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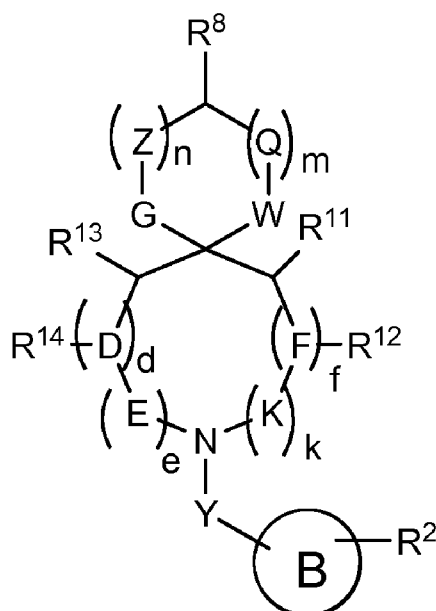
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(57) Abstract: A compound, its pharmaceutically accept-
able salt, a composition containing the same and method
of treatment that can provide analgesia and/or reduce in-
flammation are disclosed. A contemplated compound has
a structure that corresponds to Formula A, wherein G, W,
Q, Z, D, E, F, K, Y, d, e, f, k, n, m, and circle B and all R
groups are defined within.

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FILAMIN A-BINDING ANTI-INFLAMMATORY ANALGESIC

TECHNICAL FIELD

This invention contemplates a composition and related method for providing long-lasting analgesia and reducing inflammation. More particularly, a compound, composition and method are described that utilize a small molecule to bind filamin A, to reduce inflammation and to preserve Gi/o signaling by the mu opioid receptor, known to interact with filamin A. Preferably, the compound reduces inflammation, preserves mu opioid receptor - Gi/o signaling and also functions as a mu opioid receptor agonist. Most preferably, the compound binds filamin A with picomolar or sub-picomolar affinity.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Best known for cross-linking cytoplasmic actin into dynamic scaffolds to control cell motility, filamins are large cytoplasmic proteins increasingly found to regulate cell signaling by interacting with over 30 different receptors and signaling molecules (Feng et al., 2004 *Nat Cell Biol* **6**:1034-1038; Stossel et al., 2001 *Nature* **2**:138-145), including the mu opioid receptor (MOR) (Onoprishvili et al, 2003 *Mol Pharmacol* **64**:1092-1100). Filamins are dimerized through the last carboxy-terminal repeat near the transmembrane regions, allowing an intracellular V-shaped structure that is critical for function. There are three mammalian isoforms: filamin A (FLNA), B and C.

FLNA controls cell motility by controlling the cycle of actin polymerization and depolymerization, allowing cells to move and to migrate. As actin depolymerization is linked to the inflammatory response, binding to FLNA suppresses inflammation by slowing actin polymerization and cell motility. Femtomolar naloxone and its inactive isomer, both known to bind FLNA (Wang et al., 2008 *PLoS One* **3**:e1554), have been shown to reduce the microglial inflammatory response; i.e., pro-inflammatory factors and reactive oxygen species, of lipopolysaccharide-activated microglial cells (Liu et al., 2000 *JPET* **293**:607-617; Qin et al., 2005 *FASEB J* **19**:550-557). The glial inflammatory response has been implicated in neuropathic pain (Hutchinson et al., 2008 *Eur J Neurosci* **28**:20-29) as well as the inflammatory neurotoxicity of neurodegenerative disease (Liu et al., 2003 *JPET* **304**:1-7).

A second function of binding to FLNA is a beneficial regulation of opioid receptor signaling; i.e., a maintenance of coupling to Gi and Go proteins. MOR preferentially couples to pertussis toxin-sensitive G proteins, Gi/o (inhibitory/other), and inhibits the adenylyl cyclase/cAMP pathway (Laugwitz et al., 1993 *Neuron* **10**:233-242; Connor et al., 1999 *Clin Exp Pharmacol Physiol* **26**:493-499). Analgesia results from these MOR-linked inhibitory G protein (Gi/o) signaling cascades and related ion channel interactions that suppress cellular activities by hyperpolarization.

Adaptive responses of opioid receptors contribute to the development of analgesic tolerance and physical dependence, and possibly also to components of opioid addiction. A critical adaptive

response of the MOR is a switch in G protein coupling from its native Gi/o proteins to stimulatory Gs proteins, resulting in opposite effects on the cell upon activation as well as analgesic tolerance and physical dependence (Wang et al., 2005 *Neuroscience* **135**:247-261). Prevention of this G protein coupling switch by agents that bind filamin A (Wang et al., 2008 *PLoS One* **3**:e1554), a scaffolding protein known to interact with MOR, can alleviate unwanted adaptive responses to continued opioid administration.

A chronic opioid-induced switch to Gs coupling by MOR can cause excitatory signaling, by activation of adenylyl cyclase, in place of the usual inhibitory signaling or inhibition of adenylyl cyclase (Crain et al., 1992 *Brain Res* **575**:13-24; Crain et al., 2000 *Pain* **84**:121-131; Gintzler et al., 2001 *Mol Neurobiol* **21**:21-33; Wang et al., 2005 *Neuroscience* **135**:247-261). This switch in G protein coupling from Gi/o to Gs (Wang et al., 2005 *Neuroscience* **135**:247-261; Chakrabarti et al., 2005 *Mol Brain Res* **135**:217-224) may be a result of the decreased efficiency of coupling to the native G proteins, the usual index of desensitization (Sim et al., 1996 *J Neurosci* **16**:2684-2692) and still commonly considered the reason for analgesic tolerance.

The chronic opioid-induced MOR - G protein coupling switch is accompanied by stimulation of adenylyl cyclase II and IV by MOR-associated G $\beta\gamma$ dimers (Chakrabarti et al., 1998 *Mol Pharmacol* **54**:655-662; Wang et al., 2005 *Neuroscience* **135**:247-261). The interaction of the G $\beta\gamma$ dimer with adenylyl cyclase had previously been postulated to be the sole signaling change underlying the excitatory effects of opiates (Gintzler et al., 2001 *Mol Neurobiol* **21**:21-

33). It has further been shown that the G $\beta\gamma$ that interacts with adenylyl cyclases originates from the Gs protein coupling to MOR and not from the Gi/o proteins native to MOR (Wang et al., 2006 *J Neurobiol* **66**:1302-1310).

Thus, MORs are normally inhibitory G protein-coupled receptors that couple to Gi or Go proteins to inhibit adenylyl cyclase and decrease production of the second messenger cAMP, as well as to suppress cellular activities via ion channel-mediated hyperpolarization. Opioid analgesic tolerance and dependence are also associated with that switch in G protein coupling by MOR from Gi/o to Gs (Wang et al., 2005 *Neuroscience* **135**:247-261). This switch results in activation of adenylyl cyclase that provides essentially opposite, stimulatory, effects on the cell.

Controlling this switch in G protein coupling by MOR is the scaffolding protein FLNA, and compounds that bind a particular segment of FLNA with high affinity, like naloxone (NLX) and naltrexone (NTX), can prevent this switch (Wang et al., 2008 *PLoS One* **3**:e1554) and the associated analgesic tolerance and dependence (Wang et al., 2005 *Neuroscience* **135**:247-261). This switch in G protein coupling also occurs acutely, though transiently, and is potentially linked to the acute rewarding or addictive effects of opioid drugs, through CREB activation as a result of increased cAMP accumulation (Wang et al., 2009 *PLoS ONE* **4**(1):e4282).

Ultra-low-dose NLX or NTX have been shown to enhance opioid analgesia, minimize opioid tolerance and dependence (Crain et al., 1995 *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* **92**:10540-10544; Powell et al. 2002.

JPET **300**:588-596), as well as to attenuate the addictive properties of opioids (Leri et al., 2005 *Pharmacol Biochem Behav* **82**:252-262; Olmstead et al., 2005 *Psychopharmacology* **181**:576-581). An ultra-low dose of opioid antagonist was an amount initially based on *in vitro* studies of nociceptive dorsal root ganglion neurons and on *in vivo* mouse studies. It has long been hypothesized that ultra-low-dose opioid antagonists enhance analgesia and alleviate tolerance/dependence by blocking the excitatory signaling opioid receptors that underlie opioid tolerance and hyperalgesia (Crain et al., 2000 *Pain* **84**:121-131). Later research has shown that the attenuation of opioid analgesic tolerance, dependence and addictive properties by ultra-low-dose, defined herein, naloxone or naltrexone, occurs by preventing the MOR - Gs coupling that results from chronic opiate administration (Wang et al., 2005 *Neuroscience* **135**:247-261), and that the prevention of MOR - Gs coupling is a result of NLX or NTX binding to filamin A at approximately 4 picomolar affinity (Wang et al., 2008 *PLoS One* **3**:e1554).

Found in all cells of the brain, CREB is a transcription factor implicated in addiction as well as learning and memory and several other experience-dependent, adaptive (or maladaptive) behaviors (Carlezon et al., 2005 *Trends Neurosci* **28**:436-445). In general, CREB is inhibited by acute opioid treatment, an effect that is completely attenuated by chronic opioid treatment, and activated during opioid withdrawal (Guitart et al., 1992 *J Neurochem* **58**:1168-1171). However, a regional mapping study showed that opioid withdrawal activates CREB in locus coeruleus, nucleus accumbens and amygdala but inhibits CREB in

lateral ventral tegmental area and dorsal raphe nucleus (Shaw-Luthman et al., 2002 *J Neurosci* **22**:3663-3672).

In the striatum, CREB activation has been viewed as a homeostatic adaptation, attenuating the acute rewarding effects of drugs (Nestler, 2001 *Am J Addict* **10**:201-217; Nestler, 2004 *Neuropharmacology* **47**:24-32). This view is supported by nucleus accumbens overexpression of CREB or a dominant-negative mutant respectively reducing or increasing the rewarding effects of opioids in the conditioned place preference test (Barot et al., 2002 *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* **99**:11435-11440). In conflict with this view, however, is the finding that reducing nucleus accumbens CREB via antisense attenuated cocaine reinforcement as assessed in self-administration (Choi et al., 2006 *Neuroscience* **137**:373-383). Clearly, CREB activation is implicated in addiction, but whether it directly contributes to the acute rewarding effects of drugs or initiates a homeostatic regulation thereof appears less clear.

The several-fold increase in pS¹³³CREB reported by Wang et al., 2009 *PLoS ONE* **4**(1):e4282 following acute, high-dose morphine may indicate acute dependence rather than acute rewarding effects. However, the transient nature of the MOR-Gs coupling correlating with this CREB activation suggests otherwise. In fact, the correlation of pS¹³³CREB with the Gs coupling by MOR following this acute high-dose morphine exposure, as well as the similar treatment effects on both, suggest that this alternative signaling mode of MOR can contribute to the acute rewarding or addictive effects of opioids. This counterintuitive notion can explain the apparent

paradox that ultra-low-dose NTX, while enhancing the analgesic effects of opioids, decreases the acute rewarding or addictive properties of morphine or oxycodone as measured in conditioned place preference or self-administration and reinstatement paradigms.

In considering analgesic tolerance, opioid dependence, and opioid addiction together as adaptive regulations to continued opioid exposure, a treatment that prevents MOR's signaling adaptation of switching its G protein partner can logically attenuate these seemingly divergent behavioral consequences of chronic opioid exposure.

Even though ultra-low-dose NTX blocks the conditioned place preference to oxycodone or morphine (Olmstead et al., 2005 *Psychopharmacology* **181**:576-581), its co-self-administration only reduces the rewarding potency of these opioids but does not abolish self-administration outright (Leri et al., 2005 *Pharmacol Biochem Behav* **82**:252-262). It is possible that a direct stimulatory effect on VTA neurons, as opposed to the proposed disinhibition via inhibition of GABA interneurons (Spanagel et al., 1993 *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* **89**:2046-2050), can play some role in opioid reward. A MOR-Gs coupling mediation of reward, increasing with increasing drug exposure, is in keeping with current theories that the escalation of drug use signifying drug dependence can not indicate a "tolerance" to rewarding effects but instead a sensitization to rewarding effects (Zernig et al., 2007 *Pharmacology* **80**:65-119).

The results reported in Wang et al., 2009 *PLoS ONE* **4(1)**:e4282 demonstrated that acute, high-dose morphine causes an immediate but transient switch in G protein coupling by MOR from Go to Gs

similar to the persistent switch caused by chronic morphine. Ultra-low-dose NLX or NTX prevented this switch and attenuated the chronic morphine-induced coupling switch by MOR. The transient nature of this acute altered coupling suggests the receptor eventually recovers and couples to its native G protein.

With chronic opioid exposure, the receptor can lose the ability to recover and continue to couple to Gs, activating the adenylyl cyclase/cAMP pathway, upregulating protein kinase A, and phosphorylating CREB as one downstream effector example. The persistently elevated phosphorylated CREB can then shape the expression of responsive genes including those closely related to drug addiction and tolerance. Importantly, the equivalent blockade of Gs coupling and pS¹³³CREB by the pentapeptide binding site of naloxone (NLX) and naltrexone (NTX) on FLNA further elucidates the mechanism of action of ultra-low-dose NLX and NTX in their varied effects.

These data further strengthen the regulation of MOR-Gs coupling by FLNA and that binding to FLNA or using a FLNA peptide decoy for MOR can prevent the altered MOR coupling, thereby attenuating tolerance, dependence and addictive properties associated with opioid drugs.

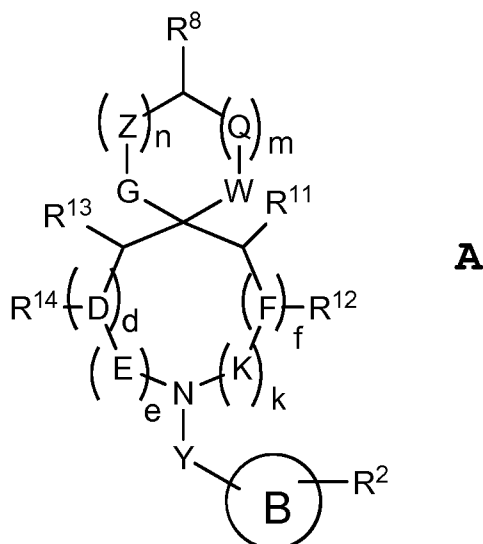
The combination of ultra-low-dose opioid antagonists with opioid agonists formulated together in one medication has been shown to alleviate many of these undesirable aspects of opioid therapy (Burns, 2005 *Recent Developments in Pain Research* 115-136, ISBN:81-308-0012-8). This approach shows promise for an improvement in analgesic efficacy, and animal data

suggests reduced addictive potential. The identification of the cellular target of ultra-low-dose NLX or NTX in their inhibition of mu opioid receptor - Gs coupling as a pentapeptide segment of filamin A (Wang et al., 2008 PLoS ONE 3(2):e1554) has led to development of assays to screen against this target to create a new generation of pain therapeutics that can provide long-lasting analgesia with minimal tolerance, dependence and addictive properties. Importantly, the non-opioid cellular target of ultra-low-dose NLX or NTX, FLNA, provides potential for developing either a therapeutic combination of which one component is not required to be ultra-low-dose, or a single-entity novel analgesic.

The present invention identifies a compound that binds to filamin A (FLNA; the high-affinity binding site of naloxone [NLX] and naltrexone [NTX]), to reduce cell motility and inflammation as well as to prevent the Gi/o-to-Gs coupling switch of MOR and is similar to or more active than DAMGO in activating MOR.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention contemplates an analgesic compound and a method of reducing pain in a host mammal in need thereof by administering a composition containing such a compound. A contemplated compound corresponds in structure to Formula **A**



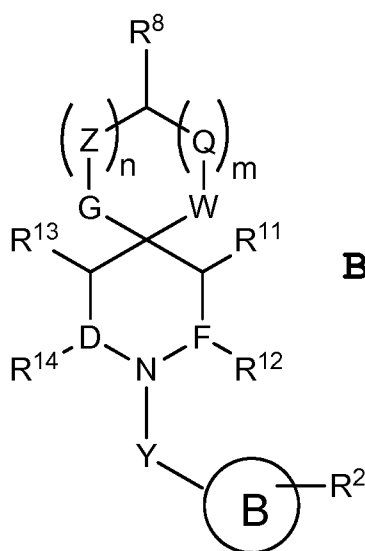
In Formula **A**, **G** and **W** are selected from the group consisting of NR^{20} , NR^7 , CH_2 , S and O , where R^7 is H , $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$ hydrocarbyl, or $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$ hydrocarbonyl (acyl) and R^{20} is a group **X**-circle **A**- R^1 as defined hereinafter, with the provisos that only one of **G** and **W** is NR^{20} and that one of **G** and **W** must be NR^{20} ; **X** and **Y** are the same or different and are SO_2 , $\text{C}(\text{O})$, CH_2 , CD_2 , $\text{OC}(\text{O})$, $\text{NHC}(\text{NH})$ or $\text{NHC}(\text{O})$; **Q** is CHR^9 or $\text{C}(\text{O})$; **Z** is CHR^{10} or $\text{C}(\text{O})$; each of d , e , f and k is either zero or one and the sum of $(d + e + f + k) = 2$, e is zero when d is zero, and k is zero when f is zero; **D** and **F** are the same or different and are CH or CD ; **E** and **K** are the same or different and are CH_2 , CHD or CD_2 ; each of m and n is zero or one and the sum of $m+n$ is 1 or 2; the circles **A** and **B** are the same or different aromatic or heteroaromatic ring systems containing one ring or two fused rings. Groups R^1 and R^2 are the same or different and each can be hydrogen or represent up to three substituents other than hydrogen that themselves can be the same or different; i.e., R^{1a} , R^{1b} , and R^{1c} , and R^{2a} , R^{2b} , and

R^{2C} . Each of those six groups, R^{1a-C} and R^{2a-C} , is separately selected from the group consisting of H, C_1 - C_6 hydrocarbyl, C_1 - C_6 hydrocarbyloxy, C_1 - C_6 hydrocarbyloxycarbonyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C_1 - C_7 hydrocarboyl (acyl), hydroxy-, trifluoromethyl- ($-CF_3$) or halogen-substituted C_1 - C_7 hydrocarboyl, C_1 - C_6 hydrocarbylsulfonyl, C_1 - C_6 hydrocarbyloxysulfonyl, halogen, nitro, phenyl, cyano, carboxyl, C_1 - C_7 hydrocarbyl carboxylate [$C(O)O$ - C_1 - C_7 hydrocarbyl], carboxamide [$C(O)NR^3R^4$] or sulfonamide [$S(O)_2NR^3R^4$] wherein the amido nitrogen in either group has the formula NR^3R^4 wherein R^3 and R^4 are the same or different and are H, C_1 - C_4 hydrocarbyl, or R^3 and R^4 together with the depicted nitrogen form a 5-7-membered ring that optionally contains 1 or 2 additional hetero atoms that independently are nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur, **MAr**, where **M** is $-CH_2-$, $-O-$ or $-N=N-$ and Ar is a single-ringed aryl group, and NR^5R^6 wherein R^5 and R^6 are the same or different and are H, C_1 - C_4 hydrocarbyl, C_1 - C_4 acyl, C_1 - C_4 hydrocarbylsulfonyl, or R^5 and R^6 together with the depicted nitrogen form a 5-7-membered ring that optionally contains 1 or 2 additional hetero atoms that independently are nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur;

R^8 , R^9 , and R^{10} are each H, or two of R^8 , R^9 , and R^{10} are H and one is a C_1 - C_8 hydrocarbyl group that is unsubstituted or is substituted with up to three atoms that are the same or different and are oxygen or nitrogen atoms; and

R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} and R^{14} are all H, or R^{11} and R^{13} are H and R^{12} and R^{14} are H or D, or one of the pair R^{11} and R^{12} or the pair R^{13} and R^{14} together with the depicted ring form a saturated or unsaturated 6-membered ring, and the other pair are each H or they are H and D as recited above in this subparagraph, with the proviso that R^1 and R^2 are not both methoxy when **X** and **Y** are both SO_2 , **W** is O and **n** is zero. A pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a compound of Formula **A** and all of the remaining formulas disclosed herein is contemplated.

A preferred embodiment of a compound of Formula **A** corresponds in structure to Formula **B**

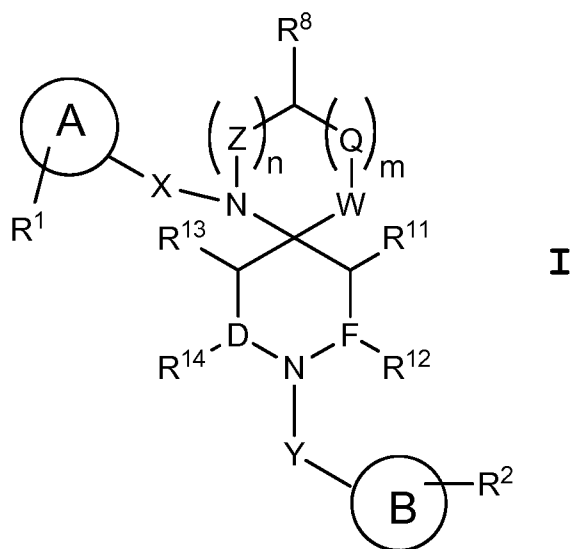


In Formula **B**, substituents that have the same designations (names) as those of Formula **A** have the same definitions, unless the formula as shown precludes part of a definition provided for a compound of Formula **A**. For example, **e** and **k** of Formula **A** are both zero in a compound of Formula **B** so that both of **d** and **f** are one and cannot be zero. R^1 and R^2 are not both methoxy when **X** and **Y** are both

SO₂, **W** is 0 and n is zero in a compound of Formula **B**.

A pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a compound of Formula **B** is also contemplated.

A preferred embodiment of a compound of Formula **B** corresponds in structure to Formula **I**



In Formula **I**, substituents that have the same designations (names) as those of Formula **A** or **B**, have the same definitions, unless the formula as shown precludes part of a definition provided for a compound of Formulas **A** or **B**. R¹ and R² are not both methoxy when **X** and **Y** are both SO₂, **W** is 0 and n is zero.

A pharmaceutical composition is also contemplated. That composition comprises an above compound of Formula **A** or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt, except for a compound in which R¹ and R² are both methoxy when **X** and **Y** are both SO₂, **W** is 0 and n is zero, dissolved or dispersed in a physiologically tolerable carrier. The compound is present in an effective analgesic amount. The

composition is preferably in solid form as in a tablet or capsule.

A method of reducing pain and inflammation in a host mammal in need thereof is also contemplated. That method comprises administering to that host mammal a pharmaceutical composition containing a compound of Formula **A** as disclosed above. The host mammal for such a method is selected from the group consisting of a primate, a laboratory rodent, a companion animal, and a food animal. A composition can be administered a plurality of times over a period of days, as well as administered a plurality of times in one day. That administration can be perorally or parenterally.

The present invention has several benefits and advantages.

One benefit is anti-inflammatory action combined with analgesia by a compound with a novel mechanism of action for both that does not have a narcotic structure.

An advantage of the invention is that analgesia can be provided by administration of a contemplated composition either perorally or parenterally.

A further benefit of the invention is that as indicated by the initial data, a contemplated compound provides the analgesic effects characteristic of opioid drugs but does not cause analgesic tolerance or dependence.

Another advantage of the invention as also indicated by the initial data is that a contemplated compound provides the analgesic effects

characteristic of opioid drugs and does not have the addictive potential of opioid drugs.

Still further benefits and advantages will be apparent to a skilled worker from the description that follows.

ABBREVIATIONS AND SHORT FORMS

The following abbreviations and short forms are used in this specification.

"MOR" means μ -opioid receptor

"FLNA" means filamin A

"NLX" means naloxone

"NTX" means naltrexone

"G α i/o" means G protein alpha subunit - inhibitory/other conformation, inhibits adenylyl cyclase

"G α s" means G protein alpha subunit - stimulatory conformation stimulates adenylyl cyclase

"G $\beta\gamma$ " means G protein beta gamma subunit

"cAMP" means cyclic adenosine monophosphate

"CREB" means cAMP Response Element Binding protein

"IgG" means Immunoglobulin G

DEFINITIONS

In the context of the present invention and the associated claims, the following terms have the following meanings:

The articles "a" and "an" are used herein to refer to one or to more than one (i.e., to at least one) of the grammatical object of the article. By way of example, "an element" means one element or more than one element.

As used herein, the term "hydrocarbyl" is a short hand term for a non-aromatic group that includes straight and branched chain aliphatic as well as alicyclic groups or radicals that contain only carbon and hydrogen. Inasmuch as alicyclic groups are cyclic aliphatic groups, such substituents are deemed hereinafter to be subsumed within the aliphatic groups. Thus, alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl groups are contemplated, whereas aromatic hydrocarbons such as phenyl and naphthyl groups, which strictly speaking are also hydrocarbyl groups, are referred to herein as aryl groups, substituents, moieties or radicals, as discussed hereinafter. An aralkyl substituent group such as benzyl is deemed an aromatic group as being an aromatic ring bonded to an **X** or **Y** group, where **X** or **Y** is CH₂. A substituent group containing both an aliphatic ring and an aromatic ring portion such as tetralin (tetrahydronaphthalene) that is linked via an aliphatic or aromatic carbon atom to the depicted ring containing the **W** group is deemed a non-aromatic, hydrocarbyl group. Where a specific aliphatic hydrocarbyl substituent group is intended, that group is recited; i.e., C₁-C₄ alkyl, methyl or dodecenyl. Exemplary hydrocarbyl groups contain 1 to about 12 carbon atoms, and preferably 1 to about 8 carbon atoms, and more preferably 1 to 6 carbon atoms of an alkyl group. A hydrocarbyl group can be straight or branched chain or cyclic.

A particularly preferred hydrocarbyl group is an alkyl group. As a consequence, a generalized, but more preferred substituent can be recited by replacing the descriptor "hydrocarbyl" with "alkyl" in any of the substituent groups enumerated herein.

Examples of alkyl radicals include methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, pentyl, iso-amyl, hexyl, octyl, decyl, dodecyl and the like. Examples of suitable alkenyl radicals include ethenyl (vinyl), 2-propenyl, 3-propenyl, 1,4-pentadienyl, 1,4-butadienyl, 1-butenyl, 2-butenyl, 3-butenyl, decenyl and the like. Examples of alkynyl radicals include ethynyl, 2-propynyl, 3-propynyl, decynyl, 1-butylnyl, 2-butylnyl, 3-butylnyl, and the like.

Usual chemical suffix nomenclature is followed when using the word "hydrocarbyl" except that the usual practice of removing the terminal "yl" and adding an appropriate suffix is not always followed because of the possible similarity of a resulting name to one or more substituents. Thus, a hydrocarbyl ether is referred to as a "hydrocarbyloxy" group rather than a "hydrocarboxy" group as may possibly be more proper when following the usual rules of chemical nomenclature. Illustrative hydrocarbyloxy groups include methoxy, ethoxy, and cyclohexenyloxy groups.

On the other hand, a hydrocarbyl group containing a -C(O)O- functionality is referred to as a hydrocarboyl (acyl) or hydrocarboyloxy group inasmuch as there is no ambiguity. Exemplary hydrocarboyl and hydrocarboyloxy groups include acyl and acyloxy groups, respectively, such as acetyl and acetoxyl, acryloyl and acryloyloxy.

Carboxyl-related linking groups between the central spiro ring system and an aromatic or heteroaromatic ring system, circle **A**, include several types of ester and amide bonds. Illustrative of such bonds are sulfonamide, sulfonate and thiosulfonate

esters that can be formed between a SO₂-containing group and an amine, oxygen or sulfur atom, respectively. Amide, ester and thioester links can be formed between an aromatic or heteroaromatic ring containing a C(O) group and a nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur atom, respectively. Similarly, a guanidino linker can be formed between an aromatic or heteroaromatic ring containing a NHC(NH) group and a nitrogen, a urethane, carbonate or thiocarbonate can be formed between an aromatic or heteroaromatic ring containing a OC(O) group and a nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur, respectively. A compound containing a urea linker, urethane linker or isothioureia linker [NHC(O)S] can be formed between an aromatic or heteroaromatic ring containing a NHC(O) group and a nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur, respectively.

A "carboxyl" substituent is a -C(O)OH group. A C₁-C₆ hydrocarbyl carboxylate is a C₁-C₆ hydrocarbyl ester of a carboxyl group. A carboxamide is a -C(O)NR³R⁴ substituent, where the R groups are defined hereinafter. Similarly, a sulfonamide is a -S(O)₂NR³R⁴ substituent, where the R groups are defined hereinafter. Illustrative R³ and R⁴ groups that together with the depicted nitrogen of a carboxamide form a 5-7-membered ring that optionally contains 1 or 2 additional hetero atoms that independently are nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur, include morpholinyl, piperazinyl, oxathiazolyl, 1,2,3-triazolyl, 1,2,4-triazolyl, pyrazolyl, 1,2,4-oxadiazinyl and azepinyl groups.

As a skilled worker will understand, a substituent that cannot exist such as a C₁ alkenyl or alkynyl group is not intended to be encompassed by

the word "hydrocarbyl", although such substituents with two or more carbon atoms are intended.

The term "aryl", alone or in combination, means a phenyl or naphthyl radical that optionally carries one or more substituents selected from hydrocarbyl, hydrocarbyloxy, halogen, hydroxy, amino, nitro and the like, such as phenyl, p-tolyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 4-(tert-butoxy)phenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 4-hydroxyphenyl, and the like. The term "arylhydrocarbyl", alone or in combination, means a hydrocarbyl radical as defined above in which one hydrogen atom is replaced by an aryl radical as defined above, such as benzyl, 2-phenylethyl and the like. The term "arylhydrocarbyloxycarbonyl", alone or in combination, means a radical of the formula $-C(O)-O-$ arylhydrocarbyl in which the term "arylhydrocarbyl" has the significance given above. An example of an arylhydrocarbyloxycarbonyl radical is benzyloxycarbonyl. The term "aryloxy" means a radical of the formula aryl-O- in which the term aryl has the significance given above. The term "aromatic ring" in combinations such as substituted-aromatic ring sulfonamide, substituted-aromatic ring sulfinamide or substituted-aromatic ring sulfenamide means aryl or heteroaryl as defined above.

As used herein, the term "binds" refers to the adherence of molecules to one another, such as, but not limited to, peptides or small molecules such as the compounds disclosed herein, and opioid antagonists, such as naloxone or naltrexone.

As used herein, the term "selectively binds" refers to binding as a distinct activity. Examples of such distinct activities include the

independent binding to filamin A or a filamin A binding peptide, and the binding of a compound discussed above to a μ opioid receptor.

As used herein, the term "FLNA-binding compound" refers to a compound that binds to the scaffolding protein filamin A, or more preferably to a polypeptide comprising residues -Val-Ala-Lys-Gly-Leu- (SEQ ID NO:1) of the FLNA sequence that correspond to amino acid residue positions 2561-2565 of the FLNA protein sequence as noted in the sequence provided at the web address: UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot entry P21333, FLNA-HUMAN, Filamin-A protein sequence. A FLNA-binding compound can inhibit the MOR-Gs coupling caused by agonist stimulation of the μ opioid receptor via interactions with filamin A, preferably in the 24th repeat region. When co-administered with an opioid agonist, a FLNA-binding compound can enhance the analgesic effects and improve the treatment of pain.

As used herein, the term "candidate FLNA-binding compound" refers to a substance to be screened as a potential FLNA-binding compound. In preferred instances a FLNA-binding compound is also an opioid agonist. Additionally, a FLNA-binding compound can function in a combinatorial manner similar to the combination of an opioid agonist and ultra-low-dose antagonist, wherein both FLNA and the μ -opioid receptor are targeted by a single entity.

As used herein, the term "opioid receptor" refers to a G protein coupled receptor, located in the central nervous system that interacts with opioids. More specifically, the μ opioid receptor is activated by morphine causing analgesia, sedation,

nausea, and many other side effects known to one of ordinary skill in the art.

As used herein, the term "opioid agonist" refers to a substance that upon binding to an opioid receptor can stimulate the receptor, induce G protein coupling and trigger a physiological response. More specifically, an opioid agonist is a morphine-like substance that interacts with MOR to produce analgesia.

As used herein, the term "opioid antagonist" refers to a substance that upon binding to an opioid receptor inhibits the function of an opioid agonist by interfering with the binding of the opioid agonist to the receptor.

As used herein an "analgesia effective amount" refers to an amount sufficient to provide analgesia or pain reduction to a recipient host.

As used herein the term "ultra-low-dose" or "ultra-low amount" refers to an amount of compound that when given in combination with an opioid agonist is sufficient to enhance the analgesic potency of the opioid agonist. More specifically, the ultra-low-dose of an opioid antagonist admixed with an opioid agonist in mammalian cells is an amount about 1000- to about 10,000,000-fold less, and preferably between about 10,000- and to about 1,000,000-fold less than the amount of opioid agonist.

As used herein an "FLNA-binding effective amount" refers to an amount sufficient to perform the functions described herein, such as inhibition of MOR-Gs coupling, prevention of the cAMP desensitization measure, inhibition of CREB S¹³³ phosphorylation and inhibition of any other cellular

indices of opioid tolerance and dependence, which functions can also be ascribed to ultra-low-doses of certain opioid antagonists such as naloxone or naltrexone. When a polypeptide or FLNA-binding compound of the invention interacts with FLNA, an FLNA-binding effective amount can be an ultra-low amount or an amount higher than an ultra-low-dose as the polypeptide or FLNA-binding compound will not antagonize the opioid receptor and compete with the agonist, as occurs with known opioid antagonists such as naloxone or naltrexone in amounts greater than ultra-low-doses. More preferably, when a polypeptide or VAKGL-binding compound of the present invention both interacts with FLNA and is an agonist of the mu opioid receptor, an FLNA-binding effective amount is an amount higher than an ultra-low-dose and is a sufficient amount to activate the mu opioid receptor.

As used herein the phrase "determining inhibition of the interaction of a mu opioid receptor with a Gs protein" refers to monitoring the cellular index of opioid tolerance and dependence caused by chronic or high-dose administration of opioid agonists to mammalian cells. More specifically, the mu opioid receptor - Gs coupling response can be identified by measuring the presence of the G α s (stimulatory) subunit, the interaction of MOR with the G protein complexes and formation of Gs-MOR coupling, the interaction of the G $\beta\gamma$ protein with adenylyl cyclase types II and IV, loss of inhibition or outright enhancement of cAMP accumulation, and the activation of CREB via phosphorylation of S¹³³.

As used herein the term "naloxone/naltrexone positive control" refers to a positive control method comprising steps discussed in

a method embodiment, wherein the candidate FLNA-binding compound is a known opioid antagonist administered in an ultra-low amount, preferably naloxone or naltrexone.

As used herein the term "FLNA-binding compound negative control" refers to a negative control method comprising steps discussed in a method embodiment, wherein the candidate FLNA-binding compound is absent and the method is carried out in the presence of only opioid agonist.

As used herein the term "pharmacophore" is not meant to imply any pharmacological activity. The term refers to chemical features and their distribution in three-dimensional space that constitutes and epitomizes the preferred requirements for molecular interaction with a receptor (U.S. Patent No. 6,034,066).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

It should be understood that the present disclosure is to be considered as an exemplification of the present invention, and is not intended to limit the invention to the specific embodiments illustrated. It should be further understood that the title of this section of this application ("Detailed Description of the Invention") relates to a requirement of the United States Patent Office, and should not be found to limit the subject matter disclosed herein.

The present invention contemplates a compound that binds to FLNA and also stimulates the μ opioid receptor (MOR), a composition containing that compound and method of its use to provide analgesia and reduce inflammation. A contemplated compound can

suppress inflammation and inhibit MOR-Gs coupling through interactions with FLNA and/or the μ opioid receptor (MOR).

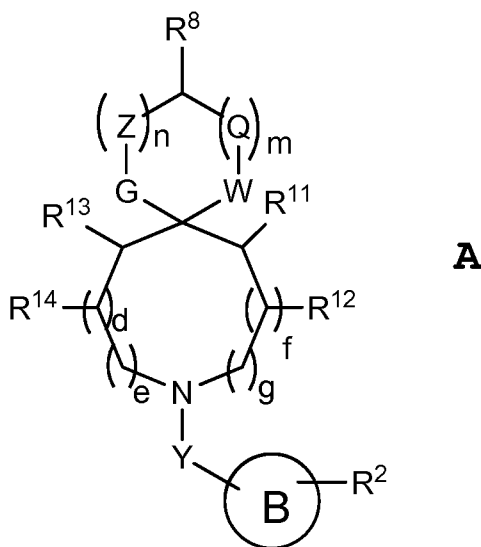
In another aspect of the present invention, a contemplated compound prevents the morphine-induced Gs protein coupling by MOR. That prevention of MOR-Gs coupling is believed to occur by preventing the interaction of filamin A and MOR. Downstream effects of preventing the MOR-Gs coupling include inhibition of cAMP accumulation and of cAMP Response Element Binding protein (CREB) activation in a manner resembling the activity of ultra-low-dose opioid antagonists naloxone and naltrexone.

In another aspect of the present invention, a FLNA-binding compound prevents the MOR-Gs coupling while itself activating MOR.

The data collected in organotypic striatal slice cultures demonstrate that after 7 days of twice daily 1-hour exposures to oxycodone, μ opioid receptors in striatum switch from Go to Gs coupling (compare vehicle to oxycodone conditions). In contrast, a compound contemplated herein did not cause a switch to Gs coupling despite its ability to stimulate μ opioid receptors as previously assessed by GTP γ S binding that is blocked by beta-funaltrexamine, a specific MOR antagonist. These data imply that these compounds provide the analgesic effects characteristic of opioid drugs but do not cause analgesic tolerance or dependence, and do not have the addictive potential of opioid drugs.

A compound contemplated by the present invention binds to an above-defined FLNA polypeptide as well as stimulates the μ opioid receptor (MOR). A

contemplated compound corresponds in structure to
Formula **A**



In Formula **A**, **G** and **W** are selected from the group consisting of NR^{20} , NR^7 , CH_2 , S and O , where R^7 is H , $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$ hydrocarbyl, or $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$ hydrocarbonyl (acyl) and R^{20} is a group **X**-circle **A**- R^1 as defined hereinafter, with the provisos that only one of **G** and **W** is NR^{20} and that one of **G** and **W** must be NR^{20} ; **X** and **Y** are the same or different and are SO_2 , $\text{C}(\text{O})$, CH_2 , CD_2 , $\text{OC}(\text{O})$, $\text{NHC}(\text{NH})$, or $\text{NHC}(\text{O})$; **Q** is CHR^9 or $\text{C}(\text{O})$; **Z** is CHR^{10} or $\text{C}(\text{O})$; each of d , e , f and k is either zero or one and the sum of $(d + e + f + k) = 2$, e is zero when d is zero, and g is zero when f is zero; each of m and n is zero or one and the sum of $m+n$ is 1 or 2; the circles **A** and **B** are the same or different aromatic or heteroaromatic ring systems. Groups R^1 and R^2 are the same or different and each can be hydrogen or represent up to three substituents other than hydrogen that themselves can be the same or different; i.e., R^{1a} , R^{1b} , and R^{1c} , and R^{2a} , R^{2b} , and R^{2c} . Each of those six groups, R^{1a-c} and R^{2a-c} , is

separately selected from the group consisting of H, C₁-C₆ hydrocarbyl, C₁-C₆ hydrocarbyloxy, C₁-C₆ hydrocarbyloxycarbonyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C₁-C₇ hydrocarboyl (acyl), hydroxy-, trifluoromethyl- (-CF₃) or halogen-substituted C₁-C₇ hydrocarboyl, C₁-C₆ hydrocarbylsulfonyl, C₁-C₆ hydrocarbyloxysulfonyl, halogen, nitro, phenyl, cyano, carboxyl, C₁-C₇ hydrocarbyl carboxylate [C(O)O-C₁-C₇ hydrocarbyl], carboxamide [C(O)NR³R⁴] or sulfonamide [S(O)₂NR³R⁴] wherein the amido nitrogen in either group has the formula NR³R⁴ wherein R³ and R⁴ are the same or different and are H, C₁-C₄ hydrocarbyl, or R³ and R⁴ together with the depicted nitrogen form a 5-7-membered ring that optionally contains 1 or 2 additional hetero atoms that independently are nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur, **MAr**, where **M** is -CH₂-, -O- or -N=N- and Ar is a single-ringed aryl group, and NR⁵R⁶ wherein R⁵ and R⁶ are the same or different and are H, C₁-C₄ hydrocarbyl, C₁-C₄ acyl, C₁-C₄ hydrocarbylsulfonyl, or R⁵ and R⁶ together with the depicted nitrogen form a 5-7-membered ring that optionally contains 1 or 2 additional hetero atoms that independently are nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur;

R⁸, R⁹, and R¹⁰ are each H, or two of R⁸, R⁹, and R¹⁰ are H and one is a C₁-C₈ hydrocarbyl group that is unsubstituted or is substituted with up to three atoms that are the same or different and are oxygen or nitrogen atoms;

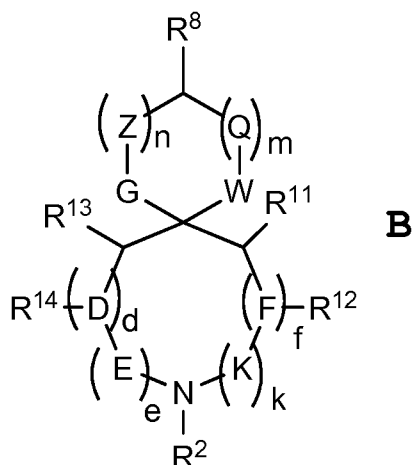
R¹¹, R¹², R¹³ and R¹⁴ are all H, or one of the pair R¹¹ and R¹² or the pair R¹³ and R¹⁴ together

with the depicted ring form a saturated or unsaturated 6-membered ring, and the other pair are each H, or they are H and D as recited herein (in this subparagraph),

with the proviso that R^1 and R^2 are not both methoxy when **X** and **Y** are both SO_2 , **W** is 0 and n is zero.

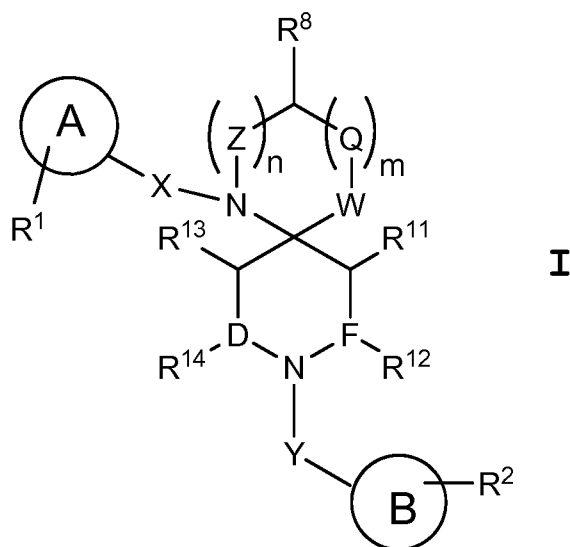
A pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a compound of Formula **A** and all of the remaining formulas disclosed herein is also contemplated.

In one preferred embodiment of a compound of Formula **B**, e and g are both zero and a compound of Formula **A** becomes a compound of Formula **B**



In Formula **B**, **G**, **D**, **E**, **F**, **K**, **W**, **Q**, **Z**, d, e, f, k, n, m, **X**, **Y**, circle **A** and circle **B** and all R groups are as previously defined, and R^1 and R^2 are not both methoxy when **X** and **Y** are both SO_2 , **W** is 0 and n is zero.

More preferably, a compound of Formula **B** corresponds in structure to Formula **I**



In Formula **I**, **X** and **Y** are the same or different and are SO₂, C(O), CH₂, CD₂, NHC(NH), OC(O) or NHC(O); **W** is NR⁷, CH₂, S or O, where R⁷ is H, C₁-C₁₂ hydrocarbyl, or C₁-C₁₂ hydrocarboyl (acyl); **Q** is CHR⁹ or C(O); **Z** is CHR¹⁰ or C(O); **D** and **F** are the same or different and are CH or CD; each of m and n is zero or one and the sum of m+n is 1 or 2; the circles **A** and **B** are the same or different aromatic or heteroaromatic ring systems that contain one ring or two fused rings. Groups R¹ and R² are the same or different and each can be hydrogen or represent up to three substituents other than hydrogen that themselves can be the same or different; i.e., R^{1a}, R^{1b}, and R^{1c}, and R^{2a}, R^{2b}, and R^{2c}. Each of those six groups, R^{1a-c} and R^{2a-c}, is separately selected from the group consisting of H, C₁-C₆ hydrocarbyl, C₁-C₆ hydrocarbyloxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C₁-C₇ hydrocarboyl (acyl), hydroxy-, trifluoromethyl- (-CF₃) or halogen-substituted C₁-C₇ hydrocarboyl, C₁-C₆ hydrocarbylsulfonyl, halogen, nitro, phenyl, cyano, carboxyl, C₁-C₇

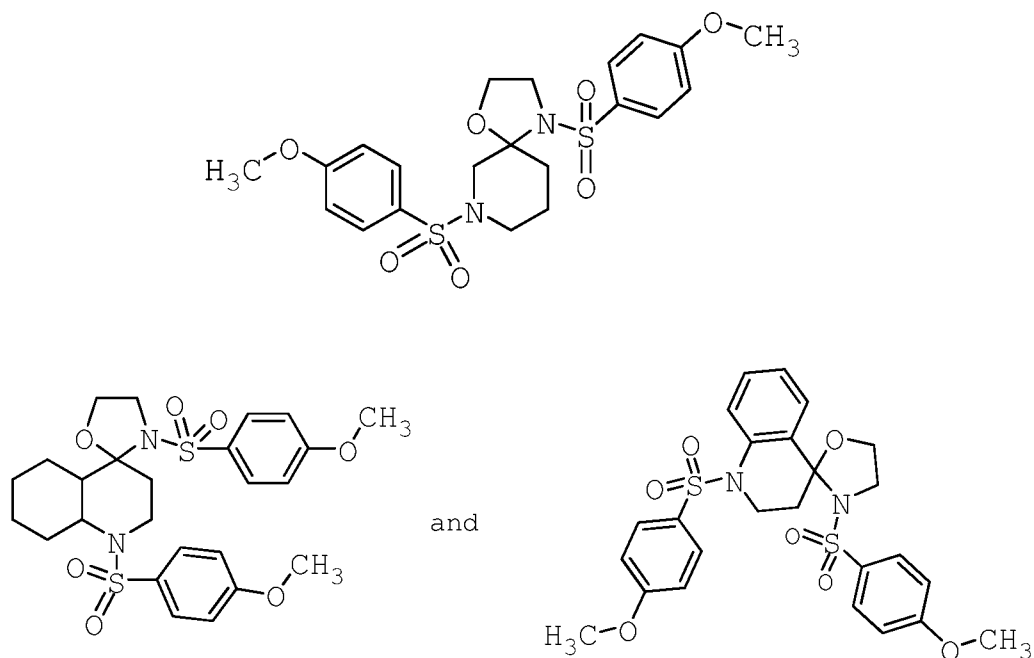
hydrocarbyl carboxylate $[C(O)O-C_1-C_7 \text{ hydrocarbyl}]$,
 carboxamide $[C(O)NR^3R^4]$ or sulfonamide $[SO_2NR^3R^4]$
 wherein the amido nitrogen of either group (the
 carboxamide or sulfonamide) has the formula NR^3R^4
 wherein R^3 and R^4 are the same or different and are
 H, C_1-C_4 hydrocarbyl, or R^3 and R^4 together with the
 depicted nitrogen form a 5-7-membered ring that
 optionally contains 1 or 2 additional hetero atoms
 that independently are nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur,
MAr, where **M** is where **M** is $-CH_2-$, $-O-$ or $-N=N-$ and Ar
 is a single-ringed aryl group, and NR^5R^6 wherein R^5
 and R^6 are the same or different and are H, C_1-C_4
 hydrocarbyl, C_1-C_4 acyl, C_1-C_4 hydrocarbylsulfonyl,
 or R^5 and R^6 together with the depicted nitrogen form
 a 5-7-membered ring that optionally contains 1 or 2
 additional hetero atoms that independently are
 nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur;

R^8 , R^9 , and R^{10} are each H, or two of R^8 ,
 R^9 , and R^{10} are H and one is a C_1-C_8 hydrocarbyl
 group that is unsubstituted or is substituted with up
 to three atoms that are the same or different and are
 oxygen or nitrogen atoms;

R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} and R^{14} are all H, or R^{11} and
 R^{13} are H and R^{12} and R^{14} are H or D, or one of the
 pair R^{11} and R^{12} or the pair R^{13} and R^{14} together
 with the depicted ring form a saturated or
 unsaturated 6-membered ring, and the other pair are
 each H or they are H and D as recited herein (in this
 subparagraph), with the proviso that R^1 and R^2 are not
 both methoxy when **X** and **Y** are both SO_2 , **W** is 0 and n
 is zero.

In preferred embodiments, **X** and **Y** are the same. **X** and **Y** are preferably both C(O) or SO₂, and more preferably are both SO₂. In those and other embodiments, **W** is preferably O. It is also preferred that n be zero.

A particularly preferred compound of Formula **I** includes



A contemplated aromatic or heteroaromatic ring system of circle **A** or circle **B** can contain one ring or two fused rings, and preferably contains a single aromatic ring. An illustrative aromatic or heteroaromatic ring system is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, triazinyl (1,3,5-triazinyl, 1,2,4-triazinyl and 1,2,3-triazinyl), furanyl, thienyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, naphthyl, benzofuranyl, isobenzofuranyl, benzothiophenyl, isobenzothiophenyl, benzoxazolyl, benzisoxazole, quinolyl, isoquinolyl,

quinazolyl, cinnolinyl, quinoxaliny, naphthyridinyl, benzopyrimidinyl, and mixtures thereof. The mixtures of the previous sentence occur when circle **A** and circle **B** aromatic or heteroaromatic ring systems are different.

An illustrative single-ringed aryl group of substituent **MAr** is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, triazinyl (1,3,5-triazinyl, 1,2,4-triazinyl and 1,2,3-triazinyl), furanyl, thienyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl and isothiazolyl.

Phenyl is a preferred aromatic or heteroaromatic ring system of circle **A** and circle **B**. Phenyl, pyridinyl and furanyl are preferred single-ringed aryl groups, Ar, of a **MAr** substituent, with phenyl being particularly preferred.

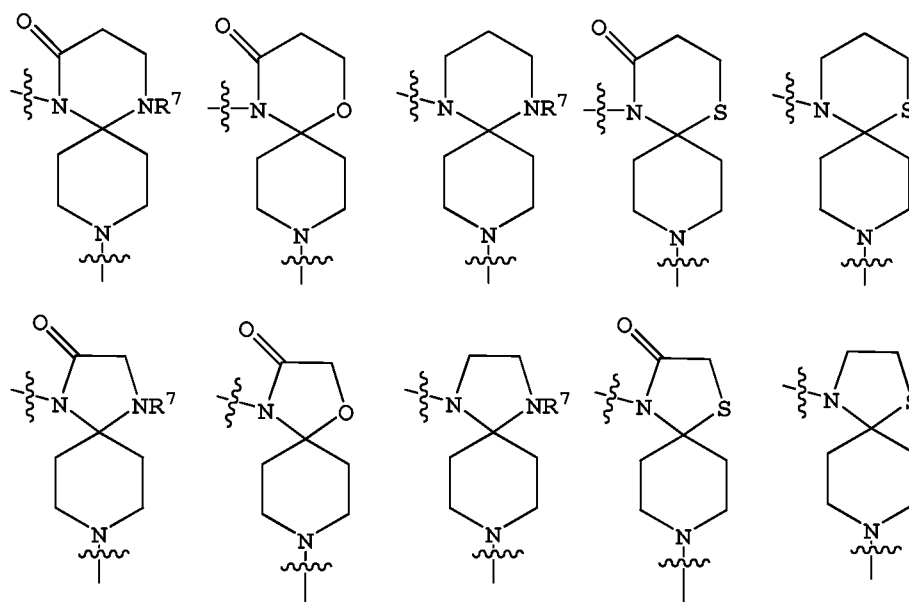
There are several independent and separate preferences regarding the substituent R groups. Thus, R^1 and R^2 are preferably the same single substituent other than hydrogen, so that circle **A** and circle **B** both contain a single substituent other than hydrogen. The single substituent of R^1 and R^2 is preferably located at the same relative position in their respective ring systems. R^1 and R^2 preferably also have a Hammett sigma value for a *para*-position substituent that is greater than -0.2, and more preferably, a Hammett sigma value for a *para*-position substituent that is zero or positive (greater than zero).

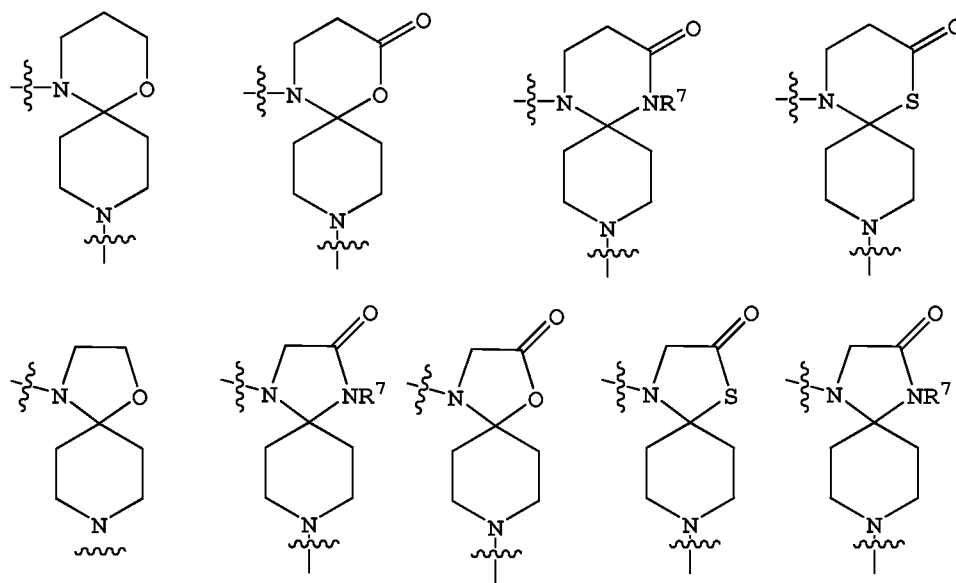
Hammett sigma values are well known in organic chemistry and those values for *para*-position substituents reflect both electron donation and withdrawal via an inductive effect, but also are understood to reflect a resonance effect. It is

noted that the recited *para*-position sigma value is utilized regardless of the actual position of the substituent on the aromatic or heteroaromatic ring. For Hammett sigma values see, for example, U.S. Patents No. 7,473,477, No. 5,811,521, No. 4,746,651, and No. 4,548,905. A list of Hammett sigma values can be found in J. Hine, Physical Organic Chemistry, 2nd ed., McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., New York page 87 (1962) and at the web site:

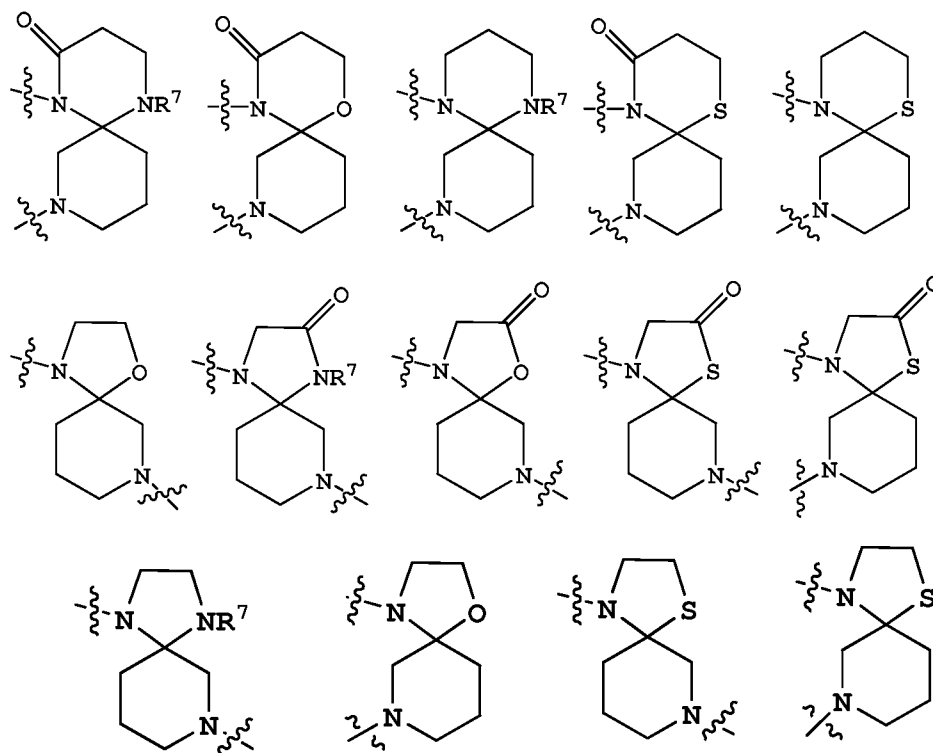
wiredchemist.com/chemistry/data/hammett_sigma_constants.

Thus, **X** and **Y** can form a sulfonamido, a carboxamido, a urea, a guanidino or methylene linkage from the circle **A** or circle **B** ring system to a depicted nitrogen atom of the central spiro ring. A compound having a central ring that is a spiro 6,6-ring system or a spiro 5,6-ring system, along with one nitrogen and one oxygen or two nitrogens is contemplated. Illustrative central spiro rings are shown below where wavy lines are used to indicate the presence of covalent bonds to other entities, and where R⁷ is defined above and R⁸ is H.



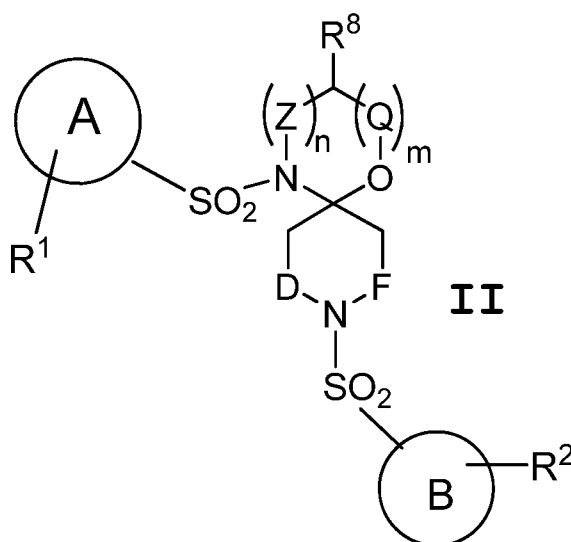


Illustrative compounds of Formula **A** in which d and e are each zero and R¹¹, R¹² and R¹³ are each H have asymmetric spiro ring structures a few of which are shown below with wavy lines indicating the presence of covalent bonds to other entities, and R⁷ is defined above and R⁸ is H.



In preferred practice, n is zero, e and g are both zero and R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} are all H, so the central ring is a spiro 5,6-ring system whose 6-membered ring is unsubstituted and in which the spiro bonds are in the 4-position relative to the nitrogen of the 6-membered ring.. It is separately preferred that **W** be O. A compound in which **X** and **Y** are the same is preferred. It is also separately preferred that **X** and **Y** both be SO₂ (sulfonyl).

A particularly preferred compound of Formula **A** that embodies the above separate preferences is a compound of Formula **II**



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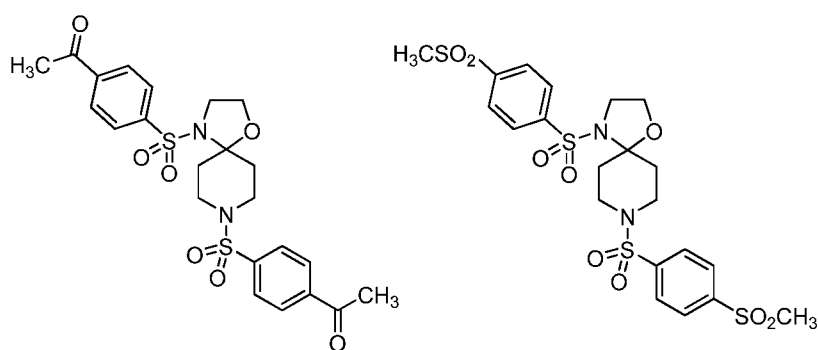
circle **A** and circle **B**, **D**, **F**, **Z**, **Q**, m , n , R^1 , R^2 and R^8 are as described previously, unless the formula as shown precludes a definition provided for a compound of Formula **A**. It is more preferred that circle **A** and circle **B** are each phenyl, furanyl or pyridyl and R^1 and R^2 is each a single substituent. There are several independent and separate preferences regarding the substituent R groups.

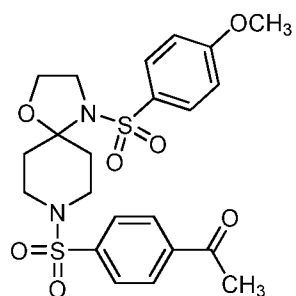
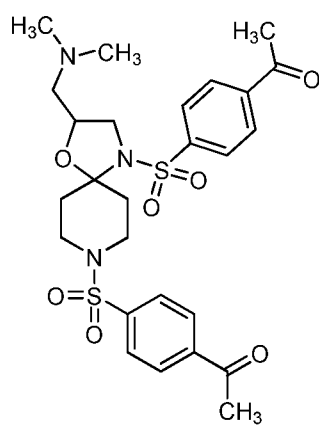
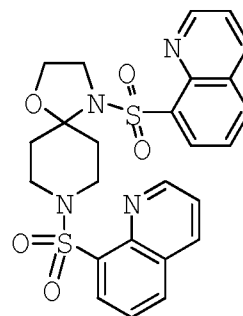
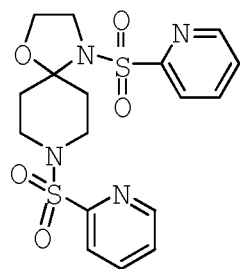
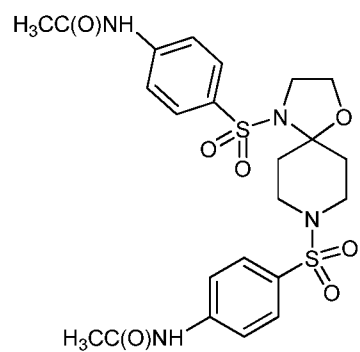
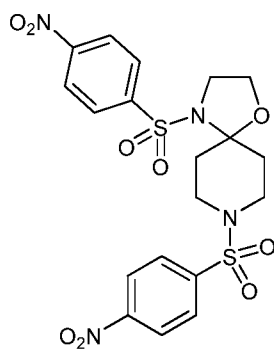
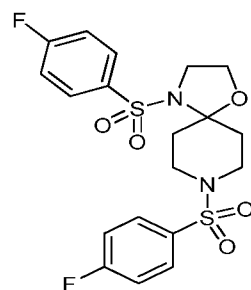
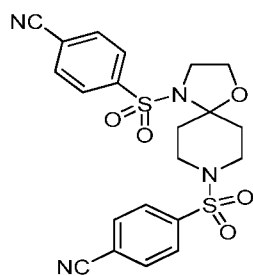
Thus, R^1 and R^2 are preferably the same. R^1 and R^2 are also preferably located at the same relative position in their respective rings. Thus, if R^1 is 4-cyano, R^2 is also 4-cyano. It is also preferred that the sum of $m + n = 1$ so that the upper depicted ring contains 5-ring atoms.

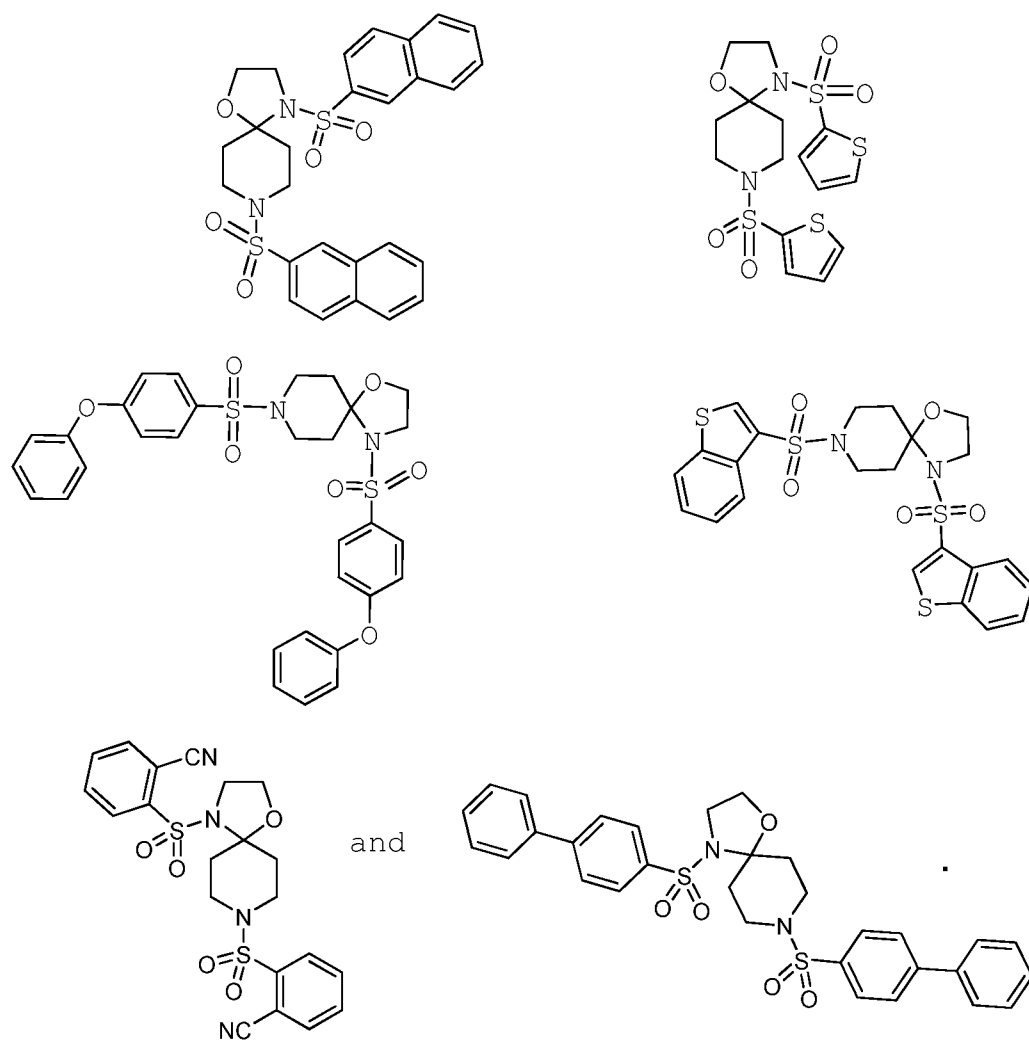
R^1 and R^2 preferably also have a Hammett sigma value for a *para*-position substituent that is greater than -0.2, and more preferably, a Hammett sigma value for a *para*-position substituent that is positive (greater than zero).

Most of the compounds assayed having substituents with Hammett sigma values for a *para*-position substituent that are greater than -0.2 are more active than are assayed compounds with Hammett sigma values for a *para*-position substituent that are less than -0.2 (more negative). The most active compounds have substituents whose Hammett sigma values for a *para*-position substituent are positive; i.e., greater than zero. It is also noted that preferred R^1 and R^2 substituent groups do not themselves provide a positive or negative charge to a compound at a pH value of about 7.2-7.4.

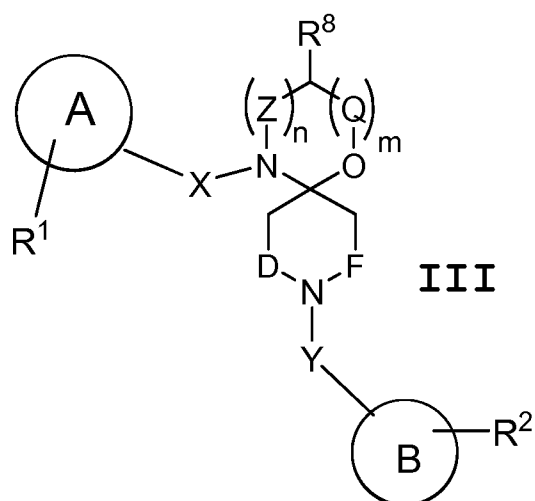
A particularly preferred compound of Formula **II** that embodies the above separate preferences is selected from the group consisting of:







In other embodiments, a particularly preferred compound of Formula **A** is a compound of Formula **III**



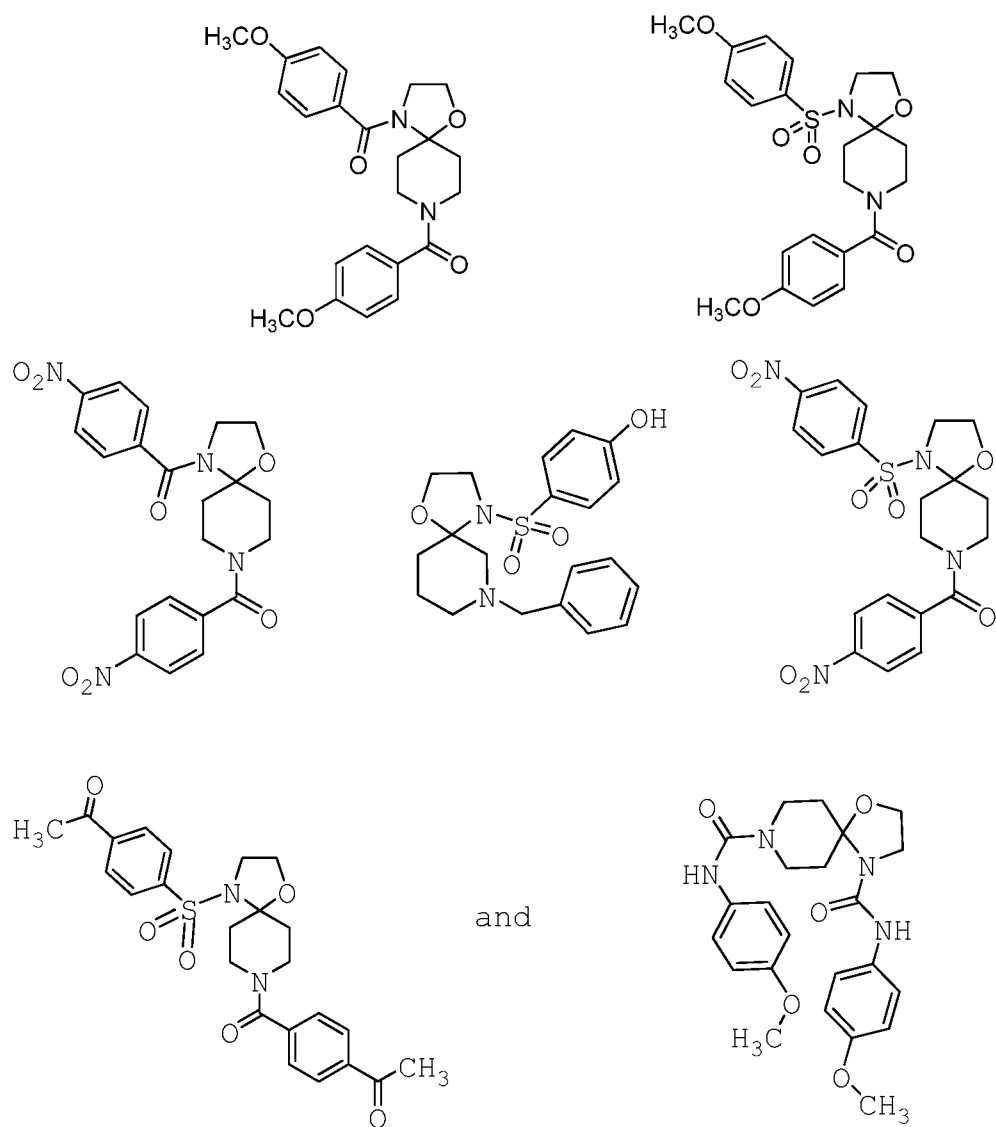
wherein

circle **A** and circle **B**, **D**, **F**, **Z**, **Q**, m , n , R^1 , R^2 and R^8 are as described previously. **X** and **Y** are both CO, or **X** and **Y** are different and are SO₂, C(O), CH₂, CD₂, NHC(NH) or NHC(O).

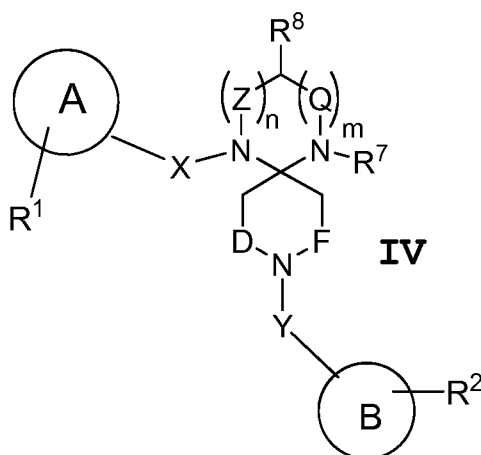
More preferably, circle **A** and circle **B** are each phenyl, furanyl or pyridyl. R^1 and R^2 are the same and are selected from the group consisting of trifluoromethyl, C₁-C₆ acyl, C₁-C₄ alkylsulfonyl, halogen, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, C₁-C₄ alkyl carboxylate, carboxamide wherein the amido nitrogen has the formula NR³R⁴ wherein R³ and R⁴ are the same or different and are H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, and NR⁵R⁶ wherein R⁵ and R⁶ are the same or different and are H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ acyl, C₁-C₄ alkylsulfonyl.

It is still more preferred that R^1 and R^2 each be a single substituent. There are several independent and separate preferences regarding the substituent R groups. R^1 and R^2 are preferably the same. R^1 and R^2 are also preferably located at the same relative position in their respective rings. Thus, if R^1 is 4-cyano, R^2 is also 4-cyano. It is also preferred that the sum of $m + n = 1$, so that the upper depicted ring contains 5-ring atoms. R^1 and R^2 preferably also have a Hammett sigma value for a *para*-position substituent that is greater than -0.2, and more preferably, a Hammett sigma value for a *para*-position substituent that is positive (greater than zero).

A particular compound of Formula **III** is



In still further embodiments, a particularly preferred compound of Formula **A** is a compound of Formula **IV**



wherein

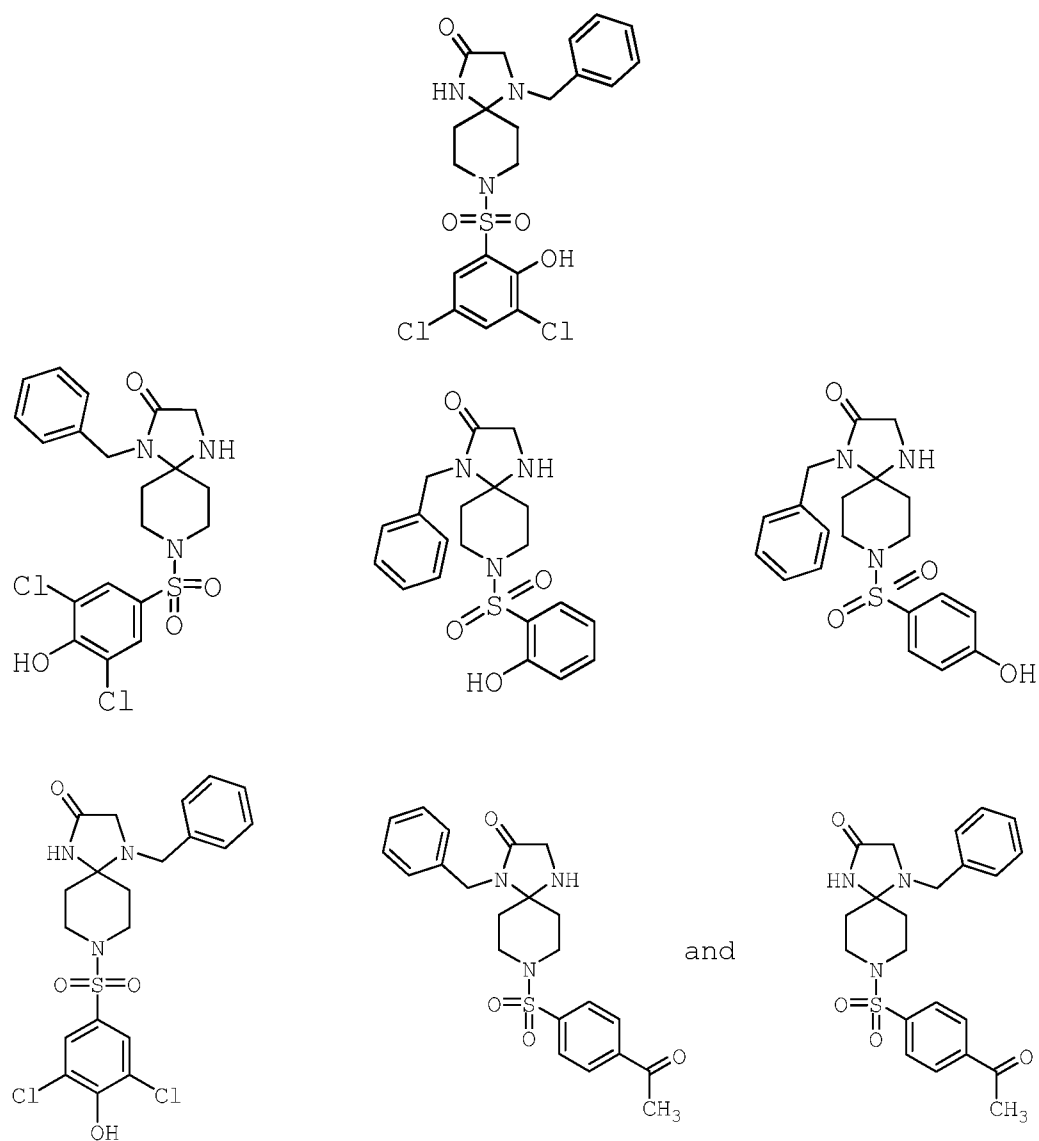
circle **A** and circle **B**, **D**, **F**, **Z**, **Q**, m , n , R^1 , R^2 , R^7 and R^8 are as described previously. **X** and **Y** are the same or different and are SO_2 , $C(O)$, CH_2 , CD_2 , $NHC(NH)$ or $NHC(O)$.

More preferably, circle **A** and circle **B** are each phenyl, furanyl or pyridyl. R^1 and R^2 are the same and are selected from the group consisting of trifluoromethyl, C_1 - C_6 acyl, C_1 - C_4 alkylsulfonyl, halogen, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, C_1 - C_4 alkyl carboxylate, carboxamide wherein the amido nitrogen has the formula NR^3R^4 wherein R^3 and R^4 are the same or different and are H, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, and NR^5R^6 wherein R^5 and R^6 are the same or different and are H, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 acyl, C_1 - C_4 alkylsulfonyl.

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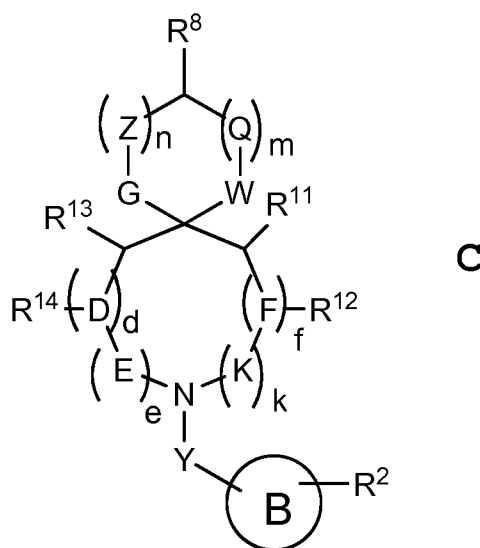
Particular compounds of Formula **IV** include



The present invention also contemplates a method of treatment to reduce pain in a treated mammal. A compound of Formula **A**, or of any of

Formulas **B**, **I**, **II**, **III** and **IV** present in an analgesic effective amount dissolved or dispersed in a physiologically tolerable diluent can and preferably is used in such a treatment.

A compound of Formula **C** in an analgesic effective amount dissolved or dispersed in a physiologically tolerable diluent is also contemplated.



In Formula **C**, **G** and **W** are selected from the group consisting of NR^{20} , NR^7 , CH_2 , S and O , where R^7 is H , $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$ hydrocarbyl, or $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$ hydrocarbonyl (acyl) and R^{20} is a group **X**-circle **A**- R^1 as defined hereinafter, with the provisos that only one of **G** and **W** is NR^{20} and that one of **G** and **W** must be NR^{20} ; **X** and **Y** are the same or different and are SO_2 , $\text{C}(\text{O})$, CH_2 , CD_2 , $\text{OC}(\text{O})$, $\text{NHC}(\text{NH})$ or $\text{NHC}(\text{O})$; **Q** is CHR^9 or $\text{C}(\text{O})$; **Z** is CHR^{10} or $\text{C}(\text{O})$; each of d , e , f and k is either zero or one and the sum of $(d + e + f + k) = 2$, e is zero when d is zero, and g is zero when f is zero; **D** and **F** are the same or different and are CH or CD ; each of m and n is zero or one and the sum of $m+n$ is 1 or 2; the circles **A** and **B** are the same or different

aromatic or heteroaromatic ring systems that contain one ring or two fused rings. Groups R^1 and R^2 are the same or different and each can be hydrogen or represent up to three substituents other than hydrogen that themselves can be the same or different; i.e., R^{1a} , R^{1b} , and R^{1c} , and R^{2a} , R^{2b} , and R^{2c} . Each of those six groups, R^{1a-c} and R^{2a-c} , is separately selected from the group consisting of H, C_1 - C_6 hydrocarbyl, C_1 - C_6 hydrocarbyloxy, C_1 - C_6 hydrocarbyloxycarbonyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C_1 - C_7 hydrocarboyl (acyl), hydroxy-, trifluoromethyl- ($-CF_3$) or halogen-substituted C_1 - C_7 hydrocarboyl, C_1 - C_6 hydrocarbylsulfonyl, C_1 - C_6 hydrocarbyloxysulfonyl, halogen, nitro, phenyl, cyano, carboxyl, C_1 - C_7 hydrocarbyl carboxylate [$C(O)O$ - C_1 - C_7 hydrocarbyl], carboxamide [$C(O)NR^3R^4$] or sulfonamide [$S(O)_2NR^3R^4$] wherein the amido nitrogen in either group has the formula NR^3R^4 wherein R^3 and R^4 are the same or different and are H, C_1 - C_4 hydrocarbyl, or R^3 and R^4 together with the depicted nitrogen form a 5-7-membered ring that optionally contains 1 or 2 additional hetero atoms that independently are nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur, **MAr**, where **M** is $-CH_2-$, $-O-$ or $-N=N-$ and Ar is a single-ringed aryl group, and NR^5R^6 wherein R^5 and R^6 are the same or different and are H, C_1 - C_4 hydrocarbyl, C_1 - C_4 acyl, C_1 - C_4 hydrocarbylsulfonyl, or R^5 and R^6 together with the depicted nitrogen form a 5-7-membered ring that optionally contains 1 or 2 additional hetero atoms that independently are nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur;

R^8 , R^9 , and R^{10} are each H, or two of R^8 , R^9 , and R^{10} are H and one is a C_1 - C_8 hydrocarbonyl group that is unsubstituted or is substituted with up to three atoms that are the same or different and are oxygen or nitrogen atoms;

R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} and R^{14} are all H, or R^{11} and R^{13} are H and R^{12} and R^{14} are H or D, or one of the pair R^{11} and R^{12} or the pair R^{13} and R^{14} together with the depicted ring form a saturated or unsaturated 6-membered ring, and the other pair are each H or they are H and D as recited herein; i.e., in this subparagraph.

Again, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of all of the compounds of Formulas **A**, **B**, **C**, and **I-IV** is contemplated.

Thus, a compound of Formula **C** encompasses compounds in addition to those of Formula **A**. In particular, R^1 and R^2 substituents of a compound of Formula **C** include C_1 - C_6 hydrocarbyloxy and amino substituents NR^5R^6 . These R^1 and R^2 groups have Hammett sigma values for the *para*-position that are less than -0.2. For example, the Hine text, cited above, lists appropriate *para*-position sigma values for methoxy and ethoxy groups as -0.268 and -0.24, respectively. The *para*-position sigma value for an unsubstituted amine is -0.66, whereas a dimethylamino group has a reported *para*-position sigma value of -0.83.

Aside from the inclusion of additional R^1 and R^2 groups, the preferences discussed above for a compound of Formula **A** also apply to a compound of

Formula **C**. Thus, for example, **W** is preferably O, and **X** and **Y** are preferably the same and are SO₂.

In another aspect, a contemplated compound is selected in part using a method for determining the ability of a candidate FLNA-binding compound, other than naloxone or naltrexone, to inhibit the interaction of the mu opioid receptor with filamin A (FLNA) and thereby prevent the mu opioid receptor from coupling to Gs proteins (Gs). That method comprises the steps of: (a) admixing the candidate FLNA-binding compound (alone if such FLNA-binding compound also stimulates MOR or with a MOR agonist otherwise) with mammalian cells that contain the mu opioid receptor and FLNA in their native conformations and relative orientations, the opioid agonist being present in an agonist effective amount and/or being administered in a repeated, chronic manner the FLNA-binding compound being present in an FLNA-binding effective amount; and (b) determining inhibition of the interaction of the mu opioid receptor with the G protein by analysis of the presence or the absence of the G α s subunit of Gs protein, wherein the absence of the G α s subunit indicates inhibition of the interaction of the mu opioid receptor with the Gs protein.

In one aspect, the analysis of Gs protein coupling by the mu opioid receptor and downstream effects elicited by admixing mammalian cells with a before-defined compound can be conducted by any one or more of several methods such as for example co-immunoprecipitation of G α proteins with MOR, Western blot detection of MOR in immunoprecipitates, and densitometric quantification of Western blots.

Pharmaceutical Composition

A compound of the invention can be provided for use by itself, or as a pharmaceutically acceptable salt. Although substituent groups can provide an acid functionality, a contemplated compound of any of Formulas **A-C** and Formulas **I-IV** is an amine and can typically be used in the form of an acid addition salt derived from an inorganic or organic acid. Exemplary salts include but are not limited to the following: acetate, adipate, alginate, citrate, aspartate, benzoate, benzenesulfonate, bisulfate, butyrate, camphorate, camphorsulfonate, digluconate, cyclopentanepropionate, dodecylsulfate, ethanesulfonate, glucoheptanoate, glycerophosphate, hemisulfate, heptanoate, hexanoate, fumarate, hydrochloride, hydrobromide, hydroiodide, 2-hydroxy-ethanesulfonate, lactate, maleate, methanesulfonate, nicotinate, 2-naphthalenesulfonate, oxalate, palmoate, pectinate, persulfate, 3-phenylpropionate, picrate, pivalate, propionate, succinate, tartrate, thiocyanate, tosylate, mesylate and undecanoate.

Other compounds useful in this invention that contain acid functionalities can also form salts. Examples include salts with alkali metals or alkaline earth metals, such as sodium, potassium, calcium or magnesium or with organic bases or basic quaternary ammonium salts.

The reader is directed to Berge, 1977 *J. Pharm. Sci.* **68(1)**:1-19 for lists of commonly used pharmaceutically acceptable acids and bases that form pharmaceutically acceptable salts with pharmaceutical compounds.

In some cases, the salts can also be used as an aid in the isolation, purification or resolution of the compounds of this invention. In such uses, the acid used and the salt prepared need not be pharmaceutically acceptable.

As can be seen from the above definitions, a contemplated compound can contain deuterated carbon atoms on either side of the "X" substituent. Deuterated compounds can be useful in studying the mechanism of drug interactions with living organisms for the elucidation of metabolic and biosynthetic pathways. Deuteration can also extend the half-life of a contemplated compound *in vivo* because a C-D bond is stronger than a C-H bond thereby requiring more energy input for bond cleavage. See, Blake et al., 1975 *J. Pharm. Sci.* **64**(3):367-391; and Nelson et al., 2003 *Drug Metab. Dispos.* **31**(12):1481-1498, and the citations therein. Contemplated deuterated compounds are prepared using well-known reactions.

A contemplated composition can be used in the manufacture of a medicament that is useful at least for lessening or reducing pain in a mammal that is in need, such as somatic, visceral, neuropathic or sympathetic pain, including musculoskeletal pain, inflammatory pain, burn pain, and pain from syndromes such as fibromyalgia and complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS). A contemplated composition can also be used in the manufacture of a medicament that is useful in reducing inflammation. Inasmuch as pain and inflammation are not always coincident, a contemplated composition is referred to as being used to reduce one or both of pain and inflammation, or a similar phrase.

A contemplated pharmaceutical composition contains an analgesia effective amount of a compound Formulas **A**, **B** or **C** and of Formulas **I-IV** or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof dissolved or dispersed in a physiologically tolerable carrier. Such a composition can be administered to mammalian

cells *in vitro* as in a cell culture, or *in vivo* as in a living, host mammal in need.

A contemplated composition is typically administered a plurality of times over a period of days. More usually, a contemplated composition is administered a plurality of times in one day.

As is seen from the data that follow, a contemplated compound is active in the assays studies at micromolar amounts. In the laboratory mouse tail flick test, orally administered morphine exhibited an A₅₀ value of 61.8 (52.4-72.9) mg/kg, and a mean maximum antinociception amount of about 43% at 56 mg/kg at about 20 minutes. Orally administered compound C0011 (see the Table of Correspondence hereinafter for a correlation of structures and compound numbers) exhibited a mean maximum antinociception amount of about 70% at 56 mg/kg at about 10-20 minutes, whereas orally administered compound C0009 exhibited a mean maximum antinociception amount of about 50% at 56 mg/kg at about 10 minutes, compound C0022 exhibited a mean maximum antinociception amount of about 40% at 56 mg/kg at about 30 minutes, and compound C0148M exhibited a mean maximum antinociception amount of about 30% at 32 mg/kg at about 10 minutes. It is thus seen that the contemplated compounds are quite active and potent, and that a skilled worker can readily determine an appropriate dosage level to achieve a desired amount of pain reduction, particularly in view of the relative activity of a contemplated compound compared to orally administered morphine.

A contemplated composition described herein can be used in the manufacture of a medicament that

is useful at least for lessening or reducing pain in a mammal that is in need.

A contemplated pharmaceutical composition can be administered orally (perorally), parenterally, by inhalation spray in a formulation containing conventional nontoxic pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, adjuvants, and vehicles as desired. The term parenteral as used herein includes subcutaneous injections, intravenous, intramuscular, intrasternal injection, or infusion techniques. Formulation of drugs is discussed in, for example, Hoover, John E., Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, Mack Publishing Co., Easton, Pennsylvania; 1975 and Liberman, H.A. and Lachman, L., Eds., Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms, Marcel Decker, New York, N.Y., 1980.

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 also be a sterile injectable solution or suspension 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, and isotonic sodium chloride solution, phosphate-buffered saline. Liquid pharmaceutical compositions include, for example, solutions suitable for parenteral administration. Sterile water solutions of an active component or sterile solution of the active component in solvents comprising water, ethanol, or propylene glycol are examples of liquid compositions suitable for parenteral administration.

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 find use in the preparation of injectables. Dimethyl acetamide, surfactants including ionic and non-ionic detergents, polyethylene glycols can be used. Mixtures of solvents and wetting agents such as those discussed above are also useful.

Sterile solutions can be prepared by dissolving the active component in the desired solvent system, and then passing the resulting solution through a membrane filter to sterilize it or, alternatively, by dissolving the sterile compound in a previously sterilized solvent under sterile conditions.

Solid dosage forms for oral administration can include capsules, tablets, pills, powders, and granules. In such solid dosage forms, the compounds of this invention are ordinarily combined with one or more adjuvants appropriate to the indicated route of administration. If administered *per os*, the compounds can be admixed with lactose, sucrose, starch powder, cellulose esters of alkanolic acids, cellulose alkyl esters, talc, stearic acid, magnesium stearate, magnesium oxide, sodium and calcium salts of phosphoric and sulfuric acids, gelatin, acacia gum, sodium alginate, polyvinylpyrrolidone, and/or polyvinyl alcohol, and then tableted or encapsulated for convenient administration. Such capsules or tablets can contain a controlled-release formulation as can be provided in a dispersion of active compound in hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose. In the case of

capsules, tablets, and pills, the dosage forms can also comprise buffering agents such as sodium citrate, magnesium or calcium carbonate or bicarbonate. Tablets and pills can additionally be prepared with enteric coatings.

A mammal in need of treatment and to which a pharmaceutical composition containing a contemplated compound is administered can be a primate such as a human, an ape such as a chimpanzee or gorilla, a monkey such as a cynomolgus monkey or a macaque, a laboratory animal such as a rat, mouse or rabbit, a companion animal such as a dog, cat, horse, or a food animal such as a cow or steer, sheep, lamb, pig, goat, llama or the like.

Where *in vitro* mammalian cell contact is contemplated, a CNS tissue culture of cells from an illustrative mammal is often utilized, as is illustrated hereinafter. In addition, a non-CNS tissue preparation that contains opioid receptors such as guinea pig ileum can also be used.

Preferably, the pharmaceutical composition is in unit dosage form. In such form, the composition is divided into unit doses containing appropriate quantities of the active urea. The unit dosage form can be a packaged preparation, the package containing discrete quantities of the preparation, for example, in vials or ampules.

EXAMPLES

The present invention is described in the following examples which are set forth to aid in the understanding of the invention, and should not be construed to limit in any way the invention as defined in the claims which follow thereafter.

The experiments described herein were carried out on organotypic striatal slices from male Sprague Dawley rats (200 to 250g) purchased from Taconic (Germantown, NY). Rats were housed two per cage and maintained on a regular 12-hour light/dark cycle in a climate-controlled room with food and water available *ad libitum* and sacrificed by rapid decapitation. All data are presented as mean $\pm$ standard error of the mean. Treatment effects were evaluated by two-way ANOVA followed by Newman-Keul's test for multiple comparisons. Two-tailed Student's *t* test was used for *post hoc* pairwise comparisons. The threshold for significance was $p < 0.05$.

The following Table of Correspondence shows the structures of the compounds discussed herein and their identifying numbers.

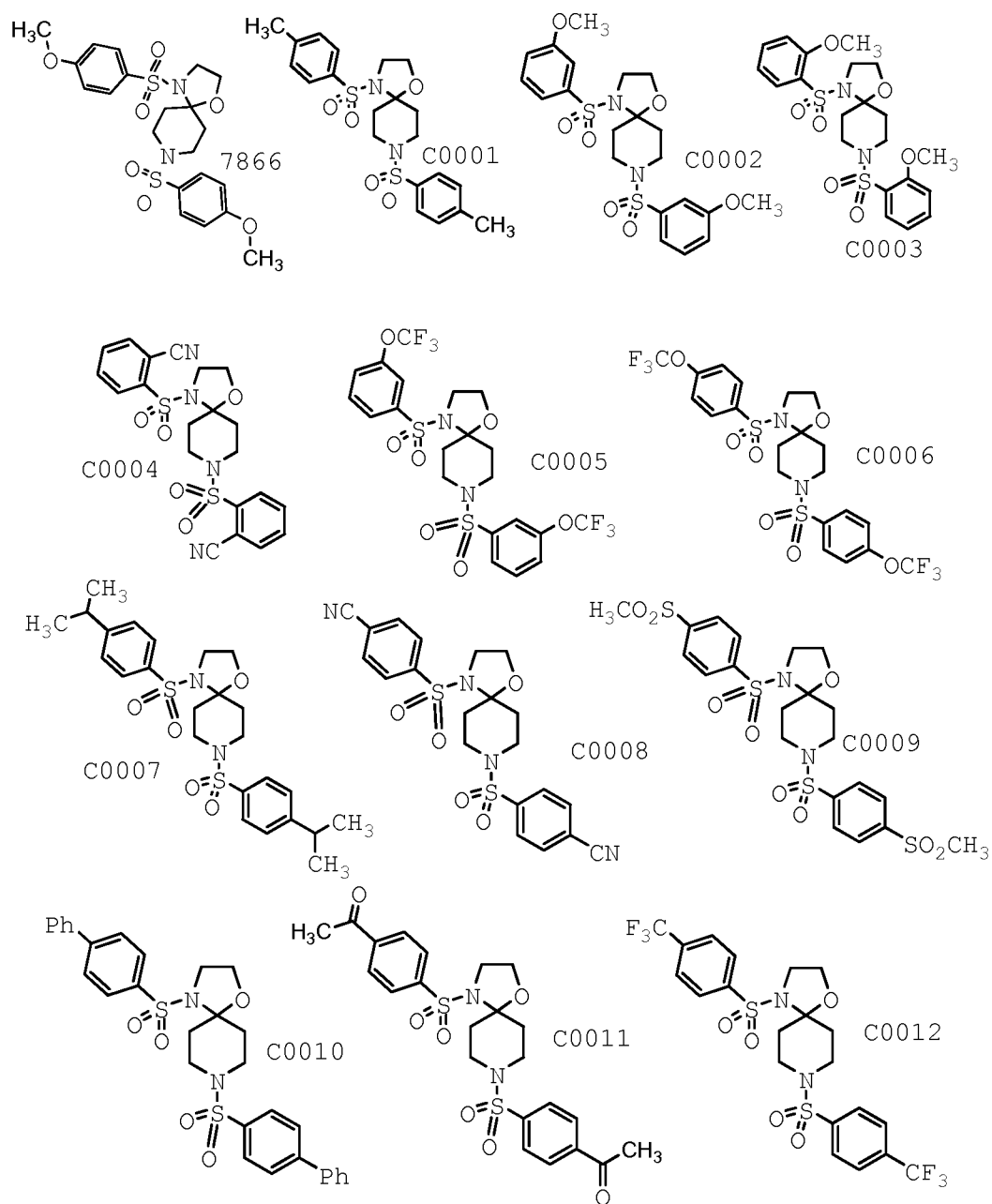
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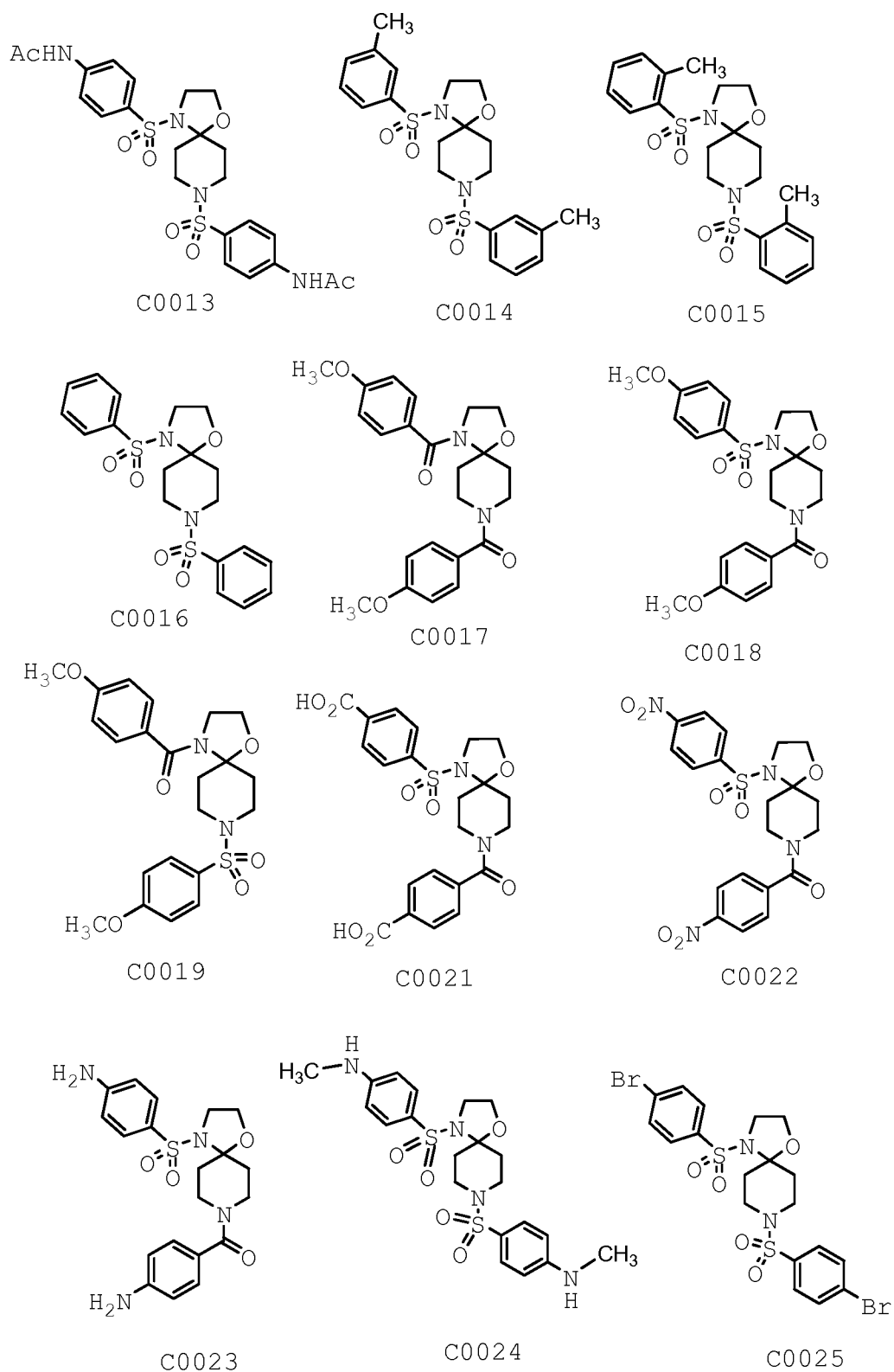
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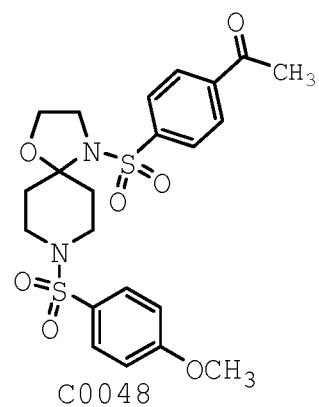
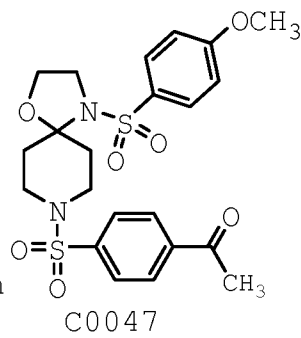
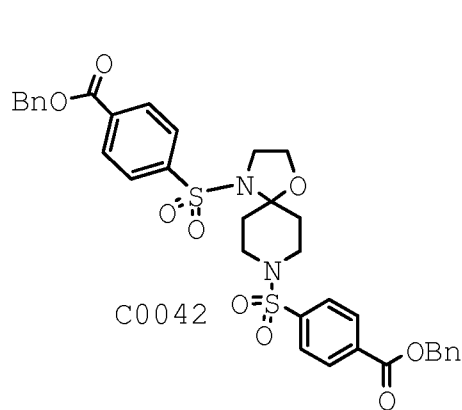
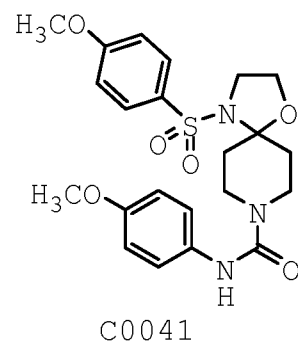
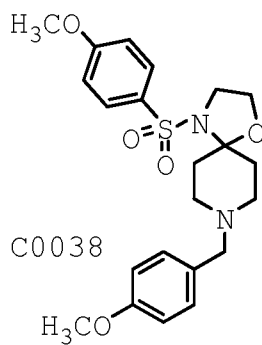
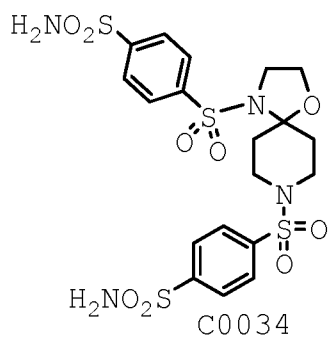
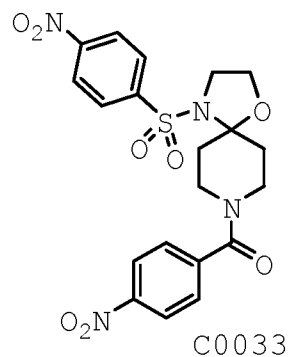
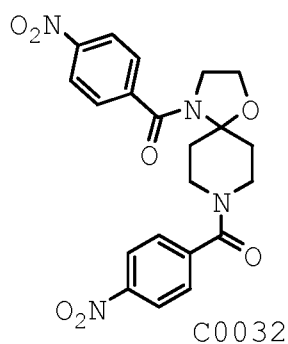
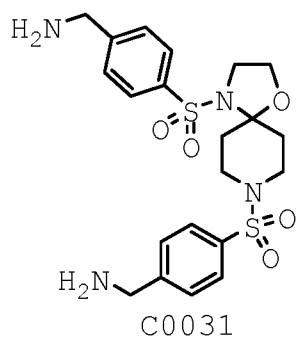
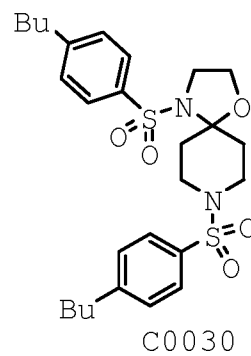
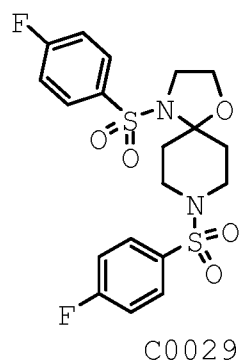
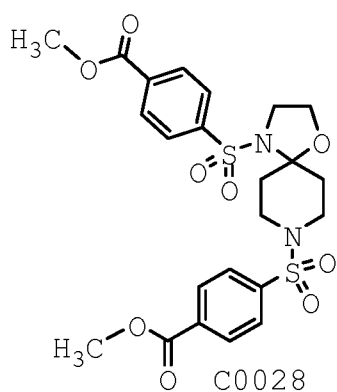


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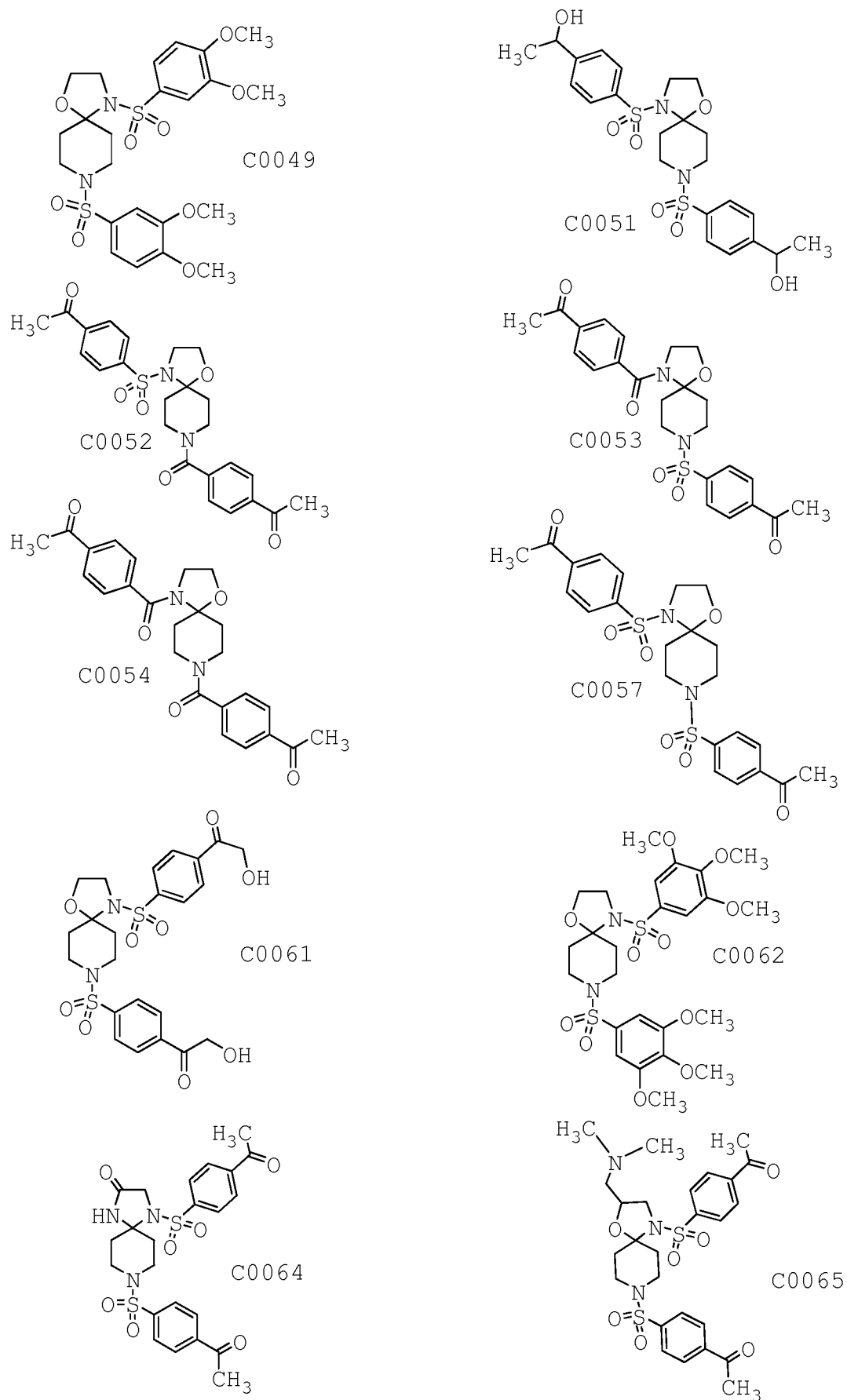


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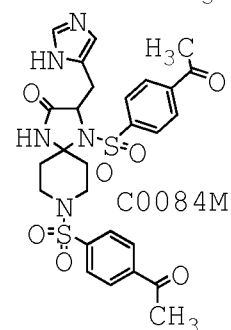
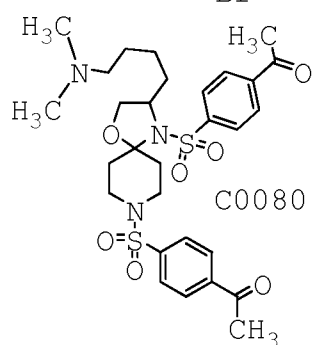
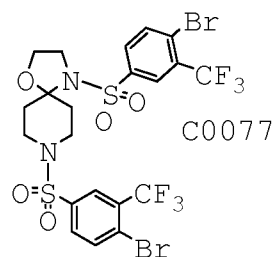
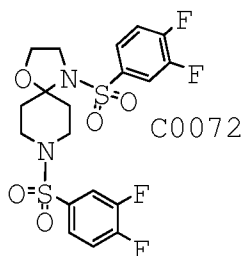
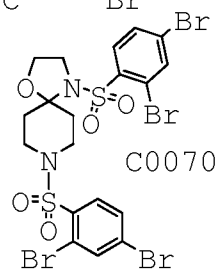
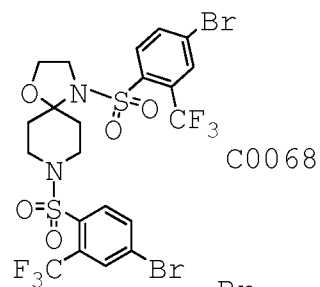
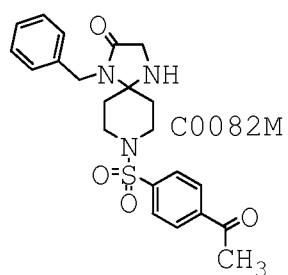
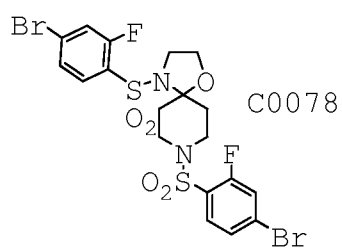
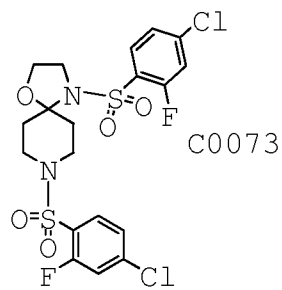
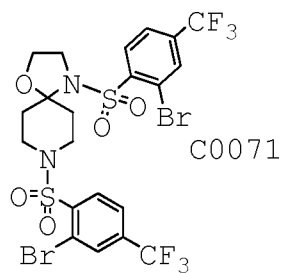
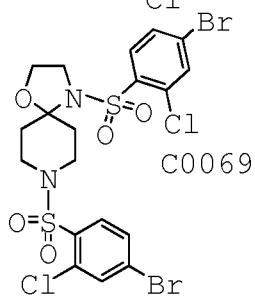
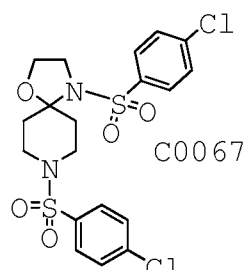
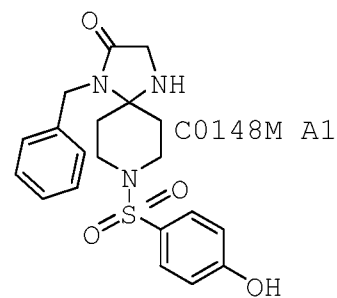
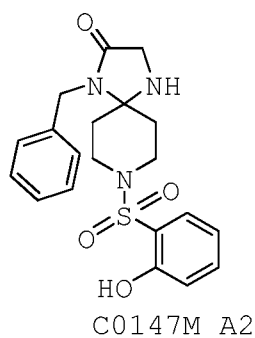
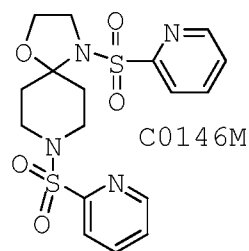
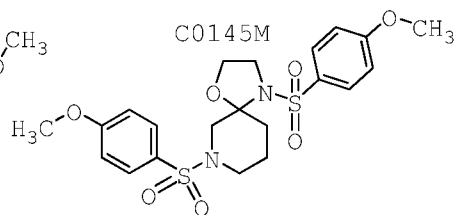
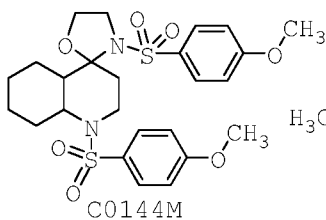
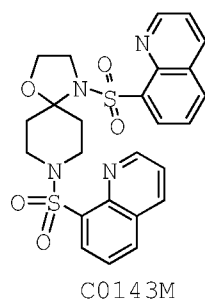
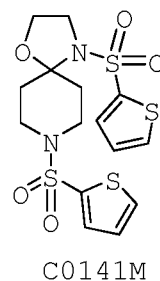
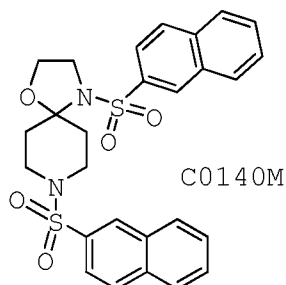
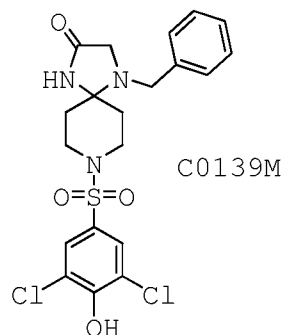
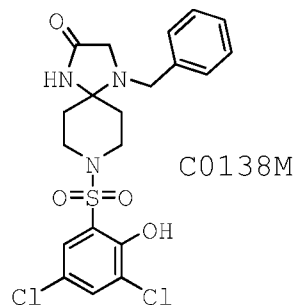
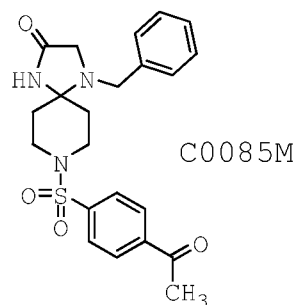
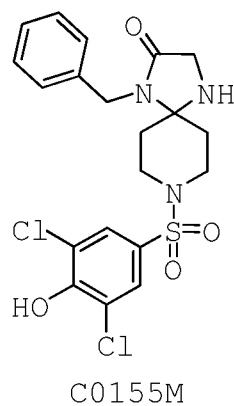
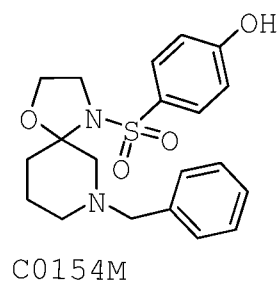
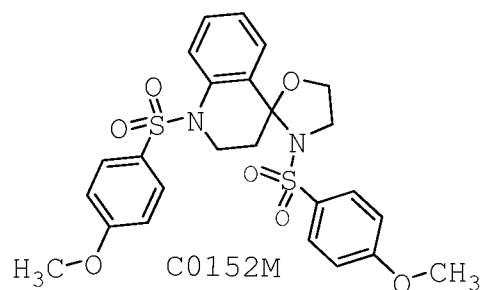
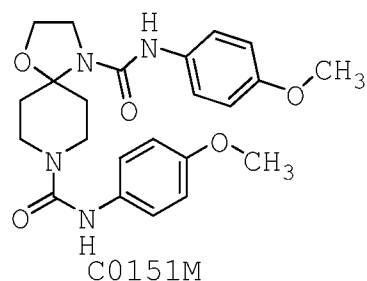
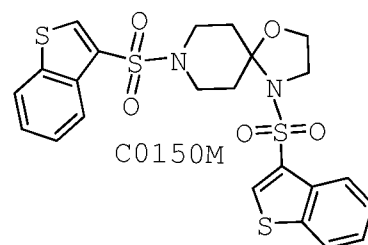
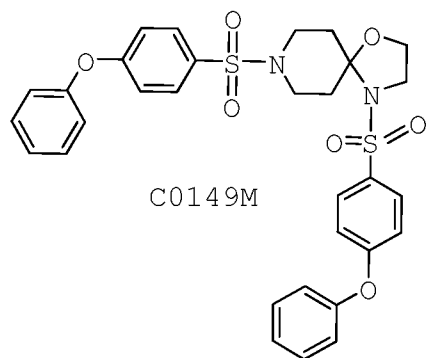


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Tables A-AG hereinafter illustrate several further contemplated compounds having various linking groups **X** and **Y**, central spiro ring systems and aromatic or heteroaromatic ring systems, circle **A** and Circle **B**. Substituents on the aromatic or heteroaromatic ring systems are omitted for added clarity with the understanding that one to three substituents, R^{1a-c} and R^{2a-c}, can be present bonded to each of the ring systems as discussed previously.

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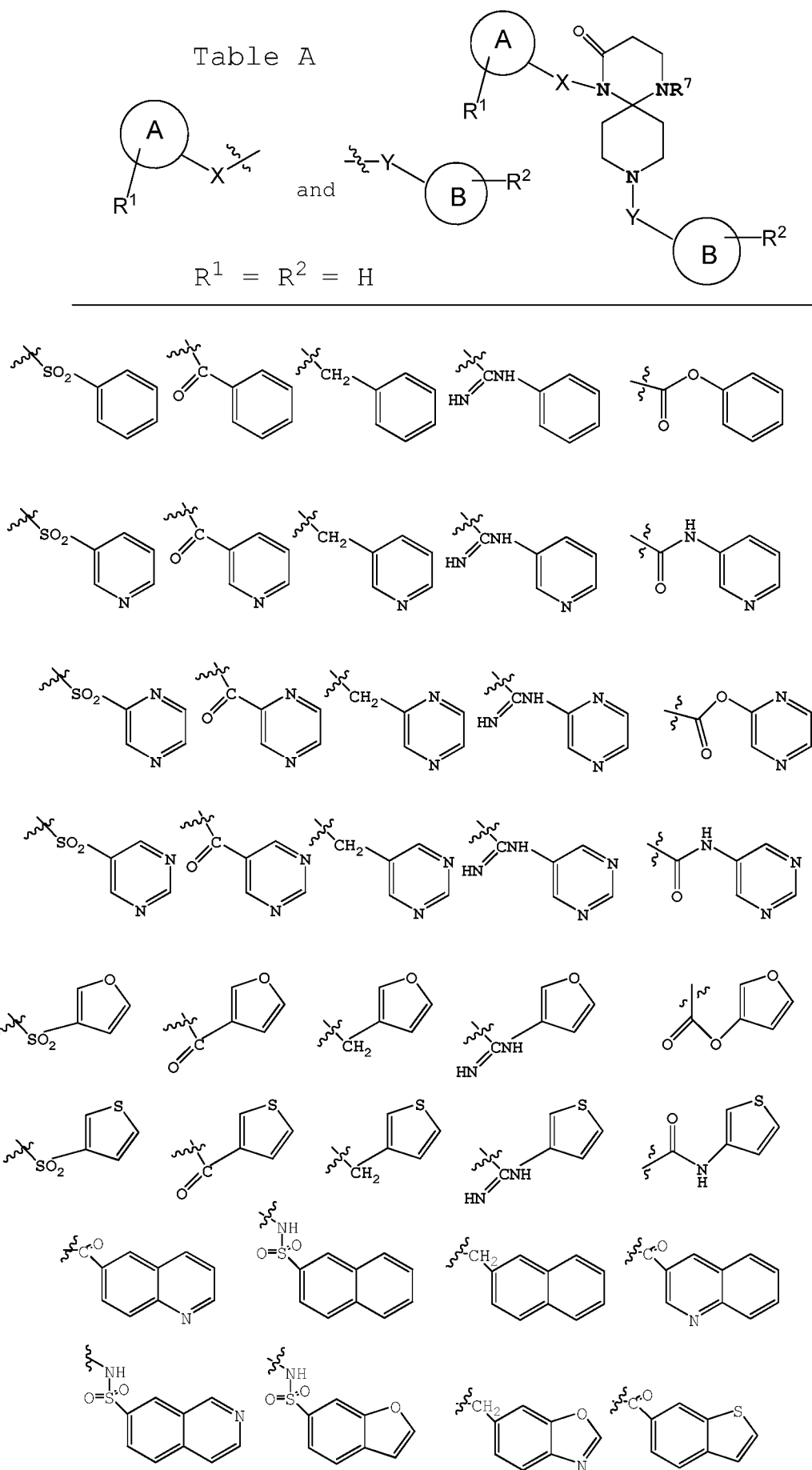


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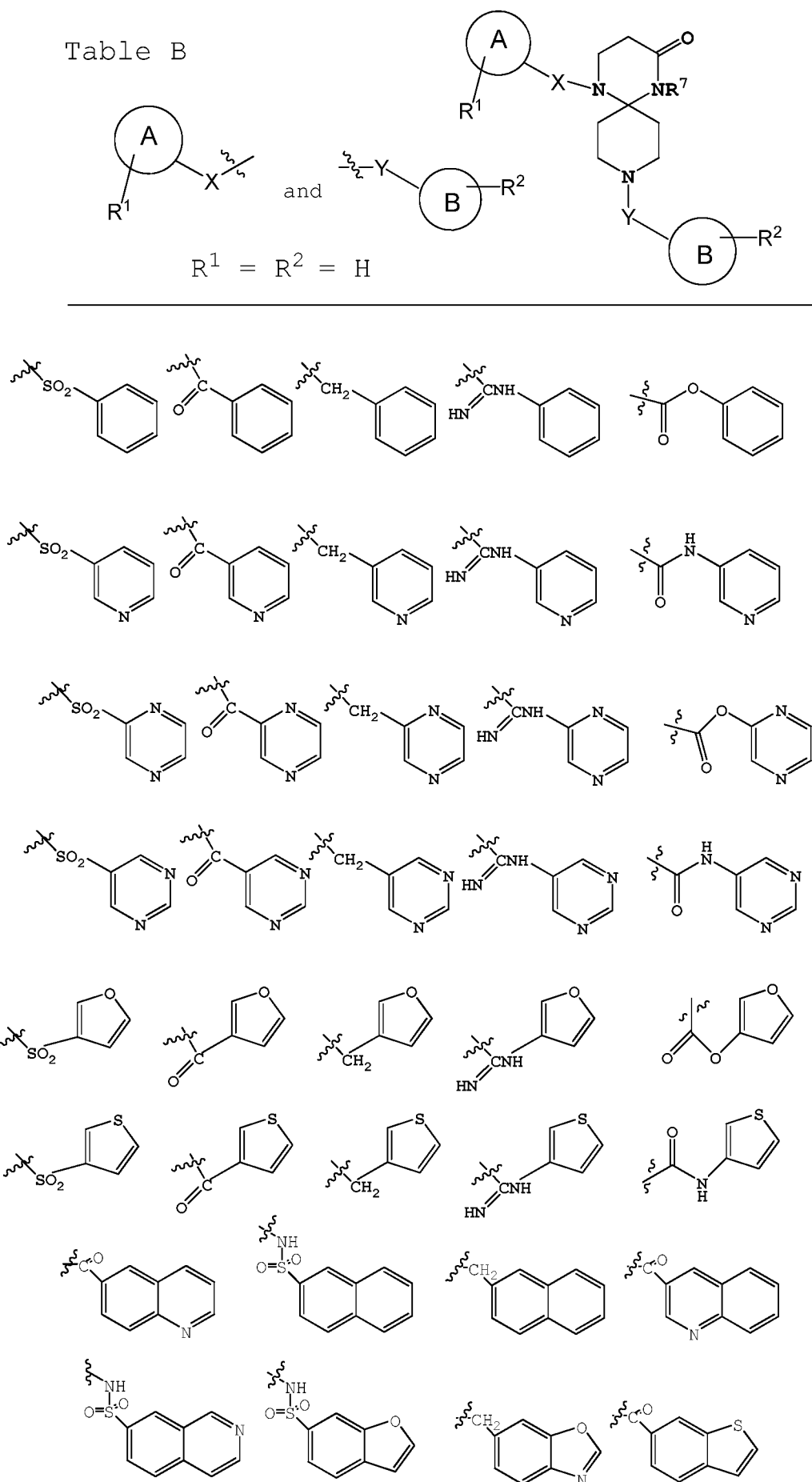


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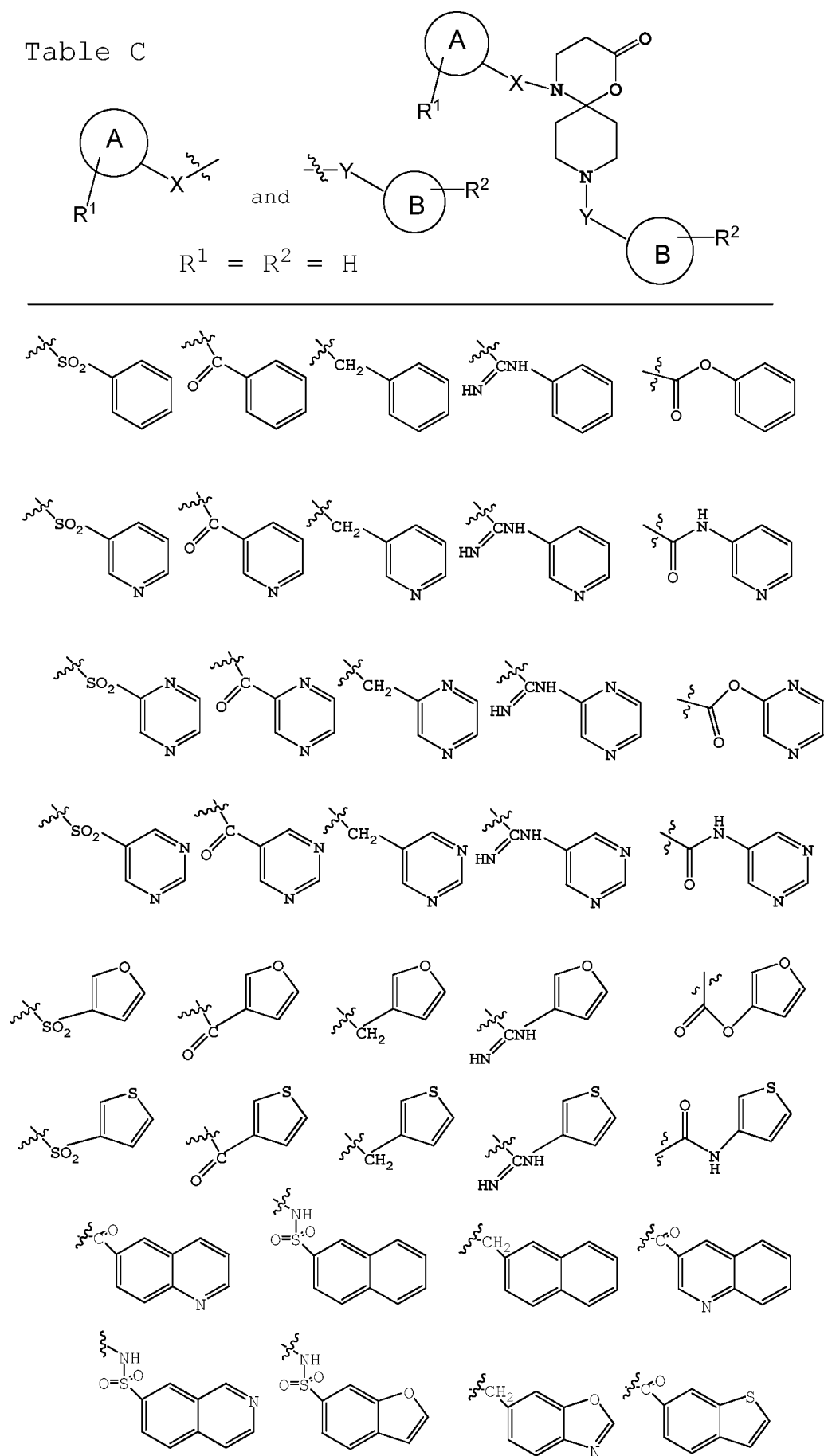


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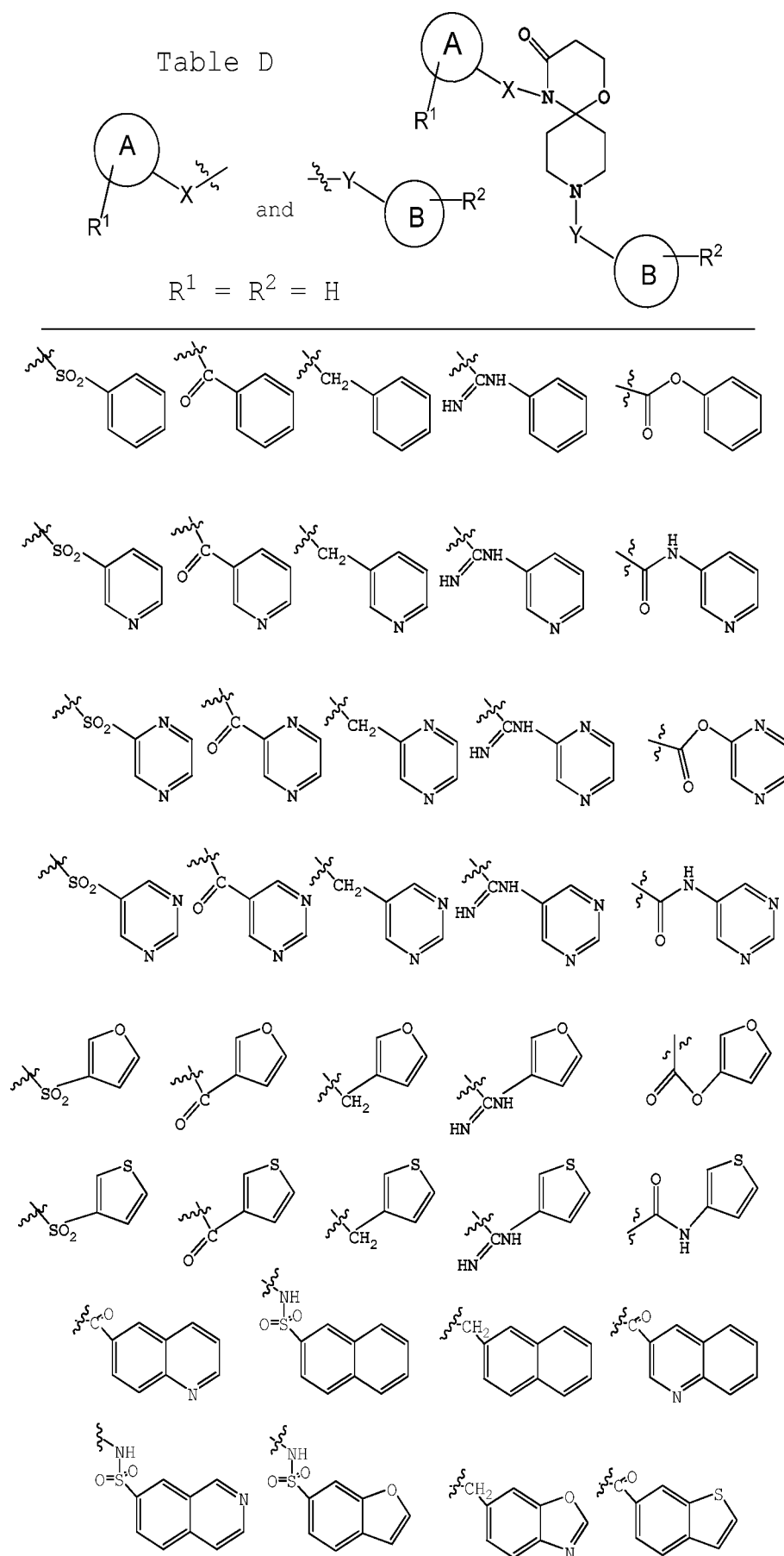


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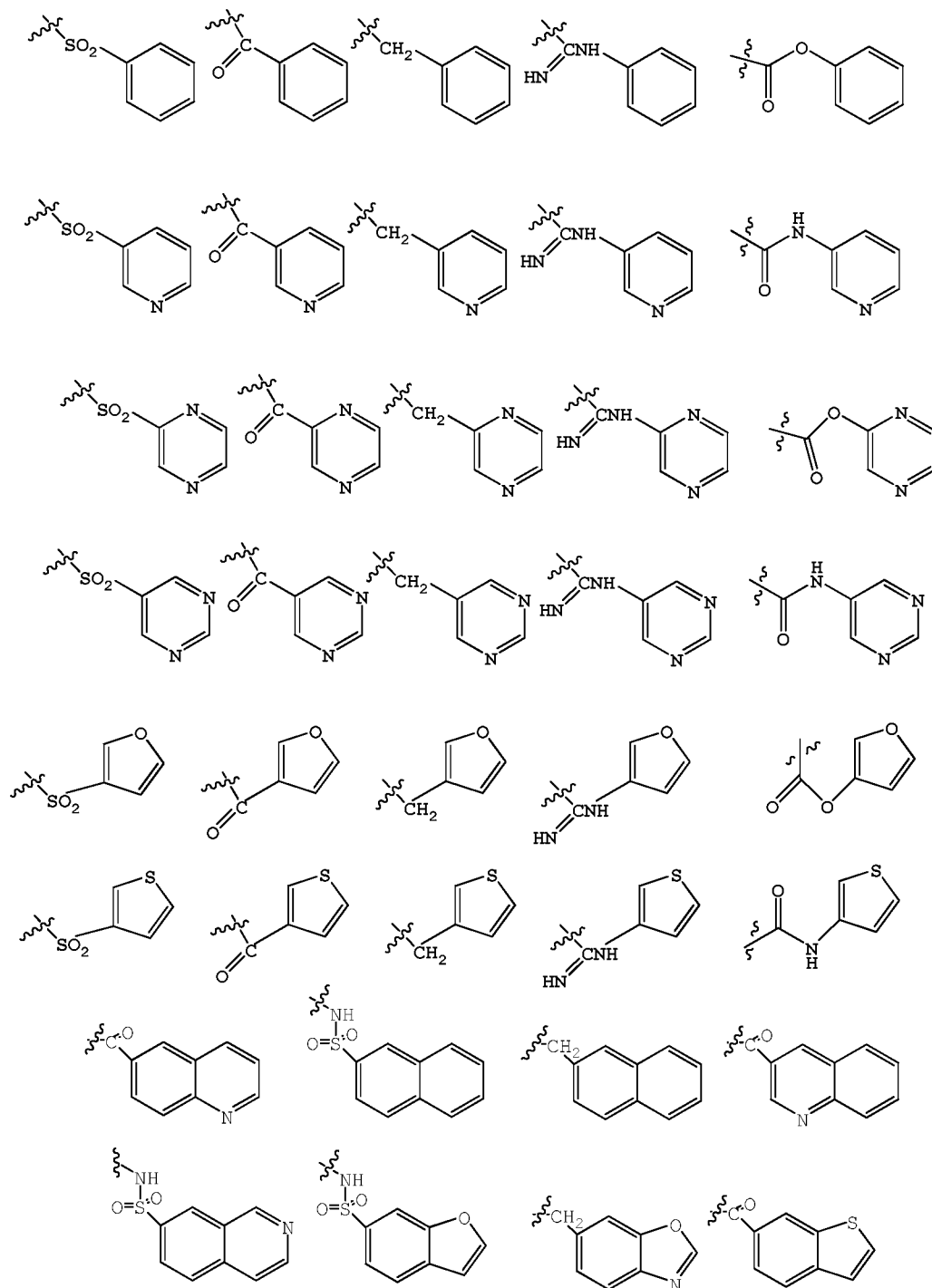
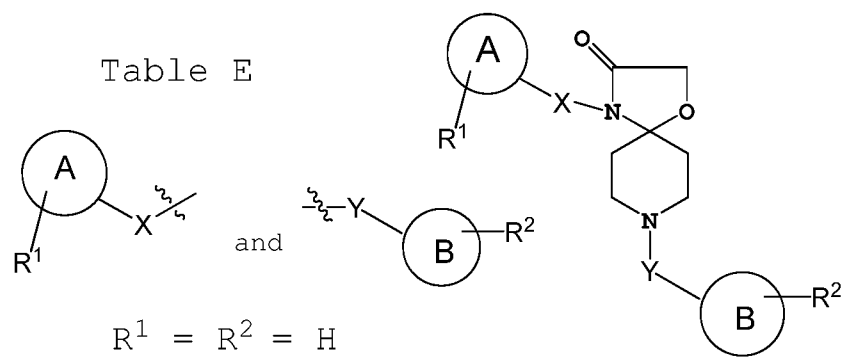


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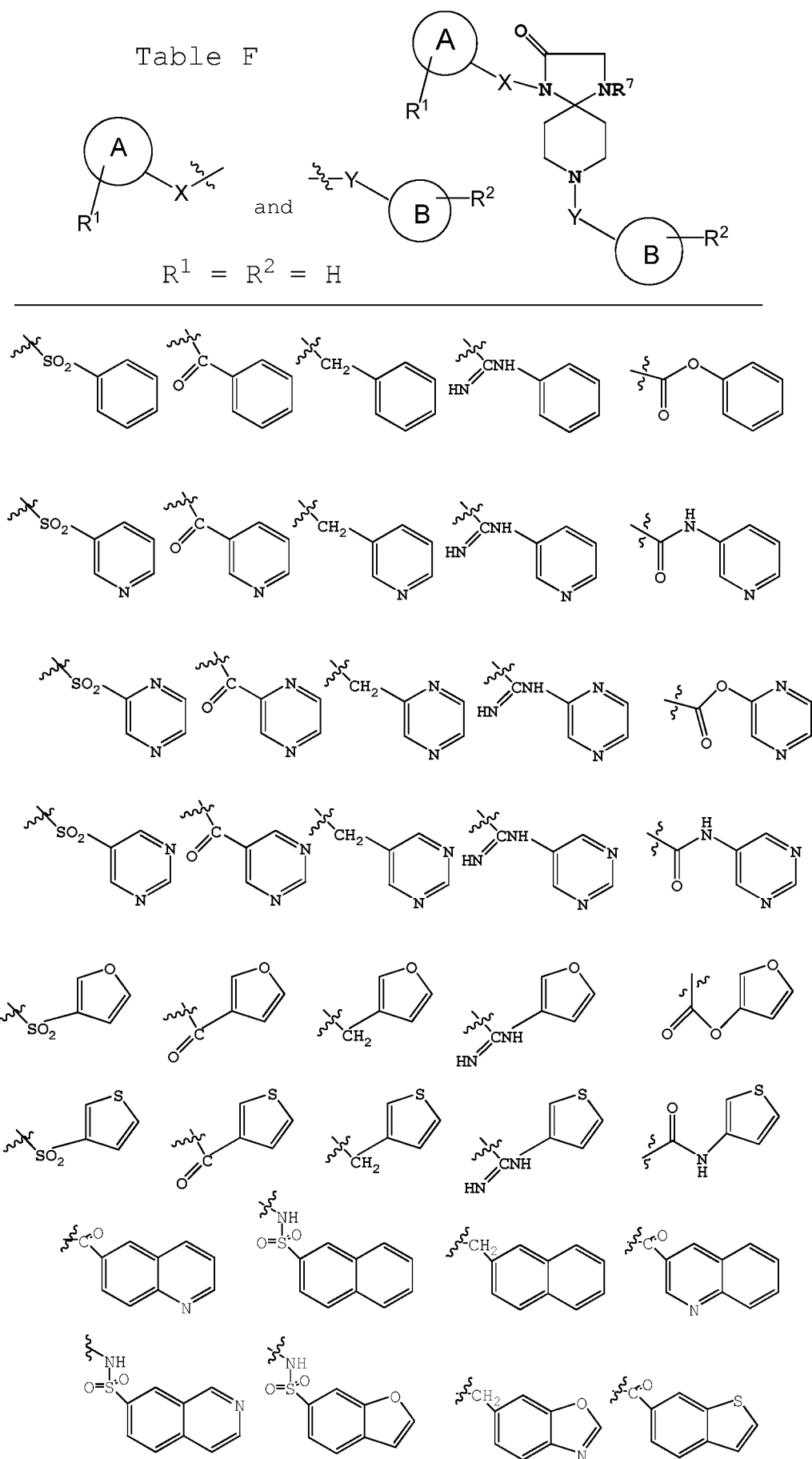


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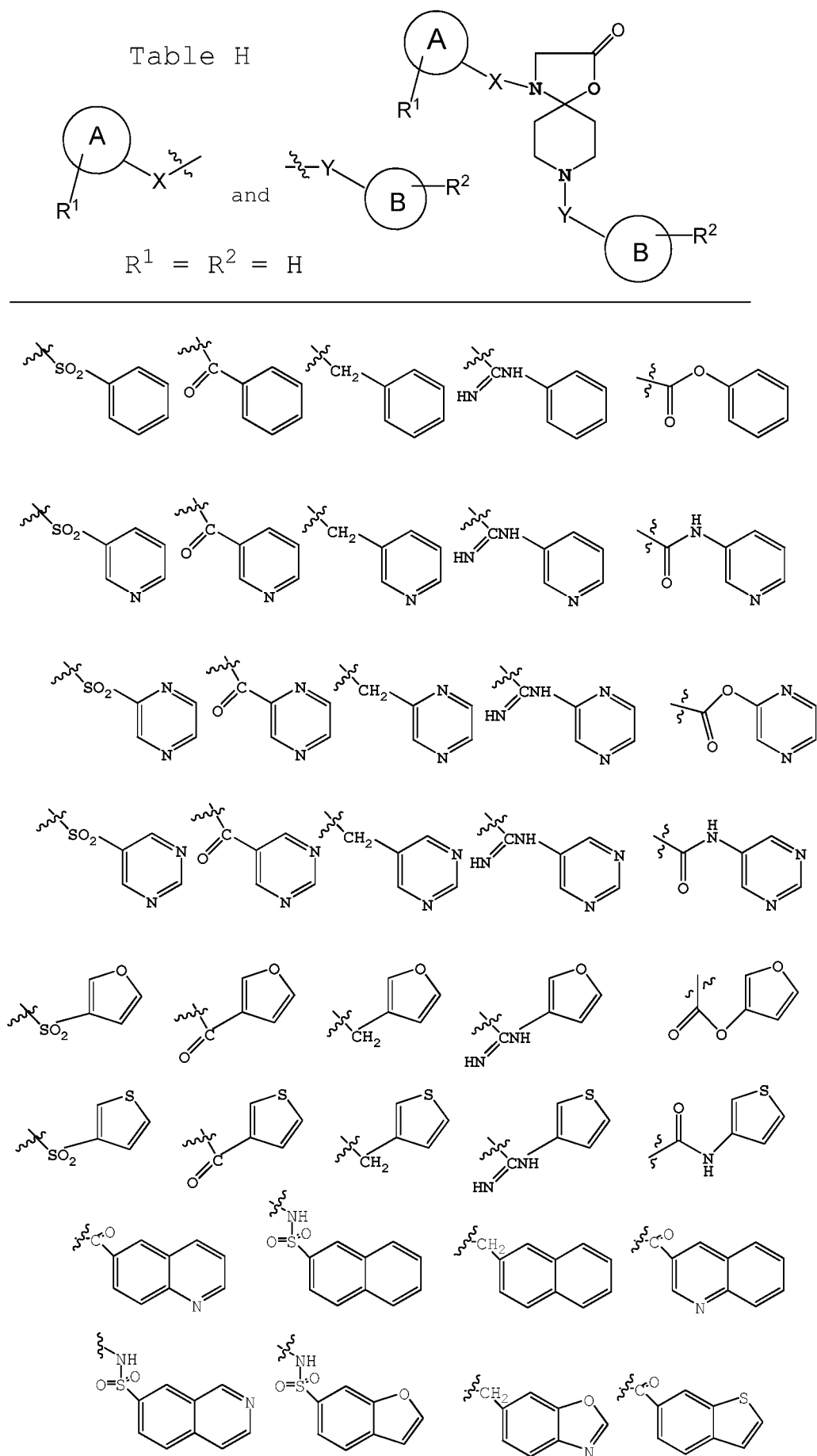


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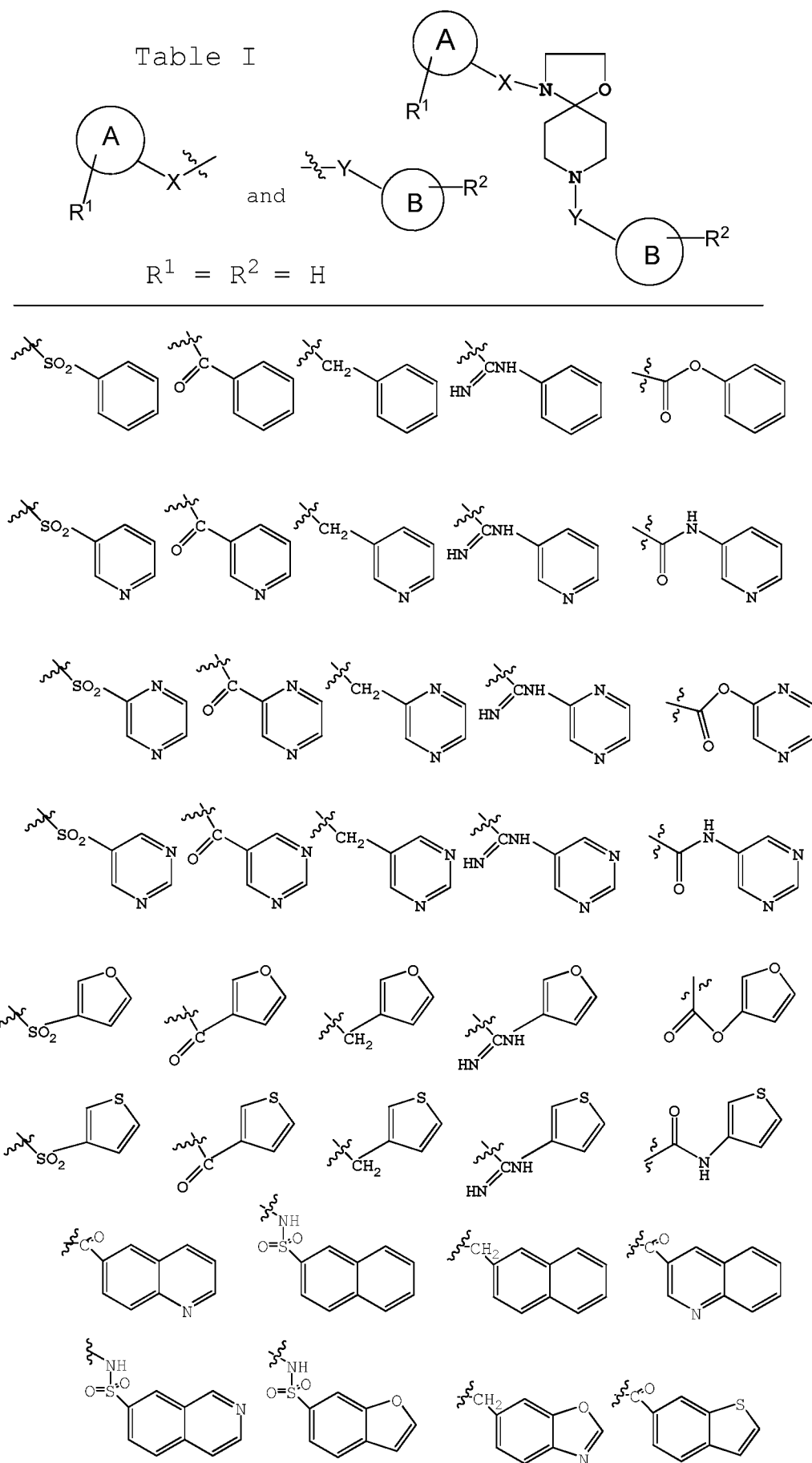


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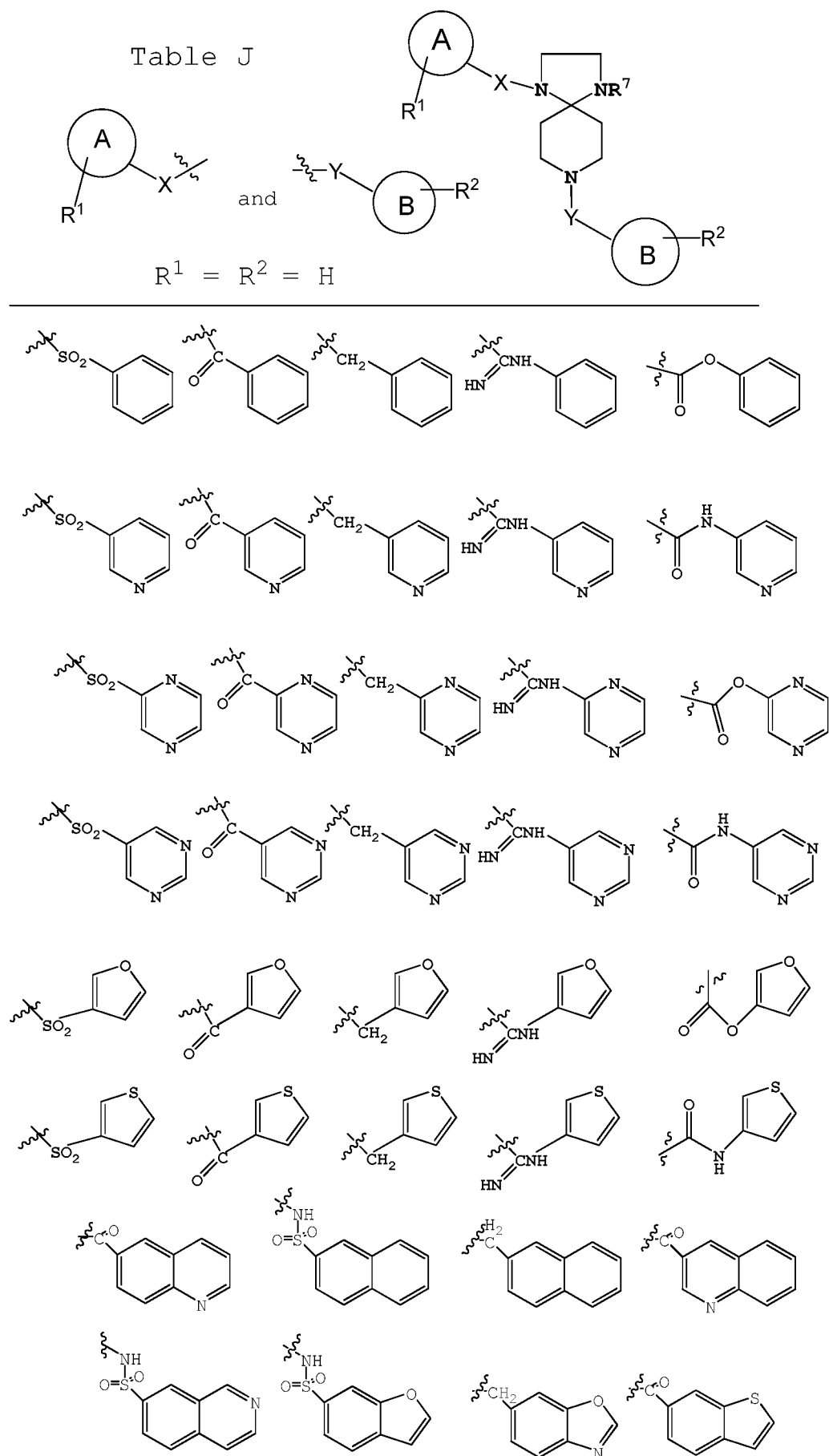


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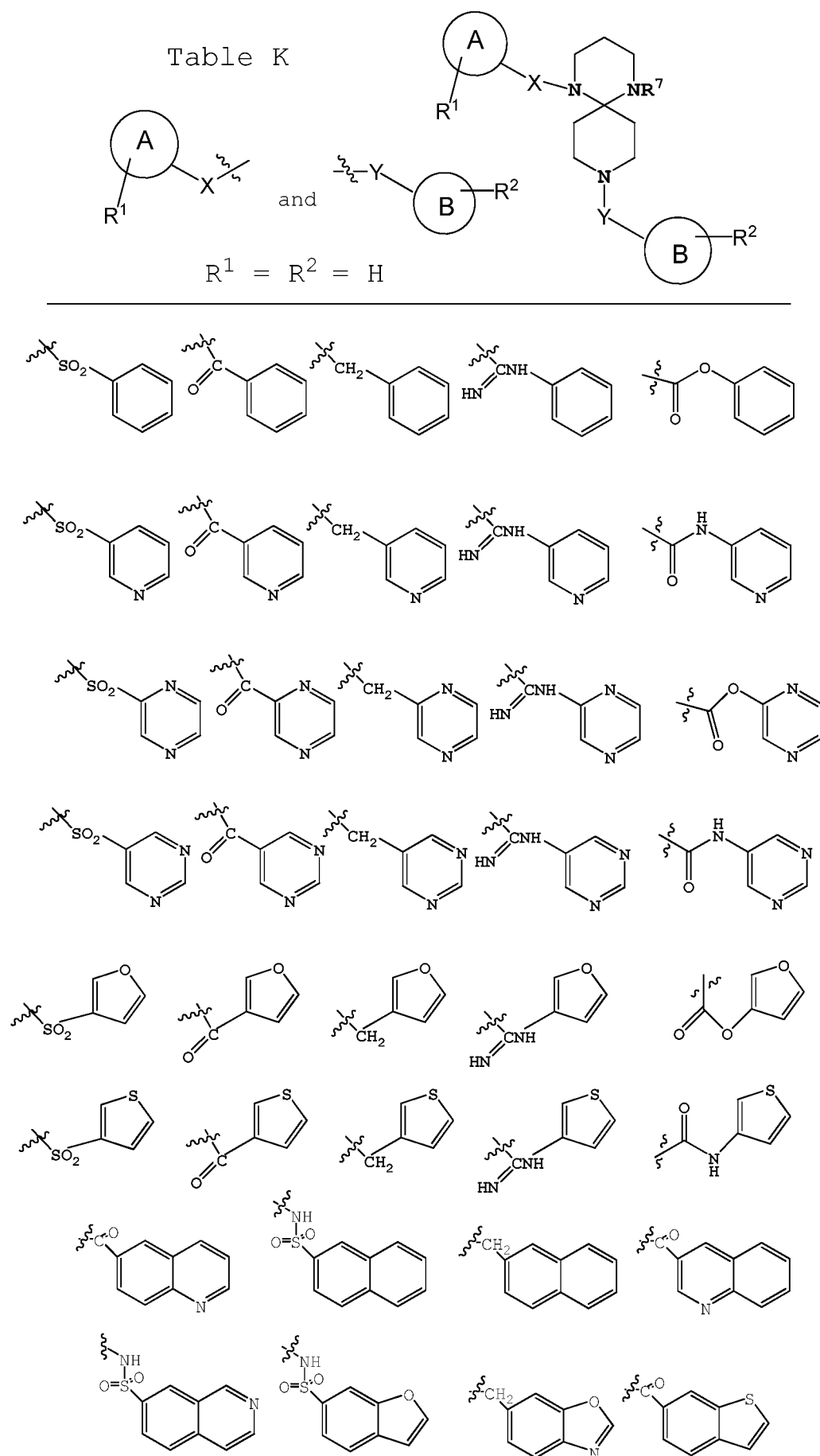


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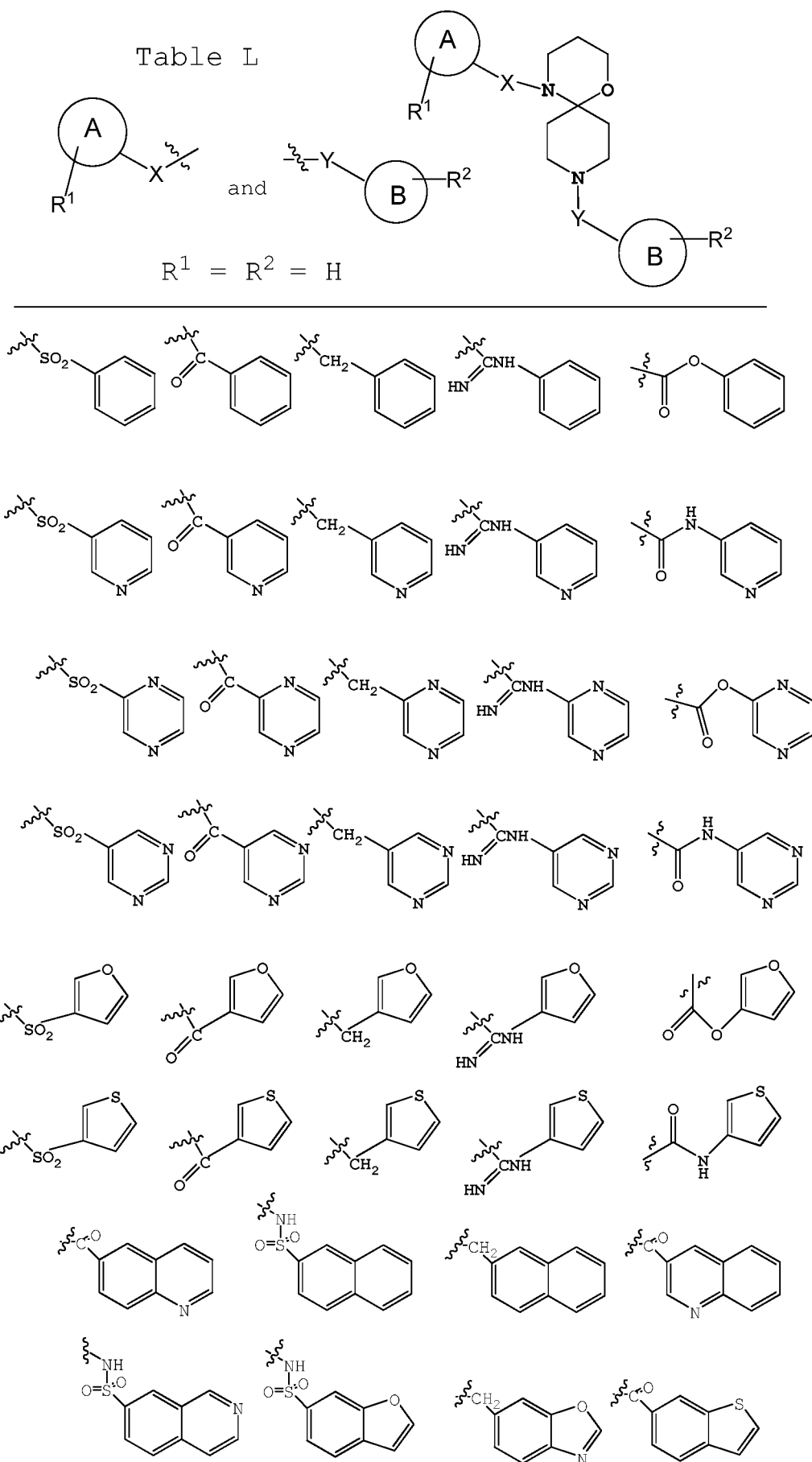


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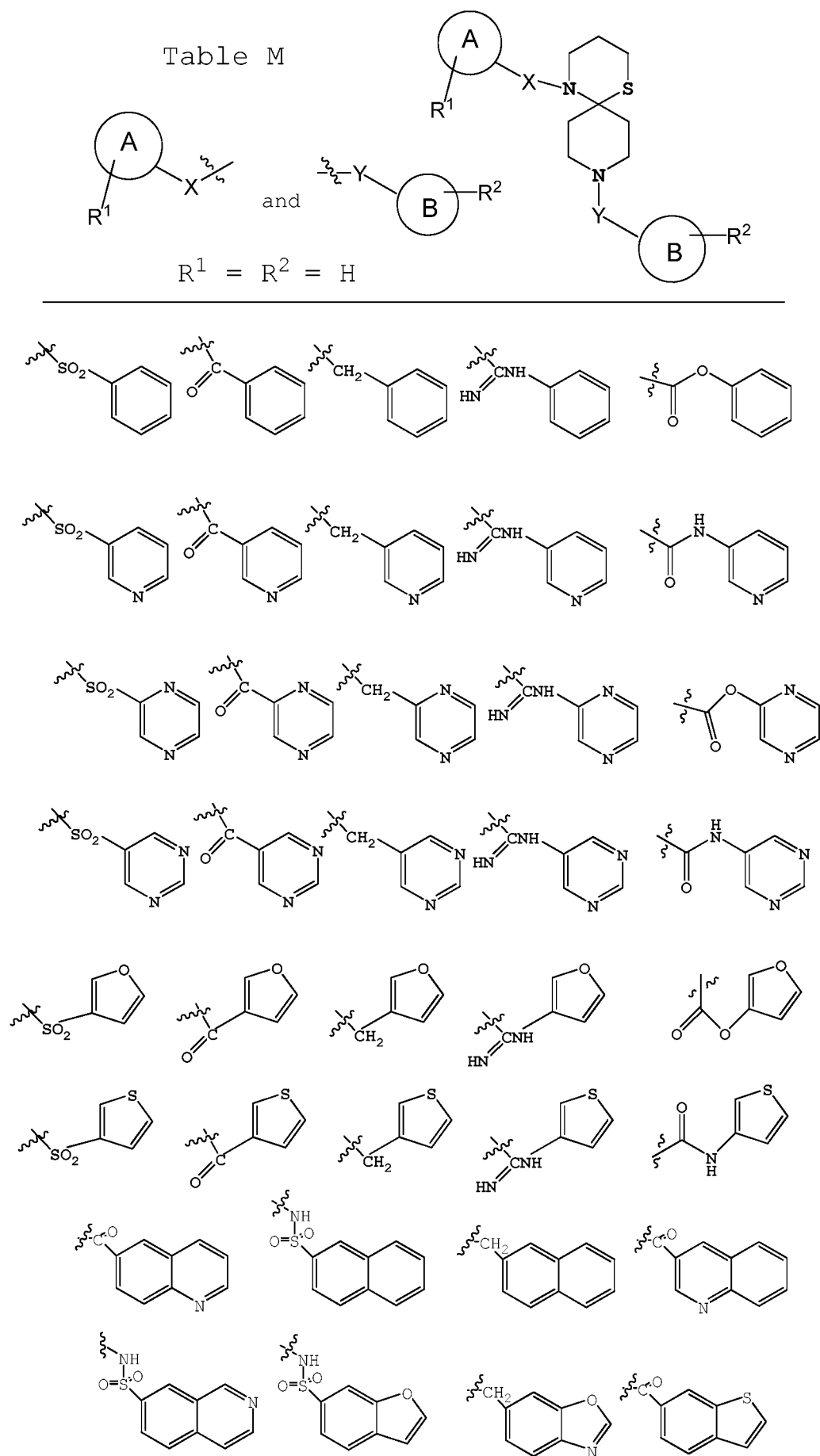


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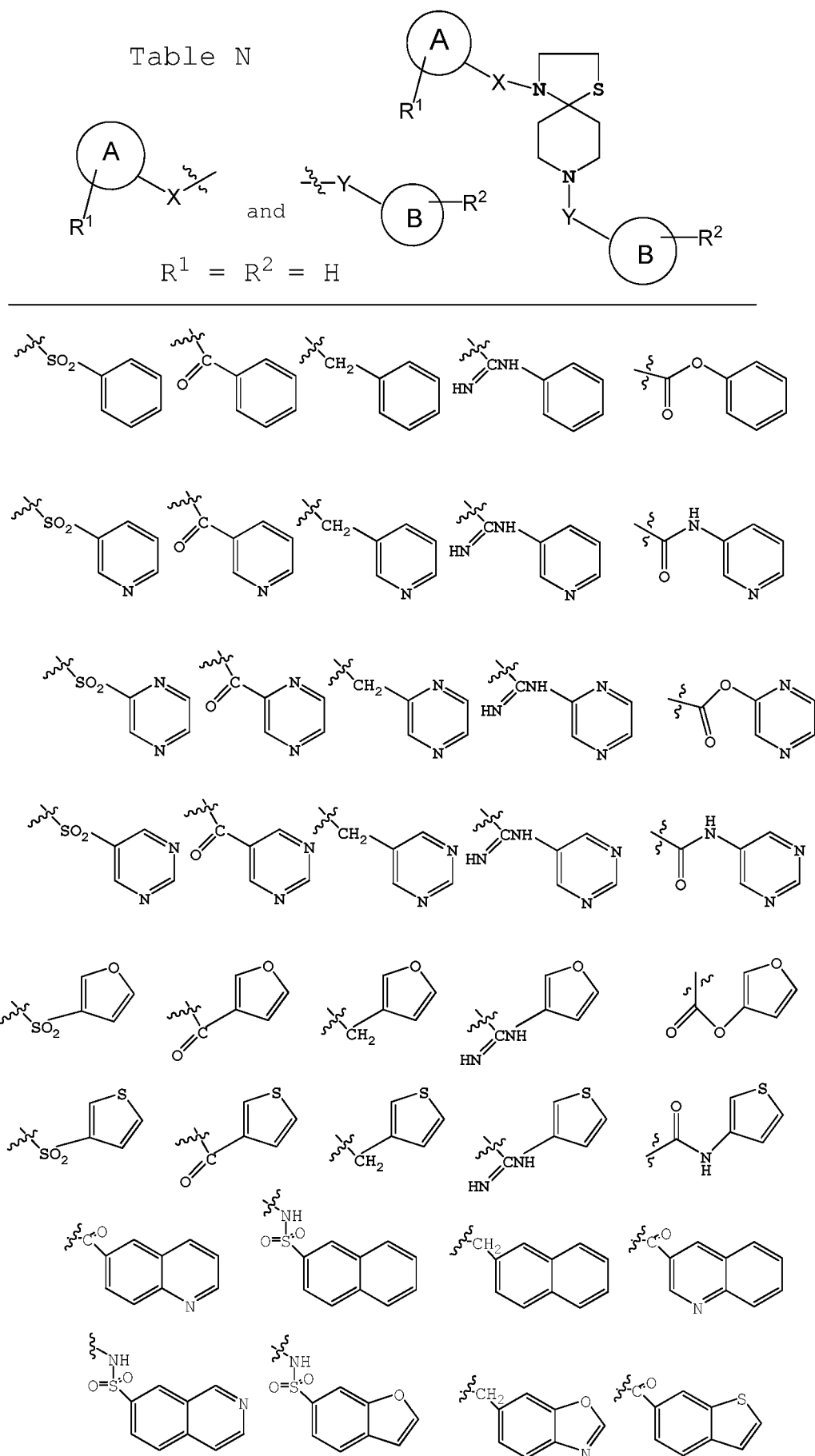


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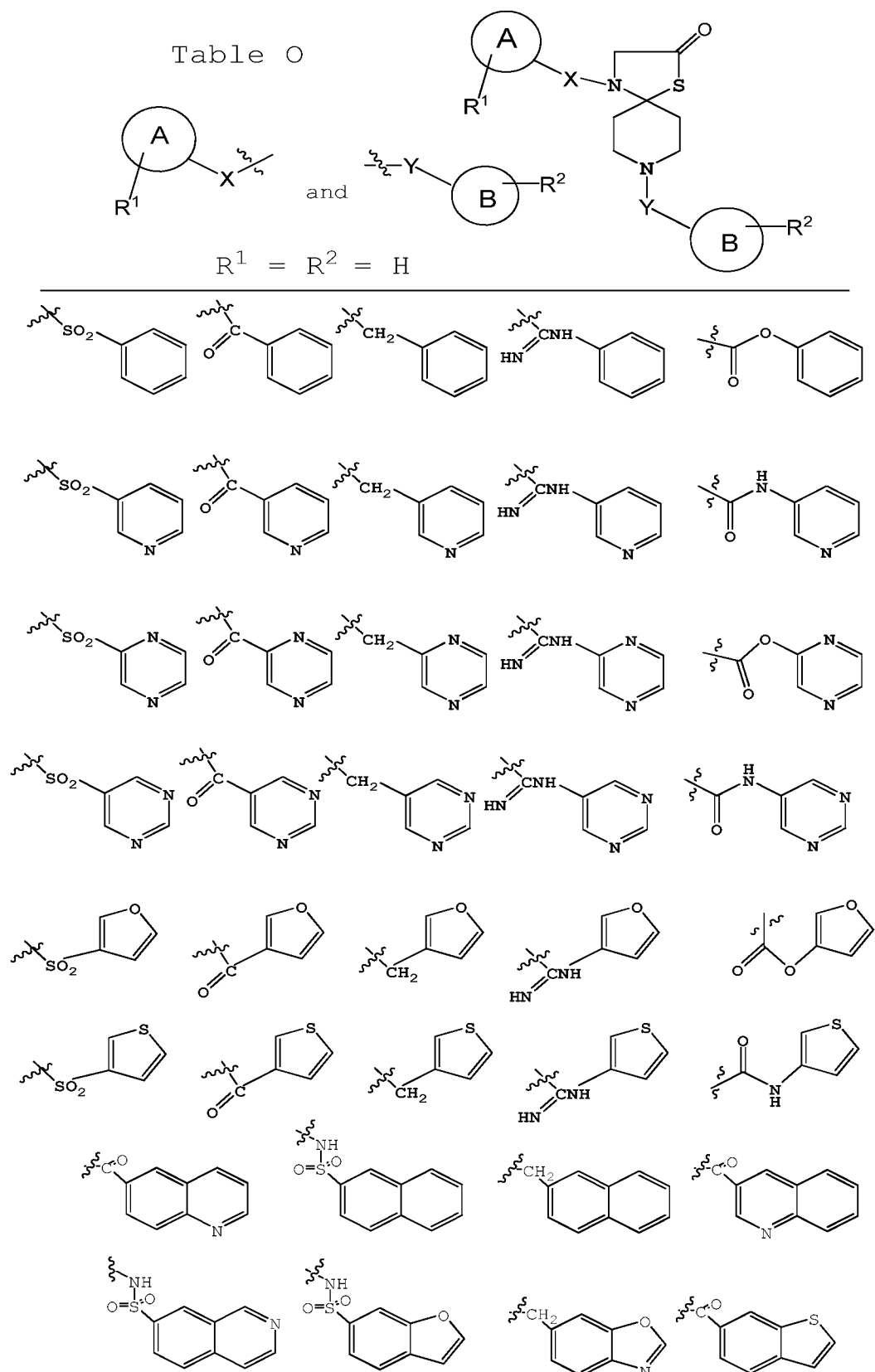


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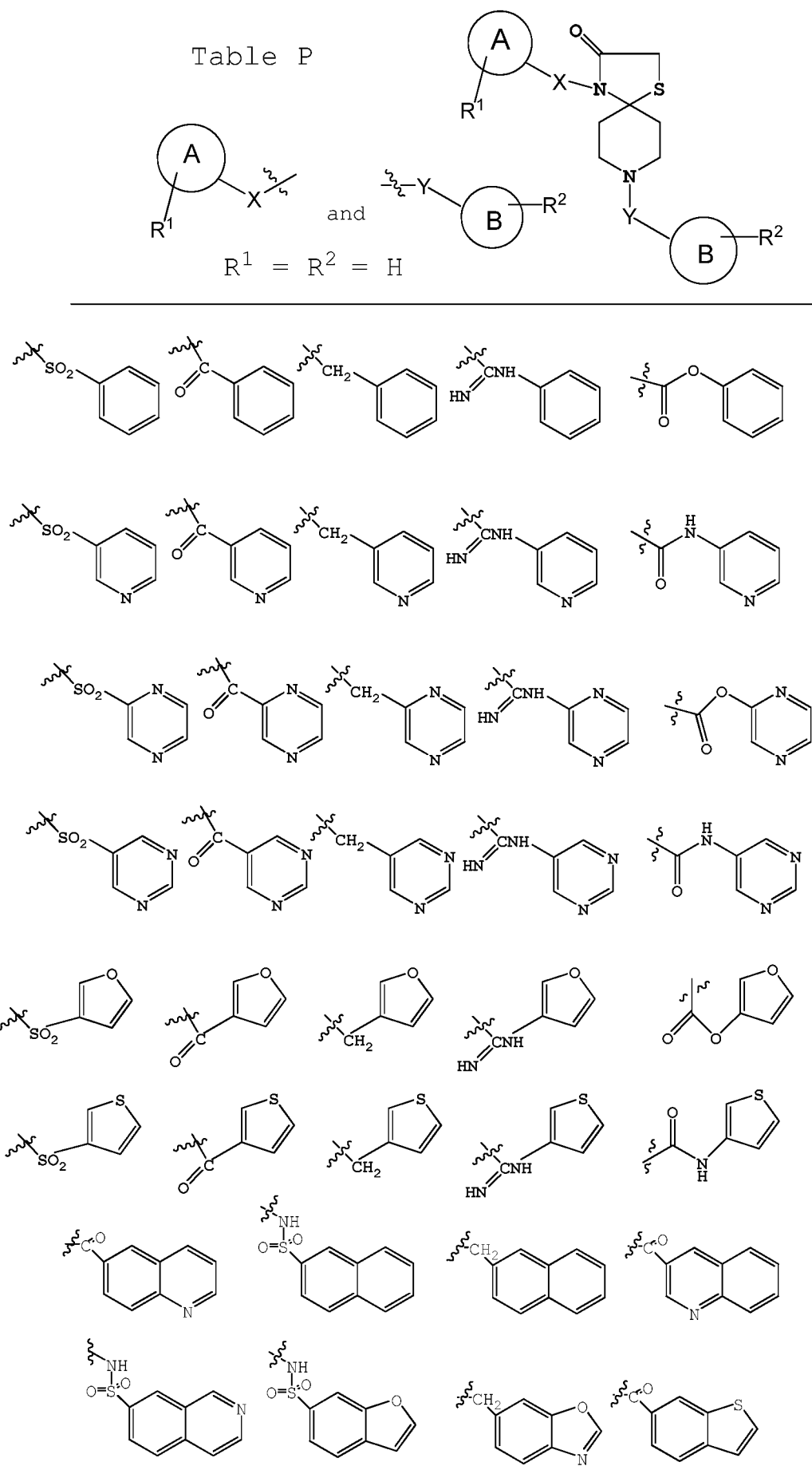


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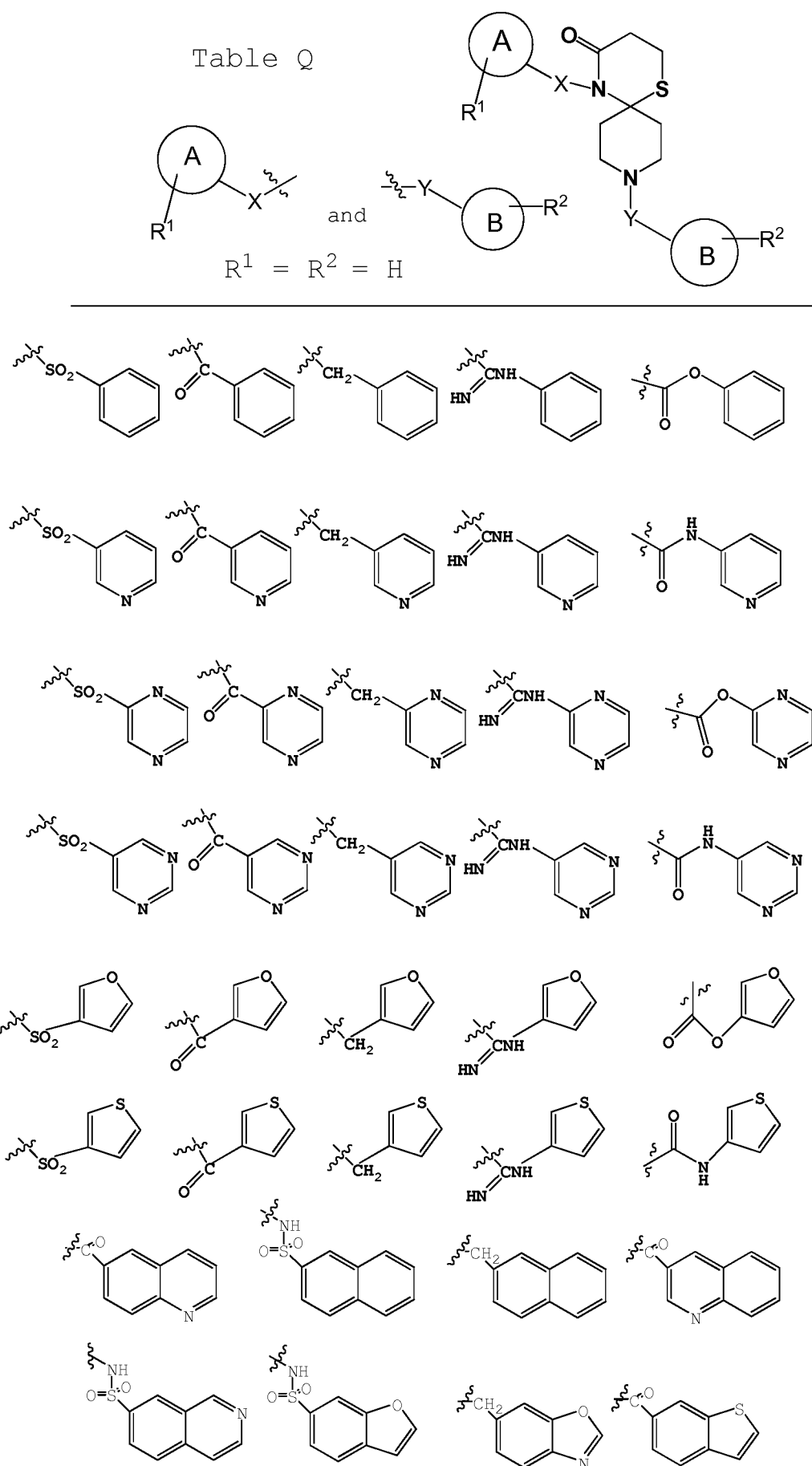


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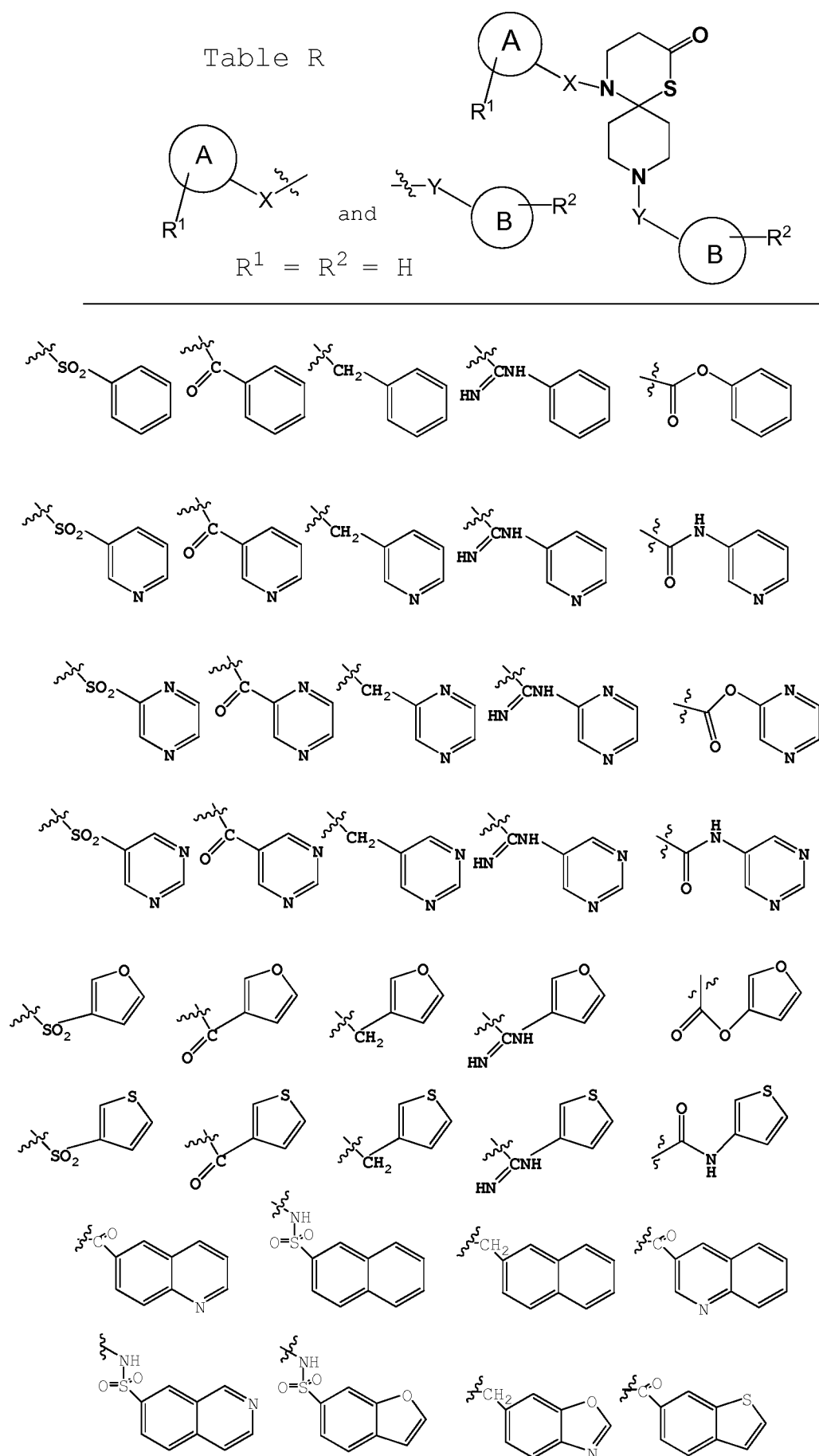


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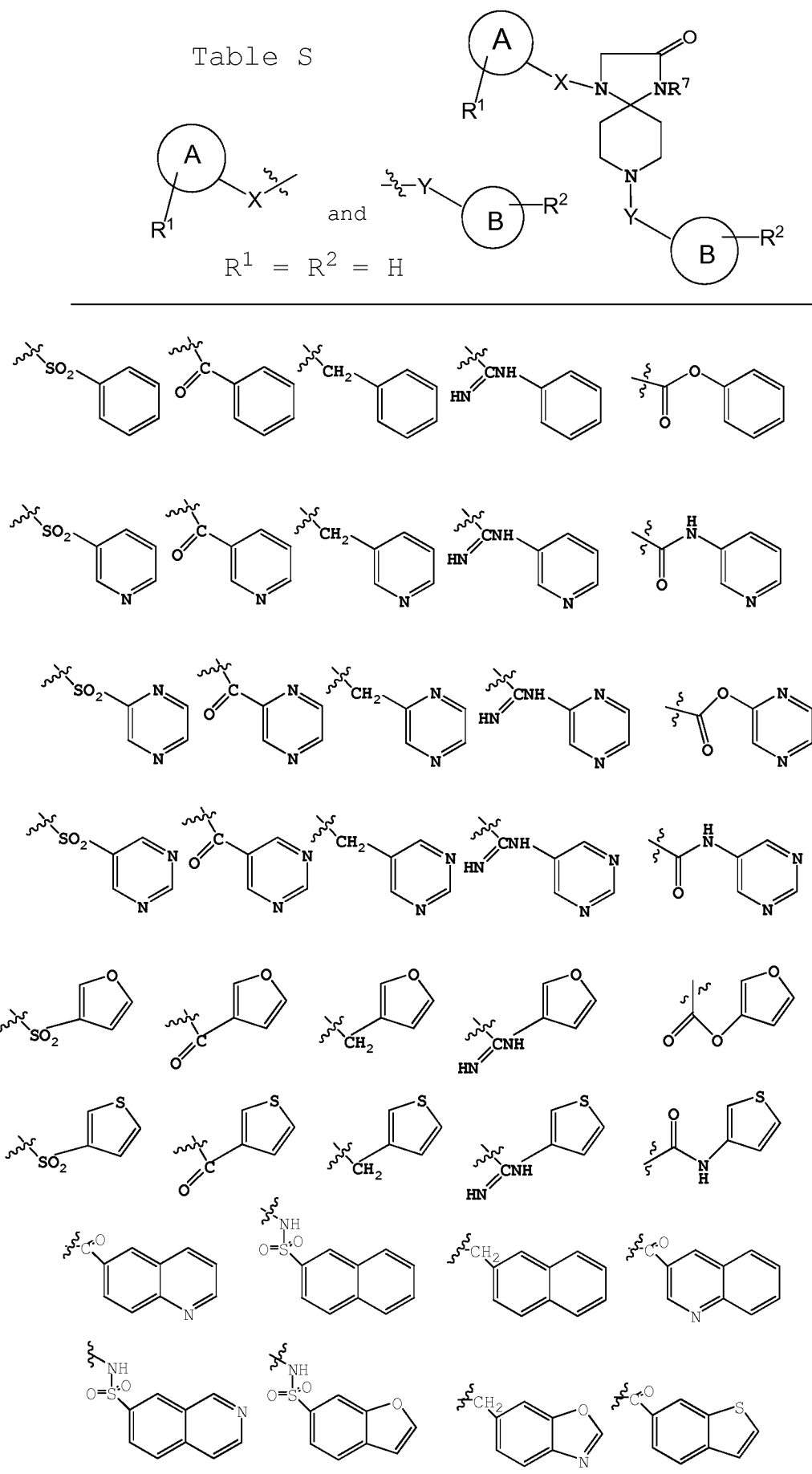
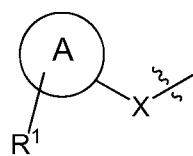


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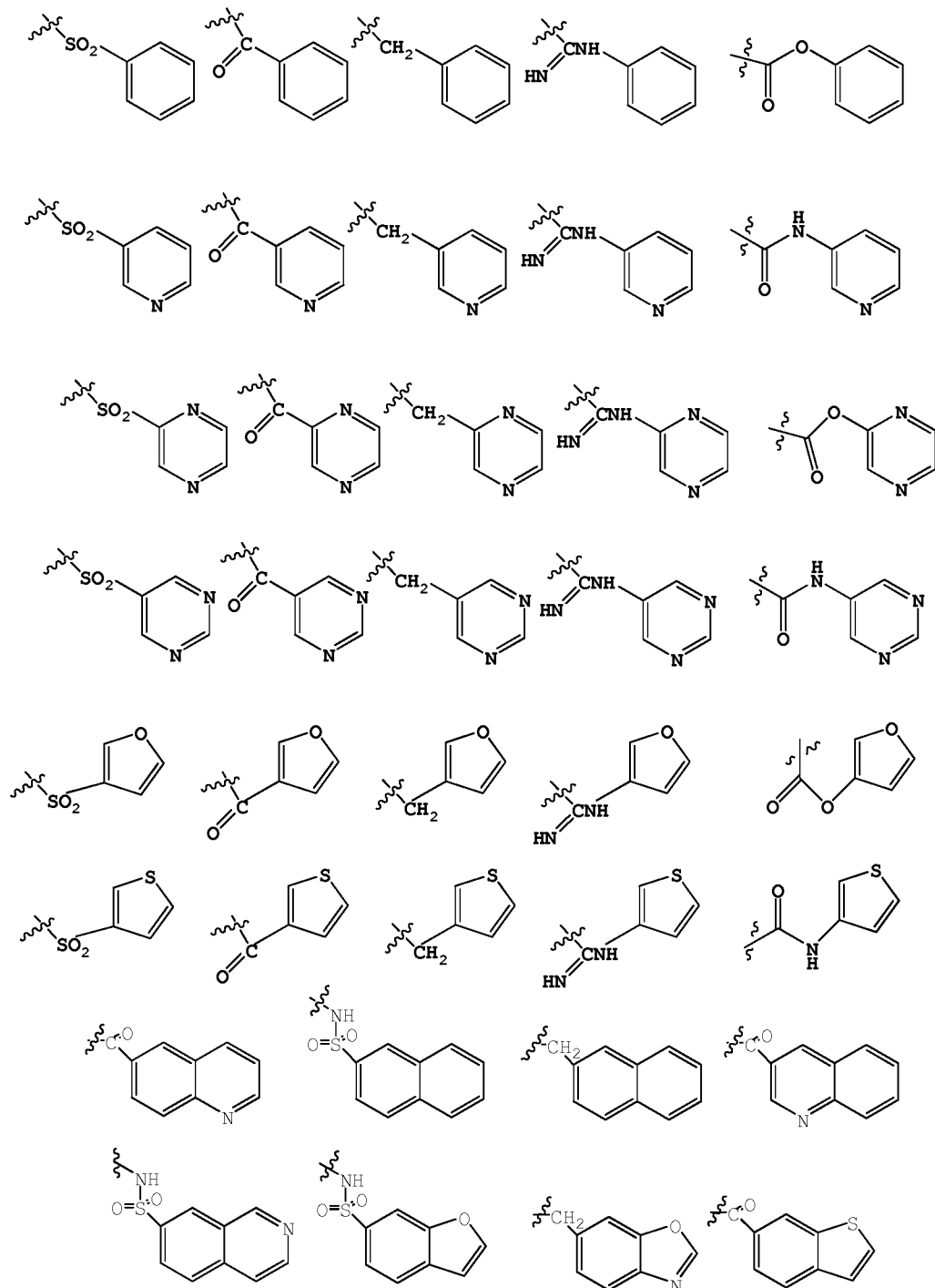
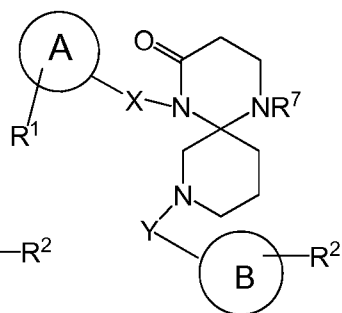
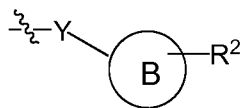
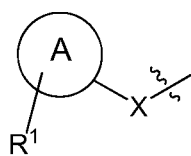


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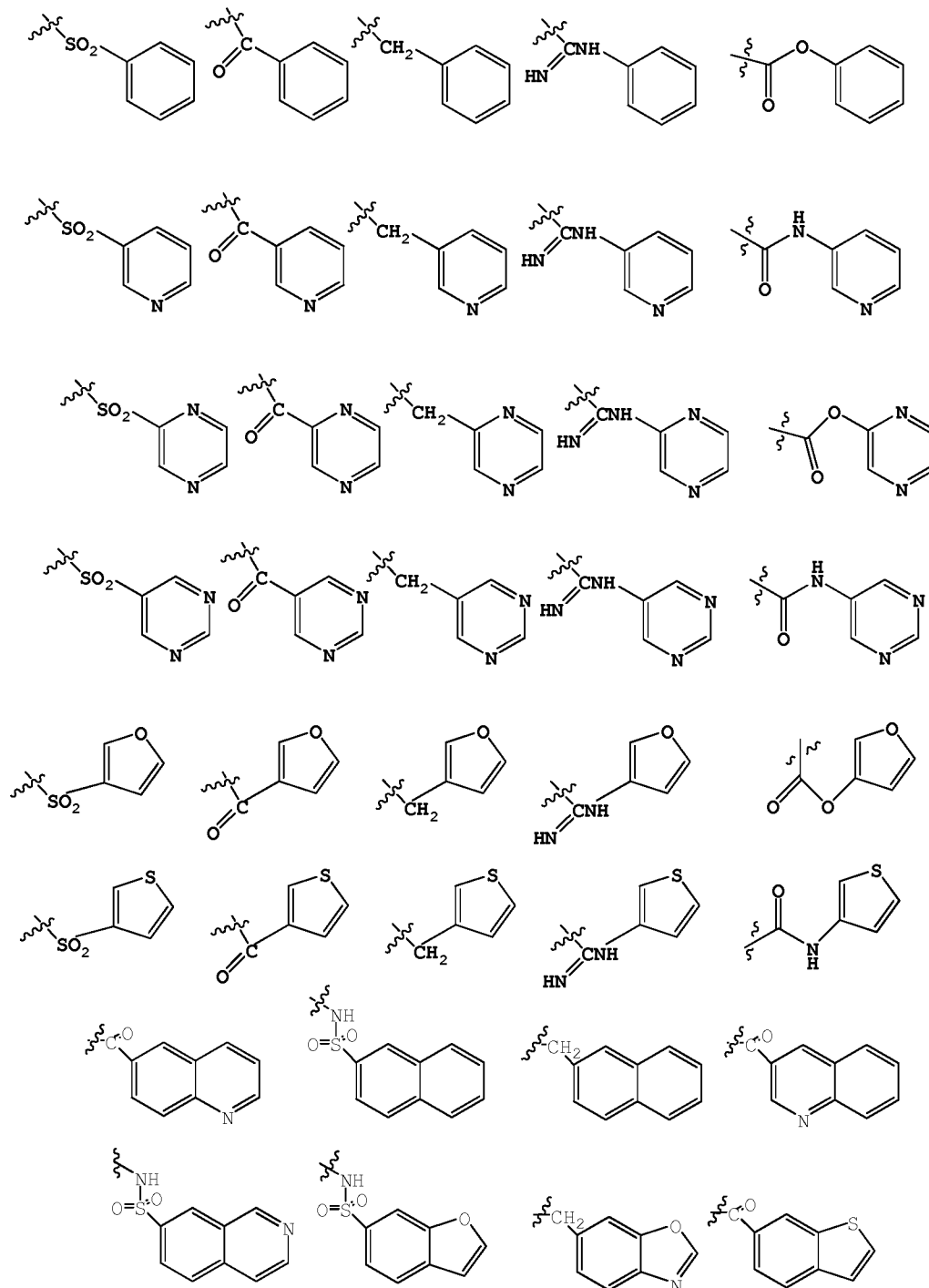
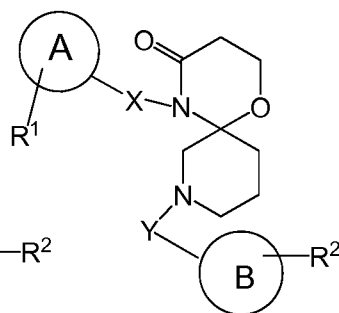
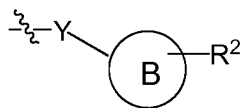


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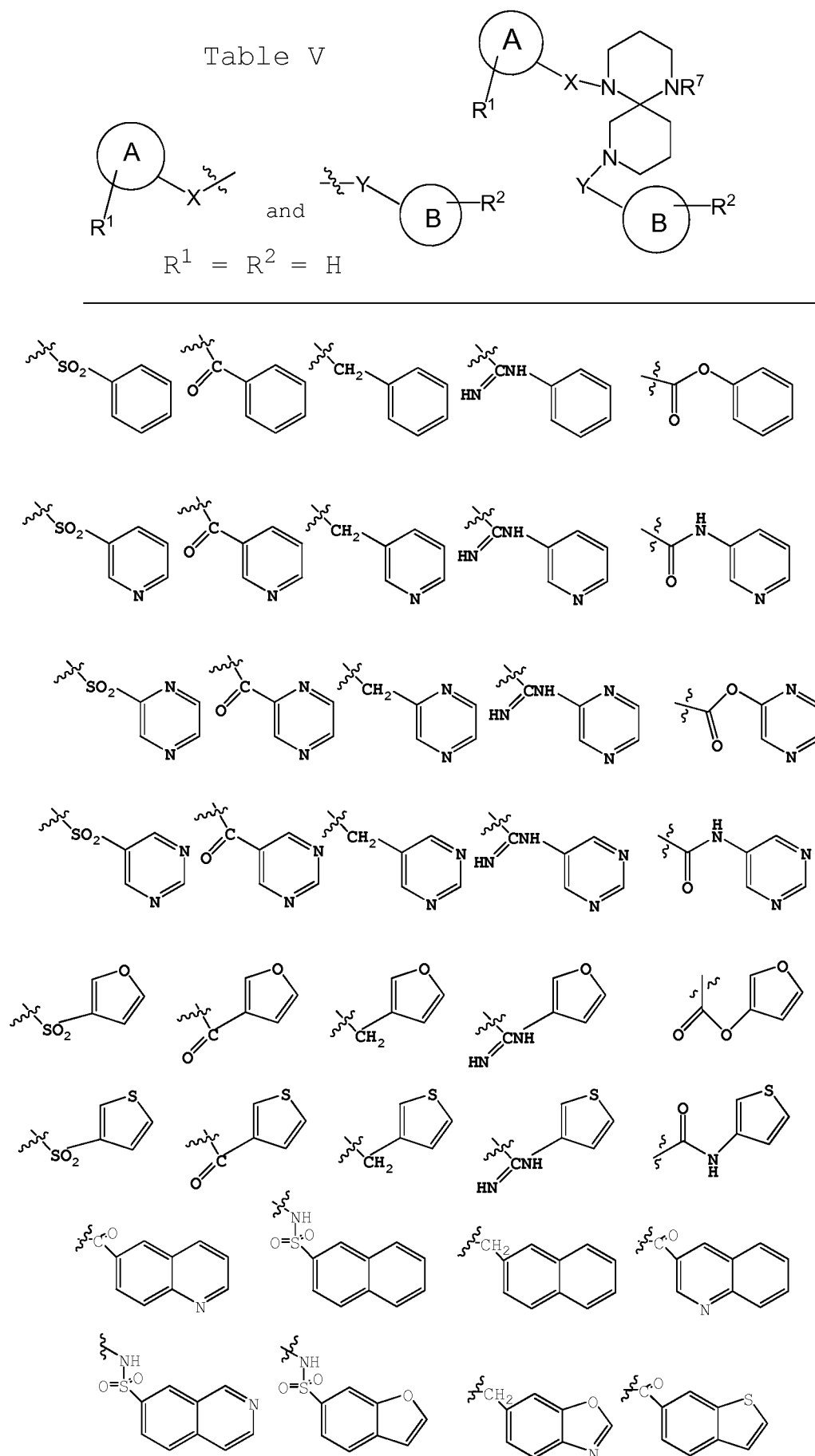


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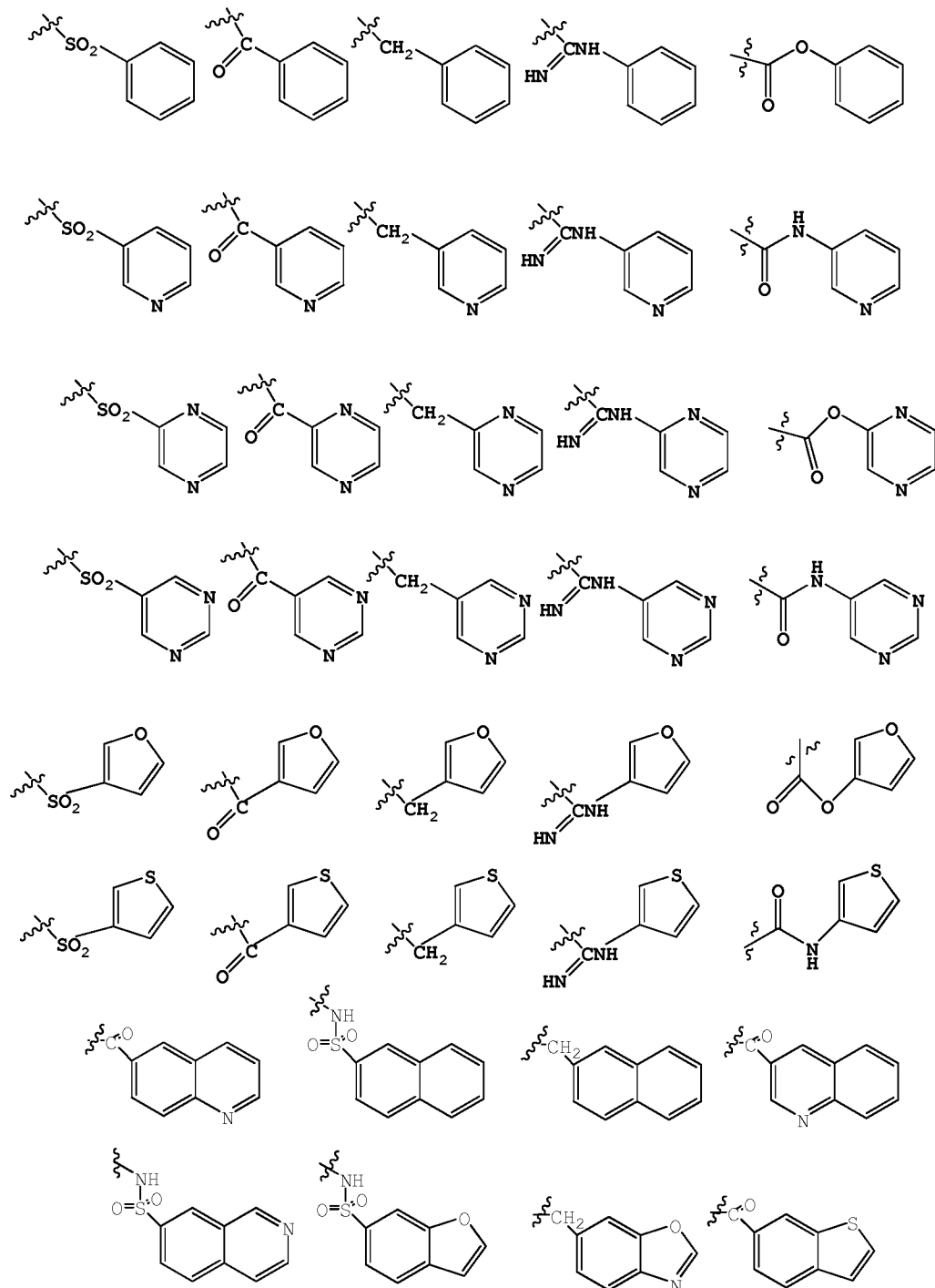
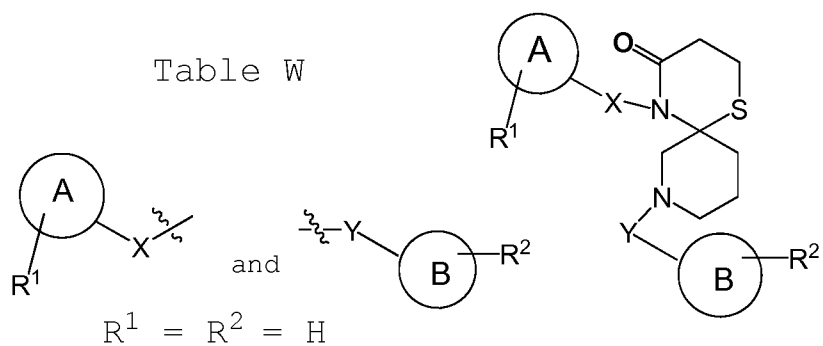


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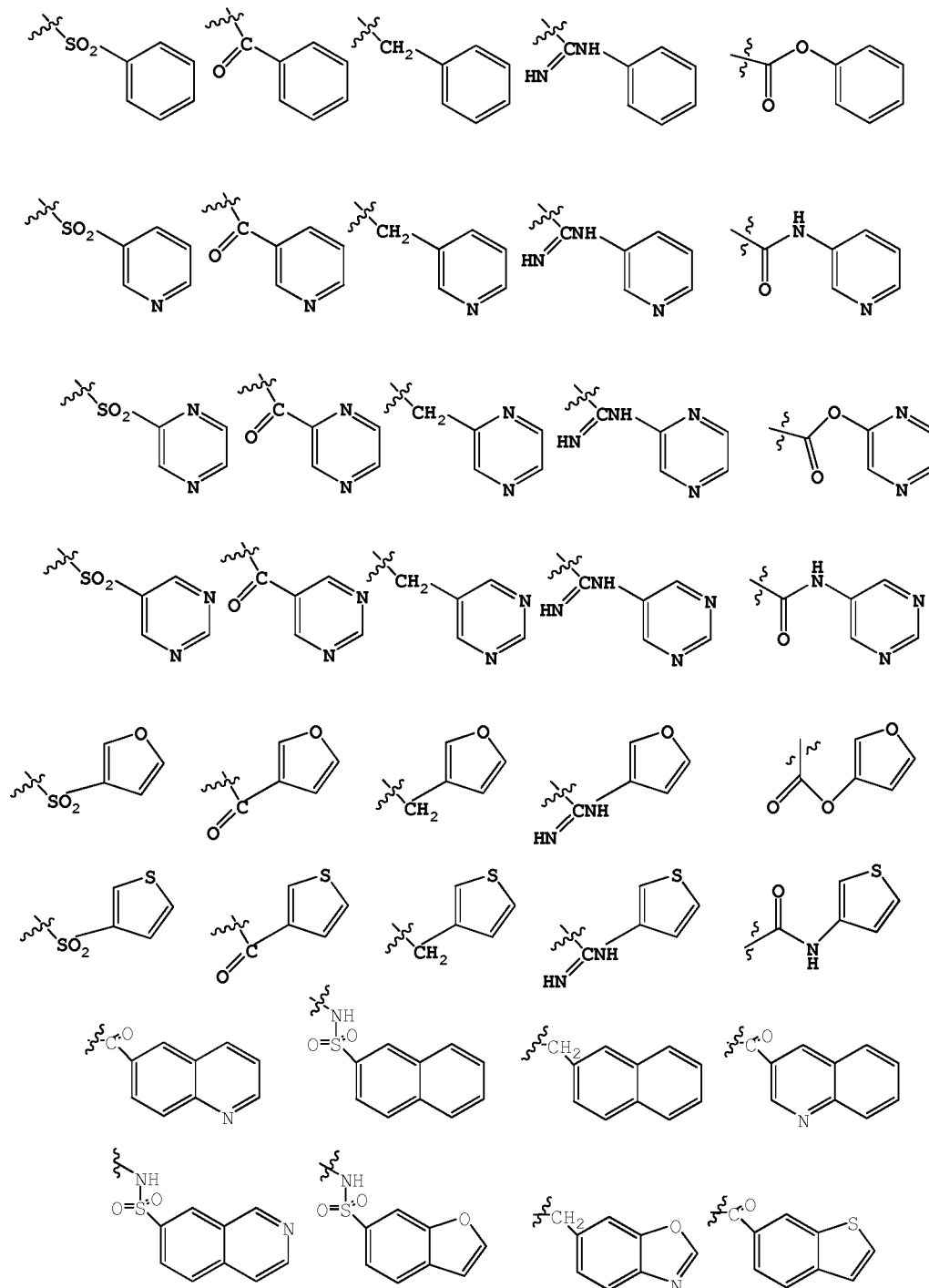
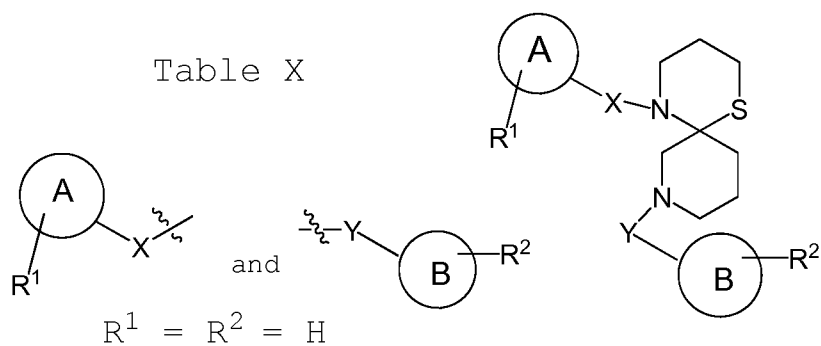


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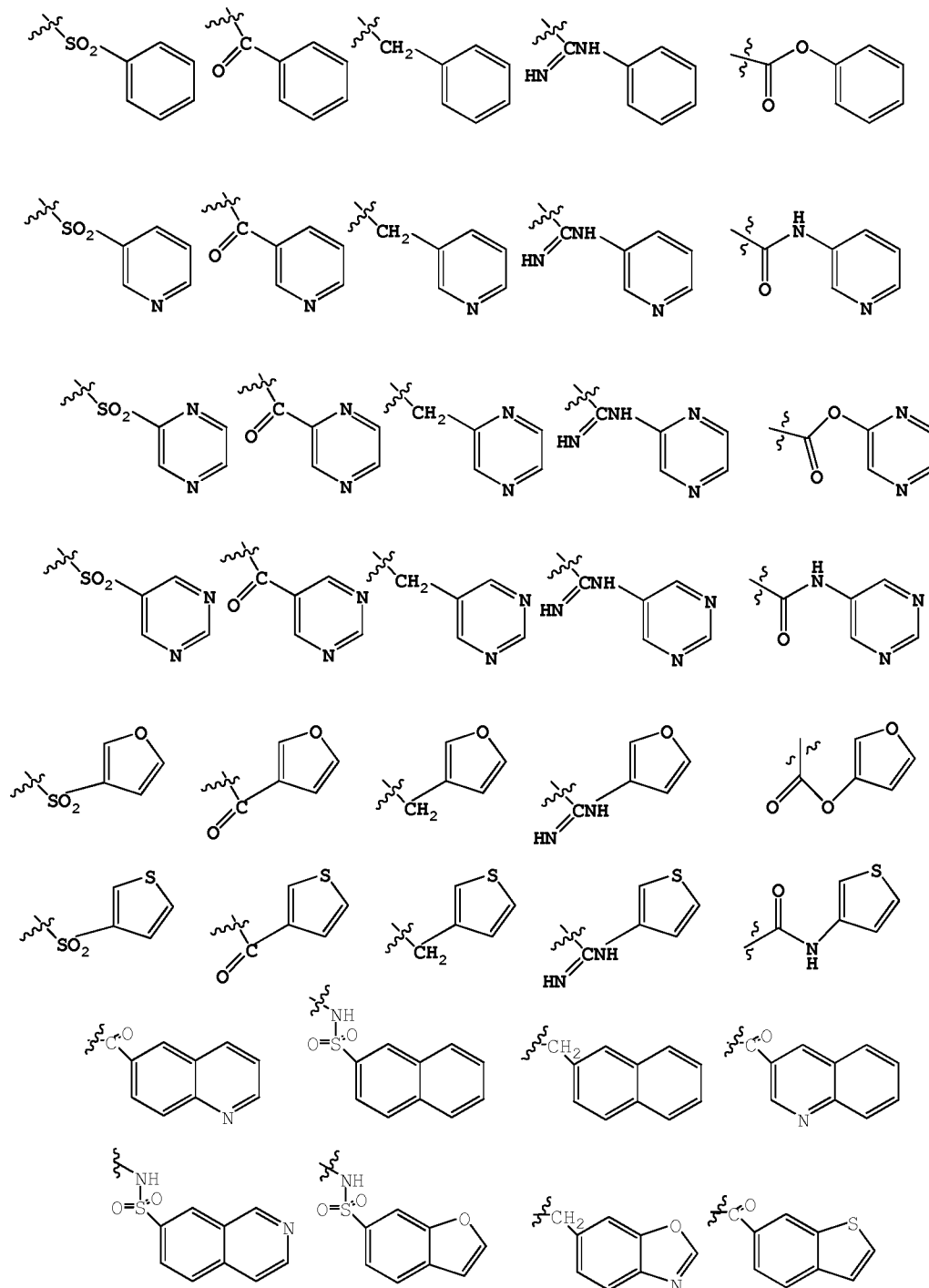
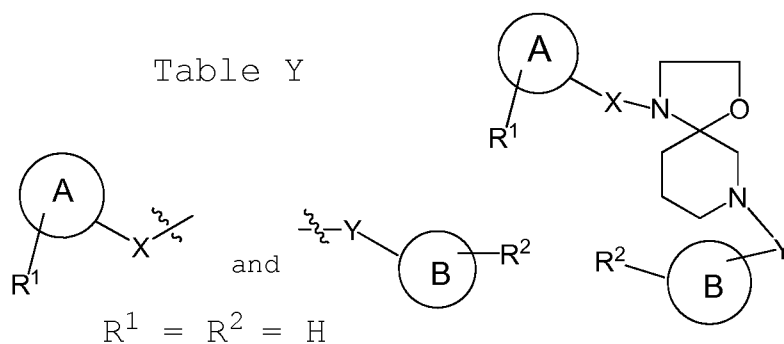


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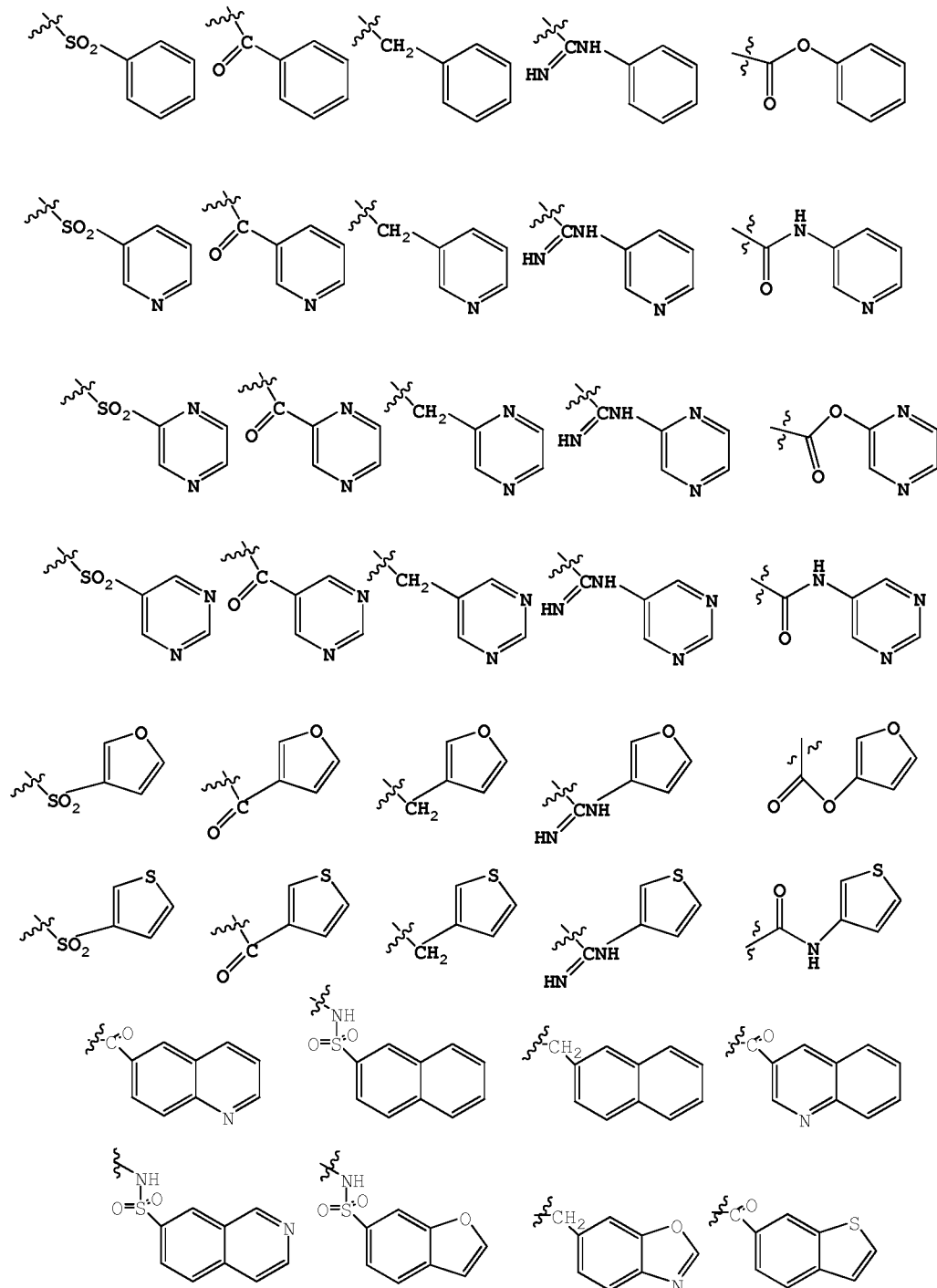
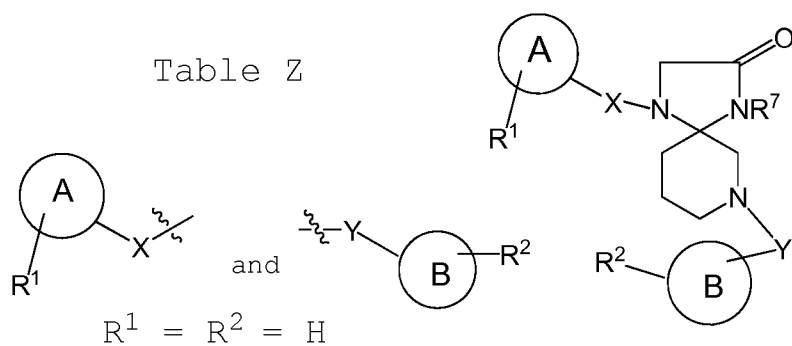


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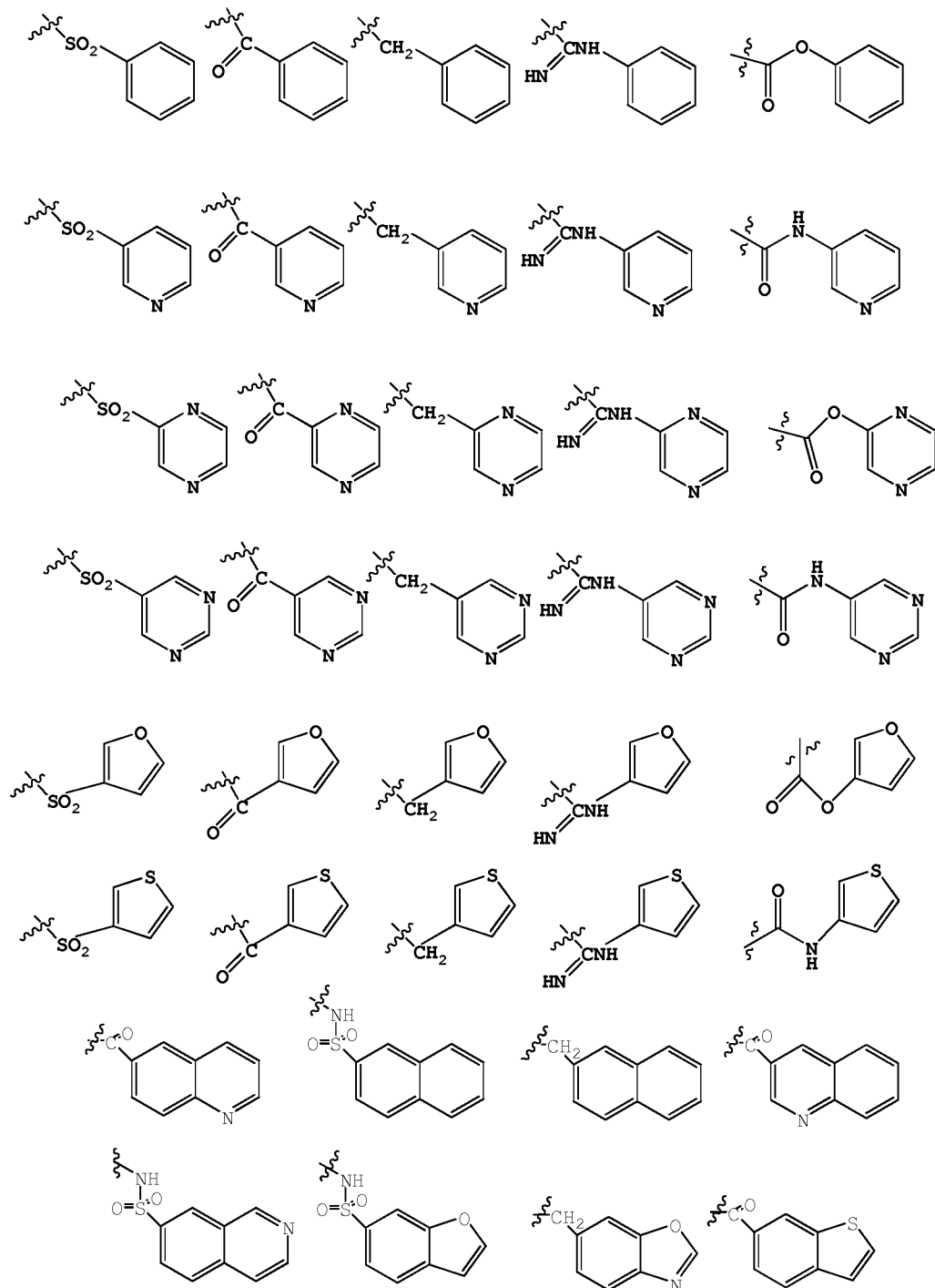
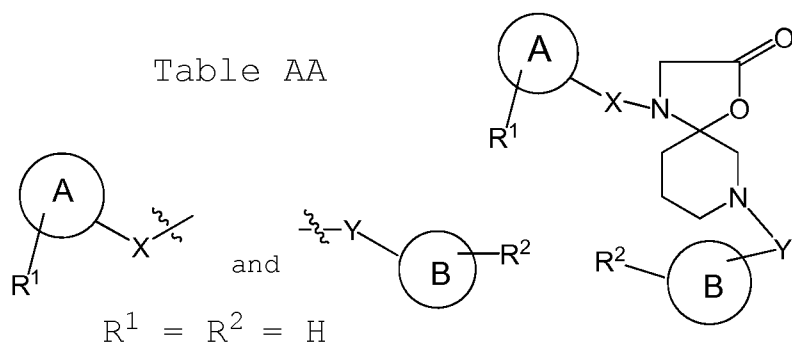


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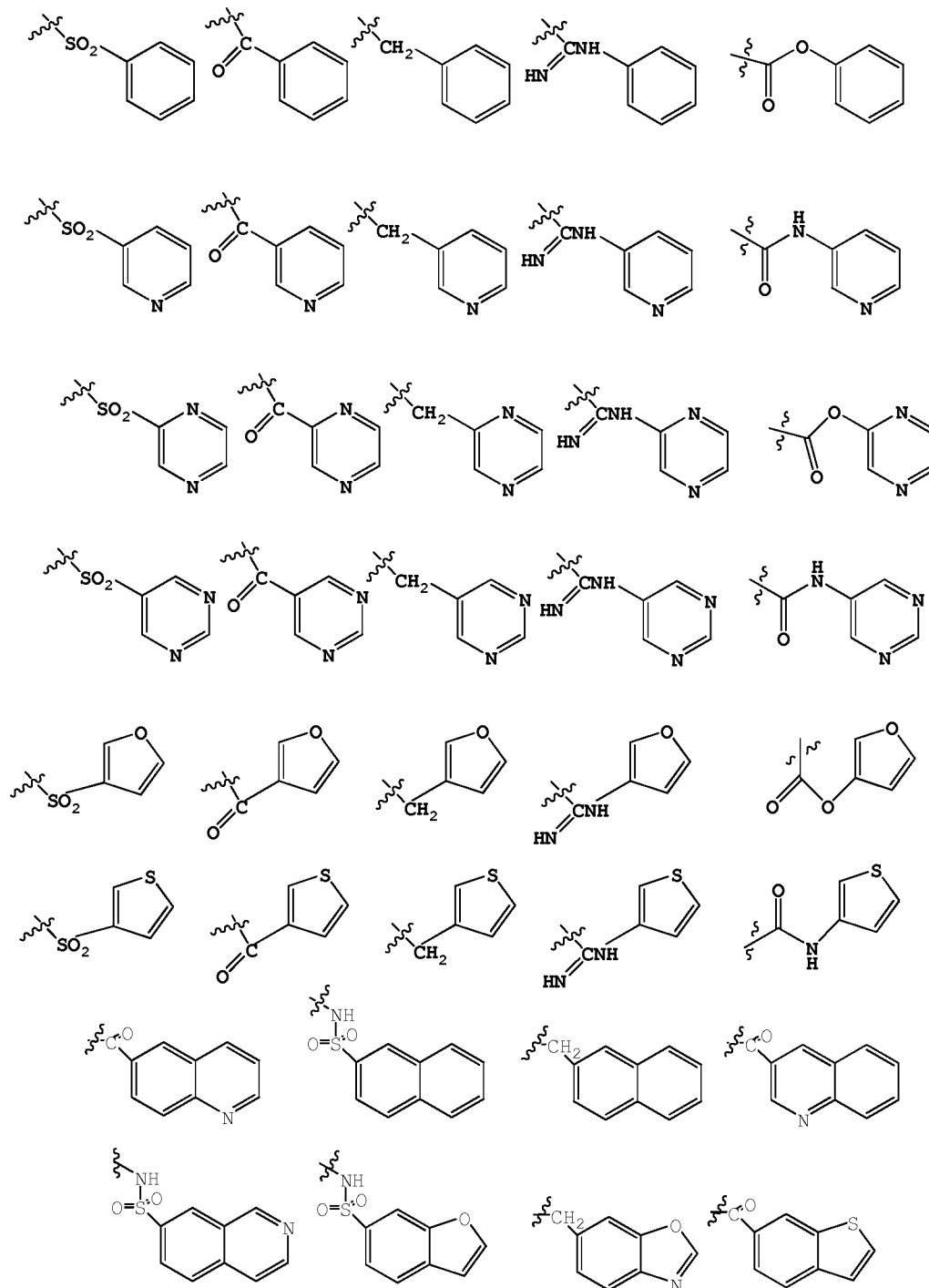
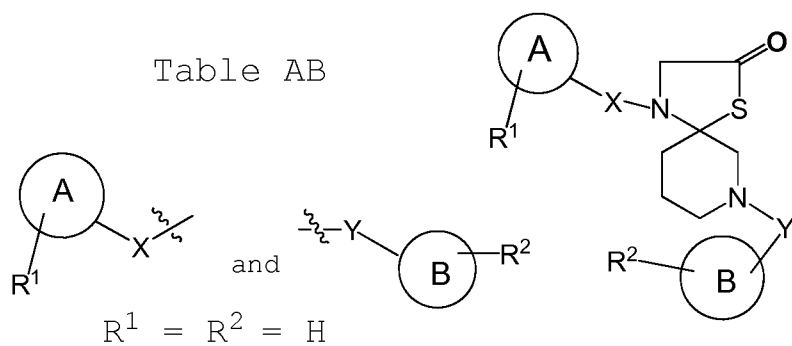


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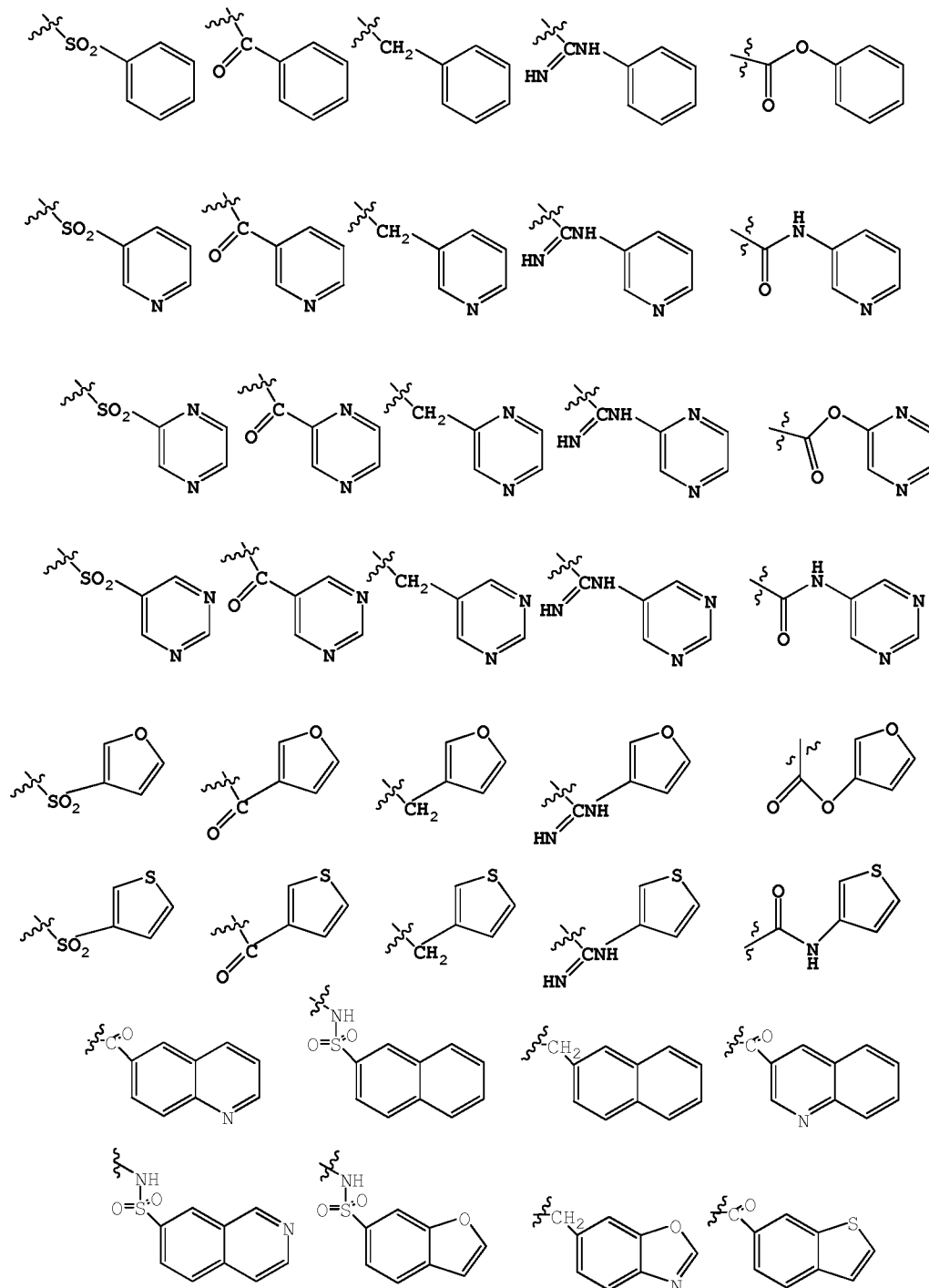
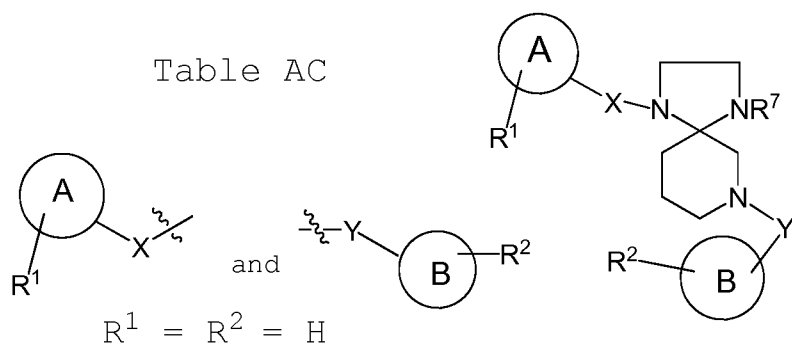


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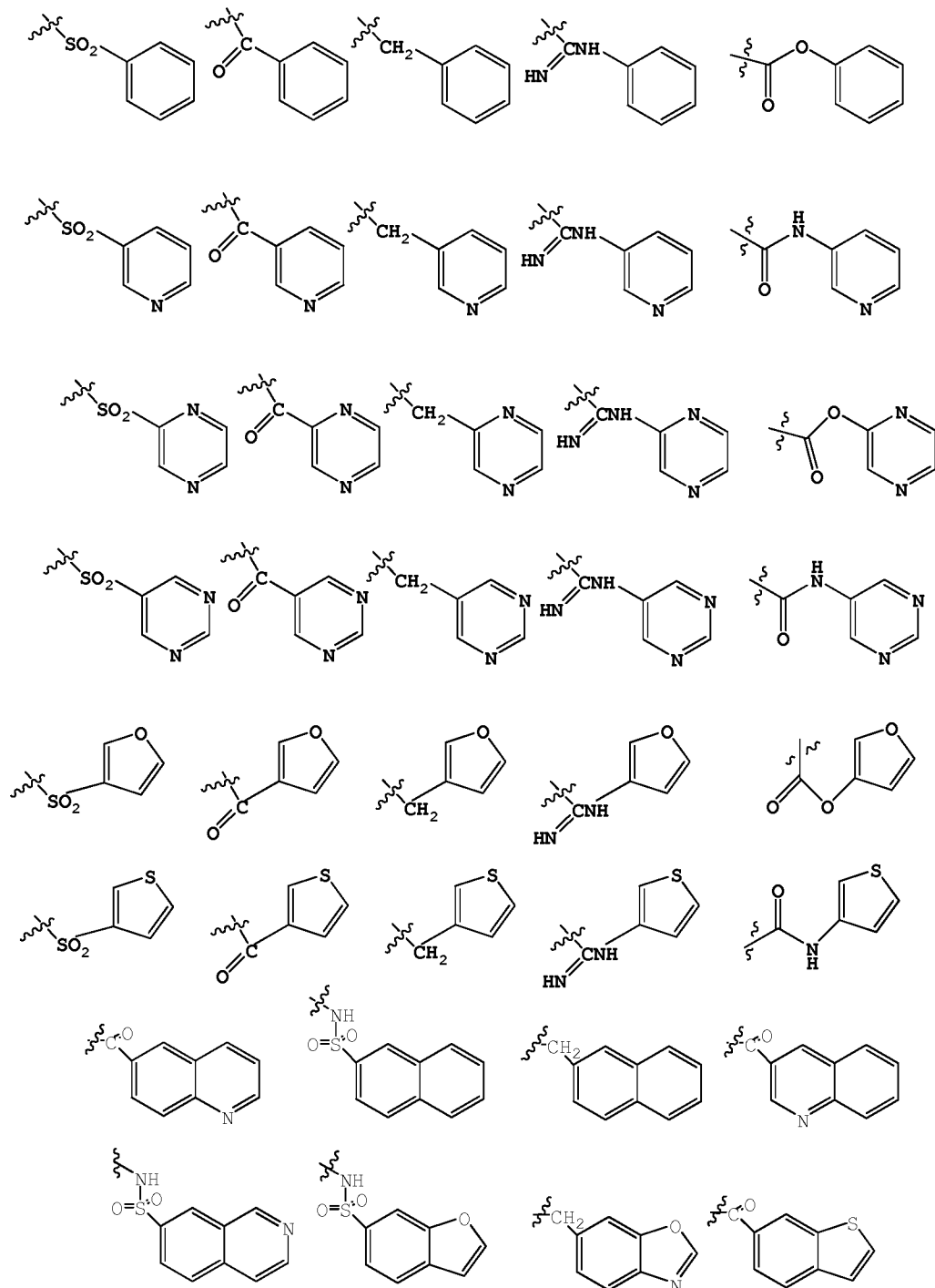
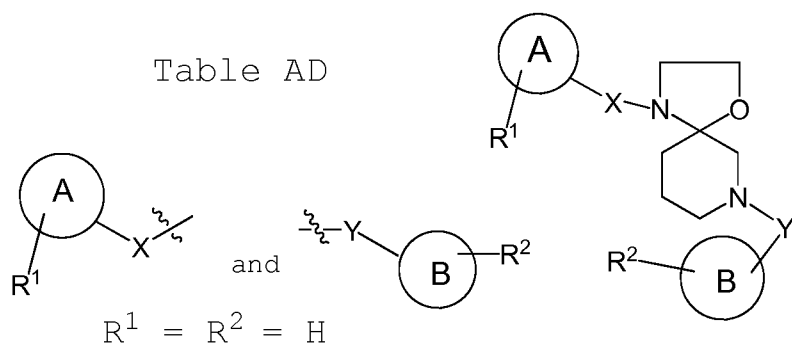
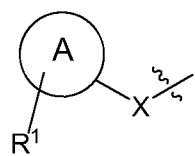


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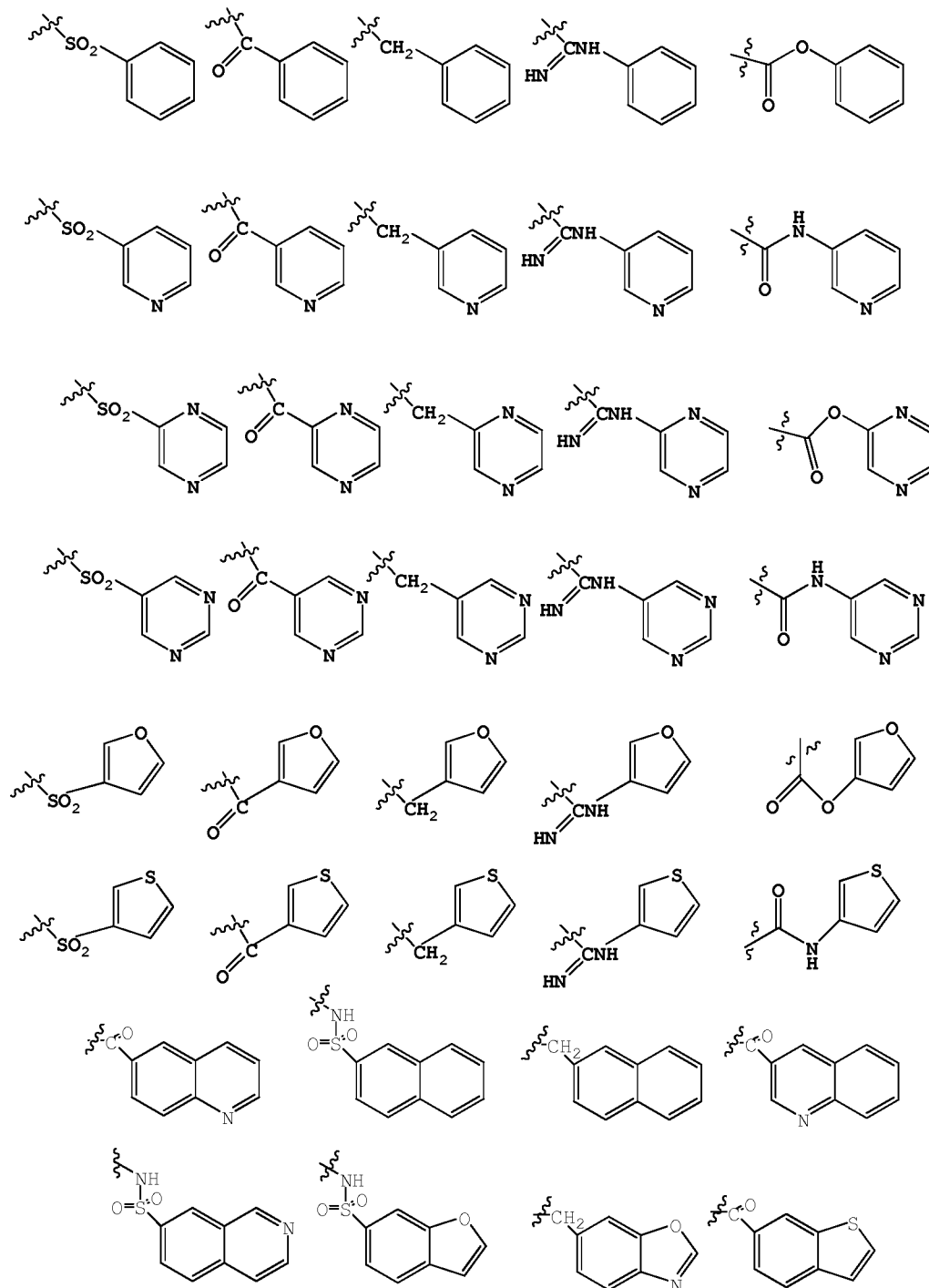
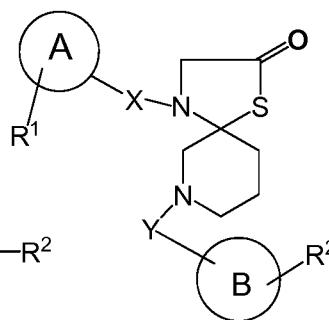
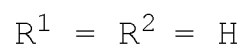
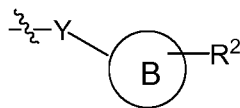


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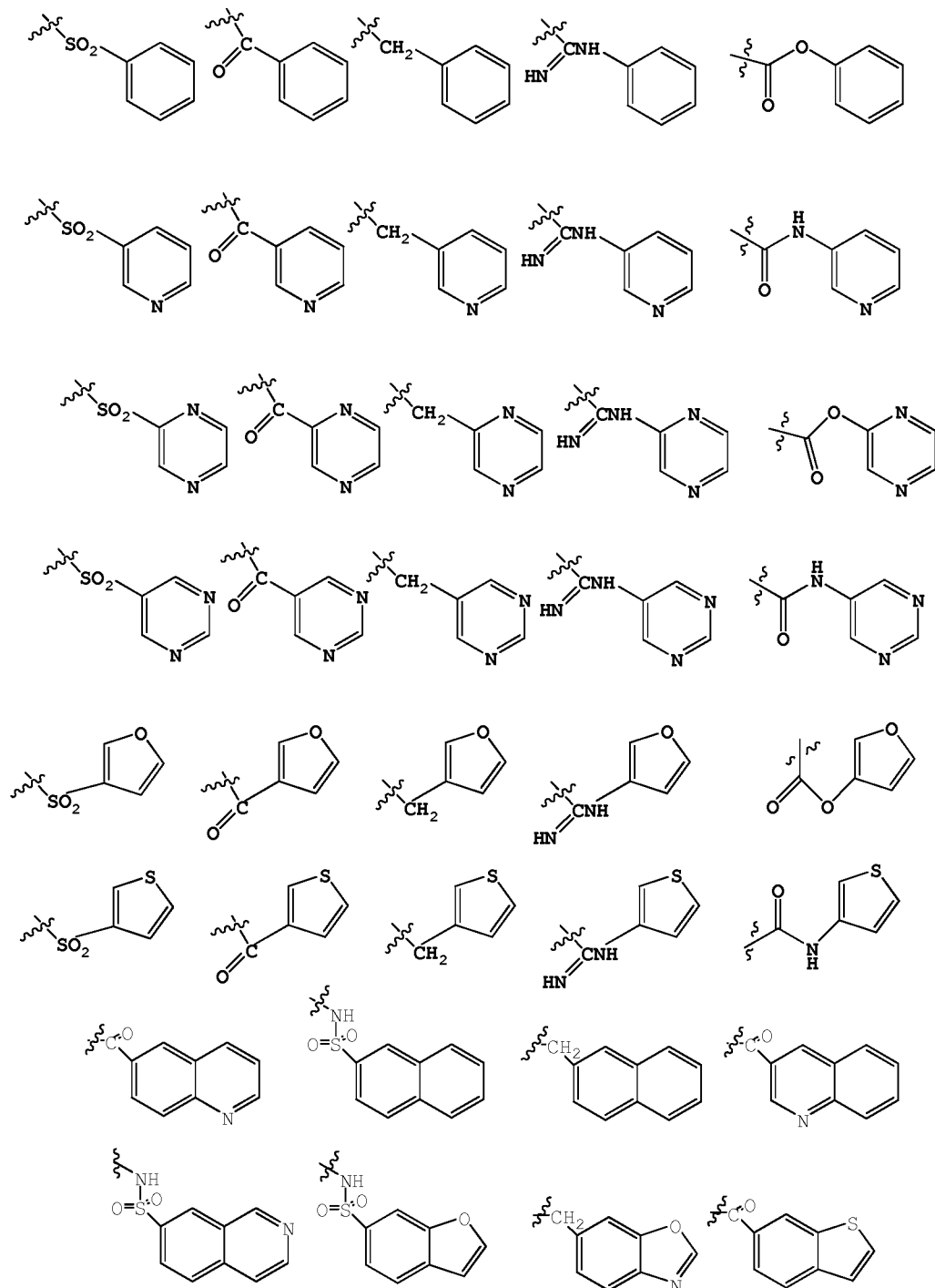
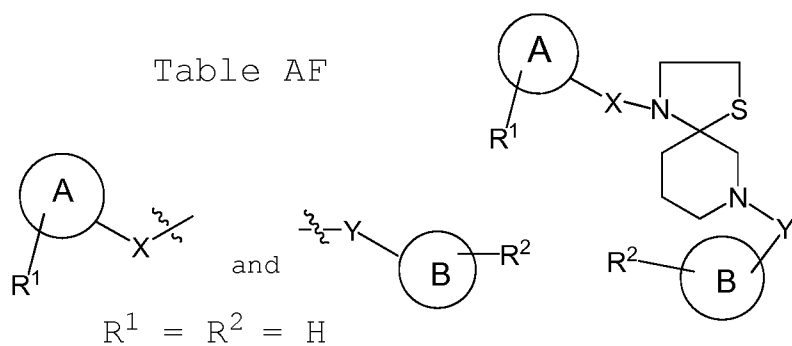
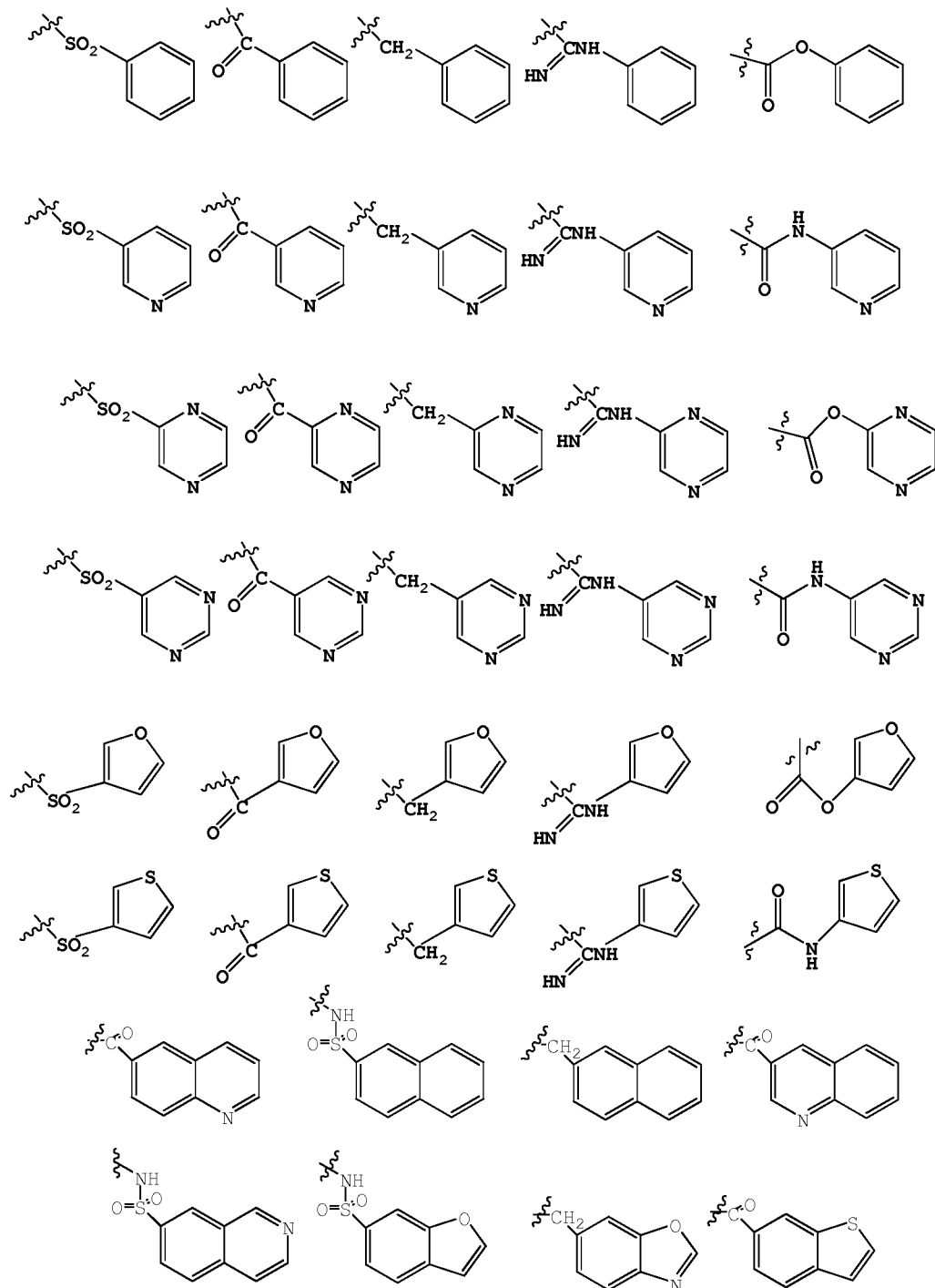
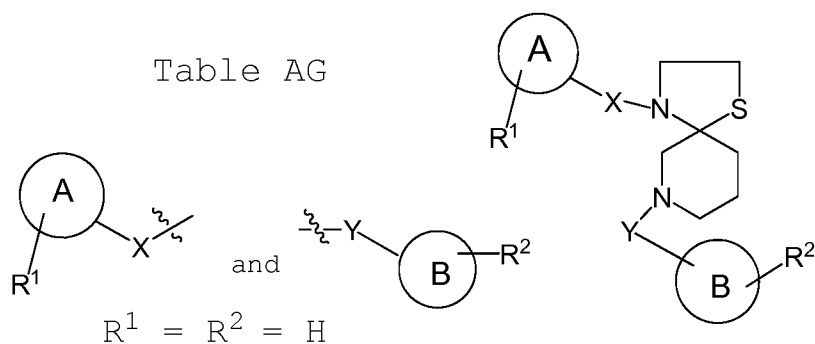


Table AG



Without departing from the spirit and scope of this invention, one of ordinary skill can make various changes and modifications to the invention to adapt it to various usages and conditions. As such, these changes and modifications are properly, equitably, and intended to be, within the full range of equivalence of the following claims.

EXAMPLE 1: MOR agonist activity

using GTP γ S binding assay

To assess the mu opiate receptor (MOR) agonist activity of positive compounds from the FLNA screening, compounds were tested in a [³⁵S]GTP γ S binding assay using striatal membranes. Our previous study has shown that in striatal membranes, activation of MOR leads to an increase in [³⁵S]GTP γ S binding to G α o (Wang et al., 2005 *Neuroscience* **135**:247-261).

Striatal tissue was homogenized in 10 volumes of ice cold 25 mM HEPES buffer, pH 7.4, which contained 1 mM EGTA, 100 mM sucrose, 50 μ g/ml leupeptin, 0.04 mM PMSF, 2 μ g/ml soybean trypsin inhibitor and 0.2% 2-mercaptoethanol. The homogenates were centrifuged at 800 X g for 5 minutes and the supernatants were centrifuged at 49,000 X g for 20 minutes. The resulting pellets were suspended in 10 volume of reaction buffer, which contained 25 mM HEPES, pH 7.5, 100 mM NaCl, 50 μ g/ml leupeptin, 2 μ g/ml soybean trypsin inhibitor, 0.04 mM PMSF and 0.02% 2-mercaptomethanol.

The resultant striatal membrane preparation (200 μ g) was admixed and maintained (incubated) at

30°C for 5 minutes in reaction buffer as above that additionally contained 1 mM MgCl₂ and 0.5 nM [³⁵S]GTPγS (0.1 μCi/assay, PerkinElmer Life and Analytical Sciences) in a total volume of 250 μl and continued for 5 minutes in the absence or presence of 0.1 – 10 μM of an assayed compound of interest. The reaction was terminated by dilution with 750 μl of ice-cold reaction buffer that contained 20 mM MgCl₂ and 1 mM EGTA and immediate centrifugation at 16,000 X g for 5 minutes.

The resulting pellet was solubilized by sonicating for 10 seconds in 0.5 ml of immunoprecipitation buffer containing 0.5% digitonin, 0.2% sodium cholate and 0.5% NP-40. Normal rabbit serum (1 μl) was added to 1 ml of lysate and incubated at 25°C for 30 minutes. Nonspecific immune complexes were removed by incubation with 25 μl of protein A/G-conjugated agarose beads at 25°C for 30 minutes followed by centrifugation at 5,000 X g at 4°C for 5 minutes. The supernatant was divided and separately incubated at 25°C for 30 minutes with antibodies raised against Gα_o proteins (1:1,000 dilutions).

The immunocomplexes so formed were collected by incubation at 25°C for 30 minutes with 40 μl of agarose-conjugated protein A/G beads and centrifugation at 5,000 X g at 4°C for 5 minutes. The pellet was washed and suspended in buffer containing 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, and 1% NP-40. The radioactivity in the suspension was determined by liquid scintillation spectrometry. The specificity of MOR activation of [³⁵S]GTPγS binding to Gα_o induced by a selective compound was defined by inclusion of 1

μ M β -funaltrexamine (β -FNA; an alkylating derivative of naltrexone that is a selective MOR antagonist).

DAMGO (H-Tyr-**D**-Ala-Gly-N-MePhe-Gly-OH; 1 or 10 μ M) was used as a positive control.

The results of this study are shown in the Table below.

FLNA-Binding Compound MOR Agonist Activity

FLNA-Binding Compound	Concentration of FLNA-Binding Compound as Agonist					
	0.1 μ M	1 μ M	1 μ M +BFNA	%DAMGO (0.1 μ M)	%DAMGO (1 μ M)	%DAMGO + BFNA
7866	152.3%	308.2%	62.4%	79.3%	94.8%	129.5%
C0001	129.3%	184.3%	33.9%	75.2%	66.6%	52.9%
C0002	88.4%	93.8%	3.9%	51.4%	33.9%	6.1%
C0003	162.3%	215.9%	107.7%	91.9%	83.3%	163.9%
C0004	122.0%	228.4%	65.8%	72.1%	85.4%	99.7%
C0005	180.4%	227.2%	166.4%	105.4%	85.1%	319.4%
C0006	121.5%	204.0%	4.6%	70.6%	73.8%	7.2%
C0007	79.1%	195.0%	10.9%	46.0%	70.5%	17.0%
C0008	71.2%	201.6%	2.8%	41.4%	72.9%	4.4%
C0009	146.3%	256.2%	26.4%	85.1%	92.6%	41.2%
C0010	136.5%	307.0%	89.1%	80.7%	114.9%	135.0%
C0011	217.0%	305.0%	19.0%	126.8%	114.3%	36.5%
C0012	96.8%	224.8%	184.4%	54.8%	86.7%	280.7%
C0013	156.6%	301.2%	39.6%	91.0%	108.9%	61.8%
C0014	144.9%	153.5%	76.3%	82.0%	59.2%	116.1%
C0015	138.7%	204.7%	126.8%	78.5%	78.9%	193.0%
C0016	172.7%	230.5%	96.7%	100.4%	83.3%	150.9%
C0017	153.8%	284.5%	94.1%	87.1%	109.7%	143.2%
C0018	195.5%	247.7%	106.5%	110.7%	95.5%	162.1%
C0019	104.4%	176.6%	52.8%	59.1%	68.1%	80.4%
C0021	159.7%	192.0%	90.7%	94.5%	87.8%	546.4%
C0022	194.3%	328.7%	13.4%	113.5%	123.2%	25.7%
C0023	153.2%	233.7%	23.2%	89.5%	87.6%	44.5%
C0024	178.4%	229.6%	59.3%	92.8%	84.1%	135.1%
C0025	235.7%	320.7%	80.2%	122.6%	117.5%	182.7%
C0028	93.9%	132.4%	78.4%	55.6%	60.5%	472.3%
C0029	175.4%	308.8%	16.6%	91.2%	113.1%	37.8%
C0030	150.3%	226.8%	95.0%	96.0%	98.0%	291.4%
C0032	145.4%	202.0%	80.9%	92.8%	87.3%	248.2%
C0033	134.5%	186.4%	76.6%	85.9%	80.6%	235.0%
C0034	103.6%	167.9%	80.1%	61.3%	76.7%	482.5%
C0041	186.1%	244.4%	95.5%	110.1%	111.7%	575.3%
C0042	167.1%	260.9%	110.6%	98.9%	119.2%	666.3%
C0047	142.2%	206.1%	80.1%	98.1%	88.5%	182.0%
C0048	209.1%	245.3%	89.9%	144.2%	105.3%	204.3%
C0049	106.6%	210.0%	81.0%	73.5%	90.1%	184.1%
C0051	94.4%	170.4%	55.9%	65.1%	73.1%	127.0%
C0052	108.4%	162.8%	42.7%	74.8%	69.9%	97.0%
C0053	104.0%	157.2%	93.1%	71.7%	67.5%	211.6%
C0054	68.2%	127.0%	43.5%	47.0%	54.5%	98.9%
C0057	--	--	--	--	--	--
C0061	--	--	--	--	--	--

C0062	127.8%	310.5%	59.8%	81.9%	134.7%	149.9%
C0064	213.8%	349.6%	38.1%	124.2%	159.1%	110.4%
C0065	198.3%	279.5%	47.7%	127.0%	121.3%	119.5%
C0067	142.7%	179.0%	33.5%	82.9%	81.5%	97.1%
C0068	107.2%	263.1%	165.9%	53.4%	83.8%	307.8%
C0069	--	--	--	--	--	--
C0070	165.6%	210.8%	114.2%	96.2%	95.9%	331.0%
C0071	276.3%	355.3%	177.1%	160.5%	161.7%	513.3%
C0072	172.7%	259.1%	67.1%	100.3%	117.9%	194.5%
C0073	--	--	--	--	--	--
C0077	192.7%	265.4%	136.7%	109.5%	104.9%	621.4%
C0078	138.1%	236.6%	170.7%	82.4%	106.4%	359.4%
C0080M	187.9%	205.4%	167.1%	112.1%	92.4%	351.8%
C0082M	228.1%	338.4%	97.6%	113.7%	107.8%	181.1%
C0084M	163.1%	255.5%	133.2%	97.3%	114.9%	280.4%
C0085M	211.6%	246.2%	43.7%	105.5%	78.4%	112.6%
C0138M	--	--	--	--	--	--
C0139M	156.1%	206.6%	51.0%	106.2%	102.2%	129.8%
C0140M	126.1%	215.4%	83.0%	85.8%	106.5%	211.2%
C0141M	161.5%	213.9%	47.9%	109.9%	105.8%	121.9%
C0143M	81.0	193.3	86.5	--	--	--
C0144M	186.3	295.9	125.9	--	--	--
C0145M	193.0	289.2	87.0	--	--	--
C0146M	--	--	--	--	--	--
C0147M A2	--	--	--	--	--	--
C0148M A2	181.3	360.6	87.6	--	--	--
C0149M	209.8	406.7	93.4	--	--	--
C0150M	167.1	423.1	93.4	--	--	--
C0151M	346.8	397.6	212.8	--	--	--
C0152M	--	--	--	--	--	--
DAMGO Average	168.5%	266.1%	53.2%	--	--	--

EXAMPLE 2: FITC-NLX-based FLNA Screening Assay

A. Streptavidin-coated 96-well plates

Streptavidin-coated 96-well plates (Reacti-Bind™ NeutrAvidin™ High binding capacity coated 96-well plate, Pierce-ENDOGEN) are washed three times with 200 μ l of 50 mM Tris HCl, pH 7.4 according to the manufacturer's recommendation.

B. N-biotinylated VAKGL pentapeptide (Bn-VAKGL) (SEQ ID NO: 1)

Bn-VAKGL peptide (0.5 mg/plate) is dissolved in 50 μ l DMSO and then added to 4450 μ l of

50 mM Tris HCl, pH 7.4, containing 100 mM NaCl and protease inhibitors (binding medium) as well as 500 μ l superbloc in PBS (Pierce-ENDOGEN) [final concentration for DMSO: 1%].

C. Coupling of Bn-VAKGL peptides to streptavidin-coated plate

The washed streptavidin-coated plates are contacted with 5 μ g/well of Bn-VAKGL (100 μ l) for 1 hour (incubated) with constant shaking at 25°C [50 μ l of Bn-VAKGL peptide solution from B + 50 μ l binding medium, final concentration for DMSO: 0.5%]. At the end of the incubation, the plate is washed three times with 200 μ l of ice-cold 50 mM Tris HCl, pH 7.4.

D. Binding of FITC-tagged naloxone [FITC-NLX] to VAKGL.

Bn-VAKGL coated streptavidin plates are incubated with 10 nM fluorescein isothiocyanate-labeled naloxone (FITC-NLX; Invitrogen) in binding medium (50 mM Tris HCl, pH 7.4 containing 100 mM NaCl and protease inhibitors) for 30 minutes at 30°C with constant shaking. The final assay volume is 100 μ l. At the end of incubation, the plate is washed twice with 100 μ l of ice-cold 50 mM Tris, pH 7.4. The signal, bound-FITC-NLX is detected using a DTX-880 multi-mode plate reader (Beckman).

E. Screening of Medicinal Chemistry Analogs

The compounds are first individually dissolved in 25% DMSO containing 50 mM Tris HCl, pH 7.4, to a final concentration of 1 mM (assisted by sonication when necessary) and then plated into 96-well compound plates. To screen the medicinal chemistry analogs (new compounds), each compound solution (1 μ l) is added to the Bn-VAKGL coated

streptavidin plate with 50 μl /well of binding medium followed immediately with addition of 50 μl of FITC-NLX (total assay volume/well is 100 μl). The final screening concentration for each compound is 10 μM .

Each screening plate includes vehicle control (total binding) as well as naloxone (NLX) and/or naltrexone (NTX) as positive controls. Compounds are tested in triplicate or quadruplicate. Percent inhibition of FITC-NLX binding for each compound is calculated [(Total FITC-NLX bound in vehicle - FITC-NLX bound in compound)/Total FITC-NLX bound in vehicle] x 100%]. To assess the efficacies and potencies of the selected compounds, compounds that achieve approximately 60-70% inhibition at 10 μM are screened further at 1 and 0.1 μM concentrations.

The results of this screening assay are shown in the table below.

FLNA Peptide Binding Assay

FLNA-binding Compound	Concentration of FLNA-binding Compound		
	0.01 μM	0.1 μM	1 μM
7866	38.5%	47.9%	53.4%
C0001	34.8%	42.9%	51.3%
C0002	38.4%	45.6%	42.8%
C0003	38.3%	45.3%	48.8%
C0004	37.6%	42.3%	44.7%
C0005	35.2%	44.5%	51.5%
C0006	41.6%	46.8%	51.8%
C0007	40.5%	46.3%	48.9%
C0008	42.2%	52.3%	54.4%
C0009	41.7%	49.0%	53.9%
C0010	39.8%	42.7%	47.1%
C0011	37.6%	41.4%	46.0%
C0012	26.3%	39.5%	46.4%
C0013	39.6%	42.4%	49.1%
C0014	29.5%	38.8%	40.0%
C0015	31.2%	40.6%	45.5%
C0016	38.3%	43.8%	49.1%
C0017	28.9%	35.4%	40.7%

C0018	42.3%	45.9%	53.4%
C0019	30.1%	38.2%	43.6%
C0021	34.0%	38.4%	40.6%
C0022	34.5%	37.6%	43.9%
C0023	35.9%	41.7%	47.2%
C0024	37.9%	46.4%	50.4%
C0025	37.2%	41.4%	45.1%
C0028	32.2%	36.6%	43.3%
C0029	38.6%	43.2%	50.5%
C0030	37.4%	45.4%	56.0%
C0032	41.5%	50.5%	55.3%
C0033	43.9%	48.4%	51.3%
C0034	29.6%	38.3%	44.8%
C0041	38.3%	47.0%	51.2%
C0042	42.4%	49.7%	56.1%
C0047	30.8%	35.2%	41.4%
C0048	28.5%	38.9%	45.9%
C0049	25.3%	27.9%	30.3%
C0051	27.0%	30.4%	36.4%
C0052	28.0%	35.6%	40.8%
C0053	28.9%	33.8%	39.3%
C0054	32.9%	39.4%	43.3%
C0057	--	--	--
C0061	--	--	--
C0062	39.5%	49.5%	48.0%
C0064	37.3%	44.4%	49.2%
C0065	37.1%	44.0%	47.0%
C0067	31.3%	39.7%	45.0%
C0068	53.7%	58.6%	62.2%
C0069	--	--	--
C0070	42.6%	50.6%	53.6%
C0071	39.1%	49.6%	55.2%
C0072	28.4%	37.4%	44.0%
C0073	--	--	--
C0077	45.7%	47.7%	51.0%
C0078	46.6%	48.0%	50.5%
C0080M	46.8%	53.3%	54.6%
C0082M	51.6%	57.1%	63.0%
C0084M	47.2%	53.7%	55.9%
C0085M	45.7%	53.7%	60.7%
C0138M	--	--	--
C0139M	48.9%	53.1%	61.6%
C0140M	42.3%	49.2%	54.4%
C0141M	33.1%	39.0%	46.9%
C0143M	42.5%	45.8%	51.4%
C0144M	43.4%	47.9%	51.2%
C0145M	40.2%	51.0%	54.9%
C0146M	--	--	--
C0147M A2	--	--	--

C0148M A2	44.2%	48.2%	53.3%
C0149M	45.7%	49.2%	58.3%
C0150M	47.3	49.2%	59.0%
C0151M	46.1%	48.1%	54.3%
C0152M	--	--	--
Naloxone Average	40.61%	47.75%	51.54%

EXAMPLE 3: Tail-flick test

The mouse "tail flick" test was used to assay the relative antinociceptive activity of compositions containing a compound to be assayed. This assay was substantially that disclosed by Xie et al., 2005 *J. Neurosci* **25**:409-416.

The mouse hot-water tail-flick test was performed by placing the distal third of the tail in a water bath maintained at 52°C. The latency until tail withdrawal from the bath was determined and compared among the treatments. A 10 second cutoff was used to avoid tissue damage. Data are converted to percentage of antinociception by the following formula: $(\text{response latency} - \text{baseline latency}) / (\text{cutoff} - \text{baseline latency}) \times 100$ to generate dose-response curves. Linear regression analysis of the log dose-response curves was used to calculate the A₅₀ (dose that resulted in a 50% antinociceptive effect) doses and the 95% confidence intervals (CIs). Relative potency was determined as a ratio of the A₅₀ values. The significance of the relative potency and the confidence intervals are determined by applying the *t* test at $p < 0.05$.

To assess tolerance to the antinociceptive effect, the compound was administered twice daily for 7 days at an A₉₀ dose (dose that results in a 90%

antinociceptive effect in the 52°C warm-water tail-flick test), and the tail-flick test was performed daily after the a.m. dose. A significant reduction in tail-flick latency on subsequent days compared to the Day 1 administration of the A₉₀ dose indicates antinociceptive tolerance.

Orally administered morphine exhibited an A₅₀ value of 61.8 (52.4–72.9) mg/kg, and a mean maximum antinociception amount of about 43% at 56 mg/kg at about 20 minutes. Orally administered compound C0011 exhibited a mean maximum antinociception amount of about 70% at 56 mg/kg at about 10–20 minutes, whereas orally administered compound C0009 exhibited a mean maximum antinociception amount of about 50% at 56 mg/kg at about 10 minutes, compound C0047 exhibited a mean maximum antinociception amount of about 35% at 56 mg/kg at about 20–30 minutes, compound C0052 a mean maximum antinociception amount of about 30% at 56 mg/kg at about 20 minutes, and compound C0022 exhibited a mean maximum antinociception amount of about 40% at 56 mg/kg at about 30 minutes, and compound C0148M exhibited a mean maximum antinociception amount of about 30% at 32 mg/kg at about 10 minutes.

EXAMPLE 4: Dependence test

On day 8, 16–20 hours after the last administration of an assay composition, animals were given naloxone to precipitate withdrawal (10 mg/kg, s.c.) before being placed in an observation chamber for 1 hour. A scale adapted from MacRae et al., 1997 *Psychobiology* **25**:77–82 was used to quantify four categories of withdrawal behaviors: “wet dog” shakes,

paw tremors, mouth movements, and ear wipes. Scores are summed to yield a total withdrawal score across the 1-hour test.

EXAMPLE 5: Relative Gs/Go Switching

In this set of studies, the rat brain slice organotypic culture methods were modified from those published previously (Adamchik et al., 2000 *Brain Res Protoc* **5**:153-158; Stoppini et al., 1991 *J Neurosci Methods* **37**:173-182). Striatal slices (200 μ M thickness) were prepared using a McIlwain tissue chopper (Mickle Laboratory Engineering Co., Surrey, UK). Slices were carefully transferred to sterile, porous culture inserts (0.4 μ m, Millicell-CM) using the rear end of a glass Pasteur pipette. Each culture insert unit contained 2 slices and was placed into one well of the 12-well culture tray. Each well contain 1.5 ml of culture medium composed of 50% MEM with Earl's salts, 2 mM L-glutamine, 25% Earl's balanced salt solution, 6.5 g/l D-glucose, 20% fetal bovine serum, 5% horse serum, 25 mM HEPES buffer, 50 mg/ml streptomycin and 50 mg/ml penicillin. The pH value was adjusted to 7.2 with HEPES buffer.

Cultures were first incubated for 2 days to minimize the impact of injury from slice preparation. Incubator settings throughout the experiment were 36°C with 5% CO₂. To induce tolerance, culture medium was removed and the culture insert containing the slices was gently rinsed twice with warm (37°C) phosphate-buffered saline (pH 7.2) before incubation in 0.1% fetal bovine serum-containing culture medium with 100 μ M morphine for 1 hour twice daily (at 9-10 AM and 3-4 PM) for 7 days.

Slices were returned to culture medium with normal serum after each drug exposure. Tissues were harvested 16 hours after the last drug exposure by centrifugation.

For determination of MOR - G protein coupling, slices were homogenated to generate synaptic membranes. Synaptic membranes (400 µg) were incubated with either 10 µM oxycodone or Krebs'-Ringer solution for 10 minutes before solubilization in 250 µl of immunoprecipitation buffer (25 mM HEPES, pH 7.5; 200 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 50 µg/ml leupeptin, 10 µg/ml aprotinin, 2 µg/ml soybean trypsin inhibitor, 0.04 mM PMSF and mixture of protein phosphatase inhibitors). Following centrifugation, striatal membrane lysates were immunoprecipitated with immobilized anti-Gαs/olf or -Gαo conjugated with immobilized protein G-agarose beads. The level of MOR in anti-Gαs/olf or -Gαo immunoprecipitates was determined by Western blotting using specific anti-MOR antibodies.

To measure the magnitude of MOR-mediated inhibition of cAMP production, brain slices were incubated with Krebs'-Ringer (basal), 1 µM DAMGO, 1 µM forskolin or 1 µM DAMGO + 1 µM forskolin for 10 minutes at 37°C in the presence of 100 µM of the phosphodiesterase inhibitor IBMX. Tissues were homogenized by sonication and protein precipitated with 1M TCA. The supernatant obtained after centrifugation was neutralized using 50 mM Tris, pH 9.0. The level of cAMP in the brain lysate was measured by a cAMP assay kit (PerkinElmer Life Science, Boston) according to manufacturer's instructions.

Condition	Gs/olf	Go	Gs/Go-Coupled Ratio
Vehicle			
Average	330.7	1996.4	0.173
SEM	34.6	192.0	0.34
Oxycodone, 10 μM			
Average	1425.2	900.4	1.588
SEM	77.8	26.2	0.103
C0011, 10 μM			
Average	534.3	1603.3	0.332
SEM	51.8	68.5	0.023
C0011, 100 μM			
Average	658.2	1598.8	0.420
SEM	34.2	114.9	0.030

A compound useful herein can be readily synthesized. An illustrative synthetic scheme is shown below that preparation of compounds containing two sulfonyl linkages and one sulfonyl and one carbonyl linkage. That scheme can be readily adapted for the preparation of compounds containing two carbonyl linkages and one carbonyl and one sulfonyl linkage in the opposite configurations from those shown. More detailed syntheses are set out hereinafter.

EXAMPLE 6: Carrageenan-Induced

Acute Inflammatory Pain

To test the antinociceptive activity of the compounds under acute inflammatory conditions, the latency to paw withdrawal from a noxious thermal stimulus is determined before and 3 hours after injection of a 50 μ l solution of 2% carrageenan into the plantar surface of the hindpaw (Mogil et al. 1999 *Pain* **80**:67-82). Animals are placed in plexiglas boxes on top of a glass plate maintained at 30°C and allowed to habituate for two sessions (-24 hours and -1 hour). Each habituation session lasts approximately 45-60 minutes.

For baseline paw withdrawal latencies, an infrared heat source (Ugo Basile model 37370) is applied from under the glass plate onto the plantar surface of the right hind paw with the focus of the light beam no larger than a 3- to 5-mm diameter. The time to withdrawal of the hind paw from the heat source is recorded. A maximum cutoff of 30 seconds is used to prevent tissue damage. The intensity of the beam is set so that baseline latencies are approximately 15 seconds. The post-carrageenan baseline is reestablished 3 hours after the carrageenan injections and only animals with a significant decrease in the latency of hind paw withdrawal from the thermal stimulus (thermal hypersensitivity) are tested. Animals are administered compounds, and hind paw withdrawal latencies are tested at various intervals after injection until the drug response falls below ~20% MPE.

Antihyperalgesia (thermal hypersensitivity) and antinociception are calculated as follows:

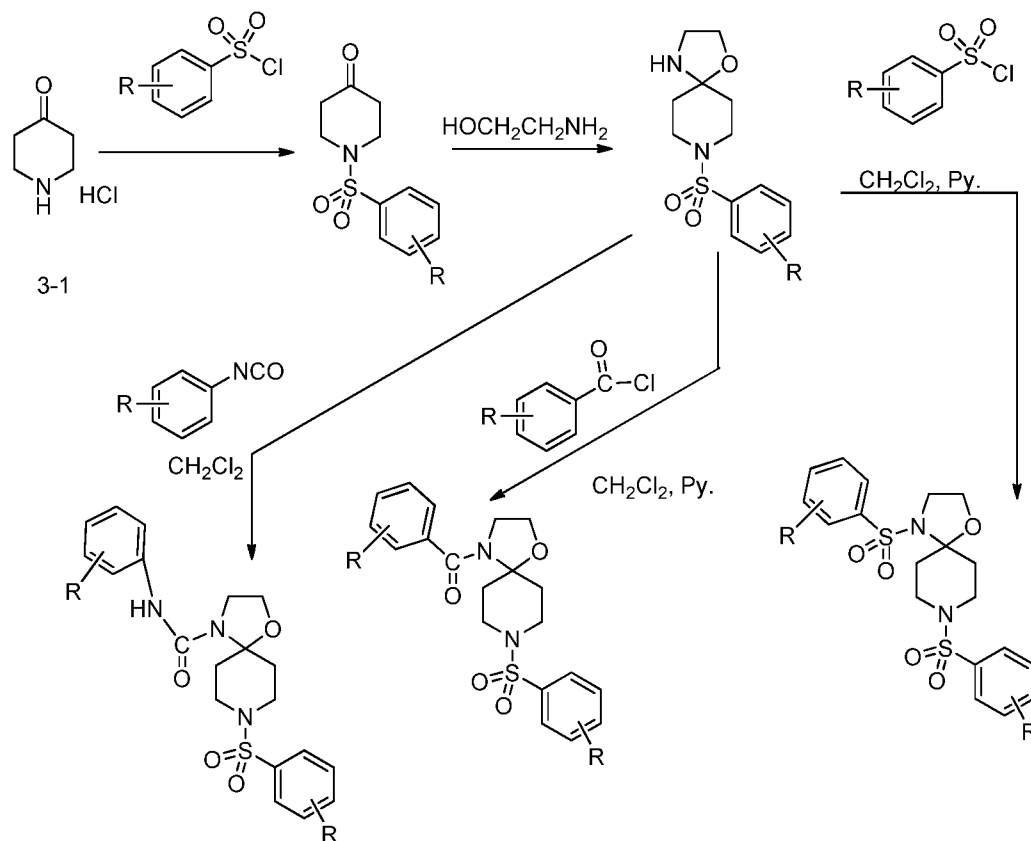
percentage activity = 100 [(test paw withdrawal latency - post-carrageenan baseline paw withdrawal latency)/(pre-carrageenan baseline paw withdrawal latency - post-carrageenan baseline paw withdrawal latency)].

Paw edema is determined by use of a plethysmometer (Ugo Basile) in the mice undergoing the thermal latency testing. Paw volumes for the left and right hind paw are measured at the conclusion of the thermal latency testing (120 minutes after drug administration).

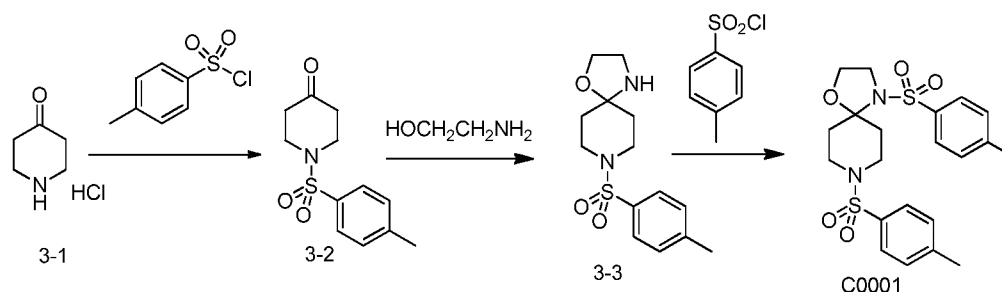
Compound Syntheses

A compound useful herein can be readily synthesized. An illustrative synthetic scheme is shown below that preparation of compounds containing two sulfonyl linkages and one sulfonyl and one carbonyl linkage. That scheme can be readily adapted for the preparation of compounds containing two carbonyl linkages and one carbonyl and one sulfonyl linkage in the opposite configurations from those shown. More detailed syntheses are set out hereinafter.

General Reaction Scheme



Preparation of compound C0001



a. Preparation of compound 3-2

4-Methylbenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (1.04 g, 5.49 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **3-1** (0.8 g, 5.23 mmol) in pyridine (20 mL) in an atmosphere of N_2 and the mixture was allowed to react overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. Water was added and the resulting reaction mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3x). The combined organic

layers were washed with 3M HCl and brine and concentrated to give compound **3-2** (0.78 g, yield: 59%, NMR confirmed).

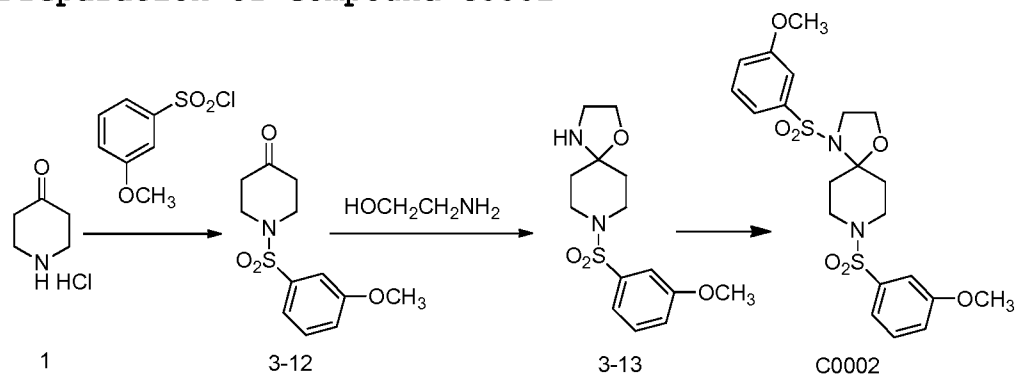
b. Preparation of compound 3-3

A solution of compound **3-2** (250 mg, 0.99 mmol), p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (20 mg), and 2-aminoethanol (5 mL) in ethanol (20 mL) was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give compound **3-3** (230 mg, yield: 80%, NMR confirmed) as a white solid.

c. Preparation of compound C0001

4-Methylbenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (139 mg, 0.73 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **3-3** (180 mg, 0.61 mmol) in pyridine (15 mL) in an atmosphere of N₂ and the mixture was allowed to react at room temperature for 4 hours. Water was added and the resulting reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x). The combined organic layers were washed with 3M HCl and brine and concentrated to give the crude product (180 mg) as a red solid. Further purification gave compound **C0001** (150 mg, yield: 54%, ¹H NMR confirmed, HPLC 94.5%) as a yellow solid.

¹H-NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 4H), 3.84 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.55-2.42 (m, 10H), 1.58 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₆N₂O₅S₂ (m/z): 450.13. found: 473.0 [M+23]⁺.

Preparation of compound C0002**a. Preparation of compound 3-12**

A solution of compound **1** (300 mg, 2.21 mmol) in pyridine (8 mL) was admixed with 4-methoxy-sulfonylbenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (0.34 mL, 2.21 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. To the solution was added water and then extracted with dichloromethane for 3 times. The combined organic phase was washed with 3M HCl and concentrated to give 335 mg of white solid (^1H NMR confirmed, 56% yield).

b. Preparation of compound 3-12

A solution of compound **3-12** (335 mg, 1.244 mmol) in ethanol (10 mL) was treated with p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (25 mg) and $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$ (2 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The ethanol was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was partitioned between dichloromethane and water. The organic phase was washed by saturated NaHCO_3 and brine then concentrated to provide 380 mg of colorless oil (yield 97.7%).

c. Preparation of compound 3-13

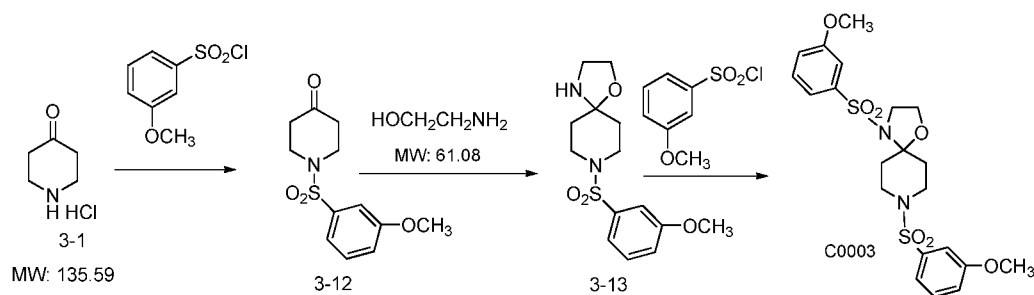
p-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (25 mg)

and 2-aminoethanol (2 mL) were added to a solution of compound **3-12** (335 mg, 1.244 mmol) in ethanol (10 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. Ethanol was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was partitioned between CH₂Cl₂ and water. The organic phase was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ and brine and concentrated to give compound **3-13** (380 mg, yield: 97.7%) as a colorless oil.

d. Preparation of compound C0002

4-methoxy-sulfonylbenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (0.17 mL, 1.216 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **3-13** (380 mg, 1.216 mmol) in pyridine (8 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). Water was added the solution and then extraction with dichloromethane (3x). The combined organic phase was washed with 3 M HCl and concentrated to give 548 mg of crude product that was then purified to give 450 mg of light yellow powder (MS and ¹H NMR confirmed, HPLC 95.3%, yield 76.7%).

¹H-NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.46-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.10 (m, 2H), 3.89-3.86 (m, 8H), 3.78-3.76 (m, 2H), 3.51 (t, *J* = 6.4Hz, 2H), 2.60-2.51 (m, 4H), 1.65-1.60 (m, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₆N₂O₇S₂ (m/z): 482.12. found: 483.3 [M+1]⁺, 505.3 [M+23]⁺.

Preparation of compound C0003**a. Preparation of compound 3-12**

4-Methoxysulfonyl-benzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (0.34 mL, 2.21 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **3-1** (300 mg, 2.21 mmol) in pyridine (8 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. Water was added and the resulting reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x). The combined organic layers were washed with 3M HCl and concentrated to give compound **3-12** (335 mg, yield: 56%, NMR confirmed) as a white solid.

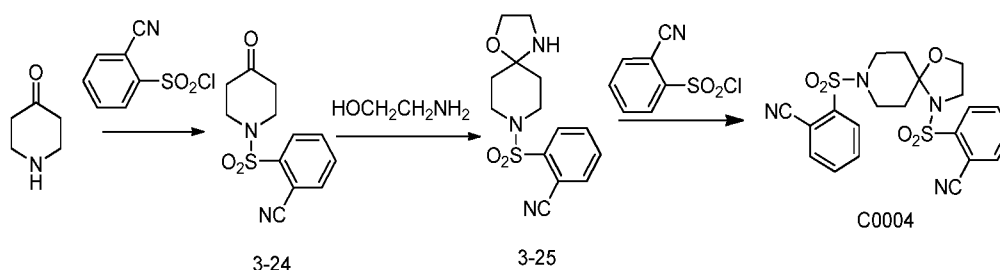
b. Preparation of compound 3-13

p-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (25 mg) and 2-aminoethanol (2 mL) were added to a solution of compound **3-12** (335 mg, 1.244 mmol) in ethanol (10 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. Ethanol was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was partitioned between CH₂Cl₂ and water. The organic phase was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ and brine and concentrated to give compound **3-13** (380 mg, yield: 97.7%) as a colorless oil.

c. Preparation of compound C0003

4-(Methoxy-sulfonyl)benzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (0.17 mL, 1.216 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **3-13** (380 mg, 1.216 mmol) in pyridine (8 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. Water was added and the resulting reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ 3 times. The combined organic layers were washed with 3M HCl and concentrated to give the crude product (548 mg) which was further purified to give compound **C0003** (450 mg, yield: 76.7%, MS and NMR confirmed, HPLC 95.3%) as a light yellow powder

¹H-NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.79–7.72 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.40 (m, 2H), 6.95–6.88 (m, 4H), 3.84–3.81 (m, 8H), 3.75–3.66 (m, 4H), 2.79 (dt, J = 12.8, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (dt, J = 12.8, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (d, J = 11.2Hz, 2H). MS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₆N₂O₇S₂ (m/z): 482.12. found: 483.0 [M+1]⁺, 505.1 [M+23]⁺.

Preparation of compound C0004**a. Preparation of compound 3-24**

2-Cyanobenzenesulfonyl chloride (100 mg, 0.50 mmol) was added to a solution of piperidin-4-one (92 mg, 0.60 mmol) in pyridine (10 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). Then pyridine was removed by reduced pressure evaporation. The residue was dissolved in

CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) and water (30 mL) was added. The CH₂Cl₂ layer was separated and the water phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 20 mL). The organic layers were combined and washed with 3M HCl (20 mL x 2). Then the organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give the title product as light yellow oil (70 mg, yield: 53.4%, confirmed by MS).

b. Preparation of compound 3-25

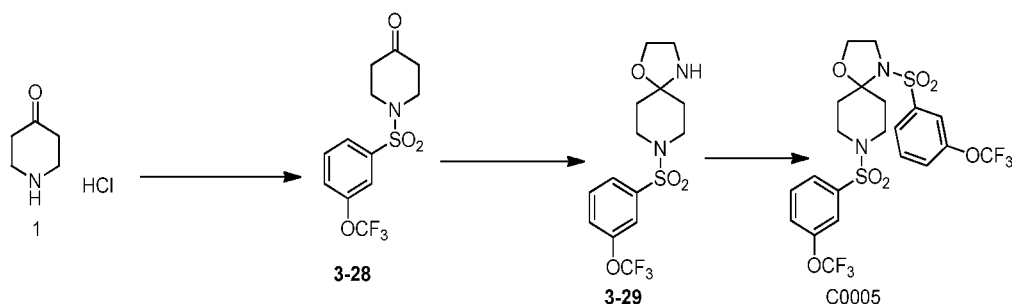
2-Aminoethanol (0.5 mL) and p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate were added to a solution of compound **3-24** (35 mg, 0.13 mmol) in ethanol (10 mL) (5 mg). The mixture was stirred at 30°C overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was then removed by evaporation under vacuum. To the residue was added CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL), then the CH₂Cl₂ layer was washed with saturated Na₂CO₃ (15 mL x 2) and water (20 mL x 3), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give the crude product as yellow oil (33 mg, yield: 80.5%, ¹H-NMR confirmed).

c. Preparation of compound C0004

o-Cyanobenzene sulfonyl chloride (26 mg, 0.13 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **3-25** (33 mg, 0.11 mmol) in pyridine (5 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL), washed with 3M HCl (10 mL x 3), and the organic layer was dried, and the solvent evaporated to give the crude product as yellow oil. The crude product was purified with silica gel column to give the title product as light yellow solid (8 mg, yield 15.8%, HPLC 95.2%, ¹H-NMR and MS confirmed).

^1H -NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.14 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.90–7.86 (m, 2H), 7.80–7.69 (m, 4H), 3.98 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.89–3.85 (m, 2H), 3.80 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.88 (dt, $J = 12.8, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.36 (dt, $J = 12.8, 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.68 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H). MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_4\text{O}_5\text{S}_2$ (m/z): 472.09. found: 495.1 $[\text{M}+23]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0005



a. Preparation of compound 3-28

3-Trifluoromethoxy-benzenesulfonyl chloride (287 mg, 1.1 mmol) was added to compound **1** (150 mg, 1.1 mmol) in pyridine (7 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). Water was added to the solution and then extracted with dichloromethane for 3 times. The combined organic phase was washed with 3M HCl and concentrated to give 150 mg of the desired product as light yellow solid (^1H NMR confirmed, 42% yield).

b. Preparation of compound 3-29

Compound **3-28** (140 mg, 0.46 mmol) in ethanol (6 mL) was treated with p-toluenesulfonic acid (15 mg) and $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$ (1.5 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). Ethanol was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was partitioned between dichloromethane

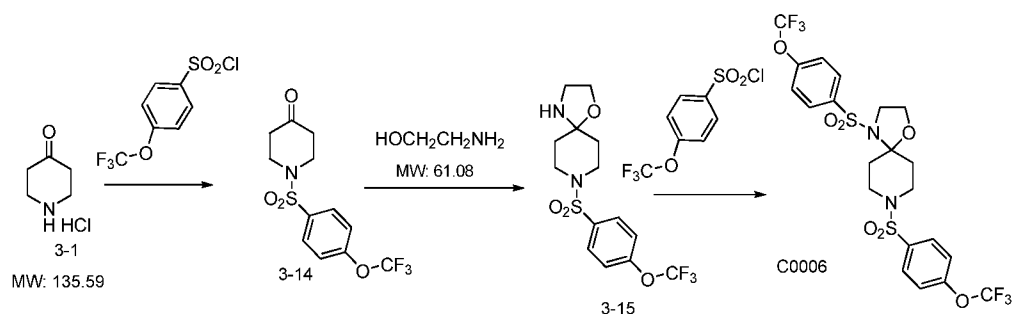
and water. The organic phase was washed by saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 and brine. Then the organic layer was concentrated to give 145 mg of compound **3-29** as white liquid (NMR confirmed, yield 85%).

c. Preparation of C0005

3-Trifluoro-methoxybenzenesulfonyl chloride (103 mg, 1.1 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **3-29** (145 mg, 0.4 mmol) in pyridine (2 mL). The mixture was then stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). Water was added and then the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3x). The combined organic phase was washed with 3M HCl and concentrated to get the crude product. The crude product was purified to afford 40 mg of the desired product as white solid (^1H NMR and LC-MS confirmed, HPLC 94.4%, 17% yield).

^1H -NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.77–7.69 (m, 1H), 7.63–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.49 (m, 3H), 7.38–7.36 (m, 2H), 3.90 (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.80 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.49 (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.62–2.53 (m, 4H), 1.64–1.60 (m, 2H). MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_6\text{N}_2\text{O}_7\text{S}_2$ (m/z): 590.06. found: 591.0 $[\text{M}+1]^+$, 613.0 $[\text{M}+23]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0006



a. Preparation of compound 3-14

4-Trifluoromethoxybenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride was added to a solution of compound **3-1** (100 mg, 0.7375 mmol) in pyridine (3 mL) (192.38 mg, 0.7375 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. Water was added and the resulting reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x). The combined organic layers were washed with 3M HCl and concentrated to give compound **3-14** (111 mg, yield: 46.6%, NMR confirmed) as a white solid.

b. Preparation of compound 3-15

p-Toluenesulfonic acid (10 mg) and 2-aminoethanol (1 mL) was added to a solution of compound **3-14** (111 mg, 0.343 mmol) in ethanol (EtOH) (4 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours. EtOH was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was partitioned between CH₂Cl₂ and water. The organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and brine and concentrated to give compound **3-15** (128 mg of crude compound, NMR confirmed) as a light yellow liquid.

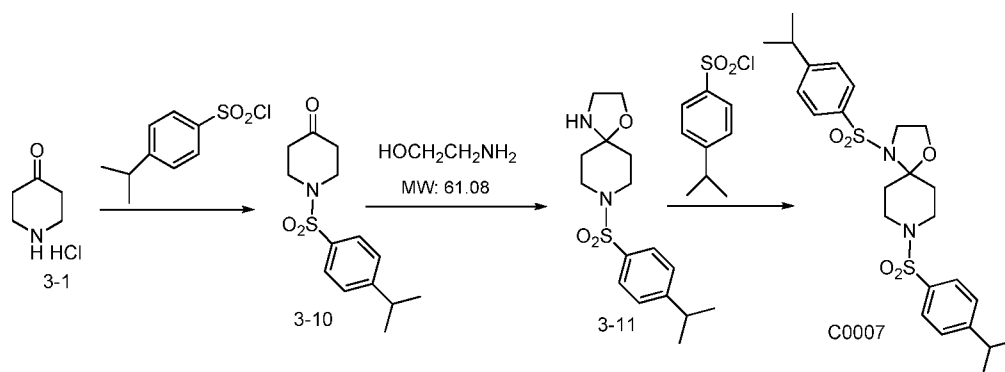
c. Preparation of compound C0006

4-Trifluoromethoxybenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride was added (91 mg, 0.349 mmol) to a solution of compound **3-15** (128 mg, 0.349 mmol) in pyridine (2.5 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. Water was added and the resulting reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x). The combined organic layers were washed with 3M HCl and concentrated to give the crude product (132 mg) which was further purified by column

chromatography over silica gel to afford compound **C0006** (95 mg, yield: 46%, NMR and MS confirmed, HPLC 99%).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.92 (dd, $J = 6.8$, 2Hz, 2H), 7.84 (dd, $J = 6.8$, 1.6Hz, 2H), 7.38–7.36 (m, 4H), 3.93 (t, $J = 6$ Hz, 2H), 3.81 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.51 (t, $J = 6$ Hz, 2H), 2.61–2.57 (m, 4H), 1.67–1.64 (m, 2H). MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_6\text{N}_2\text{O}_7\text{S}_2$ (m/z): 590.06. found: 613.0 $[\text{M}+23]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0007



a. Preparation of compound 3-10

4-Isopropylsulfonylbenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (0.13 mL, 0.7375 mmol) was added to a solution of piperidin-4-one hydrochloride hydrate (100 mg, 0.7375 mmol) in pyridine (3 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. Water was added and the resulting reaction mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3x). The combined organic layers were washed with 3M HCl and concentrated to give compound **3-10** (105 mg, yield: 50.7%, NMR confirmed) as a white solid.

b. Preparation of compound 3-11

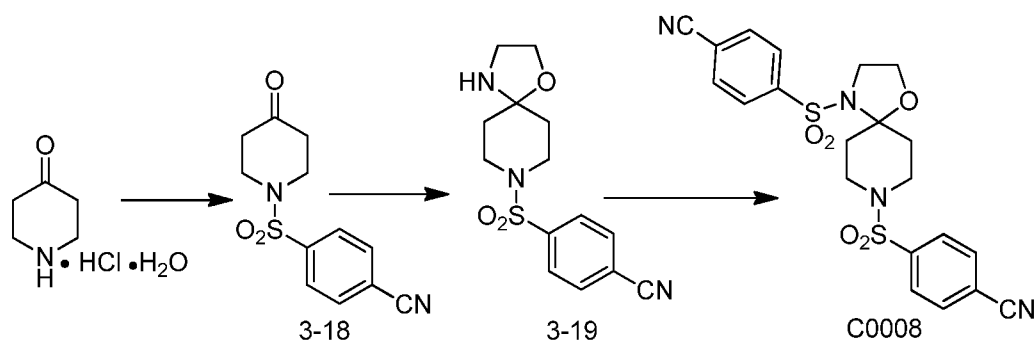
p-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (15 mg) and 2-aminoethanol (1.5 mL) were added to a solution of compound **3-10** (200 mg, 0.71 mmol) in ethanol

(EtOH) (6 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. EtOH was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was partitioned between CH₂Cl₂ and water. The organic phase was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and brine and concentrated to give compound **3-11** (231 mg, yield: 100%) as a white foam.

c. Preparation of compound C0007

4-Isopropylsulfonylbenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (0.17 mL, 0.925 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **3-11** (300 mg, 0.925 mmol) in pyridine (8 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. Water was added and the resulting reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x). The combined organic layers were washed with 3M HCl and concentrated to give the crude product (384mg) as a yellow oil (MS confirmed, HPLC 84%, yield: 82.1%). The crude product was triturated in ether/hexane system and filtered to give compound **C0007** (240 mg, yield: 51.3%, MS and NMR confirmed, HPLC 95.0%) as a light yellow powder.

¹H-NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.75 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 4H), 3.87 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.78-3.76 (m, 2H), 3.49 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.02-2.94 (m, 2H), 2.61-2.51 (m, 4H), 1.63-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.26 (m, 12H). MS (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₃₄N₂O₅S₂ (m/z): 506.19, found: 507.5[M+1]⁺, 529.4[M+23]⁺.

Preparation of compound C0008**a. Preparation of compound 3-18**

4-Cyanobenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (310 mg, 1.54 mmol) was added to a solution of piperidin-4-one (354 mg, 2.31 mmol) in pyridine (10 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL), washed with 2 N HCl (50 mL x 3), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the crude product as a yellow solid (138 mg, yield: 34%, TLC confirmed).

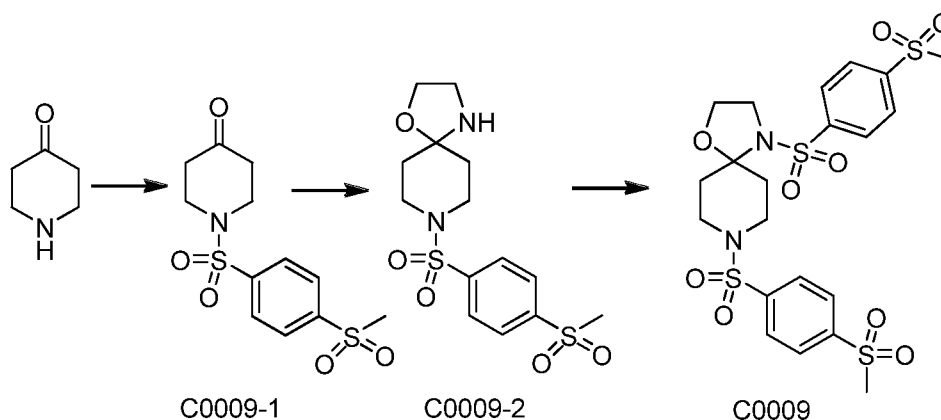
b. Preparation of compound 3-19

2-Aminoethanol (2 mL) and p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (20 mg) was added to a solution of compound **3-18** (138 mg, 0.52 mmol) in ethanol (20 mL). The mixture was stirred at 20°C overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (60 mL), washed with saturated Na_2CO_3 (50 mL x 3), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the title compound as a yellow solid (0.15 g, yield: 94%, TLC confirmed).

c. Preparation of compound C0008

4-Cyanobenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (147 mg, 0.73 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **3-19** (150 mg, 0.49 mmol) in pyridine (10 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL), washed with 2N HCl (30 mL x 3), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give the crude product as a yellow solid. The crude product was purified with a silica gel column to give the pure product as a light yellow solid (100 mg, yield: 43%, TLC confirmed).

¹H-NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.96 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.87-7.83 (m, 6H), 3.91 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.82-3.80 (m, 2H), 3.50 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.58-2.54 (m, 4H), 1.64-1.59 (m, 2H). MS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₀N₄O₅S₂ (m/z): 472.09, found: 473.1[M+1]⁺. (LC-MS)

Preparation of compound C0009**a. Preparation of C0009-1**

4-(Methylsulfonyl)benzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (410 mg, 1.6 mmol) was added to a solution of piperidin-4-one hydrochloride hydrate (247 mg, 1.6

mmol) in pyridine (10 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. To the residue was added CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL), then the solution was washed with 1N HCl (20 mL x 3), dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the title product 225 mg as yellow solid (yield: 44%, Confirmed by ^1H NMR).

b. Preparation of C0009-2

p-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (4 mg) and 2-aminoethanol (0.8 mL, 13.3 mmol) were added to a solution of compound **C0009-1** (225 mg, 0.7 mmol) in ethanol (6 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. To the residue was added CH_2Cl_2 (70 mL) and the resulting solution was washed with saturated NaHCO_3 (25 mL x 4), then dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the product 205 mg as white solid (yield: 81%).

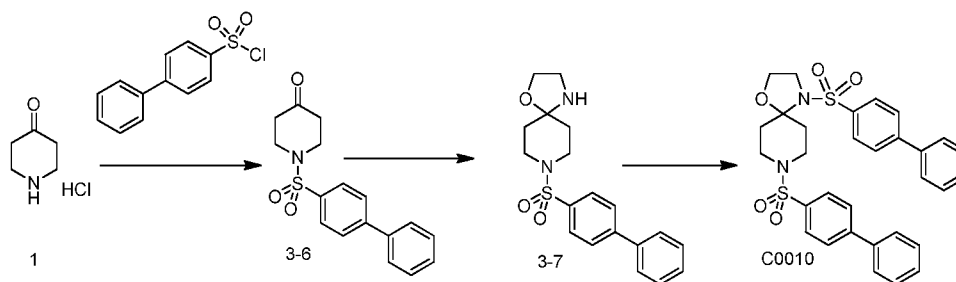
c. Preparation of compound C0009

4-(Methylsulfonyl)benzenesulfonyl chloride (604 mg, 2.37 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **C0009-2** (570 mg, 1.58 mmol) in pyridine (20 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was then diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (250mL) and washed with 1M HCl (100 mL x 2), and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL). The organic phase was then dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated and then the crude product was recrystallized from dichloromethane to give 150 mg purified product as a

light yellow solid (^1H -NMR and MS confirmed, HPLC:96%). The solvent was evaporated to give 200 mg of the purified product. The pure product was then re-purified using a silica gel column to give C0009 as a light yellow solid (180 mg, yield: 33%, ^1H -NMR and MS confirmed, HPLC: 96%).

^1H -NMR (400MHz, DMSO-d^6) δ : 8.15–8.00 (m, 8H), 3.85–3.71 (m, 4H), 3.46 (brs, 2H), 3.27 (brs, 8H), 2.18 (brs, 2H), 1.60–1.57 (m, 2H). MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_9\text{S}_4$ (m/z):578.05, found: 579.7[M+1] $^+$. (LC-MS)

Preparation of compound C0010



a. Preparation of compound 3-6

4-Phenylsulfonyl chloride (279.2 mg, 1.11 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **1** (150 mg, 1.11 mmol) in pyridine (4 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). To the solution was added water and the resulting composition was extracted with dichloromethane (3x). The combined organic phase was washed with 3M HCl, and concentrated to give 205 mg of desired product as solid (^1H NMR confirmed, 58.6% yield).

b. Preparation of compound 3-7

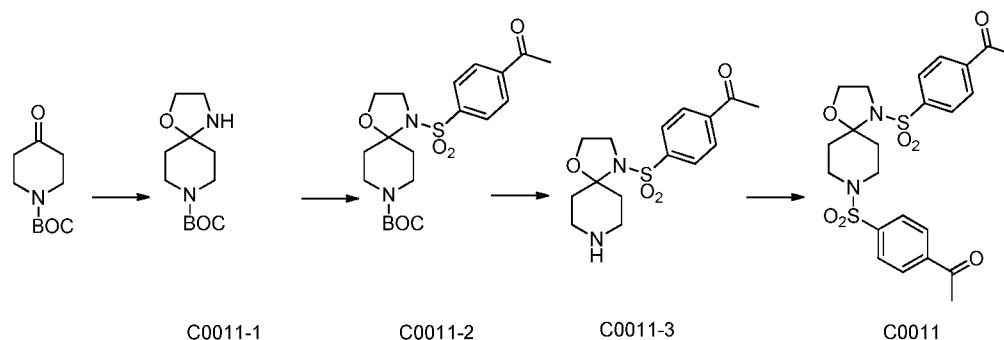
p-Toluenesulfonic acid (20 mg) and $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$ (2 mL) were added to a solution of compound

3-6 (205 mg, 0.65 mmol) in ethanol (EtOH) (6 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The ethanol was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was partitioned between dichloromethane (DCM) and water. The organic phase was washed by saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and brine. The organic layer was concentrated to give 202 mg of crude as white liquid (yield 87%).

c. Preparation of compound C0010

4-(Phenyl)benzenesulfonyl chloride (142 mg, 0.564 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **3-7** (202 mg, 0.564 mmol) in pyridine (4 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). Water was added to the solution and then the composition so formed was extracted with dichloromethane (3x). The combined organic phase was washed with 3M HCl then concentrated to give 234 mg of crude product. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography to afford 68 mg of pure product (LC-MS and ¹H NMR showed this is a mixture of compound **3-7** and desired product). Further purification by silica gel column eluted by (CH₃OH: CH₂Cl₂=100:1) gave 55 mg of the desired product with 86% purity. This product was again purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography to give the desired product with 90% purity.

¹H-NMR (400MHz, DMSO-d⁶) δ: 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.66-7.62 (m, 4H), 7.53-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.42-7.33 (m, 6H), 3.80 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.55-2.48 (m, 4H), 1.59-1.56 (m, 2H). MS (ESI) calcd for C₃₁H₃₀N₂O₅S₂ (m/z): 574.16, found: 575.1[M+1]⁺ (LC-MS).

Preparation of compound C0011**a. Preparation of compound C0011-1**

2-Ethanolamine (5 mL) was added to a solution of N-Boc-piperidin-4-one (3.014 g, 15.1 mmol) in ethanol (40 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL) and washed with saturated aqueous Na_2CO_3 (100 mL x 6). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , then concentrated to give compound **C0011-1** as light yellow oil (2.46 g, yield: 67.2%, ^1H -NMR confirmed).

b. Preparation of compound C0011-2

4-Acetylbenzenesulfonyl chloride (1.75 g, 8 mmol) was added to a solution of **C0011-1** (2.5 g, 9.7 mmol) in 30 mL of pyridine. The solution was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted in 100 mL dichloromethane and washed with 0.5 M HCl (50 mL x 3), the organic layer was dried and concentrated to provide the crude product as a yellow oil that was purified by silica gel chromatography to provide **C0011-2** as yellow solid (1.8 g, yield: 43.8%, confirmed by LCMS).

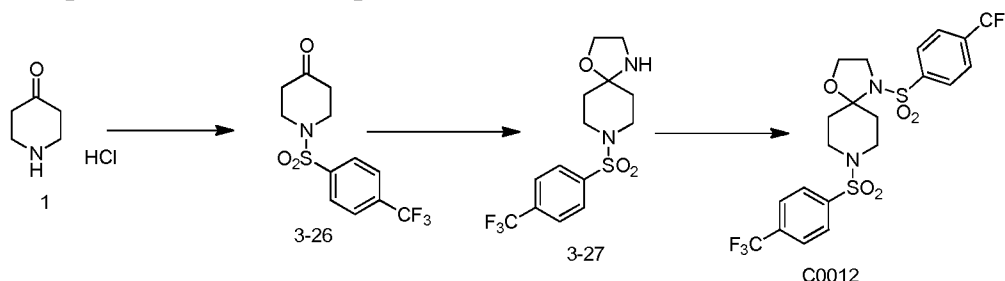
c. Preparation of compound C0011-3

CF₃COOH (5 mL) was added to a solution of **C0011-2** (1.8 g, 4.24 mmol) in 30 mL dichloromethane and the mixture was stirred for 2 hours at room temperature. To the mixture was added 70 mL dichloromethane, and the resulting composition was washed with saturated sodium carbonate solution (50 mL × 3). The organic layer was dried and concentrated to provide the crude product as yellow oil. The crude product was used for the next step without any further purification (0.97 g, yield: 70 %, confirmed by LCMS).

d) Preparation of C0011

4-Acetylbenzenesulfonyl chloride (0.63 g, 2.88 mmol) was added to the solution of **C0011-3** (0.85 g, 2.62 mmol) in 30 mL of pyridine. The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with 150 mL dichloromethane and washed with 3 M HCl (100 mL × 3). The organic layer was dried and concentrated to provide the crude product as a yellow solid that was purified by silica gel chromatography to provide **C0011** as white solid (0.44 g, yield: 47.3%, confirmed by LCMS, HPLC: 97%).

¹H-NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.10~8.07 (m, 4H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.81~3.79 (m, 2H), 3.51 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.55~2.52 (m, 4H), 1.61~1.58 (m, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₆N₂O₇S₂ (m/z): 506.12. found: 507.4 [M+1]⁺.

Preparation of compound C0012**a. Preparation of compound 3-26**

4-Trifluorobenzenesulfonyl chloride (271 mg, 1.1 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **1** (150 mg, 1.1 mmol) in pyridine (7 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). To the solution was added water and the resulting composition was then extracted with dichloromethane (3x). The combined organic phase was washed with 3M HCl and concentrated to give 140 mg of the title compound as light yellow solid (^1H NMR confirmed, 41% yield).

b. Preparation of compound 3-27

A solution of compound **3-26** (140 mg, 0.46 mmol) in ethanol (6 mL) was treated with p-toluenesulfonic acid (15 mg) and $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$ (1.5 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The ethanol was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was partitioned between dichloromethane and water. The organic phase was washed by saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 and brine. Then organic layer was concentrated to give 144 mg of compound **3-27** as white liquid (^1H NMR confirmed, yield 90%).

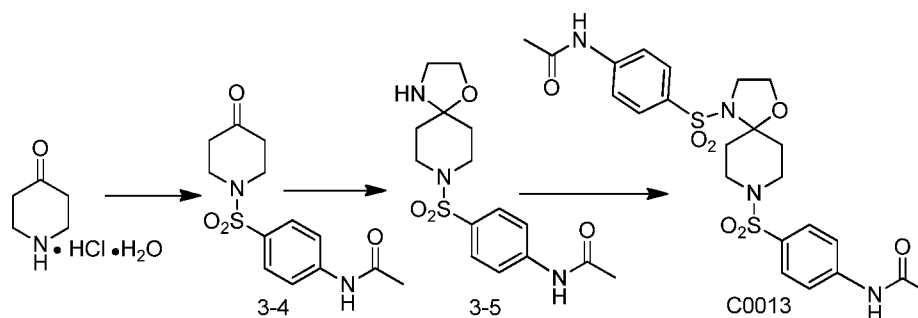
c. Preparation of compound C0012

A solution of compound **3-27** (144 mg, 0.41 mmol) in pyridine (2 mL) was treated with

4-trifluoromethyl-benzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (101 mg, 0.41 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). Water was added to that solution and the resulting composition extracted with dichloromethane (3x). The combined organic phase was washed with 3M HCl and concentrated to get the crude product. The crude product was purified to give 40 mg of the desired product (^1H NMR confirmed, HPLC 95%, 17.5% yield).

^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.88 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.73–7.71 (m, 4H), 3.82 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.74–3.71 (m, 2H), 3.42 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.50–2.46 (m, 4H), 1.56–1.53 (m, 2H), MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_6\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}_2$ (m/z): 558.07. found: 581.1[M+23] $^+$

Preparation of compound C0013



a. Preparation of compound 3-4

4-Acetyl-aminobenzene-sulfonyl chloride (0.6 g, 2.57 mmol) was added to a solution of piperidin-4-one (0.47 g, 3.08 mmol) in pyridine (20 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. To the residue was added CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL) and 2N HCl (50 mL). The organic layer was separated and washed with 2N HCl (30 mL x 2), then dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the

title compound as yellow solid. (0.4g, yield: 52.6%, TLC confirmed).

b. Preparation of compound 3-5

p-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (50 mg) and 2-aminoethanol (0.5 g, 8.2 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **3-4** (0.55 g, 1.86 mmol) in ethanol (50 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at 26 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. To the residue was added CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL) and saturated Na₂CO₃ (100 mL). The organic layer was separated and washed with saturated Na₂CO₃ (50 mL x 3), then dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give the crude product as white powder. (0.59 g, yield: 92.1%, TLC confirmed).

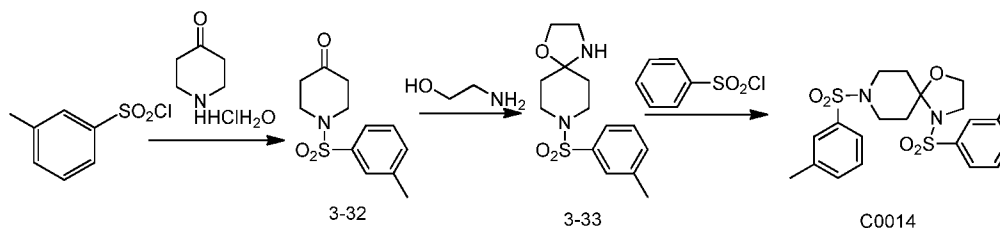
c. Preparation of compound C0013

4-Acetyl-aminobenzenesulfonyl chloride (0.49 g, 2.09 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **3-5** (0.59 g, 1.74 mmol) in pyridine (50 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. To the residue was added CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL) and 2N HCl (50 mL). The CH₂Cl₂ layer was separated and washed with 2N HCl (30 mL x 2), then dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give the crude product as yellow solid, which was purified with silica gel column to give the pure product as white solid (320 mg, yield: 34.4%, HPLC: 97%).

¹H-NMR (400MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ: 10.30-10.28 (m, 2H), 7.78-7.74 (m, 6H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.56-3.54 (m, 2H), 3.36 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.25-2.20 (m, 4H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.57-1.54 (m, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for

$C_{23}H_{28}N_4O_7S_2$ (m/z): 536.14. found: 537.2 $[M+1]^+$,
559.0 $[M+23]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0014



a. Preparation of compound 3-32

3-methylbenzenesulfonyl chloride (130 mg, 0.69 mmol) was added to a solution of piperidin-4-one (159 mg, 1.03 mmol) in 10 mL pyridine. The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The pyridine was removed by evaporation under vacuum. To the residue was added CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL), the CH_2Cl_2 layer was washed with 3M HCl (30 mL x 3), dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the crude product as light yellow solid (140 mg, yield: 80.5%).

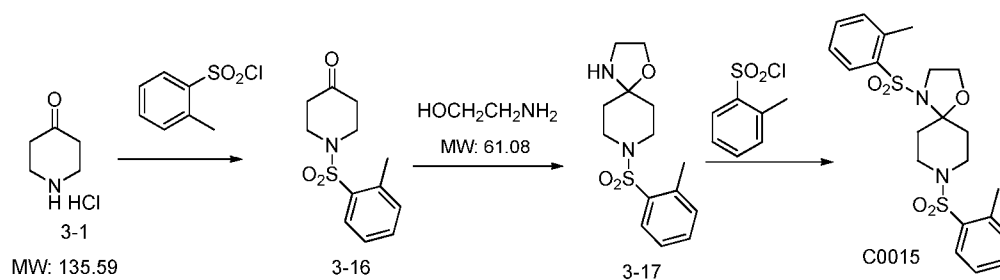
b. Preparation of compound 3-33

A solution of compound **3-32** (140 mg, 0.55 mmol), p-toluenesulfonic acid (15 mg) and 2-aminoethanol (2 mL) in ethanol (20 mL) was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed by evaporation under vacuum. To the residue was added ethyl acetate (50 mL) and water (50 mL). The ethyl acetate layer was washed with water (30 mL x 3), dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the crude product as a yellow oil (170 mg, yield: 103.6%).

c. Preparation of compound C0014

m-Methylbenzenesulfonyl chloride (131 mg, 0.69 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **3-33** (170 mg, 0.57 mmol) in pyridine (2 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. To the residue was added CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL). The organic solution was washed with 3M HCl (30 mL x 3). Next, the CH₂Cl₂ layer was evaporated to give the title product as yellow oil. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography to give the pure product as a white powder (30 mg, yield:11.63%, ¹H-NMR and MS confirmed, HPLC 95.4%). About 50 mg of compound **3-32** was recovered as white powder.

¹H-NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ:7.63-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 4H), 3.85 (t, *J* = 6Hz, 2H), 3.77-3.74 (m, 2H), 3.49 (t, *J* = 6Hz, 2H), 2.56-2.51 (m, 4H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.62-1.58 (m, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₆N₂O₅S₂ (m/z):450.13. found: 451.2[M+1]⁺, 473.1[M+23]⁺

Preparation of compound C0015**a. Preparation of compound 3-16**

2-Methyl-benzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (140.6 mg, 0.7375 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **3-1** (100 mg, 0.7375 mmol) in pyridine (3 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight (about 18

hours) at room temperature. Water was added and the resulting reaction mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3x). The combined organic layers were washed with 3M HCl and concentrated to give compound **3-16** (104 mg, yield: 56%, ^1H NMR confirmed) as a white solid.

b. Preparation of compound 3-17

p-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (10 mg) and 2-aminoethanol (1 mL) were added to a solution of compound **3-16** (104 mg, 0.41 mmol) in ethanol (EtOH) (4 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. EtOH was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was partitioned between CH_2Cl_2 and water. The organic phase was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 and brine, and concentrated to give the crude compound **3-17** (120 mg, yield: 100%) as a light yellow liquid.

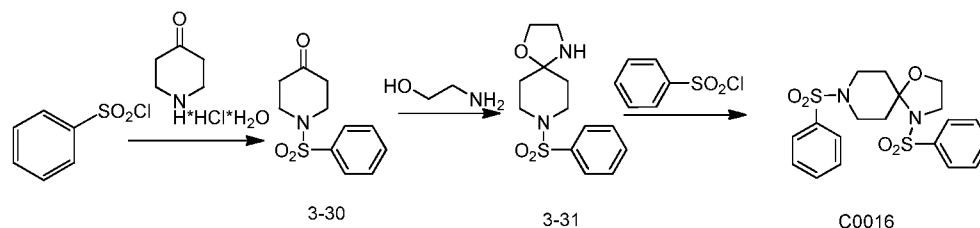
c. Preparation of compound C0015

2-Methylbenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (77.2 mg, 0.405 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **3-17** (100 mg, 0.405 mmol) in pyridine (2.5 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. Water was added and the resulting reaction mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3x). The combined organic layers were washed with 3M HCl and concentrated to give the crude product (97 mg) that was further purified to provide compound **C0015** (28 mg, yield: 15%, NMR and MS confirmed, HPLC 91%).

^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.94–7.90 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.30 (m, 4H), 3.96 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (dt, J = 11.6, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 3.35 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.98–2.92 (m, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H),

2.64 (s, 3H), 2.53–2.47 (m, 2H), 1.85 (d, $J = 12$ Hz, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for $C_{21}H_{26}N_2O_5S_2$ (m/z): 450.13. found: 451.1 $[M+1]^+$, 473.1 $[M+23]^+$

Preparation of compound C0016



a. Preparation of compound 3-30

A solution of piperidin-4-one (208 mg, 1.36 mmol) in 20 mL of pyridine was treated with benzenesulfonyl chloride (200 mg, 1.13 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The pyridine was then removed by evaporation under vacuum. To the residue was added CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL), then the CH_2Cl_2 layer was washed with 3M HCl (30 mL x 3), dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated to give the crude product as a light yellow solid (138 mg, yield:51%).

b. Preparation of compound 3-31

A solution of compound **3-30** (136 mg, 0.57 mmol), p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (15 mg) and 2-aminoethanol (2 mL) in ethanol (EtOH) (20 mL) was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed by evaporation under vacuum. To the residue was added ethyl acetate (50 mL) and water (50 mL). The ethyl acetate layer was washed with water (30 mL x 3). The water phase was washed with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated to give the crude product (151 mg,

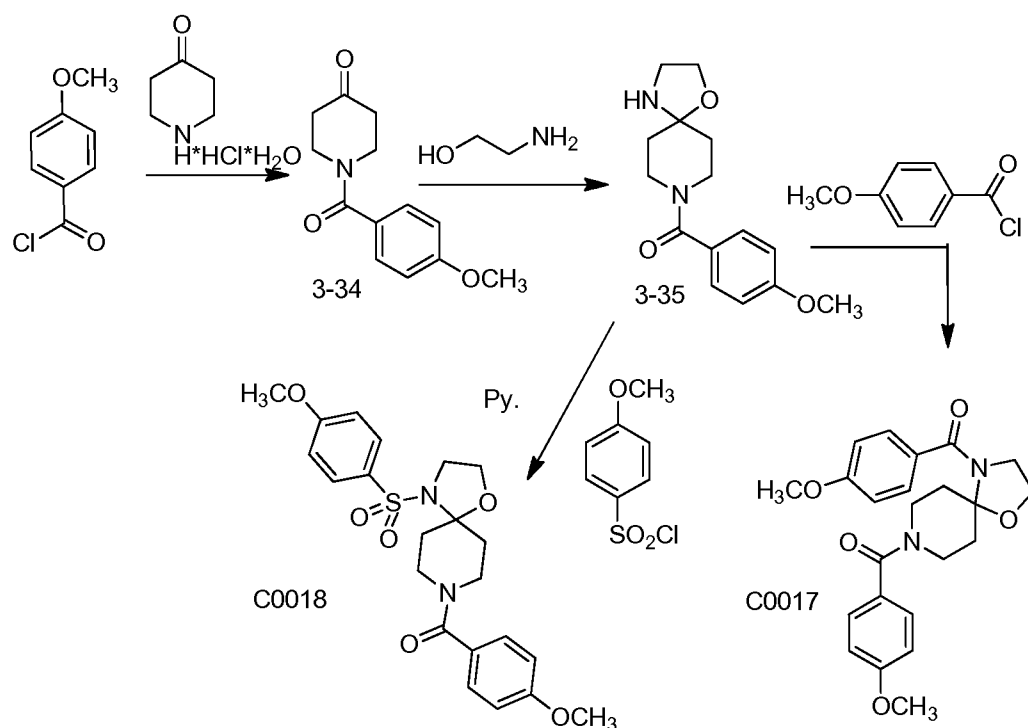
yield: 92.5%). The crude product was directly used in the next step.

c. Preparation of compound C0016

A solution of compound **3-31** (150 mg, 0.53 mmol) in pyridine (15 mL) was treated with phenyl sulfonyl chloride (112 mg, 0.64 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed by evaporation under vacuum. To the residue was added CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL). The CH₂Cl₂ layer was washed with 3M HCl (30 mL x 3), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give the crude product as a light yellow solid. The crude product was purified with a silica gel column using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1) solvent to give the pure product as white solid (97 mg, yield:43.3%, HPLC: 97% purity, ¹H-NMR and MS have confirmed).

¹H-NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.50 (m, 6H), 3.86 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.79-3.75 (m, 2H), 3.50 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.58-2.49 (m, 4H), 1.61-1.56 (m, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₂N₂O₅S₂ (m/z):422.1. found: 423.1[M+1]⁺, 445.2[M+23]⁺

Preparation of compounds C0017 and C0018

**a. Preparation of compound 3-34**

4-Methoxybenzoyl chloride (0.5 g, 2.93 mmol) was added to a solution of piperidin-4-one (0.37 g, 1.95 mmol) in pyridine (20 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The reaction solvent was then removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL), then washed with 3M HCl (50 mL x 3). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to give the title compound as a brown oil (330 mg, yield: 61.5%, LC-MS confirmed).

b. Preparation of compound 3-35

A solution of compound **3-34** (330 mg, 1.42 mmol), 2-aminoethanol (2 mL) and p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (33 mg) in ethanol (20 mL) was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18

hours). The solvent was then removed by evaporation under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL), then washed with water (50 mL x 3). The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated to give the crude product as a yellow oil (360 mg, yield: 92.1%, ^1H -NMR and MS confirmed).

c. Preparation of compound C0017

4-Methoxybenzoyl chloride (160 mg, 0.93 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **3-35** (172 mg, 0.62 mmol) in pyridine (25 mL). The reaction was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (60 mL), then washed with 3M HCl (30 mL x 3). The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the crude product as a brown oil. The crude product was purified by silica gel column to give pure product as a white solid (220 mg, yield: 86%, ^1H NMR and MS confirmed, HPLC: 99.1%).

^1H -NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.48-7.12 (m, 4H), 6.91-6.89 (m, 4H), 4.69 (br, s, 1H), 4.01-3.64 (m, 11H), 3.29-2.92 (m, 4H), 1.71-1.66 (m, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ (m/z): 410.18. found: 411.2[M+1] $^+$, 433.3[M+23] $^+$.

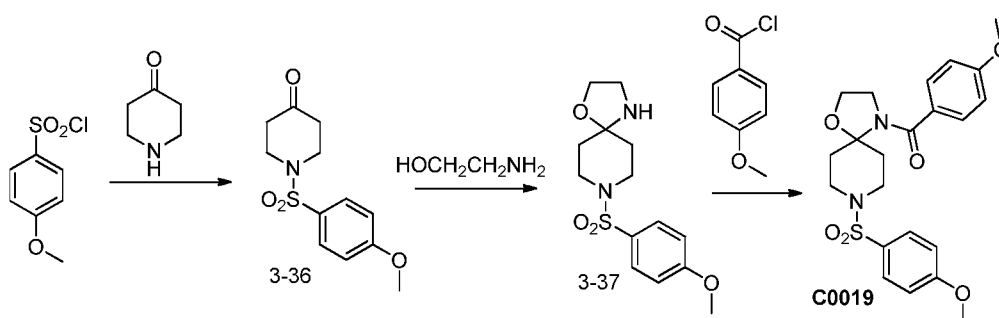
d. Preparation of compound C0018

4-Methoxybenzenesulfonyl chloride (220 mg, 1.07 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **3-35** (198 mg, 0.72 mmol) in pyridine (25 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The reaction solvent was then removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL), then washed with 3M HCl

(30 mL x 3). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to give the crude product as brown oil.

¹H-NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.79 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 4.65 (bs, 1H), 3.97 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.87-3.84 (m, 7H), 3.50 (brs, 2H), 3.20-2.90 (m, 2H), 2.47 (dt, *J* = 5.6, 13.2 Hz, 2H), 1.65-1.62 (m, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₂₆N₂O₆S (m/z): 446.15. found: 447.1 [M+1]⁺

Preparation of compound C0019



a. Preparation of compound 3-36

4-Methoxybenzenesulfonyl chloride (200 mg, 0.97 mmol) was added to a mixture of piperidine-4-one (178 mg, 1.16 mmol) in pyridine (20 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The pyridine was then removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL), then washed with 3M HCl (30 mL x 3). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give the product as a yellow solid (260 mg, yield: 100%, LC-MS confirmed).

b. Preparation of compound 3-37

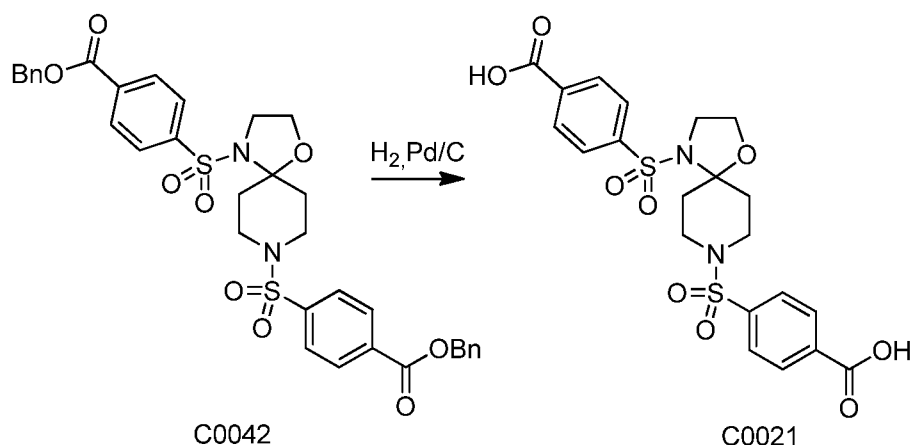
A solution of compound **3-36** (130 mg, 0.48 mmol), 2-aminoethanol (2 mL) and p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (13 mg) in ethanol (20 mL) was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL), then washed with saturated Na_2CO_3 (50 mL x 2) and water (50 mL x 2). The organic layer was then dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the product as a white colloid (118 mg, yield: 78.1%, LC-MS confirmed)

c. Preparation of compound C0019

A solution of compound **3-37** (118 mg, 0.38 mmol) in pyridine (25 mL) was treated with p-methoxybenzoyl chloride (96.7 mg, 0.57 mmol). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The pyridine was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL), then washed with 3 M HCl (30 mL x 3). The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the crude product as brown oil.

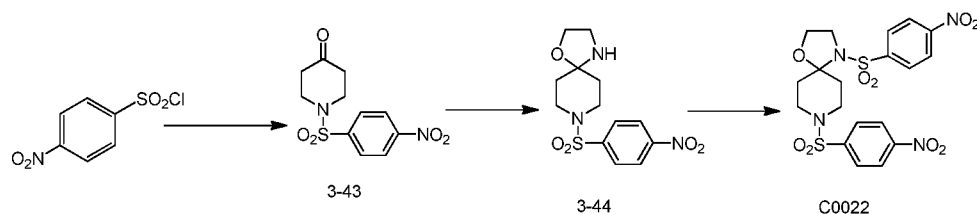
^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.65 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.79–3.74 (m, 8H), 3.69–3.66 (m, 2H), 3.52 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.00–2.93 (m, 2H), 2.51 (t, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.55–1.49 (m, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}$ (m/z): 446.15. found: 469.2 $[\text{M}+23]^+$

Preparation of compound C0021



A solution of compound **C0042** (110 mg, 0.16 mmol) in 10 mL methanol and 10 mL dichloromethane was added to 45 mg Pd/C, then the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours under H₂. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) indicated the reaction was not complete, so the mixture was stirred at room temperature under H₂ (P=2.5 Mpa) for 2 more days. Later, TLC indicated that the starting material did not react. Next, Pd/C was replaced by Pd(OH)₂/C after hydrogenation under P=2.5 Mpa for 20 hours. Next, the mixture was filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to provide the product as a white solid (60 mg, yield: 74%, confirmed by LC-MS, ¹H NMR and MASS, 97.8% purity by HPLC).

¹H NMR (400MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ: 8.16–8.10 (m, 4H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (brs, 2H), 3.66–3.64 (m, 2H), 3.45 (bs, 2H), 2.34 (t, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 2.24–2.18 (m, 2H), 1.60–1.57 (m, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₂N₂O₉S₂ (m/z): 510.54. found: 509.0 [M–1]⁺.

Preparation of compound C0022**a. Preparation of compound 3-43**

p-Nitrobenzenesulfonyl chloride (0.5 g, 2.26 mmol) was added to a mixture of piperidine-4-one (0.52 g, 3.38 mmol) in pyridine (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at 30°C, the solvent was removed under the reduced pressure, the residue was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL), washed with 3N HCl (15 mL x 3), the organic layer was dried, evaporated to give the crude compound as light yellow solid (200 mg, yield: 31%).

b. Preparation of compound 3-44

A solution **compound 3-43** (0.58 g, 2.04 mmol) in 20 mL of ethanol was treated with 2-aminoethanol (2 mL) and p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (60 mg). The mixture was stirred at 25°C overnight. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL), washed with saturated Na₂CO₃ (100 mL x 3) and saturated NaHCO₃ (50 mL x 3). Then the organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give the title compound as yellow solid (0.58 g, yield: 90.6%).

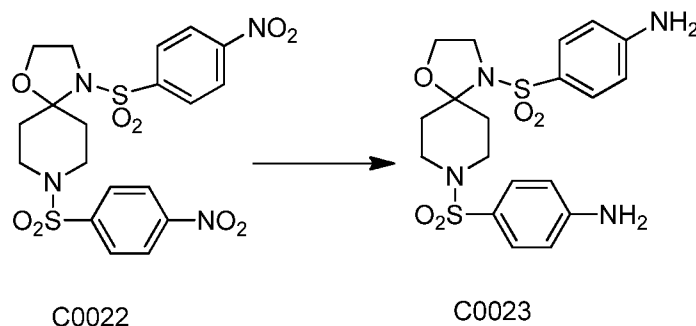
c. Preparation of compound C0022

To a solution of compound **3-44** (220 mg, 0.67 mmol) in pyridine (15 mL), the compound 4-nitrobenzenesulfonyl chloride (218 mg, 0.99 mmol)

was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 30°C for 72 hours. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure and the residue was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL). Next, the residue was washed with 3 N HCl (15 mL x 3) and the organic layer was dried then evaporated to give the crude compound as a yellow solid. The crude material was purified with a silica gel column (ethyl acetate: petroleum ether = 1:2 to ethyl acetate) to get the pure product (210 mg, yield: 62.5%, HPLC: 97%, ¹H NMR confirmed).

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.36 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 4H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.83-3.80 (m, 2H), 3.50 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.56-2.54 (m, 4H), 1.64-1.60 (m, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₀N₄O₉S₂ (m/z): 512.07. found: 513.1 [M+1]⁺, 535.3 [M+23]⁺.

Preparation of compound C0023

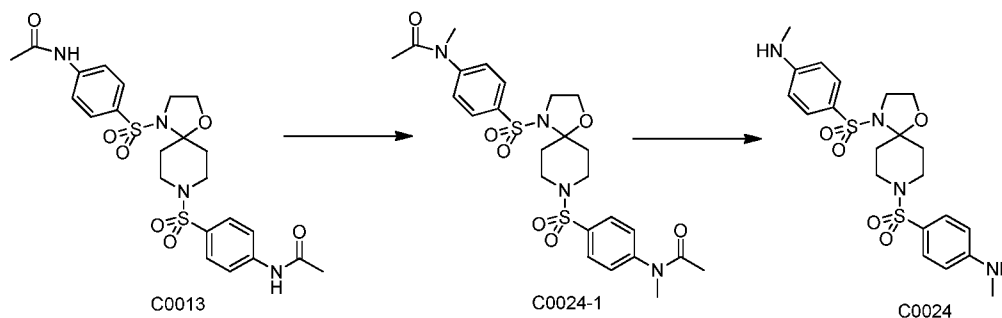


To a solution of **C0022** (30 mg, 0.059 mmol) in methanol (MeOH) (10 mL), 10%Pd/C was added (10 mg). The reaction mixture was stirred under H₂ overnight (about 18 hours). After the reaction was complete, Pd/C was filtered off, and the filtrate was evaporated to get the crude compound (33 mg). The crude material was purified with a silica gel column (dichloromethane/ methanol=100:1) to obtain the desired compound as a white solid (23 mg, yield:88%,

confirmed by ^1H NMR). HPLC showed that the purity was 92%.

^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.57 (d, $J = 6$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, $J = 6$ Hz, 2H), 6.67–6.64 (m, 4H), 4.08 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 4H), 3.80 (bs, 2H), 3.67 (bs, 2H), 3.41 (bs, 2H), 2.48 (bs, 4H), 1.58–1.55 (m, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_4\text{O}_5\text{S}_2$ (m/z): 452.12. found: 475.0 $[\text{M}+23]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0024

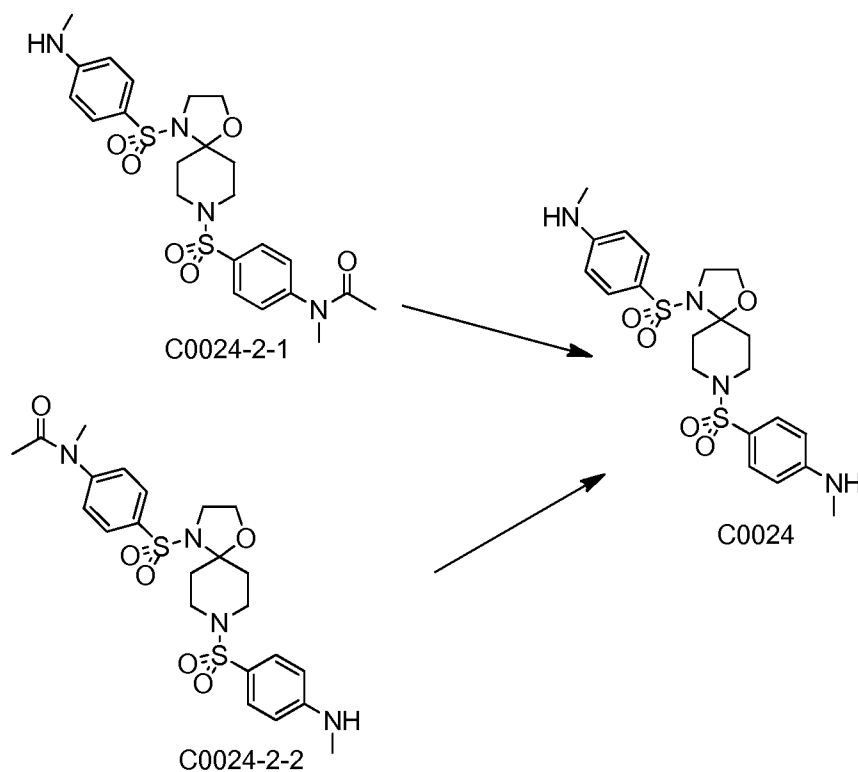


a. Preparation of compound C0024-1

To a solution of compound **C0013** (50 mg, 0.09 mmol) in THF (5 mL), 60% NaH (8.64 mg, 0.36 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 hours. Then CH_3I (0.16 mL, 0.54 mmol) was added. The new mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The reaction was quenched with CH_2OH . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with water (20 mL), and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (15 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and evaporated to give the crude compound as yellow oil. The crude product was purified with silica gel column (eluted with ethyl acetate:petroleum ether=1:1 to

CH₂OH:CH₂Cl₂=1:100) to give three products: **C0024**, the de-diacetyl product (20 mg) and **C0024-2-1** or **C0024-2-2**, the mono-diacetyl product (15 mg).

b. Preparation of compound C0024

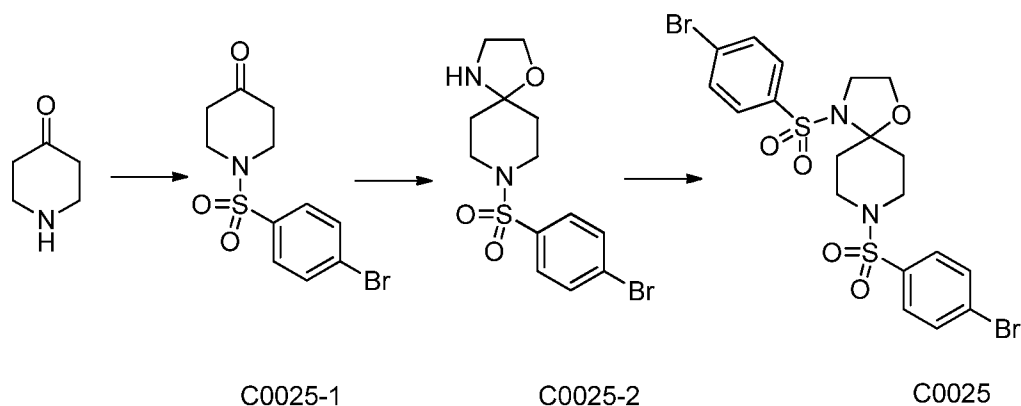


To a solution of compounds **C0024-2-1** and **C0024-2-2** (15 mg) in CH₂OH (10 mL), NaOH was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. After the starting material was gone (monitored by TLC), the solvent was removed to obtain the residue, that was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL), washed with water (10 mL x 3), the organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, evaporated to give the crude compound. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate:petroleum ether = 1:2 to 1:1) to get the pure compound (3 mg, HPLC: 98%. MS and ¹H NMR confirmed).

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.61 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (t, *J* = 9.6

Hz, 4H), 4.27-4.23 (m, 2H), 3.89-3.80 (m, 2H), 3.68 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.45 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.89 (bs, 6H), 2.53-2.43 (m, 4H), 1.60-1.57 (m, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for $C_{21}H_{28}N_4O_5S_2$ (m/z): 480.15. found: 503.0 $[M+23]^+$

Preparation of compounds C0025



a. Preparation of compound C0025-1

4-Bromobenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (2 g, 7.83 mmol) was added to a solution of piperidin-4-one (1.8 g, 11.74 mmol) in pyridine (30 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL), washed with 3 N HCl (100 mL x 2), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the title compound as a pale solid (1.3 g, yield: 52%, TLC confirmed).

b. Preparation of compound C0025-2

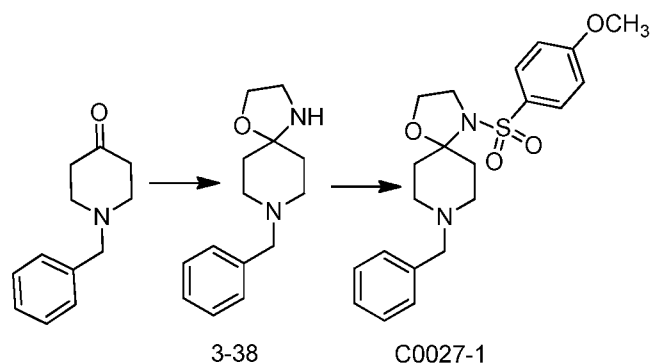
A solution of **C0025-1** (1.3 g, 4.09 mmol), 2-aminoethanol (5 mL), and p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (130 mg) was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at 25°C in 60 mL ethanol. The solvent was

removed by reduced pressure evaporation. The residue was diluted with 200 mL dichloromethane, washed with water (100 mL x 3) and saturated sodium bicarbonate solutions (100 mL x 3). Next, the organic layer was dried and concentrated to get the product as a white solid. (1.44 g, yield: 97%, TLC confirmed).

c. Preparation of compound C0025

To a solution of **C0025-2** (1.44 g, 3.99 mmol) in 60 mL of pyridine, 4-bromobenzenesulfonyl chloride (1.53 g, 5.98 mmol) was added with stirring at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with 200 mL dichloromethane, and washed with 1 M hydrochloride (100 mL x 3). The organic layer was then dried and concentrated to give the crude product as a yellow solid. The crude product was purified with a silica gel column and solvent of CH₂Cl₂:CH₂OH=500:1 to give the desired product as a yellow solid (0.3 g pure + 0.7 g impure, yield:43%).

¹H-NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.68-7.60 (m, 8H), 3.87 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (bs, 2H), 3.47 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.58-2.48 (m, 4H), 1.61-1.55 (m, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₀Br₂N₂O₅S₂ (m/z):579.9. found: 581.0 [M+1]⁺, 603.1[M+23]⁺.

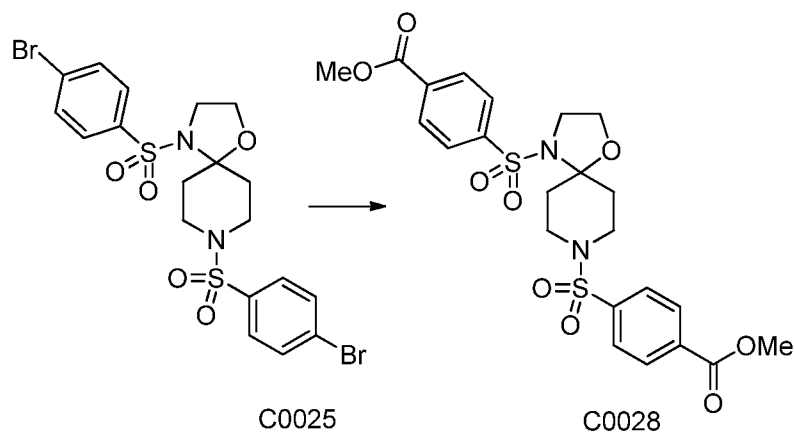
Preparation of compound C0027-1**a. Preparation of compound 3-38**

p-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (100 mg) and 2-aminoethanol (5 mL) were added to a solution of N-benzyl-piperidin-4-one (10 g 52.8 mmol) in 80 mL of ethanol. The mixture was stirred at 25°C overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under the reduced pressure evaporation, the residue was diluted with 50 mL dichloromethane, and then washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solutions (30 mL x 3), saturated sodium carbonate (30 mL X 3), then the organic layer was dried and concentrated to get the product as yellow oil (11.5 g, yield: 93.8).

b. Preparation of compound C0027-1

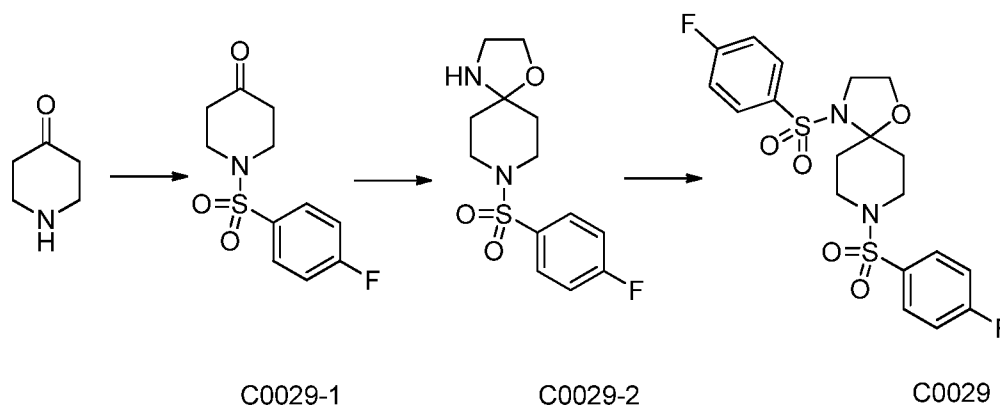
4-Methoxy-benzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (1.83 g, 8.85 mmol) was added to the solution of compound **3-38** (1.37 g, 5.91 mmol) in pyridine (20 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue (brown oil) was purified with silica gel column to give yellow foam (410 mg, yield: 17%, confirmed by LC-MS).

Preparation of compound C0028



A solution of compound **C0025** (100 mg, 0.17 mmol) in 20 mL dimethylformamide (DMF) was treated with $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (60 mg), triethylamine (0.1 mL) and methanol (8 mL), with stirring at 130°C overnight (about 18 hours) under carbon monoxide ($p=2$ Mpa). The mixture was quenched with 5 mL water, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure evaporation. The residue was diluted with 50 mL dichloromethane and washed with water (50 mL $\times$ 3). The organic layer was dried and concentrated to obtain the crude product as a green solid. After purification with a silica gel column and solvent of dichloromethane to $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2:\text{CH}_2\text{OH} = 500:1$, the purified product was obtained as a yellow solid (85 mg, yield:91%, ^1H -NMR confirmed).

^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.31~8.18 (m, 4H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.89 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.81 (m, 2H), 3.53 (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.61~2.49 (m, 4H), 1.60 (bs, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_9\text{S}_2$ (m/z):538.59. found: 539.2 $[\text{M}+1]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0029**a. Preparation of compound C0029-1**

A stirred solution of piperidine-4-one (1.47 g, 7.71 mmol) in pyridine (20 mL) was treated with 4-fluorobenzenesulfonyl chloride (1 g, 5.14 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under the reduced pressure and the residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL). The diluted mixture was washed with 3N HCl (15 mL x 3) and the organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and evaporated to give the crude compound as white solid (0.72 g, yield: 54.5%, ^1H NMR confirmed).

b. Preparation of compound C0029-2

To a solution of compound **C0029-1** (0.72 g, 2.8 mmol), 2-aminoethanol (0.26 g, 4.2 mmol) and p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (100 mg) in ethanol (20 mL) was added and stirred at 25°C overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under the reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL), washed with NaHCO_3 solution (20 mLx3), the organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, evaporated to give the crude

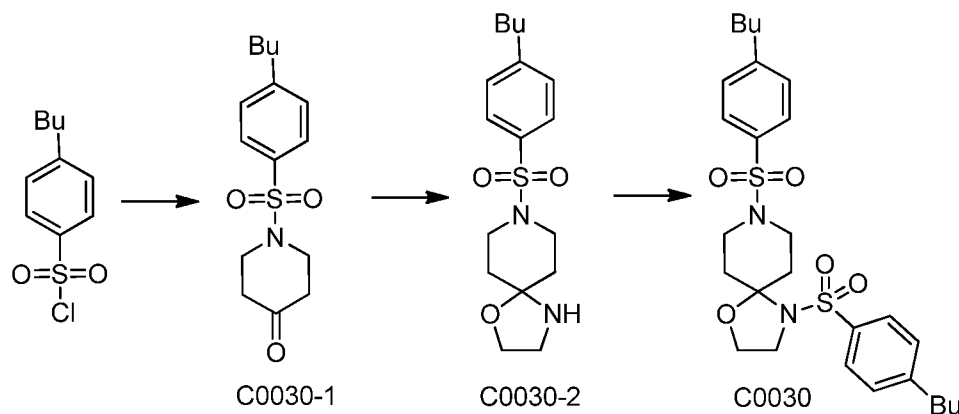
compound as white solid (0.81 g, yield: 96%, ^1H NMR confirmed).

^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.81~7.75 (m, 2H), 7.20~7.14(m, 2H), 3.67 (t, $J = 6.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 3.31~3.26 (m, 2H), 3.12(t, $J = 6.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 2.97~2.94 (m, 2H), 1.76~1.74 (m, 4H).

c. Preparation of compound C0029

4-Fluorobenzenesulfonyl chloride (0.79 g, 4.06 mmol) was added to a solution of **C0029-2** (0.81 g, 2.7 mmol) in pyridine (20 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) and washed with 3 N HCl (20 mL x 3). Next, the organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and evaporated to give the crude compound as an orange solid. The crude product was further purified by silica gel column to get the desired compound as a white solid (179 mg pure product, HPLC 97%, confirmed by ^1H -NMR and MS; 500 mg of mixture, yield:50%).

^1H NMR(400MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.83 (dd, $J = 4.8$, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (dd, $J = 5.2$, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (dt, $J = 2.0$, 8.4 Hz, 4H), 3.85 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.74~3.72 (m, 2H), 3.44 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.54~2.48 (m, 4H), 1.60~1.57 (m, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}_2$ (m/z):458.08. found: 459.1 $[\text{M}+1]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0030**a. Preparation of compound C0030-1**

A solution of piperidin-4-one (594 mg, 3.9 mmol) in 20 mL of pyridine was treated with 4-n-butylbenzenesulfonyl chloride (600 mg, 2.6 mmol). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was then diluted with 50 mL of dichloromethane, washed with 1N hydrochloride (30 mL x 3). Next, the organic layer was dried and concentrated to give the crude product as a white solid (501 mg, yield: 66%, ^1H NMR confirmed).

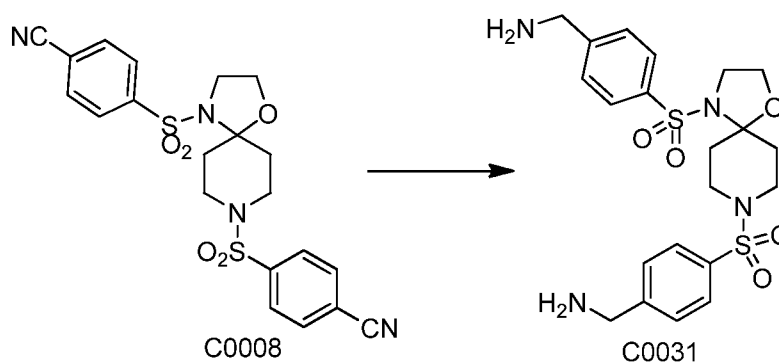
b. Preparation of compound C0030-2

A solution of **C0030-1** (500 mg, 1.7 mmol), 2-aminoethanol (5 mL) and p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (100 mg) in 30 mL of ethanol was stirred at 25°C overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed by reduced pressure evaporation. The residue was diluted with 50 mL dichloromethane, washed with water (50 mL x 3) and saturated sodium bicarbonate aqueous (50 mL x 3). The organic layer was dried and concentrated to give the product as a yellow solid (200 mg, yield: 89%, ^1H -NMR confirmed).

c. Preparation of compound C0030

At room temperature, a solution of **C0030-2** (512 mg, 1.5 mmol) in 20 mL of pyridine was treated with 4-n-butylbenzene-sulfonyl chloride (528 mg, 2.3 mmol) and allowed to stir overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with 50 mL dichloromethane and washed with 1N hydrochloride (30 mL x 3). Next, the organic layer was dried and concentrated to get the crude product as brown oil (796 mg).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.87 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 4H), 4.00 (t, $J = 6$ Hz, 2H), 3.91-3.89 (m, 2H), 3.63 (t, $J = 6$ Hz, 2H), 2.82 (dt, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2.4 Hz, 4H), 2.74-2.62 (m, 4H), 1.80-1.72 (m, 6H), 1.56-1.46 (m, 4H), 1.10-1.06 (m, 6H); MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}_2$ (m/z): 534.22. found: 535.3 $[\text{M}+1]^+$

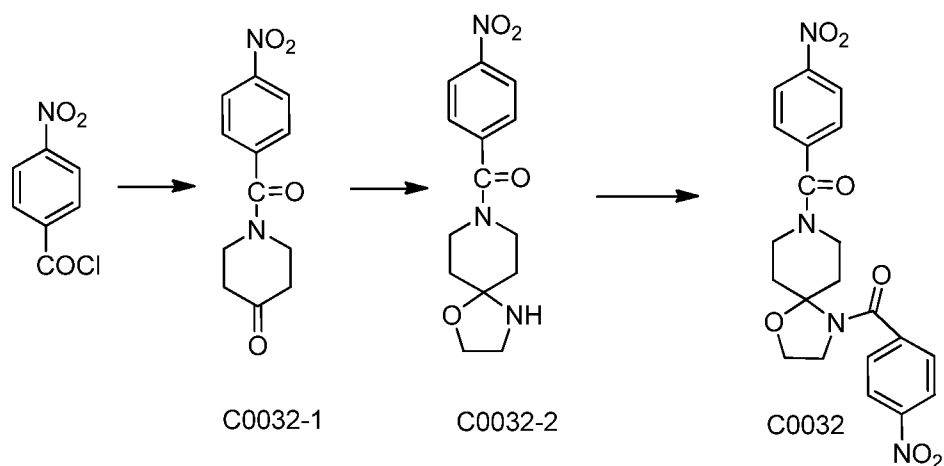
Preparation of compound C0031

A mixture of Raney Ni (wet, 600 mg) and **C0008** (40 mg, 0.085 mmol) was in ethanolamine (30 mL). The mixture was hydrogenated under 1.5 MPa of H_2 and stirred at 50°C overnight (about 18 hours).

The reaction mixture was filtered. The filtrate was concentrated to obtain the crude product. The crude product was purified by silica gel to obtain the title product as yellow solid (15 mg; yield: 36%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 7.79 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H); 7.72 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); 7.48 (m, 4H); 3.96 (s, 2H); 3.97 (s, 2H); 3.84 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H); 3.78–3.72 (m, 2H); 3.48 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H); 2.51 (m, 4H); 1.53 (m, 2H); LCMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_4\text{O}_5\text{S}_2$ (m/z): 480.6. found: 481.2 $[\text{M}+1]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0032



a. Preparation of compound C0032-1

p-Nitrobenzoyl chloride (2 g, 10.87mmol) was added to a solution of piperidine-4-one (3.15 g, 10.17 mmol) in pyridine (30 mL),. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) and washed with 3 N HCl (20 mL x 3). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and evaporated to give the crude compound

as a yellow solid (1.49 g, yield: 55.9%, confirmed by ^1H -NMR and LCMS).

b. Preparation of compound C0032-2

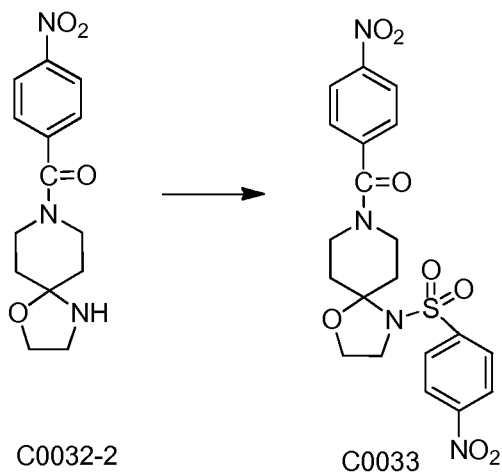
A solution of compound **C0032-1** (2 g, 8.06 mmol), 2-aminoethanol (0.73 g) and p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (200 mg) in ethanol (40 mL) was stirred at 25°C overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) and washed with NaHCO_3 (30 mL x 3). Next, the organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and evaporated to give the crude compound as an orange solid. (2.2 g, yield: 93.7%, confirmed by ^1H NMR and LCMS).

c. Preparation of compound C0032

4-Nitrobenzoyl chloride (1.02 g, 5.52 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **C0032-2** (1.07 g, 3.68 mmol) in pyridine (30 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature.

^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.27-8.23 (m, 4H), 7.64-7.59 (m, 4H), 4.75-4.73 (m, 1H), 4.04-3.99 (m, 2H), 3.57-3.54 (m, 3H), 3.37 (t, J = 12.4Hz, 1H), 3.08 (t, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 2.98-2.81 (m, 2H), 1.78 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H). MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_4\text{O}_7$ (m/z): 440.13, found: 441.1 $[\text{M}+1]^+$. (LC-MS)

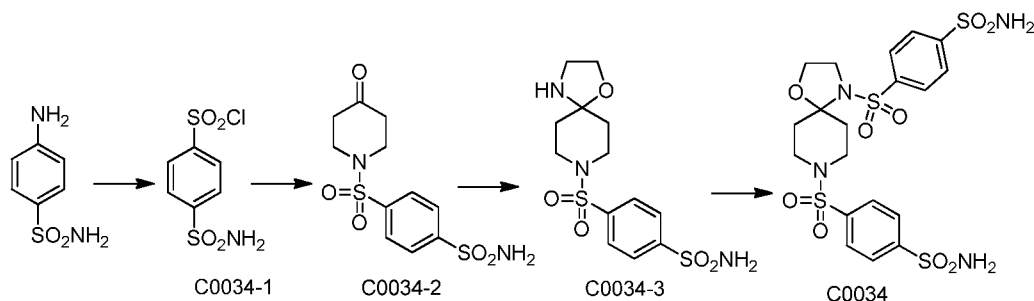
Preparation of compound C0033



4-Nitrobenzene-sulfonyl chloride (1.28 g, 5.77 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **C0032-2** (1.12 g, 3.85 mmol) in pyridine (30 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature.

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.39 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.31 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.06 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.75-4.72 (m, 1H), 4.05 (t, $J = 6$ Hz, 2H), 3.62-3.50 (m, 3H), 3.32 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.99 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.51-2.42 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.67 (m, 2H). MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_4\text{O}_8\text{S}$ (m/z): 476.10, found: 477.2 $[\text{M}+1]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0034



a. Preparation of compound C0034-1

Cupric chloride (5 g) was added to a saturated solution of sulfur dioxide in CH₃COOH (200 mL) and sulfur dioxide gas (from the reaction of NaHSO₄ and H₂SO₄). The gas was slowly bubbled into the solution for 4 hours until the solution became a blue-green hue. Next, 4-aminobenzene-1-sulfonamide (20 g, 116 mmol) was added to a solution of concentrated HCl (40 mL) and H₂O (50 mL) with stirring for 1 hour at 0°C. To this mixture was added a solution of sodium nitrate (8 g, 116 mmol) at such a rate of addition that the temperature did not rise above 0°C. The mixture was stirred for 0.5 hours then quenched with the SO₂/CuCl₂ solution made earlier. The mixture was then stirred for 1 hour at room temperature. Next, H₂O (500 mL) was added, and stirring continued for an additional 30 minutes. The product was collected by suction filtration, washed with H₂O, dried *in vacuo* at 60°C to give the title product as a light yellow solid (LC-MS confirmed). After drying, about 10 g crude product as a light yellow solid was obtained (10 g, yield: 33%, confirmed by LC-MS).

b. Preparation of compound C0034-2

A solution of piperidine-4-one (1.4 g, 9.4 mmol) in 30 mL of pyridine was added to compound

C0034-1 (2.00 g, 7.8 mmol). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 . The crude product was washed with 2N HCl (50 mL x 3). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic phase was combined and concentrated to give the crude product as a light yellow solid (0.65g, yield: 37%, TLC confirmed)

c. Preparation of C0034-3

A solution of compound **C0034-2** (0.5 g, 1.58 mmol) in 10 mL ethanol was treated with ethanolamine (5mL) and 4-methylbenzenesulfonic acid monohydrate (0.1 g). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at 25°C. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL), and washed with saturated NaHCO_3 (50 mL x 6), there was much dissolved solid. Then the organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give few yellow solid. The aqueous layer was filtered to provide a white solid. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 until there was no fluorescence under UV in the new extraction. The white solid was confirmed to be the product, which was purified with silica gel column to give the pure product as white solid (0.25 g, yield: 43.9%, ^1H NMR confirmed).

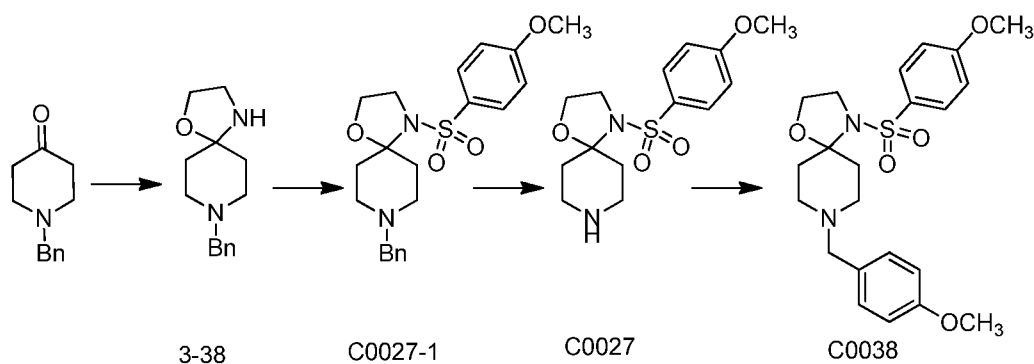
d. Preparation of compound C0034

A solution of compound **C0034-3** (0.245 g, 0.68 mmol) in 20 mL of pyridine was treated **C0034-1** (0.257 g, 1.01 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The

solvent was removed and the residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL), washed with 2N HCl (50 mL x 3). There was some solid dissolved in both aqueous phase and organic phase. The two phases were combined and filtered, to provide a yellow solid. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL x 3), and then concentrated to give some white solid. The NMR showed that the yellow solid contained compound **C0034**. The yellow solid was purified by chromatography on silica gel ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2:\text{CH}_3\text{OH}=200:1$) to give compound **C0034** as a white solid (50 mg, yield: 12.7%, ^1H NMR and MS confirmed, HPLC 97%).

^1H NMR (400MHz, CD_3OD) δ : 8.01 (t, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 4H), 7.93 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.80 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.69–3.66 (m, 2H), 3.43 (t, $J = 6$ Hz, 2H), 2.46~2.30 (m, 4H), 1.57–1.54 (m, 2H). MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_4\text{O}_9\text{S}_4$ (m/z):580.04, found: 579.0[M-1] $^+$.

Preparation of compound C0038



a. Preparation of compound 3-38

p-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (100 mg) and 2-aminoethanol (5 mL) were added to a solution of N-benzylpiperidin-4-one (10 g 52.8 mmol) in 80 mL of ethanol. The mixture was stirred at 25°C overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under the reduced pressure evaporation, the residue

was diluted with 50 mL dichloromethane, and then washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solutions (30 mL x 3), saturated sodium carbonate (30 mL X 3), then the organic layer was dried and concentrated to get the product as yellow oil (11.5 g, yield: 93.8%).

b. Preparation of compound C0027-1

4-Methoxybenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (1.83 g, 8.85 mmol) was added to the solution of compound **3-38** (1.37 g, 5.91 mmol) in pyridine (20 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue (brown oil) was purified with silica gel column to give yellow foam (410 mg, yield: 17%, confirmed by LC-MS).

c. Preparation of compound C0027

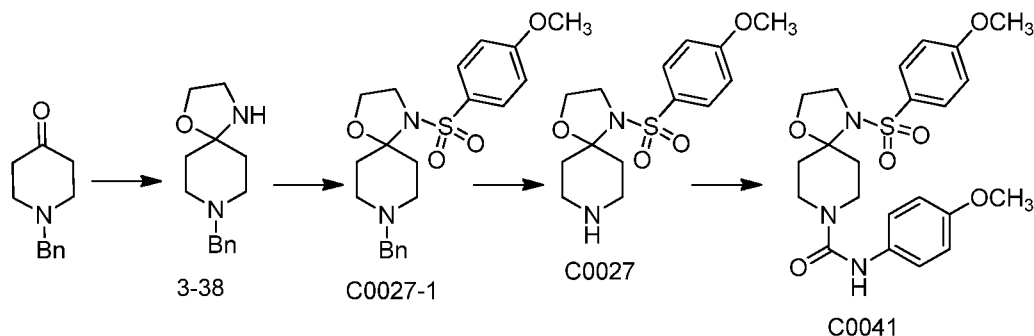
To the solution of **C0027-1** (410 mg, 1.02 mmol) in CH₃OH:CH₂Cl₂=2:1 (30 mL), 10% Pd/C (0.2 g) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight under H₂. The solvent was filtered to remove Pd/C. The solvent was removed under the reduced pressure to give the white foam as product (310 mg, yield: 98%, confirmed by LCMS).

d. Preparation of compound C0038

Acetic acid (16.8 mg, 0.28 mmol), NaBH(OAc)₃ (89 mg, 0.42 mmol), 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (75.24 mg, 0.56 mmol) was added to the solution of **C0027** (87 mg, 0.28 mmol) in dry dichloromethane. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 48 hours. The solvent was removed under the reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with water (10 mL). The organic layer was dried, evaporated to

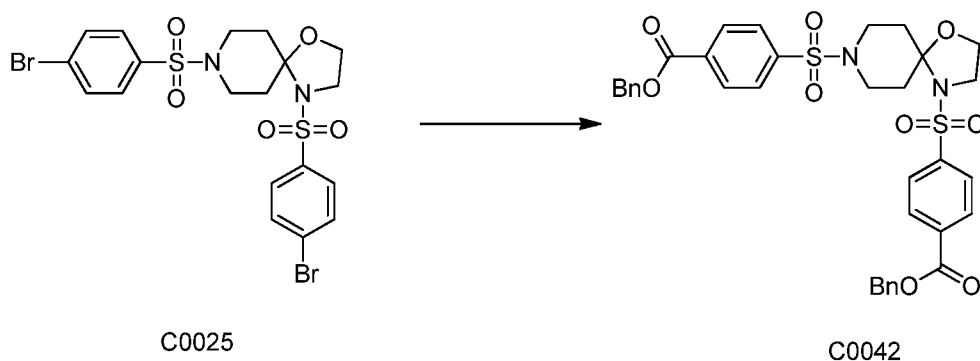
get crude product as yellow oil, then purified with silica gel column to get desired compound as colorless oil (26 mg, yield: 22%, confirmed by LCMS and ^1H NMR, HPLC 97%).

Preparation of compound C0041



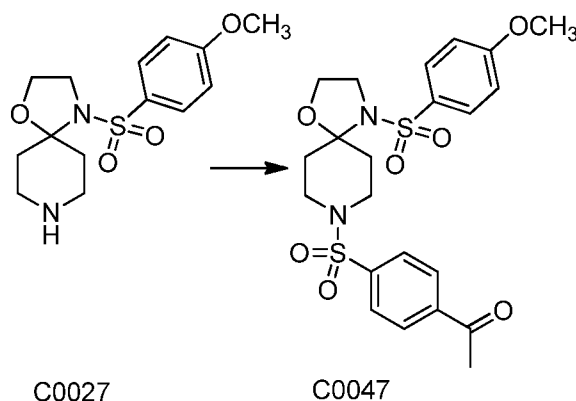
4-Methoxyphenyl isocyanate (0.06 mL, 0.43 mmol) was added dropwise to the solution of **C0027** (90 mg, 0.29 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The reaction mixture was evaporated to remove the solvent and the residue was purified with silica gel column chromatography (methanol/dichloromethane = 40:1 + $\text{NH}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}$) to obtain the compound with 87% purity by HPLC. The compound was further purified with preparative HPLC to get the desired compound with HPLC 98% (42 mg, yield 52%).

^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.70 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.17 (brs, 1H), 3.93-3.87 (m, 5H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.42 (t, J = 6Hz, 2H), 2.99 (t, J = 12Hz, 2H), 2.38 (dt, J = 12, 6Hz, 2H), 1.57-1.54 (m, 2H). MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6\text{S}$ (m/z): 461.16, found: 462.4 $[\text{M}+1]^+$, 484.4 $[\text{M}+23]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0042

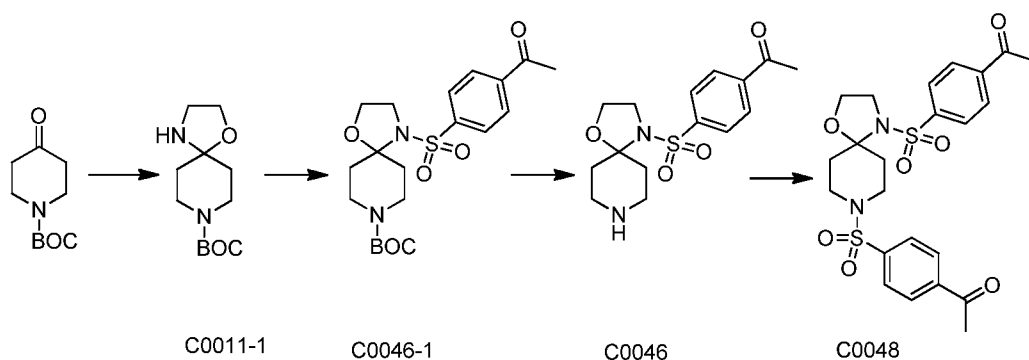
A solution of compound **C0025** (400 mg, 0.69 mmol) in 20 mL of dimethylformamide was treated Pd(PPh₃)₄ (239 mg, 0.21 mmol), triethylamine (0.3 mL, 2.07 mmol) and 8 mL of benzyl alcohol. The mixture was stirred at 130°C for 2 days under CO gas (P = 2.5 Mpa). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residue was diluted with methanol (25 mL) and filtered to get the product as a yellow solid. After purification with a silica gel column chromatography, using dichloromethane solvent, the desired product was obtained as a yellow solid (399 mg, Yield:83.7%, confirmed by LC-MS, the purity of 99% is confirmed by HPLC).

¹H-NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.33 (m, 10H), 5.39 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.78-3.75 (m, 2H), 3.49 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.53-2.44 (m, 4H), 1.56-1.52 (m, 2H). MS (ESI) calcd for C₃₅H₃₄N₂O₉S₂ (m/z):690.17, found:691.4[M+1]⁺.

Preparation of compound C0047

4-Acetylbenzenesulfonyl chloride (0.162 g, 0.74 mmol) was added to the solution of **C0027** (0.21 g, 0.67 mmol) in 20 mL pyridine. The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with 50 mL dichloromethane and washed with 1M HCl three times (30 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ then concentrated to give the crude product as a yellow solid. After purification on a silica gel column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂:CH₂OH = 500:1 to 250:1), the product was obtained as a white solid (0.224 g, yield: 67.5%, confirmed by LC-MS, ¹H NMR and MASS, HPLC 99%).

¹H-NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.09 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.4Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.84 (t, *J* = 6.4Hz, 2H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 7.2Hz, 2H), 3.45 (t, *J* = 6Hz, 2H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 2.54 (d, *J* = 8.4Hz, 4H), 1.60 (d, *J* = 9.6Hz, 2H). MS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₂₆N₂O₇S₂ (m/z): 494.12, found: 495.1 [M+1]⁺.

Preparation of compound C0048**a. Preparation of compound C0046-1**

4-Acetylbenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (2 g, 9.1 mmol) was added to a solution of **C0011-1** (2.63 g, 10.9 mmol) in pyridine (20 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL) and washed with saturated NaHCO_3 (100 mL $\times$ 3). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the crude product as yellow solid, which was purified with silica gel column chromatography (eluted with $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2:\text{CH}_3\text{OH}=80:1$) to give the title compound as a white solid (3.3 g, yield: 71.7%, ^1H NMR confirmed).

b. Preparation of compound C0046

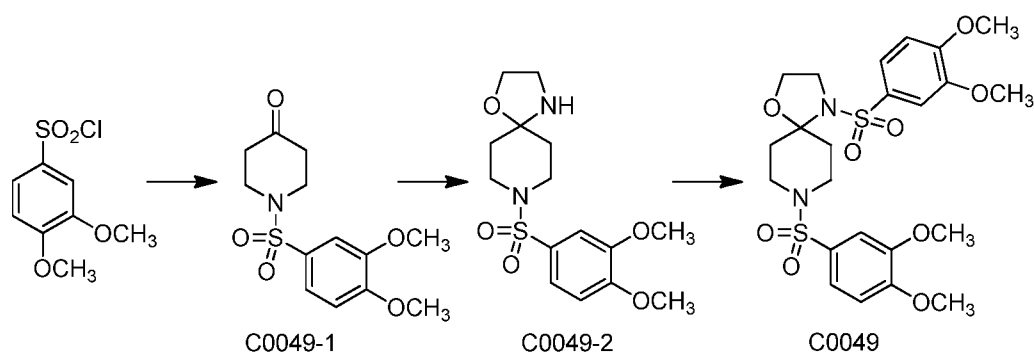
A solution of **C0046-1** (3.26 g, 11.48 mmol) in dichloromethane (DCM) (20 mL) was treated with CF_3COOH (5 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. Thin-layer chromatography indicated that the material reacted completely. DCM (30 mL) was added and the organic layer was washed with saturated sodium carbonate solution (50 mL $\times$ 3). The organic layer was dried and evaporated to get yellow oil, which was purified with silica gel column to give the product as yellow

oil (1.1 g, yield: 44%, confirmed by LCMS, MS, and NMR, HPLC: 98.2%).

c. Preparation of compound C0048

4-Methoxybenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (74 mg, 0.36 mmol) was added to the solution of **C0046** (100 mg, 0.3 mmol) in pyridine (5 mL). The mixture was stirred for two days at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with 50 mL of dichloromethane and washed with 2M HCl (30 mL x 3). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give the crude product as white solid (120 mg, yield: 78.7%, confirmed by MS and ¹H NMR, HPLC: 97.4%)

Preparation of C0049



a. Preparation of compound C0049-1

3,4-Dimethoxybenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (500 mg, 2.1 mmol) was added to a solution of piperidin-4-one (486 mg, 3.2 mmol) in 20 mL of pyridine. The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with dichloromethane (50 mL) and washed with 1N HCl (30 mL x 3). The organic layer was dried and concentrated to give the product as yellow solid (260 mg, yield: 41.2%, confirmed by LC-MS).

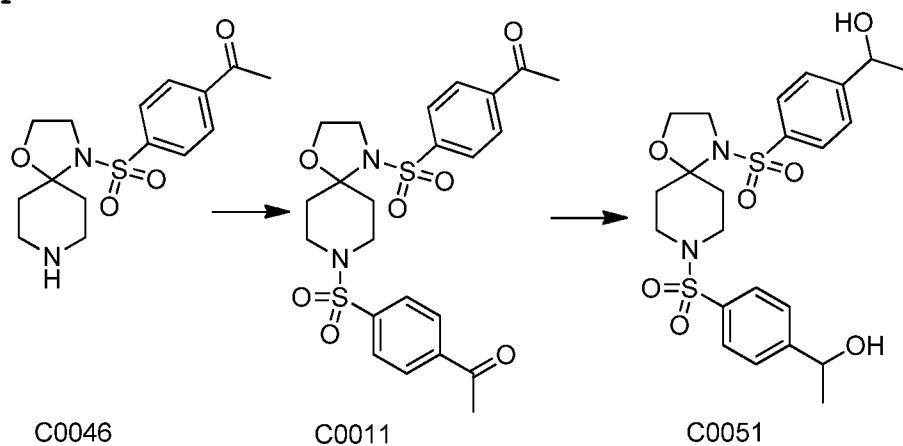
b. Preparation of compound C0049-2

A solution of compound **C0049-1** (260 mg, 0.87 mmol), p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (26 mg), and 2-aminoethanol (5 mL) in 10 mL of ethanol was stirred at 25°C overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed by reduced pressure evaporation. The residue was diluted with 50 mL of dichloromethane, and then washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solutions (20 mL x 3). The organic layer was dried and concentrated to give the product as yellow solid (297 mg, yield: 100%, confirmed by ^1H NMR).

c. Preparation of C0049

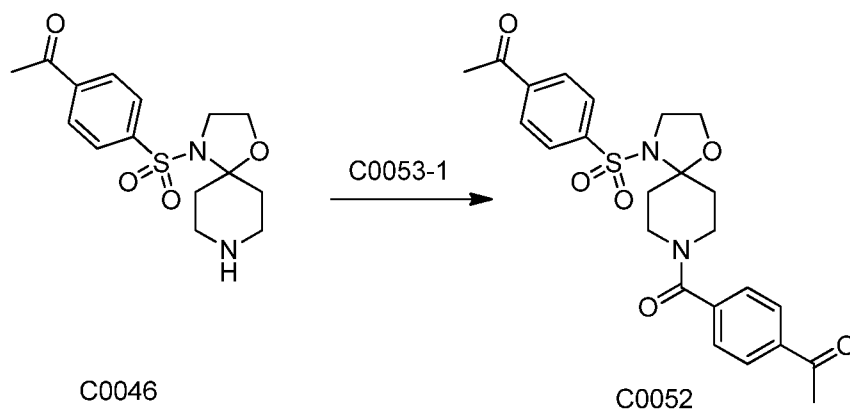
3,4-Dimethoxybenzenesulfonyl chloride (308 mg, 1.3 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **C0049-2** (297 mg, 0.87 mmol) in 20 mL pyridine and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure evaporation; the residue was diluted with 50 mL dichloromethane, and then washed with 1M HCl (30 mL x 3). The organic layer was dried and concentrated to give the crude product as yellow solid (380mg), after purified with silica gel column (CH_2Cl_2 to $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2:\text{CH}_2\text{OH}=500:1$), then get the product as white solid (180 mg, yield: 38.3%, confirmed by ^1H NMR, HPLC: 99%)

Preparation of C0051



A solution of **C0011** (120 mg) in $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (10 mL/20 mL) was treated with $\text{Pd}(\text{OH})_2/\text{C}$ (30 mg). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature under H_2 . $\text{Pd}(\text{OH})_2/\text{C}$ was removed by filtration and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product as white solid, which was purified with silica gel column to give compound **C0051** as white solid (91 mg, yield: 75.2%, confirmed by MS and NMR, HPLC: 95.9%).

Preparation of compound C0052

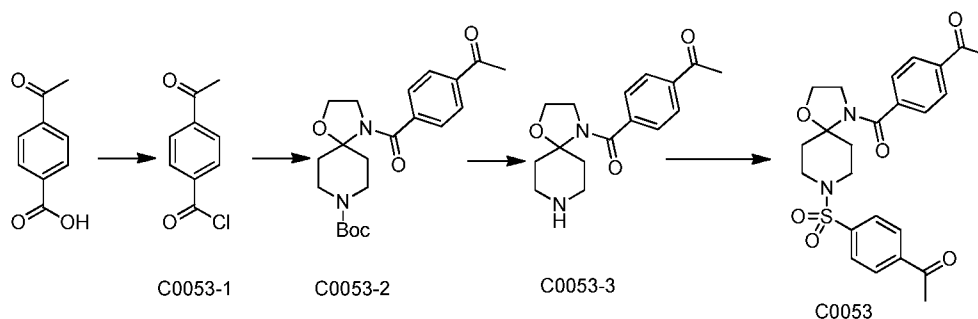


A solution of **C0046** (190 mg, 0.586 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) and diisopropylethylamine (0.5 mL) at 0°C was treated with a solution of 4-acetylbenzoyl chloride (128 mg, 0.703 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (8 mL) added dropwise. After the addition, the mixture was

stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The mixture was then washed with water (30 mL $\times$ 3). The organic layer was dried and evaporated to give the crude product as a yellow solid. The crude product was purified with silica gel column to yield the pure product as white solid (135 mg, yield: 49%, confirmed by LCMS, NMR and MS, HPLC: 98.7%).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.09 (d, J = 7.2Hz, 2H), 8.02 (d, J = 8Hz, 2H), 7.97 (d, J = 8Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.6Hz, 2H), 4.73 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 1H), 4.01 (t, J = 7.2Hz, 2H), 3.61~3.5 (m, 3H), 3.27 (t, J = 12.8Hz, 1H), 2.96 (t, J = 12.4, 1H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 2.50~2.43 (m, 2H), 1.65 (d, J = 12.8Hz, 2H). MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}$ (m/z): 470.15, found: 471.2 $[\text{M}+1]^+$, 493.2 $[\text{M}+23]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0053



a. Preparation of compound C0053-1

Oxalyl chloride (570 mg, 4.5 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of 4-acetylbenzoic acid (250 mg, 1.52 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) and dimethylformamide (0.1 mL) at 0°C . After addition, the mixture was stirred for 2 hours at room temperature. The solvent and excess oxalyl chloride was removed by reduced pressure evaporation to give

the product as a yellow solid (270 mg, yield: 97%, confirmed by LCMS dissolved with CH₂OH).

b. Preparation of compound C0053-2

C0053-1 (500 mg, 2.74 mmol solution in 20 mL dry CH₂Cl₂) was added to a solution of **C0011-1** (727 mg, 23 mmol) and diisopropylethylamine (1 mL) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) dropwise at 0°C. Next, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 days. The mixture was then washed three times with water (50 mL), the organic layer was dried then evaporated to get the product as brown oil (1.28 g, yield:100%, confirmed by LCMS).

c. Preparation of compound C0053-3

A solution of **C0053-2** (1 g, 2.58 mmol) and CF₃COOH (5 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The mixture was washed with saturated Na₂CO₃ solution and the organic layer was dried and evaporated to give the crude product as a brown oil. The crude product was purified on a silica gel column to provide the purified product as a brown oil (360 mg, yield: 48.3%, confirmed by LCMS).

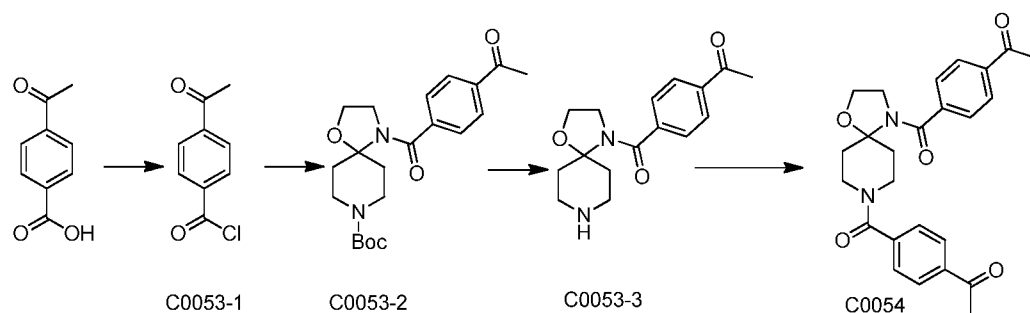
d. Preparation of compound C0053

4-Acetylbenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (120 mg, 0.55 mmol) was added to a solution of **C0053-3** (160 mg, 0.55 mmol) in pyridine (20 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed by reduced pressure evaporation. The crude product was diluted with 50 mL CH₂Cl₂ and washed three times with 1N HCl (30 mL). The organic layer was dried and evaporated

to give the crude product as a yellow solid. Purification with silica gel column gave the pure product as a white solid (102 mg, yield:39%, confirmed by LCMS, MS and NMR; HPLC: 95.26%).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3) δ :8.10 (d, $J = 8.4$, 2H), 7.98 (d, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.88 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 3.88~3.85 (m, 4H), 3.50 (t, $J = 6\text{Hz}$, 2H), 3.04 (bs, 2H), 2.66~2.62 (m, 8H), 1.67 (s, 2H). MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}$ (m/z):470.15, found: 471.4[M+1] $^+$, 493.4[M+23] $^+$. (LC-MS)

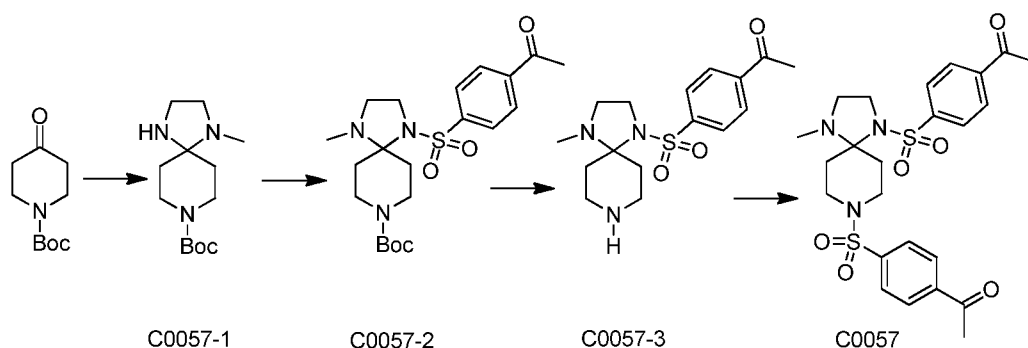
Preparation of compound C0054



A solution of 4-acetylbenzoyl chloride (111 mg, 0.61 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (CH_2Cl_2) (8 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of **C0053-3** (160 mg, 0.55 mmol) and diisopropylethylamine (0.3 mL) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) at 0°C . After the addition, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 days. To this mixture, 20 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was added and the mixture was washed with water (40 mL $\times$ 3). The organic layer was dried and evaporated to give the crude product as yellow oil. Purification with silica gel column chromatography gave the pure product as white solid (110 mg, yield: 45.7%, confirmed by LCMS, MS and NMR. HPLC: 99.74%).

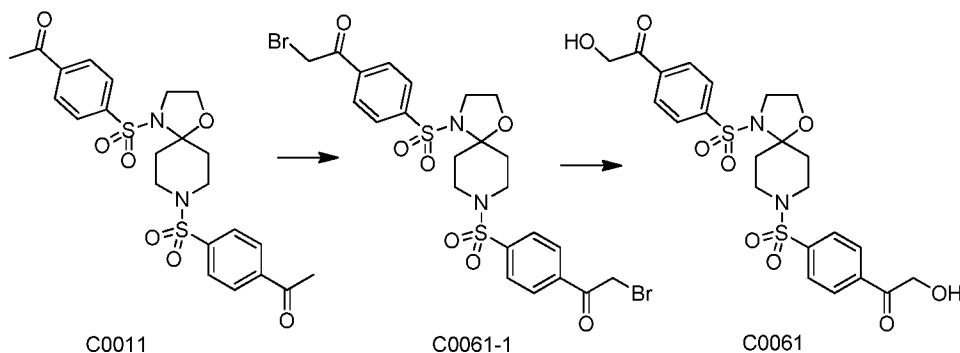
$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.01 (dd, J = 4.4Hz, 8Hz, 4H), 7.55 (dd, J = 3.6Hz, 7.6Hz, 4H), 4.79 (d, J = 10.4Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, J = 6.4Hz, 2H), 3.66~3.58 (m, 3H), 3.35 (s, 1H), 3.09~2.93 (m, 3H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 1.78 (d, J = 11.6Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 1H). MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ (m/z): 434.18, found: 435.3 $[\text{M}+1]^+$, 457.4 $[\text{M}+23]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0057

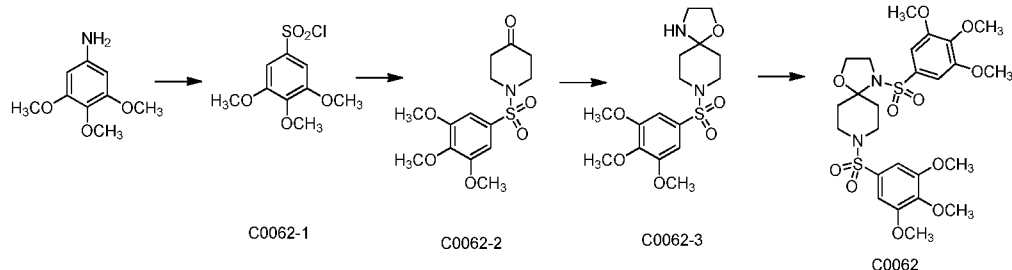


a. Preparation of compound C0057-1

To N-Boc-piperidin-4-one (2.0 g, 10.1 mmol) in toluene (40 ml), N-methylethane-1,2-diamine (1.33 ml, 15.3 mmol) was added. The mixture was refluxed overnight (about 18 hours) with water-separator. Toluene was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved with CHCl_3 and washed with water. The organic layer was dried with anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , concentrated under vacuum to obtain 2.2 g of **C0057-1** as yellow oil (yield: 86%).

Preparation of compound C0061**a. Preparation of C0061-1**

To the solution of C0011 (20 mg, 0.0395 mmol) in pyridine (0.6 mL) was added NBS (14 mg, 0.079 mmol). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. LCMS showed that C0011 did not react. The reaction was warmed to 80 °C and stirred for 2 days.

Preparation of compound C0062**a. Preparation of compound C0062-1**

CuCl_2 (2.5 g) was added to a saturated solution of SO_2 [from the reaction of NaHSO_3 and H_2SO_4] in glacial acetic acid (200 mL) and SO_2 gas was slowly bubbled into the solution for 2 hours. 3,4,5-Trimethoxyaniline (10 g, 54.6 mmol) was added to a solution of concentrated HCl (40 mL) and H_2O (50

mL) and the mixture was stirred for 1 hour at 0 °C. To this solution was added a solution of NaNO₂ (3.77 g, 54.6 mmol) in H₂O (20 mL) at such a rate that the temperature did not rise above 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 0.5 hours and then added dropwise to the SO₂ and CuCl₂ saturated solution. The reaction was then stirred for 1 hour. H₂O (1000 mL) was added and continued stirring for 0.5 hour. Then the product was collected by suction filtration, washed with H₂O, dried in vacuum at 50 °C.

b. Preparation of compound C0062-2

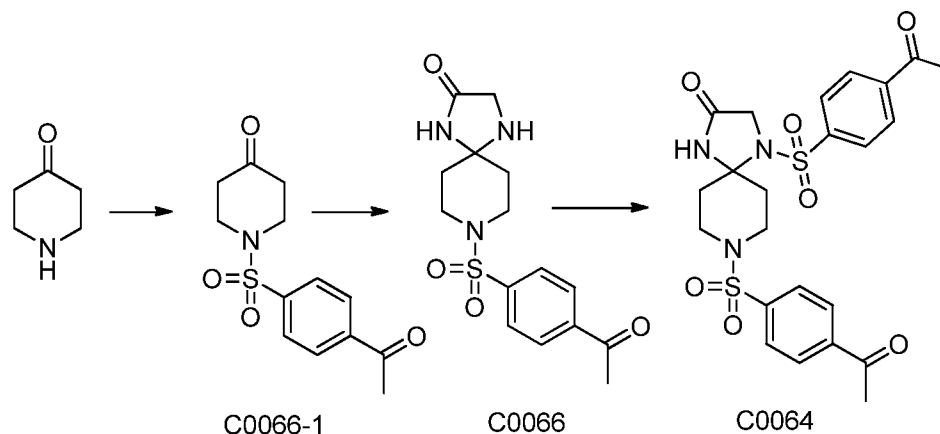
Compound **C0062-1** (300 mg, 1.12 mmol) was added to a solution of piperidin-4-one hydrochloride (229 mg, 1.68 mmol) in pyridine (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. To the reaction mixture, 20 mL of water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3x). The organic layers were combined and washed with 1N HCl (2x) and brine (1x). The crude product was dried and then concentrated under vacuum to afford 279 mg of crude product (yield: 75.7%).

c. Preparation of compound C0062-3

p-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (4.51 mg, 0.024 mmol) and 2-aminoethanol (0.9 mL) were added to a solution of **C0062-2** (279 mg, 0.848 mmol) in ethanol (5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and washed with aqueous of NaHCO₃ and brine, dried, concentrated under vacuum to afford 226 mg of crude product. (yield: 71.6 %).

d. Preparation of compound C0062

Compound **C0062-1** (189 mg, 0.709 mmol) was added to a solution of **C0062-3** (220 mg, 0.591 mmol) in pyridine (6 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed and the residue was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 and washed with 1N HCl and brine, dried, and concentrated under vacuum to afford 335 mg of crude product. (yield: 94.2 %). 94 mg of the crude product was purified via preparation TLC (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate=1:1) to afford 35 mg of final product. (yield: 37.2 %).

Preparation of compound C0064**a. Preparation of compound C0066-1**

Triethylamine (606 mg, 6.0 mmol) and piperidin-4-one (297 mg, 3.0 mmol) were added to a solution of 4-acetylbenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (656 mg, 3.0 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solution was washed with water, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to obtain the title product as yellow solid (643 mg, Yield: 76%).

b. Preparation of compound C0066

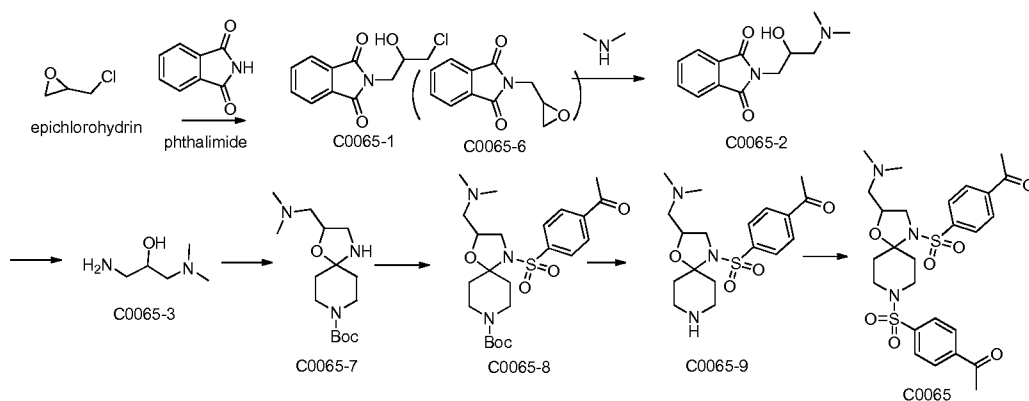
Triethylamine (230 mg, 2.28 mmol) and **C0066-1** (643 mg, 2.28 mmol) were added to a solution of 2-aminoacetamide hydrochloride (252 mg, 2.28 mmol) in CH₃OH (20 mL). Then the mixture was heated to reflux overnight (about 18 hours). Then the solution was cooled and filtered to obtain **C0066** as white solid (550 mg, Yield: 72%).

c. Preparation of compound C0064

4-Acetylbenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (175 mg, 0.8 mmol) was added to a solution of **C0066** (135 mg, 0.4 mmol) in pyridine (4.0 mL) at 60 °C. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C overnight (about 18 hours). Thin-layer chromatography suggested there was the product we needed. The mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel to obtain the title product as white solid (30 mg, Yield: 14%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): 9.51 (s, 1H); 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H); 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H); 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H); 3.89 (s, 2H); 3.70 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H); 2.65 (s, 6H); 2.64-2.45 (m, 4H); 1.65 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₅N₃O₇S₂ (m/z): 519.59. found: 520.3 [M+1]⁺.

Preparation of compound C0065



a. Preparation of compound C0065-1

A suspension of phthalimide (7.35 g, 50 mmol) in epichlorohydrin (15.7 mL, 200 mmol) was boiled under reflux for 10 hours. The mixture was allowed to cool and concentrated to brown oil. The crude product was purified by silica gel to obtain 4.7 g of **C0065-6** (structure showed in the above scheme) as white solid (yield: 46%) and 4.1 g of **C0065-1** as white solid.

b. Preparation of compound C0065-2

The mixture of compound **C0065-1** and **C0065-6** (3.1 g, 15 mmol) and aqueous dimethylamine (10.3 g) was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. Thin-layer chromatography suggested the reaction complete. The reaction mixture was washed with CH_2Cl_2 for 3 times and the water was removed under reduced pressure to obtain the crude product of **C0065-2**.

c. Preparation of compound C0065-3

The compound **C0065-2** was added into 20% hydrochloric acid (20 mL) and refluxed for 4 hours. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and then, phthalic acid was separated. The aqueous solution

was washed by ether and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in NaOH (20%) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3x). The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to obtain 1.1 g of the product as yellow oil (yield: 62%).

d. Preparation of compound C0065-7

A solution of N-Boc-piperidin-4-one (420 mg, 2.1 mmol) in ethanol (4 mL) was treated with compound **C0065-3** (500 mg, 4.2 mmol). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) and washed with saturated aqueous Na_2CO_3 (30 mL $\times$ 6). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , then concentrated to give 600 mg of compound **C0065-4** as a yellow oil (yield: 95%)

e. Preparation of compound C0065-8

4-Acetylbenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (200 mg, 0.9 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **C0065-7** (600 mg, 2.0 mmol) in pyridine (4 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified with silica gel to obtain 220 mg of the title compound as a white solid (yield: 50%)

f. Preparation of compound C0065-9

A solution of compound **C0065-8** (220 mg, 0.45 mmol) in 3 mL of CH_2Cl_2 and 0.5 mL CF_3COOH and the mixture were stirred for 1 hour at room temperature. The mixture was added 30 mL of CH_2Cl_2 and washed with saturated sodium carbonate solution (30 mL $\times$ 3). The organic layer was dried and

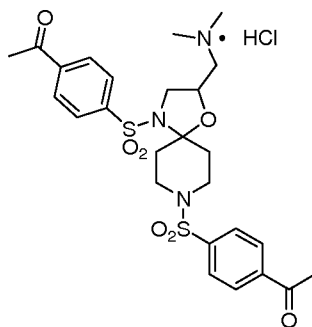
concentrated to get the crude product 150 mg as white solid. The crude product was used for the next step without any further purification.

e. Preparation of compound C0065

4-Acetylbenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (103 mg, 0.47 mol) was added to the solution of compound **C0065-9** (150 mg, 0.39 mmol) in pyridine (3 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified with silica gel to obtain the 150 mg of title compound as a white solid (yield: 68%). The structure was confirmed by ^1H NMR & LC-MS. Purity 94.4% by HPLC, shown as follows.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.02 (m, 4H); 7.83 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); 7.82 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); 4.15-3.98 (m, 1H); 3.75-3.66 (m, 2H); 3.65 (dd, $J = 8.8$, 5.6 Hz, 1H); 3.01 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H); 2.61 (s, 3H); 2.60 (s, 3H); 2.56-2.49 (m, 3H); 2.42-2.33 (m, 1H); 2.30 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H); 2.09 (s, 6H); 1.69 (dd, $J = 13.2$, 2.1 Hz, 1H); 1.39 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H); MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_3\text{O}_7\text{S}_2$ (m/z): 563.69. found: 564.4 $[\text{M}+1]^+$.

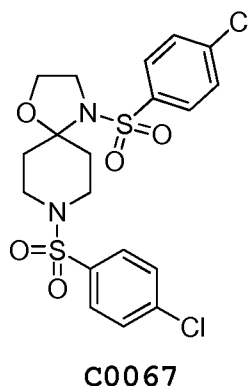
C0065 HCl Salt



^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.22 (m, 4H); 8.01 (m, 4H); 4.81 (br, m, 1H); 4.03-3.85 (m, 3H); 3.40-

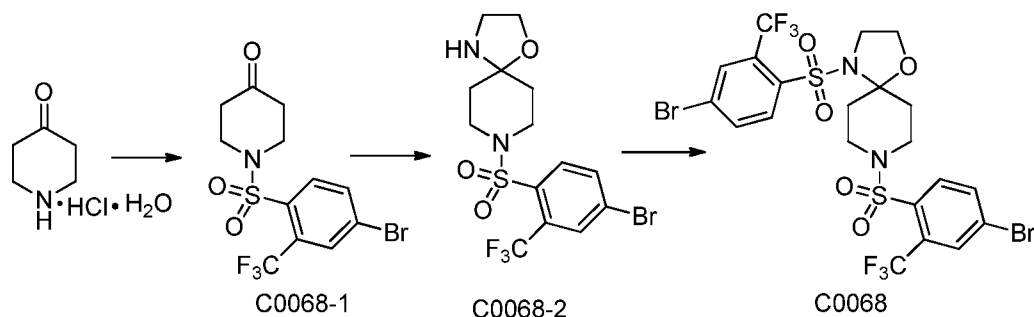
3.07 (m, 2H); 2.98–2.86 (m, 1H); 2.80 (s, 3H); 2.79 (s, 3H); 2.73 (m, 9H); 2.49 (td, $J = 13.4, 4.6$ Hz, 1H); 1.88 (d, $J = 14.0$ Hz, 1H); 1.70 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H); LCMS(ESI) calcd for $C_{26}H_{34}ClN_3O_7S_2$ (m/z): 600.15. found: 564.3[M+1-HCl]⁺.

Preparation of compound C0067



This compound was made using conditions and procedures discussed elsewhere herein.

Preparation of compound C0068



a. Preparation of compound C0068-1

Piperidin-4-one hydrochloride hydrate (92 mg, 0.6 mmol) in pyridine (2 mL) was treated with 4-bromo-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (194 mg, 0.6 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The

solvent was removed under reduced pressure. To the residue was added CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL), then the solution was washed with 1N HCl (20 mL x 3), dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated to give the title product as yellow solid (117 mg; yield: 50.5%).

b. Preparation of compound C0068-2

p-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (1.59 mg) and 2-aminoethanol (0.32 mL, 5.54 mmol) were added to a solution of compound **C0068-1** (107 mg, 0.28 mmol) in ethanol (4 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. CH_2Cl_2 (70 mL) was added to the residue and washed with saturated NaHCO_3 (25 mL x 4), then dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the product as yellow oil (110 mg, yield: 91.6%).

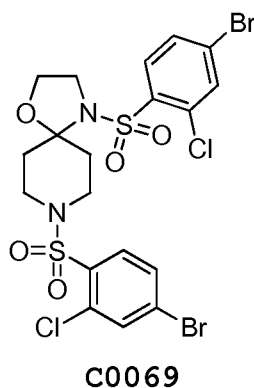
c. Preparation of compound C0068

A solution of **C0068-2** (110 mg, 0.26 mmol) in pyridine (1.5 mL) was treated with 4-bromo-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (100 mg, 0.31 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to remove the pyridine and the residue was dissolved with CH_2Cl_2 , washed with saturated NaHCO_3 . The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain the crude product. The crude product was purified by silica gel and then preparative thin-layer chromatography to give the title product as yellow solid (30 mg, yield: 12.7%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.03-7.98 (m, 4H); 7.87 (m, 2H); 4.02 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H); 3.78 (m, 2H);

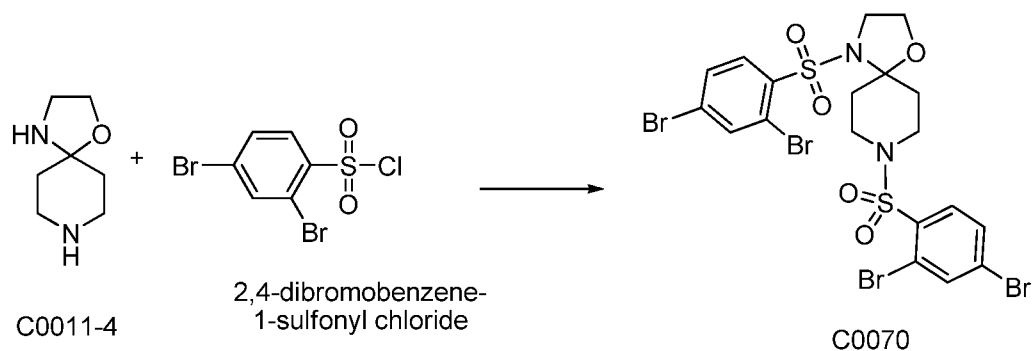
3.52 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H); 3.00 (t, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 2H);
 2.47 (dt, $J = 4.8, 13.2$ Hz, 2H); 1.85–1.77 (m, 2H);
 MS (ESI) calcd for $C_{21}H_{18}N_2O_5S_2Br_2F_6$ (m/z): 716.31.
 found: 717.0 $[M+1]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0069



This compound was made using conditions and procedures discussed elsewhere herein.

Preparation of compound C0070

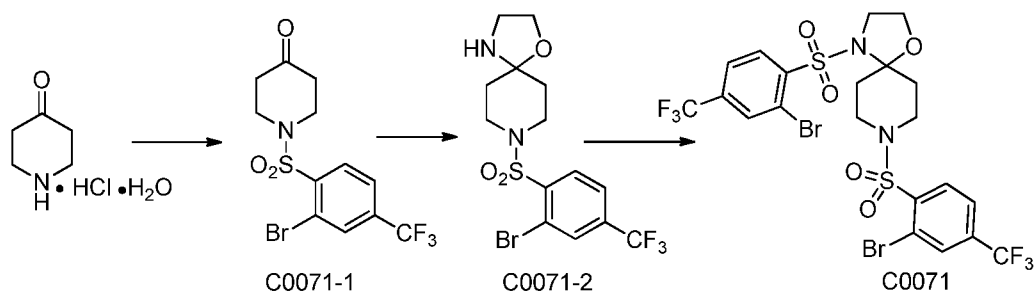


2,4-Dibromobenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (502 mg, 1.5 mmol) was added to the solution of compound **C0011-4** (71 mg, 0.5 mmol) in pyridine (2 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to remove the pyridine and the

residue was dissolved with dichloromethane, and washed with 1N HCl. The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain the crude product. The crude product was purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography to obtain 50 mg of the title product as white solid (yield: 13%). The crude product was further purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography to obtain compound **C0070** as white product (24 mg; yield: 6.5%). The structure was confirmed by NMR & LC-MS. Purity: 96.8 % by HPLC, shown as follows:

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.00–7.89 (m, 4H); 7.62–7.55 (m, 2H); 3.98 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H); 3.72 (m, 4H); 3.01 (m, 2H); 2.36–2.20 (m, 2H); 1.72 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 2H); MS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{Br}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}_2$ (m/z): 738.1. found: 739.0[M+1] $^+$.

Preparation of compound C0071



a. Preparation of compound C0071-1

Piperidin-4-one hydrochloride hydrate (95 mg, 0.62 mmol) in pyridine (3 mL) was treated with 2-bromo-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (200 mg, 0.62 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL)

and washed with 1N HCl (30 mL × 3). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated to give the crude product as yellow solid (150 mg; yield: 62.6%)

b. Preparation of compound C0071-2

p-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (2 mg, 0.01 mmol) and 2-aminoethanol (0.44 mL) were added to the solution of compound **C0071-1** (145 mg, 0.376 mmol) in ethanol (3 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (30 mL×6). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, then concentrated to give compound **C0071-2** as yellow oil (140 mg; yield: 86%).

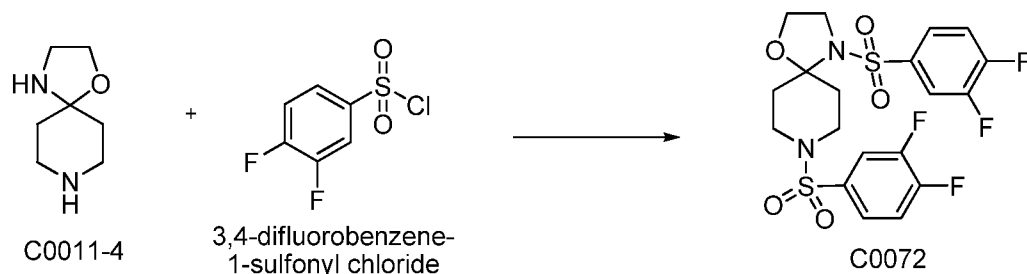
c. Preparation of compound C0071

A solution of compound **C0071-2** (140 mg, 0.326 mmol) in pyridine (3 mL) was treated with 2-bromo-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (127 mg, 0.391 mmol). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and washed with 1N HCl (30 mL × 3). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and then concentrated to give the crude product. The crude product was purified with preparative thin-layer chromatography to obtain the title product as white solid (30 mg; yield: 12.8%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.25 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H); 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H); 8.01 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H); 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* =

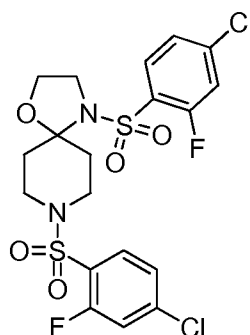
9.2 Hz, 1H); 4.03 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H); 3.81 (dd, J = 7.6, 5.2 Hz, 2H); 3.74 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H); 3.08 (dt, J = 12.8, 6.8 Hz, 2H); 2.35 (td, J = 12.8, 4.8 Hz, 2H); 1.77 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 2H); MS(ESI) calcd for $C_{21}H_{18}Br_2F_6N_2O_5S_2$ (m/z): 716.31. found: 738.9 $[M+Na]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0072

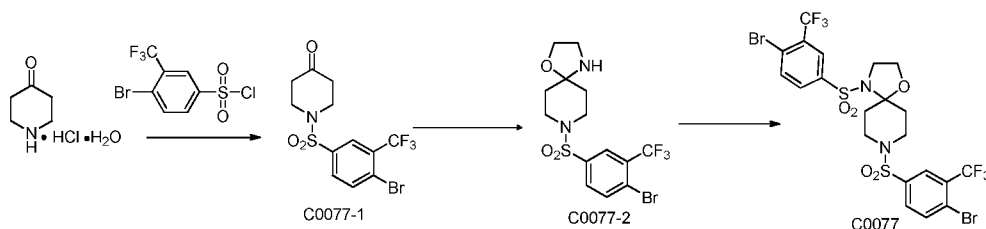


3,4-Difluorobenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (319 mg, 1.5 mmol) was added to the solution of compound **C0011-4** (71 mg, 0.5 mmol) in pyridine (2 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo to remove the pyridine and the residue was dissolved with CH_2Cl_2 , washed with 1N HCl and then the organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , concentrated in vacuo to obtain the crude product. The crude product was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography to obtain the title product. (53 mg, yield: 21.5%). The product was recrystallized with CH_2Cl and petroleum ether to obtain 25 mg of **C0072** as white solid (25 mg, yield: 10.1%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): 7.62 (m, 4H); 7.34 (m, 2H); 3.91 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H); 3.77 (m, 2H); 3.48 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H); 2.63 – 2.47 (m, 4H); 1.70 – 1.60 (m, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for $C_{19}H_{18}F_4N_2O_5S_2$ (m/z): 494.48. found: 495.0 $[M+1]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0073

This compound was made using conditions and procedures discussed elsewhere herein.

Preparation of compound C0077**a. Preparation of compound C0077-1**

Piperidin-4-one hydrochloride hydrate (153.5 mg, 1 mmol) in pyridine (2 mL) was treated with 4-bromo-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonyl chloride (323.5 mg, 1 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL) was added to the residue, then the solution was washed with 1N HCl (20 mL x 3), dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the title product as white solid (216 mg ; yield: 56%).

b. Preparation of compound C0077-2

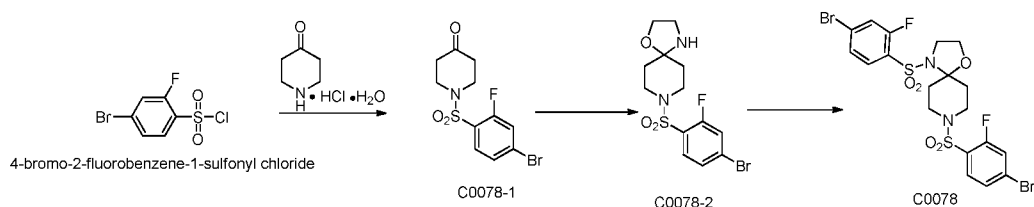
p-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (3.1 mg) and 2-aminoethanol (0.62 mL, 10.7 mmol) was added to

a solution of compound **C0077-1** (207 mg, 0.54 mmol) in ethanol (5 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. CH_2Cl_2 (70 mL) was added to the residue and washed with saturated NaHCO_3 (25 mL $\times$ 4), then dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the product as yellow oil (210 mg, yield: 90.7%).

c. Preparation of compound C0077

A solution of **C0077-2** (110 mg, 0.26 mmol) in pyridine (1.5 mL) was treated with 4-bromo-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (100 mg, 0.31 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to remove the pyridine and the residue was dissolved with CH_2Cl_2 , washed with saturated NaHCO_3 and then the organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain the crude product. The crude product was purified by silica gel to obtain the crude product as white solid (180 mg, yield: 51.3%). Further, purification by preparative HPLC gave the title product as white solid (87 mg, yield: 24.8%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.11 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H); 7.92 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); 7.87 (dd, J = 2.4, 8.0 Hz, 1H); 7.78 (dd, J = 2.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H); 3.95 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H); 3.84-3.83 (m, 2H); 3.50 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H); 2.61-2.56 (m, 4H); 1.68 (m, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}_2\text{Br}_2\text{F}_6$ (m/z): 716.31.

Preparation of compound C0078**a. Preparation of compound C0078-1**

4-Bromo-2-fluorobenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (300 mg, 1.1 mmol) was added to a solution of piperidin-4-one hydrochloride hydrate (169 mg, 1.1 mmol) in pyridine (2 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) and washed with 1N HCl (30 mL $\times$ 3). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated to give the crude product as white solid (230 mg, yield: 62.4%)

b. Preparation of compound C0078-2

2-Aminoethanol (0.78 mL, 13.39 mmol) and p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol) were added to the solution of compound **C0078-1** (225 mg, 0.67 mmol) in ethanol (7 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 (30 mL $\times$ 6). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated to give compound **C0078-2** as yellow oil (260 mg)

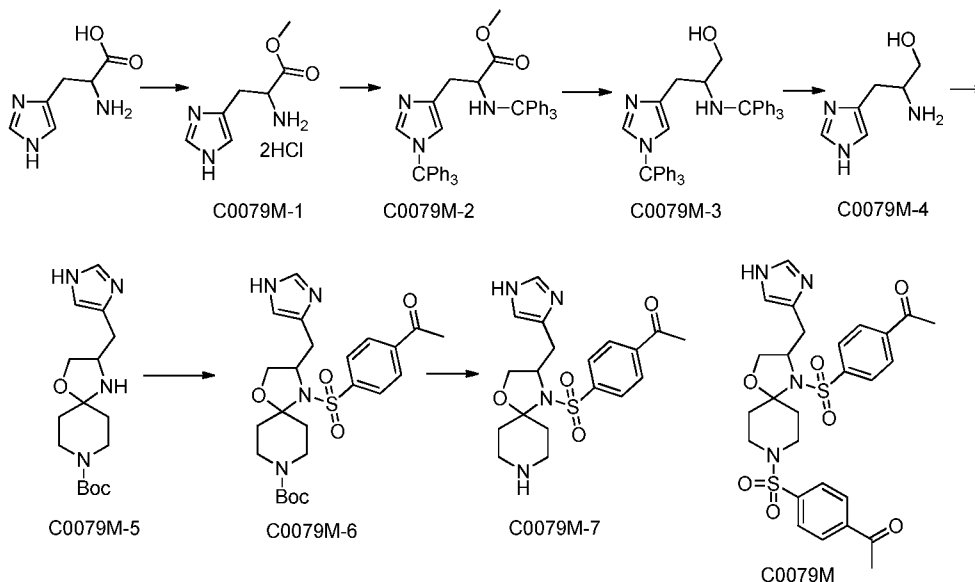
c. Preparation of compound C0078

4-Bromo-2-fluorobenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (216 mg, 0.79 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **C0078-2** (250 mg, 0.66 mmol) in pyridine (2

mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). Diethyl ether was added and the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration to obtain 180 mg of the crude product and purified by chromatography (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate=10:1 to 3:1) to obtain 40 mg of the product (40 mg; yield: 10%). The structure was confirmed by ^1H NMR & MS, purity 98.5%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 7.79 (dd, $J = 8.4$, 7.6 Hz, 1H); 7.71 (dd, $J = 8.4$, 7.6 Hz, 1H); 7.45 (m, 4H); 3.97 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H); 3.82 (dd, $J = 10.0$, 2.8 Hz, 2H); 3.75 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H); 2.81 (t, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 2H); 2.39 (dt, $J = 12.8$, 4.8 Hz, 2H); 1.61 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{Br}_2\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}_2$ (m/z): 616.29. found: 619.1 $[\text{M}+1]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0079M



a. Preparation of compound C0079M-5

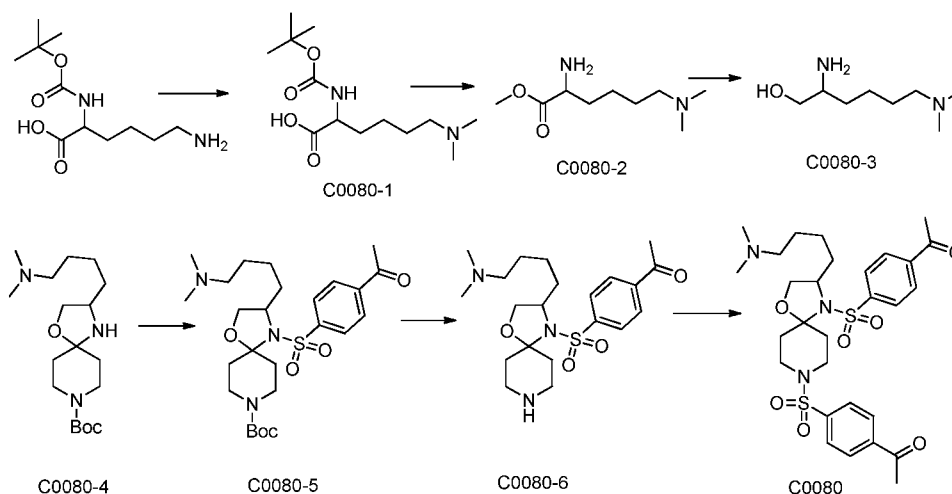
Compound **C0079M-4** 2HCl (311 mg, 1.44 mmol) was dissolved in water (20 ml) and was added saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 to pH=7 and washed with

dichloromethane. The water phase was concentrated and the residue was dissolved in ethanol. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated to afford 270 mg of compound **C0079M-4**. A mixture of **C0079M-4** and t-butyl-4-oxopiperidine-1-carboxylate (344 mg, 1.73 mmol) in ethanol (5 ml) was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature.

b. Preparation of compound C0079M-6

The mixture of compound **C0079M-5** (967 mg, 2.48 mmol) and 4-acetylbenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (597 mg, 2.73 mmol) in pyridine (10 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. TLC suggested the reaction complete. The mixture was concentrated to remove the solvent. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane and was washed with 0.1 N HCl and brine, dried, concentrated to afford 854 mg of crude product. The crude product was purified via column chromatography (CH_2Cl_2 - $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{CH}_3\text{OH}=10/1$) to afford a product (440 mg, yield: 40%).

Preparation of compound C0080M



a. Preparation of compound C0080-1

Boc-D-lys-OH (2.46 g, 9.4 mmol), suspended in CH₂OH (80 mL), was treated with 40% aq HCHO (1.6 mL, 19 mmol) followed by 10% Pd/C (200 mg). The reaction mixture was stirred under H₂ for 2 days. The catalyst was filtered off, and the filtrate was concentrated to dryness. Diethyl ether (100 mL) was added to the resulting oil, and stirring was continued to obtain a white solid, which was filtered off and washed with diethyl ether (2.6 g, yield: 100%, confirmed by ¹H NMR).

b. Preparation of compound C0080-2

C0080-1 (375 mg, 1.44 mmol) was dissolved in HCl/CH₂OH (8 mL), and the reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 3 hours. Then the mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to remove the solvent to obtain the HCl salt of the title product as white solid (354 mg, yield: 99.5%, confirmed by ¹H NMR). Because the yield was low, the aqueous part was concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain yellow oil (57 mg, yield: 55.8%). ¹H NMR also suggested it was the desired product.

c. Preparation of compound C0080-2

C0080-2 (354 mg, 1.43 mmol) was suspended in THF (10 mL) and LiAlH₄ (326 mg, 8.60 mmol) was added slowly at 0° C, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0° C to room temperature for 1.5 hours. Saturated Na₂SO₄ was added to quench the reaction and the mixture was filtered, then the organic layer was concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain the title product as yellow oil (150 mg, yield: 71.8%, confirmed by ¹H NMR).

d. Preparation of compound C0080-4

Compound **C0080-3** (120 mg, 0.75 mmol) was added to a solution of N-Boc-piperidin-4-one (150 mg, 0.75 mmol) in ethanol (2 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. CH_2Cl_2 (70 mL) was added to the residue and washed with saturated NaHCO_3 (25 mL $\times$ 4), then dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the product as yellow oil (234 mg, yield: 91.5%).

e. Preparation of compound C0080-5

4-Acetylbenzenesulfonyl chloride (180 mg, 0.82 mmol) in pyridine (2 mL) was added to a solution of compound **C0080-4** (234 mg, 0.69 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. To the residue was added CH_2Cl_2 (70 mL) and washed with saturated NaHCO_3 (25 mL $\times$ 4), then dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the crude product. The crude product was purified by chromatograph with $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2:\text{CH}_2\text{OH}=50:1$ to $3:1$ to obtain the title product as yellow oil (80 mg, yield:22.2%).

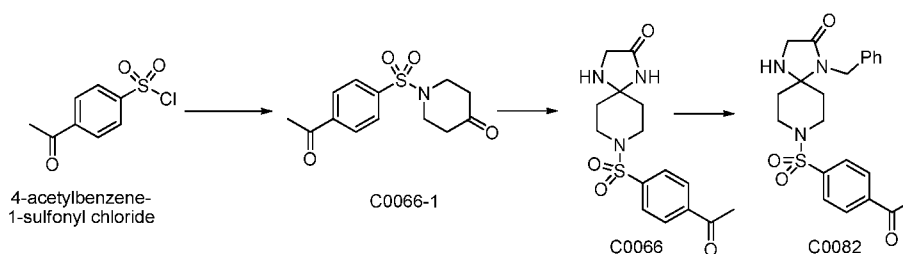
f. Preparation of compound C0080-6

CF_3COOH (0.2 mL) was added to a solution of compound **C0080-5** (80 mg, 0.15 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. Then, CH_2Cl_2 was added and the mixture was washed with saturated Na_2CO_3 . The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain the product as yellow oil (67 mg)

g. Preparation of compound C0080

4-Acetylbenzenesulfonyl chloride (40 mg, 0.18 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **C0080M-6** (mixture) (65 mg, 0.15 mmol) in pyridine (1.5 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. CH₂Cl₂ (70 mL) was added to the residue and washed with saturated NaHCO₃ (25 mL × 4), then dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give the crude product. The crude product was purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography with CH₂Cl₂:CH₂OH=9:1 to obtain the title product as yellow oil (10 mg, yield:11%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H); 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); 3.81 (m, 2H); 3.69–3.61 (m, 3H); 2.66 – 2.38 (m, 12 H); 2.33 (s, 6H); 1.74 (m, 2H); 1.54–1.39 (m, 4H); 1.39–1.24 (m, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for C₂₉H₃₉N₃O₇S₂ (m/z): 605.22. found: 606.5 [M+1]⁺.

Preparation of compound C0082**a. Preparation of compound C0066-1**

Triethylamine (606 mg, 6.0 mmol) and piperidin-4-one (297 mg, 3.0 mmol) were added to a solution of 4-acetylbenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (656 mg, 3.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solution was washed with water, dried

over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to obtain the title product as yellow solid (643 mg, Yield: 76%).

b. Preparation of compound C0066

Triethylamine (71 mg, 0.7 mmol) and **C0066-1** (200 mg, 0.7 mmol) were added to a solution of 2-aminoacetamide hydrochloride (78 mg, 0.7 mmol) in CH_3OH (10 mL). The mixture was heated at reflux overnight (about 18 hours). The solution was cooled and filtered to obtain **C0066** as a white solid (142 mg, Yield: 60%, HPLC: 99.6%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): 8.53 (s, 1H); 8.30 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H); 8.00 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H); 3.51-3.37 (m, 2H); 3.19 (s, 2H); 3.11 (s, 1H); 2.95-2.91 (m, 2H); 2.78 (s, 3H); 2.63-2.61 (m, 4H); MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}$ (m/z): 337.39. found: 338.3 $[\text{M}+1]^+$.

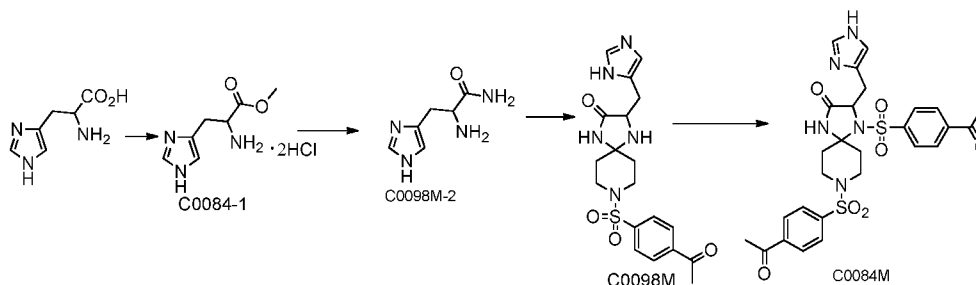
c. Preparation of compound C0082

NaH (27 mg; 60% dispersion in mineral oil) was added to a solution of **C0066** (150 mg, 0.45 mmol) in dimethylformamide (3.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 minutes. A solution of benzyl bromide (76 mg, 0.45 mmol) in 1.0 mL of absolute dichloromethane was added drop-wise. The mixture was stirred overnight (about 18 hours). Water was added and the solution was extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layer was washed with water, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography to obtain the title product as white solid (30 mg, Yield: 16%, HPLC: 98.7%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.08 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H); 7.82 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); 7.31-7.25 (m, 5H);

4.41 (s, 2H); 3.76–3.72 (m, 2H); 3.42 (s, 2H); 2.66 (s, 3H); 2.64–2.57 (m, 2H); 2.01–1.93 (m, 2H); 1.43 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for $C_{22}H_{25}N_3O_4S$ (m/z): 427.52. found: 428.1 $[M+1]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0084



a. Preparation of compound C0084-1

2-Amino-3-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)propanoic acid (5 g, 32.26 mmol) in HCl/CH₃OH (1N, 100 mL) was heated at reflux for 3 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated to remove the solvent to obtain 7.5 g of the title product as white solid.

b. Preparation of compound C0098M-2

220 mg of **C0084-1** was dissolved in 10 mL of saturated NH₄OH (aq). The solution was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solution was extracted with CHCl₃:CH₂OH=4:1 (6x) and the water was evaporated. The residue was washed with acetone and CHCl₃ to obtain the crude product (the mixture of the product and NH₄Cl) as white solid (210 mg). The structure was confirmed by ¹H NMR & LC-MS (target $M+1=155$, material $M+1=170$).

c. Preparation of compound C0098M

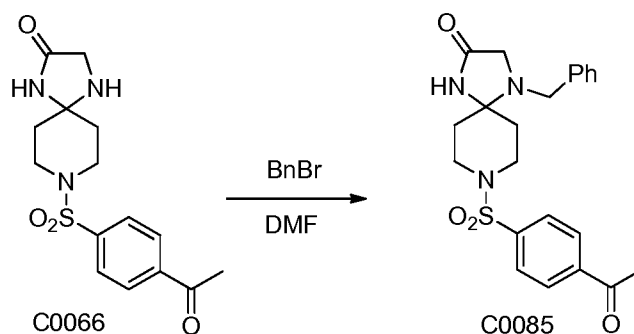
1-(4-Acetylphenylsulfonyl)-piperidin-4-one (365 mg, 1.3 mmol) in methanol (10 mL) was treated with **C0098M-2** (200 mg, 1.3 mmol). The reaction was

stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours) and heated at reflux for 3 hours after which the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography to obtain the title product as white solid (65 mg; yield: 17%).

d. Preparation of compound C0084

4-Acetylbenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (32 mg, 0.14 mmol) and triethylamine (1 mL) was added to the solution of compound **C0098M** (50 mg, 0.12 mmol) in CHCl_3 (2 mL). The mixture was stirred at reflux for 8 hours, and then stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The crude product was purified by chromatography eluted with CH_2Cl_2 : CH_2OH

Preparation of compound C0085

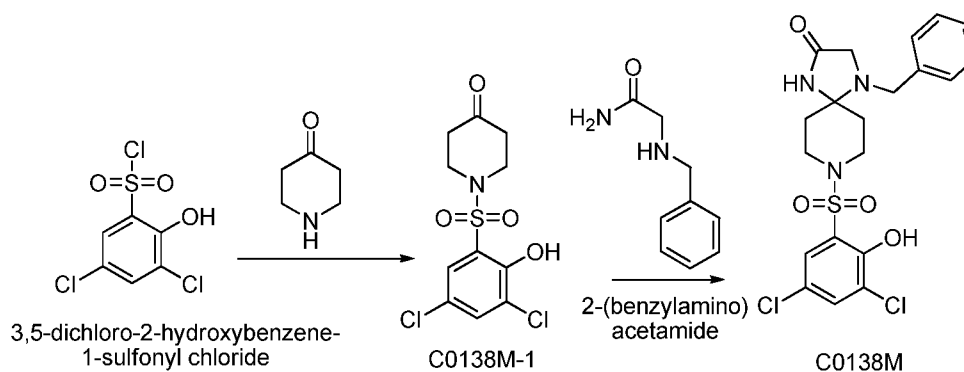


K_2CO_3 (30 mg, 0.22 mmol) and 1-(bromomethyl)benzene (38 mg, 0.22 mmol) in dimethylformamide (0.5 mL) was added to a solution of **C0066** (67 mg, 0.2 mmol) in dimethylformamide (1.5 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. Then the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). Water was added and yellow solid was formed. The mixture was filtered and the collected solid was washed with water. The solid was dried to obtain the title

product as yellow solid (24 mg, Yield: 28%, HPLC: 95%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.66 (s, 1H); 7.99 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); 7.81 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H); 7.37–7.26 (m, 5H); 3.86 (m, 2H); 3.67 (s, 2H); 2.88 (s, 2H); 2.49 (t, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 2H); 2.37 (s, 3H); 2.13–2.06 (m, 2H); 1.66 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}$ (m/z): 427.52. found: 428.2 $[\text{M}+1]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0138M



a. Preparation of compound C0138M-1

The mixture of piperidin-4-one (266 mg, 2.68 mmol), 3,5-dichloro-2-hydroxybenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (700 mg, 2.68 mmol) and triethylamine (0.7 mL, 5.36 mmol) in CHCl_3 (7.5 mL) was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The reaction mixture was diluted in CHCl_3 (30 mL) and washed with water, followed by 0.1 N HCl and brine. The organic layer was dried and concentrated to obtain the final product. (760 mg, yield: 87%).

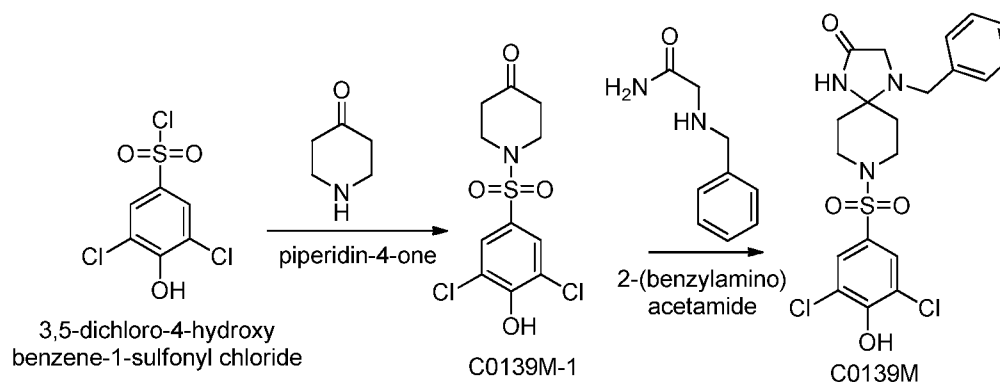
b. Preparation of compound C0138M

The mixture C0138M-1 (400 mg, 1.23 mmol), 2-(benzylamino)acetamide (202 mg, 1.23 mmol) and p-toluenesulfonic acid (6 mg) in CH_3OH (15 mL) was

heated at reflux overnight (about 18 hours). A precipitate formed while the reaction refluxed. The solid was filtered and washed with methanol and ether. The solid was dried to obtain the final product (340 mg, yield:60%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): 10.72 (s, 1H); 9.07 (s, 1H); 7.90 (s, 1H); 7.60 (s, 1H); 7.33–7.23 (m, 5H); 3.76 (d, J = 10 Hz, 2H); 3.67 (s, 2H); 2.86–2.90 (m, 4H); 1.96 (m, 2H); 1.61 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}$ (m/z): 470.37. found: 468.1 $[\text{M}-2]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0139M



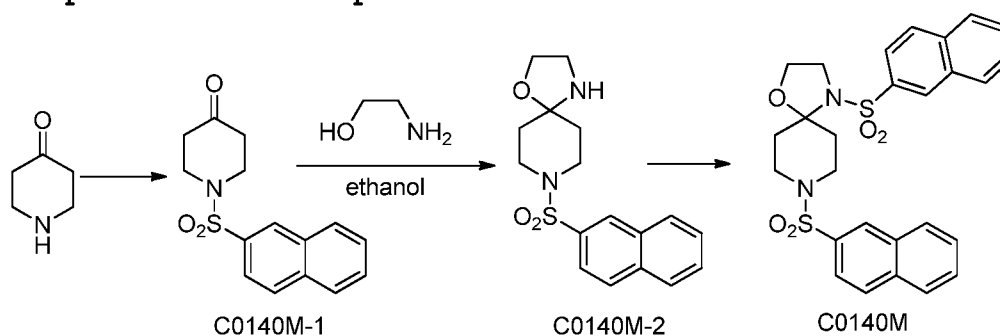
a. Preparation of compound C0139M-1

The mixture of piperidin-4-one (114 mg, 1.15 mmol) in triethylamine (0.4 mL, 2.30 mmol), 3,5-dichloro-4-hydroxybenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (300 mg, 1.15 mmol), and CHCl_3 (3.2 mL) was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The reaction mixture was diluted in CHCl_3 and the mixture was washed with water and 0.1 N HCl and brine. The organic layer was dried and concentrated to obtain the target product. (320 mg, yield: 86%).

b. Preparation of compound C0139M

The solution of **C0139M-1** (310 mg, 0.96 mmol), 2-(benzylamino)acetamide (157 mg, 0.96 mmol) and p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (9 mg, 0.048 mmol) in CH₃OH (10 mL) was heated at reflux overnight (about 18 hours). The reaction solution was cooled to room temperature and the white solid was filtered and washed with CH₃OH and dried *in vacuo* to obtain 155 mg of the impure product as white solid. The impure product was washed with CH₃OH and dichloromethane to obtain title product as white solid (80 mg, yield: 16%). The structure was confirmed by ¹H NMR & LC-MS, (target M+1 = 470), purity: 96.6%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): 7.63 (s, 2H); 7.26 – 7.13 (m, 5H); 3.74 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H); 3.66 (s, 2H); 3.03 (s, 2H); 2.55 (t, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H); 2.05 (dt, *J* = 13.6, 4.8 Hz, 2H); 1.68 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₁Cl₂N₃O₄S (m/z): 470.37. found: 470.3 [M+1]⁺.

Preparation of compound C0140M**a. Preparation of compound C0140M-1**

Naphthalene-2-sulfonyl chloride (816 mg, 3.6 mmol) and triethylamine (606 mg, 6 mmol) was added to a solution of piperidin-4-one (300 mg, 3 mmol) in CHCl₃ (20 mL). The mixture was stirred at

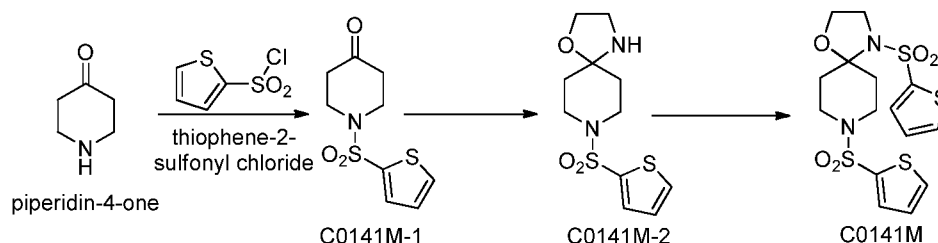
room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The mixture was diluted with CHCl_3 , and washed with H_2O (10 mL x 3) and 0.1N HCl (10 mL x 3), dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the title product as white solid (832 mg, yield: 96%).

b. Preparation of compound C0140M-2

p-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (10 mg) and 2-aminoethanol (1 mL, 17.3 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **C0140M-1** (500 mg, 1.73 mmol) in ethanol (20 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The precipitate formed was filtered off to give the product as white solid (420 mg, yield: 73%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.38 (s, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H); 7.99–7.90 (m, 6H); 7.79–7.74 (m, 2H); 7.67–7.61 (m, 4H); 3.86–3.79 (m, 4H); 3.53 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H); 2.66–2.55 (m, 4H); 1.64–1.58 (m, 2H); calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}_2$ (m/z): 522.13. found: 523.5 $[\text{M}+1]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0141M



a. Preparation of compound C0141M-1

0.5 g of piperidin-4-one was dissolved in 25 mL of CHCl_3 and 1.4 mL of triethylamine was added. Then 915 mg of thiophene-2-sulfonyl chloride was added and the mixture was stirred at 70°C overnight (about 18 hours). The solution was diluted with 50

mL of CHCl_3 and washed 0.1 M HCl (aq, 50 mL $\times$ 3) and brine. The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated to obtain the title product as yellow solid (1.025 g, yield: 83.7%).

b. Preparation of compound C0141M-2

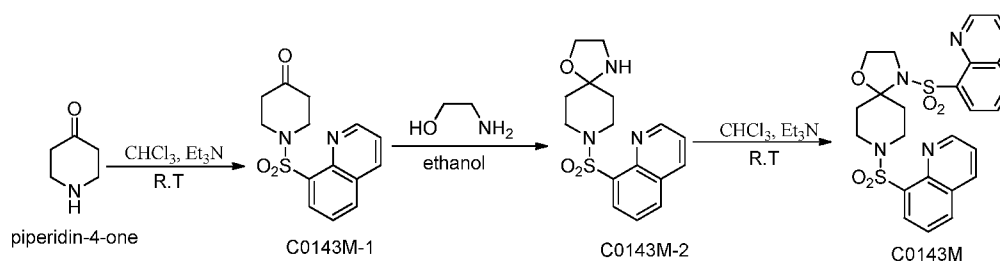
The solution of **C0141M-1** (1.02 g, 4.18 mmol), 2-aminoethanol (4.8 mL, 83.6 mmol), and p-toluenesulfonic acid·monohydrate (24 mg, 0.125 mmol) in ethanol (30 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2 days. The reaction solution was evaporated and the residue was dissolved in CHCl_3 , and washed with saturated NaHCO_3 (aq) for (6x) and brine. The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated to obtain the title product as yellow oil. (1.175 g, yield: 98%)

c. Preparation of compound C0141M

576 mg of **C0141M-2** was dissolved in 10 mL of CHCl_3 and 0.56 mL of triethylamine was added. Thiophene-2-sulfonyl chloride (438 mg) was added and the mixture was stirred at 70°C overnight (about 18 hours). The solution was diluted with 50 mL of CHCl_3 and washed 0.1 M HCl (aq, 50 mL $\times$ 3) and brine. The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated to obtain 600 mg of the crude product as yellow solid. The crude product was purified by chromatography eluted with petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 20:1 to 2:1 to obtain 40 mg of the impure product as yellow solid, then recrystallized with CHCl_3 and petroleum ether to obtain 11 mg of the title product as white solid (11 mg, yield: 1.3%). The structure was confirmed by ^1H NMR & LC-MS (target $M+1 = 435$), purity: 96.3% by HPLC, shown as follows.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 7.63–7.60 (m, 3H); 7.53 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H); 7.15 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H); 7.11 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H); 3.92 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H); 3.80–3.78 (m, 2H); 3.58 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H); 2.65 – 2.56 (m, 4H); 1.68 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}_4$ (m/z): 434.01 found: 435.1 $[\text{M}+1]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0143M



a. Preparation of compound C0143M-1

8-Quinolinesulfonyl chloride (1.1 g, 4.8 mmol) and triethylamine (808 mg, 8 mmol) was added to a solution of piperidin-4-one (400 mg, 4 mmol) in CHCl_3 (20 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The mixture was diluted with CHCl_3 , and washed with H_2O (10 mL x 3) and 0.1N HCl (10 mL x 3), dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the title product as yellow solid (1.01 g, yield: 87%).

b. Preparation of compound C0143M-2

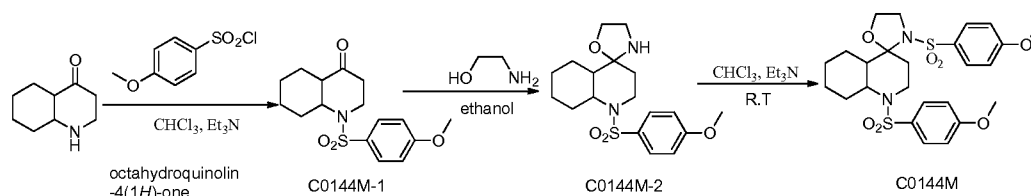
p-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (20 mg) and 2-aminoethanol (2.13 g, 35 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **C0143M-1** (1.01 g, 3.5 mmol) in ethanol (30 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to dryness; the residue was diluted with dichloromethane, washed with saturated

Na₂CO₃, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude product as yellow solid (783 mg, yield: 67.2%).

c. Preparation of compound C0143M

8-Quinolinesulfonyl chloride (588 mg, 2.59 mmol) and triethylamine (475 mg, 4.7 mmol) were added to a solution of compound **C0143M-2** (783 mg, 2.35 mmol) in CHCl₃ (20 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The mixture was diluted with CHCl₃, and washed with H₂O (10 mL x 3) and 0.1N HCl (10 mL x 3), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give the crude product. The crude product was purified by chromatography eluted with petroleum ether:ethyl acetate = 5:1 to 2:1 to obtain 285 mg of **C0134M-1** and 100 mg of the desired product with impurity. The crude product was purified by Pre-HPLC to obtain 30 mg of the title product as white solid (30 mg, yield: 2.4%). The structure was confirmed by NMR & LC-MS (target M+1 = 525), purity: 97.5% by HPLC.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.09-9.02 (m, 2H), 8.44 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.30-8.25 (m, 2H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.70 - 7.50 (m, 4H), 4.44 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.89 (t, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (dt, *J* = 12.8, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H). LC-MS (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₄N₄O₅S₂ (m/z): 524.12. found: 525.3 [M+1]⁺.

Preparation of compound C0144M**a. Preparation of compound C0144M-1**

4-Methoxybenzenesulfonyl chloride (453 mg, 2.2 mmol) and triethylamine (404 mg, 4 mmol) were added to a solution of octahydroquinolin-4(1H)-one (306 mg, 2 mmol) in CHCl_3 (15 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The mixture was diluted with CHCl_3 , and washed with H_2O (10 mL x 3) and 0.1N HCl (10 mL x 3), dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the title product as yellow oil (612 mg, yield: 95%).

b. Preparation of compound C0144M-2

p-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (10 mg) and 2-aminoethanol (1.15 g, 18.9 mmol) were added to a solution of compound **C0144M-1** (612 mg, 1.89 mmol) in ethanol (20 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to dryness, the residue was diluted with dichloromethane, washed with saturated Na_2CO_3 , dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude product as yellow gum (556 mg, yield: 80.4%).

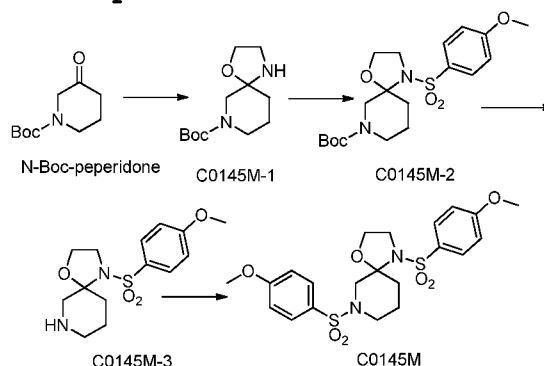
c. Preparation of compound C0144M

4-Methoxybenzenesulfonyl chloride (344 mg, 1.67 mmol) and triethylamine (303 mg, 3 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **C0144M-2** (556 mg, 1.5 mmol) in CHCl_3 (15 mL). The mixture was stirred at

room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The mixture was diluted with CHCl_3 , and washed with H_2O (10 mL $\times$ 3) and 0.1 N HCl (10 mL $\times$ 3), dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the crude product. The crude product was purified by chromatography eluted with petroleum ether:ethyl acetate=10:1 to 5:1 to obtain 98 mg of product as white solid.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.82 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.02–3.97 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H) 3.78–3.74 (m, 2H), 3.55–3.54 (m, 1H), 3.31–3.25 (m, 2H), 2.54–2.52 (m, 1H), 2.18 (dt, J = 4.8, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.72–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.63–1.59 (m, 3H), 1.30–1.2 (m, 3H), 1.20–0.90 (m, 2H). LC-MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7\text{S}_2$ (m/z): 536.17. found: 537.3 $[\text{M}+1]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0145M



a. Preparation of compound C0145M-1

A solution of N-Boc-piperidin-4-one (500 mg, 2.67 mmol) and 2-aminoethanol (0.55 mL, 9.34 mmol) in ethanol (4 mL) was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL) and washed with saturated aqueous Na_2CO_3 (30 mL $\times$ 6). The organic phase was

dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , then concentrated to give target product as yellow oil (614 mg; yield: 95%).

b. Preparation of compound C0145M-2

4-Methoxybenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (626 mg, 3.04 mmol) and triethylamine (0.7 mL) were added to a solution of compound **C0145M-1** (614 mg, 2.53 mmol) in chloroform (5 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: dichloromethane =1:1) to obtain target product as white solid (500 mg; yield: 48%).

c. Preparation of compound C0145M-3

CF_3COOH (0.6 mL) was added to the solution of compound **C0145M-2** (500 mg, 1.21 mmol) in 6 mL dichloromethane and the mixture was kept stirring for 0.5 hour at room temperature. Then $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{NH}_3$ (20 mL) was added to the reaction mixture. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with dichloromethane (20 mL) and the white solid was precipitated. TLC showed that the solid was $\text{CF}_3\text{COONH}_4$. Then the mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2:\text{CH}_3\text{OH}=10:1$) to obtain the product as yellow solid (290 mg; yield: 76%).

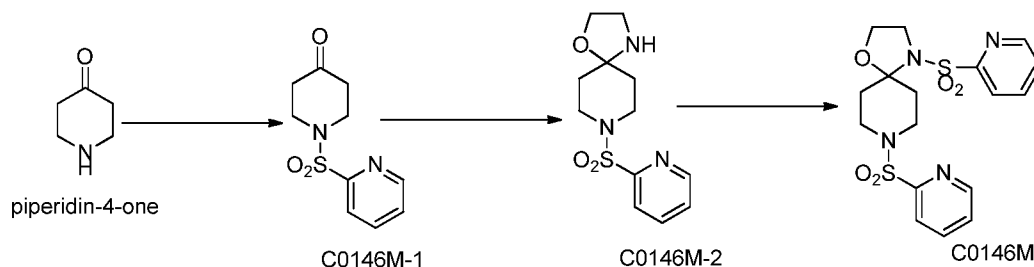
d. Preparation of compound C0145M

4-Methoxybenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (214 mg, 1.0 mmol) and triethylamine (0.25 mL) were added to a solution of compound **C0145M-3** (270 mg, 0.865 mmol) in chloroform (5 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The

solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted in dichloromethane (DCM) (30 mL). The solution was washed by 0.1 N HCl (30 mL × 2) and brine. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (dichloromethane) to obtain compound 4 as white solid (250 mg; yield: 60%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.75–7.70 (m, 4H); 7.02–6.96 (m, 4H); 4.05–3.98 (m, 2H); 3.89 (s, 3H); 3.88 (s, 3H); 3.75 (t, J = 11.5 Hz, 2H); 3.60–3.50 (m, 1H); 3.41 (dd, J = 15.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H); 2.86 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H); 2.35–2.24 (m, 2H); 1.99–1.78 (m, 1H); 1.68 (t, J = 12.2 Hz, 2H); LCMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₆N₂O₇S₂ (m/z): 482.12 found: 483.3[M+1]⁺.

Preparation of compound C0146M



a. Preparation of compound C0146M-1

Pyridine-2-sulfonyl chloride (20 mg, 0.11 mmol) was added to a solution of piperidin-4-one (14 mg, 0.136 mmol) in pyridine (0.6 ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). TLC showed that there was no new product. Alternate reaction conditions are being sought.

K₂CO₃ (16.6 g, 120 mmol) was added to a solution of 2-nitrophenol (5.56 g, 40 mmol) in acetone (100 ml). After stirring for 20 min, iodomethane (11.36 g, 80 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at 40°C for 3 hours. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) suggested the reaction was almost complete. The mixture was filtered and washed with acetone. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and washed with 1 N NaOH and water. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to obtain the title product as yellow oil. (4.28 g, yield: 70%).

To a solution of **C0147-8** (4.28 g, 28 mmol) in methanol (200 ml) and water (50 ml), was added iron powder (7.84 g, 140 mmol) and NH_4Cl (12 g, 224 mmol). The mixture was heated to reflux for 4 hours. TLC showed the reaction was complete. The mixture was filtered and washed with methanol. The filtrate was concentrated to remove most of methanol. Then the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x) and the combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 ,

concentrated to obtain the title product as dark red oil (2.93 g, yield: 85%).

c. Preparation of compound C0147M-10

Saturated aqueous solution of sodium nitrite (552 mg, 8.0 mmol) was added to a solution of **C0147M-9** (1.0 g, 8.0 mmol) in water (2.8 ml) and concentrated hydrochloric acid (1.36 ml, 16 mmol) at 0°C. This solution was added with cooling and vigorous stirring to 16 mL of freshly prepared saturated solution of sulfur dioxide in glacial acetic acid, which contained 258 mg (1.92 mmol) of cupric chloride. The mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The mixture was diluted with water, extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x), and the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄. The crude product was concentrated and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate=10:1 to 1:1) to obtain the title product as white solid. (413 mg, Yield: 25%)

d. Preparation of compound C0147M-11

To a solution of **C0147M-10** (413 mg, 2.0 mmol) in chloroform (10 ml) and triethylamine (0.5 ml) was added piperidin-4-one (396 mg, 4.0 mmol). The mixture was allowed to reflux for 1 hour. The solution was cooled and washed with 1N HCl, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated to obtain the title product as yellow liquid. (538 mg, Yield: 100%)

e. Preparation of compound C0147M-12

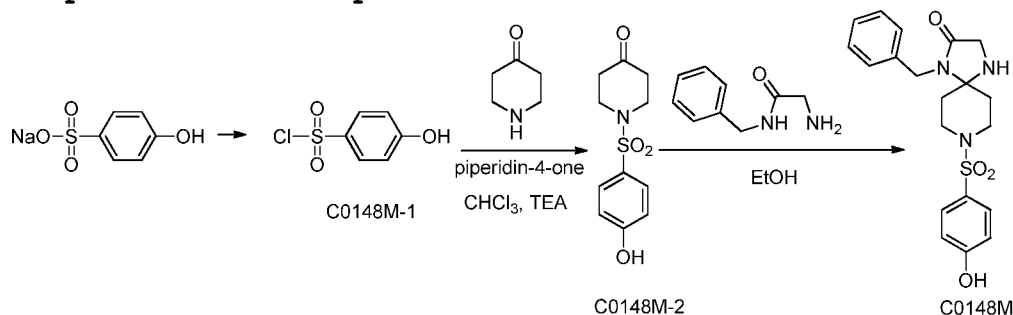
Over 10 minute period, BBr₃ (5.0 ml, 3.0 mmol, 0.6 mmol in CH₂Cl₂) was added dropwise to a solution of **C0147M-11** (538 mg, 2.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20

ml) at 0°C. The mixture was stirred at 0°C for 3 hours. Then 20 ml of methanol was added slowly and the clear solution was concentrated. The residue was diluted with CHCl₃ and washed with water, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated to obtain the title product as black liquid (510 mg, Yield: 100%).

f. Preparation of compound C0147M

To a solution of **C0147M-12** (510 mg, 2.0 mmol) in ethanol (20 ml) was added 2-amino-N-benzylacetamide (984 mg, 6.0 mmol). The mixture was refluxed over weekend (about 40 hours). LC-MS suggested there was the desired product. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (dichloromethane:acetone=100:1 to 2:1) to obtain the impure product as yellow oil (140 mg). The 140 mg of impure product was purified by preparative HPLC to obtain the product as white solid (35 mg, Yield: 4.4%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); 7.30-7.23 (m, 5H); 6.99-6.92 (m, 2H); 4.45 (s, 2H); 3.82-3.78 (m, 2H); 3.72 (s, 2H); 2.91 (t, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 2H); 2.00 (td, *J* = 13.2, 5.2 Hz, 2H); 1.67 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 2H). MS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₃N₃O₄S (m/z): 401.14. found: 402.2 [M+1]⁺.

Preparation of compound C0148M**a. Preparation of compound C0148M-1**

A solution of SOCl_2 (30 mL) and dimethylformamide (0.3 mL) was quickly added to sodium 4-hydroxybenzenesulfonate (9.8 g, 50 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 60 °C overnight (about 18 hours). The mixture was poured over ice with vigorous stirring; the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 , dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated to give the crude product. The crude product was purified by chromatography eluted with petroleum ether:ethyl acetate=10:1 to 2:1 to obtain the title product as colorless oil (1.7 g, yield: 73 %).

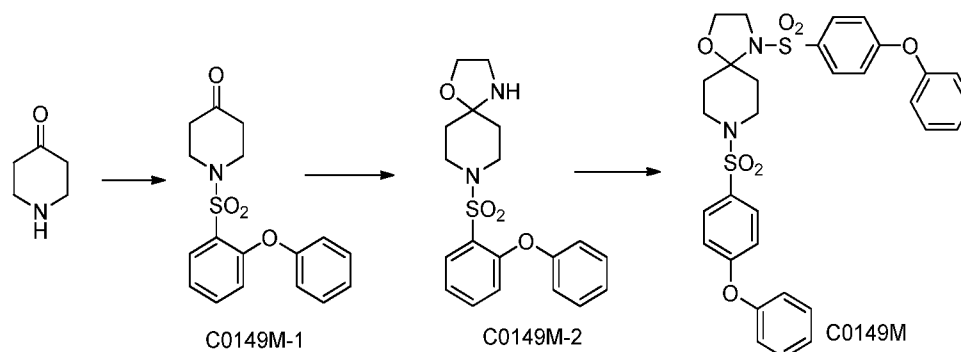
b. Preparation of compound C0148M

The mixture of piperidin-4-one (1 g, 10 mmol) and **C0148M-1** (1.75 g, 9.1 mmol) in triethylamine (2.5 mL, 18.2 mmol) and CHCl_3 (25 mL) was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted in CHCl_3 and the mixture was washed with 0.1 N HCl and brine. The organic layer was dried, concentrated to afford the crude product. The crude product was purified via column chromatography (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate=10/1 to 1/1) to obtain the product (800 mg, yield: 31%). The product was used directly for the next step.

c. Preparation of compound C0148M

The mixture compound **C0148M-2** (500 mg, 1.96 mmol), 2-amino-N-benzylacetamide (700 mg, 4.27 mmol) in CH₃CH₂OH (30 mL) was heated at reflux overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed. The residue was purified via column chromatography (petroleum ether:dichloromethane=1/1 to dichloromethane acetone=4:1). The impure product was further purified via preparative HPLC to obtain the product (40 mg, yield: 5 %).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H); 7.32–7.22 (m, 5H); 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H); 4.45 (s, 2H); 3.69–3.65 (m, 2H); 3.62 (s, 2H); 2.59–2.53 (m, 2H); 1.99 (td, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 2H); 1.63 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H). LCMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₃N₃O₄S (m/z): 401.48. found: 402.2 [M+1]⁺.

Preparation of compound C0149M**a. Preparation of compound C0149M-1**

4-Phenoxybenzenesulfonyl chloride (500 mg, 1.86 mmol) and triethylamine (404 mg, 4 mmol) was added to a solution of piperidin-4-one (202 mg, 2.05 mmol) in CHCl₃ (7 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The mixture was diluted with CHCl₃, and washed with H₂O (10 mL x 3) and 0.1N HCl (10 mL x 3), dried over

Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 417 mg of the title product (67.8% yield).

b. Preparation of compound C0149M-2

p-Toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (10 mg) and 2-aminoethanol (769 mg, 12.6 mmol) were added to a solution of **C0149M-1** (417 mg, 1.26 mmol) in ethanol (15 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to dryness, the residue was diluted with dichloromethane, washed with saturated Na₂CO₃, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude product as white solid (434 mg, yield: 92.3%).

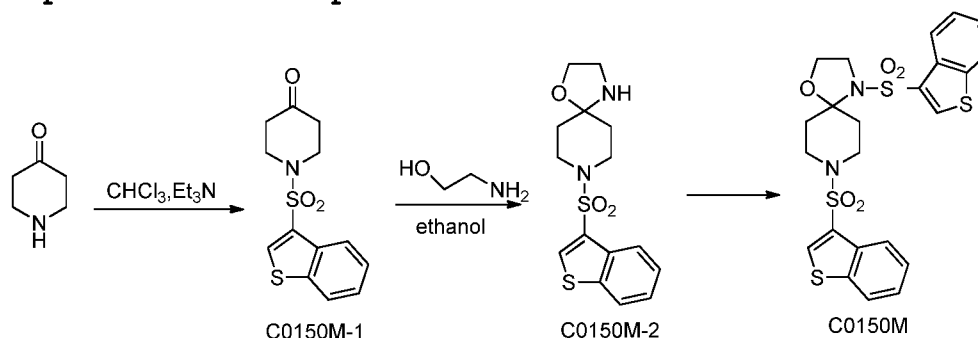
c. Preparation of compound C0149M

4-Phenoxybenzenesulfonyl chloride (223 mg, 0.83 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **C0149M-2** (282 mg, 0.75 mmol) in pyridine (3 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, the residue was diluted with dichloromethane, and washed with 1N HCl (10 mL x 3), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give the crude product. The crude product was purified by chromatography eluted with petroleum ether:ethyl acetate=10:1 to 1:1 to obtain the title product (60 mg, white solid, purity: 94%) and an impure product (168 mg, yellow gum, purity: 88.9%). The product was recrystallized with CHCl₃ and hexane to obtain 45 mg of the title product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.26 - 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.14 - 7.01 (m, 8H), 3.89 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.78-3.75 (m, 2H), 3.49 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H),

2.66 – 2.49 (m, 4H), 1.62 (d, $J = 10.6$ Hz, 2H). LC-MS (ESI) calcd for $C_{31}H_{30}N_2O_7S_2$ (m/z): 606.71. found: 607.3 $[M+1]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0150M



a. Preparation of compound C0150M-1

A solution of piperidin-4-one (47 mg, 0.47 mmol) in chloroform (3 mL) was treated with 1-benzothiophene-3-sulfonyl chloride (100 mg, 0.43 mmol) and triethylamine (0.12 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted in dichloromethane (30 mL). The solution was washed by 0.1 N HCl (30 mL $\times$ 2) and brine. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to obtain target product as light yellow solid (120 mg; yield: 94%).

b. Preparation of compound C0150M-2

A solution of **C0150M-1** (217 mg, 0.74 mmol) in ethanol (10 mL) was treated with p-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (6 mg) and 2-aminoethanol (452 mg, 7.4 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to dryness, the residue was diluted with dichloromethane, washed with saturated Na_2CO_3 , dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo* to

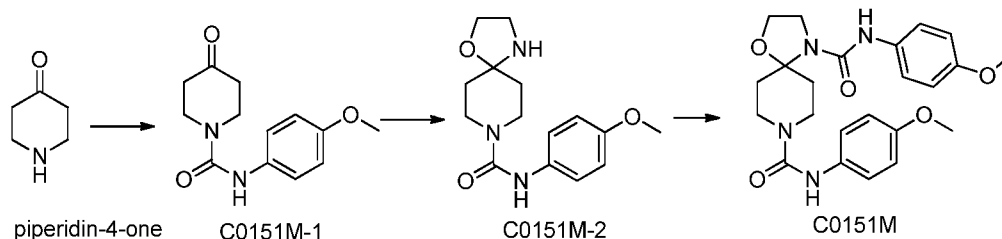
give the crude product as light yellow solid (228 mg, yield: 91.2%)

c. Preparation of compound C0150M

A solution of compound **C0150M-2** (228 mg, 0.67 mmol) in pyridine (3 mL) was treated with 4-benzothiophene-3-sulfonyl chloride (173 mg, 0.74 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, the residue was diluted with dichloromethane, and washed with 1N HCl (10 mL x 3), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give the crude product. The crude product was purified by chromatography eluted with petroleum ether:ethyl acetate=5:1 to 1:1 to obtain the title product (200 mg, white solid).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.18–8.21 (m, 2H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.90 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47–7.52 (m, 4H), 3.93 (dt, *J* = 1.6, 12.0 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (dt, *J* = 4.4, 12.8 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H). LC-MS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₂N₂O₅S₄ (m/z): 534.69. found: 535.3 [M+1]⁺.

Preparation of compound C0151M



a. Preparation of compound C0151M-1

The mixture of piperidin-4-one (643 mg, 6.5 mmol) and 1-isocyanato-4-methoxybenzene (500 mg, 3.4 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (1.1 g, 8.0 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 mL) was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. To the reaction mixture was added 5 mL water and the water phase was extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic layer was washed with 1N HCl and brine, dried, concentrated to obtain the product (800 mg, yield: 96%).

b. Preparation of compound C0151M-2

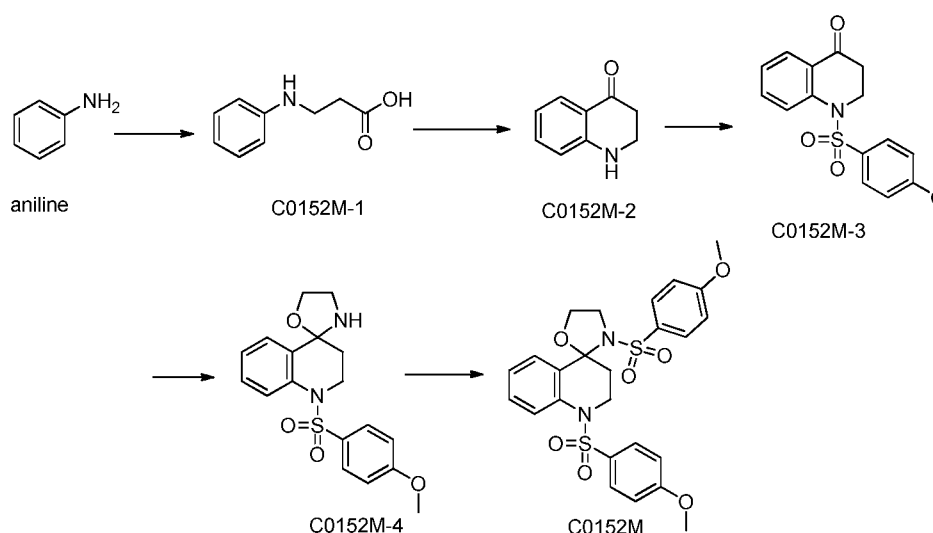
Ethanolamine (0.4 mL) was added to a solution of **C0151M-1** (0.5 g, 2.0 mmol) in ethanol (5.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and washed with saturated aqueous Na_2CO_3 . The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , concentrated to obtain the title product as white solid (530 mg, yield: 90%).

c. Preparation of compound C0151M

1-Isocyanato-4-methoxybenzene (268 mg, 1.8 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (373 mg, 2.7 mmol) were added to a solution of compound **C0151M-2** (530 mg, 1.8 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The mixture was filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was washed with diethyl ether and then diluted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic layer was washed with water and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , concentrated to obtain the title product as white solid (759 mg, yield: 95.2%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 7.25–7.19 (m, 4H); 6.86–6.81 (m, 4H); 6.29 (s, 1H); 6.19 (s, 1H); 4.10 (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H); 4.10 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 2H); 3.78 (s, 3H); 3.77 (s, 3H); 3.16 (dt, $J = 2.0, 13.2$ Hz, 2H); 2.79 (dt, $J = 5.6, 13.6$ Hz, 2H); 1.61 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 2H); MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_4\text{O}_5$ (m/z): 440.49. found: 441.1 $[\text{M}+1]^+$.

Preparation of compound C0152M



a. Preparation of compound C0152M-1

A mixture of aniline (5 g, 53.8 mmol), 3-bromopropanoic acid (8.2 g, 53.8 mmol), triethylamine (10.8 g, 107.6 mmol), sodium iodide (0.05 g), and tetrahydrofuran (50 mL) was stirred at reflux overnight (about 18 hours). The reaction mixture was cooled down and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with dichloromethane (DCM) (100 mL) and washed with water once. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2:\text{CH}_3\text{OH}:\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} = 200:1:1$) to obtain compound **C0152M-1** as brown oil (3 g; yield: 33%).

b. Preparation of compound C0152M-2

Compound **C0152M-1** (1.5 g, 9 mmol) and polyphosphoric acid (1.5 g) were heated at 100 °C for 1 hour. After cooling to 0 °C, ice-water was added into the reaction mixture. The aqueous phase was neutralized to pH 7 with saturated aqueous KHCO_3 at 0 °C and basified to pH 12 with saturated aqueous K_2CO_3 . The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (150 mL $\times$ 4). The organic layer were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and evaporated under reduced pressure to give a crude product which was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate =5:1) to give product as yellow oil (94 mg; yield: 7.1%)

c. Preparation of compound C0152M-3

4-Methoxybenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (159 mg, 0.77 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **C0152M-2** (160 mg, 1.08 mmol) in pyridine (5 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted in dichloromethane (30 mL) and washed with 0.1 N HCl (30 mL $\times$ 3) and brine. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to obtain the crude product. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate =5:1) to obtain the title product as white solid (130 mg; yield: 64%)

d. Preparation of compound C0152M-4

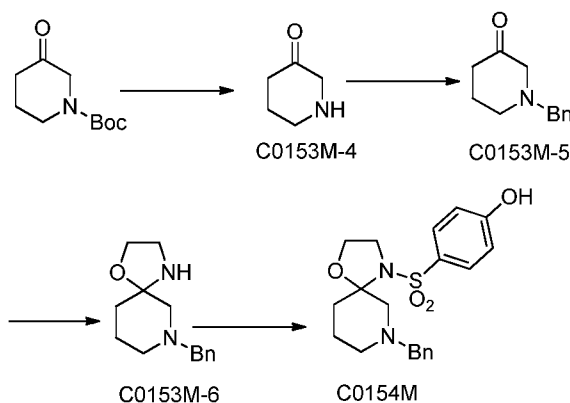
To a solution of **C0152M-3** (170 mg, 0.536 mmol) and 2-aminoethanol (327 mg, 5.36 mmol) in

ethanol (10 mL) was add 4-methylbenzenesulfonic acid mono- hydrate (3 mg, 0.016 mmol). The reaction was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL) and washed with saturated aqueous Na_2CO_3 (30 mL $\times$ 6). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , then concentrated to give compound **C0152M-4** as yellow solid (175 mg; yield: 90%).

e. Preparation of compound C0152M

4-Methoxybenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (85 mg, 0.41 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **C0152M-4** (123 mg, 0.34 mmol) in chloroform (5 mL) and triethylamine (69 mg, 0.68 mmol)). The mixture was stirred under reflux for 4 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled down and diluted with chloroform (40 mL). The organic layer was washed with 0.1 N HCl (30 mL $\times$ 3), water (1x) and brine (2x). Then it was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to obtain the crude product.

Preparation of compound C0154M



a. Preparation of compound C0153M-4

t-Butyl-3-oxopiperidine-1-carboxylate (500 mg, 2.51 mmol) in HCl/CH₃OH (12.5 mL) was heated to reflux for 0.5 hours. The solution was cooled to room temperature and evaporated to dryness to obtain the HCl salt of the title compound as yellow solid (330 mg, yield:97%).

b. Preparation of compound C0153M-5

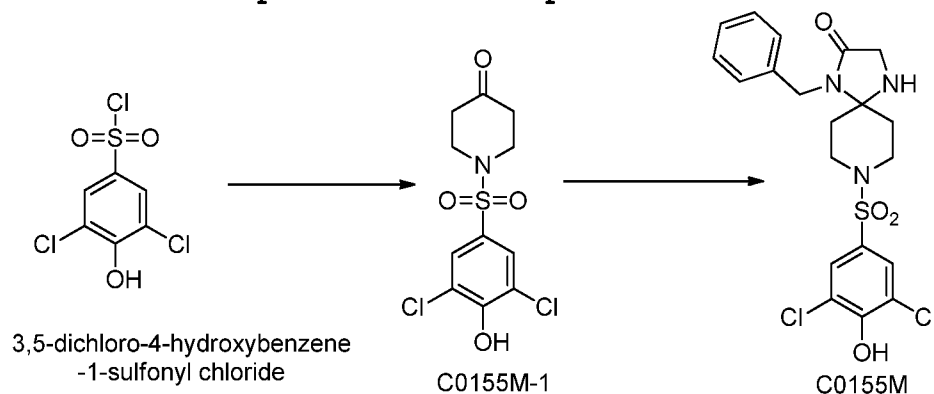
Piperidin-3-one hydrochloride (330 mg) was added to 10 mL of acetonitrile. Then, 1.38 g of K₂CO₃ and 855 mg of bromobenzene were added to the solution. The mixture was heated at reflux overnight (about 18 hours). The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by chromatography eluted with dichloromethane:methanol=30:1 to obtain the title product as yellow oil (260 mg, yield: 58.3%).

c. Preparation of compound C0153M-6

The solution of **C0153M-5** (250 mg, 1.32 mmol), 2-aminoethanol (282 mg, 4.62 mmol) in CH₃CH₂OH (3 mL) was stirred at room temperature overnight (about 18 hours). The reaction solution was evaporated to dryness and the residue was dissolved in dichloromethane and washed with saturated Na₂CO₃ (aq) (6x) and brine. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to dryness to obtain the title product as a yellow oil. (301 mg, yield: 98%).

d. Preparation of compound C0154

This compound is made using conditions and procedures discussed elsewhere herein.

Preparation of compound C0155M**a. Preparation of compound C0155M-1**

The mixture of piperidin-4-one (282 mg, 2.9 mmol) and 3,5-dichloro-4-hydroxybenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (500 mg, 1.9 mmol) in triethylamine (0.53 ml, 3.8 mmol) and CHCl_3 (30 ml) was stirred overnight (about 18 hours) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted in CHCl_3 (30 ml) and the mixture was washed with water and 0.1 N HCl and brine. The organic layer was dried and concentrated to obtain the crude product (600 mg, 97%).

b. Preparation of compound C0155M

The mixture compound **C0155M-1** (300 mg, 0.926 mmol), 2-amino-N-benzylacetamide (455 mg, 2.778 mmol) in ethanol (20 ml) was heated at reflux overnight (about 18 hours). The solvent was removed and the residue was purified via column chromatography ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ =100/1 to 10/1) to obtain the impure product (60 mg). The impure product was purified via preparative TLC to afford the product, however the purity was only 68% showed by HPLC (29 mg). The product was purified via prep-HPLC to afford the final product as white solid (15 mg, yield: 3.4 %).

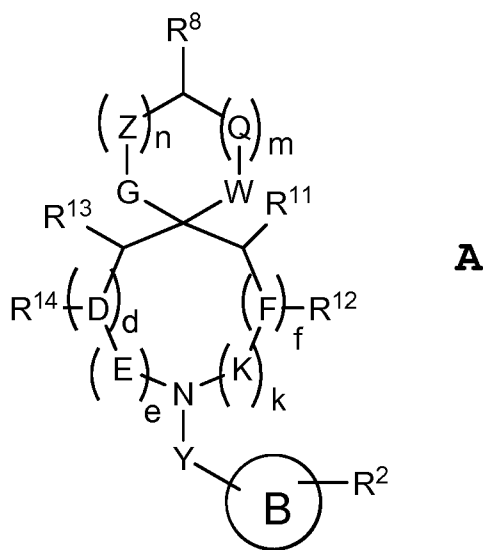
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD): 7.67 (s, 2H); 7.31–7.23 (m, 5H); 4.46 (s, 2H); 3.70–3.67 (m, 2H); 3.59 (s, 2H); 2.61–2.59 (m, 2H); 2.00 (td, $J = 13.6$, 5.2 Hz, 2H); 1.63 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 2H). LC-MS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}$ (m/z): 469.06. found: 470.3 $[\text{M}+1]^+$.

Each of the patents, patent applications and articles cited herein is incorporated by reference. The use of the article "a" or "an" is intended to include one or more.

The foregoing description and the examples are intended as illustrative and are not to be taken as limiting. Still other variations within the spirit and scope of this invention are possible and will readily present themselves to those skilled in the art.

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A compound that corresponds in structure to Formula **A** or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof



wherein

G and **W** are selected from the group consisting of NR^{20} , NR^7 , CH_2 , S and O, where R^7 is H, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$ hydrocarbyl, or $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$ hydrocarbonyl (acyl) and R^{20} is a group **X**-circle **A**- R^1 as defined hereinafter, with the provisos that only one of **G** and **W** is NR^{20} and that one of **G** and **W** must be NR^{20} ;

X and **Y** are the same or different and are SO_2 , $\text{C}(\text{O})$, CH_2 , CD_2 , $\text{OC}(\text{O})$, $\text{NHC}(\text{NH})$ or $\text{NHC}(\text{O})$;

Q is CHR^9 or $\text{C}(\text{O})$;

Z is CHR^{10} or $\text{C}(\text{O})$;

each of d, e, f and k is either zero or one and the sum of $(d + e + f + k) = 2$, e is zero when d is zero, and k is zero when f is zero;

D and **F** are the same or different and are CH or CD;

E and **K** are the same or different and are CH₂, CHD or CD₂;

each of m and n is zero or one and the sum of m+n is 1 or 2;

the circles **A** and **B** are the same or different aromatic or heteroaromatic ring systems that contain one ring or two fused rings;

R¹ and R² are the same or different and each can be hydrogen or represent up to three substituents other than hydrogen that themselves can be the same or different, R^{1a}, R^{1b}, and R^{1c}, and R^{2a}, R^{2b}, and R^{2c},

wherein each of those six groups, R^{1a-c} and R^{2a-c}, is separately selected from the group consisting of H, C₁-C₆ hydrocarbyl, C₁-C₆ hydrocarbyloxy, C₁-C₆ hydrocarbyloxycarbonyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C₁-C₇ hydrocarboyl, hydroxy-, trifluoromethyl- or halogen-substituted C₁-C₇ hydrocarboyl, C₁-C₆ hydrocarbylsulfonyl, C₁-C₆ hydrocarbyloxysulfonyl, halogen, nitro, phenyl, cyano, carboxyl, C₁-C₇ hydrocarbyl carboxylate, carboxamide or sulfonamide wherein the amido nitrogen in either group has the formula NR³R⁴ wherein R³ and R⁴ are the same or different and are H, C₁-C₄ hydrocarbyl, or R³ and R⁴ together with the depicted nitrogen form a 5-7-membered ring that optionally contains 1 or 2 additional hetero atoms that independently are nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur, , **MAr**, where **M** is -CH₂-, -O- or -N=N- and Ar is a single-ringed aryl group and

NR⁵R⁶ wherein R⁵ and R⁶ are the same or different and are H, C₁-C₄ hydrocarbyl, C₁-C₄ acyl, C₁-C₄

hydrocarbylsulfonyl, or R⁵ and R⁶ together with the depicted nitrogen form a 5-7-membered ring that optionally contains 1 or 2 additional hetero atoms that independently are nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur;

R⁸, R⁹, and R¹⁰ are each H, or two of R⁸, R⁹, and R¹⁰ are H and one is a C₁-C₈ hydrocarbyl group that is unsubstituted or is substituted with up to three atoms that are the same or different and are oxygen or nitrogen atoms;

R¹¹, R¹², R¹³ and R¹⁴ are all H, or R¹¹ and R¹³ are H and R¹² and R¹⁴ are H or D, or one of the pair R¹¹ and R¹² or the pair R¹³ and R¹⁴ together with the depicted ring form a saturated or unsaturated 6-membered ring, and the other pair are each H or they are H and D as recited herein,

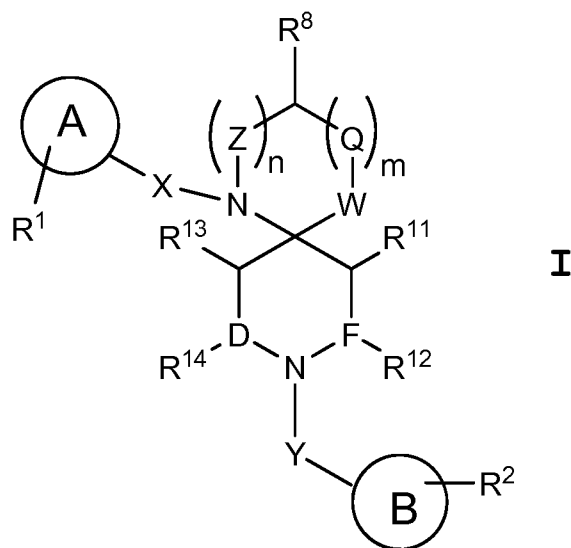
with the proviso that R¹ and R² are not both methoxy when **X** and **Y** are both SO₂, **W** is 0 and n is zero.

2. The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 1, wherein both of e and g are zero.

3. The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 1, wherein R¹ and R² are the same or different and each is hydrogen or represents one substituent other than hydrogen.

4. The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 1, wherein **G** is NR^{20} .

5. A compound that corresponds in structure to Formula **I** or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof



wherein

X and **Y** are the same or different and are SO_2 , C(O) , CH_2 , CD_2 , OC(O) , NHC(NH) or NHC(O) ;

W is NR^7 , CH_2 , S or O , where R^7 is H , $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$ hydrocarbyl, or $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$ hydrocarboyl (acyl);

Q is CHR^9 or C(O) ;

Z is CHR^{10} or C(O) ;

D and **F** are the same or different and are CH or CD ;

each of m and n is zero or one and the sum of $m+n$ is 1 or 2;

the circles **A** and **B** are the same or different aromatic or heteroaromatic ring systems that contain one ring or two fused rings,

wherein groups R^1 and R^2 are the same or different and each can be hydrogen or up to three substituents other than hydrogen that themselves can be the same or different, R^{1a} , R^{1b} , and R^{1c} , and R^{2a} , R^{2b} , and R^{2c} , each of those six groups, R^{1a-c} and R^{2a-c} , being separately selected from the group consisting of H, C_1 - C_6 hydrocarbyl, C_1 - C_6 hydrocarbyloxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C_1 - C_7 hydrocarboyl, hydroxy-, trifluoromethyl- or halogen-substituted C_1 - C_7 hydrocarboyl, C_1 - C_6 hydrocarbylsulfonyl, halogen, nitro, phenyl, cyano, carboxyl, $C(O)O$ - C_1 - C_7 hydrocarbyl, $C(O)NR^3R^4$ or $S(O)_2NR^3R^4$, wherein R^3 and R^4 in either group are the same or different and are H, C_1 - C_4 hydrocarbyl, or R^3 and R^4 together with the depicted nitrogen form a 5-7-membered ring that optionally contains 1 or 2 additional hetero atoms that independently are nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur, , **M**Ar, where **M** is $-CH_2-$, $-O-$ or $-N=N-$ and Ar is a single-ringed aryl group and NR^5R^6 wherein R^5 and R^6 are the same or different and are H, C_1 - C_4 hydrocarbyl, C_1 - C_4 acyl, C_1 - C_4 hydrocarbylsulfonyl, or R^5 and R^6 together with the depicted nitrogen form a 5-7-membered ring that optionally contains 1 or 2 additional hetero atoms that independently are nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur;

R^8 , R^9 , and R^{10} are each H, or two of R^8 , R^9 , and R^{10} are H and one is a C_1 - C_8 hydrocarbyl group that is unsubstituted or is substituted with up to three atoms that are the same or different and are oxygen or nitrogen atoms;

R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} and R^{14} are all H, or R^{11} and R^{13} are H and R^{12} and R^{14} are H or D, or one of the pair R^{11} and R^{12} or the pair R^{13} and R^{14} together with the depicted ring form a saturated or unsaturated 6-membered ring, and the other pair are each H or they are H and D as recited herein,

with the proviso that R^1 and R^2 are not both methoxy when **X** and **Y** are both SO_2 , **W** is 0 and **n** is zero.

6. The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 5, wherein **X** and **Y** are the same.

7. The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 6, wherein **X** and **Y** are both SO_2 .

8. The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 5, wherein **W** is 0.

9. The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 5, wherein R^1 and R^2 are the same.

10. The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 9, wherein R^1 and R^2 have a Hammett sigma value for the *para*-position greater than -0.2.

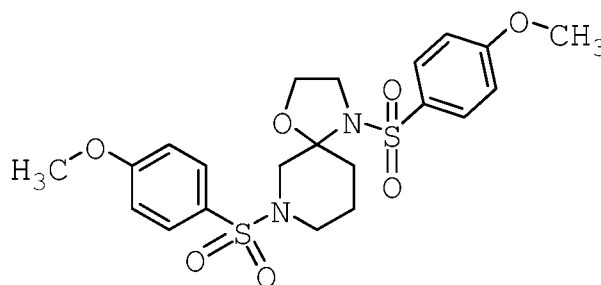
11. The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 9, wherein R^1 and

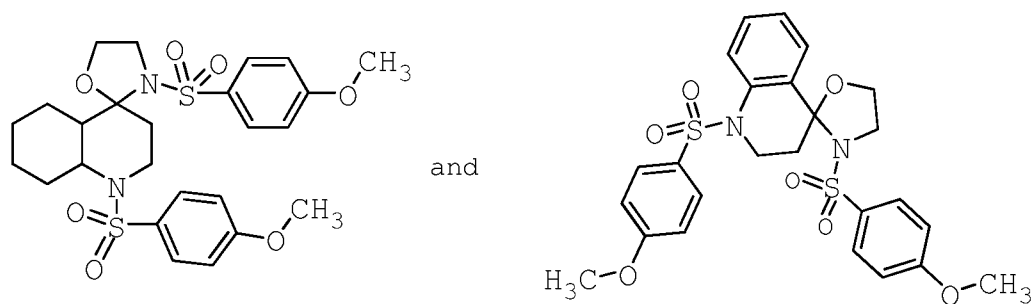
R^2 are present at the same relative position in each of their respective rings relative to the position of the X and Y groups, respectively.

12. The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 11, wherein R^1 and R^2 are selected from the group consisting of trifluoromethyl, C_1 - C_6 acyl, C_1 - C_4 alkylsulfonyl, halogen, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, C_1 - C_4 alkyl carboxylate, carboxamide or sulfonamide wherein the amido nitrogen of either group has the formula NR^3R^4 wherein R^3 and R^4 are the same or different and are H, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, and NR^5R^6 wherein R^5 and R^6 are the same or different and are H, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 acyl, C_1 - C_4 alkylsulfonyl.

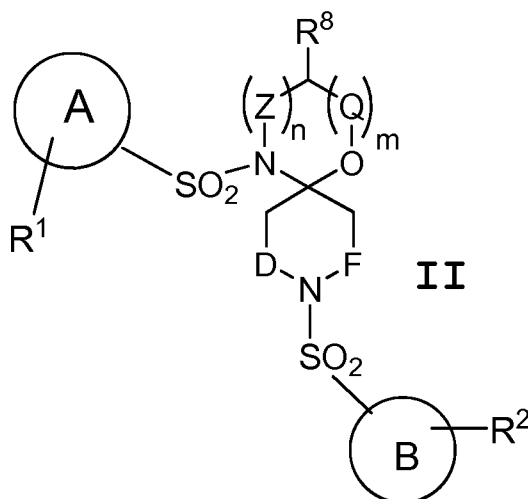
13. The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 5, wherein n is zero.

14. The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 5, wherein said compound of Formula **I** is selected from the group consisting of





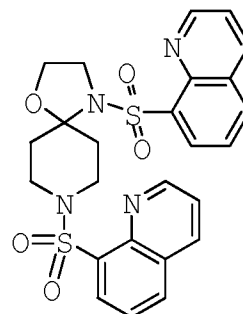
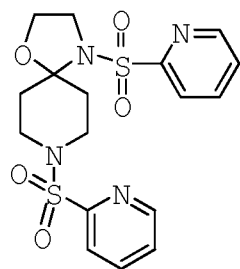
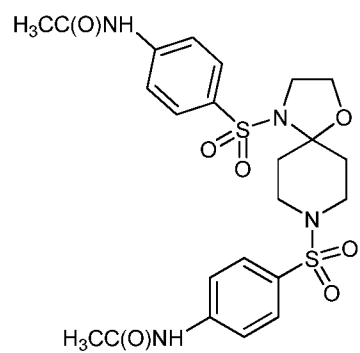
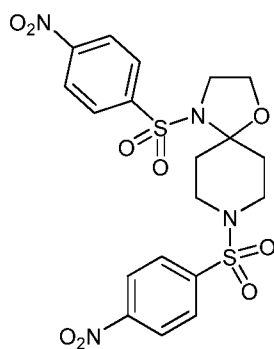
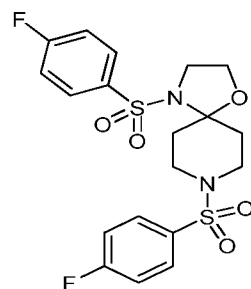
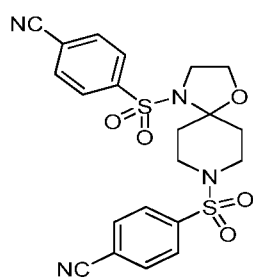
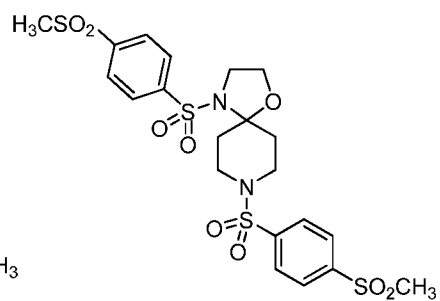
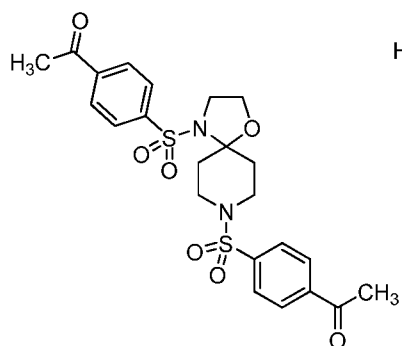
15. The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 5 whose structure corresponds to Formula **II**,

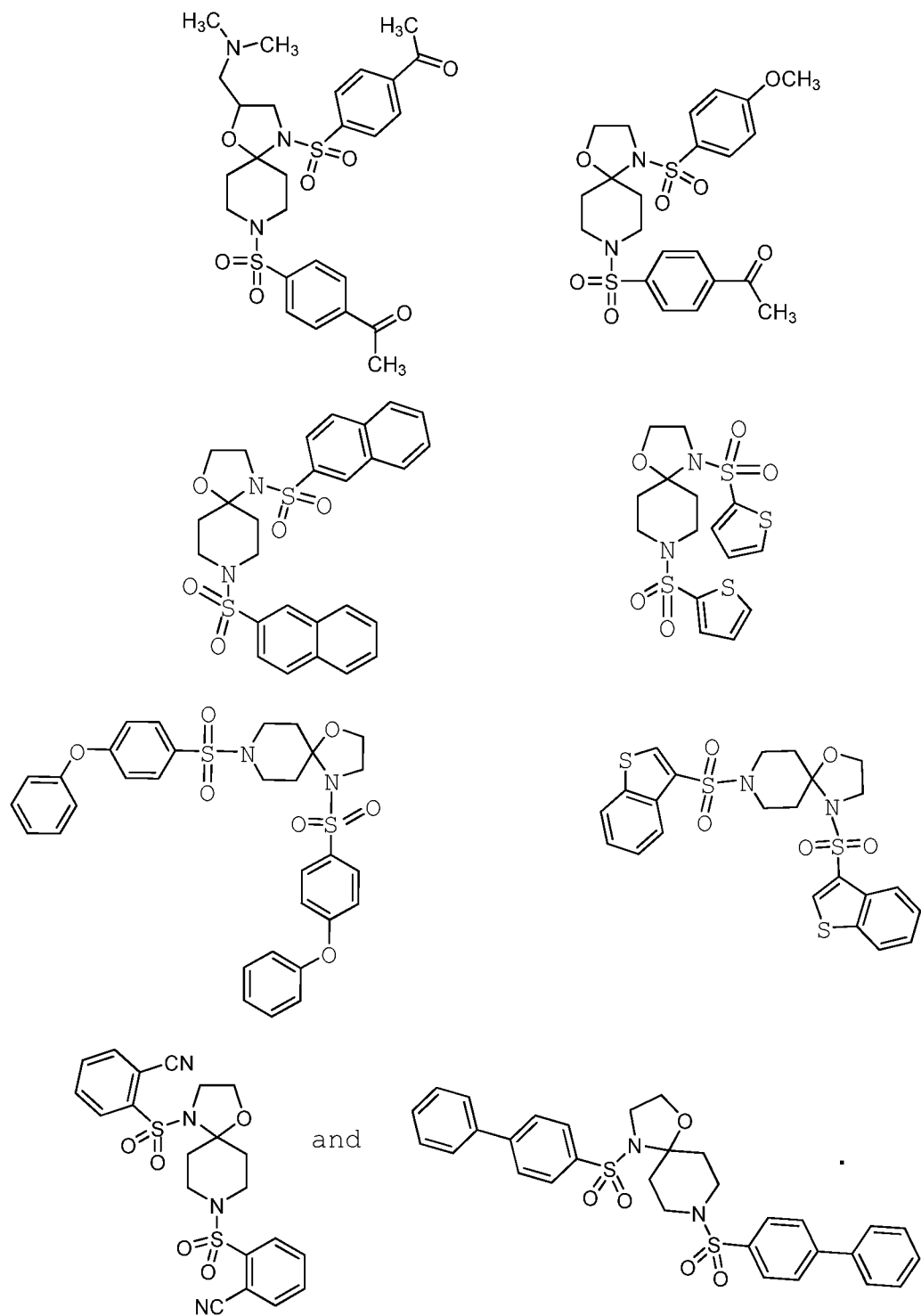


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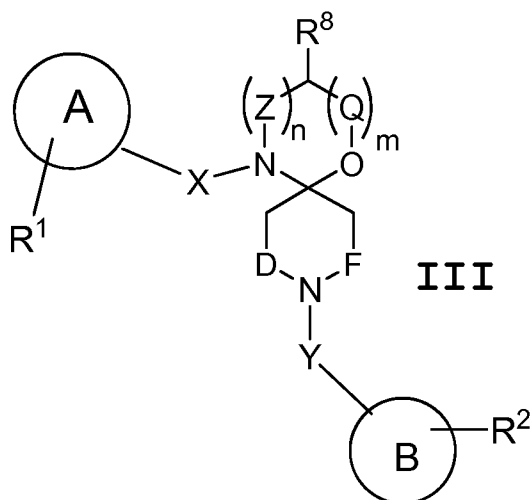
circle **A** and circle **B**, **D**, **F**, **Z**, **Q**, m , n , R^1 , R^2 and R^8 are as described previously.

16. The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 15, wherein said compound of Formula **II** is selected from the group consisting of





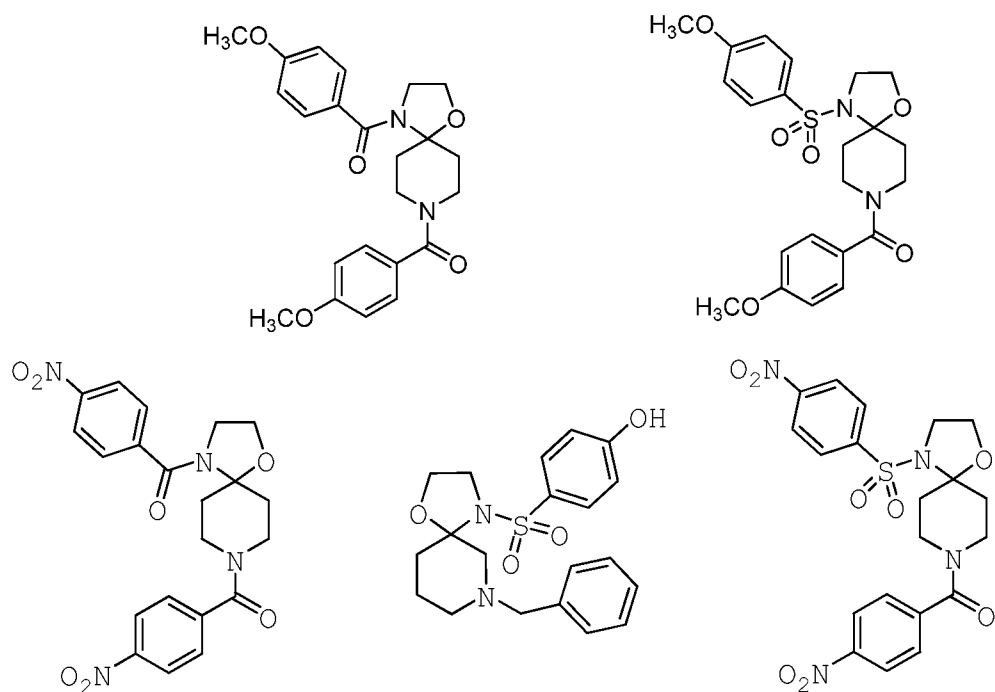
17. The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 5 whose structure corresponds to Formula **III**

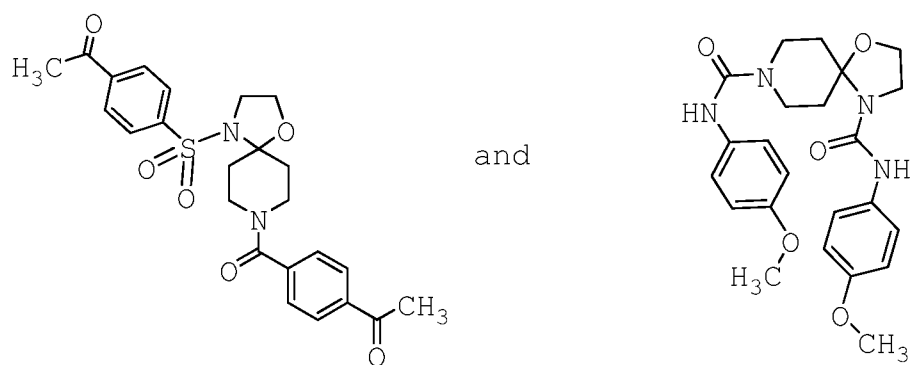


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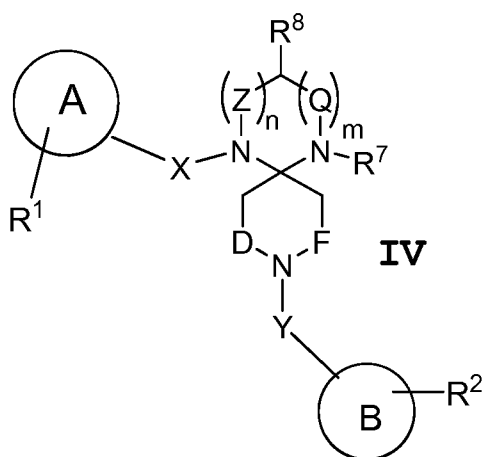
circle **A** and circle **B**, **D**, **F**, **Z**, **Q**, m , n , R^1 , R^2 and R^8 are as described previously, and **X** and **Y** are both $C(O)$, or are different and are SO_2 , $C(O)$, CH_2 , $OC(O)$, $NHC(NH)$ or $NHC(O)$.

18. The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 17 wherein said compound of Formula **III** is





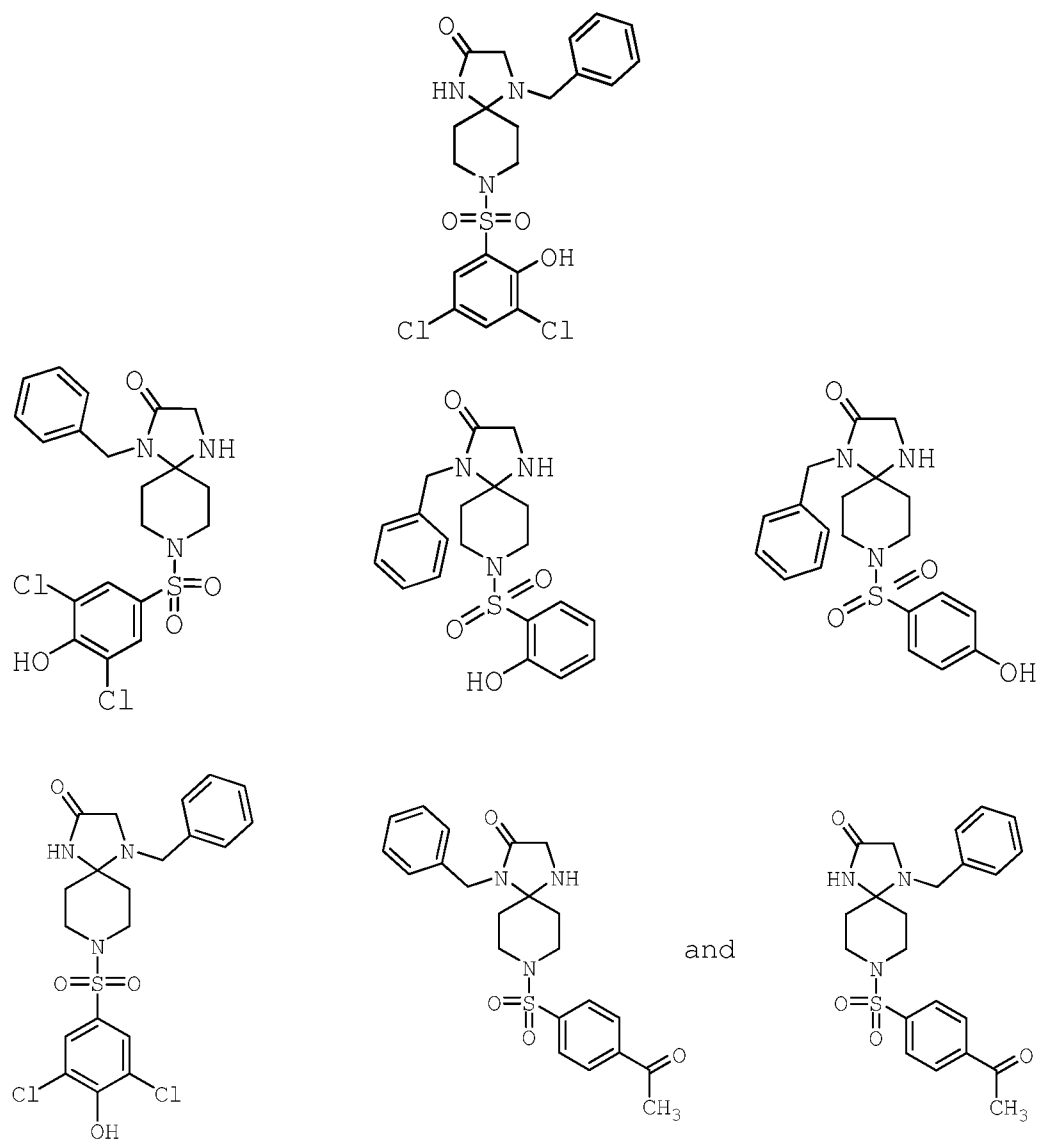
19. The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 5 whose structure corresponds to Formula **IV**



wherein

circle **A** and circle **B, D, F, X, Y, Z, Q**, m ,
 n , R^1 , R^2 , R^7 and R^8 are as described previously.

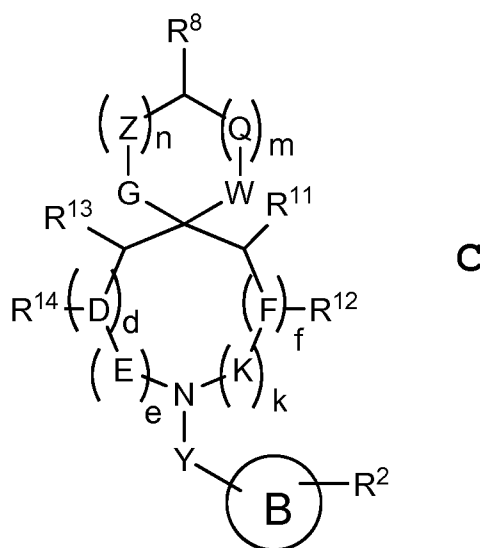
20. The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 19 wherein said compound of Formula **IV** is



21. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an analgesic effective amount of a compound of claim 1 or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt dissolved or dispersed in a physiologically tolerable carrier.

22. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an analgesic effective amount of a compound of claim 5 or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt dissolved or dispersed in a physiologically tolerable carrier.

23. A method of reducing one or both of inflammation and pain in a host mammal in need thereof that comprises administering to that host mammal a pharmaceutical composition containing an analgesic effective amount of a compound of Formula **C** or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt dissolved or dispersed in a physiologically tolerable carrier



wherein

G and **W** are selected from the group consisting of NR^{20} , NR^7 , CH_2 , S and O , where R^7 is H , $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$ hydrocarbyl, or $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$ hydrocarbonyl and R^{20} is a group **X**-circle **A**- R^1 as defined hereinafter, with the provisos that only one of **G** and **W** is NR^{20} and that one of **G** and **W** must be NR^{20} ;

X and **Y** are the same or different and are SO_2 , $\text{C}(\text{O})$, CH_2 , CD_2 , $\text{OC}(\text{O})$, $\text{NHC}(\text{NH})$ or $\text{NHC}(\text{O})$;

Q is CHR^9 or $\text{C}(\text{O})$;

Z is CHR^{10} or $\text{C}(\text{O})$;

each of d, e, f and k is either zero or one and the sum of $(d + e + f + k) = 2$, e is zero when d is zero, and k is zero when f is zero;

D and **F** are the same or different and are CH or CD;

each of m and n is zero or one and the sum of m+n is 1 or 2;

the circles **A** and **B** are the same or different aromatic or heteroaromatic ring systems;

R^1 and R^2 are the same or different and each can be hydrogen or represent up to three substituents other than hydrogen that themselves can be the same or different, R^{1a} , R^{1b} , and R^{1c} , and R^{2a} , R^{2b} , and R^{2c} ,

wherein each of those six groups, R^{1a-c} and R^{2a-c} , is separately selected from the group consisting of H, C_1 - C_6 hydrocarbyl, C_1 - C_6 hydrocarbyloxy, C_1 - C_6 hydrocarbyloxycarbonyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C_1 - C_7 hydrocarboyl, hydroxy-, trifluoromethyl- or halogen-substituted C_1 - C_7 hydrocarboyl, C_1 - C_6 hydrocarbylsulfonyl, C_1 - C_6 hydrocarbyloxysulfonyl, halogen, nitro, phenyl, cyano, carboxyl, C_1 - C_7 hydrocarbyl carboxylate, carboxamide or sulfonamide wherein the amido nitrogen in either group has the formula NR^3R^4 wherein R^3 and R^4 are the same or different and are H, C_1 - C_4 hydrocarbyl, or R^3 and R^4 together with the depicted nitrogen form a 5-7-membered ring that optionally contains 1 or 2 additional hetero atoms that independently are nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur, **MAr**, where **M** is $-CH_2-$, $-O-$ or $-N=N-$ and Ar is a single-ringed aryl group and

NR⁵R⁶ wherein R⁵ and R⁶ are the same or different and are H, C₁-C₄ hydrocarbyl, C₁-C₄ acyl, C₁-C₄

hydrocarbylsulfonyl, or R⁵ and R⁶ together with the depicted nitrogen form a 5-7-membered ring that optionally contains 1 or 2 additional hetero atoms that independently are nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur;

R⁸, R⁹, and R¹⁰ are each H, or two of R⁸, R⁹, and R¹⁰ are H and one is a C₁-C₈ hydrocarbyl group that is unsubstituted or is substituted with up to three atoms that are the same or different and are oxygen or nitrogen atoms;

R¹¹, R¹², R¹³ and R¹⁴ are all H, or one of the pair R¹¹ and R¹² or the pair R¹³ and R¹⁴ together with the depicted ring form a saturated or unsaturated 6-membered ring, and the other pair are each H, R¹¹ is H when e is zero, and R¹⁴ is H when g is zero.

24. The method according to claim 23, wherein both of e and g are zero.

25. The method according to claim 23, wherein R¹ and R² are the same or different and each is hydrogen or represents one substituent other than hydrogen.

26. The method according to claim 25, wherein **G** is NR²⁰.

27. The method according to claim 26, wherein **X** and **Y** are the same.

28. The method according to claim 27, wherein **X** and **Y** are both SO₂.

29. The method according to claim 27, wherein **W** is 0.

30. The method according to claim 27, wherein R¹ and R² are the same.

31. The method according to claim 27, wherein said host mammal is selected from the group consisting of a primate, a laboratory rodent, a companion animal, and a food animal.

32. The method according to claim 27, wherein said composition is administered a plurality of times over a period of days.

33. The method according to claim 32, wherein said composition is administered a plurality of times in one day.

34. The method according to claim 27, wherein said composition is administered perorally.

35. The method according to claim 27, wherein said composition is administered parenterally.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

PubWEST(USPT,PGPB,EPAB,JPAB); Dialog

Search filamin A, diazaspiro, imidazole,pain, analgesic

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X ----- Y	PubChem entry ZINC12342403. PubChem (online) 13 Nov 2007 [retrieved on Jan 6, 2010] Retrieved from the internet URL: http://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/summary/summary.cgi?sid=30786254&viewopt=PubChem .	1-8, 13 and 15 ----- 9-12 and 16-35
Y	US 2004/0192916 A1 (BUSCHMANN et al.) 30 September 2004 (30.09.2004) para[0007], para[0008], para[0012], para[0015], para[0031], para[0344], para[0338], para[0391], para[0411]	9-12, 14 and 16-35
Y	US 5,869,496 A (HALE et al.) February 1999 (09.02.1999) col 6, ln 44-67	14
Y	US 6,060,469 A (BAKER et al.) 9 May 2000 (09.05.2000) Abstract, col 14, ln 57-60, col 16, ln 40-45, col 21, ln 5-20	32-33
Y	US 2007/0015783 A1 (SUNDERMANN et al.) 18 January 2007 (18.01.2007) para[0007], para[0008]	19-20

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I: Claims 1-8, 13, and 15* are drawn to a compound of Formula A, including claims in which e and g are zero.

Group II: Claims 5, 9-12, and 14-16 are drawn to a compound of Formula I, including claims in which R1 and R2 are the same.

Group III: Claims 5, 17, and 18 are drawn to a compound of Formula I, including claims in which X and Y are both C(O), or are different (i.e. Formula III).

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1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of additional fees.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest and, where applicable, the payment of a protest fee.
- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid within the time limit specified in the invitation.
- ☒ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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-----Continued from Box III Unity of Invention -----

Group III: Claims 19 and 20 are drawn to a compound of Formula I, including claims in which W is nitrogen (i.e. Formula IV).

Group IV: Claims 21-25 are drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising an analgesic effective compound of Formula A (e.g. Formula I) and a method of reducing one or both of inflammation and pain in a host mammal.

The groups listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons.

The NCBI PubChem entry ZINC12342403 (Nov 2007; retrieved on 6 Jan 2009 from the internet URL: <
http://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/summary/summary.cgi?cid=16803305&loc=ec_rcs>) teaches a compound of Formula A and Formula I (see structure depicted on pg 1), wherein:

G is NR₂₀;

W is O;

X and Y are each SO₂;

Q is CHR₉ (m is 1);

Z is absent (i.e. n is zero);

E and K are absent (e and k are zero);

D and F are CH (d and f are each 1);

A and B are each phenyl;

R₁ CH₃;

R₂ is R_{2a} and R_{2b} which are each halogens (fluorine),

R₈ and R₁₁-R₁₄ are each H.

Accordingly, unity of invention is lacking.

***Note: Claims 3-8, 13, 15 are included in Group I because they read on the prior art of record.