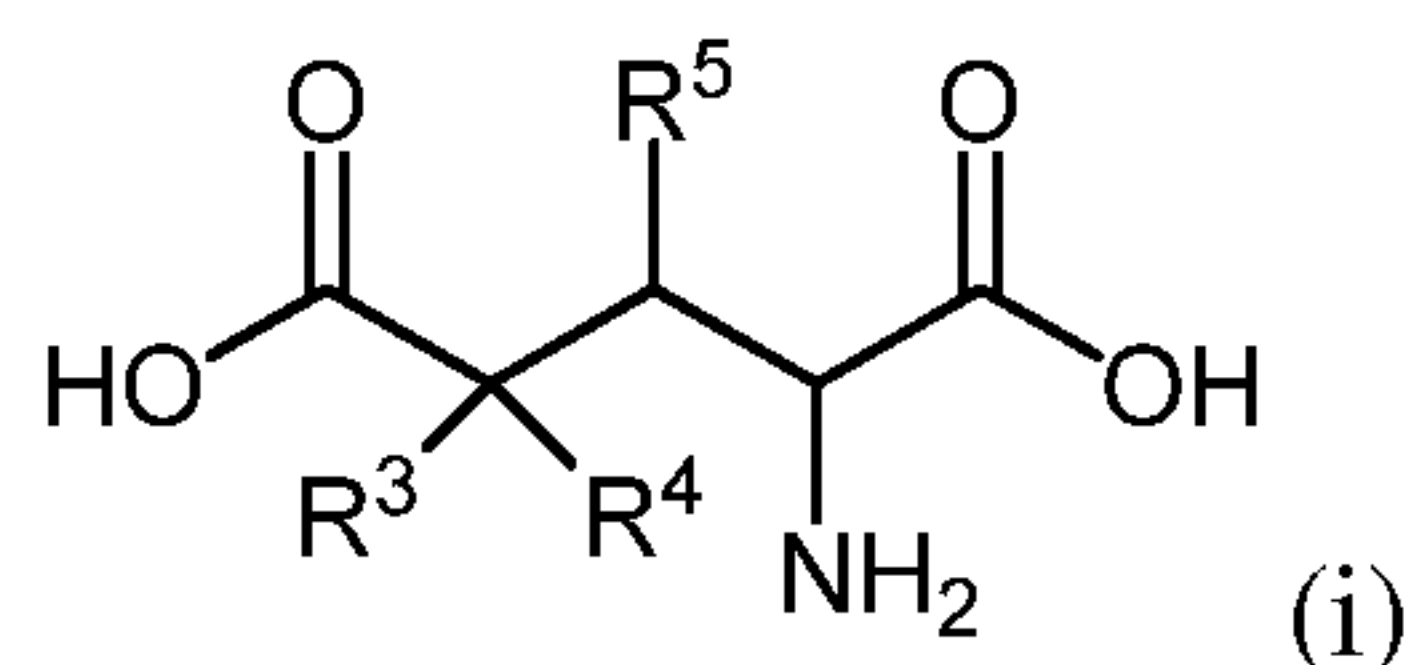


or salt thereof, is enzymatically converted to a 3-hydroxylated pyrrole compound of formula:

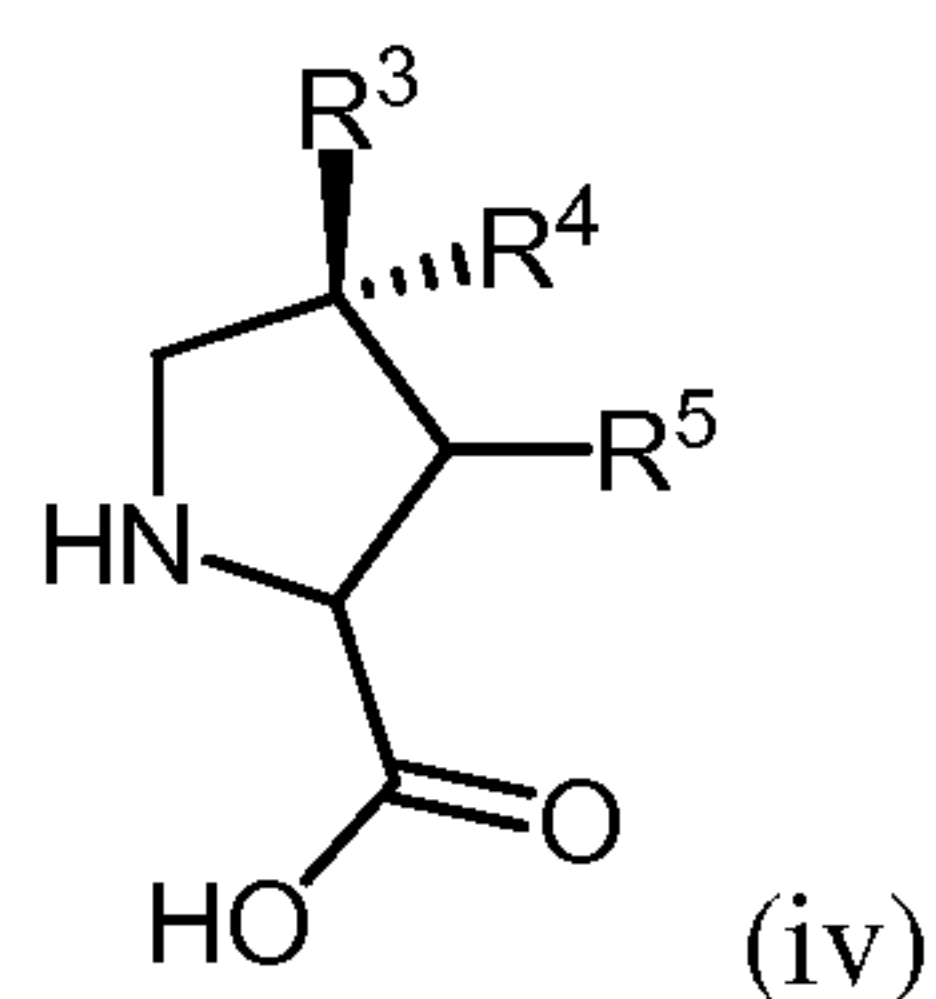


or salt thereof, upon contact with a proline oxidase.

[0018] In certain embodiments, the optionally substituted glutamate of Formula (i):



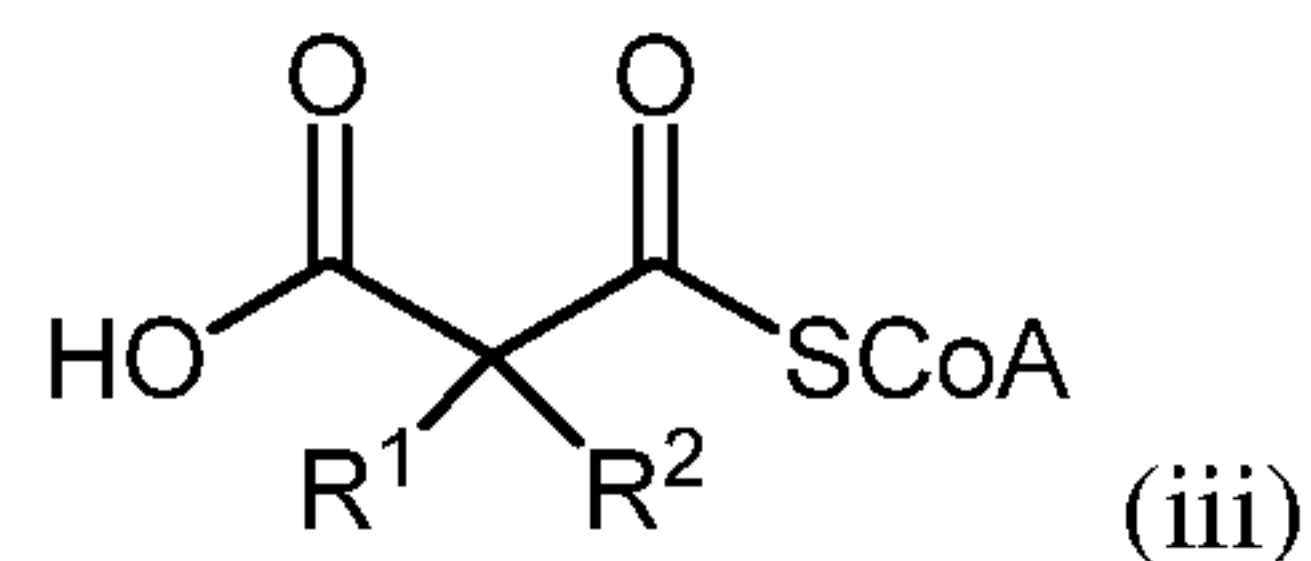
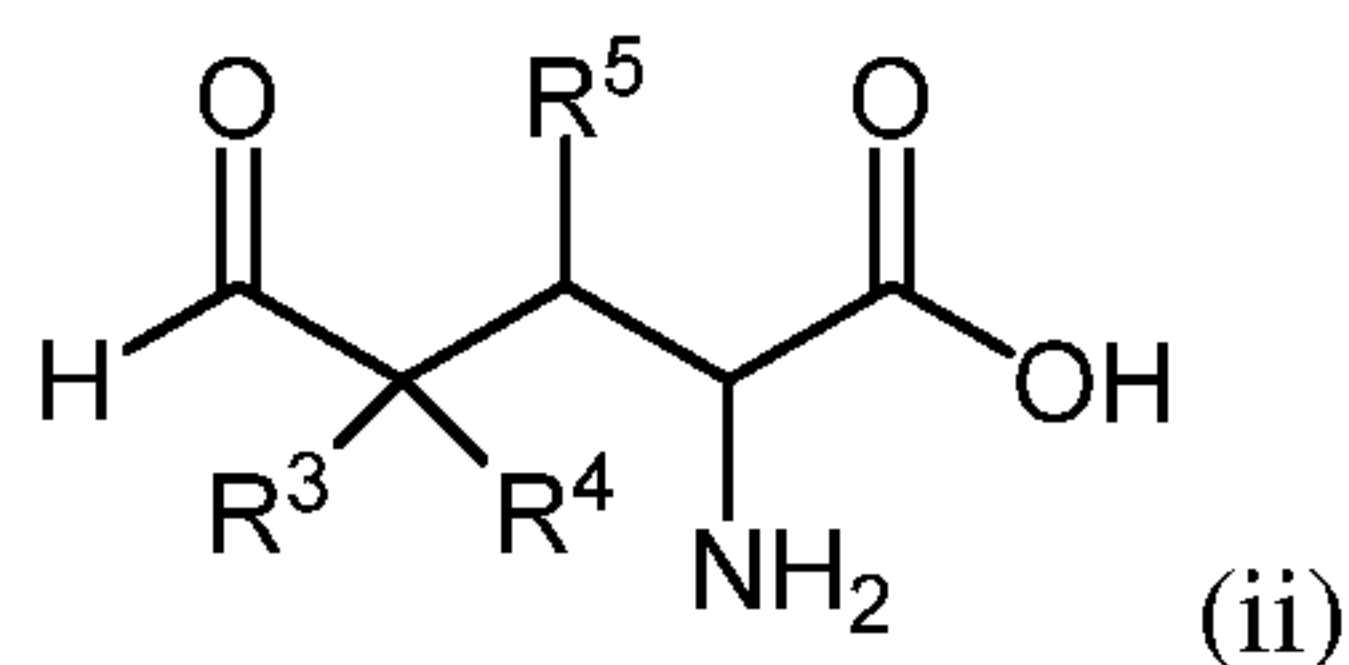
or salt thereof, is enzymatically converted to a proline compound of Formula (iv):



or salt thereof; upon contact with the γ -glutamyl kinase-GP-reductase multienzyme complex (*e.g.*, *E. coli* ProB and ProA).

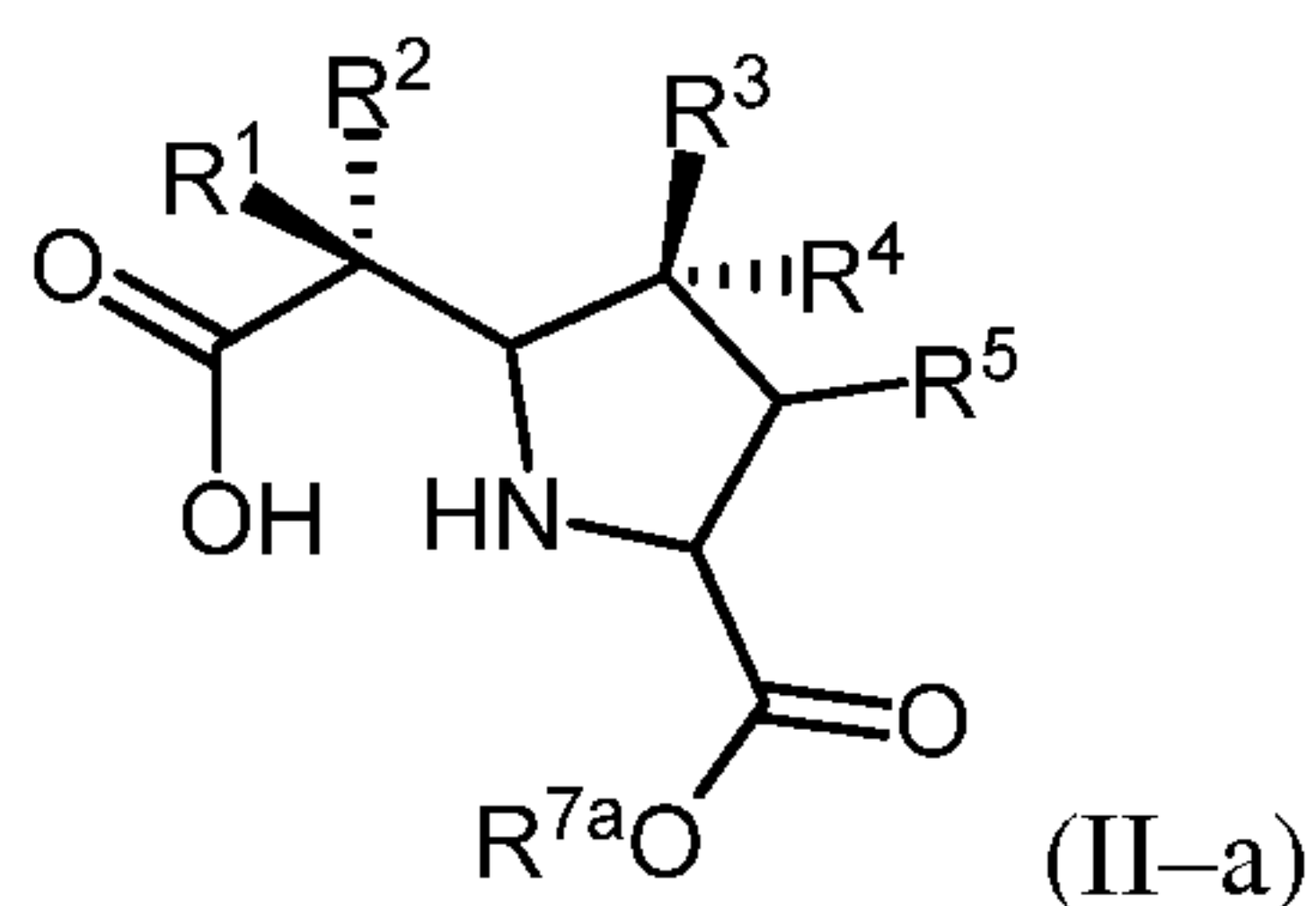
[0019] In certain embodiments, the enzyme-containing cell lysate converts the combination of glucose and glycine, or the combination of glucose and an optionally substituted glutamate of the Formula (i) to an optionally substituted CoA compound of

Formula (iii), or salt thereof, and an optionally substituted glutamate semialdehyde of Formula (ii), or salt thereof:



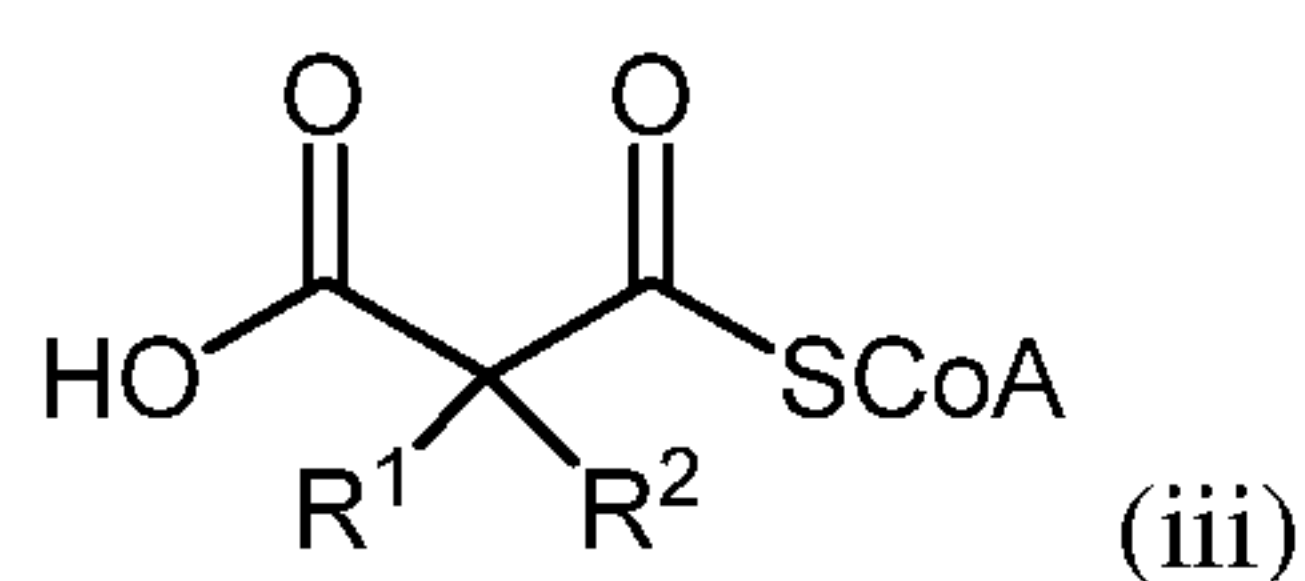
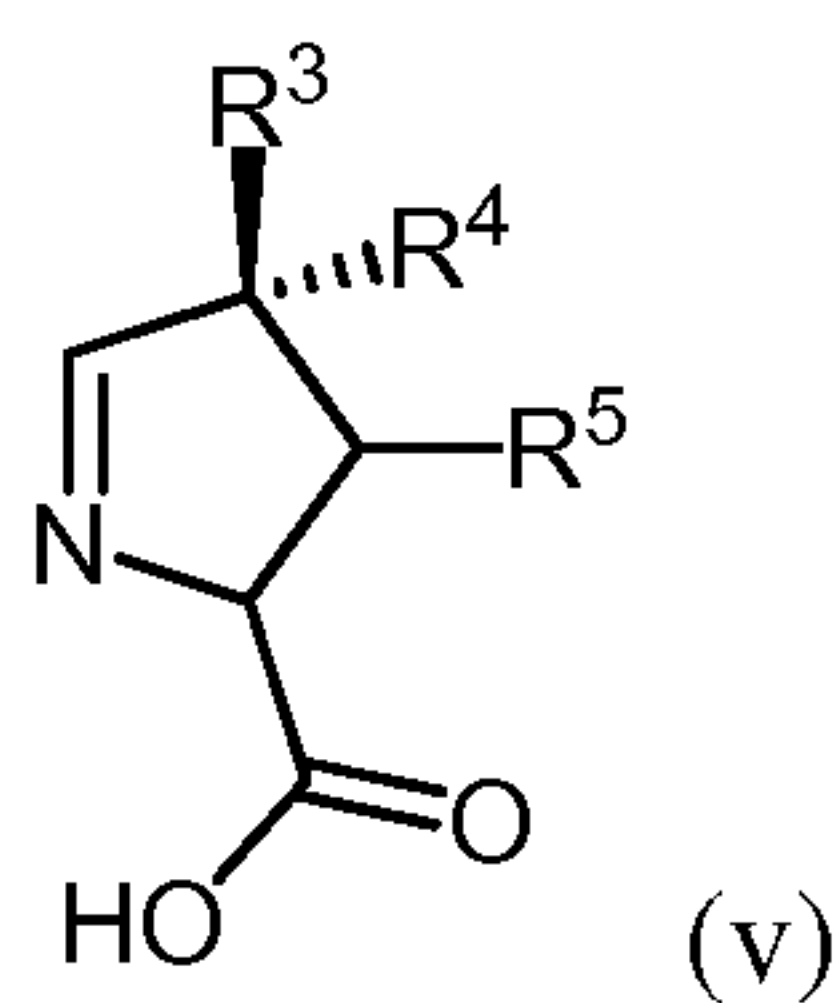
wherein -SCoA is Coenzyme A monoradical.

[0020] In certain embodiments, the optionally substituted glutamate semialdehyde of Formula (ii) and the optionally substituted CoA compound of Formula (iii) generate a pyrrolidinyl compound of Formula (II-a):



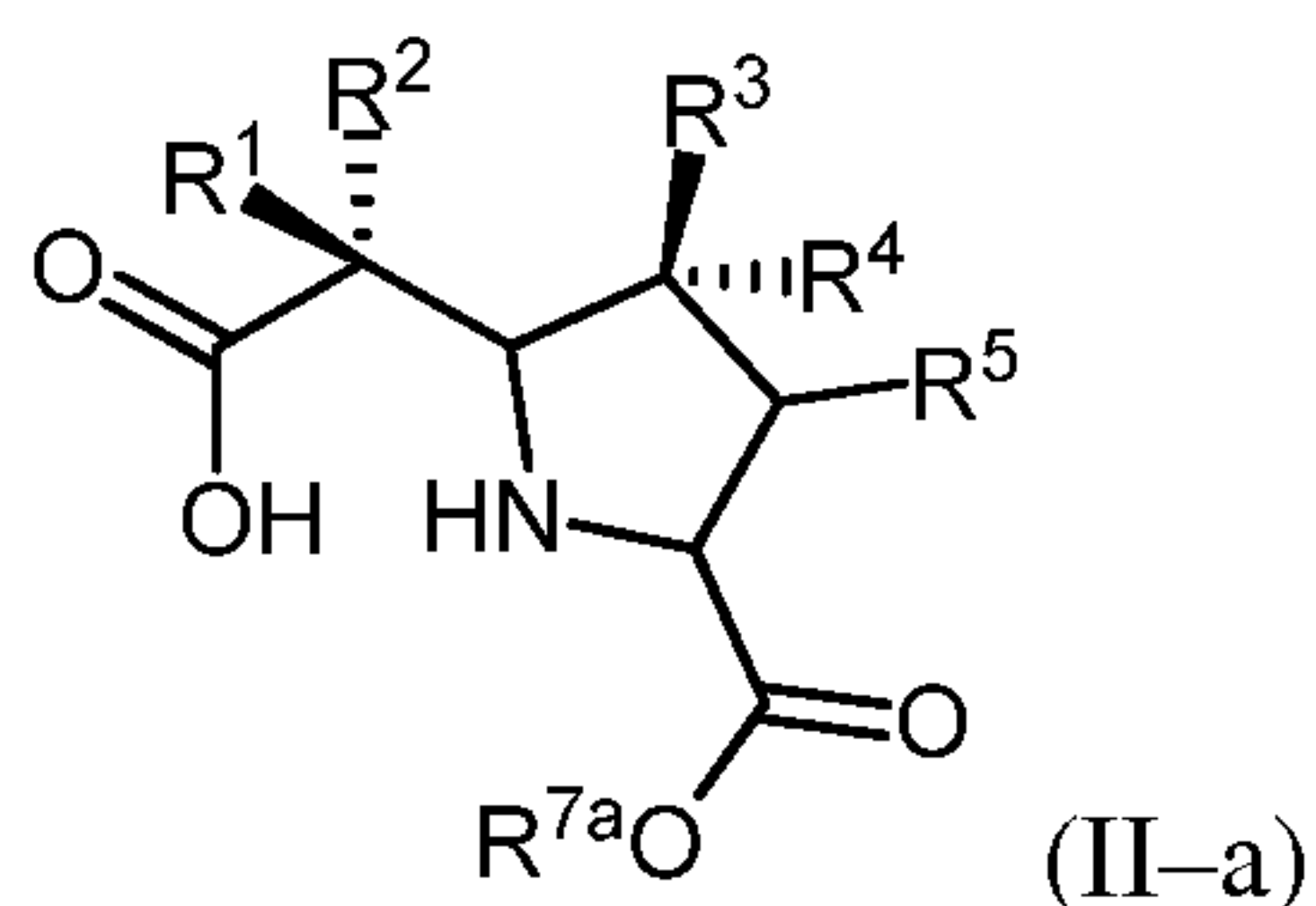
or salt thereof, wherein R^{7a} is hydrogen, upon contact with an enzyme, optionally released from the periplasmic space.

[0021] In certain embodiments, the enzyme-containing cell lysate converts the combination of glucose and the proline compound of Formula (iv) to an optionally substituted CoA compound of Formula (iii), or salt thereof, and an pyrrole compound of Formula (v), or salt thereof:



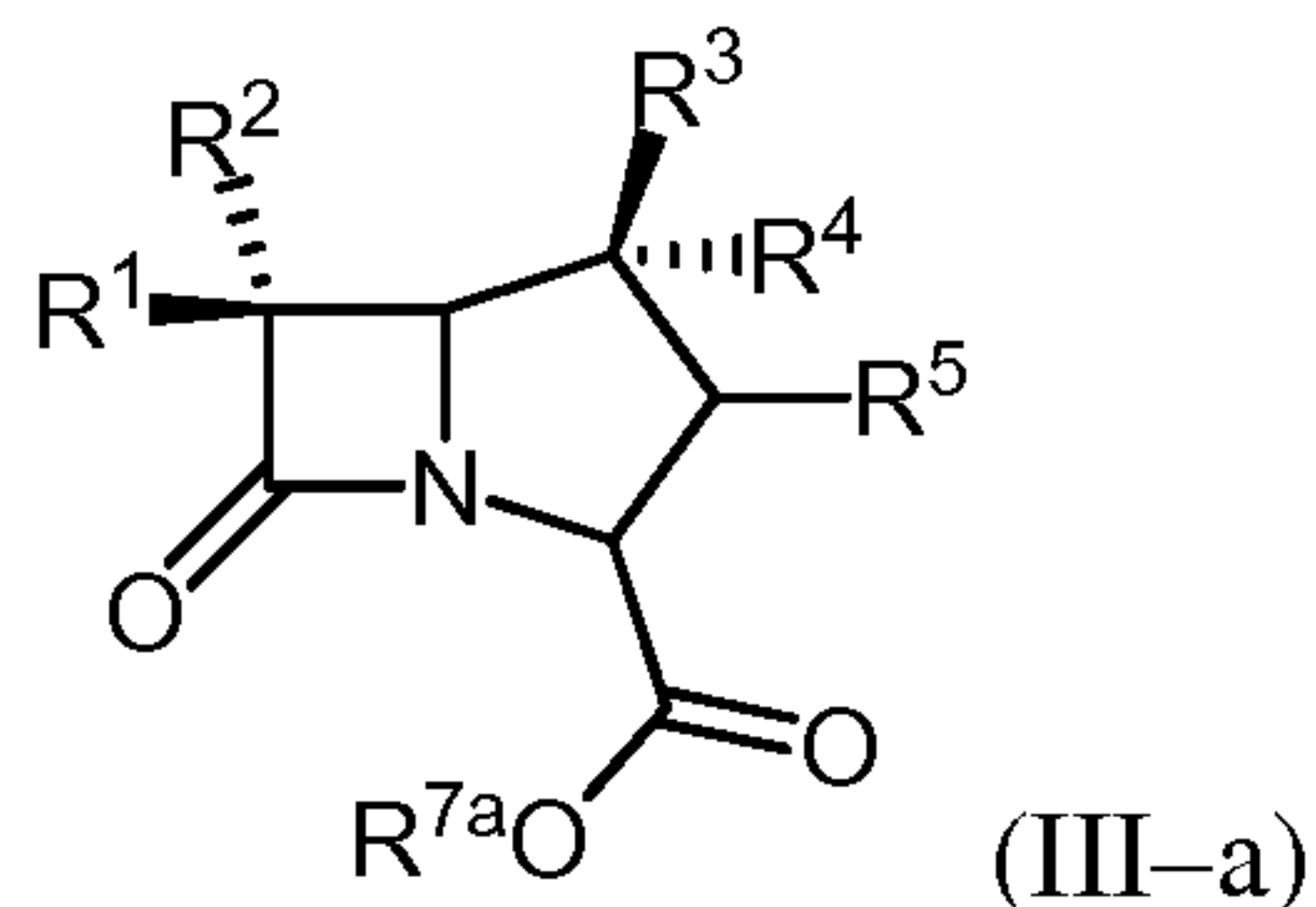
wherein -SCoA is Coenzyme A monoradical.

[0022] In certain embodiments, the pyrrole compound of Formula (v) or salt thereof and the optionally substituted CoA compound of Formula (iii) generate a pyrrolidinyl compound of Formula (II-a):



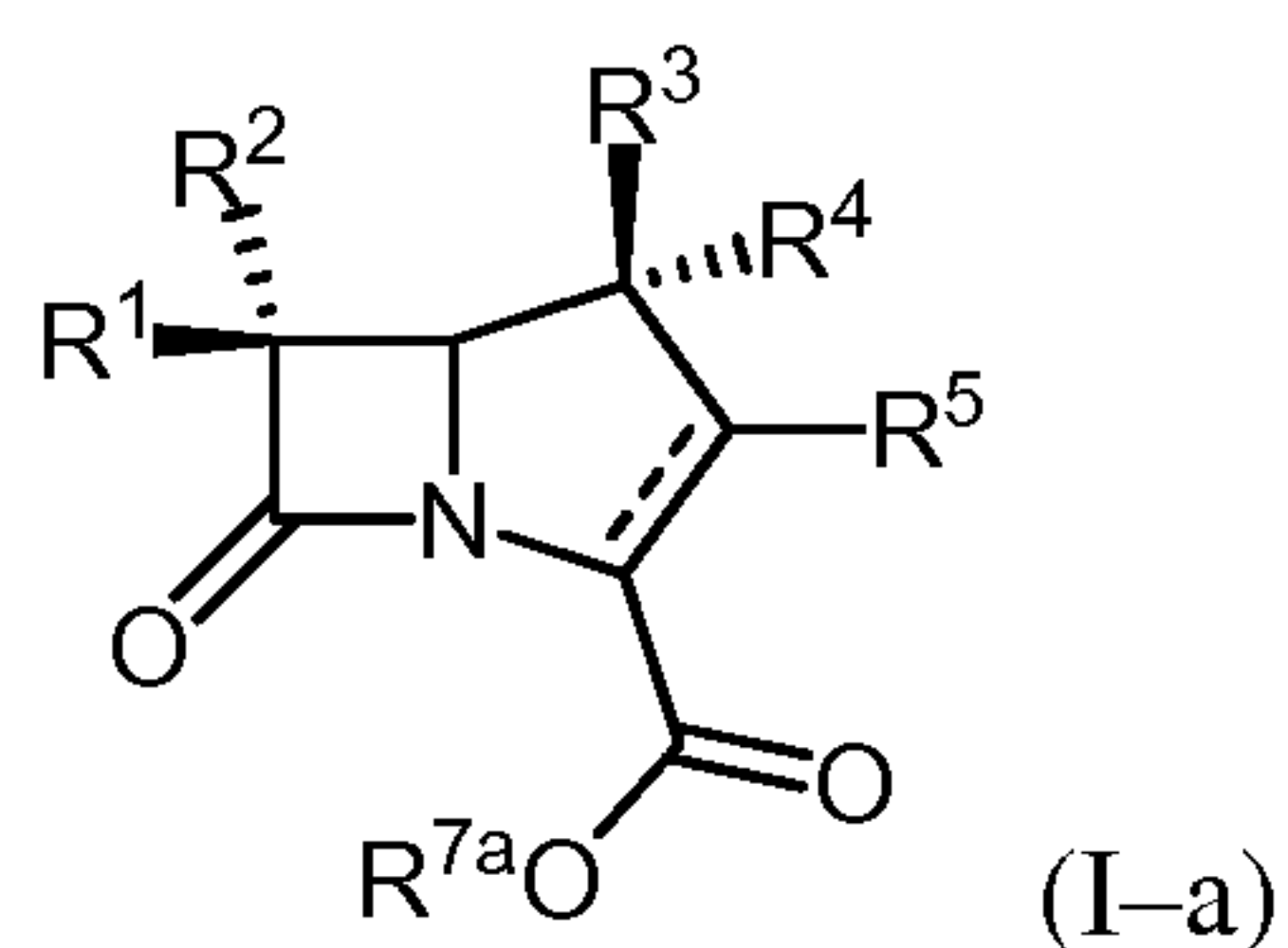
or salt thereof, wherein R^{7a} is hydrogen, upon contact with an enzyme, optionally released from the periplasmic space.

[0023] In certain embodiments, the pyrrolidinyll compound (II-a) generates a β -lactam compound of Formula (III-a):



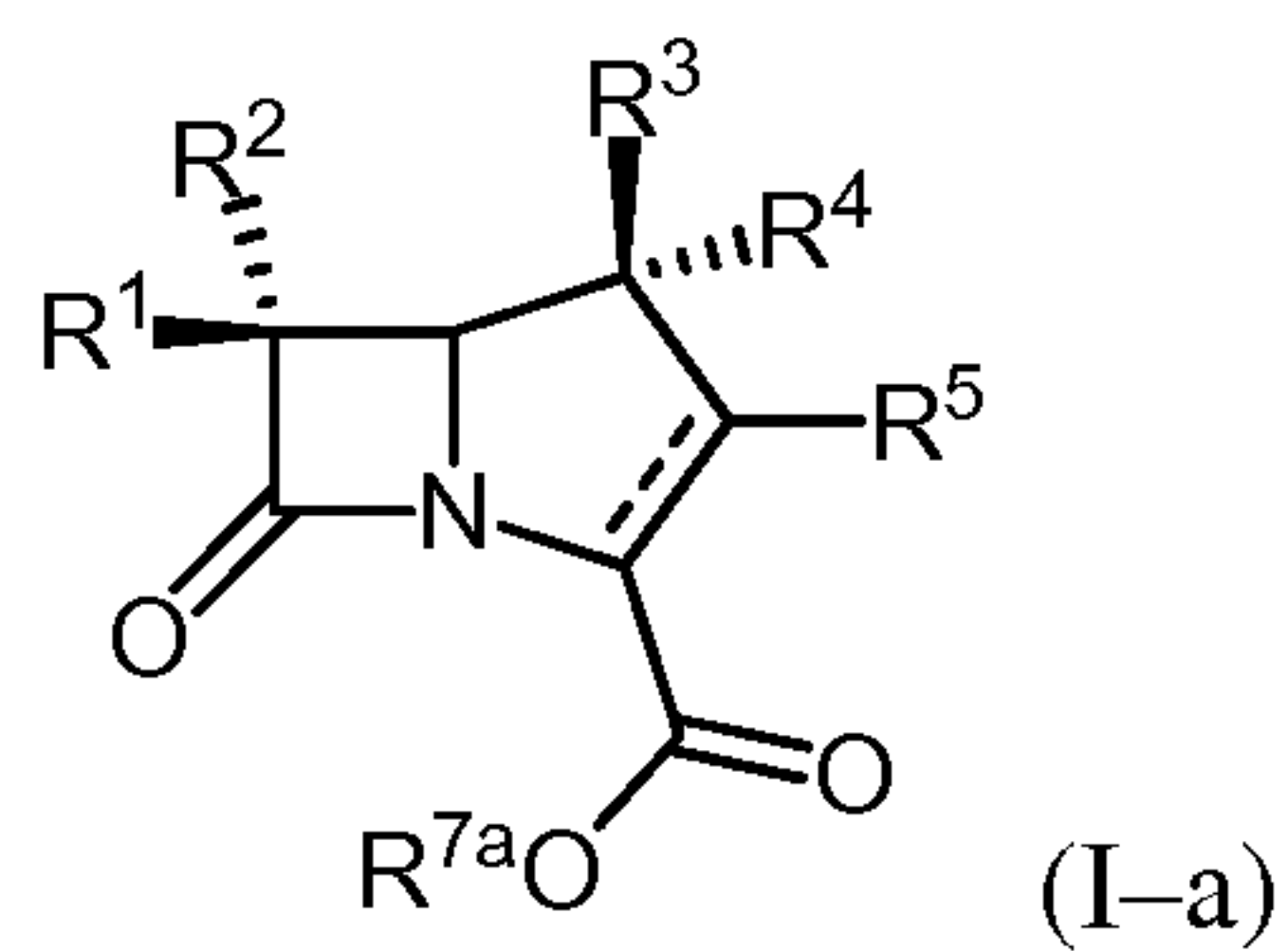
or salt thereof, upon contact with an enzyme, optionally released from the periplasmic space.

[0024] In certain embodiments, the β -lactam compound of Formula (III-a) generates a compound of Formula (I-a):

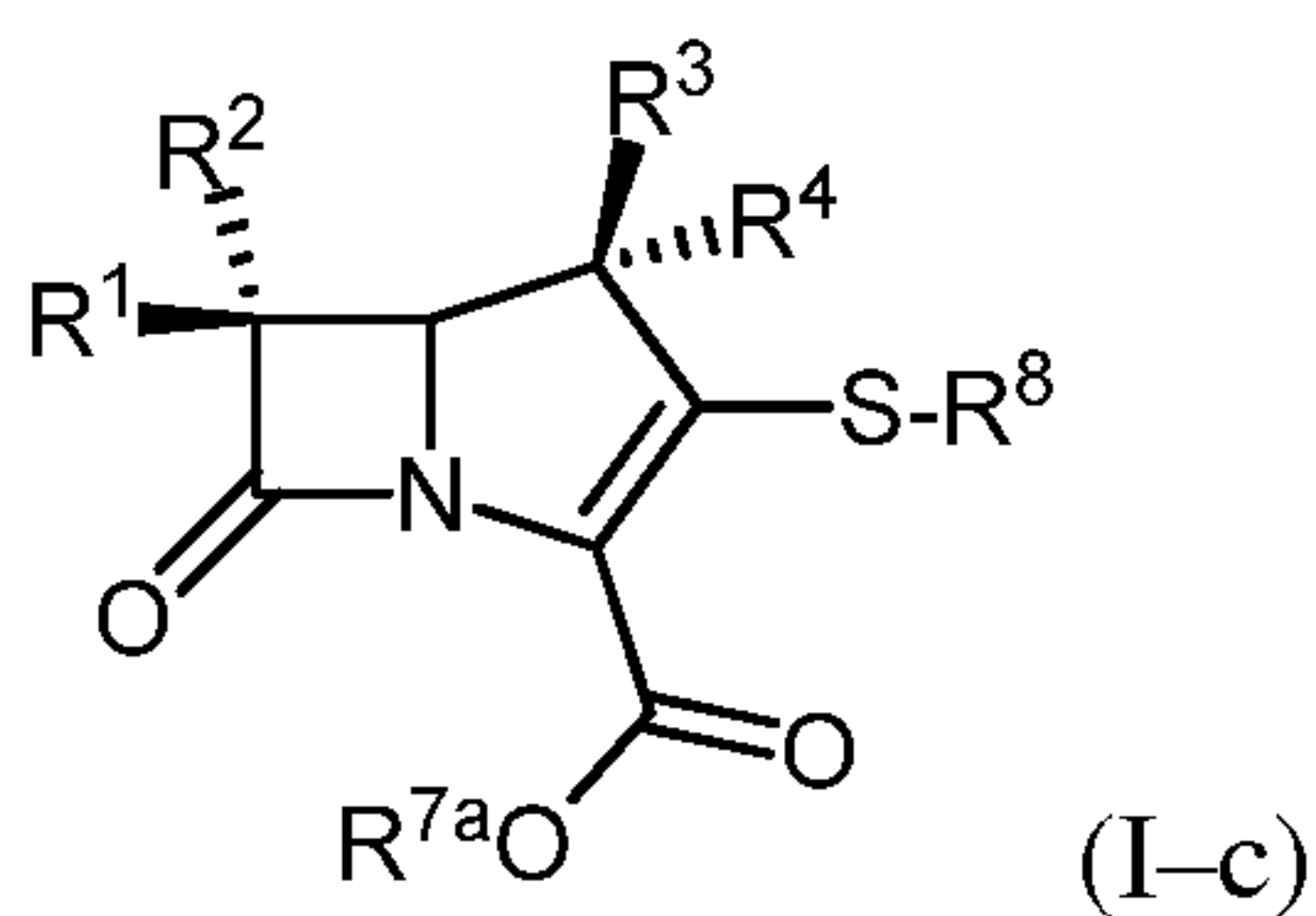


or salt thereof, wherein ==== represents a double bond, upon contact with an enzyme, optionally released from the periplasmic space.

[0025] In certain embodiments, when R^5 is hydrogen, and ==== represents a double bond, the compound of Formula (I-a):

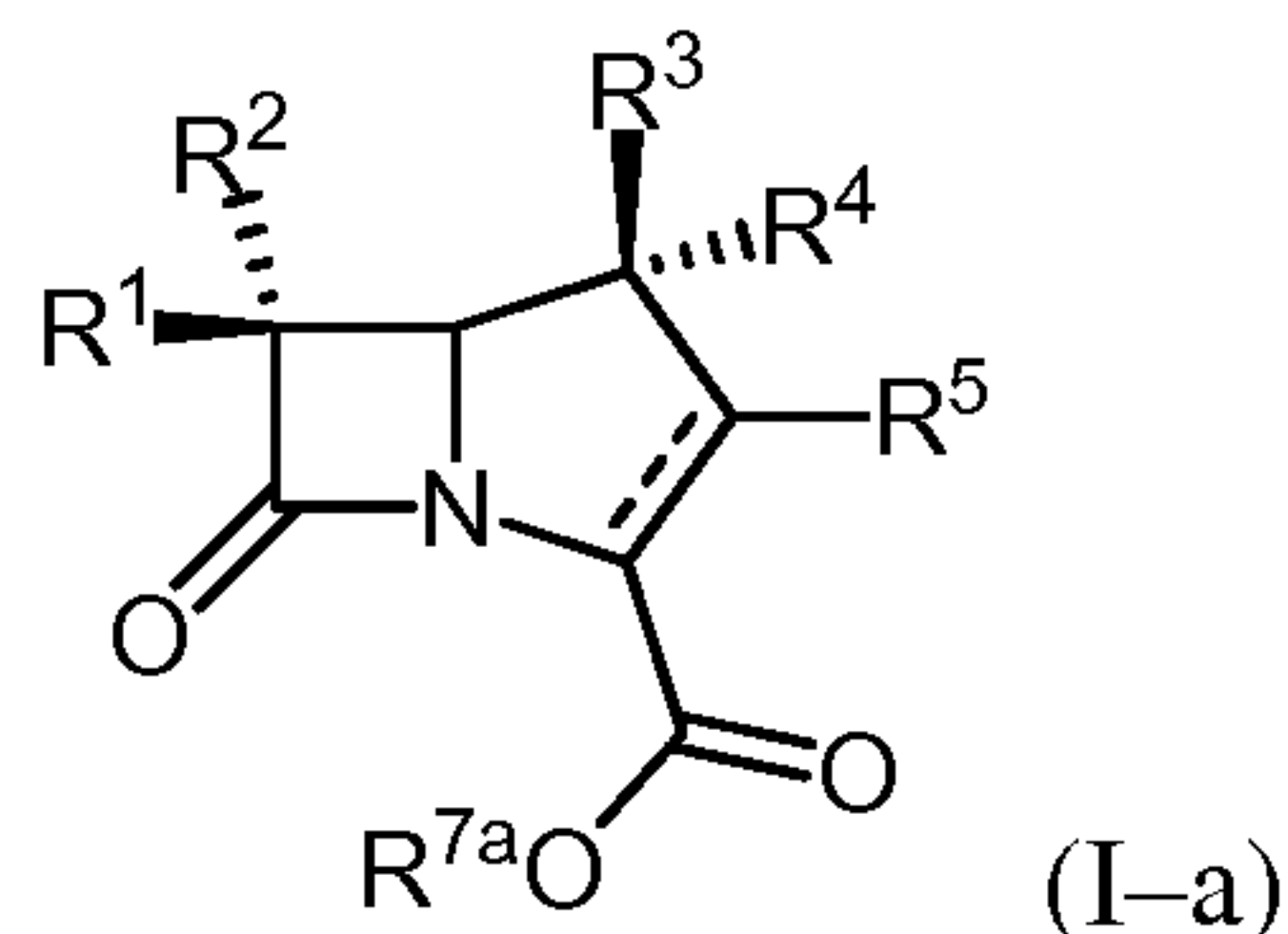


or a salt thereof; is contacted with a transferase enzyme and a compound of the formula HSR^8 , wherein R^8 is as defined herein; to provide a thiol-containing compound of Formula (I-c):

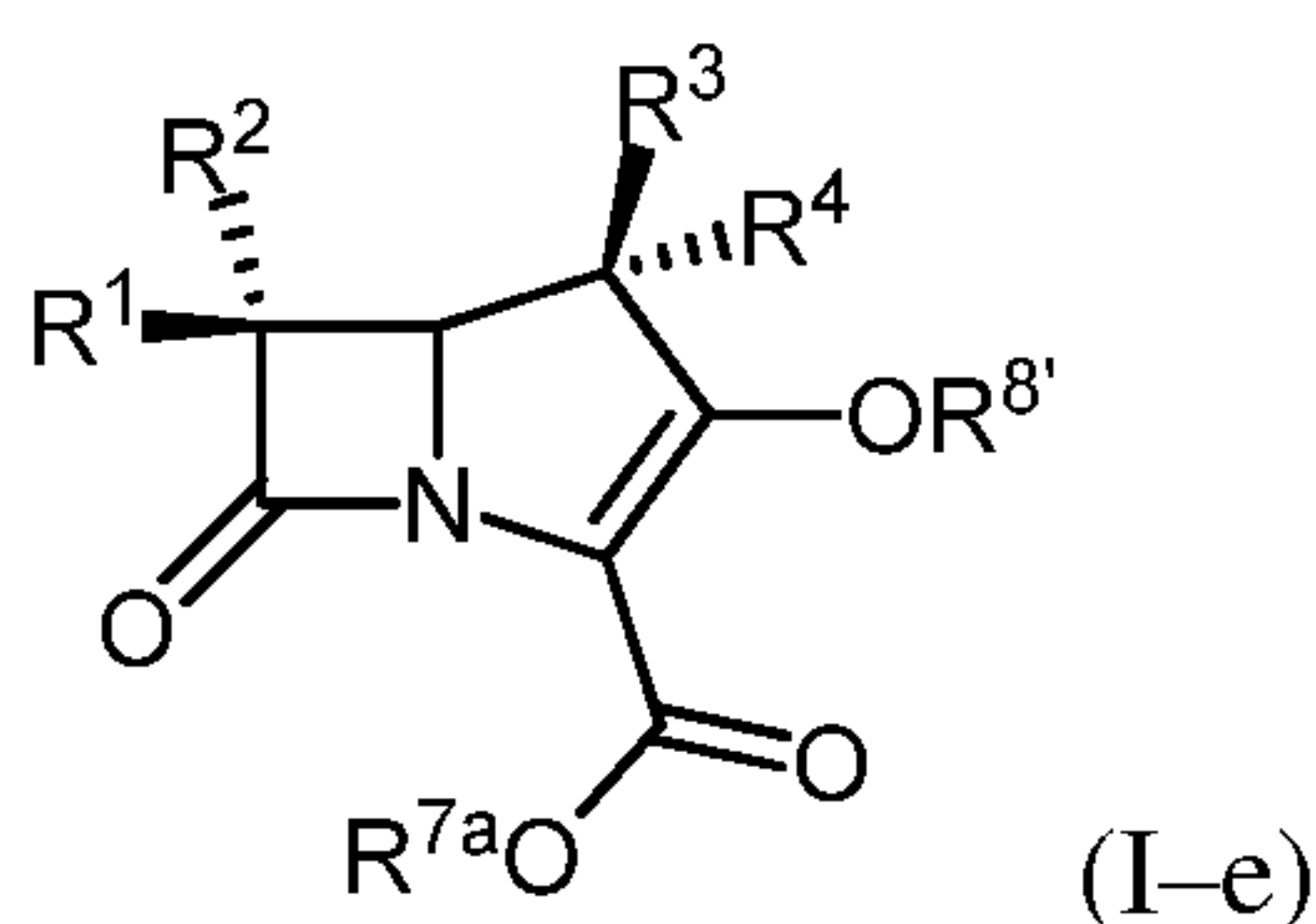


or salt thereof. In certain embodiments, R^8 is an optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, or optionally substituted heterocyclyl.

[0026] In certain embodiments, when $\equiv$ represents a double bond, and R^5 is $-\text{OH}$, the compound of Formula (I-a):

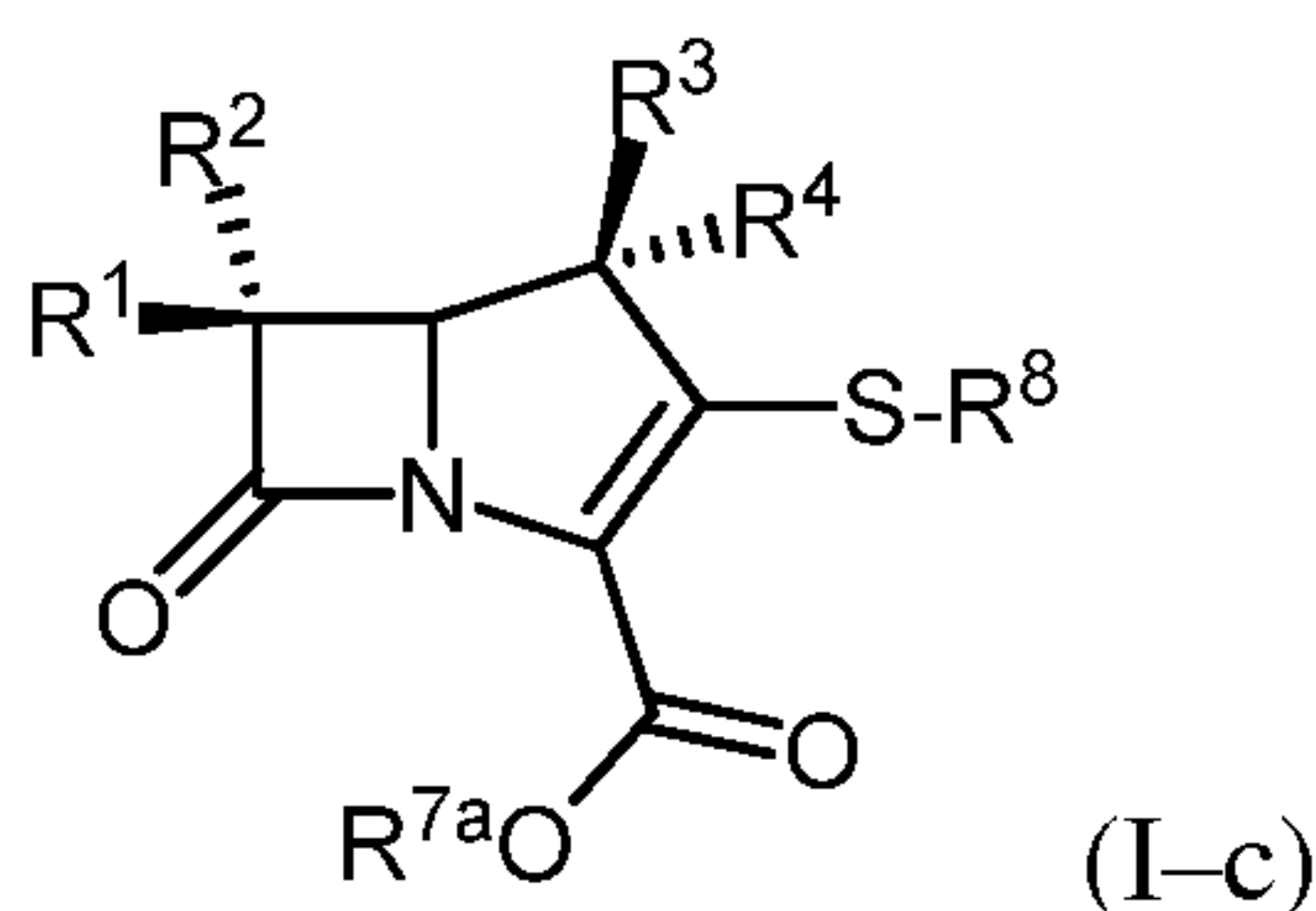


or a salt or tautomer thereof, or a combination thereof; is contacted with a compound of the formula $R^{8'}-X$ wherein X is a leaving group, and $R^{8'}$ is as defined herein, to provide a compound of Formula (I-e):



or salt thereof.

[0027] In certain embodiments, the compound of Formula (I-e) is contacted with a compound of the formula HSR^8 , wherein R^8 is as defined herein, to provide a thiol-containing compound of Formula (I-c):



or salt thereof.

[0028] In certain embodiments, when R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, the compound of Formula (I-a) is contacted with an oxygenase enzyme to provide a hydroxylated compound, wherein R^2 is $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$. In certain embodiments, when R^2 is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, the compound of Formula (I-a) is contacted with an oxygenase enzyme to provide a hydroxylated compound, wherein R^2 is $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$.

[0029] In certain embodiments, wherein R^1 and R^2 are both hydrogen, the method comprises contacting a compound of Formula (I-a) with a methyltransferase (*e.g.*, *S. cattalya*

ThnL, ThnP, ThnK, or isozyme thereof) to provide a compound, wherein R^2 is alkyl, *e.g.*, -CH₃ (methyl, Me) or -CH₂CH₃ (ethyl, Et).

[0030] In yet another aspect, provided are pharmaceutical compositions comprising a compound or salt thereof prepared by the inventive cell-free system and optionally a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

[0031] In another aspect, provided is a method of treating a bacterial infection, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound generated by the inventive cell-free system or a pharmaceutical composition thereof to a subject in need thereof.

[0032] The details of one or more embodiments of the invention are set forth in the accompanying Figures and the Detailed Description. Other features, objects, and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the description and from the claims.

Definitions

[0001] Definitions of specific functional groups and chemical terms are described in more detail below. The chemical elements are identified in accordance with the Periodic Table of the Elements, CAS version, Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, 75th Ed., inside cover, and specific functional groups are generally defined as described therein.

Additionally, general principles of organic chemistry, as well as specific functional moieties and reactivity, are described in *Organic Chemistry*, Thomas Sorrell, University Science Books, Sausalito, 1999; Smith and March *March's Advanced Organic Chemistry*, 5th Edition, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 2001; Larock, *Comprehensive Organic Transformations*, VCH Publishers, Inc., New York, 1989; and Carruthers, *Some Modern Methods of Organic Synthesis*, 3rd Edition, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1987.

[0002] Compounds described herein can comprise one or more asymmetric centers, and thus can exist in various isomeric forms, *e.g.*, enantiomers and/or diastereomers. For example, the compounds described herein can be in the form of an individual enantiomer, diastereomer or geometric isomer, or can be in the form of a mixture of stereoisomers, including racemic mixtures and mixtures enriched in one or more stereoisomer. Isomers can be isolated from mixtures by methods known to those skilled in the art, including chiral high pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC) and the formation and crystallization of chiral salts; or preferred isomers can be prepared by asymmetric syntheses. See, for example, Jacques *et al.*, *Enantiomers, Racemates and Resolutions* (Wiley Interscience, New York, 1981); Wilen *et al.*, *Tetrahedron* 33:2725 (1977); Eliel, E.L. *Stereochemistry of Carbon Compounds* (McGraw-Hill, NY, 1962); and Wilen, S.H. *Tables of Resolving Agents and Optical*

Resolutions p. 268 (E.L. Eliel, Ed., Univ. of Notre Dame Press, Notre Dame, IN 1972). The invention additionally encompasses compounds as individual isomers substantially free of other isomers, and alternatively, as mixtures of various isomers.

[0003] When a range of values is listed, it is intended to encompass each value and sub-range within the range. For example “C₁₋₆ alkyl” is intended to encompass, C₁, C₂, C₃, C₄, C₅, C₆, C₁₋₆, C₁₋₅, C₁₋₄, C₁₋₃, C₁₋₂, C₂₋₆, C₂₋₅, C₂₋₄, C₂₋₃, C₃₋₆, C₃₋₅, C₃₋₄, C₄₋₆, C₄₋₅, and C₅₋₆ alkyl.

[0004] As used herein, “alkyl” refers to a radical of a straight-chain or branched saturated hydrocarbon group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms (“C₁₋₁₀ alkyl”). In some embodiments, an alkyl group has 1 to 9 carbon atoms (“C₁₋₉ alkyl”). In some embodiments, an alkyl group has 1 to 8 carbon atoms (“C₁₋₈ alkyl”). In some embodiments, an alkyl group has 1 to 7 carbon atoms (“C₁₋₇ alkyl”). In some embodiments, an alkyl group has 1 to 6 carbon atoms (“C₁₋₆ alkyl”). In some embodiments, an alkyl group has 1 to 5 carbon atoms (“C₁₋₅ alkyl”). In some embodiments, an alkyl group has 1 to 4 carbon atoms (“C₁₋₄ alkyl”). In some embodiments, an alkyl group has 1 to 3 carbon atoms (“C₁₋₃ alkyl”). In some embodiments, an alkyl group has 1 to 2 carbon atoms (“C₁₋₂ alkyl”). In some embodiments, an alkyl group has 1 carbon atom (“C₁ alkyl”). In some embodiments, an alkyl group has 2 to 6 carbon atoms (“C₂₋₆ alkyl”). Examples of C₁₋₆ alkyl groups include methyl (C₁), ethyl (C₂), n-propyl (C₃), isopropyl (C₃), n-butyl (C₄), tert-butyl (C₄), sec-butyl (C₄), iso-butyl (C₄), n-pentyl (C₅), 3-pentanyl (C₅), amyl (C₅), neopentyl (C₅), 3-methyl-2-butanyl (C₅), tertiary amyl (C₅), and n-hexyl (C₆). Additional examples of alkyl groups include n-heptyl (C₇), n-octyl (C₈) and the like. Unless otherwise specified, each instance of an alkyl group is independently unsubstituted (an “unsubstituted alkyl”) or substituted (a “substituted alkyl”) with one or more substituents. In certain embodiments, the alkyl group is an unsubstituted C₁₋₁₀ alkyl (*e.g.*, -CH₃). In certain embodiments, the alkyl group is a substituted C₁₋₁₀ alkyl.

[0005] “Perhaloalkyl” is a substituted alkyl group as defined herein wherein all of the hydrogen atoms are independently replaced by a halogen, *e.g.*, fluoro, bromo, chloro, or iodo. In some embodiments, the alkyl moiety has 1 to 8 carbon atoms (“C₁₋₈ perhaloalkyl”). In some embodiments, the alkyl moiety has 1 to 6 carbon atoms (“C₁₋₆ perhaloalkyl”). In some embodiments, the alkyl moiety has 1 to 4 carbon atoms (“C₁₋₄ perhaloalkyl”). In some embodiments, the alkyl moiety has 1 to 3 carbon atoms (“C₁₋₃ perhaloalkyl”). In some embodiments, the alkyl moiety has 1 to 2 carbon atoms (“C₁₋₂ perhaloalkyl”). In some embodiments, all of the hydrogen atoms are replaced with fluoro. In some embodiments, all

of the hydrogen atoms are replaced with chloro. Examples of perhaloalkyl groups include $-\text{CF}_3$, $-\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_3$, $-\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_3$, $-\text{CCl}_3$, $-\text{CFCl}_2$, $-\text{CF}_2\text{Cl}$, and the like.

[0006] The term “heteroalkyl” refers to an alkyl group, as defined herein, wherein at least one oxygen, nitrogen, or sulfur heteroatom (*e.g.*, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1–2, 1–3, 1–4, 2–4, 3–4, or 2–3 heteroatoms, inclusive) is present in the backbone of the alkyl chain, *i.e.*, present between one or more carbon atoms of the alkyl chain. In certain embodiments, the heteroalkyl group is an unsubstituted heteroC_{1–10} alkyl. In certain embodiments, the heteroalkyl group is a substituted heteroC_{1–10} alkyl.

[0007] As used herein, “alkenyl” refers to a radical of a straight-chain or branched unsaturated hydrocarbon group having from 2 to 10 carbon atoms and one or more carbon–carbon double bonds, *e.g.*, 1, 2, 3, or 4 double bonds, and no carbon–carbon triple bonds (“C_{2–10} alkenyl”). In some embodiments, an alkenyl group has 2 to 9 carbon atoms (“C_{2–9} alkenyl”). In some embodiments, an alkenyl group has 2 to 8 carbon atoms (“C_{2–8} alkenyl”). In some embodiments, an alkenyl group has 2 to 7 carbon atoms (“C_{2–7} alkenyl”). In some embodiments, an alkenyl group has 2 to 6 carbon atoms (“C_{2–6} alkenyl”). In some embodiments, an alkenyl group has 2 to 5 carbon atoms (“C_{2–5} alkenyl”). In some embodiments, an alkenyl group has 2 to 4 carbon atoms (“C_{2–4} alkenyl”). In some embodiments, an alkenyl group has 2 to 3 carbon atoms (“C_{2–3} alkenyl”). In some embodiments, an alkenyl group has 2 carbon atoms (“C₂ alkenyl”). The one or more carbon–carbon double bonds can be internal (such as in 2–butenyl) or terminal (such as in 1–butenyl). Examples of C_{2–4} alkenyl groups include ethenyl (C₂), 1–propenyl (C₃), 2–propenyl (C₃), 1–butenyl (C₄), 2–butenyl (C₄), butadienyl (C₄), and the like. Examples of C_{2–6} alkenyl groups include the aforementioned C_{2–4} alkenyl groups as well as pentenyl (C₅), pentadienyl (C₅), hexenyl (C₆), and the like. Additional examples of alkenyl include heptenyl (C₇), octenyl (C₈), octatrienyl (C₈), and the like. Unless otherwise specified, each instance of an alkenyl group is independently unsubstituted (an “unsubstituted alkenyl”) or substituted (a “substituted alkenyl”) with one or more substituents. In certain embodiments, the alkenyl group is an unsubstituted C_{2–10} alkenyl. In certain embodiments, the alkenyl group is a substituted C_{2–10} alkenyl.

[0008] The term “heteroalkenyl” refers to an alkenyl group, as defined herein, wherein at least one oxygen, nitrogen, or sulfur heteroatom (*e.g.*, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1–2, 1–3, 1–4, 2–4, 3–4, or 2–3 heteroatoms, inclusive) is present in the backbone of the alkenyl chain, *i.e.*, present between one or more carbon atoms of the alkenyl chain. In certain embodiments, the

heteroalkenyl group is an unsubstituted heteroC₂₋₁₀ alkenyl. In certain embodiments, the heteroalkenyl group is a substituted heteroC₂₋₁₀ alkenyl.

[0009] As used herein, “alkynyl” refers to a radical of a straight-chain or branched unsaturated hydrocarbon group having from 2 to 10 carbon atoms, one or more carbon-carbon triple bonds, *e.g.*, 1, 2, 3, or 4 triple bonds, and optionally one or more carbon-carbon double bonds, *e.g.*, 1, 2, 3, or 4 double bonds (“C₂₋₁₀ alkynyl”). An alkynyl group which includes one or more double bonds is also referred to as an “ene-yne”. In some embodiments, an alkynyl group has 2 to 9 carbon atoms (“C₂₋₉ alkynyl”). In some embodiments, an alkynyl group has 2 to 8 carbon atoms (“C₂₋₈ alkynyl”). In some embodiments, an alkynyl group has 2 to 7 carbon atoms (“C₂₋₇ alkynyl”). In some embodiments, an alkynyl group has 2 to 6 carbon atoms (“C₂₋₆ alkynyl”). In some embodiments, an alkynyl group has 2 to 5 carbon atoms (“C₂₋₅ alkynyl”). In some embodiments, an alkynyl group has 2 to 4 carbon atoms (“C₂₋₄ alkynyl”). In some embodiments, an alkynyl group has 2 to 3 carbon atoms (“C₂₋₃ alkynyl”). In some embodiments, an alkynyl group has 2 carbon atoms (“C₂ alkynyl”). The one or more carbon-carbon triple bonds can be internal (such as in 2-butyne) or terminal (such as in 1-butyne). Examples of C₂₋₄ alkynyl groups include, without limitation, ethynyl (C₂), 1-propynyl (C₃), 2-propynyl (C₃), 1-butyne (C₄), 2-butyne (C₄), and the like. Examples of C₂₋₆ alkenyl groups include the aforementioned C₂₋₄ alkynyl groups as well as pentynyl (C₅), hexynyl (C₆), and the like. Additional examples of alkynyl include heptynyl (C₇), octynyl (C₈), and the like. Unless otherwise specified, each instance of an alkynyl group is independently unsubstituted (an “unsubstituted alkynyl”) or substituted (a “substituted alkynyl”) with one or more substituents. In certain embodiments, the alkynyl group is an unsubstituted C₂₋₁₀ alkynyl. In certain embodiments, the alkynyl group is a substituted C₂₋₁₀ alkynyl.

[0010] The term “heteroalkynyl” refers to an alkynyl group, as defined herein, wherein at least one oxygen, nitrogen, or sulfur heteroatom (*e.g.*, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 2-4, 3-4, or 2-3 heteroatoms, inclusive) is present in the backbone of the alkynyl chain, *i.e.*, present between one or more carbon atoms of the alkynyl chain. In certain embodiments, the heteroalkynyl group is an unsubstituted heteroC₂₋₁₀ alkynyl. In certain embodiments, the heteroalkynyl group is a substituted heteroC₂₋₁₀ alkynyl.

[0011] As used herein, “carbocyclyl” refers to a radical of a non-aromatic cyclic hydrocarbon group having from 3 to 10 ring carbon atoms (“C₃₋₁₀ carbocyclyl”) and zero heteroatoms in the non-aromatic ring system. In some embodiments, a carbocyclyl group has 3 to 8 ring carbon atoms (“C₃₋₈ carbocyclyl”). In some embodiments, a carbocyclyl

group has 3 to 6 ring carbon atoms (“C₃₋₆ carbocyclyl”). In some embodiments, a carbocyclyl group has 3 to 6 ring carbon atoms (“C₃₋₆ carbocyclyl”). In some embodiments, a carbocyclyl group has 5 to 10 ring carbon atoms (“C₅₋₁₀ carbocyclyl”). Exemplary C₃₋₆ carbocyclyl groups include, without limitation, cyclopropyl (C₃), cyclopropenyl (C₃), cyclobutyl (C₄), cyclobutenyl (C₄), cyclopentyl (C₅), cyclopentenyl (C₅), cyclohexyl (C₆), cyclohexenyl (C₆), cyclohexadienyl (C₆), and the like. Exemplary C₃₋₈ carbocyclyl groups include, without limitation, the aforementioned C₃₋₆ carbocyclyl groups as well as cycloheptyl (C₇), cycloheptenyl (C₇), cycloheptadienyl (C₇), cycloheptatrienyl (C₇), cyclooctyl (C₈), cyclooctenyl (C₈), bicyclo[2.2.1]heptanyl (C₇), bicyclo[2.2.2]octanyl (C₈), and the like. Exemplary C₃₋₁₀ carbocyclyl groups include, without limitation, the aforementioned C₃₋₈ carbocyclyl groups as well as cyclononyl (C₉), cyclononenyl (C₉), cyclodecyl (C₁₀), cyclodecenyl (C₁₀), octahydro-1*H*-indenyl (C₉), decahydronaphthalenyl (C₁₀), spiro[4.5]decanyl (C₁₀), and the like. As the foregoing examples illustrate, in certain embodiments, the carbocyclyl group is either monocyclic (“monocyclic carbocyclyl”) or polycyclic (*e.g.*, containing a fused, bridged or spiro ring system such as a bicyclic system (“bicyclic carbocyclyl”) or tricyclic system (“tricyclic carbocyclyl”)) and can be saturated or can contain one or more carbon-carbon double or triple bonds. “Carbocyclyl” also includes ring systems wherein the carbocyclyl ring, as defined above, is fused with one or more aryl or heteroaryl groups wherein the point of attachment is on the carbocyclyl ring, and in such instances, the number of carbons continue to designate the number of carbons in the carbocyclic ring system. Unless otherwise specified, each instance of a carbocyclyl group is independently unsubstituted (an “unsubstituted carbocyclyl”) or substituted (a “substituted carbocyclyl”) with one or more substituents. In certain embodiments, the carbocyclyl group is an unsubstituted C₃₋₁₀ carbocyclyl. In certain embodiments, the carbocyclyl group is a substituted C₃₋₁₀ carbocyclyl.

[0012] In some embodiments, “carbocyclyl” is a monocyclic, saturated carbocyclyl group having from 3 to 10 ring carbon atoms (“C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl”). In some embodiments, a cycloalkyl group has 3 to 8 ring carbon atoms (“C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl”). In some embodiments, a cycloalkyl group has 3 to 6 ring carbon atoms (“C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl”). In some embodiments, a cycloalkyl group has 5 to 6 ring carbon atoms (“C₅₋₆ cycloalkyl”). In some embodiments, a cycloalkyl group has 5 to 10 ring carbon atoms (“C₅₋₁₀ cycloalkyl”). Examples of C₅₋₆ cycloalkyl groups include cyclopentyl (C₅) and cyclohexyl (C₅). Examples of C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl groups include the aforementioned C₅₋₆ cycloalkyl groups as well as cyclopropyl (C₃) and cyclobutyl (C₄). Examples of C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl groups include the aforementioned C₃₋₆

cycloalkyl groups as well as cycloheptyl (C₇) and cyclooctyl (C₈). Unless otherwise specified, each instance of a cycloalkyl group is independently unsubstituted (an “unsubstituted cycloalkyl”) or substituted (a “substituted cycloalkyl”) with one or more substituents. In certain embodiments, the cycloalkyl group is an unsubstituted C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl. In certain embodiments, the cycloalkyl group is a substituted C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl.

[0013] As used herein, “heterocyclyl” refers to a radical of a 3- to 14-membered non-aromatic ring system having ring carbon atoms and 1 to 4 ring heteroatoms, wherein each heteroatom is independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur (“3-14 membered heterocyclyl”). In heterocyclyl groups that contain one or more nitrogen atoms, the point of attachment can be a carbon or nitrogen atom, as valency permits. A heterocyclyl group can either be monocyclic (“monocyclic heterocyclyl”) or polycyclic (*e.g.*, a fused, bridged or spiro ring system such as a bicyclic system (“bicyclic heterocyclyl”) or tricyclic system (“tricyclic heterocyclyl”)), and can be saturated or can contain one or more carbon-carbon double or triple bonds. Heterocyclyl polycyclic ring systems can include one or more heteroatoms in one or both rings. “Heterocyclyl” also includes ring systems wherein the heterocyclyl ring, as defined above, is fused with one or more carbocyclyl groups wherein the point of attachment is either on the carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl ring, or ring systems wherein the heterocyclyl ring, as defined above, is fused with one or more aryl or heteroaryl groups, wherein the point of attachment is on the heterocyclyl ring, and in such instances, the number of ring members continue to designate the number of ring members in the heterocyclyl ring system. Unless otherwise specified, each instance of heterocyclyl is independently unsubstituted (an “unsubstituted heterocyclyl”) or substituted (a “substituted heterocyclyl”) with one or more substituents. In certain embodiments, the heterocyclyl group is an unsubstituted 3-14 membered heterocyclyl. In certain embodiments, the heterocyclyl group is a substituted 3-14 membered heterocyclyl.

[0014] In some embodiments, a heterocyclyl group is a 5-10 membered non-aromatic ring system having ring carbon atoms and 1-4 ring heteroatoms, wherein each heteroatom is independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur (“5-10 membered heterocyclyl”). In some embodiments, a heterocyclyl group is a 5-8 membered non-aromatic ring system having ring carbon atoms and 1-4 ring heteroatoms, wherein each heteroatom is independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur (“5-8 membered heterocyclyl”). In some embodiments, a heterocyclyl group is a 5-6 membered non-aromatic ring system having ring carbon atoms and 1-4 ring heteroatoms, wherein each heteroatom is independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur (“5-6 membered heterocyclyl”). In

some embodiments, the 5–6 membered heterocyclyl has 1–3 ring heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur. In some embodiments, the 5–6 membered heterocyclyl has 1–2 ring heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur. In some embodiments, the 5–6 membered heterocyclyl has 1 ring heteroatom selected from nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur.

[0015] Exemplary 3–membered heterocyclyl groups containing 1 heteroatom include, without limitation, azirdinyl, oxiranyl, thiorenlyl. Exemplary 4–membered heterocyclyl groups containing 1 heteroatom include, without limitation, azetidiny, oxetanyl and thietanyl. Exemplary 5–membered heterocyclyl groups containing 1 heteroatom include, without limitation, tetrahydrofuranyl, dihydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothiophenyl, dihydrothiophenyl, pyrrolidinyl, dihydropyrrolyl and pyrrolyl–2,5–dione. Exemplary 5–membered heterocyclyl groups containing 2 heteroatoms include, without limitation, dioxolanyl, oxathiolanyl and dithiolanyl. Exemplary 5–membered heterocyclyl groups containing 3 heteroatoms include, without limitation, triazoliny, oxadiazoliny, and thiadiazoliny. Exemplary 6–membered heterocyclyl groups containing 1 heteroatom include, without limitation, piperidinyl, tetrahydropyranyl, dihydropyridiny, and thianyl. Exemplary 6–membered heterocyclyl groups containing 2 heteroatoms include, without limitation, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, dithianyl, dioxanyl. Exemplary 6–membered heterocyclyl groups containing 2 heteroatoms include, without limitation, triazinanyl. Exemplary 7–membered heterocyclyl groups containing 1 heteroatom include, without limitation, azepanyl, oxepanyl and thiepanyl. Exemplary 8–membered heterocyclyl groups containing 1 heteroatom include, without limitation, azocanyl, oxecanyl and thiocanyl. Exemplary bicyclic heterocyclyl groups include, without limitation, indoliny, isoindoliny, dihydrobenzofuranyl, dihydrobenzothienyl, tetrahydrobenzothienyl, tetrahydrobenzofuranyl, tetrahydroindolyl, tetrahydroquinoliny, tetrahydroisoquinoliny, decahydroquinoliny, decahydroisoquinoliny, octahydrochromenyl, octahydroisochromenyl, decahydronaphthyridiny, decahydro–1,8–naphthyridiny, octahydropyrrolo[3,2–b]pyrrole, indoliny, phthalimidyl, naphthalimidyl, chromanyl, chromenyl, 1H–benzo[e][1,4]diazepiny, 1,4,5,7–tetrahydropyrano[3,4–b]pyrrolyl, 5,6–dihydro–4H–furo[3,2–b]pyrrolyl, 6,7–dihydro–5H–furo[3,2–b]pyranyl, 5,7–dihydro–4H–thieno[2,3–c]pyranyl, 2,3–dihydro–1H–pyrrolo[2,3–b]pyridiny, 2,3–dihydrofuro[2,3–b]pyridiny, 4,5,6,7–tetrahydro–1H–pyrrolo[2,3–b]pyridiny, 4,5,6,7–tetrahydrofuro[3,2–c]pyridiny, 4,5,6,7–tetrahydrothieno[3,2–b]pyridiny, 1,2,3,4–tetrahydro–1,6–naphthyridiny, and the like.

[0016] As used herein, “aryl” refers to a radical of a monocyclic or polycyclic (*e.g.*, bicyclic or tricyclic) $4n+2$ aromatic ring system (*e.g.*, having 6, 10, or 14 π electrons shared in a cyclic array) having 6–14 ring carbon atoms and zero heteroatoms provided in the aromatic ring system (“C_{6–14} aryl”). In some embodiments, an aryl group has 6 ring carbon atoms (“C₆ aryl”; *e.g.*, phenyl). In some embodiments, an aryl group has 10 ring carbon atoms (“C₁₀ aryl”; *e.g.*, naphthyl such as 1–naphthyl and 2–naphthyl). In some embodiments, an aryl group has 14 ring carbon atoms (“C₁₄ aryl”; *e.g.*, anthracyl). “Aryl” also includes ring systems wherein the aryl ring, as defined above, is fused with one or more carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl groups wherein the radical or point of attachment is on the aryl ring, and in such instances, the number of carbon atoms continue to designate the number of carbon atoms in the aryl ring system. Unless otherwise specified, each instance of an aryl group is independently unsubstituted (an “unsubstituted aryl”) or substituted (a “substituted aryl”) with one or more substituents. In certain embodiments, the aryl group is an unsubstituted C_{6–14} aryl. In certain embodiments, the aryl group is a substituted C_{6–14} aryl.

[0017] “Aralkyl” is a subset of “alkyl” and refers to an alkyl group, as defined herein, substituted by an aryl group, as defined herein, wherein the point of attachment is on the alkyl moiety.

[0018] As used herein, “heteroaryl” refers to a radical of a 5–14 membered monocyclic or polycyclic (*e.g.*, bicyclic or tricyclic) $4n+2$ aromatic ring system (*e.g.*, having 6, 10, or 14 π electrons shared in a cyclic array) having ring carbon atoms and 1–4 ring heteroatoms provided in the aromatic ring system, wherein each heteroatom is independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur (“5–14 membered heteroaryl”). In heteroaryl groups that contain one or more nitrogen atoms, the point of attachment can be a carbon or nitrogen atom, as valency permits. Heteroaryl polycyclic ring systems can include one or more heteroatoms in one or both rings. “Heteroaryl” includes ring systems wherein the heteroaryl ring, as defined above, is fused with one or more carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl groups wherein the point of attachment is on the heteroaryl ring, and in such instances, the number of ring members continue to designate the number of ring members in the heteroaryl ring system. “Heteroaryl” also includes ring systems wherein the heteroaryl ring, as defined above, is fused with one or more aryl groups wherein the point of attachment is either on the aryl or heteroaryl ring, and in such instances, the number of ring members designates the number of ring members in the fused polycyclic (aryl/heteroaryl) ring system. Polycyclic heteroaryl groups wherein one ring does not contain a heteroatom (*e.g.*, indolyl, quinolinyl, carbazolyl,

and the like) the point of attachment can be on either ring, *i.e.*, either the ring bearing a heteroatom (*e.g.*, 2-indolyl) or the ring that does not contain a heteroatom (*e.g.*, 5-indolyl).

[0019] In some embodiments, a heteroaryl group is a 5–10 membered aromatic ring system having ring carbon atoms and 1–4 ring heteroatoms provided in the aromatic ring system, wherein each heteroatom is independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur (“5–10 membered heteroaryl”). In some embodiments, a heteroaryl group is a 5–8 membered aromatic ring system having ring carbon atoms and 1–4 ring heteroatoms provided in the aromatic ring system, wherein each heteroatom is independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur (“5–8 membered heteroaryl”). In some embodiments, a heteroaryl group is a 5–6 membered aromatic ring system having ring carbon atoms and 1–4 ring heteroatoms provided in the aromatic ring system, wherein each heteroatom is independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur (“5–6 membered heteroaryl”). In some embodiments, the 5–6 membered heteroaryl has 1–3 ring heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur. In some embodiments, the 5–6 membered heteroaryl has 1–2 ring heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur. In some embodiments, the 5–6 membered heteroaryl has 1 ring heteroatom selected from nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur. Unless otherwise specified, each instance of a heteroaryl group is independently unsubstituted (an “unsubstituted heteroaryl”) or substituted (a “substituted heteroaryl”) with one or more substituents. In certain embodiments, the heteroaryl group is an unsubstituted 5–14 membered heteroaryl. In certain embodiments, the heteroaryl group is a substituted 5–14 membered heteroaryl.

[0020] Exemplary 5-membered heteroaryl groups containing 1 heteroatom include, without limitation, pyrrolyl, furanyl and thiophenyl. Exemplary 5-membered heteroaryl groups containing 2 heteroatoms include, without limitation, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, and isothiazolyl. Exemplary 5-membered heteroaryl groups containing 3 heteroatoms include, without limitation, triazolyl, oxadiazolyl, and thiadiazolyl. Exemplary 5-membered heteroaryl groups containing 4 heteroatoms include, without limitation, tetrazolyl. Exemplary 6-membered heteroaryl groups containing 1 heteroatom include, without limitation, pyridinyl. Exemplary 6-membered heteroaryl groups containing 2 heteroatoms include, without limitation, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, and pyrazinyl. Exemplary 6-membered heteroaryl groups containing 3 or 4 heteroatoms include, without limitation, triazinyl and tetrazinyl, respectively. Exemplary 7-membered heteroaryl groups containing 1 heteroatom include, without limitation, azepinyl, oxepinyl, and thiepinyl. Exemplary 5,6-bicyclic heteroaryl groups include, without limitation, indolyl, isoindolyl, indazolyl,

benzotriazolyl, benzothiophenyl, isobenzothiophenyl, benzofuranyl, benzoisofuranyl, benzimidazolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzoxadiazolyl, benzthiazolyl, benzisothiazolyl, benzthiadiazolyl, indoliziny, and purinyl. Exemplary 6,6-bicyclic heteroaryl groups include, without limitation, naphthyridinyl, pteridinyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, cinnolinyl, quinoxalinyl, phthalazinyl, and quinazolinyl. Exemplary tricyclic heteroaryl groups include, without limitation, phenanthridinyl, dibenzofuranyl, carbazolyl, acridinyl, phenothiazinyl, phenoxazinyl and phenazinyl.

[0021] “Heteroaralkyl” is a subset of “alkyl” and refers to an alkyl group, as defined herein, substituted by a heteroaryl group, as defined herein, wherein the point of attachment is on the alkyl moiety.

[0022] As used herein, the term “partially unsaturated” refers to a ring moiety that includes at least one double or triple bond. The term “partially unsaturated” is intended to encompass rings having multiple sites of unsaturation, but is not intended to include aromatic groups (*e.g.*, aryl or heteroaryl moieties) as herein defined.

[0023] Alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, heteroalkenyl, heteroalkynyl, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, and heteroaryl groups, as defined herein, are optionally substituted (*i.e.*, substituted or unsubstituted). In general, the term “substituted”, whether preceded by the term “optionally” or not, means that at least one hydrogen present on a group (*e.g.*, a carbon or nitrogen atom) is replaced with a permissible substituent, *e.g.*, a substituent which upon substitution results in a stable compound, *e.g.*, a compound which does not spontaneously undergo transformation such as by rearrangement, cyclization, elimination, or other reaction. Unless otherwise indicated, a “substituted” group has a substituent at one or more substitutable positions of the group, and when more than one position in any given structure is substituted, the substituent is either the same or different at each position. The present invention contemplates any and all such combinations in order to arrive at a stable compound. For purposes of this invention, heteroatoms such as nitrogen may have hydrogen substituents and/or any suitable substituent as described herein which satisfy the valencies of the heteroatoms and results in the formation of a stable moiety.

[0024] Exemplary carbon atom substituents include, but are not limited to, halogen, $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{N}_3$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{H}$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{OR}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{ON}(\text{R}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{bb}})_3^+\text{X}^-$, $-\text{N}(\text{OR}^{\text{cc}})\text{R}^{\text{bb}}$, $-\text{SH}$, $-\text{SR}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{SSR}^{\text{cc}}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, $-\text{CHO}$, $-\text{C}(\text{OR}^{\text{cc}})_2$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{OCO}_2\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $-\text{NR}^{\text{bb}}\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{NR}^{\text{bb}}\text{CO}_2\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{NR}^{\text{bb}}\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $-\text{C}(=\text{NR}^{\text{bb}})\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{NR}^{\text{bb}})\text{OR}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{OC}(=\text{NR}^{\text{bb}})\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{OC}(=\text{NR}^{\text{bb}})\text{OR}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{NR}^{\text{bb}})\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $-\text{OC}(=\text{NR}^{\text{bb}})\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $-\text{NR}^{\text{bb}}\text{C}(=\text{NR}^{\text{bb}})\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{NR}^{\text{bb}}\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-$

$\text{NR}^{\text{bb}}\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{OR}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{OSO}_2\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{S}(=\text{O})\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{OS}(=\text{O})\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{Si}(\text{R}^{\text{aa}})_3$, $-\text{OSi}(\text{R}^{\text{aa}})_3$, $-\text{C}(=\text{S})\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{SR}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{S})\text{SR}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{SC}(=\text{S})\text{SR}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{SC}(=\text{O})\text{SR}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})\text{SR}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{SC}(=\text{O})\text{OR}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{SC}(=\text{O})\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})_2\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{OP}(=\text{O})_2\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{R}^{\text{aa}})_2$, $-\text{OP}(=\text{O})(\text{R}^{\text{aa}})_2$, $-\text{OP}(=\text{O})(\text{OR}^{\text{cc}})_2$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})_2\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $-\text{OP}(=\text{O})_2\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{NR}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $-\text{OP}(=\text{O})(\text{NR}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $-\text{NR}^{\text{bb}}\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{OR}^{\text{cc}})_2$, $-\text{NR}^{\text{bb}}\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{NR}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $-\text{P}(\text{R}^{\text{cc}})_2$, $-\text{P}(\text{R}^{\text{cc}})_3$, $-\text{OP}(\text{R}^{\text{cc}})_2$, $-\text{OP}(\text{R}^{\text{cc}})_3$, $-\text{B}(\text{R}^{\text{aa}})_2$, $-\text{B}(\text{OR}^{\text{cc}})_2$, $-\text{BR}^{\text{aa}}(\text{OR}^{\text{cc}})$, C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} perhaloalkyl, C_{2-10} alkenyl, C_{2-10} alkynyl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl, 3–14 membered heterocyclyl, C_{6-14} aryl, and 5–14 membered heteroaryl, wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, and heteroaryl is independently substituted with 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 R^{dd} groups;

or two geminal hydrogens on a carbon atom are replaced with the group $=\text{O}$, $=\text{S}$, $=\text{NN}(\text{R}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $=\text{NNR}^{\text{bb}}\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $=\text{NNR}^{\text{bb}}\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OR}^{\text{aa}}$, $=\text{NNR}^{\text{bb}}\text{S}(=\text{O})_2\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $=\text{NR}^{\text{bb}}$, or $=\text{NOR}^{\text{cc}}$;

each instance of R^{aa} is, independently, selected from C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} perhaloalkyl, C_{2-10} alkenyl, C_{2-10} alkynyl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl, 3–14 membered heterocyclyl, C_{6-14} aryl, and 5–14 membered heteroaryl, or two R^{aa} groups are joined to form a 3–14 membered heterocyclyl or 5–14 membered heteroaryl ring, wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, and heteroaryl is independently substituted with 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 R^{dd} groups;

each instance of R^{bb} is, independently, selected from hydrogen, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{OR}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{cc}})_2$, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{cc}})_2$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{NR}^{\text{cc}})\text{OR}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{NR}^{\text{cc}})\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{cc}})_2$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{cc}})_2$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{\text{cc}}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{OR}^{\text{cc}}$, $-\text{SOR}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{S})\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{cc}})_2$, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{SR}^{\text{cc}}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{S})\text{SR}^{\text{cc}}$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})_2\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{R}^{\text{aa}})_2$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})_2\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{cc}})_2$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{NR}^{\text{cc}})_2$, C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} perhaloalkyl, C_{2-10} alkenyl, C_{2-10} alkynyl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl, 3–14 membered heterocyclyl, C_{6-14} aryl, and 5–14 membered heteroaryl, or two R^{bb} groups are joined to form a 3–14 membered heterocyclyl or 5–14 membered heteroaryl ring, wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, and heteroaryl is independently substituted with 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 R^{dd} groups;

each instance of R^{cc} is, independently, selected from hydrogen, C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} perhaloalkyl, C_{2-10} alkenyl, C_{2-10} alkynyl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl, 3–14 membered heterocyclyl, C_{6-14} aryl, and 5–14 membered heteroaryl, or two R^{cc} groups are joined to form a 3–14 membered heterocyclyl or 5–14 membered heteroaryl ring, wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, and heteroaryl is independently substituted with 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 R^{dd} groups;

each instance of R^{dd} is, independently, selected from halogen, $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{N}_3$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{H}$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{OR}^{\text{ee}}$, $-\text{ON}(\text{R}^{\text{ff}})_2$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{ff}})_2$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{ff}})_3^+\text{X}^-$, $-\text{N}(\text{OR}^{\text{ee}})\text{R}^{\text{ff}}$, $-\text{SH}$, $-\text{SR}^{\text{ee}}$, $-\text{Si}(\text{R}^{\text{aa}})_3$, $-\text{OSi}(\text{R}^{\text{aa}})_3$, $-\text{C}(=\text{S})\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{SR}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{S})\text{SR}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{SC}(=\text{S})\text{SR}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{SC}(=\text{O})\text{SR}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})\text{SR}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{SC}(=\text{O})\text{OR}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{SC}(=\text{O})\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})_2\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{OP}(=\text{O})_2\text{R}^{\text{aa}}$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{R}^{\text{aa}})_2$, $-\text{OP}(=\text{O})(\text{R}^{\text{aa}})_2$, $-\text{OP}(=\text{O})(\text{OR}^{\text{cc}})_2$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})_2\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $-\text{OP}(=\text{O})_2\text{N}(\text{R}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{NR}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $-\text{OP}(=\text{O})(\text{NR}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $-\text{NR}^{\text{bb}}\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{OR}^{\text{cc}})_2$, $-\text{NR}^{\text{bb}}\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{NR}^{\text{bb}})_2$, $-\text{P}(\text{R}^{\text{cc}})_2$, $-\text{P}(\text{R}^{\text{cc}})_3$, $-\text{OP}(\text{R}^{\text{cc}})_2$, $-\text{OP}(\text{R}^{\text{cc}})_3$, $-\text{B}(\text{R}^{\text{aa}})_2$, $-\text{B}(\text{OR}^{\text{cc}})_2$, $-\text{BR}^{\text{aa}}(\text{OR}^{\text{cc}})$, C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} perhaloalkyl, C_{2-10} alkenyl, C_{2-10} alkynyl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl, 3–14 membered heterocyclyl, C_{6-14} aryl, and 5–14 membered heteroaryl, wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, and heteroaryl is independently substituted with 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 R^{dd} groups;

SSR^{ee}, -C(=O)R^{ee}, -CO₂H, -CO₂R^{ee}, -OC(=O)R^{ee}, -OCO₂R^{ee}, -C(=O)N(R^{ff})₂, -OC(=O)N(R^{ff})₂, -NR^{ff}C(=O)R^{ee}, -NR^{ff}CO₂R^{ee}, -NR^{ff}C(=O)N(R^{ff})₂, -C(=NR^{ff})OR^{ee}, -OC(=NR^{ff})R^{ee}, -OC(=NR^{ff})OR^{ee}, -C(=NR^{ff})N(R^{ff})₂, -OC(=NR^{ff})N(R^{ff})₂, -NR^{ff}C(=NR^{ff})N(R^{ff})₂, -NR^{ff}SO₂R^{ee}, -SO₂N(R^{ff})₂, -SO₂R^{ee}, -SO₂OR^{ee}, -OSO₂R^{ee}, -S(=O)R^{ee}, -Si(R^{ee})₃, -OSi(R^{ee})₃, -C(=S)N(R^{ff})₂, -C(=O)SR^{ee}, -C(=S)SR^{ee}, -SC(=S)SR^{ee}, -P(=O)₂R^{ee}, -P(=O)(R^{ee})₂, -OP(=O)(R^{ee})₂, -OP(=O)(OR^{ee})₂, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ perhaloalkyl, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, C₂₋₆ alkynyl, C₃₋₁₀ carbocyclyl, 3-10 membered heterocyclyl, C₆₋₁₀ aryl, 5-10 membered heteroaryl, wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, and heteroaryl is independently substituted with 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 R^{gg} groups, or two geminal R^{dd} substituents can be joined to form =O or =S;

each instance of R^{ee} is, independently, selected from C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ perhaloalkyl, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, C₂₋₆ alkynyl, C₃₋₁₀ carbocyclyl, C₆₋₁₀ aryl, 3-10 membered heterocyclyl, and 3-10 membered heteroaryl, wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, and heteroaryl is independently substituted with 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 R^{gg} groups;

each instance of R^{ff} is, independently, selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ perhaloalkyl, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, C₂₋₆ alkynyl, C₃₋₁₀ carbocyclyl, 3-10 membered heterocyclyl, C₆₋₁₀ aryl and 5-10 membered heteroaryl, or two R^{ff} groups are joined to form a 3-14 membered heterocyclyl or 5-14 membered heteroaryl ring, wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, and heteroaryl is independently substituted with 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 R^{gg} groups; and

each instance of R^{gg} is, independently, halogen, -CN, -NO₂, -N₃, -SO₂H, -SO₃H, -OH, -OC₁₋₆ alkyl, -ON(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₂, -N(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₂, -N(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₃⁺X⁻, -NH(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₂⁺X⁻, -NH₂(C₁₋₆ alkyl)⁺X⁻, -NH₃⁺X⁻, -N(OC₁₋₆ alkyl)(C₁₋₆ alkyl), -N(OH)(C₁₋₆ alkyl), -NH(OH), -SH, -SC₁₋₆ alkyl, -SS(C₁₋₆ alkyl), -C(=O)(C₁₋₆ alkyl), -CO₂H, -CO₂(C₁₋₆ alkyl), -OC(=O)(C₁₋₆ alkyl), -OCO₂(C₁₋₆ alkyl), -C(=O)NH₂, -C(=O)N(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₂, -OC(=O)NH(C₁₋₆ alkyl), -NHC(=O)(C₁₋₆ alkyl), -N(C₁₋₆ alkyl)C(=O)(C₁₋₆ alkyl), -NHCO₂(C₁₋₆ alkyl), -NHC(=O)N(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₂, -NHC(=O)NH(C₁₋₆ alkyl), -NHC(=O)NH₂, -C(=NH)O(C₁₋₆ alkyl), -OC(=NH)(C₁₋₆ alkyl), -OC(=NH)OC₁₋₆ alkyl, -C(=NH)N(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₂, -C(=NH)NH(C₁₋₆ alkyl), -C(=NH)NH₂, -OC(=NH)N(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₂, -OC(NH)NH(C₁₋₆ alkyl), -OC(NH)NH₂, -NHC(NH)N(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₂, -NHC(=NH)NH₂, -NH₂SO₂(C₁₋₆ alkyl), -SO₂N(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₂, -SO₂NH(C₁₋₆ alkyl), -SO₂NH₂, -SO₂C₁₋₆ alkyl, -SO₂OC₁₋₆ alkyl, -OSO₂C₁₋₆ alkyl, -SOC₁₋₆ alkyl, -Si(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₃, -OSi(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₃, -C(=S)N(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₂, C(=S)NH(C₁₋₆ alkyl), C(=S)NH₂, -C(=O)S(C₁₋₆ alkyl), -C(=S)SC₁₋₆ alkyl, -SC(=S)SC₁₋₆ alkyl, -P(=O)₂(C₁₋₆ alkyl), -P(=O)(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₂, -OP(=O)(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₂, -OP(=O)(OC₁₋₆

alkyl)₂, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ perhaloalkyl, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, C₂₋₆ alkynyl, , C₃₋₁₀ carbocyclyl, C₆₋₁₀ aryl, 3-10 membered heterocyclyl, 5-10 membered heteroaryl; or two geminal R^{gg} substituents can be joined to form =O or =S;

wherein X⁻ is a counterion.

[0025] As used herein, the term “hydroxyl” or “hydroxy” refers to the group –OH. The term “substituted hydroxyl” or “substituted hydroxyl,” by extension, refers to a hydroxyl group wherein the oxygen atom directly attached to the parent molecule is substituted with a group other than hydrogen, and includes groups selected from –OR^{aa}, –ON(R^{bb})₂, –OC(=O)SR^{aa}, –OC(=O)R^{aa}, –OCO₂R^{aa}, –OC(=O)N(R^{bb})₂, –OC(=NR^{bb})R^{aa}, –OC(=NR^{bb})OR^{aa}, –OC(=NR^{bb})N(R^{bb})₂, –OS(=O)R^{aa}, –OSO₂R^{aa}, –OSi(R^{aa})₃, –OP(R^{cc})₂, –OP(R^{cc})₃, –OP(=O)₂R^{aa}, –OP(=O)(R^{aa})₂, –OP(=O)(OR^{cc})₂, –OP(=O)₂N(R^{bb})₂, and –OP(=O)(NR^{bb})₂, wherein R^{aa}, R^{bb}, and R^{cc} are as defined herein.

[0026] As used herein, the term “thiol” or “thio” refers to the group –SH. The term “substituted thiol” or “substituted thio,” by extension, refers to a thiol group wherein the sulfur atom directly attached to the parent molecule is substituted with a group other than hydrogen, and includes groups selected from –SR^{aa}, –S=SR^{cc}, –SC(=S)SR^{aa}, –SC(=O)SR^{aa}, –SC(=O)OR^{aa}, and –SC(=O)R^{aa}, wherein R^{aa} and R^{cc} are as defined herein.

[0027] As used herein, the term, “amino” refers to the group –NH₂. The term “substituted amino,” by extension, refers to a monosubstituted amino, a disubstituted amino, or a trisubstituted amino, as defined herein. In certain embodiments, the “substituted amino” is a monosubstituted amino or a disubstituted amino group.

[0028] As used herein, the term “monosubstituted amino” refers to an amino group wherein the nitrogen atom directly attached to the parent molecule is substituted with one hydrogen and one group other than hydrogen, and includes groups selected from –NH(R^{bb}), –NHC(=O)R^{aa}, –NHCO₂R^{aa}, –NHC(=O)N(R^{bb})₂, –NHC(=NR^{bb})N(R^{bb})₂, –NHCO₂R^{aa}, –NHP(=O)(OR^{cc})₂, and –NHP(=O)(NR^{bb})₂, wherein R^{aa}, R^{bb} and R^{cc} are as defined herein, and wherein R^{bb} of the group –NH(R^{bb}) is not hydrogen.

[0029] As used herein, the term “disubstituted amino” refers to an amino group wherein the nitrogen atom directly attached to the parent molecule is substituted with two groups other than hydrogen, and includes groups selected from –N(R^{bb})₂, –NR^{bb}C(=O)R^{aa}, –NR^{bb}CO₂R^{aa}, –NR^{bb}C(=O)N(R^{bb})₂, –NR^{bb}C(=NR^{bb})N(R^{bb})₂, –NR^{bb}SO₂R^{aa}, –NR^{bb}P(=O)(OR^{cc})₂, and –NR^{bb}P(=O)(NR^{bb})₂, wherein R^{aa}, R^{bb}, and R^{cc} are as defined herein, with the proviso that the nitrogen atom directly attached to the parent molecule is not substituted with hydrogen.

[0030] As used herein, the term “trisubstituted amino” refers to an amino group wherein the nitrogen atom directly attached to the parent molecule is substituted with three groups, and includes groups selected from $-N(R^{bb})_3$ and $-N(R^{bb})_3^+X^-$, wherein R^{bb} and X^- are as defined herein.

[0031] As used herein, the term “oxo” refers to the group $=O$, and the term “thiooxo” refers to the group $=S$.

[0032] As used herein, a “counterion” is a negatively charged group associated with a positively charged quarternary amine in order to maintain electronic neutrality. Exemplary counterions include halide ions (*e.g.*, F^- , Cl^- , Br^- , I^-), NO_3^- , ClO_4^- , OH^- , $H_2PO_4^-$, HSO_4^- , sulfonate ions (*e.g.*, methanesulfonate, trifluoromethanesulfonate, *p*-toluenesulfonate, benzenesulfonate, 10-camphor sulfonate, naphthalene-2-sulfonate, naphthalene-1-sulfonic acid-5-sulfonate, ethan-1-sulfonic acid-2-sulfonate, and the like), and carboxylate ions (*e.g.*, acetate, ethanoate, propanoate, benzoate, glycerate, lactate, tartrate, glycolate, and the like).

[0033] Nitrogen atoms can be substituted or unsubstituted as valency permits, and include primary, secondary, tertiary, and quarternary nitrogen atoms. Exemplary nitrogen atom substituents include, but are not limited to, hydrogen, $-OH$, $-OR^{aa}$, $-N(R^{cc})_2$, $-CN$, $-C(=O)R^{aa}$, $-C(=O)N(R^{cc})_2$, $-CO_2R^{aa}$, $-SO_2R^{aa}$, $-C(=NR^{bb})R^{aa}$, $-C(=NR^{cc})OR^{aa}$, $-C(=NR^{cc})N(R^{cc})_2$, $-SO_2N(R^{cc})_2$, $-SO_2R^{cc}$, $-SO_2OR^{cc}$, $-SOR^{aa}$, $-C(=S)N(R^{cc})_2$, $-C(=O)SR^{cc}$, $-C(=S)SR^{cc}$, $-P(=O)_2R^{aa}$, $-P(=O)(R^{aa})_2$, $-P(=O)_2N(R^{cc})_2$, $-P(=O)(NR^{cc})_2$, C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} perhaloalkyl, C_{2-10} alkenyl, C_{2-10} alkynyl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl, 3–14 membered heterocyclyl, C_{6-14} aryl, and 5–14 membered heteroaryl, or two R^{cc} groups attached to an N atom are joined to form a 3–14 membered heterocyclyl or 5–14 membered heteroaryl ring, wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, and heteroaryl is independently substituted with 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 R^{dd} groups, and wherein R^{aa} , R^{bb} , R^{cc} and R^{dd} are as defined above.

[0034] In certain embodiments, the substituent present on the nitrogen atom is an amino protecting group. Amino protecting groups include, but are not limited to, $-OH$, $-OR^{aa}$, $-N(R^{cc})_2$, $-C(=O)R^{aa}$, $-C(=O)N(R^{cc})_2$, $-CO_2R^{aa}$, $-SO_2R^{aa}$, $-C(=NR^{cc})R^{aa}$, $-C(=NR^{cc})OR^{aa}$, $-C(=NR^{cc})N(R^{cc})_2$, $-SO_2N(R^{cc})_2$, $-SO_2R^{cc}$, $-SO_2OR^{cc}$, $-SOR^{aa}$, $-C(=S)N(R^{cc})_2$, $-C(=O)SR^{cc}$, $-C(=S)SR^{cc}$, C_{1-10} alkyl (*e.g.*, aralkyl, heteroaralkyl), C_{2-10} alkenyl, C_{2-10} alkynyl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl, 3–14 membered heterocyclyl, C_{6-14} aryl, and 5–14 membered heteroaryl groups, wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, aralkyl, aryl, and heteroaryl is independently substituted with 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 R^{dd} groups, and wherein R^{aa} , R^{bb} , R^{cc} and R^{dd}

are as defined herein. Amino protecting groups are well known in the art and include those described in detail in *Protecting Groups in Organic Synthesis*, T. W. Greene and P. G. M. Wuts, 3rd edition, John Wiley & Sons, 1999, incorporated herein by reference.

[0035] These and other exemplary substituents are described in more detail in the Detailed Description, the Examples and in the claims. The invention is not intended to be limited in any manner by the above exemplary listing of substituents.

[0036] As used herein, the term “salt” or “pharmaceutically acceptable salt” refers to those salts which are, within the scope of sound medical judgment, suitable for use in contact with the tissues of humans and lower animals without undue toxicity, irritation, allergic response and the like, and are commensurate with a reasonable benefit/risk ratio.

Pharmaceutically acceptable salts are well known in the art. For example, S. M. Berge *et al.*, describe pharmaceutically acceptable salts in detail in *J. Pharmaceutical Sciences*, 1977, 66, 1–19. Pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds of this invention include those derived from suitable inorganic and organic acids and bases. Examples of pharmaceutically acceptable, nontoxic acid addition salts are salts of an amino group formed with inorganic acids such as hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, phosphoric acid, sulfuric acid and perchloric acid or with organic acids such as acetic acid, oxalic acid, maleic acid, tartaric acid, citric acid, succinic acid or malonic acid or by using other methods used in the art such as ion exchange. Other pharmaceutically acceptable salts include adipate, alginate, ascorbate, aspartate, benzenesulfonate, benzoate, bisulfate, borate, butyrate, camphorate, camphorsulfonate, citrate, cyclopentanepropionate, digluconate, dodecylsulfate, ethanesulfonate, formate, fumarate, glucoheptonate, glycerophosphate, gluconate, hemisulfate, heptanoate, hexanoate, hydroiodide, 2-hydroxy-ethanesulfonate, lactobionate, lactate, laurate, lauryl sulfate, malate, maleate, malonate, methanesulfonate, 2-naphthalenesulfonate, nicotinate, nitrate, oleate, oxalate, palmitate, pamoate, pectinate, persulfate, 3-phenylpropionate, phosphate, picrate, pivalate, propionate, stearate, succinate, sulfate, tartrate, thiocyanate, p-toluenesulfonate, undecanoate, valerate salts, and the like. Salts derived from appropriate bases include alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium and $N^+(C_{1-4}alkyl)_4$ salts. Representative alkali or alkaline earth metal salts include sodium, lithium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and the like. Further pharmaceutically acceptable salts include, when appropriate, nontoxic ammonium, quaternary ammonium, and amine cations formed using counterions such as halide, hydroxide, carboxylate, sulfate, phosphate, nitrate, lower alkyl sulfonate and aryl sulfonate.

[0037] As used herein, the term “prodrug” refers to a derivative of a parent compound that requires transformation within the body in order to release the parent compound. In certain cases, a prodrug has improved physical and/or delivery properties over the parent compound. Prodrugs are typically designed to enhance pharmaceutically and/or pharmacokinetically based properties associated with the parent compound. The advantage of a prodrug can lie in its physical properties, such as enhanced water solubility for parenteral administration at physiological pH compared to the parent compound, or it enhances absorption from the digestive tract, or it may enhance drug stability for long-term storage.

[0038] As used herein, the term “tautomer” refers to particular isomers of a compound in which a hydrogen and double bond have changed position with respect to the other atoms of the molecule. For a pair of tautomers to exist there must be a mechanism for interconversion. Examples of tautomers include keto-enol forms, imine-enamine forms, amide-imino alcohol forms, amidine-aminidine forms, nitroso-oxime forms, thio ketone-enethiol forms, *N*-nitroso-hydroxyazo forms, nitro-*aci*-nitro forms, and pyridone-hydroxypyridine forms.

[0039] As used herein, “cell-free” refers to a composition substantially free of intact cells. One of skill in the art would understand that a certain percentage of the cells after lysing may be intact, *e.g.*, less than 10%, less than 5%, less than 2%, less than 1%, or less than 0.5%.

[0040] As used herein, a “protein” comprises a polymer of amino acid residues linked together by peptide bonds. The term, as used herein, refers to proteins, polypeptides, and peptide of any size, structure, or function. Typically, a protein will be at least three amino acids long. A protein may refer to an individual protein or a collection of proteins. Inventive proteins preferably contain only natural amino acids, although non-natural amino acids (*i.e.*, compounds that do not occur in nature but that can be incorporated into a polypeptide chain) and/or amino acid analogs as are known in the art may alternatively be employed. Also, one or more of the amino acids in an inventive protein may be modified, for example, by the addition of a chemical entity such as a carbohydrate group, a hydroxyl group, a phosphate group, a farnesyl group, an isofarnesyl group, a fatty acid group, a linker for conjugation, functionalization, or other modification, *etc.* A protein may also be a single molecule or may be a multi-molecular complex. A protein may be just a fragment of a naturally occurring protein or peptide. A protein may be naturally occurring, recombinant, or synthetic, or any combination of these.

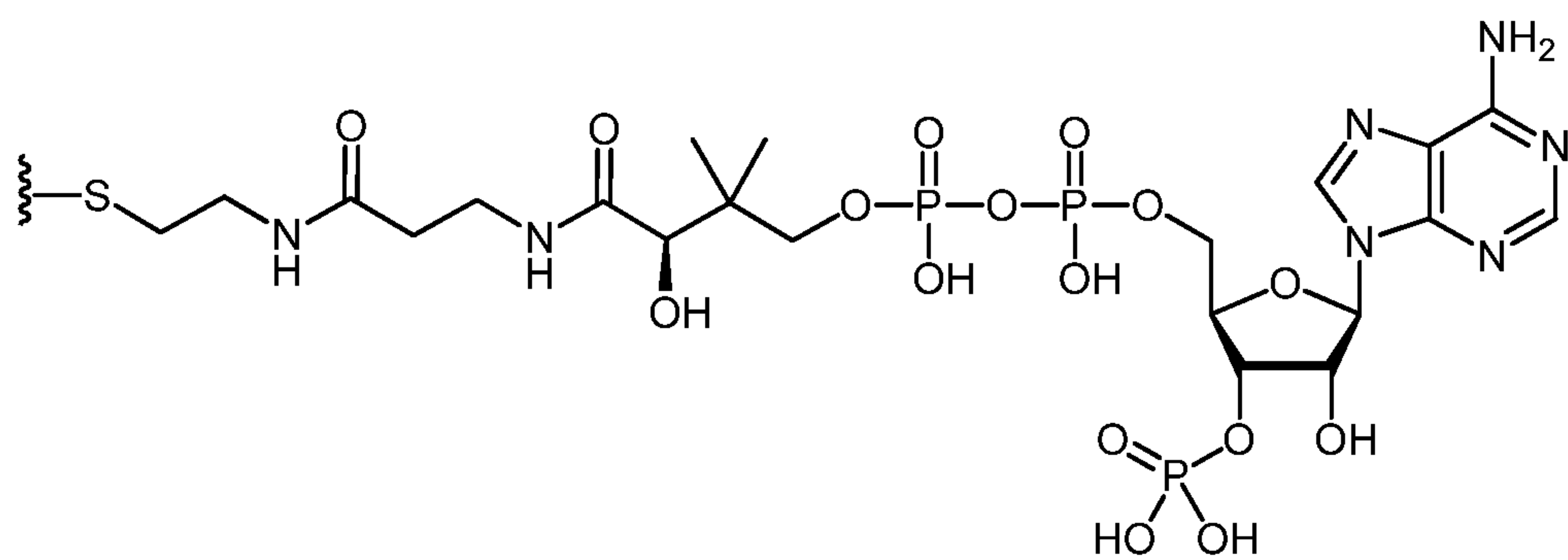
[0041] As used herein, a “nucleic acid” refers to a polymer of nucleotides. The polymer may include natural nucleosides (*i.e.*, adenosine, thymidine, guanosine, cytidine, uridine, deoxyadenosine, deoxythymidine, deoxyguanosine, and deoxycytidine), nucleoside analogs

(*e.g.*, 2-aminoadenosine, 2-thiothymidine, inosine, pyrrolo-pyrimidine, 3-methyl adenosine, 5-methylcytidine, C5-bromouridine, C5-fluorouridine, C5-iodouridine, C5-propynyl-uridine, C5-propynyl-cytidine, C5-methylcytidine, 7-deazaadenosine, 7-deazaguanosine, 8-oxoadenosine, 8-oxoguanosine, O(6)-methylguanine, 4-acetylcytidine, 5-(carboxyhydroxymethyl)uridine, dihydrouridine, methylpseudouridine, 1-methyl adenosine, 1-methyl guanosine, N6-methyl adenosine, and 2-thiocytidine), chemically modified bases, biologically modified bases (*e.g.*, methylated bases), intercalated bases, modified sugars (*e.g.*, 2'-fluororibose, ribose, 2'-deoxyribose, 2'-O-methylcytidine, arabinose, and hexose), or modified phosphate groups (*e.g.*, phosphorothioates and 5'-N-phosphoramidite linkages).

[0042] As used herein, an “isozyme” refers to an enzyme that differs in amino acid sequence but catalyzes the same chemical reaction or produces the same reaction product from starting material.

[0043] As used herein, a “leaving group” is an art-understood term referring to a molecular fragment that departs with a pair of electrons in heterolytic bond cleavage, wherein the molecular fragment is an anion or neutral molecule. See, for example, Smith, March *Advanced Organic Chemistry* 6th ed. (501–502). Exemplary leaving groups include, but are not limited to, halo (*e.g.*, chloro, bromo, iodo) and sulfonyl substituted hydroxyl groups (*e.g.*, tosyl, mesyl, besyl).

[0044] “Co-enzyme A monoradical” (–S-CoA) refers to a group of the formula:



or salt thereof.

Brief Description of the Drawings

[0045] *Figure 1* depicts a generalized schematic of the inventive cell-free process: overexpression of enzymes in an *E. coli* cell (*in vivo* step); lysing the *E. coli* cell to provide a cell lysate; and production of a carbapenem using the cell lysate (*ex vivo* step).

[0046] *Figure 2A* depicts the proposed enzymatic production of an optionally substituted glutamate semialdehyde (a “glutamate semialdehyde compound”) from an optionally

substituted glutamate (a “glutamate compound”) (steps a–b, Table 1). The glutamate semialdehyde compound may spontaneously cyclize to form a pyrrole compound *in situ*.

[0047] **Figure 2B** depicts exemplary glutamate semialdehyde compounds and pyrrole compounds which may be produced following the method depicted in Figure 2A.

[0048] **Figure 3** depicts two alternative routes for the enzymatic production of 3-hydroxy-glutamate semialdehyde (steps a, b, c, g, h, i, and/or j).

[0049] **Figure 4** depicts the enzymatic production of optionally substituted CoA compound from glucose (steps c–f).

[0050] **Figures 5A and 5B** depict the enzymatic production of a carbapenem from a glutamate semialdehyde compound and a coenzyme A (CoA) compound. The process utilizes enzymes from both thienamycin and/or carbapenem biosynthetic pathways (steps 1–3). The *E. coli* may be engineered to produce the key-entry enzyme carboxymethyl-Pro synthase (CarB, ThnE, or isozyme thereof) in the periplasmic space of the *E. coli*.

[0051] **Figure 6A** depicts the enzymatic attachment of a C6 side chain, and subsequent enzymatic hydroxylation of the C6 ethyl group to provide an exemplary carbapenem.

[0052] **Figure 6B** depicts the enzymatic attachment of a C2 side chain, and subsequent optional enzymatic hydroxylation of the C6 ethyl group to provide an exemplary carbapenem (steps 4–5).

[0053] **Figure 7** depicts the enol-keto tautomeration of Formula (I) when R⁵ is –OH, and subsequent optional enzymatic hydroxylation of the C6 ethyl group to provide an exemplary carbapenem (step 5).

[0054] **Figure 8** depicts the chemical attachment of a C2 side chain by trapping the enol form, followed by treatment with SHR⁸ to provide, *via* a tandem Michael addition–elimination reaction, a carbapenem.

[0055] **Figures 9A–9H** depict the production of the carbapenem scaffold following the inventive method, *e.g.*, from glutamate semialdehyde and malonyl-CoA (Figure 9A) or ethylmalonyl-CoA (Figure 9B), from 4-methylglutamate semialdehyde and ethylmalonyl-CoA (Figure 9C) or malonyl-CoA (Figure 9F), from 3-hydroxyglutamate semialdehyde and ethylmalonyl-CoA (Figure 9D) or malonyl-CoA (Figure 9G), from 3-hydroxy-4-methylglutamate semialdehyde and ethylmalonyl-CoA (Figure 9E) or malonyl-CoA (Figure 9H). The glutamate semialdehyde compound may spontaneously cyclize to form a pyrrole compound *in situ* (not shown).

[0056] **Figure 10** depicts production of a substituted carboxymethyl proline (CMP) from a substituted glutamate and ethylmalonyl-CoA in lysate containing ProB, ProA, and CarB activities (A) and LC/MS/MS characterization (B).

[0057] **Figure 11** depicts substituted carbapenam production from substituted glutamate and malonyl-CoA in a lysate containing ProB, ProA, CarB, and CarA activities (A) and LC/MS/MS characterization (B).

[0058] **Figure 12** depicts substituted carbapenam production from substituted glutamate and malonyl-CoA in a lysate containing ProB, ProA, CarB, CarA, and CarC activities (A) and LC/MS/MS characterization (B).

[0059] **Figure 13A** depicts production of a pyrrole CarB substrate from a proline compound via contact with a proline 3-hydroxylase (step k) and/or a proline oxidase (step m).

[0060] **Figure 13B** depicts exemplary pyrrole compounds which may be produced from proline compounds following the method depicted in Figure 13A.

[0061] **Figure 13C** depicts the enzymatic synthesis of *cis* and *trans* 3-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid from (S)- and (R)-proline via contact with a proline 3-hydroxylase (step k) and a proline oxidase (step m).

[0062] **Figure 13D** depicts the enzymatic production of a carbapenam from a pyrrole compound and a coenzyme A compound. The process utilizes enzymes from both thienamycin and/or carbapenam biosynthetic pathways (steps 1–3). The *E. coli* may be engineered to produce the key-entry enzyme carboxymethyl-Pro synthase (CarB, ThnE, or isozyme thereof) in the periplasmic space of the *E. coli*.

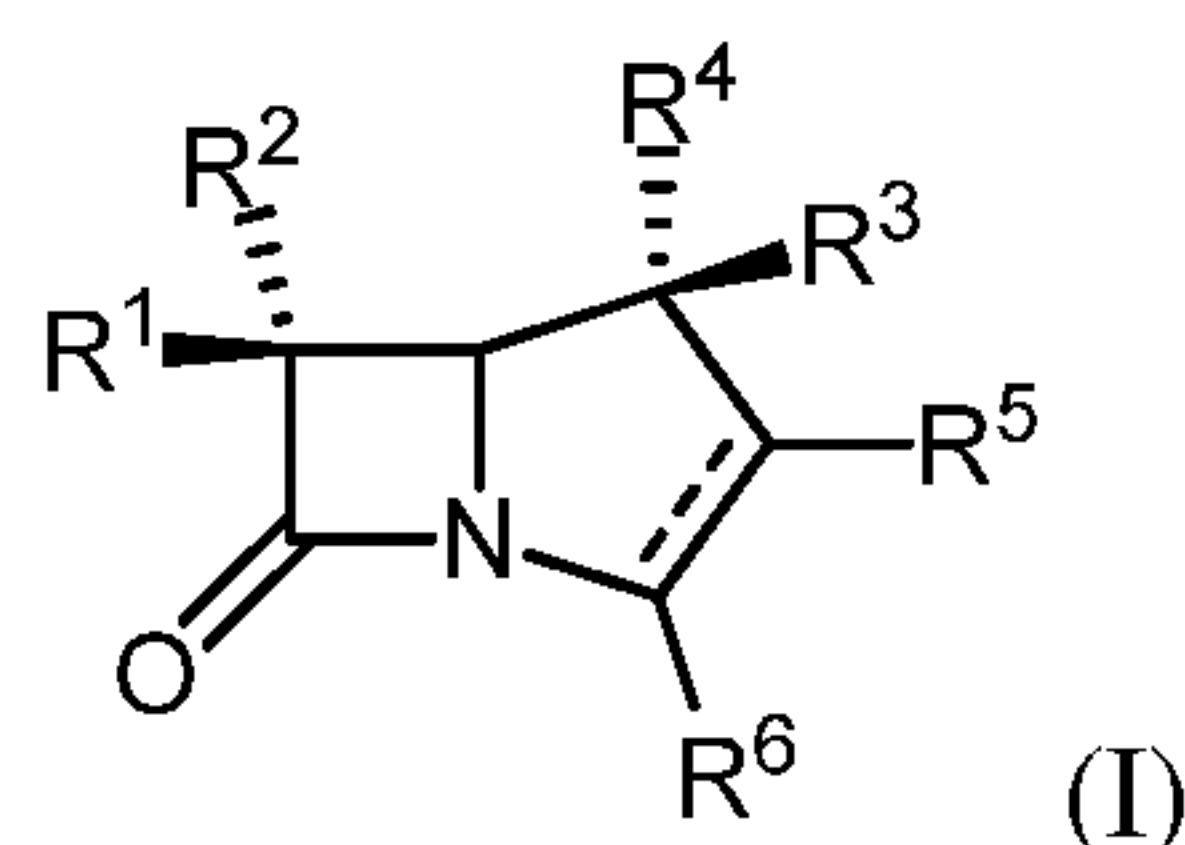
[0063] **Figure 14** depicts production of a hydroxlated carboxymethyl proline (CMP) compound from *cis*- or *trans*-3-hydroxy-proline and malonyl-CoA in lysate containing varying amounts of proline oxidase PutA (*E. coli*) and CarB (*P. carotovorum*).

Detailed Description of Certain Embodiments of the Invention

[0033] Historically, cell-free systems have provided a useful tool for harnessing the natural capabilities of complex biological systems. Cell-free protein synthesis systems (CFPS) were shown to provide a promising platform for the synthesis of proteins that are difficult to prepare *in vivo*, including patient-specific vaccine candidates and pharmaceutical proteins. See, e.g., Yang *et al.*, *Biotechnol. Bioeng.* (2005) 89:503–511, and Goerke *et al.*, *Biotechnol. Bioeng.* (2008) 99:351–367. Despite these promising applications, CFPS were limited by their inability to generate the energy needed for protein synthesis, and a continuous feed of expensive energy substrates was required. One-step phosphorylation

reactions driven by phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) and similar compounds have been used to supply the energy required for long lived protein production, but this process is not very effective as it only generates bursts of ATP for a limited duration while at the same time generating inhibitory phosphate. See, *e.g.*, Swartz, *J. Ind. Microbiol. Biotechnol.* (2006) 33:476–485. Recently, researchers have addressed these issues with a cell-free system that stabilizes amino acid supply and activates central metabolism along with oxidative phosphorylation to dramatically reduce substrate costs and simplify cell-free scale-up. See, *e.g.*, Calhoun *et al.*, *J. Biotechnol.* (2006) 123:193–203; Michel-Reydellet *et al.*, *Metabolic Engineering* (2004) 6:197–203; Jewett *et al.*, *Mol. Syst. Biol.* (2008) 4:220; and Calhoun *et al.*, *Biotechnology and Bioengineering* (2005) 90:606–613. These systems have been adapted to the cell-free production of small organic molecules such as shikimic acid. See, *e.g.*, PCT publication WO2010/074760. Cell-free synthesis exploits the open nature of cell-free reactions and has significant advantages over both chemical synthesis and fermentation-based approaches to chemical production, including having: i) the ability to produce chemicals with a high degree of cytotoxicity, such as antibiotics; ii) the ability to shunt all carbon to the chemical product of interest, increasing productivity; iii) the ability to more effectively control the flux of reducing equivalents and the recycling of electron carriers; iv) the ability to directly add biosynthetic substrates; and/or v) the potential for more efficient product harvesting and rapid scale-up. Cell-free systems can direct most, if not all, of the metabolic resources of the cell towards the exclusive production of one pathway. Moreover, the lack of a cell wall *in vitro* is advantageous since it allows for control of the synthetic environment. The redox potential, pH, or ionic strength can also be altered with greater flexibility than *in vivo* since one is not concerned about cell growth or viability. Furthermore, direct recovery of products can more easily be achieved.

[0034] The present invention seeks to build from these efforts methods for generating compounds of Formula (I):



or salts or tautomers thereof, or combinations thereof;

wherein:

each instance of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally

substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, and optionally substituted heteroaryl;

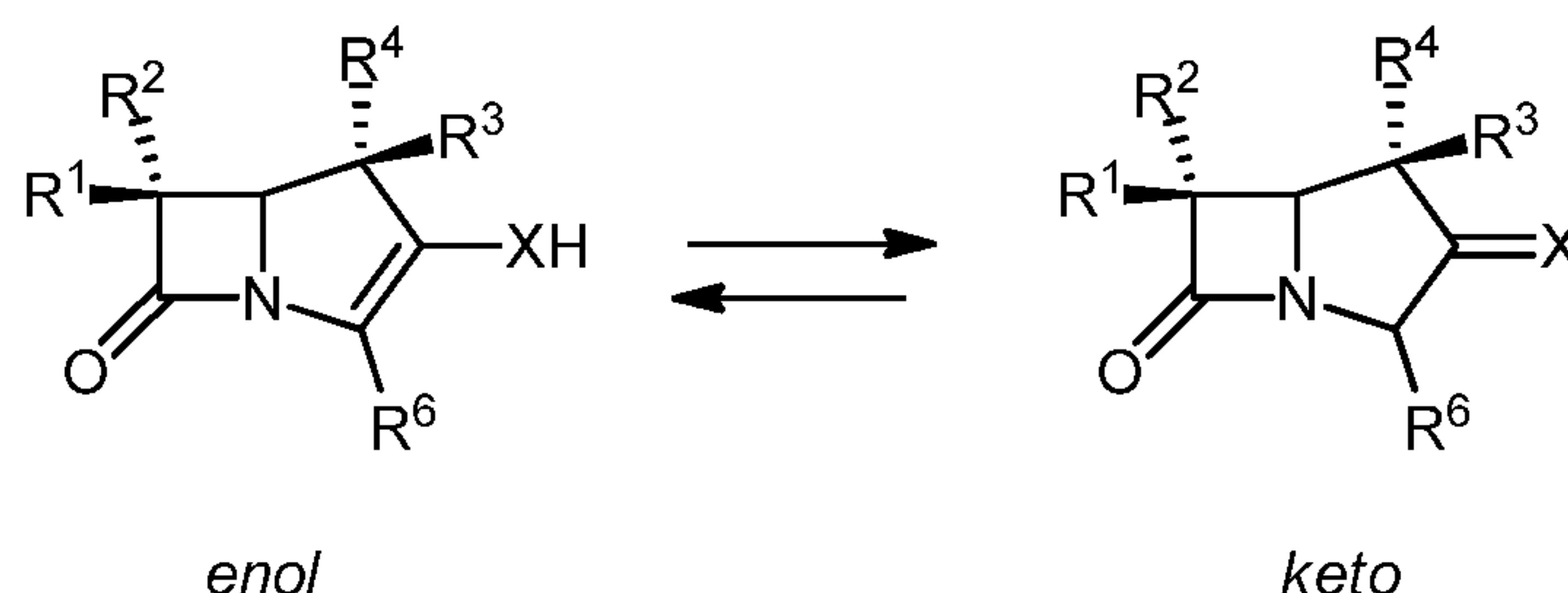
R^5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $-OR^8$, $-SR^8$, $-S(=O)R^8$, $-S(=O)_2R^8$, and $-N(R^8)_2$, wherein each instance of R^8 is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, $-C(=O)R^{8a}$, $-C(=O)OR^{8a}$, $-C(=O)SR^{8a}$, $-C(=O)N(R^{8b})_2$, $-C(=NR^{8b})R^{8a}$, $-C(=NR^{8b})OR^{8a}$, $-C(=NR^{8b})SR^{8a}$, $-C(=NR^{8b})N(R^{8b})_2$, $-C(=S)R^{8a}$, $-C(=S)OR^{8a}$, $-C(=S)SR^{8a}$, $-C(=S)N(R^{8b})_2$, $-C(=O)NR^{8b}SO_2R^{8a}$, $-S(=O)R^{8a}$, $-SO_2R^{8a}$, $-SO_2N(R^{8a})_2$, $-Si(R^{8a})_3$, $-P(=O)(R^{8a})_2$, $-P(=O)(OR^{8a})_2$, $-P(=O)(R^{8a})(OR^{8a})$, $-P(=O)(R^{8a})(N(R^{8b})_2)$, $-P(=O)(N(R^{8b})_2)_2$, $-P(=O)_2R^{8a}$, $-P(=O)_2OR^{8a}$, $-P(=O)_2N(R^{8b})_2$, $-B(R^{8a})_2$, $-B(OR^{8a})_2$, and $-BR^{8a}(OR^{8a})$, wherein R^{8a} is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, if attached to an oxygen atom an oxygen protecting group, and if attached to a sulfur atom a sulfur protecting group, or two R^{8a} groups or an R^{8a} and R^{8b} group are joined to form an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring; and each instance of R^{8b} is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, and a nitrogen protecting group, or two R^{8b} are joined to form an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring;

R^6 is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, and $-C(=O)R^7$, wherein each instance of R^7 is selected from hydrogen, $-OR^{7a}$, $-SR^{7a}$, or $-N(R^{7b})_2$, wherein R^{7a} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted

alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, if attached to an oxygen atom an oxygen protecting group, and if attached to a sulfur atom a sulfur protecting group; and each instance of R^{7b} is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, and a nitrogen protecting group, or two R^{7b} are joined to form an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring; and

==== represents a single or double bond.

[0035] It is understood that when ==== represents a double bond, and R^5 is OH, SH, or NHR^8 , the compound of Formula (I) may exist as a mixture of at least two tautomers (*i.e.*, the enol and keto form):



wherein X is O, S, or NR^8 .

[0036] In one aspect, the method comprises providing a cell or group of cells which are engineered to express one or more enzymes capable of generating a carbapenem of the present invention from a combination of glucose, glycine, and/or a compound of Formula (i). In certain embodiments, one or more of these enzymes are found in the cytoplasm prior to cell lysis. In certain embodiments, one or more of these enzymes are sequestered in the periplasmic space prior to cell lysis. In certain embodiments, the cell or group of cells are lysed to provide a cell lysate which comprises a mixture of enzymes released from the cytoplasm, and optionally the periplasmic space. In certain embodiments, the enzyme-containing cell lysate is then “fed” glucose, glycine, and/or a compound of Formula (i) to generate a carbapenem as described herein. In certain embodiments, the process further encompasses one or more additional chemical and/or enzymatic steps to provide a wide variety of carbapenems, *e.g.*, a compound encompassed by Formula (I).

[0037] In another aspect, the method comprises providing a cell or group of cells which are engineered to express one or more enzymes capable of generating a carbapenem as described herein from a combination of glucose and a proline compound of Formula (iv). In certain embodiments, one or more of these enzymes are found in the cytoplasm prior to lysis space. In certain embodiments, one or more of these enzymes are sequestered in the periplasmic space. In certain embodiments, the cell or group of cells are lysed to provide a cell lysate which comprises a mixture of enzymes released from the cytoplasm, and optionally the periplasmic space. In certain embodiments, the enzyme-containing cell lysate is then “fed” glucose and a proline compound of Formula (iv) to generate a carbapenem as described herein. In certain embodiments, the process further encompasses one or more additional chemical and/or enzymatic steps to provide a wide variety of carbapenems, *e.g.*, a compound encompassed by Formula (I).

[0038] Representative enzymes associated with various aspects of the invention are provided in Tables 1 and 2. In some embodiments, one or more enzymes provided in Table 1 are expressed in an organism. In some embodiments, one or more enzymes provided in Table 2 are expressed in an organism. Tables 1 and 2 are intended to be non-limiting examples of enzymes useful in performing one or more steps of the present invention. Other enzymes able to elicit the same reaction or produce the same reaction product from a starting material, *e.g.*, an isozyme thereof, are also contemplated as useful in performance of one or more methods of the present invention.

Table 1.						
Rxn	Description	Organism(s)	EC	GenBank	Uniprot	Enzyme
a	kinase	<i>E. coli</i>	2.7.2.11	AAC73346.1	P0A7B5	ProB
b	dehydrogenase	<i>E. coli</i>	1.2.1.41	AAC73347.1	P07004	ProA
						γ -glutamyl kinase-GP-reductase multienzyme complex (ProB + ProA)
c	glycolysis; Acetyl-CoA biosynthesis multienzyme	<i>E. coli</i>	2.7.1.2	AAC75447.1	P0A6V8	Glk
			5.3.1.9	AAC76995.1	P0A6T1	Pgi
			2.7.1.11	AAC76898.1	P0A796	PfkA
			4.1.2.13	AAC75962.1	P0AB71	Fba
			5.3.1.1	AAC76901.1	P0A858	TpiA
			1.2.1.12	AAC74849.1	P0A9B2	GapA

Table 1.						
Rxn	Description	Organism(s)	EC	GenBank	Uniprot	Enzyme
			2.7.2.3	AAC75963.1	P0A799	Pgk
			5.4.2.1	AAC73842.1	P62707	GpmA
			4.2.1.11	AAC75821.1	P0A6P9	Eno
			2.7.1.40	AAC74924.1	P21599	PykA
			2.7.1.40	AAC74746.1	P0AD61	PykF
			1.2.4.1	AAC73225.1	P0AFG8	AceE
			2.3.1.12	AAC73226.1	P06959	AceF
d	Acetyl-CoA acetyl-transferase	<i>Rhodobacter sphaeroides</i> , expressed/active in <i>E. coli</i> (<i>J. Biosci. Bioeng.</i> (2007) 103:38).	2.3.1.9	ABA79923.1	Q3IZW1	PhaA
e	β -oxidation multienzyme (S-hydratase and 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase activities)	<i>E. coli</i>		AAC76849.1	P21177	FadB
f	Crotonyl-CoA reductase	<i>Rhodobacter sphaeroides</i> , expressed/active in <i>E. coli</i> (<i>PNAS</i> (2007) 104:10631).	1.3.1.85	ACJ71669.1	B8XVS5	Ccr
g	Acetyl-CoA carboxylase	<i>E. coli</i>	6.4.1.2	AAC73296.1	POABD5 POABD8 P24182 POA9Q5	AccA, AccB, AccC, AccD ("AccABCD" complex)
h	Malonyl-CoA reductase	<i>Sulfolobus tokodaii</i> , expressed in <i>E. coli</i> (<i>J. Bacteriol.</i> (2006) 188:8551).	1.2.1.75	BAB67276.1	Q96YK1	Mcr
i	threonine aldolase	<i>E. coli</i> , active on succinic semiadehyde (<i>Tetrahedron</i> (2008) 64:5079).	4.1.2.	AAC73957.1	P75823	LtaE
j	β -alanine transaminase	<i>Pseudomonas putida</i> ,	2.6.1.18		P28269	β -alanine transaminase
k	proline 3-hydroxylase	<i>Streptomyces sp.</i>	1.14.11.28	BAA22406.1	P96010	P3H1

Table 1.

Rxn	Description	Organism(s)	EC	GenBank	Uniprot	Enzyme
m	proline oxidase	<i>E. coli</i>	1.5.99.8	AAB59985.1	P09546	PutA

*alternative enzyme

Table 2.

Rxn	Description	Organism(s)	GenBank	Uniprot	Enzyme
1	CMP synthase	<i>P. carotovorum</i> ; (see, <i>e.g.</i> , Hamed <i>et al.</i> , <i>Chembiochem</i> (2009) 10:246–250); expressed in <i>E. coli</i> (see, <i>e.g.</i> , Sleeman <i>et al.</i> , <i>J. Biol. Chem.</i> (2004) 279:6730–6736)	AAD38230.1	Q9XB60	CarB
1*	CMP synthase*	<i>Streptomyces cattleya</i> ; expressed in <i>E. coli</i> (see, <i>e.g.</i> , Hamed <i>et al.</i> , <i>Chembiochem</i> (2009) 10:246–250)	CAD18973.1	Q83XP9	ThnE*
2	carbapenam synthetase	<i>P. carotovorum</i> expressed in <i>E. coli</i> (see, <i>e.g.</i> , Sleeman <i>et al.</i> , <i>J. Biol. Chem.</i> (2004) 279:6730–6736)	AAD38229.1	Q9XB61	CarA
2*	β -lactam synthetase*	<i>S. cattleya</i> ThnM 53% similarity to <i>S. clavuligerus</i> β -lactam synthetase (<i>Chem & Biol.</i> (2003) 10:301)	CAD18981.1	Q83XP1	ThnM*
3	carbapenem synthase	<i>P. carotovorum</i> ; (see, <i>e.g.</i> , Reider <i>et al.</i> , <i>Tetrahedron Letters</i> (1982) 23:2293–2296); expressed in <i>E. coli</i> (see, <i>e.g.</i> , Stapon <i>et al.</i> , <i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> (2003) 125:15746–15747)	AAD38231.1	Q9XB59	CarC
3*	carbapenem synthase*	<i>Streptomyces cattleya</i> ; expressed in <i>E. coli</i> (see, <i>e.g.</i> , Bodner <i>et al.</i> , <i>JACS</i> (2009) 131:14345–14354)	CAD18975.1	Q83XP7	ThnG*
4	putative transferase	<i>S. cattleya</i> ; 54% similarity to <i>E. coli</i> glutathione transferase (see, <i>e.g.</i> , Nunez <i>et al.</i> , <i>Chem. Biol.</i> (2003) 10:301–311)	CAD18990.1	Q83XN2	ThnV

Table 2.					
Rxn	Description	Organism(s)	GenBank	Uniprot	Enzyme
5	oxygenase	<i>S. cattleya</i> (ThnQ); oxygenase may also react with on product of steps 2 or 3 (see, <i>e.g.</i> , Bodner <i>et al.</i> , <i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> (2010) 132:12–13); expressed in <i>E.coli</i> (see, <i>e.g.</i> , Bodner <i>et al. JACS</i> (2009) 131:14345- 14354)	CAD18985.1	Q83XN7	ThnQ
5*	Oxygenase*				enzymes of the 2– oxoglutarate and Fe(II)– dependent oxygenase superfamily*
6	putative methyltransferase	<i>S. cattleya</i>	AEW99097.1	F8JNE0	ThnL
6*	putative methyltransferase*	<i>S. cattleya</i>	AEW99093.1	F8JNE4	ThnP*
6*	putative methyltransferase*	<i>S. cattleya</i>	AEW99098.1	F8JND9	ThnK*

*alternative enzyme

[0039] As used herein, “glycolysis/Acetyl-CoA biosynthesis multi–enzyme” refers the group of enzymes selected from the group consisting of Glk, Pgi, PfkA, Fba, Tpi, GabP, Pkg, GpmA, Eno, PykA, PykF, AceE, AceF, and subsets thereof. Isozymes of any one of these enzymes are also encompassed within the scope of “glycolysis/Acetyl-CoA biosynthesis multi–enzyme.” It is understood that this particular listing of enzymes is a non-limiting example of the group of enzymes useful in performing step (c). Other groups of enzymes may be found useful in performing this particular step and are contemplated as encompassed within the scope of “glycolysis/Acetyl-CoA biosynthesis multi–enzyme.”

[0040] In certain embodiments, one or more enzymes are expressed and optionally sequestered in the cytoplasm of the cell prior to lysis. In certain embodiments, one or more enzymes are expressed and optionally sequestered in the periplasmic space. Exemplary enzymes listed in Tables 1 and 2 may be sequestered in the cytoplasmic or periplasmic space upon expression, or may be sequestered elsewhere. In certain embodiments, at least one enzyme provided in Table 2 is sequestered in the periplasmic space. Sequestration of

enzymes in the periplasmic space is known in the art, see, *e.g.*, PCT Application No. PCT/US2011/035639, incorporated herein by reference. Upon lysing of a cell to provide a cell lysate, the sequestered enzymes are free to react with one or more substrates also present in the lysate or different lysate.

[0041] In certain embodiments, one or more enzymes provided in Table 1 are expressed and optionally sequestered in the cytoplasm. In certain embodiments, one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of a kinase (*e.g.*, a gamma-glutamyl kinase, *e.g.*, from *E. coli* proline biosynthesis, ProB, or an isozyme thereof), a dehydrogenase (*e.g.*, a Glu-5-P dehydrogenase, *e.g.*, from *E. coli* proline biosynthesis, ProA, or an isozyme thereof); glycolysis/acetyl-CoA biosynthesis multi-enzyme (*e.g.*, Glk, Pgi, PfkA, Fba, Tpi, GabP, Pkg, GpmA, Eno, PykA, PykF, AceE, and/or AceF, or an isozyme thereof); acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase (*e.g.*, from *R. sphaeroides*, PhaA, or an isozyme thereof); beta-oxidation multienzyme (*e.g.*, from *E. coli*, FadB, or an isozyme thereof); crotonyl-CoA reductase (*e.g.*, from *R. sphaeroides*, Ccr, or an isozyme thereof); acetyl-CoA carboxylase (*e.g.*, from *E. coli*, AccABCD, or an isozyme thereof); malonyl-CoA reductase enzyme (*e.g.*, from *Sulfolobus tokodaii*, expressed in *E. coli*, Mcr, or an isozyme thereof); threonine aldolase (*e.g.*, expressed in *E. coli*, LtaE, or an isozyme thereof); beta-alanine transferase enzymes; proline 3-hydroxylase enzymes (*e.g.*, P3H1, or an isozyme thereof); proline oxidase enzyme (*e.g.*, PutA or an isozyme thereof); and isozymes thereof, are expressed and optionally sequestered in the cytoplasm prior to lysis of the cell. In certain embodiments, the cell is lysed to provide a cell lysate.

[0042] In certain embodiments, one or more enzymes provided in Table 2 are expressed and optionally sequestered in the periplasmic space. In certain embodiments, one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of carboxymethyl-Pro synthase (*e.g.*, from *Pectobacterium carotovorum*, CarB, and/or from *Streptomyces cattleya*, then, or isozymes thereof); carbapenam synthetase (*e.g.*, from *P. carotovorum*, CarA, or an isozyme thereof); beta-lactam synthetase (*e.g.*, from *Streptomyces cattleya*, ThnM, or an isozyme thereof); carbapenem synthase (*e.g.*, from *P. carotovorum*, CarC, and/or from *Streptomyces cattleya*, ThnG, or an isozyme thereof); transferase (*e.g.*, from *Streptomyces cattleya*, ThnV, or an isozyme thereof); oxygenase (*e.g.*, from *Streptomyces cattleya*, ThnQ, or an isozyme thereof); or an enzyme of the 2-oxoglutarate and/or Fe(II)-dependent oxygenase superfamily, or an isozyme thereof); and a methyltransferase enzyme (*e.g.*, ThnL, ThnP, ThnK, or an isozyme thereof); and isozymes thereof, are expressed and optionally sequestered in the periplasmic space prior to cell lysis. For example, in certain embodiments, a carboxymethyl-Pro

synthase (*e.g.*, from *Pectobacterium carotovorum*, CarB, and/or from *Streptomyces cattleya*, ThnE), or isozyme thereof, is sequestered in the periplasmic space. In certain embodiments, a carbapenam synthetase (*e.g.*, from *P. carotovorum*, CarA), or isozyme thereof, is sequestered in the periplasmic space. In certain embodiments, a beta-lactam synthetase (*e.g.*, from *Streptomyces cattleya*, ThnM), or isozyme thereof, is sequestered in the periplasmic space. In certain embodiments, a carbapenam synthase (*e.g.*, from *P. carotovorum*, CarC, and/or from *Streptomyces cattleya*, ThnG), or isozyme thereof, is sequestered in the periplasmic space. In certain embodiments, a transferase (*e.g.*, from *Streptomyces cattleya*, ThnV, or isozyme thereof) is sequestered in the periplasmic space. In certain embodiments, an oxygenase (*e.g.*, from *Streptomyces cattleya*, ThnQ; or an enzyme of the 2-oxoglutarate and/or Fe(II)-dependent oxygenase superfamily, or isozyme thereof) is sequestered in the periplasmic space. In certain embodiments, a methyltransferase enzyme (*e.g.*, ThnL, ThnP, ThnK, or an isozyme thereof) is sequestered in the periplasmic space.

[0043] Methods associated with the invention encompass lysates from any type of cell, *e.g.*, prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells. In some embodiments, the cell is a bacterial cell, such as *Escherichia* spp., *Streptomyces* spp., *Zymonas* spp., *Acetobacter* spp., *Citrobacter* spp., *Synechocystis* spp., *Rhizobium* spp., *Clostridium* spp., *Corynebacterium* spp., *Streptococcus* spp., *Xanthomonas* spp., *Lactobacillus* spp., *Lactococcus* spp., *Bacillus* spp., *Alcaligenes* spp., *Pseudomonas* spp., *Aeromonas* spp., *Azotobacter* spp., *Comamonas* spp., *Mycobacterium* spp., *Rhodococcus* spp., *Gluconobacter* spp., *Ralstonia* spp., *Acidithiobacillus* spp., *Microlunatus* spp., *Geobacter* spp., *Geobacillus* spp., *Arthrobacter* spp., *Flavobacterium* spp., *Serratia* spp., *Saccharopolyspora* spp., *Thermus* spp., *Stenotrophomonas* spp., *Chromobacterium* spp., *Sinorhizobium* spp., *Saccharopolyspora* spp., *Agrobacterium* spp., and *Pantoea* spp. The bacterial cell can be a Gram-negative cell such as an *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) cell, or a Gram-positive cell such as a species of *Bacillus*. In other embodiments the cell is a fungal cell such as a yeast cell, *e.g.*, *Saccharomyces* spp., *Schizosaccharomyces* spp., *Pichia* spp., *Paffia* spp., *Kluyveromyces* spp., *Candida* spp., *Talaromyces* spp., *Brettanomyces* spp., *Pachysolen* spp., *Debaryomyces* spp., *Yarrowia* spp. and industrial polyploid yeast strains. Other non-limiting examples of fungi include *Aspergillus* spp., *Penicillium* spp., *Fusarium* spp., *Rhizopus* spp., *Acremonium* spp., *Neurospora* spp., *Sordaria* spp., *Magnaporthe* spp., *Allomyces* spp., *Ustilago* spp., *Botrytis* spp., *Pectobacterium* spp., and *Trichoderma* spp. In other embodiments, the cell is an algal cell, a plant cell, or a mammalian cell. It should be appreciated that some cells

compatible with the invention may express an endogenous copy of one or more of the genes associated with the invention as well as a recombinant copy.

[0044] In certain embodiments, the cell lysate is a lysate of an *E. coli* cell engineered to overexpress one or more enzymes described herein. In certain embodiments, the cell lysate is a lysate of an *E. coli* cell engineered to overexpress a group of enzymes, *e.g.*, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, or more than twenty enzymes. In certain embodiments, the cell lysate is a combination of different cell lysates, *e.g.*, a combination of two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, or more than ten different cell lysates, obtained from two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, or more than ten different different cells, *e.g.*, from different organisms, each engineered to overexpress one or more enzymes. In some embodiments, lysates from different organisms are combined. For example, a lysate from an engineered *E. coli* strain can be combined with a lysate from a different bacterial strain, such as a *Pectobacterium carotovorum* (source of CarABC genes) strain and/or a lysate from a *Streptomyces cattleya* (native thienamycin producer). In certain embodiments, different engineered *E. coli* strains (*e.g.*, overexpressing different production pathway proteins) are combined to optimize enzyme levels prior to creating a single engineered strain with all overexpressed proteins.

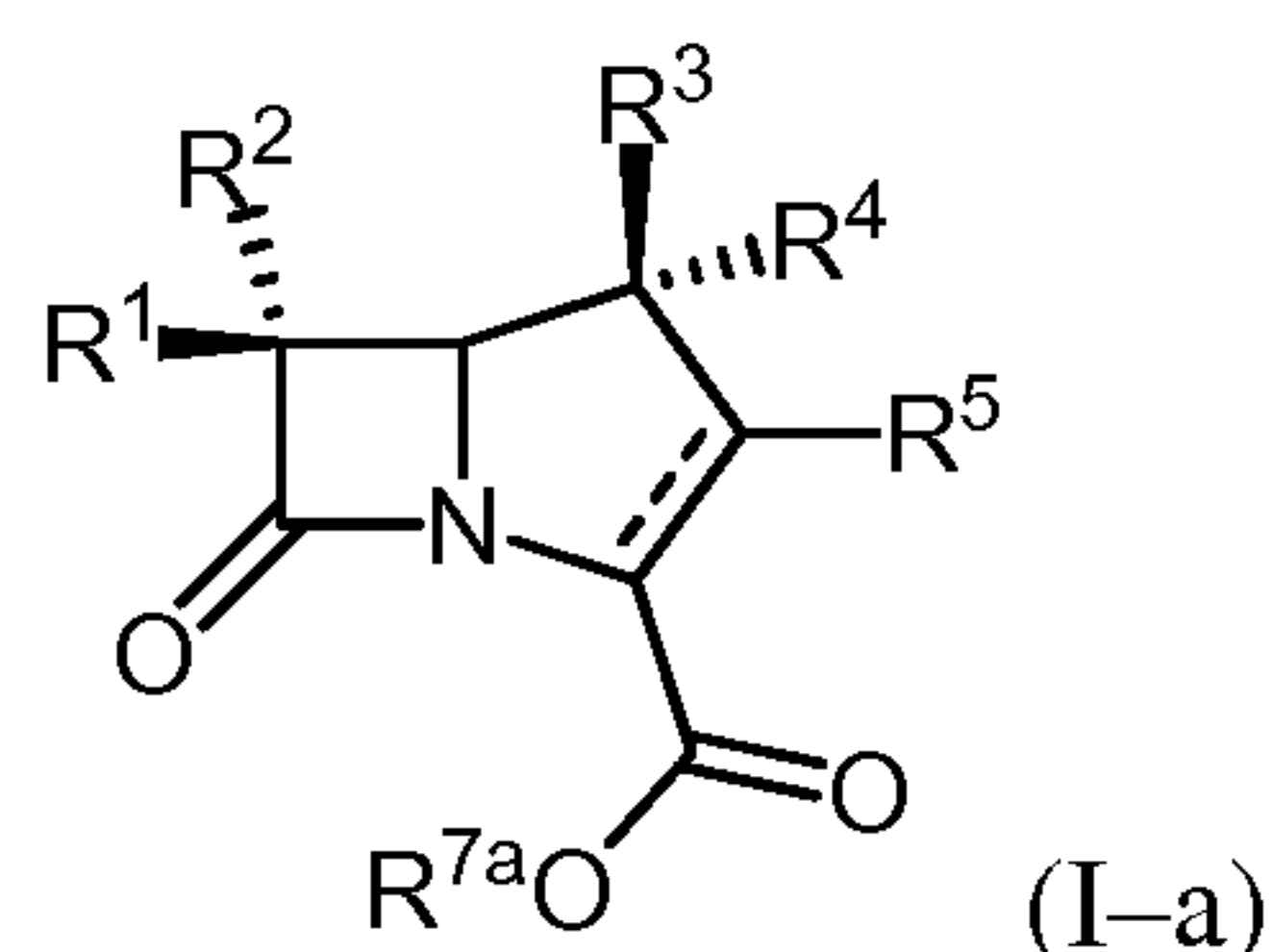
[0045] Combinations of one or more different lysates comprising expression of different enzymes or expression of different combination of two or more enzymes as described above in Tables 1 and 2 is further contemplated. In certain embodiments, the cell lysate is a lysate of a cell engineered to overexpress one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of a kinase (*e.g.*, a gamma-glutamyl kinase), a dehydrogenase (*e.g.*, a Glu-5-P dehydrogenase), glycolysis/acetyl-CoA biosynthesis multi-enzyme, an acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase, a beta-oxidation multienzyme, a crotonyl-CoA reductase, an acetyl-CoA carboxylase, a malonyl-CoA reductase, a threonine aldolase, a beta-alanine transferase, a proline 3-hydroxylase, a proline oxidase, a carboxymethyl-Pro synthase, a carbapenam synthetase, a beta-lactam synthetase, a carbapenem synthase, a transferase, an oxygenase, a methyltransferase, and isozymes thereof. In certain embodiments, one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of a kinase (*e.g.*, a gamma-glutamyl kinase), a dehydrogenase (*e.g.*, a Glu-5-P dehydrogenase), glycolysis/acetyl-CoA biosynthesis multi-enzyme, an acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase, a beta-oxidation multienzyme, a crotonyl-CoA reductase, an acetyl-CoA carboxylase, a malonyl-CoA reductase, a threonine aldolase, a beta-alanine transferase, a proline 3-hydroxylase, a proline oxidase, and isozymes thereof, were

present in the cell cytoplasm prior to lysing. In certain embodiments, one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of a carboxymethyl-Pro synthase, a carbapenam synthetase, a beta-lactam synthetase, a carbapenem synthase, a transferase, an oxygenase, a methyltransferase, and isozymes thereof, are sequestered in the periplasmic space of the cell prior to lysing.

Cell-Free System for Generating Carbapenems

[0046] As generally described above, the present invention provides a process for generating a wide variety of carbapenems by utilizing cell-free conditions to generate a carbapenem which, optionally, may be further enzymatically and/or chemically manipulated, to provide a compound of Formula (I).

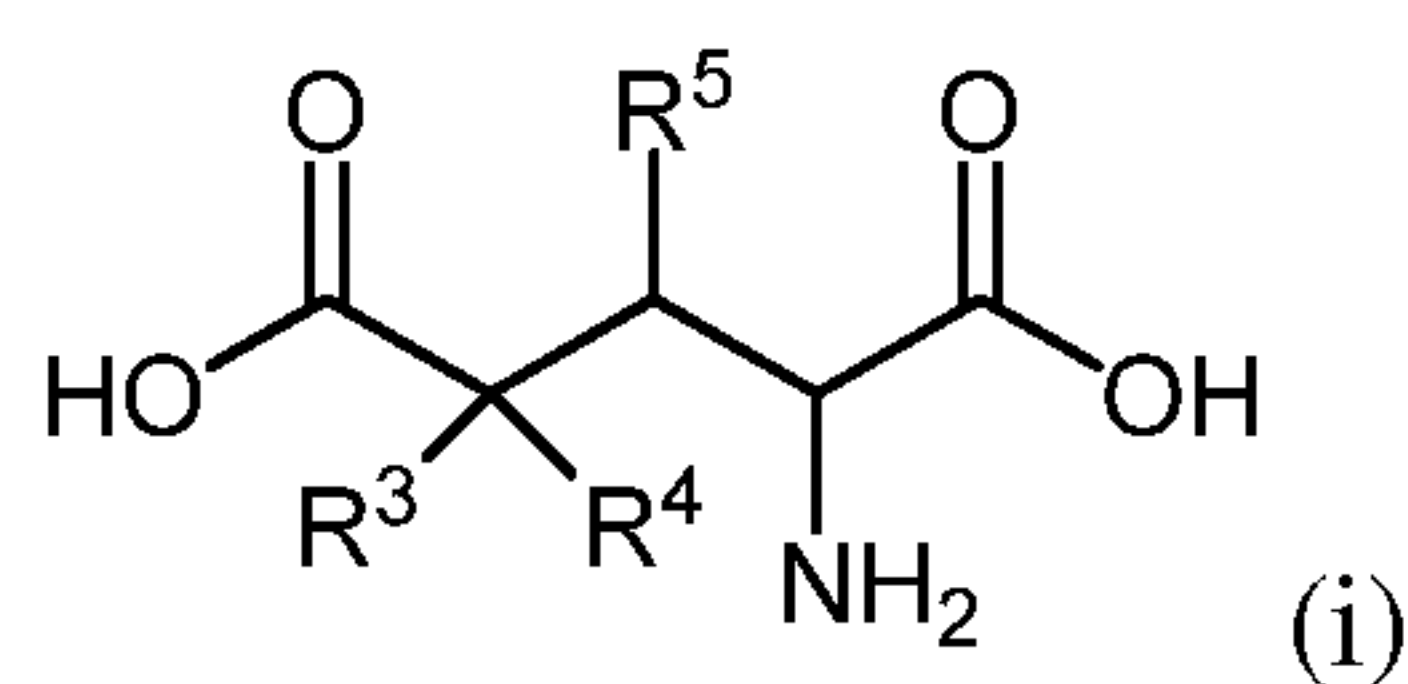
[0047] For example, in one aspect, provided is a cell lysate comprising a group of enzymes capable of generating a compound of the Formula (I-a):



or a salt or tautomer thereof, or a combination thereof;

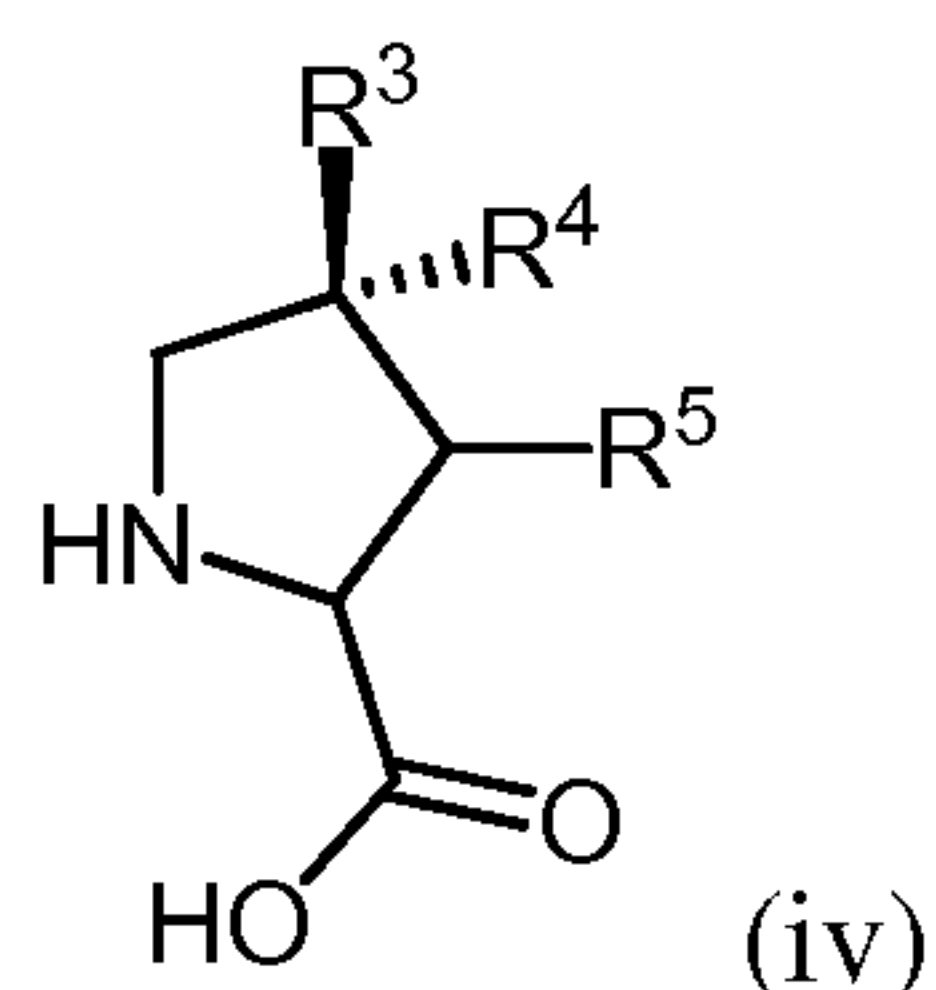
from:

- (1) glucose and glycine or salts thereof; and/or
- (2) glucose and an optionally substituted glutamate of Formula (i):



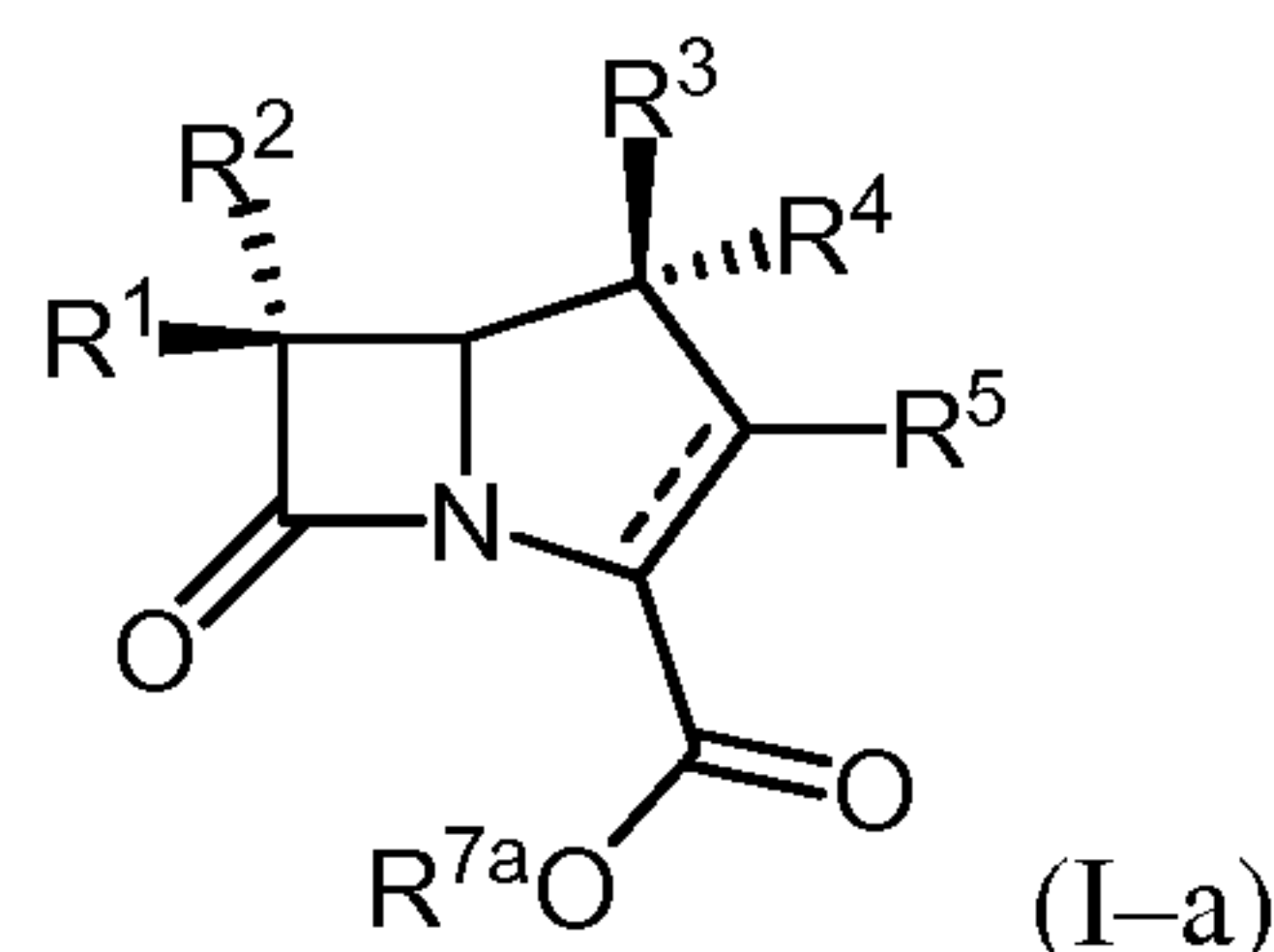
or salts thereof; and/or

- (3) glucose and a proline compound of Formula (iv):



wherein R^{7a} is hydrogen; R^5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $-OR^8$, $-SR^8$, and $-N(R^8)_2$; $\equiv$ represents a single or double bond; and R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 are as defined herein.

[0048] In another aspect, provided is a method of generating a compound of Formula (I-a):



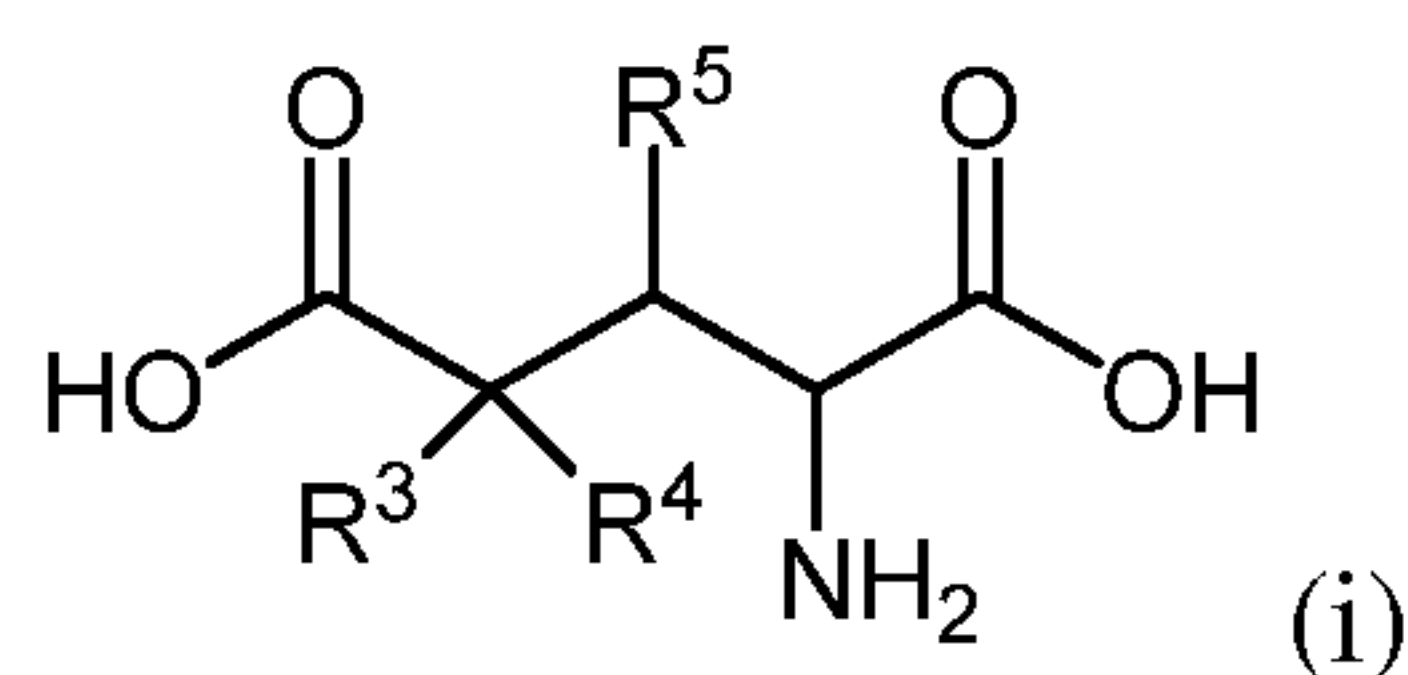
or a salt or tautomer thereof, or a combination thereof;

the method comprising:

providing a cell lysate comprising one or more enzymes, wherein the enzymes are selected from the group consisting of a kinase (*e.g.*, a gamma-glutamyl kinase), a dehydrogenase (*e.g.*, a Glu-5-P dehydrogenase); glycolysis/Acetyl-CoA biosynthesis multi-enzyme, an acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase, a beta-oxidation multienzyme, a crotonyl-CoA reductase, an acetyl-CoA carboxylase, a malonyl-CoA reductase, a threonine aldolase, a beta-alanine transferase, a proline 3-hydroxylase, a proline oxidase, a carboxymethyl-Pro synthase, a carbapenam synthetase, a beta-lactam synthetase, a carbapenem synthase, a transferase, an oxygenase, a methyltransferase, and isozymes thereof;

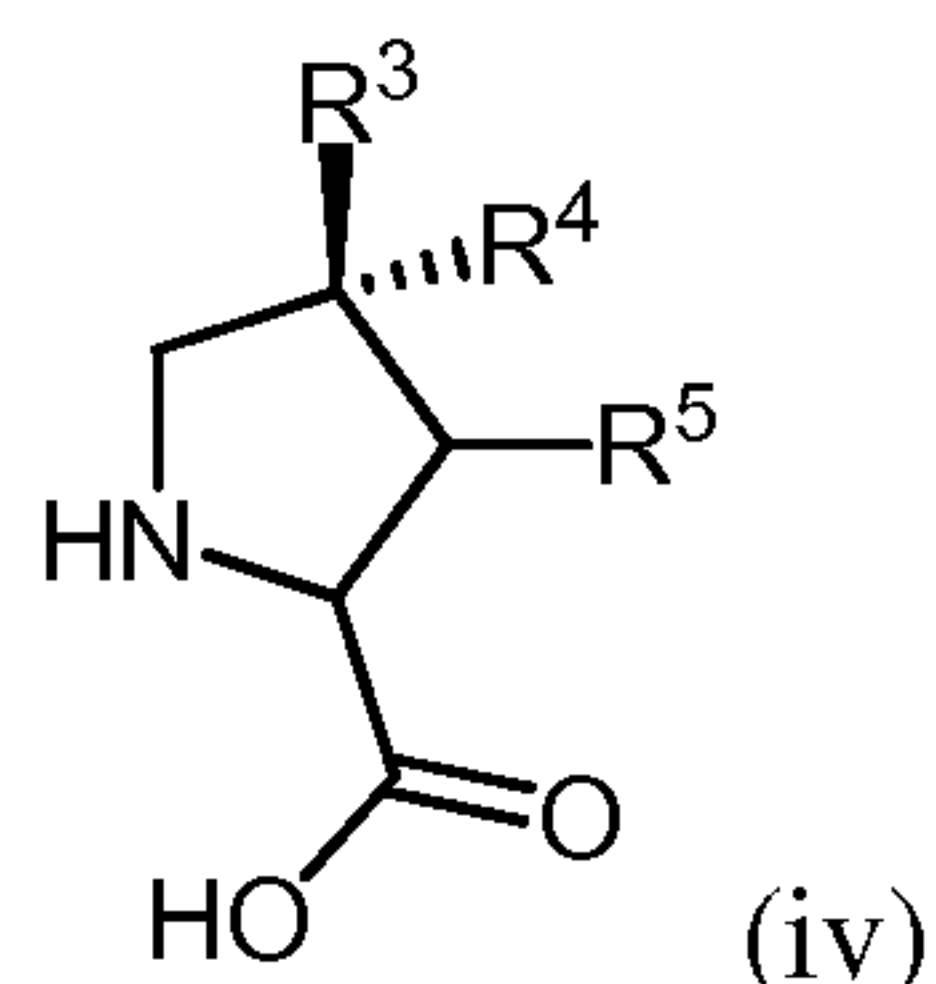
wherein the one or more cell lysates were contacted with:

- (1) glucose and glycine or salts thereof; and/or
- (2) glucose and an optionally substituted glutamate of the Formula (i):



or salts thereof, and/or

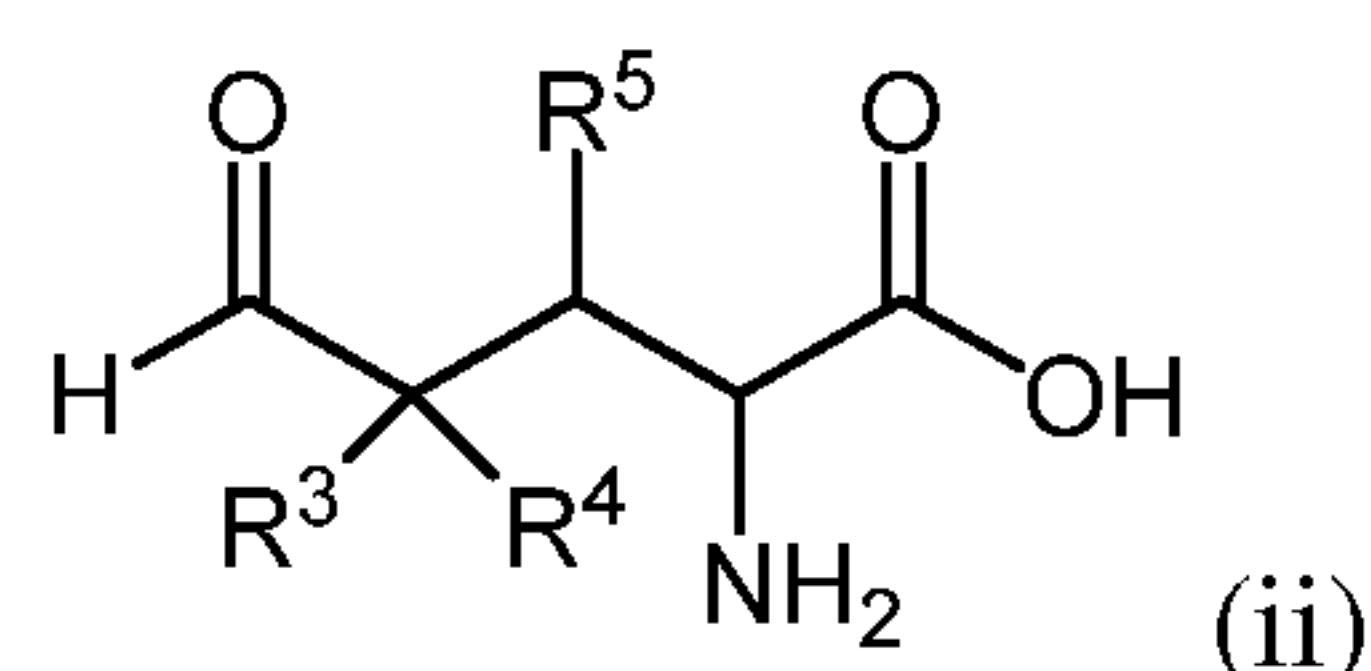
- (3) glucose and a proline compound of Formula (iv):



and salts thereof; wherein R^{7a} is hydrogen; R^5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $-OR^8$, $-SR^8$, and $-N(R^8)_2$; and $==$, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 are as defined herein.

[0049] In certain embodiments, the one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of a kinase (*e.g.*, a gamma-glutamyl kinase), a dehydrogenase (*e.g.*, a Glu-5-P dehydrogenase), glycolysis/acetyl-CoA biosynthesis multi-enzyme, an acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase, a beta-oxidation multienzyme, a crotonyl-CoA reductase, an Acetyl-CoA carboxylase, a malonyl-CoA reductase, a threonine aldolase, a beta-alanine transferase, a proline 3-hydroxylase, a proline oxidase, and isozymes thereof, are present in cell cytoplasm of the cell prior to lysing. In certain embodiments, the one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of a carboxymethyl-Pro synthase, a carbapenam synthetase, a beta-lactam synthetase, a carbapenem synthase, a transferase, an oxygenase, a methyltransferase, and isozymes thereof, are sequestered in the periplasmic space prior to lysing. In certain embodiments, the one or more cells were genetically engineered to express any one of the above listed one or more enzymes. In certain embodiments, any one of the above listed one or more enzymes are overexpressed, *i.e.*, expressed at a level of concentration exceeding that found in an unengineered, wild type cell.

[0050] In certain embodiments, the glucose and glycine are enzymatically converted to an optionally substituted glutamate semialdehyde of Formula (ii):

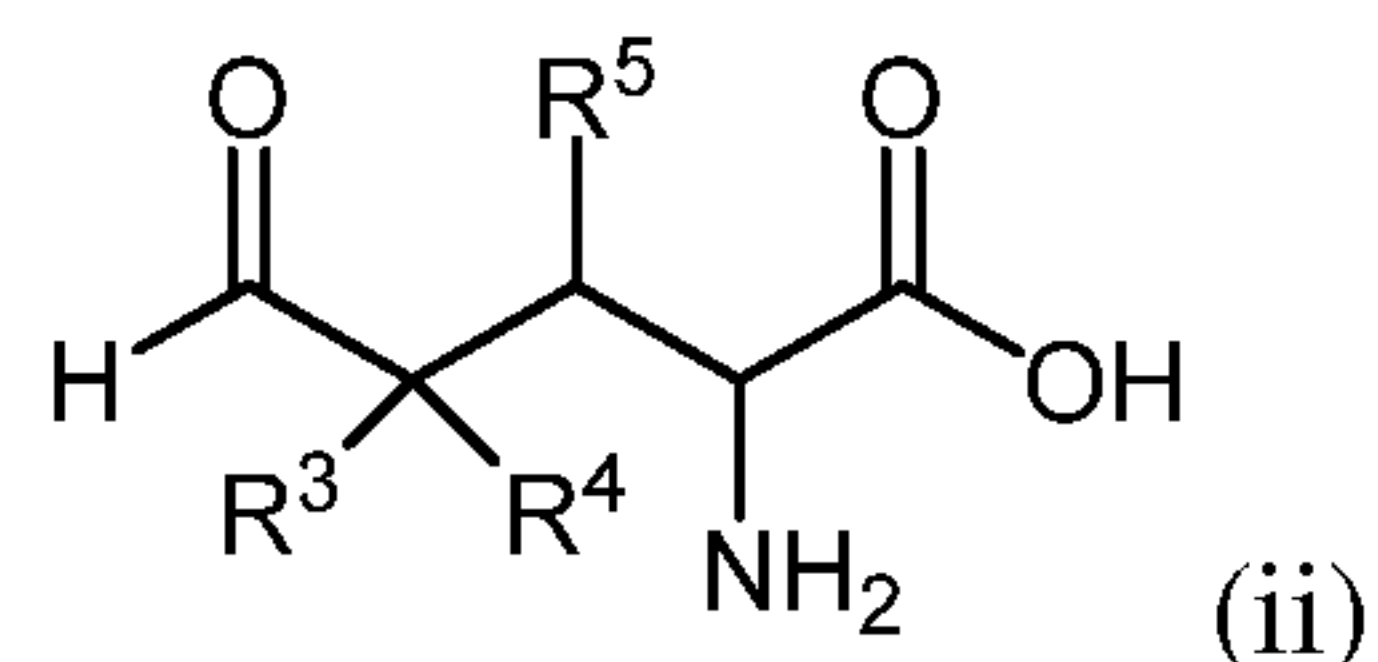


or salt thereof (*e.g.*, 3-hydroxy-glutamate semialdehyde) upon contact with one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of glycolysis/acetyl-CoA biosynthesis multienzyme, acetyl-CoA carboxylase, malonyl-CoA reductase, threonine aldolase, a kinase (*e.g.*, a gamma-glutamyl kinase), a dehydrogenase (*e.g.*, a Glu-5-P dehydrogenase), and isozymes thereof. In certain embodiments, each enzyme selected from the group consisting of glycolysis/acetyl-CoA biosynthesis multienzyme, acetyl-CoA carboxylase, malonyl-CoA reductase, threonine aldolase, a kinase (*e.g.*, a gamma-glutamyl kinase), and a dehydrogenase (*e.g.*, a Glu-5-P dehydrogenase) is expressed.

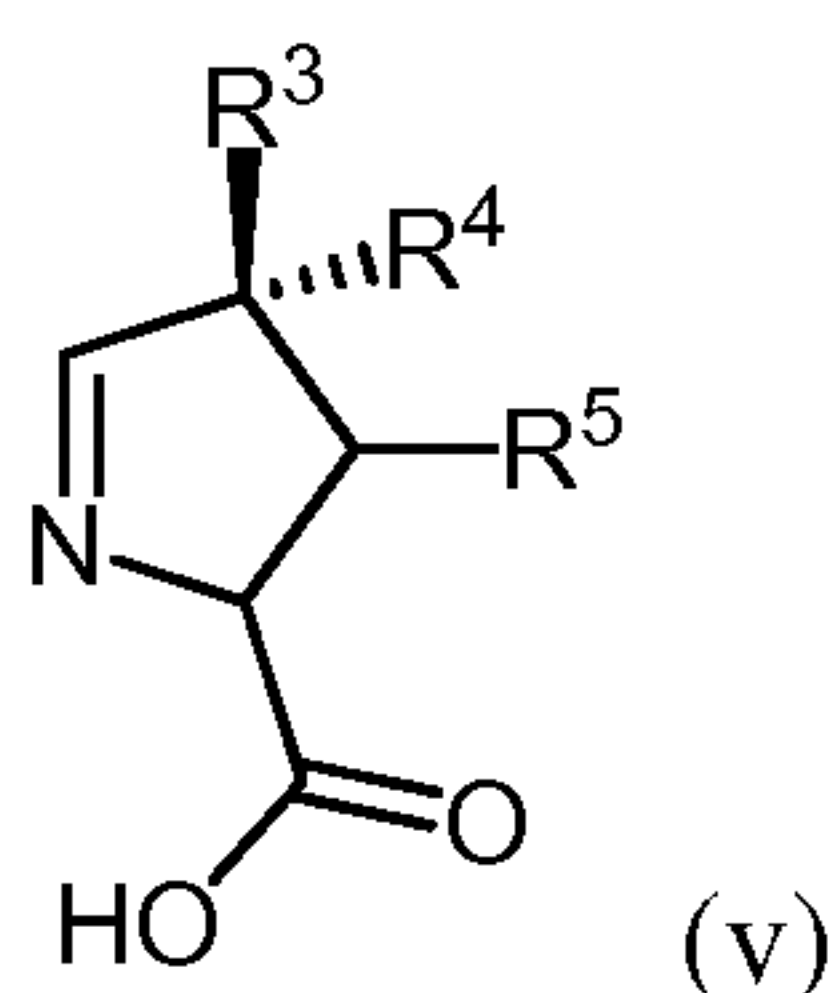
[0051] Alternatively, glucose and glycine are enzymatically converted to an optionally substituted glutamate semialdehyde of Formula (ii) (*e.g.*, 3-hydroxy-glutamate semialdehyde) upon contact with one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of glycolysis/acetyl-CoA biosynthesis multienzyme, beta-alanine transaminase, threonine

aldolase, a kinase (a gamma-glutamyl kinase), a dehydrogenase (a Glu-5-P dehydrogenase), and isozymes thereof. See, *e.g.*, Figure 3.

[0052] In certain embodiments, the optionally substituted glutamate semialdehyde compound of Formula (ii):

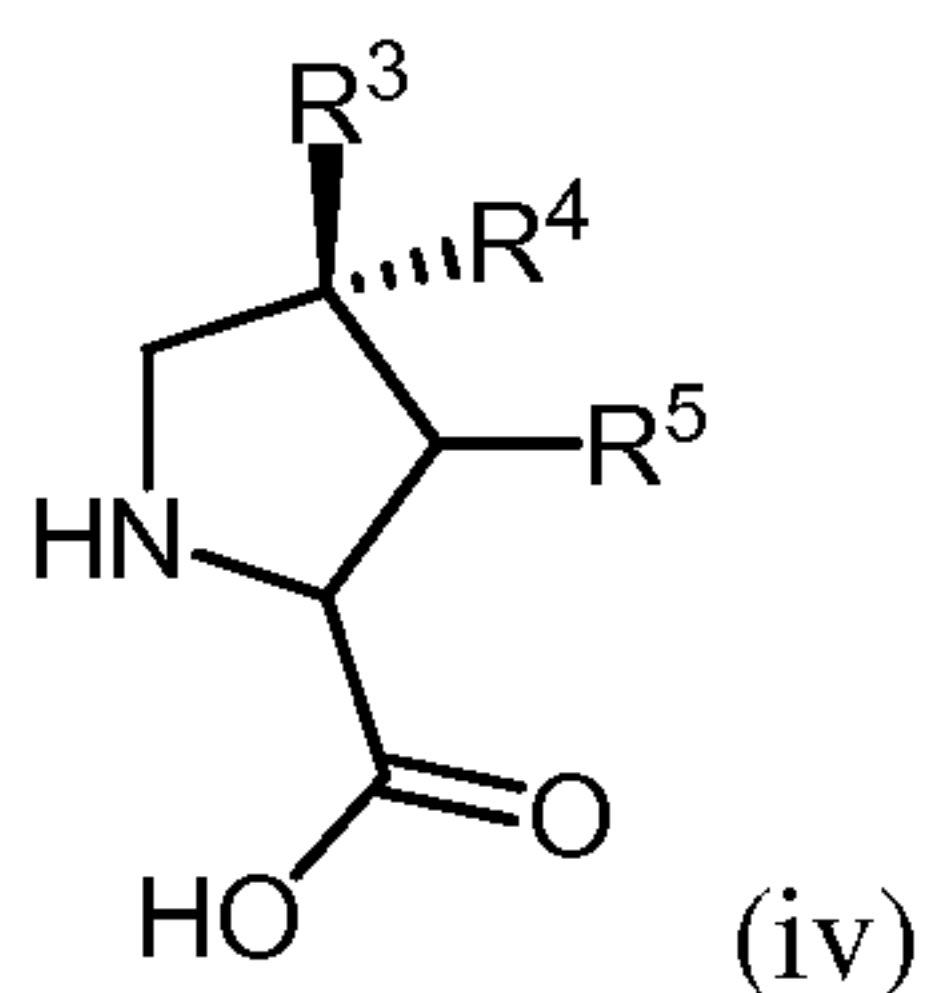


or salt thereof, cyclizes to form a pyrrole compound of formula (v):

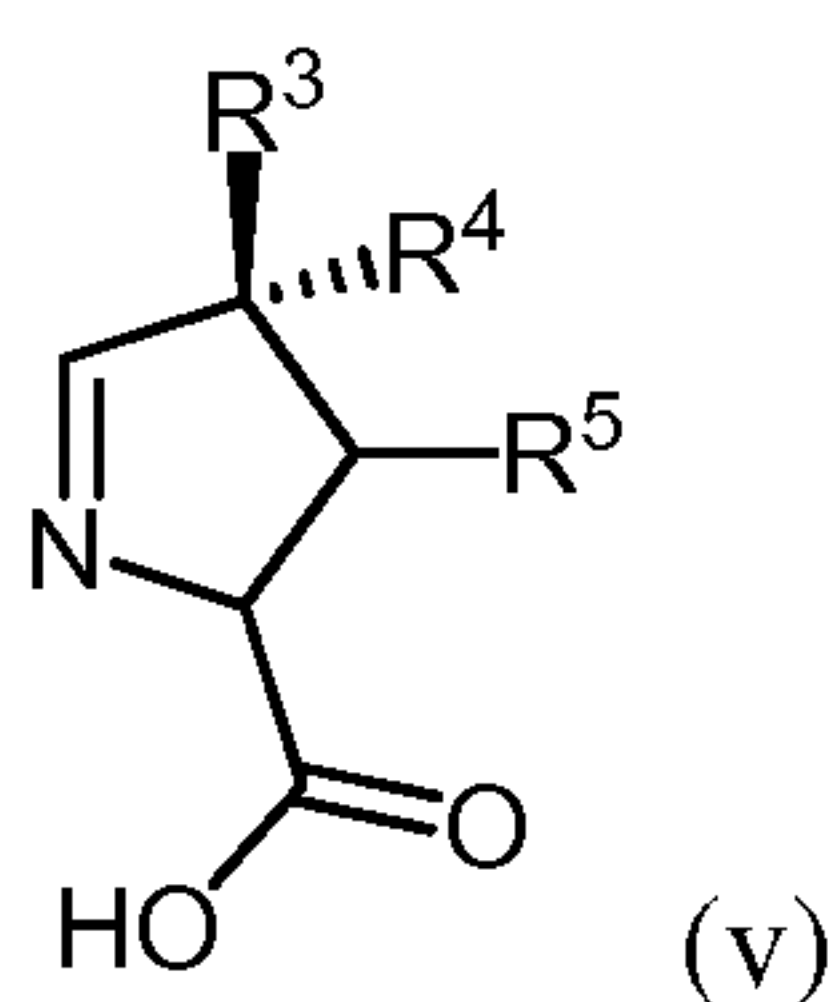


or salt thereof. Water is a byproduct of this reaction. In certain embodiments, the reaction is carried out without enzymatic catalysis.

[0053] In certain embodiments, the proline compound of Formula (iv):

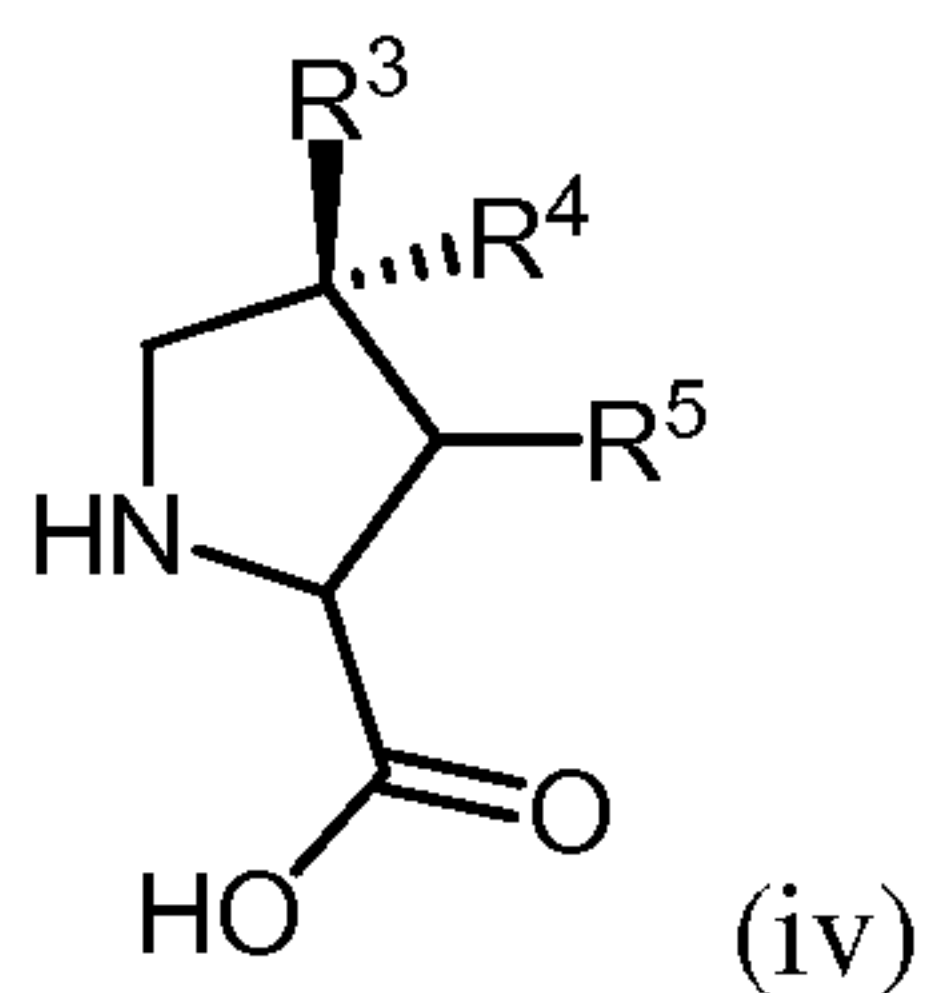


or salt thereof, is enzymatically converted to a pyrrole compound of formula (v):

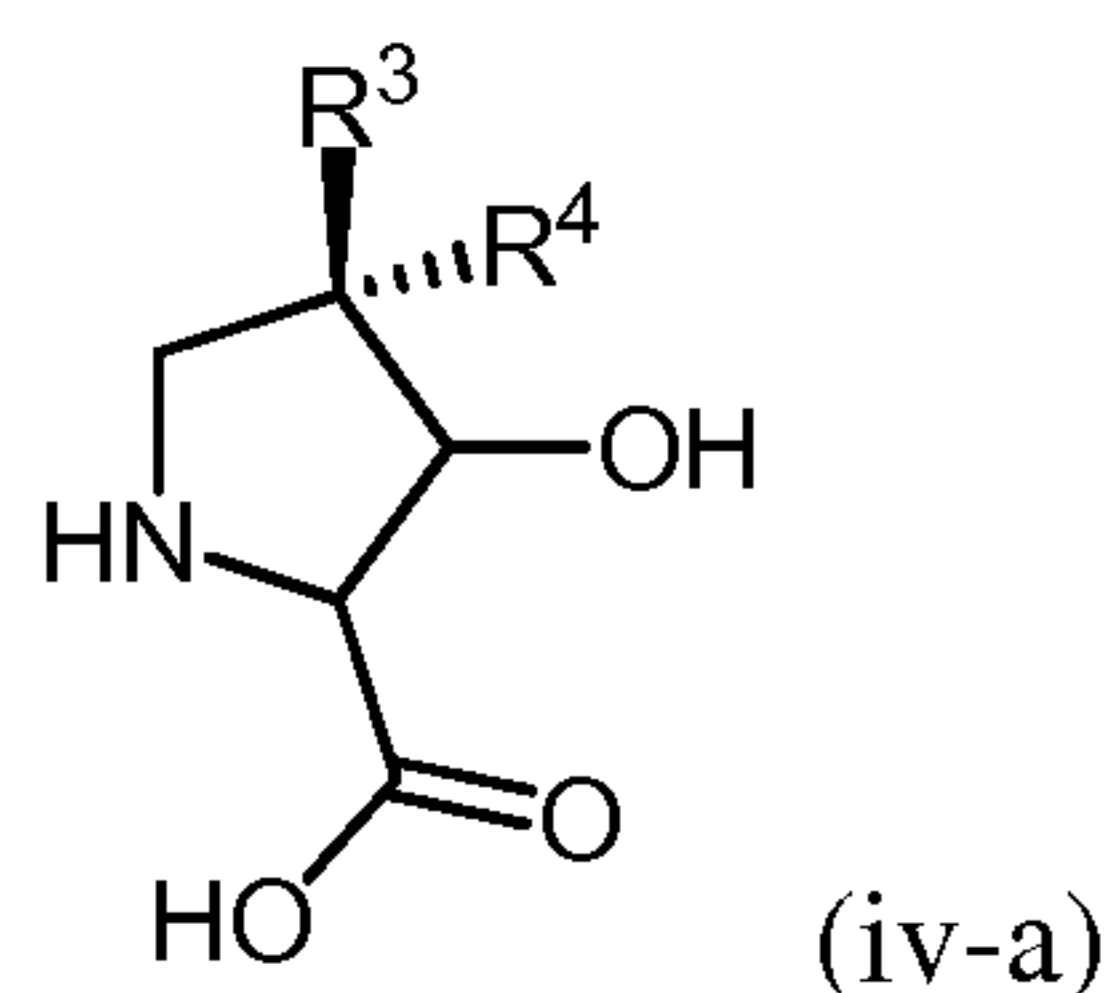


or salt thereof; upon contact with a proline oxidase.

[0054] In certain embodiments, the proline compound of Formula (iv):

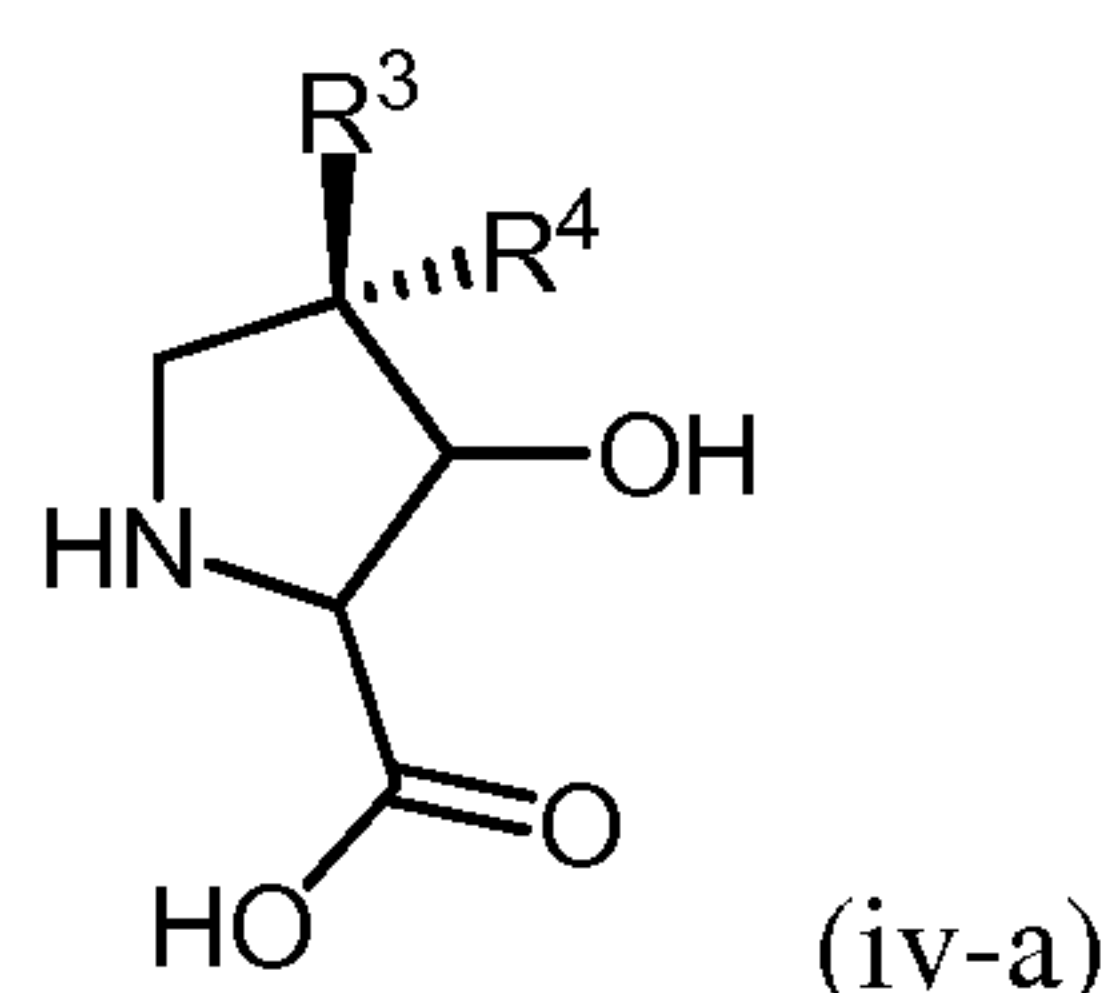


or salt thereof, wherein R^5 is hydrogen, is enzymatically converted to a 3-hydroxylated proline compound of formula:

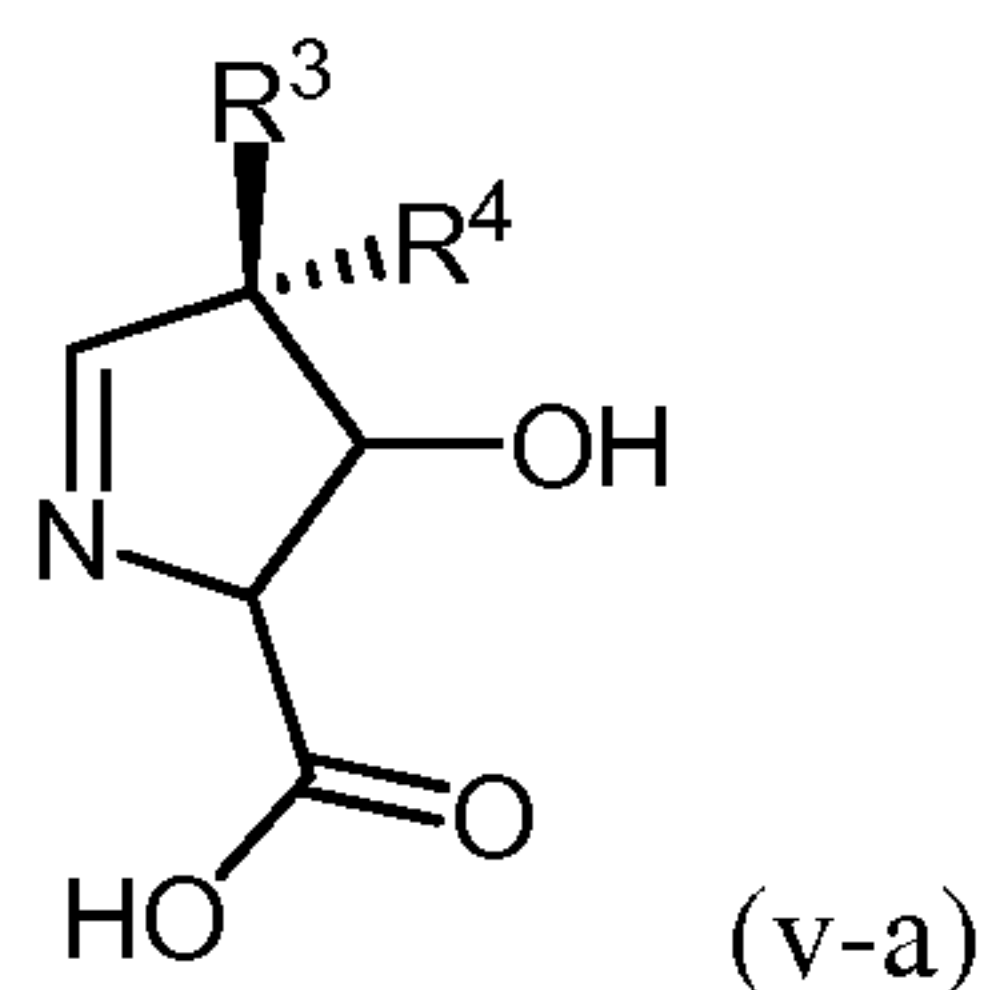


or salt thereof; upon contact with a proline-3-hydroxylase.

[0055] In certain embodiments, the 3-hydroxylated proline compound of formula:



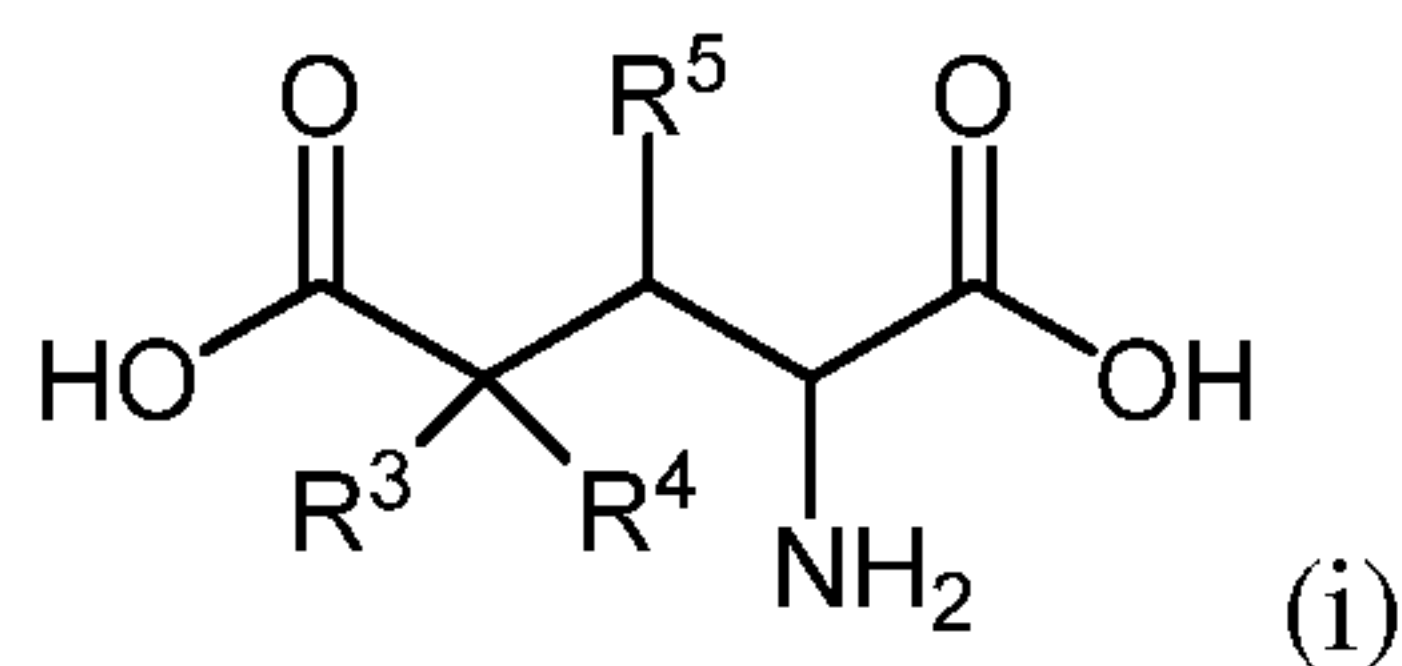
or salt thereof, is enzymatically converted to a 3-hydroxylated pyrrole compound of formula:



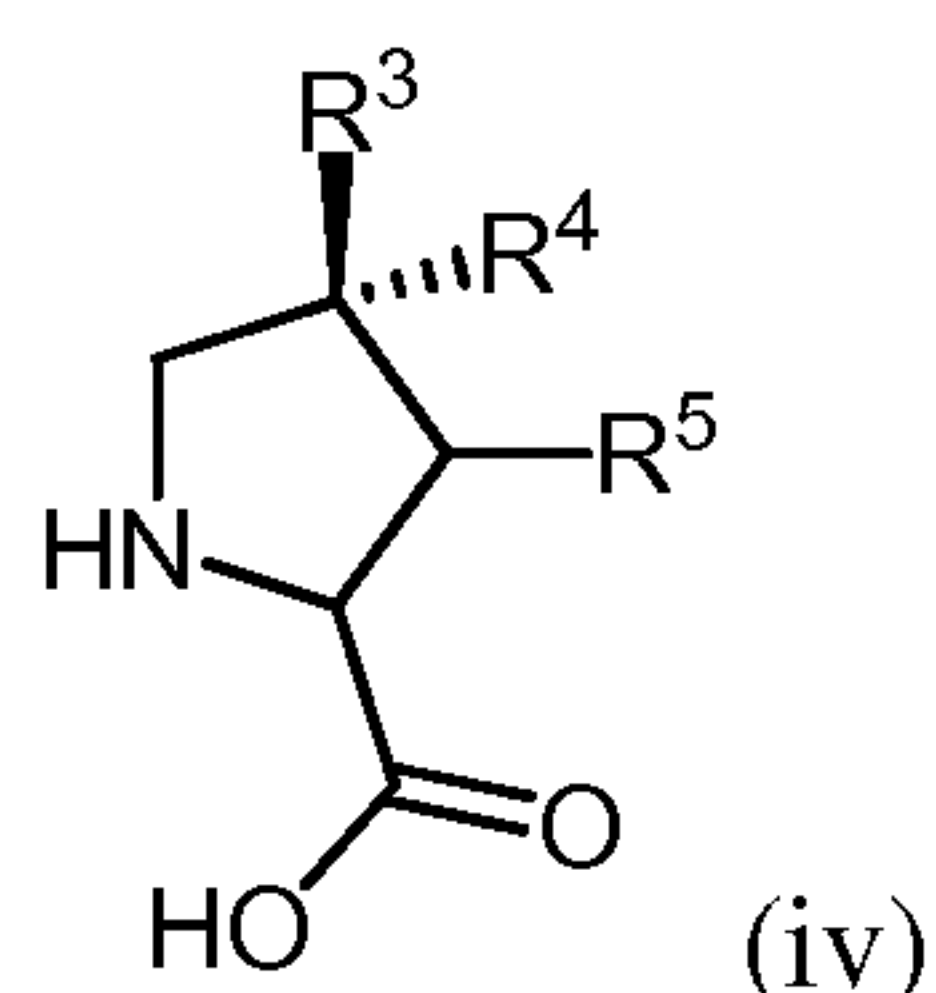
or salt thereof, upon contact with a proline oxidase.

[0056] In certain embodiments, the proline compound is selected from the group consisting of proline, 3-hydroxyproline, 4-methylproline, 3-hydroxy-4-methylproline, and salts thereof. In certain embodiments, the pyrrole compound is selected from the group consisting of 3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid, 3-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid, 4-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid, 3-hydroxy-4-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid, and salts thereof. In certain embodiments, the proline compound and pyrrole compound are both *L* isomers.

[0057] In certain embodiments, the optionally substituted glutamate of Formula (i):

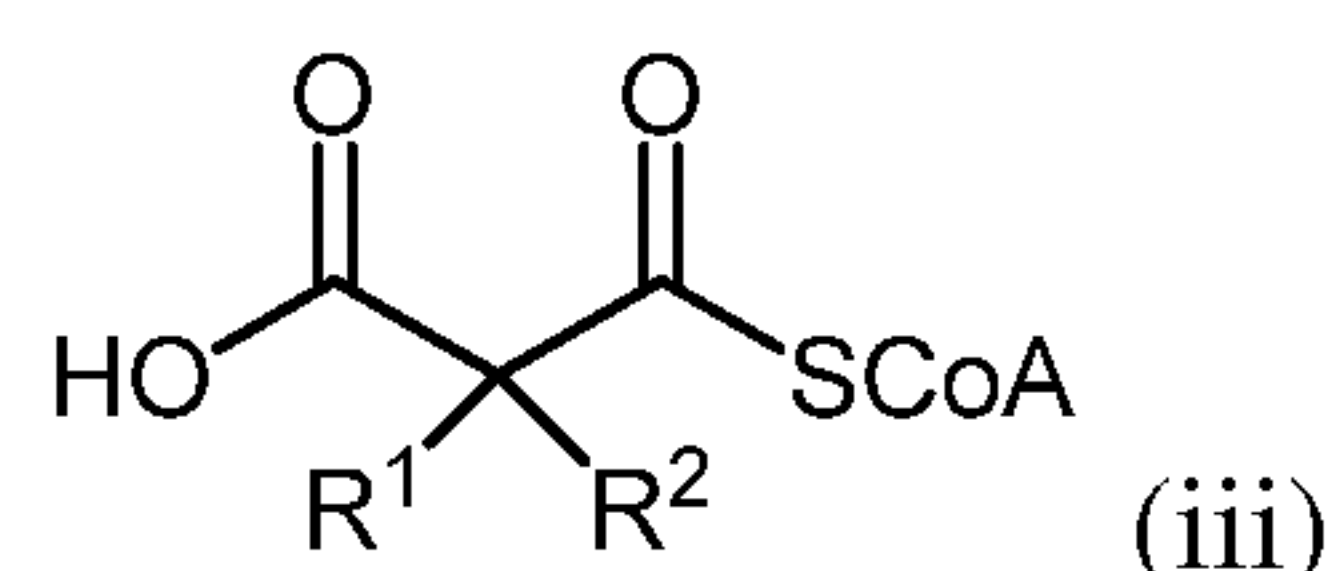


or salt thereof, is enzymatically converted to a proline compound of Formula (iv):



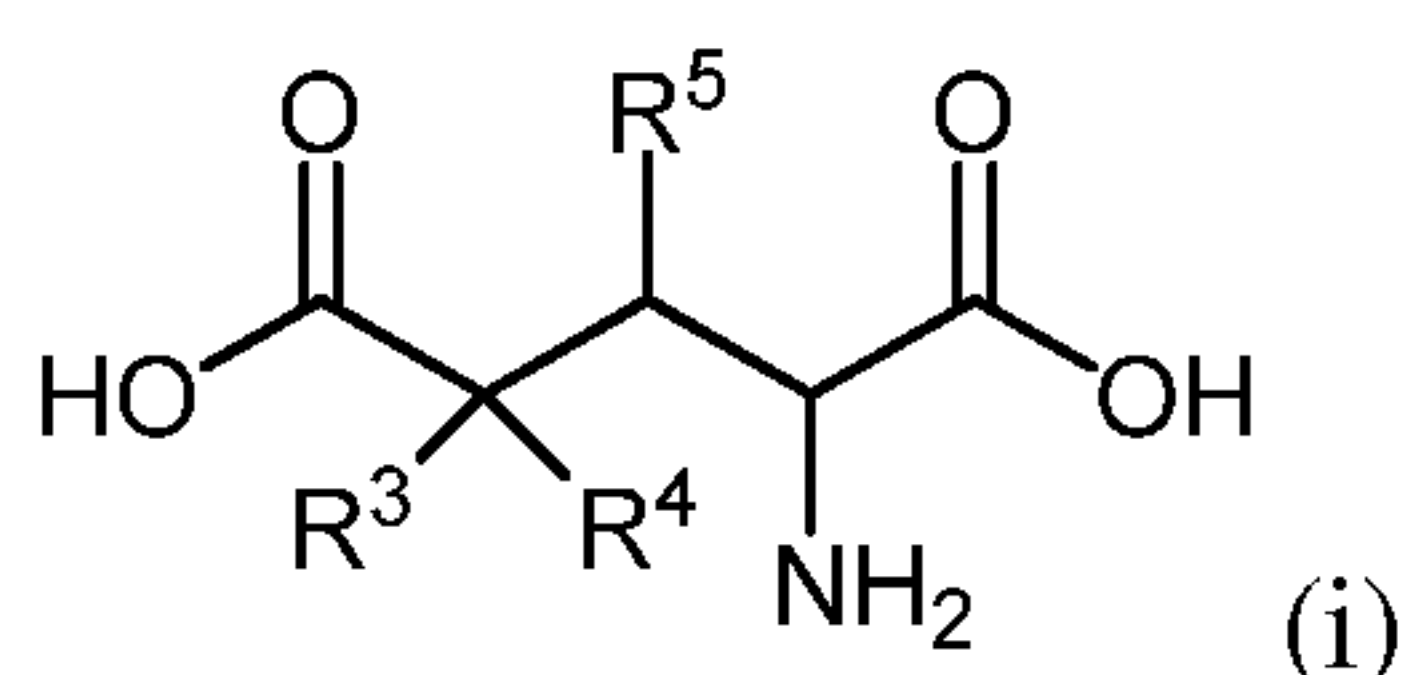
or salt thereof; upon contact with the γ -glutamyl kinase-GP-reductase multienzyme complex (*e.g.*, *E. coli* ProB and ProA).

[0058] In certain embodiments, glucose is enzymatically converted to an optionally substituted CoA compound of Formula (iii):

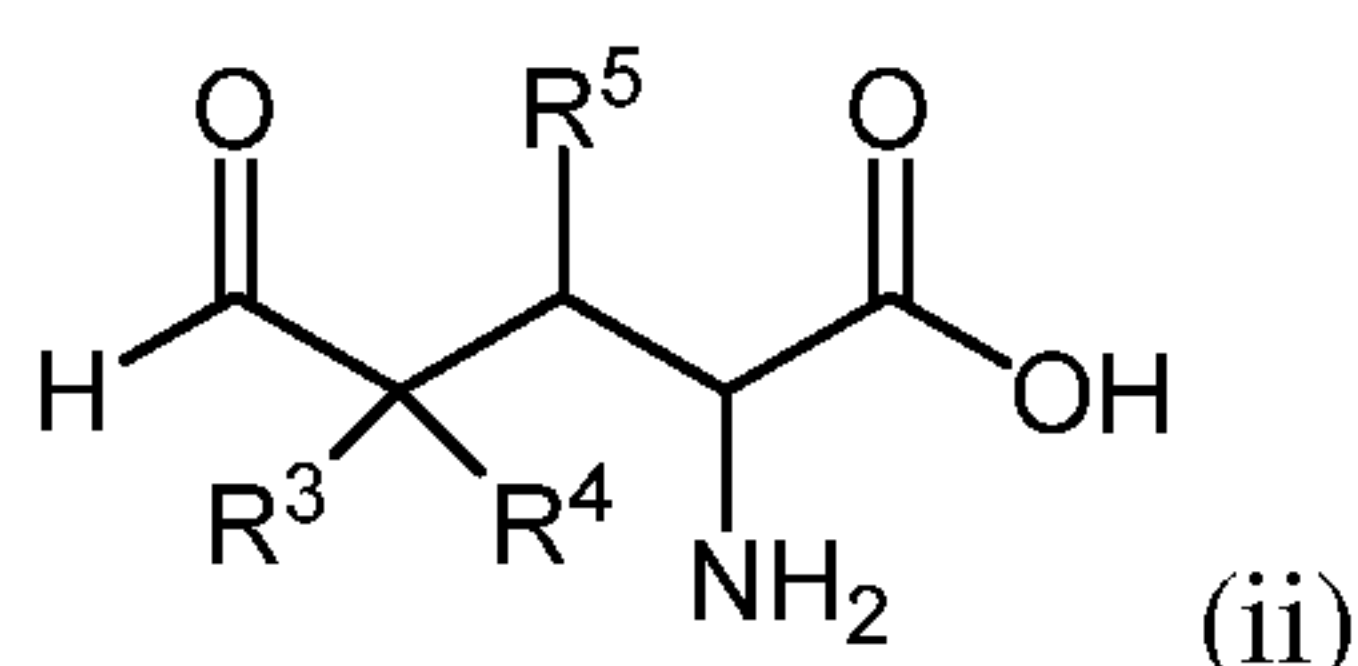


or salt thereof; wherein $-SCoA$ is Coenzyme A monoradical ($-SC_{21}H_{35}N_7O_{16}P_3$). See, *e.g.*, Figure 4. In certain embodiments, the glucose is converted to an optionally substituted CoA compound of Formula (iii) upon contact with one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of a glycolysis/Acetyl-CoA biosynthesis multi-enzyme, Acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase, beta-oxidation multienzyme, Crotonyl-CoA reductase, and isoforms thereof.

[0059] In certain embodiments, the optionally substituted glutamate of Formula (i):



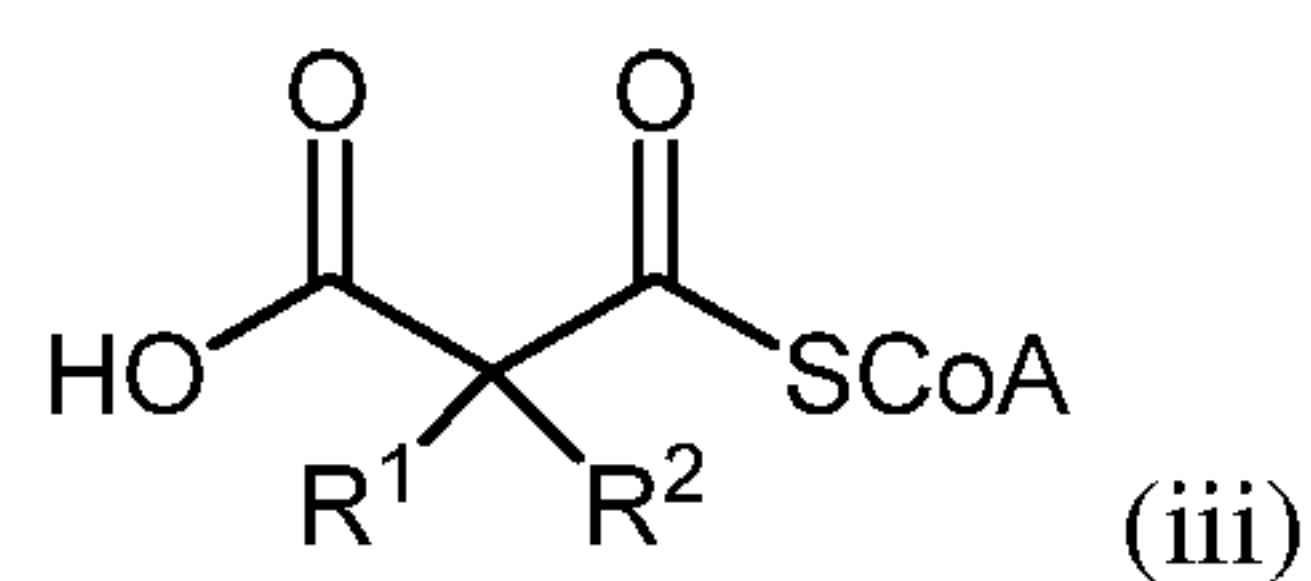
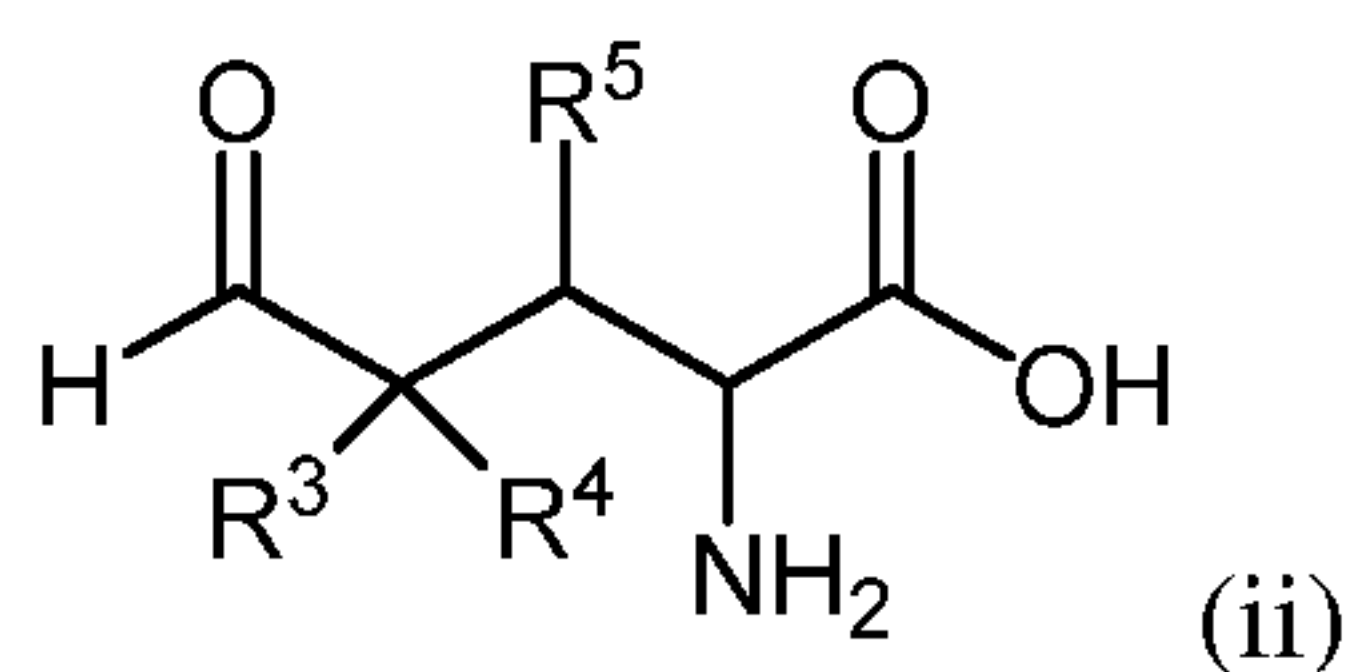
or salt thereof, is enzymatically converted to an optionally substituted glutamate semialdehyde of Formula (ii):



or salt thereof. In certain embodiments, the optionally substituted glutamate of Formula (i) is enzymatically converted to an optionally substituted glutamate semialdehyde of Formula (ii) upon contact with one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of a kinase (*e.g.*, a gamma-glutamyl kinase) and a dehydrogenase (*e.g.*, a Glu-5-P dehydrogenase); see, *e.g.*, Figure 2A. In certain embodiments, the optionally substituted glutamate of Formula (i) is selected from the group consisting of glutamate, 3-hydroxy-glutamate, 4-methylglutamate, and 3-hydroxy-4-methyl-glutamate, and the corresponding optionally substituted glutamate

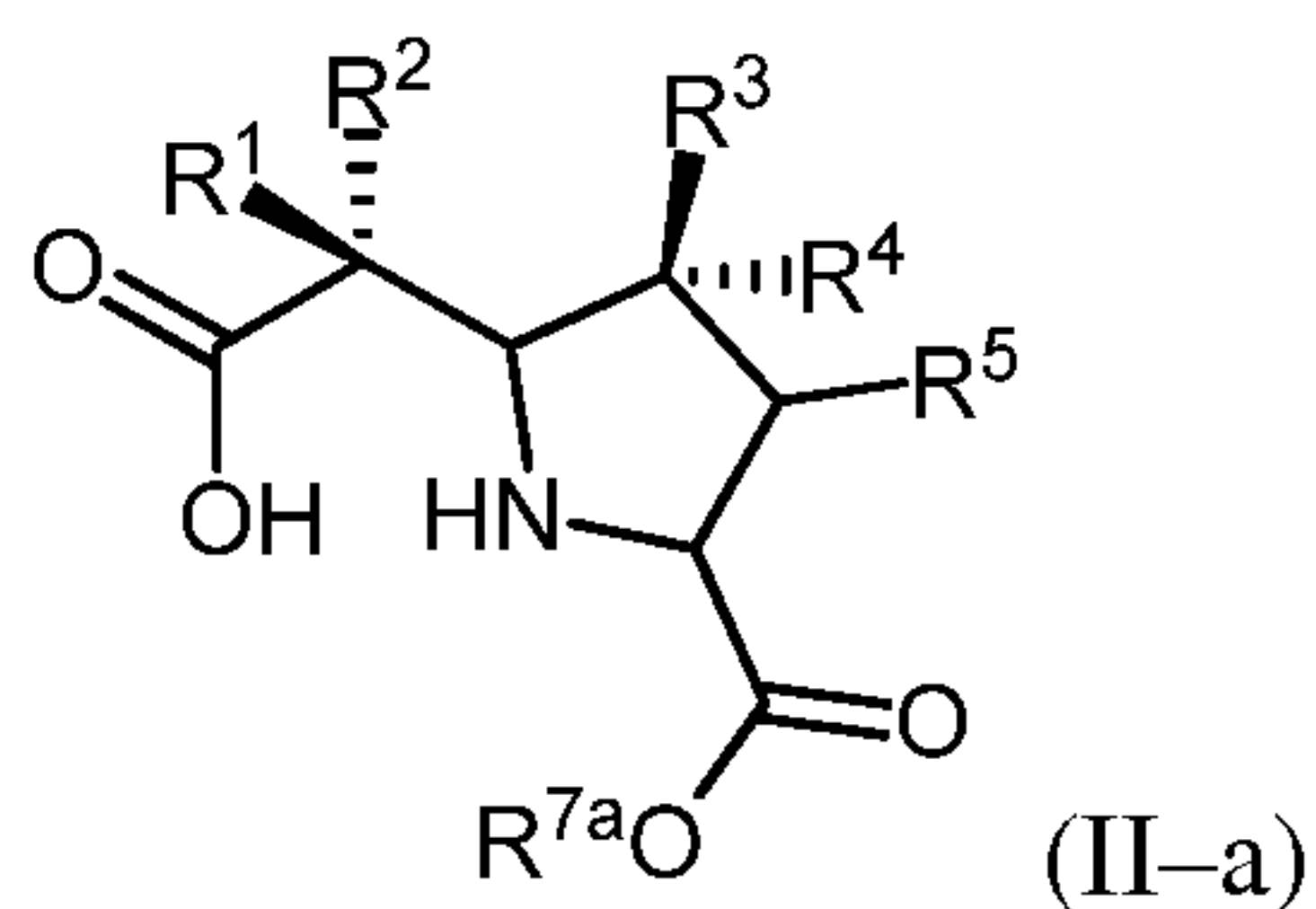
semialdehyde of Formula (ii) is selected from the group consisting of glutamate semialdehyde, 3-hydroxy-glutamate semialdehyde, 4-methylglutamate semialdehyde, and 3-hydroxy-4-methyl-glutamate semialdehyde; see, *e.g.*, Figure 2B. In certain embodiments, the glutamate compound and glutamate semialdehyde are both *L* isomers.

[0060] In certain embodiments, the cell lysate converts the combination of glucose and glycine, or salts thereof, or the combination of glucose and an optionally substituted glutamate of the Formula (i), or salts thereof, to an optionally substituted CoA compound of Formula (iii) and an optionally substituted glutamate semialdehyde of Formula (ii):



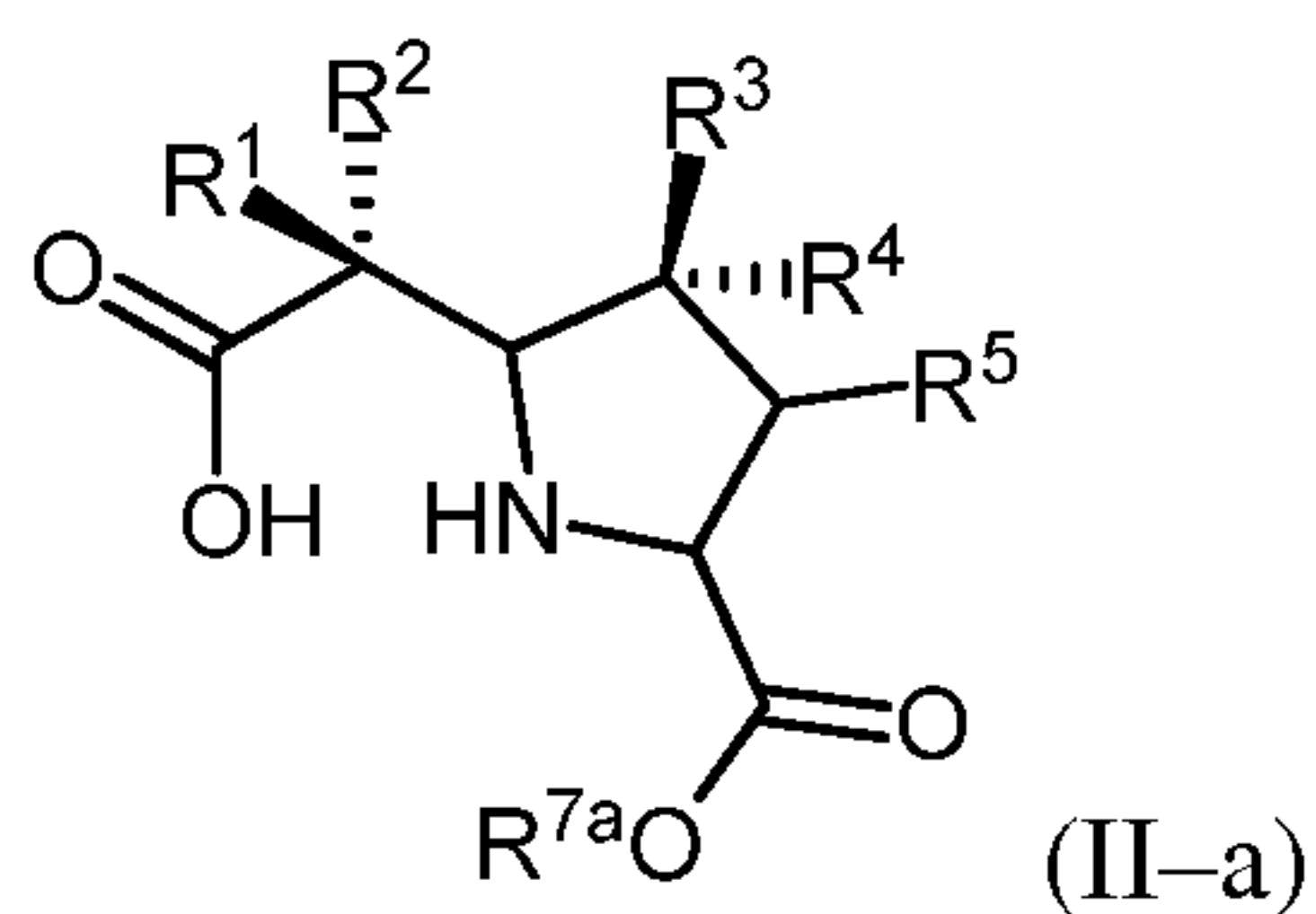
or salts thereof. In certain embodiments, compounds of Formula (iii) and Formula (ii), or salts thereof, are converted to a compound of Formula (I-a) or salt thereof, *e.g.*, upon contact with one or more enzymes released from the periplasmic space.

[0061] In certain embodiments, the optionally substituted glutamate semialdehyde of Formula (ii) and the optionally substituted CoA compound of Formula (iii) generate a pyrrolidinyl compound of Formula (II-a):



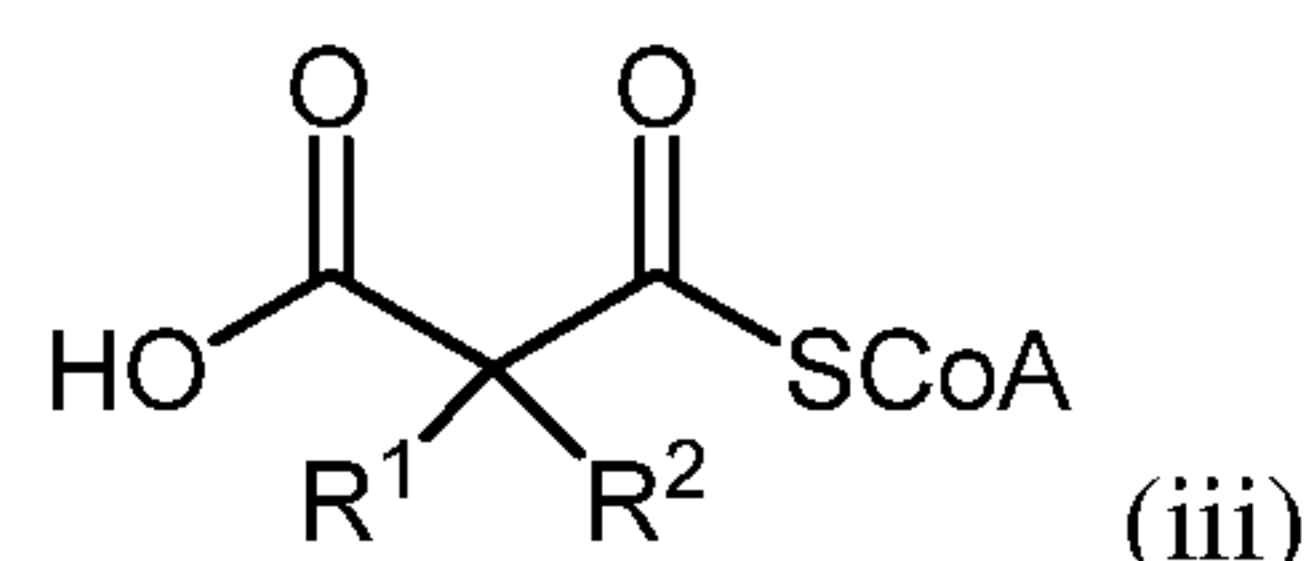
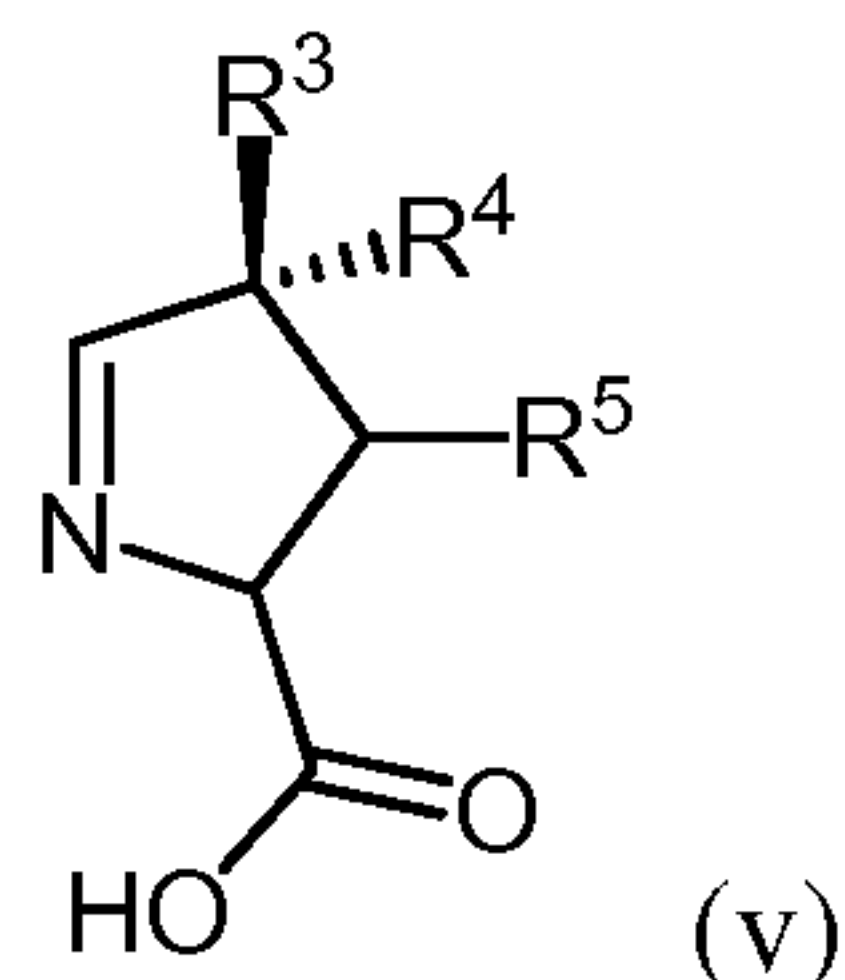
or salt thereof, wherein R^{7a} is hydrogen, upon contact with an enzyme, optionally released from the periplasmic space.

[0062] In certain embodiments, the optionally substituted glutamate semialdehyde of Formula (ii) and the optionally substituted CoA compound of Formula (iii) generate a pyrrolidinyl compound of Formula (II-a):



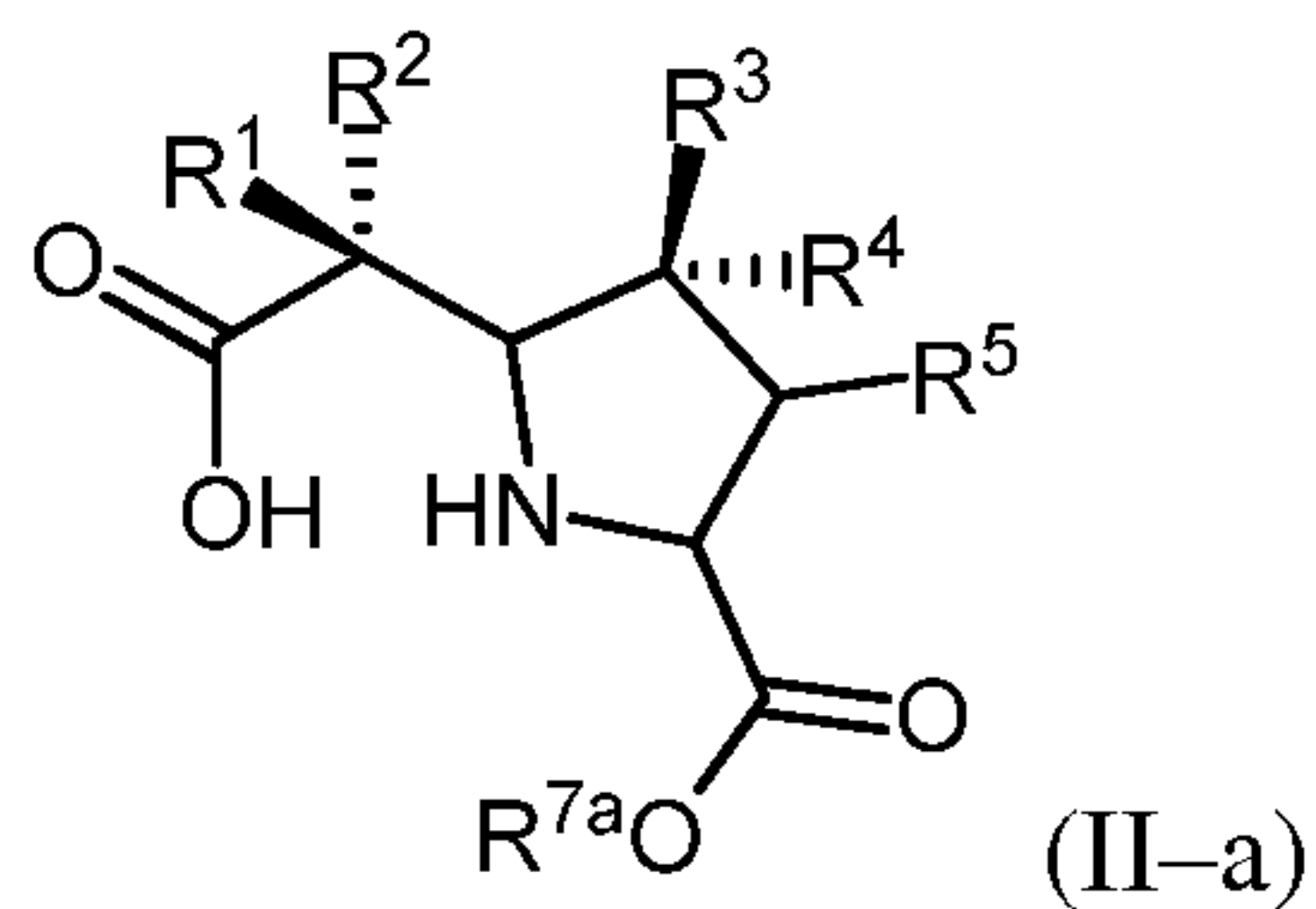
or salt thereof, wherein R^{7a} is hydrogen, upon contact with an enzyme, optionally released from the periplasmic space.

[0063] In certain embodiments, the enzyme-containing cell lysate converts the combination of glucose and the proline compound of Formula (iv) to an optionally substituted CoA compound of Formula (iii), or salt thereof, and an pyrrole compound of Formula (v), or salt thereof:



wherein -SCoA is Coenzyme A monoradical.

[0064] In certain embodiments, the pyrrole compound of Formula (v), or salt thereof, and the optionally substituted CoA compound of Formula (iii) generate a pyrrolidinyll compound of Formula (II-a):



or salt thereof, wherein R^{7a} is hydrogen, upon contact with an enzyme, optionally released from the periplasmic space.

[0065] In certain embodiments, $\equiv$ represents a single bond. In certain embodiments, $\equiv$ represents a double bond.

[0066] In certain embodiments, R^1 is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, R^1 is optionally substituted alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^1 is optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^1 is optionally substituted C_{1-4} alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^1 is optionally substituted C_{1-3} alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^1 is optionally substituted C_{1-2} alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^1 is $-CH_3$. In certain embodiments, R^1 is selected from hydrogen and $-CH_3$.

[0067] In certain embodiments, R^2 is hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, or optionally substituted heteroalkyl. In certain embodiments, R^2 is hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted heteroalkyl. In certain embodiments, R^2 is hydrogen or optionally substituted alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^2 is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, R^2 is optionally substituted alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^2 is optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl. In certain

embodiments, R^2 is optionally substituted C_{1-4} alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^2 is optionally substituted C_{1-3} alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^2 is optionally substituted C_{1-2} alkyl. In certain embodiments R^2 is optionally substituted C_1 alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^2 is $-CH_3$. In certain embodiments, R^2 is selected from hydrogen, $-CH_3$, $-CH_2OH$, $-CH_2CH_3$, $-CH(CH_3)_2$, or $-CH(OH)CH_3$.

[0068] In certain embodiments, R^1 is hydrogen, and R^2 is hydrogen or optionally substituted alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^1 is hydrogen, and R^2 is hydrogen or optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl (*e.g.*, $-CH_3$, $-CH_2OH$, $-CH_2CH_3$, $-CH(CH_3)_2$, or $-CH(OH)CH_3$). In certain embodiments, R^1 is hydrogen, and R^2 is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, R^1 is hydrogen, and R^2 is $-CH_3$, $-CH_2OH$, $-CH_2CH_3$, $-CH(CH_3)_2$, or $-CH(OH)CH_3$. In certain embodiments, R^1 is hydrogen, and R^2 is $-CH_3$ or $-CH_2CH_3$. In certain embodiments, R^1 is hydrogen, and R^2 is $-CH(OH)CH_3$.

[0069] In certain embodiments, R^3 is hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, or optionally substituted heteroalkyl. In certain embodiments, R^3 is hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted heteroalkyl. In certain embodiments, R^3 is hydrogen or optionally substituted alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^3 is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, R^3 is optionally substituted alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^3 is optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^3 is optionally substituted C_{1-4} alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^3 is optionally substituted C_{1-3} alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^3 is optionally substituted C_{1-2} alkyl. In certain embodiments R^3 is $-CH_3$. In certain embodiments, R^3 is hydrogen or $-CH_3$.

[0070] In certain embodiments, R^4 is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, R^4 is optionally substituted alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^4 is optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^4 is optionally substituted C_{1-4} alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^4 is optionally substituted C_{1-3} alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^4 is optionally substituted C_{1-2} alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^4 is $-CH_3$. In certain embodiments, R^4 is selected from hydrogen and $-CH_3$.

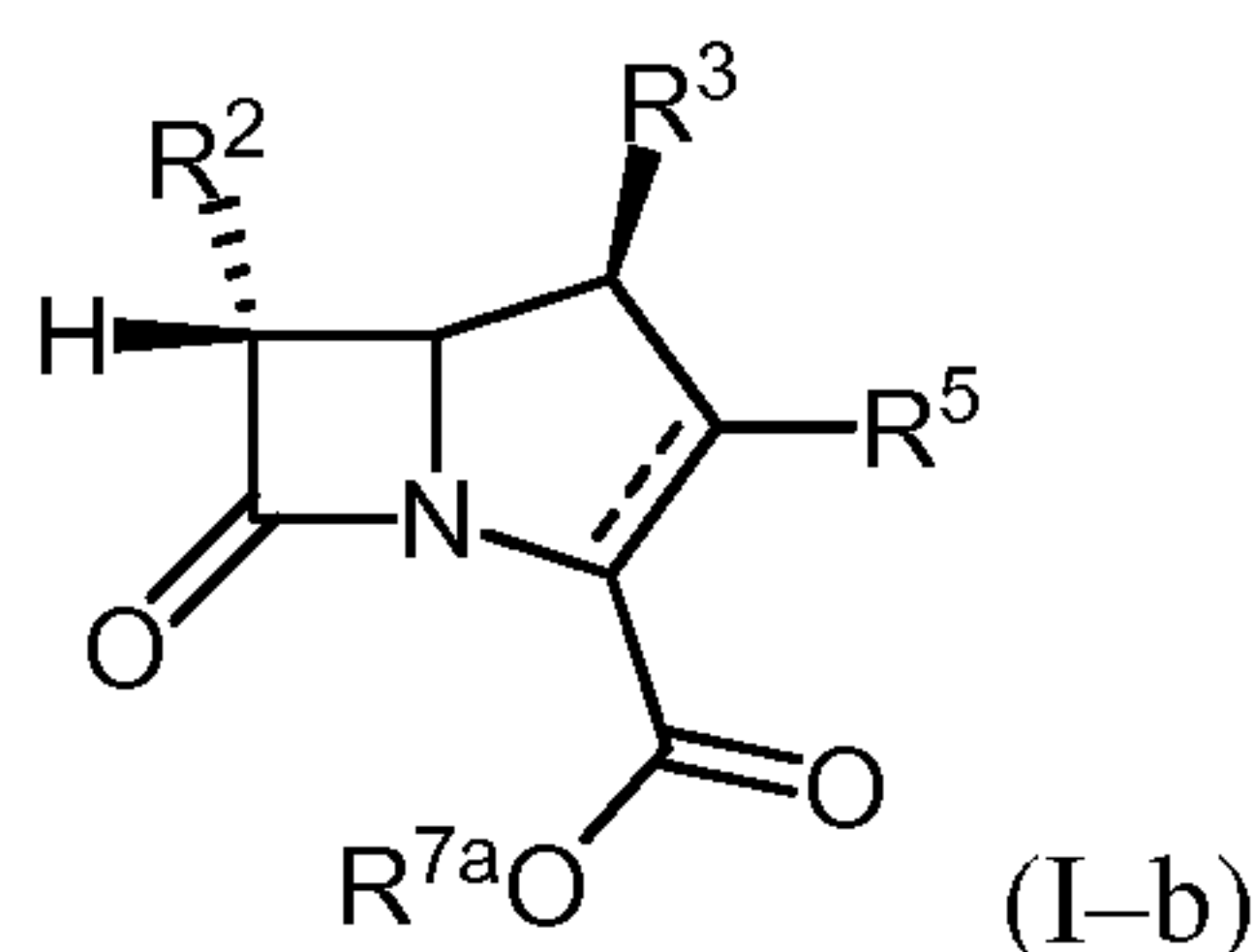
[0071] In certain embodiments, R^4 is hydrogen, and R^3 is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, R^4 is hydrogen, and R^3 is optionally substituted alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^4 is hydrogen, and R^3 is optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl (*e.g.*, $-CH_3$, $-CH_2CH_3$, $-CH(CH_3)_2$). In certain embodiments, R^4 is hydrogen, and R^3 is $-CH_3$.

[0072] In certain embodiments, R^5 is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, R^5 is $-OR^8$, wherein R^8 is as defined herein. In certain embodiments, R^5 is $-OH$. In certain embodiments, R^5 is $-SR^8$, wherein R^8 is as defined herein. In certain embodiments, R^5 is $-$

SH. In certain embodiments, R^5 is $-N(R^8)_2$, wherein R^8 is as defined herein. In certain embodiments, R^5 is $-NHR^8$. In certain embodiments, R^5 is $-NH_2$. In certain embodiments, R^5 is hydrogen or $-OH$.

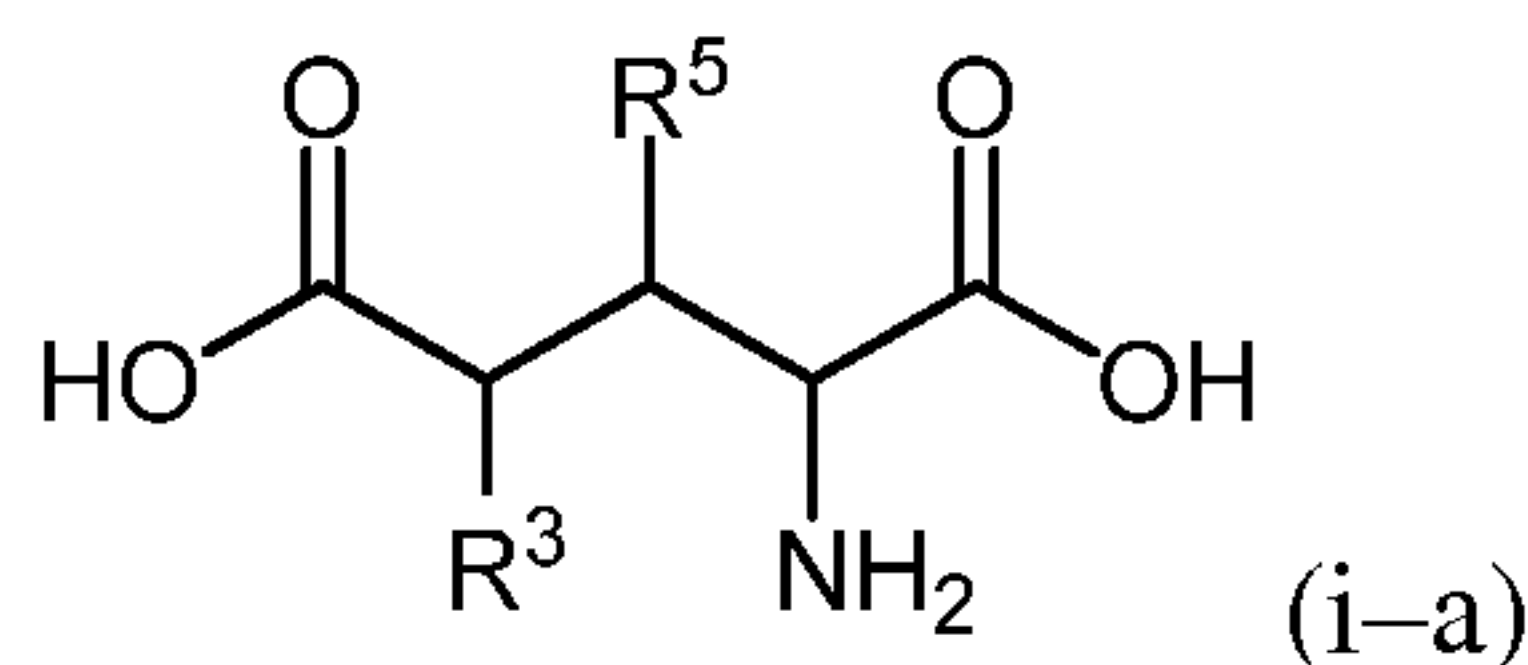
[0073] In certain embodiments, R^1 is hydrogen; R^2 is hydrogen, $-CH_2$, or $-CH_2CH_3$; R^3 is hydrogen or $-CH_3$; R^4 is hydrogen; and R^5 is hydrogen or $-OH$.

[0074] For example, in certain embodiments when R^1 and R^4 are hydrogen, the compound of Formula (I-a) is of the Formula (I-b):



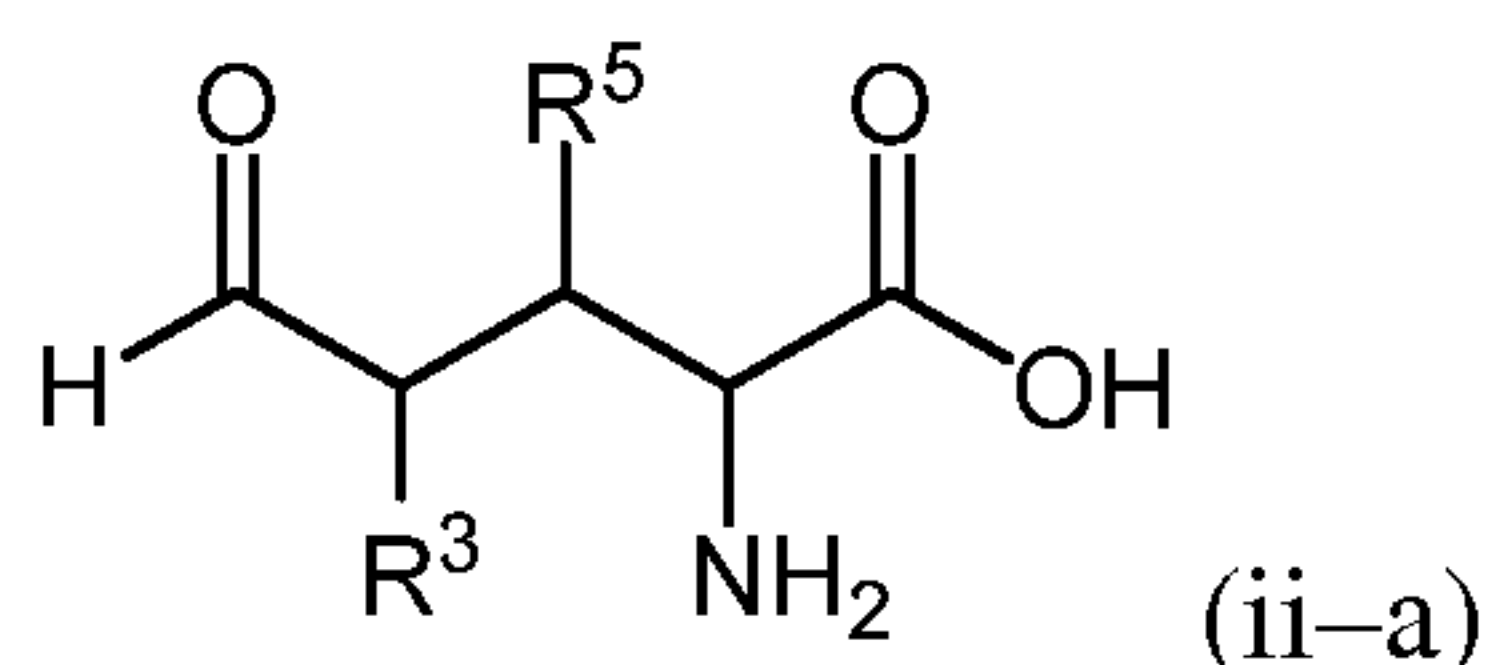
or a salt or tautomer thereof, or a combination thereof;

the optionally substituted glutamate of Formula (i) is of the Formula (i-a):



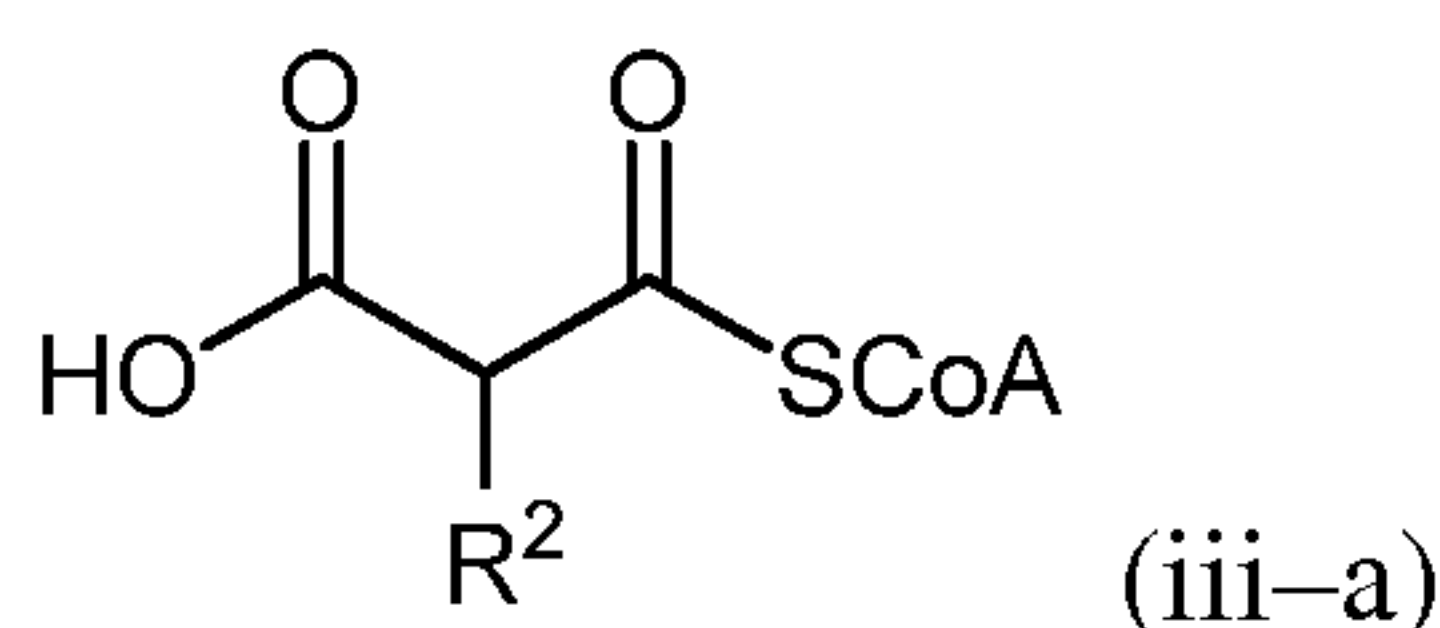
or salt thereof;

the optionally substituted glutamate semialdehyde is of Formula (ii-a):



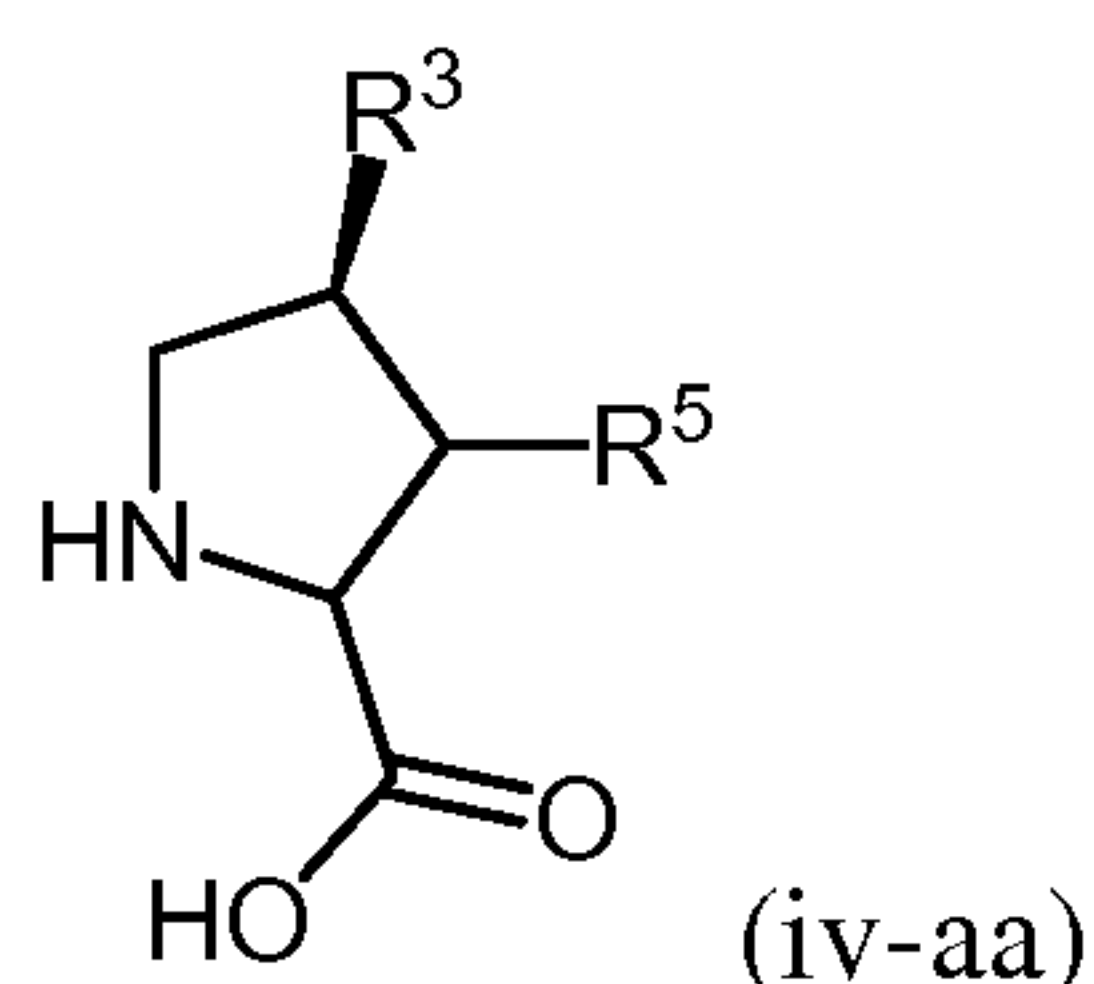
or salt thereof;

the optionally substituted CoA compound is of Formula (iii-a):



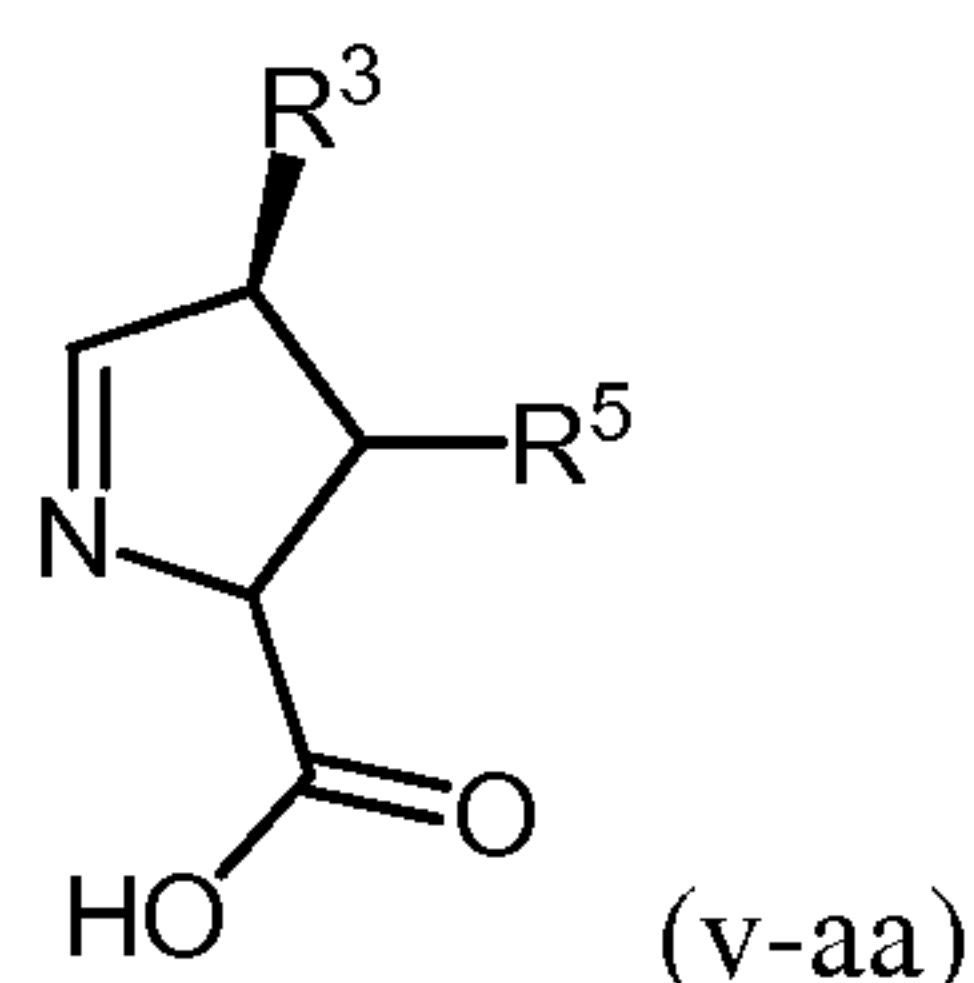
or salt thereof;

the proline compound is of Formula (iv-aa):



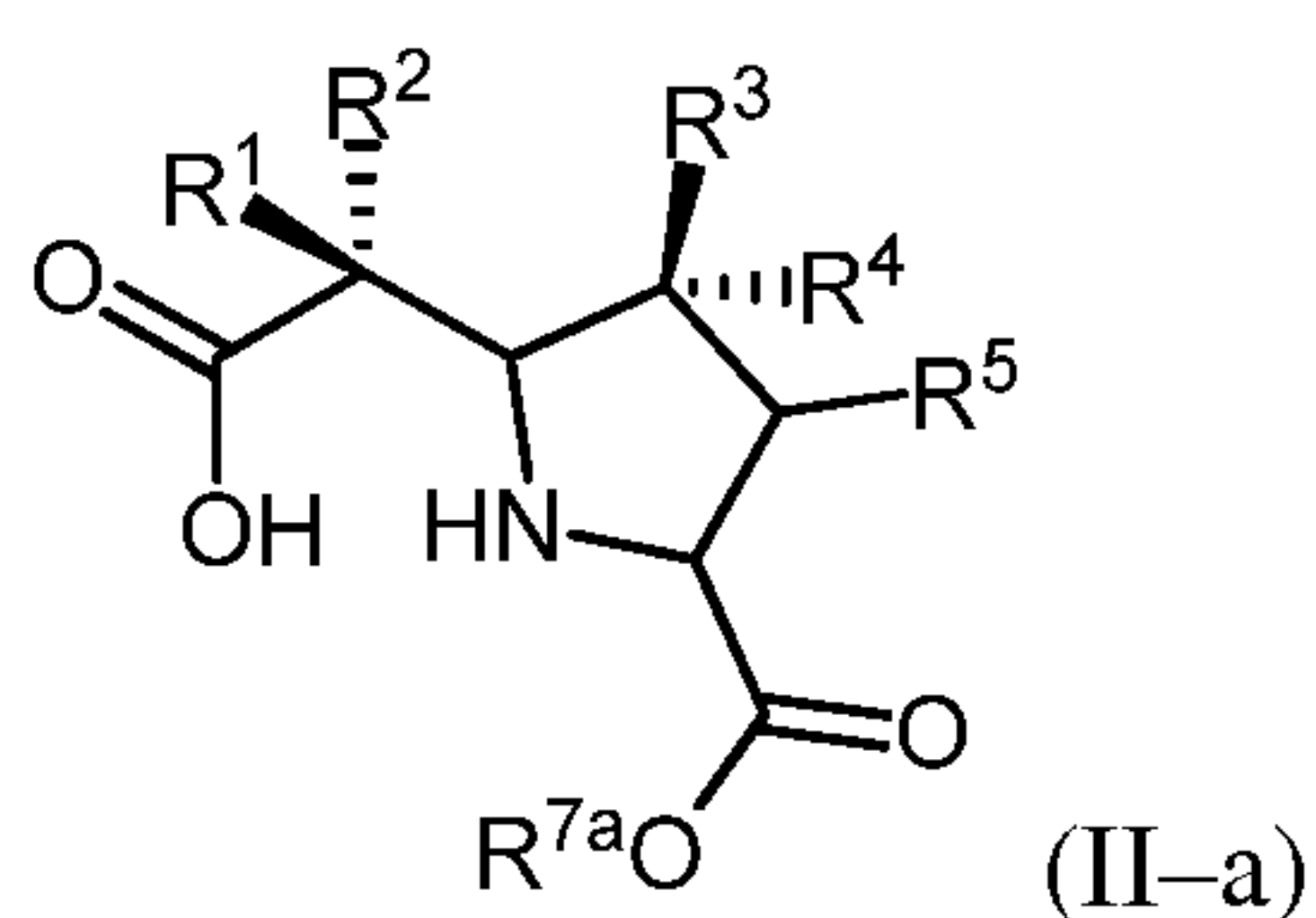
or salt thereof;

and the pyrrole compound is of Formula (v-aa):



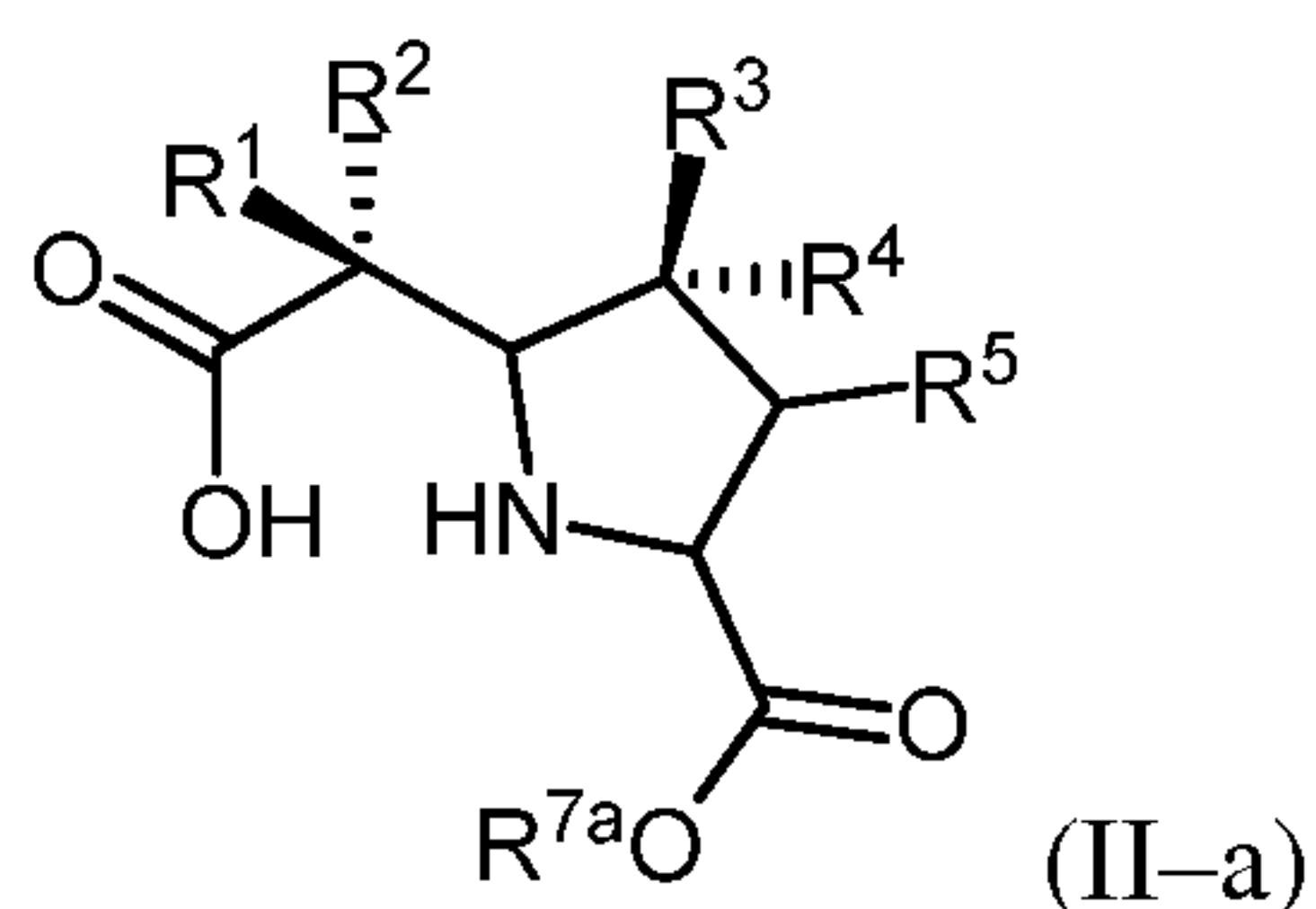
or salt thereof; wherein R^{7a} is hydrogen, and R^2 , R^3 , and R^5 are as defined herein.

[0075] As generally described above, in certain embodiments, the cell lysate converts the combination of glucose and glycine, or the combination of glucose and an optionally substituted glutamate of the Formula (i), to an optionally substituted CoA compound of Formula (iii) and an optionally substituted glutamate semialdehyde of Formula (ii). In certain embodiments, the optionally substituted glutamate semialdehyde of Formula (ii) and the optionally substituted CoA compound of Formula (iii) generate a pyrrolidinyll compound of Formula (II-a):



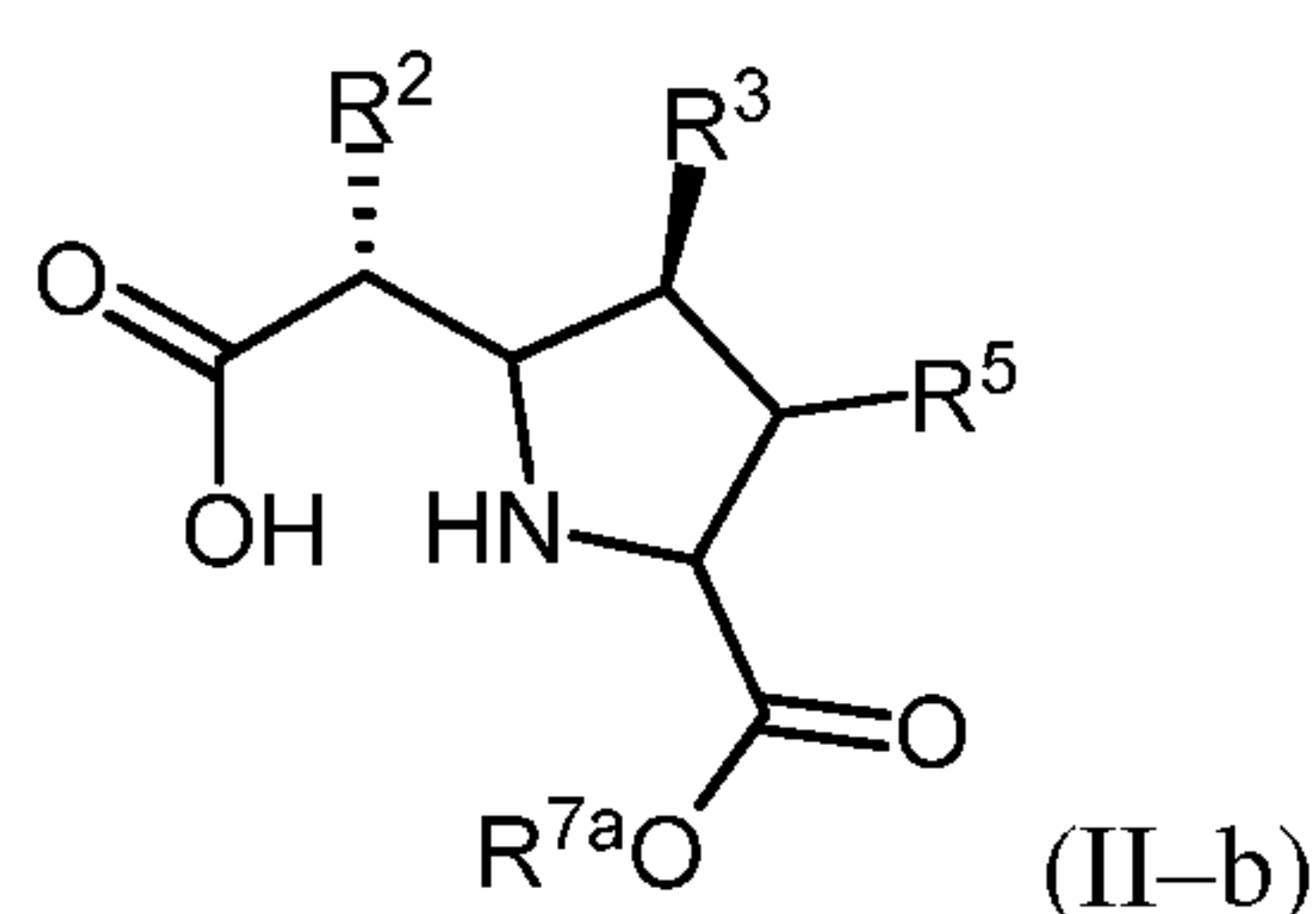
or salt thereof, upon contact with a carboxymethyl-Pro synthase (*e.g.*, CarB, then) or isozyme thereof. In certain embodiments, R^1 is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, R^2 is hydrogen, $-CH_2$, or $-CH_2CH_3$. In certain embodiments, R^3 is hydrogen or $-CH_3$. In certain embodiments, R^4 is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, R^5 is hydrogen or $-OH$.

[0076] As generally described above, in other embodiments, the cell lysate converts the combination of glucose and an optionally substituted proline of the Formula (iv) to an optionally substituted CoA compound of Formula (iii) and an pyrrole compound of Formula (v). In certain embodiments, the optionally substituted CoA compound of Formula (iii) and an pyrrole compound of Formula (v) generate a pyrrolidinyll compound of Formula (II-a):



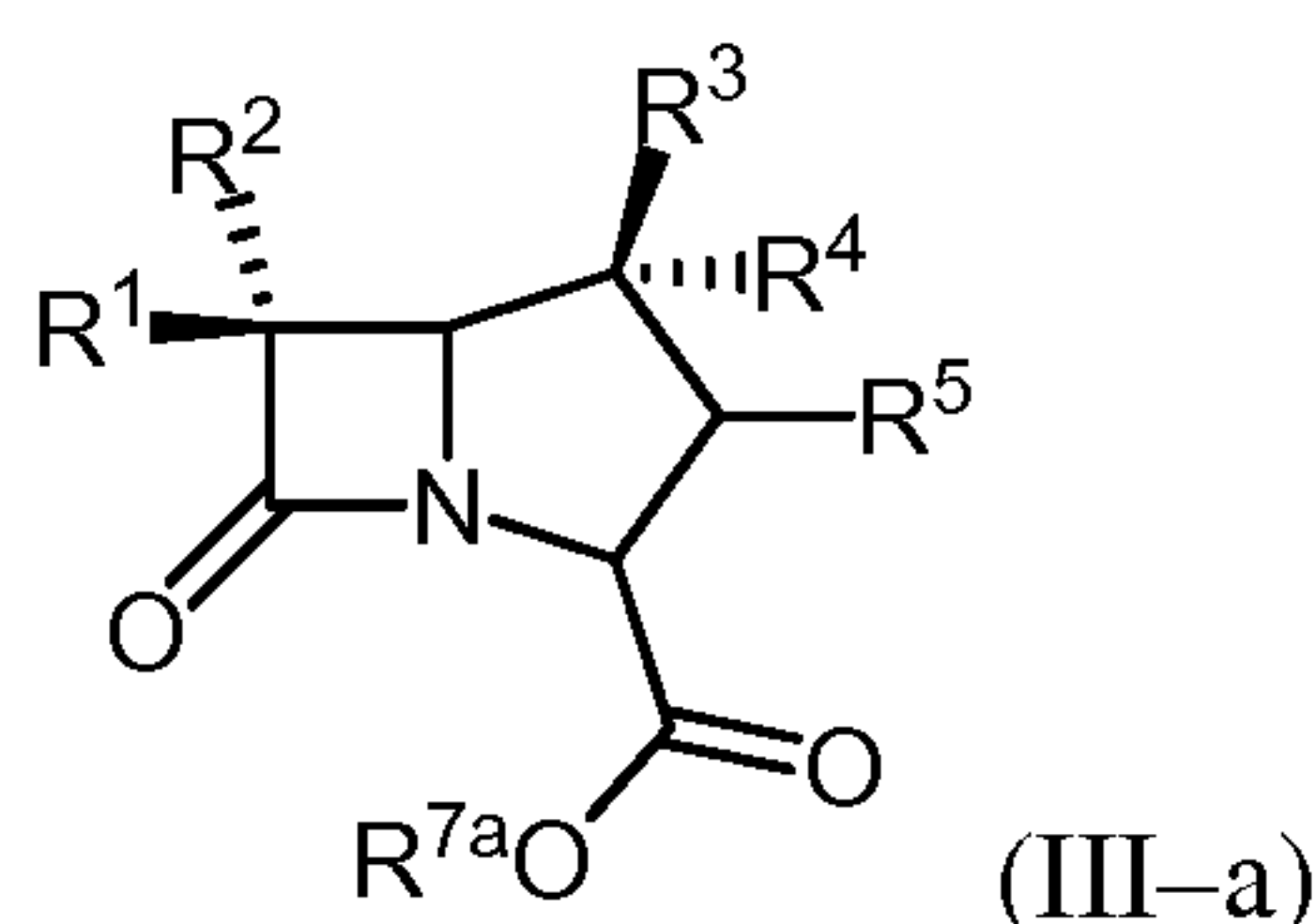
or salt thereof, upon contact with a carboxymethyl-Pro synthase (*e.g.*, CarB, ThnE) or isozyme thereof. In certain embodiments, R^1 is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, R^2 is hydrogen, $-\text{CH}_2$, or $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$. In certain embodiments, R^3 is hydrogen or $-\text{CH}_3$. In certain embodiments, R^4 is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, R^5 is hydrogen or $-\text{OH}$.

[0077] In certain embodiments, wherein R^1 and R^4 are hydrogen, the pyrrolidinyl compound (II-a) is of the Formula (II-b):



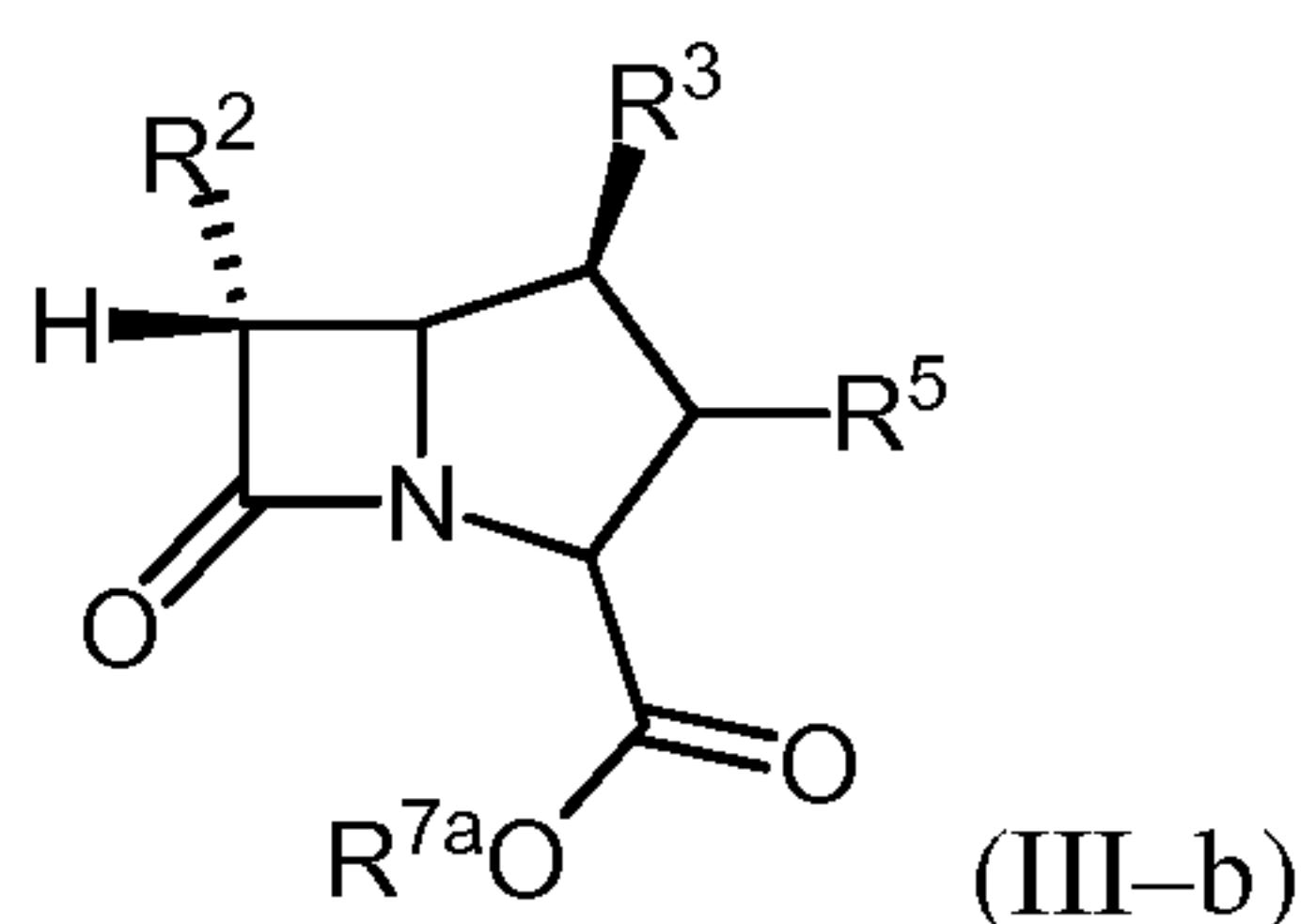
or salt thereof.

[0078] In certain further embodiments, the pyrrolidinyl compound (II-a) generates a β -lactam compound of Formula (III-a):



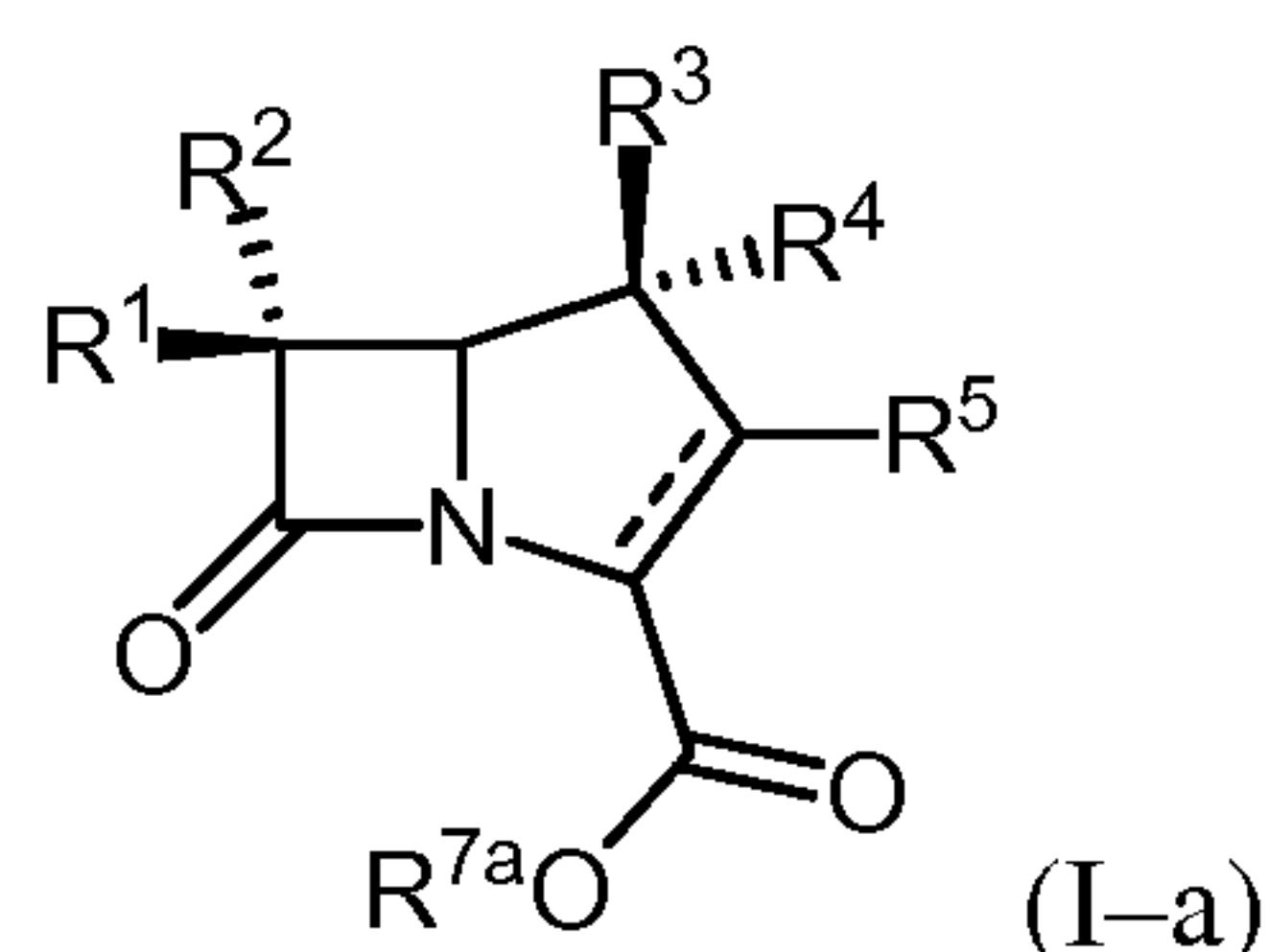
or salt thereof, upon contact with a carbapenam synthetase (*e.g.*, CarA, or isozyme thereof) or a β -lactam synthetase (*e.g.*, ThnM, or isozyme thereof), or an isozyme thereof. In certain embodiments, R^1 is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, R^2 is hydrogen, $-\text{CH}_2$, or $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$. In certain embodiments, R^3 is hydrogen or $-\text{CH}_3$. In certain embodiments, R^4 is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, R^5 is hydrogen or $-\text{OH}$.

[0079] In certain embodiments, wherein R^1 and R^4 are hydrogen, the compound of Formula (III-a) is of the Formula (III-b):



or salt thereof.

[0080] In certain further embodiments, the β -lactam compound of Formula (III-a) generates a compound of Formula (I-a):

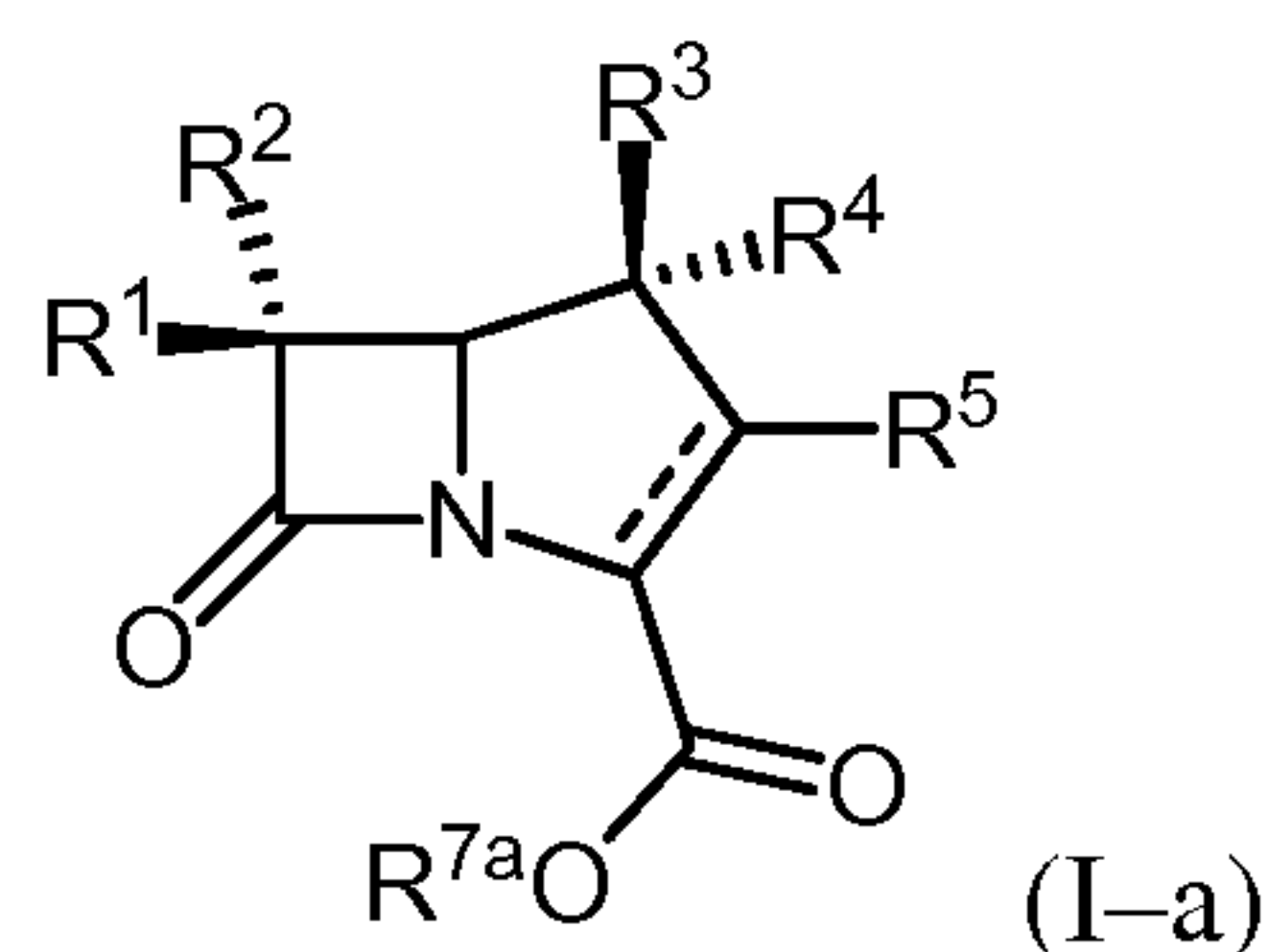


or salt thereof, wherein ==== is a double bond, upon contact with a carbapenem synthase (*e.g.*, CarC or ThnG), or isozyme thereof. In certain embodiments, R^1 is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, R^2 is hydrogen, $-\text{CH}_2$, or $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$. In certain embodiments, R^3 is hydrogen or $-\text{CH}_3$. In certain embodiments, R^4 is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, R^5 is hydrogen or $-\text{OH}$.

[0081] In certain embodiments, the method further comprises one or more additional enzymatic and/or chemical steps to provide functionalized carbapenems encompassed by Formula (I). For example, it is contemplated that one or more positions on the carbapenem scaffold of Formula (I-a) may be further functionalized using enzymatic and/or chemical methods. In certain embodiments, the one or more of the contemplated additional enzymatic steps may be performed utilizing a cell-free system. For example, the cell, prior to lysing, may comprise the expression of one or more additional enzymes which are useful in further functionalization of the carbapenem scaffold in the cell-free reaction.

Attachment of the C2 side chain

[0082] In certain embodiments, the C2 side chain is installed on the carbapenem scaffold by enzymatic methods. For example, in certain embodiments, wherein R^5 is hydrogen, the method further comprises contacting the compound of Formula (I-a):



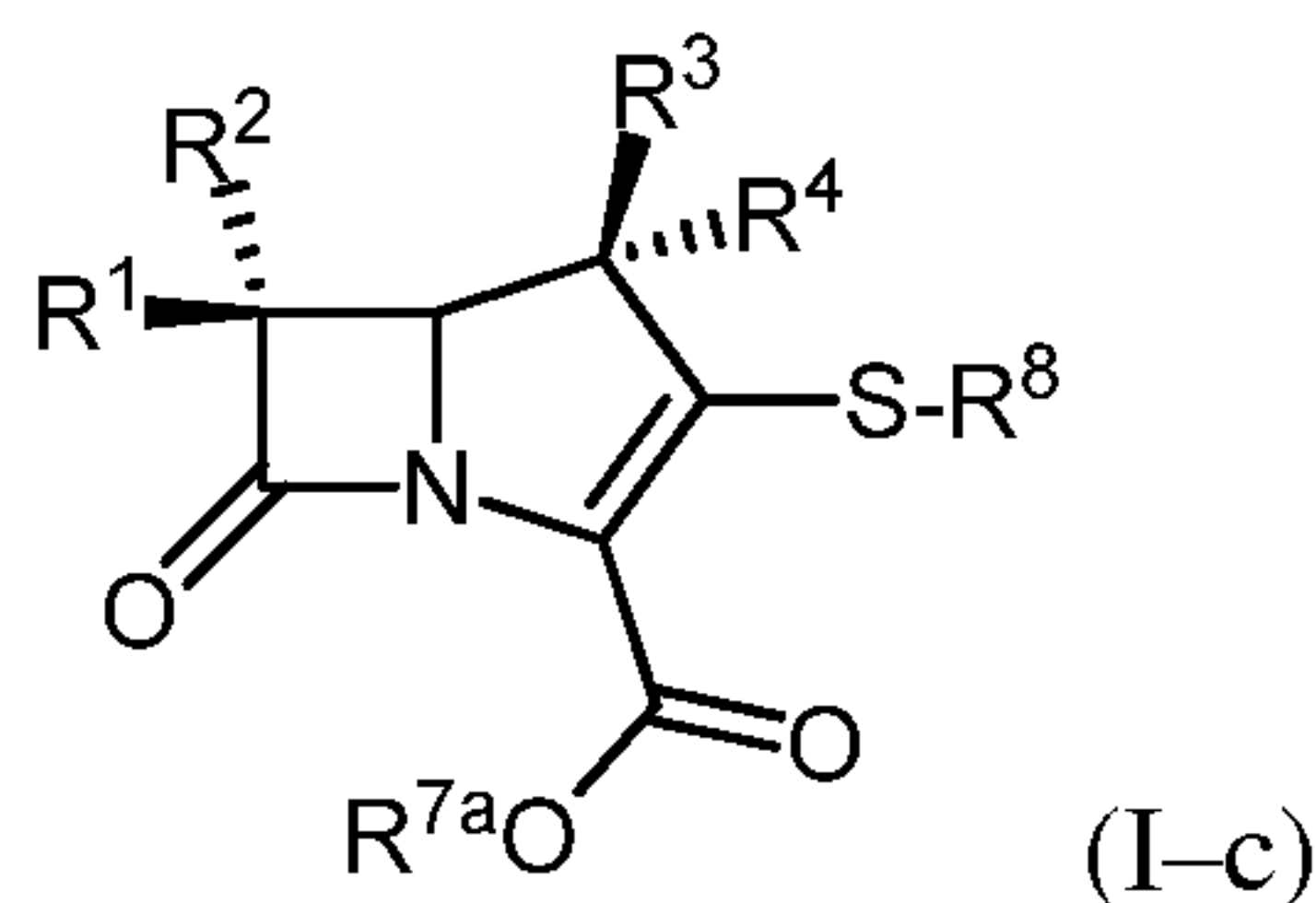
or a salt thereof; wherein ==== represents a double bond, with a transferase enzyme and a compound of the formula:



wherein R^8 is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl,

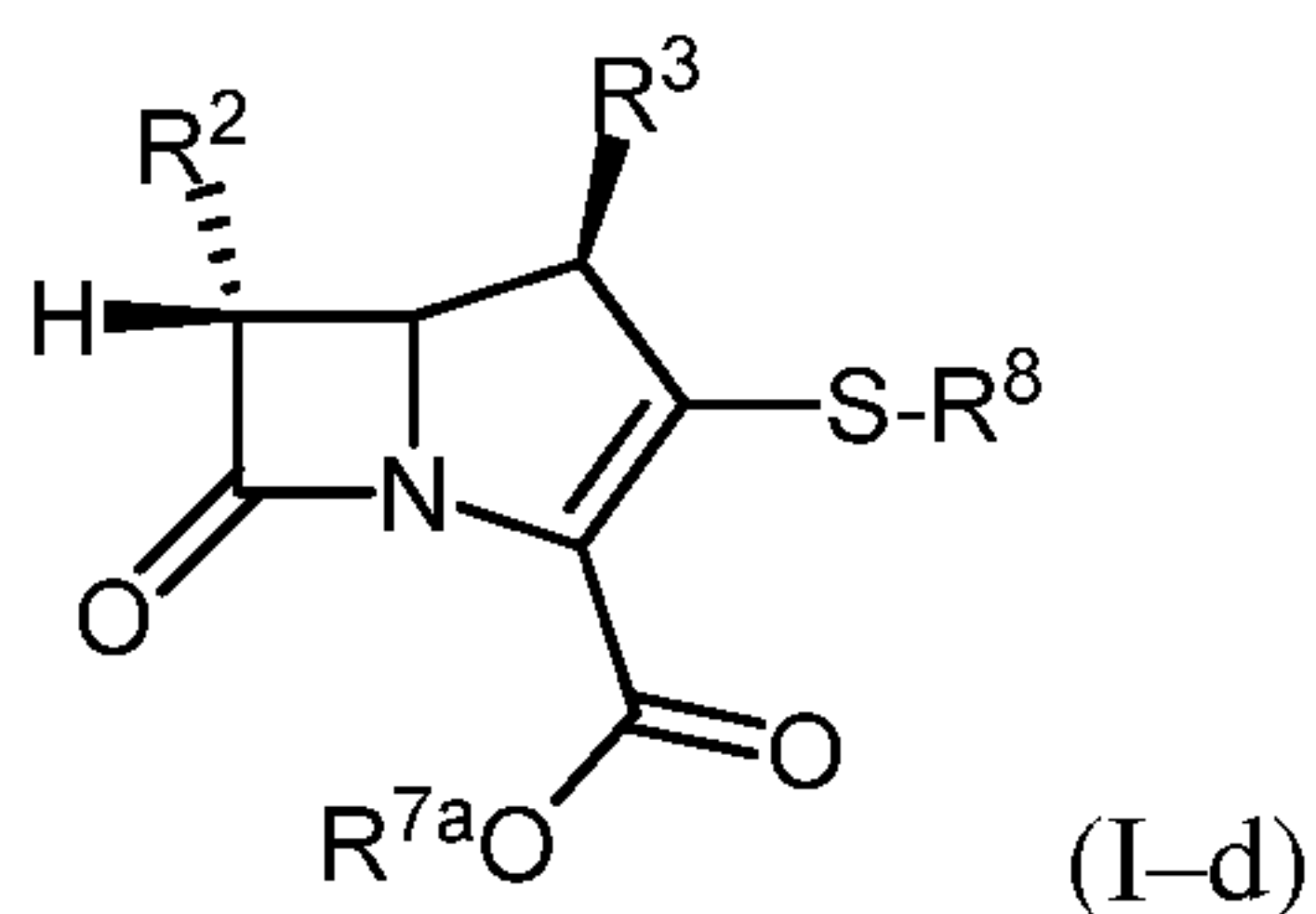
optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, and optionally substituted heteroaryl;

to provide a thiol-containing compound of Formula (I-c):



or salt thereof. In certain embodiments, R^1 is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, R^2 is hydrogen, $-\text{CH}_2$, or $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$. In certain embodiments, R^3 is hydrogen or $-\text{CH}_3$. In certain embodiments, R^4 is hydrogen.

[0083] In certain embodiments, wherein R^1 and R^4 are hydrogen, the thiol-containing compound of Formula (I-c) is a compound of the Formula (I-d):



or salt thereof.

[0084] In certain embodiments, the transferase enzyme is an enzyme which is expressed by the cell. In certain embodiments, the transferase enzyme is an enzyme which is expressed by the cell and sequestered in the periplasmic space. Upon lysing the cell, the enzyme, in combination with a compound of the formula $\text{HS}-\text{R}^8$, is free to react with the compound of Formula (I-a). However, in certain embodiments, the transferase enzyme is not expressed by the cell and sequestered in the periplasmic space. In certain embodiments, both the transferase enzyme and the $\text{HS}-\text{R}^8$ are contacted with the compound of Formula (I-a) after lysing the cell, *e.g.*, after the cell-free production of said compound. In certain embodiments, the transferase enzyme is an enzyme described in Nunez *et al. Chemistry and Biology* (2003) 10:301 (see, *e.g.*, Table 1 of Nunez, incorporated herein by reference). In certain embodiments, the transferase enzyme is an *S. cattleya* transferase enzyme. In certain embodiments, the *S. cattleya* transferase enzyme is selected from the group consisting of ThnV, ThnE, ThnF, ThnH, ThnR, ThnT, ThnI, ThnU, ThnG, ThnQ, ThnK, ThnL, ThnP, ThnN, and isozymes thereof. In certain embodiments, the *S. cattleya* transferase enzyme is ThnV.

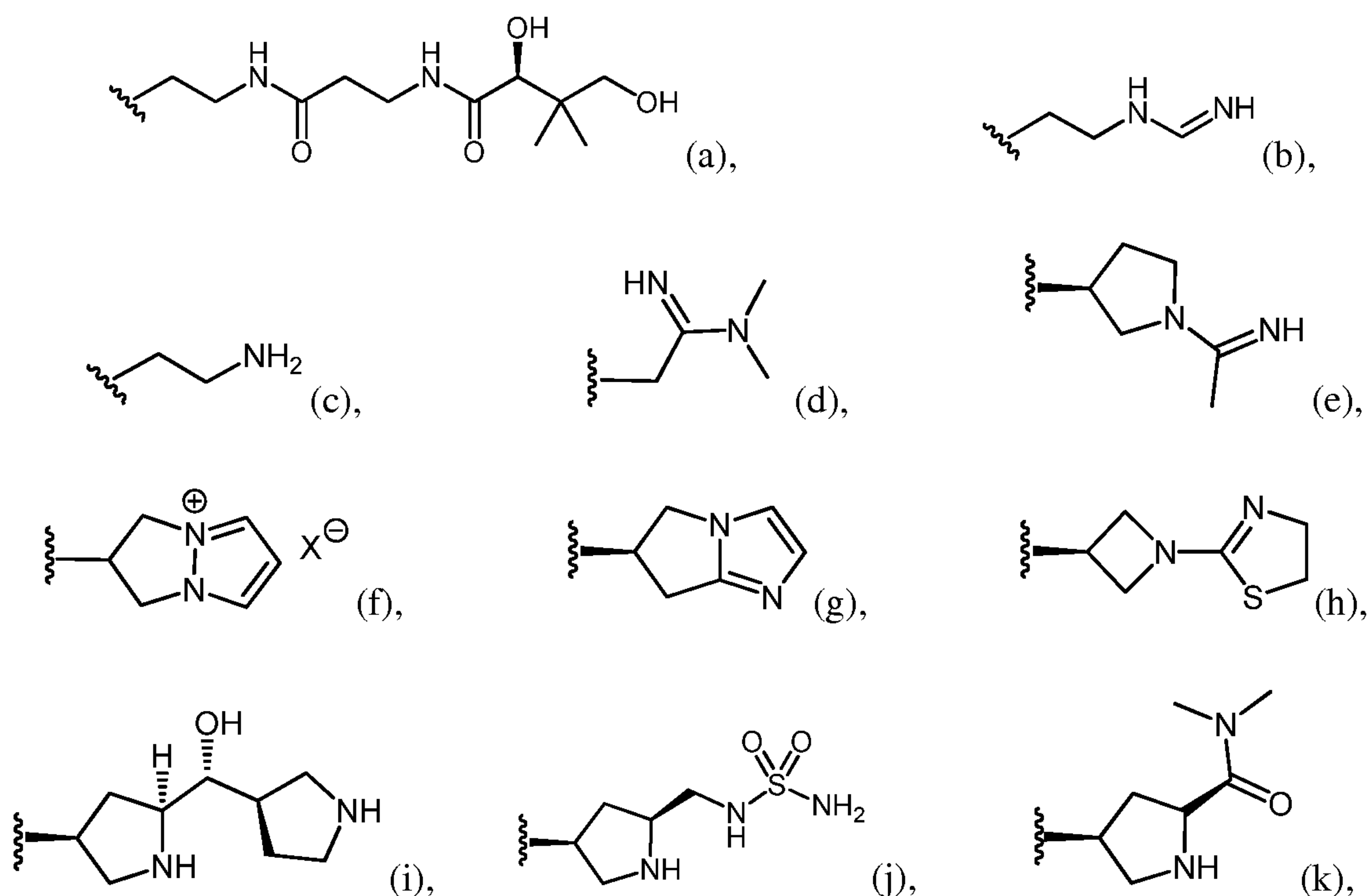
[0085] In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, or optionally substituted heterocyclyl.

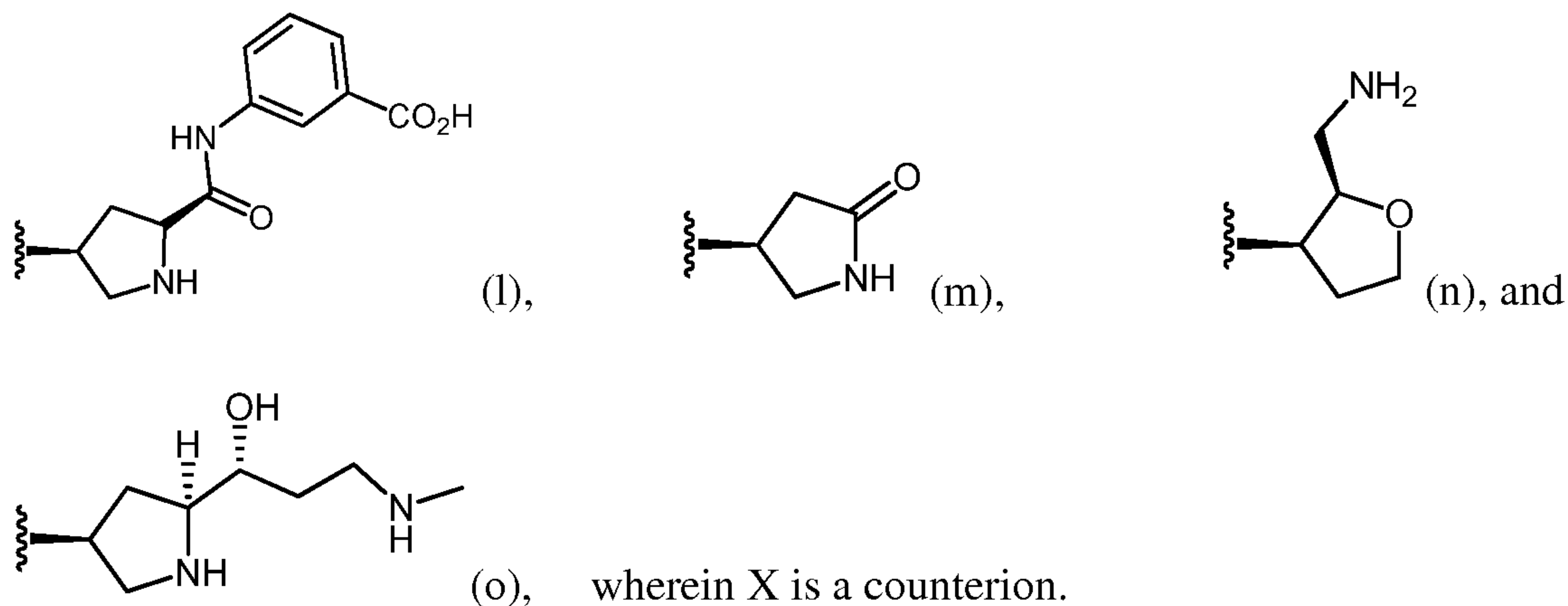
[0086] In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted C_{1-4} alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted C_{1-3} alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted C_{1-2} alkyl.

[0087] In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted heteroalkyl. In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted hetero C_{1-6} alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted hetero C_{1-4} alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted hetero C_{1-3} alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted hetero C_{1-2} alkyl.

[0088] In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted heterocyclyl. In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted 5–6 membered heterocyclyl. In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted 5–membered heterocyclyl (*e.g.*, pyrrolidinyl, pyrazolidinyl). In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted bicyclic heterocyclyl (*e.g.*, pyrrolo[1,2-*c*]imidazolyl).

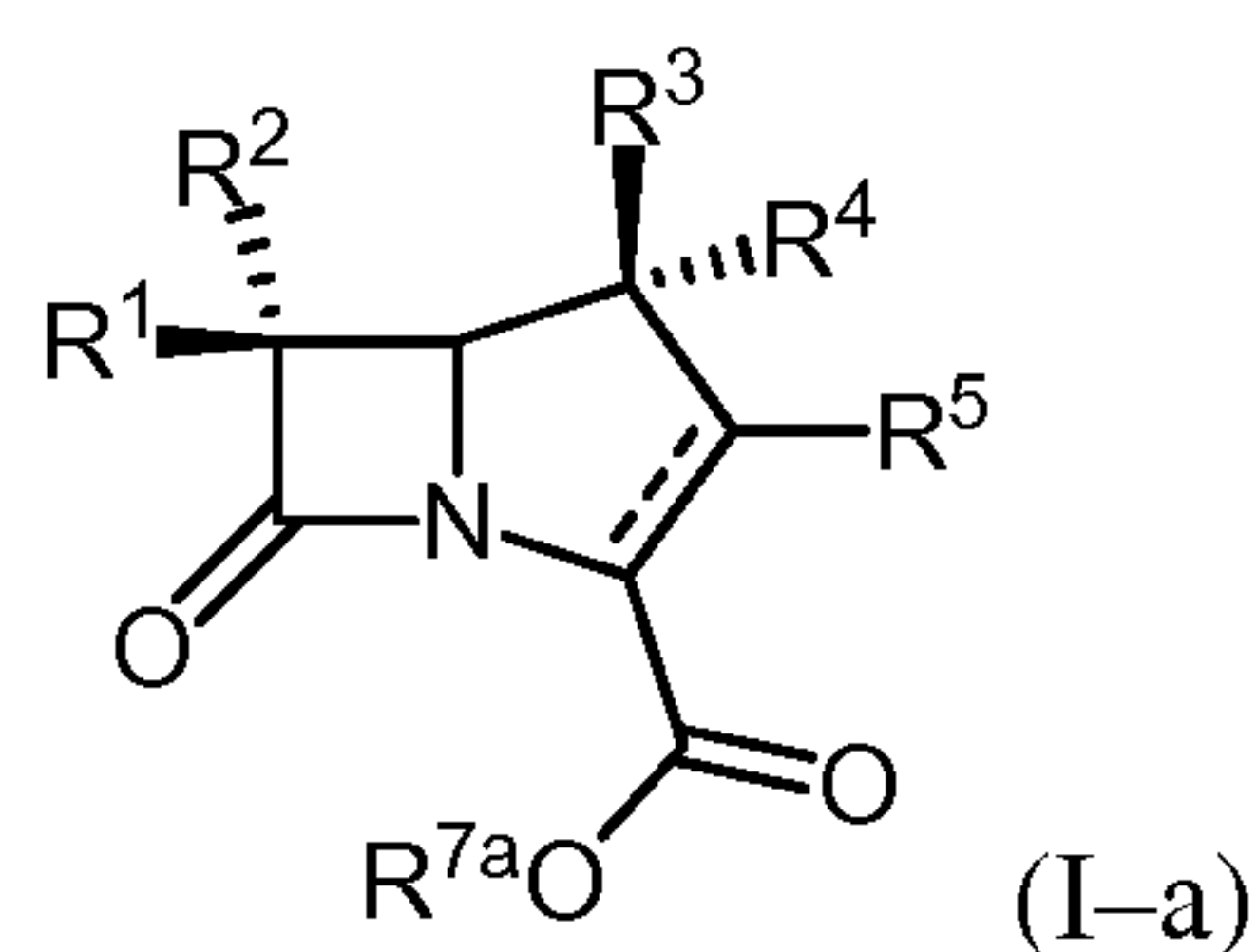
[0089] Exemplary R^8 groups include, but are not limited to,





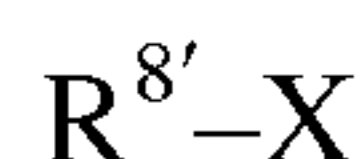
In certain embodiments, R^8 is a group of the Formula (a), (b), or (c). In certain embodiments, R^8 is a group of the Formula (a). In certain embodiments, R^8 is a group of the Formula (b). In certain embodiments, R^8 is a group of the Formula (c).

[0090] Alternatively, in certain embodiments, the C2 side chain is installed by chemical methods. For example, in certain embodiments, wherein R^5 is $-OH$, the method comprises contacting the compound of Formula (I-a):



or a salt or tautomer thereof, or a combination thereof; wherein $==$ represents a double bond,

with a compound of the formula:



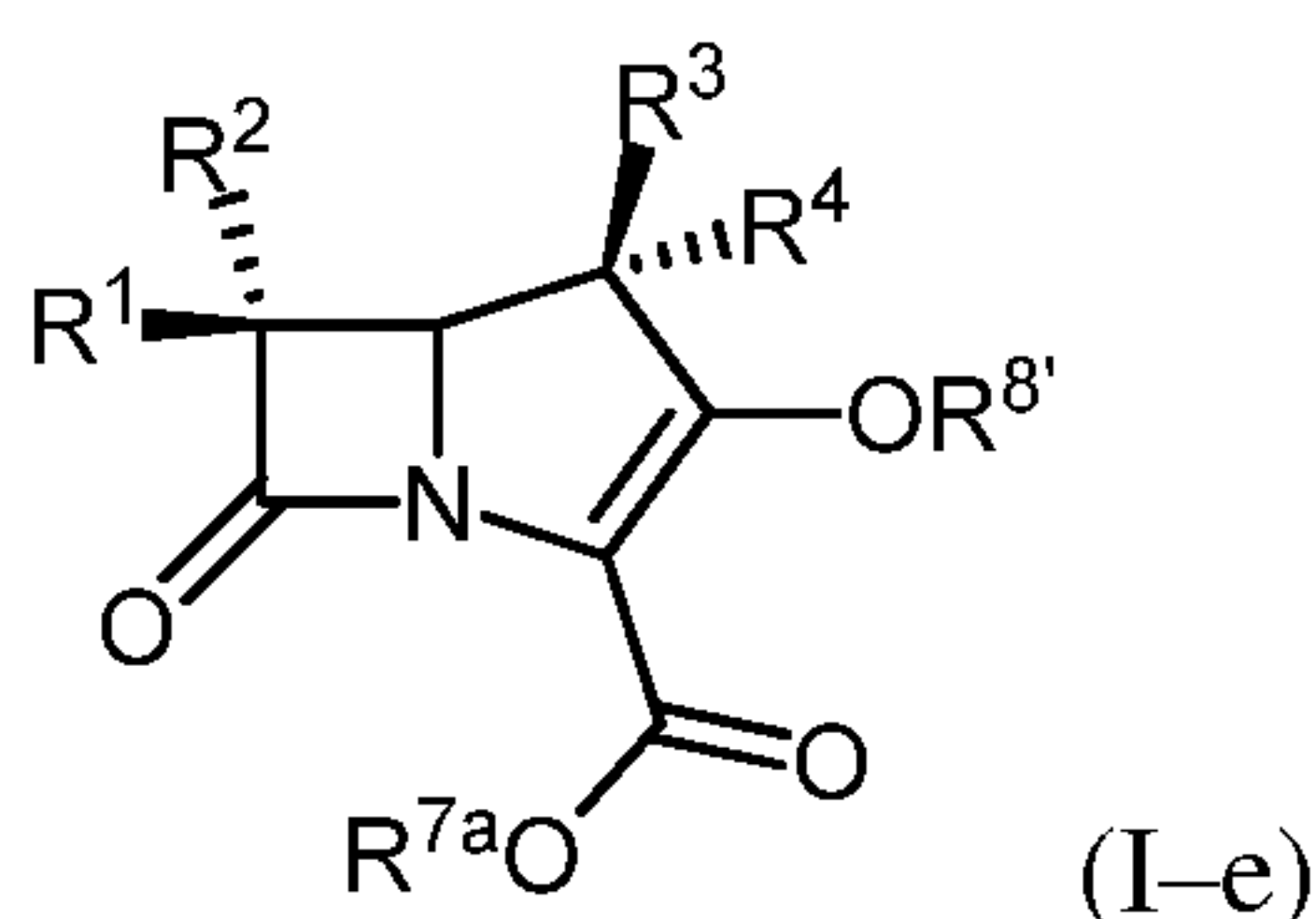
wherein:

X is a leaving group; and

$R^{8'}$ is selected from the group consisting of $-C(=O)R^{8a}$, $-C(=O)OR^{8a}$, $-C(=O)SR^{8a}$, $-C(=O)N(R^{8b})_2$, $-C(=NR^{8b})R^{8a}$, $-C(=NR^{8b})OR^{8a}$, $-C(=NR^{8b})SR^{8a}$, $-C(=NR^{8b})N(R^{8b})_2$, $-C(=S)R^{8a}$, $-C(=S)OR^{8a}$, $-C(=S)SR^{8a}$, $-C(=S)N(R^{8b})_2$, $-C(=O)NR^{8b}SO_2R^{8a}$, $-S(=O)R^{8a}$, $-SO_2R^{8a}$, $-SO_2N(R^{8a})_2$, $-Si(R^{8a})_3$, $-P(=O)(R^{8a})_2$, $-P(=O)(OR^{8a})_2$, $-P(=O)(R^{8a})(OR^{8a})$, $-P(=O)(R^{8a})(N(R^{8b})_2)$, $-P(=O)(N(R^{8b})_2)_2$, $-P(=O)_2R^{8a}$, $-P(=O)_2OR^{8a}$, $-P(=O)_2N(R^{8b})_2$, $-B(R^{8a})_2$, $-B(OR^{8a})_2$, and $-BR^{8a}(OR^{8a})$, wherein R^{8a} is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl,

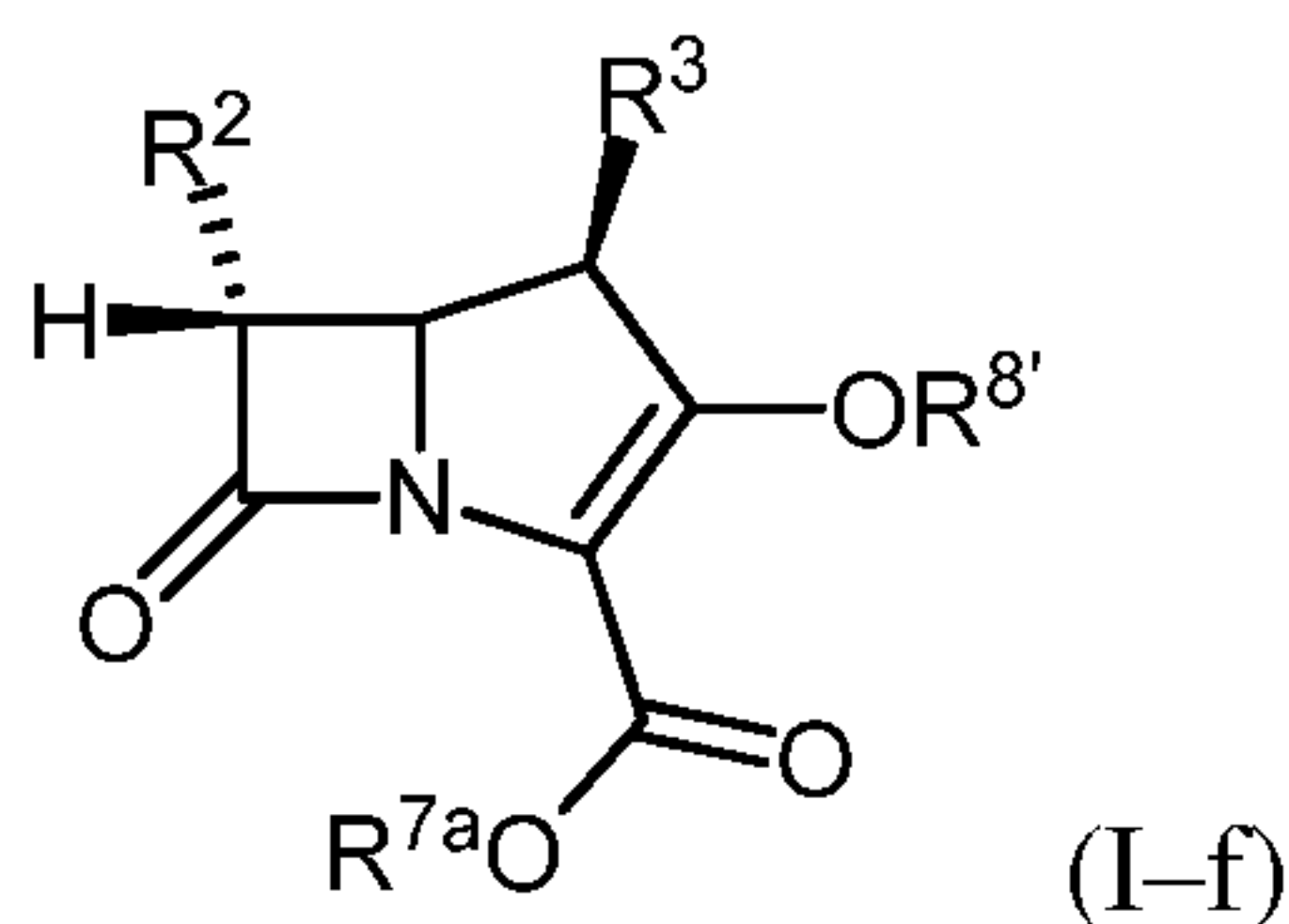
optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, if attached to an oxygen atom an oxygen protecting group, and if attached to a sulfur atom a sulfur protecting group, or two R^{8a} groups or an R^{8a} and R^{8b} group are joined to form an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring; and each instance of R^{8b} is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, and a nitrogen protecting group, or two R^{8b} are joined to form an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring;

to provide a compound of Formula (I-e):



or salt thereof. In certain embodiments, R^1 is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, R^2 is hydrogen, $-\text{CH}_2$, or $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$. In certain embodiments, R^3 is hydrogen or $-\text{CH}_3$. In certain embodiments, R^4 is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, X is $-\text{Cl}$, $-\text{Br}$, or $-\text{I}$. In certain embodiments, X is a sulfonate.

[0091] In certain embodiments, wherein R^1 and R^4 are hydrogen, the compound of Formula (I-e) is a compound of the Formula (I-f):



or salt thereof.

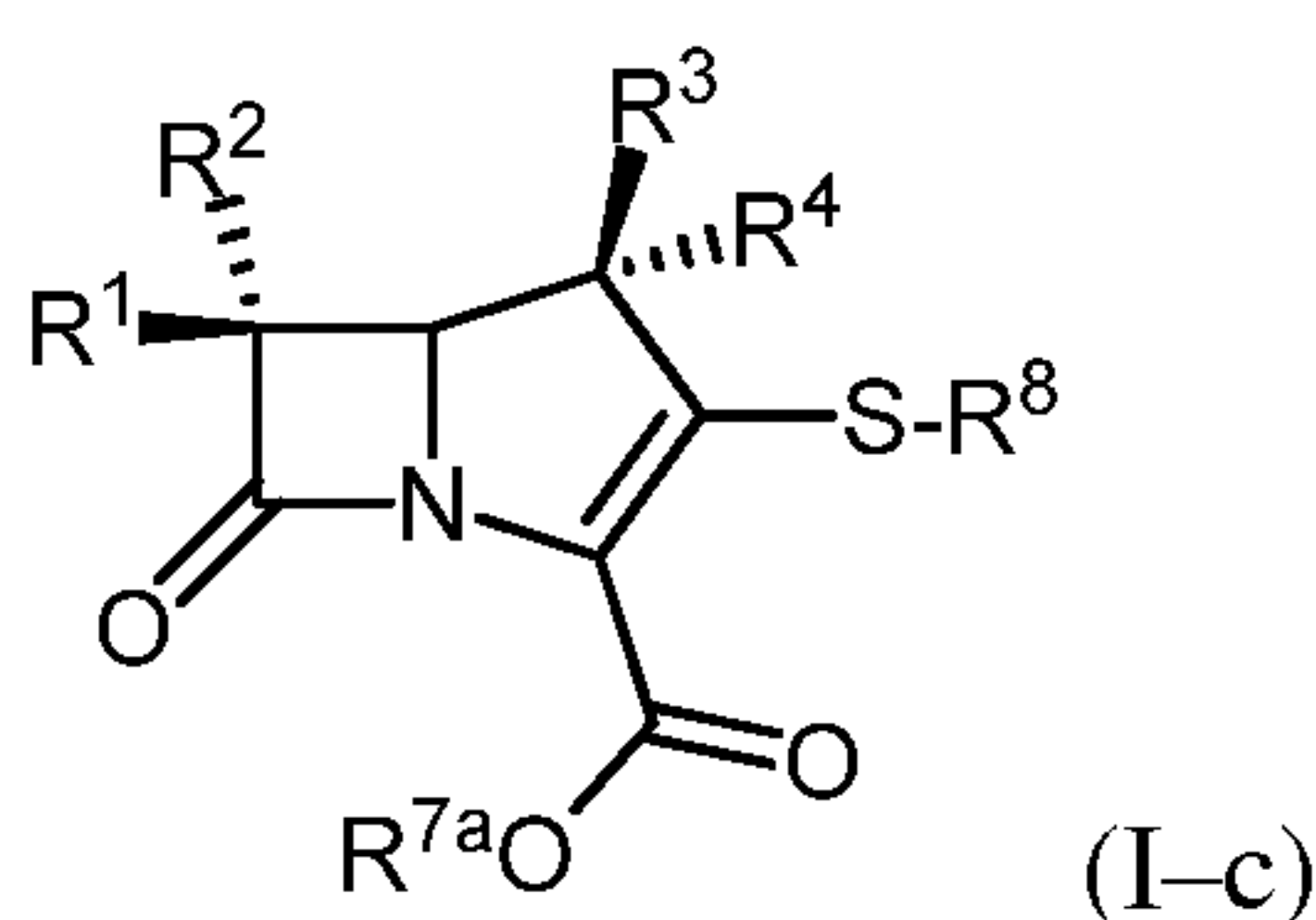
[0092] In certain embodiments, $R^{8'}$ is selected from the group consisting of $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^{8a}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{S})\text{R}^{8a}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{8a}$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{R}^{8a})_2$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{OR}^{8a})_2$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{R}^{8a})(\text{OR}^{8a})$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{R}^{8a})(\text{N}(\text{R}^{8b})_2)$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{N}(\text{R}^{8b})_2)_2$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})_2\text{R}^{8a}$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})_2\text{OR}^{8a}$, and $-\text{P}(=\text{O})_2\text{N}(\text{R}^{8b})_2$. In certain embodiments, $R^{8'}$ is selected from the group consisting of $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^{8a}$ and $-\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{OR}^{8a})_2$. In

certain embodiments, $R^{8'}$ is $-C(=O)R^{8a}$. In certain embodiments, $R^{8'}$ is $-P(=O)(OR^{8a})_2$. See, *e.g.*, Figure 8.

[0093] In certain embodiments, the compound of Formula (I-e) is contacted with a compound of the formula $HS-R^8$,

wherein R^8 is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, and optionally substituted heteroaryl;

to provide a thiol-containing compound of Formula (I-c):



or salt thereof. In certain embodiments, R^1 is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, R^2 is hydrogen, $-CH_2$, or $-CH_2CH_3$. In certain embodiments, R^3 is hydrogen or $-CH_3$. In certain embodiments, R^4 is hydrogen.

[0094] In certain embodiments, the reaction between the compound of Formula (I-e) and $HS-R^8$ comprises a tandem Michael addition, followed by elimination of the group $-OR^{8'}$. In certain embodiments, the tandem Michael addition-elimination reaction further comprises a base.

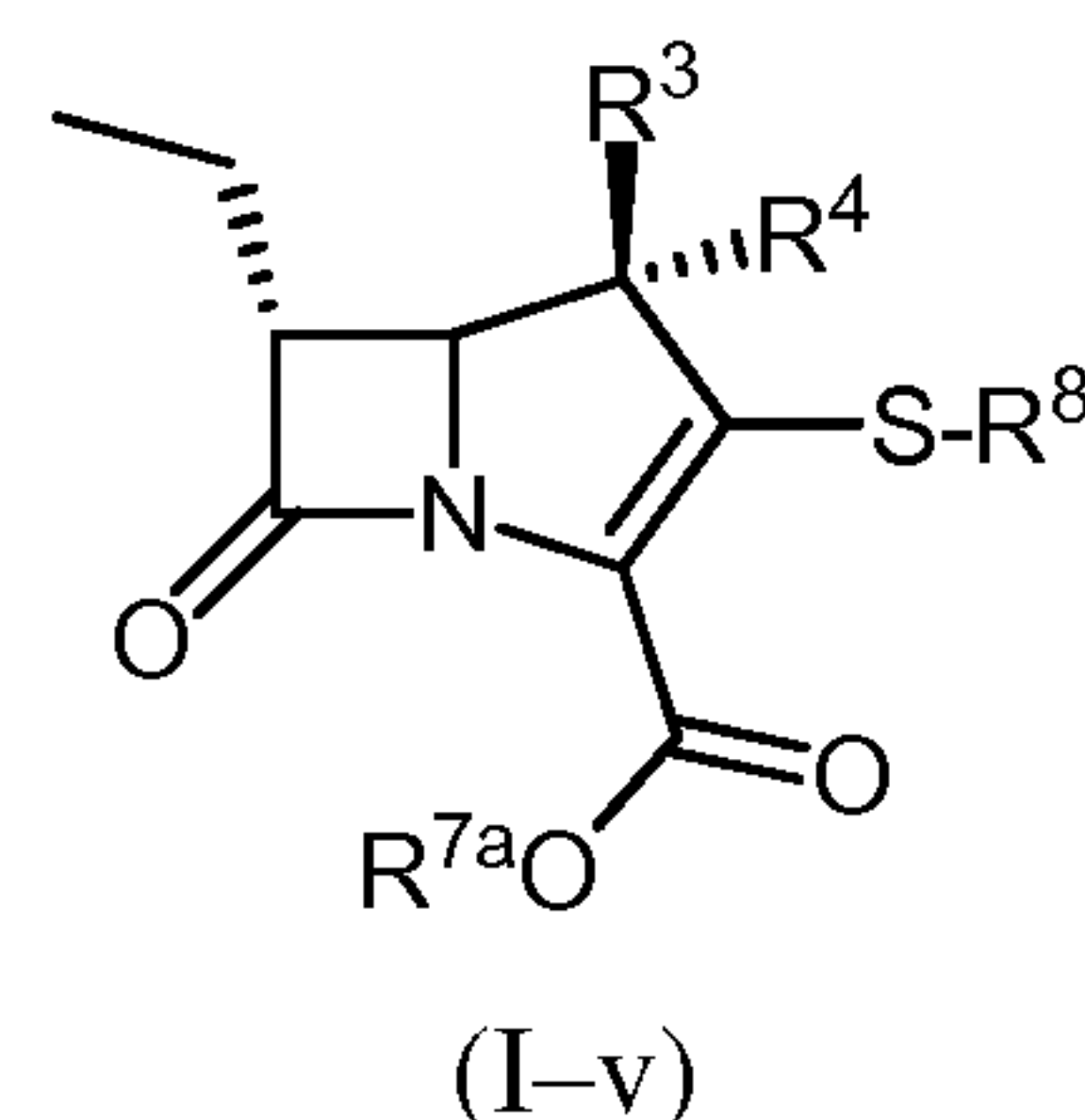
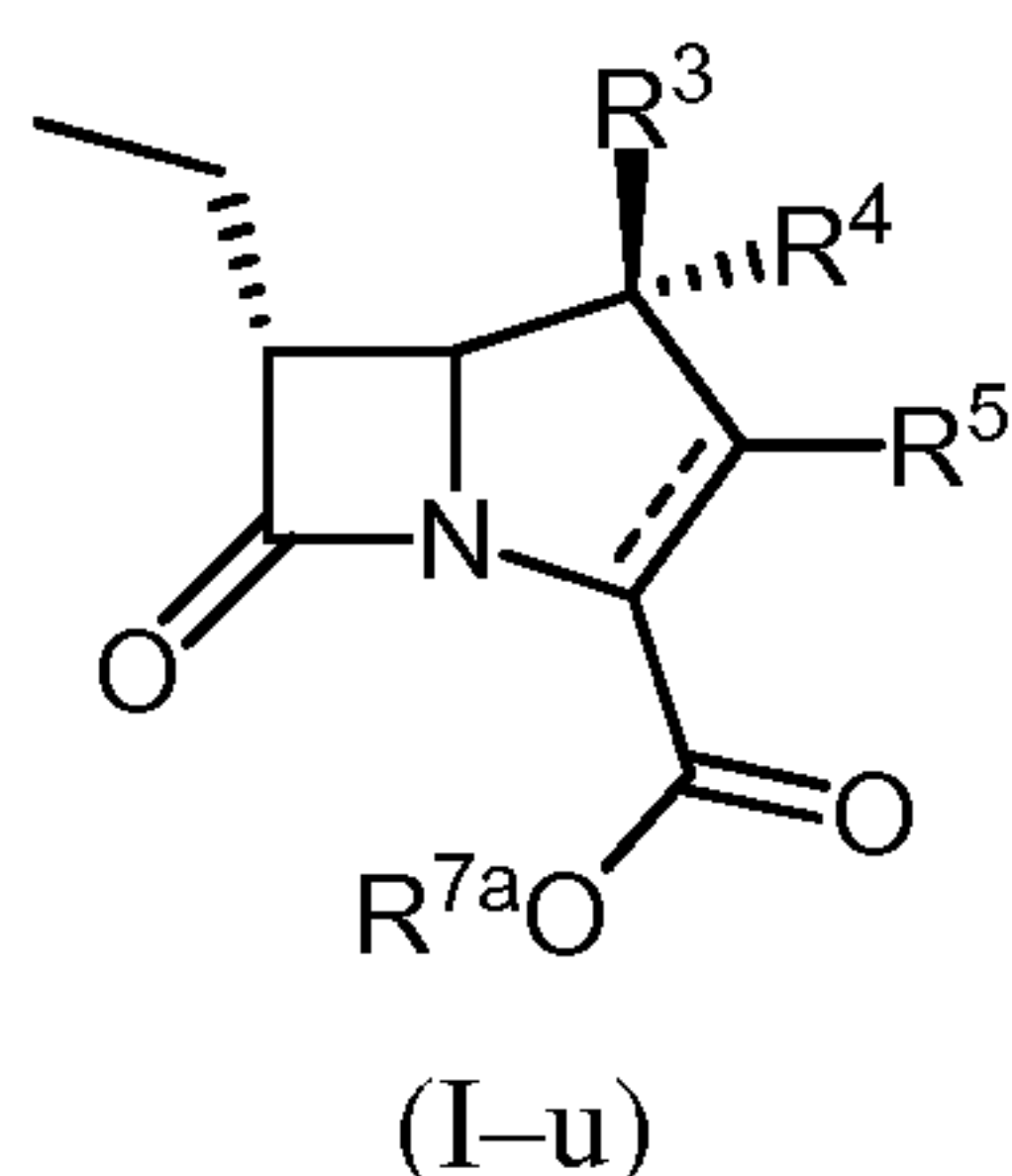
Oxidation of the C2 thiol-containing side chain

[0095] In certain embodiments, the method further comprises oxidation of the thiol-containing side chain attached to the carbapenem scaffold. For example, in certain embodiments, the $-SR^8$ group attached thereto is partially oxidized to a sulfinyl group, $-S(=O)R^8$, or fully oxidized to a sulfonyl group, $-S(=O)_2R^8$. Oxidation of a sulfur to a sulfinyl or sulfonyl group may employ chemical and/or enzymatic methods. Such methods are well-known in the art. See, *e.g.*, Smith and March *March's Advanced Organic Chemistry*, 5th Edition, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 2001; Larock, *Comprehensive Organic Transformations*, VCH Publishers, Inc., New York, 1989; and Carruthers, *Some Modern Methods of Organic Synthesis*, 3rd Edition, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1987, for examples of reaction conditions useful for this type of oxidation.

Attachment of the C6 side chain

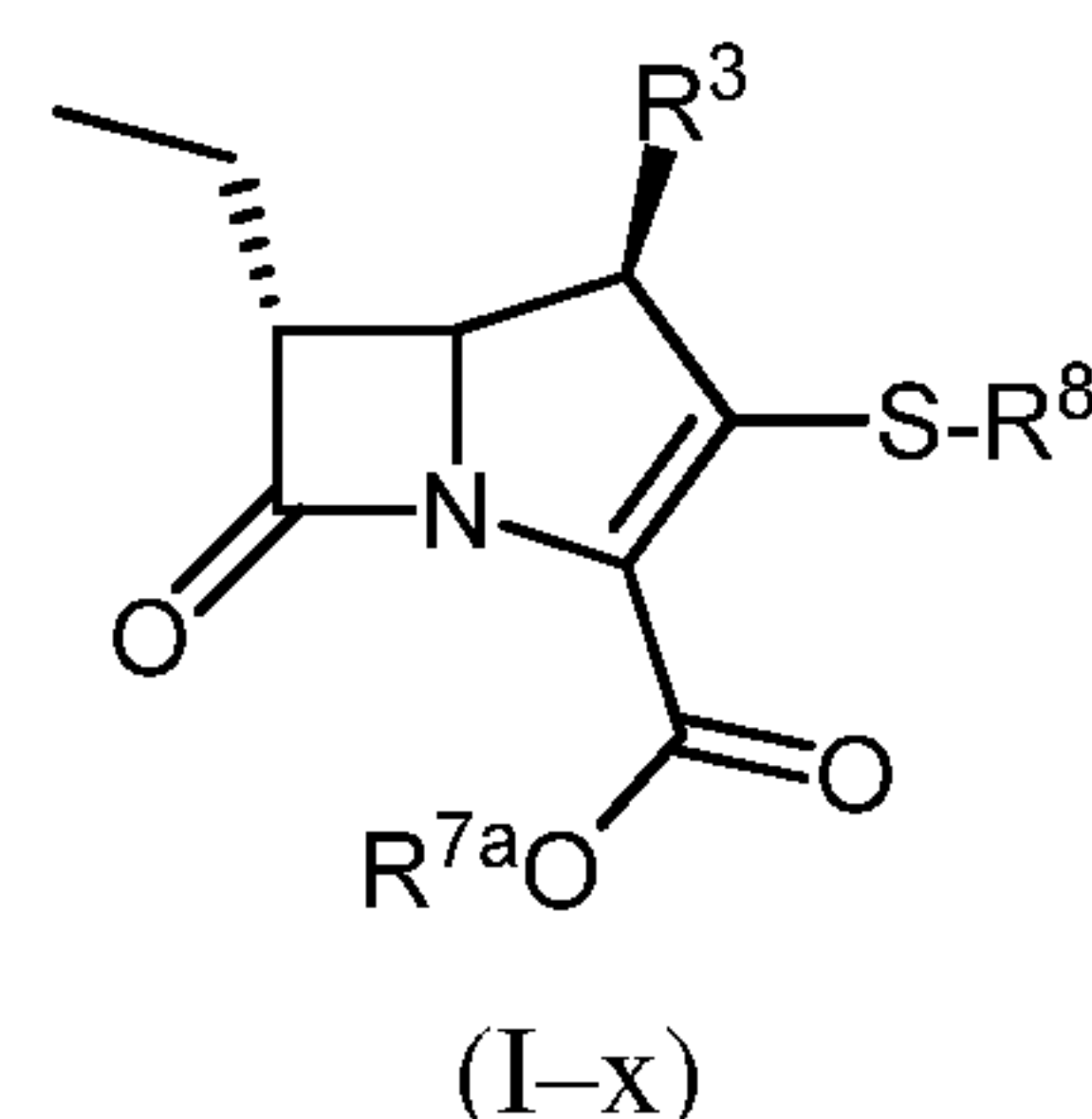
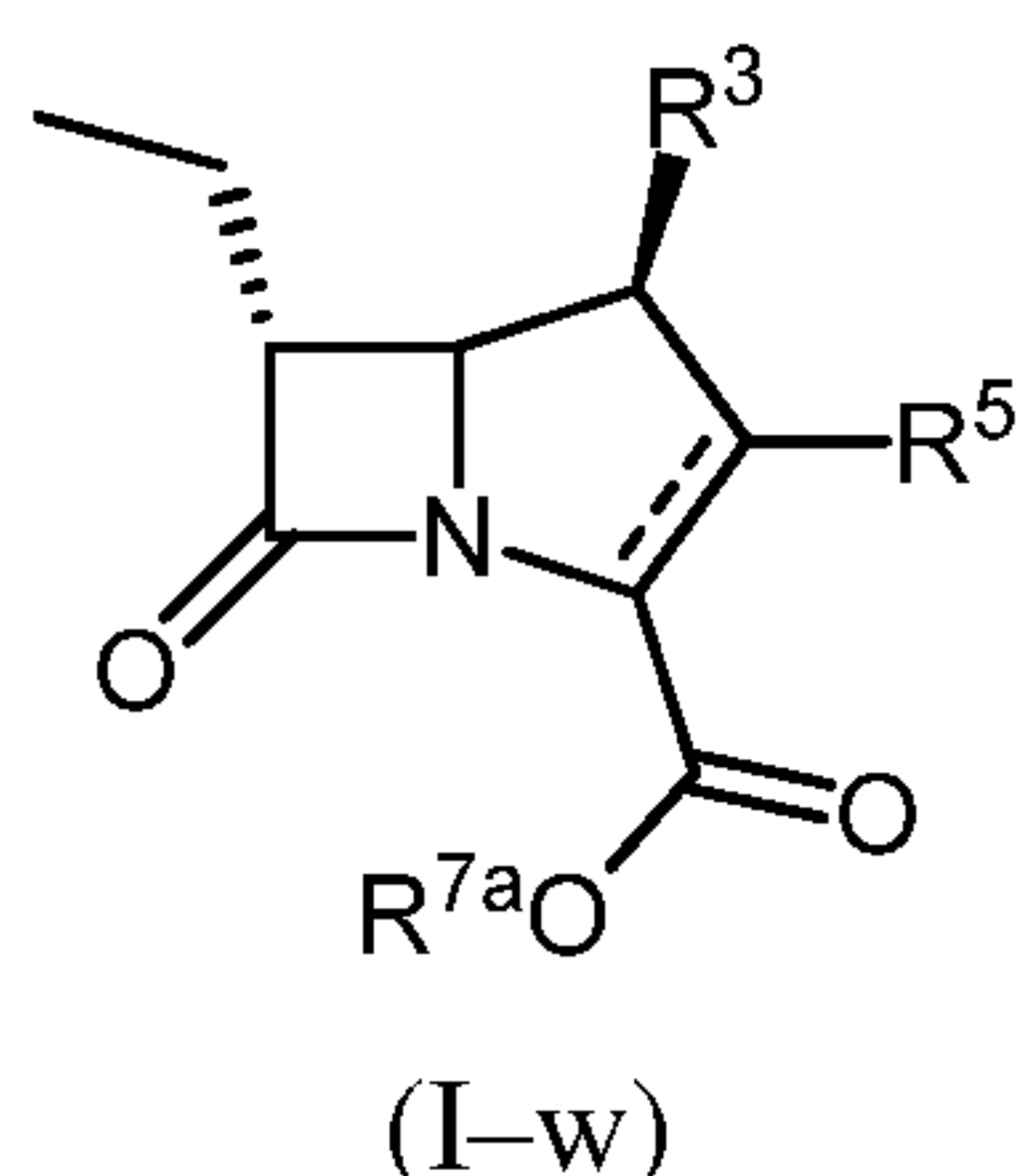
[0096] In certain embodiments, the method comprises attachment of a C6 side chain by enzymatic methods. For example, in certain embodiments, wherein R^1 and R^2 are both H, the method comprises contacting a compound of Formula (I) with a methyltransferase enzyme (*e.g.*, *S.cattalya* ThnL, ThnP, ThnK, or isozyme thereof) to provide a compound wherein R^2 is alkyl, *e.g.*, n-alkyl groups such as $-\text{CH}_3$ (methyl, Me) or $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ (ethyl, Et). In certain embodiments, S-adenosylmethionine (SAM) is used as the methyl donor for these enzymes (Thn L/K/P). See, *e.g.*, Figure 6A. In certain embodiments, addition of one methyl group comprises one reaction cycle, or two methyl groups added sequentially to give ethyl comprises two reaction cycles. Additional methyl groups may be similarly transferred to form other n-alkyl groups, such as n-propyl and n-butyl.

[0097] In certain embodiments, contact of a compound of Formula (I-a) or (I-c), when R^1 and R^2 are both hydrogen, with a methyltransferase enzyme provides alkylated compounds of the Formula (I-u) or (I-v), respectively, *i.e.*, wherein an ethyl group is added:



or a salt or tautomer thereof, or a combination thereof.

[0098] In certain embodiments, when R^1 and R^4 are hydrogen, the compounds of Formula (I-u) and (I-v) are of the Formula (I-w) and (I-x), respectively:



or a salt or tautomer thereof, or a combination thereof.

[0099] In certain embodiments, the methyltransferase enzyme is an enzyme which is expressed by the cell. In certain embodiments, the methyltransferase enzyme is an enzyme which is expressed by the cell and sequestered in the periplasmic space. Upon lysing the cell, the methyltransferase enzyme is free to react with the compound of Formula (I-a) or (I-c).

[00100] However, in certain embodiments, the methyltransferase enzyme is not expressed by the cell and sequestered in the periplasmic space. In certain embodiments, the methyltransferase enzyme is contacted with the compound of Formula (I-a) or (I-c) after lysing the cell, *e.g.*, after the cell-free production of said compound.

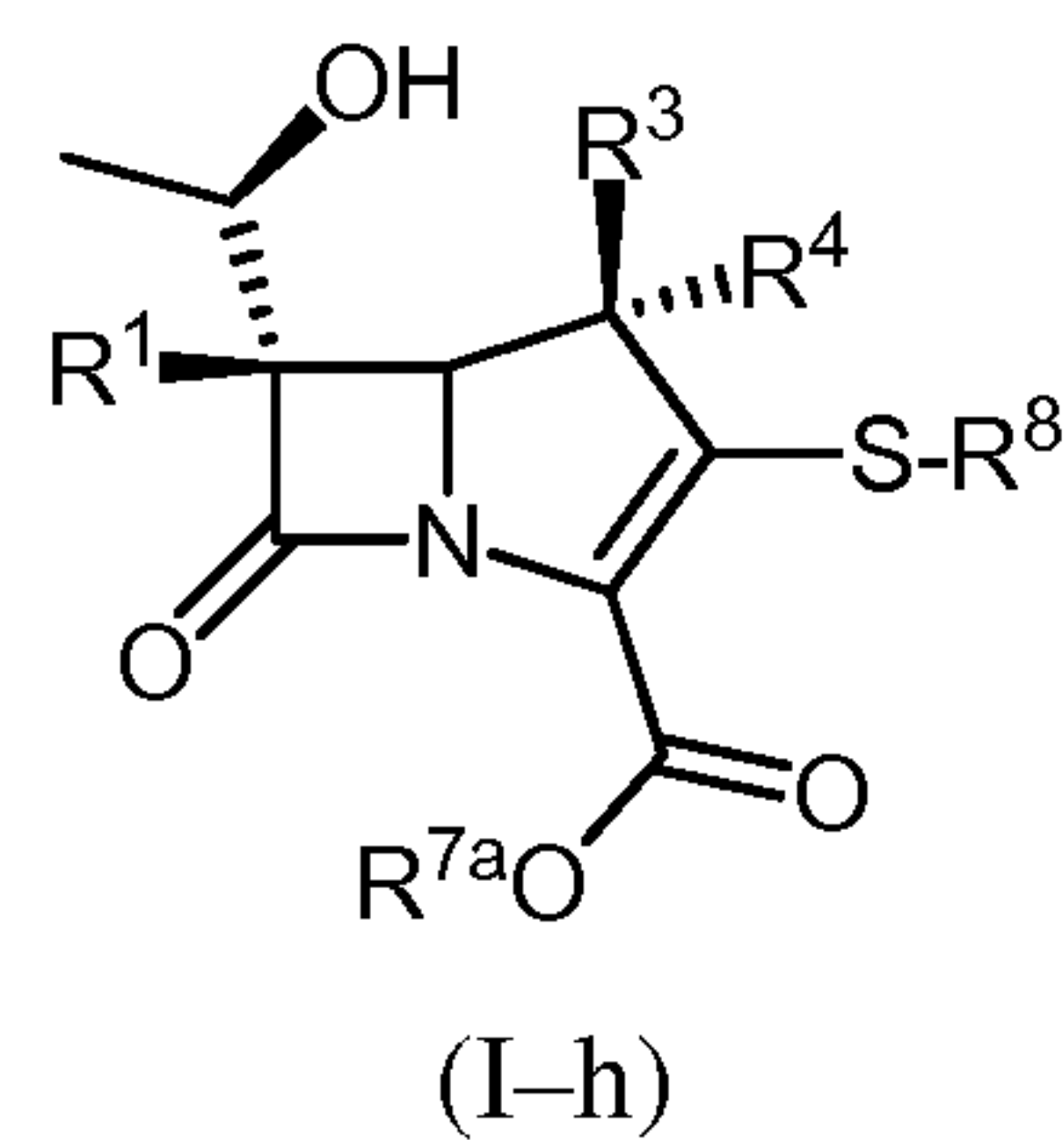
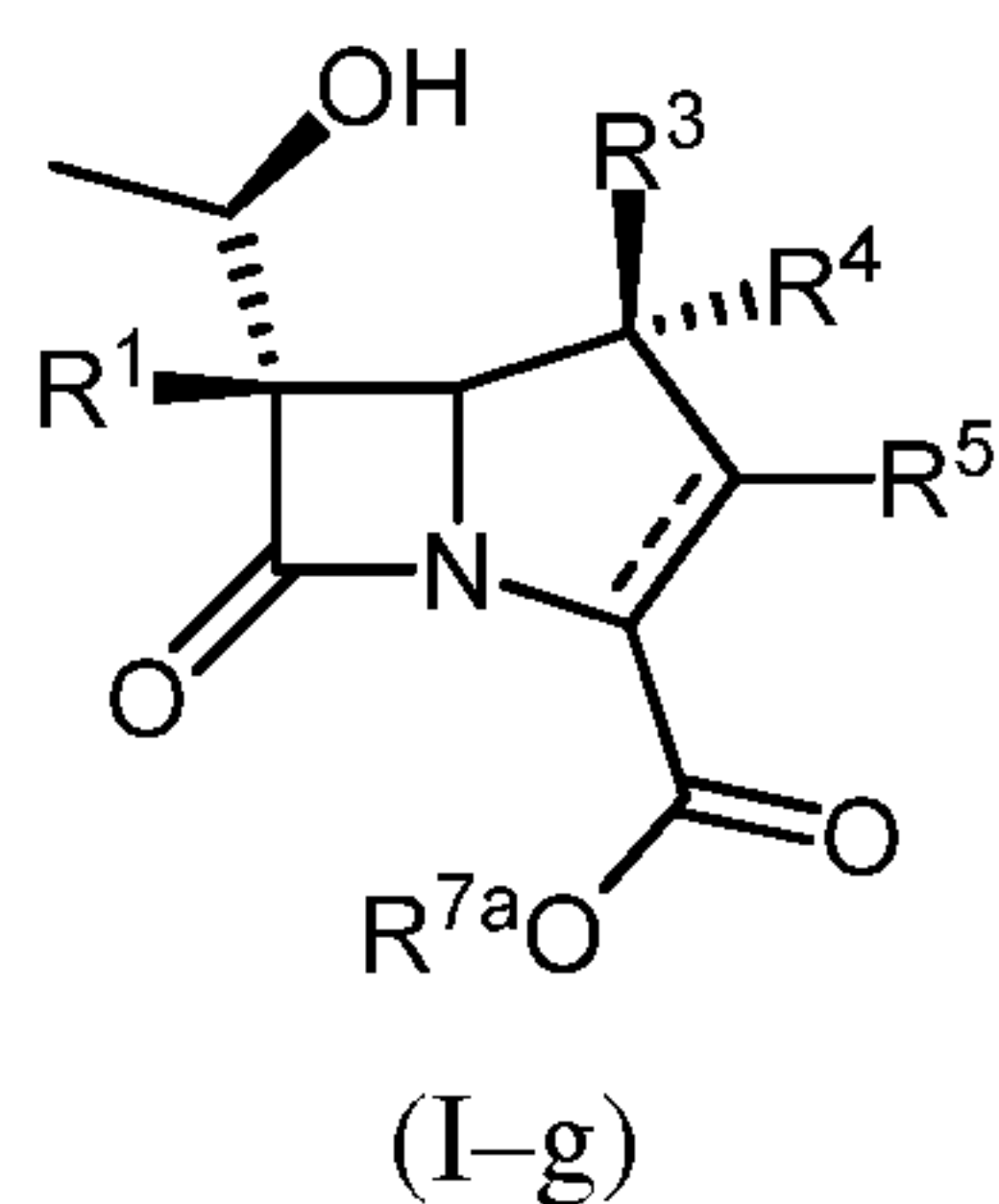
[00101] In certain embodiments, the methyltransferase enzyme is *S. cattalya* ThnL. In certain embodiments, the methyltransferase enzyme is *S. cattalya* ThnP. In certain embodiments, the methyltransferase enzyme is *S. cattalya* ThnK.

[00102] In certain embodiments, two or more of ThnL, ThnP, and ThnK are used, *e.g.*, for example, to produce the methyl or ethyl side chain. In certain embodiments, ThnL and ThnP are used, *e.g.*, for example, to produce the methyl or ethyl side chain. In certain embodiments, ThnL and ThnK are used, *e.g.*, for example, to produce the methyl or ethyl side chain. In certain embodiments, ThnK and ThnP are used, *e.g.*, for example, to produce the methyl or ethyl side chain. In certain embodiments, all of ThnL, ThnP, and ThnK are used, *e.g.*, for example, to produce the methyl or ethyl side chain.

[00103] In certain further embodiments, when $\equiv$ represents a double bond, and R^5 is hydrogen or $-OH$, the alkylated compound of Formula (I-u) may be converted, via enzymatic or chemical methods as described herein, to a compound of Formula (I-v).

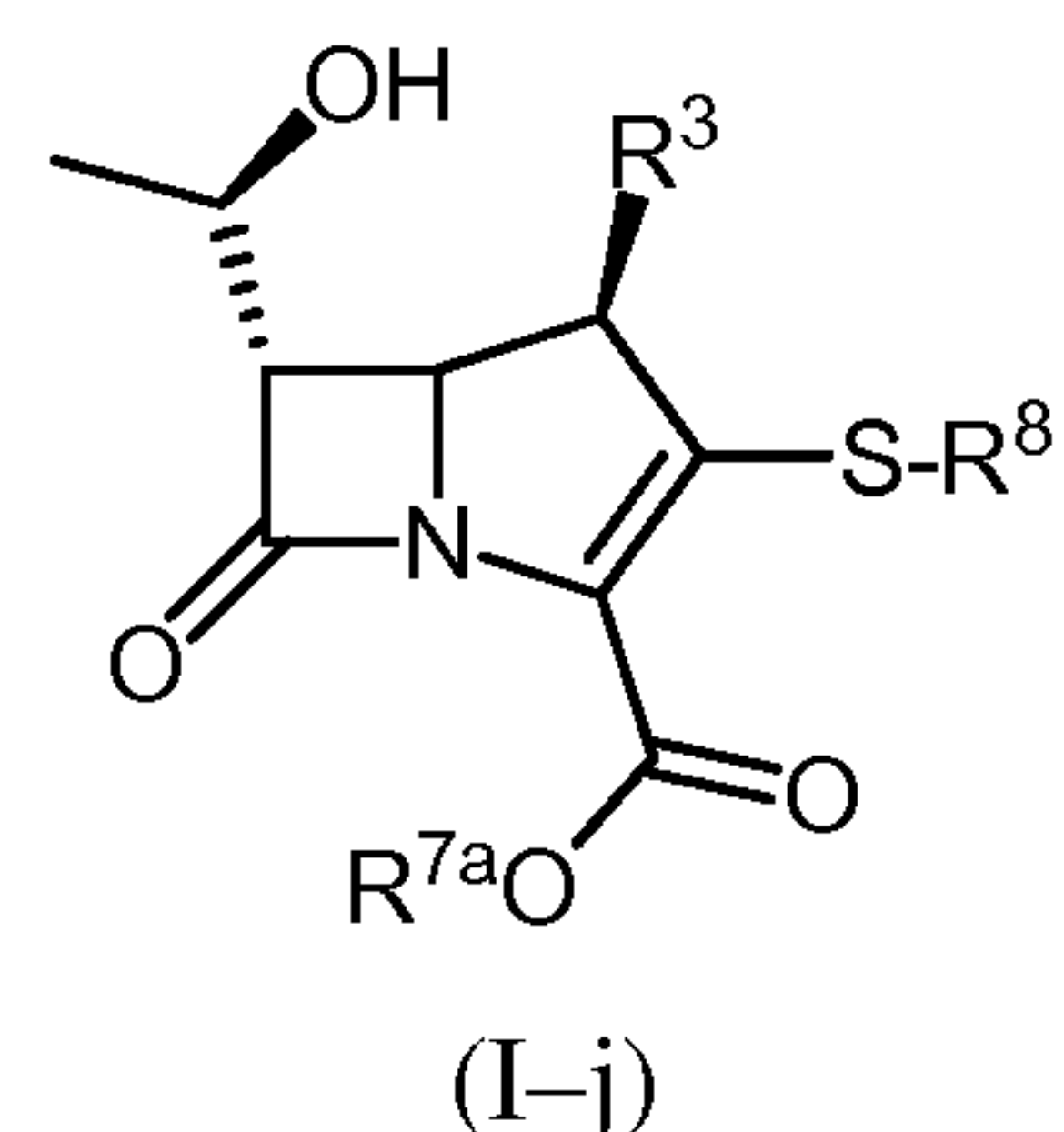
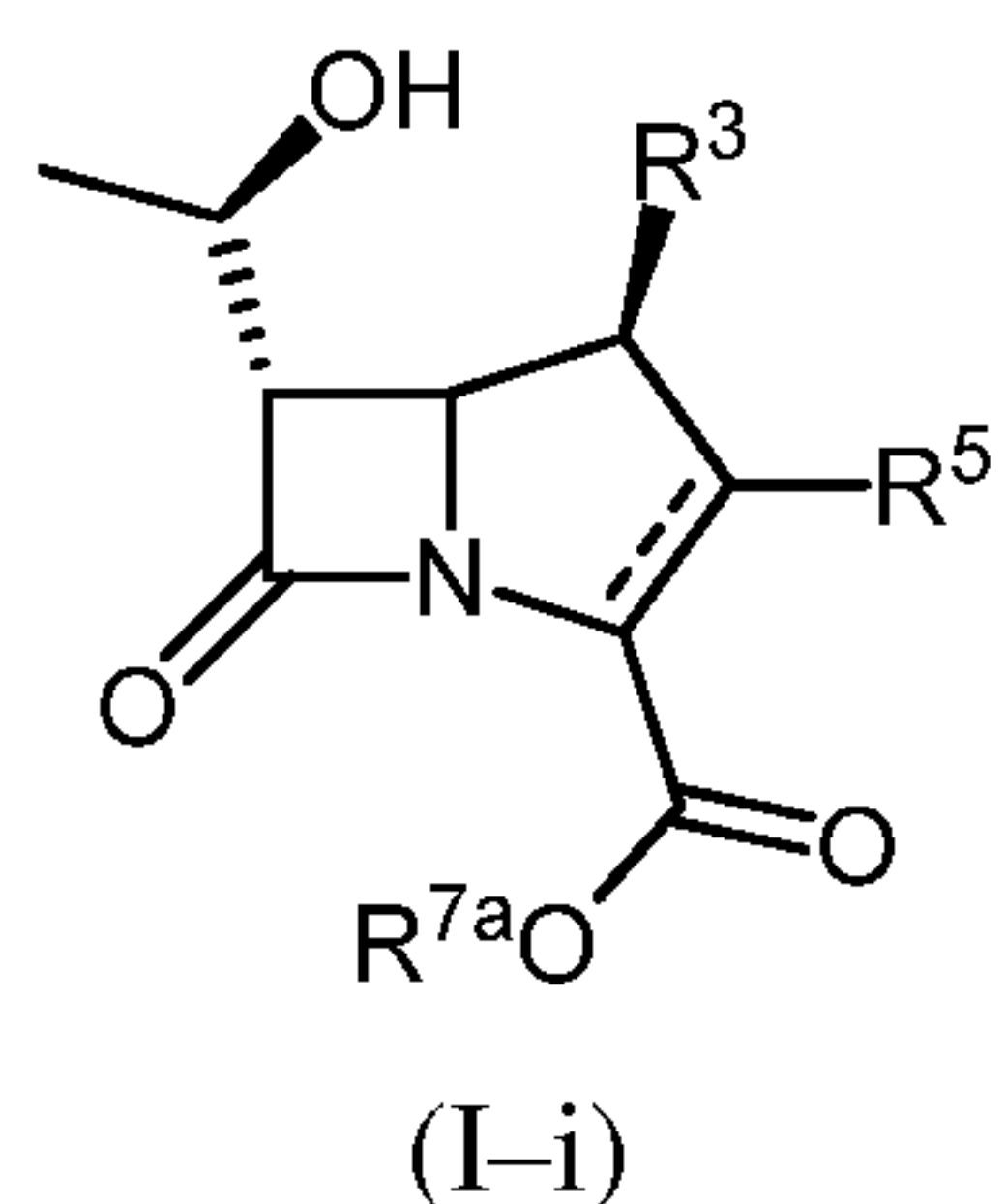
Oxidation of the C6 side chain

[00104] In certain embodiments, the method comprises oxidation of a C6 side chain by enzymatic methods. For example, in certain embodiments, when R^2 is $-CH_3$, the method further comprises contacting the compound of Formula (I) with an oxygenase enzyme to provide a compound wherein R^2 is $-CH_2OH$. In certain embodiments, when R^2 is $-CH_2CH_3$, the method further comprises contacting the compound of Formula (I) with an oxygenase enzyme to provide a compound wherein R^2 is $-CH(OH)CH_3$. For example, in certain embodiments, contact of a compound of Formula (I-a) or (I-c), when R^2 is $-CH_2CH_3$, with an oxygenase enzyme provides hydroxylated compounds of the Formula (I-g) or (I-h), respectively:



or a salt or tautomer thereof, or a combination thereof.

[00105] In certain embodiments, when R¹ and R⁴ are hydrogen, the compounds of Formula (I-g) and (I-h) are of the Formula (I-i) and (I-j), respectively:



or a salt or tautomer thereof, or a combination thereof.

[00106] In certain embodiments, the oxygenase enzyme is an enzyme which is expressed by the cell. In certain embodiments, the oxygenase enzyme is an enzyme which is expressed by the cell and sequestered in the periplasmic space prior to lysing. Upon lysing the cell, the oxygenase enzyme is free to react with the compound of Formula (I-a) or (I-c).

[00107] However, in certain embodiments, the oxygenase enzyme is not expressed by the cell and sequestered in the periplasmic space. In certain embodiments, the oxygenase enzyme is contacted with the compound of Formula (I-a) or (I-c) after lysing the cell, *e.g.*, after the cell-free production of said compound. In certain embodiments, the oxygenase enzyme is an *S. cattleya* oxygenase enzyme, or an enzyme of the 2-oxoglutarate and/or Fe(II)-dependent oxygenase superfamily. In certain embodiments, the *S. cattleya* oxygenase enzyme is ThnQ.

[00108] In certain further embodiments, when $\equiv$ is a double bond, and R⁵ is hydrogen or -OH, the hydroxylated compound of Formula (I-g) may be converted, via enzymatic or chemical methods as described herein, to a compound of Formula (I-h).

Functionalization of the C3 side chain

[00109] The present invention further contemplates enzymatic or chemical manipulation of the C3 side chain.

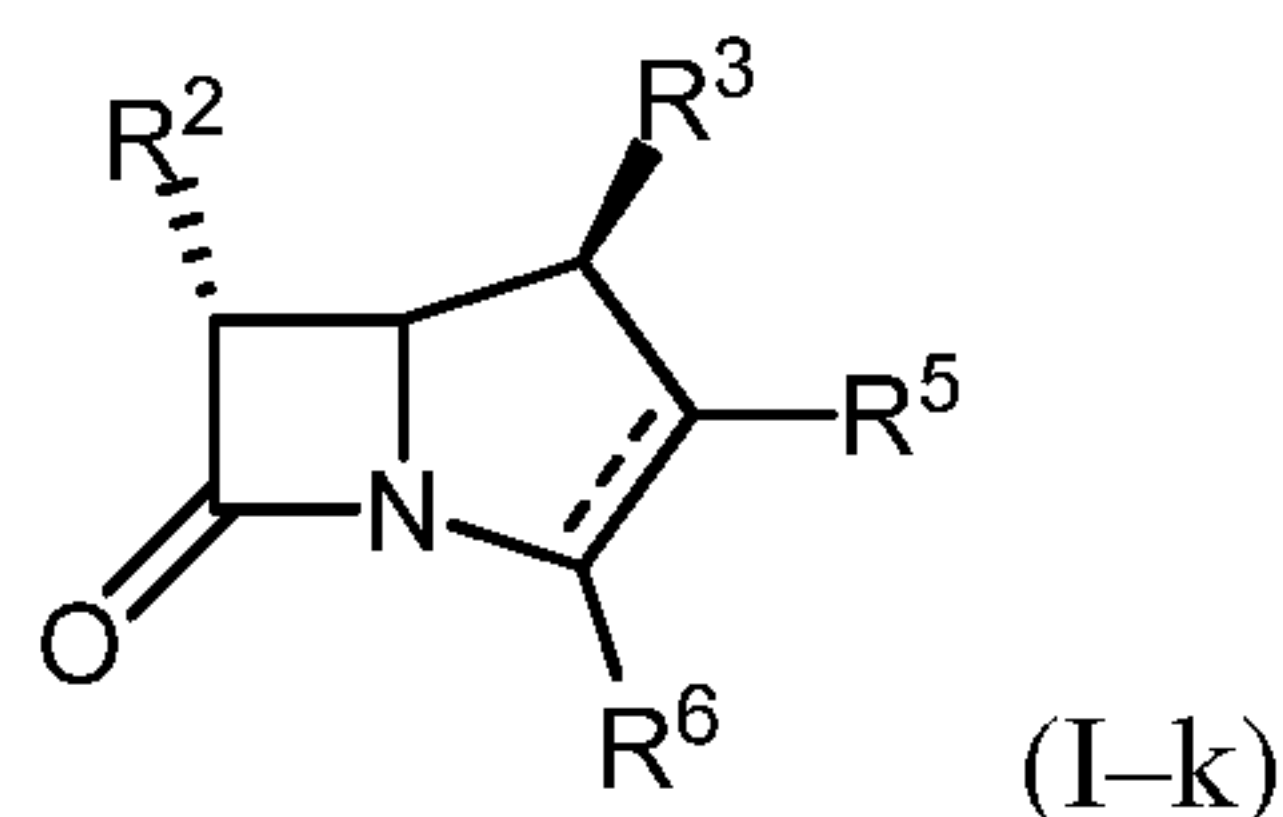
[00110] In certain embodiments, the C3 side chain group $-C(=O)OR^{7a}$, wherein R^{7a} is hydrogen, is converted to an ester ($-C(=O)OR^{7a}$, wherein R^{7a} is not hydrogen), thioester ($-C(=O)SR^{7a}$), or amide ($-C(=O)N(R^{7b})_2$) group. Converting a carboxylic acid group to an ester, thioester, or amide may employ methods known in the art, *e.g.*, via chemical methods such as generating an activated carboxylic acid (*e.g.*, such as generating an acyl chloride or using coupling agents) and treating the activated carboxylic acid with a nucleophile, such as HOR^{7a} , HSR^{7a} , or $HN(R^{7b})_2$; or via enzymatic methods. See, *e.g.*, Smith and March *March's Advanced Organic Chemistry*, 5th Edition, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 2001; Larock, *Comprehensive Organic Transformations*, VCH Publishers, Inc., New York, 1989; and Carruthers, *Some Modern Methods of Organic Synthesis*, 3rd Edition, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1987, for examples of reaction conditions useful in these types of conversions.

[00111] In other embodiments, the C3 side chain group $-C(=O)OR^{7a}$ may be further synthetically manipulated, *e.g.*, via one or more chemical and/or enzymatic steps, to provide a different C3 side chain, *e.g.*, wherein R^6 is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, and optionally substituted heteroaryl. For example, in certain embodiments, the $-C(=O)OR^{7a}$ may be reduced to an aldehyde group $-CHO$ and optionally further reacted under, for example, Wittig conditions, to provide an optionally substituted alkenyl group, $-CH=CH(R^{7a})$, wherein R^{7a} is as defined herein, which may be further synthetically manipulated. In other embodiments, the aldehyde group $-CHO$ may be further reacted with a primary amine H_2NR^{7b} via reductive amination to provide an aminated group, $-CH_2-NH(R^{7b})$, wherein R^{7b} is as defined herein, which may be further synthetically manipulated. In still yet other embodiments, the $-C(=O)OR^{7a}$ may be reduced to an alcohol $-CH_2OH$, which may be converted to an activated alkyl group $-CH_2X$, wherein X is a leaving group, which may be further synthetically manipulated. It should be understood that the above are merely examples of the types of groups one skilled in the art could access using a combination of known chemical and/or enzymatic techniques. Various other functional groups encompassed by the definition of R^6 of Formula (I) may be accessed using known chemistry.

Other Embodiments of Compounds of Formula (I)

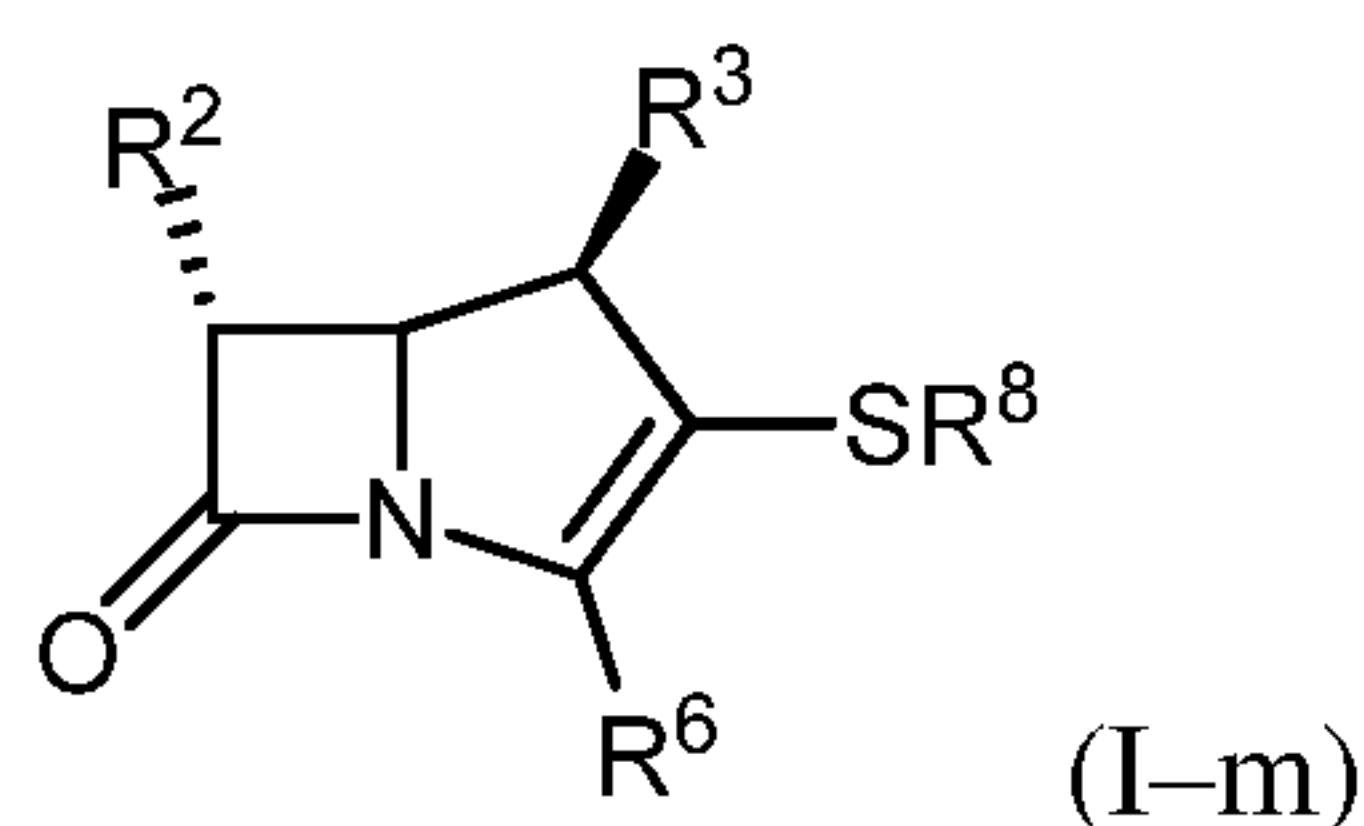
[00112] Exemplary compounds of Formula (I) which may be final products or intermediates may be prepared by the inventive cell-free system and methods. Various combinations of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , and R^6 are contemplated as would be appreciated by one of skill in the art, and the subgenera disclosed are not to be considered limiting.

[00113] For example, in certain embodiments of Formula (I), wherein R^1 and R^4 are hydrogen, the compound is of Formula (I-k):



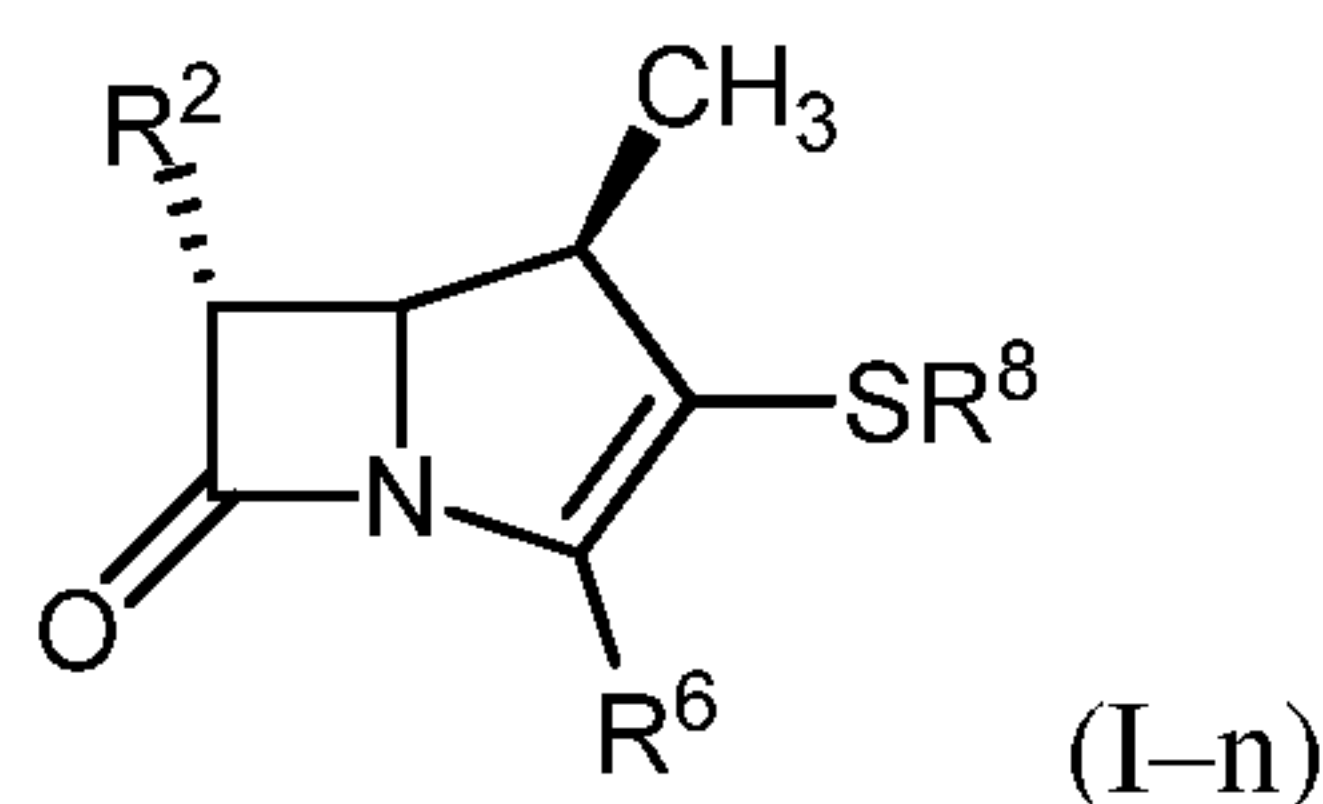
or salt thereof, wherein --- , R^2 , R^3 , R^5 , and R^6 are as defined herein. In certain embodiments, R^2 is hydrogen, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, or $\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$. In certain embodiments, R^3 is hydrogen or $-\text{CH}_3$. In certain embodiments, R^5 is hydrogen, $-\text{OR}^8$, $-\text{OR}^8$, or $-\text{SR}^8$. In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, or optionally substituted heterocyclyl. In certain embodiments, R^8 is a group of Formula (a), (b), or (c). In certain embodiments, R^6 is $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^7$. In certain embodiments, R^7 is $-\text{OR}^{7a}$. In certain embodiments, --- is a double bond.

[00114] In certain embodiments, wherein R^5 is $-\text{SR}^8$, provided is a compound of Formula (I-m):



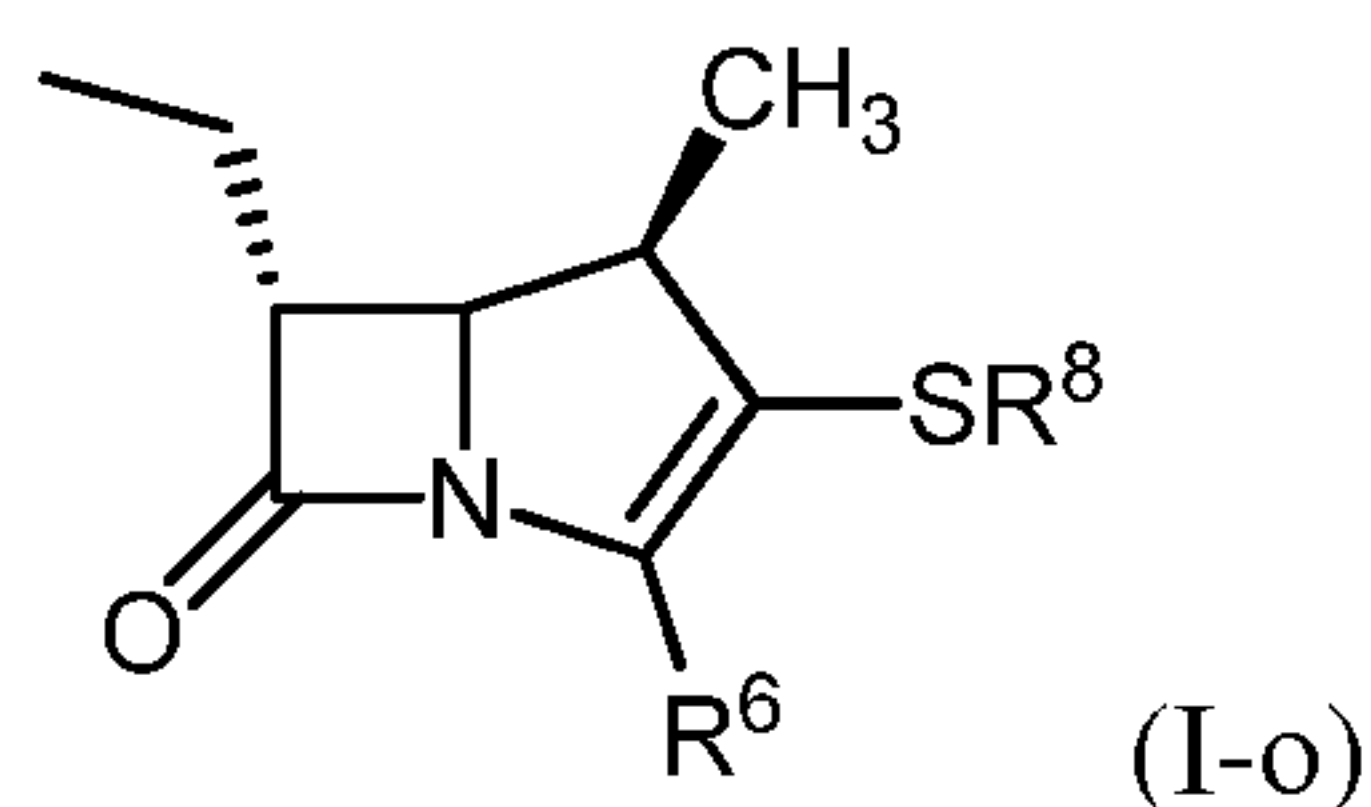
or salt thereof, wherein R^2 , R^3 , R^6 , and R^8 are as defined herein. In certain embodiments, R^2 is selected from hydrogen, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, or $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$. In certain embodiments, R^3 is hydrogen or $-\text{CH}_3$. In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, or optionally substituted heterocyclyl. In certain embodiments, R^8 is a group of Formula (a), (b), or (c). In certain embodiments, R^6 is $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^7$. In certain embodiments, R^7 is $-\text{OR}^{7a}$.

[00115] In certain embodiments of (I-m), wherein R^3 is $-\text{CH}_3$, provided is a compound of Formula (I-n):



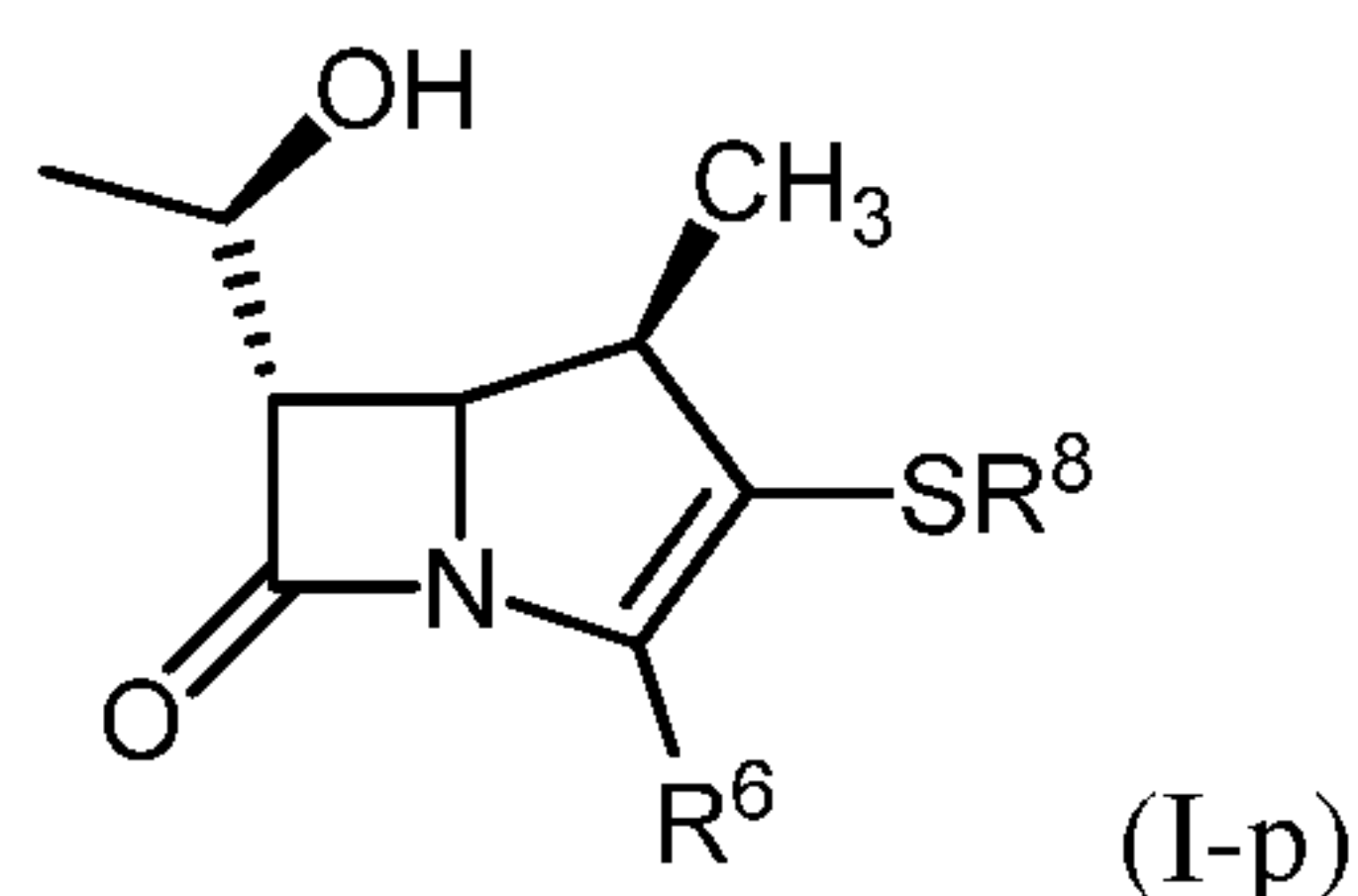
or salt thereof, wherein R^2 , R^6 , and R^8 are as defined herein. In certain embodiments, R^2 is selected from hydrogen, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, or $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$. In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, or optionally substituted heterocyclyl. In certain embodiments, R^8 is a group of Formula (a), (b), or (c). In certain embodiments, R^6 is $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^7$. In certain embodiments, R^7 is $-\text{OR}^{7a}$.

[00116] In certain embodiments of (I-n), wherein R^2 is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, and R^3 is $-\text{CH}_3$, provided is a compound of Formula (I-o):



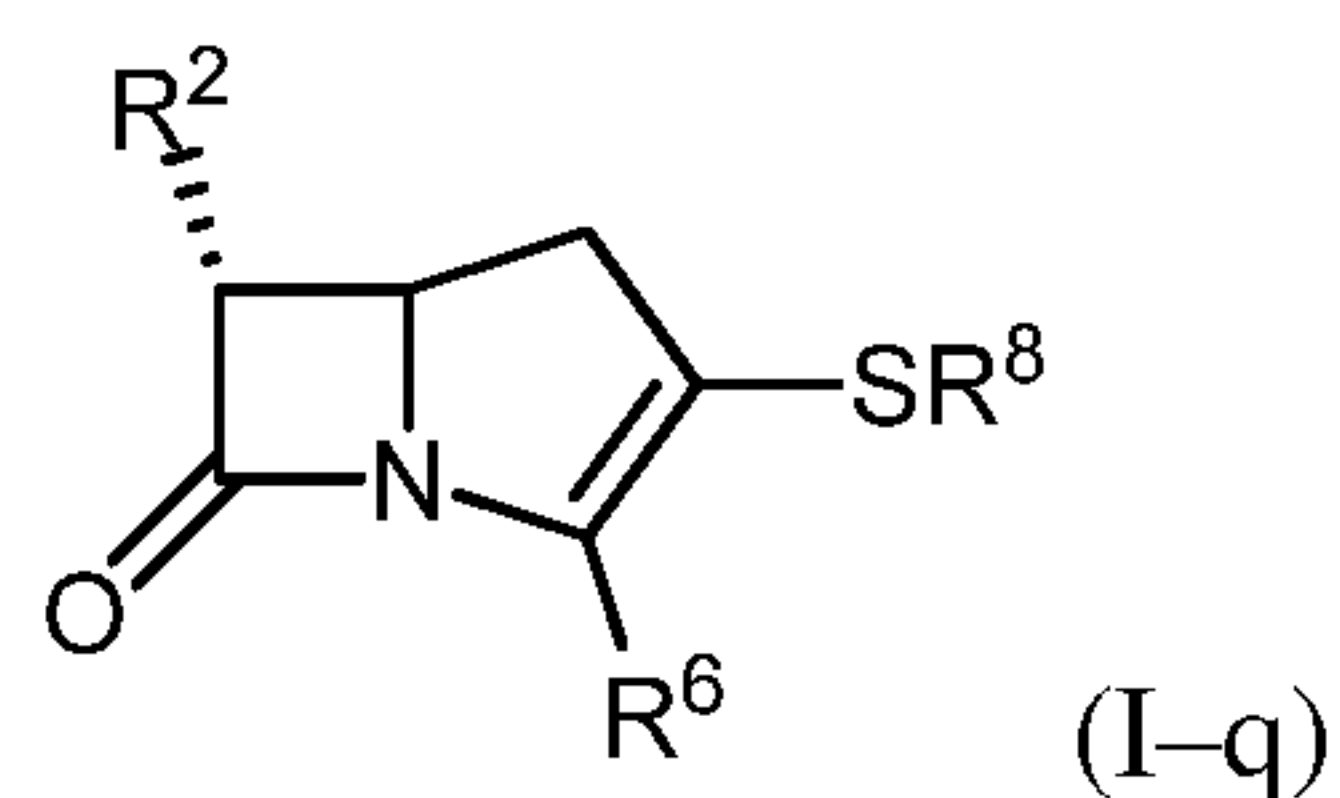
or salt thereof, wherein R^6 and R^8 are as defined herein. In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, or optionally substituted heterocyclyl. In certain embodiments, R^8 is a group of Formula (a), (b), or (c). In certain embodiments, R^6 is $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^7$. In certain embodiments, R^7 is $-\text{OR}^{7a}$.

[00117] In certain embodiments of (I-n), wherein R^2 is $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$, and R^3 is $-\text{CH}_3$, provided is a compound of Formula (I-p):



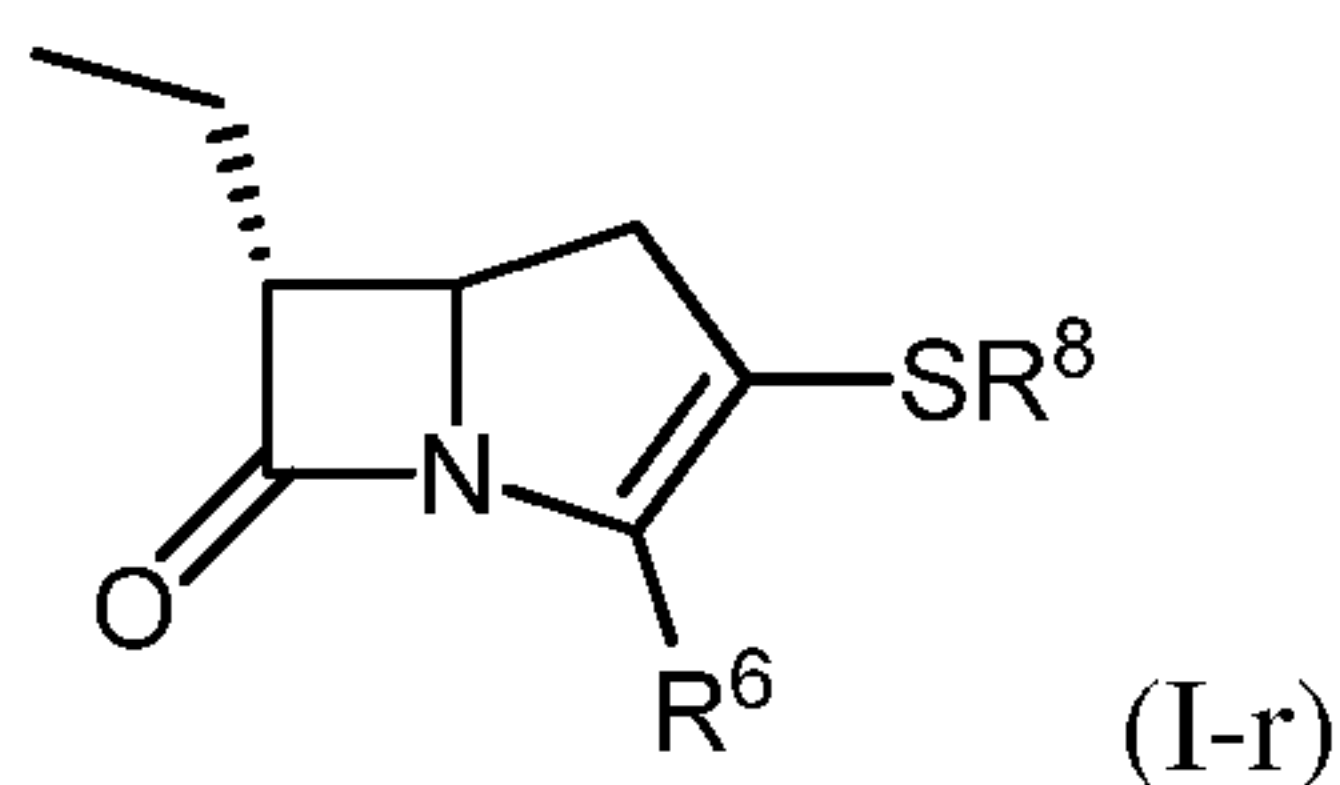
or salt thereof, wherein R^6 and R^8 are as defined herein. In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, or optionally substituted heterocyclyl. In certain embodiments, R^8 is a group of Formula (a), (b), or (c). In certain embodiments, R^6 is $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^7$. In certain embodiments, R^7 is $-\text{OR}^{7a}$.

[00118] In certain embodiments of (I-m), wherein R^3 is hydrogen, provided is a compound of Formula (I-q):



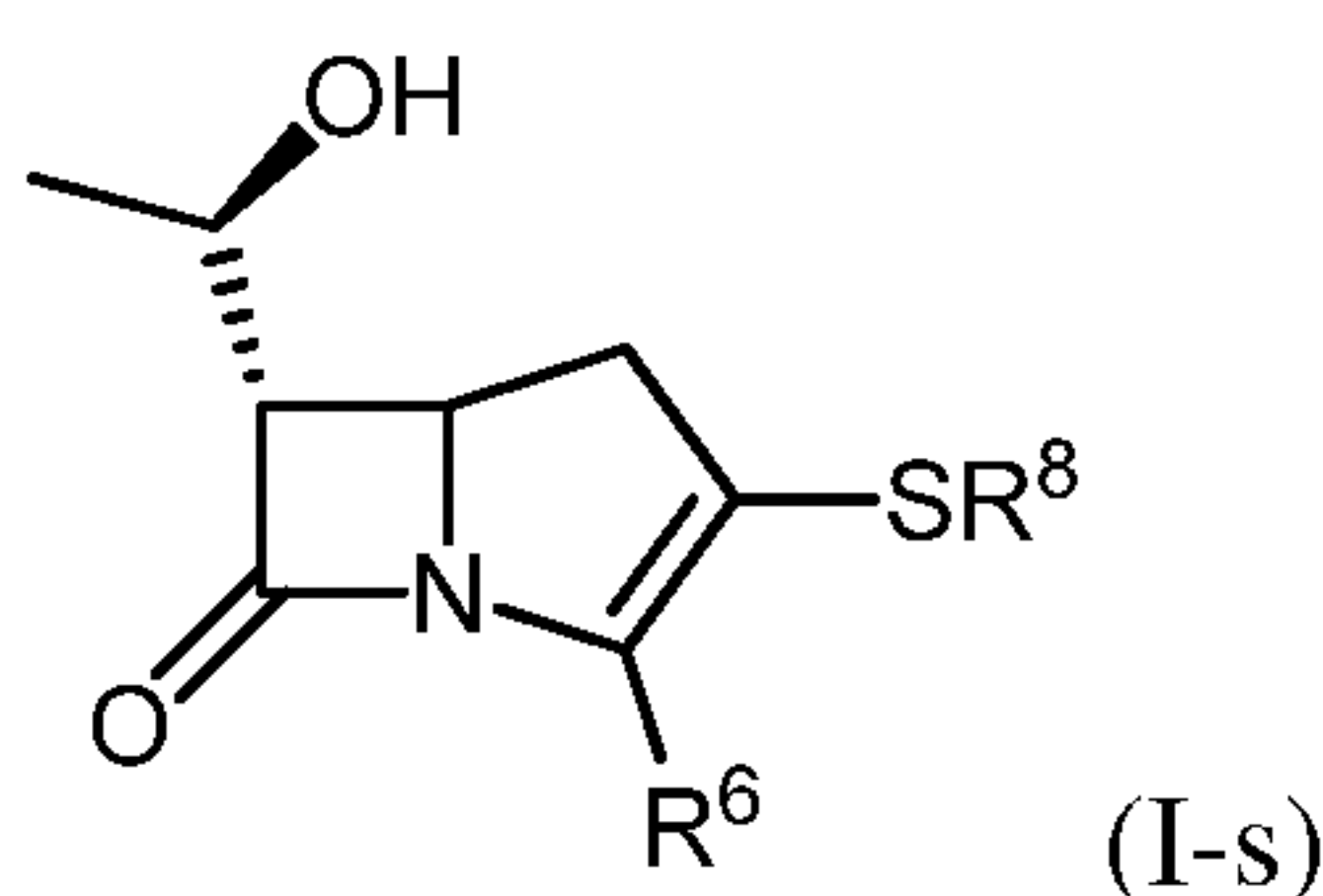
or salt thereof, wherein R^2 , R^6 , and R^8 are as defined herein. In certain embodiments, R^2 is selected from hydrogen, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, or $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$. In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, or optionally substituted heterocyclyl. In certain embodiments, R^8 is a group of formula (a), (b), or (c). In certain embodiments, R^6 is $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^7$. In certain embodiments, R^7 is $-\text{OR}^{7a}$.

[00119] In certain embodiments of (I-q), wherein R^2 is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, and R^3 is $-\text{CH}_3$, provided is a compound of Formula (I-r):



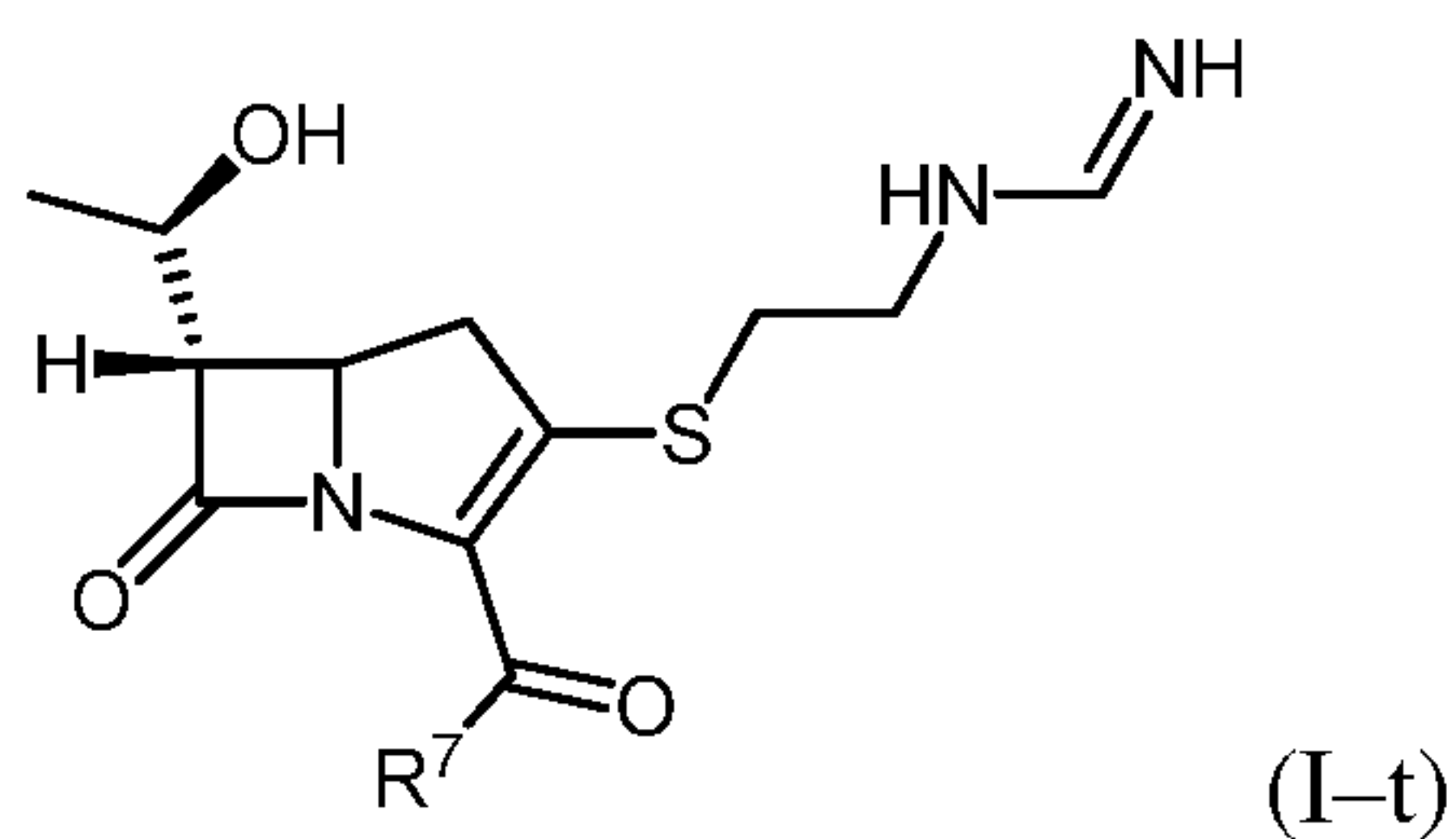
or salt thereof, wherein R^6 and R^8 are as defined herein. In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, or optionally substituted heterocyclyl. In certain embodiments, R^8 is a group of Formula (a), (b), or (c). In certain embodiments, R^6 is $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^7$. In certain embodiments, R^7 is $-\text{OR}^{7a}$.

[00120] In certain embodiments of (I-q), wherein R^2 is $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$, and R^3 is hydrogen, provided is a compound of Formula (I-s):



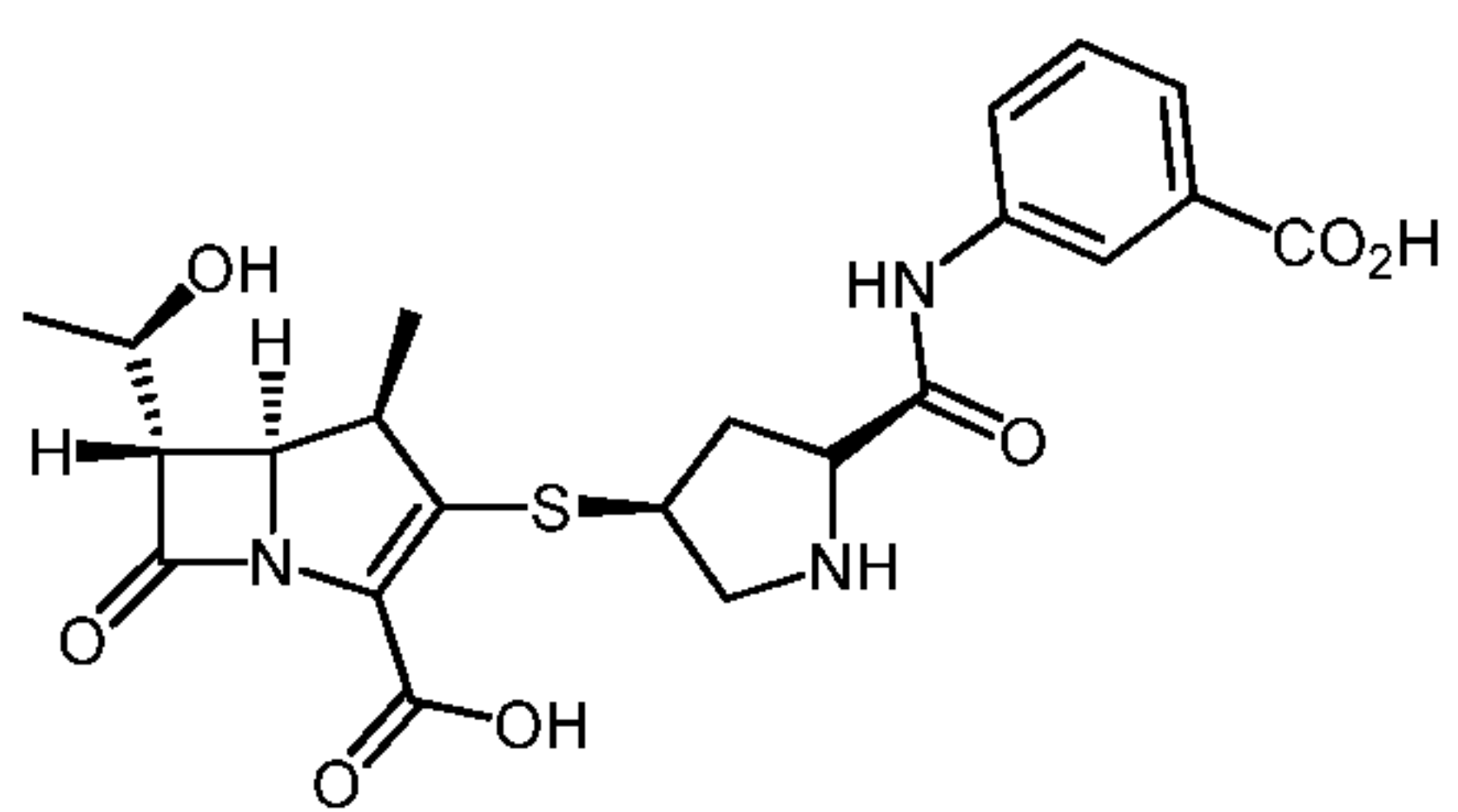
or salt thereof, wherein R^6 and R^8 are as defined herein. In certain embodiments, R^8 is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, or optionally substituted heterocyclyl. In certain embodiments, R^8 is a group of Formula (a), (b), or (c). In certain embodiments, R^6 is $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^7$. In certain embodiments, R^7 is $-\text{OR}^{7a}$.

[00121] For example, in certain embodiments of Formula (I-s), wherein R^2 is $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$, R^3 is hydrogen, R^6 is $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^7$, and R^8 is a group of the Formula (b), provided is a compound of the Formula (I-t):

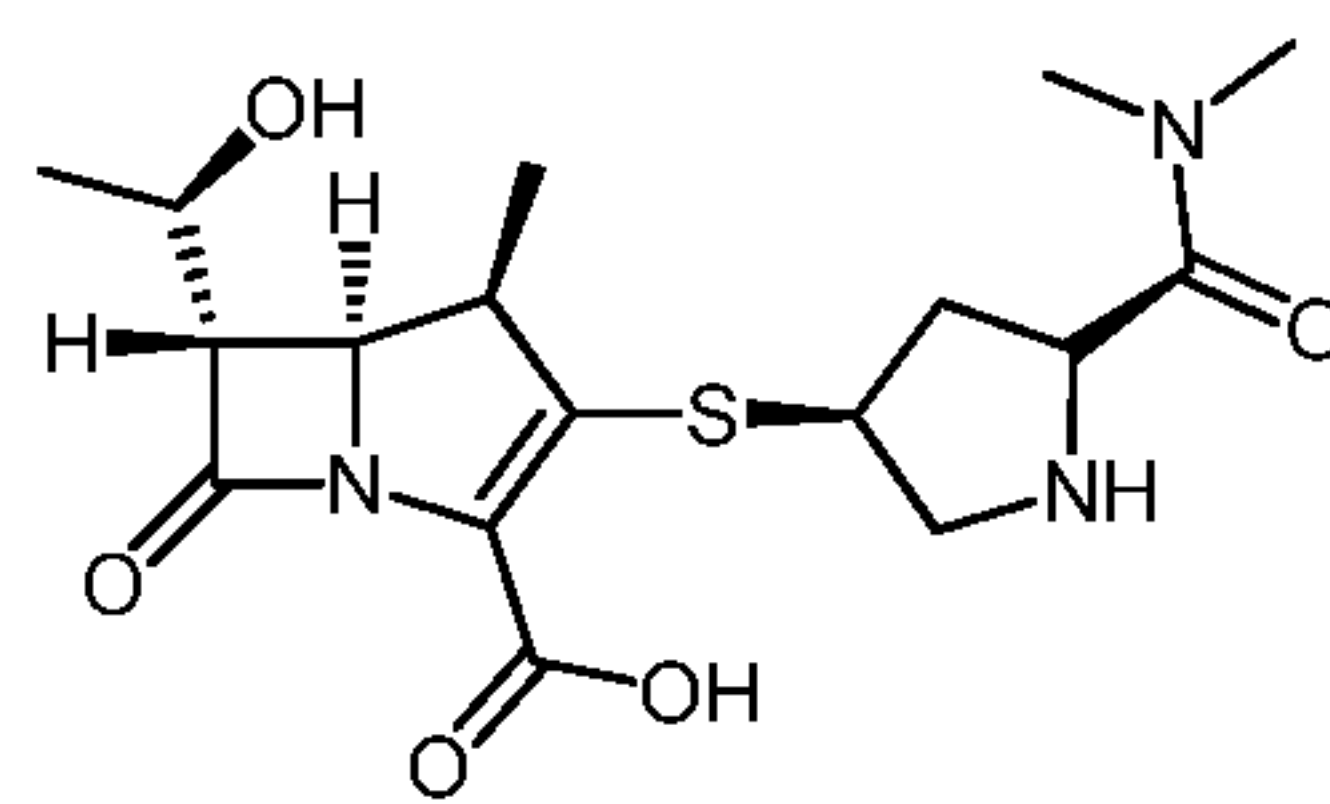


or a salt thereof. Compounds of Formula (I-t) are referred to herein as the compound imipenem (wherein R^7 is $-\text{OH}$) or an imipenem derivative (*i.e.*, wherein R^7 is $-\text{OR}^{7a}$, $-\text{SH}$, $-\text{SR}^{7a}$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^{7b})_2$, wherein R^{7a} is not hydrogen). In certain embodiments, the imipenem derivative is a prodrug of imipenem.

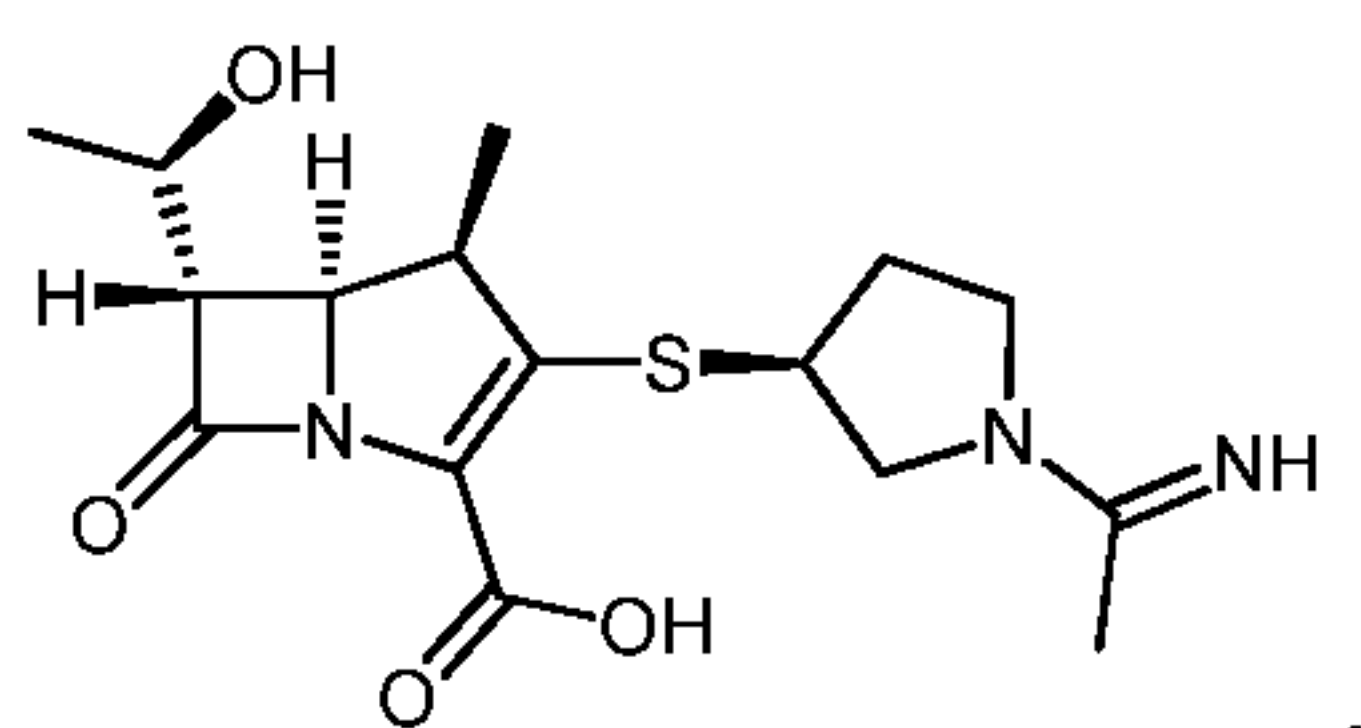
[00122] Other exemplary compounds of Formula (I) are selected from the group consisting of:



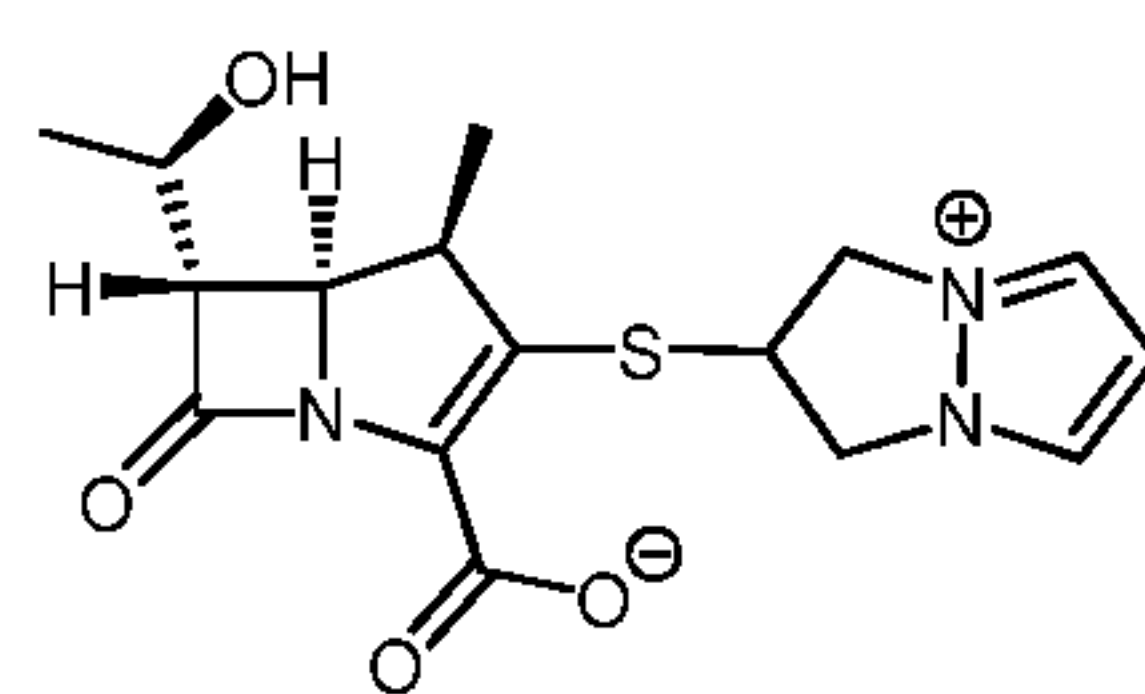
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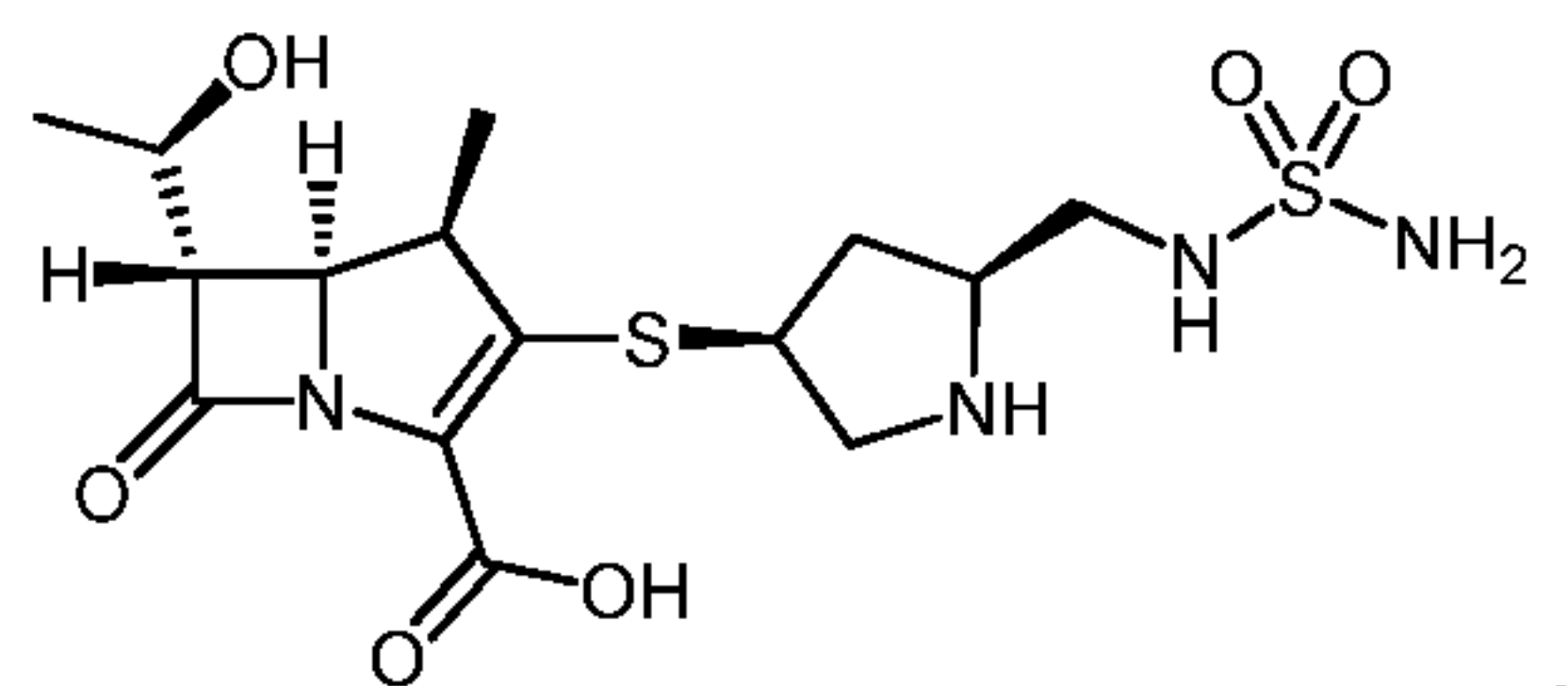
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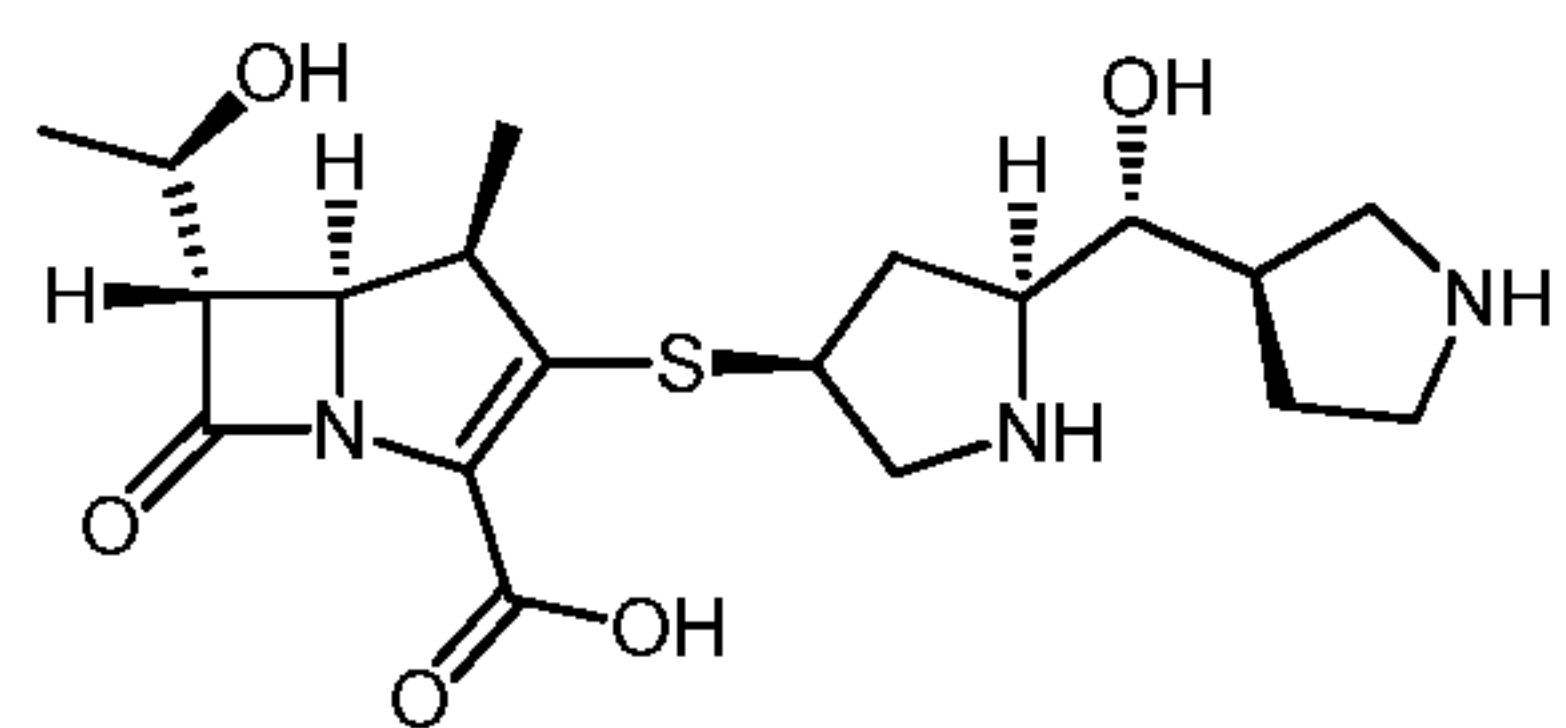
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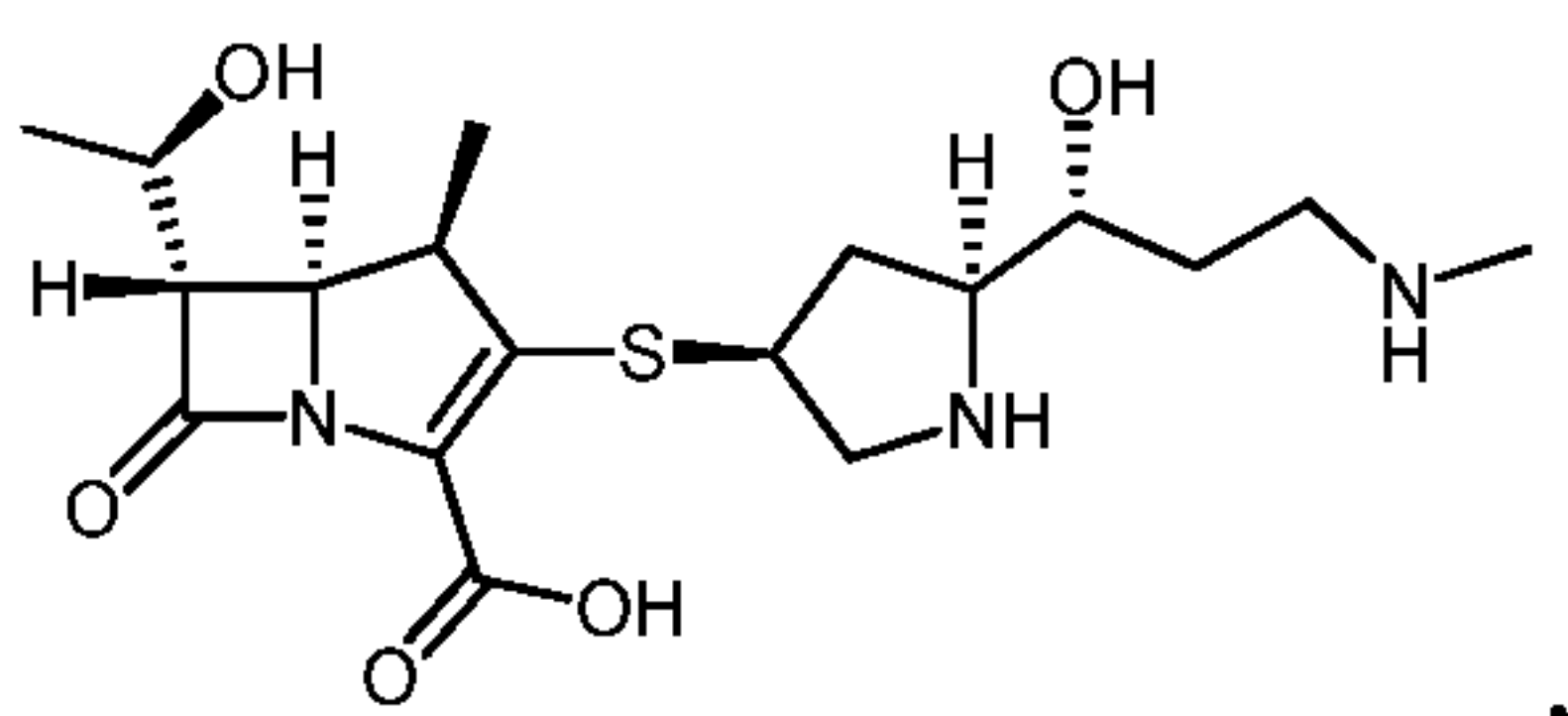
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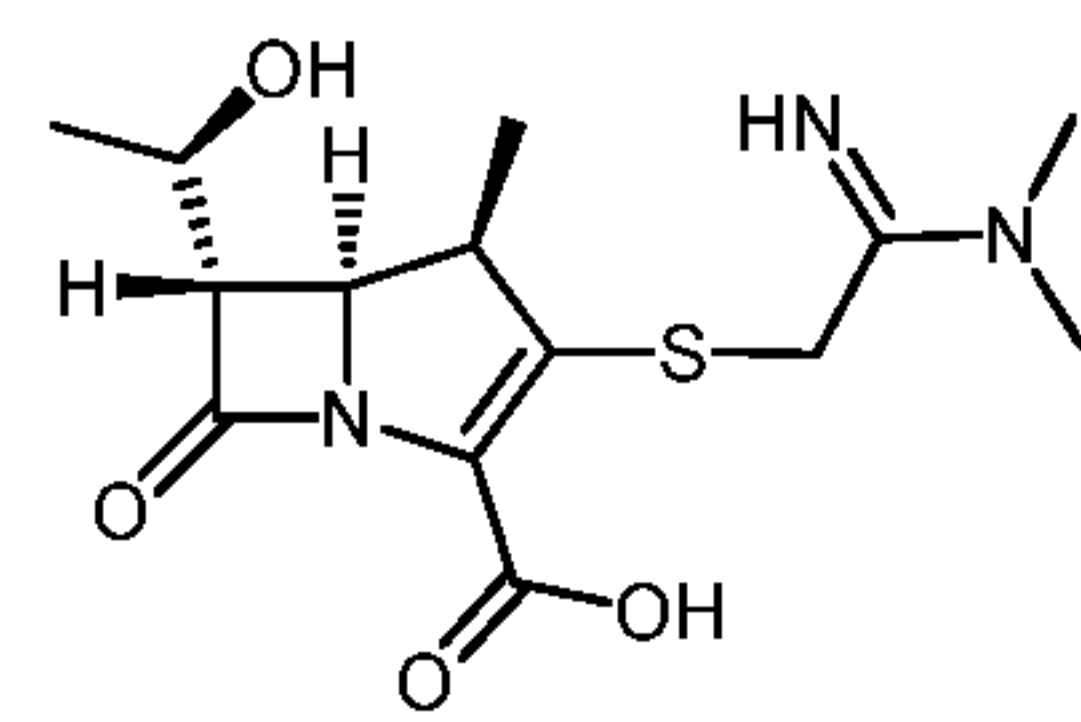
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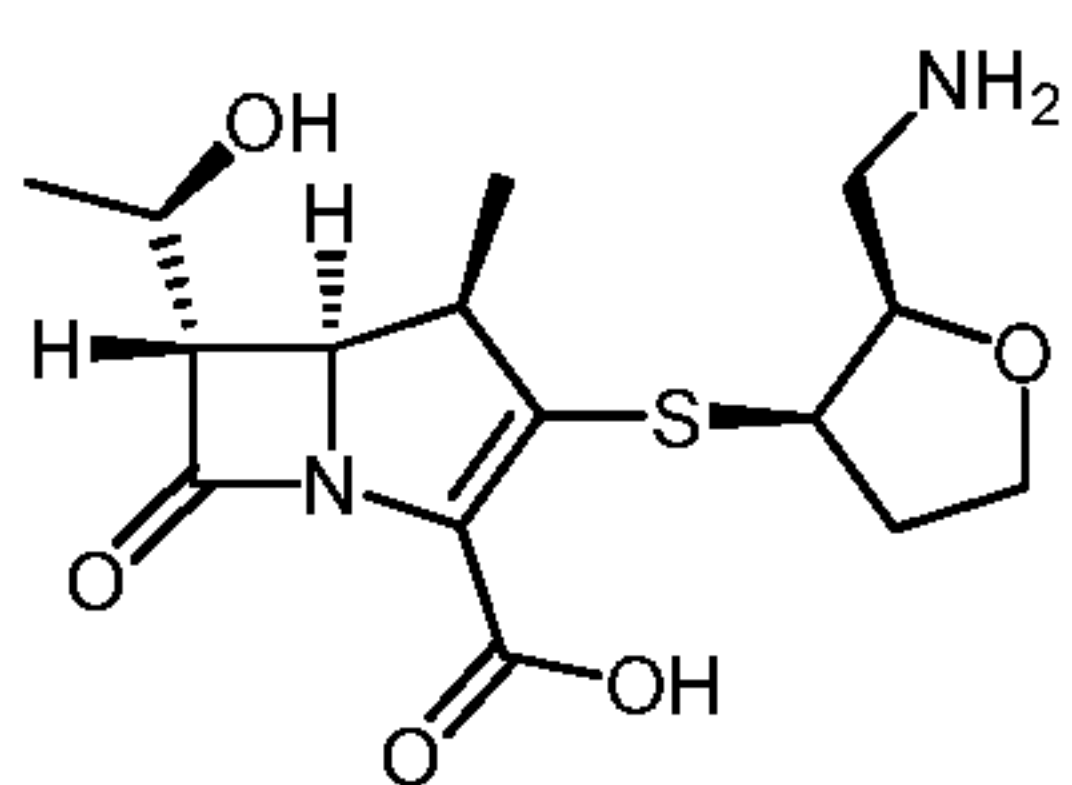
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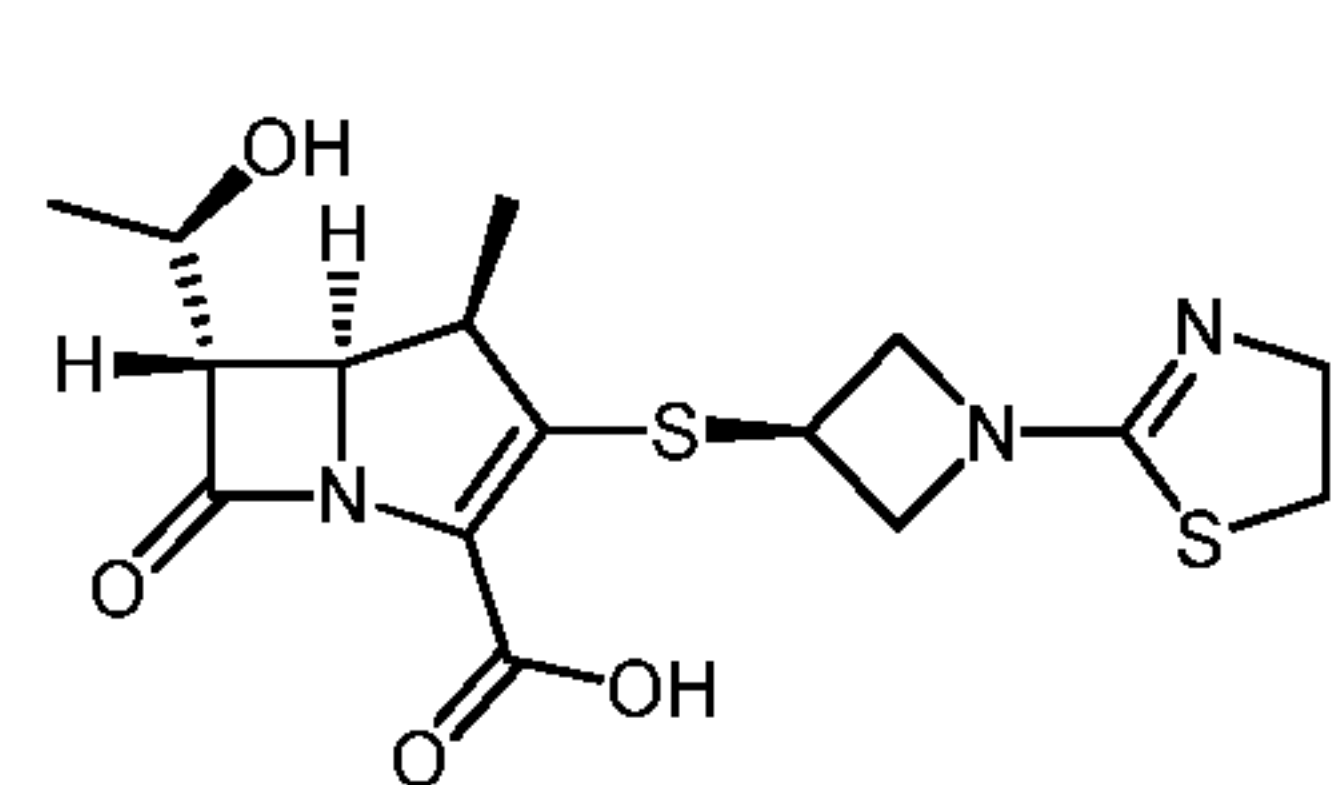
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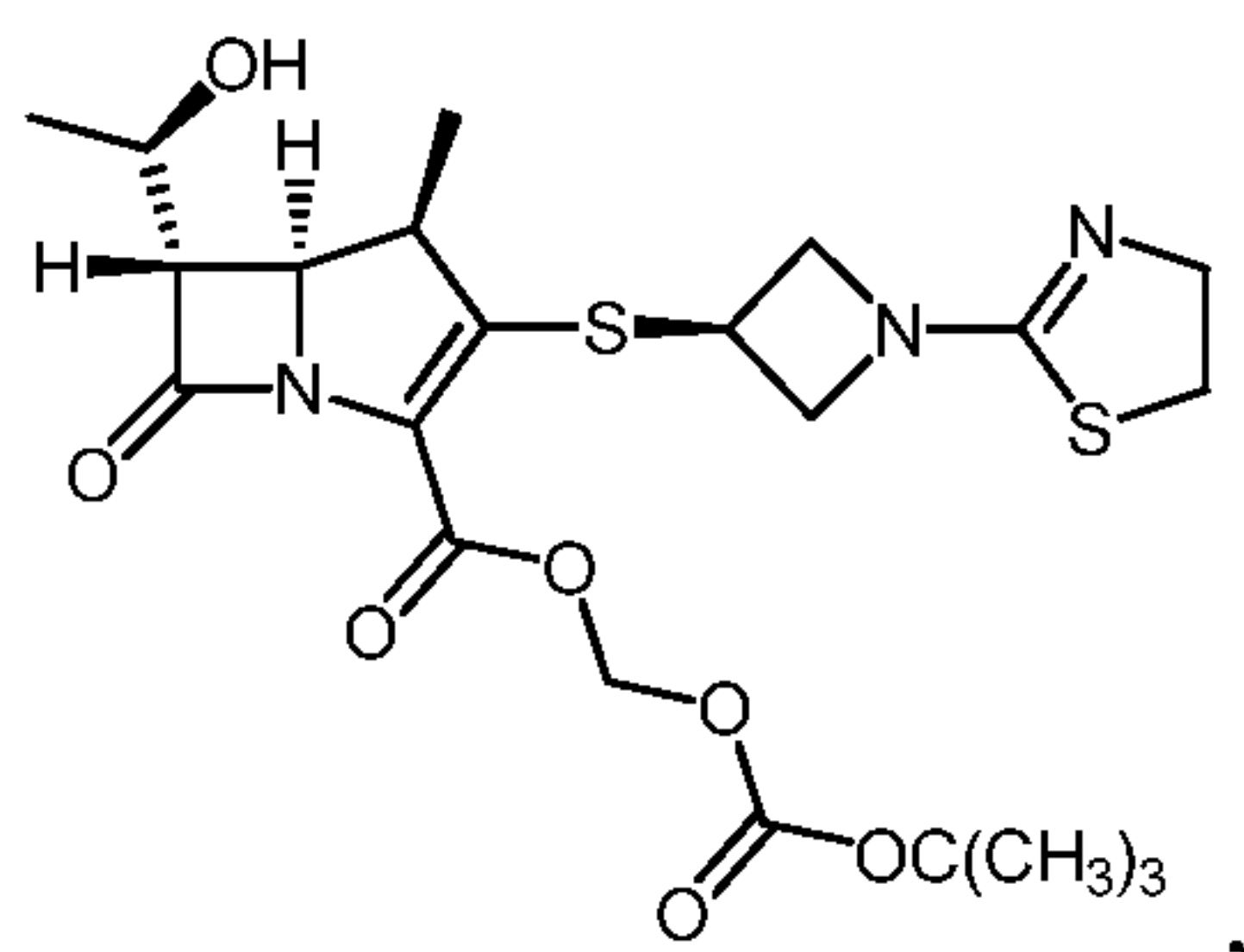
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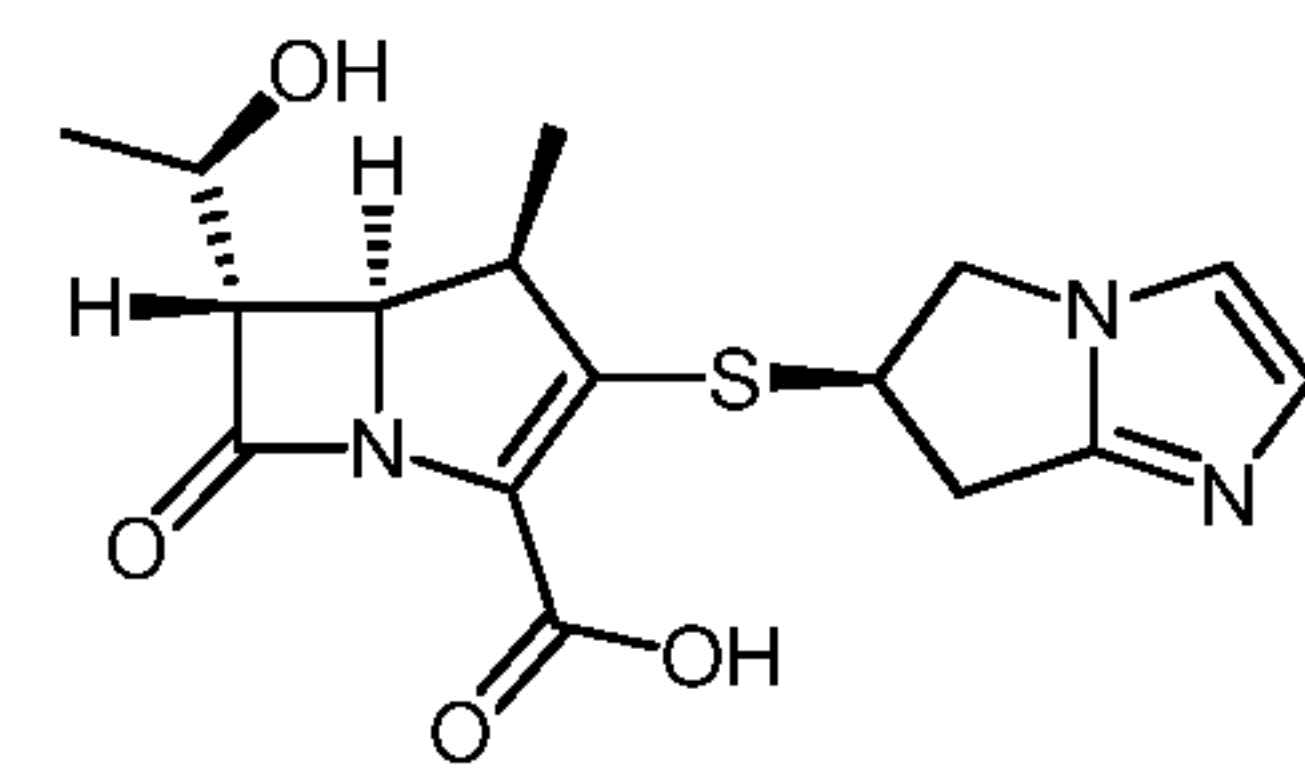
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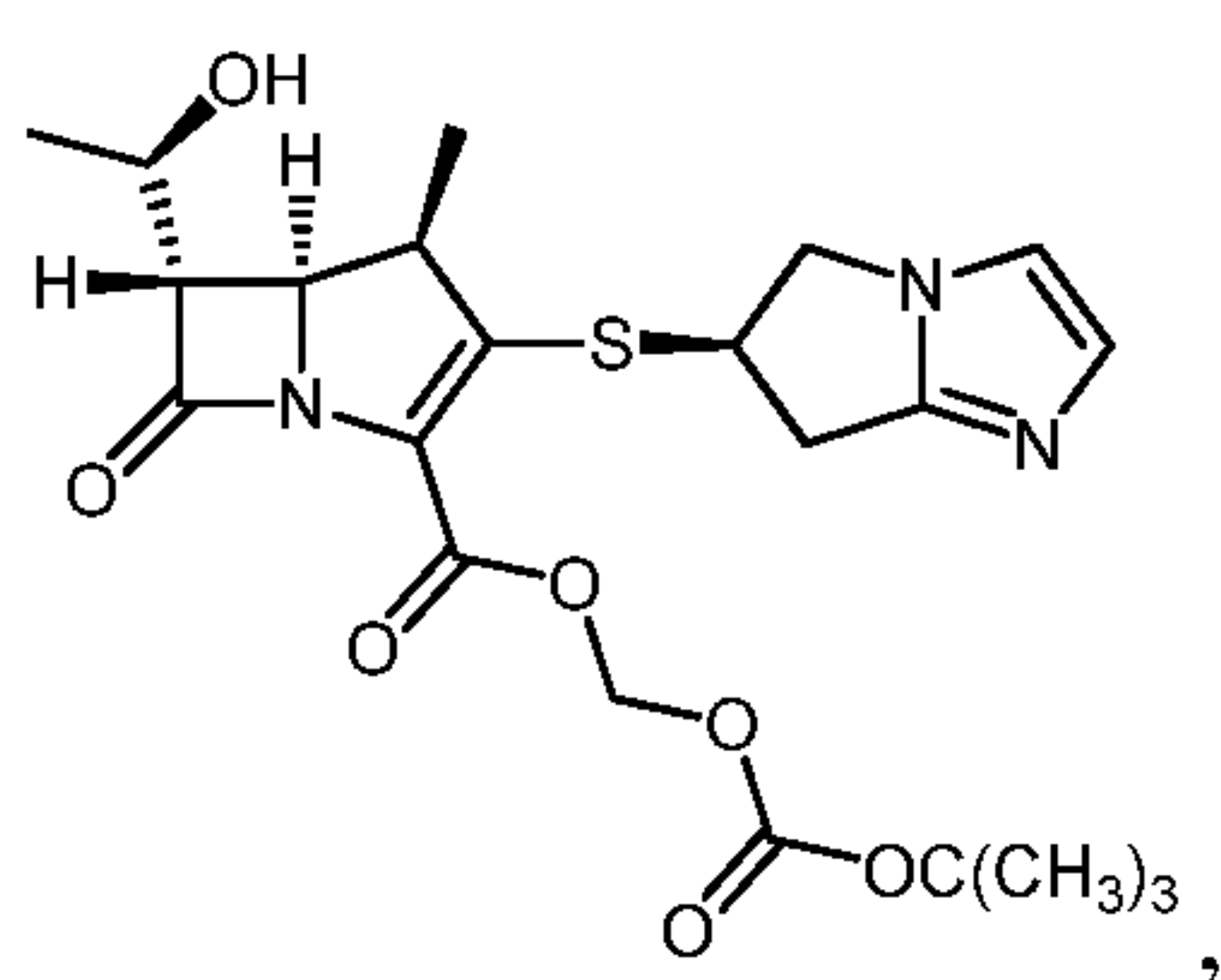
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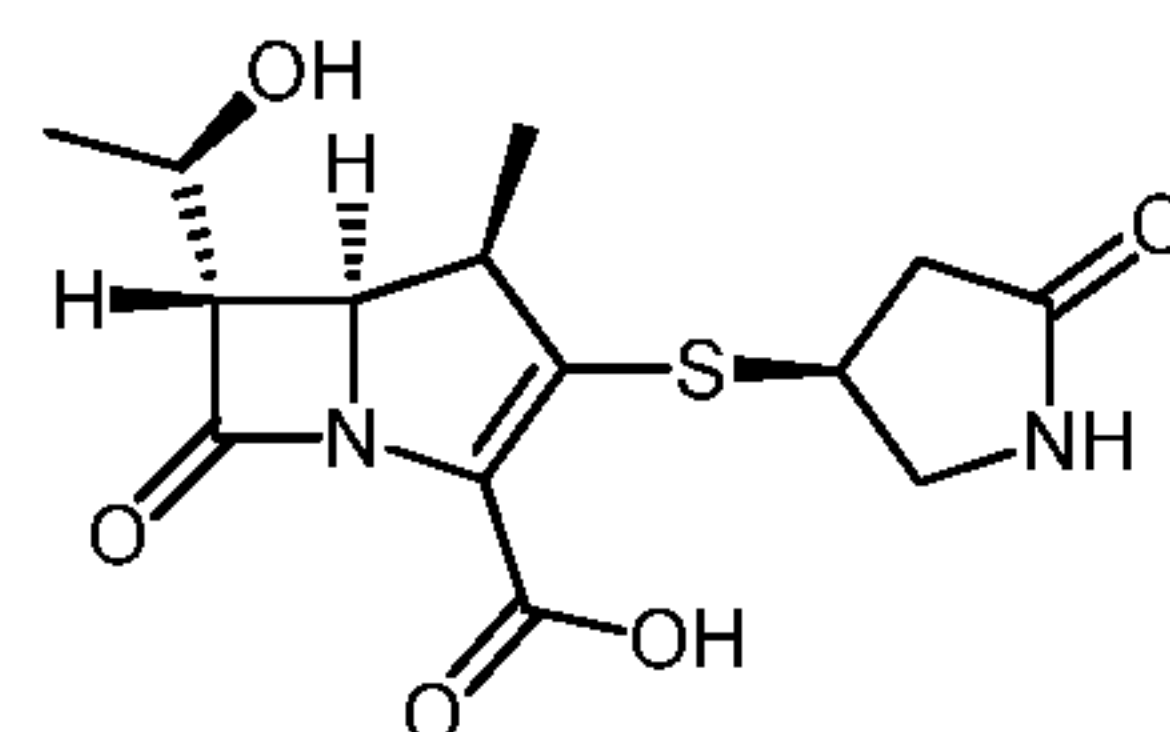
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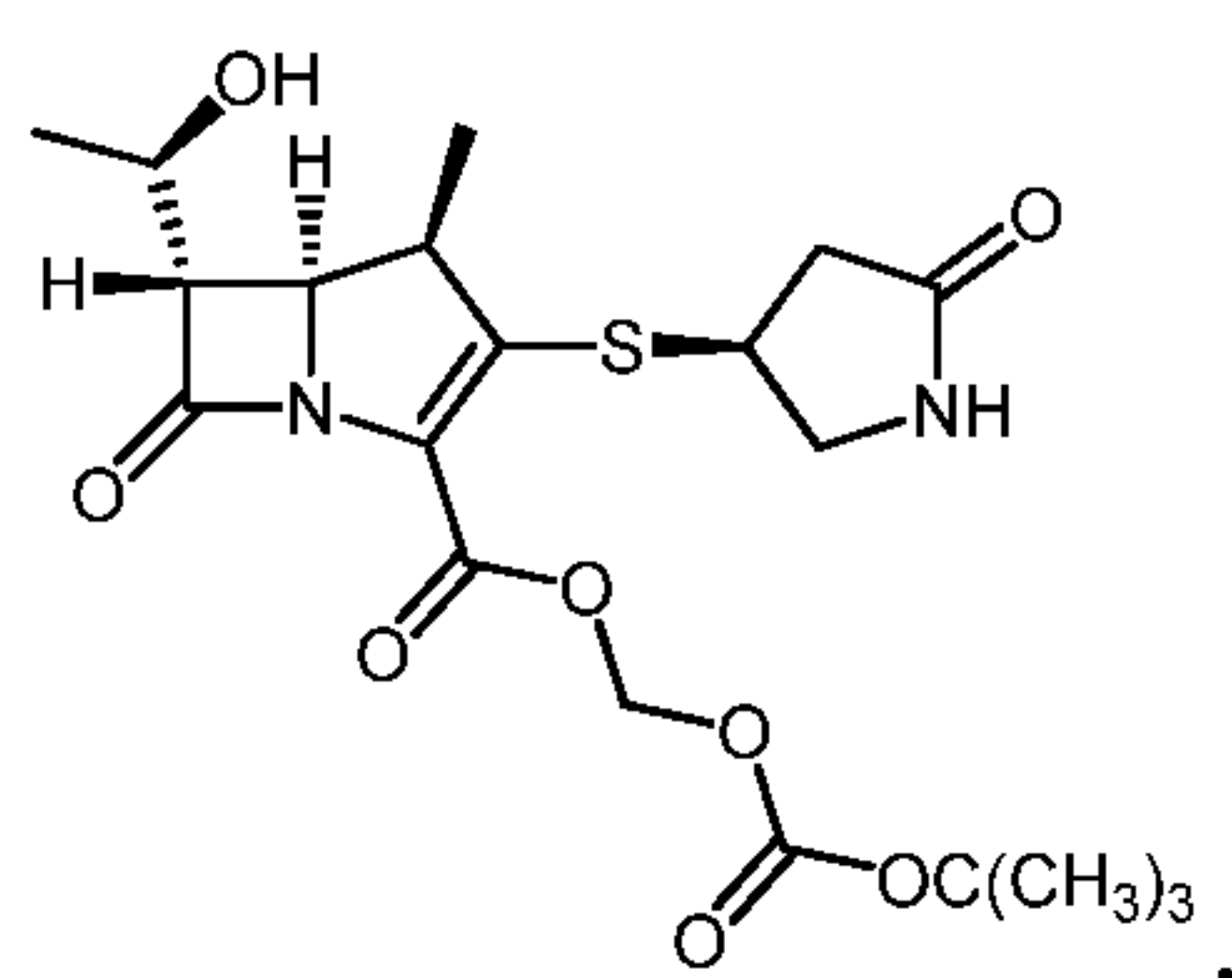
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and salts thereof.

Recombinant Gene Expression and Cell Culture

[00123] The genes encoding enzymes associated with the invention can be obtained from a variety of sources. As one of ordinary skill in the art would be aware, homologous genes for these enzymes exist in many species and can be identified by homology searches, for example, through a protein BLAST search, available at the NCBI internet site (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov). Genes encoding for these enzymes can be amplified by PCR from DNA from any source which contains the given enzyme, for example, using degenerate primers, as would be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art. In some embodiments, the gene encoding for a given enzyme can be synthetic. Any means of obtaining the genes encoding for the enzymes discussed herein are compatible with aspects of the instant invention.

[00124] The expression of the molecules of the invention may be determined using routine methods known to those of ordinary skill in the art. These methods include, but are not limited to, direct RNA amplification, reverse transcription of RNA to cDNA, real-time RT-PCR, amplification of cDNA, hybridization, and immunologically based assay methods, which include, but are not limited to Western blotting, immunohistochemistry, antibody sandwich capture assay, ELISA, and enzyme-linked immunospot assay (EliSpot assay). For example, the determination of the presence of levels of nucleic acid molecules of the invention in a sample such as a tissue or cell lysate can be carried out via any standard nucleic acid determination assay, including the polymerase chain reaction, or assaying with labeled hybridization probes. Such hybridization methods include, but are not limited to, microarray techniques.

[00125] The invention thus involves in one aspect methods involving enzymes, genes encoding those enzymes, functional modifications and variants of the foregoing, as well as uses relating thereto. Homologs and alleles of the nucleic acids of the invention can be identified by conventional techniques. Also encompassed by the invention are methods involving nucleic acids that hybridize under stringent conditions to the nucleic acids described herein. The term “stringent conditions” as used herein refers to parameters with which one of skill in the art is familiar. Nucleic acid hybridization parameters may be found in references which compile such methods, *e.g.*, *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*, J. Sambrook, et al., eds., Second Edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, New York, 1989, or *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, F.M. Ausubel, et al., eds., John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York. More specifically, stringent conditions, as used

herein, refers, for example, to hybridization at 65°C in hybridization buffer (3.5 x SSC, 0.02% Ficoll, 0.02% polyvinyl pyrrolidone, 0.02% bovine serum albumin, 2.5 mM NaH₂PO₄ (pH 7), 0.5% SDS, 2 mM EDTA). SSC is 0.15 M sodium chloride/0.015 M sodium citrate, pH 7; SDS is sodium dodecyl sulphate; and EDTA is ethylenediaminetetracetic acid. After hybridization, the membrane upon which the DNA is transferred is washed, for example, in 2 x SSC at room temperature and then at 0.1 – 0.5 x SSC/0.1 x SDS at temperatures up to 68 °C.

[00126] There are other conditions, reagents, and so forth which can be used, which result in a similar degree of stringency. The skilled artisan will be familiar with such conditions, and thus they are not given here. It will be understood, however, that the skilled artisan will be able to manipulate the conditions in a manner to permit the clear identification of homologs and alleles of nucleic acids of the invention (*e.g.*, by using lower stringency conditions). The skilled artisan also is familiar with the methodology for screening cells and libraries for expression of such molecules which then are routinely isolated, followed by isolation of the pertinent nucleic acid molecule and sequencing.

[00127] In general, homologs and alleles typically will share at least 75% nucleotide identity and/or at least 80% amino acid identity to the sequences of nucleic acids and polypeptides, respectively, in some instances will share at least 90% nucleotide identity and/or at least 90 or 95% amino acid identity and in still other instances will share at least 95% nucleotide identity and/or at least 99% amino acid identity. In some embodiments, homologs and alleles will share at least 75%, 76%, 77%, 78%, 79%, 80%, 81%, 82%, 83%, 84%, 85%, 86%, 87%, 88%, 89%, 90%, 91%, 92%, 93%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99% or more than 99% nucleotide identity to the sequences of nucleic acids described herein and/or 80%, 81%, 82%, 83%, 84%, 85%, 86%, 87%, 88%, 89%, 90%, 91%, 92%, 93%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99% or more than 99% identity to the sequences of polypeptides described herein.

[00128] The homology can be calculated using various, publicly available software tools developed by NCBI (Bethesda, Maryland) that can be obtained through the NCBI internet site. Exemplary tools include the BLAST software, also available at the NCBI internet site (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov). Pairwise and ClustalW alignments (BLOSUM30 matrix setting) as well as Kyte–Doolittle hydropathic analysis can be obtained using the MacVector sequence analysis software (Oxford Molecular Group). Watson–Crick complements of the foregoing nucleic acids also are embraced by the invention.

[00129] In screening for and identifying genes, techniques known to those of ordinary skill in the art such as Southern blots, Northern blots and amplification protocols such as polymerase chain reaction using primers which hybridize to the sequences presented can be applied.

[00130] The invention also includes degenerate nucleic acids which include alternative codons to those present in the native materials. For example, serine residues are encoded by the codons TCA, AGT, TCC, TCG, TCT and AGC. Each of the six codons is equivalent for the purposes of encoding a serine residue. Thus, it will be apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art that any of the serine-encoding nucleotide triplets may be employed to direct protein synthesis apparatus, *in vitro* or *in vivo*, to incorporate a serine residue into an elongating polypeptide. Similarly, nucleotide sequence triplets which encode other amino acid residues include, but are not limited to: CCA, CCC, CCG and CCT (proline codons); CGA, CGC, CGG, CGT, AGA and AGG (arginine codons); ACA, ACC, ACG and ACT (threonine codons); AAC and AAT (asparagine codons); and ATA, ATC and ATT (isoleucine codons). Other amino acid residues may be encoded similarly by multiple nucleotide sequences. Thus, the invention embraces degenerate nucleic acids that differ from the biologically isolated nucleic acids in codon sequence due to the degeneracy of the genetic code. The invention also embraces codon optimization to suit optimal codon usage of a host cell.

[00131] The invention also provides modified nucleic acid molecules which include additions, substitutions, and deletions of one or more nucleotides. In certain embodiments, these modified nucleic acid molecules and/or the polypeptides they encode retain at least one activity or function of the unmodified nucleic acid molecule and/or the polypeptides, such as the enzymatic activity. In certain embodiments, the modified nucleic acid molecules encode modified polypeptides, preferably polypeptides having conservative amino acid substitutions as are described elsewhere herein. The modified nucleic acid molecules are structurally related to the unmodified nucleic acid molecules and in certain embodiments are sufficiently structurally related to the unmodified nucleic acid molecules so that the modified and unmodified nucleic acid molecules hybridize under stringent conditions.

[00132] For example, modified nucleic acid molecules which encode polypeptides having single amino acid changes can be prepared. Each of these nucleic acid molecules can have one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, or more than nucleotide substitutions exclusive of nucleotide changes corresponding to the degeneracy of the genetic code as described herein. Likewise, modified nucleic acid molecules which encode polypeptides having two amino acid changes can be prepared which have, *e.g.*, 2–6 nucleotide changes.

Numerous modified nucleic acid molecules like these will be readily envisioned by one of skill in the art, including, for example, substitutions of nucleotides in codons encoding amino acids 2 and 3, 2 and 4, 2 and 5, 2 and 6, and so on. In the foregoing example, each combination of two amino acids is included in the set of modified nucleic acid molecules, as well as all nucleotide substitutions which code for the amino acid substitutions. Additional nucleic acid molecules that encode polypeptides having additional substitutions (*i.e.*, 3 or more), additions or deletions (*e.g.*, by introduction of a stop codon or a splice site(s)) also can be prepared and are embraced by the invention as readily envisioned by one of ordinary skill in the art. Any of the foregoing nucleic acids or polypeptides can be tested by routine experimentation for retention of structural relation or activity to the nucleic acids and/or polypeptides disclosed herein.

[00133] The invention embraces variants of the polypeptides described herein. As used herein, a “variant” of a polypeptide is a polypeptide which contains one or more modifications to the primary amino acid sequence of the polypeptide. Modifications which create an enzyme variant can be made to an enzyme, for example, 1) to alter the cellular distribution of the enzyme; 2) to reduce or eliminate an activity of the enzyme; 3) to enhance or alter a property of an enzyme, protein stability in an expression system, or other property; 4) to provide a novel activity or property to an enzyme, such as addition of an antigenic epitope or addition of a detectable moiety; or 5) to provide equivalent or better binding between an enzyme and an enzymatic substrate.

[00134] Modifications to a polypeptide are typically made to the nucleic acid which encodes the polypeptide, and can include deletions, point mutations, truncations, amino acid substitutions and additions of amino acids or non-amino acid moieties. Alternatively, modifications can be made directly to the polypeptide, such as by cleavage, addition of a linker molecule, addition of a detectable moiety, such as biotin, addition of a fatty acid, and the like. Modifications also embrace fusion proteins. One of skill in the art will be familiar with methods for predicting the effect on protein conformation of a change in protein sequence, and can thus “design” a variant polypeptide according to known methods. One example of such a method is described by Dahiyat and Mayo in *Science* 278:82–87, 1997, whereby proteins can be designed *de novo*. The method can be applied to a known protein to vary only a portion of the polypeptide sequence. By applying the computational methods of Dahiyat and Mayo, specific variants of a polypeptide can be proposed and tested to determine whether the variant retains a desired conformation.

[00135] In general, variants include polypeptides which are modified specifically to alter a feature of the polypeptide unrelated to its desired physiological activity. For example, cysteine residues can be substituted or deleted to prevent unwanted disulfide linkages. Similarly, certain amino acids can be changed to enhance expression of a polypeptide by eliminating proteolysis by proteases in an expression system (*e.g.*, dibasic amino acid residues in yeast expression systems in which KEX2 protease activity is present).

[00136] Mutations of a nucleic acid which encode a polypeptide preferably preserve the amino acid reading frame of the coding sequence, and preferably do not create regions in the nucleic acid which are likely to hybridize to form secondary structures, such as hairpins or loops, which can be deleterious to expression of the variant polypeptide.

[00137] Mutations can be made by selecting an amino acid substitution, or by random mutagenesis of a selected site in a nucleic acid which encodes the polypeptide. Variant polypeptides are then expressed and tested for one or more activities to determine which mutation provides a variant polypeptide with the desired properties. Further mutations can be made to variants (or to non-variant polypeptides) which are silent as to the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide, but which provide preferred codons for translation in a particular host. The preferred codons for translation of a nucleic acid in, *e.g.*, *E. coli*, are well known to those of ordinary skill in the art. Still other mutations can be made to the noncoding sequences of a gene or cDNA clone to enhance expression of the polypeptide. The activity of variants of polypeptides can be tested by cloning the gene encoding the variant polypeptide into a bacterial or mammalian expression vector, introducing the vector into an appropriate host cell, expressing the variant polypeptide, and testing for a functional capability of the polypeptides as disclosed herein.

[00138] The skilled artisan will also realize that conservative amino acid substitutions may be made in polypeptides to provide functionally equivalent variants of the foregoing polypeptides, *i.e.*, the variants retain the functional capabilities of the polypeptides. As used herein, a “conservative amino acid substitution” refers to an amino acid substitution which does not alter the relative charge or size characteristics of the protein in which the amino acid substitution is made. Variants can be prepared according to methods for altering polypeptide sequence known to one of ordinary skill in the art such as are found in references which compile such methods, *e.g.*, *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*, J. Sambrook, et al., eds., Second Edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, New York, 1989, or *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, F.M. Ausubel, et al., eds., John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York. Exemplary functionally equivalent variants of the polypeptides

include conservative amino acid substitutions in the amino acid sequences of proteins disclosed herein. Conservative substitutions of amino acids include substitutions made amongst amino acids within the following groups: (a) M, I, L, V; (b) F, Y, W; (c) K, R, H; (d) A, G; (e) S, T; (f) Q, N; and (g) E, D.

[00139] In general, it is preferred that fewer than all of the amino acids are changed when preparing variant polypeptides. Where particular amino acid residues are known to confer function, such amino acids will not be replaced, or alternatively, will be replaced by conservative amino acid substitutions. Preferably, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 residues can be changed when preparing variant polypeptides. It is generally preferred that the fewest number of substitutions is made. Thus, one method for generating variant polypeptides is to substitute all other amino acids for a particular single amino acid, then assay activity of the variant, then repeat the process with one or more of the polypeptides having the best activity.

[00140] Conservative amino-acid substitutions in the amino acid sequence of polypeptides to produce functionally equivalent variants of polypeptides typically are made by alteration of a nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide. Such substitutions can be made by a variety of methods known to one of ordinary skill in the art. For example, amino acid substitutions may be made by PCR-directed mutation, site-directed mutagenesis according to the method of Kunkel (Kunkel, *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* 82: 488-492, 1985), or by chemical synthesis of a gene encoding a polypeptide.

[00141] Aspects of the invention relate to overexpression of one or more enzymes in a cell. In some embodiments, the cell expresses one or more genes encoding one or more of the enzymes endogenously. Expression of an endogenous gene can be increased by altering the promoter of the gene, such as by inserting a constitutive or inducible promoter. Expression of an endogenous gene can also be increased by expressing additional copies of the gene in a cell, for example, by inserting additional copies of the gene into the chromosome or by expressing one or more copies of the gene on a plasmid.

[00142] Aspects of the invention relate to recombinant expression of one or more genes encoding one or more enzymes. In some embodiments genes encoding for enzymes associated with the invention are expressed in recombinant expression vectors. As used herein, a “vector” may be any of a number of nucleic acids into which a desired sequence or sequences may be inserted by restriction and ligation for transport between different genetic environments or for expression in a host cell. Vectors are typically composed of DNA

although RNA vectors are also available. Vectors include, but are not limited to: plasmids, fosmids, phagemids, virus genomes and artificial chromosomes.

[00143] A cloning vector is one which is able to replicate autonomously or integrated in the genome in a host cell, and which is further characterized by one or more endonuclease restriction sites at which the vector may be cut in a determinable fashion and into which a desired DNA sequence may be ligated such that the new recombinant vector retains its ability to replicate in the host cell. In the case of plasmids, replication of the desired sequence may occur many times as the plasmid increases in copy number within the host bacterium or just a single time per host before the host reproduces by mitosis. In the case of phage, replication may occur actively during a lytic phase or passively during a lysogenic phase.

[00144] An expression vector is one into which a desired DNA sequence may be inserted by restriction and ligation such that it is operably joined to regulatory sequences and may be expressed as an RNA transcript. Vectors may further contain one or more marker sequences suitable for use in the identification of cells which have or have not been transformed or transfected with the vector. Markers include, for example, genes encoding proteins which increase or decrease either resistance or sensitivity to antibiotics or other compounds, genes which encode enzymes whose activities are detectable by standard assays known in the art (*e.g.*, β -galactosidase, luciferase or alkaline phosphatase), and genes which visibly affect the phenotype of transformed or transfected cells, hosts, colonies or plaques (*e.g.*, green fluorescent protein). Preferred vectors are those capable of autonomous replication and expression of the structural gene products present in the DNA segments to which they are operably joined.

[00145] As used herein, a coding sequence and regulatory sequences are said to be “operably” joined when they are covalently linked in such a way as to place the expression or transcription of the coding sequence under the influence or control of the regulatory sequences. If it is desired that the coding sequences be translated into a functional protein, two DNA sequences are said to be operably joined if induction of a promoter in the 5’ regulatory sequences results in the transcription of the coding sequence and if the nature of the linkage between the two DNA sequences does not (1) result in the introduction of a frame-shift mutation, (2) interfere with the ability of the promoter region to direct the transcription of the coding sequences, or (3) interfere with the ability of the corresponding RNA transcript to be translated into a protein. Thus, a promoter region would be operably joined to a coding sequence if the promoter region were capable of effecting transcription of

that DNA sequence such that the resulting transcript can be translated into the desired protein or polypeptide.

[00146] When the nucleic acid molecule that encodes any of the enzymes of the claimed invention is expressed in a cell, a variety of transcription control sequences (e.g., promoter/enhancer sequences) can be used to direct its expression. The promoter can be a native promoter, *i.e.*, the promoter of the gene in its endogenous context, which provides normal regulation of expression of the gene. In some embodiments the promoter can be constitutive, *i.e.*, the promoter is unregulated allowing for continual transcription of its associated gene. A variety of conditional promoters also can be used, such as promoters controlled by the presence or absence of a molecule.

[00147] The precise nature of the regulatory sequences needed for gene expression may vary between species or cell types, but shall in general include, as necessary, 5' non-transcribed and 5' non-translated sequences involved with the initiation of transcription and translation respectively, such as a TATA box, capping sequence, CAAT sequence, and the like. In particular, such 5' non-transcribed regulatory sequences will include a promoter region which includes a promoter sequence for transcriptional control of the operably joined gene. Regulatory sequences may also include enhancer sequences or upstream activator sequences as desired. The vectors of the invention may optionally include 5' leader or signal sequences. The choice and design of an appropriate vector is within the ability and discretion of one of ordinary skill in the art.

[00148] Expression vectors containing all the necessary elements for expression are commercially available and known to those skilled in the art. See, *e.g.*, Sambrook et al., *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*, Second Edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 1989. Cells are genetically engineered by the introduction into the cells of heterologous DNA (or RNA). That heterologous DNA (or RNA) is placed under operable control of transcriptional elements to permit the expression of the heterologous DNA in the host cell. In some embodiments two or more of the nucleic acids of the invention may be cloned into the same expression vector or plasmid.

[00149] A nucleic acid molecule or nucleic acid molecules that encode any of the enzymes associated with the invention can be introduced into a cell or cells using methods and techniques that are standard in the art. For example, nucleic acid molecules can be introduced by standard protocols such as transformation including chemical transformation and electroporation, transduction, particle bombardment, etc. Expressing a nucleic acid molecule(s) encoding an enzyme also may be accomplished by integrating the nucleic acid

molecule into the genome. Nucleic acid molecule(s) can be integrated into a cell's genomic DNA using standard techniques well known in the art.

[00150] In some embodiments one or more genes associated with the invention is expressed recombinantly in a bacterial cell. Bacterial cells according to the invention can be cultured in media of any type (rich or minimal) and any composition. In some embodiments, the cells are cultured in LB media. As would be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art, routine optimization would allow for use of a variety of types of media. The selected medium can be supplemented with various additional components. Some non-limiting examples of supplemental components include glucose, antibiotics, IPTG, tetracycline or anhydro-tetracycline (aTc) for gene induction and ATCC Trace Mineral Supplement. Similarly, other aspects of the medium, and growth conditions of the cells of the invention may be optimized through routine experimentation. For example, pH and temperature are non-limiting examples of factors which can be optimized. In some embodiments the concentration and amount of a supplemental component may be optimized. In other embodiments, how often the media is supplemented with one or more supplemental components, and the amount of time that the media is cultured is optimized.

[00151] In some embodiments, the growth medium is adapted from Zawada and Swartz (2006) *Biotechnology and Bioengineering* 94(4):618 and comprises one or more of the following: deionized water, Swartz-Medium Stock, MgSO₄ Stock, Thiamine Stock, Trace Metals, Glucose, Vitamin stocks, Amino Acids Stock, BASF Industrol DF204 (antifoam), Chloramphenicol, Carbenicillin and preculture inoculum. Representative compositions of stock solutions are described further in the Examples section. Non-limiting examples of trace metals include: boric acid, cobalt chloride hexahydrate, cupric sulfate pentahydrate, manganese sulfate hydrate, sodium molybdate dihydrate, zinc sulfate heptahydrate and sulfuric acid.

[00152] Non-limiting examples of vitamins include: choline chloride, niacin (nicotinic acid), pyridoxine hydrochloride, riboflavin, pantothenic acid hemicalcium salt, para-aminobenzoic acid (PABA), KOH, biotin, cyanocobalamin and folic acid dihydrate. Non-limiting examples of amino acids include: isoleucine, leucine, tryptophan and valine.

[00153] Cells associated with aspects of the invention can be cultured in a variety of devices, as would be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art. In some embodiments, cells are cultured in a bioreactor, such as a bioreactor provided by DASGIP AG, Julich Germany. In some embodiments, the bioreactor is a DASGIP AG bioreactor, Volume 4.0, May 2009, and bioreactor preparation is based on a DASGIP Control 4.0 User Manual. In

some embodiments, a dissolved oxygen feeding strategy is followed, as described in the Examples section and as discussed further in Lee (1996) *Trends in Biotechnology*, 14(3):98–105.

[00154] In some embodiments, recombinant protein expression is under the control of the LacI promoter and is induced by addition of IPTG. It should be appreciated that other inducible promoters are also compatible with aspects of the invention. Cells can be harvested according to a variety of procedures, as would be familiar to one of ordinary skill in the art. For example, cells can be harvested by a peristaltic pump system, as described further in the Examples section.

[00155] According to aspects of the invention, a clarified lysate for cell-free production processes is generated. Cells can be lysed according to a variety of procedures, as would be familiar to one of ordinary skill in the art. In some embodiments, following harvesting, cells are lysed through a single pass homogenization at 20,000 psi using, for example, an Avestin EmulsiFlex–C3 High Pressure Homogenizer (Avestin, Inc., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada). In some embodiments, lysates are subjected to a second, and optionally further, homogenization passes. Whole cell lysates are then clarified through centrifugation, with clarified lysate being obtained in the harvest supernatant. In some embodiments, the cell-free reaction is initiated by the addition of substrates and cofactors to the clarified lysate. While representative procedures for cell culturing, harvest, and cell-free reactions are provided in the Examples section, it should be appreciated that optimization of such protocols can be achieved by one of ordinary skill in the art.

Pharmaceutical Compositions

[00156] The present invention also provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising a carbapenem, *e.g.*, a compound of Formula (I), prepared by the above described cell-free system, and optionally a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

[00157] Pharmaceutically acceptable excipients include any and all solvents, diluents or other liquid vehicles, dispersion or suspension aids, surface active agents, isotonic agents, thickening or emulsifying agents, preservatives, solid binders, lubricants and the like, as suited to the particular dosage form desired. General considerations in the formulation and/or manufacture of pharmaceutical compositions can be found, for example, in *Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences*, Sixteenth Edition, E. W. Martin (Mack Publishing Co., Easton, Pa., 1980), and *Remington: The Science and Practice of Pharmacy*, 21st Edition (Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2005).

[00158] Pharmaceutical compositions described herein can be prepared by any method known in the art of pharmacology. In general, such preparatory methods include the steps of bringing the compound of Formula (I) (the “active ingredient”) into association with one or more excipients and/or one or more other accessory ingredients, and then, if necessary and/or desirable, shaping and/or packaging the product into a desired single- or multi-dose unit.

[00159] Pharmaceutical compositions can be prepared, packaged, and/or sold in bulk, as a single unit dose, and/or as a plurality of single unit doses. As used herein, a “unit dose” is discrete amount of the pharmaceutical composition comprising a predetermined amount of the active ingredient. The amount of the active ingredient is generally equal to the dosage of the active ingredient which would be administered to a subject and/or a convenient fraction of such a dosage such as, for example, one-half or one-third of such a dosage.

[00160] Relative amounts of the active ingredient, the pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, and/or any additional ingredients in a pharmaceutical composition will vary, depending upon the identity, size, and/or condition of the subject treated and further depending upon the route by which the composition is to be administered. By way of example, the composition may comprise between 0.1% and 100% (w/w) active ingredient.

[00161] Pharmaceutically acceptable excipients used in the manufacture of provided pharmaceutical compositions include inert diluents, dispersing and/or granulating agents, surface active agents and/or emulsifiers, disintegrating agents, binding agents, preservatives, buffering agents, lubricating agents, and/or oils. Excipients such as cocoa butter and suppository waxes, coloring agents, coating agents, sweetening, flavoring, and perfuming agents may also be present in the composition.

[00162] Exemplary diluents include, but are not limited to, calcium carbonate, sodium carbonate, calcium phosphate, dicalcium phosphate, calcium sulfate, calcium hydrogen phosphate, sodium phosphate lactose, sucrose, cellulose, microcrystalline cellulose, kaolin, mannitol, sorbitol, inositol, sodium chloride, dry starch, cornstarch, powdered sugar, *etc.*, and combinations thereof.

[00163] Exemplary granulating and/or dispersing agents include, but are not limited to, potato starch, corn starch, tapioca starch, sodium starch glycolate, clays, alginic acid, guar gum, citrus pulp, agar, bentonite, cellulose and wood products, natural sponge, cation-exchange resins, calcium carbonate, silicates, sodium carbonate, cross-linked poly(vinyl-pyrrolidone) (crospovidone), sodium carboxymethyl starch (sodium starch glycolate), carboxymethyl cellulose, cross-linked sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (croscarmellose), methylcellulose, pregelatinized starch (starch 1500), microcrystalline starch, water insoluble

starch, calcium carboxymethyl cellulose, magnesium aluminum silicate (Veegum), sodium lauryl sulfate, quaternary ammonium compounds, *etc.*, and combinations thereof.

[00164] Exemplary surface active agents and/or emulsifiers include, but are not limited to, natural emulsifiers (*e.g.* acacia, agar, alginic acid, sodium alginate, tragacanth, chondrux, cholesterol, xanthan, pectin, gelatin, egg yolk, casein, wool fat, cholesterol, wax, and lecithin), colloidal clays (*e.g.* bentonite (aluminum silicate) and Veegum (magnesium aluminum silicate)), long chain amino acid derivatives, high molecular weight alcohols (*e.g.* stearyl alcohol, cetyl alcohol, oleyl alcohol, triacetin monostearate, ethylene glycol distearate, glyceryl monostearate, and propylene glycol monostearate, polyvinyl alcohol), carbomers (*e.g.* carboxy polymethylene, polyacrylic acid, acrylic acid polymer, and carboxyvinyl polymer), carrageenan, cellulosic derivatives (*e.g.* carboxymethylcellulose sodium, powdered cellulose, hydroxymethyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, methylcellulose), sorbitan fatty acid esters (*e.g.* polyoxyethylene sorbitan monolaurate (Tween 20), polyoxyethylene sorbitan (Tween 60), polyoxyethylene sorbitan monooleate (Tween 80), sorbitan monopalmitate (Span 40), sorbitan monostearate (Span 60), sorbitan tristearate (Span 65), glyceryl monooleate, sorbitan monooleate (Span 80)), polyoxyethylene esters (*e.g.* polyoxyethylene monostearate (Myrj 45), polyoxyethylene hydrogenated castor oil, polyethoxylated castor oil, polyoxymethylene stearate, and Solutol), sucrose fatty acid esters, polyethylene glycol fatty acid esters (*e.g.* Cremophor), polyoxyethylene ethers, (*e.g.* polyoxyethylene lauryl ether (Brij 30)), poly(vinyl-pyrrolidone), diethylene glycol monolaurate, triethanolamine oleate, sodium oleate, potassium oleate, ethyl oleate, oleic acid, ethyl laurate, sodium lauryl sulfate, Pluronic F 68, Poloxamer 188, cetrimonium bromide, cetylpyridinium chloride, benzalkonium chloride, docusate sodium, *etc.* and/or combinations thereof.

[00165] Exemplary binding agents include, but are not limited to, starch (*e.g.* cornstarch and starch paste), gelatin, sugars (*e.g.* sucrose, glucose, dextrose, dextrin, molasses, lactose, lactitol, mannitol, *etc.*), natural and synthetic gums (*e.g.* acacia, sodium alginate, extract of Irish moss, panwar gum, ghatti gum, mucilage of isapol husks, carboxymethylcellulose, methylcellulose, ethylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, microcrystalline cellulose, cellulose acetate, poly(vinyl-pyrrolidone), magnesium aluminum silicate (Veegum), and larch arabogalactan), alginates, polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol, inorganic calcium salts, silicic acid, polymethacrylates, waxes, water, alcohol, *etc.*, and/or combinations thereof.

[00166] Exemplary preservatives include, but are not limited to, antioxidants, chelating agents, antimicrobial preservatives, antifungal preservatives, alcohol preservatives, acidic preservatives, and other preservatives.

[00167] Exemplary antioxidants include, but are not limited to, alpha tocopherol, ascorbic acid, acorbyl palmitate, butylated hydroxyanisole, butylated hydroxytoluene, monothioglycerol, potassium metabisulfite, propionic acid, propyl gallate, sodium ascorbate, sodium bisulfite, sodium metabisulfite, and sodium sulfite.

[00168] Exemplary chelating agents include, but are not limited to, ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) and salts and hydrates thereof (*e.g.*, sodium edetate, disodium edetate, trisodium edetate, calcium disodium edetate, dipotassium edetate, and the like), citric acid and salts and hydrates thereof (*e.g.*, citric acid monohydrate), fumaric acid and salts and hydrates thereof, malic acid and salts and hydrates thereof, phosphoric acid and salts and hydrates thereof, and tartaric acid and salts and hydrates thereof. Exemplary antimicrobial preservatives include benzalkonium chloride, benzethonium chloride, benzyl alcohol, bronopol, cetrimide, cetylpyridinium chloride, chlorhexidine, chlorobutanol, chlorocresol, chloroxylenol, cresol, ethyl alcohol, glycerin, hexetidine, imidurea, phenol, phenoxyethanol, phenylethyl alcohol, phenylmercuric nitrate, propylene glycol, and thimerosal.

[00169] Exemplary antifungal preservatives include, but are not limited to, butyl paraben, methyl paraben, ethyl paraben, propyl paraben, benzoic acid, hydroxybenzoic acid, potassium benzoate, potassium sorbate, sodium benzoate, sodium propionate, and sorbic acid.

[00170] Exemplary alcohol preservatives include, but are not limited to, ethanol, polyethylene glycol, phenol, phenolic compounds, bisphenol, chlorobutanol, hydroxybenzoate, and phenylethyl alcohol.

[00171] Exemplary acidic preservatives include, but are not limited to, vitamin A, vitamin C, vitamin E, beta-carotene, citric acid, acetic acid, dehydroacetic acid, ascorbic acid, sorbic acid, and phytic acid.

[00172] Other preservatives include tocopherol, tocopherol acetate, deteroxime mesylate, cetrimide, butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT), ethylenediamine, sodium lauryl sulfate (SLS), sodium lauryl ether sulfate (SLES), sodium bisulfite, sodium metabisulfite, potassium sulfite, potassium metabisulfite, Glydant Plus, Phenonip, methylparaben, Germall 115, Germaben II, Neolone, Kathon, and Euxyl.

[00173] Exemplary buffering agents include, but are not limited to, citrate buffer solutions, acetate buffer solutions, phosphate buffer solutions, ammonium chloride, calcium carbonate,

calcium chloride, calcium citrate, calcium glubionate, calcium gluceptate, calcium gluconate, D-gluconic acid, calcium glycerophosphate, calcium lactate, propanoic acid, calcium levulinate, pentanoic acid, dibasic calcium phosphate, phosphoric acid, tribasic calcium phosphate, calcium hydroxide phosphate, potassium acetate, potassium chloride, potassium gluconate, potassium mixtures, dibasic potassium phosphate, monobasic potassium phosphate, potassium phosphate mixtures, sodium acetate, sodium bicarbonate, sodium chloride, sodium citrate, sodium lactate, dibasic sodium phosphate, monobasic sodium phosphate, sodium phosphate mixtures, tromethamine, magnesium hydroxide, aluminum hydroxide, alginic acid, pyrogen-free water, isotonic saline, Ringer's solution, ethyl alcohol, *etc.*, and combinations thereof.

[00174] Exemplary lubricating agents include, but are not limited to, magnesium stearate, calcium stearate, stearic acid, silica, talc, malt, glyceryl behanate, hydrogenated vegetable oils, polyethylene glycol, sodium benzoate, sodium acetate, sodium chloride, leucine, magnesium lauryl sulfate, sodium lauryl sulfate, *etc.*, and combinations thereof.

[00175] Exemplary natural oils include, but are not limited to, almond, apricot kernel, avocado, babassu, bergamot, black current seed, borage, cade, camomile, canola, caraway, carnauba, castor, cinnamon, cocoa butter, coconut, cod liver, coffee, corn, cotton seed, emu, eucalyptus, evening primrose, fish, flaxseed, geraniol, gourd, grape seed, hazel nut, hyssop, isopropyl myristate, jojoba, kukui nut, lavandin, lavender, lemon, litsea cubeba, macademia nut, mallow, mango seed, meadowfoam seed, mink, nutmeg, olive, orange, orange roughly, palm, palm kernel, peach kernel, peanut, poppy seed, pumpkin seed, rapeseed, rice bran, rosemary, safflower, sandalwood, sasquana, savoury, sea buckthorn, sesame, shea butter, silicone, soybean, sunflower, tea tree, thistle, tsubaki, vetiver, walnut, and wheat germ oils. Exemplary synthetic oils include, but are not limited to, butyl stearate, caprylic triglyceride, capric triglyceride, cyclomethicone, diethyl sebacate, dimethicone 360, isopropyl myristate, mineral oil, octyldodecanol, oleyl alcohol, silicone oil, and combinations thereof.

[00176] Liquid dosage forms for oral and parenteral administration include pharmaceutically acceptable emulsions, microemulsions, solutions, suspensions, syrups and elixirs. In addition to the active ingredient, the liquid dosage forms may comprise inert diluents commonly used in the art such as, for example, water or other solvents, solubilizing agents and emulsifiers such as ethyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol, ethyl carbonate, ethyl acetate, benzyl alcohol, benzyl benzoate, propylene glycol, 1,3-butylene glycol, dimethylformamide, oils (*e.g.*, cottonseed, groundnut, corn, germ, olive, castor, and sesame oils), glycerol, tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol, polyethylene glycols and fatty acid esters of sorbitan, and

mixtures thereof. Besides inert diluents, the oral compositions can include adjuvants such as wetting agents, emulsifying and suspending agents, sweetening, flavoring, and perfuming agents. In certain embodiments, for parenteral administration, the active ingredient is mixed with solubilizing agents such as Cremophor™, alcohols, oils, modified oils, glycols, polysorbates, cyclodextrins, polymers, and combinations thereof.

[00177] Injectable preparations, for example, sterile injectable aqueous or oleaginous suspensions can be formulated according to the known art using suitable dispersing or wetting agents and suspending agents. The sterile injectable preparation can be a sterile injectable solution, suspension or emulsion in a nontoxic parenterally acceptable diluent or solvent, for example, as a solution in 1,3-butanediol. Among the acceptable vehicles and solvents that can be employed are water, Ringer's solution, U.S.P. and isotonic sodium chloride solution. In addition, sterile, fixed oils are conventionally employed as a solvent or suspending medium. For this purpose any bland fixed oil can be employed including synthetic mono- or diglycerides. In addition, fatty acids such as oleic acid are used in the preparation of injectables.

[00178] The injectable formulations can be sterilized, for example, by filtration through a bacterial-retaining filter, or by incorporating sterilizing agents in the form of sterile solid compositions which can be dissolved or dispersed in sterile water or other sterile injectable medium prior to use.

[00179] Compositions for rectal or vaginal administration are typically suppositories which can be prepared by mixing the active ingredient with suitable non-irritating excipients or carriers such as cocoa butter, polyethylene glycol or a suppository wax which are solid at ambient temperature but liquid at body temperature and therefore melt in the rectum or vaginal cavity and release the active ingredient.

[00180] Solid dosage forms for oral administration include capsules, tablets, pills, powders, and granules. In such solid dosage forms, the active ingredient is mixed with at least one inert pharmaceutically acceptable excipient such as sodium citrate or dicalcium phosphate and/or a) fillers or extenders such as starches, lactose, sucrose, glucose, mannitol, and silicic acid, b) binders such as, for example, carboxymethylcellulose, alginates, gelatin, polyvinylpyrrolidinone, sucrose, and acacia, c) humectants such as glycerol, d) disintegrating agents such as agar, calcium carbonate, potato or tapioca starch, alginic acid, certain silicates, and sodium carbonate, e) solution retarding agents such as paraffin, f) absorption accelerators such as quaternary ammonium compounds, g) wetting agents such as, for example, cetyl alcohol and glycerol monostearate, h) absorbents such as kaolin and bentonite clay, and i)

lubricants such as talc, calcium stearate, magnesium stearate, solid polyethylene glycols, sodium lauryl sulfate, and mixtures thereof. In the case of capsules, tablets and pills, the dosage form may comprise buffering agents.

[00181] Solid compositions of a similar type can be employed as fillers in soft and hard-filled gelatin capsules using such excipients as lactose or milk sugar as well as high molecular weight polyethylene glycols and the like. The solid dosage forms of tablets, dragees, capsules, pills, and granules can be prepared with coatings and shells such as enteric coatings and other coatings well known in the pharmaceutical formulating art. They may optionally comprise opacifying agents and can be of a composition that they release the active ingredient only, or preferentially, in a certain part of the intestinal tract, optionally, in a delayed manner. Examples of embedding compositions which can be used include polymeric substances and waxes. Solid compositions of a similar type can be employed as fillers in soft and hard-filled gelatin capsules using such excipients as lactose or milk sugar as well as high molecular weight polyethylene glycols and the like.

[00182] The active ingredient can be in micro-encapsulated form with one or more excipients as noted above. The solid dosage forms of tablets, dragees, capsules, pills, and granules can be prepared with coatings and shells such as enteric coatings, release controlling coatings and other coatings well known in the pharmaceutical formulating art. In such solid dosage forms the active ingredient can be admixed with at least one inert diluent such as sucrose, lactose or starch. Such dosage forms may comprise, as is normal practice, additional substances other than inert diluents, *e.g.*, tableting lubricants and other tableting aids such as magnesium stearate and microcrystalline cellulose. In the case of capsules, tablets and pills, the dosage forms may comprise buffering agents. They may optionally comprise opacifying agents and can be of a composition that they release the active ingredient only, or preferentially, in a certain part of the intestinal tract, optionally, in a delayed manner. Examples of embedding compositions which can be used include polymeric substances and waxes.

[00183] Dosage forms for topical and/or transdermal administration may include ointments, pastes, creams, lotions, gels, powders, solutions, sprays, inhalants and/or patches. Generally, the active ingredient is admixed under sterile conditions with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and/or any needed preservatives and/or buffers as can be required.

[00184] Suitable devices for use in delivering intradermal pharmaceutical compositions described herein include short needle devices such as those described in U.S. Patents 4,886,499; 5,190,521; 5,328,483; 5,527,288; 4,270,537; 5,015,235; 5,141,496; and

5,417,662. Intradermal compositions can be administered by devices which limit the effective penetration length of a needle into the skin, such as those described in PCT publication WO 99/34850 and functional equivalents thereof. Jet injection devices which deliver liquid vaccines to the dermis via a liquid jet injector and/or via a needle which pierces the stratum corneum and produces a jet which reaches the dermis are suitable. Jet injection devices are described, for example, in U.S. Patents 5,480,381; 5,599,302; 5,334,144; 5,993,412; 5,649,912; 5,569,189; 5,704,911; 5,383,851; 5,893,397; 5,466,220; 5,339,163; 5,312,335; 5,503,627; 5,064,413; 5,520,639; 4,596,556; 4,790,824; 4,941,880; 4,940,460; and PCT publications WO 97/37705 and WO 97/13537. Ballistic powder/particle delivery devices which use compressed gas to accelerate vaccine in powder form through the outer layers of the skin to the dermis are suitable. Alternatively or additionally, conventional syringes can be used in the classical mantoux method of intradermal administration.

[00185] Formulations suitable for topical administration include, but are not limited to, liquid and/or semi liquid preparations such as liniments, lotions, oil in water and/or water in oil emulsions such as creams, ointments and/or pastes, and/or solutions and/or suspensions. Topically-administrable formulations may, for example, comprise from about 1% to about 10% (w/w) active ingredient, although the concentration of the active ingredient can be as high as the solubility limit of the active ingredient in the solvent. Formulations for topical administration may further comprise one or more of the additional ingredients described herein.

[00186] A pharmaceutical composition can be prepared, packaged, and/or sold in a formulation suitable for pulmonary administration via the buccal cavity. Such a formulation may comprise dry particles which comprise the active ingredient and which have a diameter in the range from about 0.5 to about 7 nanometers or from about 1 to about 6 nanometers. Such compositions are conveniently in the form of dry powders for administration using a device comprising a dry powder reservoir to which a stream of propellant can be directed to disperse the powder and/or using a self propelling solvent/powder dispensing container such as a device comprising the active ingredient dissolved and/or suspended in a low-boiling propellant in a sealed container. Such powders comprise particles wherein at least 98% of the particles by weight have a diameter greater than 0.5 nanometers and at least 95% of the particles by number have a diameter less than 7 nanometers. Alternatively, at least 95% of the particles by weight have a diameter greater than 1 nanometer and at least 90% of the particles by number have a diameter less than 6 nanometers. Dry powder compositions may

include a solid fine powder diluent such as sugar and are conveniently provided in a unit dose form.

[00187] Low boiling propellants generally include liquid propellants having a boiling point of below 65 °F at atmospheric pressure. Generally the propellant may constitute 50 to 99.9% (w/w) of the composition, and the active ingredient may constitute 0.1 to 20% (w/w) of the composition. The propellant may further comprise additional ingredients such as a liquid non-ionic and/or solid anionic surfactant and/or a solid diluent (which may have a particle size of the same order as particles comprising the active ingredient).

[00188] Pharmaceutical compositions formulated for pulmonary delivery may provide the active ingredient in the form of droplets of a solution and/or suspension. Such formulations can be prepared, packaged, and/or sold as aqueous and/or dilute alcoholic solutions and/or suspensions, optionally sterile, comprising the active ingredient, and may conveniently be administered using any nebulization and/or atomization device. Such formulations may further comprise one or more additional ingredients including, but not limited to, a flavoring agent such as saccharin sodium, a volatile oil, a buffering agent, a surface active agent, and/or a preservative such as methylhydroxybenzoate. The droplets provided by this route of administration may have an average diameter in the range from about 0.1 to about 200 nanometers.

[00189] The formulations described herein as being useful for pulmonary delivery are also useful for intranasal delivery. Another formulation suitable for intranasal administration is a coarse powder comprising the active ingredient and having an average particle from about 0.2 to 500 micrometers. Such a formulation is administered by rapid inhalation through the nasal passage from a container of the powder held close to the nares. Formulations suitable for nasal administration may, for example, comprise from about as little as 0.1% (w/w) and as much as 100% (w/w) of the active ingredient, and may comprise one or more of the additional ingredients described herein.

[00190] A pharmaceutical composition of the invention can be prepared, packaged, and/or sold in a formulation suitable for buccal administration. Such formulations may, for example, be in the form of tablets and/or lozenges made using conventional methods, and may contain, for example, 0.1 to 20% (w/w) active ingredient, the balance comprising an orally dissolvable and/or degradable composition and, optionally, one or more of the additional ingredients described herein. Alternately, formulations suitable for buccal administration may comprise a powder and/or an aerosolized and/or atomized solution and/or suspension comprising the active ingredient. Such powdered, aerosolized, and/or aerosolized

formulations, when dispersed, may have an average particle and/or droplet size in the range from about 0.1 to about 200 nanometers, and may further comprise one or more of the additional ingredients described herein.

[00191] A pharmaceutical composition of the invention can be prepared, packaged, and/or sold in a formulation suitable for ophthalmic administration. Such formulations may, for example, be in the form of eye drops including, for example, a 0.1/1.0% (w/w) solution and/or suspension of the active ingredient in an aqueous or oily liquid carrier. Such drops may further comprise buffering agents, salts, and/or one or more other of the additional ingredients described herein. Other ophthalmically-administrable formulations which are useful include those which comprise the active ingredient in microcrystalline form and/or in a liposomal preparation. Ear drops and/or eye drops are contemplated as being within the scope of this invention.

[00192] Although the descriptions of pharmaceutical compositions provided herein are principally directed to pharmaceutical compositions which are suitable for administration to humans, it will be understood by the skilled artisan that such compositions are generally suitable for administration to animals of all sorts. Modification of pharmaceutical compositions suitable for administration to humans in order to render the compositions suitable for administration to various animals is well understood, and the ordinarily skilled veterinary pharmacologist can design and/or perform such modification with ordinary experimentation. General considerations in the formulation and/or manufacture of pharmaceutical compositions can be found, for example, in *Remington: The Science and Practice of Pharmacy* 21st ed., Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2005.

[00193] Still further encompassed by the invention are pharmaceutical packs and/or kits. Pharmaceutical packs and/or kits provided may comprise a pharmaceutical composition and a container (*e.g.*, a vial, ampoule, bottle, syringe, and/or dispenser package, or other suitable container). In some embodiments, the packs and/or kits may optionally further include a second container comprising a suitable pharmaceutical excipient for dilution or suspension of the pharmaceutical composition for preparation of administration to a subject. Optionally, instructions for use are additionally provided in such kits of the invention. Such instructions may provide, generally, for example, instructions for dosage and administration. In other embodiments, instructions may further provide additional detail relating to specialized instructions for particular containers and/or systems for administration. Still further, instructions may provide specialized instructions for use in conjunction and/or in combination with additional therapy.

Methods of Treatment and Administration

[00194] The present invention also provides a method of treating a bacterial infection comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a carbapenem, *e.g.*, a compound of the Formula (I), prepared by the above described cell-free method, or a composition thereof, to a subject in need thereof.

[00195] A bacterial infection includes an infection from aerobic bacteria, anaerobic bacteria, Gram positive bacteria, well as Gram negative bacteria. Exemplary bacterial infections include, but are not limited to, an infection from Gram positive bacteria (*e.g.*, a *Staphylococcus*, *Streptococcus*, *Clostridium*, *Listeria*, *Corynebacteria*, or *Bacillus* infection) or a Gram negative bacteria (*e.g.*, an *E.coli*, *Salmonella*, *Shigella*, *Pseudomonas*, *Moraxella*, *Helicobacter*, *Stenotrophomonas*, *Bdellovibrio*, acetic acid bacteria, *Legionella*, *Wolbachia*, *Neisseria*, *Hemophilus*, or *Kelbsiella* infection). In certain embodiments, the bacterial infection is a *Pseudomonas* infection. In certain embodiments, the *Pseudomonas* infection is an infection from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, one of the leading agents of nosocomial infection.

[00196] A “subject” to which administration is contemplated includes, but is not limited to, humans (*i.e.*, a male or female of any age group, *e.g.*, a pediatric subject (*e.g.* infant, child, adolescent) or adult subject (*e.g.*, young adult, middle-aged adult or senior adult)) and/or other primates (*e.g.*, cynomolgus monkeys, rhesus monkeys); mammals, including commercially relevant mammals such as cattle, pigs, horses, sheep, goats, cats, and/or dogs; and/or birds, including commercially relevant birds such as chickens, ducks, geese, and/or turkeys.

[00197] As used herein, and unless otherwise specified, the terms “treat,” “treating” and “treatment” contemplate an action that occurs while a subject is suffering from the infection, which reduces the severity of the infection, or retards or slows the progression of the infection.

[00198] As used herein, and unless otherwise specified, a “therapeutically effective amount” of a compound is an amount sufficient to provide a therapeutic benefit in the treatment or management of the infection, or to delay or minimize one or more symptoms associated with the infection. A therapeutically effective amount of a compound means an amount of therapeutic agent, alone or in combination with other therapies, which provides a therapeutic benefit in the treatment or management of the infection. The term “therapeutically effective amount” can encompass an amount that improves overall therapy, reduces or avoids

symptoms or causes of the infection, or enhances the therapeutic efficacy of another therapeutic agent.

[00199] The compounds and compositions provided herein can be administered by any route, including oral, intravenous, intramuscular, intra-arterial, intramedullary, intrathecal, subcutaneous, intraventricular, transdermal, interdermal, rectal, intravaginal, intraperitoneal, topical (as by powders, ointments, creams, and/or drops), mucosal, nasal, bucal, enteral, sublingual; by intratracheal instillation, bronchial instillation, and/or inhalation; and/or as an oral spray, nasal spray, and/or aerosol. Specifically contemplated routes are systemic intravenous injection, regional administration via blood and/or lymph supply, and/or oral administration. In general the most appropriate route of administration will depend upon a variety of factors including the nature of the agent (*e.g.*, its stability in the environment of the gastrointestinal tract), the condition of the subject (*e.g.*, whether the subject is able to tolerate oral administration), *etc.*

[00200] The compounds and compositions provided herein are typically formulated in dosage unit form for ease of administration and uniformity of dosage. It will be understood, however, that the total daily usage of the compositions of the present invention will be decided by the attending physician within the scope of sound medical judgment. The specific therapeutically effective dose level for any particular subject will depend upon a variety of factors including the infection being treated and the severity of the infection; the activity of the specific active ingredient employed; the specific composition employed; the age, body weight, general health, sex and diet of the subject; the time of administration, route of administration, and rate of excretion of the specific active ingredient employed; the duration of the treatment; drugs used in combination or coincidental with the specific active ingredient employed; and like factors well known in the medical arts. The desired dosage can be delivered three times a day, two times a day, once a day, every other day, every third day, every week, every two weeks, every three weeks, or every four weeks. In certain embodiments, the desired dosage can be delivered using multiple administrations (*e.g.*, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, or more administrations).

[00201] In certain embodiments, a therapeutically effective amount of a compound for administration one or more times a day to a 70 kg adult human may comprise about 0.0001 mg to about 3000 mg, about 0.0001 mg to about 2000 mg, about 0.0001 mg to about 1000 mg, about 0.001 mg to about 1000 mg, about 0.01 mg to about 1000 mg, about 0.1 mg to about 1000 mg, about 1 mg to about 1000 mg, about 1 mg to about 100 mg, about 10 mg to

about 1000 mg, or about 100 mg to about 1000 mg, of an inventive compound per unit dosage form. It will be appreciated that dose ranges as described herein provide guidance for the administration of provided pharmaceutical compositions to an adult. The amount to be administered to, for example, a child or an adolescent can be determined by a medical practitioner or person skilled in the art and can be lower or the same as that administered to an adult.

[00202] It will be also appreciated that a compound or composition, as described herein, can be administered in combination with one or more additional therapeutically active agents. The compound or composition can be administered concurrently with, prior to, or subsequent to, one or more additional therapeutically active agents. In general, each agent will be administered at a dose and/or on a time schedule determined for that agent. It will further be appreciated that the additional therapeutically active agent utilized in this combination can be administered together in a single composition or administered separately in different compositions. The particular combination to employ in a regimen will take into account compatibility of the inventive compound with the additional therapeutically active agent and/or the desired therapeutic effect to be achieved. In general, it is expected that additional therapeutically active agents utilized in combination be utilized at levels that do not exceed the levels at which they are utilized individually. In some embodiments, the levels utilized in combination will be lower than those utilized individually.

[00203] The compounds or compositions can be administered in combination with agents that improve their bioavailability, reduce and/or modify their metabolism, inhibit their excretion, and/or modify their distribution within the body. It will also be appreciated that therapy employed may achieve a desired effect for the same disorder (for example, a compound can be administered in combination with an anti-inflammatory, anti-anxiety and/or anti-depressive agent, *etc.*), and/or it may achieve different effects (*e.g.*, control of adverse side-effects).

[00204] In one specific embodiment, a compound of Formula (I), *e.g.*, imipenem, can be administered in combination with a dehydropeptidase inhibitor, such as cilastatin.

Examples

[00205] In order that the invention described herein may be more fully understood, the following examples are set forth. It should be understood that these examples are for illustrative purposes only and are not to be construed as limiting this invention in any manner.

Cell free synthesis of carbapenems

[00206] The key enzymes required to catalyze an efficient bioconversion from economical substrates to the desired product are first expressed in a genetically engineered, rapidly-growing, strain of *E. coli* (see, *e.g.*, enzymes listed in Tables 1 and 2). This aspect of the invention takes advantage of the compartmentalized structure of *E. coli* to produce most of the desired pathway enzymes in the cytoplasm, with the key entry enzyme (*i.e.*, the first enzyme in the committed metabolic pathway required for the product) targeted for production in the periplasm. See, *e.g.*, PCT publication WO 2010/074760; incorporated herein by reference. This ensures that the pathway is not activated (or is minimally activated) in the intact organism, maintaining robust growth and metabolic health. Cells are grown rapidly to relatively high cell density in a fermentor designed for high rates of oxygen delivery and heat removal. Prior to harvesting, the culture is induced to produce the overexpressed proteins targeted to both the cytoplasm and periplasm.

[00207] *Exemplary cell-free synthesis of imipenem.* Pathway steps a–f catalyze the formation of heterologous pathway substrates glutamate semialdehyde and ethylmalonyl-coenzyme A from glutamate and glucose and involve either native *E. coli* enzymes (steps a, b, c, and e), or enzymes that have been shown to be functional in *E. coli* (steps d, f). Steps a and b catalyze the formation glutamate semialdehyde from glutamate. Step c includes the glycolytic pathway and supplies acetyl-coenzyme A from glucose. Steps d–f are required for the production of ethyl malonyl-coenzyme A from acetyl-coenzyme A ($R^2 = -CH_2CH_3$). An acetyl-coenzyme A acetyltransferase (step d) and Crotonyl-coenzyme A reductase (step f) from *Rhodobacter sphaeroides* were shown to catalyze the formation of acetoacetyl-coenzyme A and ethylmalonyl-coenzyme A, respectively, from acetyl-coenzyme A, Crotonyl-coenzyme A and CO_2 in *E. coli*. See, *e.g.*, Sato *et al.*, *J. Biosci. Bioeng.* (2007) 103:38–44; Erb *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* (2007) 104:10631–10636; Erb *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* (2009) 106:8871–8876. Additionally Crotonyl-coenzyme A can be produced in *E. coli* from acetoacetyl-coenzyme A (step e) using native *E. coli* FadB or other heterologous enzymes. See, *e.g.*, Atsumi *et al.*, *Metab. Eng.* (2008) 10:305–311. The pathway to imipenem from glutamate semialdehyde and ethylmalonyl coenzyme A (steps 1–5) combines enzymes from both thienamycin and carbapenem biosynthesis pathways. See, *e.g.*, Williamson *et al.*, *J Biol Chem* (1985) 260:4637–4647; Stapon *et al.*, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* (2003) 125:15746–15747; Rodriguez *et al.*, *J Antibiot* (2010) 63:135–138; Rodriguez *et al.*, *Mol Microbiol* (2008) 69:633–645; and references cited in Table 2.

[00208] Other carbapenem compounds are contemplated following the above description as a guide, see, *e.g.*, Figures 9A–9H. One particular carbapenem intermediate contemplated may be provided from glucose and glycine (see the combination of Figures 3–5A and 9D). The key steps include production of 3–hydroxyglutamate from glycine and malonic semialdehyde using threonine aldolase and the formation of the carbapenem core from 3–hydroxyglutamate semialdehyde and ethylmalonyl–CoA. See, *e.g.*, Riva *et al.*, *Tetrahedron* (2008) 64:5079.

Attachment of the C2-side chain

[00209] In the *S. cattleya* pathway to thienamycin, the attachment of pantetheine to the carbapenem nucleus at the C–2 position is putatively catalyzed by ThnV. See, *e.g.*, Nunez *et al.*, *Chem. Biol.* (2003) 10:301–311. ThnV has been proposed to catalyze the condensation of a thiol–containing side chain at the C–2 position of the carbapenem nucleus based on sequence similarity to glutathione transferase. This hypothesis can be tested by expressing the *thnV* gene (codon–optimized for expression in *E.coli*) in *E. coli* and assessing the ability of the heterologous protein to conjugate pantetheine to the carbapenem nucleus ($R^2=CH_2CH_3$). The sequence of the gene encoding ThnV (obtained from EMBL accession number AJ421798) can be chemically synthesized and can be modified to include both a C–term and N–term 6xHis tag for purification via immobilized metal affinity chromatography. The *thnV* gene can be codon optimized for expression in *E. coli* due to the high (>70%) GC content of the *S. cattleya* genome. Synthetic genes can be subcloned into expression vectors conferring C–term and N–term 6xHis tags. The pDuet family of vectors could be used for T7–based expression of synthesized genes due to commercial availability (Novagen, Inc.), ease of subcloning, and tight control over gene expression. Expression level can be modified through use of varying levels of isopropyl β –D–1–thiogalactopyranoside (IPTG), as well as through use of copy number variation among different vectors (the pDuet vectors all share the same expression machinery, but vary in copy number over a range of approximately 10 to >100 copies/cell). The *E. coli* strain BL21(DE3) can be transformed with plasmids containing the subcloned genes, and transformants can be selected using appropriate antibiotics. The culture can be grown to intermediate optical density (OD_{600} 0.5 – 1) in rich defined media prior to expression induction with 0.1 – 1 mM IPTG. Cells can then be harvested and concentrated prior to lysis using a high pressure homogenizer. The expression of full–length protein can be confirmed by denaturing protein gel electrophoresis with appropriate standards.

[00210] A C2 group (*e.g.*, an $-SR^8$ group) can be attached, either chemically or enzymatically, *via* Michael addition of the corresponding thiol. Exemplary C2 groups include, but are not limited to, pantetheine and N-formimidoyl cysteamine, as well as others described herein (see, *e.g.*, Figure 6). Pantetheine can be prepared as described in Mandel *et al.*, *Org Lett* (2004) 6:4801–4803. N-formimidoyl cysteamine can be prepared as described in US Pat Nos. 4,292,436 and 4,329,481. The C2–C3 double bond can be reintroduced by oxidation in the presence of methylene dichloride (see Bateson *supra*). The C2 group can also be attached *via* trapping of the enol form, followed by Michael addition and subsequent elimination. See, *e.g.*, Rabasseda *et al.*, *Drugs Fut* (1994) 19:631 and US 20090312539.

Chemical synthesis of genes

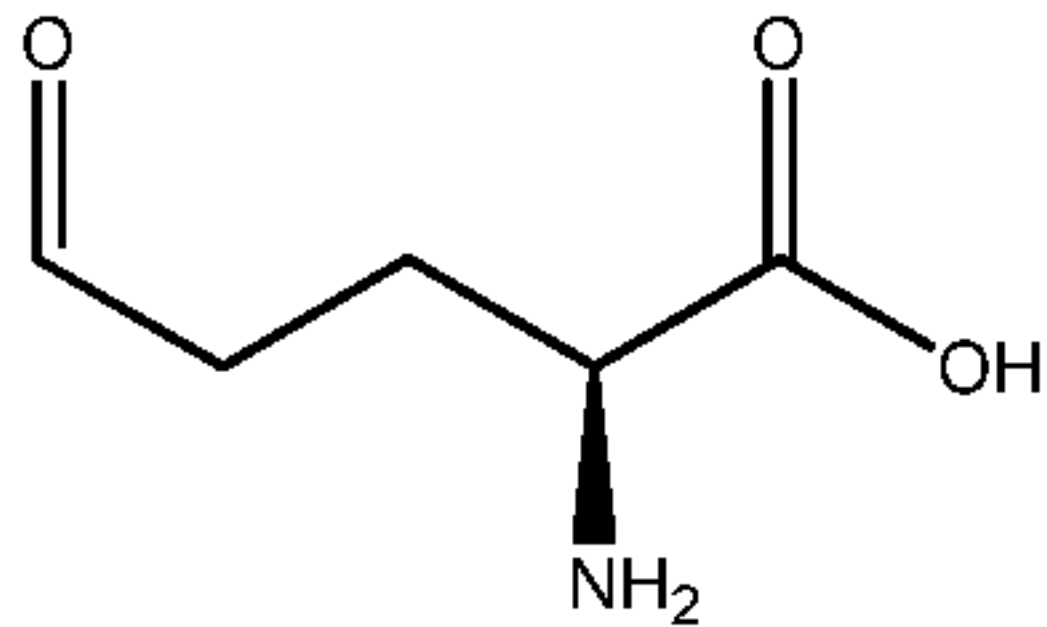
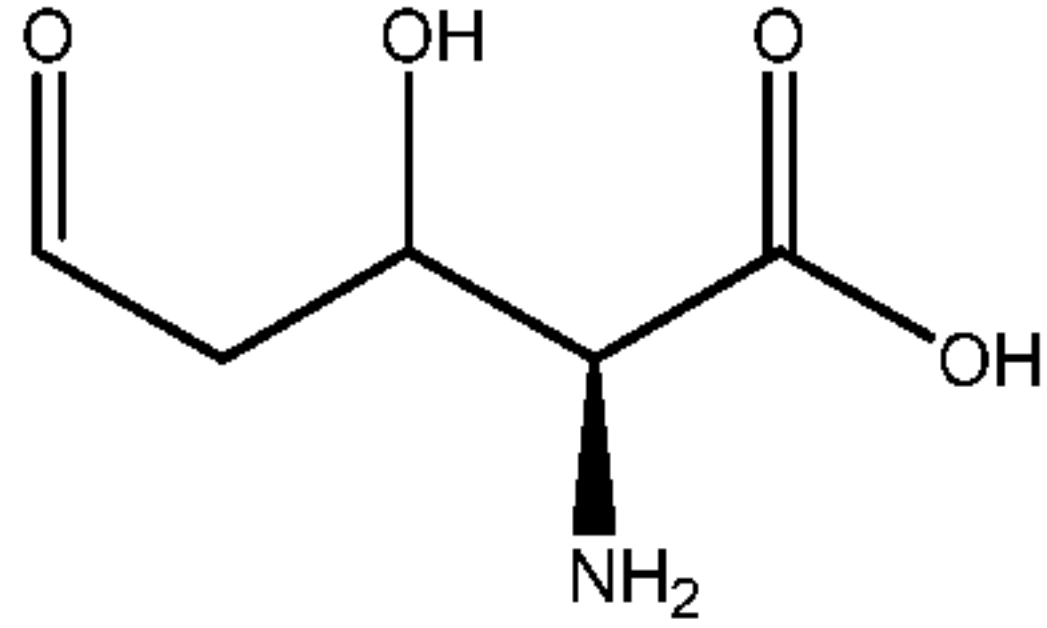
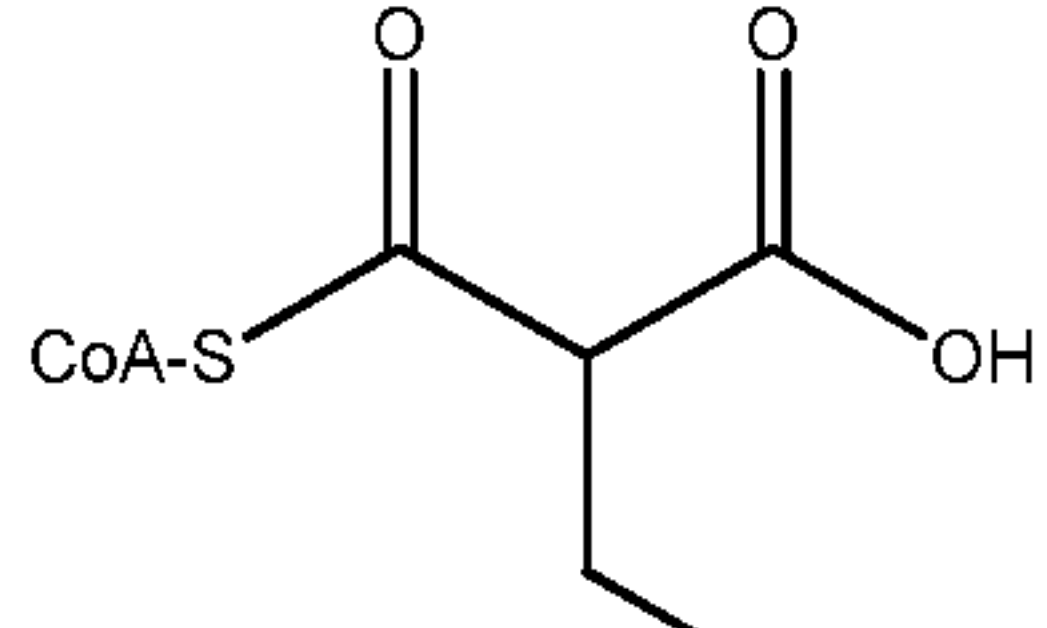
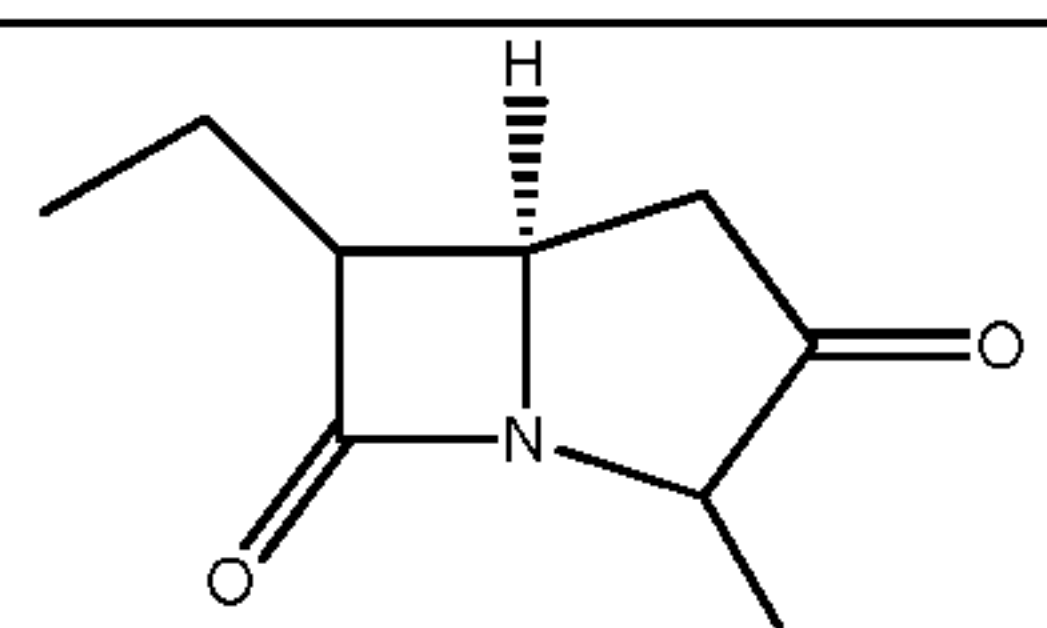
[00211] Genes coding for enzymes listed in Table 3 can be chemically synthesized with codon-optimization for expression in *E.coli*. Genes can be synthesized with both C- and N-terminal 6xHis tags for purification of expressed protein. Enzymes from *P. carotovorum* (CarB, CarA, CarC) and homologs from *S. cattleya* (ThnE, ThnM, ThnG) can be tested for each enzymatic step 1-3.

Table 3: List of enzymes expressed/purified from chemically-synthesized genes				
Step	Enzyme	Description	Organism	GenBank
1	CarB	carboxymethylproline synthase	<i>P. carotovorum</i>	AAD38230.1
1	ThnE	carboxymethylproline synthase	<i>S. cattleya</i>	CAD18973.1
2	CarA	carbapenam synthetase	<i>P. carotovorum</i>	AAD38229.1
2	ThnM	b-lactam synthetase	<i>S. cattleya</i>	CAD18981.1
3	CarC	carbapenam synthase	<i>P. carotovorum</i>	AAD38231.1
3	ThnG	putative carbapenam synthase	<i>S. cattleya</i>	CAD18975.1

Chemical synthesis of substrates

[00212] Native carbapenam ($R^2 = H$), 6-methyl carbapenam ($R^2 = CH_3$), and 6-ethyl carbapenam ($R^2 = CH_2CH_3$) substrates have been prepared from 4-allyl-azatidin-2one, 4-allyl-3-methylazatidin-2one and 4-allyl-3-ethylazatidin-2one, respectively. See, *e.g.*, Bateson *et al.*, *J. Chem. Soc. Perkin Trans. I* (1990) 1793–1801.

[00213] Table 4 lists compounds to be chemically synthesized for testing enzyme activity on non-native substrates. Other necessary substrates, including malonyl-coenzyme A, ATP, and 2-ketoglutarate, will be obtained from commercial suppliers.

Table 4: List of custom-synthesized compounds			
Compound		Description	Structure
a	(S)-2-amino-5-oxopentanoic acid (glutamate semialdehyde)	Native substrate of CarB (Step 1)	
b	(2S)-2-amino-3-hydroxy-5-oxopentanoic acid (3-hydroxy-glutamate semialdehyde)	Desired substrate of CarB/ThnE (Step 1)	
c	Ethylmalonyl-coenzyme A	Desired substrate of CarB/ThnE (Step 1)	
d	(5R)-6-ethyl-3,7-dioxo-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptane-2-carboxylic acid	Desired product of CarC/ThnG (Step 3) with CarB/ThnE substrates b, c	

[00214] Upon receipt of d, initial tests will be performed to assess the antibiotic activity of the compound. Tests of antibiotic activity will consist of spotting varying concentrations of d on plates infused with a β -lactam sensitive strain of *E.coli* (e.g., SC12155, X580).

Appearance of zones of growth inhibition will confirm antibiotic activity of d, enabling simple and rapid assay for production of d in coupled enzyme reactions initiated with desired substrates b and c. See, e.g., Sleeman and Schofield, *J. Biol. Chem.* (2004) 279:6730. If no antibiotic activity is observed, LC/MS analysis will be used to verify enzyme activities on non-native substrates.

[00215] Upon receipt of a and malonyl-CoA, native activity of purified CarB, CarA, and CarC will be demonstrated by assessing the antibiotic activity of the coupled CarB/CarA/CarC reaction. See, e.g., Sleeman and Schofield, *J. Biol. Chem.* (2004) 279:6730. Both N- and C-terminal 6xHis versions of each protein will be tested together with Thn homologs of CarB, CarA, and CarC (ThnE, ThnM, ThnG).

[00216] Once the native activity of CarB, CarA, and CarC *enzymes* (and Thn homologs) has been demonstrated, the coupled CarB/CarA/CarC reaction will be tested with substrates b and c. Both antibiosis (if d possesses antibiotic activity) and LC/MS analysis will be used to verify production of d.

Testing of transferase enzymes on chemical substrates

[00217] Biochemical reactions will be prepared with both purified ThnV (using immobilized nickel affinity resin column) as well as high density (OD₆₀₀ ~100) crude lysate. Reactions will contain chemically synthesized pantetheine, N-formimidoyl cysteamine, and carbapenem substrates at concentrations ranging from 1–5 mM in 50 mM Tris–HCl, pH 7.5. The requirement of a metal cofactor for enzyme activity will be determined by addition of 1–5 mM divalent (Mg²⁺, Mn²⁺, Cu²⁺, Fe²⁺, Zn²⁺, Ca²⁺, and Co²⁺) and monovalent (K⁺, Na⁺, and Li⁺) metals. Reactions will be incubated at 37°C for 3–15 minutes; *e.g.*, 1 g/L–h imipenem productivity is equivalent to 0.05 mM imipenem/min requiring a reaction time of 10 min for 50% substrate conversion. Incorporation of pantetheine or N-formimidoyl cysteamine to each carbapenem nucleus will be determined by the increase in the respective product peak in reverse phase high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) with UV detection at 300 nm, the absorbance maximum of the common carbapenem chromophore. See, *e.g.*, Bodner *et al.*, *J Am. Chem. Soc.* (2010) 132:12–13; Myers *et al.*, *Antimicrob. Agents. Chemother.* (1984) 26:78–81. A 5% level of incorporation of the non–native N–formimidoyl cysteamine side chain indicates that protein evolution techniques can be employed to obtain higher yields of the desired product. Myers *et al* (*supra*) reports the minimum detection limit of carbapenem derivatives via HPLC is 1 µM, well below the minimum target of 5% of 1 mM, or 50 µM. The fraction corresponding to the product peak will be collected and further verified using electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (ESI–MS).

[00218] This project will yield a new, low–cost manufacturing platform that may also facilitate production of novel carbapenem antibiotics through use of heterologous enzymes as well as enzymes engineered to efficiently accept non–native substrates. See, *e.g.*, Dietrich *et al.*, *ACS Chem Biol* (2009) 4:261–267; Tracewell *et al.*, *Curr Opin Chem Biol* (2009) 13:3–9.

Methods for Cell Growth

[00219] A seed culture is prepared by inoculating 100 ml of LB with the appropriate antibiotic(s) with 1 ml of a thawed working stock of the engineered strain. The seed culture

is incubated 300 rpm, 37 °C for 7h. The seed culture is used to inoculate 1 L of a defined growth medium (e.g., as described in Zawada and Swartz, *Biotechnology and Bioengineering* 94(4):618, 2006). Starting optical density (OD) is 0.03. A DO-based feed strategy is used as described in the table below; feed solution contains 500 mg/ml glucose, 0.15 % (v/v) BASF Industrol DF204 antifoam, and 7.69 ml 1 M MgSO₄ per 200 ml feed. The DO-based feed strategy is based on the following reference: Lee, SY, 1996. High cell-density culture of *Escherichia coli*. *Trends in Biotechnology*. 14, 3, 98–105. Protein expression is induced for 1 h by adding 0.8 mM IPTG when optical density reaches 10–20. Prior to cell harvest, the temperature of the culture is reduced from 37 to 10°C over 0.25–0.5 h while maintaining agitation, aeration and feeding.

Table 5. Fermentation process parameters	
Temperature	37°C
DO setpoint	30%; controller settings P=0.20, Ti=300s
DO cascade	controller cascade 0–50% —> 500–1100 rpm; 50–100% —> 21–60% O ₂
pH setpoint	7; autoreset Yi (unchecked)
Aeration	60 L/h (1 vvm)
Agitation	500–1100 rpm (cascade)
Pump B	NH ₄ OH 15% (7.4 M)
Pump C	Feed solution; DO-based feed strategy: Flow rate @ 40 ml/h to feed 6 ml shots; Trigger ON: DO > 55%; Trigger OFF: DO < 40%

Methods for preparation of cell lysate

[00220] Approximately 10°C culture is harvested by centrifugation at 8000xg for 30–60 min at 4°C. Cell pellet is resuspended to optical density 100–250 in 10–50 mM potassium phosphate, pH 8.5.

[00221] When optimal levels of the induced enzymes have accumulated, the culture is concentrated and lysed, releasing the key periplasmically-expressed enzyme(s). An optimized chemical environment will activate respiration catalyzed by inner membrane vesicles formed during cell lysis. See, e.g., Jewett *et al.*, *Mol. Syst. Biol.* (2008) 4:220. This will provide a plentiful supply of ATP for the synthetic pathway and will also remove excess

reducing equivalents to recycle NAD^+ and/or NADP^+ . Cells are lysed by two passes through a homogenizer (*e.g.*, an Avestin EmulsiFlex–C3 High Pressure Homogenizer) at 20,000 psi. Lysate is collected in a sterile flask on wet ice. If necessary, lysate is clarified through centrifugation at 25,000xg for 30 min at 4°C. The supernatant retained as the clarified lysate.

Methods for preparation of the cell-free reaction

[00222] Cell-free reactions take place in a bioreactor using settings outlined in the table below. Lysate or clarified lysate is warmed to 37°C in the reactor and dissolved oxygen levels are equilibrated. The cell-free reaction is initiated with addition of pathway substrates and key cofactors.

Table 6. Cell-free reaction process parameters	
Temperature	37°C
DO setpoint	80%; controller settings P=0.50, Ti=300s
DO cascade	controller cascade 1200 rpm; 0–100% → 21–100% O ₂
pH setpoint	7; autoresetYi (checked); controller settings P=10, Ti=2400s
Aeration	10 L/h (2.2 vvm)
Agitation	1200 rpm (cascade)
Pump A	H ₂ SO ₄ , 5% (1.9N)
Pump B	KOH, 2N
Pump C	Substrate
Pump D	Substrate

General procedures for Examples 1 to 4

[00223] Several strains were created, each enabling the inducible over-expression of one, or more, of the following enzymes: ProB, ProA, CarB, CarA, CarC, and PutA. The *carB/A/C* genes of *P. carotovorum* were codon-optimized for expression in *E. coli*, while the *proB/A* and *putA* genes were amplified directly from the *E. coli* MG1655 genome. Strains were grown in to mid-log phase at 37 °C, induced for 1-5 hours, pelleted, concentrated 10-20X upon resuspension, and lysed using a cell homogenizer. Lysate was clarified via

centrifugation, to remove cell debris, and a single lysate, or mix of lysates, was used to provide the necessary activities. Reactions (0.1-1mL) were maintained at 37°C for 1-3 hours prior to ethanol quench. Modified diacids, CoA substrates, proline and other cofactors (ATP, NADPH, 2-ketoglutarate) were added to the reactions when required. LCMSMS was used for analysis of reaction intermediates and products.

Example 1. Production of substituted carboxy-methylproline molecules from substituted glutamate and malonyl-CoA or ethylmalonyl-CoA

[00224] BL21(DE3) strain containing plasmids expressing ProB, ProA, and CarB was grown to high cell density, lysed, and cell debris were removed via centrifugation. Clarified lysate (30% final reaction volume, 3.9 mg/ml protein) was incubated with 5 mM of one of the following: glutamate, 4-hydroxy-glutamate, or 4-methyl-glutamate together with 1.6 mM ethylmalonyl-CoA, 3 mM ATP, 3 mM NADPH, and 2 mM MgCl₂ for 60 min at 37°C. Reactions without substrates were included as controls. Ethanol-quenched reactions were analyzed by LCMSMS using the method below:

Column	Phenomenex Synergi Polar RP, 250 x 4.6 mm, 4 mm
Mobile Phase	A: 10 mM ammonium acetate in water, pH 6.6 B: acetonitrile
Flow	75/25 A/B, isocratic, 0.75 ml/min
Injection vol.	0.02 ml of reaction mix
Detection	MS/MS, negative mode

[00225] Native carboxymethyl prolines and a number of substituted carboxymethyl prolines were identified by LCMSMS in the negative mode, through the loss of a carboxyl group (-44). Data are illustrated in Figure 10.

Substrates	MS/MS Transition (negative mode)
Glutamate + Malonyl CoA	172/128
2S,4S 4-Methyl Glutamate + Malonyl CoA	186/142
2S,4R 4-Methyl Glutamate + Malonyl CoA	186/142
4-Hydroxy Glutamate + Malonyl CoA	188/144
4-Hydroxy Glutamate + Ethyl Malonyl CoA	216/172
Glutamate +Ethyl Malonyl CoA	200/156

2S, 4R 4-Methyl Glutamate + Ethyl Malonyl CoA	214/170
2S,3S-3-OH Glutamate (trans) + Malonyl CoA	188/144

Example 2. Substituted carbapenam production from substituted glutamate and malonyl-CoA in lysate containing ProB, ProA, CarB, and CarA activities

[00226] The reactions described in Example 1 were concentrated 4x and combined with 5 μ M CarA protein, 6 mM ATP, 2 mM $MgCl_2$ in 10 mM Tris pH 9 at 37°C for 60 min.

Reactions without substrates were included as controls. Ethanol-quenched reactions were analyzed by LCMSMS using the method below:

Column	Phenomenex Synergi Polar RP, 250 x 4.6 mm, 4 mm
Mobile Phase	0.1% (v/v) formic acid in water 0.1% (v/v) formic acid in acetonitrile
Flow	75/25 A/B, isocratic, 0.75 ml/min
Injection volume	0.02 ml of reaction mix
Detection	MS/MS, negative mode

[00227] Carbapenams were identified by MS/MS transitions of 154/112 (native carbapenam) 168/82 (4-methyl carbapenam), and 170/84 (4-hydroxy carbapenam) with the product ion representing loss of ketene (-42) with or without decarboxylation (-44) of the five membered ring. Data are illustrated in Figure 11.

Example 3. Production of substituted carbapenem from substituted glutamate and malonyl-CoA in lysate containing ProB, ProA, CarB, CarA, and CarC activities

[00228] 15 mM 4-methyl-glutamate and 8 mM malonyl CoA were added to a cell free extract from a strain expressing ProB, ProA, CarB and CarA in the presence of 2.5 mM NADPH, 10 mM ATP and 6.7 mM $MgCl_2$ in 50 mM Tris pH 8.5. The reaction was allowed to proceed for 2 hours at 37°C to produce methylated carbapenam that was detected by LCMSMS (168/125.9). The carbapenam producing reaction was diluted two-fold in 8 mM alpha-ketoglutarate, 1 mM ascorbate, 1 mM ferrous ammonium sulfate and 1.6 mg/ml CarC. After 1 hour at 37°C the reaction was quenched with an equal volume of ethanol and concentrated down to its original volume by speed vac centrifugation. The level of remaining methylated carbapenam and the appearance of methylated carbapenem were determined by

LCMSMS. Methylated carbapenem was detected at 166/122 (decarboxylated) and 184/140 (hydrolyzed and then decarboxylated). Data are illustrated in Figure 12.

Example 4. Production of substituted carboxymethyl-proline from 3-hydroxyproline and malonyl-CoA in lysate containing PutA (E.coli proline oxidase) and CarB

[00229] BL21(DE3) strain carrying a plasmid enabling IPTG-inducible expression of CarB was grown in 1L LB to $0.5 < OD < 1$ and induced (0.8mM IPTG) for 1h at 37°C. a BL21(DE3) strain carrying an empty vector was grown in 5L of M9 + 10g/L proline until reaching a max OD ~ 0.4. Cells were harvested, washed in 100 mL resuspension medium (100mM Tris-HCl, pH 8) and cell pellets were stored at -80°C prior to lysate generation. Pellets were resuspended in 100mM Tris-HCl, pH 8 and lysed using a homogenizer (2 passes at 15k psi). Cell debris were removed by centrifugation at 21,000xg for 20 min at 4°C. Varying amounts of the lysate obtained from cells grown in proline (representing varying levels of PutA activity) were combined with lysate obtained from cells over-expressing CarB. Reactions also contained 8 mM MgCl₂, 7.5 mM FAD, 4 mM malonyl-CoA and 50 mM *cis*- or *trans*-3-hydroxy-proline. Ethanol-quenched reactions were analyzed by LCMSMS as described in Example 1. Data are illustrated in Figure 14.

Other Embodiments

[00230] In the claims articles such as “a,” “an,” and “the” may mean one or more than one unless indicated to the contrary or otherwise evident from the context. Claims or descriptions that include “or” between one or more members of a group are considered satisfied if one, more than one, or all of the group members are present in, employed in, or otherwise relevant to a given product or process unless indicated to the contrary or otherwise evident from the context. The invention includes embodiments in which exactly one member of the group is present in, employed in, or otherwise relevant to a given product or process. The invention includes embodiments in which more than one, or all of the group members are present in, employed in, or otherwise relevant to a given product or process.

[00231] Furthermore, the invention encompasses all variations, combinations, and permutations in which one or more limitations, elements, clauses, and descriptive terms from one or more of the listed claims is introduced into another claim. For example, any claim that is dependent on another claim can be modified to include one or more limitations found in any other claim that is dependent on the same base claim. Where elements are presented as lists, *e.g.*, in Markush group format, each subgroup of the elements is also disclosed, and any

element(s) can be removed from the group. It should be understood that, in general, where the invention, or aspects of the invention, is/are referred to as comprising particular elements and/or features, certain embodiments of the invention or aspects of the invention consist, or consist essentially of, such elements and/or features. For purposes of simplicity, those embodiments have not been specifically set forth *in haec verba* herein. It is also noted that the terms “comprising” and “containing” are intended to be open and permits the inclusion of additional elements or steps. Where ranges are given, endpoints are included. Furthermore, unless otherwise indicated or otherwise evident from the context and understanding of one of ordinary skill in the art, values that are expressed as ranges can assume any specific value or sub-range within the stated ranges in different embodiments of the invention, to the tenth of the unit of the lower limit of the range, unless the context clearly dictates otherwise.

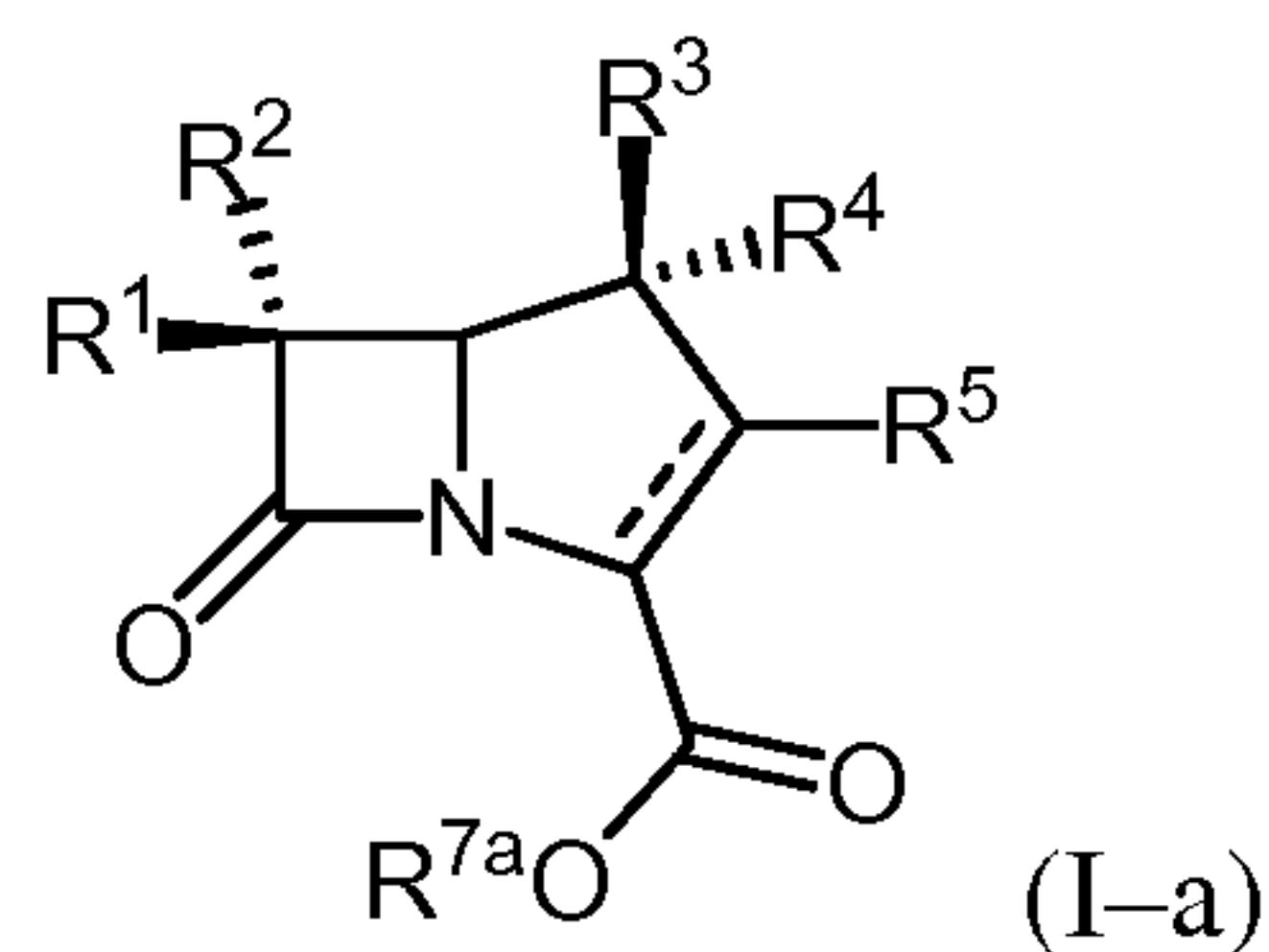
[00232] This application refers to various issued patents, published patent applications, journal articles, and other publications, all of which are incorporated herein by reference. If there is a conflict between any of the incorporated references and the instant specification, the specification shall control. In addition, any particular embodiment of the present invention that falls within the prior art may be explicitly excluded from any one or more of the claims. Because such embodiments are deemed to be known to one of ordinary skill in the art, they may be excluded even if the exclusion is not set forth explicitly herein. Any particular embodiment of the invention can be excluded from any claim, for any reason, whether or not related to the existence of prior art.

[00233] Those skilled in the art will recognize or be able to ascertain using no more than routine experimentation many equivalents to the specific embodiments described herein. The scope of the present embodiments described herein is not intended to be limited to the above Description, but rather is as set forth in the appended claims. Those of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that various changes and modifications to this description may be made without departing from the spirit or scope of the present invention, as defined in the following claims.

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A cell lysate comprising a group of enzymes capable of generating a compound of the Formula (I-a):

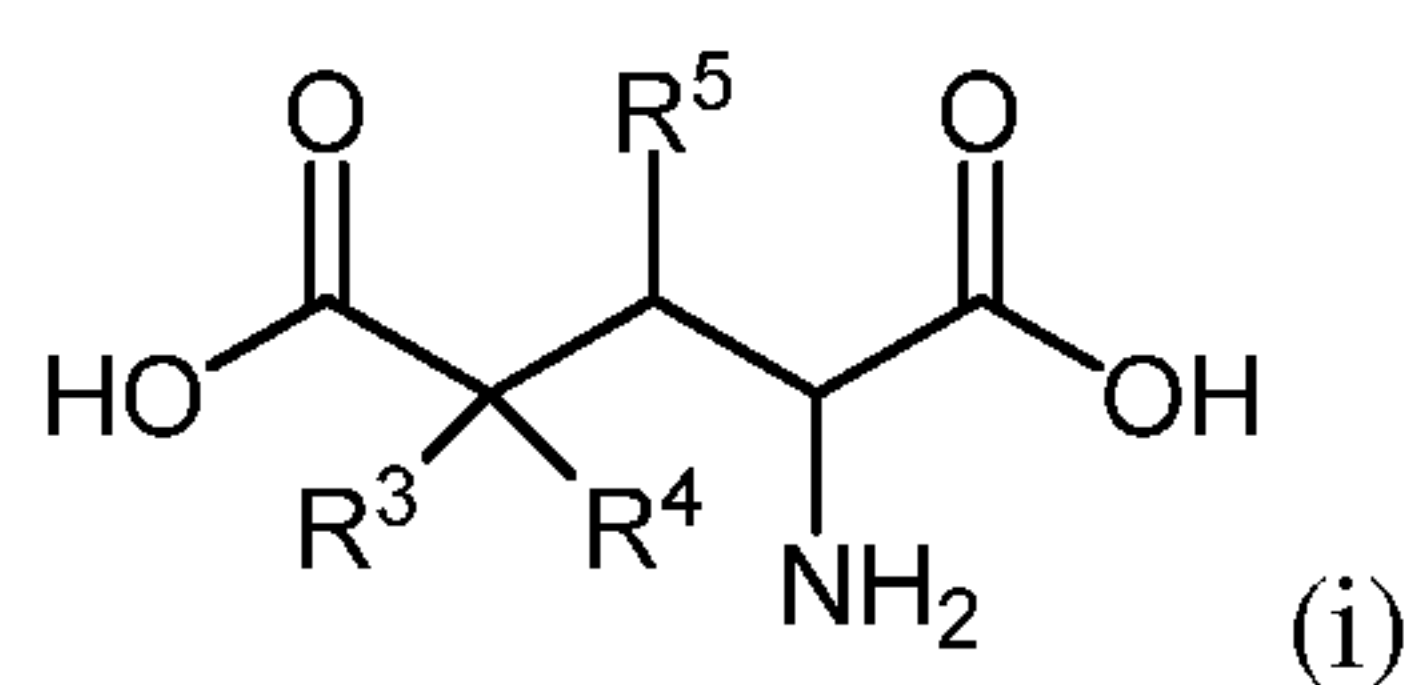


or a salt or tautomer thereof, or a combination thereof;

from:

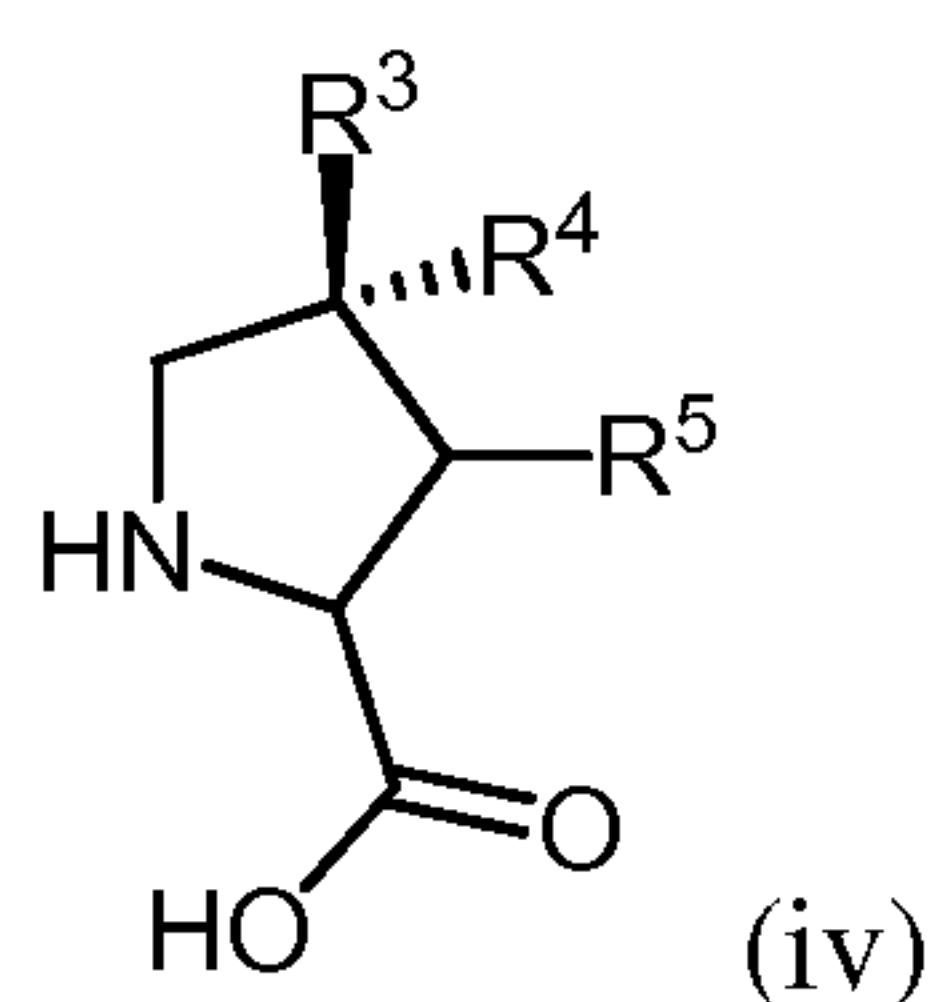
glucose and glycine or salts thereof; and/or

glucose and an optionally substituted glutamate of formula (i):



or salts thereof; and/or

glucose and a proline compound of formula (iv):



or salts thereof;

wherein:

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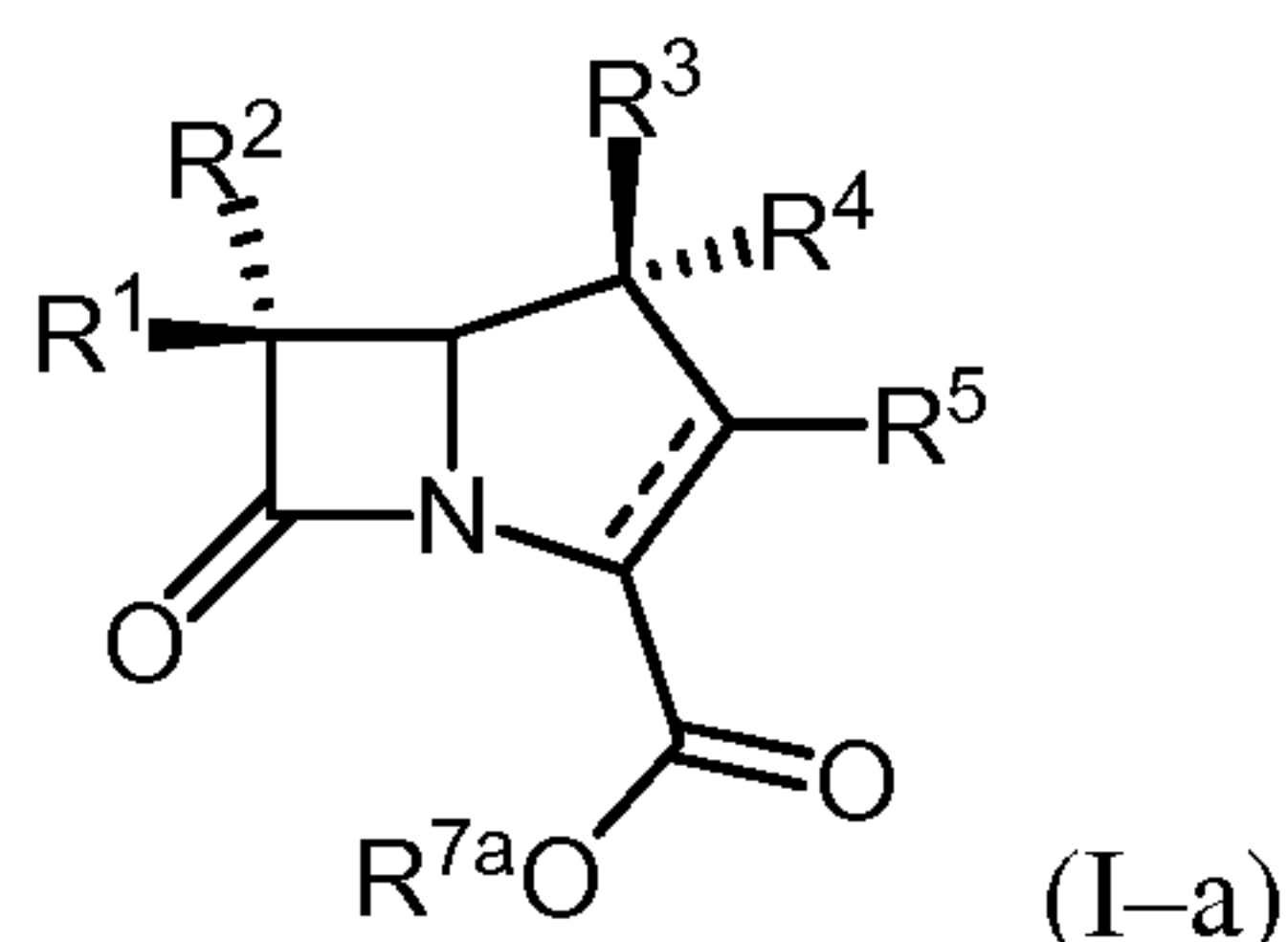
each instance of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, and optionally substituted heteroaryl;

R^5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $-OR^8$, $-SR^8$, and $-N(R^8)_2$;

each instance of R^8 is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, $-C(=O)R^{8a}$, $-C(=O)OR^{8a}$, $-C(=O)SR^{8a}$, $-C(=O)N(R^{8b})_2$, $-C(=NR^{8b})R^{8a}$, $-C(=NR^{8b})OR^{8a}$, $-C(=NR^{8b})SR^{8a}$, $-C(=NR^{8b})N(R^{8b})_2$, $-C(=S)R^{8a}$, $-C(=S)OR^{8a}$, $-C(=S)SR^{8a}$, $-C(=S)N(R^{8b})_2$, $-C(=O)NR^{8b}SO_2R^{8a}$, $-S(=O)R^{8a}$, $-SO_2R^{8a}$, $-SO_2N(R^{8a})_2$, $-Si(R^{8a})_3$, $-P(=O)(R^{8a})_2$, $-P(=O)(OR^{8a})_2$, $-P(=O)(R^{8a})(OR^{8a})$, $-P(=O)(R^{8a})(N(R^{8b})_2)$, $-P(=O)(N(R^{8b})_2)_2$, $-P(=O)_2R^{8a}$, $-P(=O)_2OR^{8a}$, $-P(=O)_2N(R^{8b})_2$, $-B(R^{8a})_2$, $-B(OR^{8a})_2$, and $-BR^{8a}(OR^{8a})$, wherein R^{8a} is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, if attached to an oxygen atom an oxygen protecting group, and if attached to a sulfur atom a sulfur protecting group, or two R^{8a} groups or an R^{8a} and R^{8b} group are joined to form an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring; and each instance of R^{8b} is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, and a nitrogen protecting group, or two R^{8b} are joined to form an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring; and

R^{7a} is hydrogen.

2. A method of generating a compound of Formula (I-a):

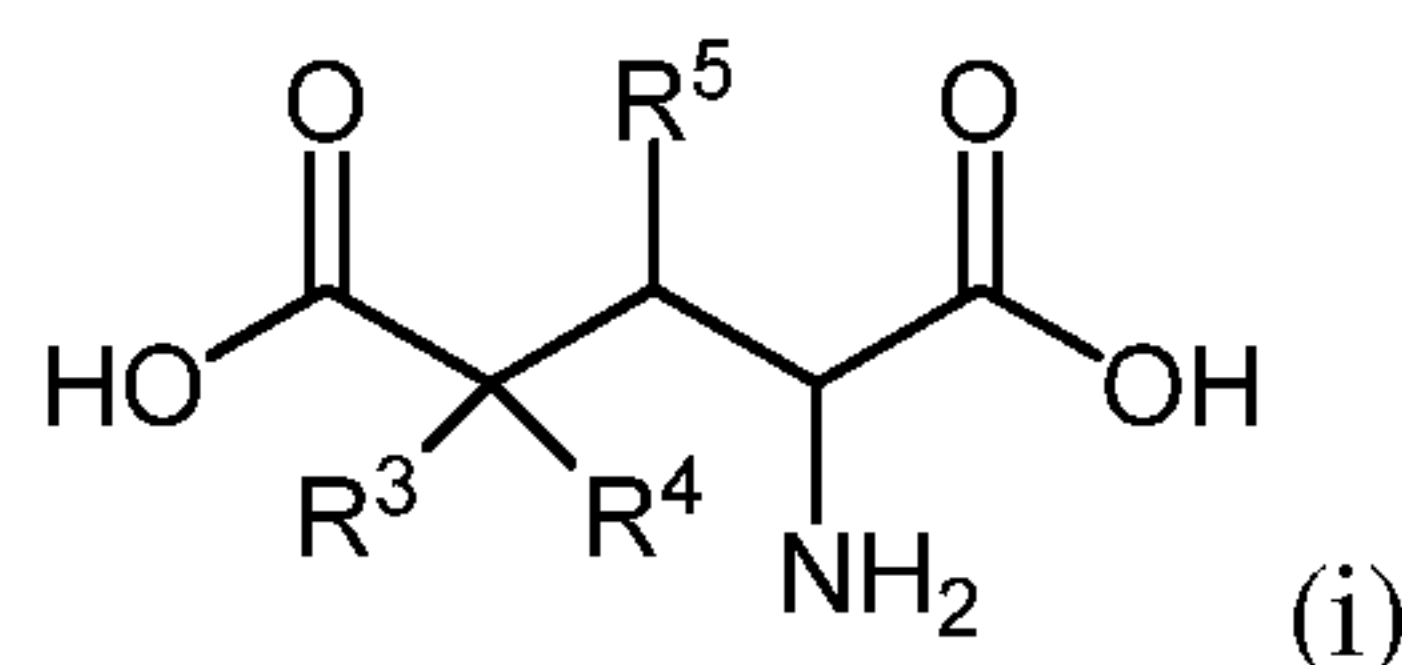


or a salt or tautomer thereof, or a combination thereof;
the method comprising:

providing a cell lysate of claim 1 comprising one or more enzymes, wherein the one or more enzymes are selected from the group consisting of gamma-glutamyl kinase, Glu-5-P dehydrogenase, glycolysis/Acetyl-CoA biosynthesis multi-enzyme, an Acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase, a beta-oxidation multienzyme, a Crotonyl-CoA reductase, an Acetyl-CoA carboxylase, a Malonyl-CoA reductase, a threonine aldolase, a beta-alanine transferase, a proline 3-hydroxylase, a proline oxidase, a carboxymethyl-Pro synthase, a carbapenam synthetase, a beta-lactam synthetase, a carbapenem synthase, a transferase, an oxygenase, and a methyltransferase, and isozymes thereof;

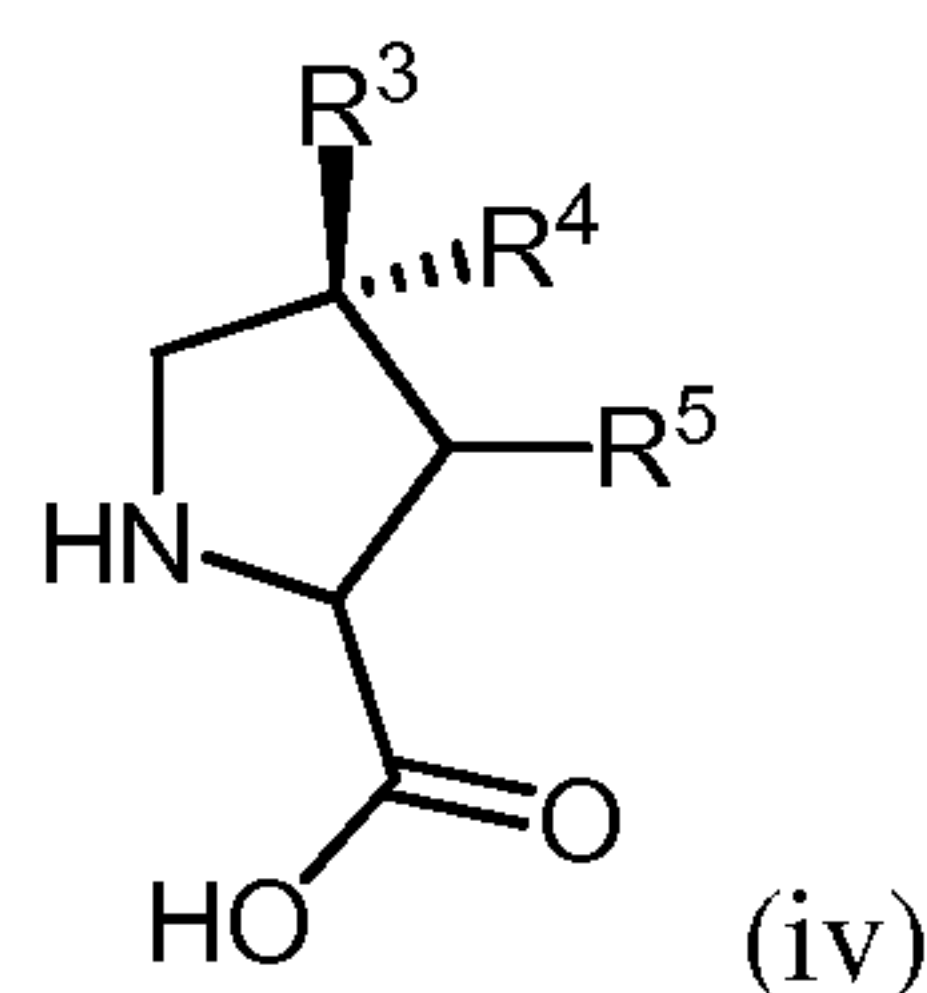
wherein the one or more cell lysates are contacted with:

- (1) glucose and glycine or salts thereof; and/or
- (2) glucose and an optionally substituted glutamate of the formula (i):



or salts thereof, and/or

- (3) glucose and a proline compound of formula (iv):



or salts thereof;

wherein:

the dashed line $\equiv$ represents a single or double bond;

each instance of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, and optionally substituted heteroaryl; and

R^5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $-OR^8$, $-SR^8$, and $-N(R^8)_2$;

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optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^{8a}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OR}^{8a}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{SR}^{8a}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{N}(\text{R}^{8b})_2$, $-\text{C}(=\text{NR}^{8b})\text{R}^{8a}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{NR}^{8b})\text{OR}^{8a}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{NR}^{8b})\text{SR}^{8a}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{NR}^{8b})\text{N}(\text{R}^{8b})_2$, $-\text{C}(=\text{S})\text{R}^{8a}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{S})\text{OR}^{8a}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{S})\text{SR}^{8a}$, $-\text{C}(=\text{S})\text{N}(\text{R}^{8b})_2$, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{NR}^{8b}\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{8a}$, $-\text{S}(=\text{O})\text{R}^{8a}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{8a}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{R}^{8a})_2$, $-\text{Si}(\text{R}^{8a})_3$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{R}^{8a})_2$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{OR}^{8a})_2$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{R}^{8a})(\text{OR}^{8a})$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{R}^{8a})(\text{N}(\text{R}^{8b})_2)$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{N}(\text{R}^{8b})_2)_2$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})_2\text{R}^{8a}$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})_2\text{OR}^{8a}$, $-\text{P}(=\text{O})_2\text{N}(\text{R}^{8b})_2$, $-\text{B}(\text{R}^{8a})_2$, $-\text{B}(\text{OR}^{8a})_2$, and $-\text{BR}^{8a}(\text{OR}^{8a})$, wherein R^{8a} is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, if attached to an oxygen atom an oxygen protecting group, and if attached to a sulfur atom a sulfur protecting group, or two R^{8a} groups or an R^{8a} and R^{8b} group are joined to form an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring; and each instance of R^{8b} is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, and a nitrogen protecting group, or two R^{8b} are joined to form an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring; and

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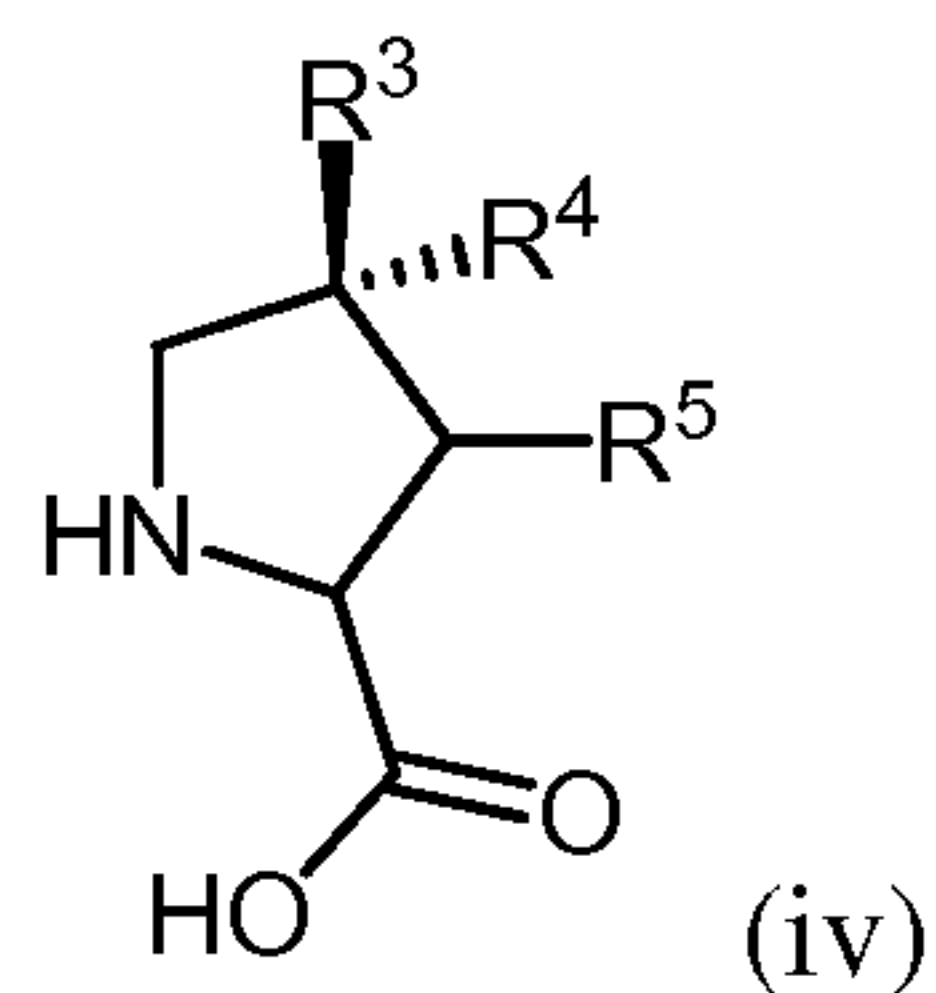
3. The lysate or method of claims 1 or 2, wherein R^1 is hydrogen.
4. The lysate or method of claims 1 or 2, wherein R^3 is hydrogen or $-\text{CH}_3$.
5. The lysate or method of claims 1 or 2, wherein R^2 is hydrogen, $-\text{CH}_3$ or $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$.
6. The lysate or method of claims 1 or 2, wherein R^4 is hydrogen.
7. The lysate or method of claims 1 or 2, wherein one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of gamma-glutamyl kinase, Glu-5-P dehydrogenase, glycolysis/Acetyl-CoA biosynthesis multi-enzyme, an Acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase, a beta-oxidation multienzyme, a Crotonyl-CoA reductase, an Acetyl-CoA carboxylase, a Malonyl-CoA

reductase, a threonine aldolase, a beta-alanine transferase, a proline 3-hydroxylase, a proline oxidase, and isozymes thereof, were present in the cell cytoplasm prior to lysing.

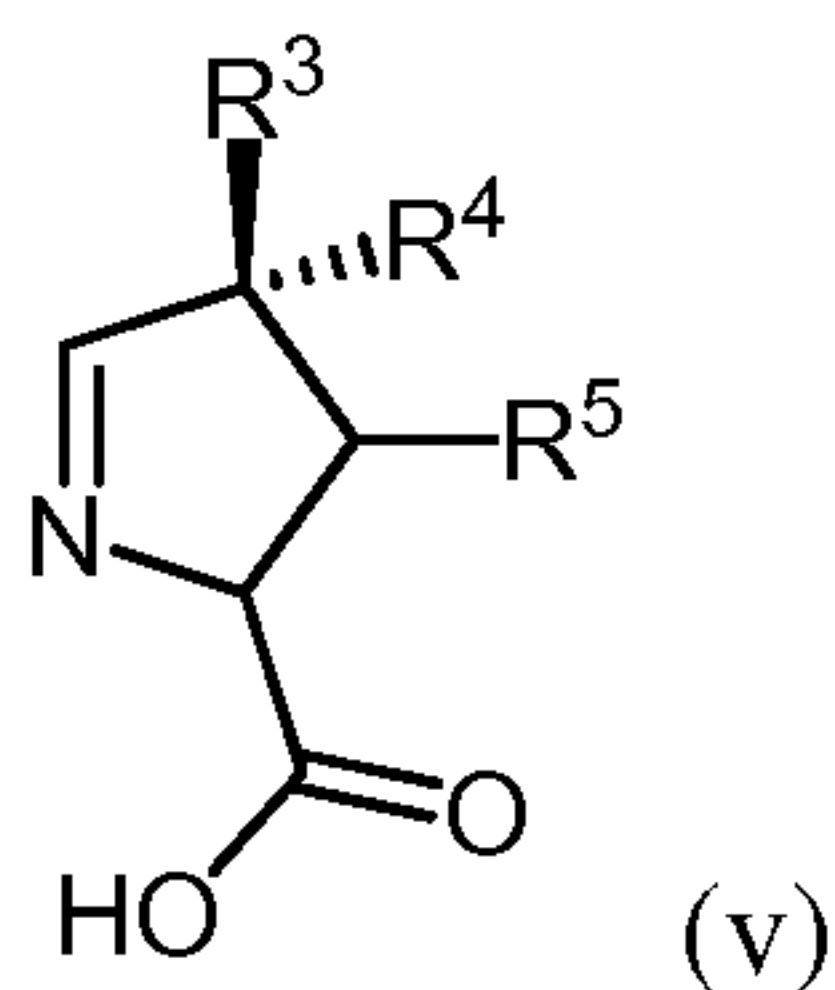
8. The lysate or method of claims 1 or 2, wherein one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of a carboxymethyl-Pro synthase, a carbapenam synthetase, a beta-lactam synthetase, a carbapenem synthase, a transferase, an oxygenase, and a methyltransferase, and isozymes thereof, were sequestered in the periplasmic space of the cell prior to lysing.

9. The lysate or method of claims 1 or 2, wherein the cell lysate is a lysate of an *E.coli* organism engineered to overexpress the group of enzymes.

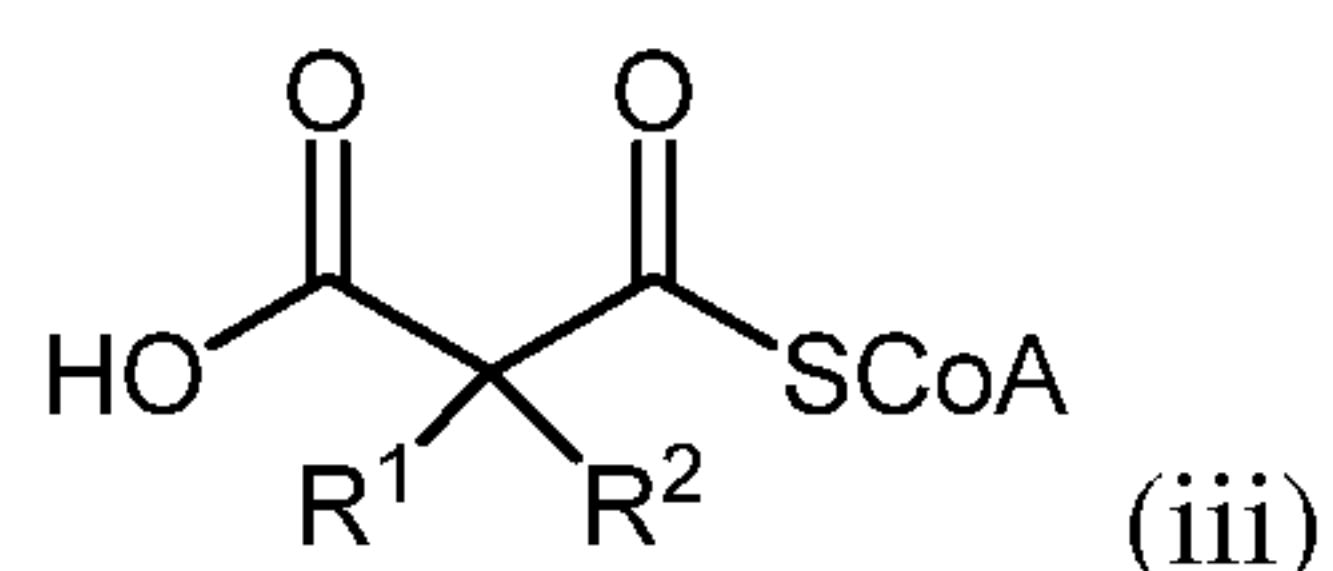
10. The lysate or method of claims 1 or 2, wherein the proline compound of formula (iv):



or salt thereof, is enzymatically converted to a pyrrole compound of formula:

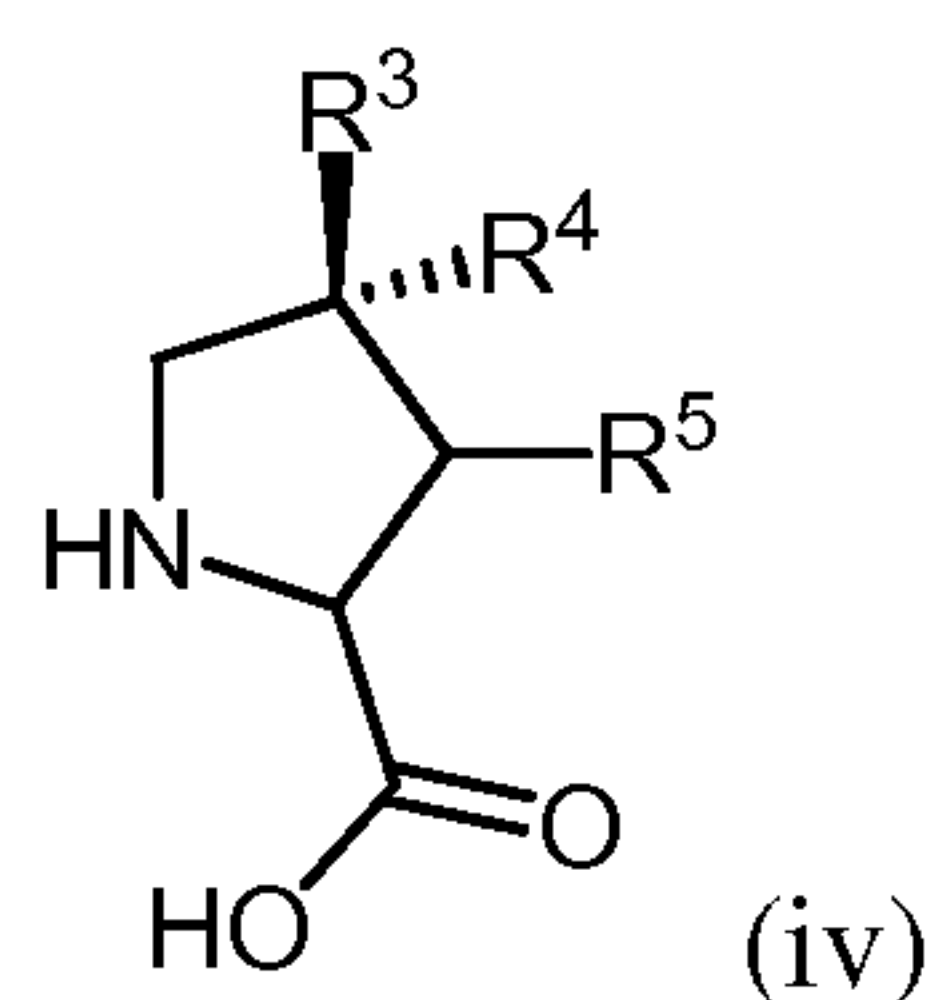


or salt thereof; upon contact with a proline oxidase; and wherein glucose or salt thereof is enzymatically converted to an optionally substituted CoA compound of formula (iii):

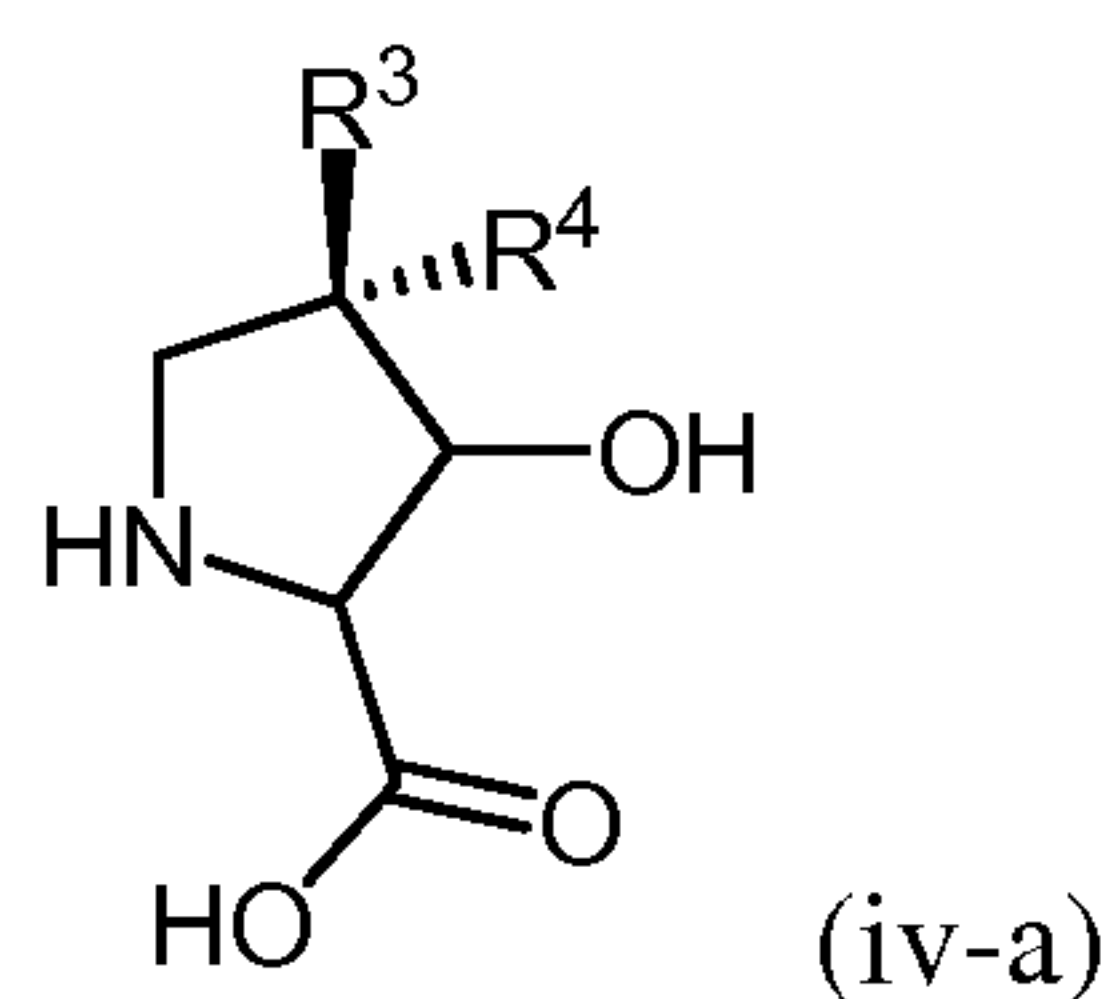


or salt thereof; wherein -SCoA is Coenzyme A monoradical.

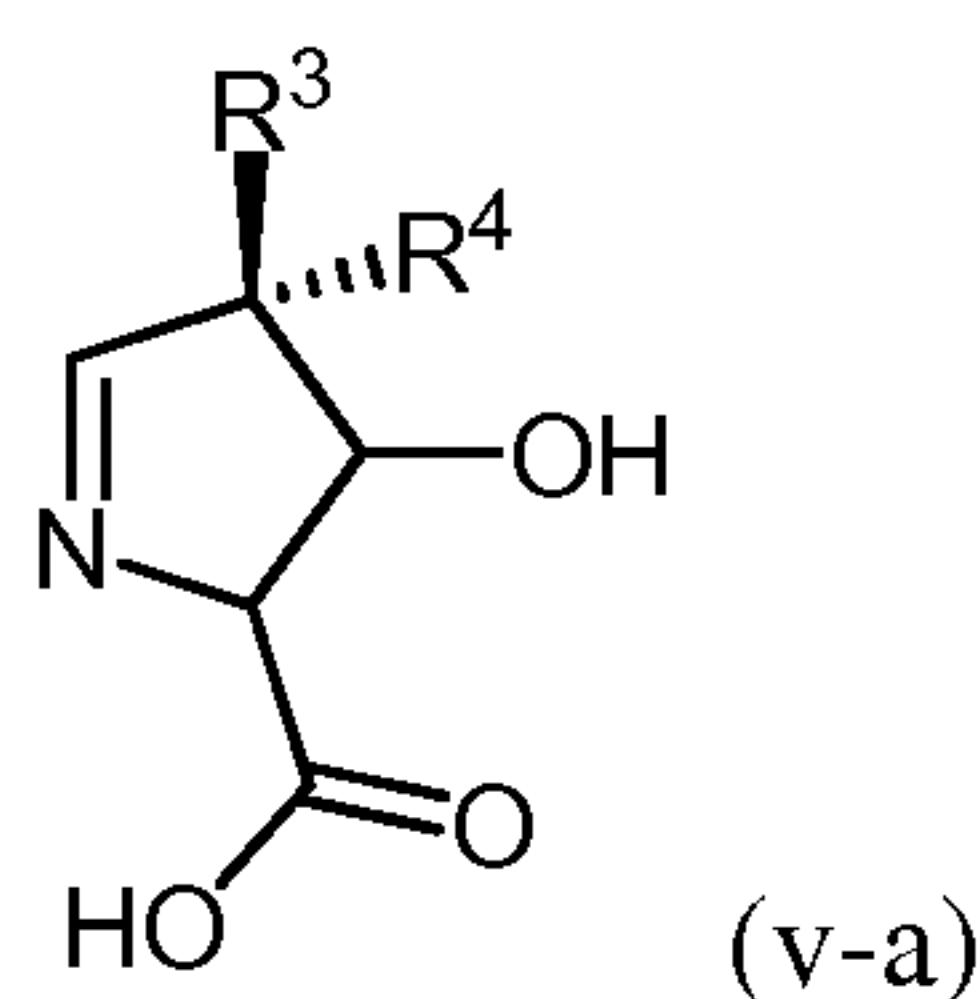
11. The lysate or method of claims 1 or 2, wherein the proline compound of formula (iv):



or salt thereof, wherein R^5 is hydrogen, is enzymatically converted to a 3-hydroxylated proline compound of formula:

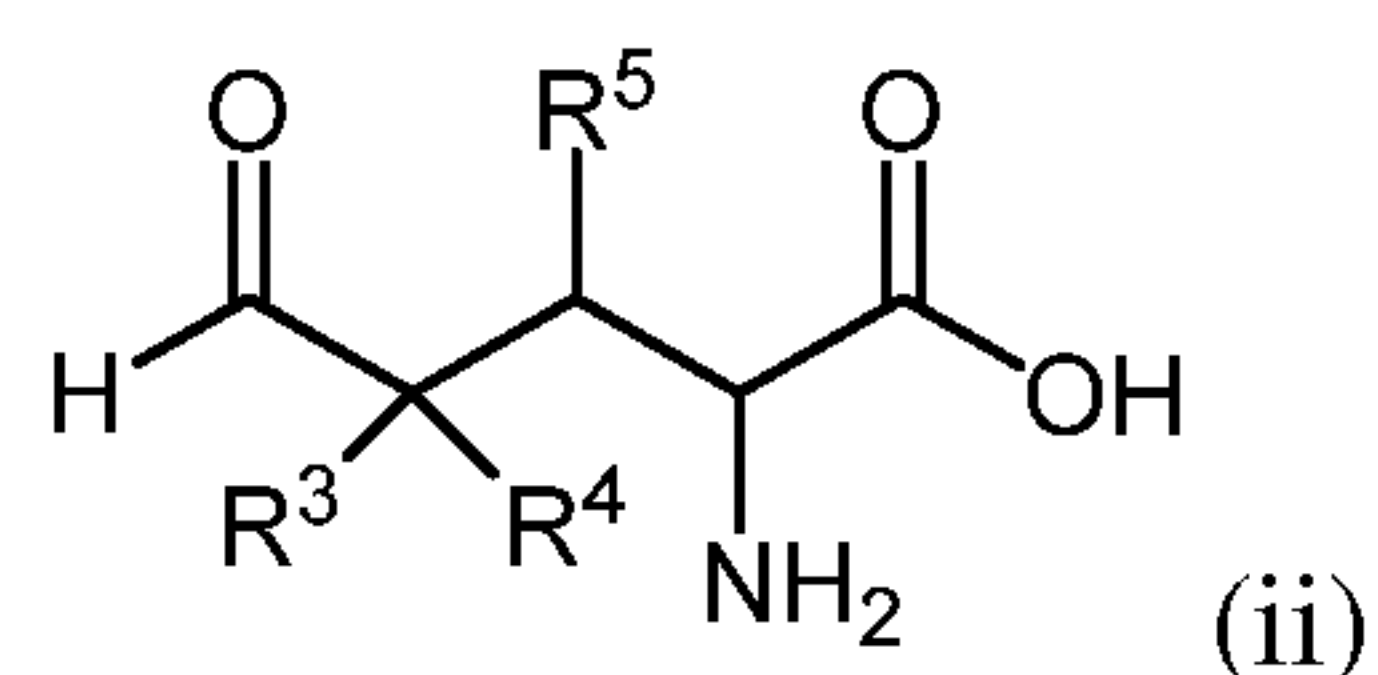


or salt thereof; upon contact with a proline-3-hydroxylase, and the 3-hydroxylated proline compound of formula (iv-a) or salt thereof, is enzymatically converted to a 3-hydroxylated pyrrole compound of formula:



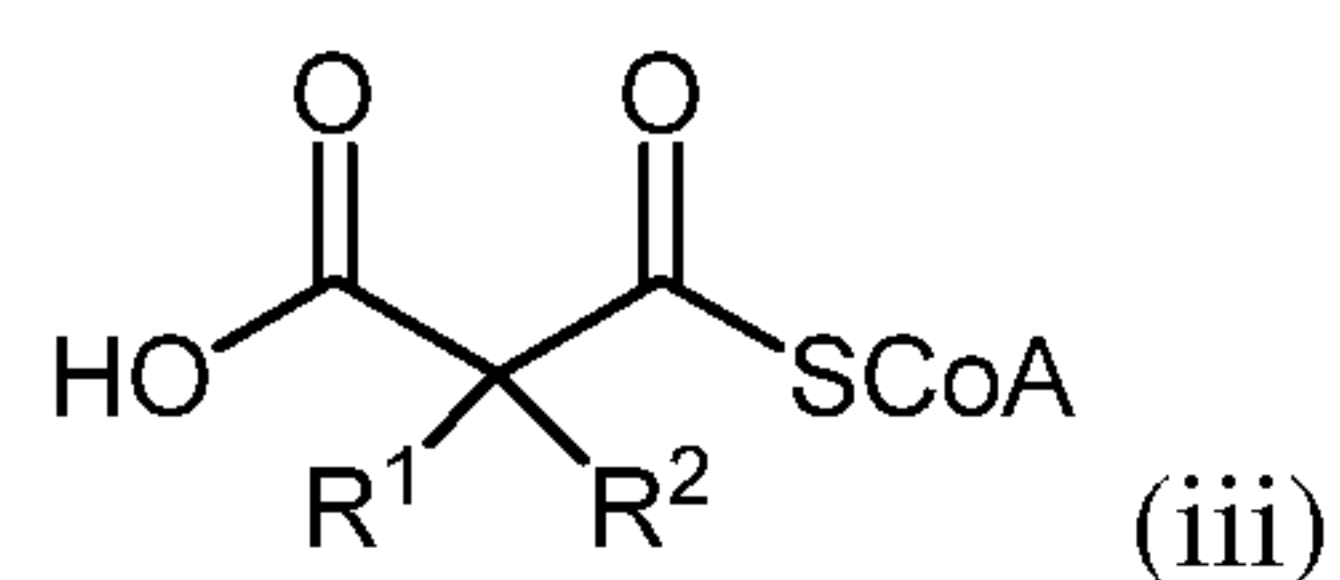
upon contact with a proline oxidase.

12. The lysate or method of claims 1 or 2, wherein the glucose and glycine or salts thereof are enzymatically converted to an optionally substituted glutamate semialdehyde of formula (ii):



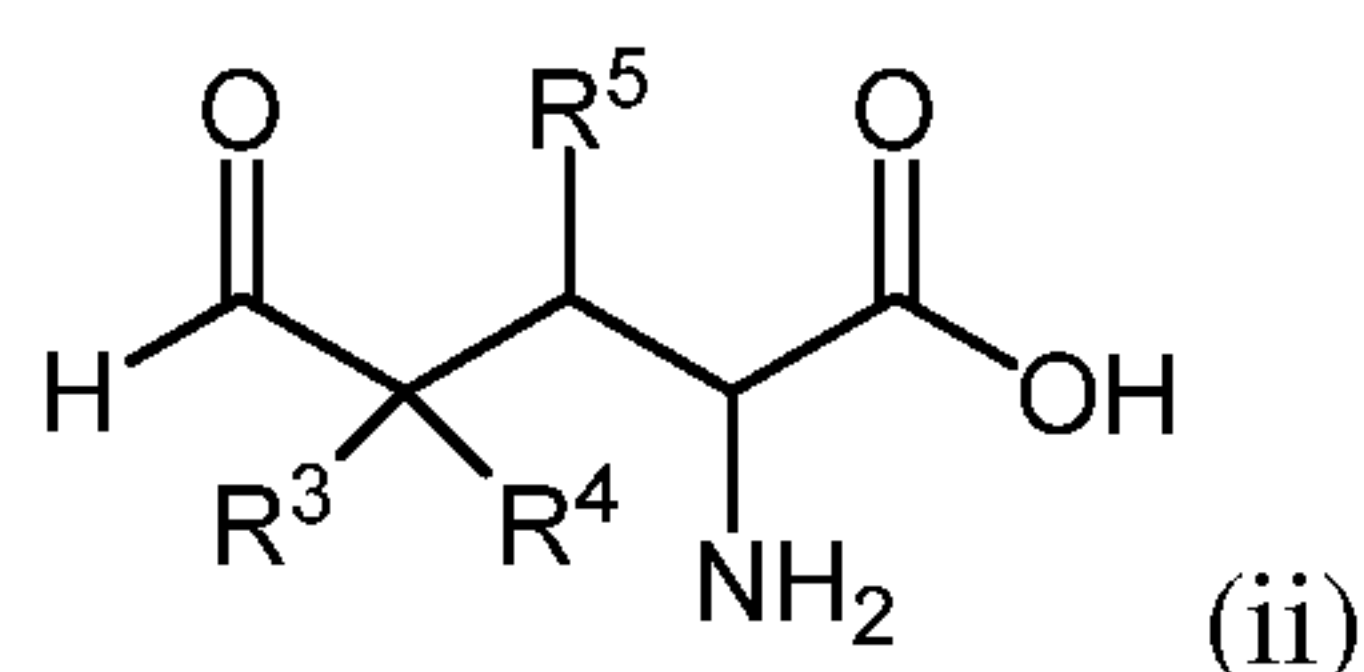
or salt thereof, upon contact with one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of glycolysis/Acetyl-CoA biosynthesis multienzyme, Acetyl-CoA carboxylase, Malonyl-CoA reductase, threonine aldolase, gamma-glutamyl kinase, and Glu-5-P dehydrogenase, and isozymes thereof; and

wherein glucose or salt thereof is enzymatically converted to an optionally substituted CoA compound of formula (iii):

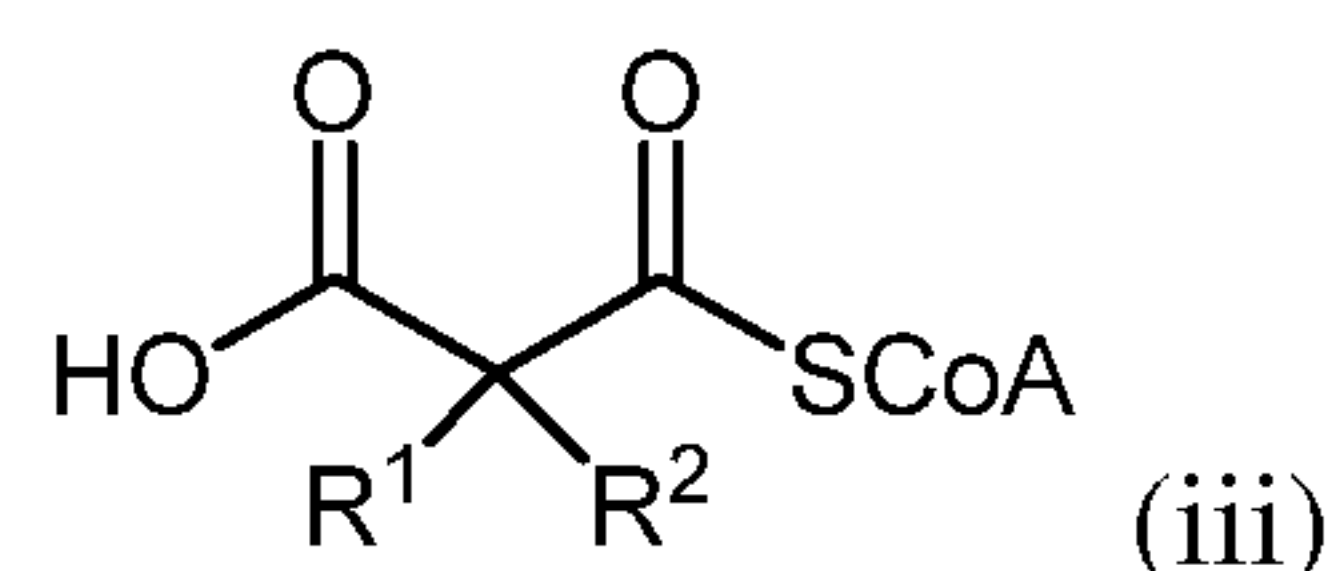


or salt thereof; wherein -SCoA is Coenzyme A monoradical.

13. The lysate or method of claims 1 or 2, wherein the optionally substituted glutamate of formula (i) or salt thereof is converted to an optionally substituted glutamate semialdehyde compound of formula (ii):

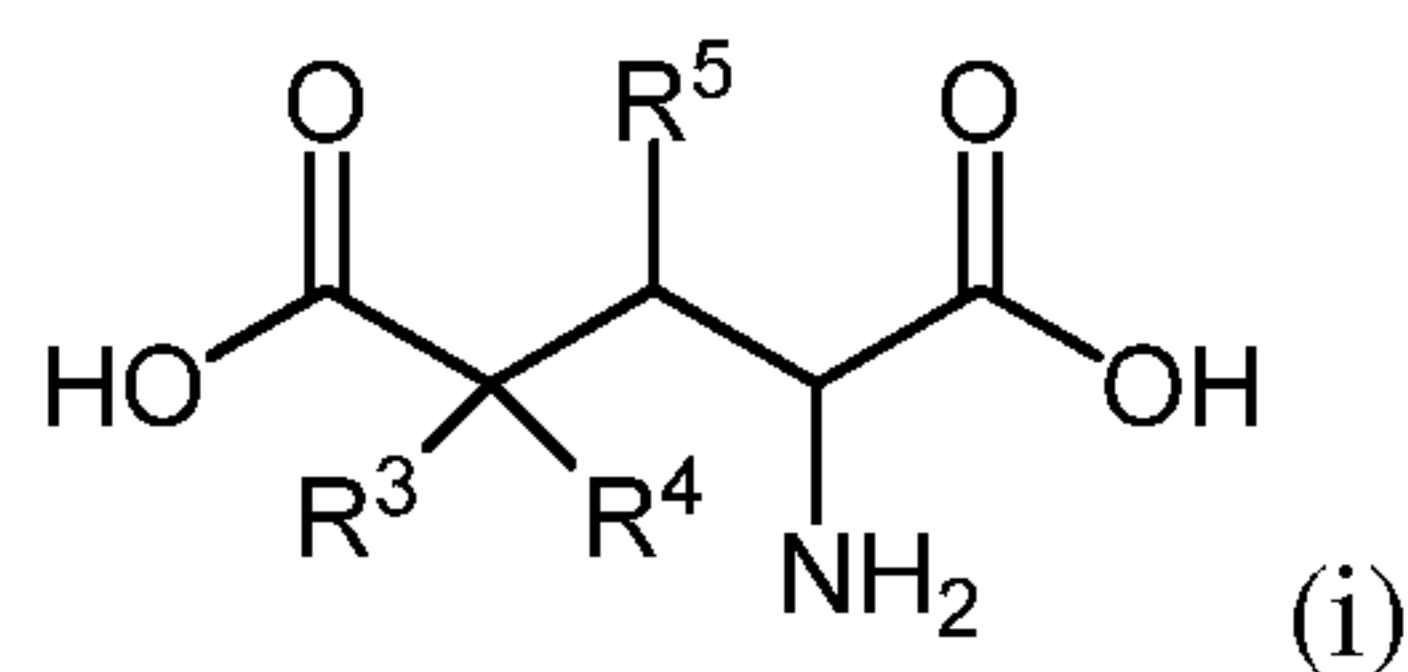


or salt thereof; upon contact with gamma-glutamyl kinase and Glu-5-P dehydrogenase; and wherein glucose or salt thereof is enzymatically converted to an optionally substituted CoA compound of formula (iii):

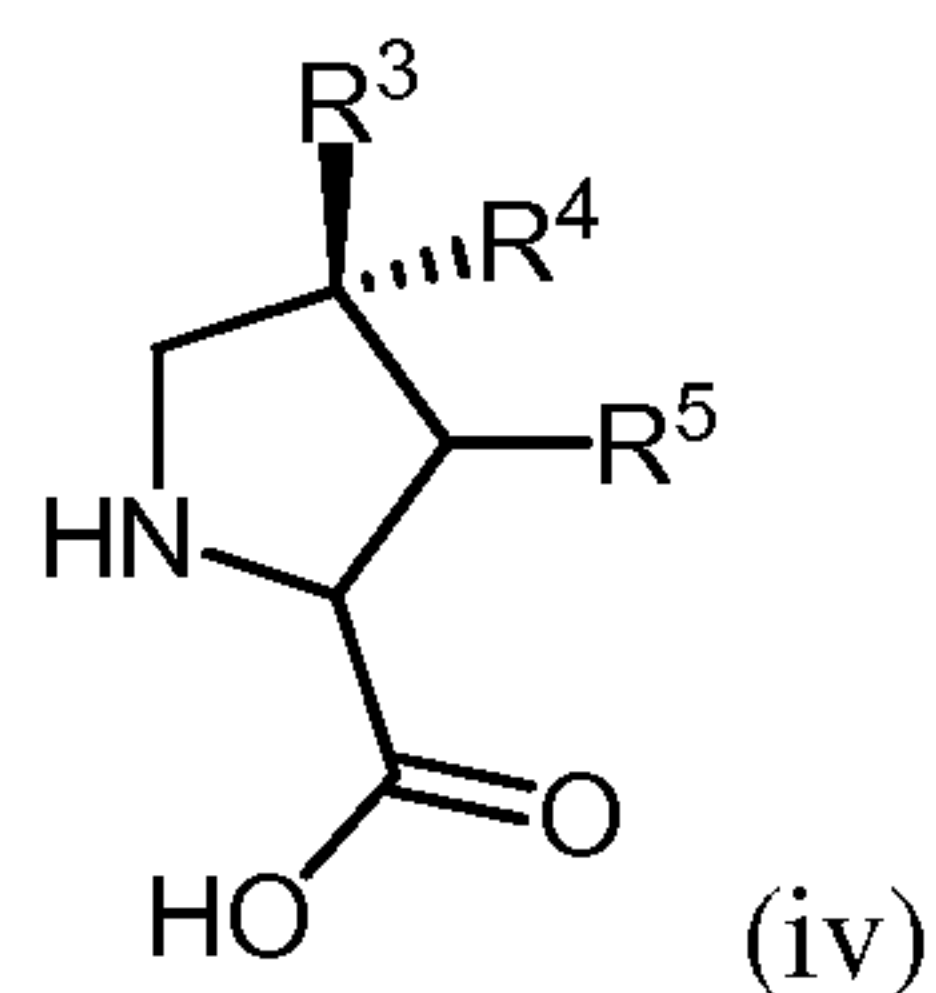


or salt thereof; wherein -SCoA is Coenzyme A monoradical.

14. The lysate or method of claims 1 or 2, wherein the optionally substituted glutamate of formula (i):



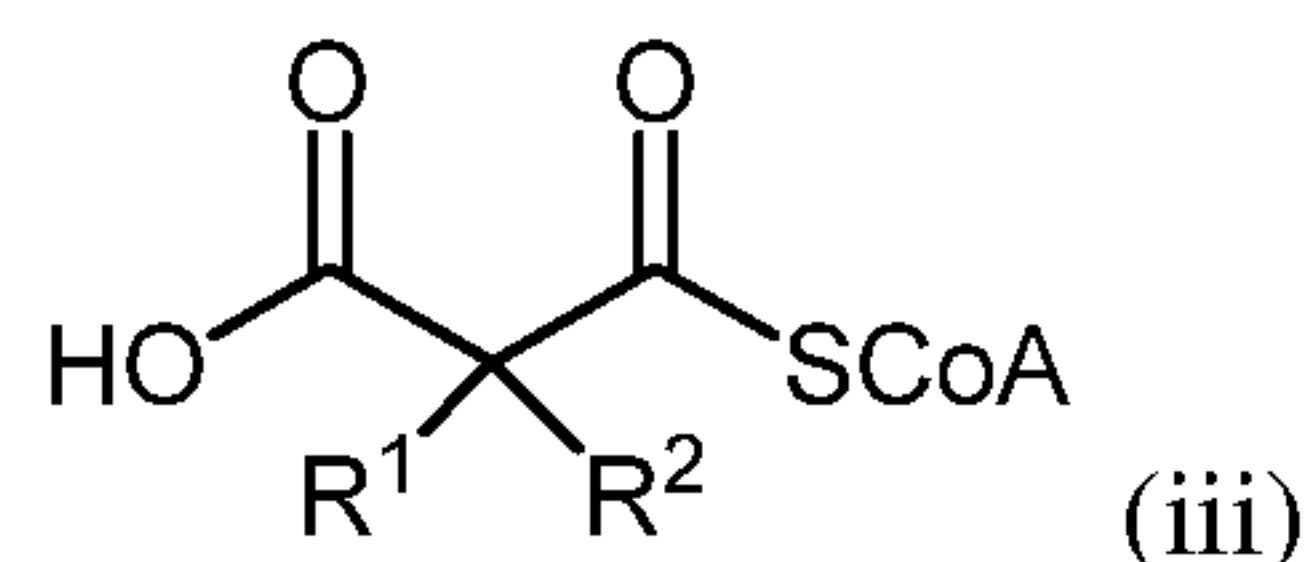
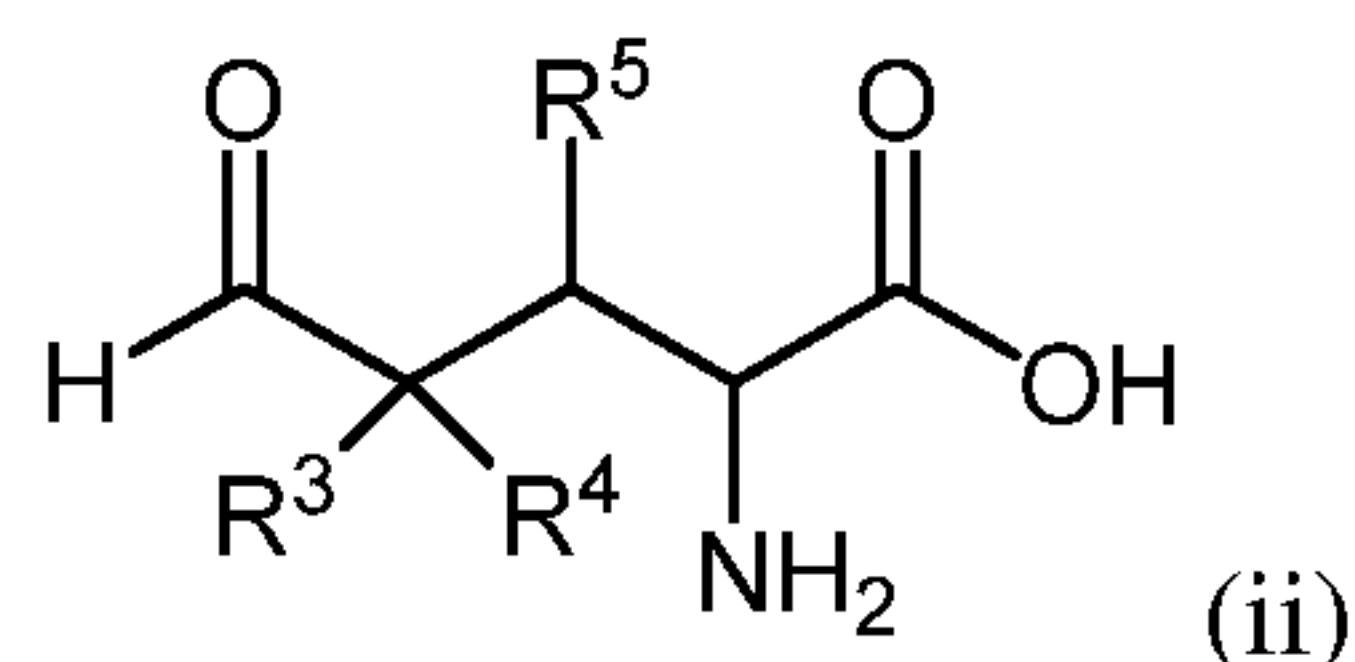
or salt thereof, is enzymatically converted to a proline compound of formula (iv):



or salt thereof; upon contact with an γ -glutamyl kinase-GP-reductase multienzyme complex.

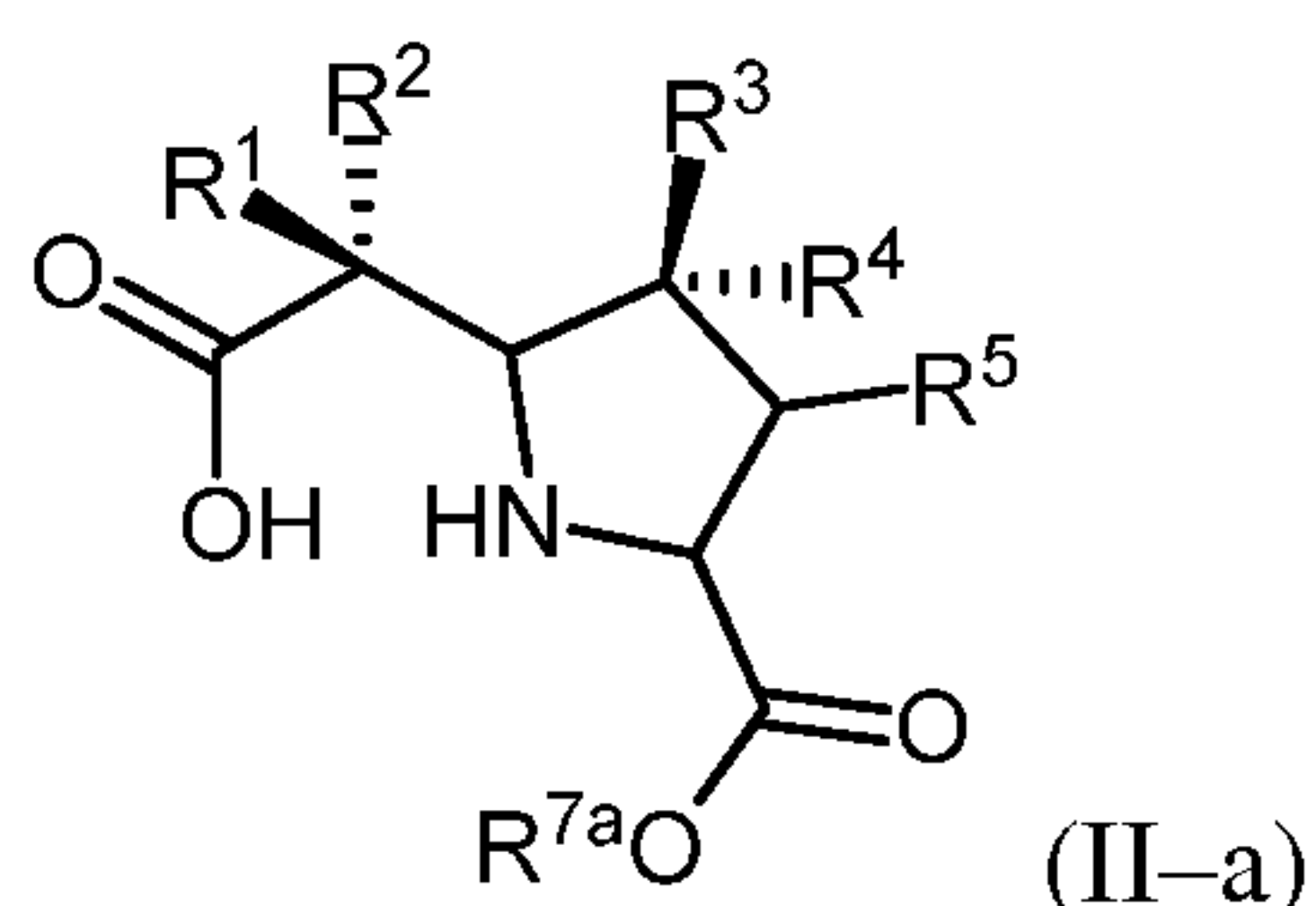
15. The lysate or method of claims 1 or 2, wherein the cell converts the combination of glucose and glycine, or salts thereof, or the combination of glucose and an optionally

substituted glutamate of the formula (i), or salts thereof, to an optionally substituted CoA compound of formula (iii), or salt thereof, and an optionally substituted glutamate semialdehyde of formula (ii), or salt thereof:



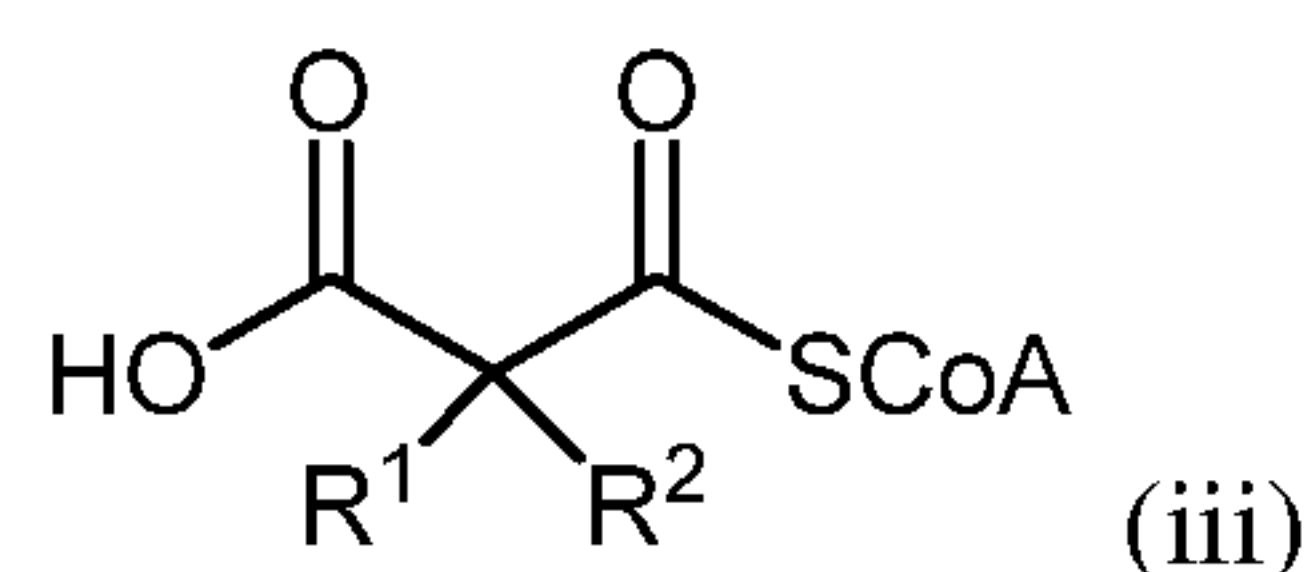
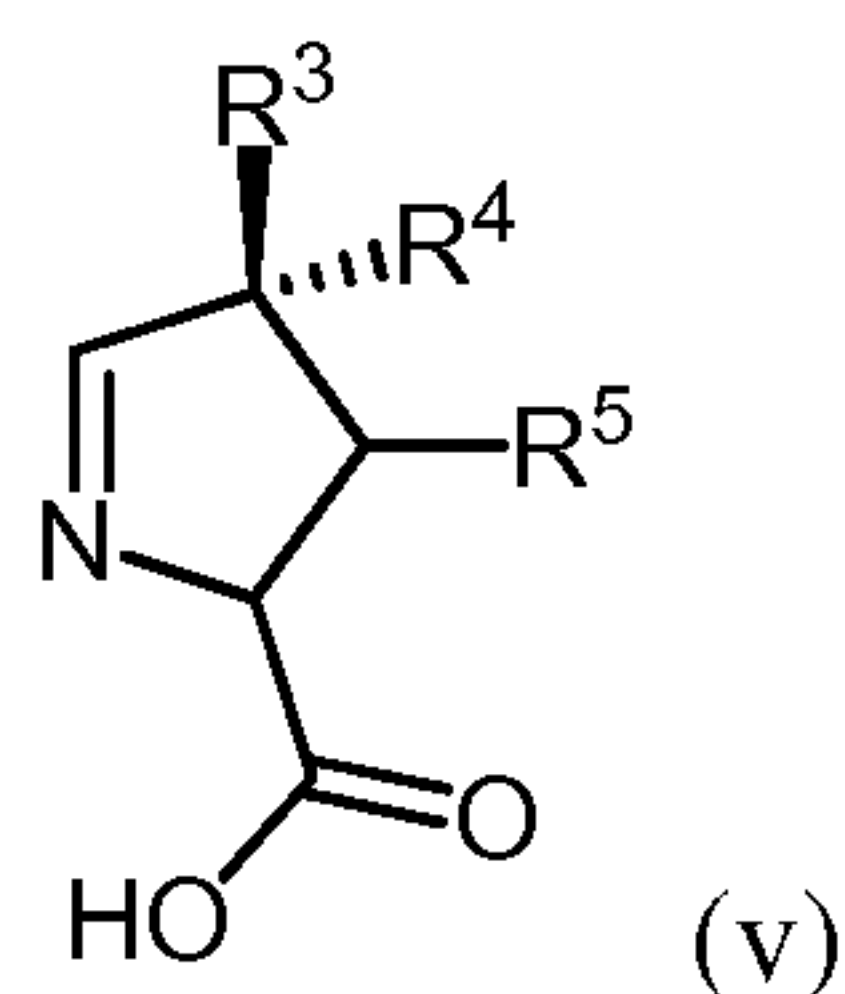
wherein –SCoA is Coenzyme A monoradical; and

wherein the optionally substituted glutamate semialdehyde of formula (ii) or salt thereof and the optionally substituted CoA compound of formula (iii) or salt thereof generate a pyrrolidinyll compound of Formula (II-a):



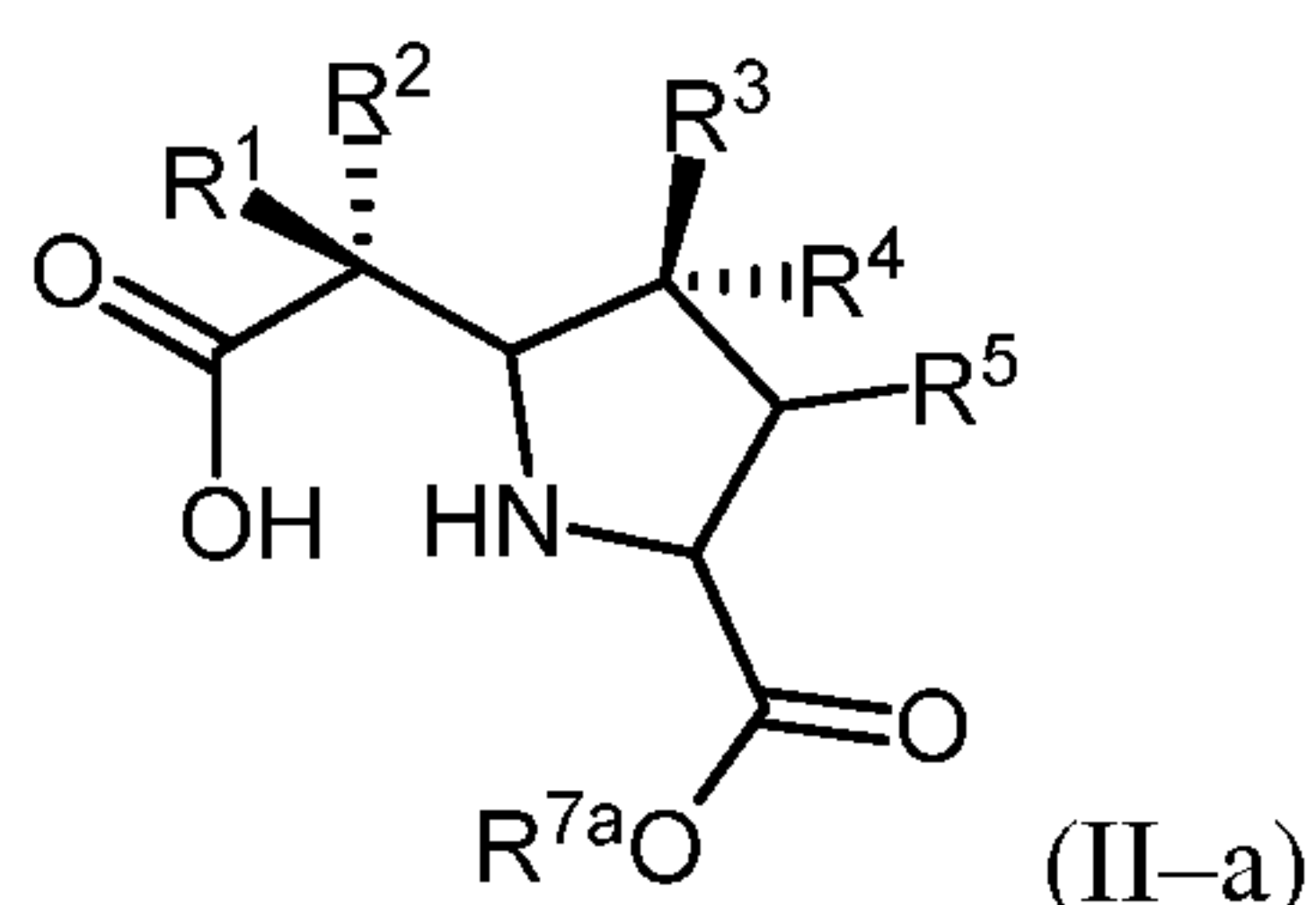
or salt thereof, upon contact with a carboxymethyl-Pro synthase or an isozyme thereof.

16. The lysate or method of claims 1 or 2, wherein the cell converts the combination of glucose or salt thereof and the proline compound of formula (iv) or salt thereof to an optionally substituted CoA compound of formula (iii), or salt thereof, and an pyrrole compound of formula (v), or salt thereof:



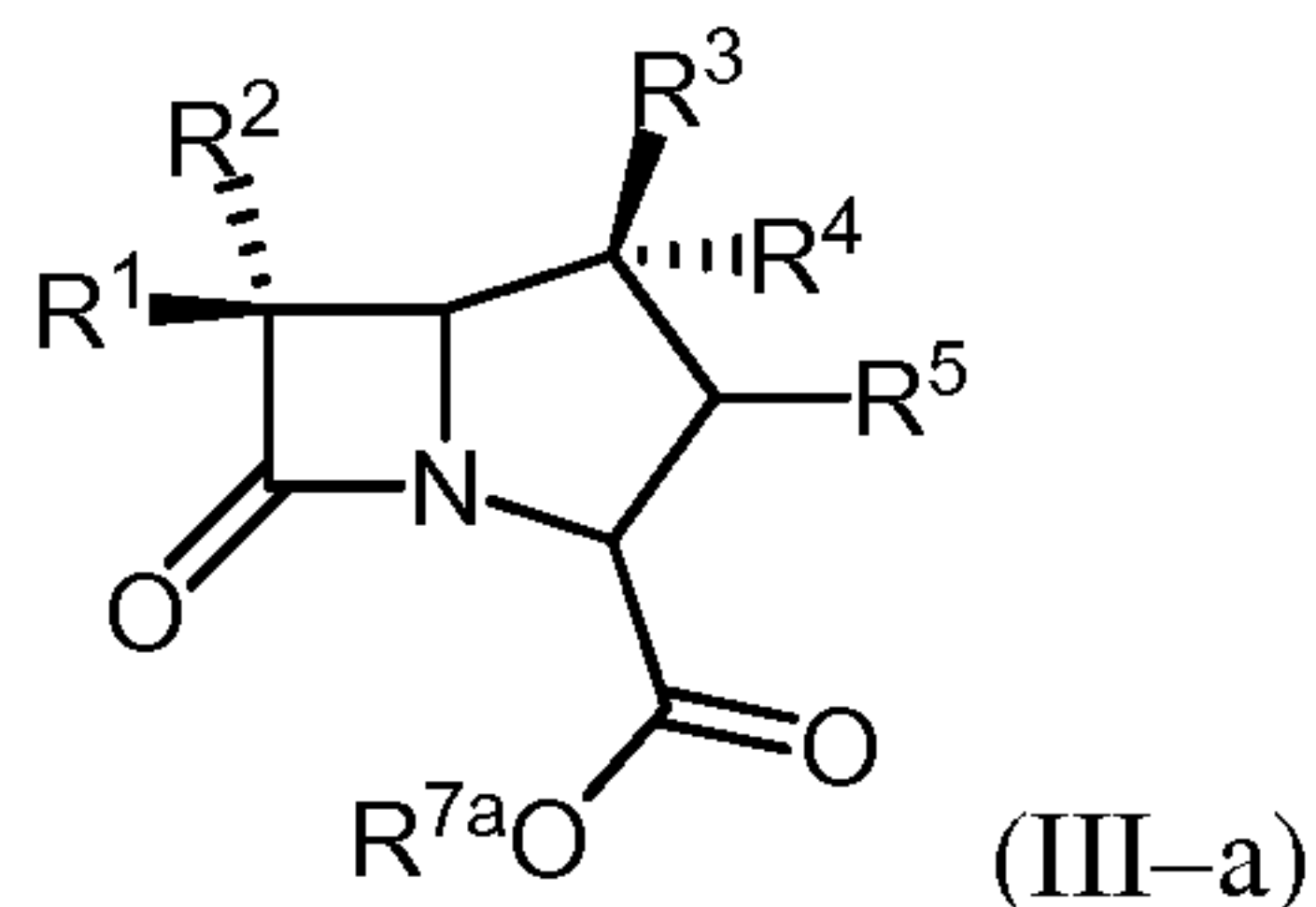
wherein –SCoA is Coenzyme A monoradical; and

wherein optionally substituted CoA compound of formula (iii), or salt thereof, and an pyrrole compound of formula (v), or salt thereof generate a pyrrolidinyll compound of Formula (II-a):



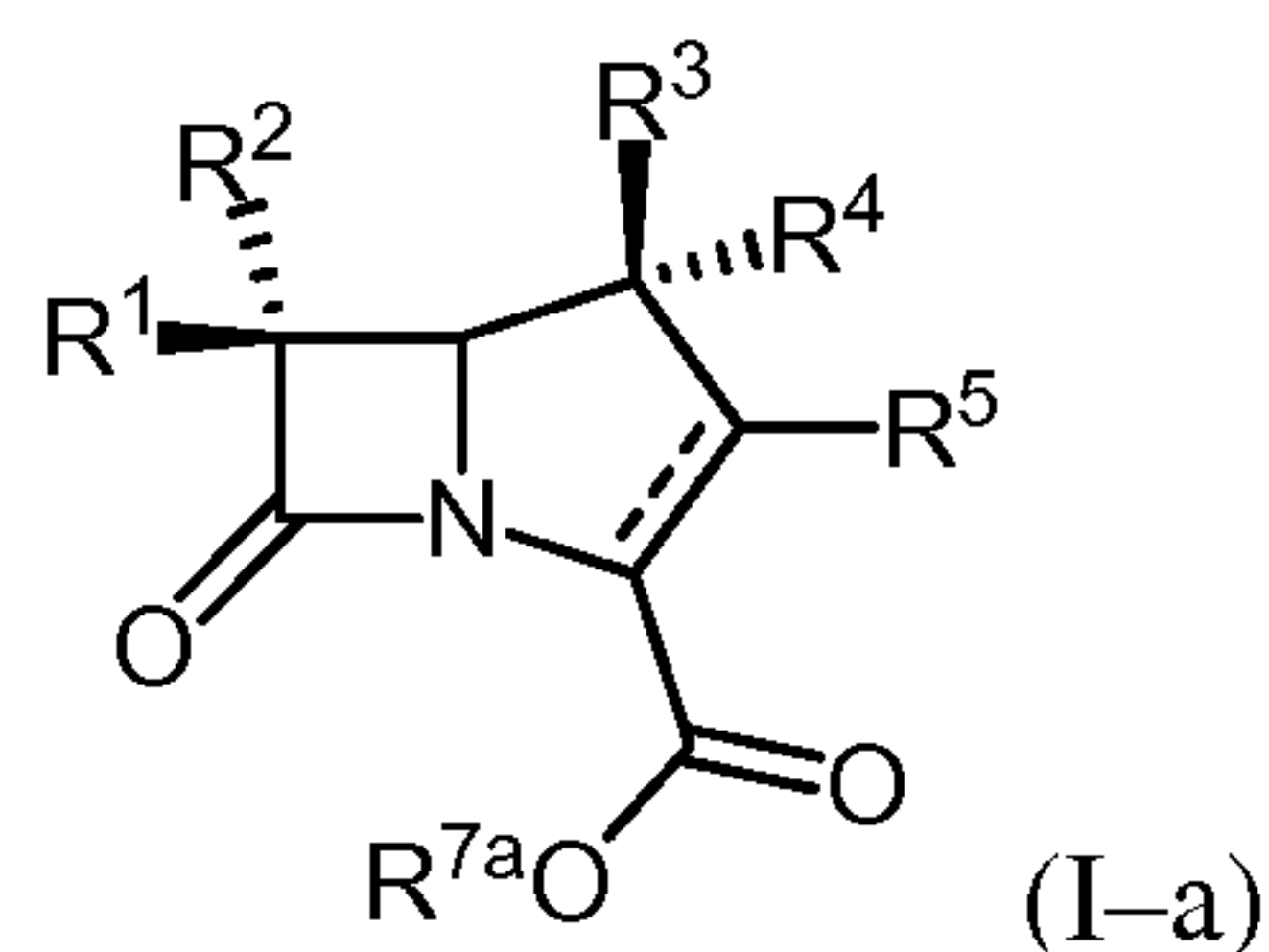
or salt thereof, upon contact with a carboxymethyl-Pro synthase or an isozyme thereof.

17. The lysate or method of claim 15 or 16, wherein the pyrrolidinyl compound (II-a) or salt thereof generates a β -lactam compound of Formula (III-a):



or salt thereof, upon contact with a carbapenam synthetase, a beta-lactam synthetase, or an isozyme thereof.

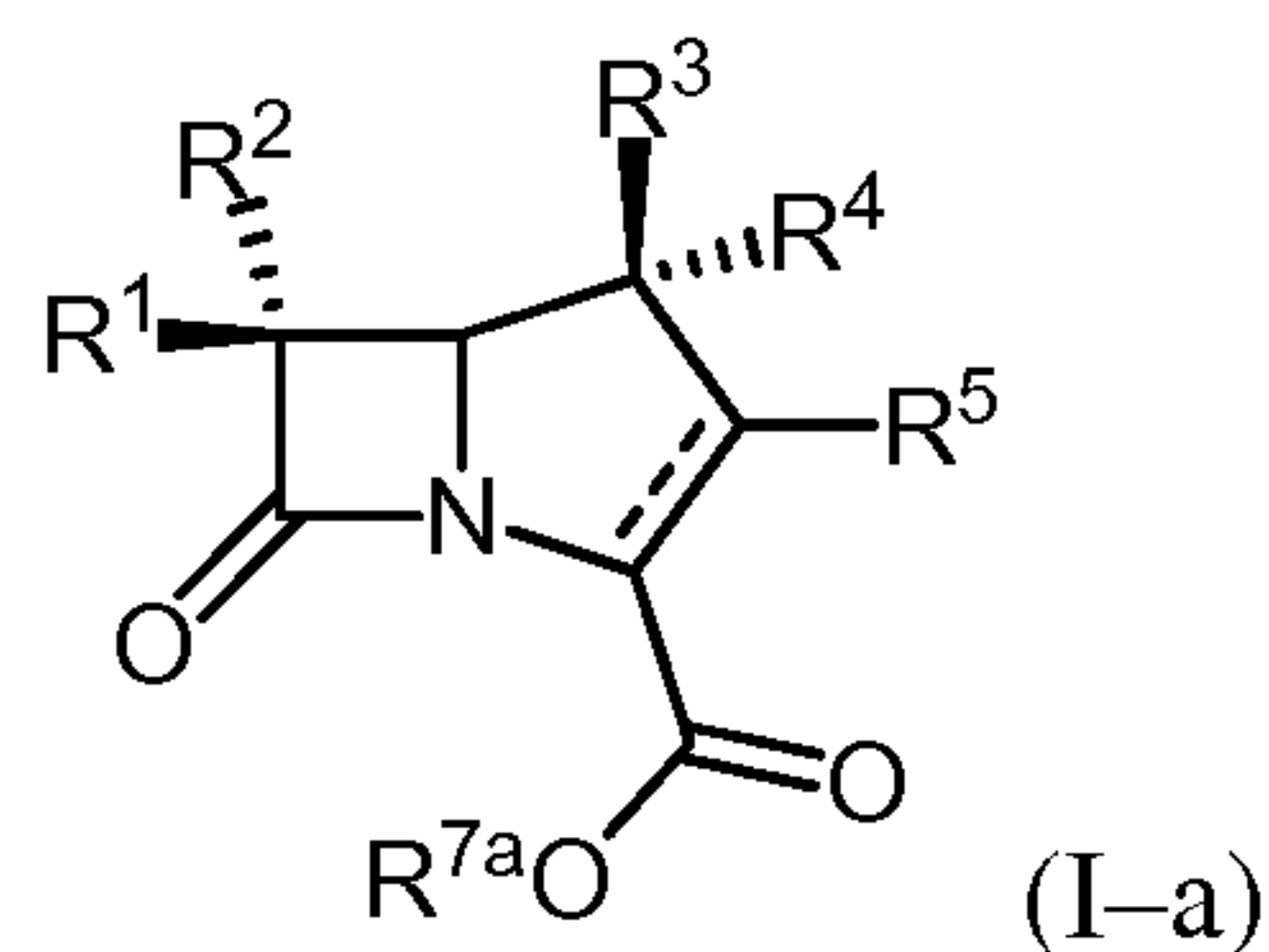
18. The lysate or method of claim 17, wherein the β -lactam compound of Formula (III-a) or salt thereof generates a compound of Formula (I-a):



or salt thereof, wherein $\equiv$ represents a double bond, upon contact with a carbapenam synthase or isozyme thereof.

19. The lysate or method of claim 18, wherein R^5 is hydrogen.

20. The lysate or method of claim 19, further comprising contacting the compound of Formula (I-a):

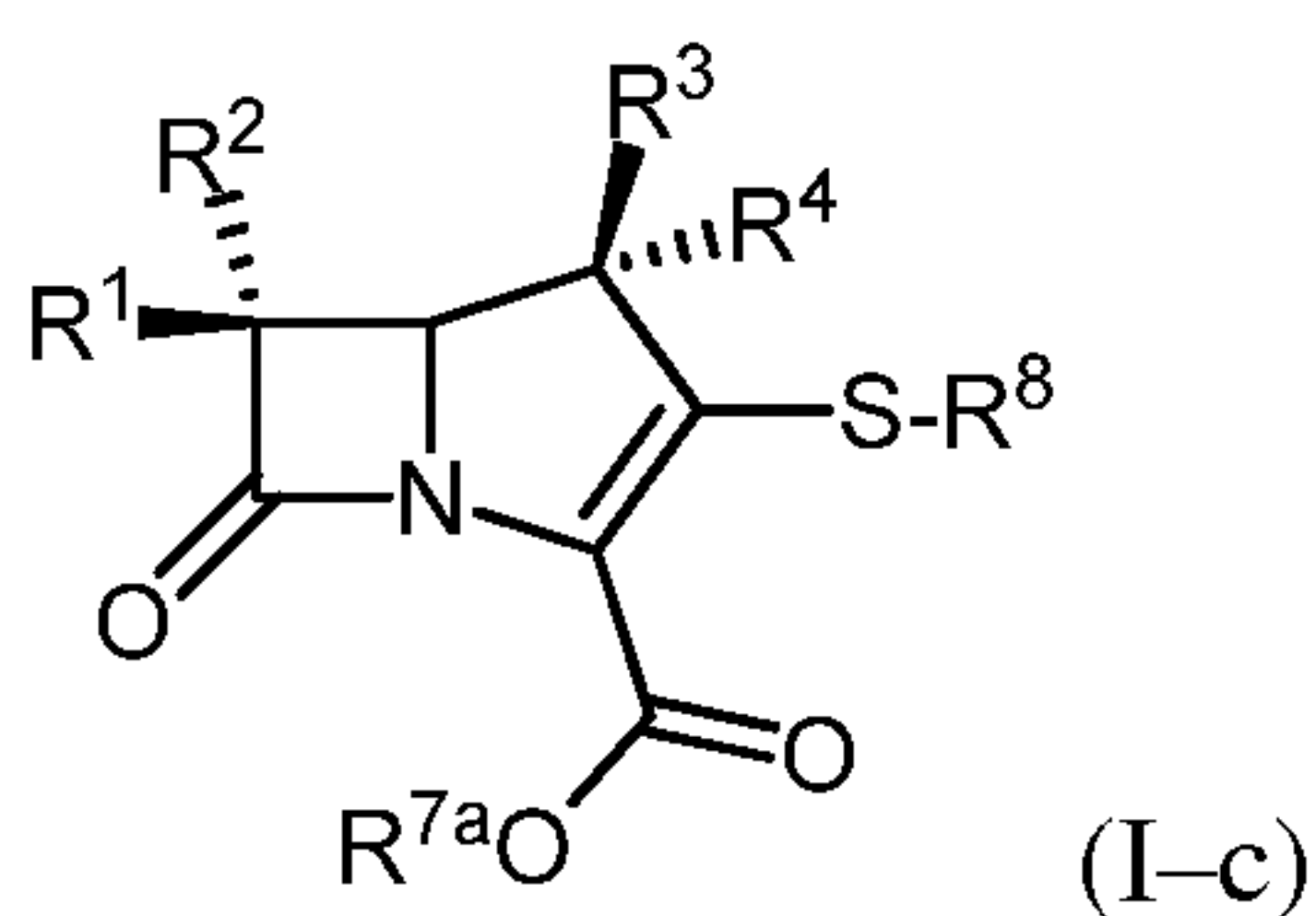


or a salt thereof, wherein $\equiv$ represents a double bond;
with a transferase enzyme and a compound of the formula:



wherein R^8 is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, and optionally substituted heteroaryl;

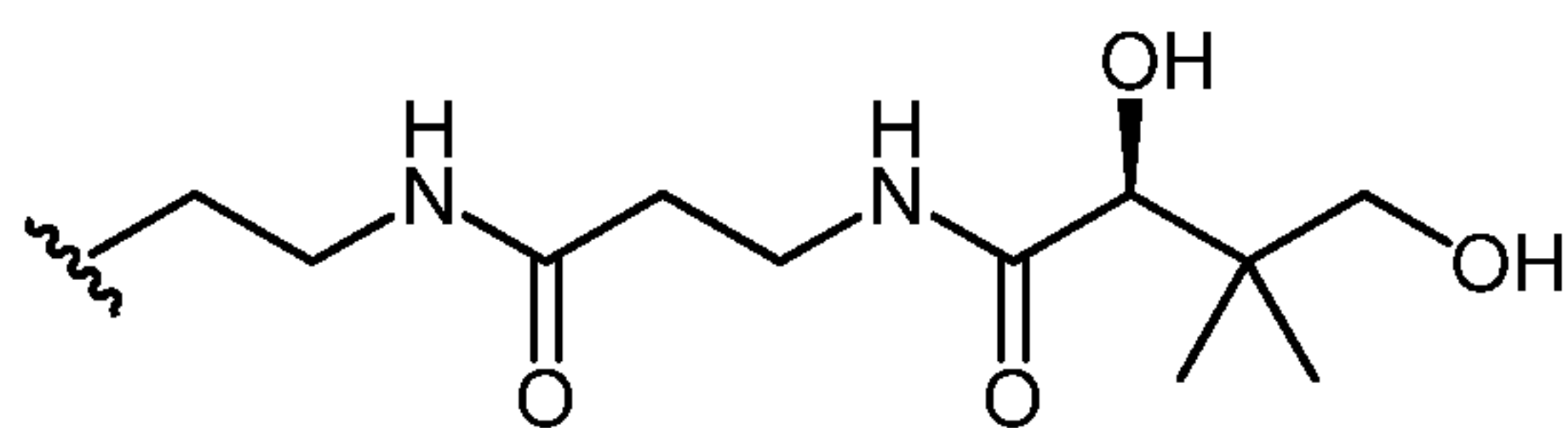
to provide a thiol-containing compound of Formula (I-c):



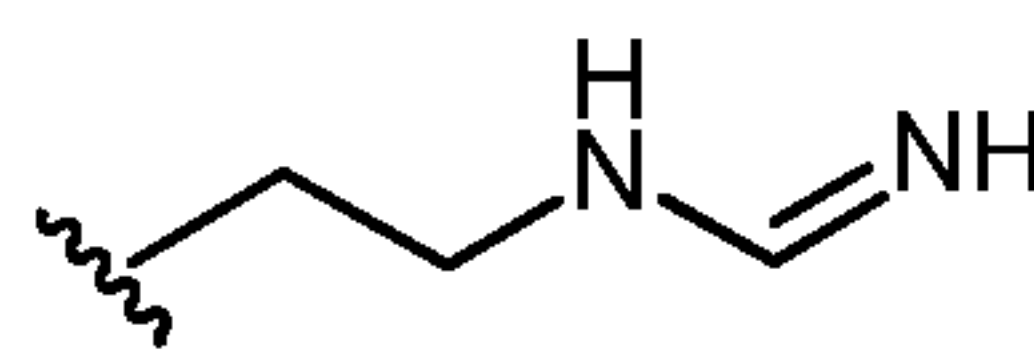
or salt thereof.

21. The lysate or method of claim 20, wherein R^8 is an optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, or optionally substituted heterocyclyl.

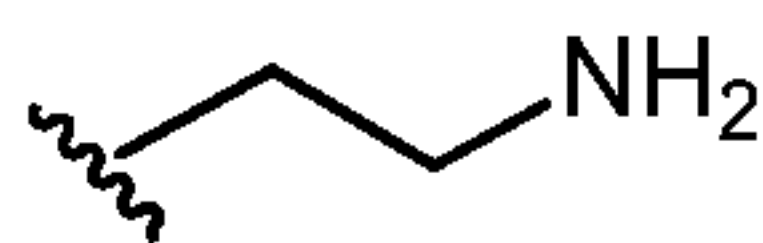
22. The lysate or method of claim 21, wherein R^8 is selected from the group consisting of:



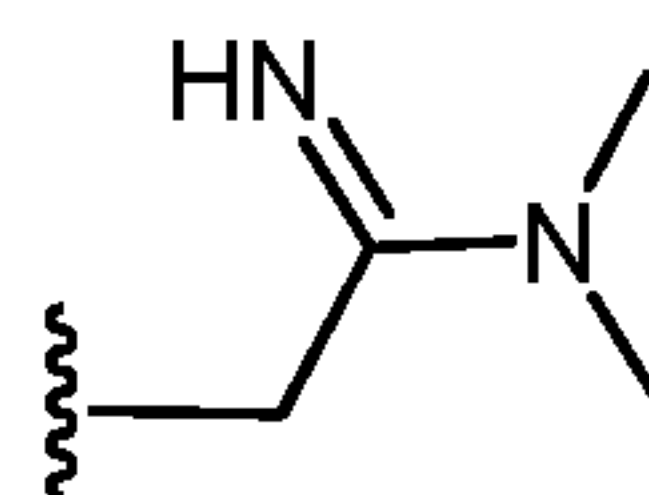
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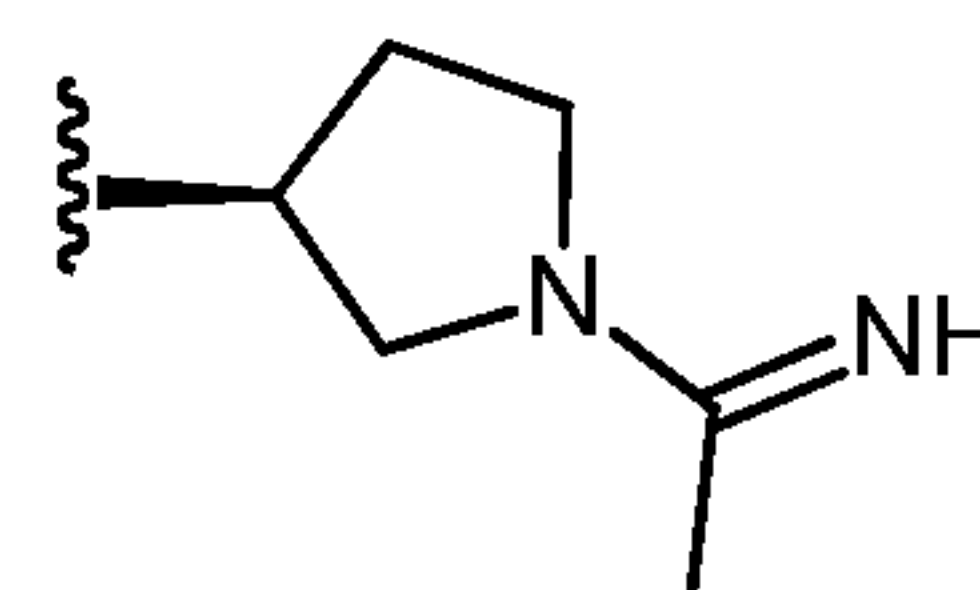
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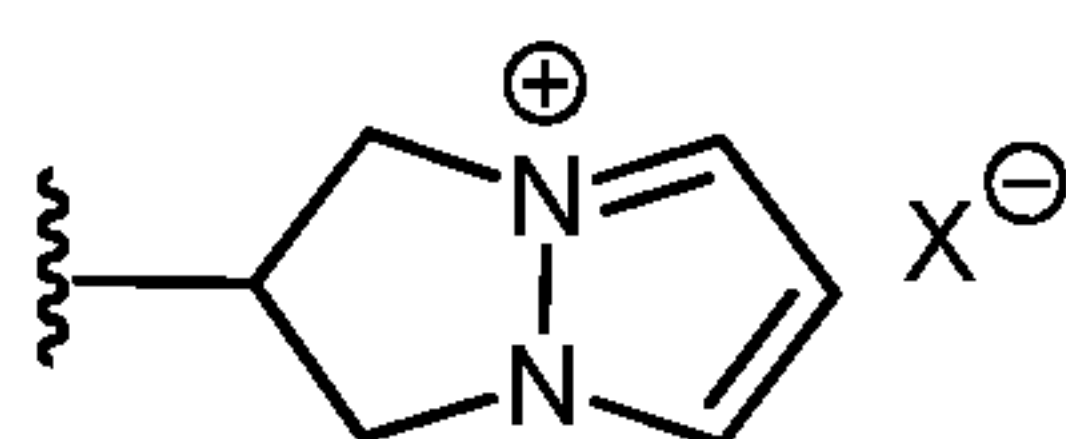
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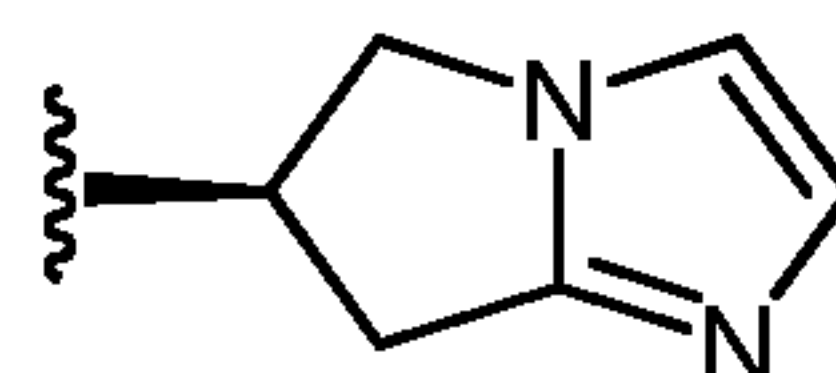
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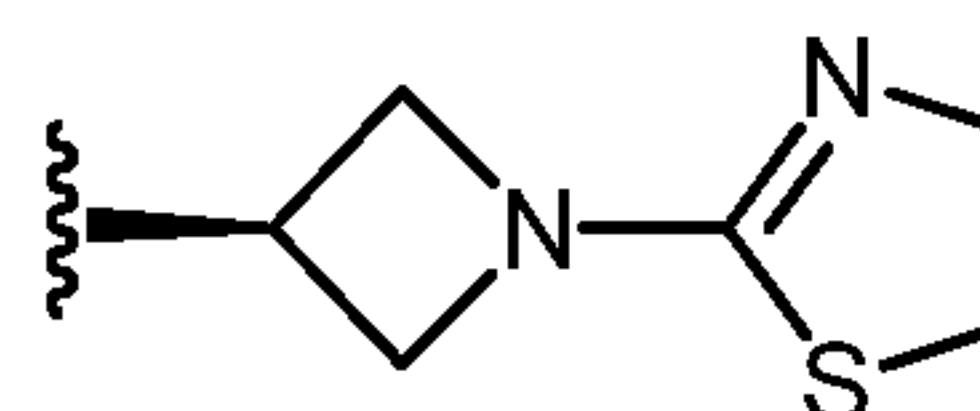
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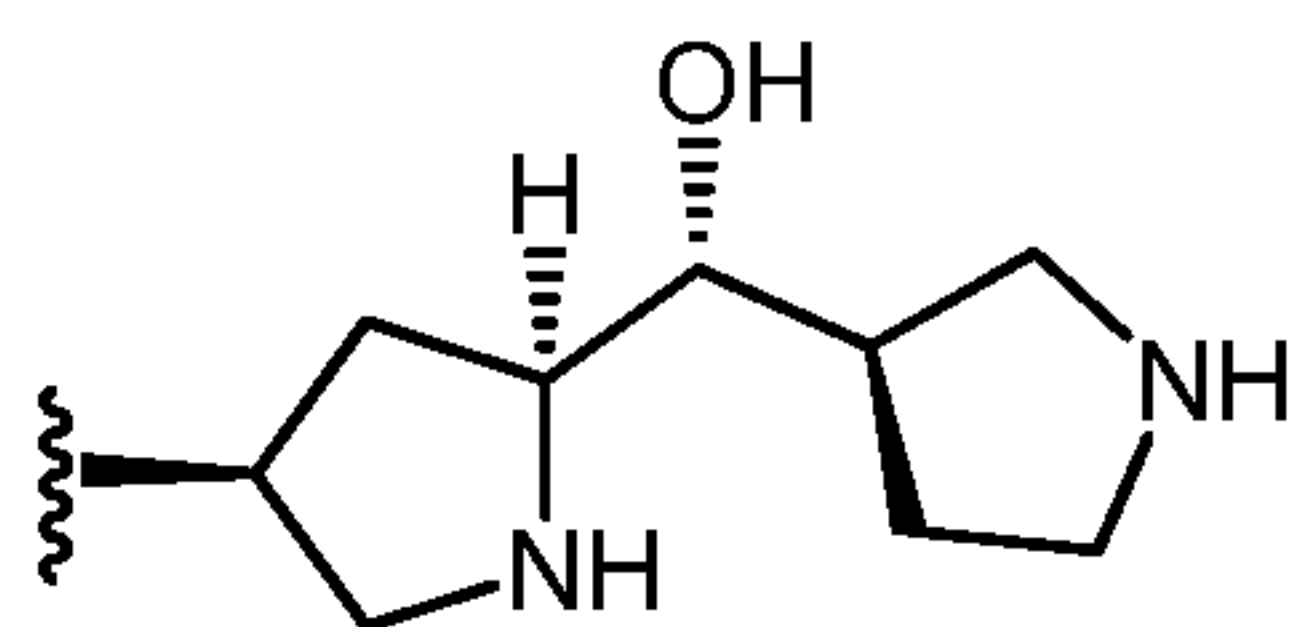
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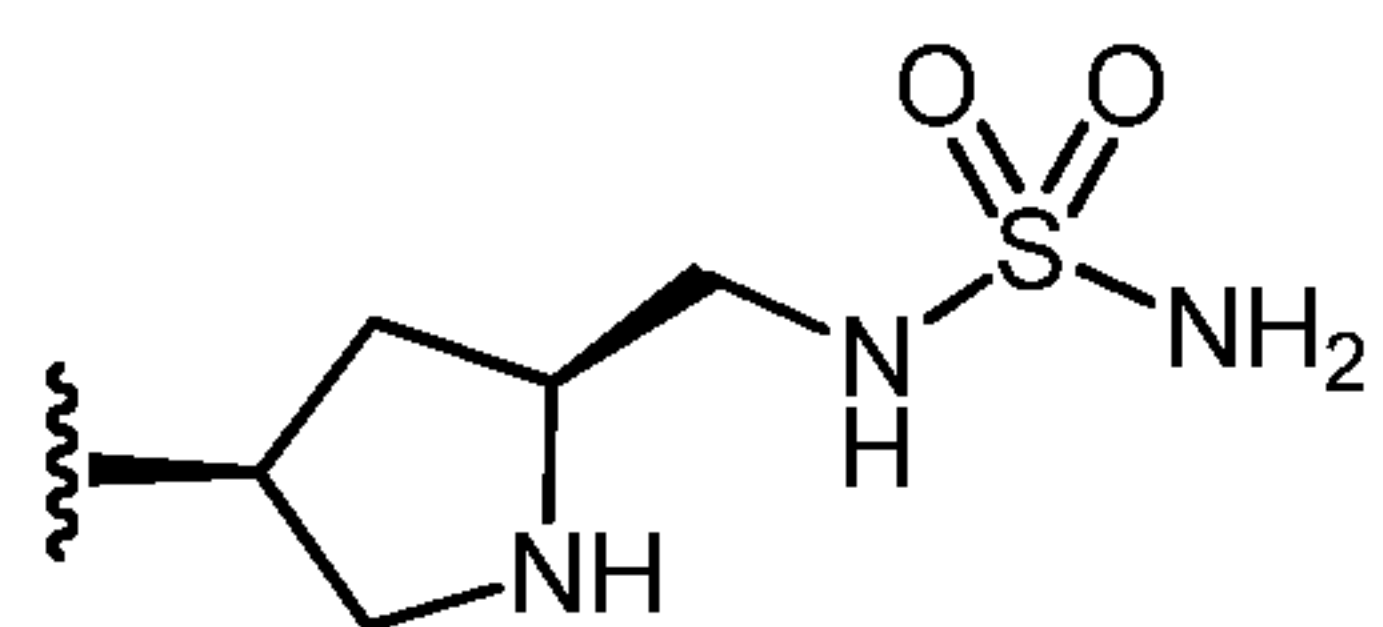
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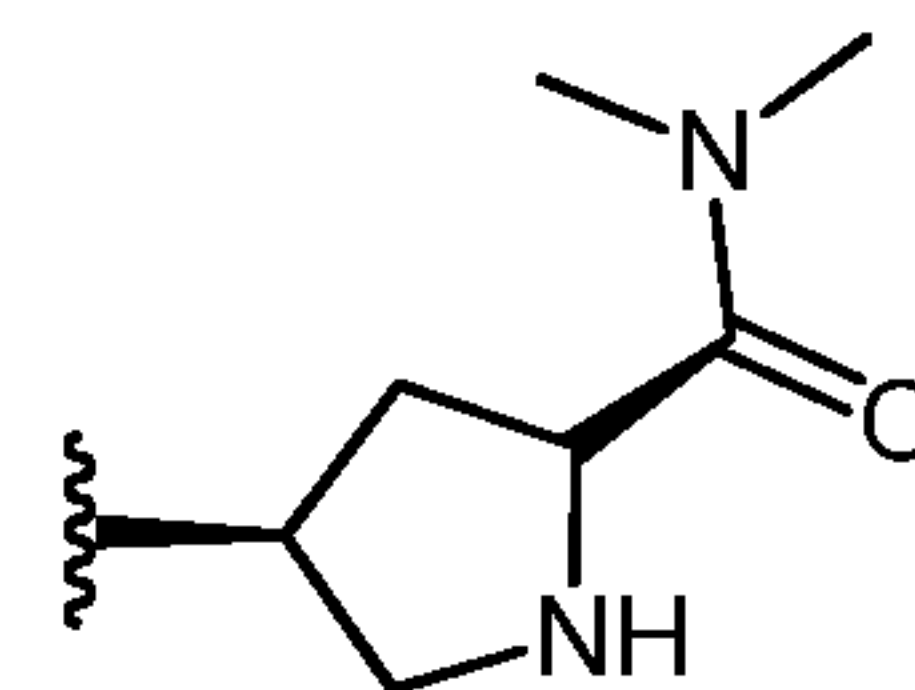
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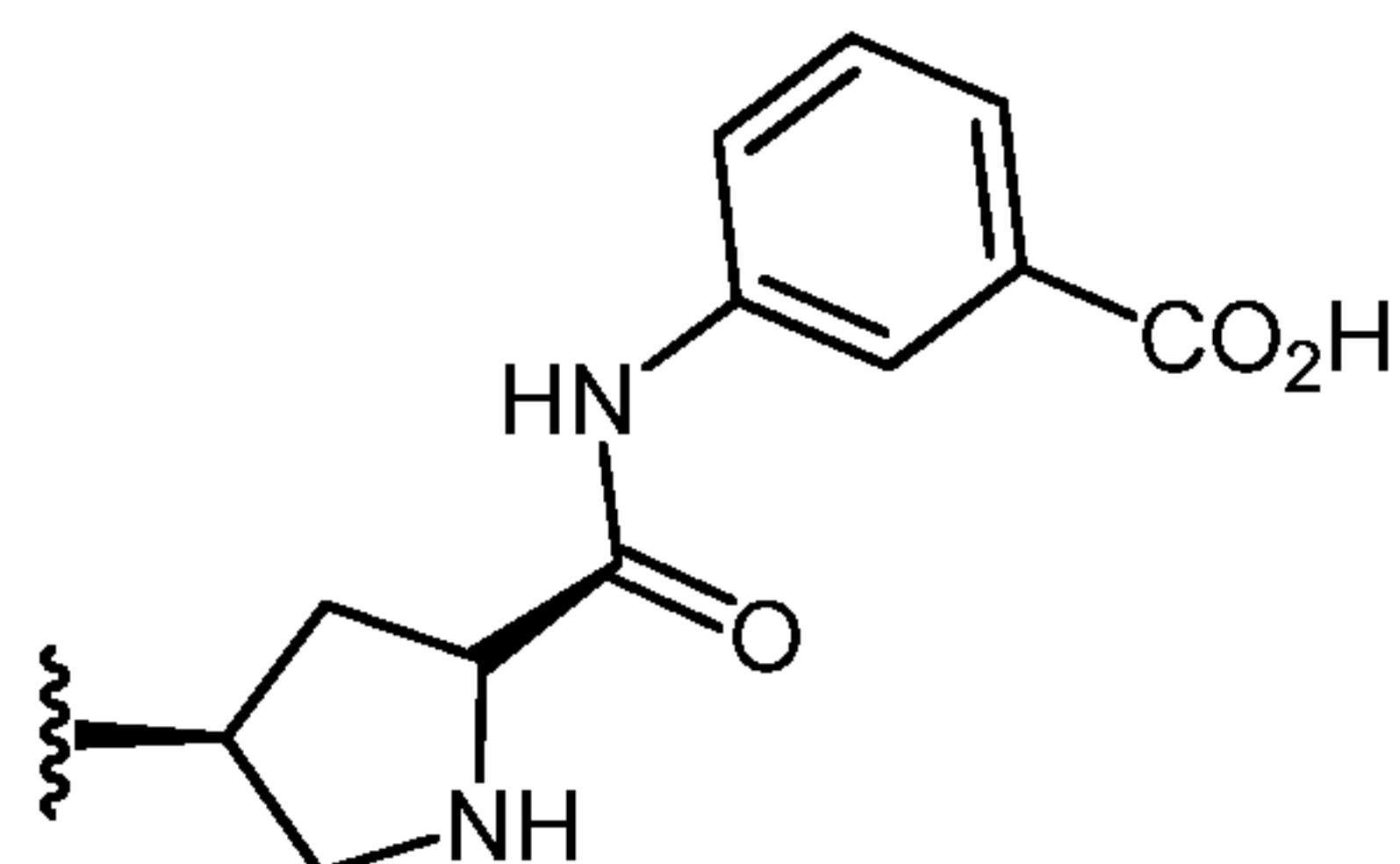
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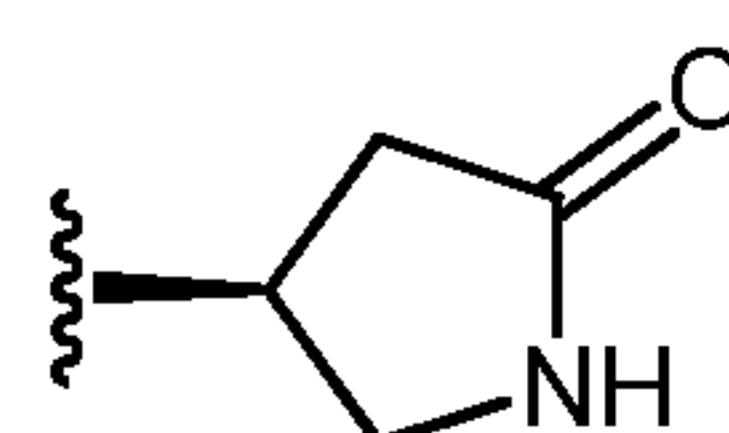
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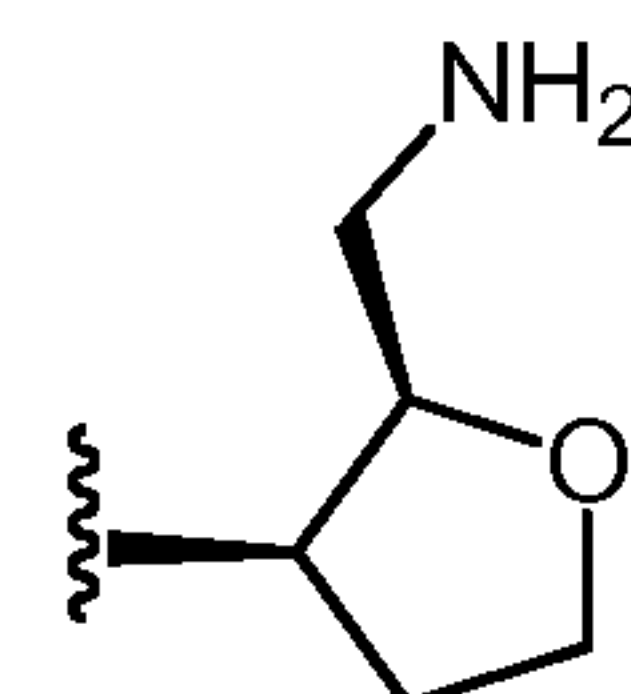
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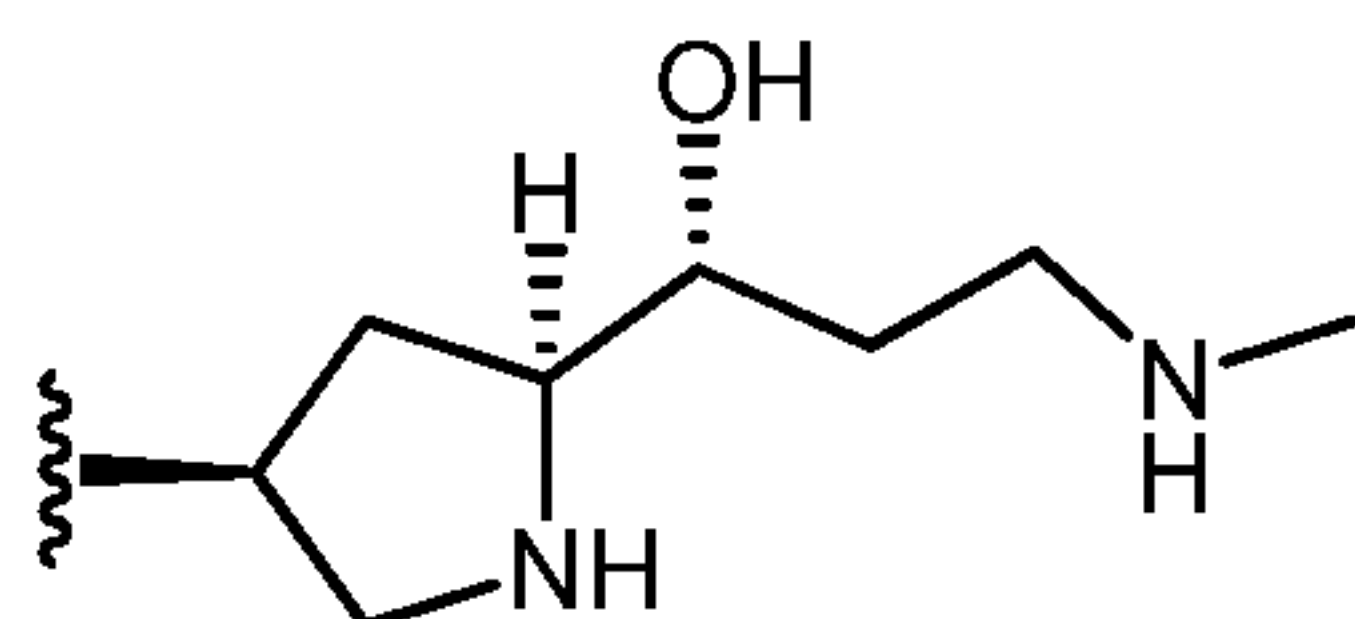
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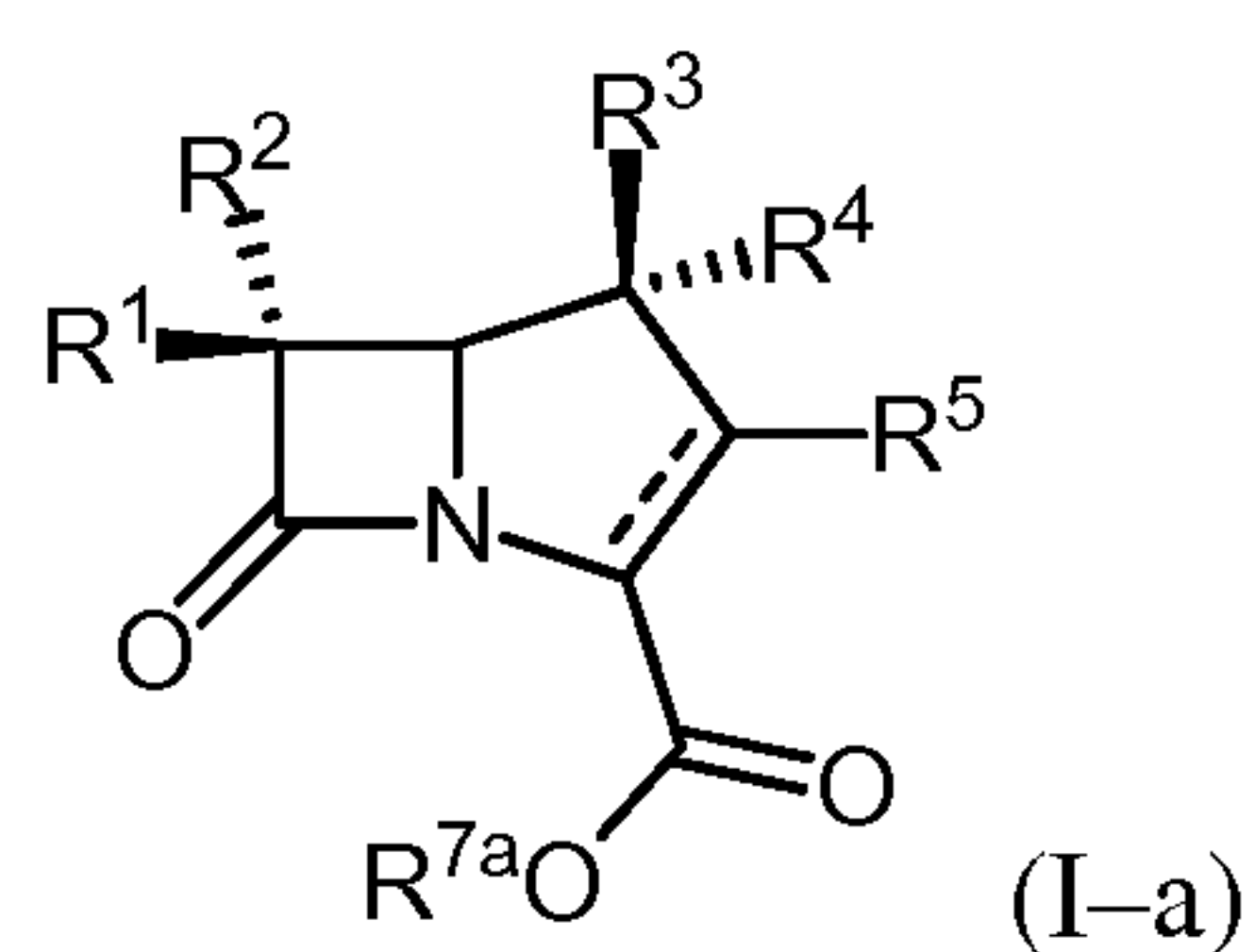


(o)

wherein X^- is a counterion.

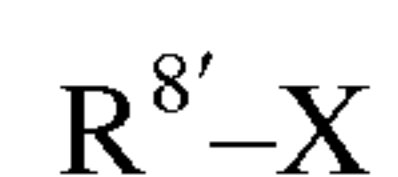
23. The lysate or method of claim 18, wherein R^5 is $-OH$.

24. The lysate or method of claim 23, wherein the compound of Formula (I-a):



or a salt or tautomer thereof, or a combination thereof, wherein $\equiv$ represents a double bond;

is contacted with a compound of the formula:

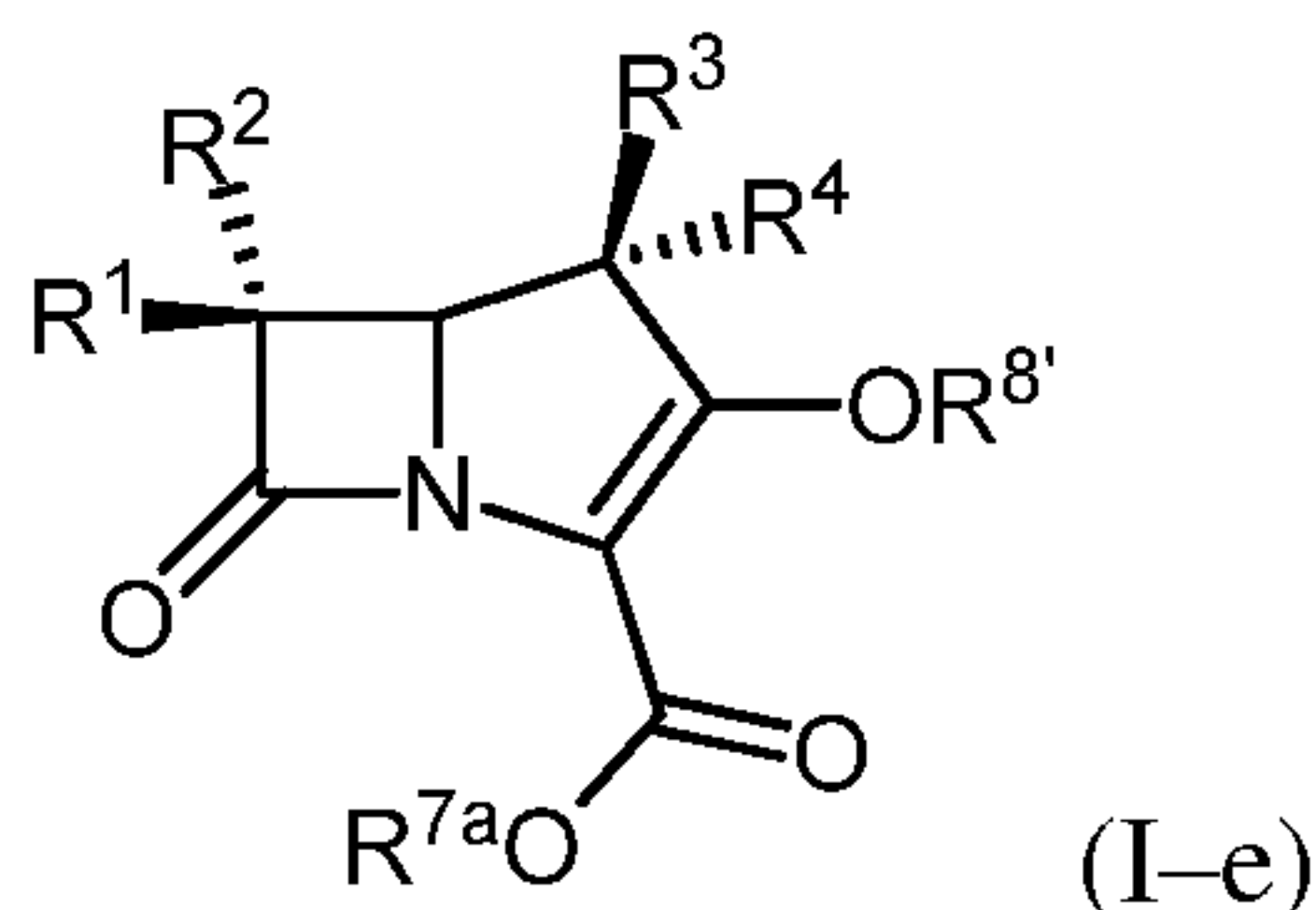


wherein:

X is a leaving group; and

$R^{8'}$ is selected from the group consisting of $-C(=O)R^{8a}$, $-C(=O)OR^{8a}$, $-C(=O)SR^{8a}$, $-C(=O)N(R^{8b})_2$, $-C(=NR^{8b})R^{8a}$, $-C(=NR^{8b})OR^{8a}$, $-C(=NR^{8b})SR^{8a}$, $-C(=NR^{8b})N(R^{8b})_2$, $-C(=S)R^{8a}$, $-C(=S)OR^{8a}$, $-C(=S)SR^{8a}$, $-C(=S)N(R^{8b})_2$, $-C(=O)NR^{8b}SO_2R^{8a}$, $-S(=O)R^{8a}$, $-SO_2R^{8a}$, $-SO_2N(R^{8a})_2$, $-Si(R^{8a})_3$, $-P(=O)(R^{8a})_2$, $-P(=O)(OR^{8a})_2$, $-P(=O)(R^{8a})(OR^{8a})$, $-P(=O)(R^{8a})(N(R^{8b})_2)$, $-P(=O)(N(R^{8b})_2)_2$, $-P(=O)_2R^{8a}$, $-P(=O)_2OR^{8a}$, $-P(=O)_2N(R^{8b})_2$, $-B(R^{8a})_2$, $-B(OR^{8a})_2$, and $-BR^{8a}(OR^{8a})$, wherein R^{8a} is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, if attached to an oxygen atom an oxygen protecting group, and if attached to a sulfur atom a sulfur protecting group, or two R^{8a} groups or an R^{8a} and R^{8b} group are joined to form an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring; and each instance of R^{8b} is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, and a nitrogen protecting group, or two R^{8b} are joined to form an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring;

to provide a compound of Formula (I-e):

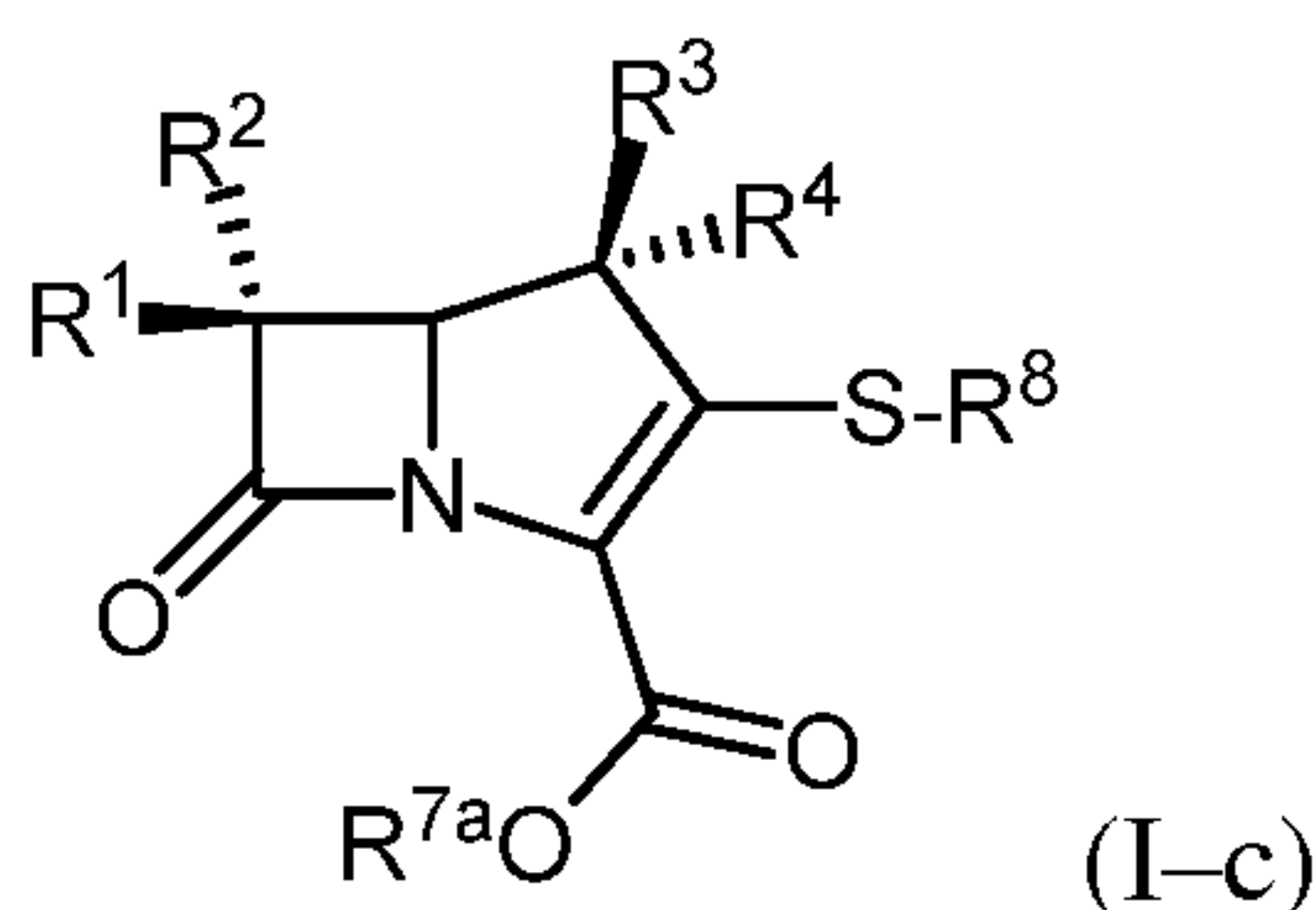


or salt thereof.

25. The lysate or method of claim 24, wherein the compound of Formula (I-e) is contacted with a compound of the formula $HS-R^8$,

wherein R^8 is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted heteroalkyl, optionally substituted heteroalkenyl, optionally substituted heteroalkynyl, optionally substituted carbocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, and optionally substituted heteroaryl;

to provide a thiol-containing compound of Formula (I-c):



or salt thereof.

26. The lysate or method of any one of claims 15 to 25, wherein R^2 is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$.

27. The lysate or method of claim 26, further comprising contacting the compound with an oxygenase enzyme to provide a hydroxylated compound wherein R^2 is $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$.

28. The lysate or method of any one of claims 15 to 25, wherein R^1 and R^2 are both hydrogen.

29. The lysate or method of claim 28, further comprising contacting the compound with an methyltransferase enzyme to provide a compound wherein R^1 is hydrogen and R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$ or $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$.

30. The lysate or method of claim 29, further comprising contacting the compound wherein R^2 is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ with an oxygenase enzyme to provide a hydroxylated compound wherein R^2 is $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$.

31. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound or salt thereof prepared by the method of any one of claims 2–30 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

32. A method of treating a bacterial infection, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound or salt thereof prepared by the method of any one of claims 2–30 or a pharmaceutical composition of claim 31 to a subject in need thereof.

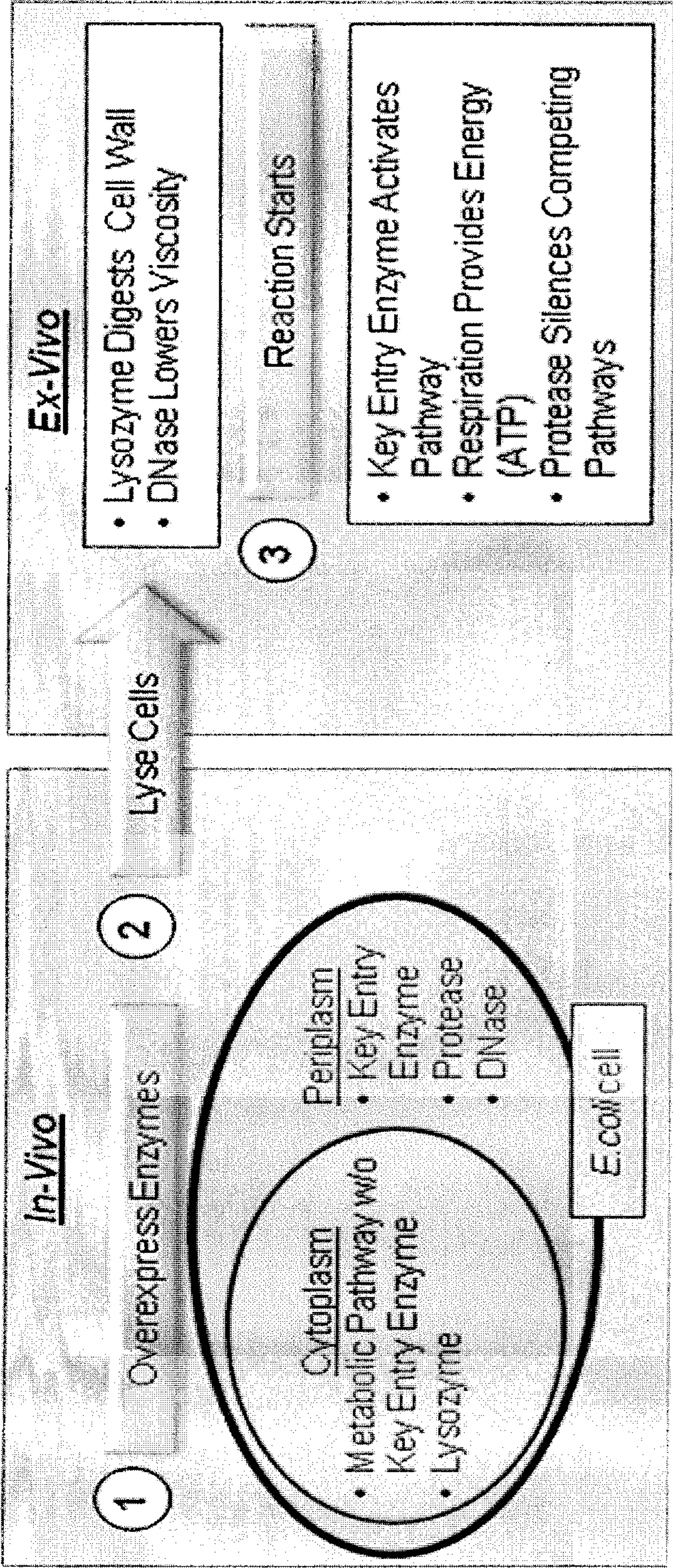


Figure 1

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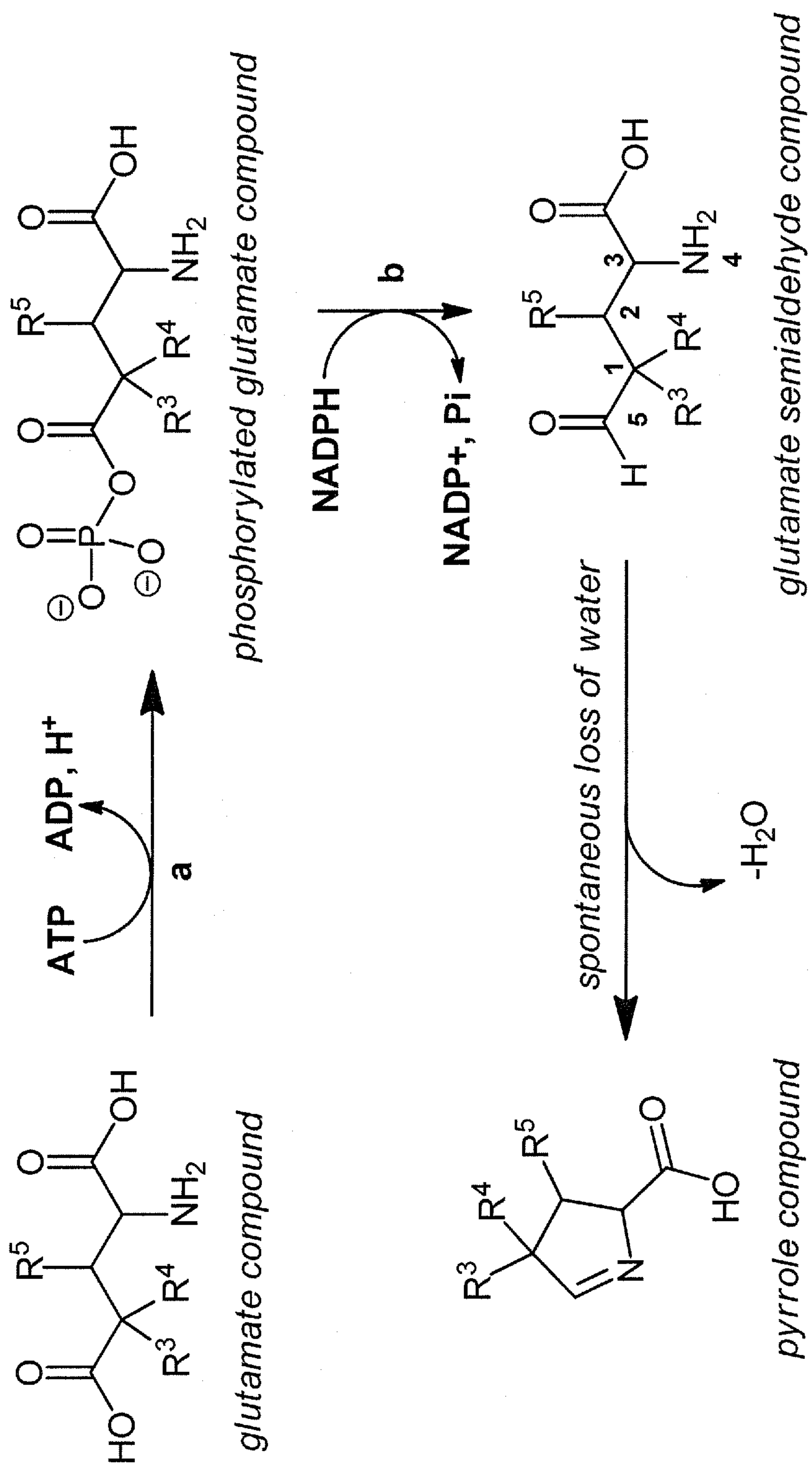
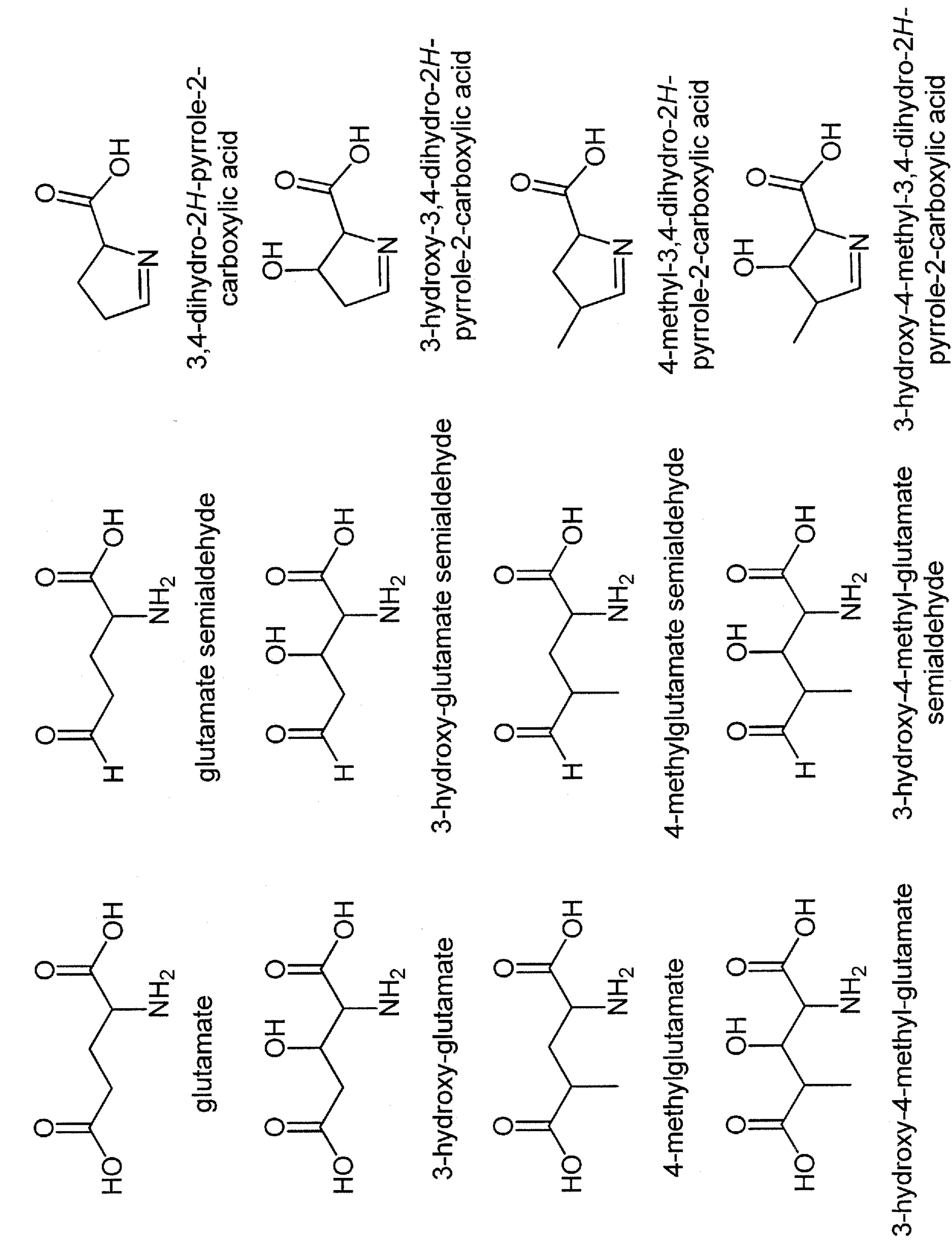


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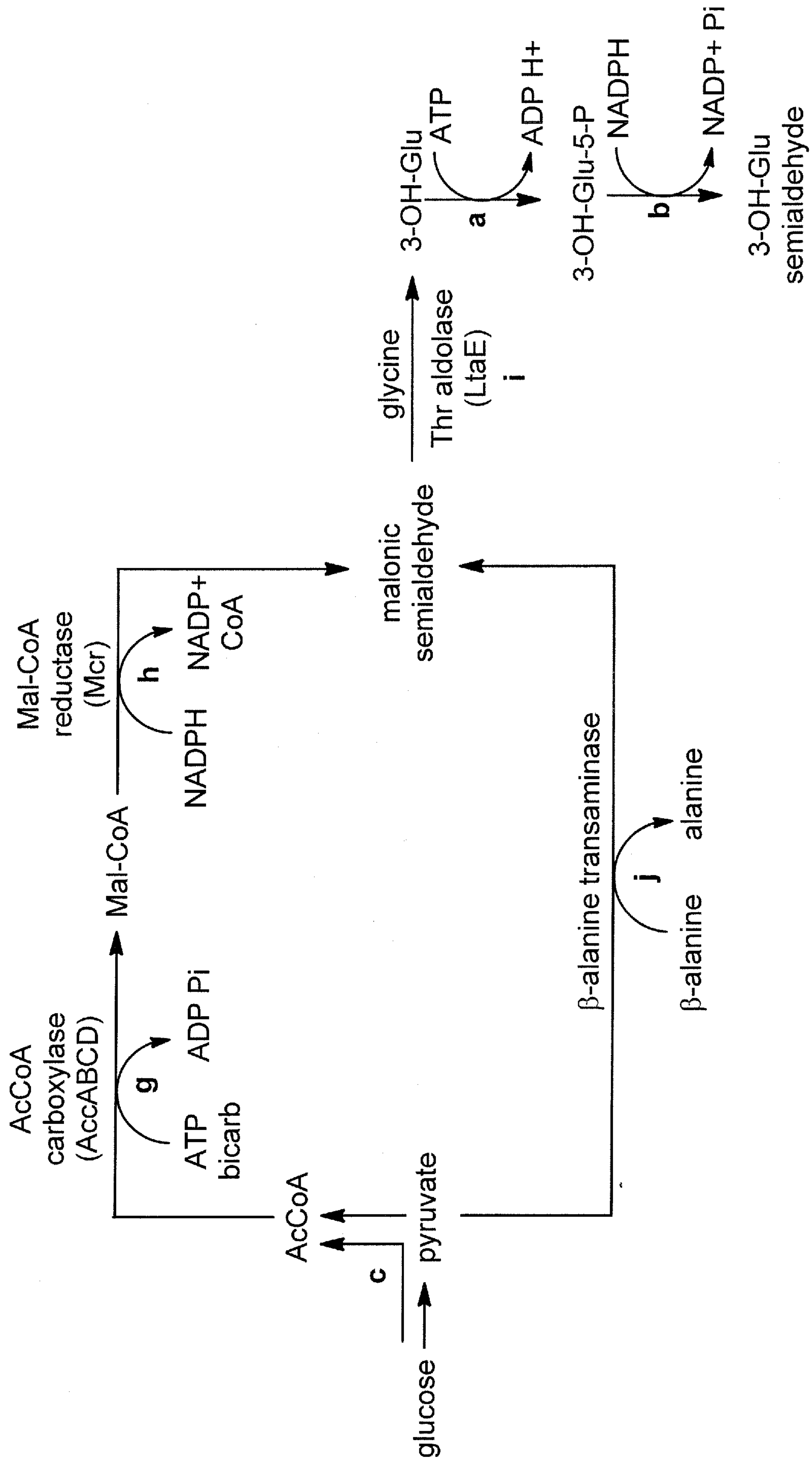


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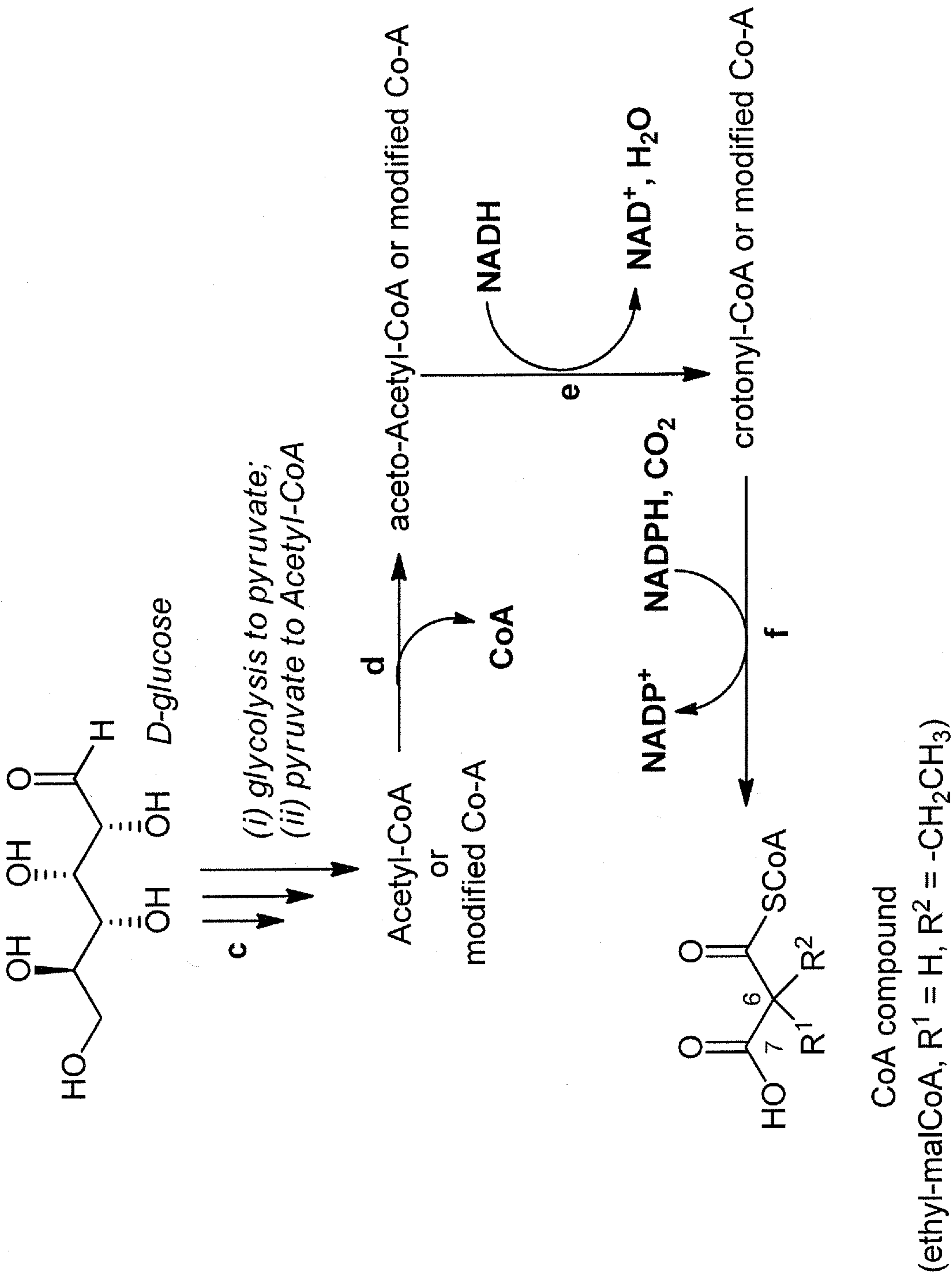


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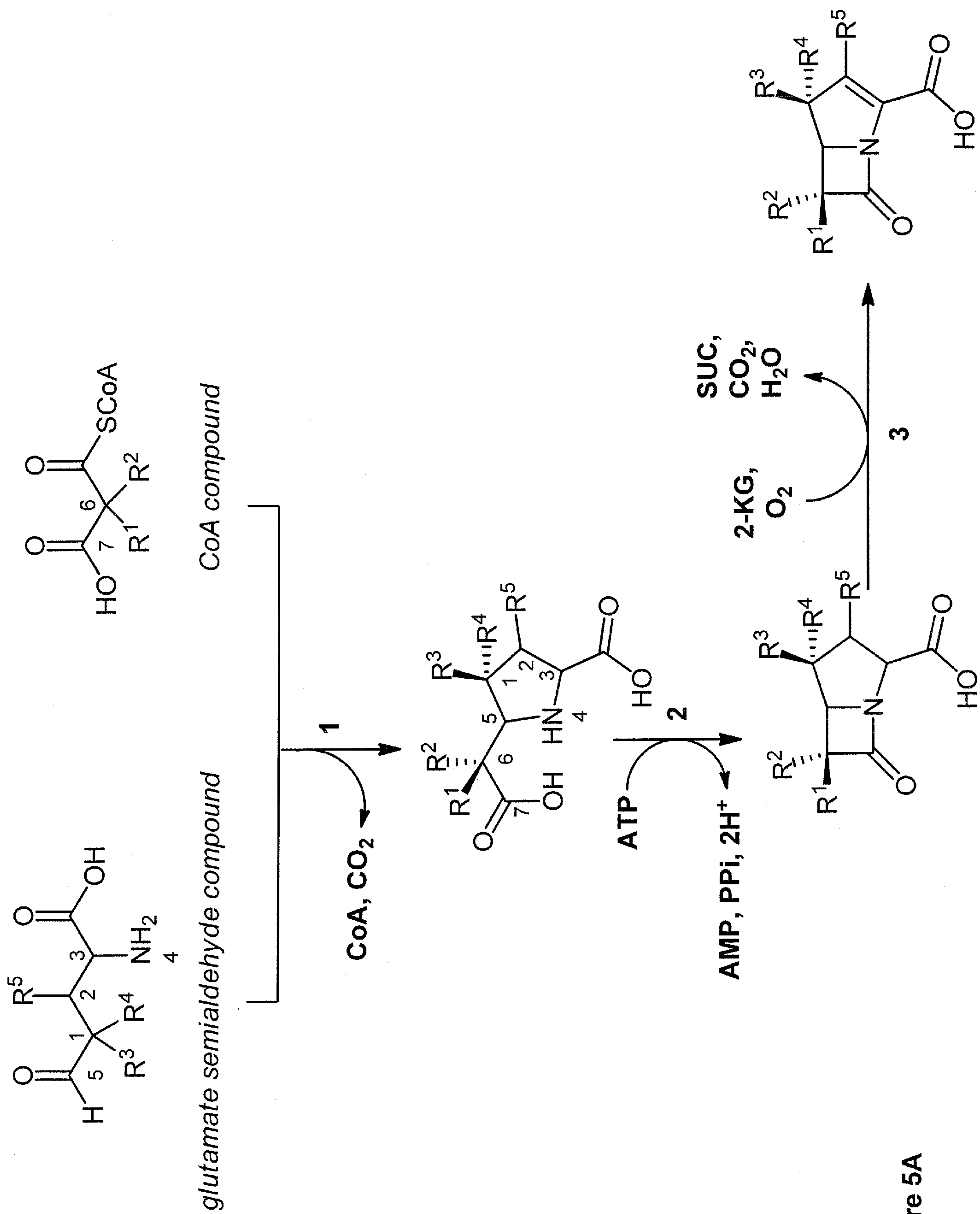
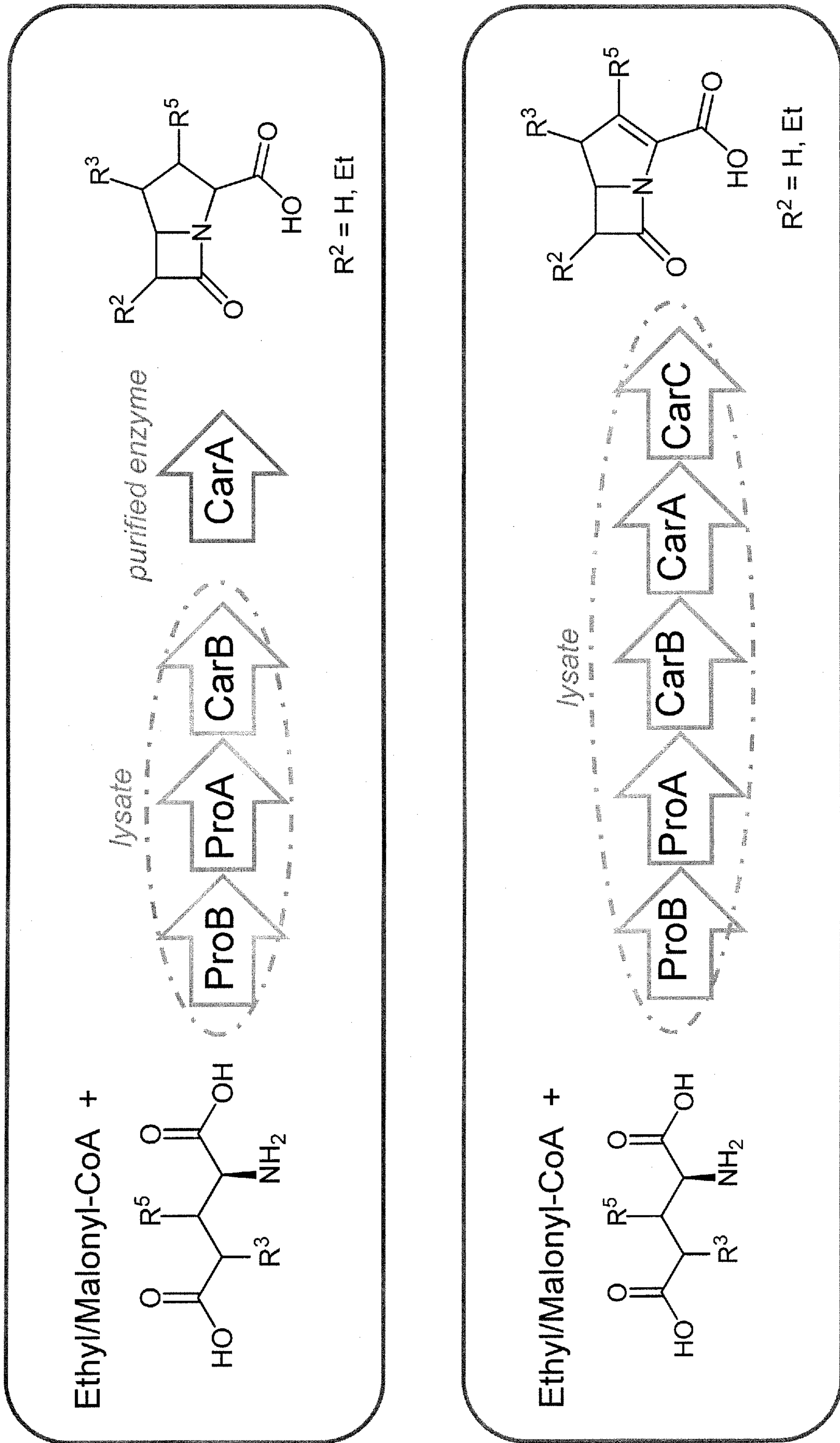


Figure 5A

Figure 5B



Enzymatic attachment of ethyl side chain, $R^1, R^2 = H$

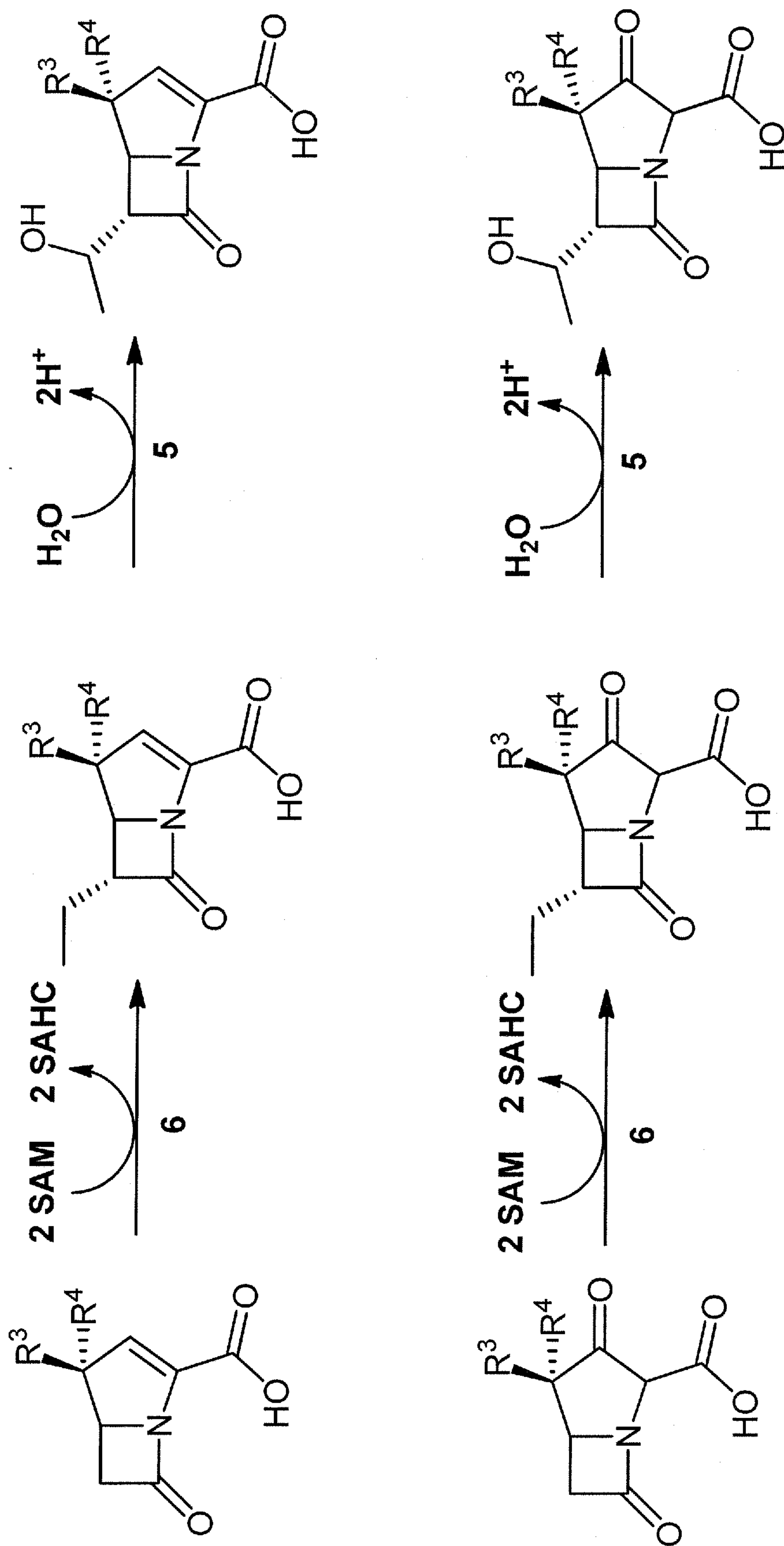


Figure 6A

Enzymatic attachment of the -SR⁸ side chain, R⁵ = H

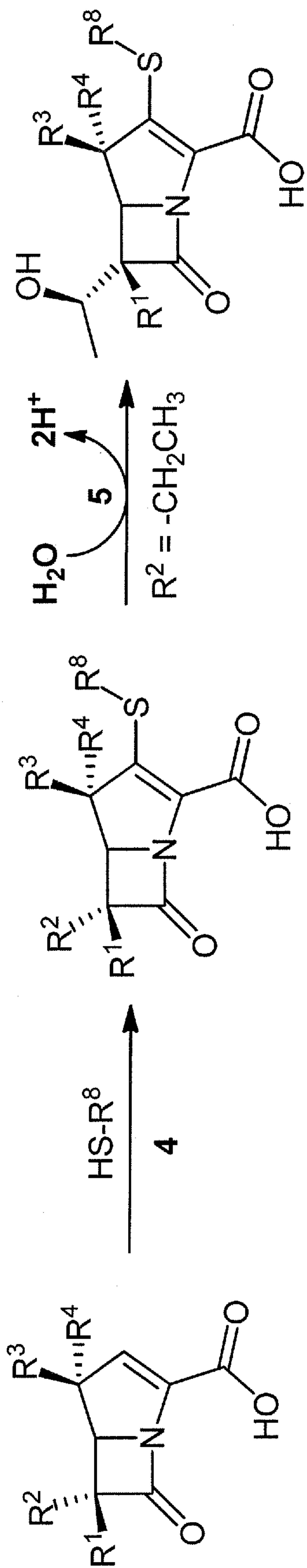
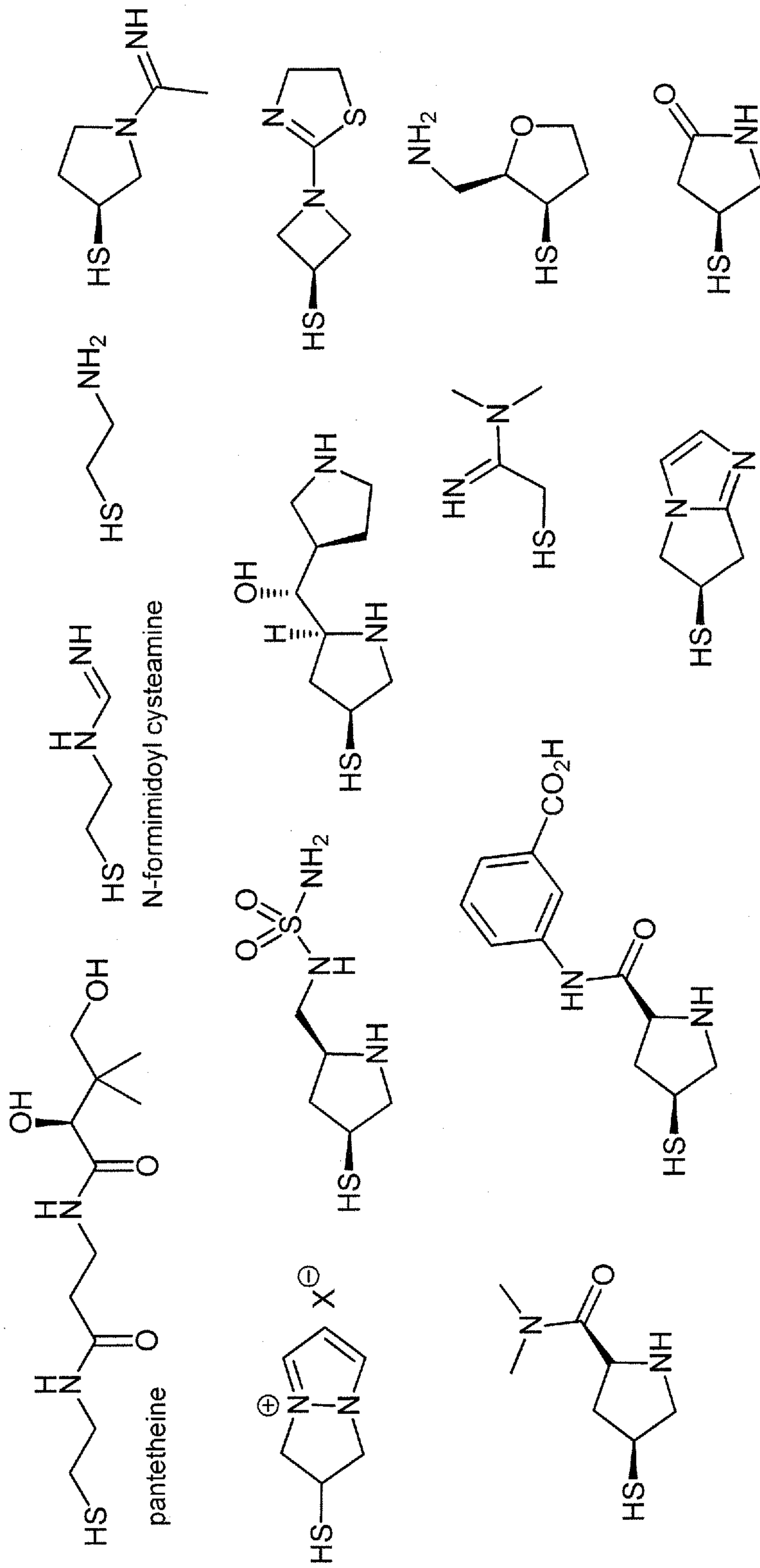
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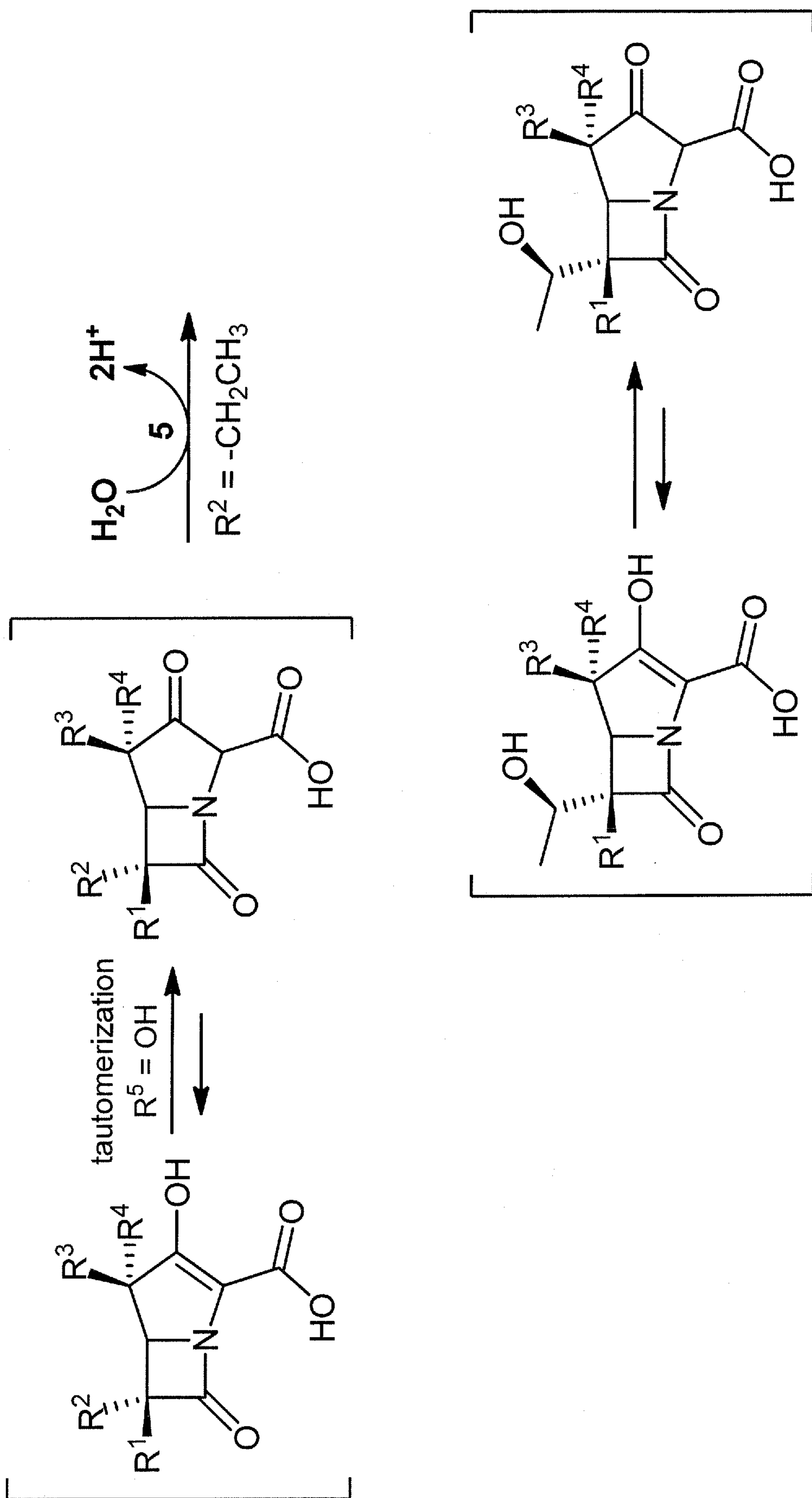


Figure 7

Chemical attachment of $-SR^8$ side chain, $R^5 = -OH$, $=O$

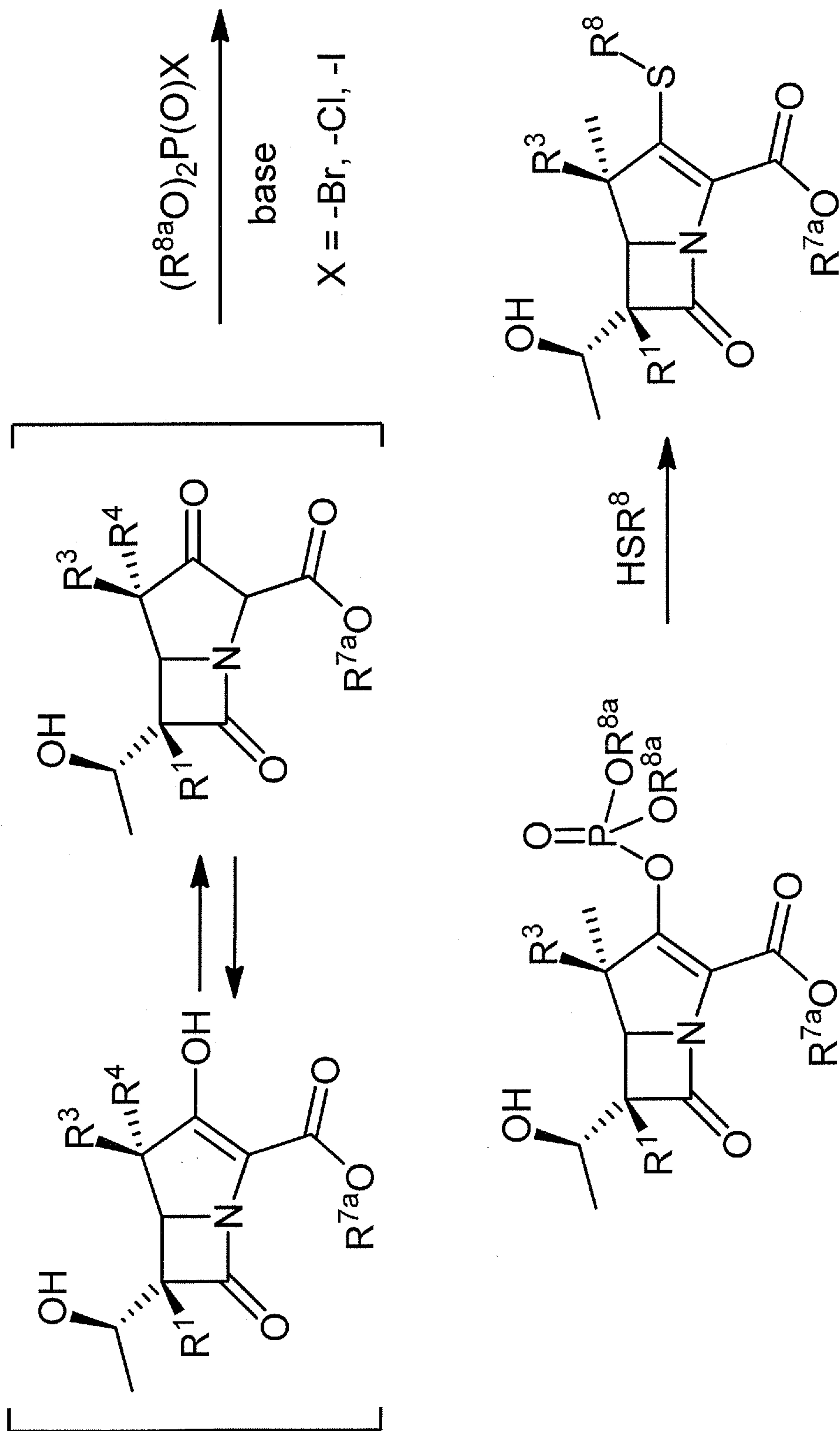


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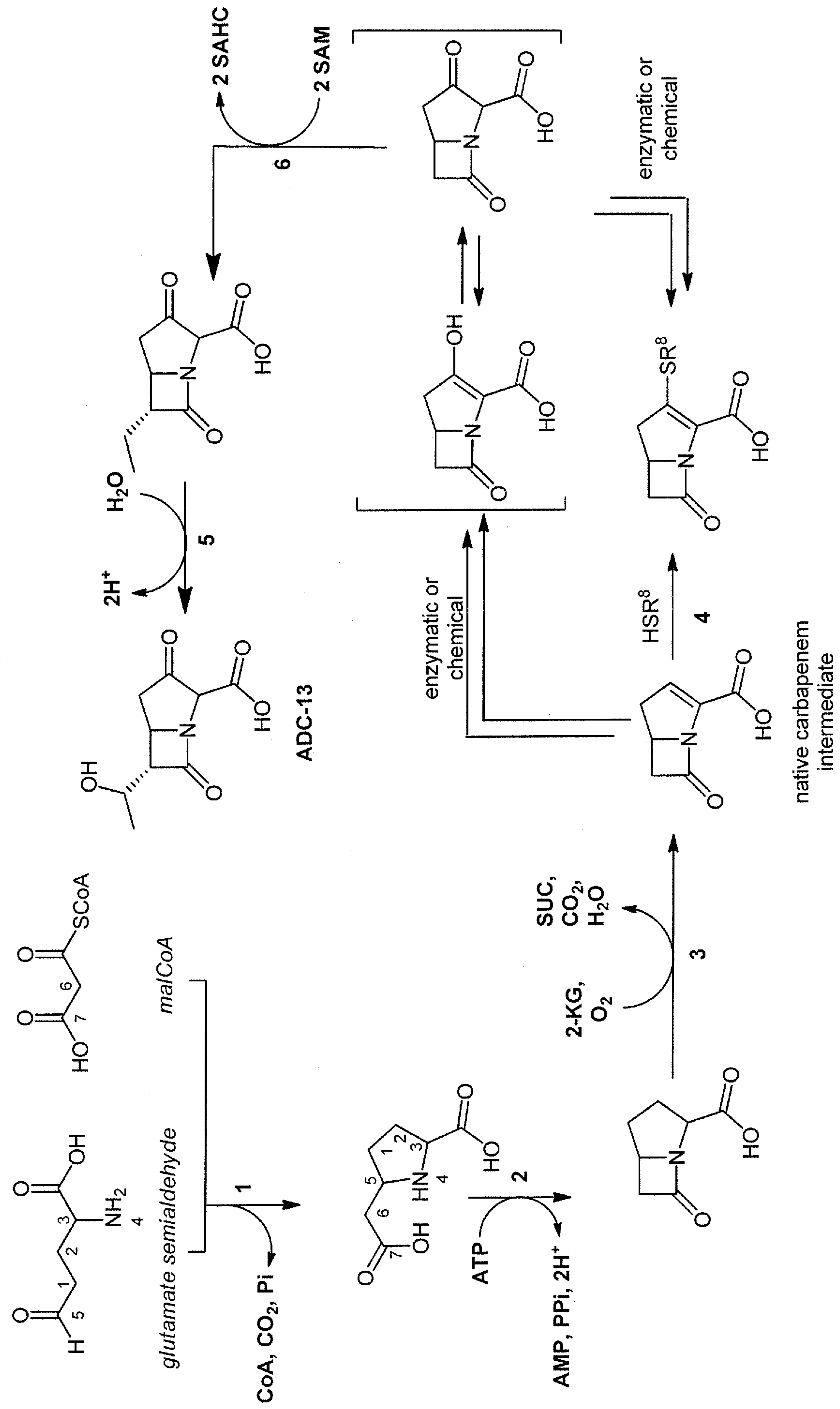


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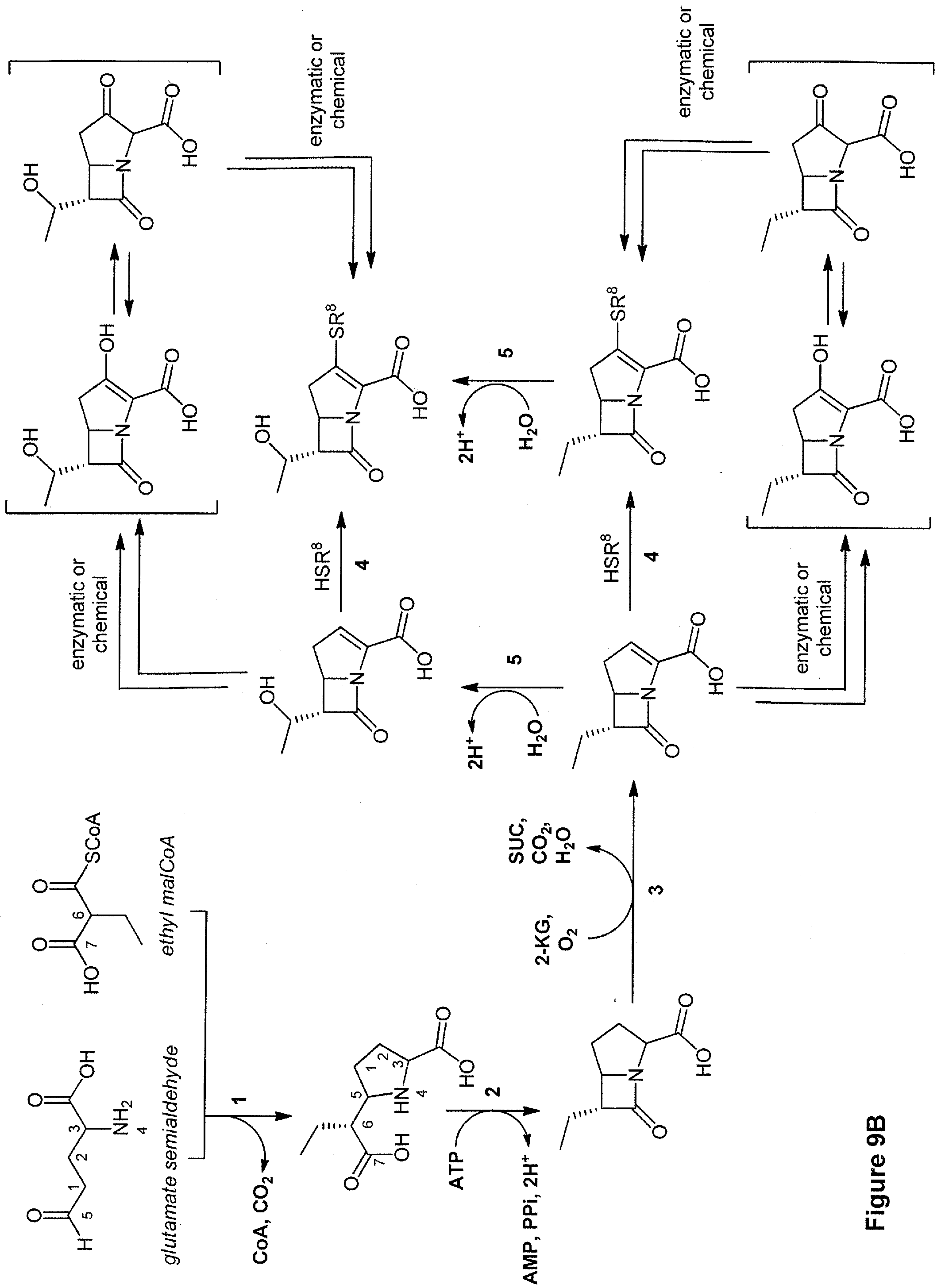


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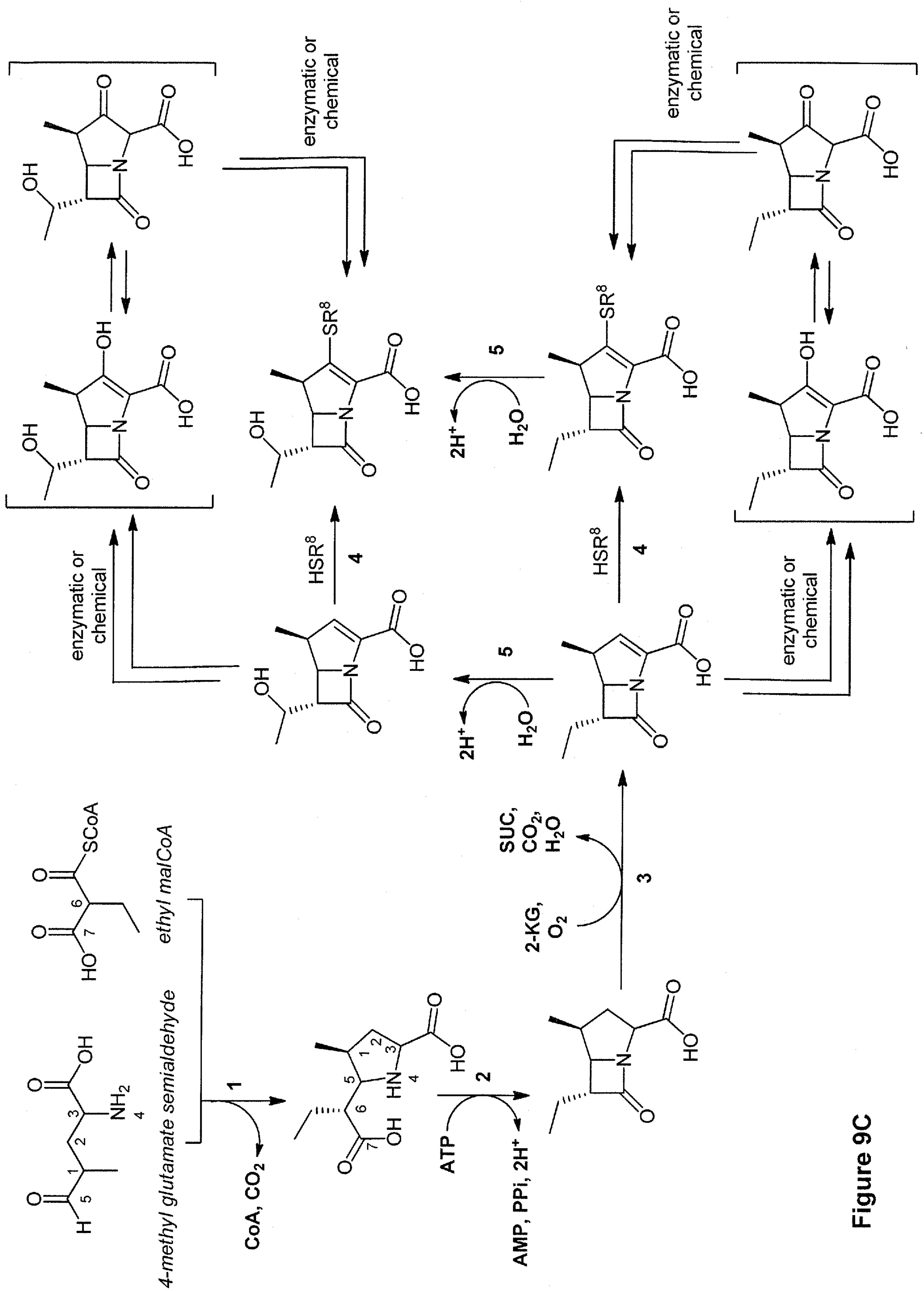


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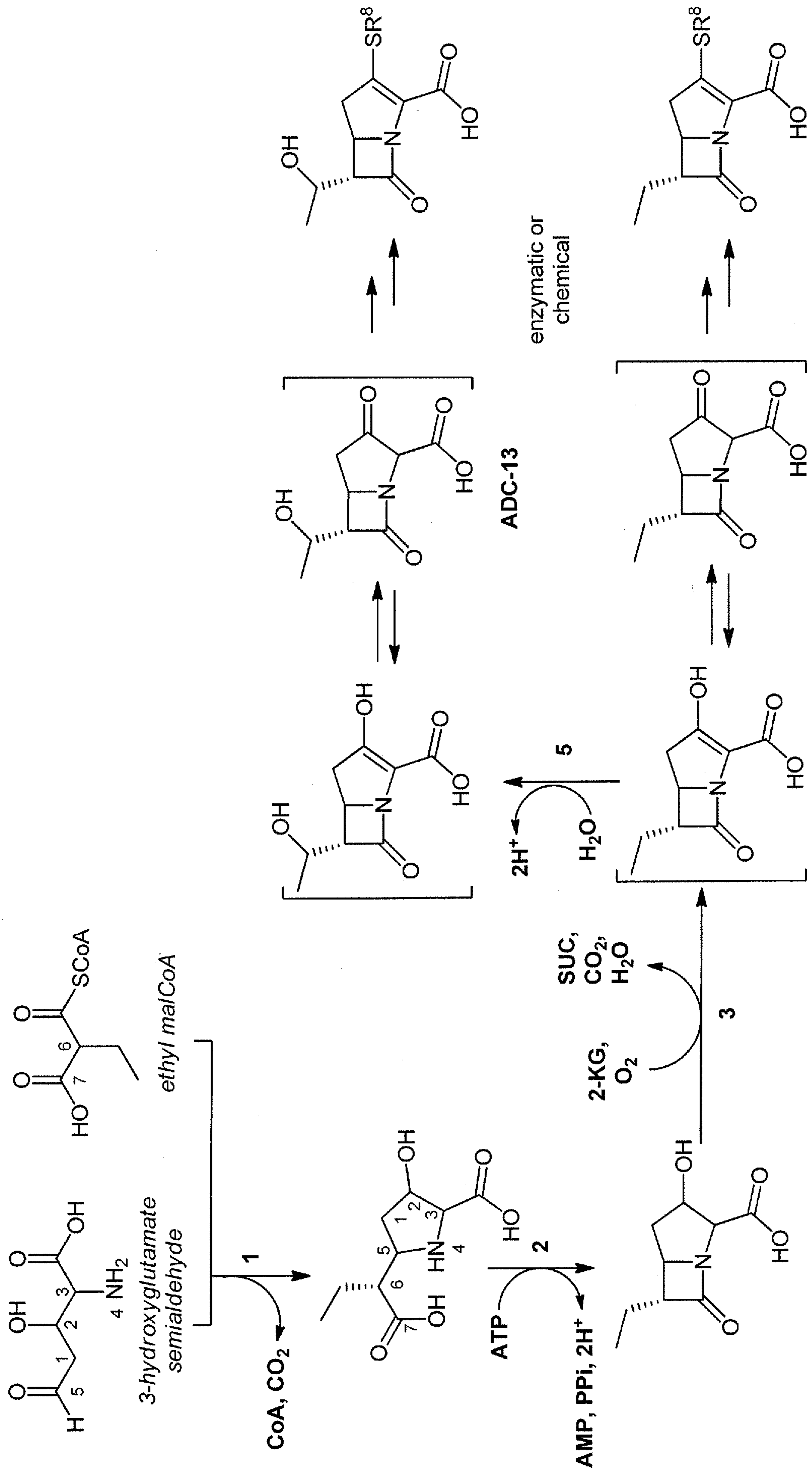


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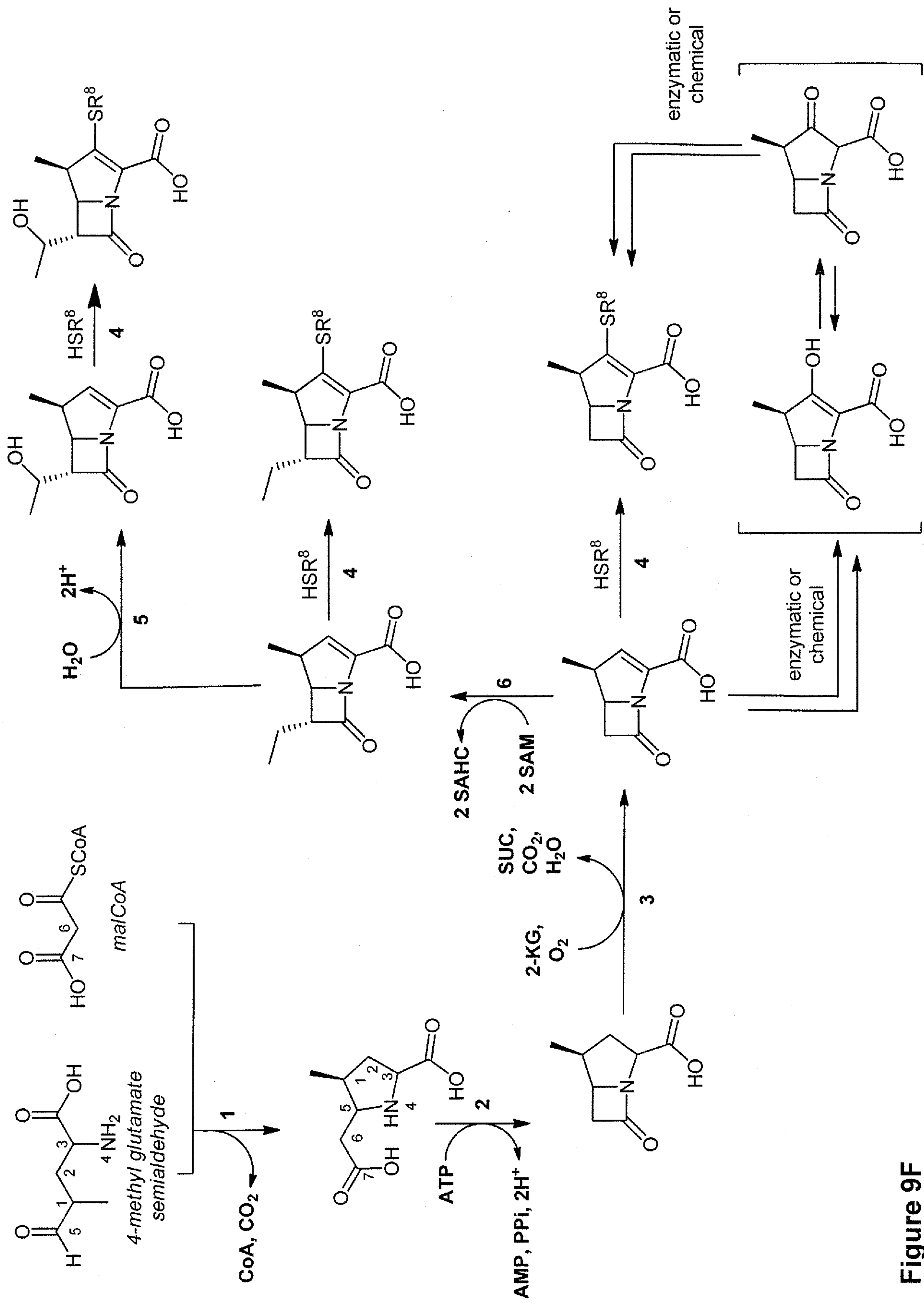


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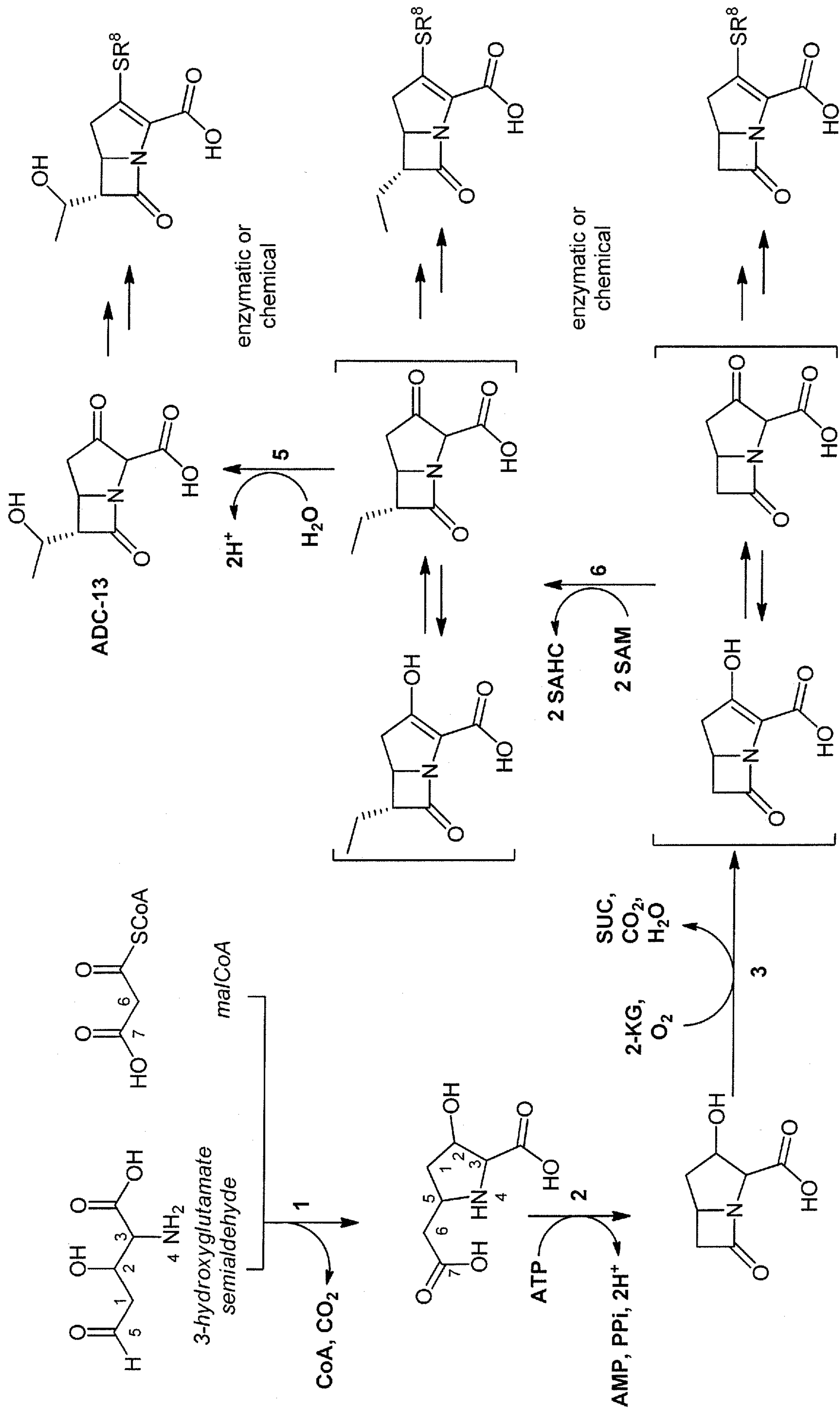


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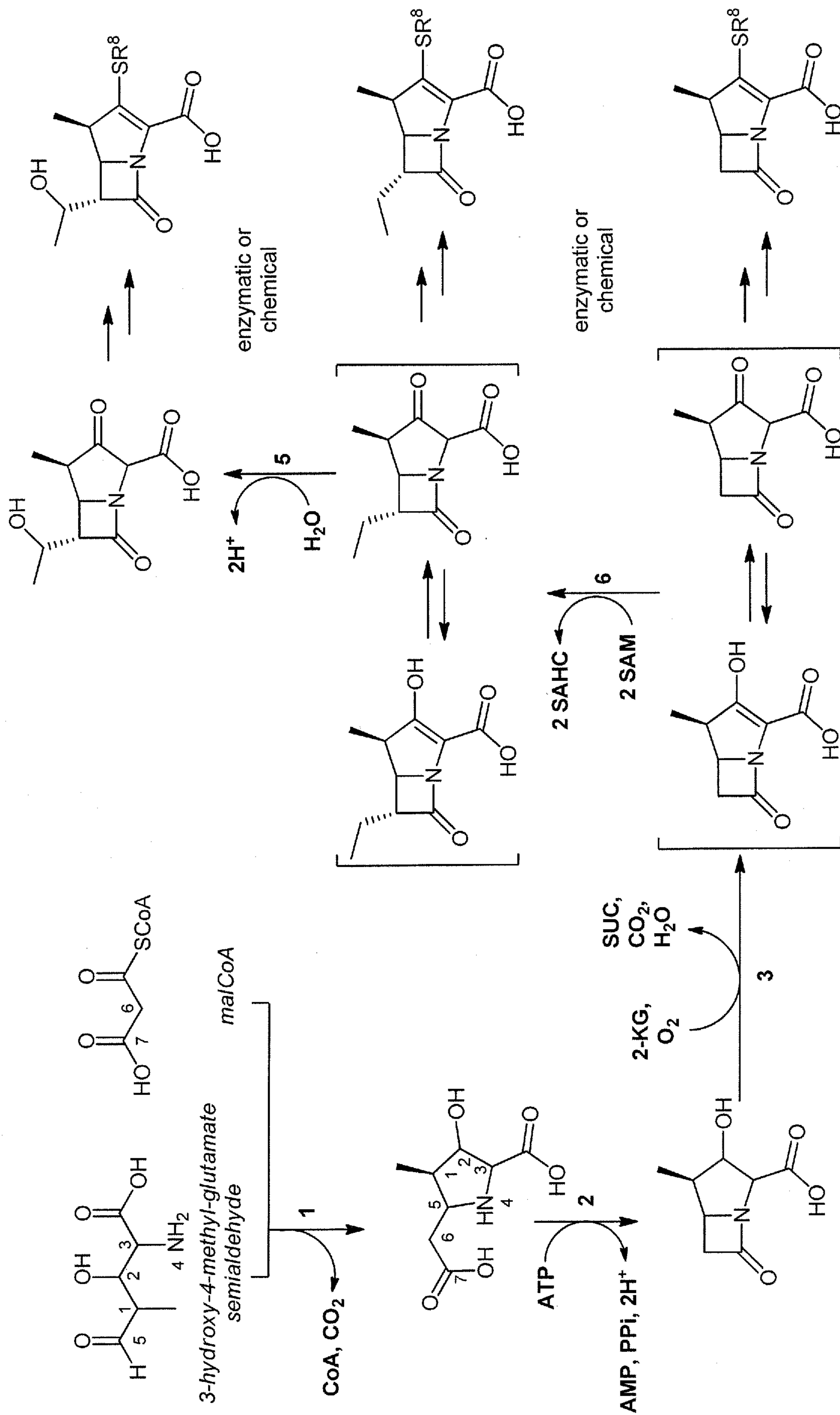


Figure 9H

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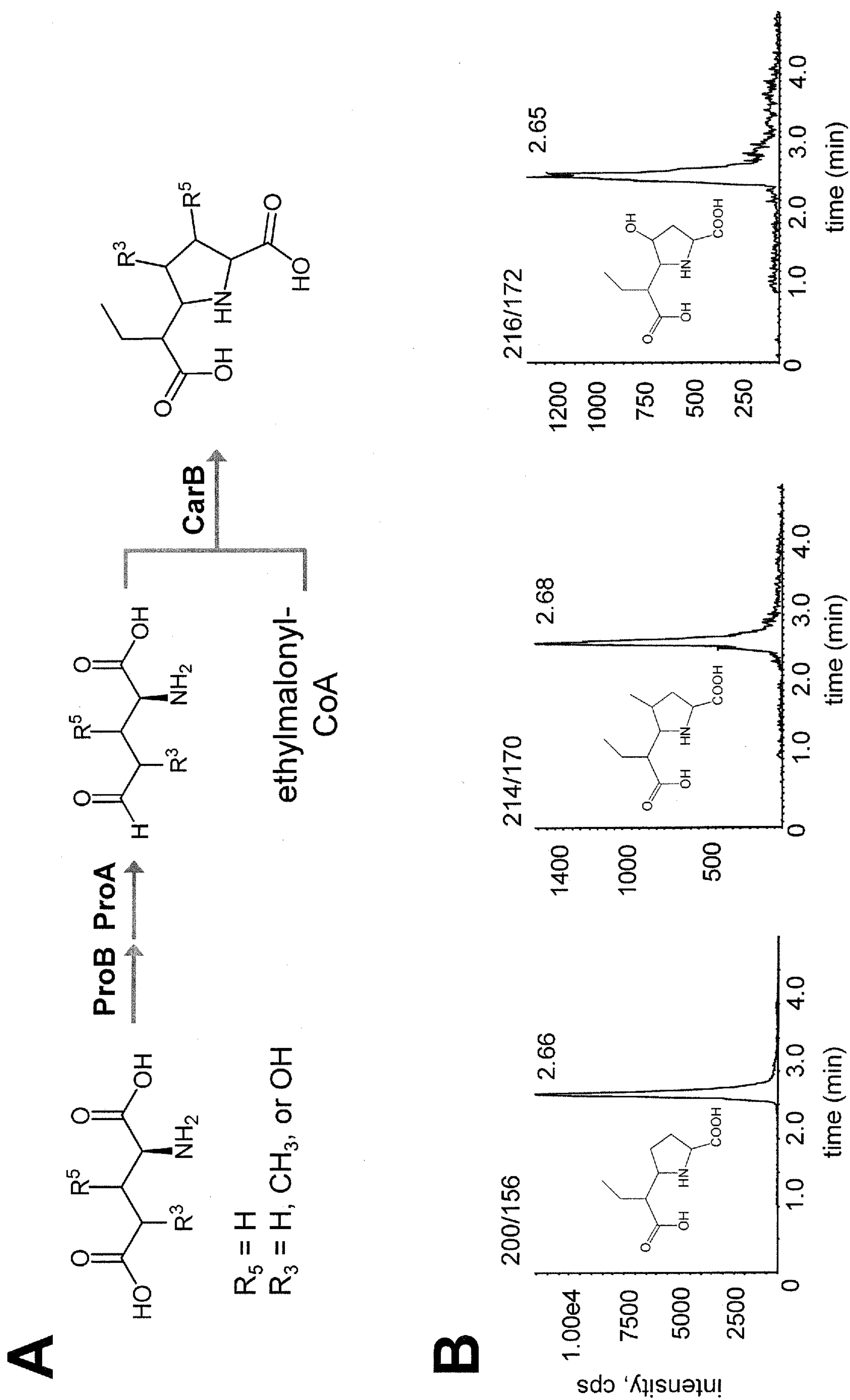
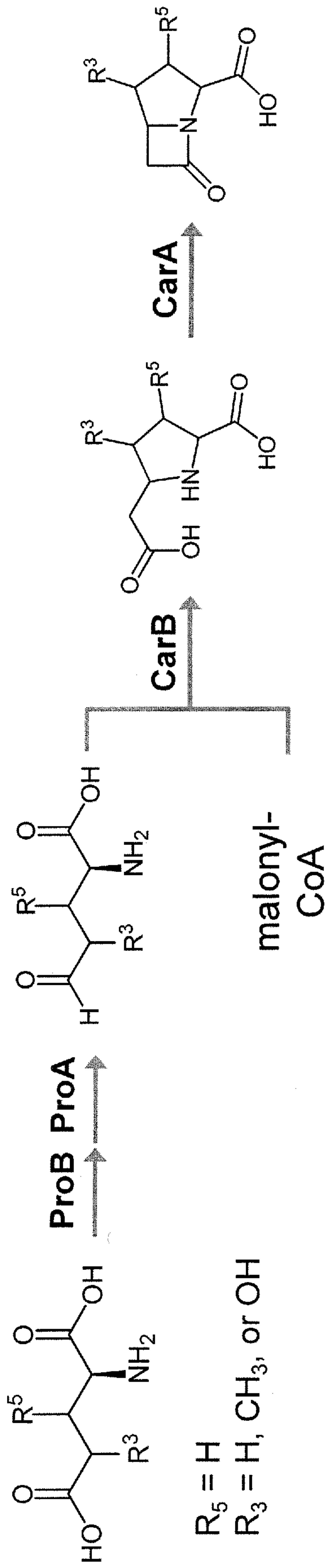


Figure 11

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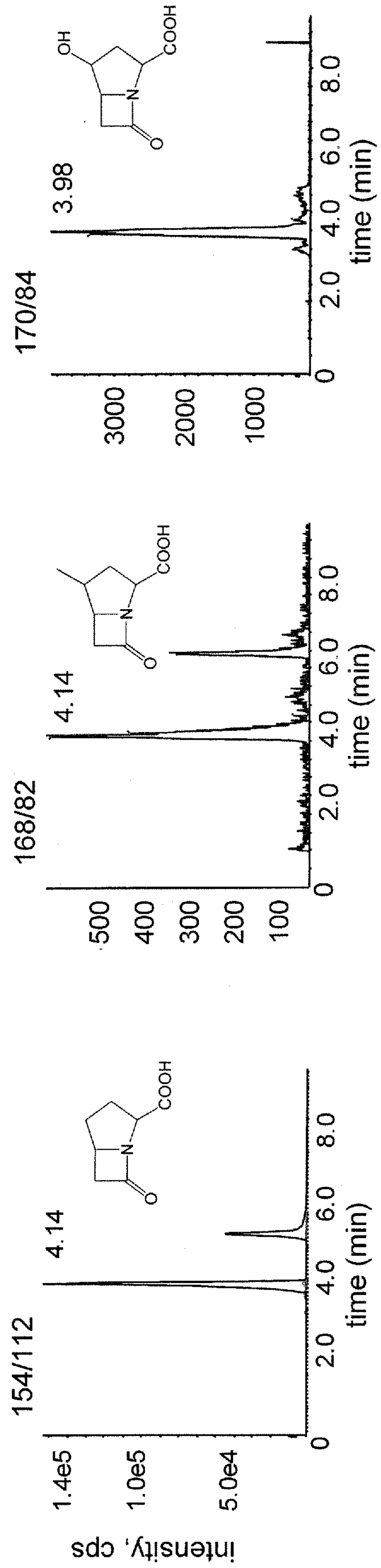


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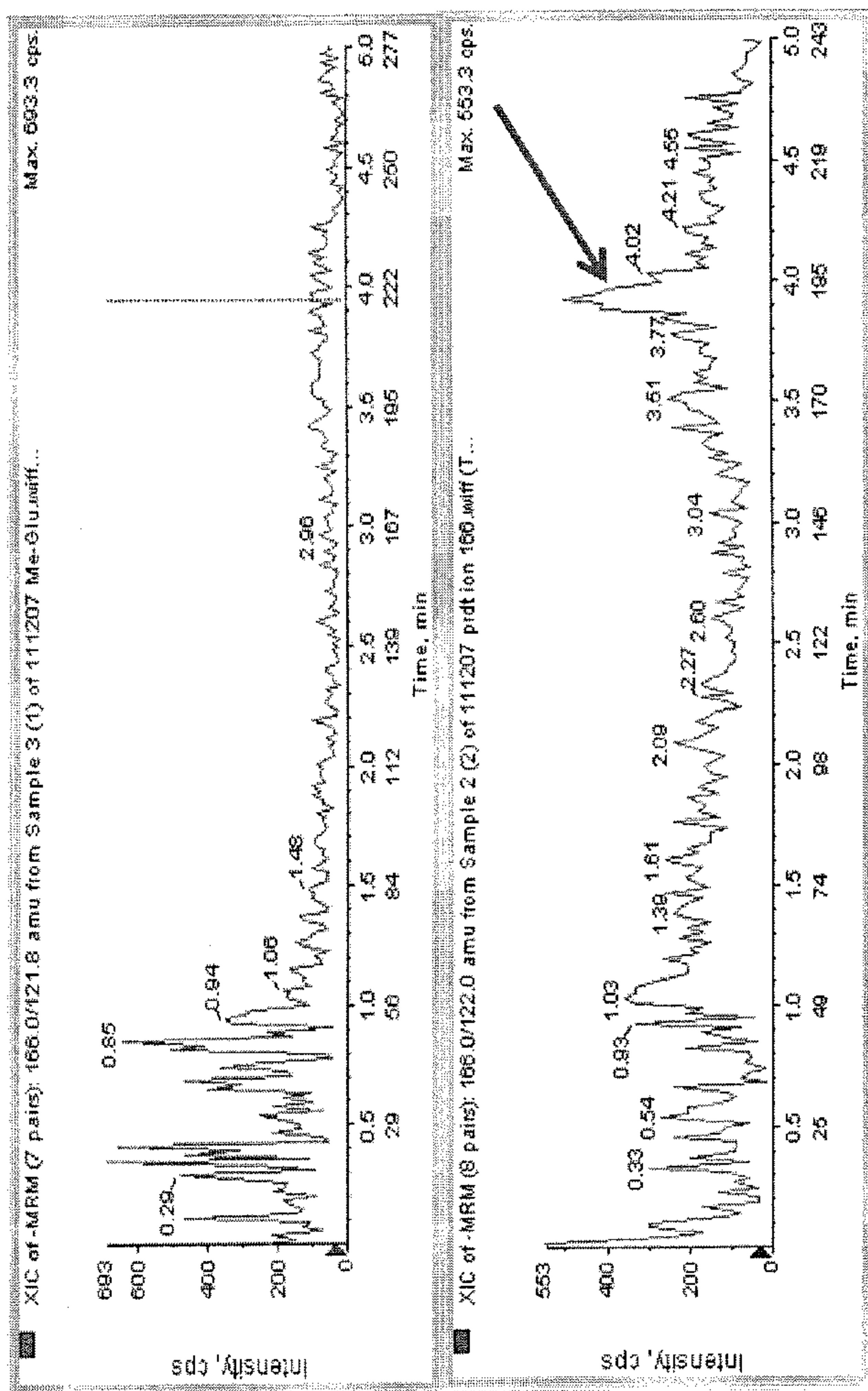
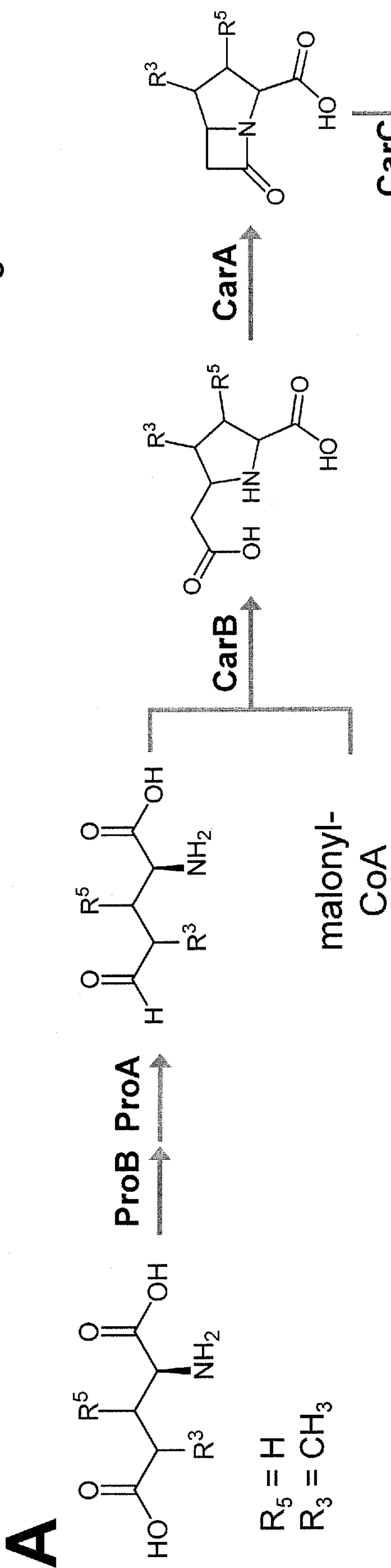


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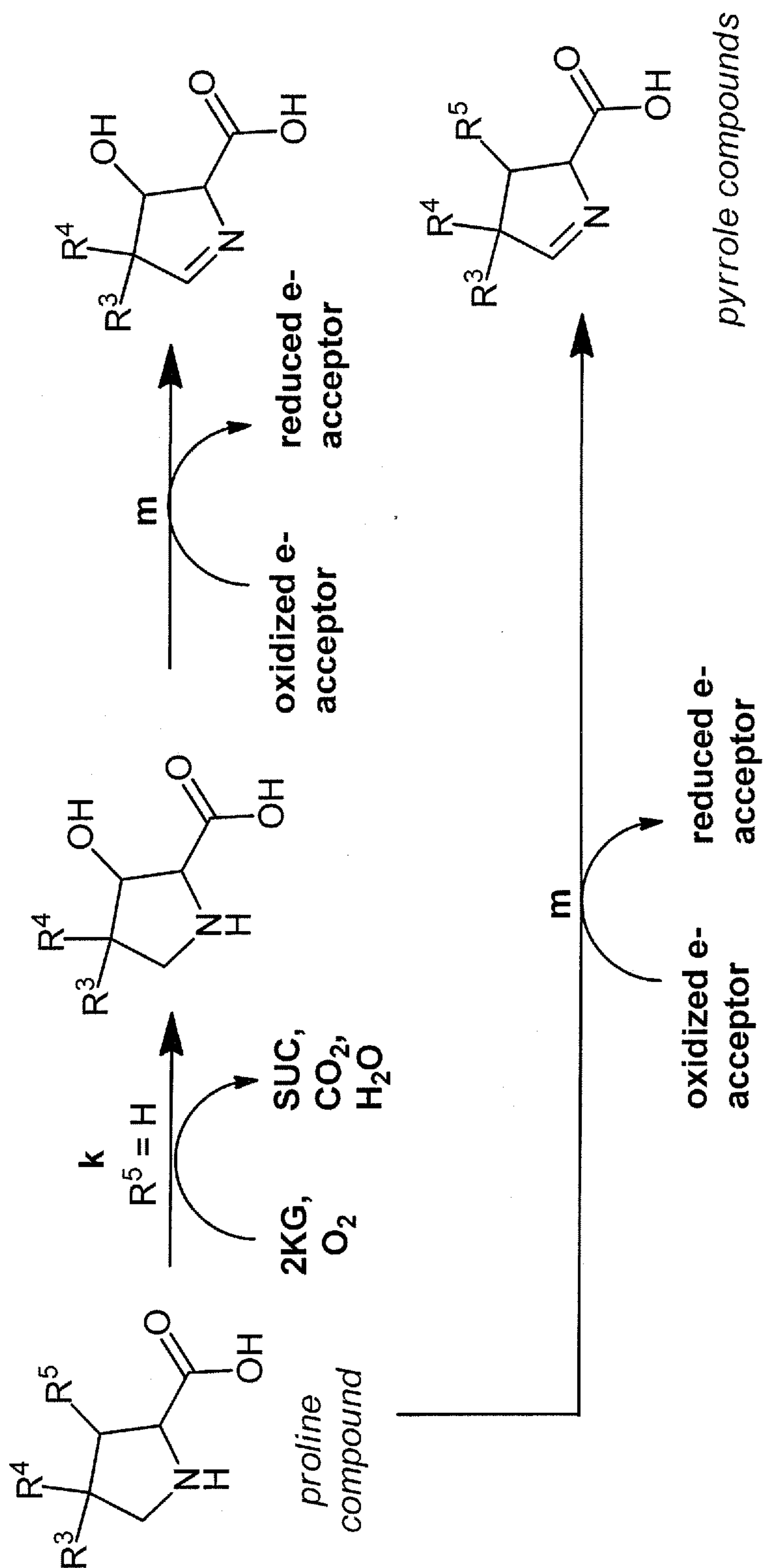
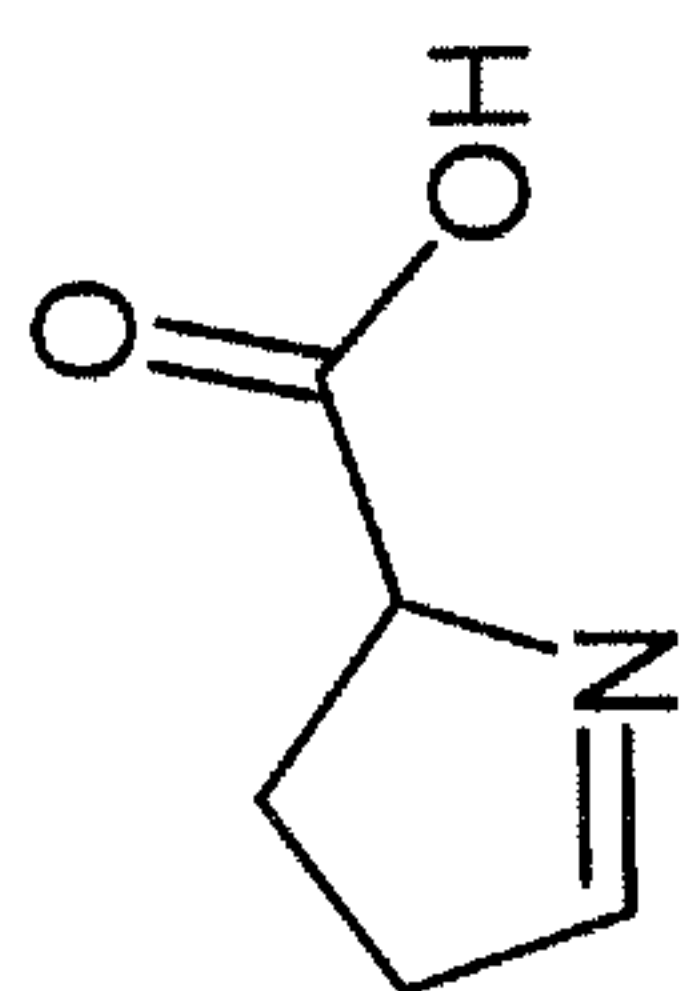
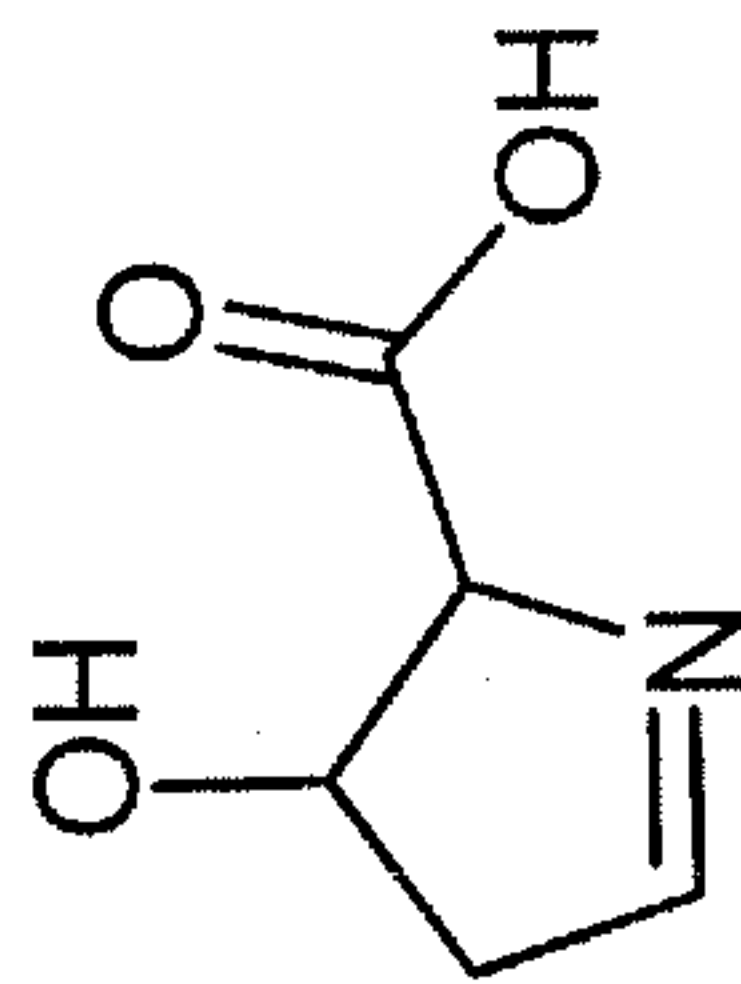


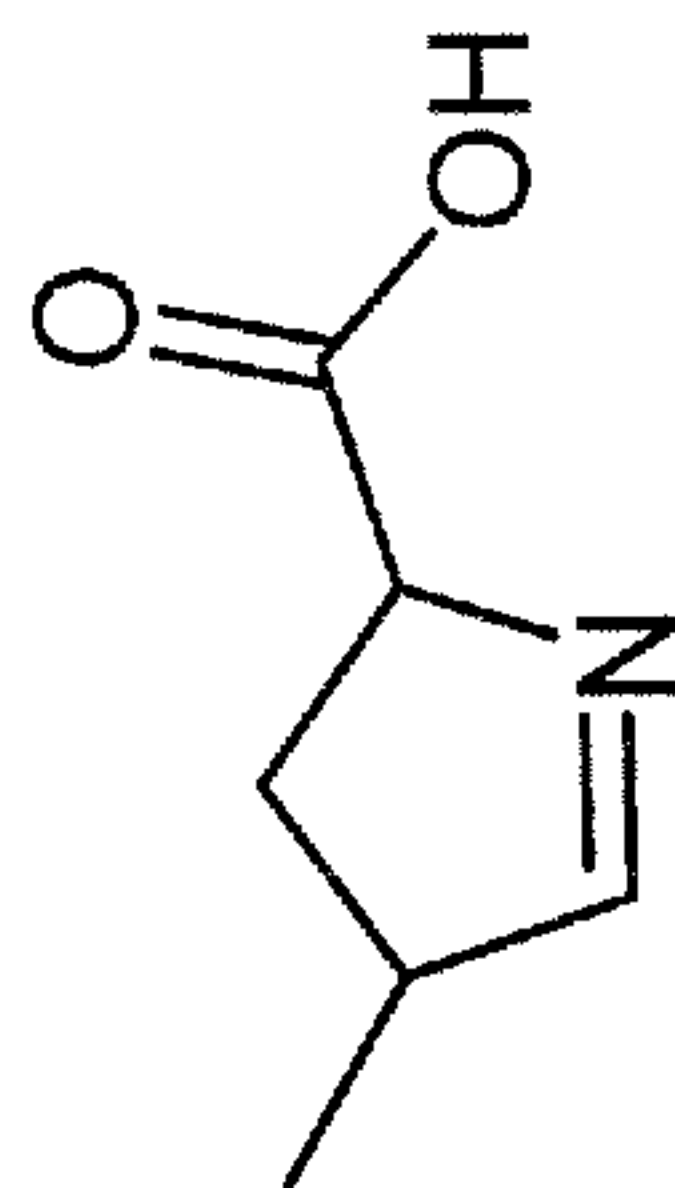
Figure 13B

pyrrole compounds

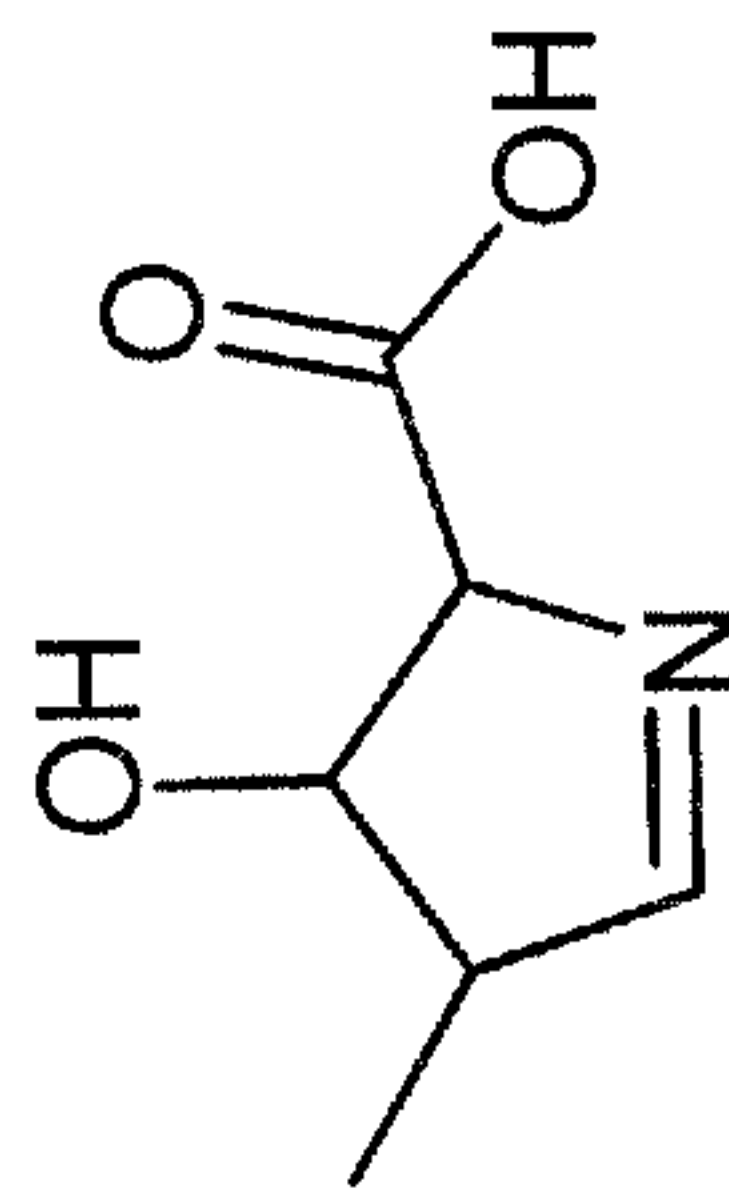
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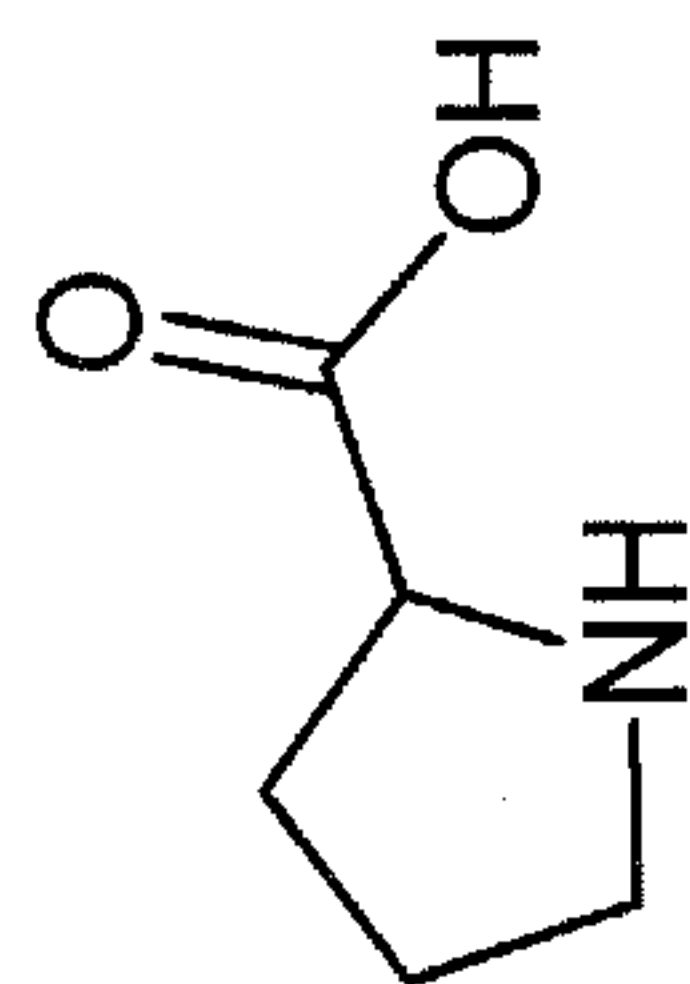
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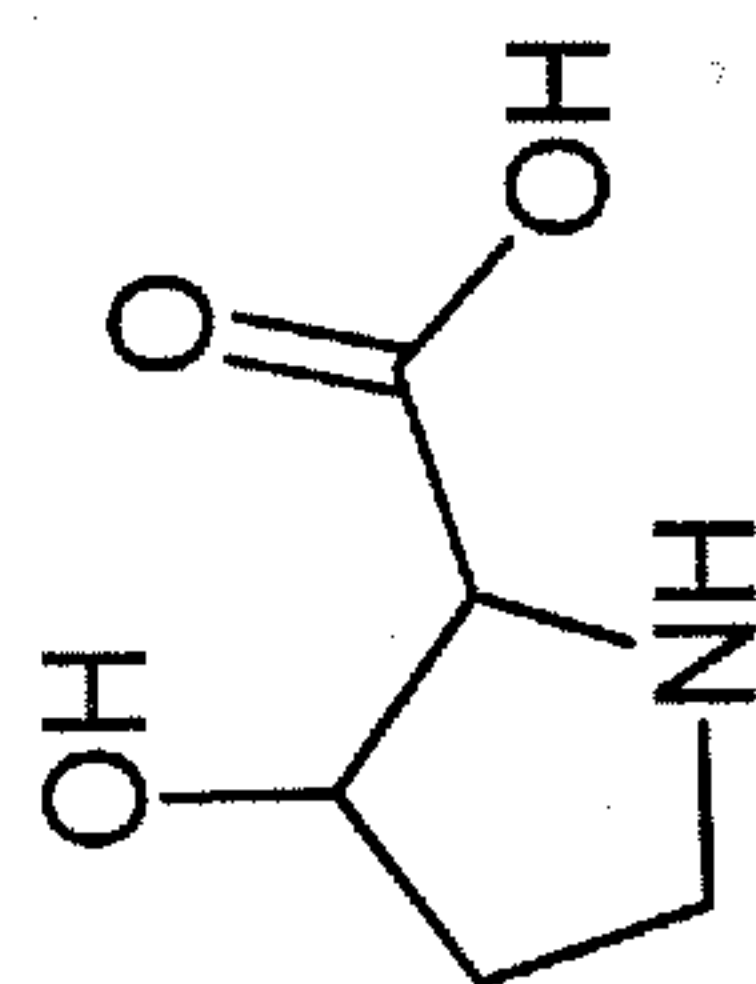
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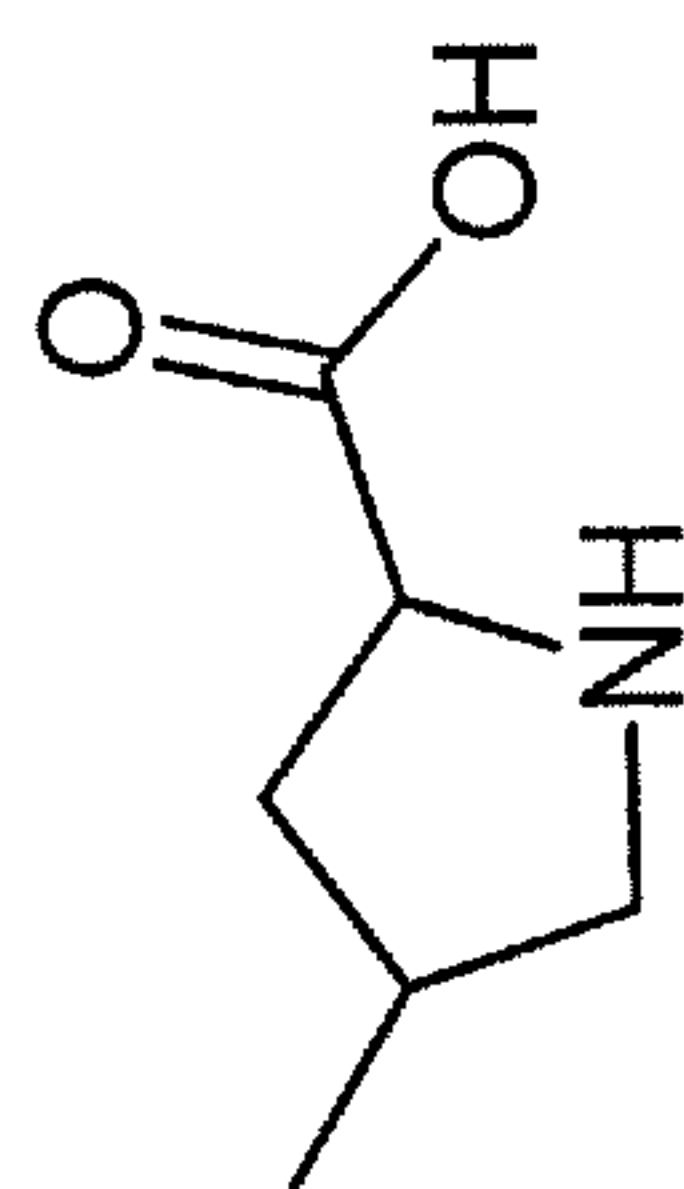
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proline compounds

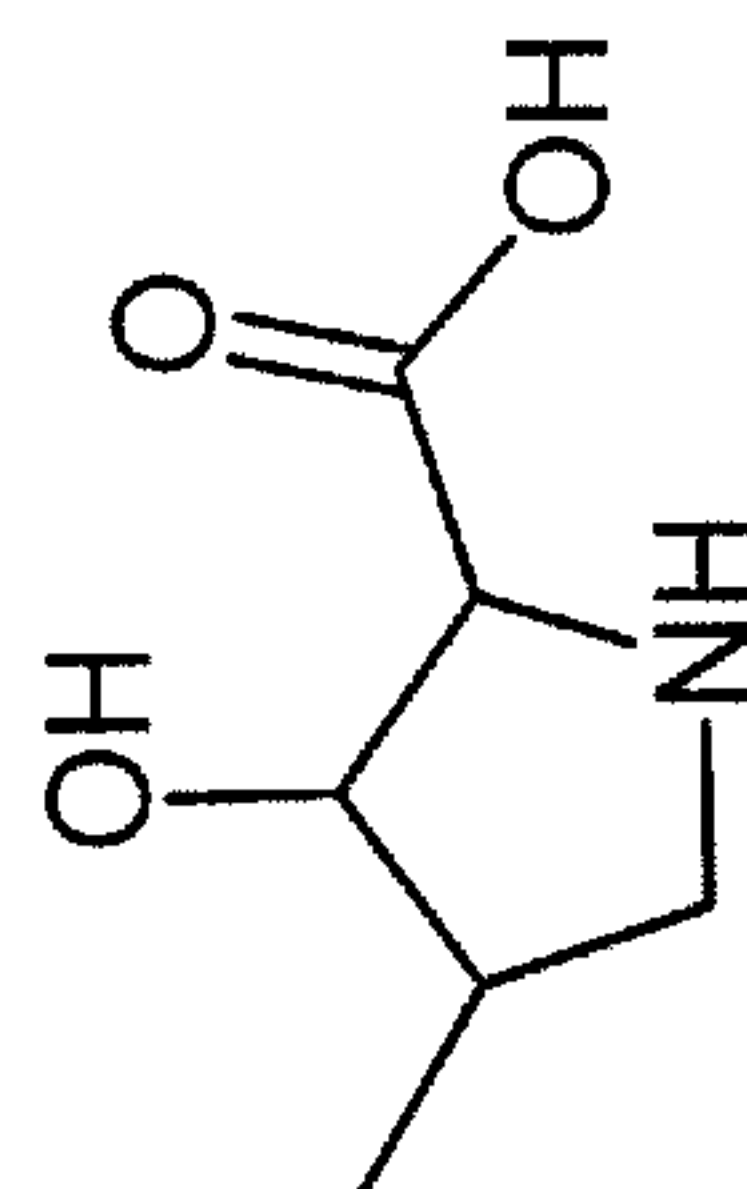
proline



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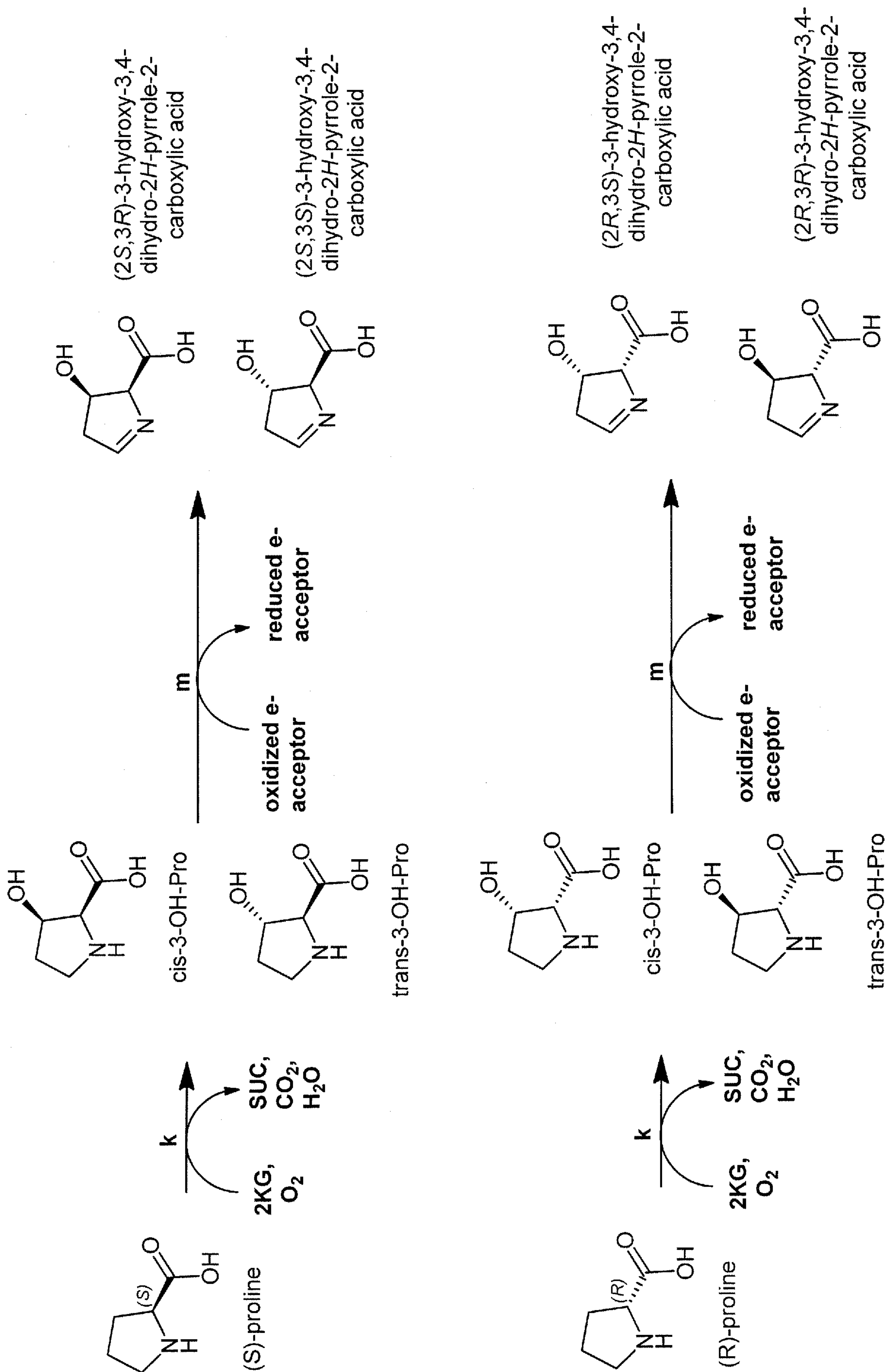


4-methylproline



3-hydroxy-4-methylproline

Figure 13C



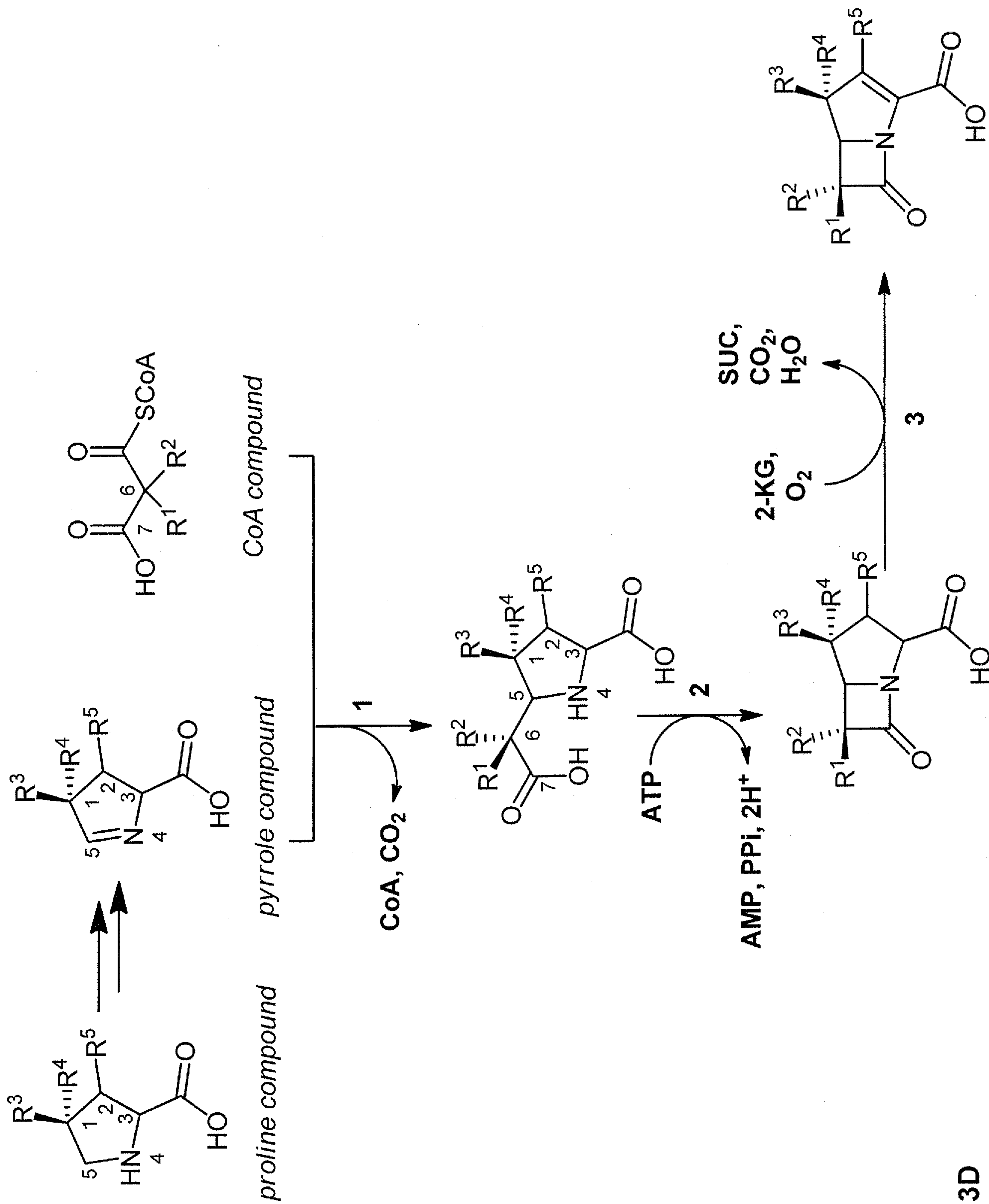


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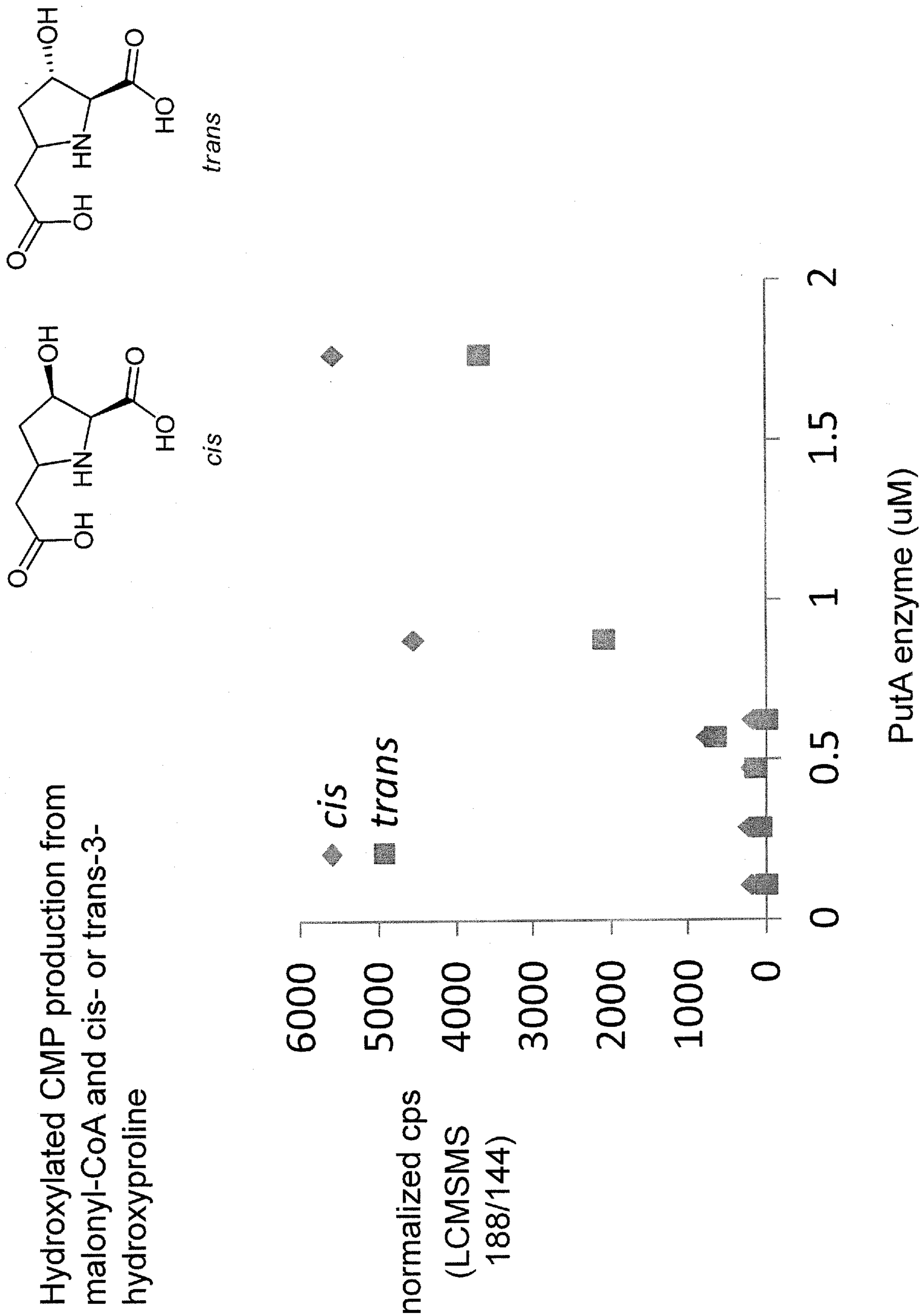
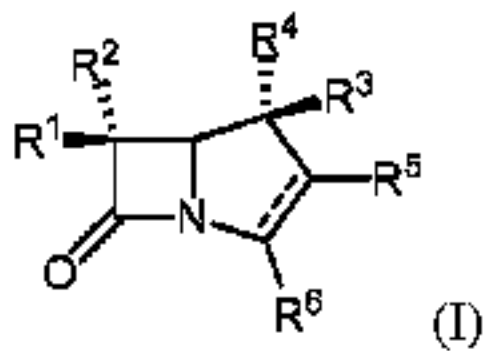
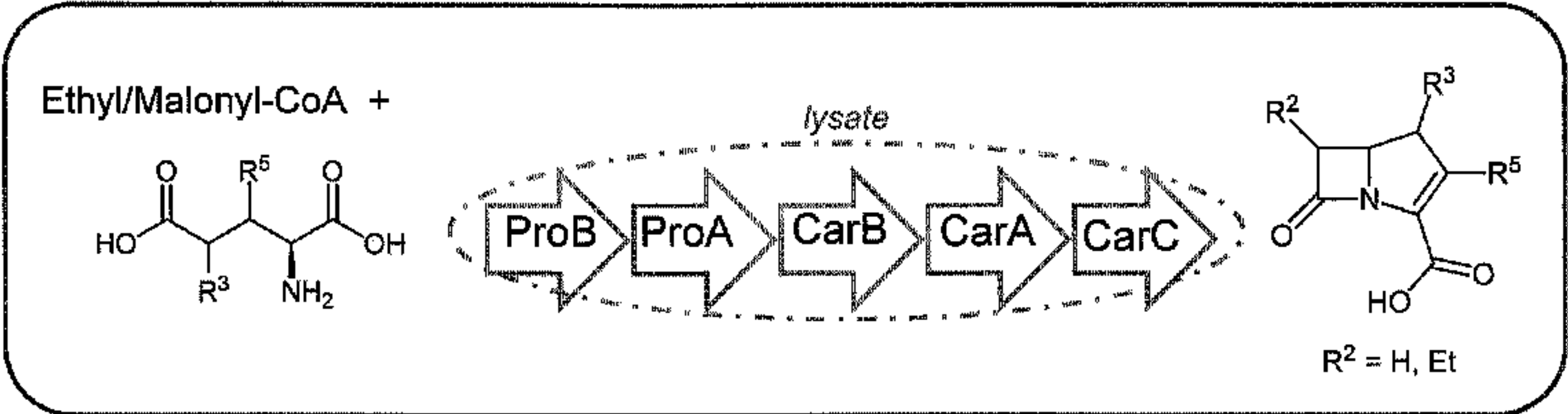
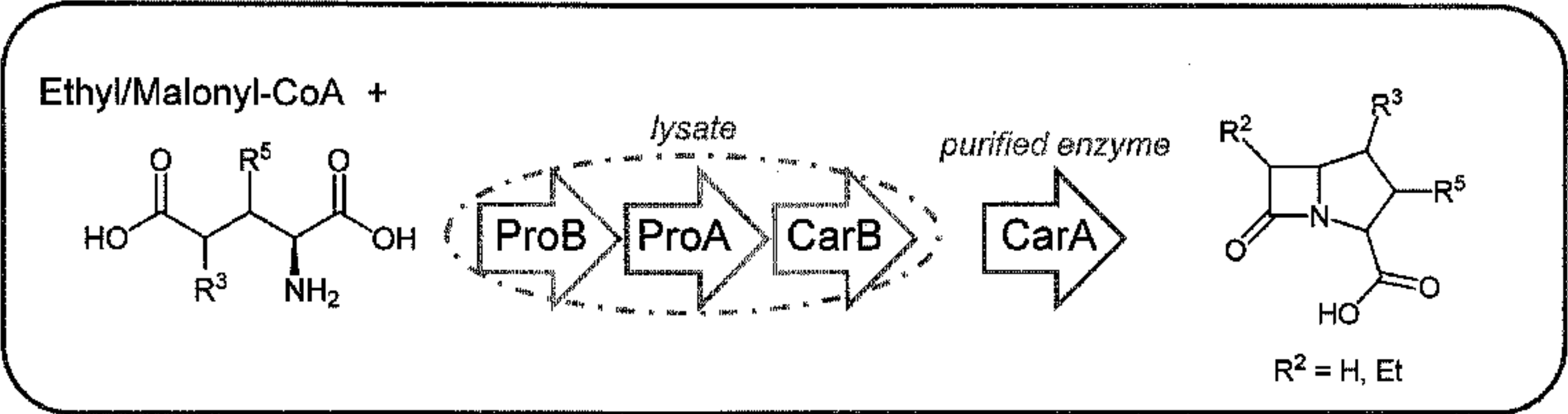


Figure 14

Figure 5B



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