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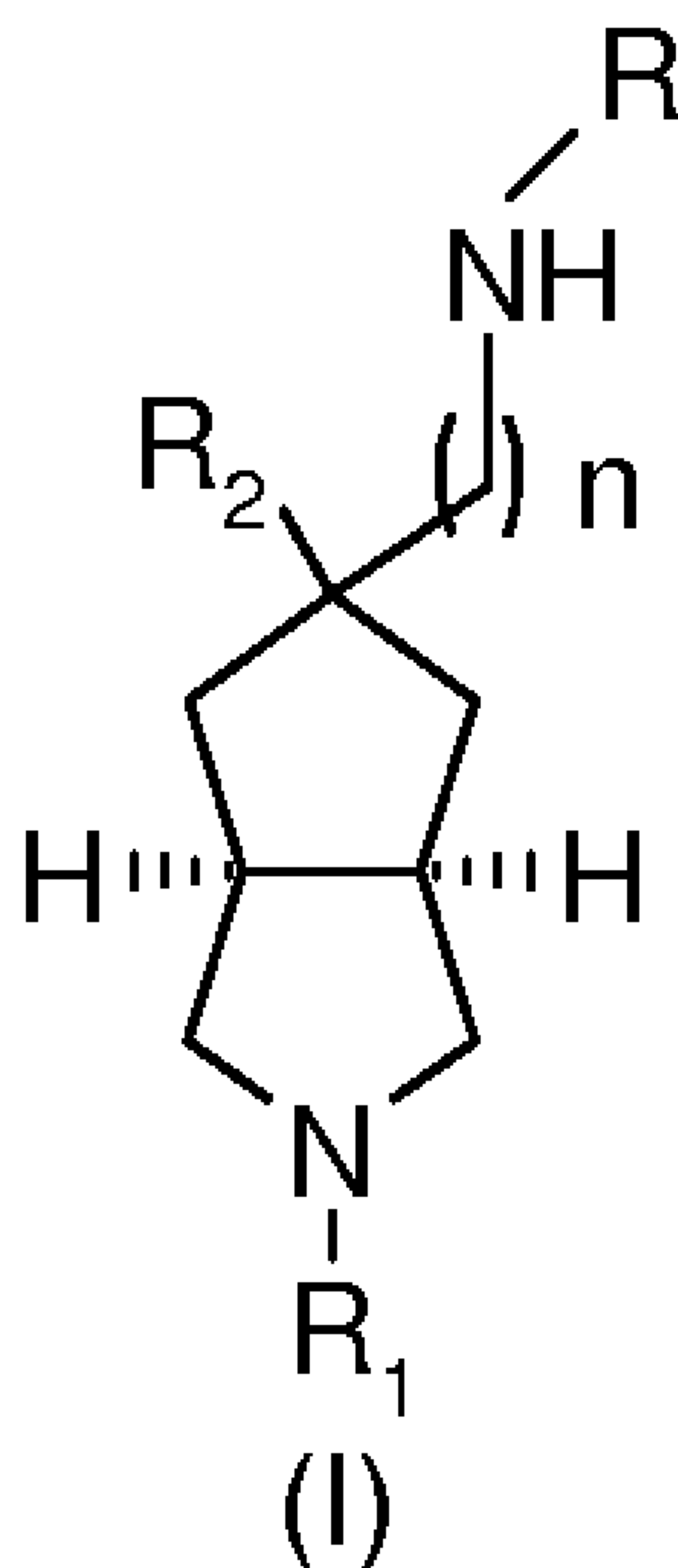
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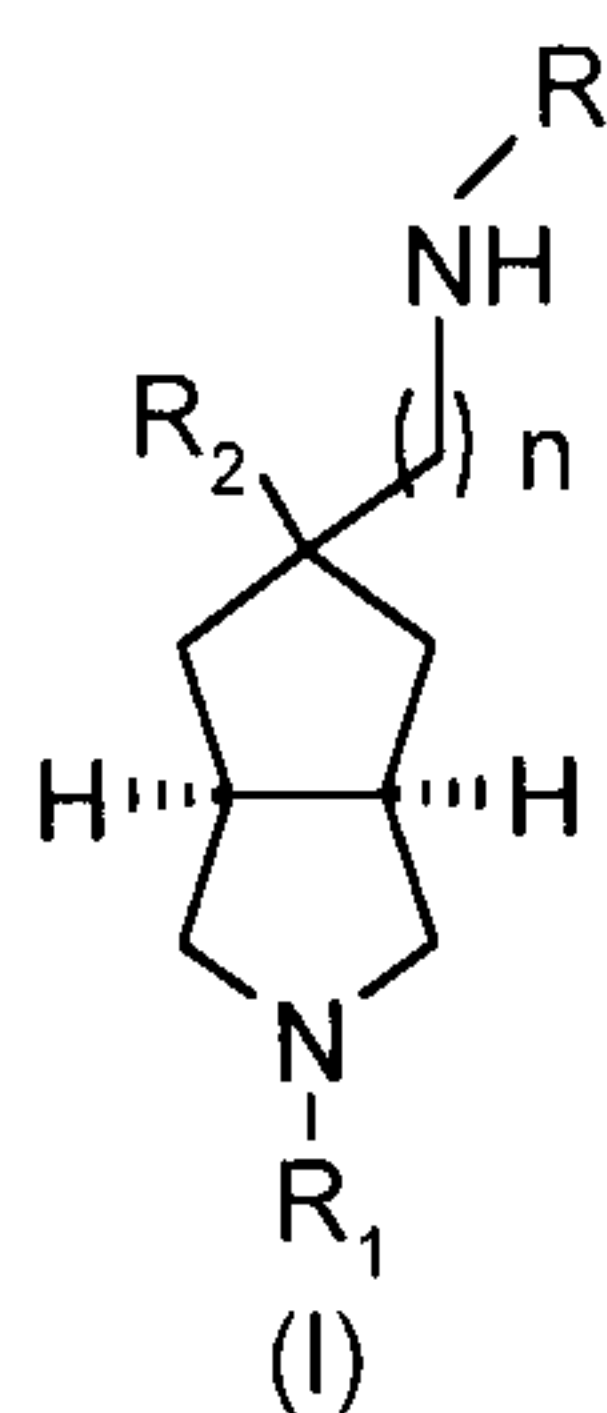
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DICYCLOAZAALKANE DERIVATES, PREPARATION PROCESSES AND MEDICAL USES THEREOF

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FIELD

This disclosure relates to derivatives of azabicyclo alkane, the method for making them, and the compositions containing the same and the uses thereof, particularly their pharmaceutical use as inhibitors of dipeptidyl peptidase IV (DPP-IV).

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BACKGROUND

Diabetes refers to a disease derived from multiple causative factors and characterized by elevated levels of plasma glucose or hyperglycemia, along with sugar, fat and protein metabolism disorders caused by insulin secretion and/or the action defects. Diabetes is an ancient disease due to the human body absolute or relative lack of insulin, which results in increased concentrations of glucose in the blood. The glucose is largely discharged in urine. High blood levels of glucose can cause several problems, such as excessive thirst, frequent urination, increased appetite, weight loss, dizziness, fatigue, and other symptoms.

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Dipeptidyl peptidase-IV (DPP-IV) is a serine protease that cleaves N-terminal dipeptides from a peptide chain containing, preferably, a proline residue in the penultimate position. Although its biological role in mammalian systems has not been completely established, DPP-IV is believed to play an important role in neuropeptide metabolism, T-cell activation, attachment of cancer cells to the endothelium and the entry of HIV into lymphoid cells (WO98/19998).

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More recently, it was discovered that DPP-IV is responsible for inhibiting the secretion of glucagon-like peptide (GLP)-1. More particularly, DPP-IV cleaves the amino-terminal His-Ala dipeptide of GLP-1, degrading active GLP-1(7-36)NH₂ into inactive GLP-1(9-36)NH₂ (Endocrinology, 1999, 140: 5356-5363). Under the physiological condition, the half-life of the whole GLP-1 in blood circulation is short, the inactive metabolite from GLP-1 degraded by DPP-IV can combine with GLP-1 receptor to antagonize the active GLP-1, so the physiological response to GLP-1 is shortened. The endogenous even exogenous GLP-1 can be entirely protected by the DPP-IV inhibitor from being deactivated by DPP-IV, and the GLP-1 bioactivity can be significantly increased (5- to 10-fold). Since GLP-1 is a major stimulator of pancreatic insulin secretion and can directly effect on glucose disposal, the DPP-IV inhibitor is well useful for treating non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (NIDDM) (US6110949).

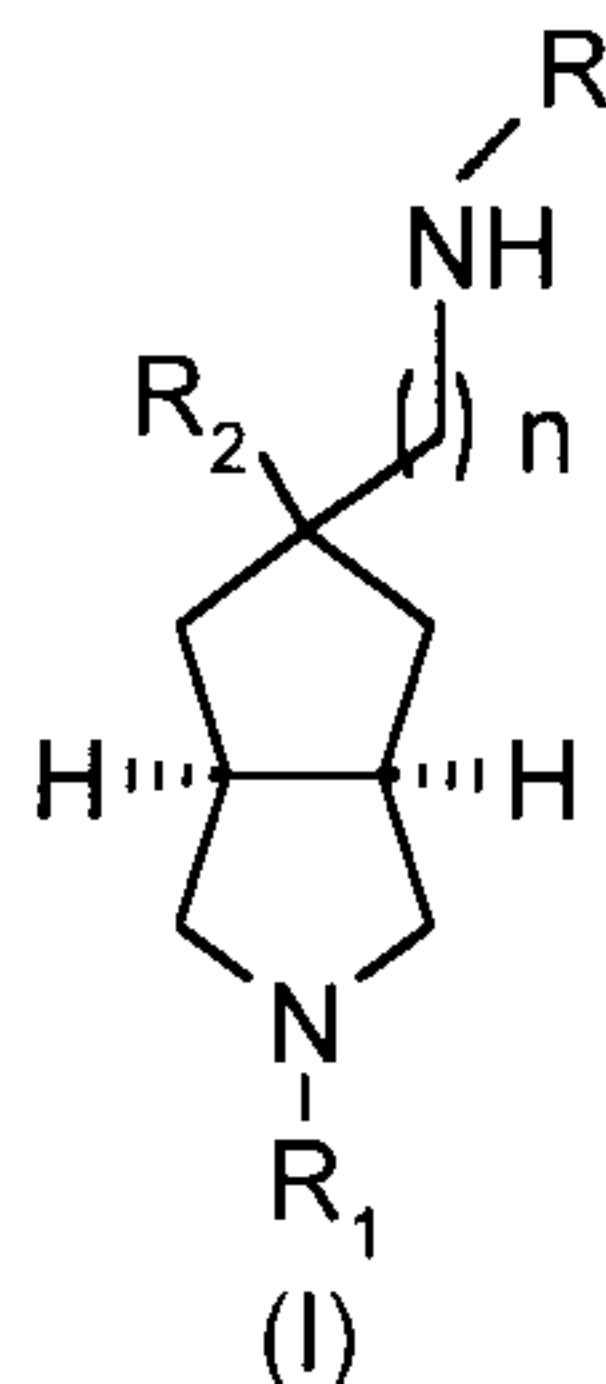
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SUMMARY

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Accordingly, the present disclosure relates to compounds represented by formula (I) or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.



5 wherein:

R is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, haloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aminocarbonyl alkyl, amide alkyl, aminocarbonyl alkyl having heterocycle and aminoalkyl, wherein the heterocycle is 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring further substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxyl, hydroxyl, amino, alkylamino, amido, aminocarbonyl, cyano, alkynyl, alkoxyl, aryloxy, aminoalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, carboxylic acid, carboxylic ester and halogen;

R₁ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -C(O)NR₃R₄, -C(O)R₃ and -C(O)OR₃, wherein the alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl is further optionally substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, hydroxyl, amino, alkoxyl, aryloxy and heterocyclic alkyl;

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl, wherein the alkyl is further substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl and aryl;

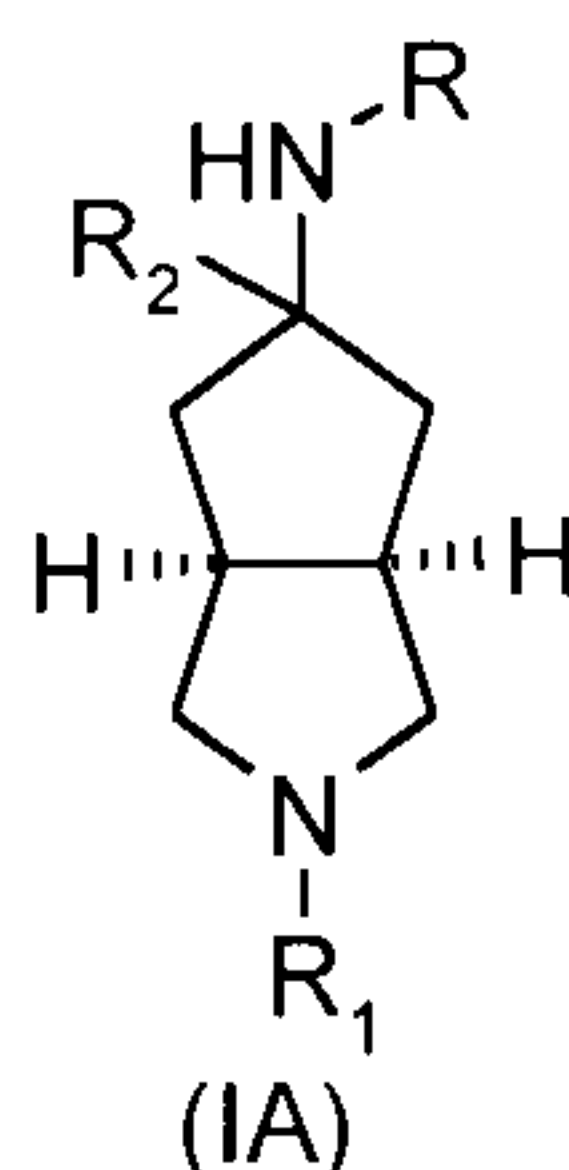
R₃ and R₄ are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic alkyl, wherein the alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclic alkyl is further optionally substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxyl, cycloalkoxyl, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, halogen, hydroxyl, amino, cyano, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, heterocyclic alkoxyl, trifluoromethyl, carboxylic acid and carboxylic ester; and

R₃ and R₄ are optionally attached together with the N atom to form a 3- to 8-membered heterocyclic ring, wherein the 3- to 8- membered heterocyclic ring further optionally contains one or more heteroatoms selected from N, O and S, and the 3- to 8-membered ring is further optionally substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxyl, hydroxyl, amino, cyano, alkoxyl, aryloxy, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, carboxylic acid, carboxylic ester, halogen and -NR₃R₄; and

n is an integer from 0 to 4.

Further, the present disclosure includes the compounds having formula (IA) or

pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof:



wherein:

R is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, haloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aminocarbonyl alkyl, amide alkyl, aminocarbonyl alkyl having heterocycle and aminoalkyl, wherein the heterocycle is 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring further substituted with one or more independently groups selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxyl, hydroxyl, amino, alkylamino, amido, aminocarbonyl, cyano, alkynyl, alkoxyl, aryloxy, aminoalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, carboxylic acid, carboxylic ester and halogen;

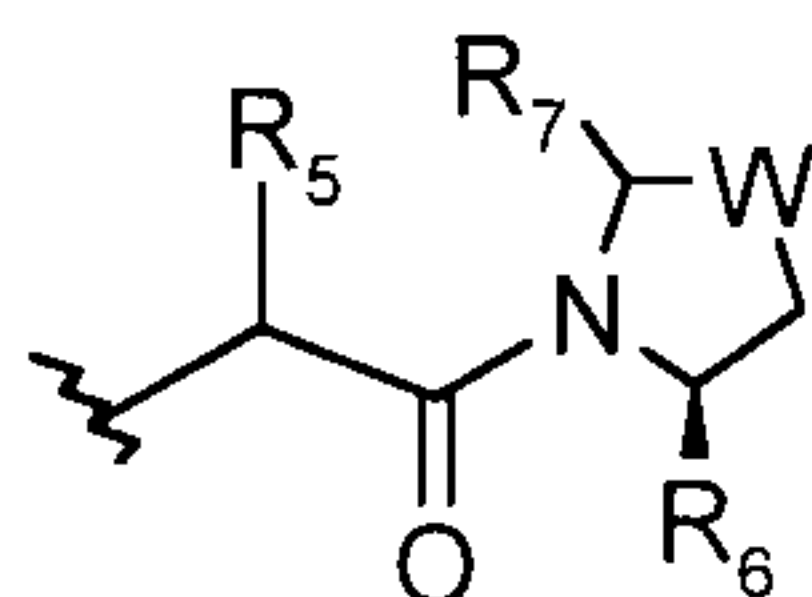
R₁ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -C(O)NR₃R₄, -C(O)R₃ and -C(O)OR₃, wherein the alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl is optionally further substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, hydroxyl, amino, alkoxyl, aryloxy and heterocyclic alkyl;

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl, wherein the alkyl is further substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl and aryl;

R₃ and R₄ are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic alkyl, wherein the alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclic alkyl is further optionally substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxyl, cycloalkoxyl, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, halogen, hydroxyl, amino, cyano, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, heterocyclic alkoxyl, trifluoromethyl, carboxylic acid and carboxylic ester; and

R₃ and R₄ are optionally attached together with the N atom to form a 3- to 8-membered heterocyclic ring, wherein the 3- to 8- membered heterocyclic ring further optionally contains one or more heteroatoms selected from N, O and S, and the 3- to 8-membered ring is further optionally substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxyl, hydroxyl, amino, cyano, alkoxyl, aryloxy, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, carboxylic acid, carboxylic ester, halogen and -NR₃R₄.

Preferably, in the compounds represented by formula (I) or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, R is the following formula:



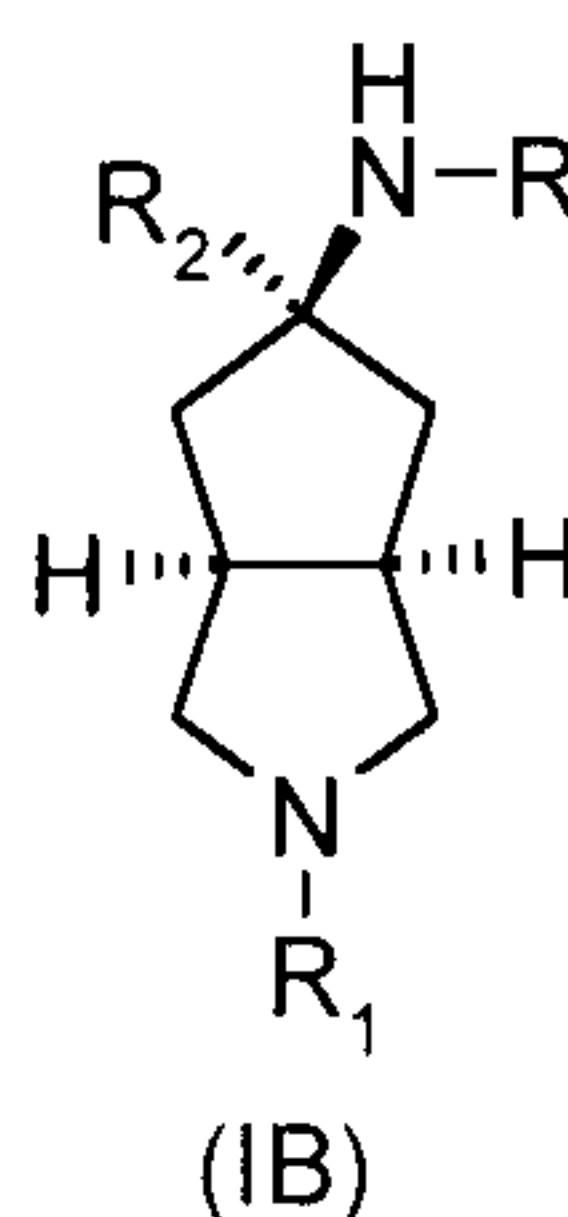
wherein:

R₅ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic alkyl, wherein the alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclic alkyl is further optionally substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxyl, cycloalkoxyl, aryloxyl, heteroaryloxyl, halogen, hydroxyl, amino, alkylamino, cyano, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, heterocyclic alkoxyl, carboxylic acid and carboxylic ester;

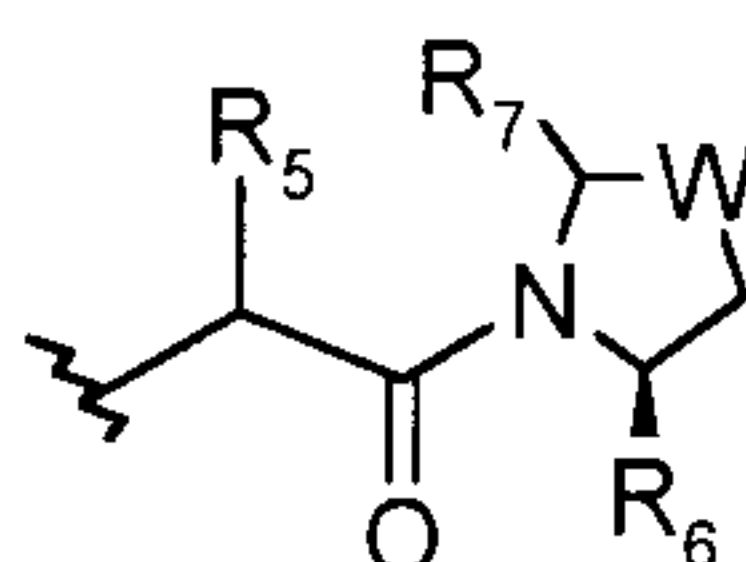
R₆ and R₇ are each independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxyl, hydroxyl, amino, cyano, alkynyl, alkoxyl, aryloxyl, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, carboxylic acid, carboxylic ester and halogen; and

W is C, S or O, wherein C is further optionally substituted with R₆ or R₇.

Further, the present disclosure includes the compounds represented by formula (IB) or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof:



wherein: R is the following formula:



R₁ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -C(O)NR₃R₄, -C(O)R₃ and -C(O)OR₃, wherein the alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl is further substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, hydroxyl, amino, alkoxyl, aryloxyl and heterocyclic alkyl;

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl, wherein the alkyl is further substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl and aryl;

R₃ and R₄ are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic alkyl, wherein the alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclic alkyl is further substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxyl, cycloalkoxyl, aryloxyl, heteroaryloxyl, halogen, hydroxyl, amino, cyano, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, heterocyclic alkoxyl, trifluoromethyl, carboxylic acid

and carboxylic ester; and

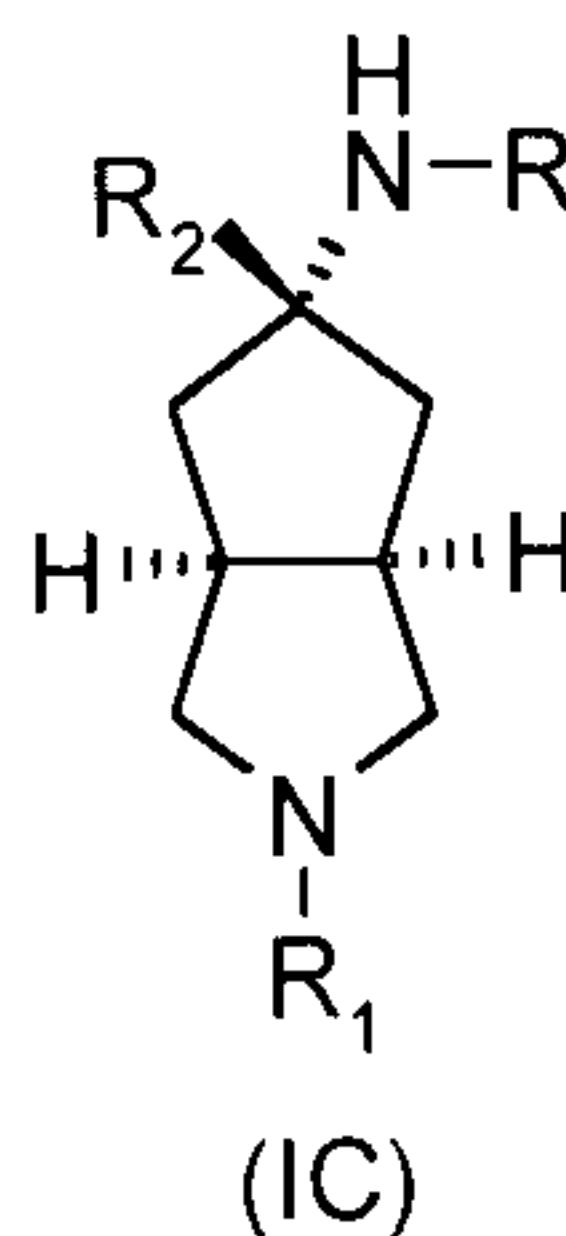
R₃ and R₄ are attached together with the N atom to form a 3- to 8- membered heterocyclic ring, wherein the 3- to 8- membered heterocyclic ring further contains one or more heteroatoms selected from N, O and S, and the 3- to 8- membered ring is further substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxyl, hydroxyl, amino, cyano, alkoxyl, aryloxy, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, carboxylic acid, carboxylic ester, halogen and -NR₃R₄;

R₅ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic alkyl, wherein the alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclic alkyl is further substituted with one or more independently groups selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxyl, cycloalkoxyl, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, halogen, hydroxyl, amino, alkylamino, cyano, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, heterocyclic alkoxyl, carboxylic acid and carboxylic ester;

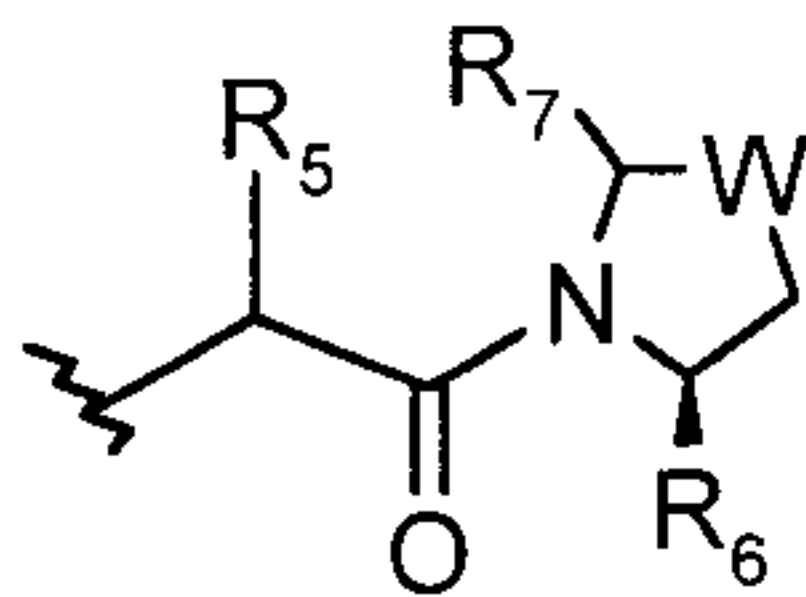
R₆ and R₇ are each independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxyl, hydroxyl, amino, cyano, alkynyl, alkoxyl, aryloxy, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, carboxylic acid, carboxylic ester and halogen; and

W is C, S or O, wherein C is further substituted with R₆ or R₇.

Further, the present disclosure includes the compounds represented by formula (IC) or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof:



wherein: R is the following formula:



R₁ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -C(O)NR₃R₄, -C(O)R₃ and -C(O)OR₃, wherein the alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl is further substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, hydroxyl, amino, alkoxyl, aryloxy and heterocyclic alkyl;

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl, wherein the alkyl is further substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl and aryl;

R₃ and R₄ are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic alkyl, wherein the alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclic alkyl is further substituted with one or more groups

independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, halogen, hydroxyl, amino, cyano, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, heterocyclic alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, carboxylic acid and carboxylic ester; and

R₃ and R₄ are attached together with the N atom to form a 3- to 8- membered heterocyclic ring, wherein the 3- to 8- membered heterocyclic ring further contains one or more heteroatoms selected from N, O and S, and the 3- to 8- membered ring is further substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, hydroxyl, amino, cyano, alkoxy, aryloxy, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, carboxylic acid, carboxylic ester, halogen and -NR₃R₄;

R₅ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic alkyl, wherein the alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclic alkyl is further substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, halogen, hydroxyl, amino, alkylamino, cyano, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, heterocyclic alkoxy, carboxylic acid and carboxylic ester;

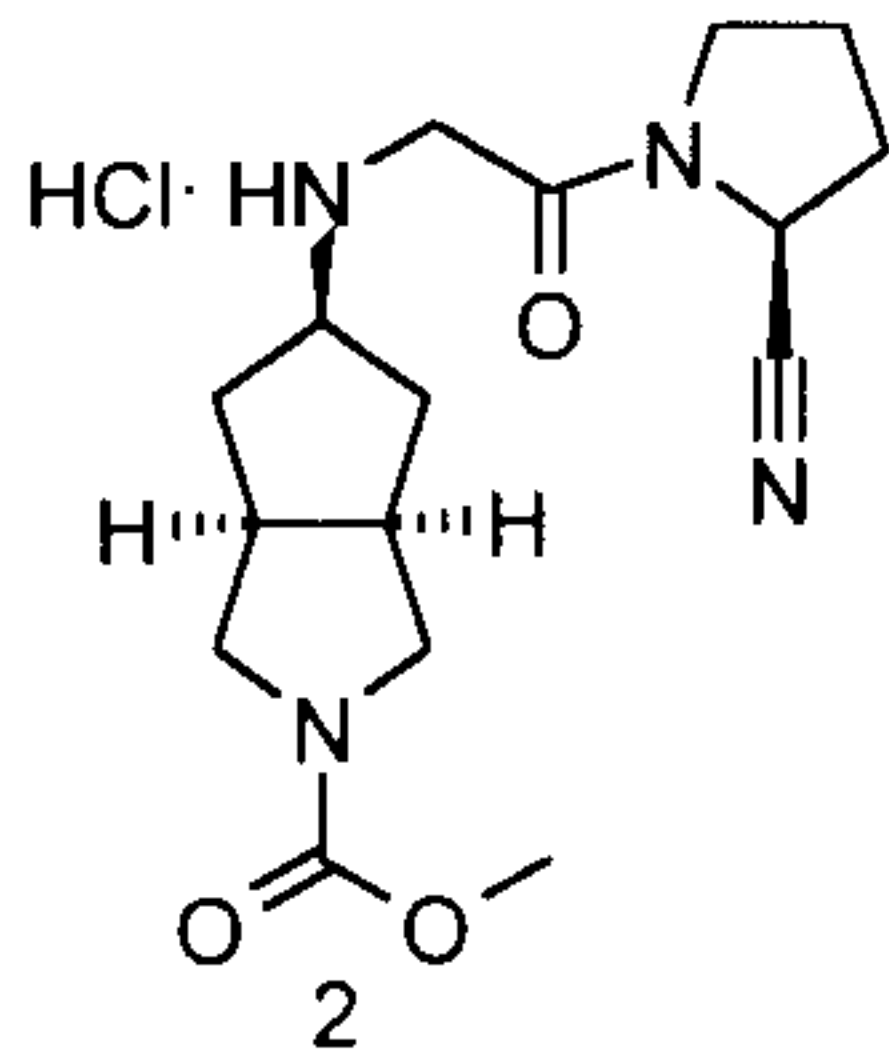
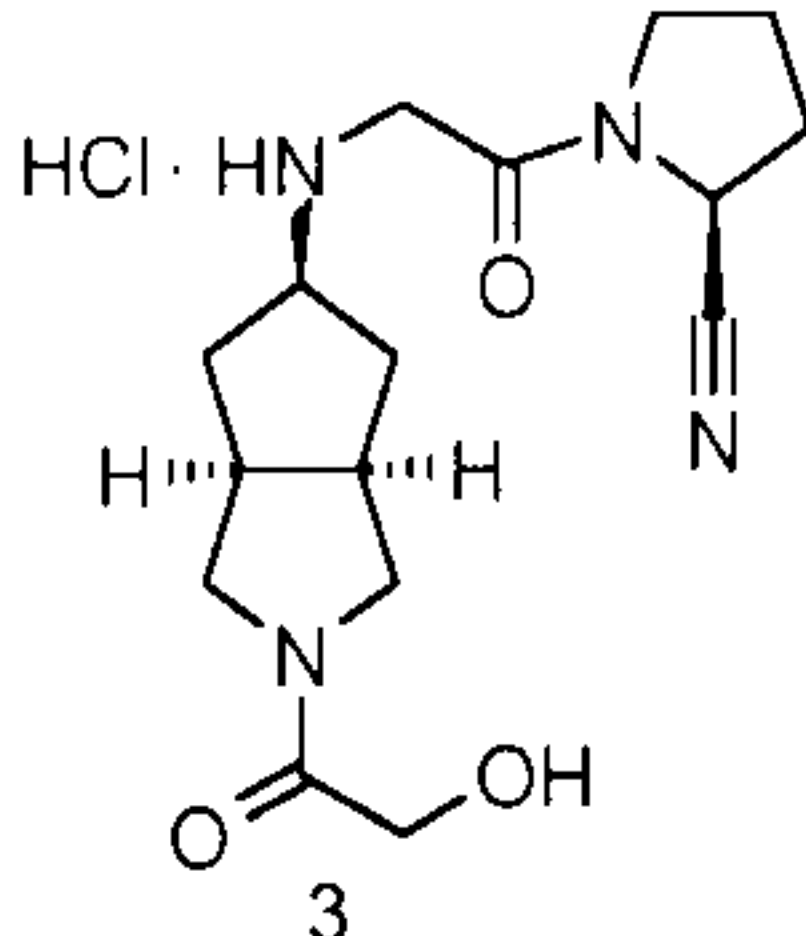
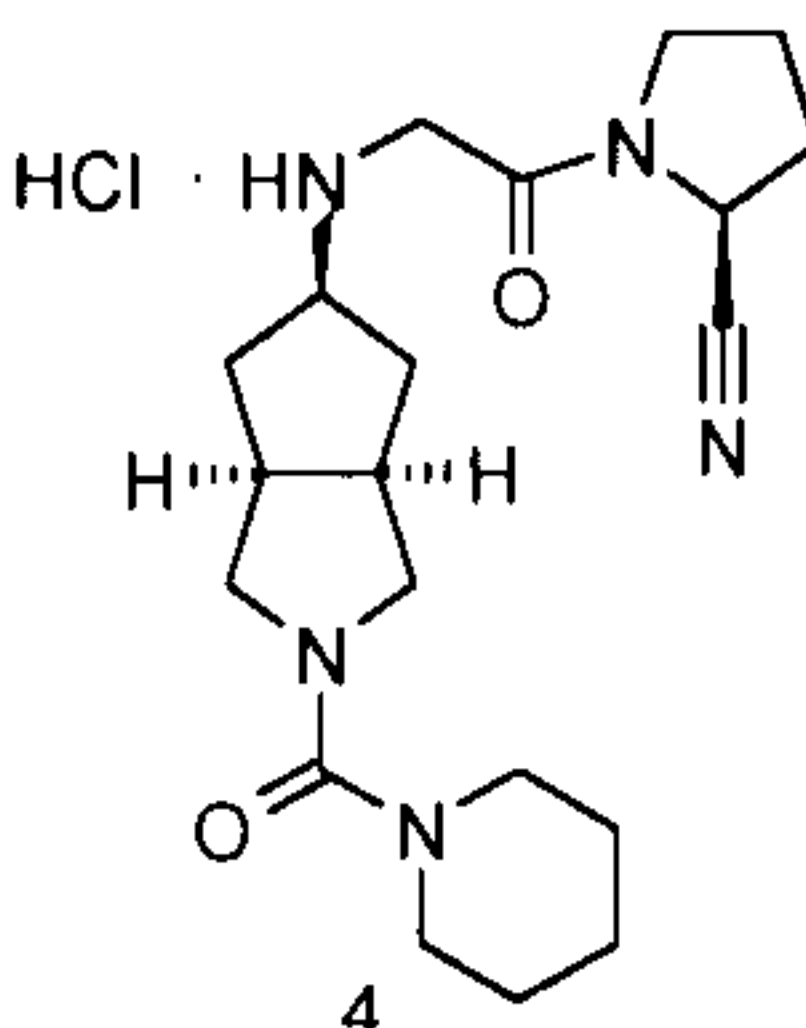
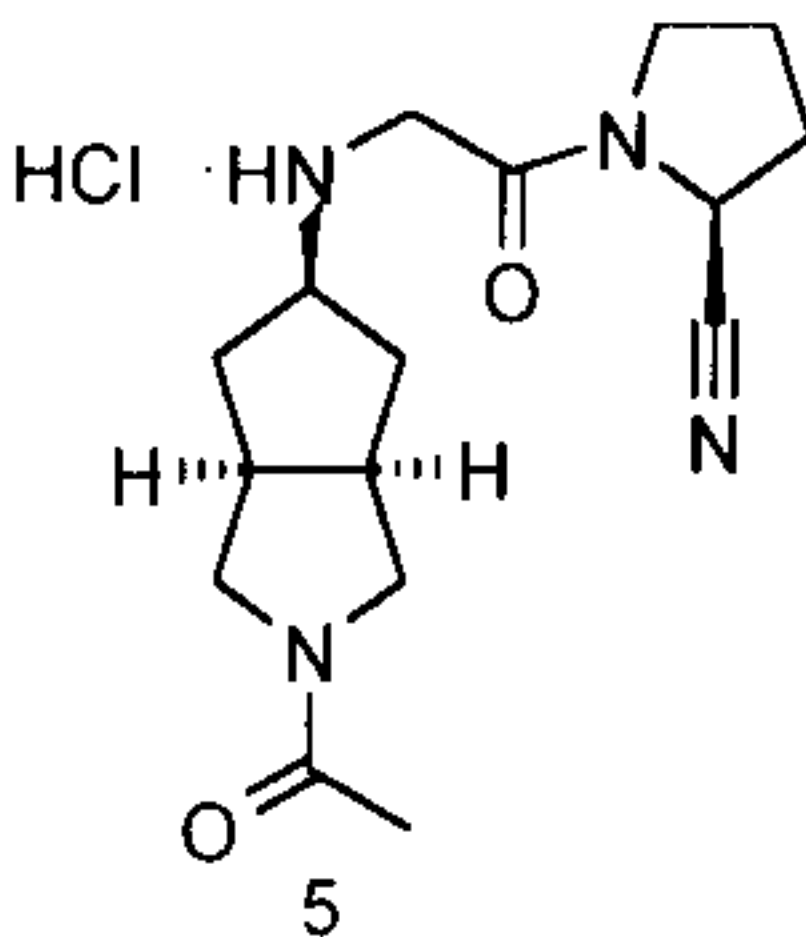
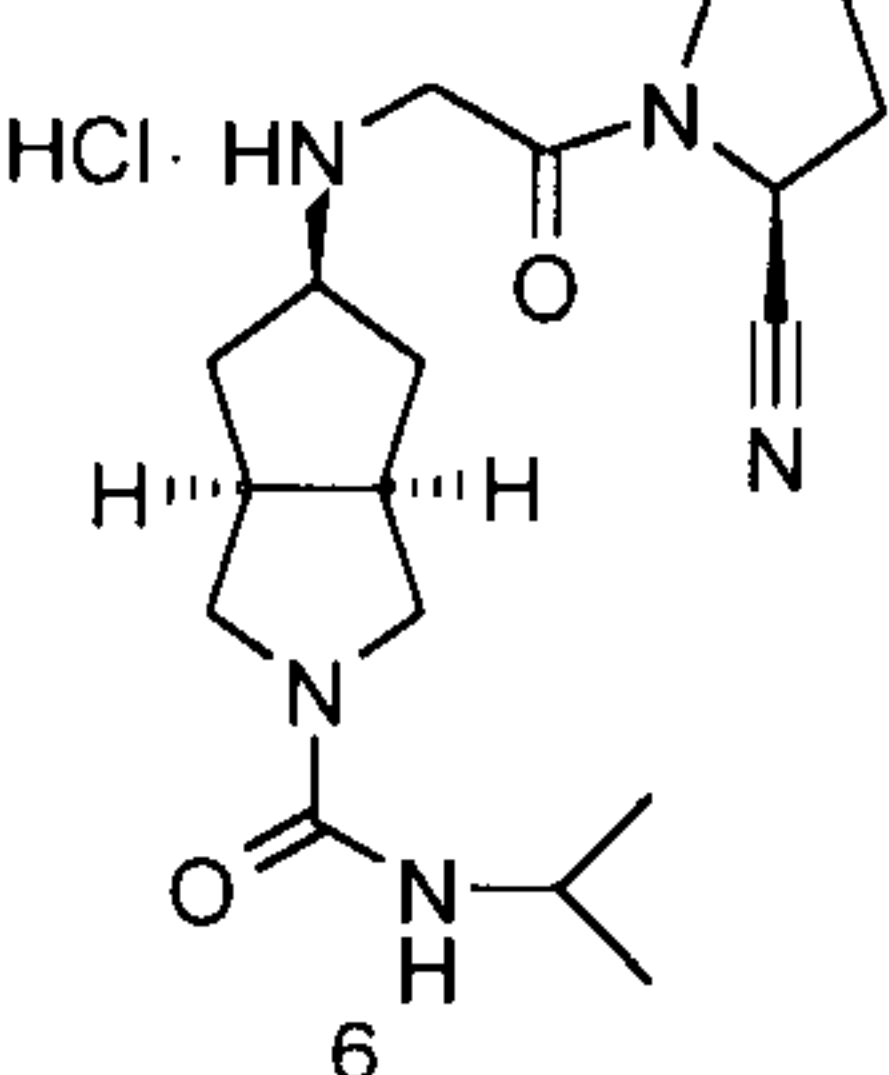
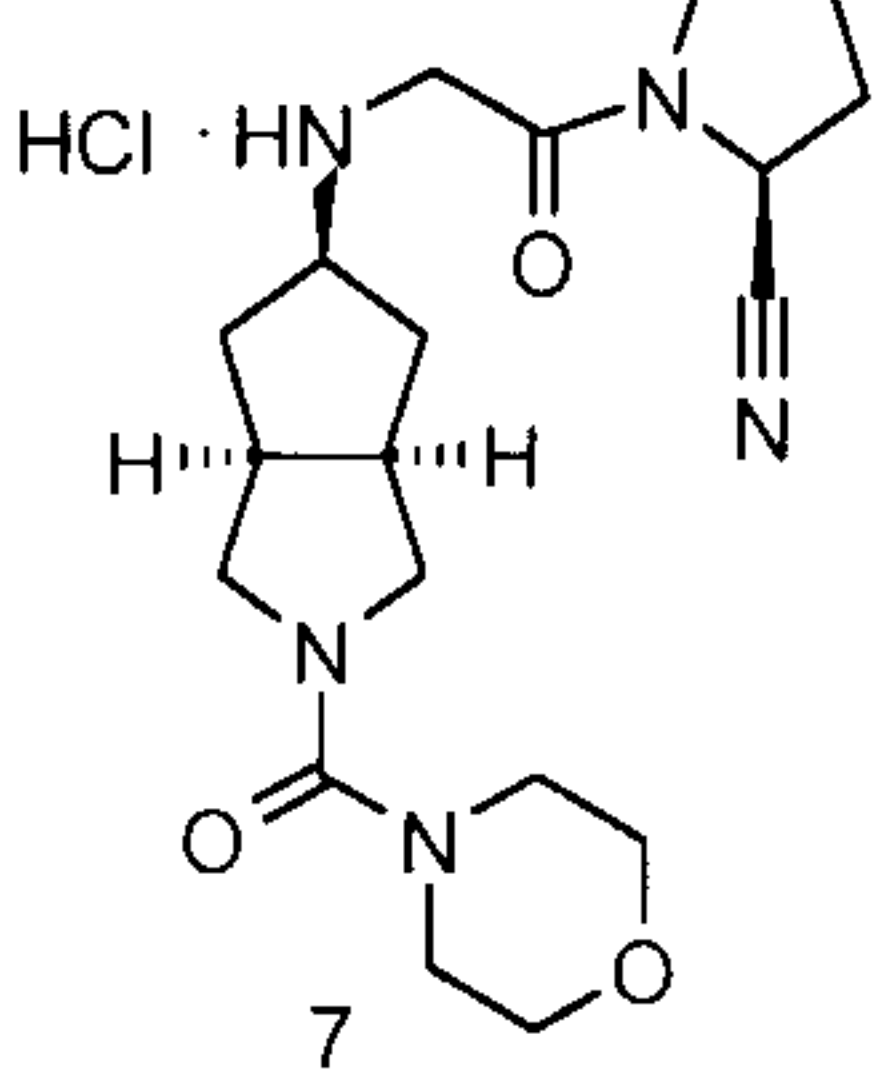
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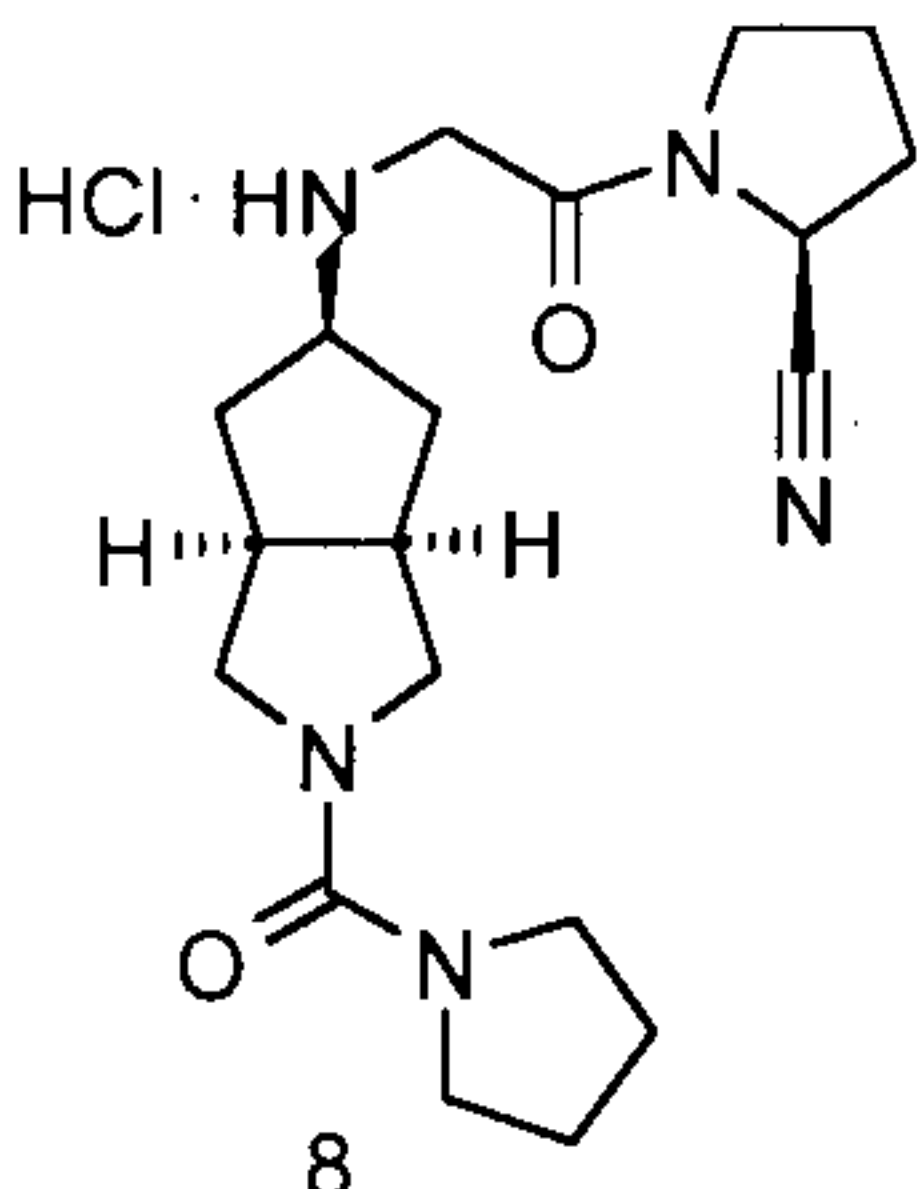
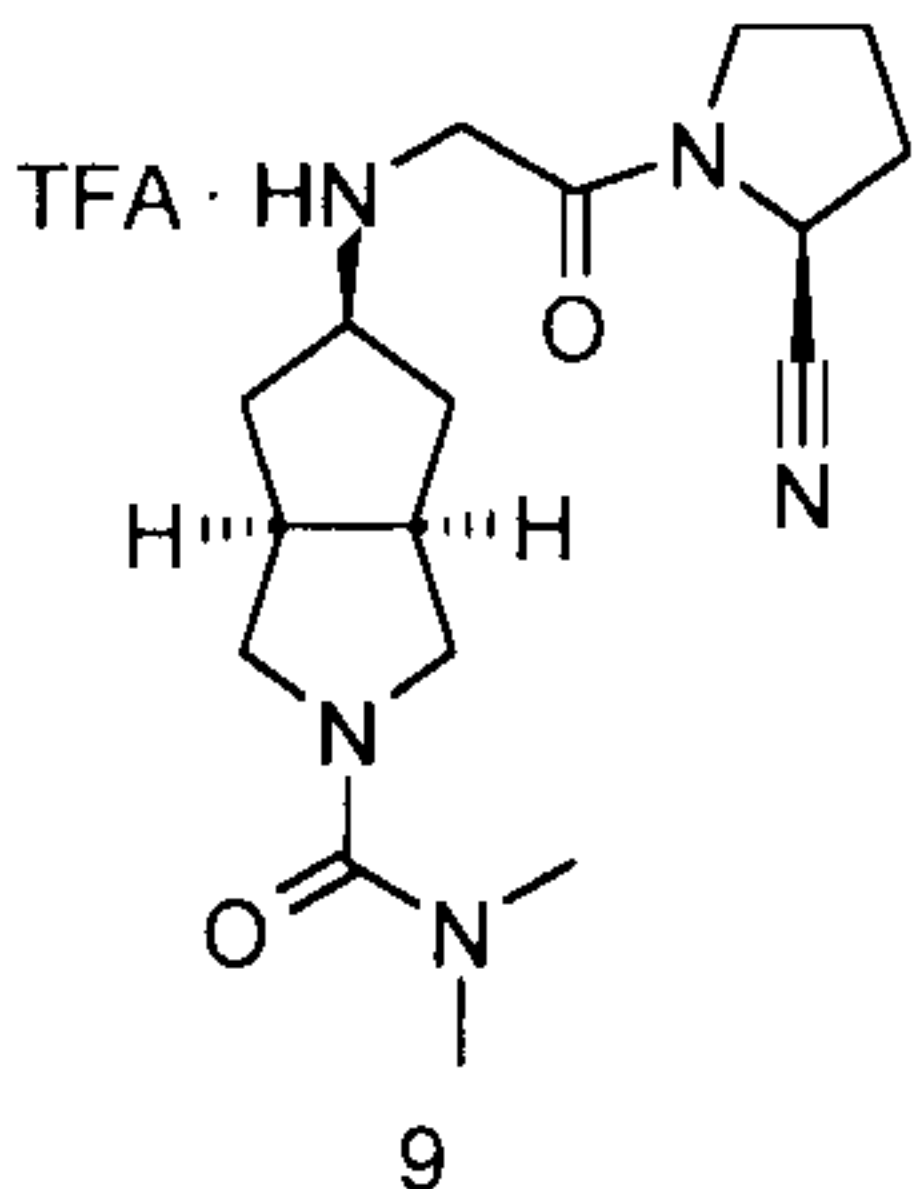
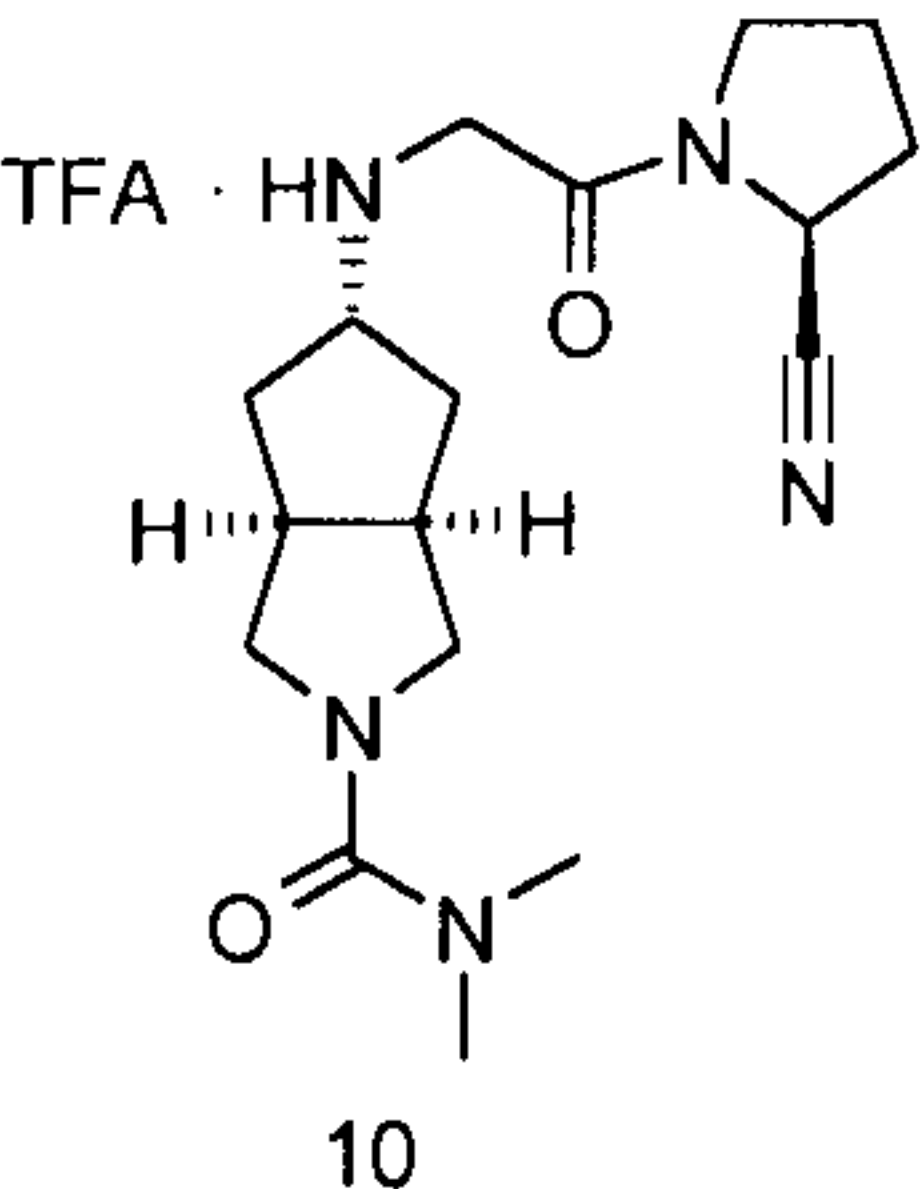
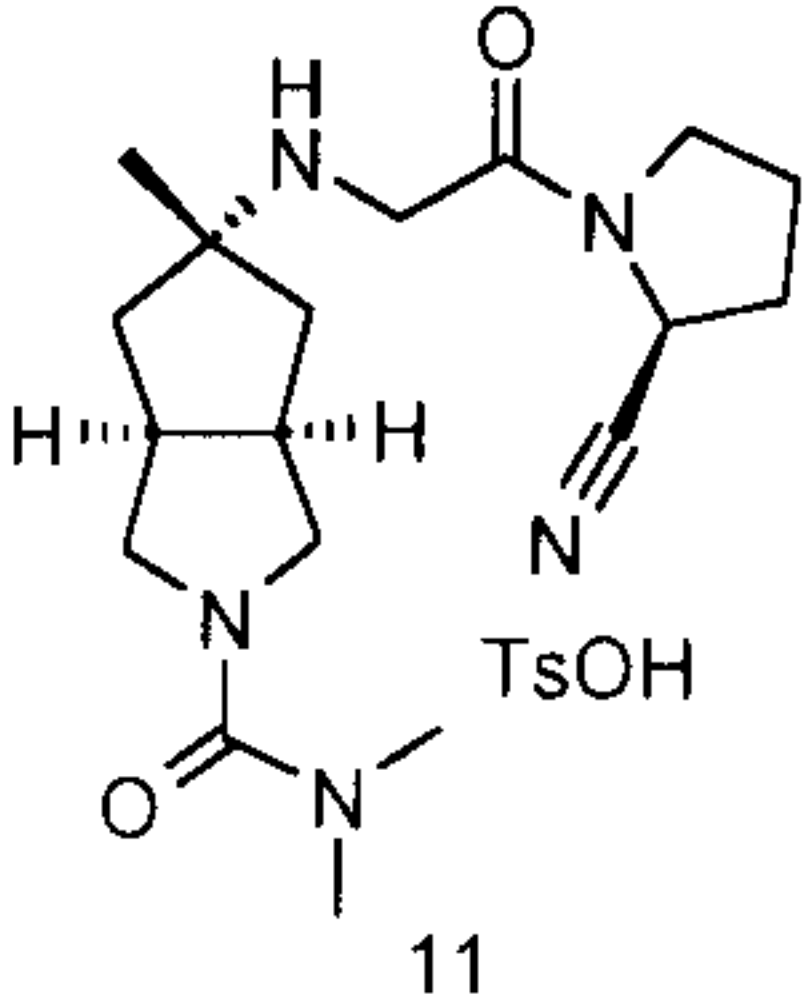
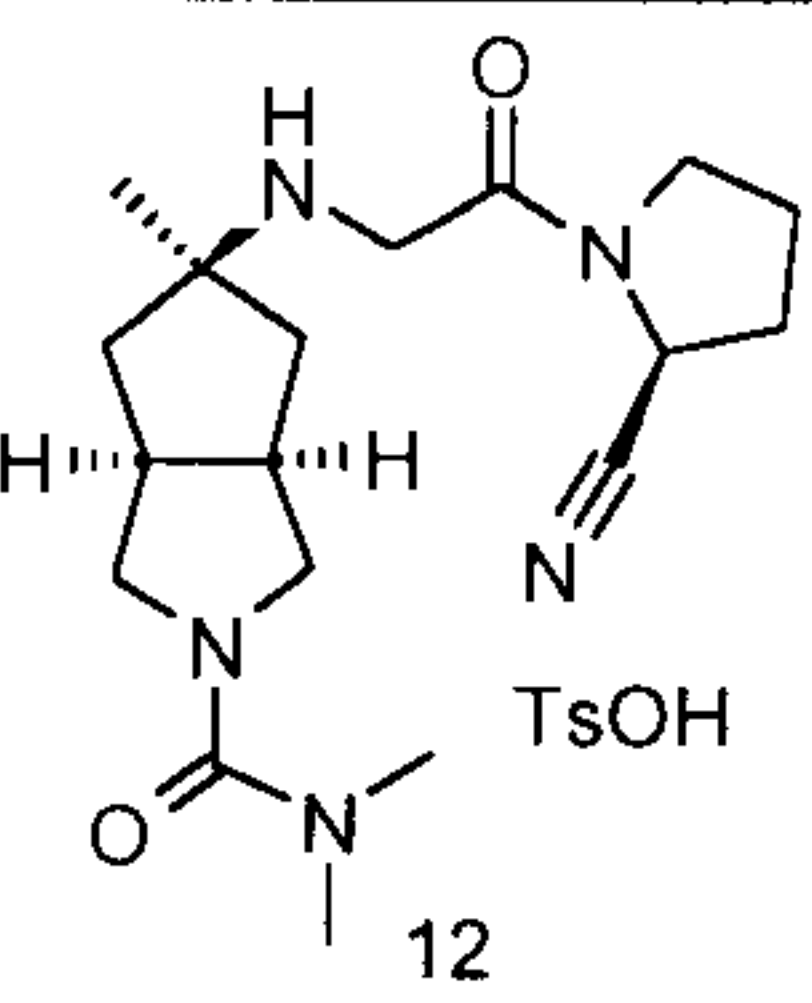
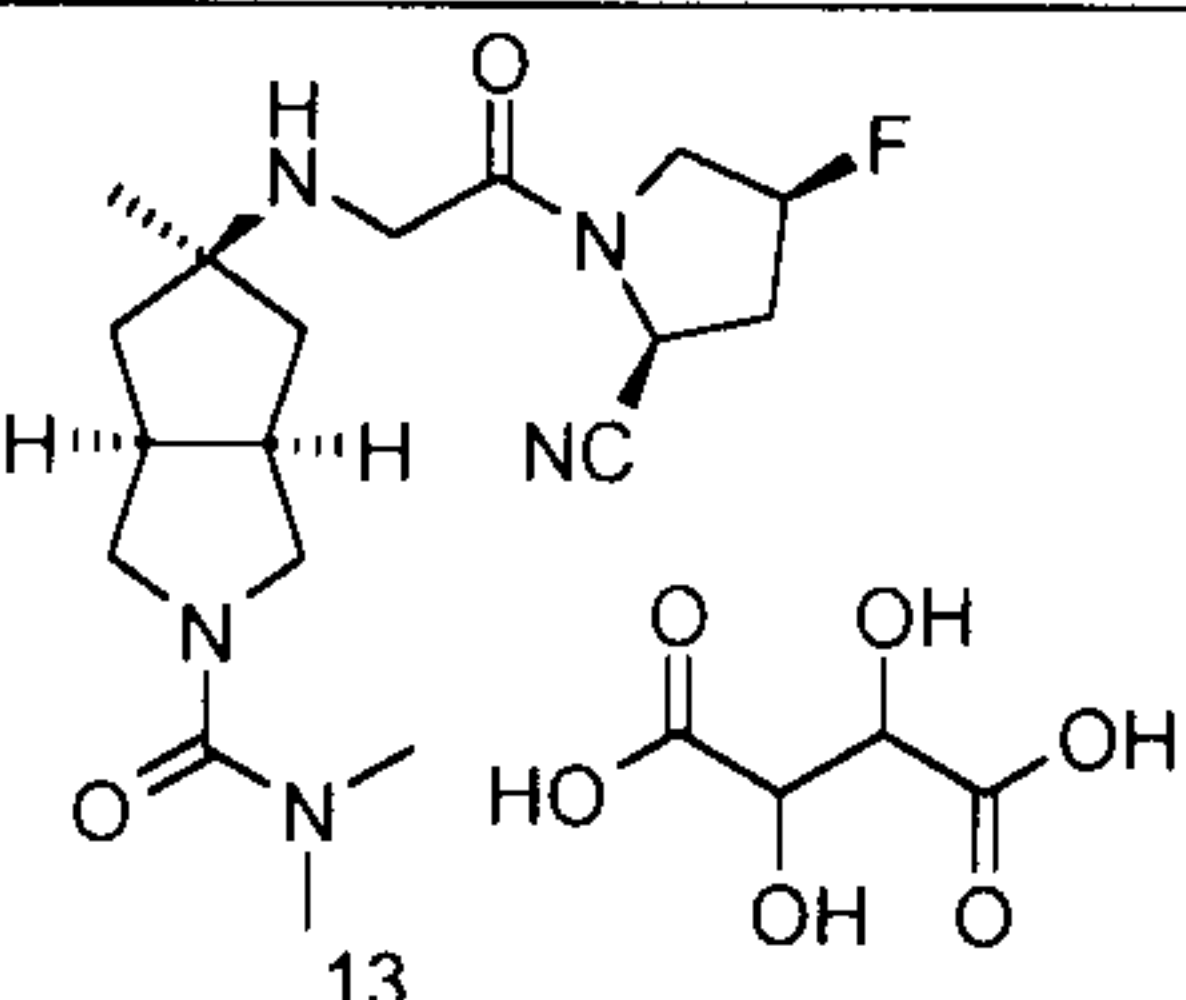
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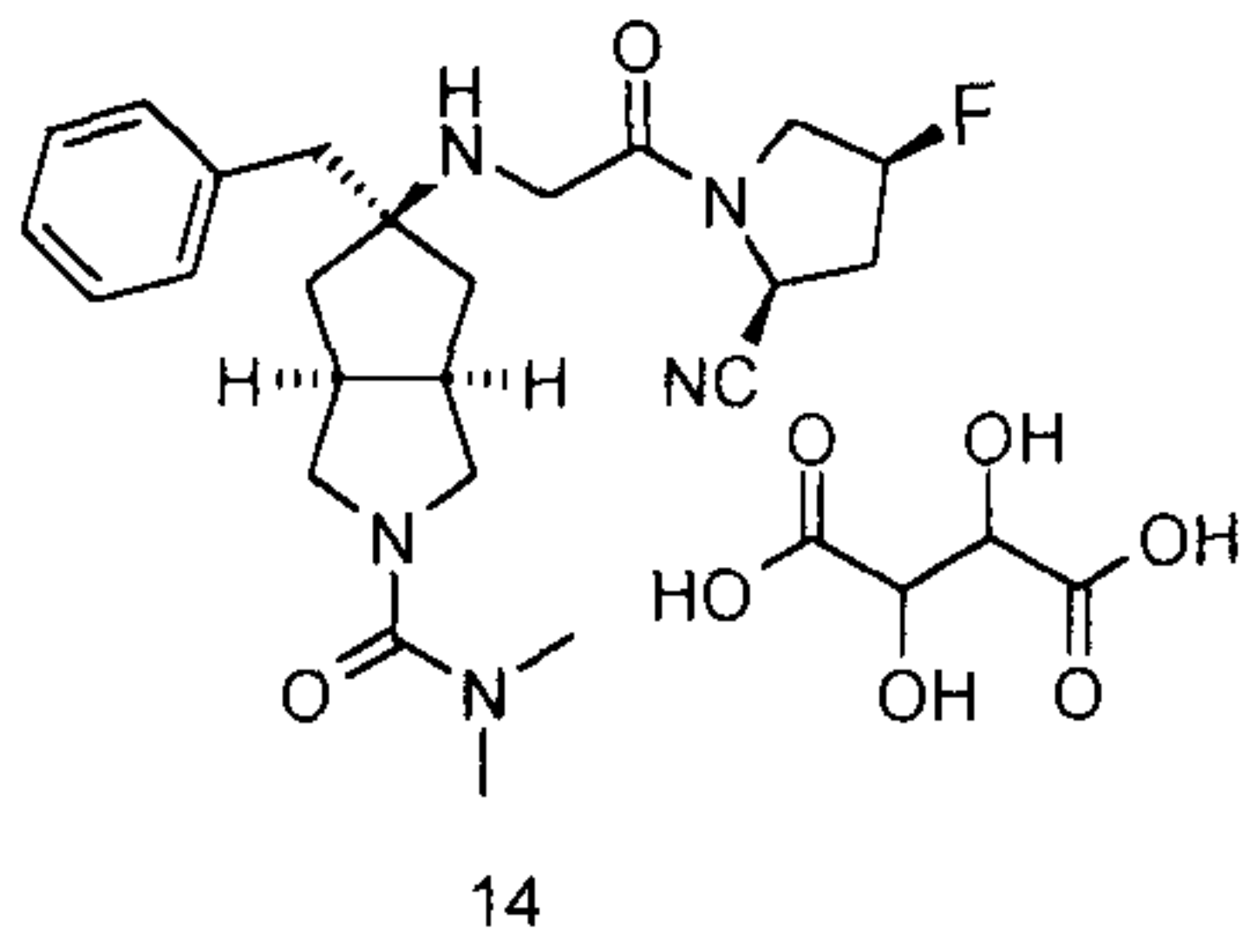
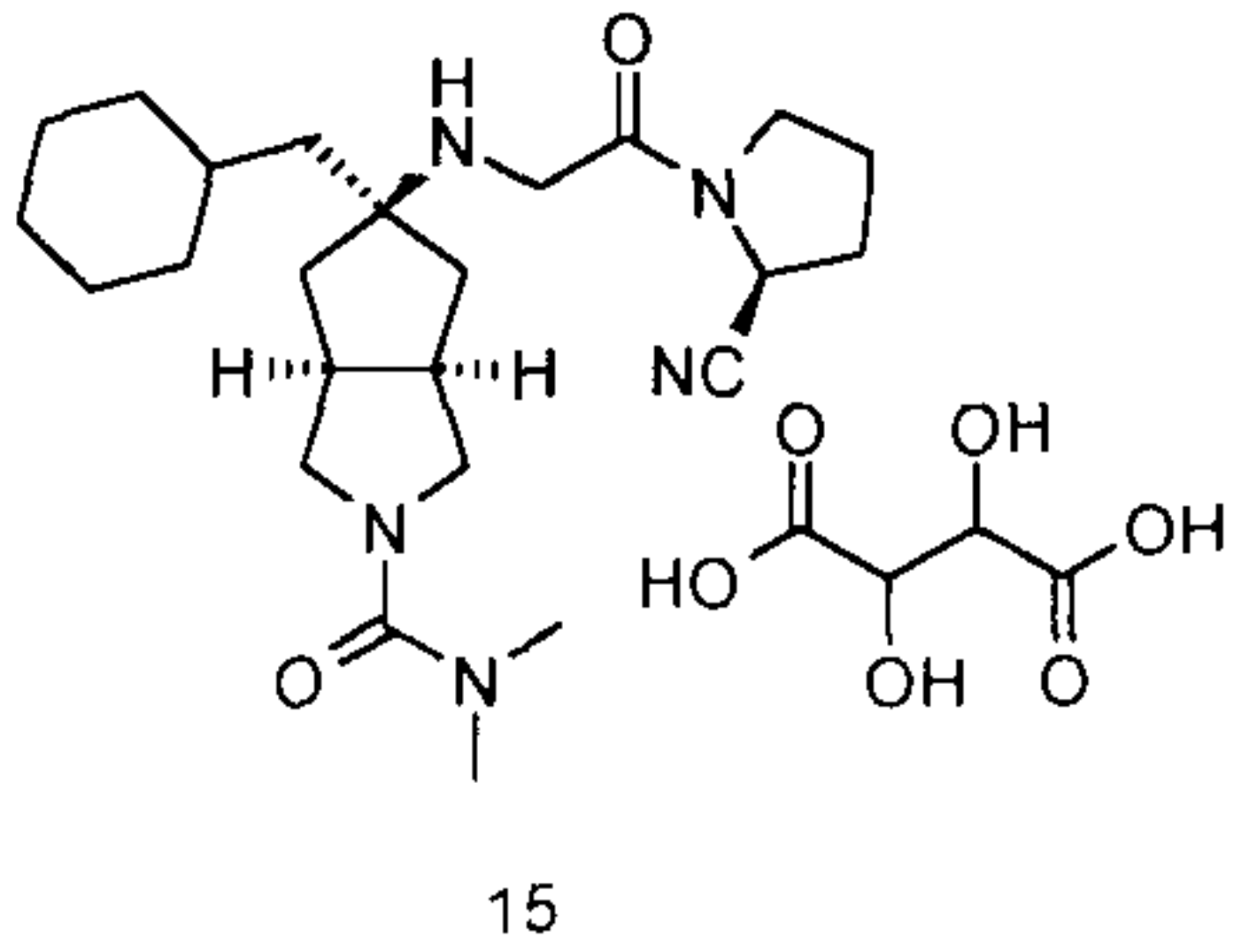
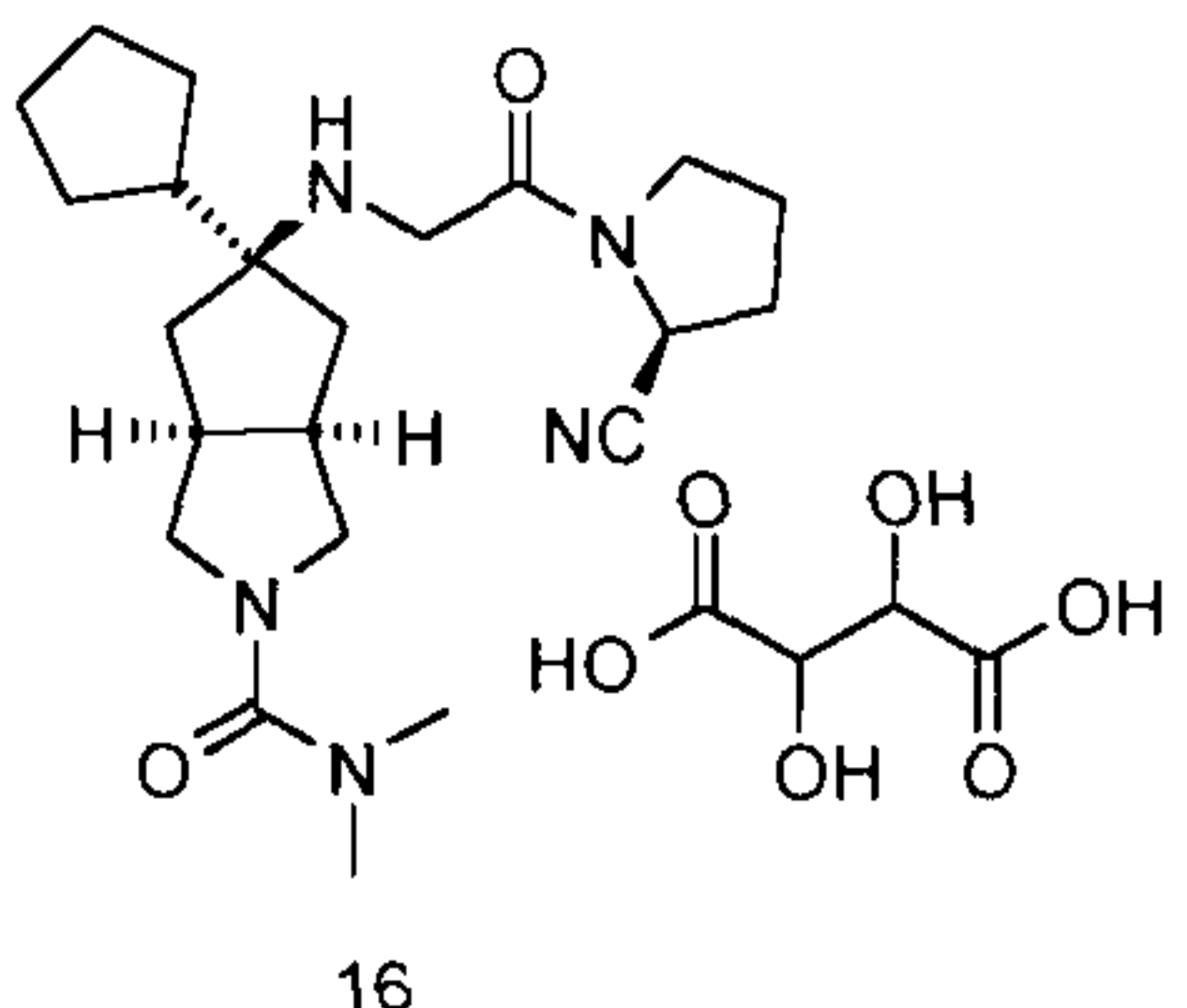
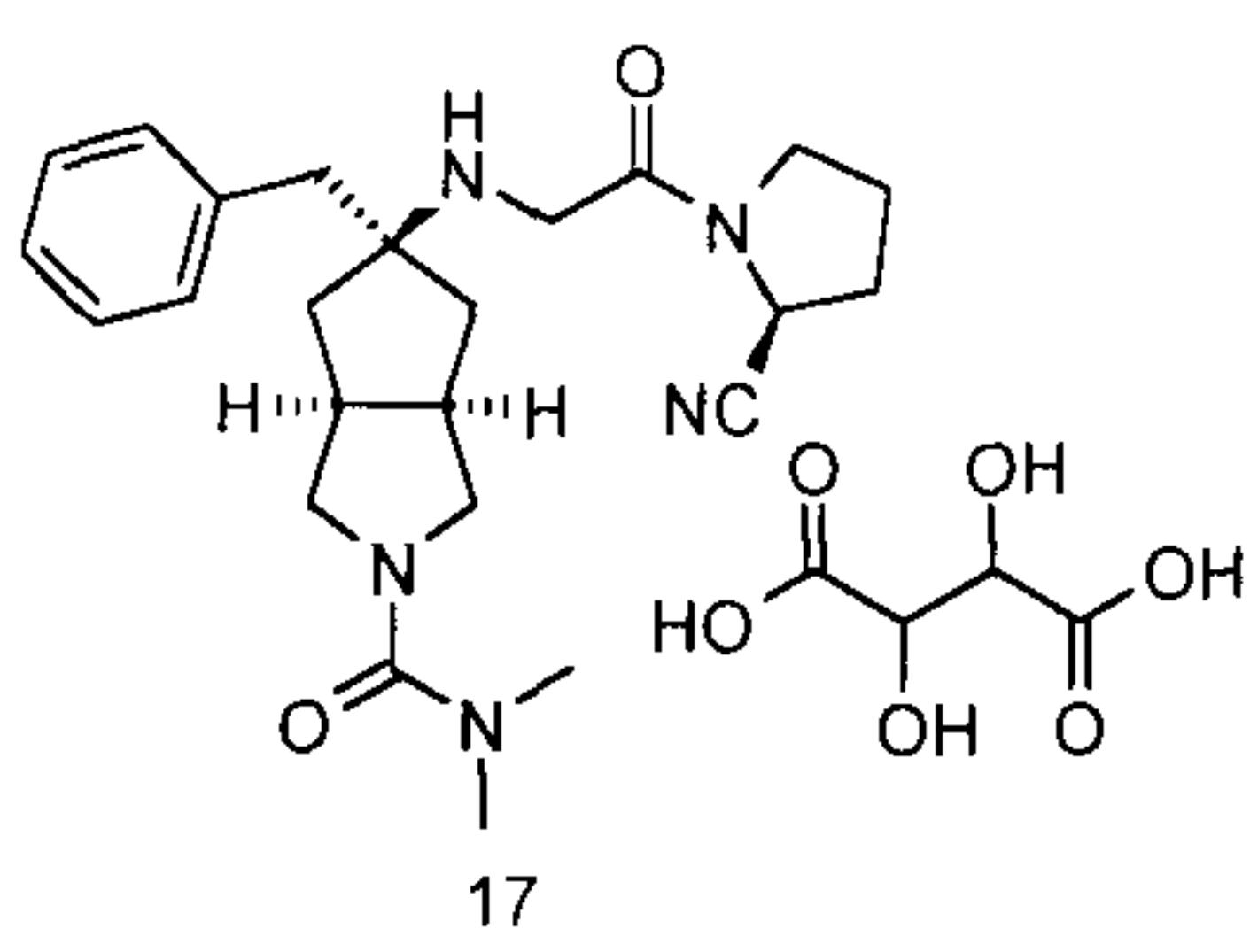
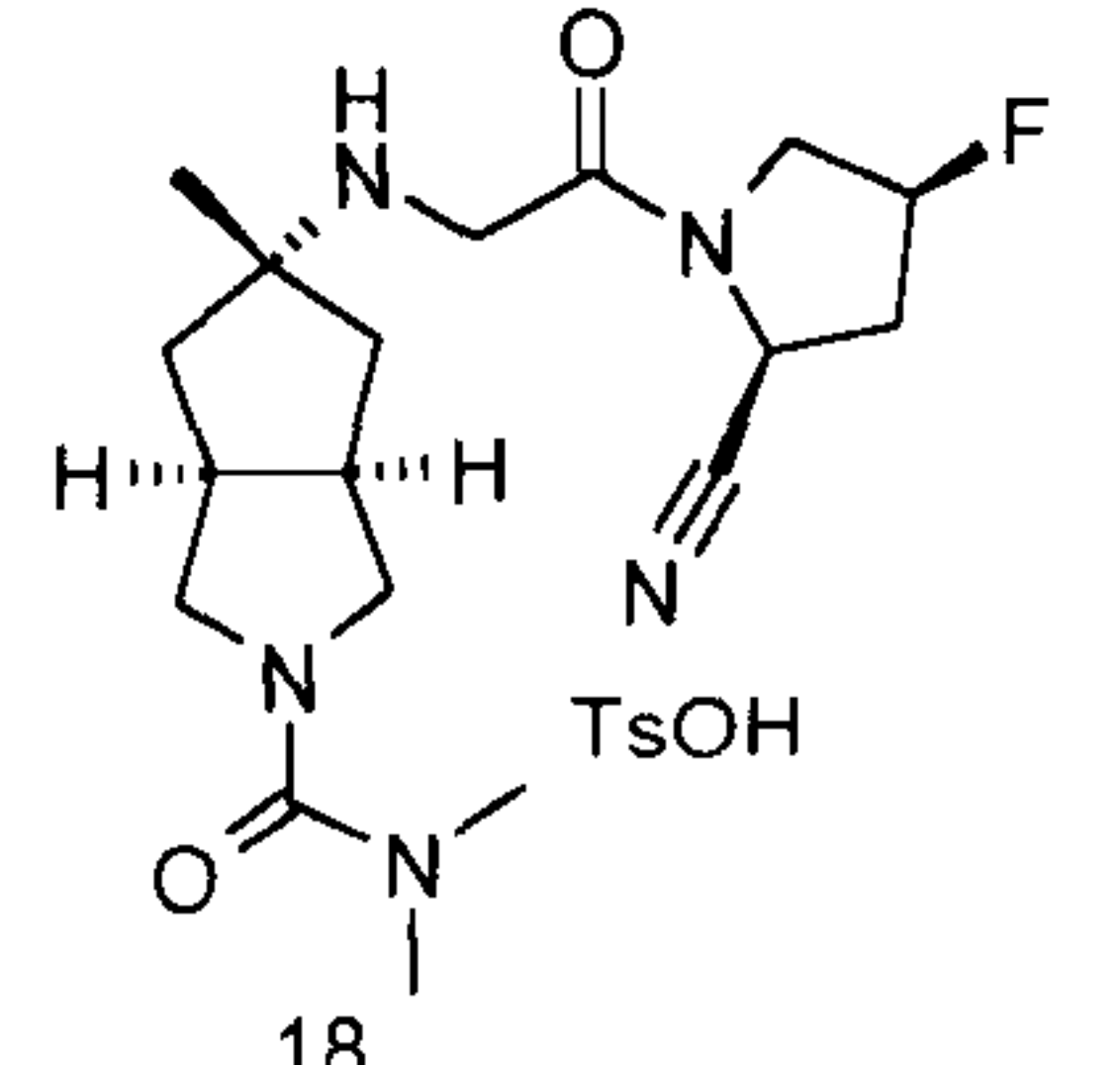
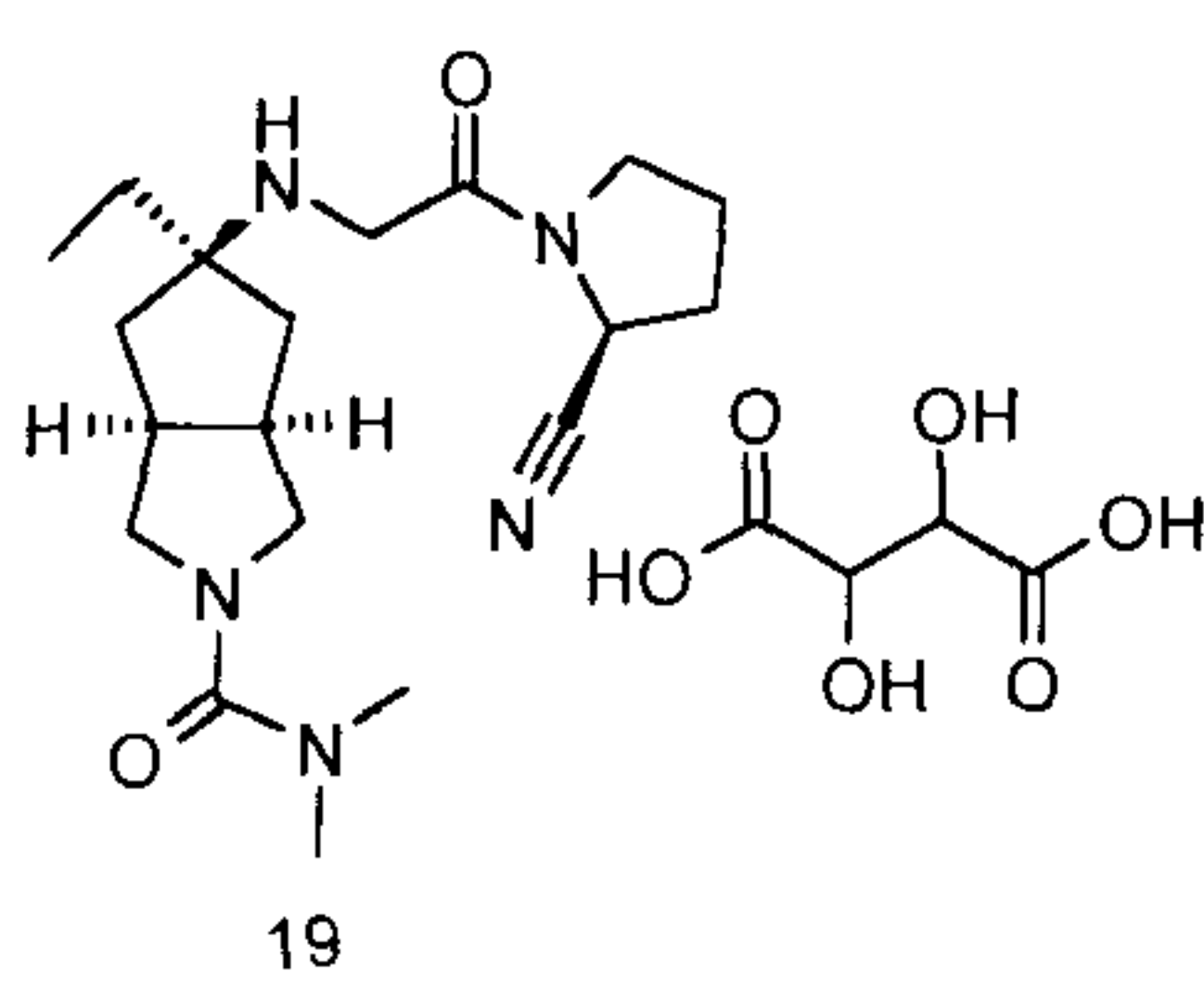
This disclosure provides compounds represented by formula (I) or pharmaceutically acceptable salts, wherein the salts are obtained by reaction of the compounds represented by formula (I) with the acids selected from the group consisting of hydrochloric acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid, tartaric acid, maleic acid, lactic acid, methanesulfonic acid, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, citric acid, acetic acid and trifluoroacetic acid. Preferred are p-toluenesulfonic acid, hydrochloric acid, tartaric acid and trifluoroacetic acid.

In a particularly preferred embodiment, the compounds represented by formula (I) or pharmaceutically acceptable salts include:

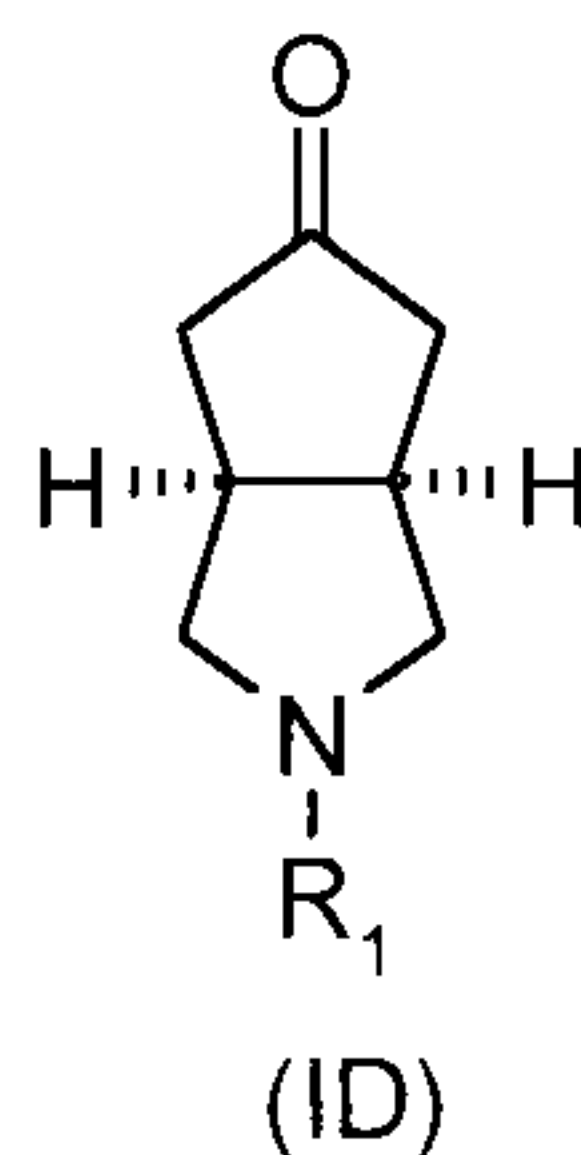
Example No.	Structure	Name
1		<i>cis</i> -5-[2-((<i>S</i>)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[<i>c</i>]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide hydrochloride

2		<i>cis</i> -5-[2-((<i>S</i>)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxoethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[<i>c</i>]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester hydrochloride
3		<i>cis</i> -(<i>S</i>)-1-{2-[2-(2-Hydroxy-acetyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[<i>c</i>]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride
4		<i>cis</i> -(<i>S</i>)-1-{2-[2-(Piperidine-1-carbonyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[<i>c</i>]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride
5		<i>cis</i> -(<i>S</i>)-1-[2-(2-Acetyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[<i>c</i>]pyrrol-5-ylamino)-acetyl]-pyrrolidine-2- carbonitrile hydrochloride
6		<i>cis</i> -5-[2-((<i>S</i>)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo- ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[<i>c</i>]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid isopropylamide hydrochloride
7		<i>cis</i> -(<i>S</i>)-1-{2-[2-(Morpholine-4-carbonyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[<i>c</i>]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride

8		<i>cis</i> -(<i>S</i>)-1-{2-[2-(Pyrrolidine-1-carbonyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[<i>c</i>]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride
9		<i>cis</i> -(<i>S</i>)-5-[2-(2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[<i>c</i>]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide trifluoroacetate
10		<i>trans</i> -5-[2-((<i>S</i>)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[<i>c</i>]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide trifluoroacetate
11		5-[2-((<i>S</i>)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[<i>c</i>]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide <i>p</i> -toluenesulfonate
12		5-[2-((<i>S</i>)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[<i>c</i>]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide <i>p</i> -toluenesulfonate
13		5-[2-((<i>2S,4S</i>)-2-Cyano-4-fluoro-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]- <i>N,N</i> ,5-trimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[<i>c</i>]pyrrole-2-carboxamide tartrate

14		5-Benzyl-5-[2-((2 <i>S</i> ,4 <i>S</i>)-2-cyano-4-fluoropyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydrocyclopenta[<i>c</i>]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide tartrate
15		5-Cyclohexylmethyl-5-[2-((<i>S</i>)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydrocyclopenta[<i>c</i>]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide tartrate
16		5-Cyclopentyl-5-[2-((<i>S</i>)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydrocyclopenta[<i>c</i>]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide tartrate
17		5-Benzyl-5-[2-((<i>S</i>)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydrocyclopenta[<i>c</i>]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide tartrate
18		5-[2-((2 <i>S</i> ,4 <i>S</i>)-2-Cyano-4-fluoropyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-methyl-hexahydrocyclopenta[<i>c</i>]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide <i>p</i> -toluenesulfonate
19		5-Ethyl-5-[2-((<i>S</i>)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydrocyclopenta[<i>c</i>]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide tartrate

Further, this disclosure relates to the compounds represented by formula (ID) as intermediates in the synthesis of compounds having formula (I):



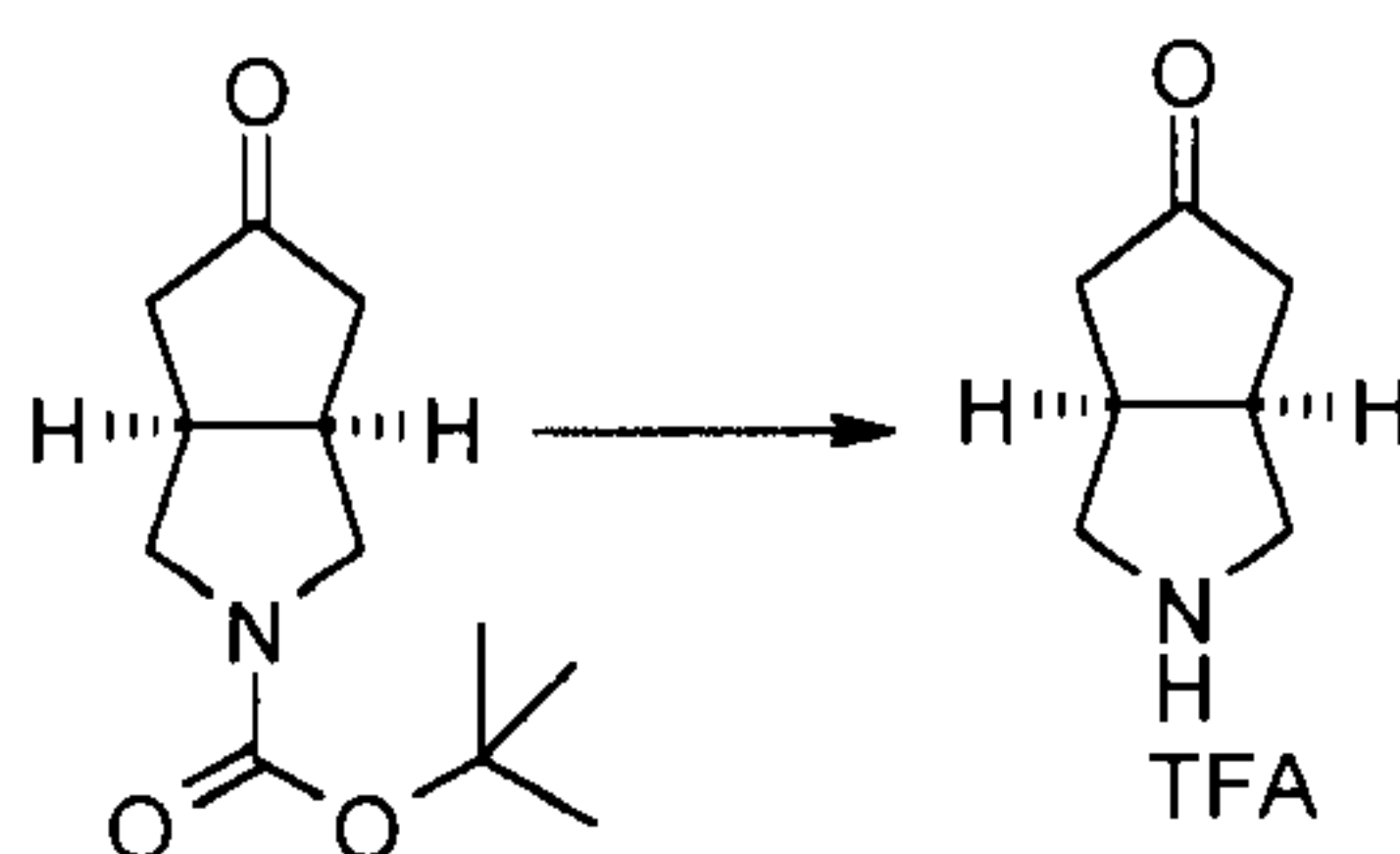
wherein:

R_1 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, $-C(O)NR_3R_4$, $-C(O)R_3$ and $-C(O)OR_3$, wherein the
 5 alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl is further substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, hydroxyl, amino, alkoxy, aryloxy and heterocyclic alkyl;

R_3 and R_4 are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic alkyl, wherein the alkyl, cycloalkyl,
 10 aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclic alkyl is further substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, halogen, hydroxyl, amino, cyano, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, heterocyclic alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, carboxylic acid and carboxylic ester; and

R_3 and R_4 are attached together with the N atom to form a 3- to 8- membered heterocyclic ring, wherein the 3- to 8- membered heterocyclic ring further contains one
 15 or more heteroatoms selected from N, O and S, and the 3- to 8- membered ring is further substituted with one or more groups selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, hydroxyl, amino, cyano, alkoxy, aryloxy, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, carboxylic acid, carboxylic ester, halogen and $-NR_3R_4$.
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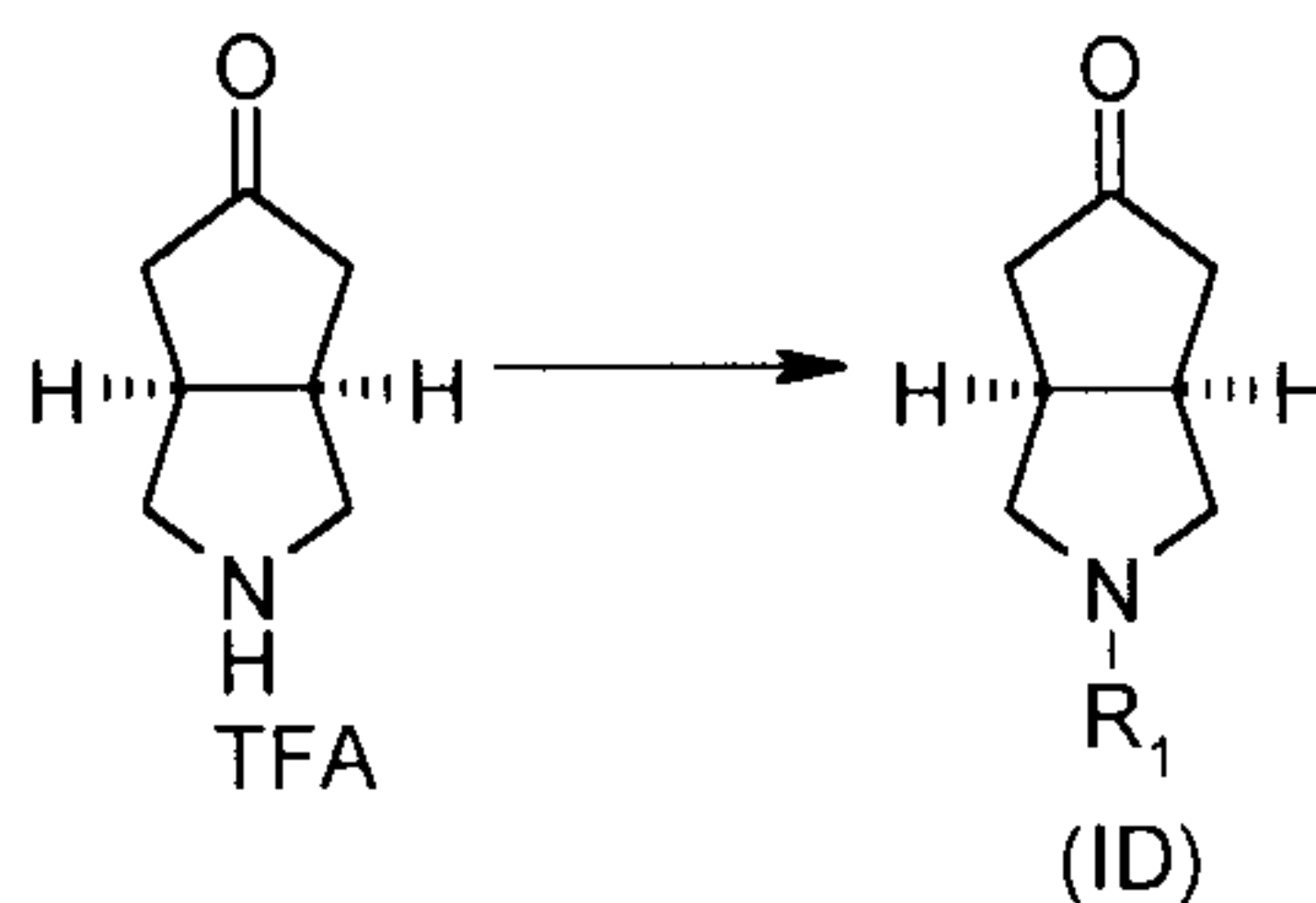
Furthermore, this disclosure relates to a process for the preparation of compounds represented by formula (ID), comprising the following steps of:



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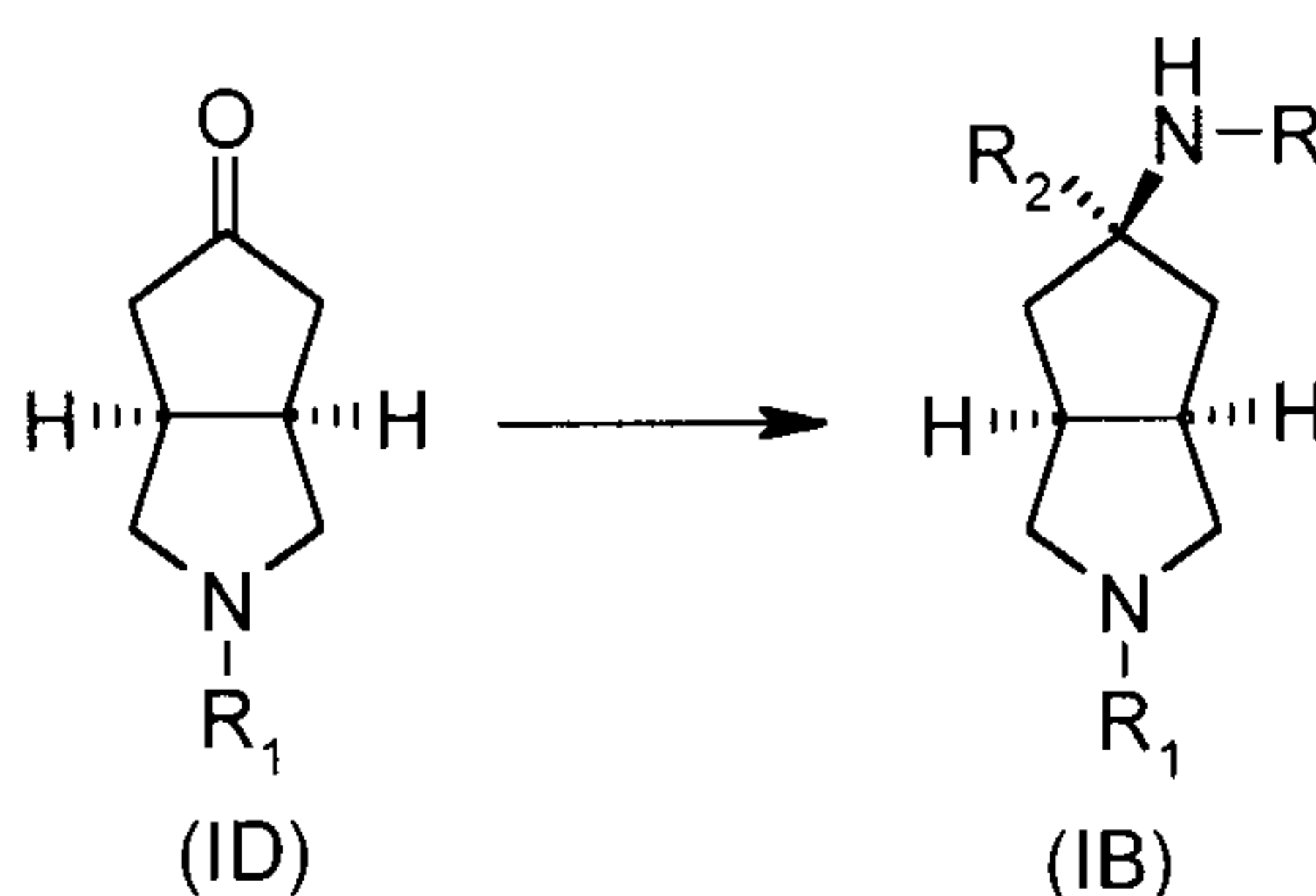
reacting starting material *tert*-5-oxo-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid ester with trifluoroacetic acid in a suitable solvent such as dichloromethane, upon cooling by an ice-water bath, to obtain hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one trifluoroacetate; and

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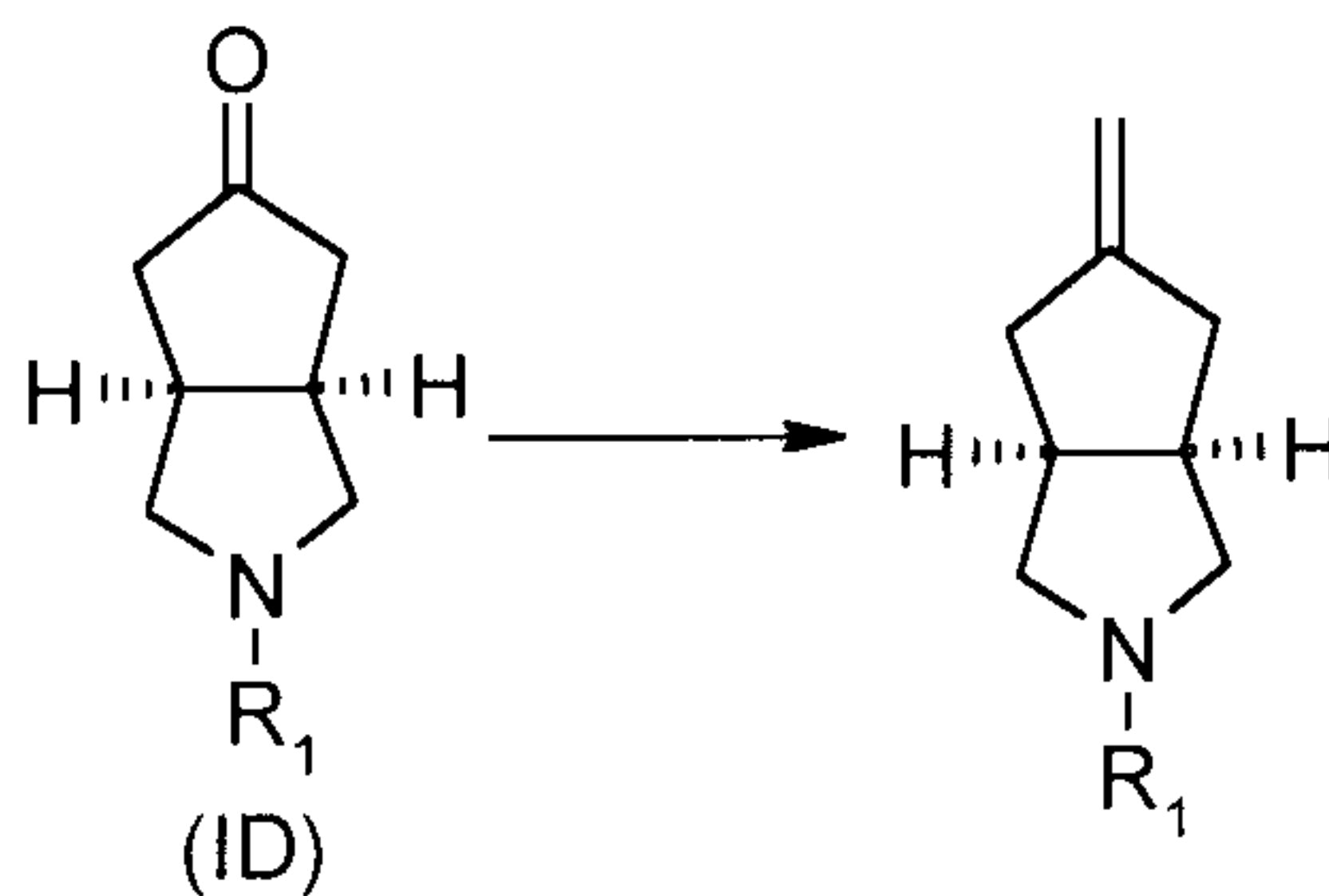
reacting hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one trifluoroacetate with the corresponding acyl chloride or ester in the presence of a base to obtain the compound of formula (ID).

5 This disclosure relates to the process for the preparation of compounds represented by formula (IB), comprising the following steps of:



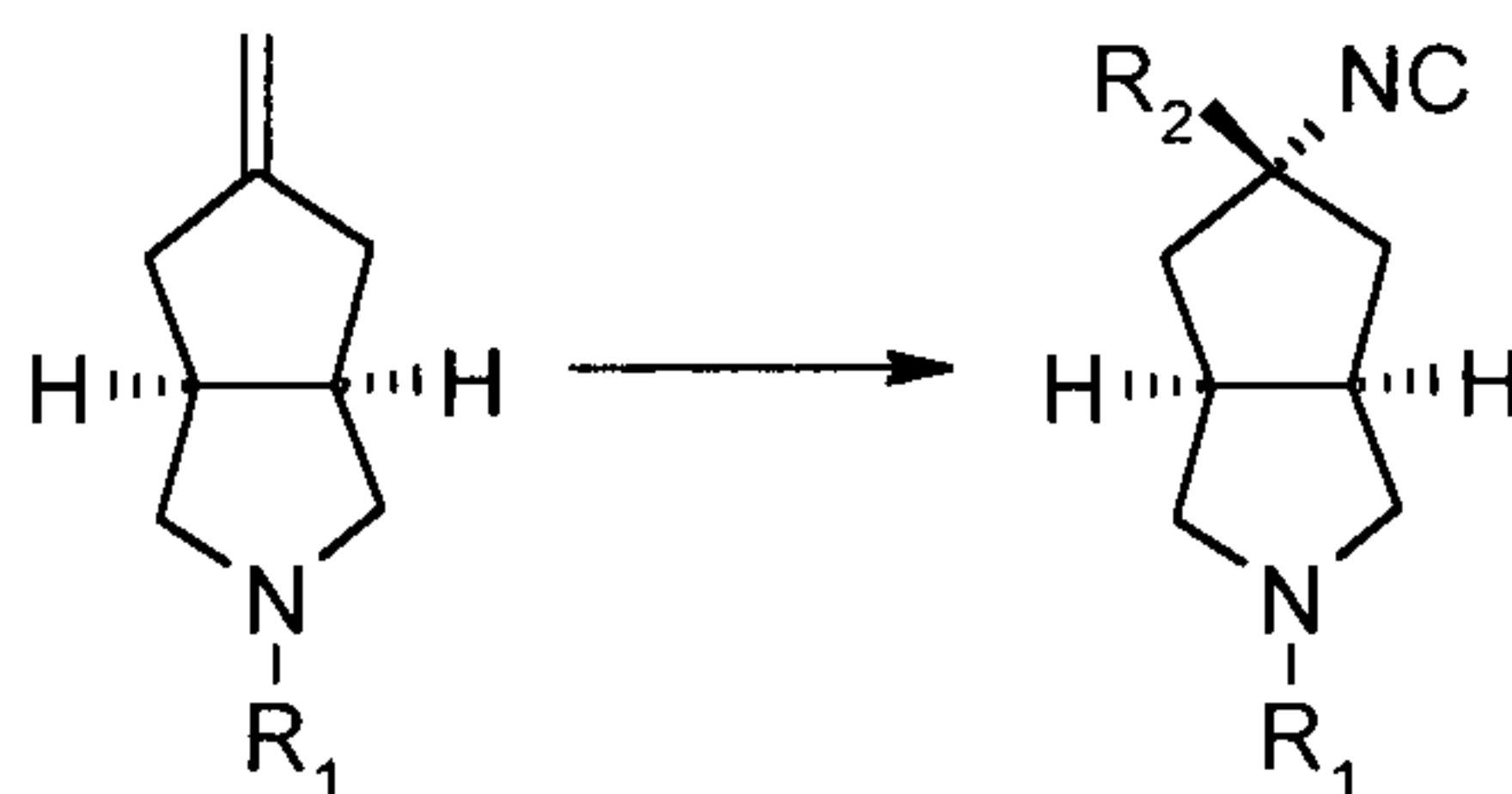
10 reacting the intermediate of formula (ID), in a suitable solvent such as methanol or ethanol, with an amine, substituted sodium borohydride and a suitable base such as triethylamine to obtain the compound of formula (IB).

This disclosure relates to the process for the preparation of compounds represented by formula (IC), comprising the following steps of:

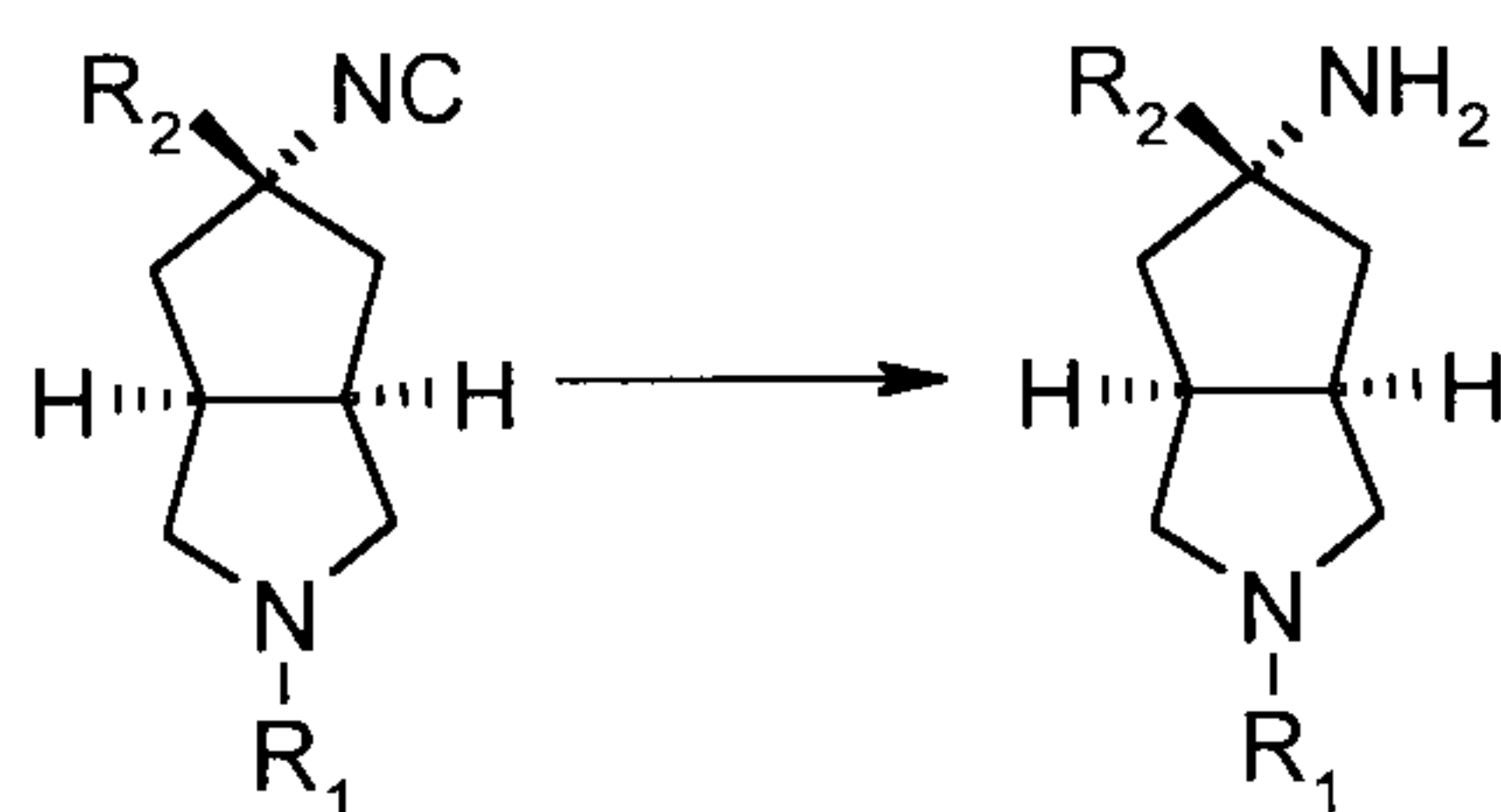


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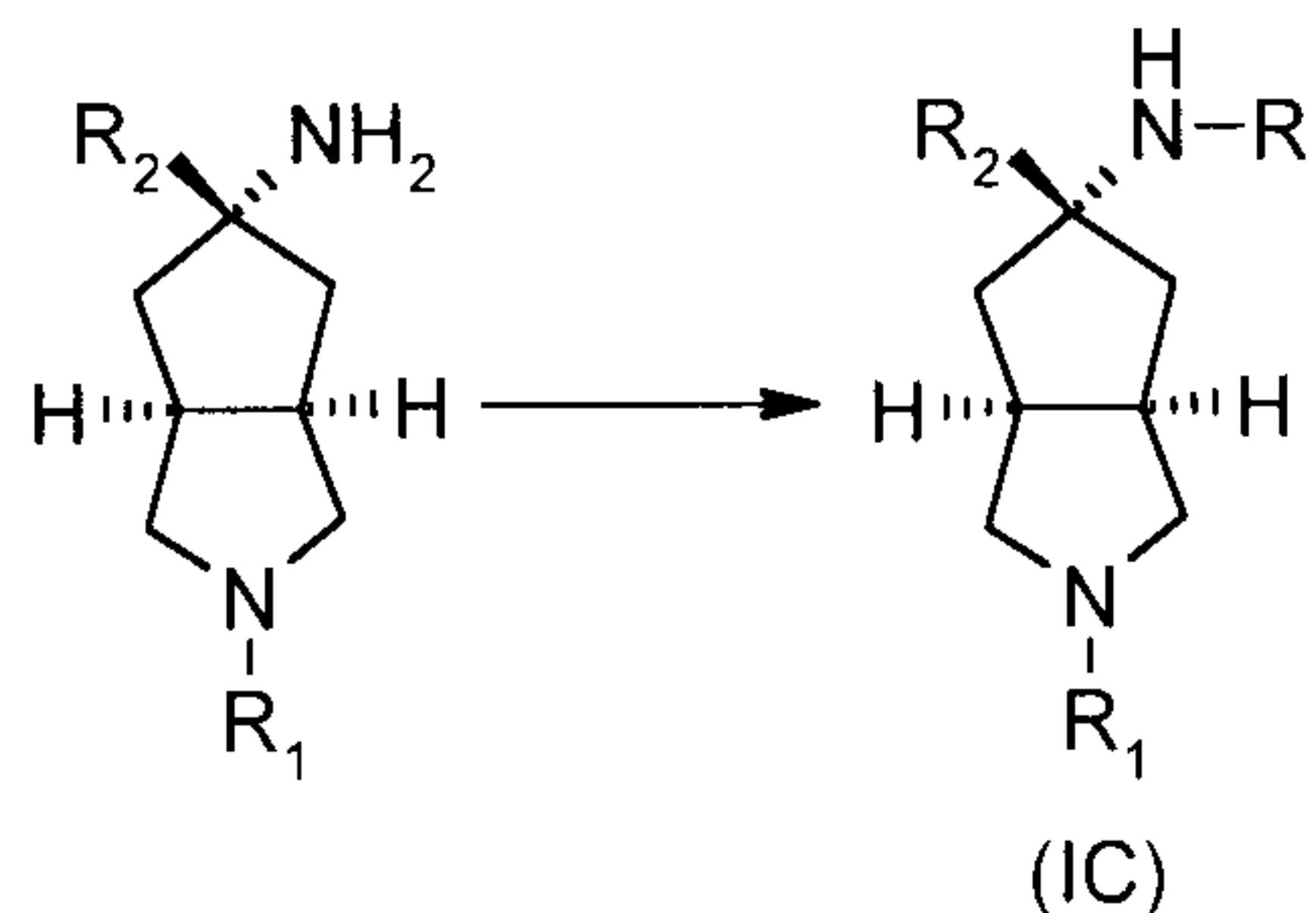
heating potassium *tert*-butoxide and a solution of methyltriphenylphosphonium iodide in toluene; then adding the intermediate of formula (ID) at room temperature to obtain an azabicyclo alkenyl compound;



20 reacting the azabicyclo alkenyl compound, in a suitable solvent such as dichloromethane, with trimethylsilyl cyanide in the presence of silver perchlorate at room temperature to obtain an azabicyclo cyano compound;

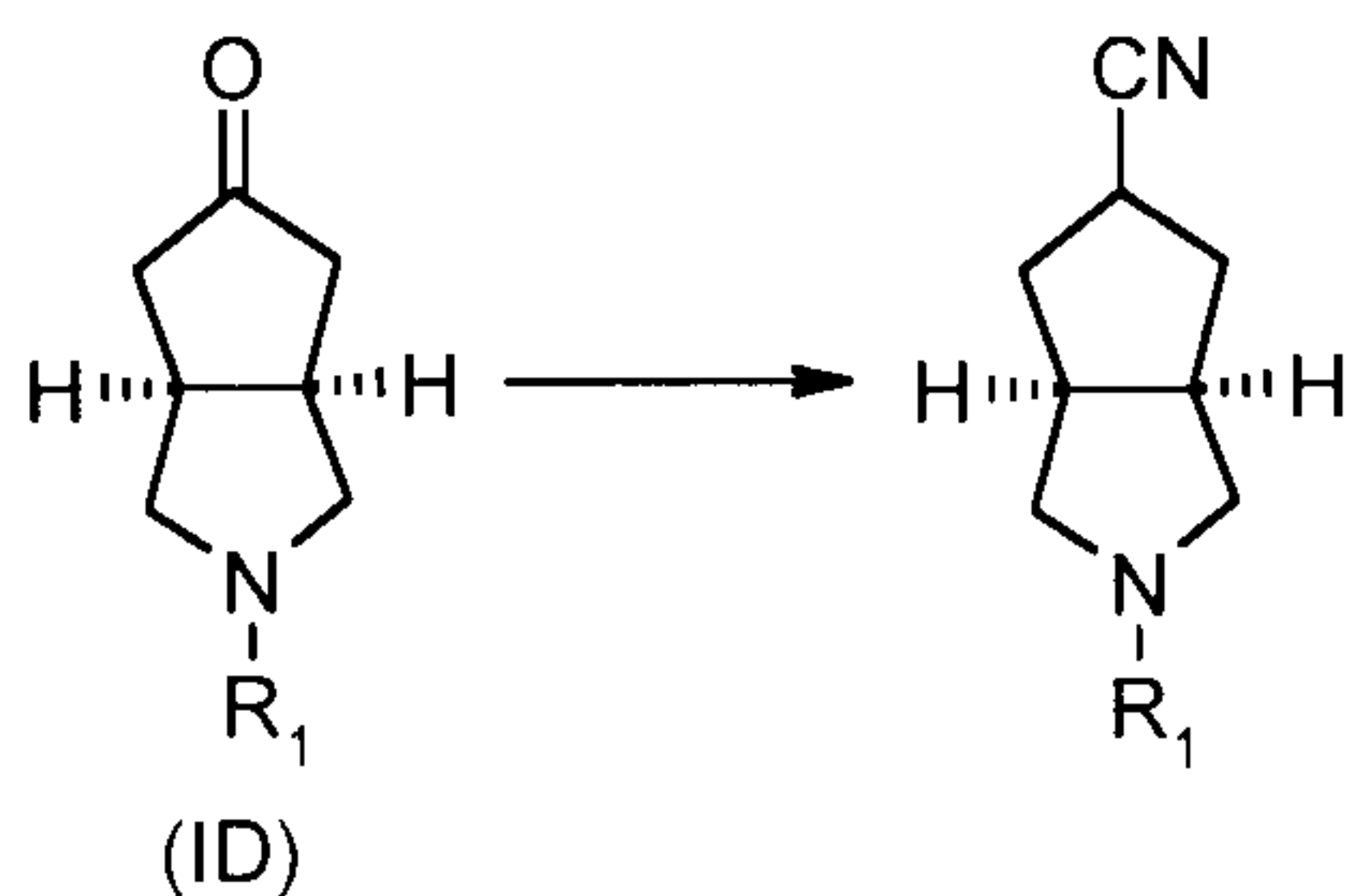


reacting the azabicyclo cyano compound in a suitable solvent such as ethanol with a suitable acid at room temperature to obtain an azabicyclo amine compound;

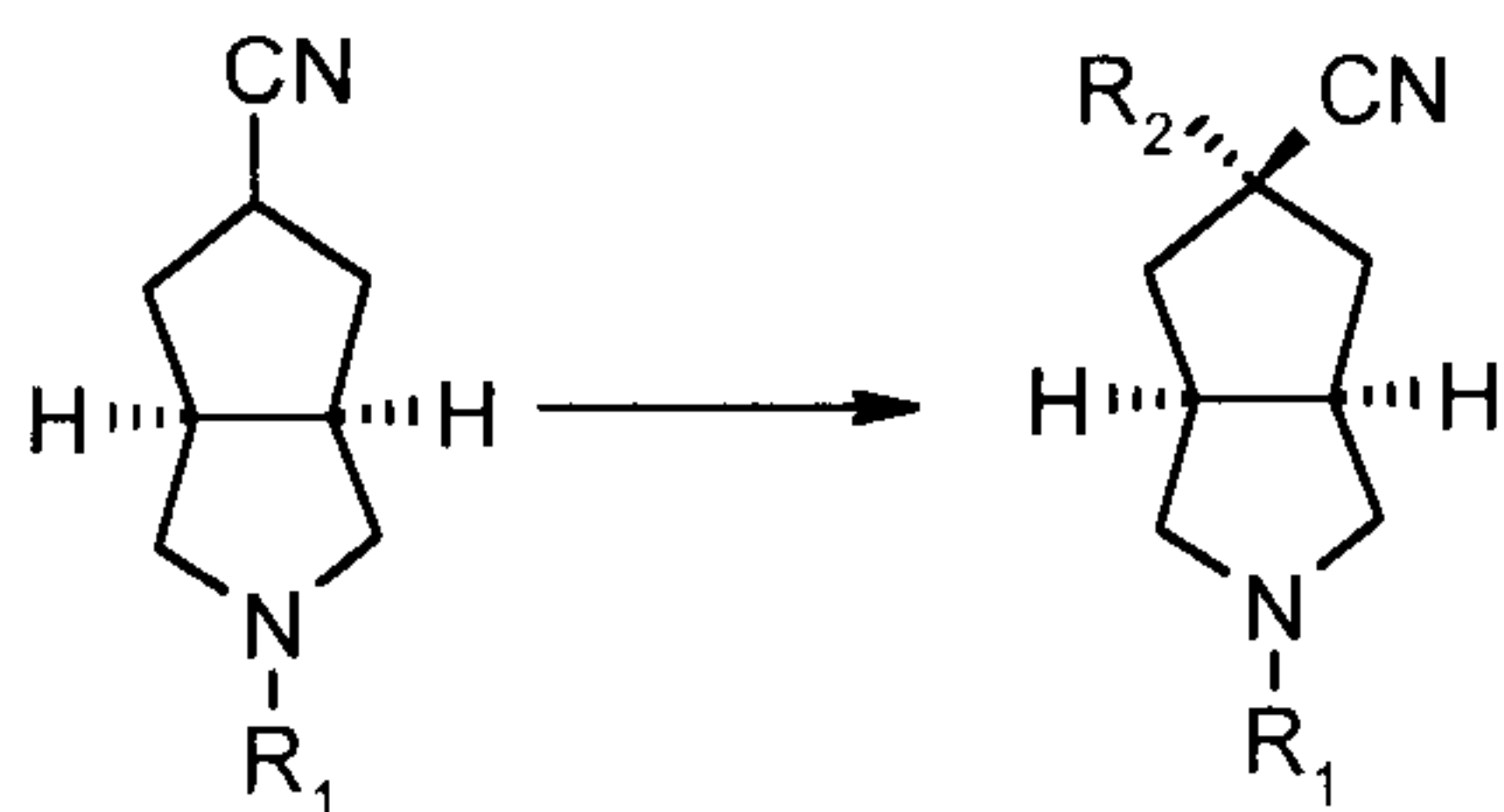


- 5 reacting the azabicyclo amine compound with a halo substituted compound in the presence of an alkaline solvent such as N,N-dimethylformamide to obtain compound of formula (IC).

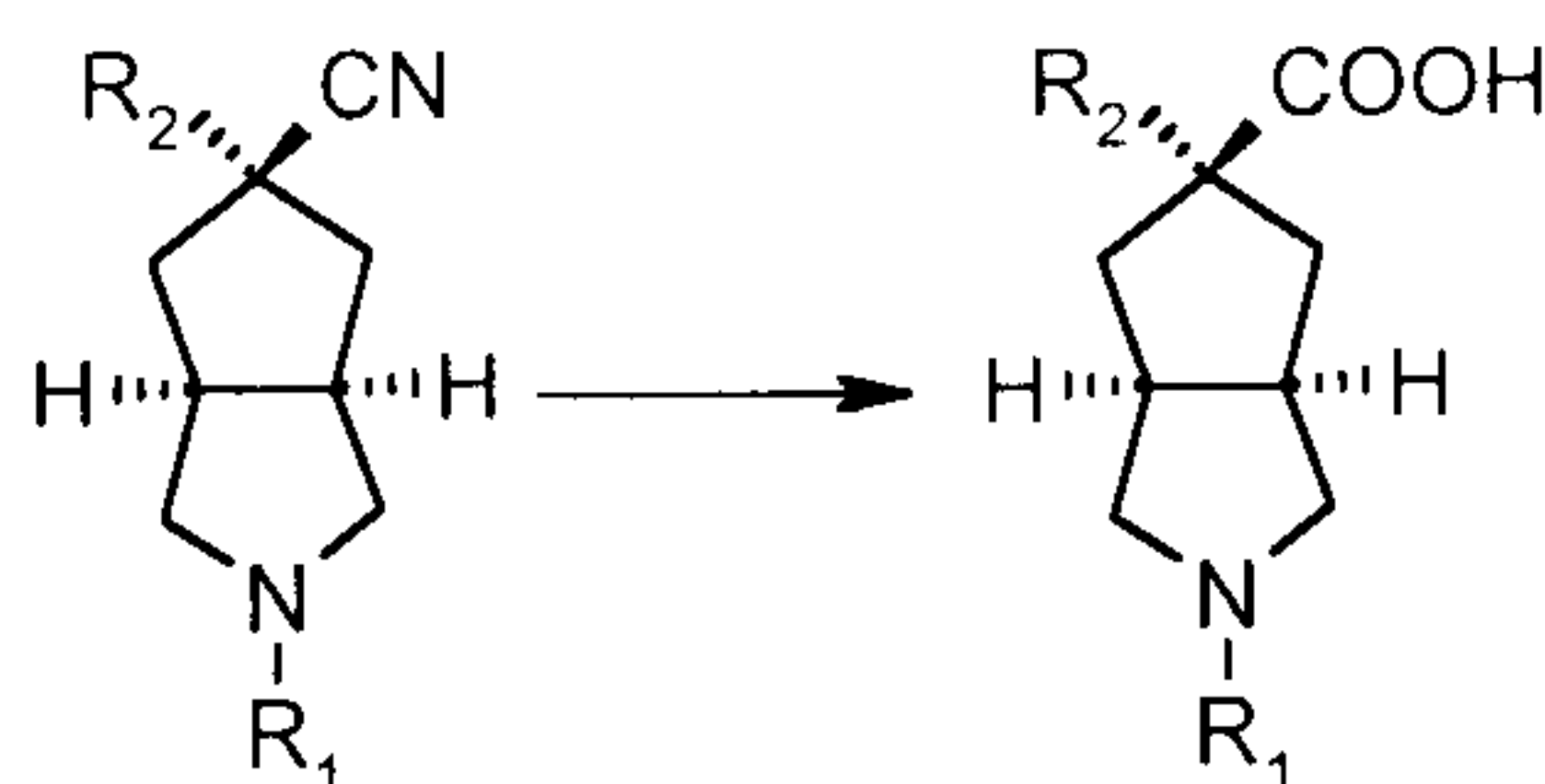
10 This disclosure relates to the process for the preparation of compounds represented by formula (IB), comprising the following steps of:



reacting the intermediate of formula (ID) with tosylmethyl isocyanide in a suitable solvent such as ethylene glycol dimethyl ether via an isocyanide reaction to obtain an azabicyclo cyano compound;

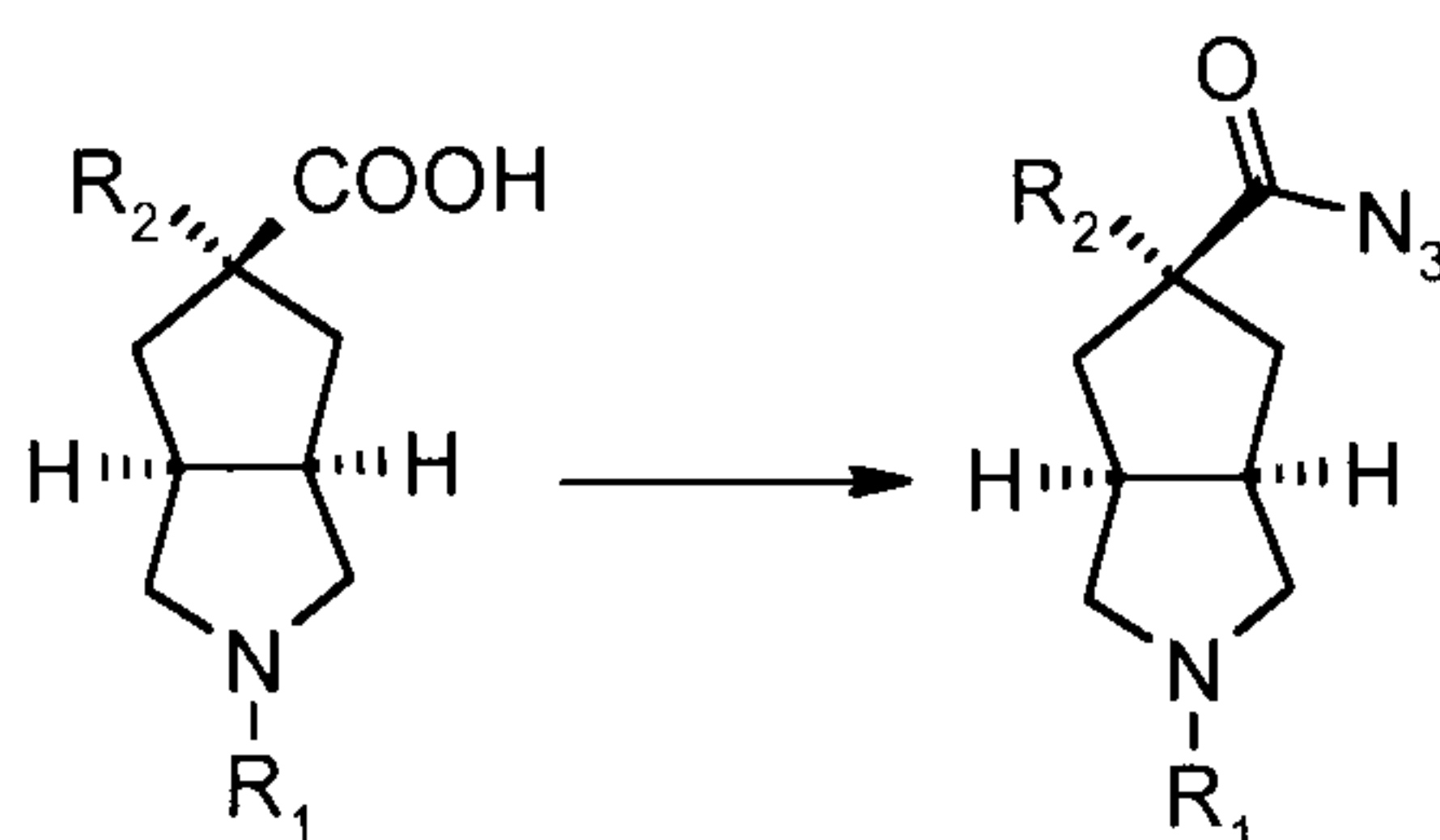


15 reacting the azabicyclo cyano compound in a suitable solvent such as tetrahydrofuran with a halo compound in the presence of lithium hexamethyldisilazide to obtain a R₂ substituted azabicyclo cyano compound;



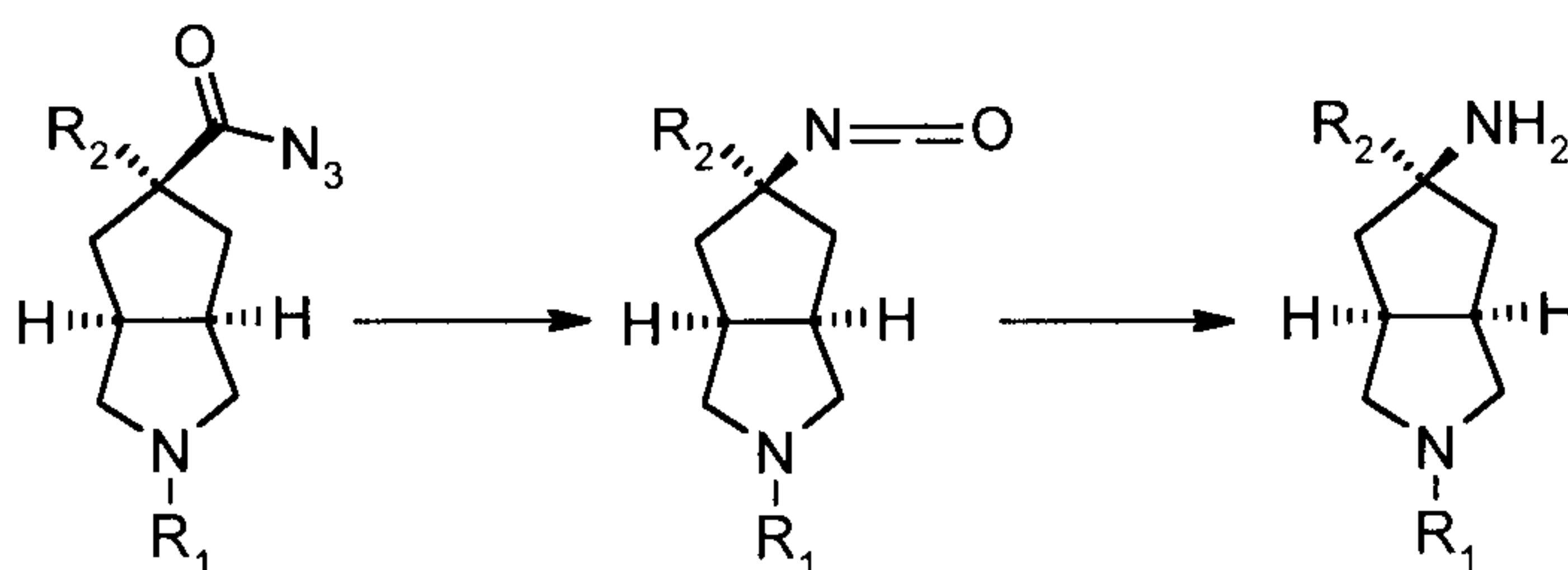
hydrolyzing the R_2 substituted azabicyclo cyano compound in the presence of an acid to obtain a R_2 substituted azabicyclo carboxyl compound;

or reacting the R_2 substituted azabicyclo cyano compound with a reductant such as DIBAL-H in a suitable solvent such as dichloromethane upon cooling by an ice-water bath, to obtain an aldehyde compound; reacting the aldehyde compound in a solvent mixture of tetrahydrofuran/water with sodium dihydrogen phosphate, sodium chlorite and 2-methyl-2-butene, upon cooling by an ice-water bath, to obtain a R_2 substituted azabicyclo carboxyl compound;

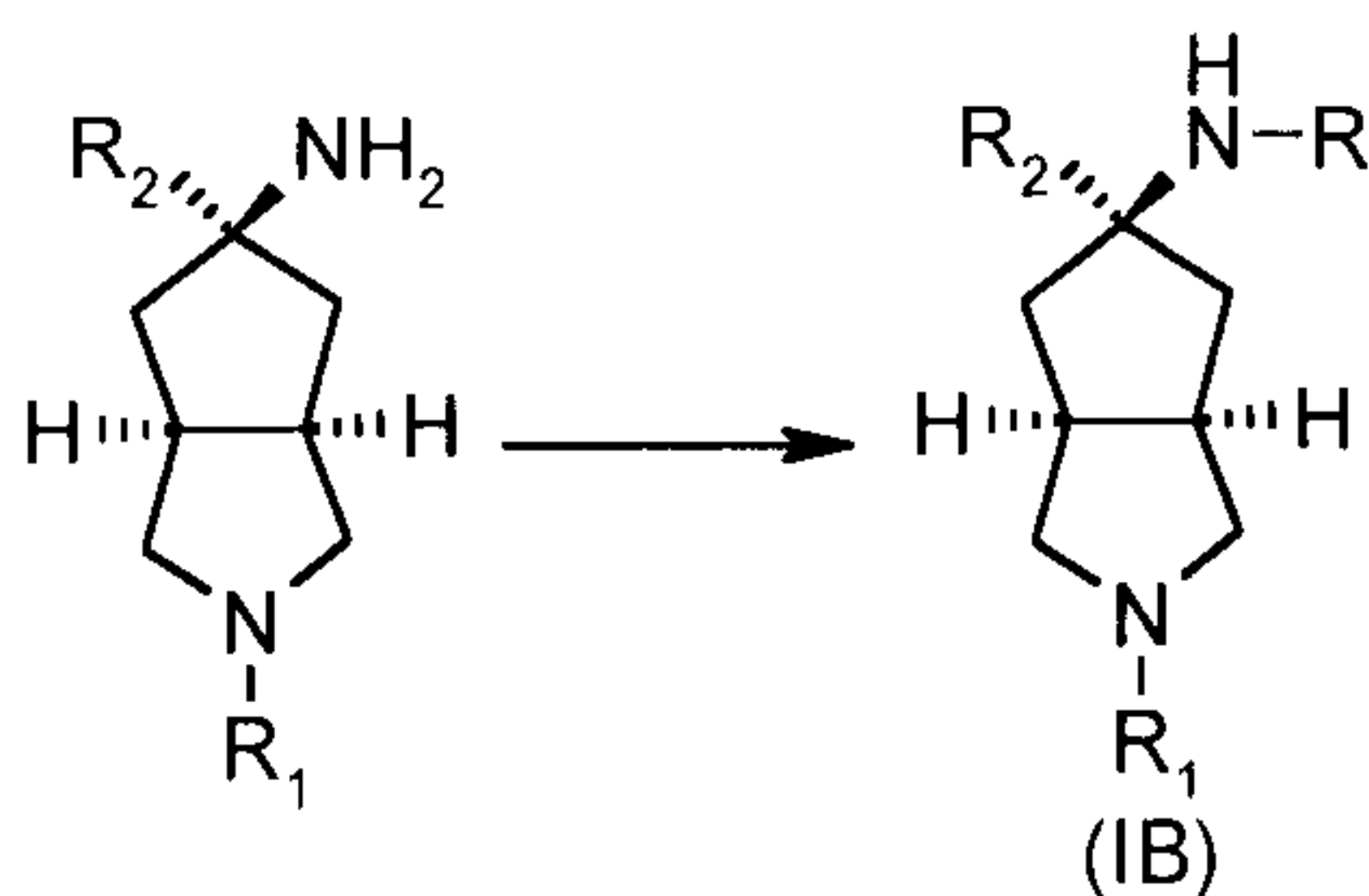


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reacting the R_2 substituted azabicyclo carboxyl compound with ethyl chloroformate in the presence of a base such as triethylamine via azido reaction to obtain an azabicyclo azido compound;

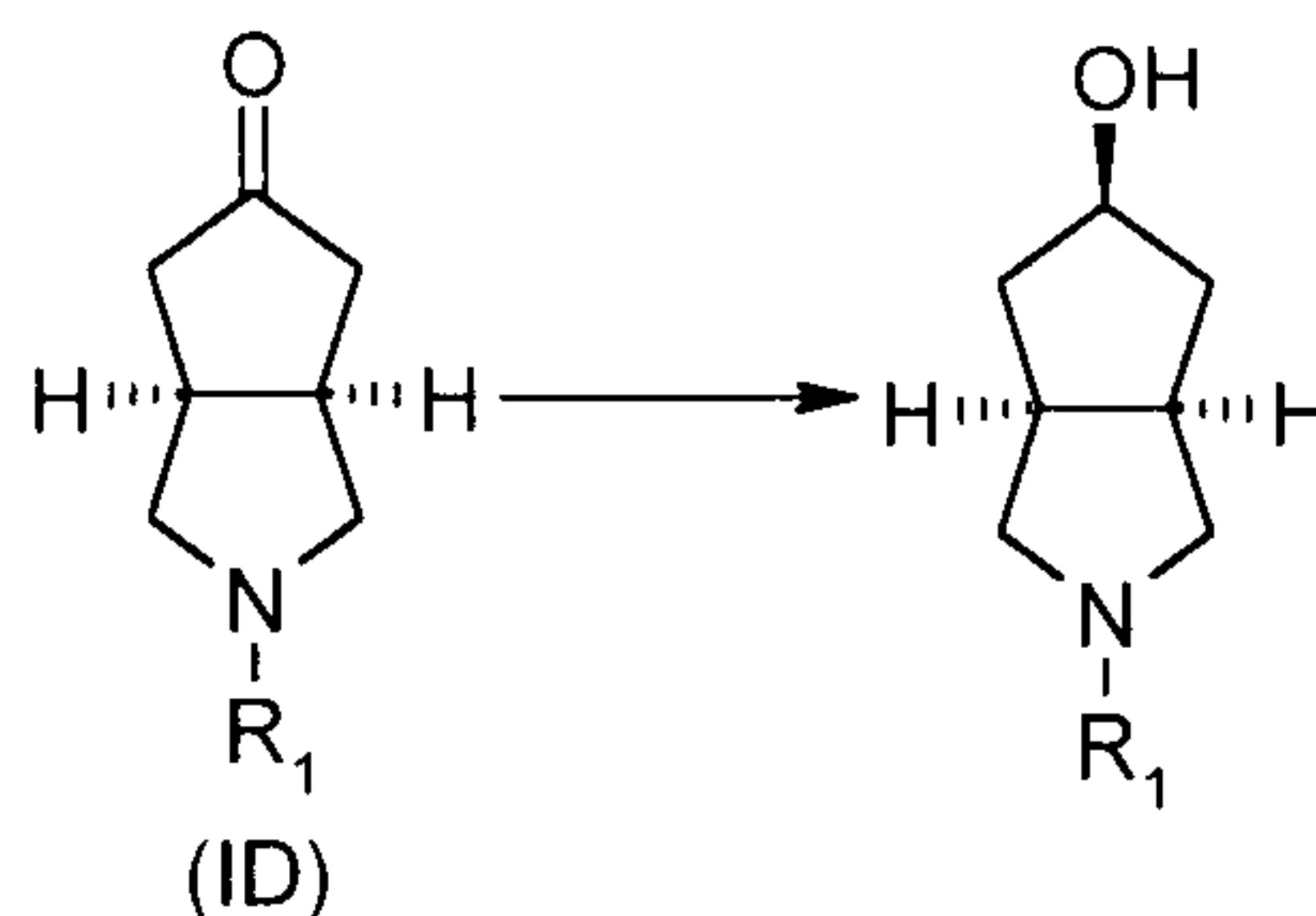


heating the azabicyclo azido compound in a suitable solvent such as toluene followed by stirring in an acidic solution; neutralizing the reaction solution to pH showing alkalescence to obtain a R_2 substituted azabicyclo amine compound;

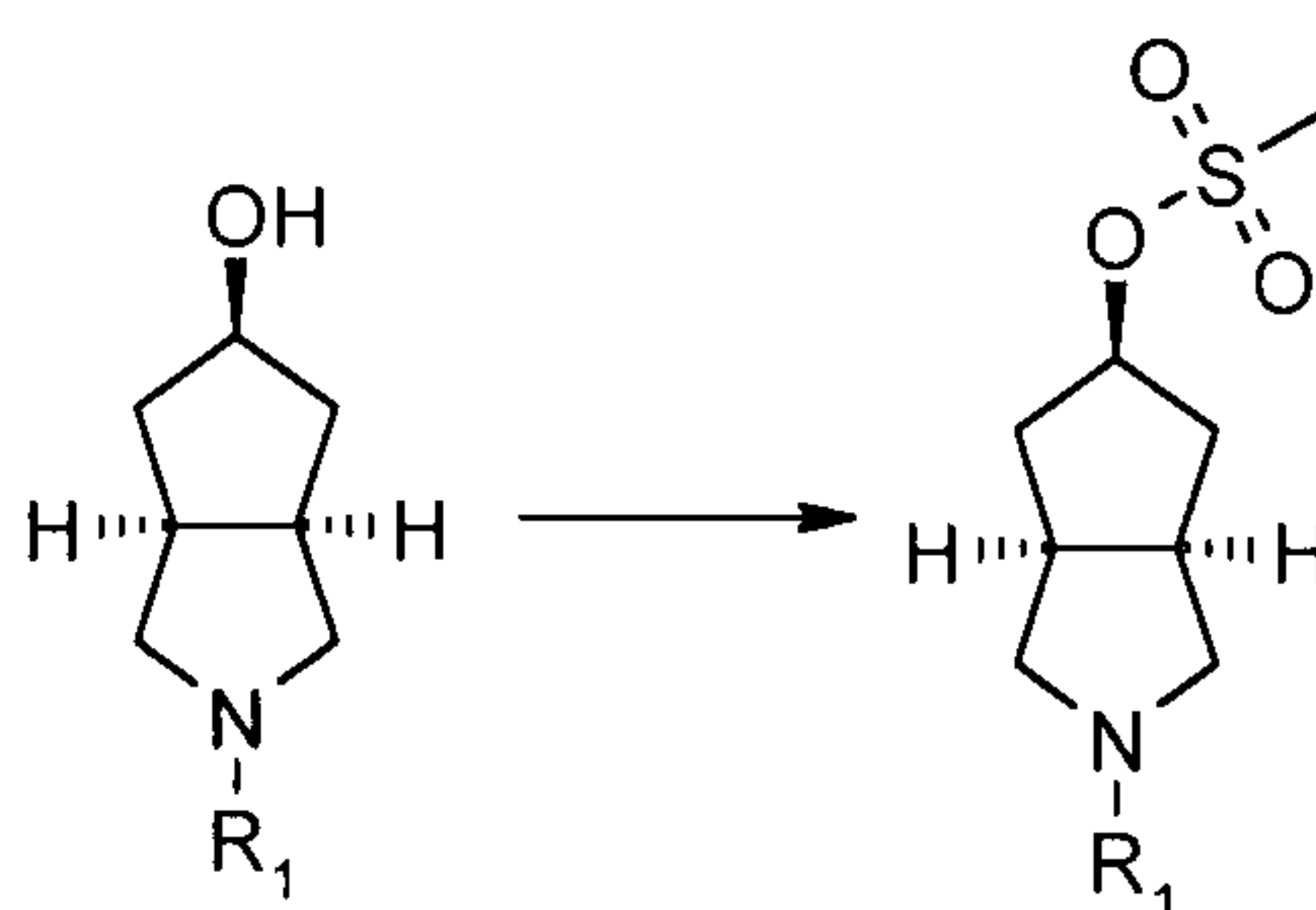


reacting the R_2 substituted azabicyclo amine compound with a halo substituted compound in the presence of an alkaline solvent such as N,N-dimethylformamide to obtain the compound of formula (IB).

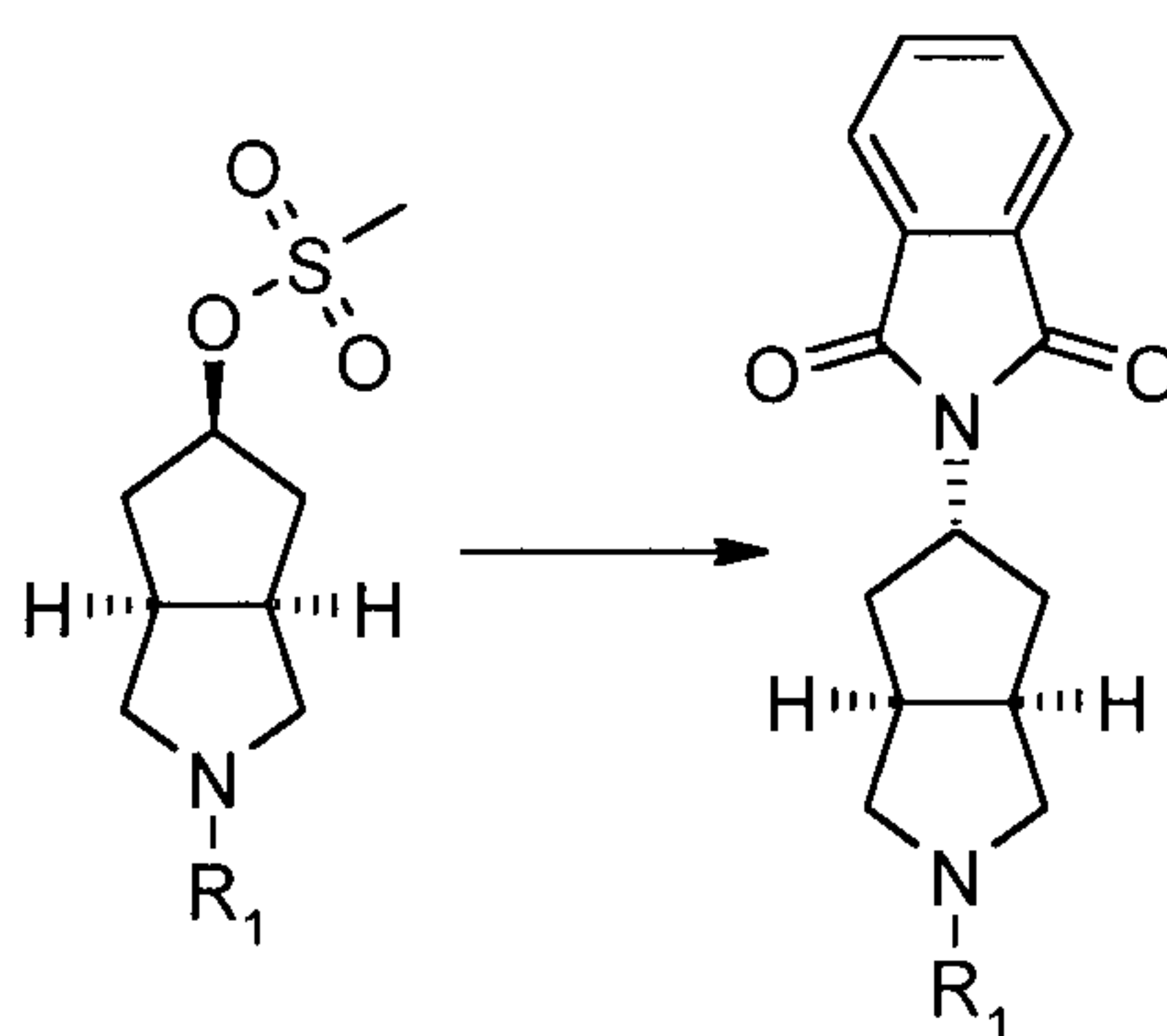
This disclosure relates to the process for the preparation of compounds represented by formula (IC), comprising the following steps of:



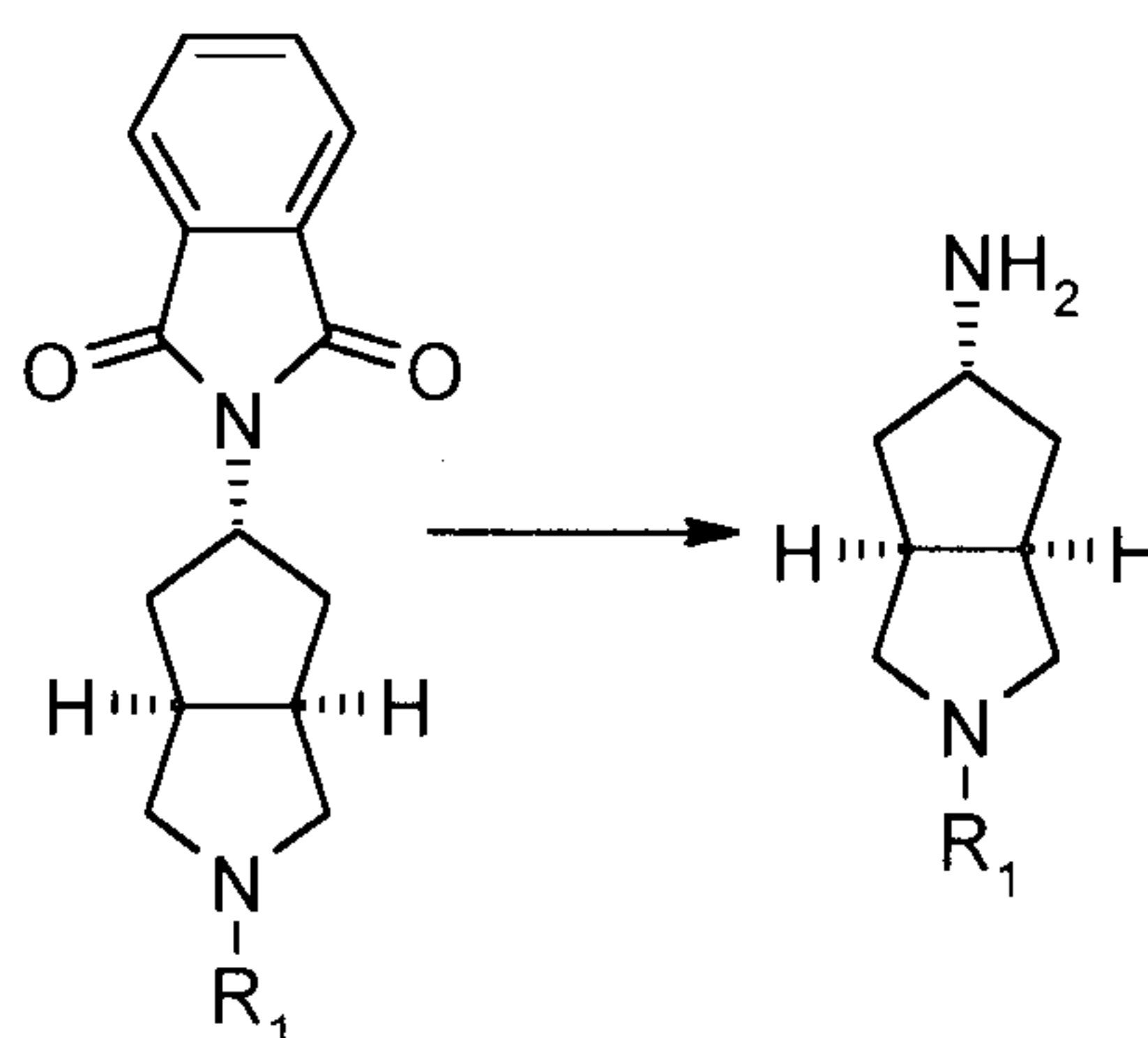
reacting the intermediate of formula (ID) in a suitable solvent such as tetrahydrofuran with a reductant such as lithium tri-*tert*-butoxyaluminum hydride upon cooling by an ice-water bath to obtain an azabicyclo hydroxyl compound;



reacting the azabicyclo hydroxyl compound in a suitable solvent such as dichloromethane with an alkaline agent such as triethylamine and methylsulfonyl chloride to obtain an azabicyclo methyl sulfonic acid compound;

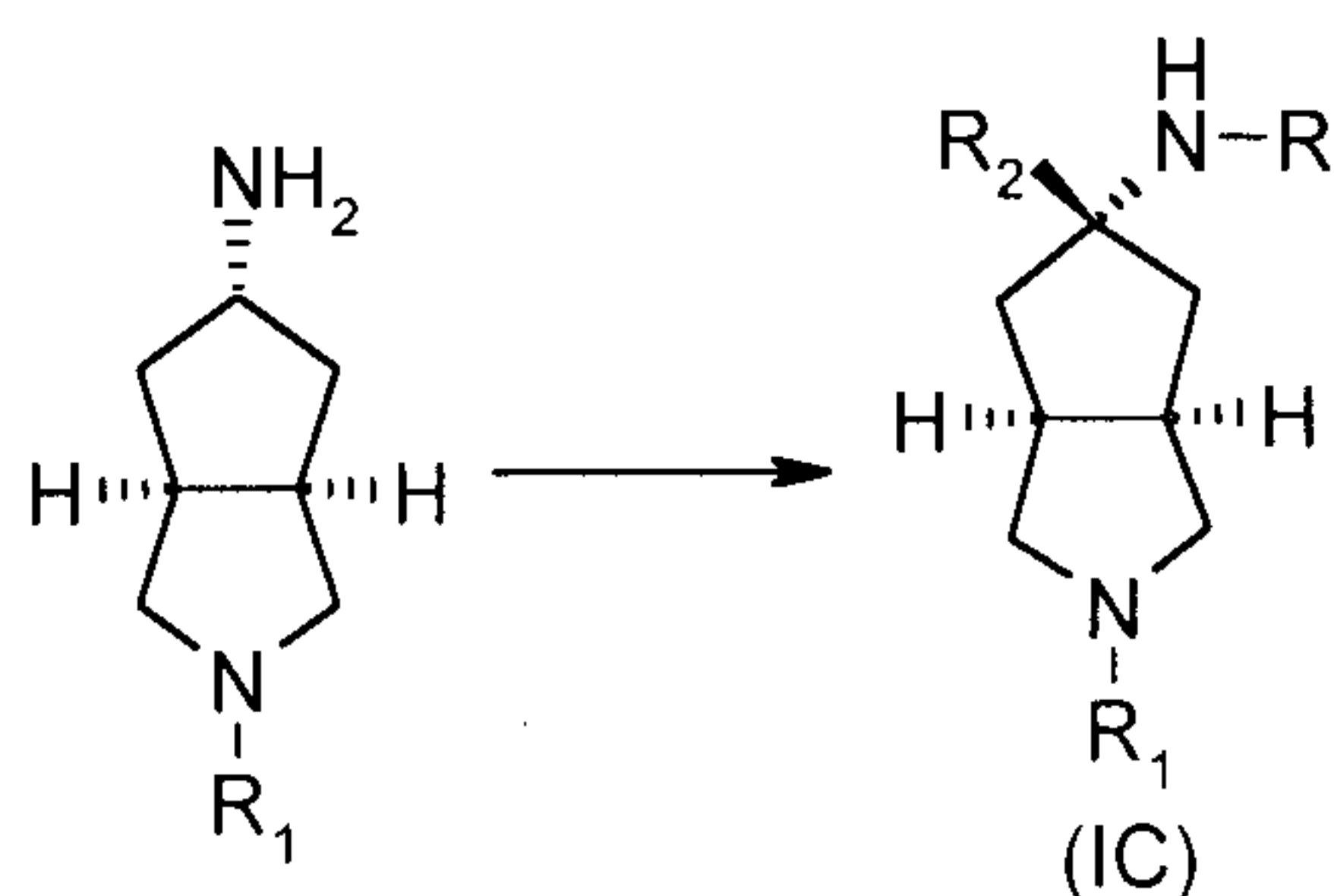


heating the azabicyclo methyl sulfonic acid compound and phthalimide-potassium in the presence of an alkaline agent such as N,N-dimethylformamide to obtain a phthalimide substituted azabicyclo compound;



heating the phthalimide substituted azabicyclo compound and hydrazine in a

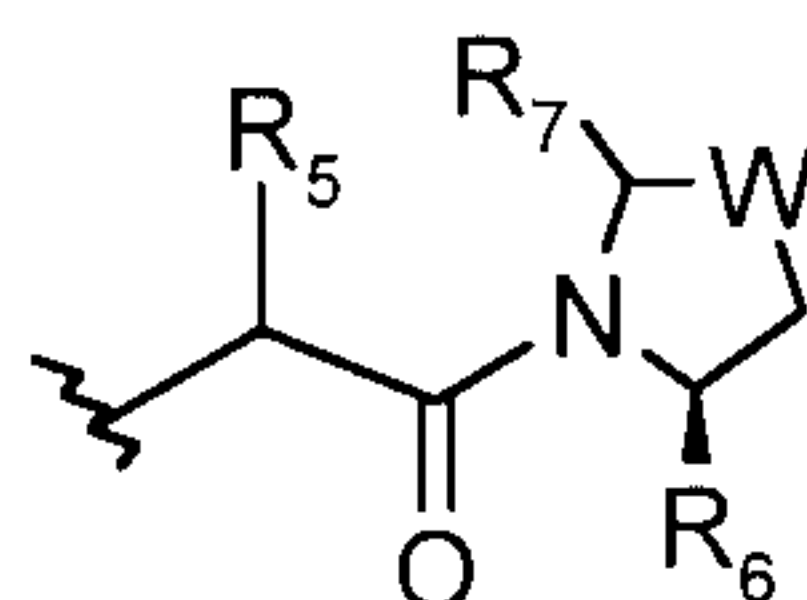
suitable solvent such as ethanol to obtain an azabicyclo amine compound;



heating the azabicyclo amine compound and halo compound in a suitable solvent such as dichloromethane to obtain compound of formula (IC).

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Preferably, in the preparation process described above, R is the following formula:



10 R_5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic alkyl, wherein the alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclic alkyl is further substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, halogen, hydroxyl, amino, alkylamino, cyano, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, heterocyclic alkoxy, carboxylic acid and carboxylic ester;

15 R_6 and R_7 are each independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, hydroxyl, amino, cyano, alkynyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, carboxylic acid, carboxylic ester and halogen; and

W is C, S or O, wherein C is further substituted with R_6 or R_7 .

20 The purified compounds represented by formula (IB) and formula (IC) are further reacted with acids in the solvent of methanol, dichloromethane or ethyl acetate to obtain the acid addition salts.

25 Furthermore, this disclosure relates to a pharmaceutical composition comprising the compounds of the present disclosure or salts thereof in an effective therapeutic dose, as well as pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

30 Furthermore, this disclosure relates to a use of the compounds of the present disclosure or pharmaceutical acceptable salts in the preparation of a medicament as a dipeptidyl peptidase (DPP-IV) inhibitor.

This disclosure also relates to the compounds of represented by formula (I) or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein the compounds of formula (I) may be present in free form or in the form of acid addition salts which are pharmaceutically acceptable non-toxic. The pharmaceutically acceptable salts include hydrochloride, p-toluenesulfonate, tartarate, maleate, lactate, methanesulfonate, sulfate, phosphate,

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citrate, acetate and trifluoroacetate, preferably p-toluenesulfonate, hydrochloride, tartarate and trifluoroacetate.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DISCLOSURE

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Unless otherwise stated, the following terms used in the specification and claims have the meanings discussed below.

10 The term "alkyl" refers to a saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon group including C₁-C₂₀ straight chain and branched chain groups. Preferably an alkyl group is a moderate size alkyl having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, 2-propyl, *n*-butyl, *iso*-butyl, *tert*-butyl, pentyl, and the like. More preferably, it is a lower alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, 2-propyl, *n*-butyl, *iso*-butyl, or *tert*-butyl, and the like. The alkyl group may be substituted or unsubstituted. When substituted, the
15 substituent group(s) is preferably halo, hydroxyl, lower alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, heteroaryl, heterocyclic alkyl, C(O)R₃ and C(O)NR₃R₄.

The term "cycloalkyl" refers to a 3 to 8 membered all-carbon monocyclic ring, an all-carbon 5-membered/6-membered or 6-membered/6-membered fused bicyclic ring or
20 a multicyclic fused ring (a "fused" ring system means that each ring in the system shares an adjacent pair of carbon atoms with other ring in the system) group wherein one or more rings may contain one or more double bonds, but none of the rings has a completely conjugated *pi*-electron system. Examples of cycloalkyl groups are cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclopentenyl, chyclohexyl, cyclohexadienyl, adamantyl, cycloheptyl, cycloheptatrienyl, and the like. The cycloalkyl group may be substituted or unsubstituted. When substituted, the substituent group(s) is preferably one or more independently selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl, trihaloalkyl, halo, hydroxy, lower alkoxy, aryl (optionally substituted with one or more groups which each independently is halo, hydroxy, lower alkyl or lower alkoxy groups), aryloxy
25 (optionally substituted with one or more groups which each independently is halo, hydroxy, lower alkyl or lower alkoxy groups), 6-membered heteroaryl (having 1 to 3 nitrogen atoms on the ring, the carbons on the ring being optionally substituted with one or more groups which each independently is halo, hydroxy, lower alkyl or lower alkoxy groups), 5-membered heteroaryl (having 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, the carbon and nitrogen atoms of the group being optionally substituted with one or more groups which each independently is halo, hydroxy, lower alkyl or lower alkoxy groups), 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic alkyl (having 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, the carbon and nitrogen (if present) atoms of the group being optionally
35 substituted with one or more groups which each independently is halo, hydroxy, lower alkyl or lower alkoxy groups), mercapto, (lower alkyl) thio, arylthio (optionally substituted with one or more groups which each independently is halo, hydroxy, lower alkyl or lower alkoxy groups), cyano, acyl, thioacyl, O-carbamyl, N-carbamyl, O-thiocarbamyl, N-thiocarbamyl, C-amido, N-amido, nitro, N-sulfonamido, S-sulfonamido, C(O)R₃, C(O)NR₃R₄ and -C(O)OR₃.
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The term "alkenyl" refers to an alkyl group as defined above having at least 2 carbon atoms and at least one carbon-carbon double bond. Representative examples include, but are not limited to ethenyl, 1-propenyl, 2-propenyl, 1-, 2-, 3-butenyl, and the like.

The term "alkynyl" refers to an alkyl group as defined above having at least 2 carbon atoms and at least one carbon-carbon triple bond. Representative examples include, but are not limited to ethynyl, 1-propynyl, 2-propynyl, 1-, 2-, 3-butynyl, and the like.

The term "aryl" refers to groups having at least one aromatic ring, i.e., having a conjugated *pi*-electron system, including all-carbon cyclic aryl, heteroaryl and biaryl group. Said aryl group may be optionally substituted with one or more groups each independently selected from the group consisting of halo, trihalomethyl, hydroxy, SR, nitro, cyano, alkoxyl and alkyl.

The term "heteroaryl" refers to an aryl having 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S as ring atoms, the remaining ring atoms being C. Said ring is 5- or 6- membered ring. The examples of heteroaryl groups include furyl, thienyl, pyridyl, pyrrolyl, N-alkyl pyrrolyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, imidazolyl, and the like.

The term "heterocyclic alkyl" refers to a monocyclic or fused ring group of 5 to 9 ring atoms, wherein one, or two ring heteroatoms are selected from the group consisting of N, O, and S(O)_n (n is integer from 0 to 2), the remaining ring atoms are C, in addition, the ring may also have one or more double bonds, but not have a completely conjugated *pi*-electron system. The unsubstituted heterocyclic alkyl includes, but is not limited to pyrrolidyl, piperidyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, homopiperazinyl, and the like. The heterocyclic alkyl may be substituted or unsubstituted. When substituted, the substituent group is preferably one or more, more preferably one, two, or three, further more preferably one or two groups, each independently selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl, trihaloalkyl, halo, hydroxy, lower alkoxy, cyano and acyl. Preferably, the heterocyclic alkyl is optionally substituted with one or two groups independently selected from the group consisting of halo, lower alkyl, trihaloalkyl, hydroxy, mercapto, cyano, N-amido, and carboxy.

The term "hydroxy" refers to an -OH group.

The term "alkoxyl" refers to both an -O-(alkyl) and an -O-(unsubstituted cycloalkyl) group. Representative examples include, but are not limited to, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, butoxy, cyclopropyloxy, cyclobutyloxy, cyclopentyloxy, cyclohexyloxy, and the like.

The term "haloalkoxy" refers to an -O-(haloalkyl). Representative examples include, but are not limited to, trifluoromethoxy, tribromomethoxy, and the like.

5 The term "aryloxy" refers to both an -O-aryl and an -O-heteroaryl group, wherein the aryl and heteroaryl are as defined above. Representative examples include, but are not limited to, phenoxy, pyridinyloxy, furanyloxy, thienyloxy, pyrimidinyloxy, pyrazinyloxy, and the like, and derivatives thereof.

The term "mercapto" refers to a -SH group.

10 The term "alkylthio" refers to a -S-(alkyl) and a -S-(unsubstituted cycloalkyl) group. Representative examples include, but are not limited to, methylthio, ethylthio, propylthio, butylthio, cyclopropylthio, cyclobutylthio, cyclopentylthio, cyclohexylthio, and the like.

15 The term "arylthio" refers to a -S-aryl and a -S-heteroaryl group, wherein the aryl and heteroaryl are as defined above. Representative examples include, but are not limited to, e.g., phenylthio, pyridinylthio, furanylthio, thienylthio, pyrimidinylthio, and the like, and derivatives thereof.

20 The term "acyl" refers to a -C(O)-R" group, where R" is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, lower alkyl, trihalomethyl, unsubstituted cycloalkyl, aryl (optionally substituted with one or more, preferably one, two, or three substituents selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl, trihalomethyl, lower alkoxy and halo groups), heteroaryl (bonded through a ring carbon) (optionally substituted with one or more, preferably one, two, or three substituents selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl, trihaloalkyl, lower alkoxy and halo groups), and heteroalicyclic (bonded through a ring carbon) (optionally substituted with one or more, preferably one, two, or three substituents selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl, trihaloalkyl, lower alkoxy and halo groups). Representative acyl groups include, but are not limited to, acetyl, trifluoroacetyl, benzoyl, and the like.

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The term "thioacyl" refers to a -C(S)-R" group, wherein R" is as defined above.

The term "acetyl" refers to a -C(O)CH₃ group.

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

The term "trifluoromethyl" refers to a -CF₃ group.

40 The term "cyano" refers to a -C≡N group.

The term "amino" refers to a -NH₂ group.

The term "carboxylic acid" refers to a -COOH group.

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The term "carboxylic ester" refers to a -COOR group, wherein R is alkyl or cycloalkyl.

The term "hydroxyl alkyl" refers to a-(CH₂)_rOH group, wherein r is an integer from 1 to 4.

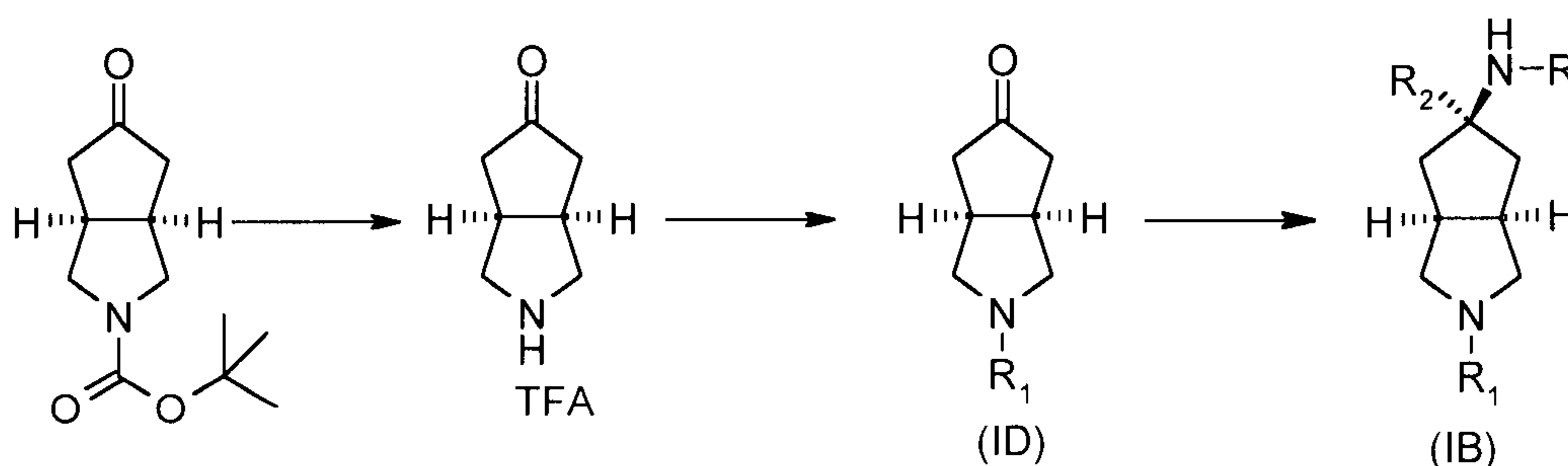
The term "optional" or "optionally" means that the subsequently described event or circumstance may or may not occur, and that the description includes instances where the event or circumstance may or may not occur. For example, "heterocycle group optionally substituted with an alkyl group" means that the alkyl may or may not be present, and the description includes situations where the heterocyclic group is substituted with an alkyl group and situations where the heterocyclic group is not substituted with the alkyl group.

The term "pharmaceutical composition" refers to a mixture of one or more of the compounds described herein, or physiologically/pharmacologically acceptable salts or prodrugs thereof, with other chemical components, such as physiologically/pharmacologically acceptable carriers and excipients. The purpose of a pharmaceutical composition is to facilitate administration of a compound to an organism.

SYNTHESIS METHOD OF THE DISCLOSURE COMPOUND

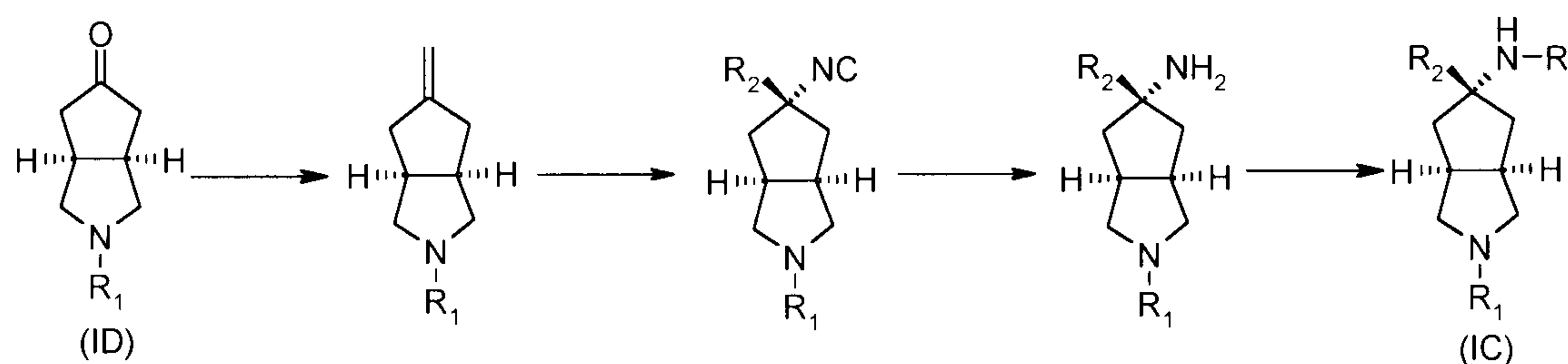
In order to complete the objective of the disclosure, the disclosure applies the following technical solution:

Scheme I



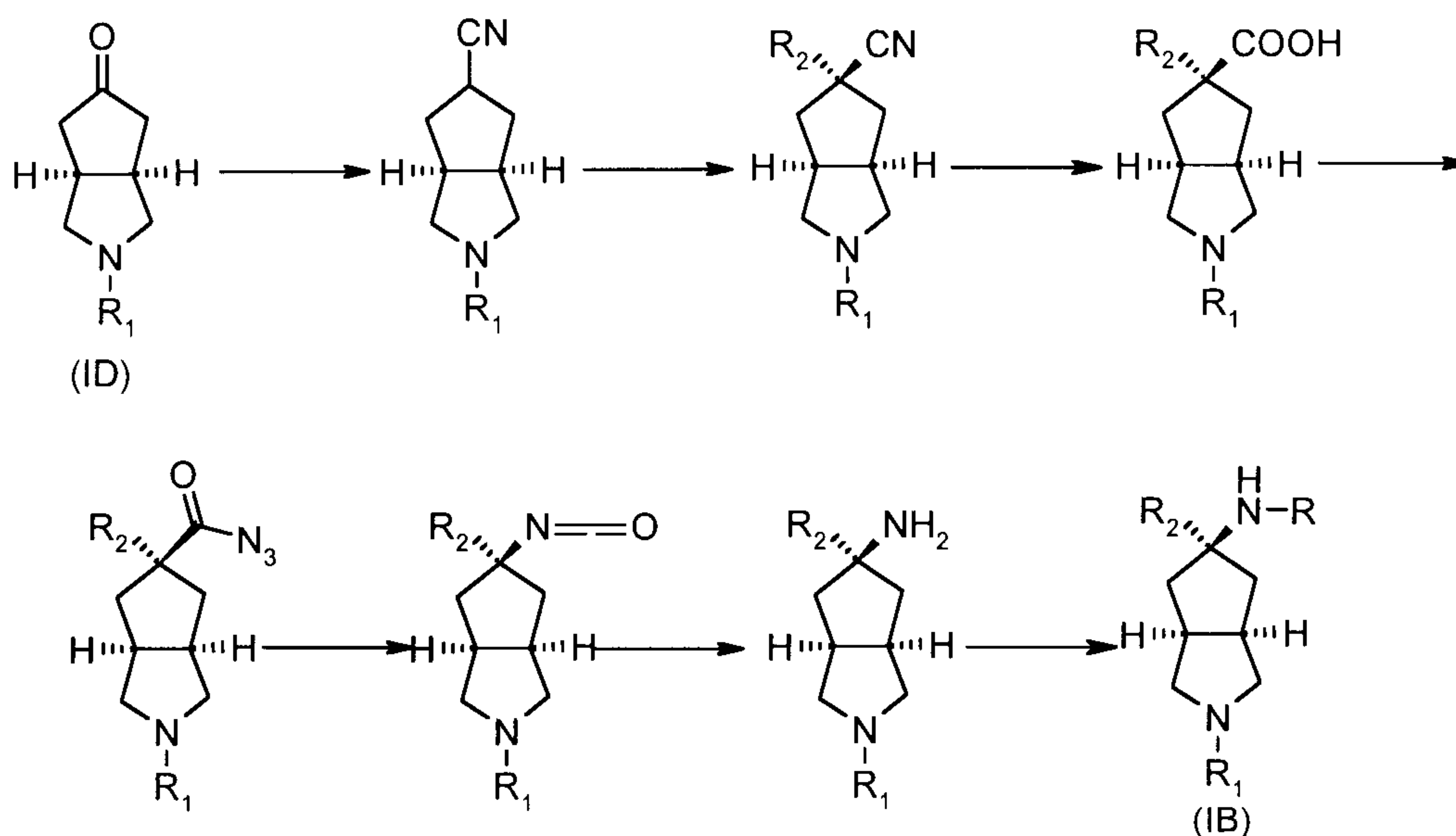
reacting *tert*-butyl-5-oxo-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid ester with trifluoroacetic acid in a suitable solvent such as dichloromethane, upon cooling by an ice-water bath, to obtain hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one trifluoroacetate; reacting hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one trifluoroacetate with acyl chloride or ester in the presence of a base to obtain the compound of formula (ID); reacting the intermediate of formula (ID), in a suitable solvent such as methanol or ethanol, with corresponding amines, substituted sodium borohydride and a suitable base such as triethylamine to obtain the compound of formula (IB) at room temperature;

Scheme II



heating potassium *tert*-butoxide and a solution of methyltriphenylphosphonium iodide in toluene followed by addition of the intermediate of formula (ID) at room temperature to obtain an azabicyclo alkenyl compound; reacting the azabicyclo alkenyl compound, in a suitable solvent such as dichloromethane, with trimethylsilyl cyanide in the presence of silver perchlorate at room temperature to obtain an azabicyclo cyano compound; reacting the azabicyclo cyano compound in a suitable solvent such as ethanol with a suitable acid such as hydrochloric acid at room temperature to obtain an azabicyclo amine compound; reacting the azabicyclo amine compound with a halo substituted compound in the presence of an alkaline solvent such as N,N-dimethylformamide to obtain compound of formula (IC).

Scheme III

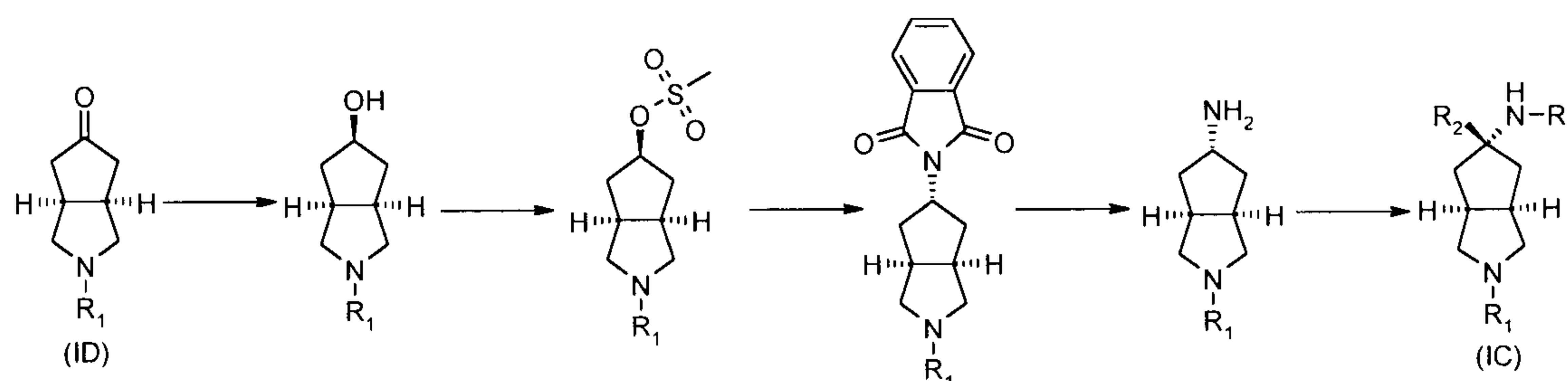


reacting the intermediate of formula (ID) with tosylmethyl isocyanide in a suitable solvent such as ethylene glycol dimethyl ether via an isocyanide reaction to obtain an azabicyclo cyano compound; reacting the azabicyclo cyano compound in a suitable solvent such as tetrahydrofuran with a halo compound in the presence of lithium hexamethyldisilazide to obtain a R_2 substituted azabicyclo cyano compound; hydrolyzing the R_2 substituted azabicyclo cyano compound in the presence of an acid to obtain a R_2 substituted azabicyclo carboxyl compound; or reacting the R_2 substituted azabicyclo cyano compound with a reductant such as DIBAL-H in a suitable solvent such as dichloromethane upon cooling by an ice-water bath, to obtain an aldehyde compound; reacting the aldehyde compound in a solvent mixture of tetrahydrofuran/water with sodium dihydrogen phosphate, sodium chlorite and 2-methyl-2-butene, upon cooling by an ice-water bath, to obtain a R_2 substituted azabicyclo carboxyl compound;

reacting the R₂ substituted azabicyclo carboxyl compound with ethyl chloroformate in the presence of a base such as triethylamine via azido reaction to obtain an azabicyclo azido compound; heating the azabicyclo azido compound in a suitable solvent such as toluene followed by stirring in an acidic solution; neutralizing the reaction solution to pH showing alkalescence to obtain a R₂ substituted azabicyclo amine compound; reacting the R₂ substituted azabicyclo amine compound with a halo substituted compound in the presence of an alkaline solvent such as N,N-dimethylformamide to obtain the compound of formula (IB).

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Scheme IV



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reacting the intermediate of formula (ID) in a suitable solvent such as tetrahydrofuran with a reductant such as lithium tri-*tert*-butoxyaluminum hydride upon cooling by an ice-water bath to obtain an azabicyclo hydroxyl compound; reacting the azabicyclo hydroxyl compound in a suitable solvent such as dichloromethane with an alkaline agent such as triethylamine and methylsulfonyl chloride to obtain an azabicyclo methyl sulfonic acid compound; heating the azabicyclo methyl sulfonic acid compound and phthalimide-potassium in the presence of an alkaline agent such as N,N-dimethylformamide to obtain a phthalimide substituted azabicyclo compound; heating the phthalimide substituted azabicyclo compound and hydrazine in a suitable solvent such as ethanol to obtain an azabicyclo amine compound; heating the azabicyclo amine compound and halo compound in a suitable solvent such as dichloromethane to obtain compound of formula (IC).

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The purified compounds represented by formula (IB) and formula (IC) are further reacted with acids in the solvent of methanol, dichloromethane or ethyl acetate to obtain the acid addition salts.

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Furthermore, this disclosure relates to a pharmaceutical composition comprising the compounds of the present disclosure or salts thereof in an effective therapeutic dose, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier; and a use of the compounds of the present disclosure or pharmaceutical acceptable salts in the preparation of a medicament as a dipeptidyl peptidase (DPP-IV) inhibitor. In other words, this disclosure also provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising the above mentioned compounds in an effective therapeutic dose, as well as their use in the preparation of a medicament as a dipeptidyl peptidase (DPP-IV) inhibitor.

SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTION METHODS

The following examples serve to illustrate the disclosure, but the examples should not be considered as limiting the scope of the disclosure.

EXAMPLES

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The structures of all compounds were identified by nuclear magnetic resonance (^1H NMR) and mass spectrometry (MS). ^1H NMR chemical shifts (δ) were recorded in ppm (10^{-6}). NMR was performed on a Bruker AVANCE-400 spectrometer. The suitable solvents were deuterated-chloroform (CDCl_3), deuterated-dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO- d_6) and deuterated-methanol (CD_3OD) with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard and chemical shifts were recorded in ppm (10^{-6}).

MS was determined by a FINNIGAN LCQ Ad (ESI) mass spectrometer.

The average of inhibitory rate of kinase and IC_{50} was determined by a NovoStar ELIASA (BMG Co. German).

15 Thin-layer silica gel was Yantai Huanghai HSGF254 or Qingdao GF254 silica gel plate.

Column chromatography generally used Yantai Huanghai 200-300 mesh silica gel as carrier.

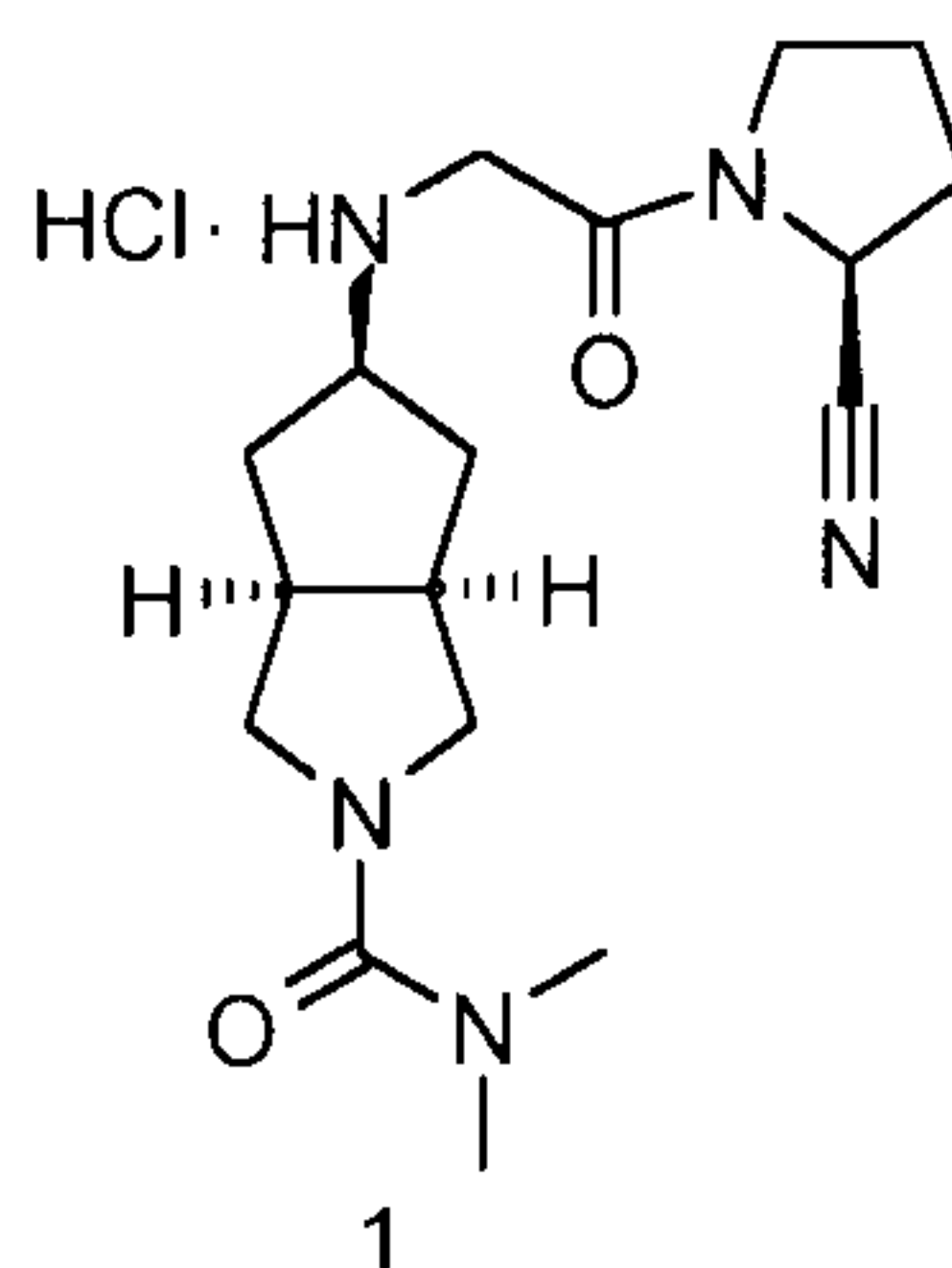
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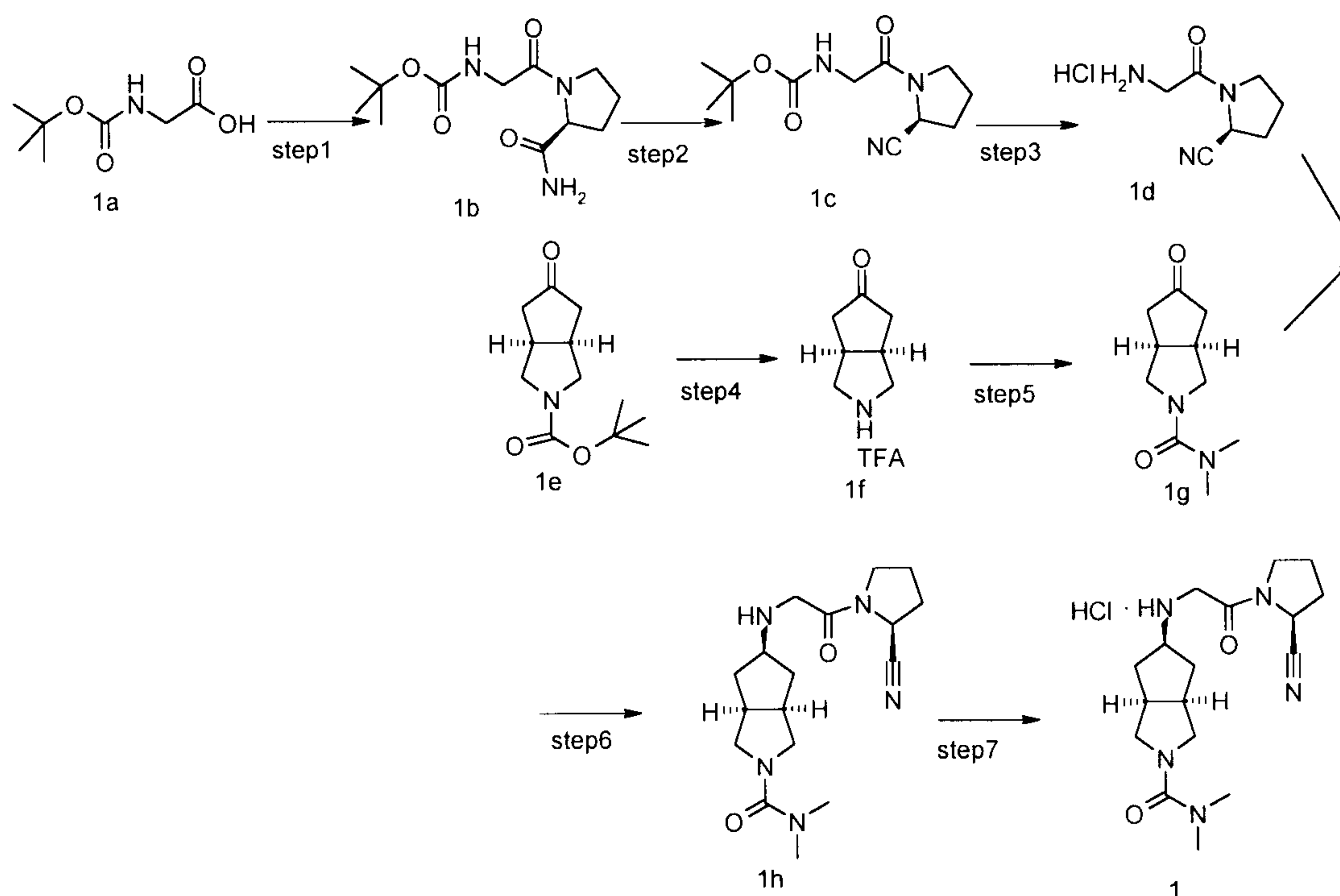
20 CDCl_3 : deuterated-chloroform.

CD_3OD : deuterated-methanol

Example 1

25 *cis*-5-[2-(*S*)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethylamino]-*N,N*-dimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide hydrochloride





Step 1

Preparation of (S)-[2-(2-carbamoyl-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethyl]-carbamic acid *tert*-butyl ester **1b**

N-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl glycine **1a** (5 g, 28.56 mmol) and *L*-prolinamide (3.25 g, 28.50 mmol) were dissolved in 75 mL of N,N-dimethylformamide and the mixture was cooled to 0 °C. Then 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (11.8 g, 87.3 mmol), N-ethyl-N'-(dimethylaminopropyl)-carbodiimide (11.3 g, 59 mmol) and triethylamine (12.1 mL, 87.3 mmol) were added with stirring. The reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and stirred overnight. The reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) until the disappearance of the starting materials. N,N-dimethylformamide was evaporated below 50 °C. The resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (200 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were washed with 50 mL of saturated brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was recrystallized from ethyl acetate to obtain the title compound (S)-[2-(2-carbamoyl-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethyl]-carbamic acid *tert*-butyl ester **1b** (7.42 g, yield 95.8%) as a white powder.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 272.1 [M+1]

Step 2

Preparation of (S)-[2-(2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethyl]-carbamic acid *tert*-butyl ester **1c**

In a dry three-necked flask, 286 mL of pyridine, (S)-[2-(2-carbamoyl-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethyl]-carbamic acid *tert*-butyl ester **1b** (13.5 g, 49.8 mmol) and imidazole (7.11 g, 104.6 mmol) was added successively under nitrogen atmosphere. Then the reaction system was cooled to -35 °C followed by dropwise addition of phosphorus oxychloride (19 mL, 204.2 mmol) with stirring. The

reaction mixture was stirred for 1 hour at the same temperature. After warmed up to room temperature, the reaction mixture was stirred for another 30 minutes. The mixture was evaporated to remove pyridine and the resulting mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate followed by addition of water. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (200 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were washed with 50 mL of saturated brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound (*S*)-[2-(2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethyl]-carbamic acid *tert*-butyl ester **1c** (10.7 g, yield 84.9%) as a white powder.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 254.3 [M+1]

Step 3

Preparation of (*S*)-1-(2-amino-acetyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride **1d**
 (*S*)-[2-(2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethyl]-carbamic acid *tert*-butyl ester **1c** (13.7g, 54.2 mmol) was dissolved in 140 mL of ether and 40 mL of water with stirring. Upon cooling by an ice-water bath, 37% hydrochloric acid (90 mL) was dropwise added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 hour at the same temperature. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue diluted with ether was filtered with a filtering centrifuge to obtain the title compound (*S*)-1-(2-amino-acetyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride **1d** (10 g, yield 98%) as a white powder.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 154.4 [M+1]

Step 4

Preparation of hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one trifluoroacetate **1f**
tert-Butyl 5-oxo-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylate **1e** (0.32 g, 1.42 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of dichloromethane with stirring. Upon cooling by an ice-water bath, trifluoroacetic acid (3.27 mL, 42.7 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was reacted for 30 minutes at 0 °C. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the crude title compound hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one trifluoroacetate **1f** which was directly used in the next step.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 126.4 [M+1]

Step 5

Preparation of N,N-dimethyl-5-oxo-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide **1g**

Hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one trifluoroacetate **1f** obtained from the above step was dissolved in 15 mL of acetonitrile with stirring. Upon cooling by an ice-water bath, potassium carbonate (0.24 g, 1.71 mmol) was added followed by dimethylcarbamic chloride (0.14 mL, 1.56 mmol). The reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and reacted for 2 hours. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and diluted with 50 mL of water. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were washed with 50 mL of saturated brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column

chromatography to obtain the title compound N,N-dimethyl-5-oxo-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide **1g** (0.19 g, yield 68.3%) as a light yellow oil.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 197.4 [M+1]

¹H NMR (DMSO-D₆, 400 MHz) δ 3.56 (m, 2H), 2.85 (m, 2H), 2.7 (s, 6H), 2.81 (m, 2H),
5 2.5 (m, 2H), 2.01 (m, 2H).

Step 6

Preparation of

cis-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-N,N-dimethyl
10 hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide
1h(*S*)-1-(2-Amino-acetyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride **1d** (0.36 g, 1.91 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL of methanol with stirring, followed by addition of N,N-dimethyl-5-oxo-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide **1g** (0.25 g, 1.28 mmol) and sodium triacetoxyborohydride (1.22 g, 5.74 mmol). The reaction mixture
15 was reacted for 3 hours at room temperature. The mixture was concentrated and diluted with 20 mL of saturated aqueous sodium carbonate. Then the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (20 mL×10). The combined organic extracts were washed with 10 mL of saturated brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel
20 column chromatography to obtain the title compound *cis*-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-N,N-dimethyl hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide **1h** (0.3 mg, yield 53%) as a white powder.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 334.5 [M+1]

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Step 7

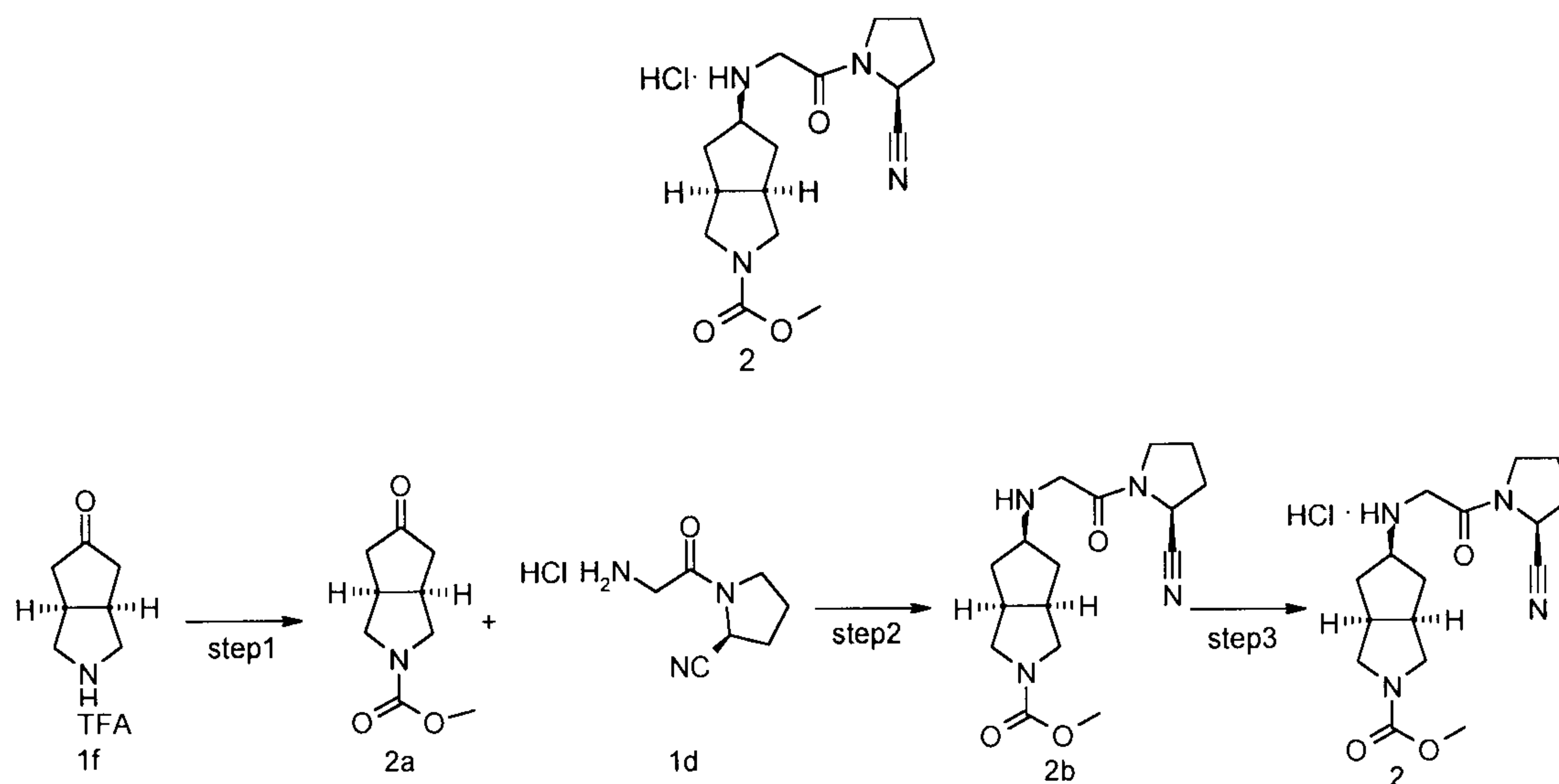
cis-5-[2-((*S*)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-N,N-dimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide hydrochloride

cis-5-[2-((*S*)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-N,N-dimethyl
30 hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide **1h** (200 mg, 0.687 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of dichloromethane. Upon cooling by an ice-water bath, 2 mL of hydrochloric acid in ether (0.5 N) was added. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and diluted with 10 mL of ether. The resulting mixture was filtered with a filtering centrifuge to obtain the title compound *cis*-5-[2-
35 ((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-N,N-dimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide hydrochloride **1** (180 mg, 80%) as a white power.
¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 400 MHz) δ 4.82 (dd, 1H, *J*₁ = 4 Hz, *J*₂ = 5.2 Hz), 4.02 (dd, 2H, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 16.4 Hz), 3.62-3.25 (m, 7H), 2.76 (s, 6H), 2.51-1.49 (m, 10H).

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Example 2

cis-Methyl-5-[2-((*S*)- 2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide hydrochloride



Step 1

Preparation of methyl 5-oxo-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide **2a**

Hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one trifluoroacetate **1f** (0.559 g, 2.34 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL of acetonitrile. Upon cooling by an ice-water bath, potassium carbonate (0.646 g, 4.68 mmol) and methyl 2-chloroacetate (0.22 mL, 2.8 mmol) added successively. The reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and stirred overnight. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and diluted with 50 mL of water. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were washed with 50 mL of saturated brine and 50 mL of water successively, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound methyl 5-oxo-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide **2a** (0.25 g, yield 58.4%) as a colorless oil.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 184 [M+1]

Step 2

Preparation of

cis-Methyl-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide **2b**

(*S*)-1-(2-Amino-acetyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride **1d** (0.43 g, 2.29 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL of methanol with stirring followed by addition of methyl 5-oxo-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide **2a** (0.28 g, 1.53 mmol) and sodium triacetoxymethylborohydride (1.46 g, 6.88 mmol). The reaction mixture was reacted for 3 hours at room temperature. The mixture was concentrated and diluted with 20 mL of saturated aqueous sodium carbonate. The mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (20 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were washed with 10 mL of saturated brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound *cis*-methyl-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-

carboxamide **2b** (0.22 g, yield 41%) as a white powder.

MS m/z (ESI): 357 [M+1]

Step 3

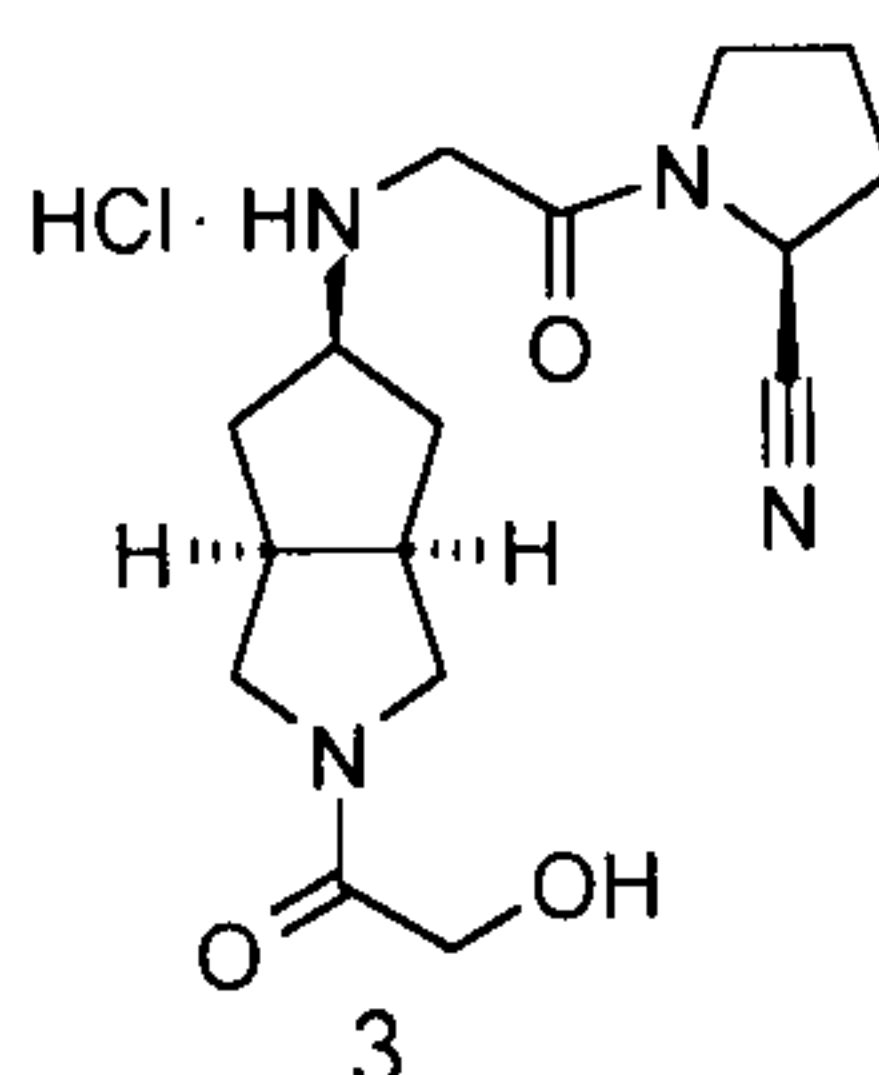
cis-Methyl-5-[2-(2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide hydrochloride **2**

cis-Methyl-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide **2b** was dissolved in 10 mL of ether. Upon cooling by an ice-water bath, 2 mL of hydrochloric acid in ether (0.5 N) was added. The resulting mixture was filtered with a filtering centrifuge to obtain the title compound *cis*-methyl-5-[2-((*S*)- 2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide hydrochloride **2** (200 mg) as a white powder.

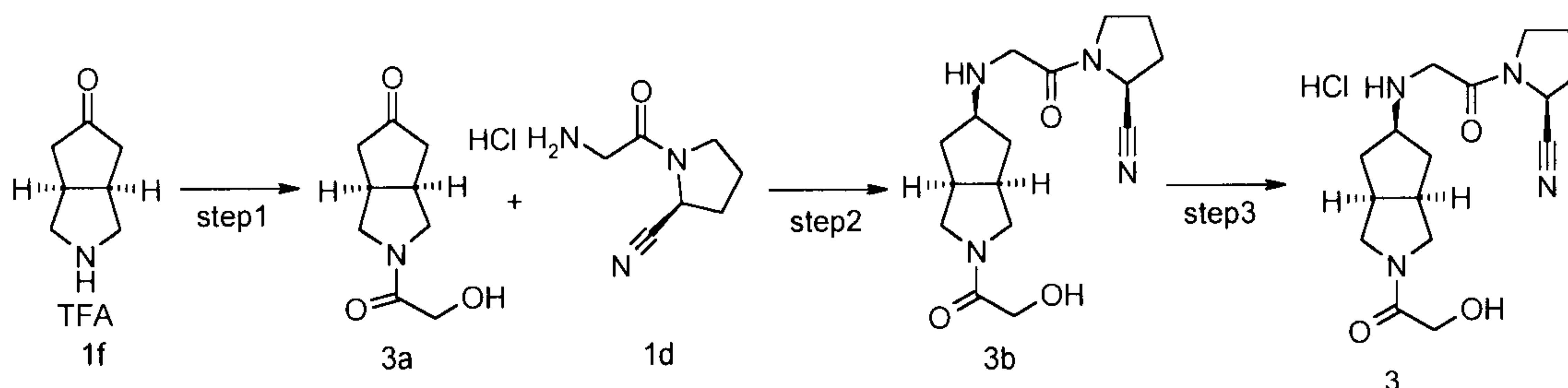
^1H NMR (CD_3OD , 400 MHz) δ 4.71 (m, 1H), 3.93 (m, 2H), 3.59-3.28 (m, 10H), 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.34 (m, 2H), 2.17 (m, 2H), 2.08 (m, 2H).

Example 3

cis-(*S*)-1-{2-[2-(2-Hydroxy-acetyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride



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Step 1

Preparation of 2-(2-hydroxy-acetyl)-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one **3a**

Hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one trifluoroacetate **1f** (764.8 mg, 3.2 mmol) and 2-hydroxyl ethanoic acid (267.5 mg, 3.52 mmol) were dissolved in 10 mL of acetonitrile. Upon cooling by an ice-water bath, hydroxyacetic acid (1.3 g, 9.6 mmol), 1-ethyl-3-dimethylaminopropyl-carbodiimide hydrochloride (1.23 g, 6.4 mmol) and triethylamine (1.3 mL, 9.6 mmol) were added. The ice-water bath was removed and the reaction mixture was reacted overnight at 25°C. The mixture was concentrated and diluted with 20 mL of ethyl acetate. The mixture was filtered under reduced pressure and the filtrate was washed with 20 mL of water. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered under reduced pressure and concentrated under

reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 2-(2-hydroxy-acetyl)-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one **3a** (0.375 g, yield 64%) as a colorless oil.

5 MS *m/z* (ESI): 184 [M+1]

Step 2

Preparation of

10 *cis*-(*S*)-1-{2-[2-(2-hydroxy-acetyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile **3b**

2-(2-Hydroxy-acetyl)-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one **3a** (0.375 g, 2.05 mmol) and (*S*)-1-(2-amino-acetyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride **1d** (0.78 g, 4.1 mmol) were dissolved in 5 mL of methanol and 10 mL of tetrahydrofuran. After the mixture was reacted at room temperature for 30 minutes, sodium triacetoxyborohydride (0.87 g, 4.1 mmol) was added. Then the reaction mixture was reacted overnight at room temperature. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and diluted with 50 mL of methanol followed by addition of potassium carbonate (2 g, 7 mmol). After stirred for 30 minutes, the mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound *cis*-(*S*)-1-{2-[2-(2-hydroxy-acetyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile **3b** which was directly used in the next step.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 357 [M+1]

Step 3

Preparation of

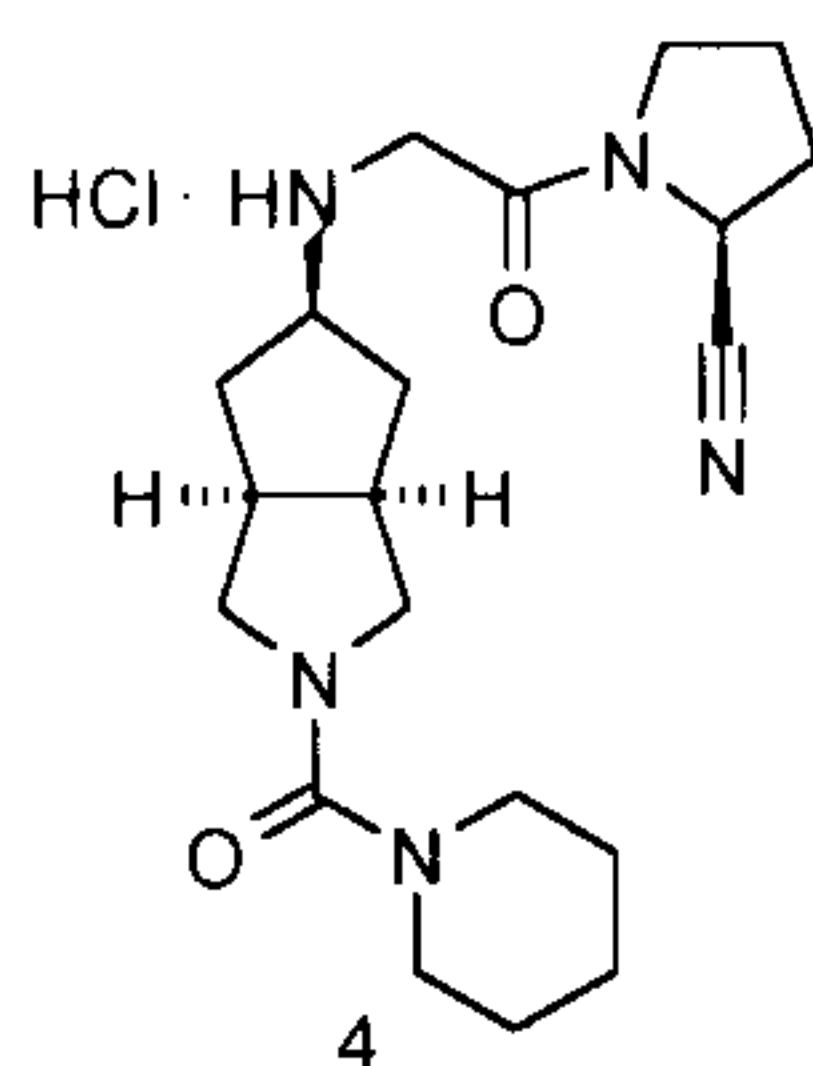
25 *cis*-(*S*)-1-{2-[2-(2-hydroxy-acetyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride **3**

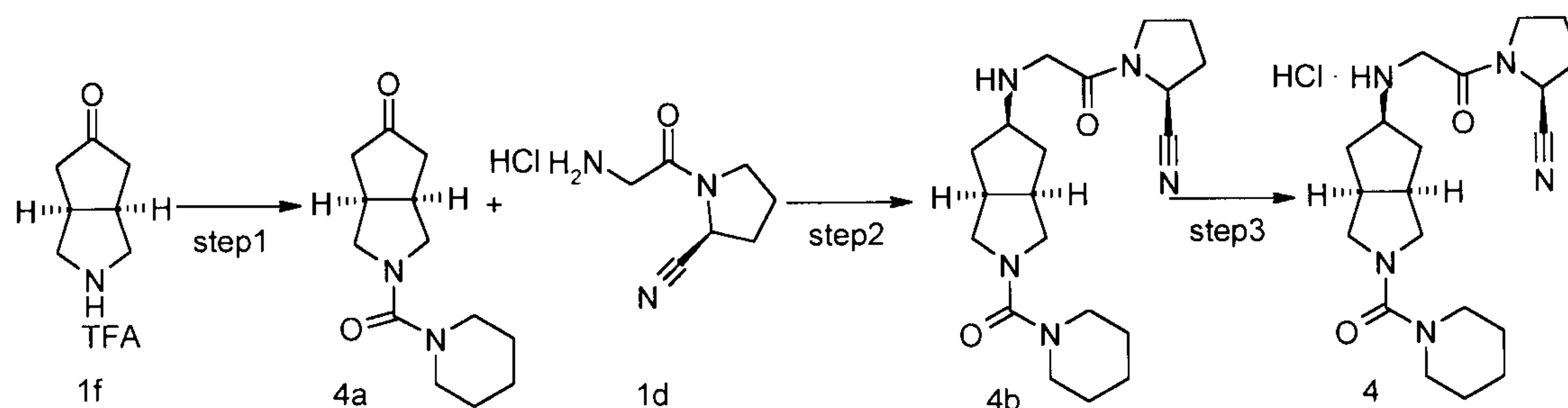
30 *cis*-(*S*)-1-{2-[2-(2-Hydroxy-acetyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile **3b** was dissolved in 10 mL of ether. Upon cooling by an ice-water bath, 2 mL of hydrochloric acid in ether (0.5 N) was added. The resulting mixture was filtered with a filtering centrifuge to obtain the title compound *cis*-(*S*)-1-{2-[2-(2-hydroxy-acetyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride **3** (100 mg) as a white powder.

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Example 4

cis-(*S*)-1-{2-[2-(Piperidine-1-carbonyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride





Step 1

Preparation of 2-(piperidine-1-carbonyl)-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one **4a**

Hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one trifluoroacetate **1f** (478 mg, 2 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL of dichloromethane with stirring followed by addition of ido[3-(1-piperidine-formyl)imidazole-1-methyl] (0.96 g, 3 mmol) and triethylamine (0.84 mL, 6 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with 20 mL of water and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (50 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were washed with 50 mL of 10% citric acid solution and 50 mL of saturated brine successively, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 2-(piperidine-1-carbonyl)-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one **4a** (0.41 g, yield 87%) as a colorless oil.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 237 [M+1]

Step 2

Preparation of

cis-(*S*)-1-{2-[2-(piperidine-1-carbonyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile **4b**

2-(Piperidine-1-carbonyl)-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one **4a** (0.41 g, 1.74 mmol) and (*S*)-1-(2-amino-acetyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride **1d** (0.5 g, 2.6 mmol) were dissolved in 50 mL of tetrahydrofuran followed by addition of sodium sulfate (5 g) and 0.05 mL of acetic acid. After the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes, sodium triacetoxyborohydride (1.1 g, 5.2 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was reacted at room temperature for 3 hours and concentrated under reduced pressure. The mixture was diluted with 50 mL of saturated aqueous sodium carbonate and extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were washed with 50 mL of saturated brine and 50 mL of water successively, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound

cis-(*S*)-1-{2-[2-(piperidine-1-carbonyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile **4b** which was directly used in the next step.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 410 [M+1]

Step 3

Preparation of

cis-(*S*)-1-{2-[2-(piperidine-1-carbonyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride **4**

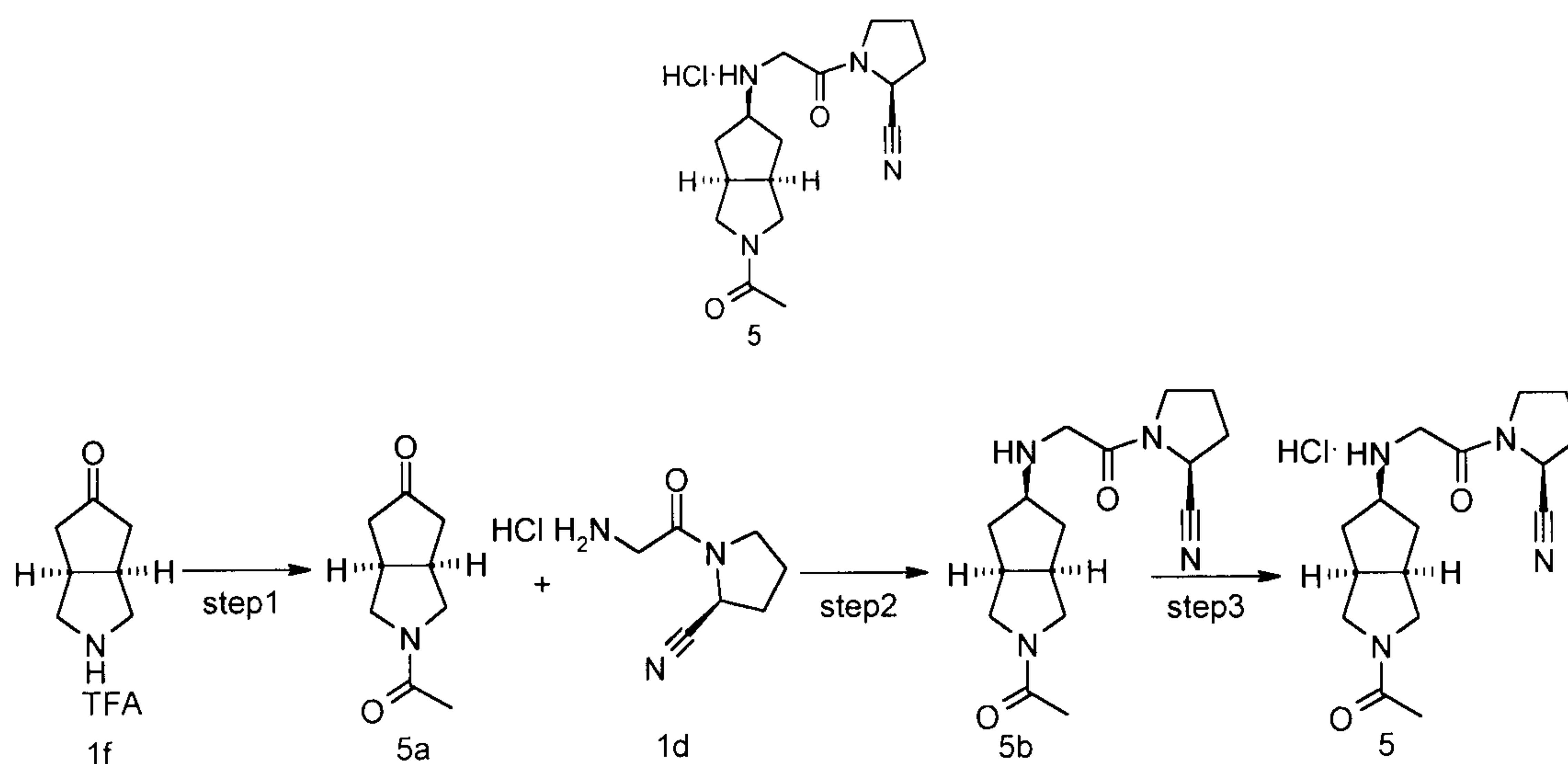
cis-(*S*)-1-{2-[2-(Piperidine-1-carbonyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]

acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile **4b** was dissolved in 10 mL of ether. Upon cooling by an ice-water bath, 2 mL of hydrochloric acid in ether (0.5 N) was added. The resulting mixture was filtered with a filtering centrifuge to obtain the title compound *cis*-(*S*)-1-{2-[2-(piperidine-1-carbonyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride **4** (0.16 g) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 400 MHz) δ 4.83 (dd, 1H, *J*₁ = 3.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 5.8 Hz), 4.09 (dd, 2H, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 13.1 Hz), 3.70-3.30 (m, 10H), 2.72 (m, 2H), 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.31-2.00 (m, 5H), 1.66-1.52 (m, 8H).

Example 5

cis-(*S*)-1-[2-(2-Acetyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino)-acetyl]-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride



Step 1

Preparation of 2-acetyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one **5a**

Hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one trifluoroacetate **1f** (717 mg, 3 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL of acetonitrile followed by addition of di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (0.42 mL, 4.5 mmol) and triethylamine (0.98 mL, 9 mmol) upon cooling by an ice-water bath. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at the same temperature. The mixture was concentrated and diluted with 50 mL of water. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were washed with 50 mL of saturated brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 2-acetyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one **5a** (0.36 g, yield 72%) as a colorless oil MS *m/z* (ESI): 168.4 [M+1]

Step 2

Preparation of *cis*-(*S*)-1-[2-(2-acetyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-

-ylamino)-acetyl]-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile **5b**

2-Acetyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one **5a** (0.36 g, 2.15 mmol) and (*S*)-1-(2-amino-acetyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride **1d** (0.614 g, 3.23 mmol) were dissolved in 50 mL of tetrahydrofuran followed by addition of 5 g of sodium sulfate and 0.05 mL of acetic acid. After the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes, sodium triacetoxyborohydride (1.37 g, 6.46 mmol) was added and the mixture was reacted for another 3 hours. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and diluted with 50 mL of saturated aqueous sodium carbonate. The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were washed with 50 mL of saturated brine and 50 mL of water successively, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound *cis*-(*S*)-1-[2-(2-acetyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino)-acetyl]-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile **5b** which was directly used in the next step.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 305.5 [M+1]

Step 3

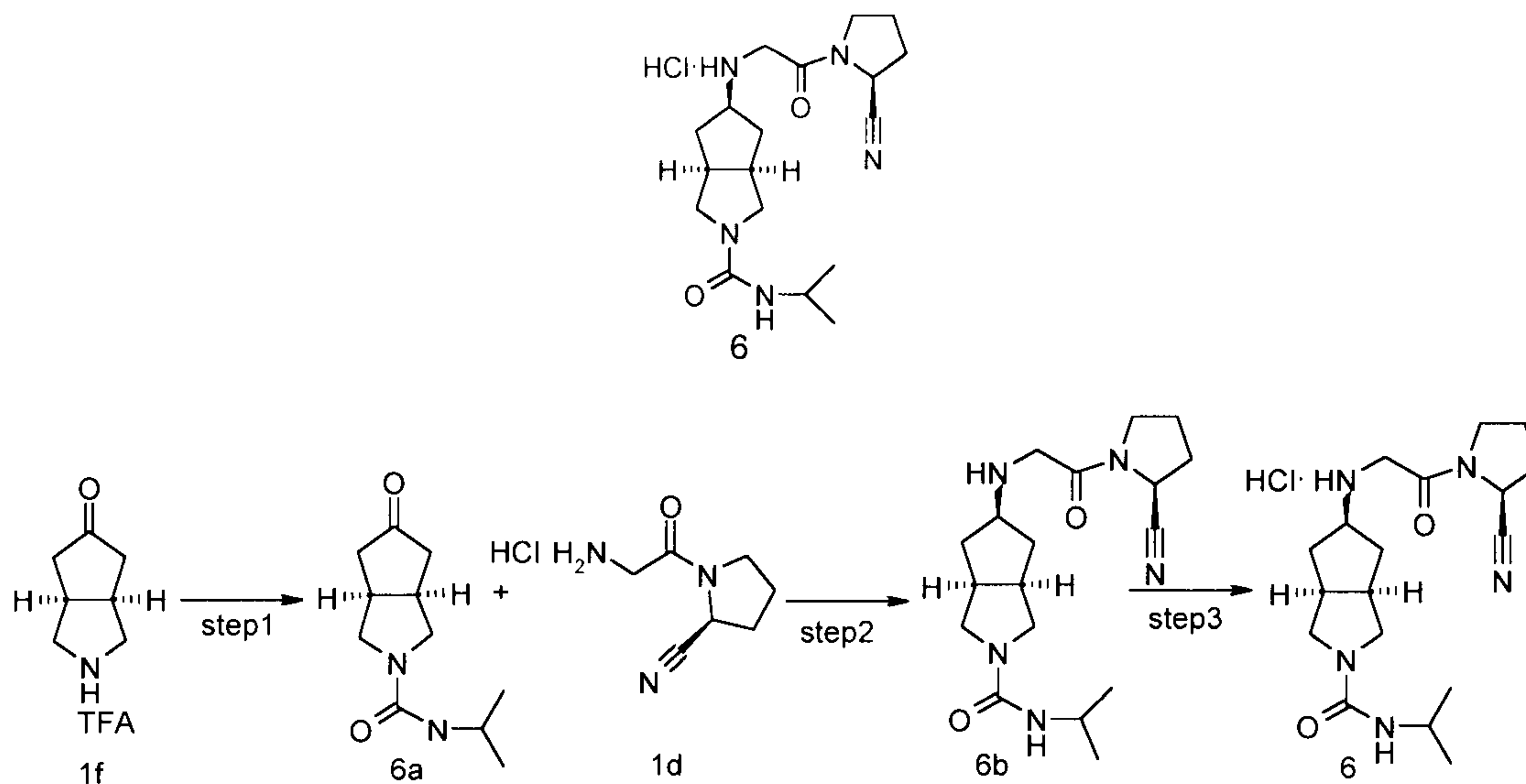
Preparation of *cis*-(*S*)-1-[2-(2-acetyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino)-acetyl]-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride **5**

cis-(*S*)-1-[2-(2-Acetyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino)-acetyl]-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile **5b** obtained from the above step was dissolved in 20 mL of ether. Upon cooling by an ice-water bath, 4 mL of hydrochloric acid in ether (0.5 N) was added. The resulting mixture was filtered with a filtering centrifuge to obtain the title compound *cis*-(*S*)-1-[2-(2-acetyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino)-acetyl]-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride **5** (0.23 g) as a white powder.

¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 400 MHz) δ 4.71 (m, 1H), 3.92 (m, 2H), 3.69-3.37 (m, 7H), 2.69 (m, 2H), 2.33 (m, 2H), 2.13 (m, 2H), 2.04-2.00 (m, 5H), 1.48 (m, 2H).

Example 6

cis-5-[2-((*S*)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid isopropylamide hydrochloride



Step 1

Preparation of N-isopropyl-5-oxo-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2- carboxamide **6a**

Hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one trifluoroacetate **1f** (717 mg, 3 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL of dichloromethane with stirring upon cooling by an ice-water bath, followed by addition of isocyanate (9 mL, 9 mmol) and triethylamine (1.7 mL, 12 mmol). The reaction mixture was reacted overnight at room temperature and diluted with 50 mL of water. The mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (50 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were washed with 10% citric acid solution (50 mL) and 50 mL of saturated brine successively, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain N-isopropyl-5-oxo-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid isopropylamide **6a** (0.3 g, yield 47.6%) as a colorless oil. MS *m/z* (ESI): 211 [M+1]

Step 2

Preparation of

cis-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid isopropylamide **6b**

N-isopropyl-5-oxo-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid isopropylamide **6a** (0.3 g, 1.43 mmol) and (*S*)-1-(2-amino-acetyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride **1d** (0.407 g, 2.14 mmol) were dissolved in 50 mL of tetrahydrofuran followed by addition of 5 g of sodium sulfate and 0.05 mL of acetic acid. After the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes, sodium triacetoxyborohydride (0.9 g, 4.3 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 3 hours. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and diluted with 50 mL of saturated aqueous sodium carbonate. The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were washed with 50 mL of saturated brine and 50 mL of water successively, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound *cis*-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid isopropylamide **6b**, which was directly used in the next step. MS *m/z* (ESI): 384 [M+1]

Step 3

Preparation of *cis*-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid isopropylamide hydrochloride **6**

cis-5-[2-((*S*)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid isopropylamide **6b** obtained from the above step was dissolved in 10 mL of ether. Upon cooling by an ice-water bath, 2 mL of hydrochloric acid in ether (0.5 N) was added. The resulting mixture was filtered with a filtering centrifuge to obtain the title compound *cis*-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-

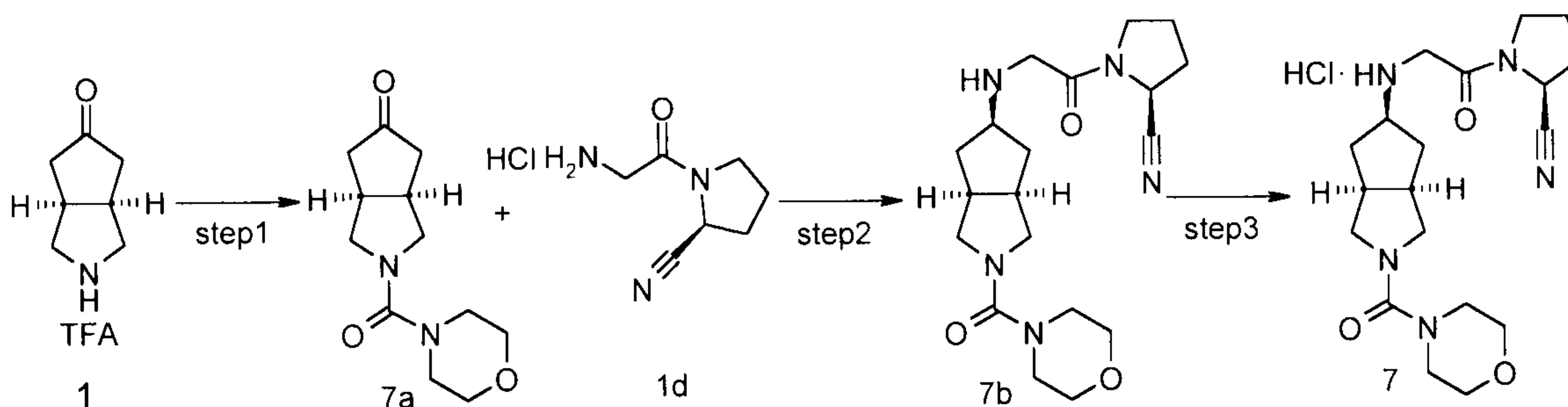
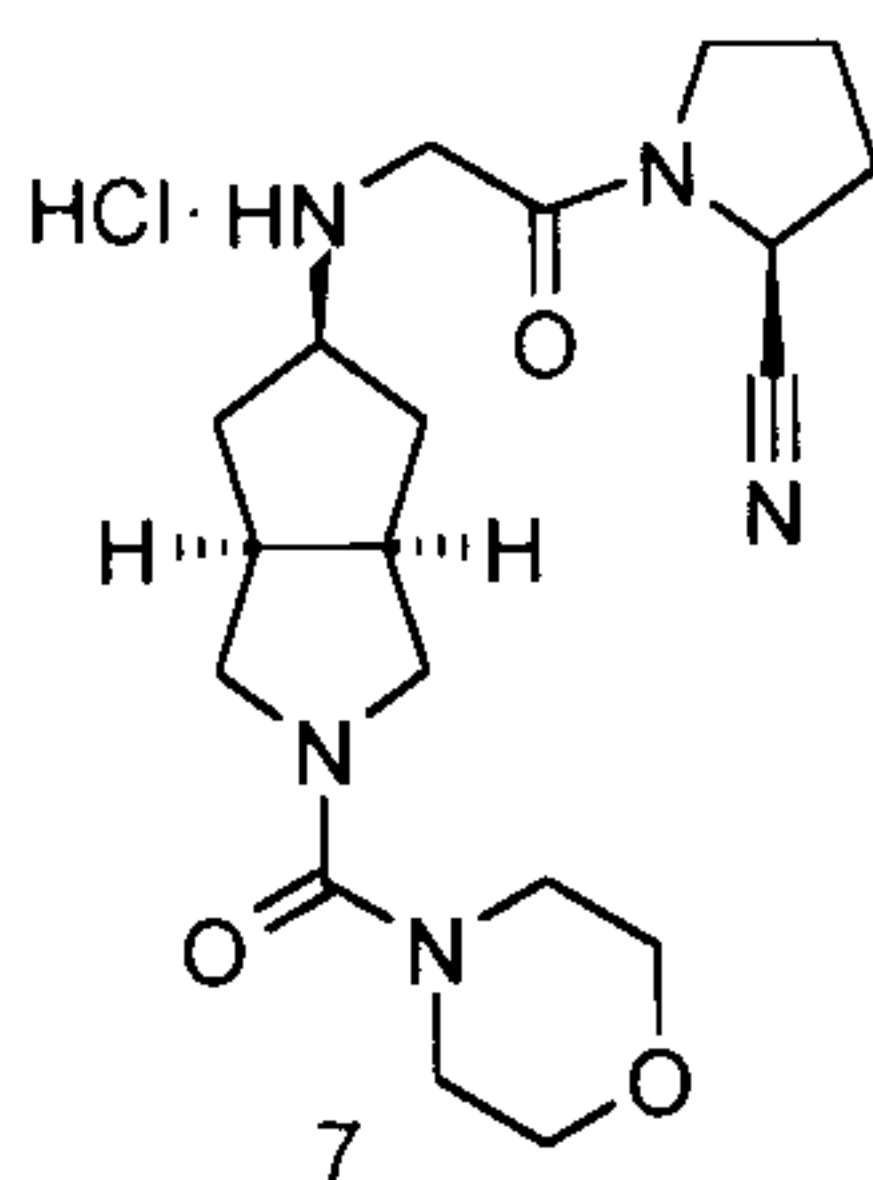
cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid isopropylamide hydrochloride **6** (80 mg) as a white powder.

¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 400 MHz) δ 4.70 (m, 1H), 3.92 (m, 2H), 3.76-3.32 (m, 8H), 2.63-1.41 (m, 10H), 1.01 (d, 6H, *J* = 6 Hz).

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Example 7

cis-(*S*)-1-{2-[2-(Morpholine-4-carbonyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride



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Step 1

Preparation of 2-(morpholine-4-carbonyl)-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one **7a**

Hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one trifluoroacetate **1f** (574 mg, 2.4 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL of acetonitrile with stirring followed by addition of potassium carbonate (0.397 g, 2.88 mmol), and morpholine-4-carbonyl chloride (0.323 mL, 2.64 mmol) upon cooling by an ice-water bath. The reaction mixture was reacted overnight at the same temperature. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and diluted with 50 mL of water. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were washed with 50 mL of saturated brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 2-(morpholine-4-carbonyl)-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one **7a** (0.572 g, yield 77.3%) as a colorless oil.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 239 [M+1]

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Step 2

Preparation of *cis*-(*S*)-1-{2-[2-(morpholine-4-carbonyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile **7b**

2-(Morpholine-4-carbonyl)-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one **7a** (0.64 g, 2.69 mmol) and (*S*)-1-(2-amino-acetyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride **1d** (0.764 g, 4.03 mmol) were dissolved in 50 mL of tetrahydrofuran followed by addition of 5 g of

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sodium sulfate and 0.05 mL of acetic acid. After the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes, sodium triacetoxyborohydride (1.71 g, 8.07 mmol) was added and the mixture was reacted for another 3 hours. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and diluted with 50 mL of saturated aqueous sodium carbonate.

5 The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were washed with 50 mL of saturated brine and 50 mL of water successively, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound

10 *cis*-(*S*)-1-{2-[2-(morpholine-4-carbonyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile **7b** which was directly used in the next step.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 376.7 [M+1]

Step 3

15 Preparation of *cis*-1-{2-[(*S*)-2-(morpholine-4-carbonyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride **7**

cis-1-{2-[(*S*)-2-(Morpholine-4-carbonyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile **7b** obtained from the above step was dissolved in 10 mL of ether. Upon cooling by an ice-water bath, 2 mL of hydrochloric acid in ether

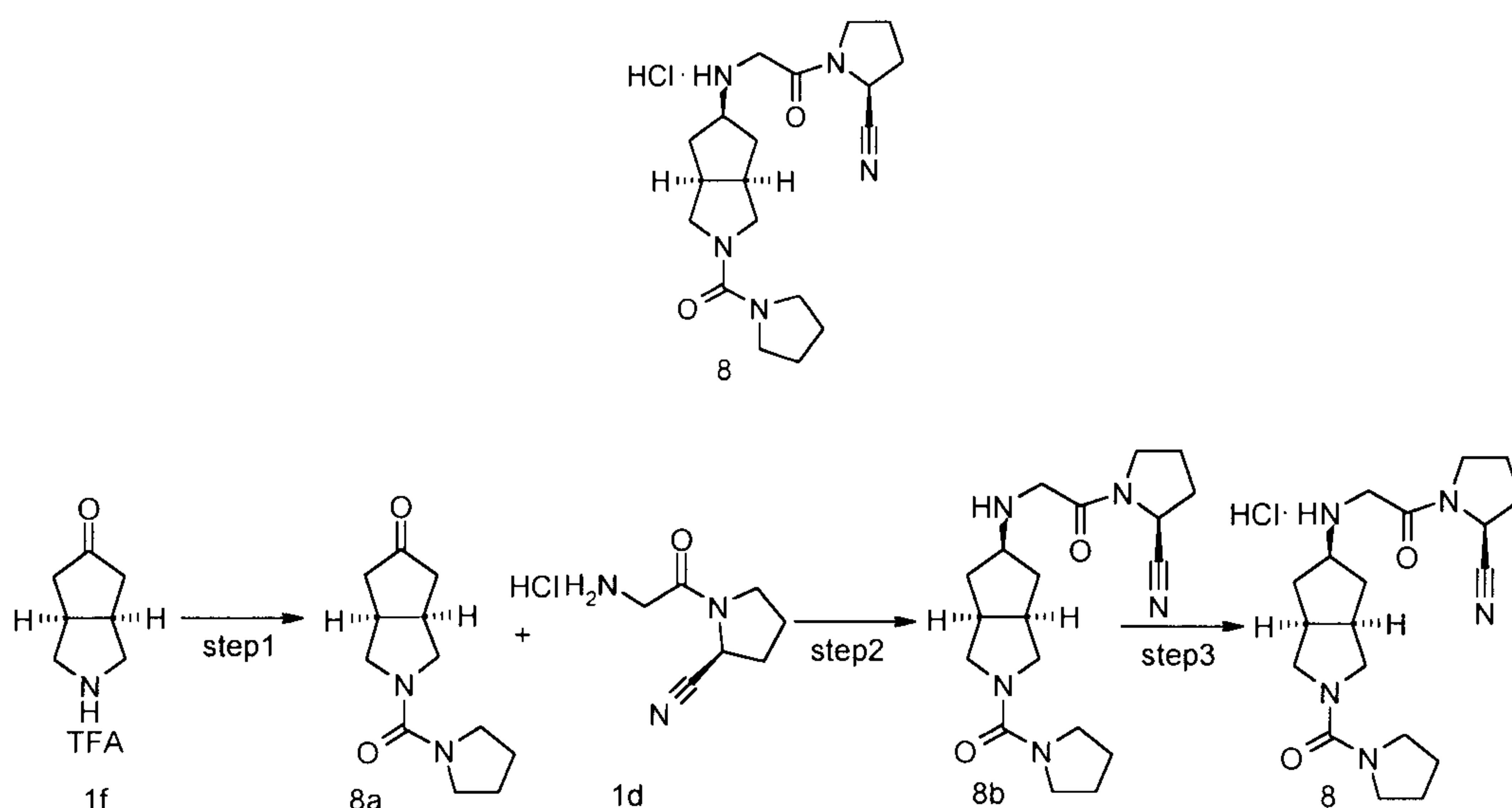
20 (0.5 N) was added. The resulting mixture was filtered with a filtering centrifuge to obtain the title compound

cis-1-{2-[(*S*)-2-(morpholine-4-carbonyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride **7** (30 mg, yield 3%) as a white powder.

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Example 8

cis-(*S*)-1-{2-[2-(Pyrrolidine-1-carbonyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride



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Step 1

Preparation of 2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonyl)-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one **8a**

Hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one trifluoroacetate **1f** (478 mg, 2 mmol) was

dissolved in 20 mL of dichloromethane followed by addition of pyrrolidine-1-carbonyl chloride (0.276 mL, 2.5 mmol) and triethylamine (0.84 mL, 6 mmol). The reaction mixture was reacted overnight at room temperature. The mixture was adjusted to pH 4 with a solution of 10% citric acid. The mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (50 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were washed with 50 mL of saturated brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonyl)-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one **8a** (0.26 g, yield 58.5%) as a colorless oil.
MS *m/z* (ESI): 223 [M+1]

Step 2

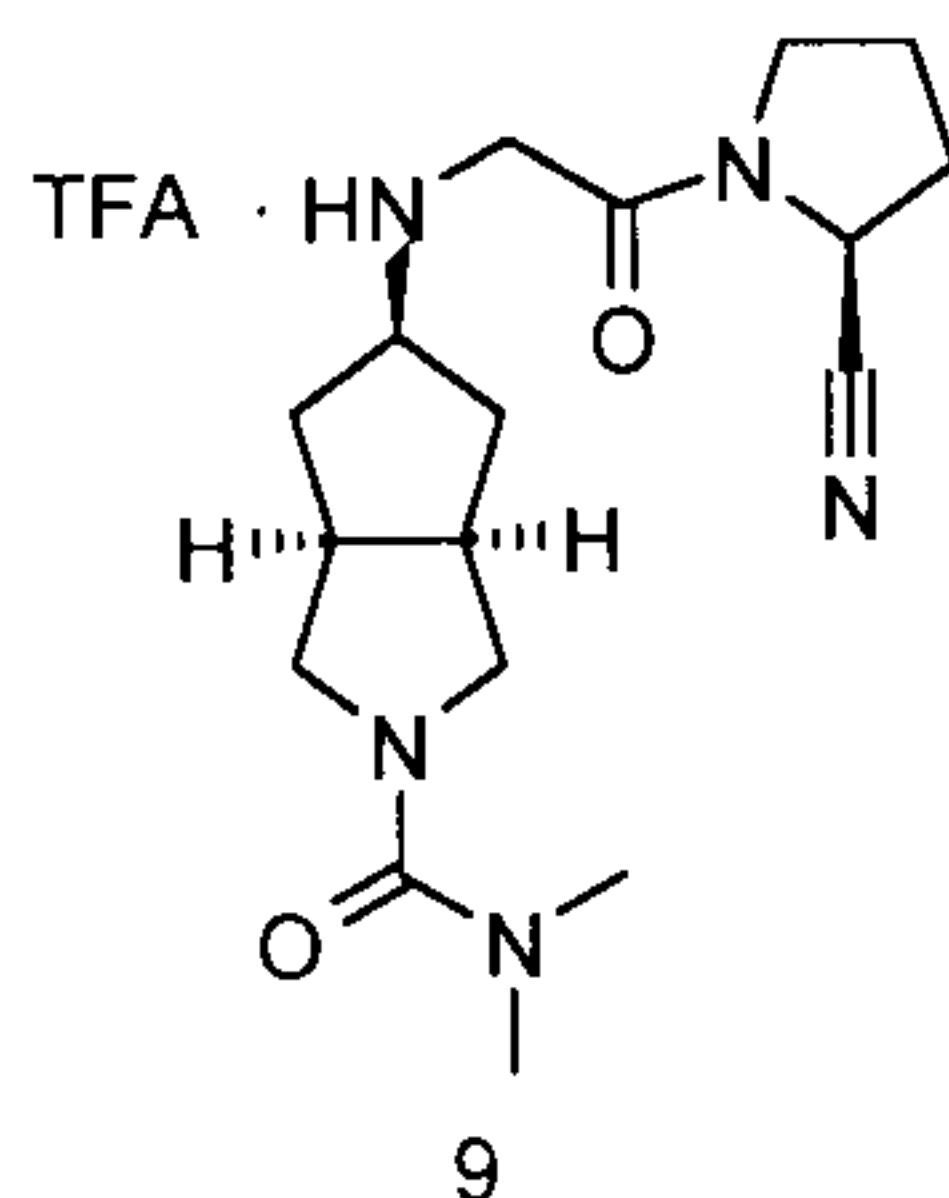
Preparation of *cis*-(*S*)-1-{2-[2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile **8b**
2-(Pyrrolidine-1-carbonyl)-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-one **8a** (0.26 g, 1.17 mmol) and (*S*)-1-(2-amino-acetyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride **1d** (0.33 g, 1.75 mmol) were dissolved in 50 mL of tetrahydrofuran followed by addition of 5 g of sodium sulfate and 0.05 mL of acetic acid. After the mixture was reacted at room temperature for 30 minutes, sodium triacetoxyborohydride (0.75 g, 3.5 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was reacted for 3 hours. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and diluted with 50 mL of saturated aqueous sodium carbonate. The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were washed with 50 mL of saturated brine and 50 mL of water, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound *cis*-(*S*)-1-{2-[2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile **8b** which was directly used in the next step.
MS *m/z* (ESI): 396 [M+1]

Step 3

Preparation of *cis*-(*S*)-1-{2-[2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride
cis-(*S*)-1-{2-[2-(Pyrrolidine-1-carbonyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile **8b** obtained from the above step was dissolved in 10 mL of ether. Upon cooling by an ice-water bath, 2 mL of hydrochloric acid in ether (0.5 N) was added. The resulting mixture was filtered with a filtering centrifuge to obtain the title compound *cis*-(*S*)-1-{2-[2-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonyl)-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-ylamino]-acetyl}-pyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile hydrochloride **8** (90 mg) as a white powder.
¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 400 MHz) δ 4.72 (m, 1H), 4.09 (m, 2H), 3.43-3.30 (m, 11H), 2.62 (m, 2H), 2.35 (m, 2H), 2.18 (m, 2H), 2.08 (m, 2H), 1.77 (m, 4H).

Example 9

cis-5-[2-((*S*)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-*N,N*-dimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide trifluoroacetate

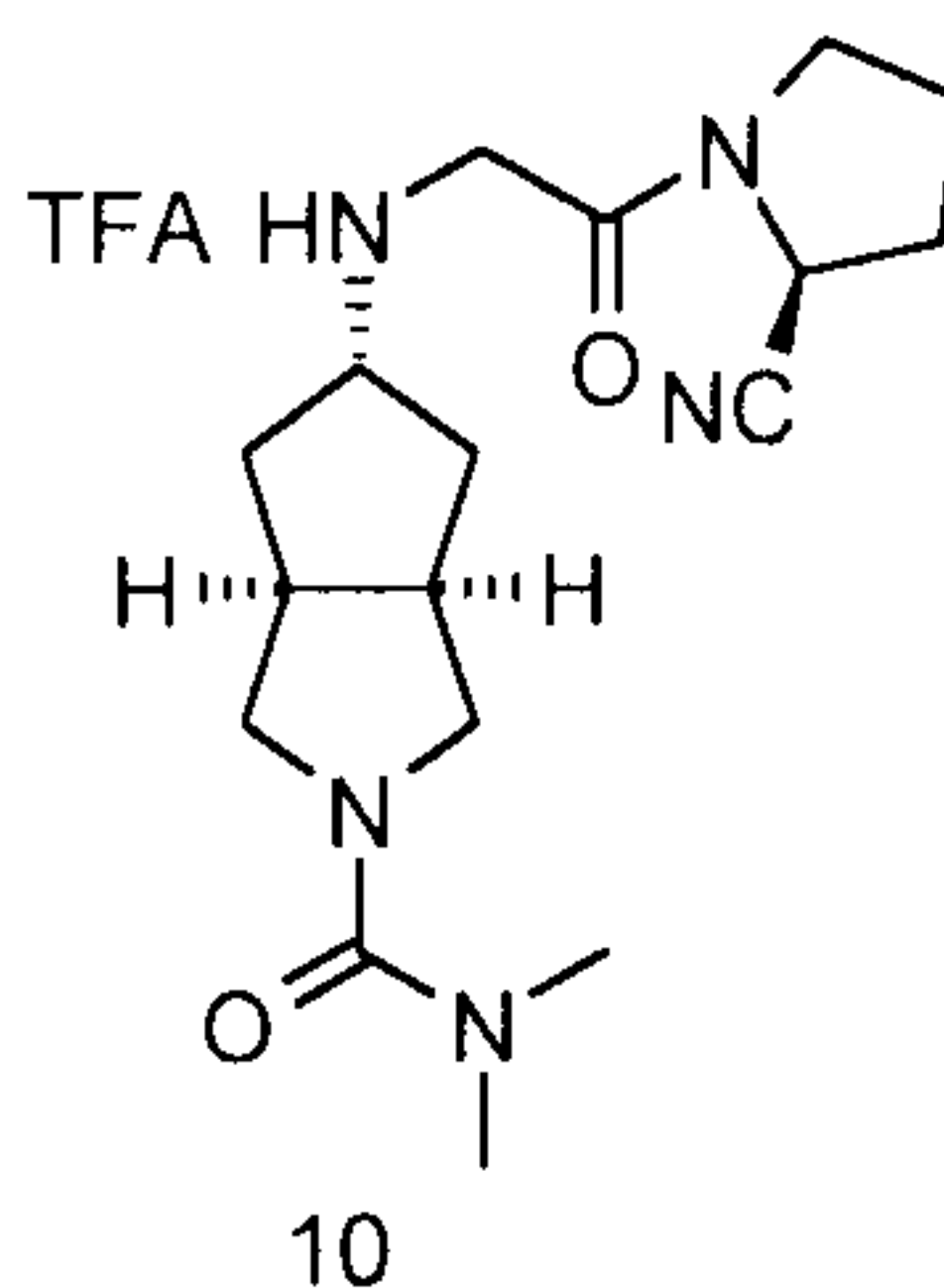


5 5-[2-((*S*)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-*N,N*-dimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **1h** obtained from Example 1 was dissolved in 10 mL of dichloromethane followed by addition of 2 mL of trifluoroacetic acid upon cooling by an ice-water bath. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes. The resulting mixture was filtered with a filtering centrifuge to obtain the title compound

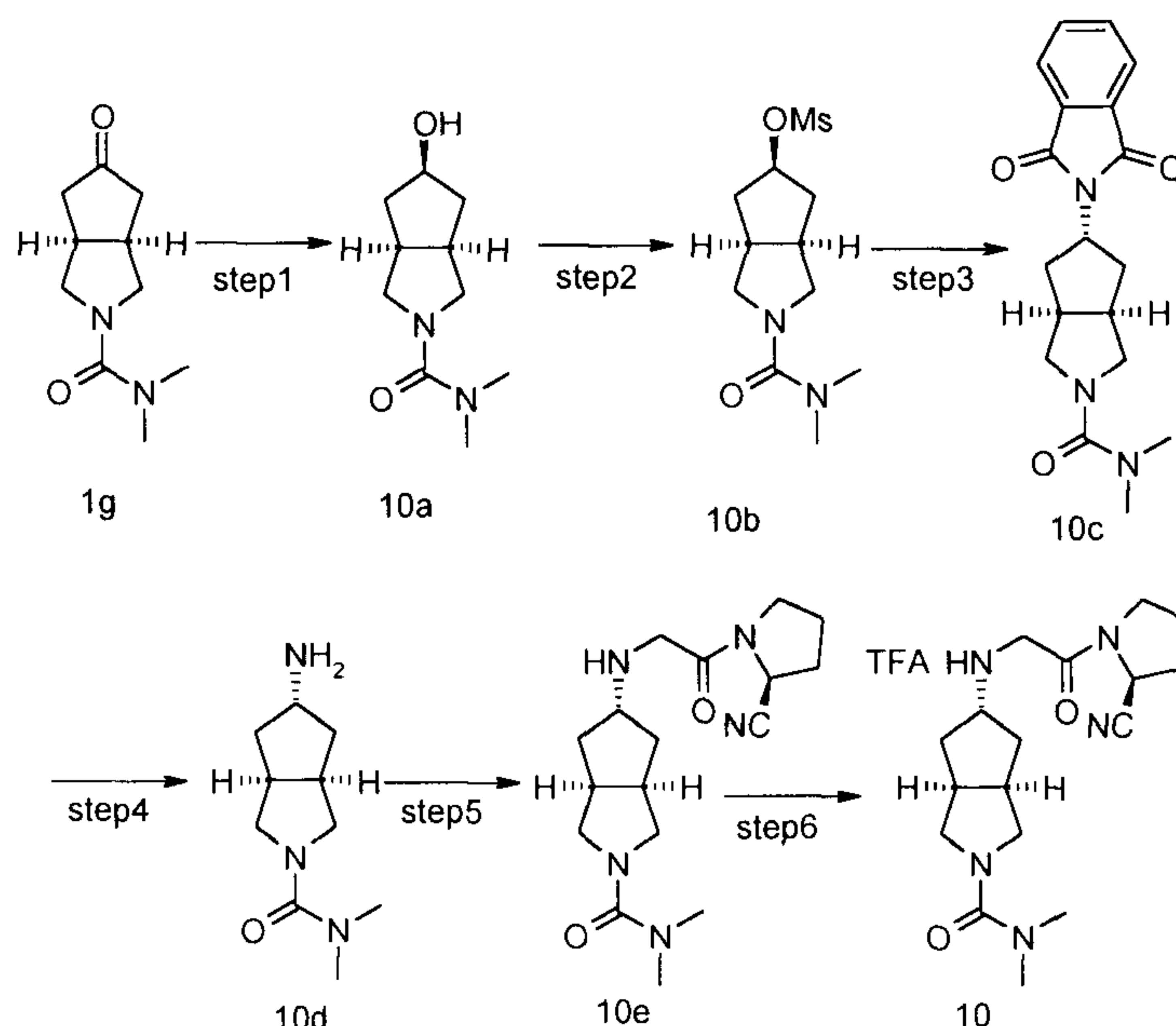
10 *cis*-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-*N,N*-dimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide trifluoroacetate **9** (201 mg) as a white powder. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 4.74 (t, 1H, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 3.98 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 3.79 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 3.57-3.25 (m, 7H), 2.75 (s, 6H), 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.33 (m, 2H),
15 2.20-2.08 (m, 4H), 1.74 (m, 2H).

Example 10

trans-5-[2-((*S*)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-*N,N*-dimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide trifluoroacetate



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Step 1

Preparation of *cis*-5-hydroxy-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide N,N-dimethylamide **10a**

In a dry three-necked flask, N,N-dimethyl-5-oxo-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide **1g** (1.58 g, 8.06 mmol) was dissolved in 30 mL of tetrahydrofuran with stirring under nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture was cooled to -25 °C followed by dropwise addition of a solution of lithium tri-*tert*-butoxyaluminium hydride (2.45 g, 9.6 mmol) in 30 mL of tetrahydrofuran. After the reaction mixture was reacted for 2.5 hours at the same temperature, the reaction was quenched with water. The mixture was diluted with 20 mL of saturated aqueous ammonium chloride and warmed up to room temperature. The layers were separated and then the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (50 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were washed with 50 mL of saturated brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound *cis*-5-hydroxy-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid N,N-dimethylamide **10a** (1.27 g, yield 80%) as a colorless oil.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 199 [M+1]

Step 2

Preparation of *cis*-methanesulfonic acid

2-dimethylcarbamoyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-yl ester **10b**

In a dry one-necked flask, *cis*-5-hydroxy-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **10a** (1.69 g, 8.5 mmol) was dissolved in 30 mL of dichloromethane with stirring under nitrogen atmosphere. Upon cooling by an ice-salt bath to -5 °C~0 °C, triethylamine (1.66 mL, 14.45 mmol) and methanesulfonyl chloride (2.2 g, 21.74 mmol) were added successively. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes and warmed up to room temperature. After the reaction mixture was reacted for 2 hours, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and diluted with 20 mL

of water. The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL×6). The combined organic extracts were washed with 50 mL of saturated brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound *cis*-methanesulfonic acid 2-dimethylcarbamoyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-yl ester **10b** (1.94 g, yield 83%) as a white solid.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 277 [M+1]

Step 3

Preparation of *trans*-5-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydro-isoindol-2-yl)-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **10c**

In a dry one-necked flask, methanesulfonic acid 2-dimethylcarbamoyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrol-5-yl ester **10b** (1 g, 3.6 mmol) was added in 20 mL of N,N-dimethylformamide and phthalimide potassium salt (993 mg, 5.4 mmol) with stirring under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was warmed up to 70 °C and reacted for 3 hours. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to remove N,N-dimethylformamide and the residue was diluted with 20 mL of water. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were washed with 50 mL of saturated brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the title compound *trans*-5-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydro-isoindol-2-yl)-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **10c** (1.06 g, yield 90%) as a white solid which was directly used in the next step.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 328 [M+1]

Step 4

Preparation of *trans*-5-amino-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid N,N-dimethylamide **10d**

In a one-necked flask, *trans*-5-(1,3-Dioxo-1,3-dihydro-isoindol-2-yl)-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **10c** was dissolved in 20 mL of ethanol (95%) with stirring followed by addition of hydrazine (490 mg, 15.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 8 hours, and then cooled to room temperature. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain a white solid. The resulting solid was dissolved in 25 mL of methanol, filtered and then the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by alumina base column chromatography to obtain the title compound *trans*-5-amino-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid N,N-dimethylamide **10d** (290 mg, yield 48%) as a colorless oil.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 198 [M+1]

Step 5

Preparation of *trans*-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-N,N-dimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide **10e**

In a dry one-necked flask, *trans*-1-(2-chloro-ethyl)-pyrrole-2-cyano (334 mg, 1.94 mmol) and a solution of *trans*-5-amino-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid N,N-dimethylamide **10d** (290 mg, 1.46 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL of dichloromethane. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 48 hours. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound *trans*-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-N,N-dimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide **10e** which was directly used in the next step.

Step 6

Preparation of

trans-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-N,N-dimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide trifluoroacetate **10**

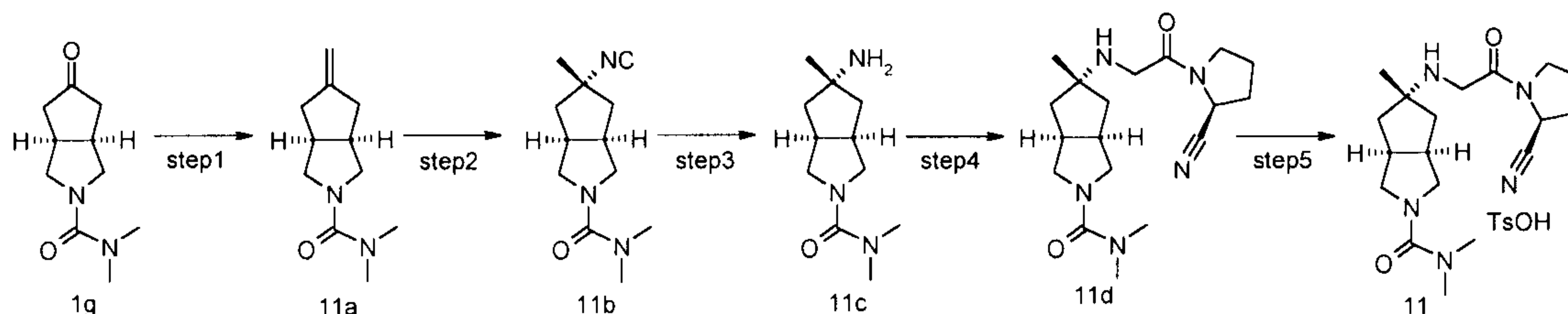
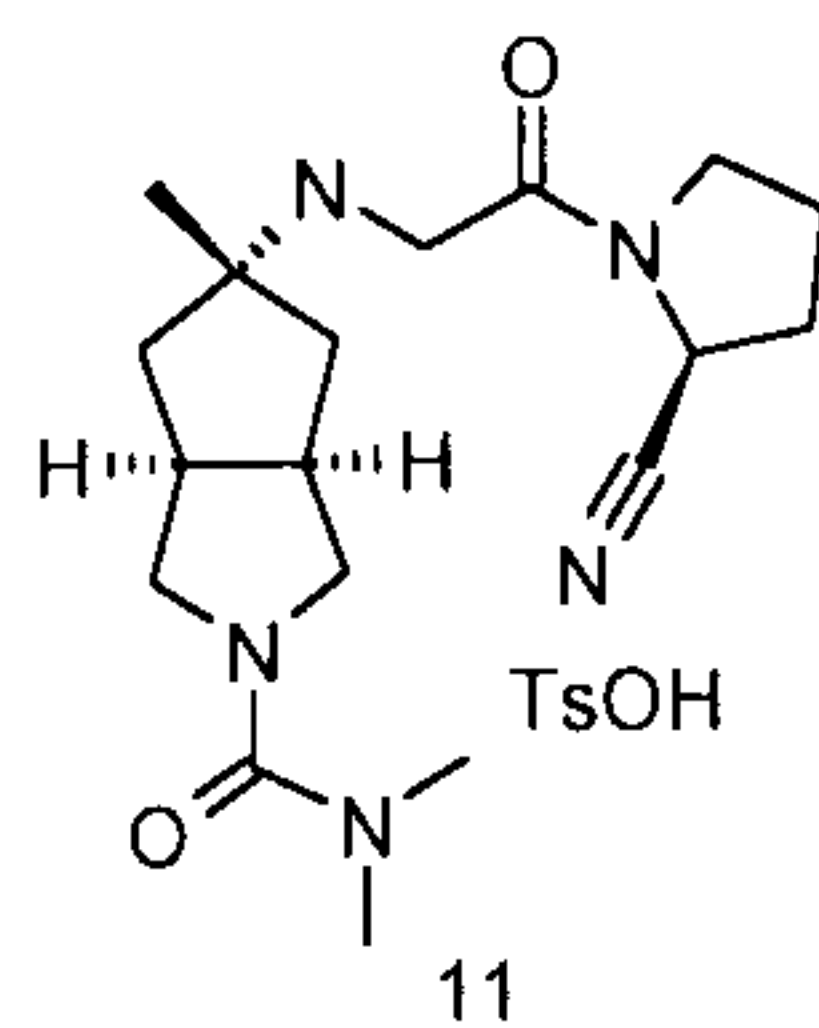
trans-5-[2-((*S*)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-N,N-dimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide **10e** obtained from the above step was dissolved in 10 mL of dichloromethane with stirring followed by addition of 2 mL of trifluoroacetic acid. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes to obtain the title compound *trans*-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-N,N-dimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide trifluoroacetate **10** (201 mg) as a white solid.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 334 [M+1]

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 4.65 (m, 1H), 3.93 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.2 Hz), 3.74 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.2 Hz), 3.69-3.19 (m, 7H), 2.77 (s, 6H), 2.18-1.96 (m, 10H).

Example 11

5-[2-((*S*)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide *p*-toluenesulfonate



Step 1

Preparation of 5-methylene-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

Potassium *tert*-butoxide (7.17 g, 0.064 mol) and methyltriphenylphosphonium

iodide (25.8 g, 0.064 mol) were dissolved in 150 mL of toluene under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 3 hours, and cooled to room temperature. A solution of N,N-dimethyl-5-oxo-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylate **1g** (5.0 g, 0.0255 mol) in toluene was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was diluted with 30 mL of water and 30 mL of saturated brine and extracted with ethyl acetate (200 mL×4). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 5-methylene-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **11a** (4.0 g, yield 80%) as a light yellow oil.
MS *m/z* (ESI): 195.2 [M+1]

Step 2

Preparation of 5-isocyano-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

5-Methylene-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **11a** (1.6 g, 8.23 mmol) was dissolved in 30 mL of dichloromethane with stirring followed by addition of trimethylsilyl cyanide (4.08 g, 41.2 mmol) and silver perchlorate (5.12 g, 24.7 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature and then some of the reaction mixture was treated with saturated aqueous sodium carbonate. The reaction was monitored by TLC which showed that there remained most of the starting materials. Then the mixture was treated with 20 mL of saturated aqueous sodium carbonate upon cooling by an ice-water bath, and the reaction released heat. After 10 minutes, the mixture was filtered to remove the residue. The separated aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL×4). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain 5-isocyano-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **11b** (0.33 g, yield 18.1%) as a light yellow oil.

GC-MS: 221.1 [M⁺]

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 3.31 (m, 4H), 2.97 (m, 2H), 2.84 (s, 6H), 2.32 (m, 2H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.46 (m, 2H).

Step 3

Preparation of 5-amino-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

To a solution of 5-isocyano-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **11b** (0.388 g, 1.75 mmol) in 15 mL of ethanol was added 0.38 mL of hydrochloric acid (6 N) upon cooling by an ice-water bath. The reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and stirred for 1.5 hours. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was quenched with 20 mL of saturated aqueous sodium carbonate. The mixture

was extracted with dichloromethane (50 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were evaporated to dryness. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 5-amino-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **11c** (0.28 g, yield 75.7%) as a yellow oil.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 212.2 [M+1]

Step 4

Preparation of 5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

5-Amino-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **11c** (200 mg, 0.92 mmol) was dissolved in 8 mL of N,N-dimethylformamide, followed by addition of 1-(2-chloro-acetyl)-pyrrolidine-2-cyano (175 mg, 1.02 mmol). The reaction mixture was reacted overnight at room temperature. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure at 40~50 °C to remove N,N-dimethylformamide. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **11d** (0.135 g, yield 42.3%) as a colorless oil. And 5-amino-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **11c** (130 mg) was recovered.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 348.2 [M+1]

Step 5

Preparation of 5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide *p*-toluenesulfonate

5-[2-((*S*)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **11d** (20 mg, 0.057 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (12 mg, 0.063 mmol) were dissolved in 2 mL of dichloromethane with stirring upon cooling by an ice-water bath. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at the same temperature and the ice-water bath was removed. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain an oil. The mixture was treated with 5 mL of ethyl acetate with stirring to produce a white precipitate. The mixture was filtered under reduced pressure to obtain the title compound 5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide *p*-toluenesulfonate **11** (0.026 g, yield 86.8%) as a white solid.

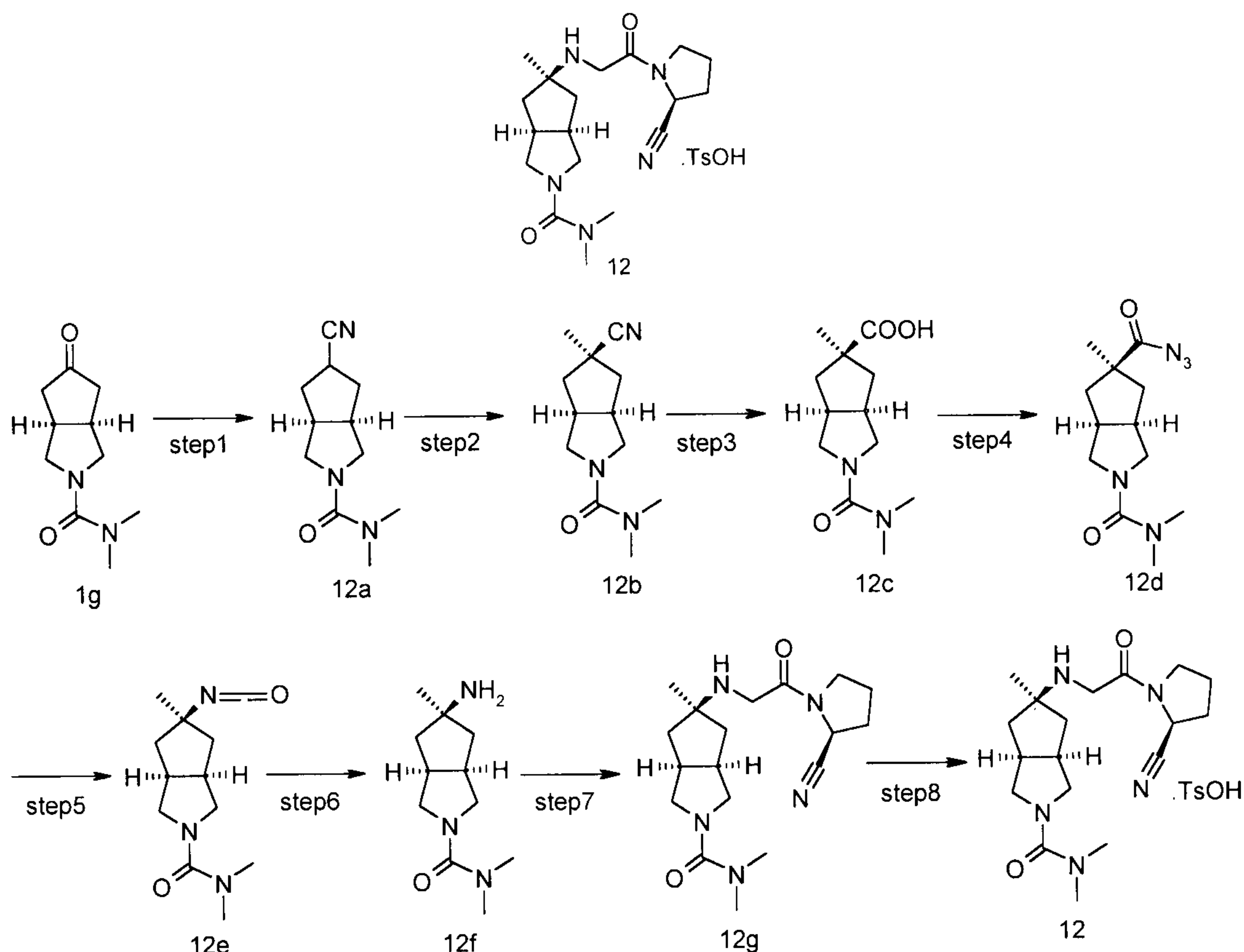
MS *m/z* (ESI): 348.2 [M+1]

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.68 (d, 2H), 7.17 (d, 2H), 3.72 (m, 1H), 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.58 (m, 1H), 3.30 (m, 4H), 2.98 (s, 2H), 2.81 (s, 6H), 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.22 (m, 4H), 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.56 (s, 3H).

Example 12

5-[2-((*S*)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide *p*-toluenesulfonate

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Step 1

Preparation of 5-cyano-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

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N,N-dimethyl-5-oxo-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide **1g** (12.9 g, 0.066 mol) and 4-toluenesulfonylmethyl isocyanide (14.2 g, 0.0727 mol) were dissolved in 240 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane with stirring upon cooling by an ice-water bath, followed by dropwise addition of a solution of potassium *tert*-butoxide (14.8 g, 0.132 mol) in *tert*-butanol. Upon completion of the addition, the ice-water bath was removed. The reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and reacted overnight. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was diluted with 100 mL of water and 50 mL of saturated brine and extracted with ethyl acetate (200 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 5-cyano-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **12a** (7.0 g, yield 51%) as a light yellow oil.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 208.1 [M+1]

¹H NMR (DMSO-*D*₆, 400 MHz) δ 3.5-3.0 (m, 4H), 2.75 (s, 6H), 2.6 (m, 1H), 2.1-1.5 (m, 6H).

Step 2

5-Cyano-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

5-Cyano-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **12a** (4.2 g, 20.2 mmol) and iodomethane (11.5 g, 80.8 mmol) were dissolved in 100 mL of tetrahydrofuran followed by dropwise addition of lithium hexamethyldisilazide (80.8 mL, 80.8 mmol) at room temperature under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was reacted for 2 hours until MS showed the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was diluted with 100 mL of water and extracted with ethyl acetate (200 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain an oil. TLC showed that there are two adjacent points, and then the oil was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the bottom spot compound 5-cyano-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **12b** (2.411 g) as a light yellow oil.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 222.2 [M+1]

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 3.44 (m, 2H), 3.3 (m, 2H), 2.85 (s, 6H), 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.06 (m, 2H), 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.36 (s, 3H).

Step 3

Preparation of

2-dimethylcarbamoyl-5-methyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carboxylic acid

5-Cyano-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **12b** (6.99 g, 31.6 mmol) was dissolved in 90 mL of hydrochloric acid (36%). The reaction mixture was heated at 50°C in an oil bath and stirred for 48 hours. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The reaction mixture was diluted with 100 mL of water. Upon cooling by an ice-water bath, the mixture was adjusted to pH 6 with potassium carbonate and extracted with ethyl acetate (1500 mL×3) and dichloromethane (150 mL×3) successively. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the title compound 2-dimethylcarbamoyl-5-methyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carboxylic acid **12c** (7.0 g, yield 92%) as a yellow liquid which was directly used in the next step.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 241.2 [M+1]

Step 4

Preparation of

2-dimethylcarbamoyl-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carbonylazide

Upon cooling by an ice-water bath, 2-dimethylcarbamoyl-5-methyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carboxylic acid **12c** (1.0 g, 4.2 mmol) was dissolved in 25 mL of acetone with stirring, followed by dropwise addition of a solution of triethylamine (463.5 mg, 4.58 mmol) and ethyl chloroformate (497 mg, 4.58 mmol) in 10 mL of acetone at -5°C. The reaction mixture was reacted for 15 minutes at -5°C followed by addition of a solution of sodium azide (546 mg, 8.4 mmol) in 10 mL of water. Then the

reaction mixture was stirred for another 30 minutes at -5°C, and quenched with 25 mL of water and extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the crude compound

5 2-dimethylcarbamoyl-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carbonylazide **12d** (700 mg) as a yellow oil.

Step 5 to Step 6

2-Dimethylcarbamoyl-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carbonylazide
10 **12d** (700 mg) was added to 20 mL of toluene and the reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 2 hours. The toluene was evaporated resulting in the formation of (3*aS*,5*r*,6*aR*)-5-isocyanato-5-methyl-N,N,5-trimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2(1*H*)-2-carboxamide **12e**. Upon cooling by an ice-water bath, to a solution of 8 mL of hydrochloric acid (8 N) was added the aboved
15 mentioned mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes and the reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. Upon cooling by an ice-water bath, the mixture was adjusted to pH > 12 with a 3 N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution and extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and
20 concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 5-amino-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **12f** (500 mg) as a light yellow oil.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 212.2 [M+1]

25 ¹H NMR (DMSO-D₆, 400 MHz) δ 3.5-3.0 (m, 4H), 2.72 (s, 6H), 1.7-1.3 (m, 6H), 1.04 (s, 3H).

Step 7

Preparation of

30 5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]
pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

5-Amino-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **12f** (332 mg, 1.57 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of a solvent mixture
35 of N,N-dimethylformamide / dichloromethane (1:1) followed by addition of 1-(2-chloro-acetyl)-pyrrolidine-2-cyano (217 mg, 1.26 mmol). The reaction mixture was reacted overnight at room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title
40 compound 5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **12g** (240 mg, yield 55%) as a colorless oil.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 348.2 [M+1]

Step 8

Preparation of

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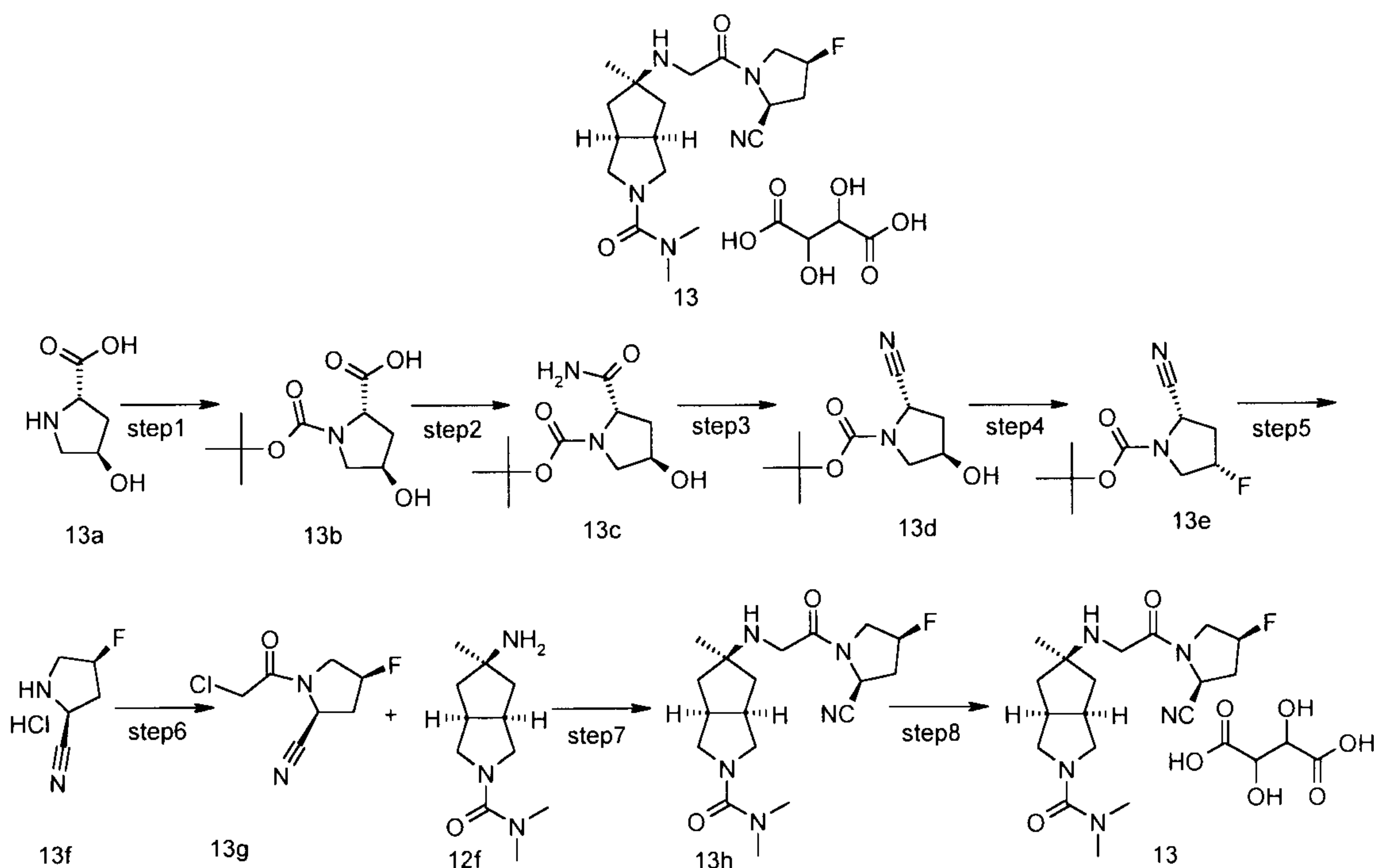
5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide *p*-toluenesulfonate
 5-[2-((*S*)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopnta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **12g** (150 mg, 0.43 mmol) and
 5 *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (82 mg, 0.43 mmol) were dissolved in 4 mL of dichloromethane with stirring. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the title compound
 5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide *p*-toluenesulfonate **12**
 10 (0.022 g, yield 95.3%) as a light yellow solid.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 348.2 [M+1]

¹H NMR (DMSO-D₆, 400 MHz) δ 4.82 (m, 1H), 3.97 (s, 2H), 3.79 (m, 2H), 3.49 (m, 2H), 3.21 (m, 4H), 2.75 (s, 6H), 2.62 (m, 2H), 2.19 (m, 2H), 1.92-1.61 (m, 3H), 2.06 (m, 3H), 1.2 (s, 3H).

Example 13

5-[2-((2*S*,4*S*)-2-Cyano-4-fluoro-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-*N,N*,5-trimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide tartrate



Step 1

Preparation of (2*S*,4*R*)-1-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-4-hydroxypyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid

25 *L*-Hydroxyproline **13a** (60 g, 0.458 mol) was added to a solution of 750 mL of solvent mixture of tetrahydrofuran/water (2:1) followed by 252 mL of aqueous sodium hydroxide (10%) and a solution of di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (136 g, 0.624 mol) in 750 mL of solvent mixture of tetrahydrofuran/water (2:1). The reaction mixture was reacted overnight at room temperature and diluted with 500 mL of ethyl acetate. The layers
 30 were separated and then the organic layer was discarded, and the aqueous layer was

adjusted to pH 2 with concentrated hydrochloric acid. The mixture was extracted with 1.5 L of ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were washed with saturated brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the title compound
 5 (2*S*,4*R*)-1-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-4-hydroxypyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid **13b** (86.4 g, yield 80%) as a colorless oil.

Step 2

Preparation of (2*S*,4*R*)-*tert*-butyl 2-carbamoyl-4-hydroxypyrrolidine-1-carboxylate
 10 (2*S*,4*R*)-1-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-4-hydroxypyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid **13b** (86.4 g, 0.374 mol) was dissolved in 1.2 L of tetrahydrofuran followed by addition of triethylamine (41 g, 0.411 mol) under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was cooled to -15 °C, ethyl chlorformate (43.84 g, 0.411 mol) was added. After the mixture was stirred for 10 minutes, aqueous ammonia (236.8 mL) was added. The reaction
 15 mixture was slowly warmed up to 5 °C during 2 hours followed by addition of ammonium chloride (32 g). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes and separated. The separated organic phase was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (100 mL×2). The combined organic extracts were concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the title compound
 20 (2*S*,4*R*)-*tert*-butyl 2-carbamoyl-4-hydroxypyrrolidine-1-carboxylate **13c** (74 g, yield 86%) as a white solid.

Step 3

Preparation of (2*S*,4*R*)-*tert*-butyl 2-cyano-4-hydroxypyrrolidine-1-carboxylate
 25 (2*S*,4*R*)-*tert*-Butyl 2-carbamoyl-4-hydroxypyrrolidine-1-carboxylate **13c** (74 g, 0.3217 mol) was dissolved in 740 mL of pyridine with stirring under argon atmosphere. The mixture was cooled to -20 °C followed by dropwise addition of trifluoroacetic anhydride (169 g, 0.804 mol). Upon completion of the addition, the reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the
 30 disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was quenched with water and diluted with 0.8 L of ethyl acetate. The separated organic phase was washed with 500 mL of saturated brine and neutralized with 400 mL of concentrated hydrochloric acid to slight acidity. The resulting mixture was washed with 300 mL of aqueous sodium hydroxide (2 M) and 500 mL saturated brine successively, dried over anhydrous sodium
 35 sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the title compound (2*S*,4*R*)-*tert*-butyl 2-cyano-4-hydroxypyrrolidine-1-carboxylate **13d** (49.7 g, yield 73%) as a brown oil.

Step 4

Preparation of (2*S*,4*S*)-*tert*-butyl 2-cyano-4-fluoropyrrolidine-1-carboxylate
 40 (2*S*,4*R*)-*tert*-Butyl 2-cyano-4-hydroxypyrrolidine-1-carboxylate **13d** (49.7 g, 0.2344 mol) was dissolved in 1130 mL of dichloromethane with stirring under argon atmosphere. The mixture was cooled to -30 °C followed by addition of diethylaminosulfur trifluoride (56.7 g, 0.3516 mol). After stirred for 45 minutes, the
 45 reaction mixture was warmed up to -5 °C. Then the mixture was reacted overnight at

room temperature. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The reaction mixture was neutralized with saturated aqueous sodium carbonate solution to pH > 7 at such a rate that the reaction temperature was kept below 20 °C. Then ice water and 500 mL of dichloromethane were added. The separated organic phase was washed with 500 mL of saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen sulfate and 500 mL of saturated brine successively, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure in which the concentration temperature was kept below 38 °C to obtain the title compound (2*S*,4*S*)-*tert*-butyl 2-cyano-4-fluoropyrrolidine-1-carboxylate **13e** (50 g, yield 100%) as a light yellow solid.

Step 5

Preparation of (2*S*,4*S*)-4-fluoropyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile

(2*S*,4*S*)-*tert*-Butyl 2-cyano-4-fluoropyrrolidine-1-carboxylate **13e** (1 g, 4.6 mmol) was dissolved in 2 mL of ethyl acetate with stirring under argon atmosphere. The mixture was cooled to 15 °C followed by addition of a solution of hydrogen chloride in 2.5 mL of 1,4-dioxane (3 M). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. Then the mixture was reacted for another 5 hours at 25°C. The reaction was monitored by TLC which indicated the presence of the starting materials. The reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours resulting in the formation of white precipitate. The mixture was filtered again and the filtrate was stirred for another 2 hours, then filtered. The filter cakes were combined to obtain the title compound (2*S*,4*S*)-4-fluoropyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile **13f** (15.6 g, yield 76.6%) as a white solid.

Step 6

Preparation of (2*S*,4*S*)-1-(2-chloroacetyl)-4-fluoropyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile

Chloroacetyl chloride (11.13 g, 98.5 mmol) was dissolved in 120 mL of dichloromethane with stirring under argon atmosphere. Upon cooling to 0°C, (2*S*,4*S*)-4-fluoropyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile **13f** (11.4 g, 75.7 mmol) was dissolved in 400 mL of dichloromethane followed by addition of triethylamine (16.1 g, 158.97 mmol). To a solution of chloroacetyl chloride in dichloromethane was added the above mentioned mixture in 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was reacted at 0°C for 2 hours and diluted with 200 mL of ice water and 150 mL of dichloromethane. The separated organic phase was neutralized with saturated sodium bisulfate, washed with 300 mL of water and 300 mL of saturated brine successively, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound (2*S*,4*S*)-1-(2-chloroacetyl)-4-fluoropyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile **13g** (8 g, yield 60%) as a white crystal.

Reference: WO2003002553.

Step 7

Preparation of

5-[2-((2*S*,4*S*)-2-cyano-4-fluoro-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-*N,N*,5-trimethyl-

hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2(1*H*)-carboxamide

5-Amino-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **12f** (130 mg, 0.616 mmol), (2*S*,4*S*)-1-(2-chloroacetyl)-4-fluoropyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile **13g** (117.4 mg, 0.616 mmol) and potassium carbonate (85 mg, 0.616 mmol) were dissolved in the solvent mixture of 2 mL of dichloromethane and 2 mL of *N,N*-dimethylformamide with stirring under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was reacted overnight at room temperature. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to remove *N,N*-dimethylformamide and dichloromethane. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain 5-[2-((2*S*,4*S*)-2-cyano-4-fluoro-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-*N,N*,5-trimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2(1*H*)-carboxamide **13h** (0.13 g, yield 58%) as a colorless oil.

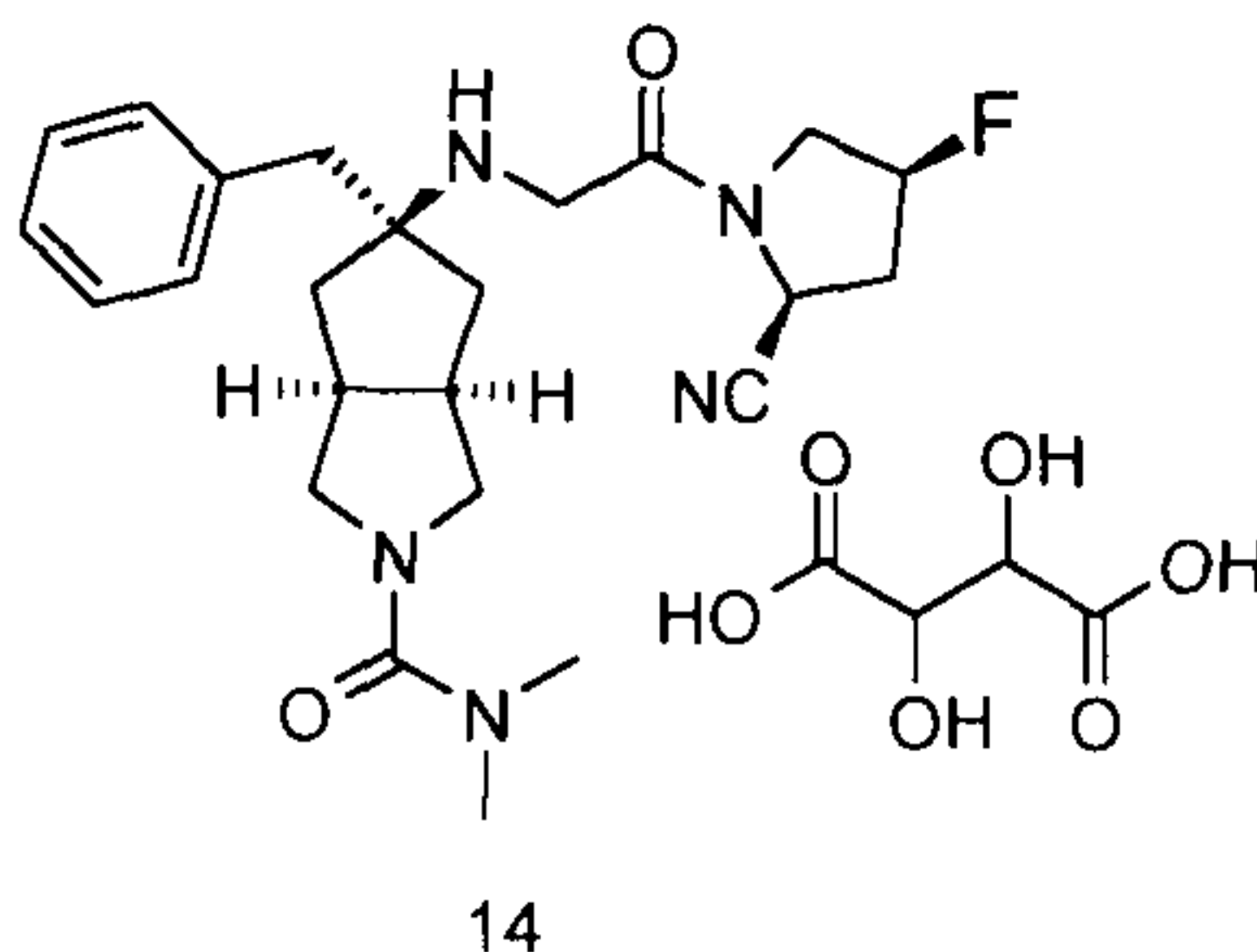
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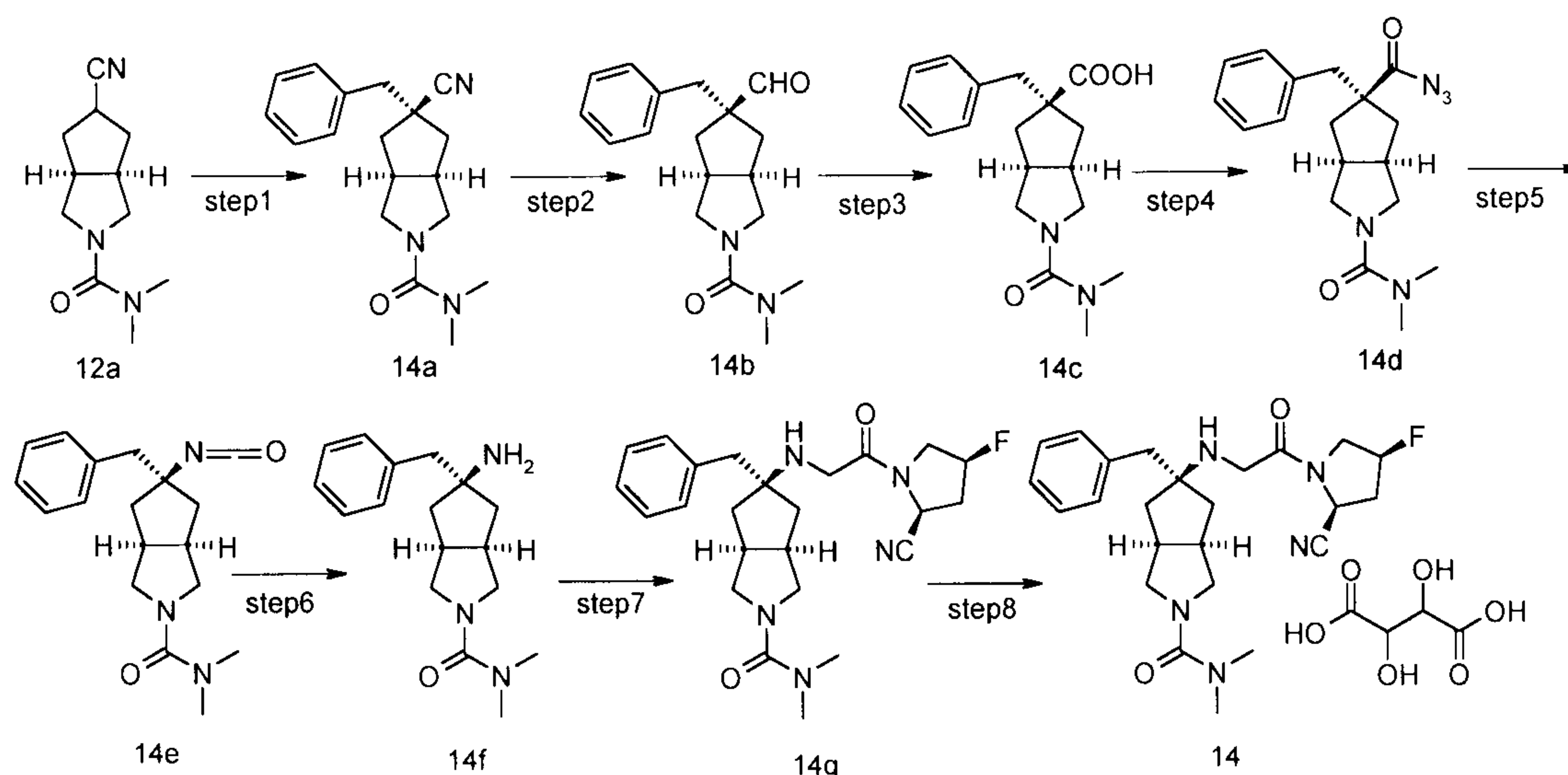
Preparation of 5-[2-((2*S*,4*S*)-2-cyano-4-fluoro-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-*N,N*,5-trimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2(1*H*)-carboxamide tartrate

5-[2-((2*S*,4*S*)-2-Cyano-4-fluoro-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-*N,N*,5-trimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2(1*H*)-carboxamide **13h** (0.16 g, 0.44 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of dichloromethane with stirring followed by dropwise addition of a solution of 5 mL of tartaric acid (65.6 mg, 0.44 mmol) in acetone. The reaction mixture was reacted for 30 minutes resulting in the formation of a white precipitate. The mixture was filtered and the filter cake was washed with acetone to obtain the title compound 5-[2-((2*S*,4*S*)-2-cyano-4-fluoro-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-*N,N*,5-trimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide tartrate **13** (0.18 g, yield 82%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (DMSO-*D*₆, 400 MHz) δ 5.76 (m, 1H), 5.46 (m, 1H), 5.0 (m, 1H), 4.08-4.05 (m, 4H), 3.97 (m, 2H), 3.69 (m, 2H), 2.73 (s, 6H), 2.61 (m, 2H), 1.87 (m, 3H), 1.57 (m, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.9 (m, 2H).

Example 14

5-Benzyl-5-[2-((2*S*,4*S*)-2-cyano-4-fluoro-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide tartrate



Step 1

Preparation of 5-benzyl-5-cyano-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

5-Cyano-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **12a** (4.0 g, 19.3 mmol) was dissolved in 60 mL of tetrahydrofuran with stirring followed by addition of benzyl chloride (5.4 g, 42.5 mmol) and lithium hexamethyldisilazide (42.5 mL, 42.5 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials and quenched with 50 mL of water. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 5-benzyl-5-cyano-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **14a** (2.6 g, yield 46%) as a light yellow solid.

Step 2

Preparation of 5-benzyl-5-formyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

5-Benzyl-5-cyano-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **14a** (2.0 g, 6.7 mmol) was dissolved in 100 mL of dichloromethane with stirring. Upon cooling to 0 °C, diisobutylaluminum hydride (20.2 mL, 20.2 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials and quenched with water. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 5-benzyl-5-formyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **14b** (729 mg, yield 36%) as a colorless oil.

Step 3

Preparation of

5-benzyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carboxylic acid

5-Benzyl-5-formyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **14b** (0.729 g, 2.43 mmol) was dissolved in the solvent mixture of 28 mL of tetrahydrofuran and 14 mL of water under nitrogen atmosphere, followed by addition of sodium dihydrogenphosphate dihydrate (1.14 g, 7.29 mmol), sodium chlorite (0.66 g, 7.29 mmol) and 2-methyl-2-butene (0.513 g, 7.32 mmol) upon cooling to 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 hours. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 5-benzyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carboxylic acid **14c** (0.76 g, yield 98%) as a colorless oil.
 MS *m/z* (ESI): 317.3 [M+1]
¹H NMR (DMSO-D₆, 400 MHz) δ 7.5-7.0 (m, 5H), 3.24 (m, 2H), 3.1 (m, 2H), 2.76 (s, 2H), 2.7 (s, 6H), 2.68 (m, 2H), 1.99-1.55 (m, 4H).

Step 4

Preparation of

5-benzyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carbonyl azide
 5-Benzyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carboxylic acid **14c** (0.86 g, 2.72 mmol) was dissolved in 30 mL of acetone upon cooling by an ice-water bath. When the mixture was cooled to -5 °C, a solution of triethylamine (0.303 g, 2.99 mmol) and ethyl chloroformate (0.325 g, 2.99 mmol) in 15 mL of acetone were added dropwise successively. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 minutes followed by dropwise addition of a solution of sodium azide (0.353 g, 5.44 mmol) in 15 mL of water. The reaction mixture was stirred for another 30 minutes. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the title compound 5-benzyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carbonyl azide **14d** (0.9 g, yield 97%) as a light yellow oil.

Step 5

Preparation of 5-benzyl-5-isocyanato-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

5-Benzyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carbonyl azide **14d** (1.0 g, 2.72 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL of toluene with stirring. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 1.5 hours and the solvent was evaporated to obtain the crude title compound 5-benzyl-5-isocyanato-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **14e** which was directly used in the next step.

Step 6

Preparation of 5-amino-5-benzyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

To a solution of 12 mL hydrochloric acid (8 N) was added dropwise 5-benzyl-5-isocyanato-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **14e** obtained from the above step at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes and adjusted to pH 9 with a 4 N sodium hydroxide aqueous solution. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 5-amino-5-benzyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **14f** (0.55 g, yield 70%) as a colorless oil.

Step 7

Preparation of 5-benzyl-5-[2-((2*S*,4*S*)-2-cyano-4-fluoro-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide
5-Amino-5-benzyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **14f** (0.1 g, 0.35 mmol) was dissolved in 4 mL of the solvent mixture of dichloromethane / N,N-dimethylformamide (V/V=1/1) followed by addition of (2*S*,4*S*)-1-(2-chloroacetyl)-4-fluoropyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile **13g** (66.5 mg, 0.35 mmol) and potassium carbonate (49 mg, 0.35 mmol). The reaction mixture was reacted at 40 °C for 12 hours. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was concentrated, and the resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 5-benzyl-5-[2-((2*S*,4*S*)-2-cyano-4-fluoro-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **14g** (87 mg, yield 56%) as a white solid.
MS *m/z* (ESI): 442.2 [M+1]

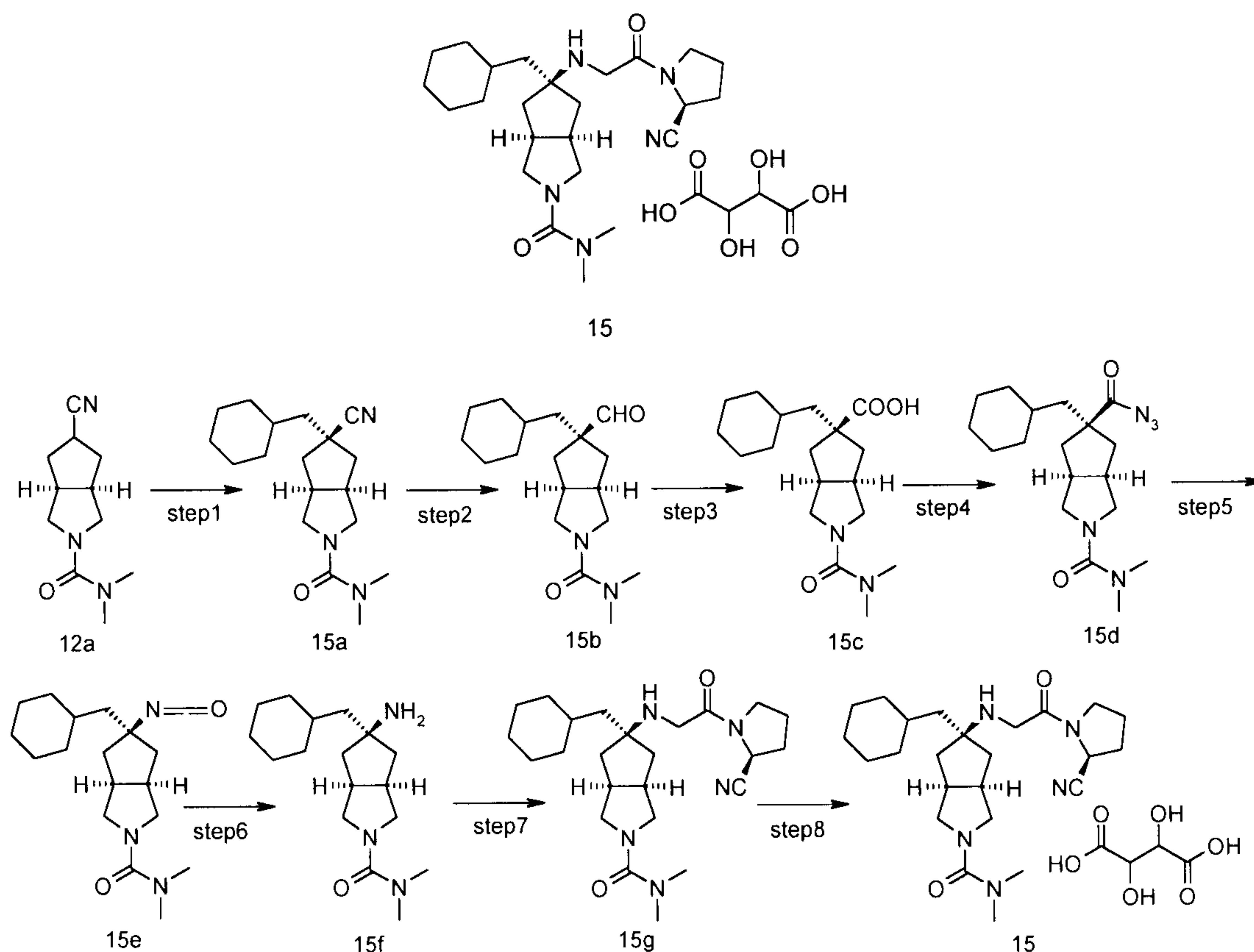
Step 8

Preparation of

5-benzyl-5-[2-((2*S*,4*S*)-2-cyano-4-fluoro-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide tartrate
5-Benzyl-5-[2-((2*S*,4*S*)-2-cyano-4-fluoro-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **14g** (87 mg, 0.197 mmol) was dissolved in 3 mL of dichloromethane with stirring followed by dropwise addition of a solution of 3 mL of tartaric acid in acetone. The reaction mixture was reacted at room temperature for 30 minutes and concentrated. The resulting residue was recrystallized from a solvent mixture of ethyl acetate/acetone to obtain the title compound 5-benzyl-5-[2-((2*S*,4*S*)-2-cyano-4-fluoro-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide tartrate **14** (80 mg, yield 68%) as a white solid.
¹H NMR (DMSO-D₆, 400 MHz) δ 7.32-7.2 (m, 5H), 5.55 (d, 1H), 5.41 (d, 1H), 4.97 (m, 1H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 4.08 (m, 1H), 4.0-3.5 (m, 6H), 2.81 (s, 2H), 2.78 (s, 6H), 2.5 (m, 2H), 2.0 (m, 3H), 1.6-1.3 (m, 6H).

Example 15

5-Cyclohexylmethyl-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide tartrate



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Step 1

Preparation of 5-cyano-5-cyclohexylmethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

- 5-Cyano-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **12a** (3.66 g, 17.6 mmol) was dissolved in 150 mL of tetrahydrofuran with stirring followed by dropwise addition of cyclohexylmethyl bromide (6.2 g, 35.2 mmol) and lithium hexamethyldisilazide (35.2 mL, 32.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was reacted at room temperature for 2 hours. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. Then 150 mL of a aqueous saturated solution of ammonium chloride was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (60 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 5-cyano-5-cyclohexylmethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **15a** (2.2 g, yield 41.5%) as a yellow solid. MS *m/z* (ESI): 304.5 [M+1]

Step 2

- Preparation of 5-cyclohexylmethyl-5-formyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

Upon cooling to 0 °C by an ice-water bath, 5-cyano-5-cyclohexylmethyl-

hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **15a** (1.2 g, 3.95 mmol) was dissolved in 30 mL of dichloromethane with stirring followed by dropwise addition of diisobutylaluminium hydride (11.8 mL, 11.8 mmol). The reaction mixture was reacted for 1 hour. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. Then a solution of saturated aqueous potassium sodium tartrate was added. The mixture was stirred until the solution was clear and extracted with ethyl acetate (100 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 5-cyclohexylmethyl-5-formyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **15b** (0.4 g, yield 33%) as a light yellow oil. MS *m/z* (ESI): 307.4 [M+1]

Step 3

Preparation of 5-cyclohexylmethyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carboxylic acid

5-Cyclohexylmethyl-5-formyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **15b** (0.713 g, 2.33 mmol) was dissolved in the solvent mixture of 60 mL of tetrahydrofuran and 30 mL of water. Upon cooling to 0 °C, sodium dihydrogenphosphate dihydrate (1.09 g, 6.99 mmol), sodium chlorite (0.79 g, 6.99 mmol) and 2-methyl-2-butene (0.62 mL, 7.0 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was reacted at 0 °C for 2 hours. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was concentrated to remove tetrahydrofuran and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 5-cyclohexylmethyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carboxylic acid **15c** (0.75 g, yield 100%) as a yellow solid.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 323.3 [M+1]

Step 4

Preparation of 5-cyclohexylmethyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carbonyl azide

Upon cooling by an ice-water bath, 5-cyclohexylmethyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carboxylic acid **15c** (0.75 g, 2.33 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL of acetone with stirring followed by dropwise addition of triethylamine (0.36 mL, 2.56 mmol) and a solution of 2 mL of ethyl chloroformate (0.25 mL, 2.56 mmol) in acetone. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 minutes and a solution of 2 mL of sodium azide (0.303 g, 4.66 mmol) in water was added. The reaction mixture was reacted for another 30 minutes at 0 °C~-5°C. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was concentrated to remove acetone and diluted with 10 mL of water. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL×5). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to

obtain the title compound
5-cyclohexylmethyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carbonyl
azide **15d** (0.79 g) as a yellow oil which was directly used in the next step.

5 Step 5

Preparation of 5-cyclohexylmethyl-5-isocyanato-hexahydro-
cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

5-Cyclohexylmethyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-
carbonyl azide **15d** (0.79 g, 2.27 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL of toluene and the
10 reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 1 hour. The reaction was monitored by TLC
until the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was concentrated to obtain
the title compound
5-cyclohexylmethyl-5-isocyanato-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid
dimethylamide **15e** (0.65 g) as a grey solid which was directly used in the next step.
15 MS *m/z* (ESI): 320.4 [M+1]

Step 6

Preparation of 5-amino-5-cyclohexylmethyl-hexahydro-
cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

20 Upon cooling by an ice-water bath, to a solution of 10 mL of hydrochloric acid (8
N) was added dropwise 5-cyclohexylmethyl-5-isocyanato-hexahydro-
cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **15e** (0.65 g, 2.03 mmol). Then
the ice-water bath was removed. The reaction mixture was reacted at 50 °C for 20
minutes. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting
25 materials. The mixture was adjusted to pH > 8 with concentrated ammonia and
extracted with ethyl acetate (30 mL×5). The combined organic extracts were dried over
anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The
resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain
5-amino-5-cyclohexylmethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid
30 dimethylamide **15f** (0.5 g, yield 84%) as a grey oil.
MS *m/z* (ESI): 294.3 [M+1]

Step 7

35 Preparation of 5-(cyclohexylmethyl)-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-
ethylamino]-5-cyclohexylmethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic
acid dimethylamide

5-Amino-5-cyclohexylmethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid
dimethylamide **15f** (0.115 g, 0.39 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of a solvent mixture
dichloromethane / N,N-dimethylformamide (V/V=1/1) with stirring, followed by
40 addition of 1-(2-chloro-acetyl)-pyrrolidine-2-cyano (54 mg, 0.31 mmol). The reaction
mixture was reacted at 50 °C for 2 hours. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the
disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was concentrated under reduced
pressure to remove dichloromethane and N,N-dimethylformamide. The resulting
residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound
45 5-(cyclohexylmethyl)-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-

ethylamino]-5-cyclohexylmethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **15g** (113 mg, yield 67%) as a colorless oil.
MS *m/z* (ESI): 430.5 [M+1].

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Step 8

Preparation of

5-(cyclohexylmethyl)-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide tartrate

5-(Cyclohexylmethyl)-5-[2-((*S*)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-cyclohexylmethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **15g** (113 mg, 0.263 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of ethyl acetate followed by dropwise addition of a solution of 2 mL of tartaric acid in acetone. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes and filtered to obtain the title compound 5-(cyclohexylmethyl)-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide tartrate **15** (40 mg) as a white solid.

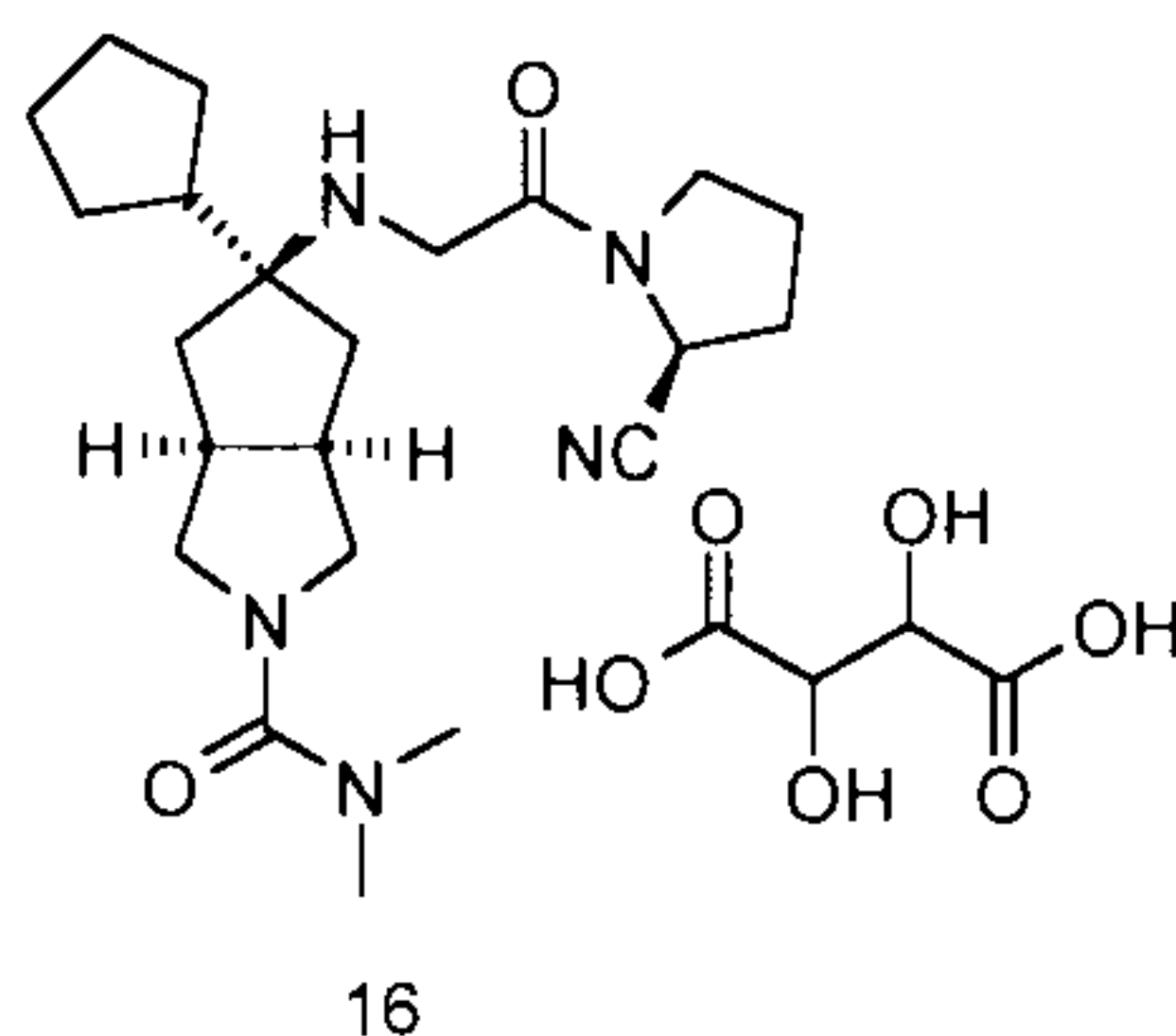
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¹H NMR (DMSO-*D*₆, 400 MHz) δ 5.2 (m, 1H), 4.77 (s, 2H), 4.18 (m, 3H), 4.02 (m, 1H), 3.63 (m, 2H), 3.32 (m, 2H), 2.73 (s, 6H), 2.58 (m, 2H), 2.16-1.87 (m, 9H), 1.59-1.19 (m, 8H).

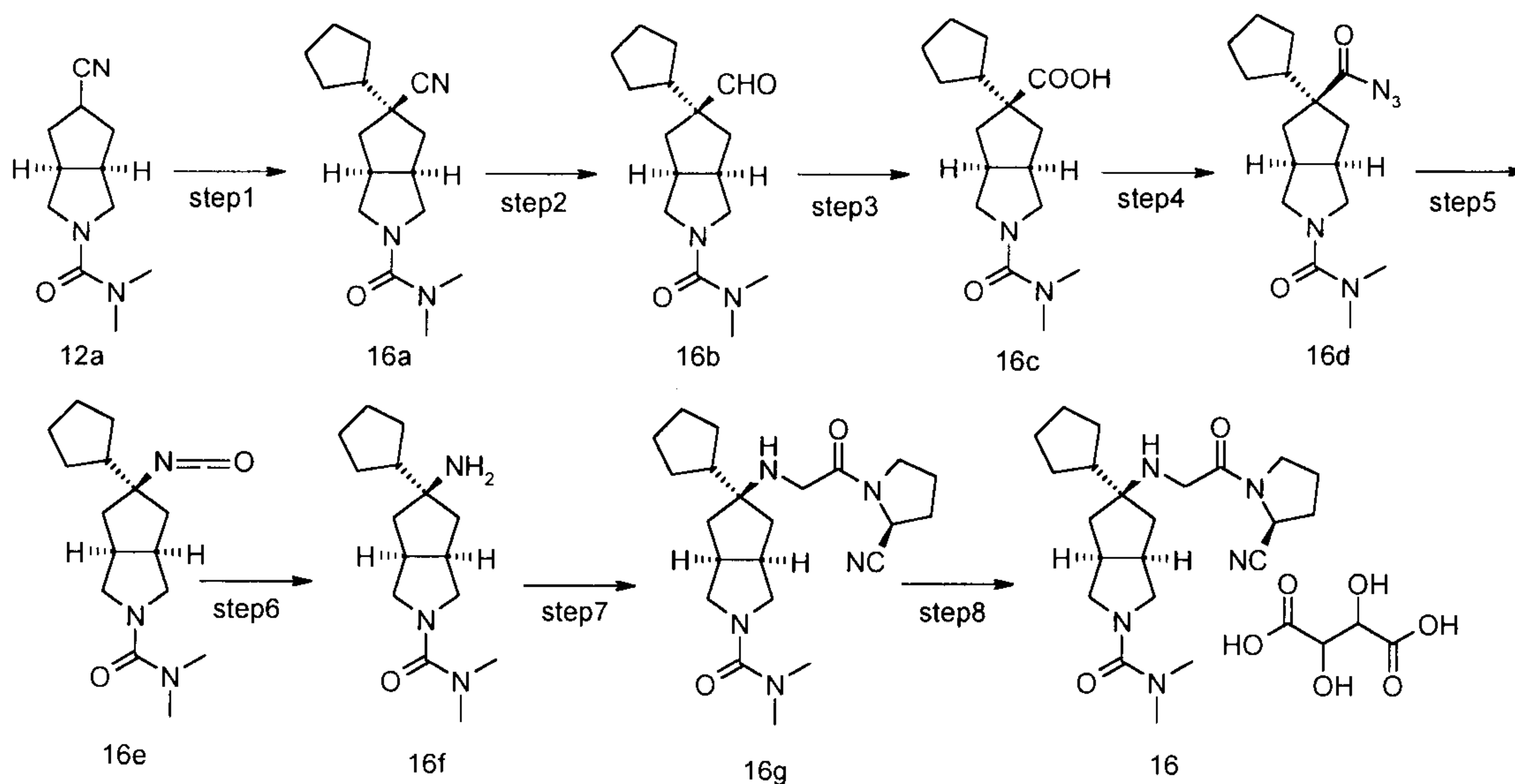
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Example 16

5-Cyclopentyl-5-[2-((*S*)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide tartrate



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Step 1

Preparation of 5-cyano-5-cyclopentyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

5 5-Cyano-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **12a** was dissolved in 30 mL of N,N-dimethylformamide followed by addition of iodo-cyclopentane (5.4 g, 27.5 mmol) and lithium hexamethyldisilazide (27.5 mL, 27.5 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of
 10 the starting materials. The mixture was diluted with 10 mL of water and concentrated to remove N,N-dimethylformamide and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound
 15 5-cyano-5-cyclopentyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **16a** (2.6 g, yield 42%) as a light yellow solid.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 276.2 [M+1]

¹H NMR (DMSO-D₆, 400 MHz) δ 3.35-3.0 (m, 4H), 2.24 (s, 6H), 1.34-2.5 (m, 15H).

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Step 2

Preparation of 5-cyclopentyl-5-formyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

5-Cyano-5-cyclopentyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **16a** (0.817 g, 2.97 mmol) was dissolved in 40 mL of dichloromethane with stirring at 0°C, followed by dropwise addition of diisobutylaluminium hydride (8.9 mL, 8.9 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 45 minutes. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was concentrated to remove dichloromethane and the residue was diluted with 100 mL of a saturated aqueous potassium sodium tartrate solution. The mixture was stirred until
 30 the solution was clear and extracted with ethyl acetate (100 mL×4). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound
 35 5-cyclopentyl-5-formyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **16b** (0.266 g, yield 32%) as a light yellow oil.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 279.3 [M+1]

Step 3

Preparation of 5-cyclopentyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carboxylic acid

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5-Cyclopentyl-5-formyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **16b** (0.266 g, 0.955 mmol) was dissolved in a solvent mixture of 20 mL of tetrahydrofuran and 10 mL of water. Then sodium dihydrogenphosphate dihydrate (0.448 g, 2.87 mmol), sodium chlorite (0.26 g, 2.87 mmol) and 2-methyl-2-butene
 45 (0.24 mL, 2.88 mmol) were added at 0°C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C for 2

hours. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was concentrated to remove tetrahydrofuran and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting
 5 residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 5-cyclopentyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carboxylic acid **16c** (0.28 g, yield 99.6%) as a yellow solid.
 MS *m/z* (ESI): 295.5 [M+1]

Step 4

Preparation of

5-cyclopentyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carbonyl azide

5-Cyclopentyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carboxylic acid **16c** (0.28 g, 6.95 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL of acetone upon
 15 cooling by an ice-water bath, followed by addition of triethylamine (0.15 mL, 1.05 mmol) and a solution of 2 mL of ethyl chloroformate (0.1 mL, 1.05 mmol) in acetone at 0 °C~-5°C. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 15 minutes, a solution of sodium azide (0.124 g, 1.9 mmol) in water was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for another 30 minutes. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the
 20 disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was concentrated and the residue was diluted with 10 mL of water. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the title compound 5-cyclopentyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carbonyl azide
 25 **16d** (0.287 g, yield 95%) as a yellow oil which was directly used in the next step.

Step 5

Preparation of 5-cyclopentyl-5-isocyanato-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

5-Cyclopentyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-octahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carbonyl
 30 azide **16d** (0.287 g, 0.9 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of toluene with stirring. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 1 hour. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was concentrated to obtain the title compound 5-cyclopentyl-5-isocyanato-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **16e** which was directly used in the next step.
 35 MS *m/z* (ESI): 292.3 [M+1]

Step 6

Preparation of 5-amino-5-cyclopentyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

Upon cooling by an ice-water bath, to a solution of 10 mL hydrochloric acid (8 N) was added dropwise 5-cyclopentyl-5-isocyanato-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **16e** obtained from the above step. Then the ice-water bath was removed and the reaction mixture was reacted at 50 °C for 15 minutes. The
 45 reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The

mixture was adjusted to pH > 8 with concentrated ammonia and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound
 5 5-amino-5-cyclopentyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **16f** (0.18 g, yield 81.8%) as a yellow oil.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 266.2 [M+1]

Step 7

Preparation of 5-cyclopentyl-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

5-Amino-5-cyclopentyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **16f** (0.108 g, 0.407 mmol) and 1-(2-chloro-acetyl)-pyrrolidine-2-cyano (70 mg, 0.407 mmol) were dissolved in 3 mL of N,N-dimethylformamide with stirring followed by addition of potassium carbonate (57 mg, 0.407 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was reacted overnight at 80°C upon heating by an oil bath. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was concentrated, and the resulting residue was purified
 15 by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 5-cyclopentyl-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **16g** (100 mg, yield 61.3%) as a colorless oil.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 402.3 [M+1]

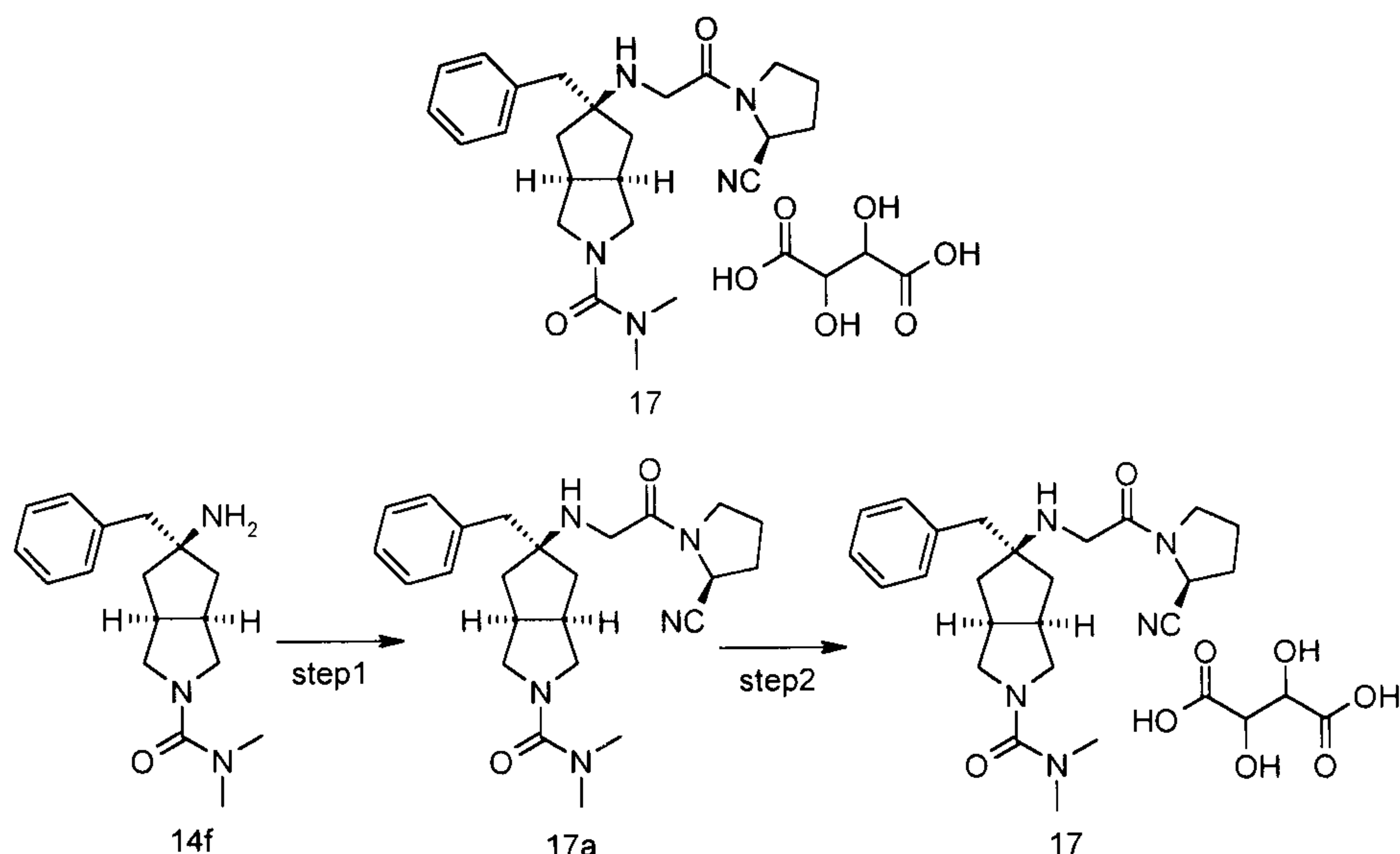
Step 8

Preparation of 5-cyclopentyl-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide tartrate

5-Cyclopentyl-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **16g** (102 mg, 0.254 mmol) was dissolved in 2 mL of ethyl acetate followed by addition of a solution of 3 mL of tartaric acid in acetone. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes resulting in the formation of a white precipitate followed by addition of *n*-hexane, and stirred again. The mixture was filtered to obtain the title compound
 30 5-cyclopentyl-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide tartrate **16** (88 mg, yield 65%) as a white solid.

Example 17

5-Benzyl-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide tartrate



Step 1

Preparation of 5-benzyl-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

5-Amino-5-benzyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **14f** (0.1 g, 0.35 mmol), 1-(2-chloro-acetyl)-pyrrolidine-2-cyano (120.4 mg, 0.7 mmol) and potassium carbonate (49 mg, 0.35 mmol) were dissolved in 3 mL of N,N-dimethylformamide under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was reacted overnight at 80°C upon heating by an oil bath. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was concentrated, and the resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 5-benzyl-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **17a** (56 mg, yield 40%) as a colorless oil.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 424.3 [M+1]

Step 2

Preparation of 5-benzyl-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide tartrate

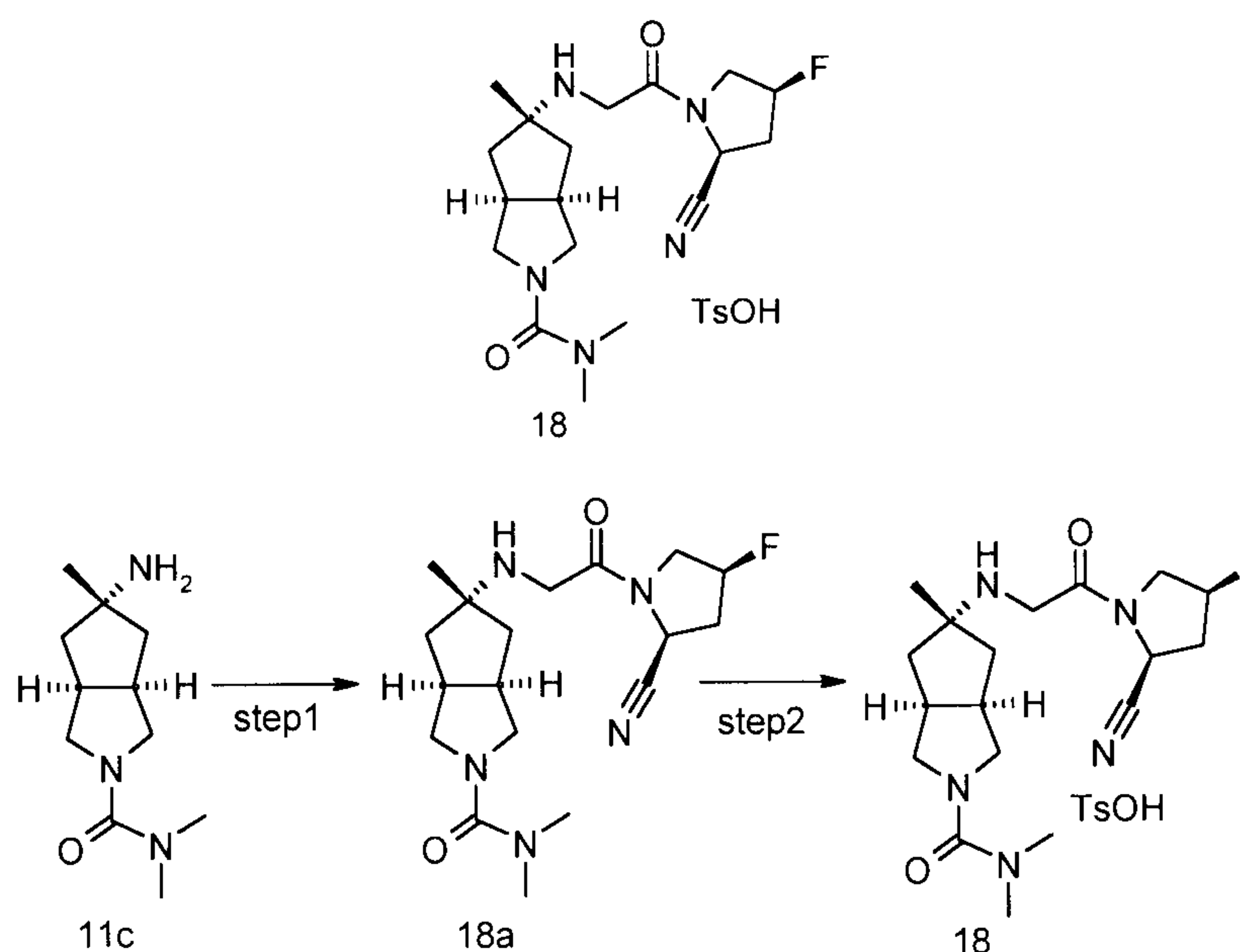
5-Benzyl-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **17a** (56 mg, 0.132 mmol) was dissolved in 1 mL of ethyl acetate with stirring followed by addition of a solution of 1 mL of tartaric acid in acetone. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes resulting in the formation of a white precipitate followed by addition of *n*-hexane, and stirred again. The mixture was filtered to obtain the title compound 5-benzyl-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide tartrate **17** (50 mg, yield 67%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (DMSO-D₆, 400 MHz) δ 7.32-7.19 (m, 5H), 4.78 (m, 1H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 3.8-3.0 (m, 8H), 2.75 (s, 2H), 2.73 (s, 6H), 2.18 (m, 2H), 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.87 (m, 3H), 1.35 (m, 3H).

Example 18

5-[2-((2*S*,4*S*)-2-Cyano-4-fluoro-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide *p*-toluenesulfonate

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Step 1

Preparation of

5-[2-((2*S*,4*S*)-2-cyano-4-fluoro-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

5-Amino-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-

2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **11c** (1.3 g, 7.58 mmol), (2*S*,4*S*)-1-(2-chloroacetyl)-

4-fluoropyrrolidine-2-carbonitrile **13g** (1.74 g, 9.1 mmol), potassium carbonate (1.26 g, 9.1 mmol), 30 mL of N,N-dimethylformamide and 18 mL of dichloromethane were added to a flask under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was reacted for overnight at 30 °C upon heating by an oil bath. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was concentrated to remove N,N-dimethylformamide. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 5-[2-((2*S*,4*S*)-2-cyano-4-fluoro-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **18a** (1.39 g, yield 50%) as a white solid.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 348.2 [M+1]

Step 2

Preparation of

5-[2-((2*S*,4*S*)-2-cyano-4-fluoro-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide *p*-toluenesulfonate

5-[2-(2-Cyano-4-fluoro-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **18a** (0.9 g, 2.47 mmol) was

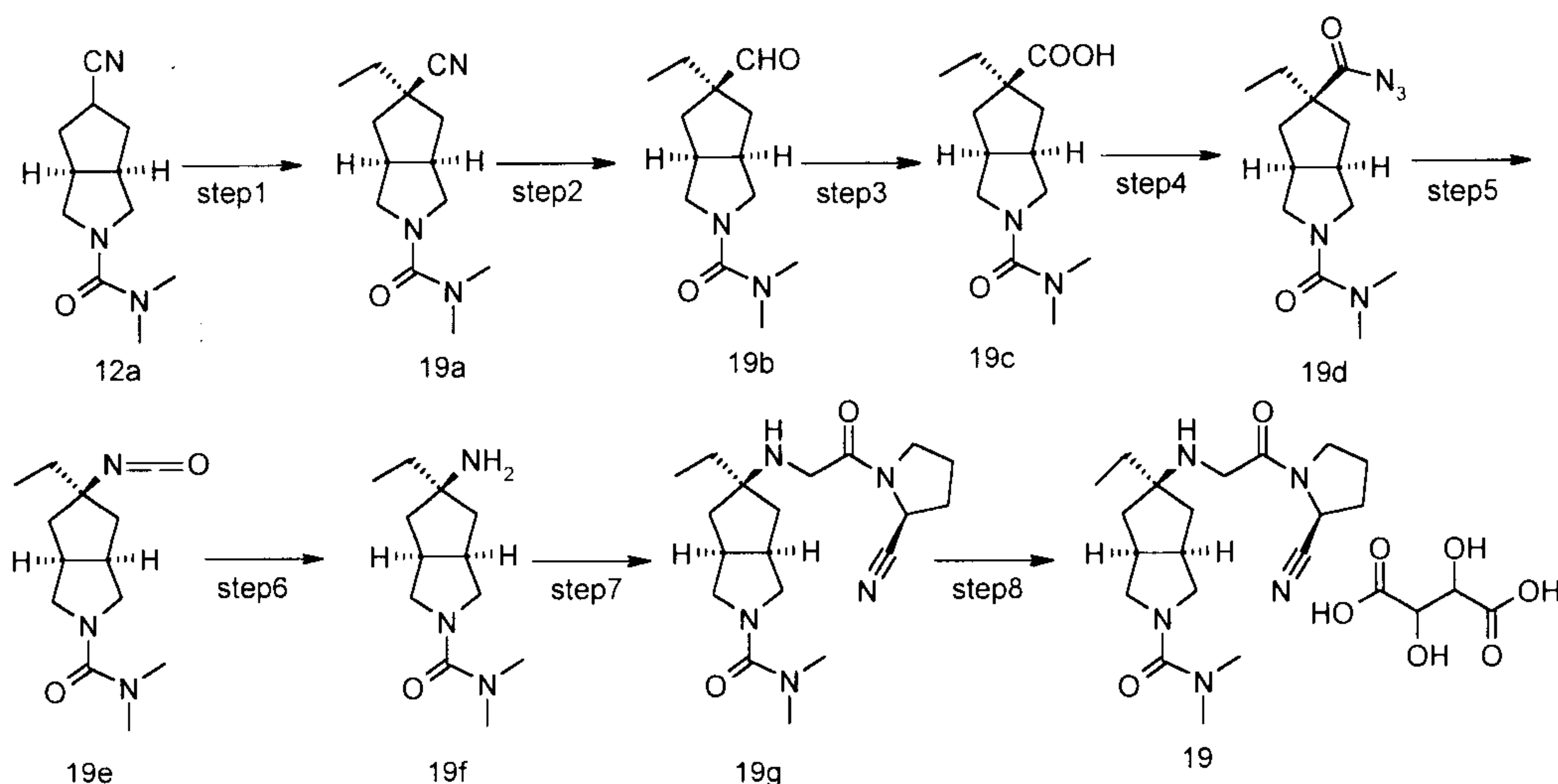
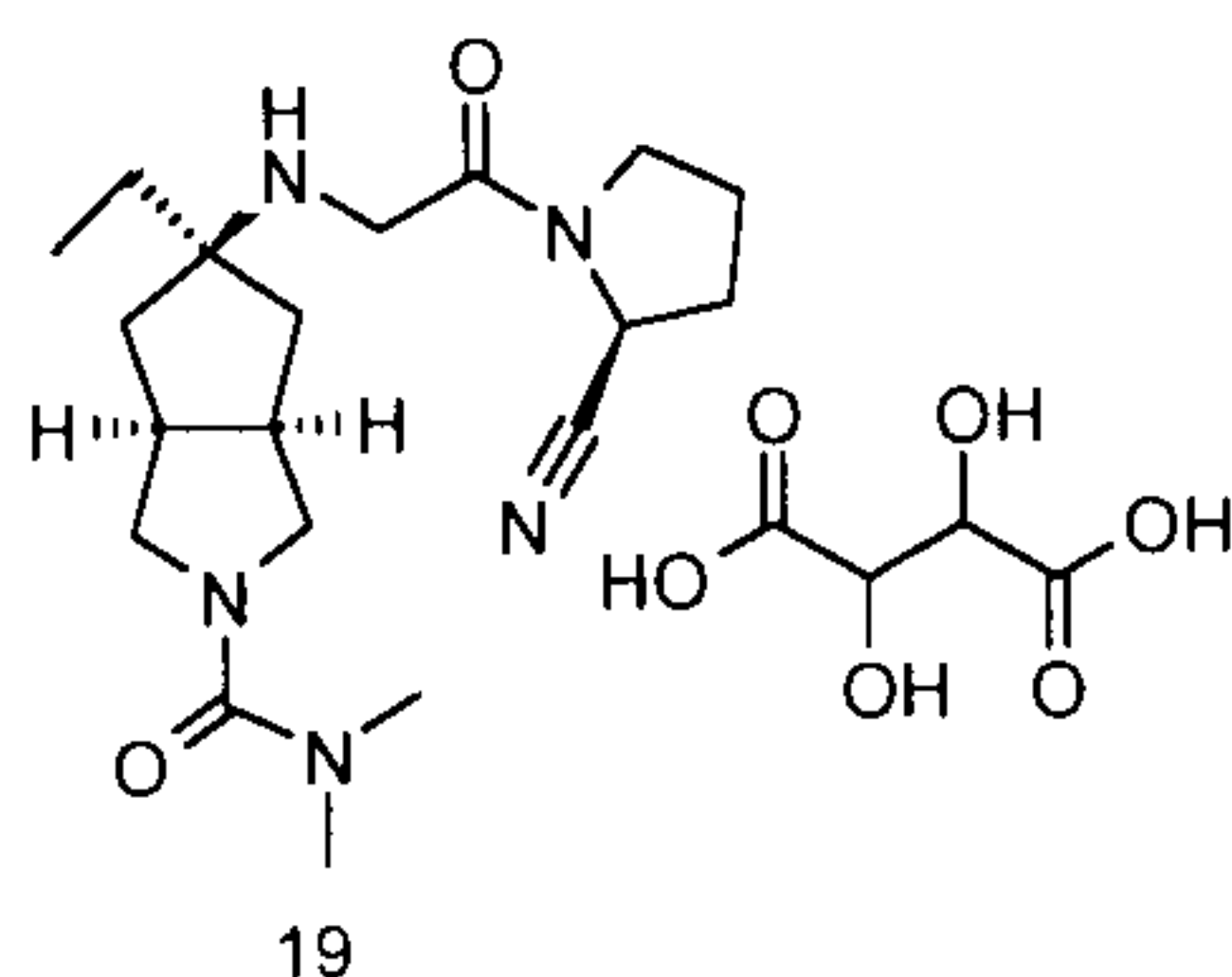
dissolved in 5 mL of dichloromethane with stirring at room temperature. To a solution of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (469 mg, 2.47 mmol) in 3 mL of acetone was added the above mentioned solution, which resulted in the formation of white precipitate. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes followed by addition of 1 mL of *n*-hexane. The mixture was filtered to obtain the title compound 5-[2-((2*S*,4*S*)-2-cyano-4-fluoro-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-methyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide *p*-toluenesulfonate **18** (1.3 g, yield 93%) as a white solid.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 366.1 [M+1]

¹H NMR (DMSO-*D*₆, 400 MHz) δ 7.74 (d, 2H), 7.29 (d, 2H), 5.57-5.44 (m, 1H), 5.07 (m, 1H), 4.19-4.07 (m, 4H), 3.49 (m, 2H), 3.35 (m, 2H), 3.0 (m, 2H), 2.9 (s, 6H), 2.6 (m, 2H), 2.39 (m, 5H), 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 3H).

Example 19

5-Ethyl-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide tartrate



Step 1

5-Cyano-5-ethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

5-Cyano-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **12a** (3.0 g, 14.5 mmol) was dissolved in 60 mL of tetrahydrofuran with stirring followed by addition of ethyl iodide (4.52 g, 29 mmol) and lithium hexamethyldisilazide (29 mL, 29 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was reacted at room temperature for 2 hours. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of

the starting materials. The mixture was diluted with 20 mL of water and extracted with ethyl acetate (200 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain an oil. TLC showed that there are two adjacent points, and then the oil was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 5-cyano-5-ethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **19a** (1.64 g) as a light yellow solid.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 236.3 [M+1]

¹H NMR (DMSO-D₆, 400 MHz) δ 3.5-3.0 (m, 4H), 2.7 (s, 6H), 1.9-1.2 (m, 8H), 1.19 (m, 3H).

Step 2

Preparation of

5-ethyl-5-formyl-N,N-dimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide
5-Cyano-5-ethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **19a** (1.54 g, 6.55 mmol) was dissolved in 60 mL of dichloromethane. Diisobutylaluminium hydride (19.6 mL, 19.6 mmol) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 minutes. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was quenched with 1.5 mL of water, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the title compound 5-ethyl-5-formyl-N,N-dimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxamide **19b** (0.4 g, yield 26%) as a light yellow oil.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 239.1 [M+1]

Step 3

Preparation of

5-ethyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carboxylic acid
5-Ethyl-5-formyl-N,N-dimethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **19b** (0.4 g, 1.68 mmol) was dissolved in the solvent mixture of 18 mL of tetrahydrofuran and 9 mL of water, followed by addition of sodium dihydrogenphosphate dihydrate (787 mg, 5.04 mmol), sodium chlorite (0.454 g, 5.04 mmol) and 2-methyl-2-butene (354 mg, 5.06 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was reacted at 0 °C for 2 hours under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the title compound 5-ethyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carboxylic acid **19c** (0.426 g, yield 100%) as a yellow solid which was directly used in the next step.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 255.2 [M+1]

Step 4

Preparation of 5-ethyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carbonyl azide

5-Ethyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carboxylic acid

19c (0.56 g, 2.2 mmol) was dissolved in 60 mL of acetone upon cooling by an ice-water bath. When cooled to -5 °C, triethylamine (0.245 mg, 2.43 mmol) and a solution of 2 mL of ethyl chloroformate (263 mg, 2.43 mmol) in acetone were added dropwise. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 15 minutes, a solution of sodium azide (0.286 g, 4.4 mmol) in 2 mL of water was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at -5 °C~0 °C for another 30 minutes. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was diluted with 10 mL of water, extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL×5). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the title compound 5-ethyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carbonyl azide **19d** (0.5 g) as a light yellow oil which was directly used in the next step.

Step 5

Preparation of 5-ethyl-5-isocyanato-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

5-Ethyl-2-dimethylcarbamoyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5-carbonyl azide **19d** (0.5 g, 1.86 mmol) was dissolved in 30 mL of toluene. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 2 hour. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was concentrated to obtain the title compound 5-ethyl-5-isocyanato-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **19e** which was directly used in the next step.

Step 6

Preparation of 5-amino-5-ethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

To a solution of 12 mL hydrochloric acid (8 N) was added 5-ethyl-5-isocyanato-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **19e** obtained from the above step at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes and adjusted to pH 9-10 with 8 N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution. The separated aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (30 mL×5). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 5-amino-5-ethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **19f** (0.3 g, yield 71%) as a colorless oil.
MS *m/z* (ESI): 226.2 [M+1]

Step 7

Preparation of

5-ethyl-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide

5-Amino-5-ethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **19f** (0.202 g, 0.897 mmol), 1-(2-chloro-acetyl)-pyrrolidine-2-cyano (185 mg, 1.07 mmol), potassium carbonate (148 mg, 1.07 mmol) and a solvent mixture of 9 mL of N,N-dimethylformamide /

dichloromethane (V/V=1/1) were added to a flask under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was reacted at 60 °C for 2 hours. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the disappearance of the starting materials. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to remove dichloromethane and N,N-dimethylformamide. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound 5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-ethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **19g** (120 mg, yield 40%) as a light yellow oil.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 362.2 [M+1]

Step 8

Preparation of

5-ethyl-5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide tartrate

5-[2-((*S*)-2-Cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-ethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide **19g** (120 mg, 0.33 mmol) was dissolved in 1 mL of ethyl acetate followed by dropwise addition of a solution of 2 mL of tartaric acid (50 mg, 0.33 mmol) in acetone. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes and filtered to obtain the title compound 5-[2-((*S*)-2-cyano-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-ethylamino]-5-ethyl-hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid dimethylamide tartrate **19** (160 mg, yield 94%) as a white solid.

MS *m/z* (ESI): 362.2 [M+1]

¹H NMR (DMSO-D₆, 400 MHz) δ 4.79 (m, 1H), 4.11 (s, 2H), 3.65 (m, 2H), 3.49 (m, 2H), 3.22 (m, 4H), 2.75 (s, 6H), 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.19 (m, 2H), 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.51 (m, 4H), 0.86 (t, 3H).

Test Examples:

Biological Assays

Assay for DPP-IV/DPP-VIII/DPP-IX Inhibitory Activity

The following methods can be used to measure the activities of the compounds of the present disclosure that inhibit the enzymatic activity of DPP-IV/DPP-VIII/DPP-IX. The compounds of the present disclosure are tested for their ability to inhibit the enzyme activity of purified DPP-IV/DPP-VIII/DPP-IX. The inhibitory rate or the half inhibition concentration IC₅₀ (concentration of test compound at which 50% of the enzyme activity is inhibited) for each compound is determined by incubating fixed amounts of mixed enzyme substrate with several different concentrations of test compounds.

Assay for DPP-IV Inhibitory Activity

Materials and Methods:

Materials:

- a. 96-well white plate (BMG);
- b. Tris buffer: in order to prepare 100 mL of 2 mM Tris Buffer, 0.0242 g Tris was dissolved in about 90 mL distilled H₂O (dH₂O) firstly. Hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide was used to adjust pH to 8.00 and then the solution was diluted with dH₂O to 100 mL in total volume;
- c. DPP-IV enzyme (Calbiochem Catalog No. 317630), dissolved in Tris buffer to make a 2 mM solution;
- d. DPP-IV—GloTM substrate (Promega Catalog No.G8350) was dissolved in dH₂O to make a 1mM solution.
- e. DPP-IV—Glo buffer solution (Promega Catalog No.G8350)
- f. Luciferin detection reagent (Promega Catalog No.G8350)
- g. DMSO
- h. dH₂O

15 **Procedure:**

The assay was carried out as follows:

1. DPP-IV-Glo. buffer was thawed and equilibrated to room temperature prior to use.
2. The freezing luciferin detection reagent was equilibrated to room temperature prior to use.
3. DPP-IV—Glo. substrate was mixed with ultrapure water by votexing briefly to form a 1 mM solution of the substrate.
4. The luciferin detection reagent was placed in a brown bottle with addition of DPP-IV—Glo. buffer, and the luciferin agent was dissolved within 1 minute.
5. The test compounds were dissolved in DMSO at a concentration of 50 times of the final concentration.
6. 2 µL of the test compound solution with 50 times concentration was added to each tube, and 2 µL of DMSO was added to the negative control and blank control instead.
7. 46 µL of Tris buffer was added to each tube and 48 µL of Tris buffer was added in the blank control.
8. 2 µL of DPP-IV enzyme was added to each negative control tube and test tube.
9. The test tubes were shaken and centrifuged, and then the substances of the test tube were transferred to 96-well plates.
10. The substrate and DPP-IV—Glo. were mixed in a ration of 1:49, and this mixture was shaken throughfully and incubated at room temperature for 30-60 minutes prior to use.
11. The 96-well plate was sealed by sealing film after 50 µL of of the mixed solution of DPP-IV—Glo. and substrate were added to each well.
12. The substances of the 96 wells were mixing slowly by using a plate shaker at 300-500 rpm/30s, and then the plate was incubated at room temperature from 30 minutes to 3 hours.
13. The luminescence value was measured.

The definition of inhibitory rate:

$$[1-(S-B)/(N-B)]*100\%$$

S: sample

B: blank control
N: negative control

Assay for DPP-VIII Inhibitory Activity

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Materials and Methods:

Materials:

- i. 96-well white plate (BMG).
- j. Tris buffer: in order to prepare 100ml 2mM Tris Buffer, 0.0242 g Tris was dissolved
10 in about 90mL dH₂O firstly. Hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide were used to
adjust pH to 8.00 and then the solution was diluted with dH₂O to 100 mL in total
volume;
- k. DPP-VIII enzyme (Bioscience Catalog No.80080), dissolved in 25 mL of Tris-HCl,
pH = 8.0, 100 mM NaCl, 0.05 % TweenTM-20, 50 % glycerol, and 3 mM DTT Buffer.
15 The final concentration was 0.1 ng/ 100 μ L assay,
- l. DPP-VIII—GloTM substrate (Promega Catalog No.G8350) was dissolved in dH₂O to
make a 1 mM solution.
- m. DPP-VIII—Glo. buffer solution (Promega Catalog No.G8350)
- n. Luciferin detection reagent (Promega Catalog No.G8350)
- 20 o. DMSO
- p. dH₂O

Procedure:

The assay was carried out as follows:

- 25 14. DPP-VIII—Glo. buffer was thawed and equilibrated to room temperature prior to
use.
15. The freezing luciferin detection reagent was equilibrated to room temperature prior
to use.
16. DPP-VIII—Glo. substrate was mixed with ultrapure water by votexing briefly to
30 form 1 mM substrate.
17. The luciferin detection reagent was placed in a brown bottle with addition of
DPP-VIII—Glo. buffer, and the luciferin agent was dissolved within 1 minute.
18. The test compounds were dissolved in DMSO to 50 times of the final concentration.
19. 2 μ L of the test compound solution with 50 times concentration was added to each
35 tube, and 2 μ L of DMSO was added to the negative control and blank control instead.
20. 46 μ L of Tris buffer was added to each tube and 48 μ L of Tris buffer was added in
blank control.
21. 2 μ L of DPP-VIII enzyme was added to each negative control tube and test tube.
22. The tested tubes were shaken and centrifuged, and then the substances of the solution
40 in the test tube were transferred to 96-well plates.
23. The substrate and DPP-VIII—Glo. were mixed in a ration of 1:49, and this mixture
was shaken throughfully and incubated at room temperature for 30-60 minutes prior
to use.

24. The 96-well plate was sealed by sealing film after 50 μ L of the mixed solution of DPP-VIII—Glo. and substrate were added to each well.
25. The substances of the 96 wells were mixing slowly by using a plate shaker at 300-500 rpm/30s, and then the plate was incubated at room temperature from 30 minutes to 3 hours.
26. The luminescence value was measured.
The definition of inhibitory rate:

$$[1-(S-B)/(N-B)]*100\%$$

S: sample
 B: blank control
 N: negative control

Assay for DPP-IX Inhibitory Activity

Materials and Methods:

Materials:

- q. 96-well white plate (BMG);
- r. Tris buffer: in order to prepare 100ml 2 mM Tris Buffer, 0.0242 g Tris was dissolved in about 90 mL dH₂O firstly. Hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide were used to adjust pH to 8.00 and then the solution was diluted with dH₂O to 100 mL in total volume;
- s. DPP-IX enzyme (Bioscience Catalog No.80090), dissolved in 25 mL of Tris-HCl, pH = 8.0, 100 mM NaCl, 0.05 % Tween-20, 50 % glycerol, and 3 mM DTT Buffer. The final concentration was 0.1 ng/ 100 μ L assay,
- t.
- u. DPP-IX—GloTM substrate (Promega Catalog No.G8350), dissolved in dH₂O to make a 1 mM solution.
- v. DPP-IX—Glo. buffer solution (Promega Catalog No.G8350)
- w. Luciferin detection reagent (Promega Catalog No.G8350)
- x. DMSO
- y. dH₂O

Procedure:

The assay was carried out as follows:

27. DPP-IX—Glo. buffer was thawed and equilibrated to room temperature prior to use.
28. The freezing luciferin detection reagent was equilibrated to room temperature prior to use.
29. DPP-IX—Glo. substrate was mixed with ultrapure water by votexing briefly to form 1 mM substrate.
30. The luciferin detection reagent was placed in a brown bottle with addition of DPP-IX—Glo. buffer, and the luciferin agent was dissolved within 1 minute.
31. The test compounds were dissolved in DMSO at a concentration of 50 times the final concentration.
32. 2 μ L of the test compound solution with 50 times concentration was added to each

tube, and 2 μ L of DMSO was added to negative control and blank control for instead.

33. 46 μ L of Tris buffer was added to each tube and 48 μ L of Tris buffer was added in blank control.

5 34. 2 μ L of DPP-IX enzyme was added to each negative control tube and test tube.

35. The test tubes were shaken and centrifuged, and then the substances of the test tube were transferred to 96-well plates.

36. The substrate and DPP-IX—Glo. were mixed in a ration of 1:49, and this mixture was shaken throughfully and incubated at room temperature for 30-60 minutes prior to use.

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37. The 96-well plate was sealed by a sealing film after 50 μ L of the mixed solution of DPP-IX—Glo. and substrate were added to each well.

38. The substances of the 96 wells were mixing slowly by using a plate shaker at 300-500 rpm/30s, and then the plate was incubated at room temperature from 30 minutes to 3 hours.

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39. The luminescence value was measured.

The definition of inhibitory rate:

$$[1-(S-B)/(N-B)]*100\%$$

S: sample

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B: blank control

N: negative control

IC₅₀ of the DPP-IV/DPP-VIII/DPP-IX of the test compounds were showed in table 1:

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Table 1 IC₅₀ Assay Results of Examples

Example	IC ₅₀ (nM) DPP-IV	IC ₅₀ (nM) DPP-VIII	IC ₅₀ (nM) DPP-IX
1	16	17380	5700
2	24	18240	5040
3	14		
4	69		
7	50		
8	39		
10	83		
11	13	38480	2434
12	13	4890	16900
13	10	371	516
18	39	3320	380

Preliminary Evaluation of Hypoglycemic Effects of DPP-IV Inhibitors

30 Objective:

To observe the effects on oral glucose tolerance of the DPP-IV inhibitors the compounds of Example 1 and Example 2 in normal ICR mice, the hypoglycemic effects *in vivo* have been evaluated.

Test animals:

Species, strains: ICR mice

Source: Chinese Academy of Sciences, Shanghai Laboratory Animal Center, Certification No.: SYXK (Shanghai) 2004-2005

Weight: 25-30g

Sex: Male

Animal Number: 40

Rearing conditions: SPF-class animal room raising, temperature: 22-24°C, Humidity: 45-80%, illumination: 150-300Lx, day and night cycle with an interval of 12 hours.

Drugs:

Name: the compound of Example 1

Lot Number: 01

Color, form: white powder

Purity: 96.97%

Provided by: Shanghai Hengrui Medicine Co., Ltd.

Preparation Method: Compounds were weighed accurately, and then dissolved in double distilled water. The suspensions of 0.5, 0.15 and 0.05mg/mL were prepared, respectively. (Note: Although the product instruction displayed the test compounds were soluble in water, but in the experiment it was poor water-soluble, i.e., at low concentration it can be dissolved, but at the concentration of 0.5mg/mL there are still visible particles by the naked eye. 1% CMC was tried to suspend the compounds, while it was not better than double-distilled water.)

Dose: 1, 3, 10 mg/kg by gavage. The volume is 20 mL/kg.

Name: the compound of Example 2

Lot Number: 01

Color, form: white powder

Purity: 96.62%

Provided by: Shanghai Hengrui Medicine Co., Ltd.

Preparation Method: Compounds were weighed accurately, and then dissolved in double distilled water and fully mixed to prepare a 1.5 mg/mL solution, and then diluted into 0.5, 0.15 and 0.05 mg/mL transparent solution, respectively.

Dose: 1, 3, 10 mg/kg by gavage. The volume is 20 ml/kg.

Method:**1. The effects of compounds on blood glucose levels in normal ICR mice**

Normal male ICR mice were randomly grouped according to weights, 6 mice in each group. The groups included a black control group as well as different doses of the treatment groups as follows:

Test 1:

Blank control: double-distilled water by gavage.

Group 1: the compound of Example 1 1mg/kg by gavage;
the compound of Example 1 3mg/kg by gavage; and
the compound of Example 1 10mg/kg by gavage.

Group 2: the compound of Example 2 1mg/kg by gavage;
the compound of Example 2 3mg/kg by gavage, and
the compound of Example 2 10mg/kg by gavage.

Test 2:

Blank control: double-distilled water by gavage.

Group 1: the compound of Example 1 1mg/kg by gavage;
the compound of Example 1 3mg/kg by gavage; and
the compound of Example 1 10mg/kg by gavage.

Group 2: the compound of Example 2 1mg/kg by gavage;
the compound of Example 2 3mg/kg by gavage; and
the compound of Example 2 10mg/kg by gavage.

Animals in each group had been fasted for 6 hours, and then pretreated with test compounds or double distilled water by gavage respectively in single administration. 30 minutes later, animals were administered with 2.5g/kg glucose by gavage. Before administration and after administration of glucose at 30, 60 and 120 minutes, blood was taken to measure serum glucose levels.

2. Serum glucose determination:

Serum glucose is measured by glucose kit. 250 µl working enzyme solution was taken, and then 5 µl serum was added to the solution. A blank tube (5 µl double distilled water was added) and a standard tube (5 µl glucose standard solution was added) were established simultaneously and shaken in 37 °C water bath for 20 minutes. The blank tube was used to set the instrument to zero, the colorimetric assay was performed at OD505 nm.

$$\text{Serum glucose concentration (BG, mmol/l)} = \text{OD}_{\text{sample tube}} / \text{OD}_{\text{standard tube}} \times 5.55$$

Data processing and statistical analysis:

1. Mean $\pm$ SD and *Student-t* test were used in statistical analysis.
2. The percentage declines in blood glucose 30 minutes of after sugar administration as well as the area under the curve (AUC) were calculated.

Results:**Test 1:**

Male ICR mice were fasted for 6 hours, and then treated with double distilled water, different doses of the test compounds of Example 1 and Example 2 by gavage. 30 minutes after administration, the oral glucose tolerance test was conducted. The results showed that the blood glucose level in the control group increased significantly after 2.5 g/kg glucose had been administered by gavage, and reached the peak at 30 minutes. At

low, middle and high doses of the compound of Example 1, the blood glucose level was significantly lower than control group at 30 minutes, and the percentage of the blood glucose had decreased by 19.16%, 22.85% and 31.85% respectively. At each dose of the compound of Example 2, the blood glucose level was significantly lower than control group at 30 minutes after the administration of glucose ($P < 0.01$). Compared with the control group, the percentage of blood glucose thereof had decreased by 25.54%, 25.92% and 26.93%.

Test 2:

Male ICR mice were fasted for 6 hours, and then treated with double distilled water, different doses of the test compounds of Example 1 and Example 2 by gavage. 30 minutes after administration, the oral glucose tolerance test was conducted. The results showed that the blood glucose level in the control group increased significantly after 2.5 g/kg glucose had administered by gavage, and reached the peak at 30 minutes. At each dose of SHR1039 (i.e, the compound of Example 1), the blood glucose was significantly lower than control group at 30 minutes after the administration of glucose ($P < 0.01$), and the percentage of blood glucose thereof had decreased by 26.10%, 30.24 and 32.05% respectively. At low, middle and high doses of SHR1040 (i.e., the compound of Example 2), the blood glucose level was significantly lower than control group at 30 minutes ($P < 0.01$), and the percentage of blood glucose had decreased by 24.51%, 26.96% and 27.75%.

Conclusion:

Two experimental results of this report show that the test compounds of Example 1 and Example 2 have significant hypoglycemic effect on normal ICR mice oral glucose tolerance test. Moreover, the test compound of Example 1 shows a better dose-effect relationship.

Effects of DPP-IV Inhibitors on Oral Glucose Tolerance in KKAY Mice

Objective:

To observe the DPP-IV inhibitory effects of the compounds of Example 1 and Example 2 on oral glucose tolerance test in type II diabetes KKAY mice, a preliminary evaluation of their hypoglycemic effect *in vivo* was performed.

Test Animals:

Species, Strains:	KKAY mice
Source:	Shanghai Laboratory Animal Center, Chinese Academy of Sciences. Certification No. : SYXK (Shanghai) 2004-2005
Weight:	40~55g
Sex:	female: 52; male: 33
Raising Conditions:	SPF grade animal room raising, temperature: 22-24 °C; humidity: 45-80%; illumination: 150-300 Lx, day and night cycle with an interval of 12 hours.

Drugs:

Name: the compounds of Example 1 and Example 2

Preparation Method: Compounds were weighed accurately, then dissolved in double distilled water, and fully mixed to prepare a 3 mg/ml suspension, then diluted to 1, 0.3, 0.1 mg/mL transparent solution respectively.

Dose: 1, 3, 10, 30 mg/kg by gavage. The volume is 10 mL/kg.

10 **Methods:****The effects of the compounds on blood glucose in KKAY Mice**

Normal KKAY mice had been fasted for 6 hours, and then were randomly grouped according to the weights and fasting blood glucose, 5 mice in each group. The groups included a blank control group as well as different doses of the treatment groups as follows:

Test 1: male 0704

Blank control: double-distilled water by gavage

SHR1039: the compound of Example 1 10 mg/kg by gavage
the compound of Example 1 30 mg/kg by gavage

20 **Test 2: female 0816**

Blank control: double-distilled water by gavage

SHR1039: the compound of Example 1 3 mg/kg by gavage
the compound of Example 1 10 mg/kg by gavage

Test 3: male 0712

25 Black control: double-distilled water by gavage

SHR1040: the compound of Example 2 3 mg/kg by gavage
the compound of Example 2 10 mg/kg by gavage

Test 4: female 0907

30 Black control: double-distilled water by gavage

SHR1040: the compound of Example 2 3 mg/kg by gavage
the compound of Example 2 10 mg/kg by gavage

Animals in each group had been fasted for 6 hours, and then pretreated with compounds or double distilled water by gavage respectively in single administration. 30 minutes later, animals were administered 2.5 g/kg (female KKAY mice) or 1.5 g/kg (male KKAY mice) glucose by gavage. After administration of glucose at 0, 30, 60 and 120 minutes, serum glucose levels were measured by a glucometer.

Data processing and statistical analysis:

40 3. Mean $\pm$ SD and *Student-t* test, or Anova was used in statistical analysis.

4. The percentage of blood glucose decline in 30 minutes of sugar administration and the area under the curve (AUC) were calculated.

Results:45 **1. Compound of Example 1: Test 1, 2**

Male KKAY mice were fasted for 6 hours, and then treated with double distilled water and different doses of the test compound of Example 1 by gavage. 30 minutes after administration, the oral glucose tolerance test was conducted. The results showed that the blood glucose level in the control group increased significantly after 1.5 g/kg glucose had been administered by gavage, and reached the peak at 30 minutes. In the doses of 10 mg/kg and 30 mg/kg of the compound of Example 1 groups, blood glucose levels were both lower than control group at 30 minutes after the administration of glucose. Compared with the control group, the percentage of blood glucose had decreased by 16.22% and 17.15% respectively.

Female KKAY mice were fasted for 6 hours, and then treated with double distilled water and different doses of the test compound of Example 1 by gavage. 30 minutes after administration, the oral glucose tolerance test was conducted. The results showed that the blood glucose level in the control group increased significantly after 2.5 g/kg glucose had administered by gavage, and reached the peak at 30 minutes. In the doses of 3 mg/kg and 10 mg/kg of the compound of Example 1 groups, blood glucose levels were both significantly lower than the control group 30 minutes after the administration of glucose. The percentage of blood glucose had decreased by 40.63% and 24.68% respectively.

2. Compound of Example 2: Test 3, 4

Male KKAY mice were fasted for 6 hours, and then treated with double distilled water and different doses of the test compound of Example 2 by gavage. 30 minutes after administration, the oral glucose tolerance test was conducted. The results showed that the blood glucose level in the control group increased significantly after 1.5 g/kg glucose had been administered by gavage, and reached the peak at 30 minutes. In the doses of 10 mg/kg and 30 mg/kg of the compound of Example 2 groups, blood glucose levels were both lower than the control group at 30 minutes after the administration of glucose. Compared with the control group, the percentage of blood glucose had decreased by 13.79% and 12.23% respectively.

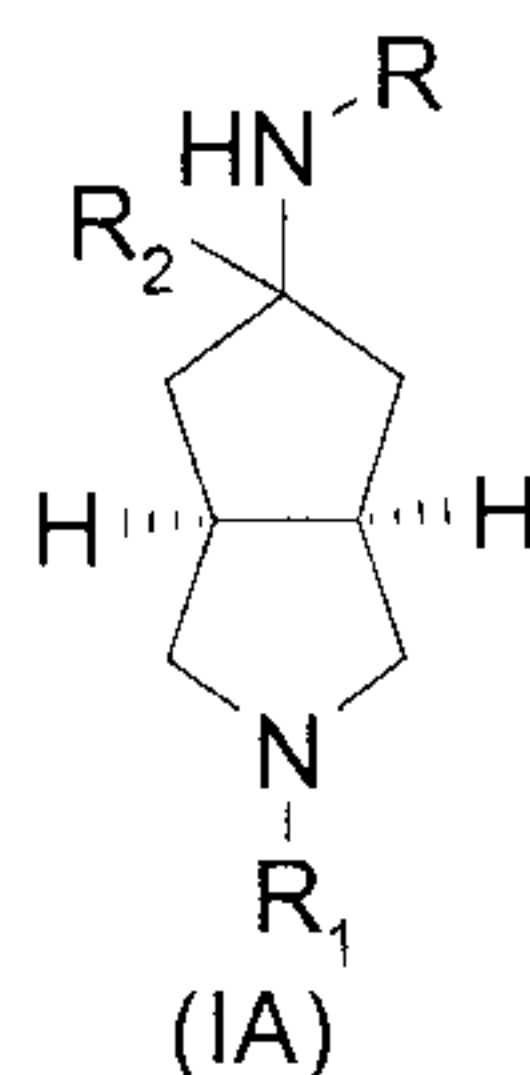
Female KKAY mice were fasted for 6 hours, and then treated with double distilled water and different doses of the test of compound Example 2 by gavage. 30 minutes after administration, the oral glucose tolerance test was conducted. The results showed that the blood glucose level in the control group increased significantly after 2.5 g/kg glucose had been administered by gavage, and reached the peak at 30 minutes. In the dose of 10 mg/kg of the compound of Example 2 group, blood glucoses were lower than control group at 30 minutes after the administration of glucose ($P = 0.075$, anova). The percentage of blood glucose had decreased by 21.55%. However, since there is a great individual difference in the mice, the results had no significant difference.

Conclusion:

The test compounds of Example 1 and Example 2 both have some hypoglycemic effects on oral glucose tolerance test in type II diabetes KKAY mice.

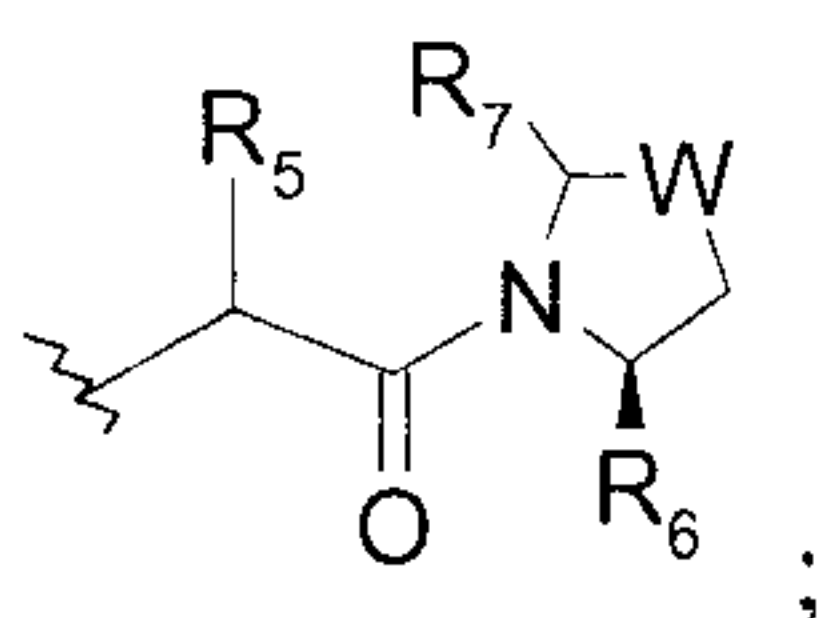
What is claimed is:

1. A compound of formula (IA) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



5 wherein:

R is the following formula:



R₁ is selected from the group consisting of -C(O)NR₃R₄, -C(O)R₃ and -C(O)OR₃;

10 R₂ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl, wherein the alkyl is further optionally substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl and aryl;

15 R₃ and R₄ are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic alkyl, wherein the alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclic alkyl is further optionally substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, halogen, hydroxyl, amino, cyano, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, heterocyclic alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, carboxylic acid and carboxylic ester;

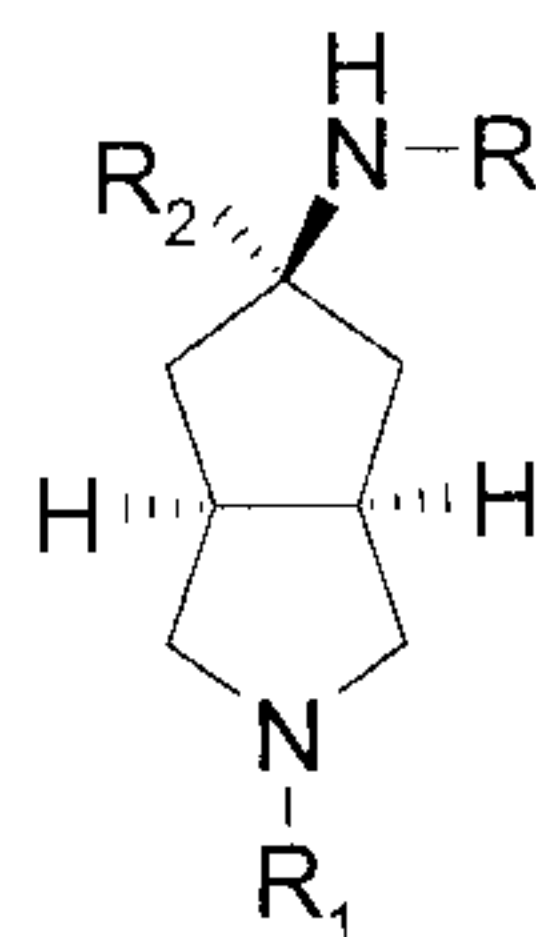
20 or R₃ and R₄ are attached together with the N atom to form a 3- to 8- membered heterocyclic ring, wherein the 3- to 8- membered heterocyclic ring further optionally contains one or more heteroatoms selected from N, O and S, and the 3- to 8- membered ring is further optionally substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, hydroxyl, amino, cyano, alkoxy, aryloxy, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, carboxylic acid, 25 carboxylic ester and halogen ;

30 R₅ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic alkyl, wherein the alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclic alkyl is further optionally substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, halogen, hydroxyl, amino, alkylamino, cyano, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, heterocyclic alkoxy, carboxylic acid and carboxylic ester;

35 R₆ and R₇ are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, hydroxyl, amino, cyano, alkynyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, carboxylic acid, carboxylic ester and halogen; and

W is CH₂, S or O, wherein one or both hydrogens of the CH₂ group are optionally replaced with R₆ or R₇.

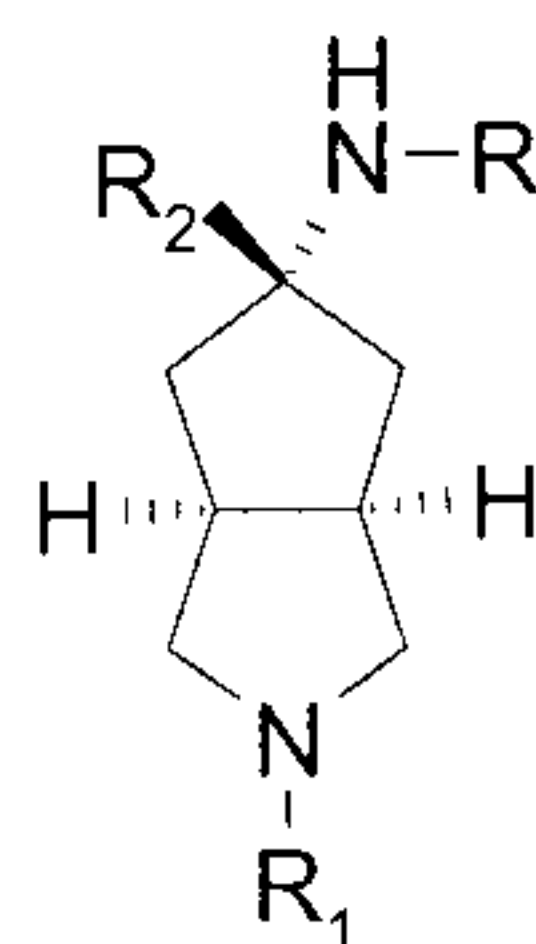
2. The compound of claim 1, which is a compound of formula (IB) or a
5 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



(IB)

wherein R, R₁ and R₂ are as defined in claim 1.

3. The compound of claim 1, which is a compound of formula (IC) or a
10 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



(IC)

wherein R, R₁ and R₂ are as defined in claim 1.

4. The compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R₁
is selected from the group consisting of -C(O)NR₃R₄, -C(O)R₃ and -C(O)OR₃, and R₃
15 and R₄ are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl,
and hydroxyalkyl.

5. The compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R₅
is hydrogen.

6. The compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein at
20 least one of R₆ and R₇ is hydrogen.

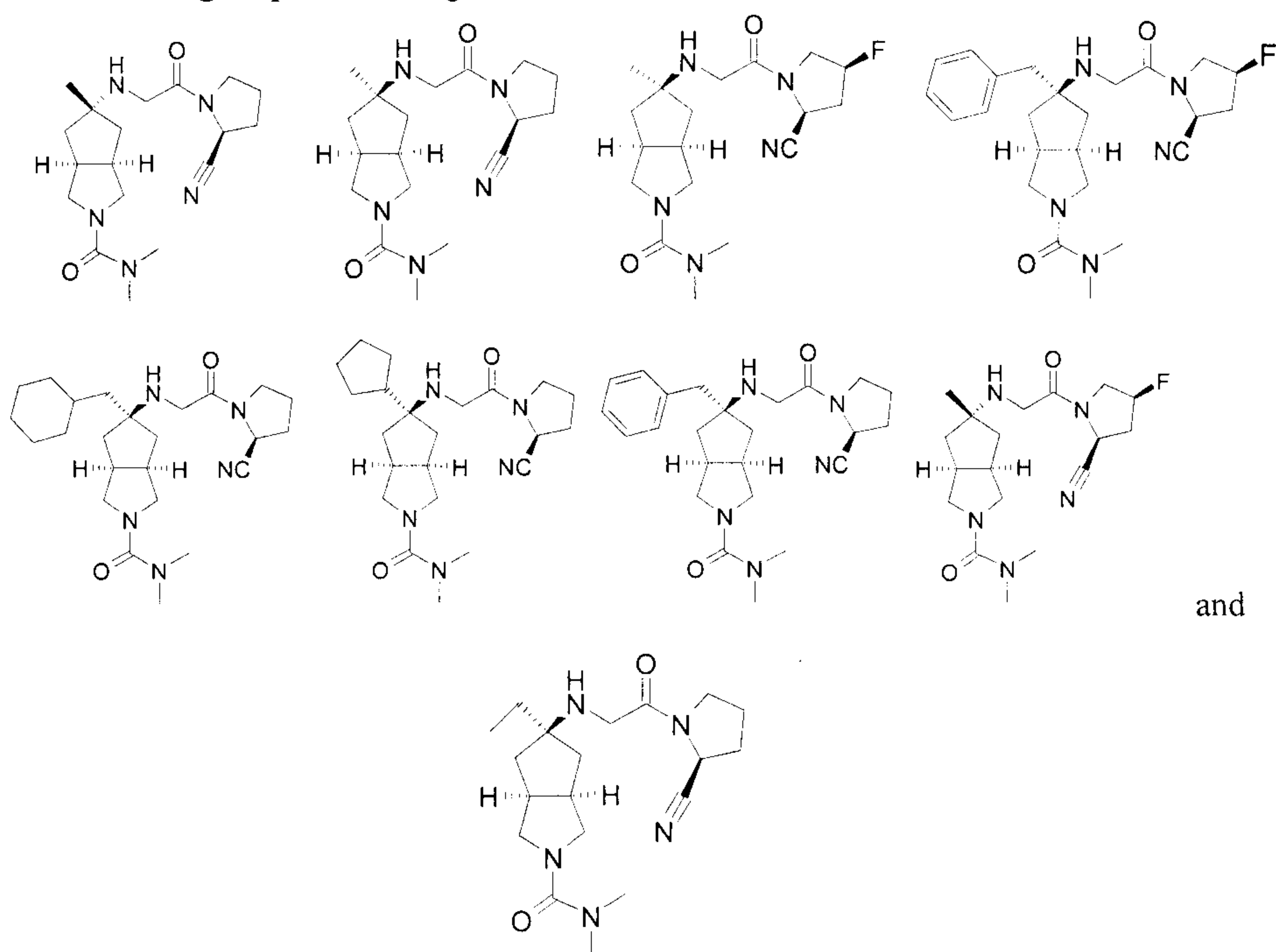
7. The compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein at
least one of R₆ and R₇ is cyano.

8. The compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein
the salt is selected from the group consisting of a hydrochloride salt, a
25 p-toluenesulfonate salt, a tartrate salt, a malate salt, a lactate salt, a methanesulfonate
salt, a sulfate salt, a phosphate salt, a citrate salt, an acetate salt, and a trifluoroacetate
salt.

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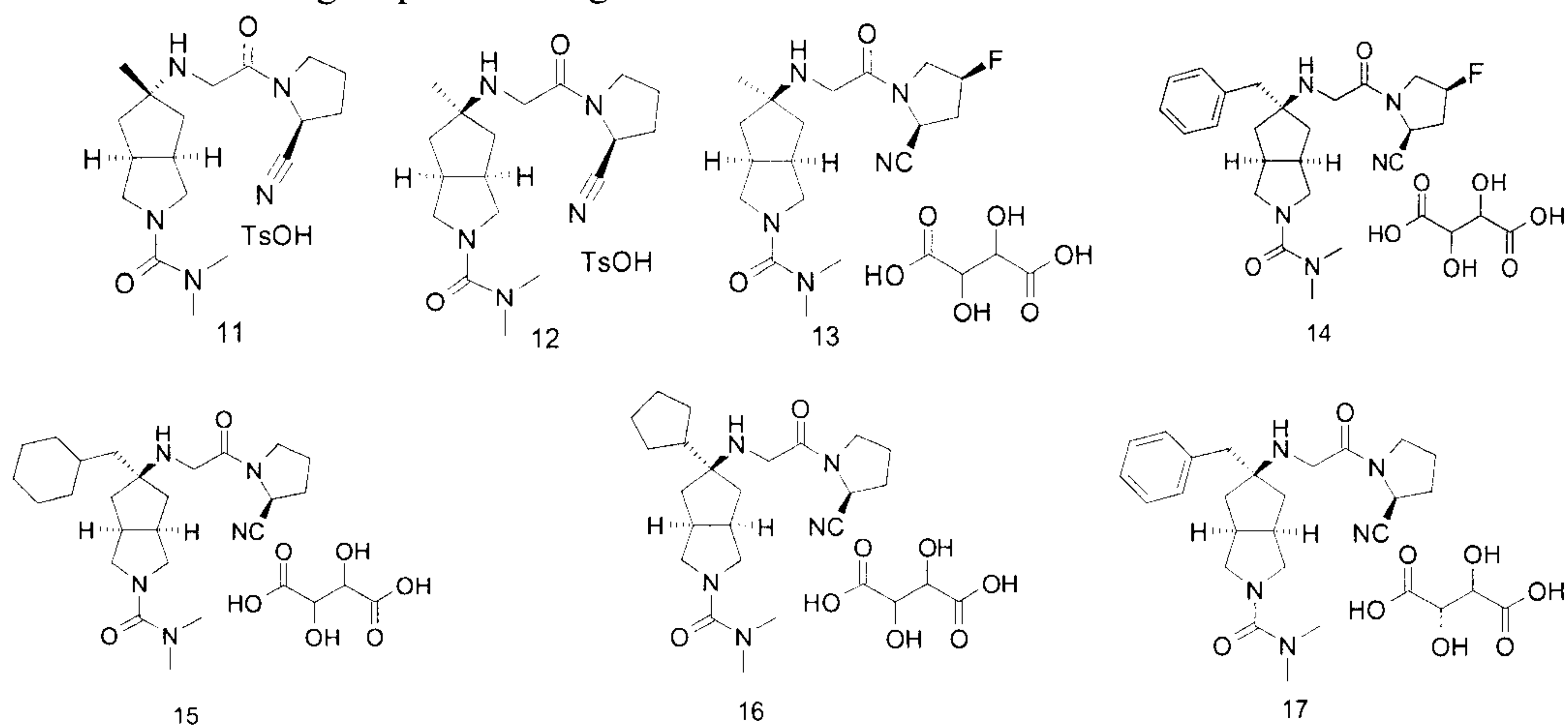
9. The compound of claim 8, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the salt is selected from the group consisting of a hydrochloride salt, a p-toluenesulfonate salt, a tartrate salt, and a trifluoroacetate salt.

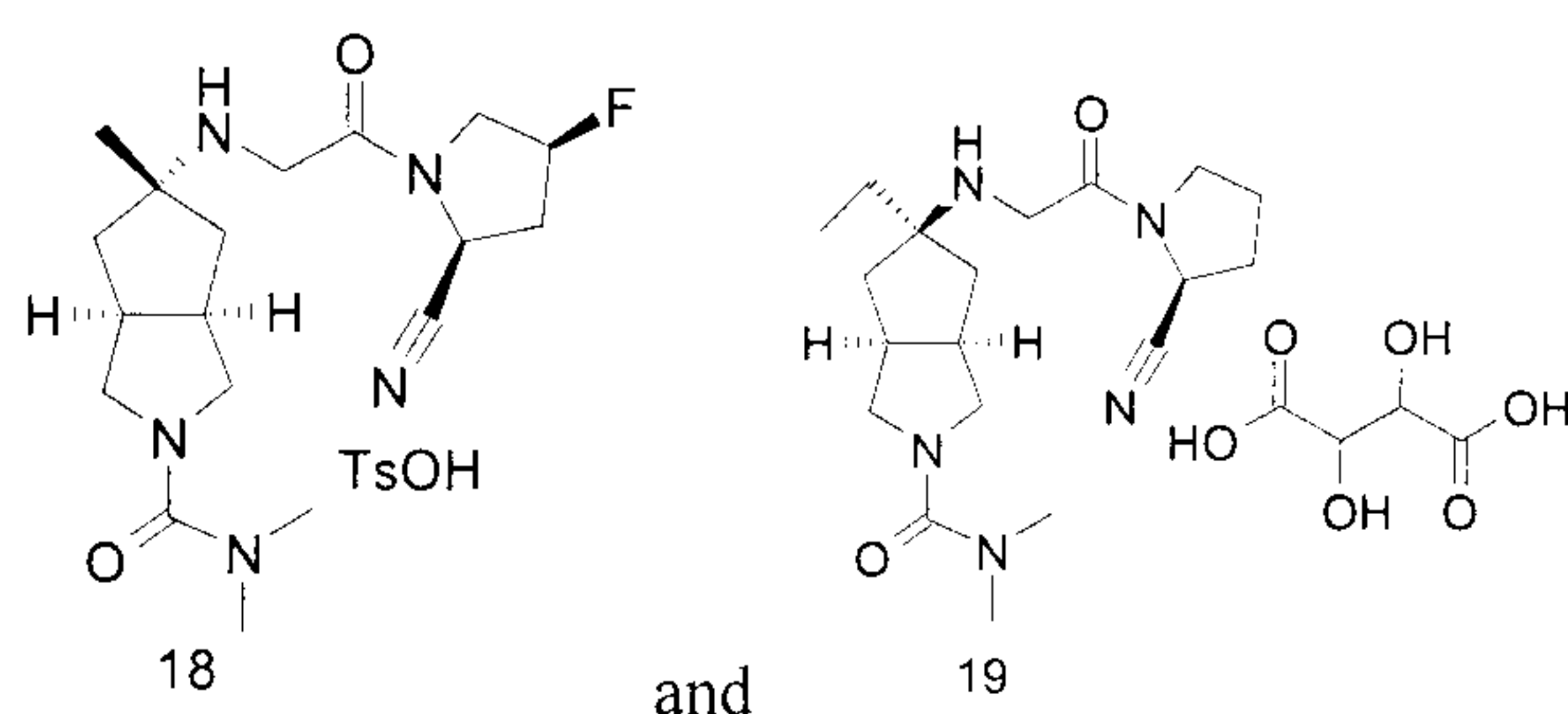
- 5 10. The compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, which is selected from the group consisting of:



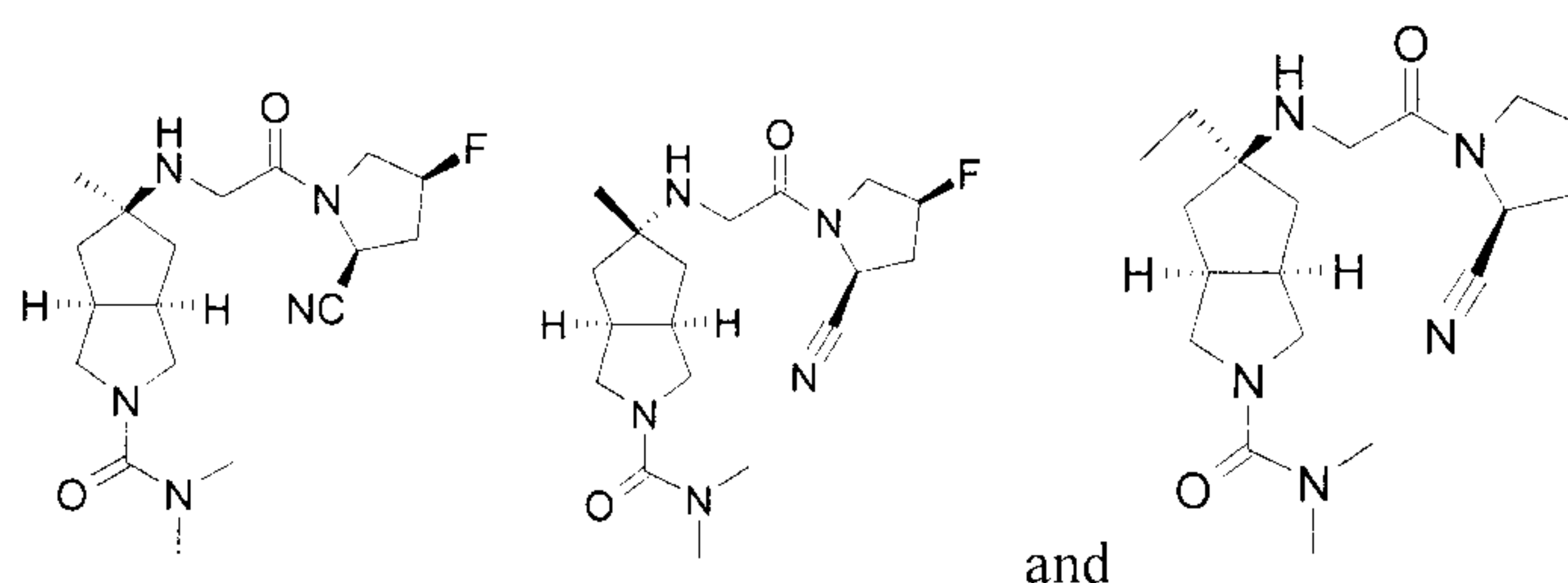
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11. The compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, which is selected from the group consisting of:



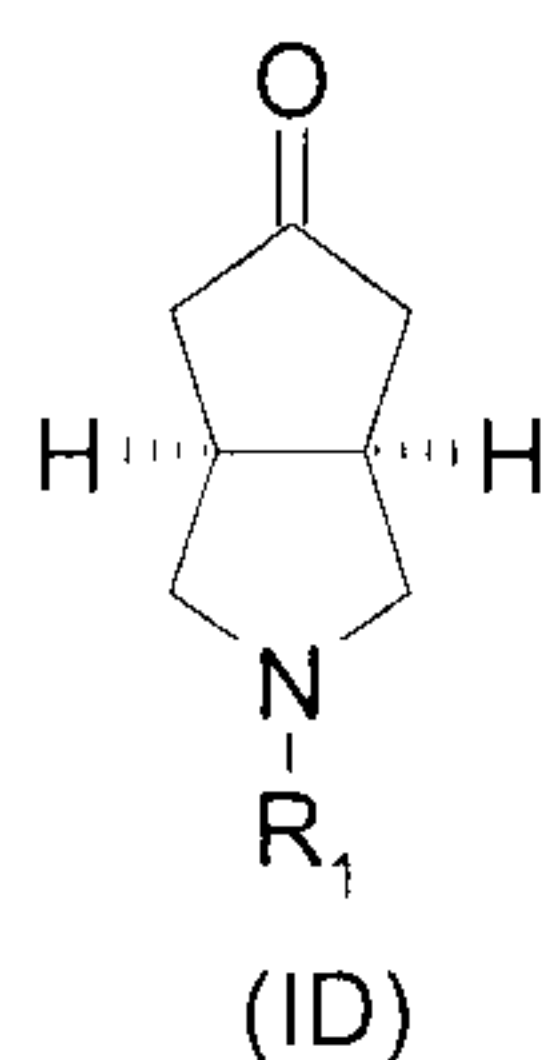


12. The compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, which is selected from the group consisting of:



13. A pharmaceutical composition for inhibiting dipeptidyl peptidase activity, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of any one of claims 1-12, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

14. A Compound of the following formula (ID):



wherein:

R_1 is selected from the group consisting of, cycloalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, heteroaryl, $-C(O)NR_3R_4$, $-C(O)R_3$ and $-C(O)OR_3$, wherein the cycloalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl or heteroaryl is further optionally substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, hydroxyl, amino, alkoxy, aryloxy and heterocyclic alkyl;

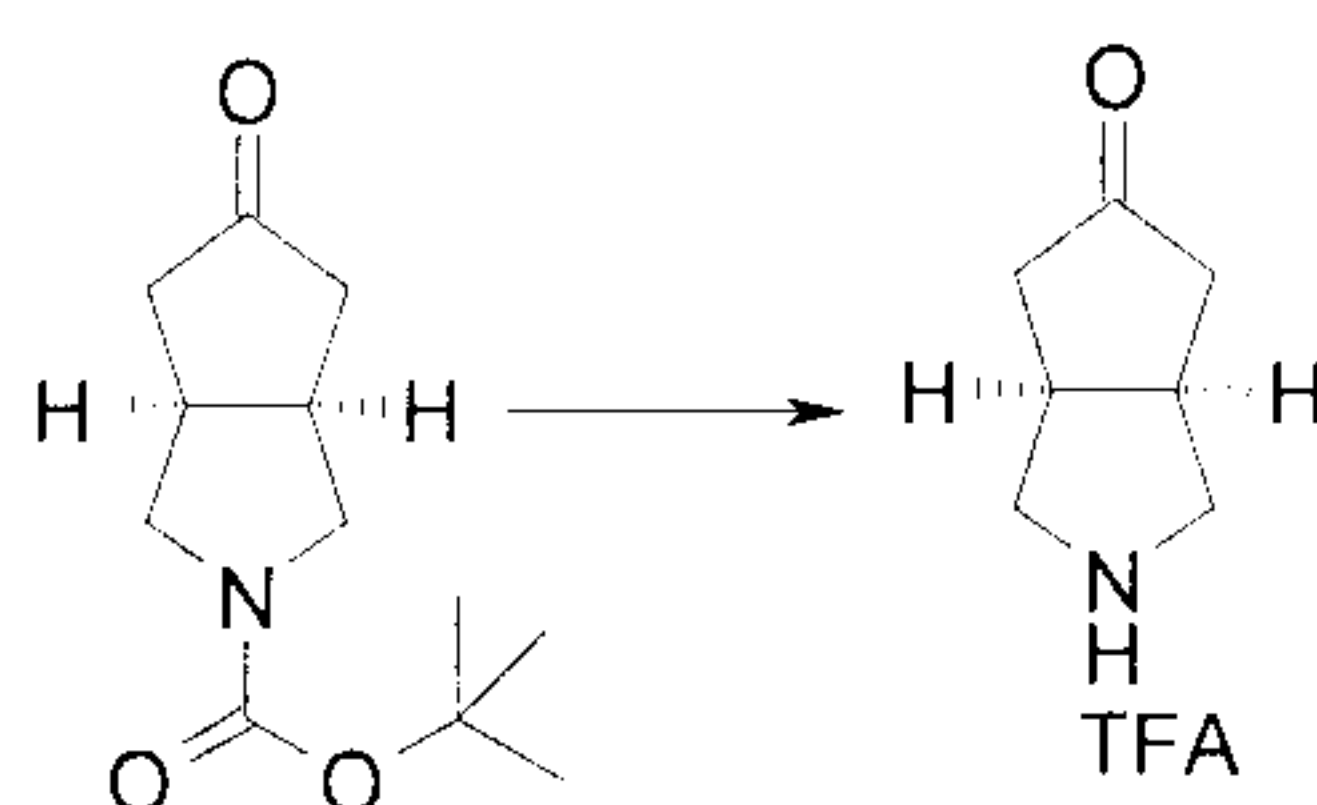
when R_1 is $-C(O)NR_3R_4$, R_3 and R_4 are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic alkyl, wherein the alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclic alkyl is further optionally substituted with one or more groups independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, halogen, hydroxyl, amino, cyano, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, heterocyclic alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, carboxylic acid and carboxylic ester;

or R_3 and R_4 are attached together with the N atom to form a 3- to 8- membered

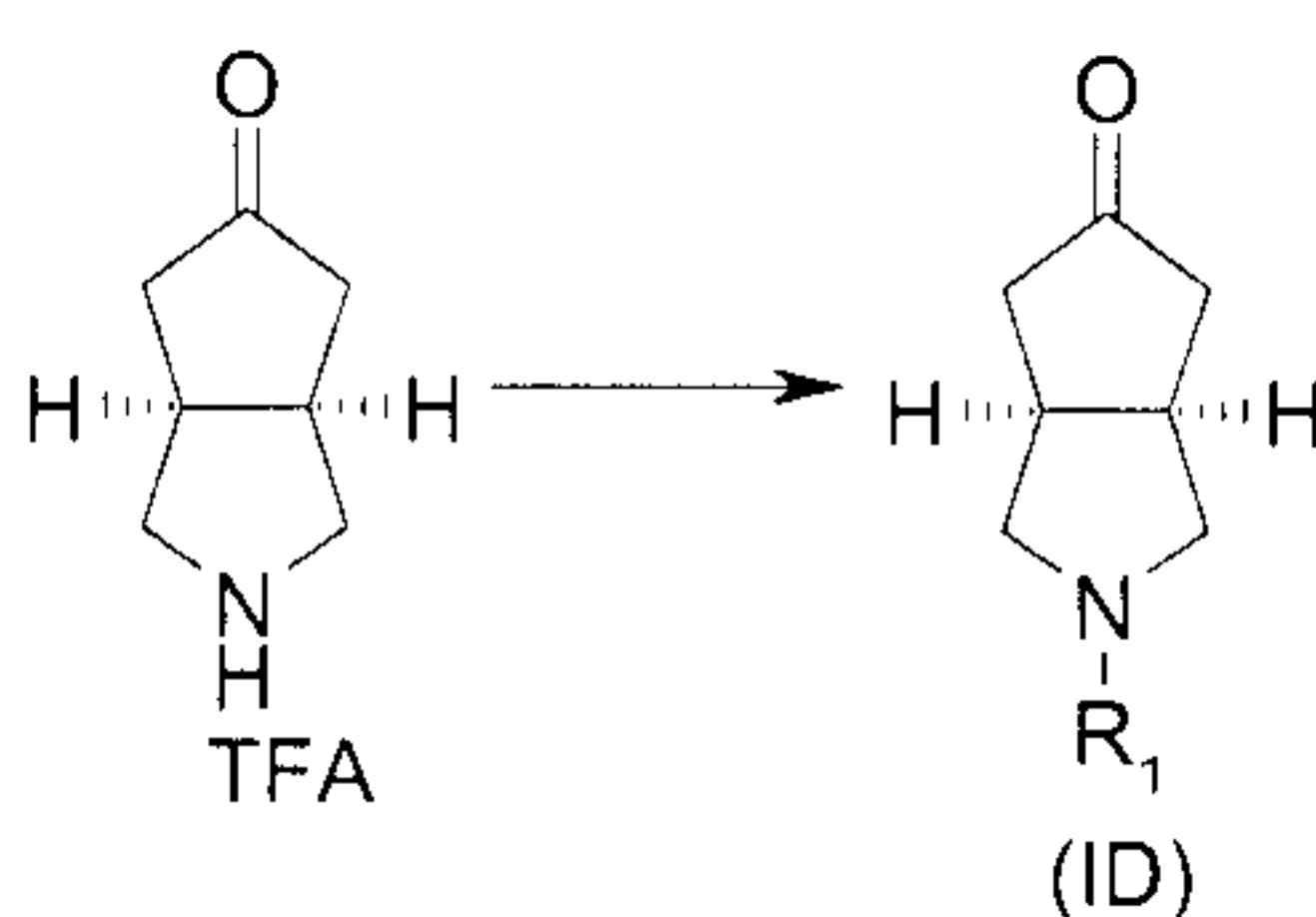
heterocyclic ring, wherein the 3- to 8- membered heterocyclic ring further contains one or more heteroatoms selected from N, O and S, and the 3- to 8- membered ring is further optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxyl, hydroxyl, amino, cyano, alkoxyl, aryloxyl, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic alkyl, carboxylic acid, carboxylic ester and halogen; and

when R_1 is selected from the group consisting of $-C(O)R_3$ and $-C(O)OR_3$, R_3 is selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, heteroaryl and heterocyclo alkyl, wherein the cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or heterocyclo alkyl is further optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxyl, cycloalkoxyl, aryloxyl, heteroaryloxyl, halogen, hydroxyl, amino, cyano, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclo alkyl, heterocyclo alkoxyl, trifluoromethyl, carboxylic acid and carboxylic ester.

15. A process for preparing the compound of formula (ID) of claim 14, comprising the steps of:



cleaving the *tert*-butyl group from *tert*-butyl-5-oxo-hexahydro-cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid ester to obtain hexahydro-cyclopenta[c]pyrrol-5-one trifluoroacetate;

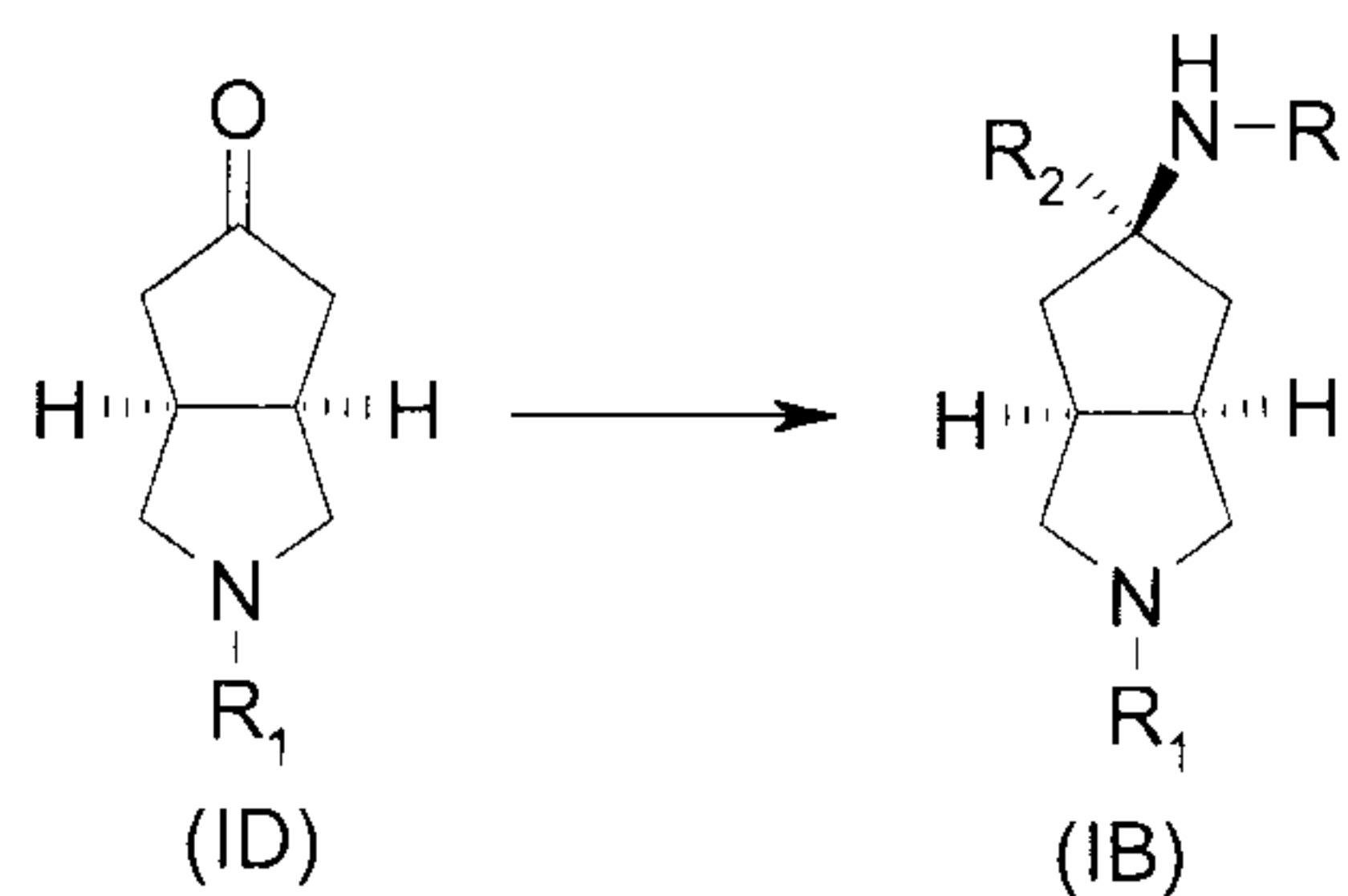


reacting hexahydro-cyclopenta[c]pyrrol-5-one trifluoroacetate with acyl chloride or ester to obtain the compound of formula (ID);

wherein R_1 is defined as that in claim 14.

16. The process of claim 15, wherein the cleaving is carried out in dichloromethane.

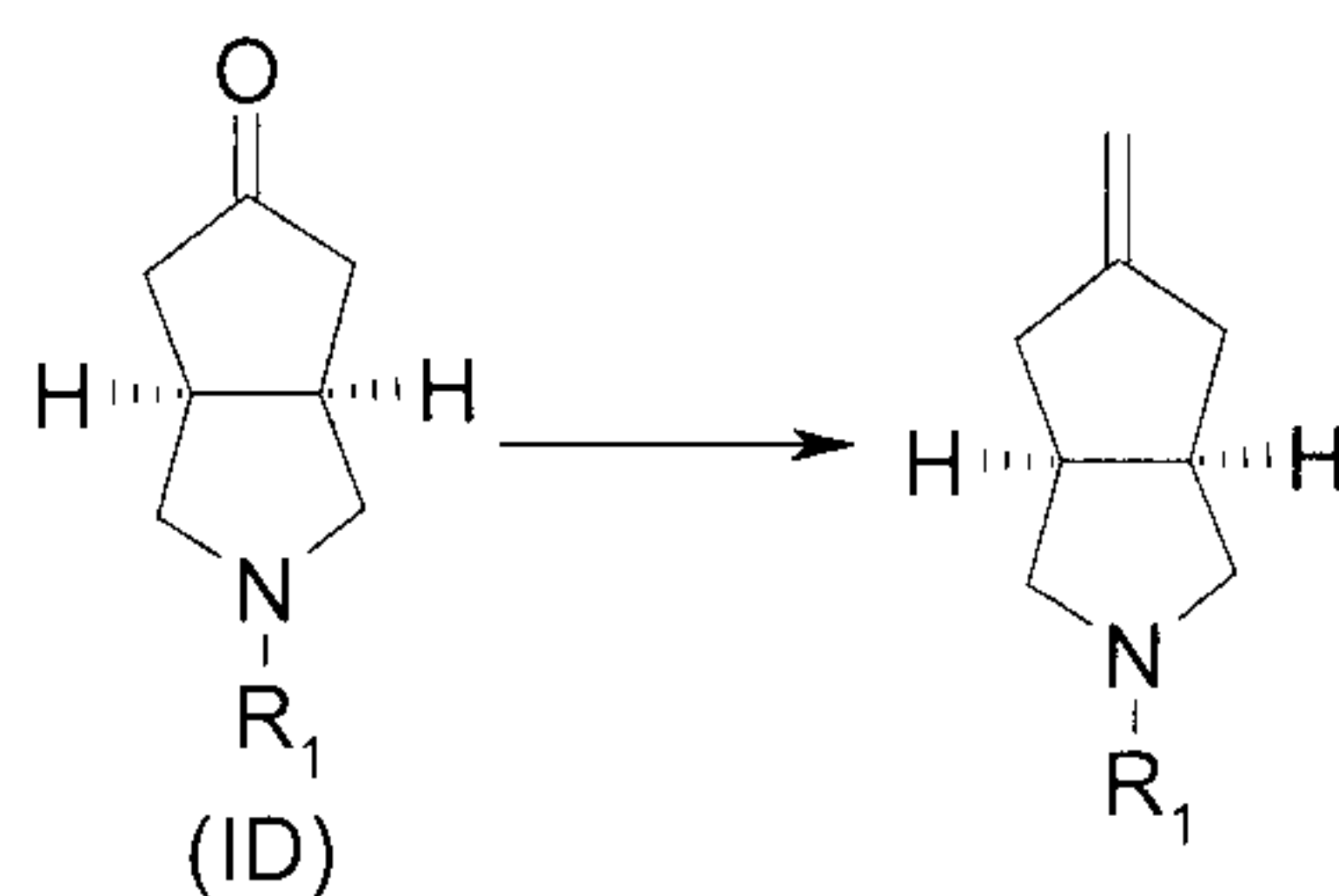
17. A process for preparing the compound of formula (IB) of claim 2, comprising the steps of:



converting the compound of formula (ID) to the compound of formula (IB);
wherein R_1 is defined as that in claim 2.

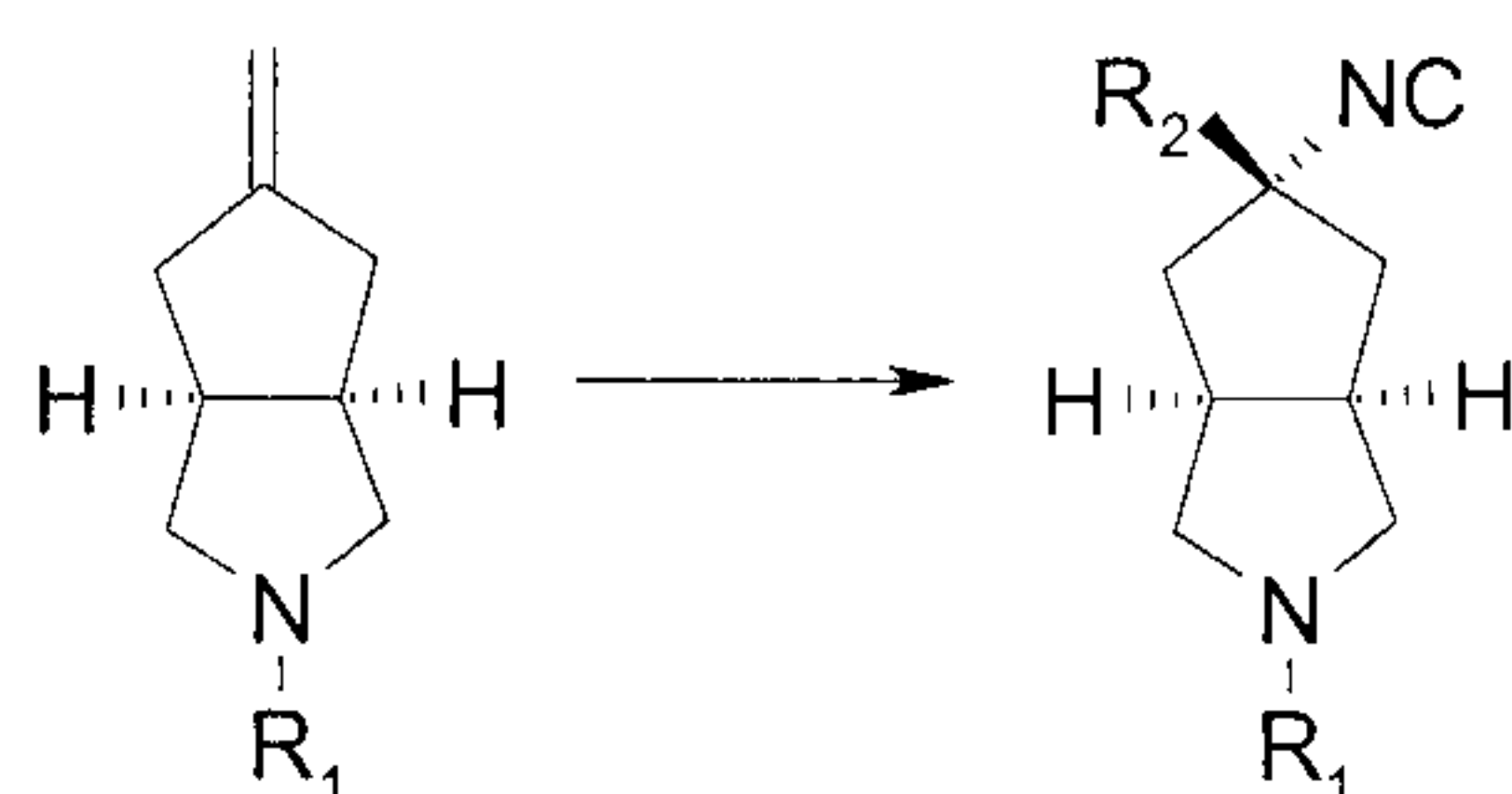
- 5 18. The process of claim 17 wherein the converting is carried out in methanol or ethanol.

19. A process for preparing the compound of formula (IC) of claim 3, comprising the steps of:

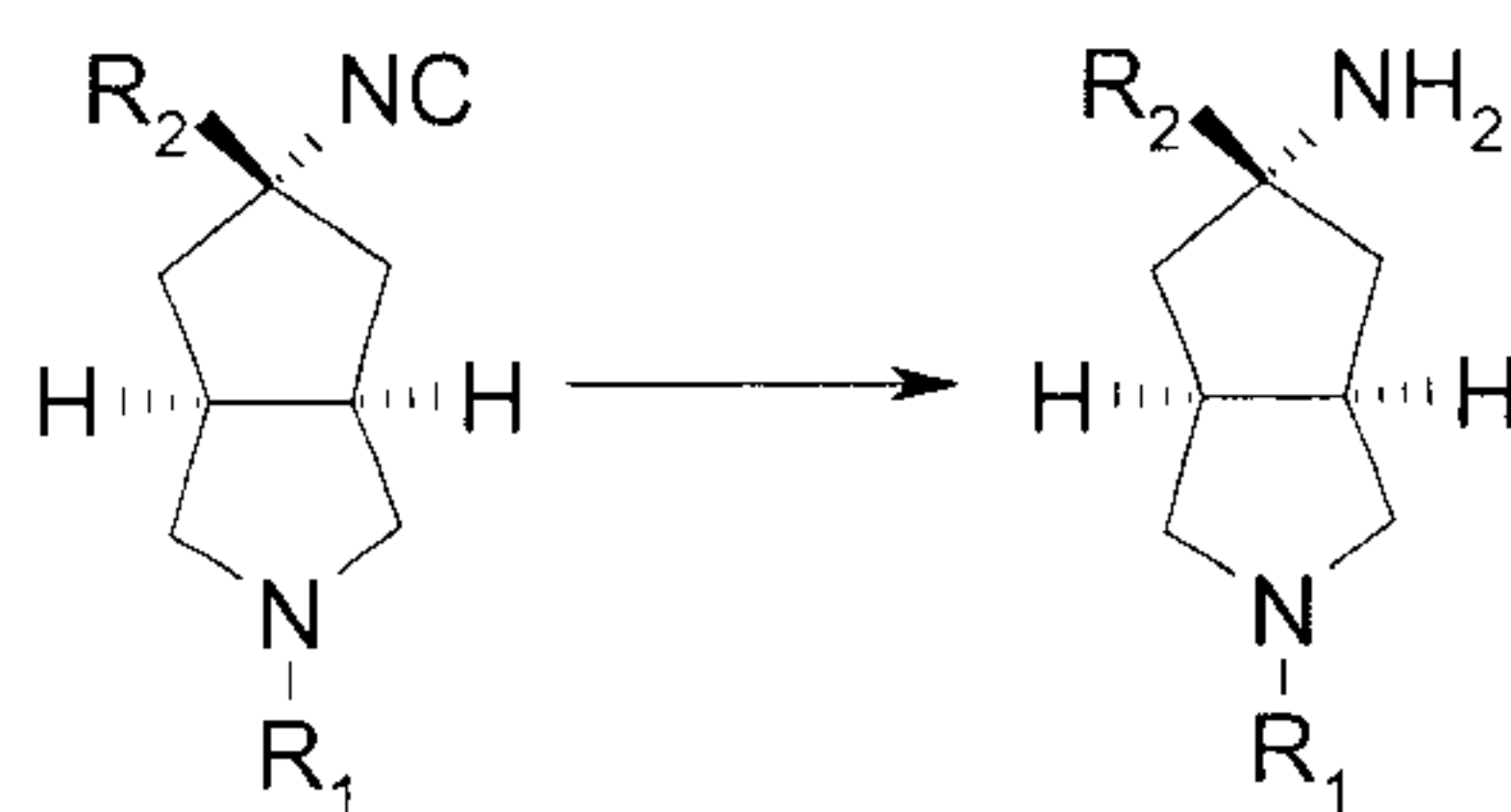


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converting the compound of formula (ID) to an azabicyclo alkenyl compound;

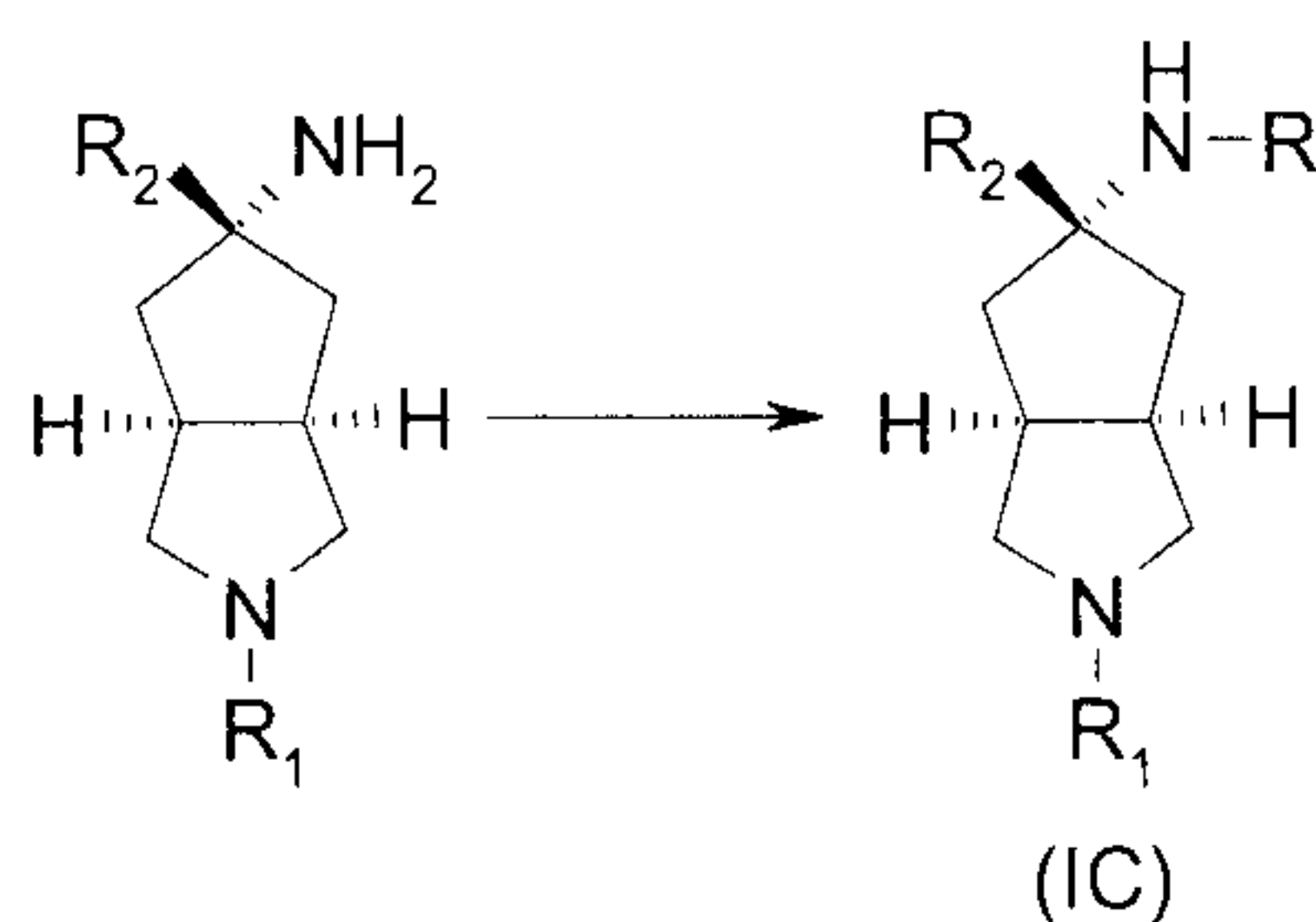


converting the azabicyclo alkenyl compound to an azabicyclo cyano compound;
and



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converting the azabicyclo cyano compound to an azabicyclo amine compound;



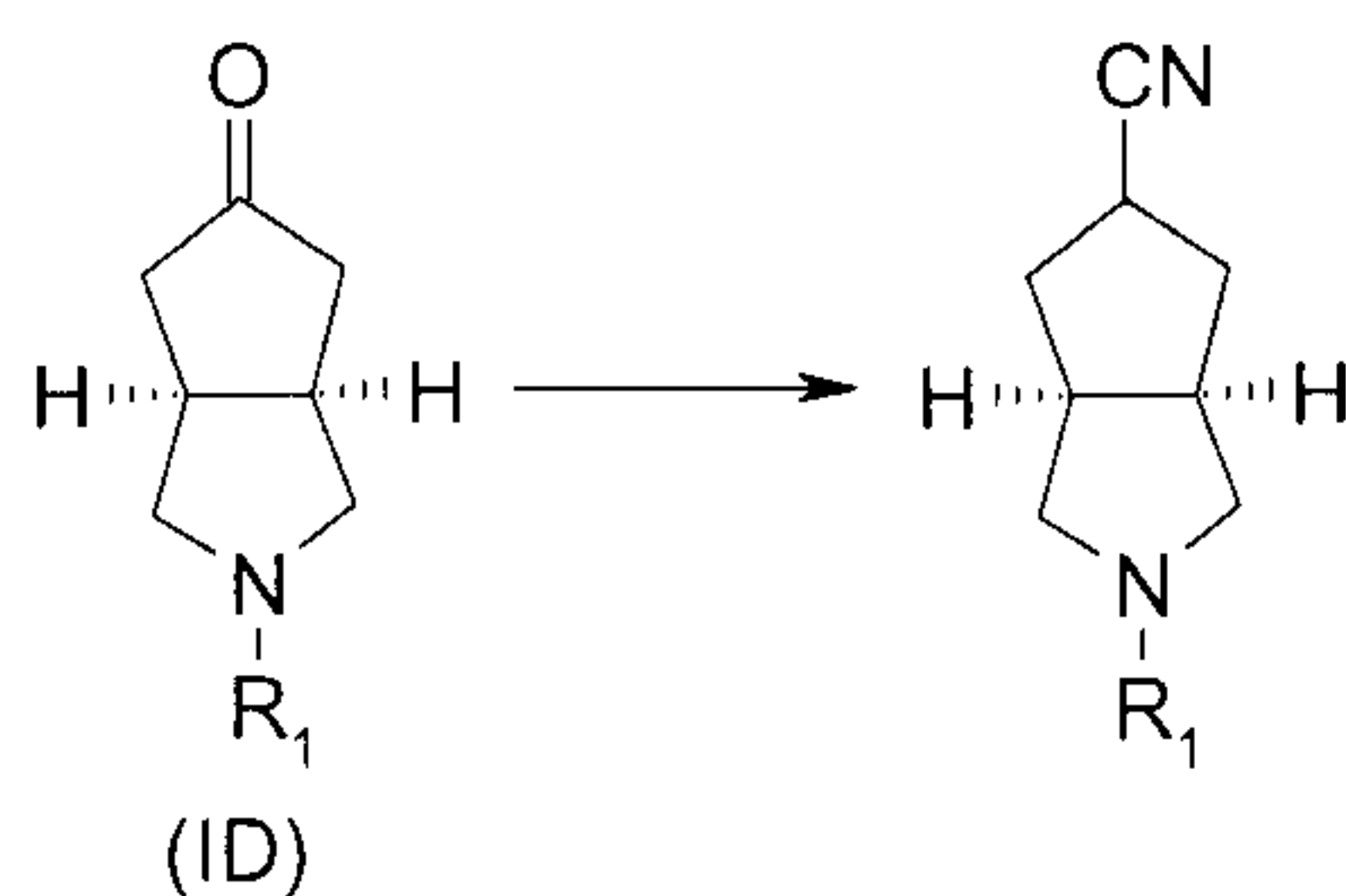
reacting the azabicyclo amine compound with a halo substituted compound to obtain the compound of formula (IC);

wherein R , R_1 and R_2 are as defined in claim 3.

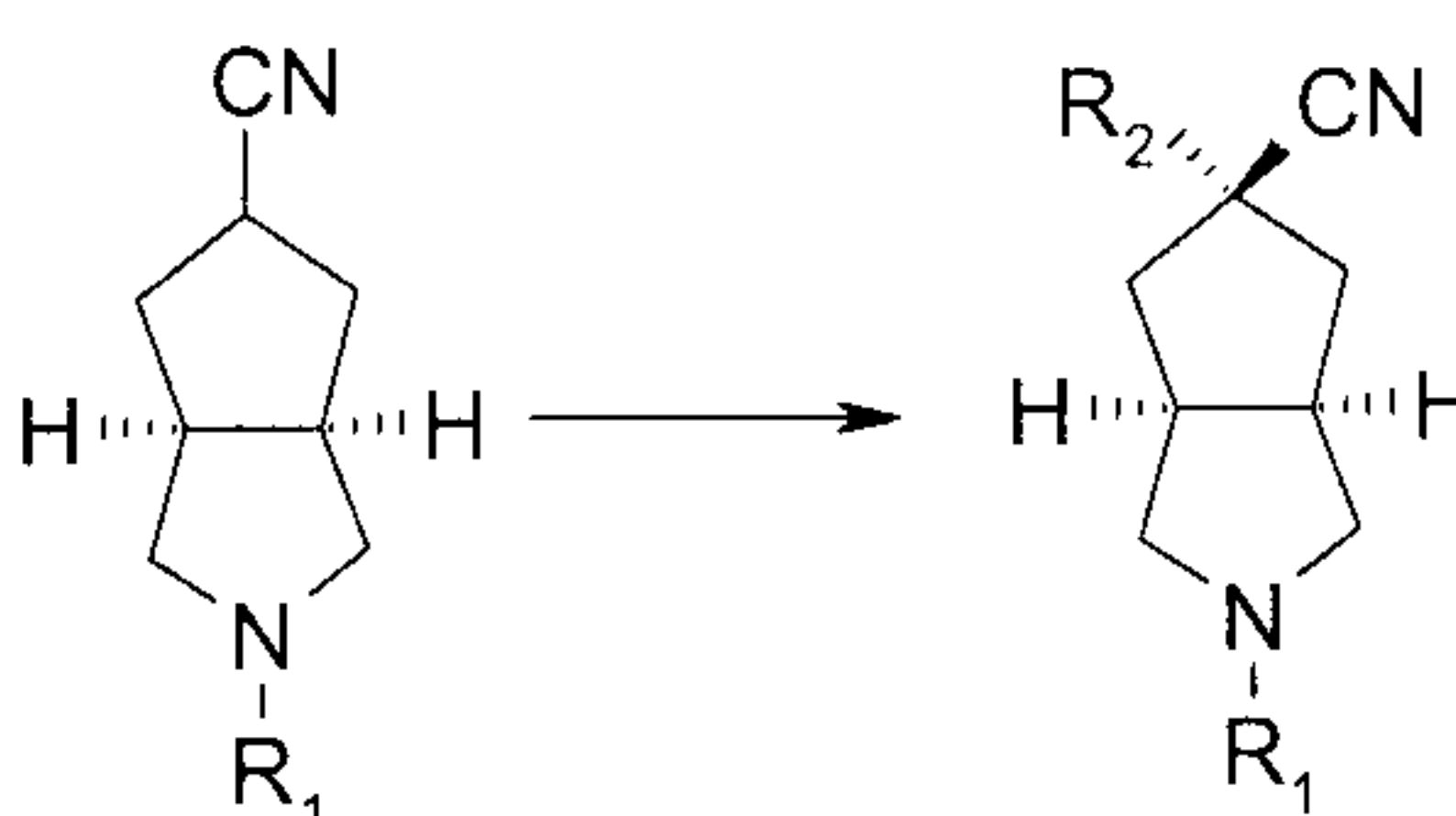
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20. A process of claim 19, wherein the converting of the azabicyclo alkenyl compound is carried out in the presence of dichloromethane, and the converting of the azabicyclo cyano compound is carried out in the presence of ethanol and hydrochloric acid.

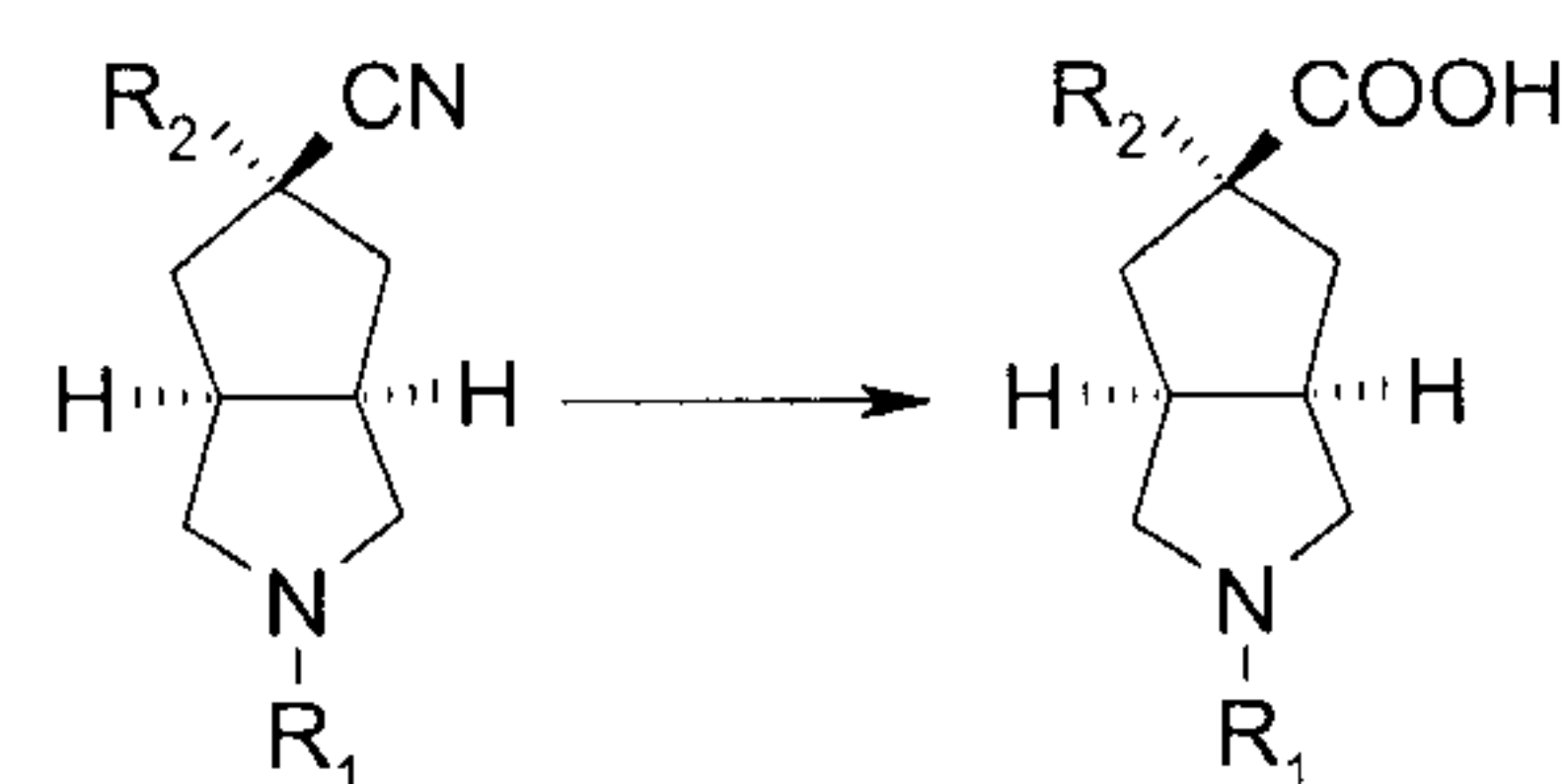
10 21. A process for preparing the compound of formula (IB) of claim 2, comprising the steps of:



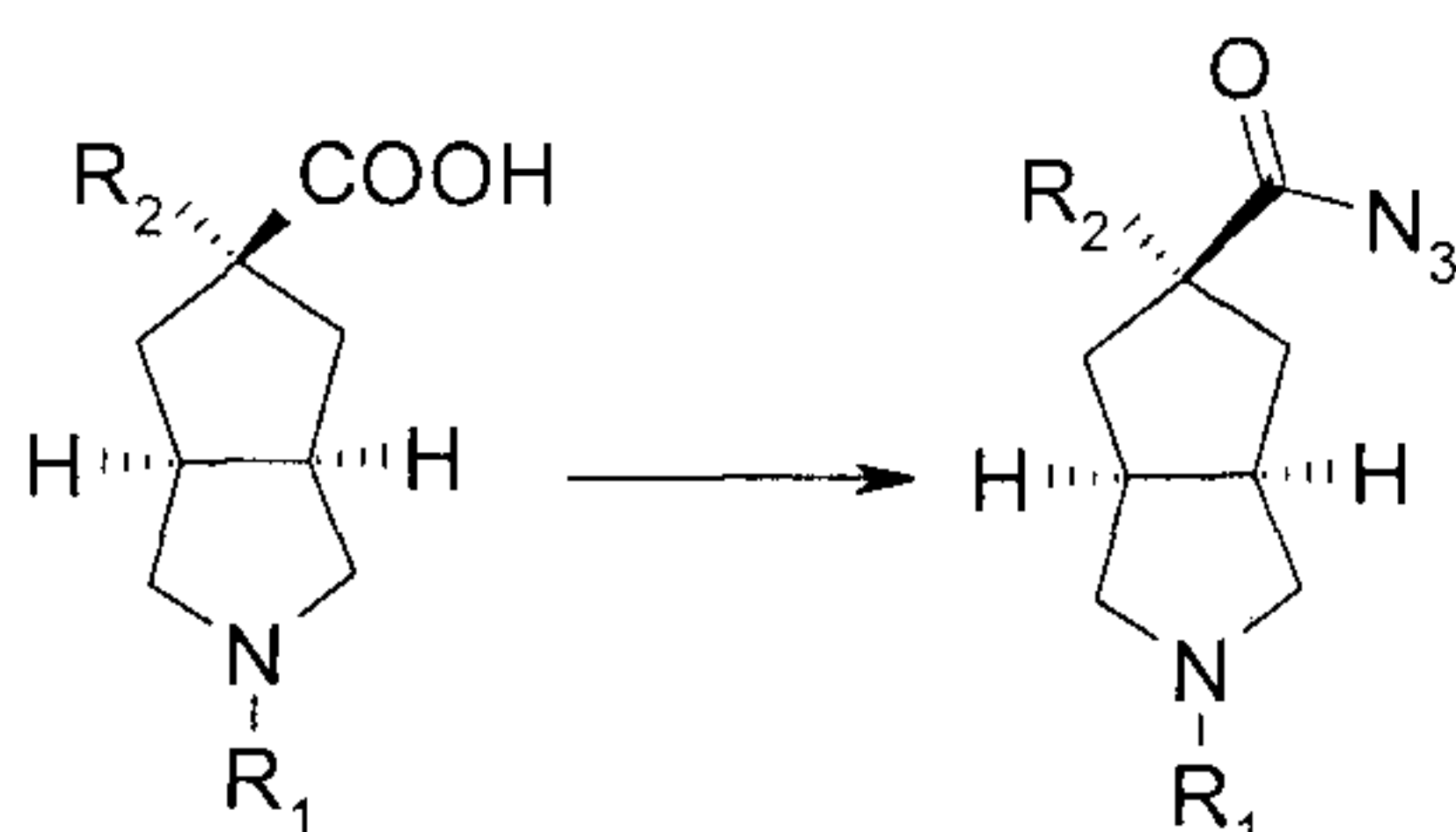
converting the compound formula (ID) to an azabicyclo cyano compound;



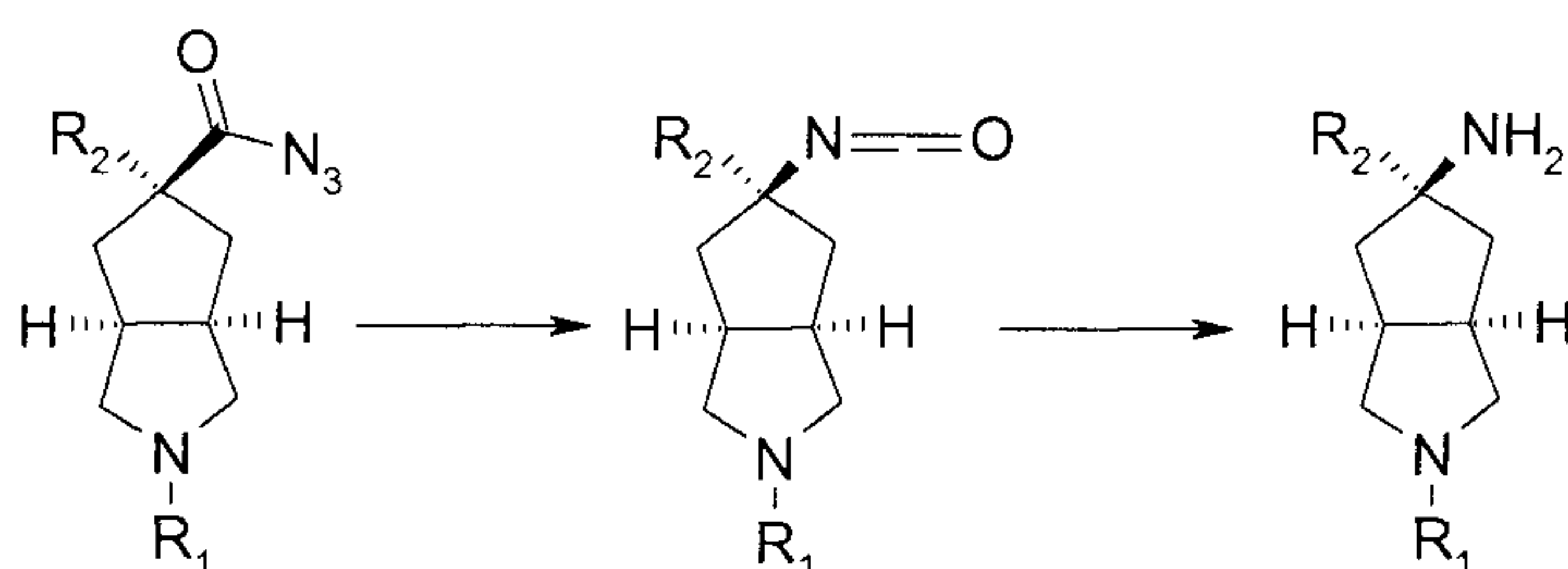
15 converting the azabicyclo cyano compound to a R_2 substituted azabicyclo cyano compound;



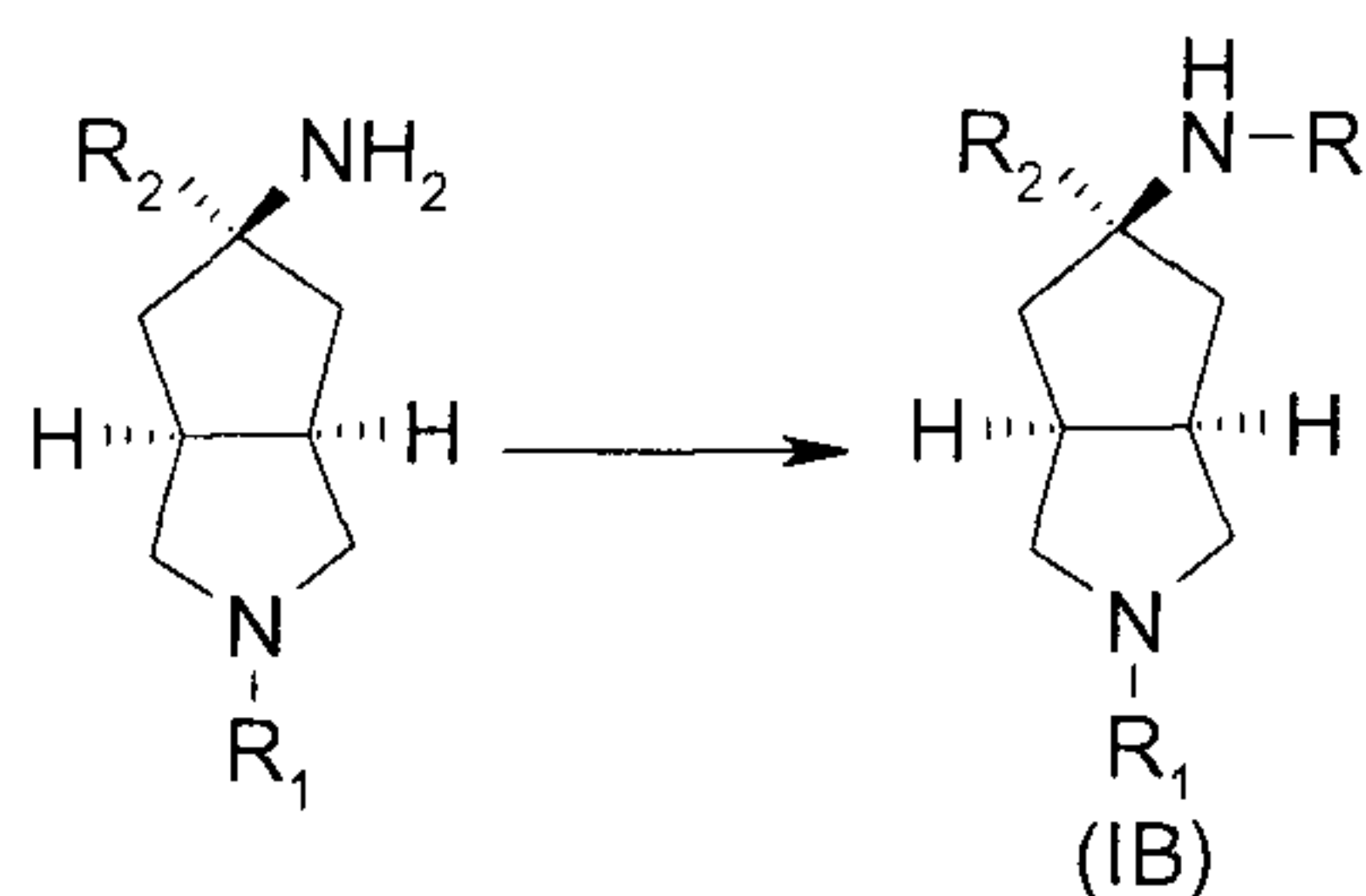
converting the R_2 substituted azabicyclo cyano compound to a R_2 substituted azabicyclo carboxyl compound;



converting the R_2 substituted azabicyclo carboxyl compound to a substituted azabicyclo azido compound;



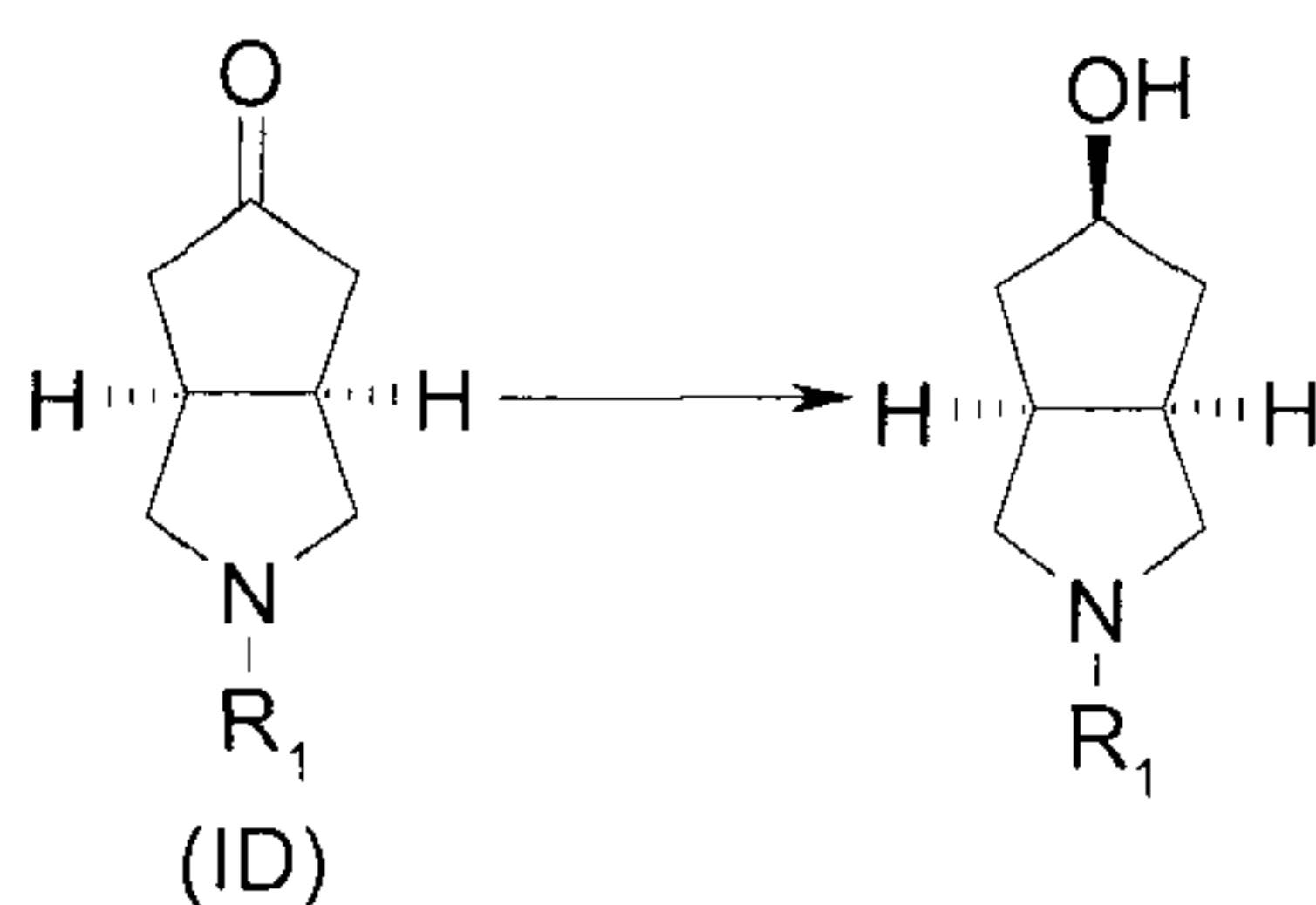
5 converting the azabicyclo azido compound to a R_2 substituted azabicyclo amine compound;



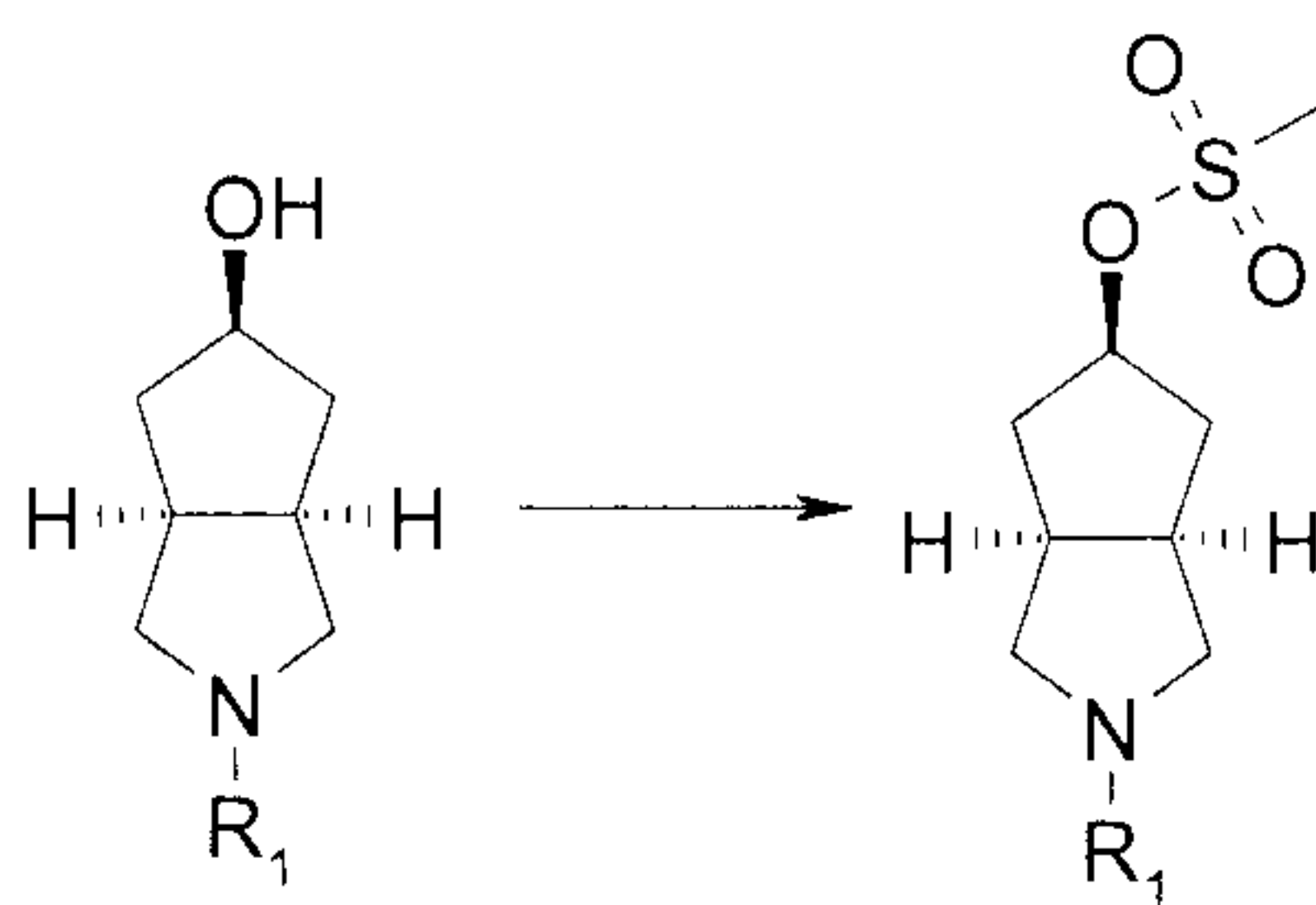
converting the R_2 substituted azabicyclo amine compound to the compound of formula (IB);

10 wherein R , R_1 and R_2 are as defined in claim 2.

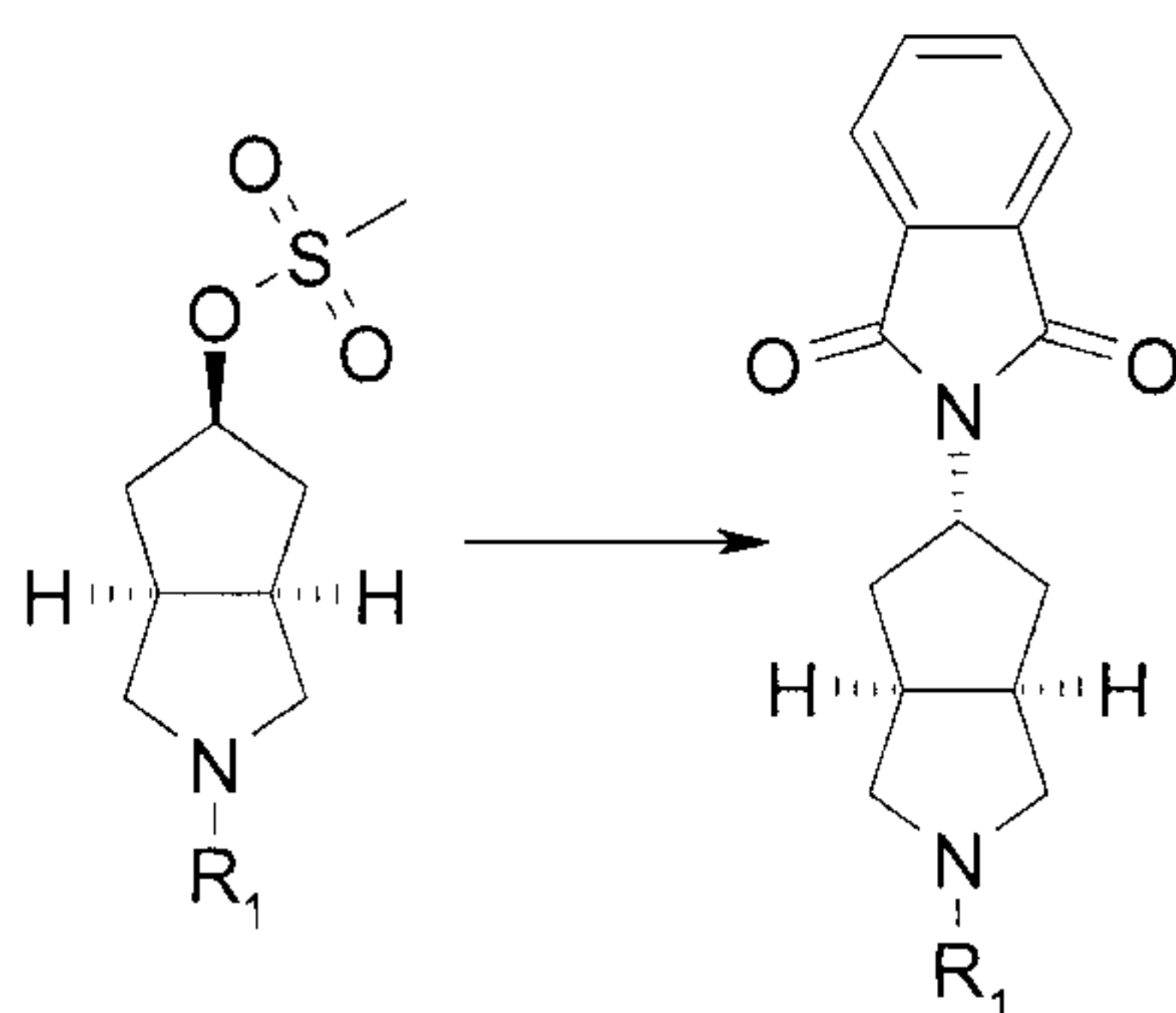
22. A process for preparing the compound of formula (IC) of claim 3, comprising the steps of:



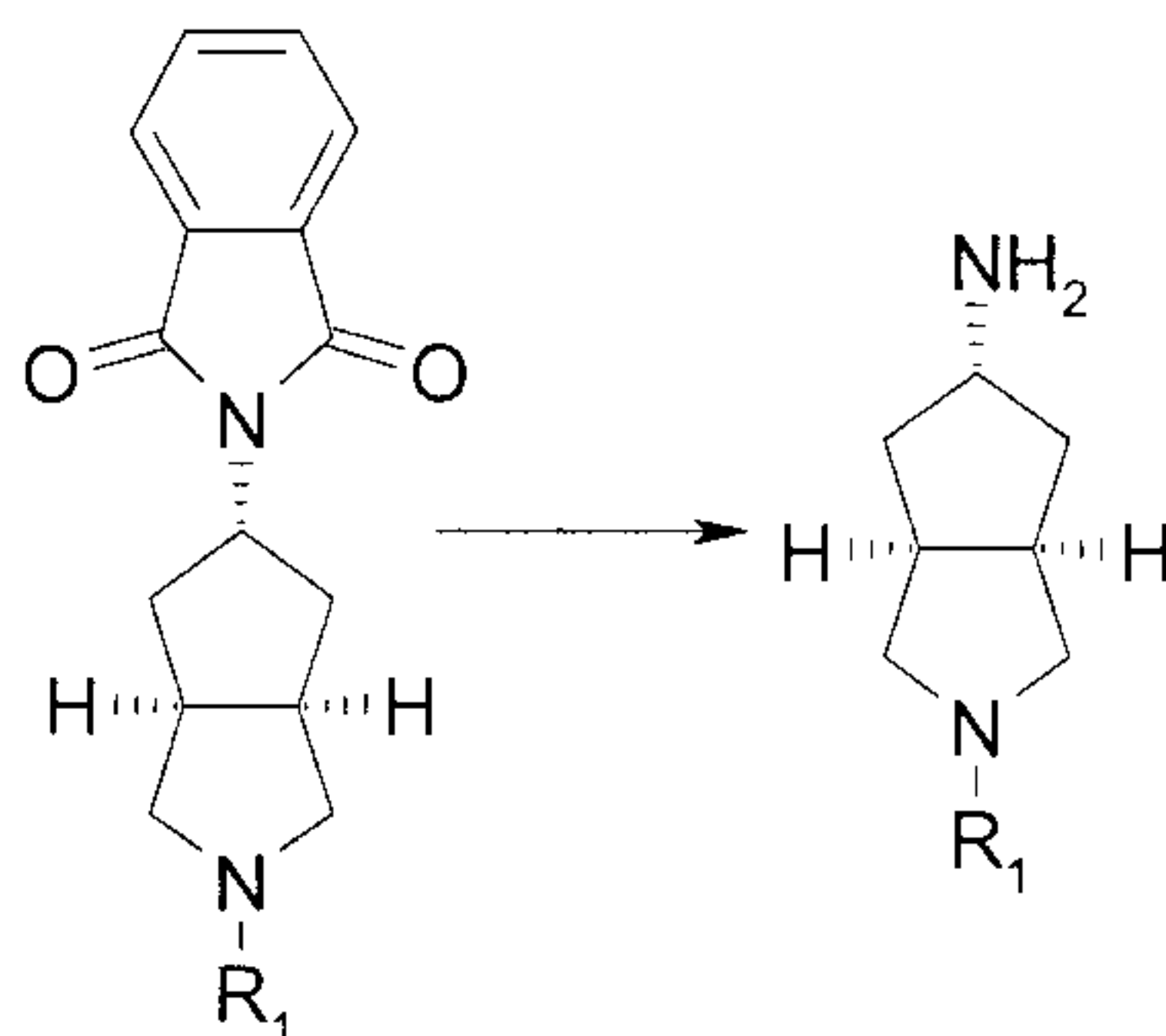
15 reducing the intermediate of formula (ID) to an azabicyclo hydroxyl compound;



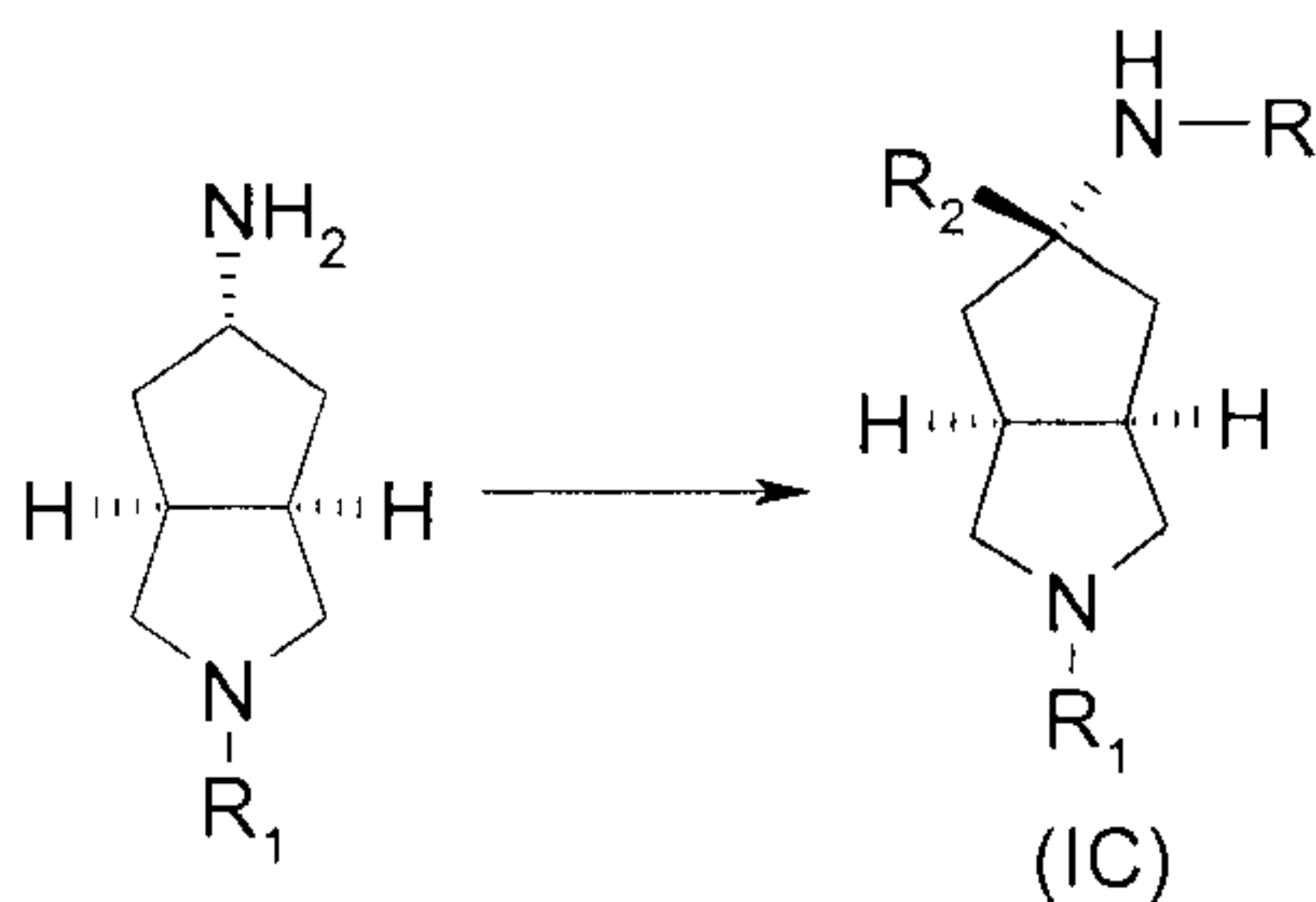
converting the azabicyclo hydroxyl compound to an azabicyclo methyl sulfonic acid compound;



5 converting the azabicyclo methyl sulfonic acid compound to a phthalimide substituted azabicyclo compound;



converting the phthalimide substituted azabicyclo compound and hydrazine to an azabicyclo amine compound;



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converting the azabicyclo amine compound to the compound of formula (IC);
wherein R, R₁ and R₂ are as defined in claim 3.

23. The process of claim 22, wherein the reducing is carried out in the presence of
15 lithium tri-*tert*-butoxyaluminum hydride.

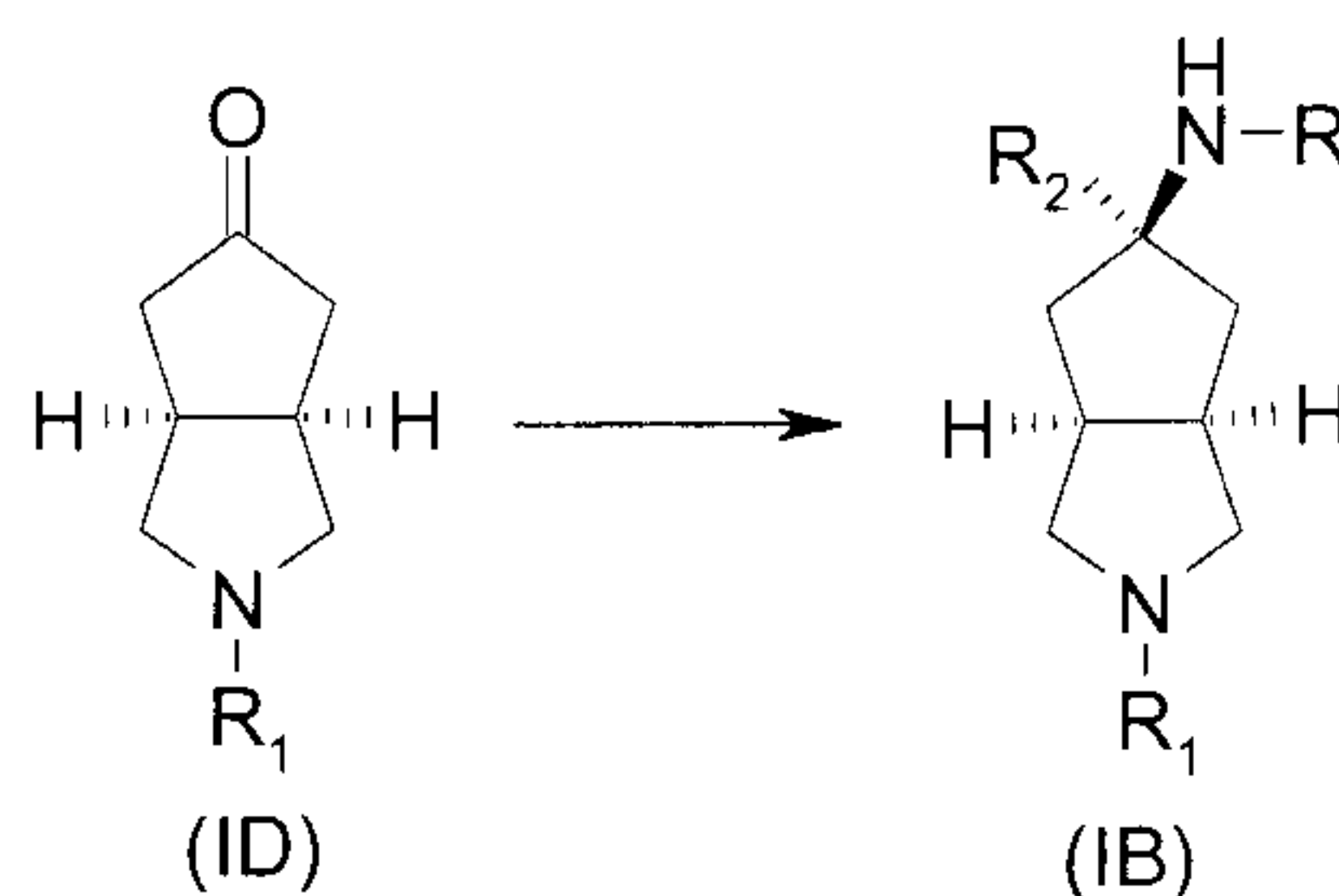
24. A use of the compounds or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof of any one of claims 1-12 in the preparation of a medicament as a dipeptidyl peptidase inhibitor.

5 25. A use of the composition of claim 13 in the preparation of a medicament as a dipeptidyl peptidase inhibitor.

26. A pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound of claim 2.

10 27. A pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound of claim 3.

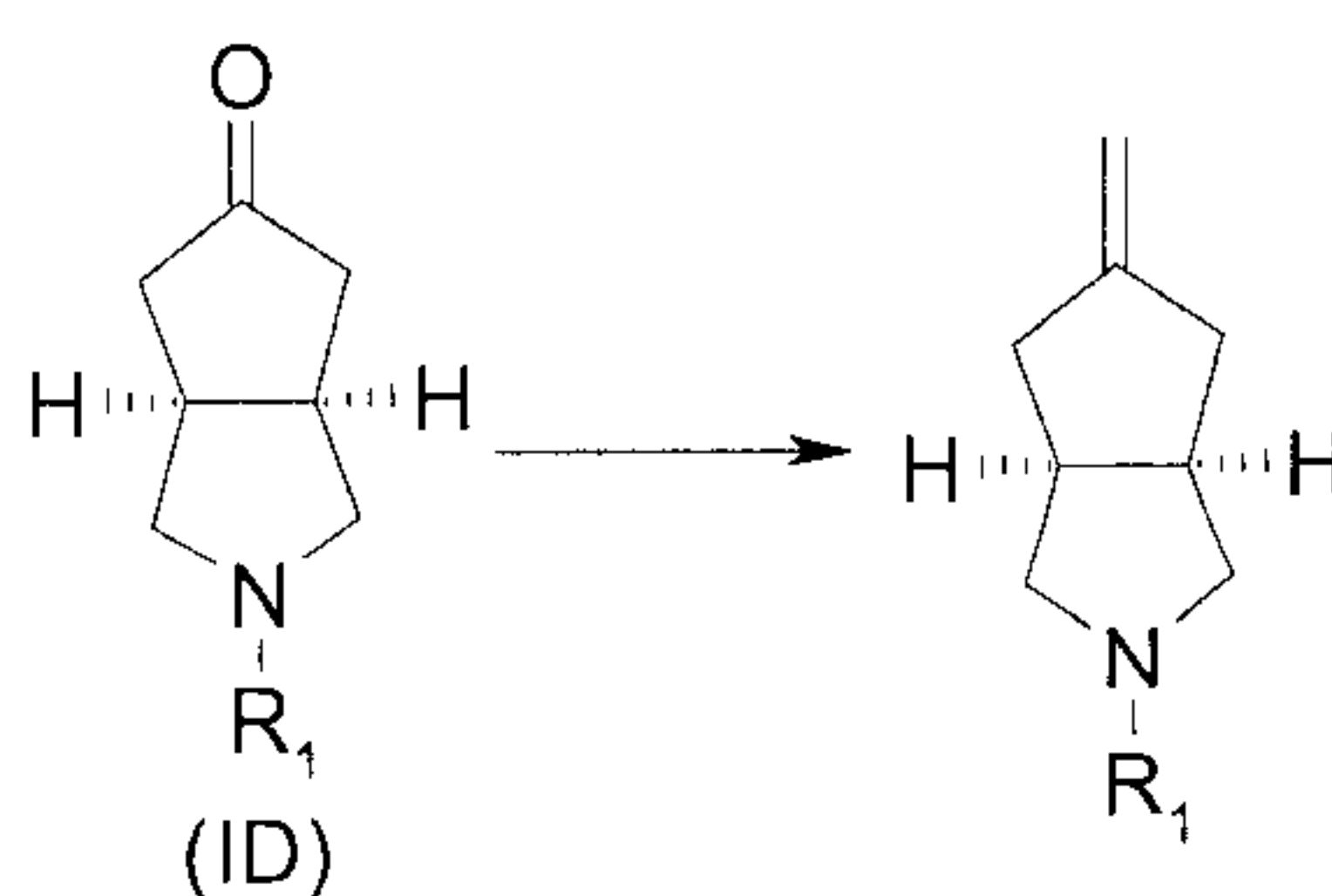
28. A process for preparing the compound of formula (IB) of claim 26, comprising the steps of:



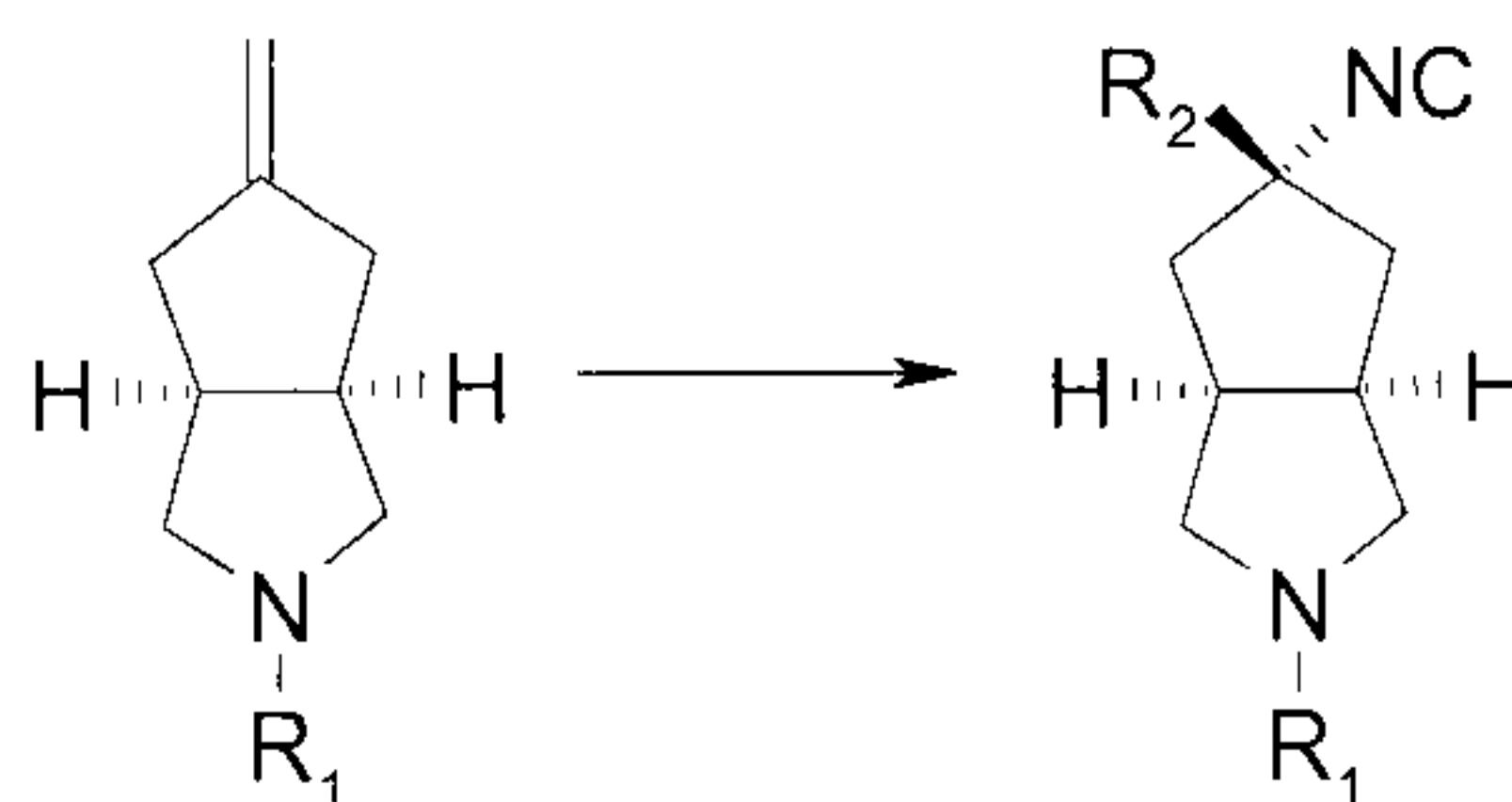
15 converting the compound of formula (ID) to the compound of formula (IB);
 reacting the compound of formula (IB) with an acid to obtain an acid addition salt,
 wherein R_1 is defined as that in claim 2.

20 29. The process of claim 28 wherein the converting is carried out in methanol or ethanol.

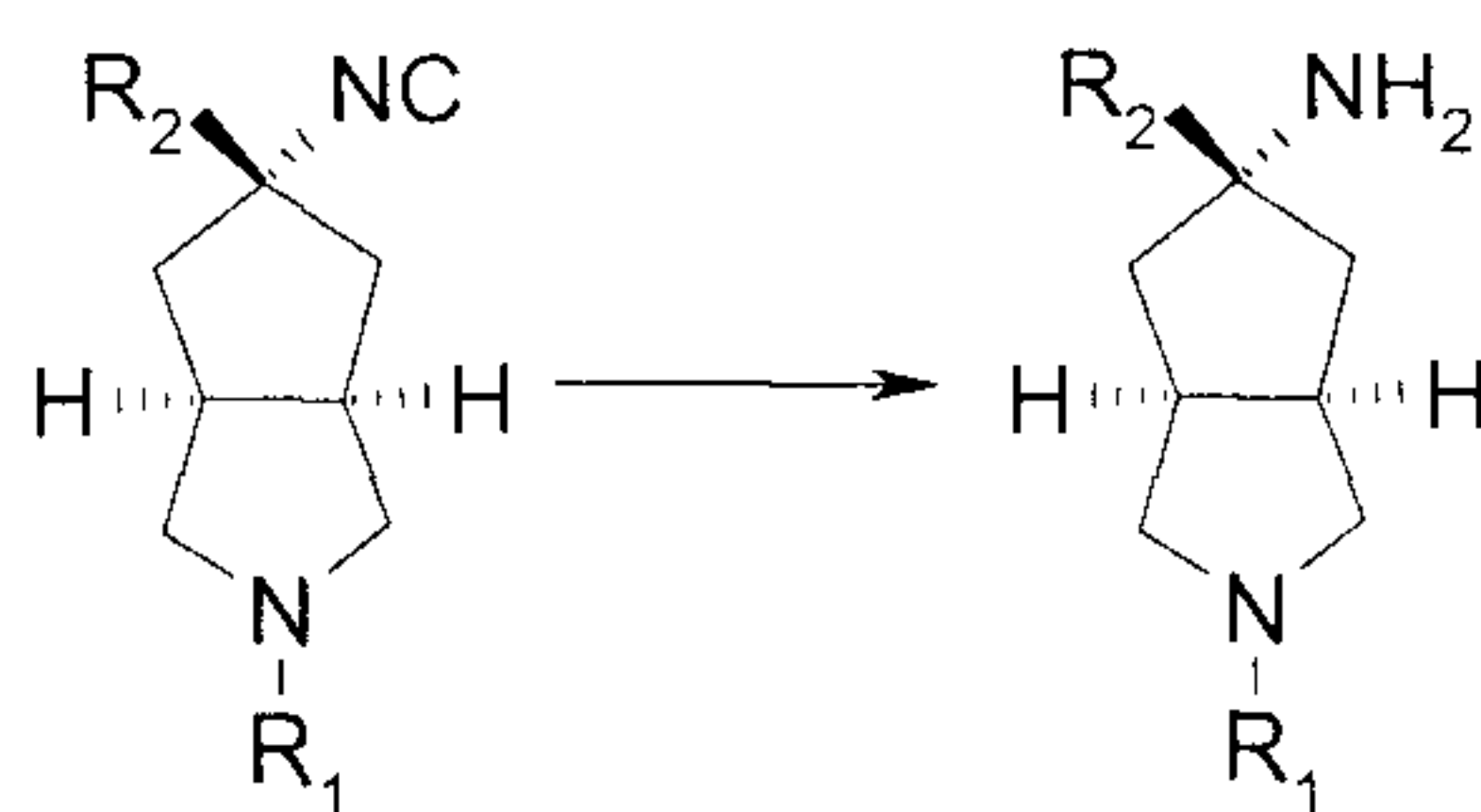
30. A process for preparing the compound of formula (IC) of claim 27, comprising the steps of:



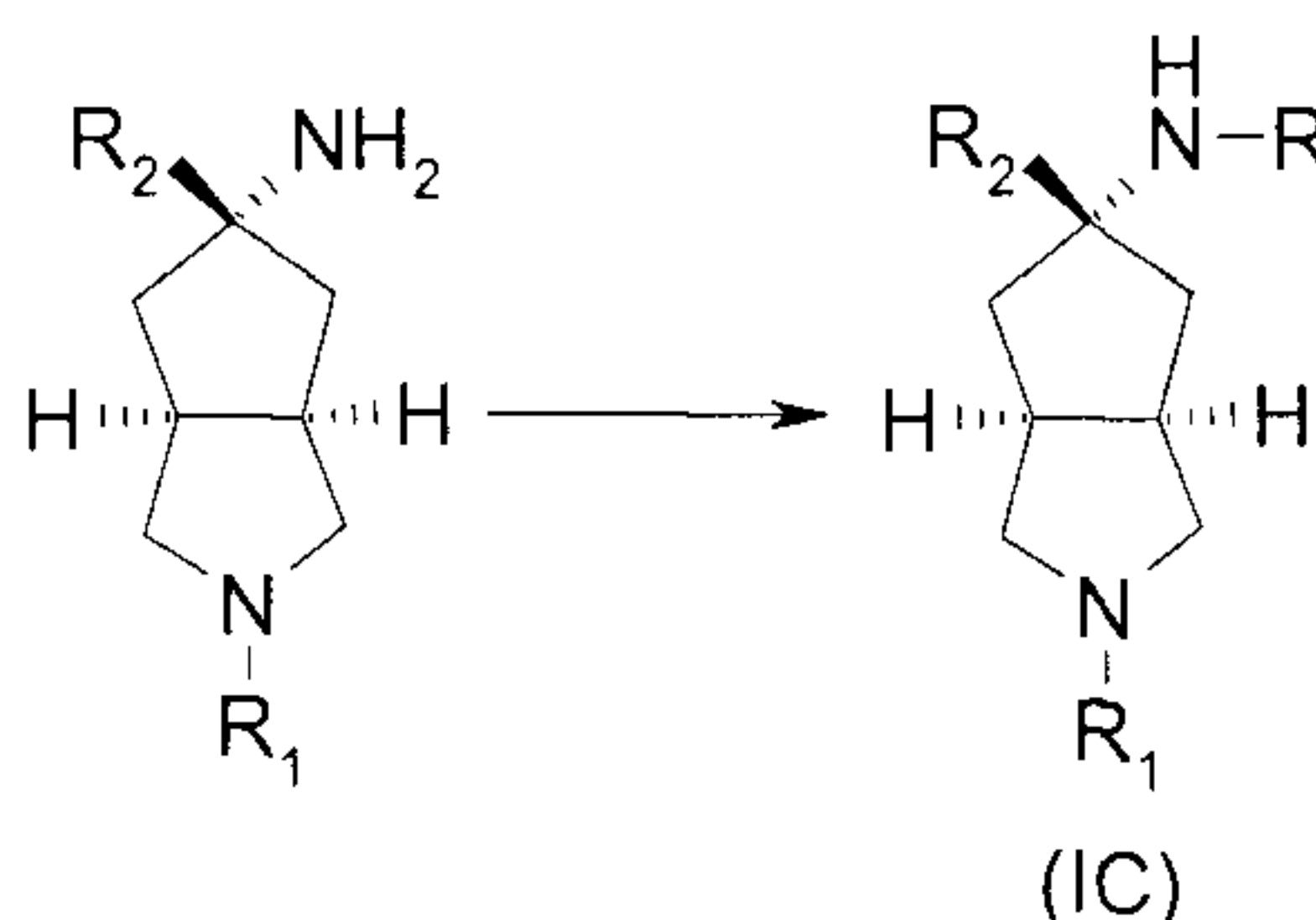
25 converting the compound of formula (ID) to an azabicyclo alkenyl compound;



converting the azabicyclo alkenyl compound to an azabicyclo cyano compound;
 and



converting the azabicyclo cyano compound to an azabicyclo amine compound;

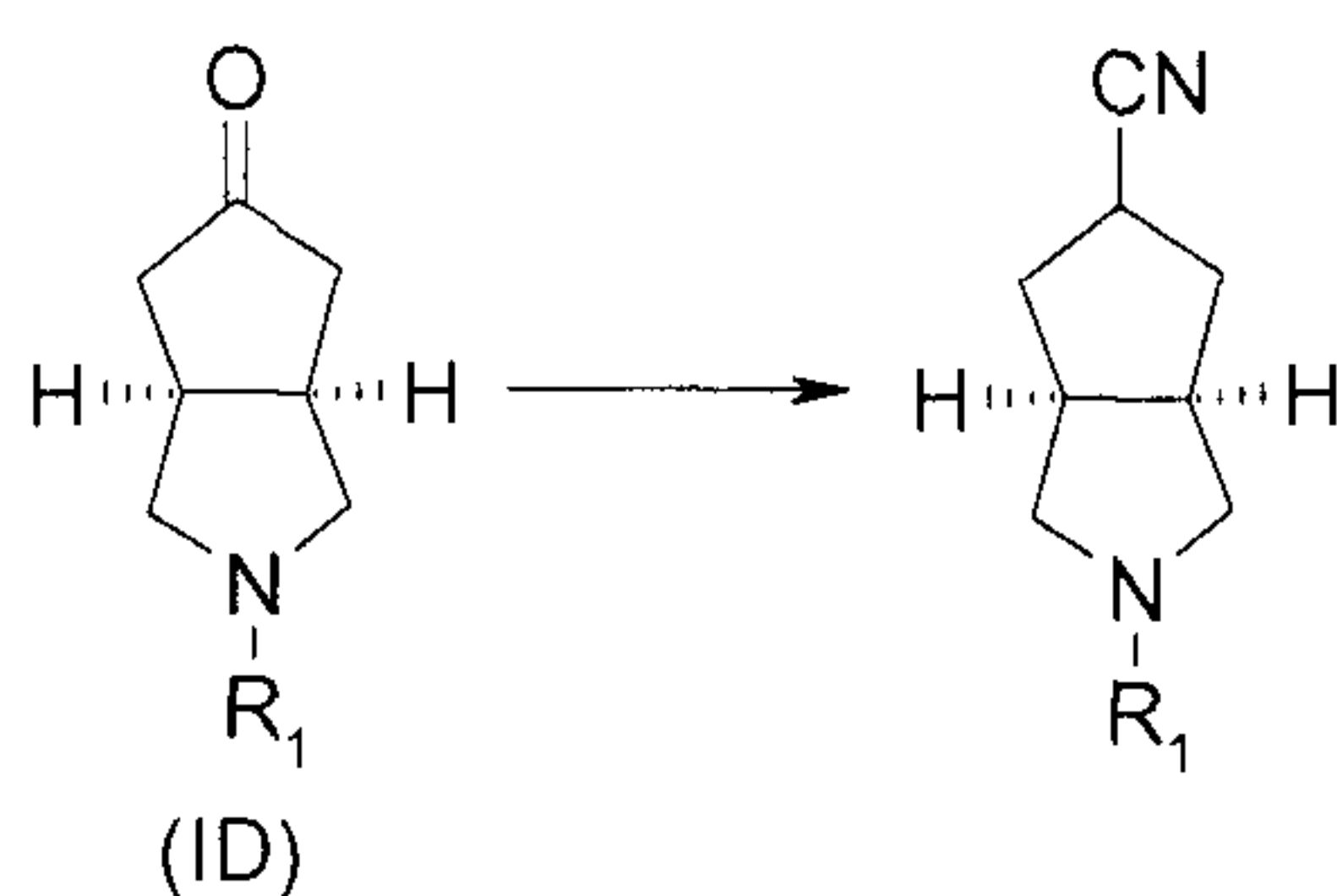


reacting the azabicyclo amine compound with a halo substituted compound to
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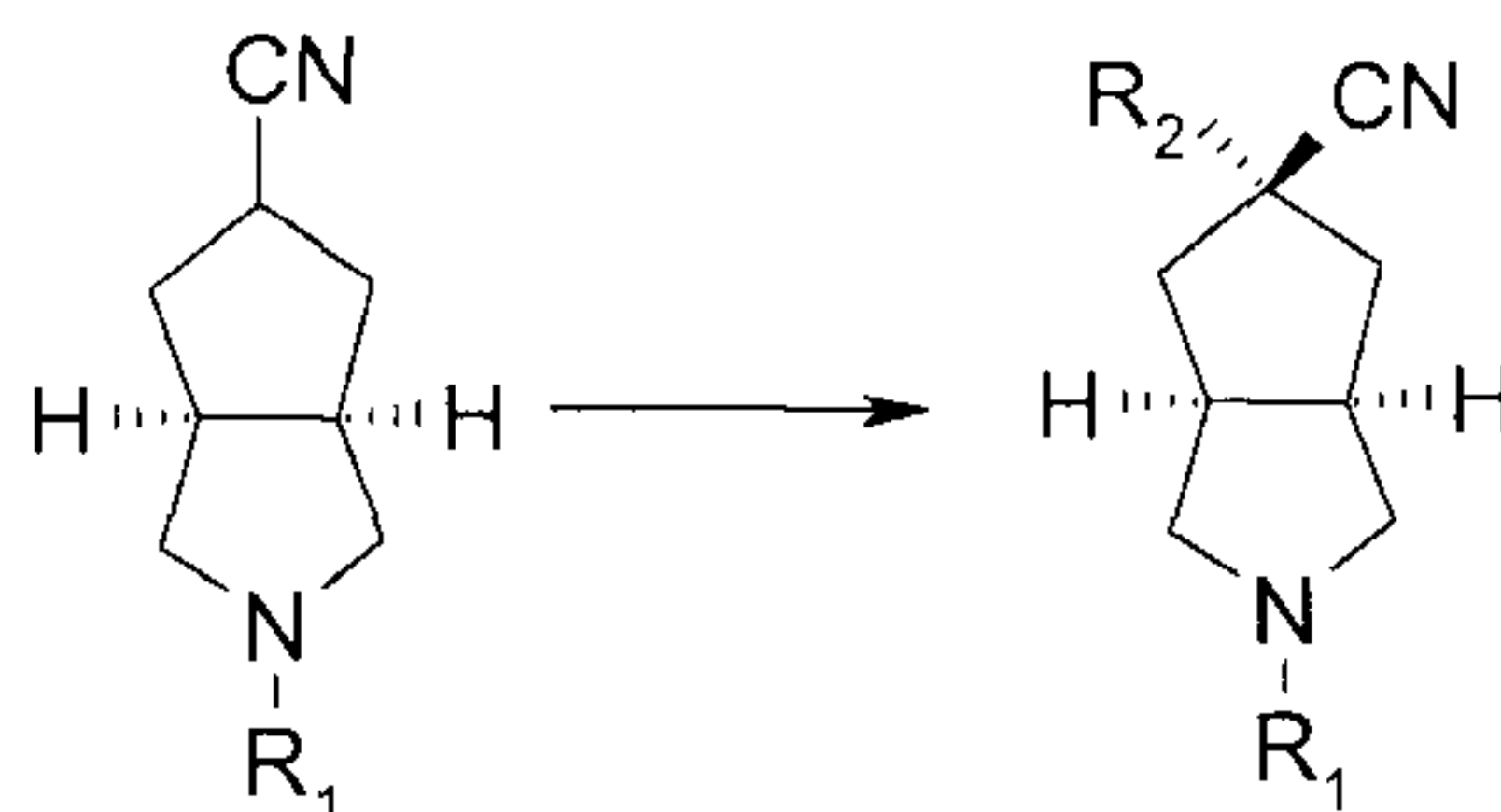
reacting the compound of formula (IC) with an acid to obtain an acid addition salt,
wherein R, R₁ and R₂ are as defined in claim 3.

31. A process of claim 30, wherein the converting of the azabicyclo alkenyl compound
10 is carried out in the presence of dichloromethane, and the converting of the azabicyclo
cyano compound is carried out in the presence of ethanol and hydrochloric acid.

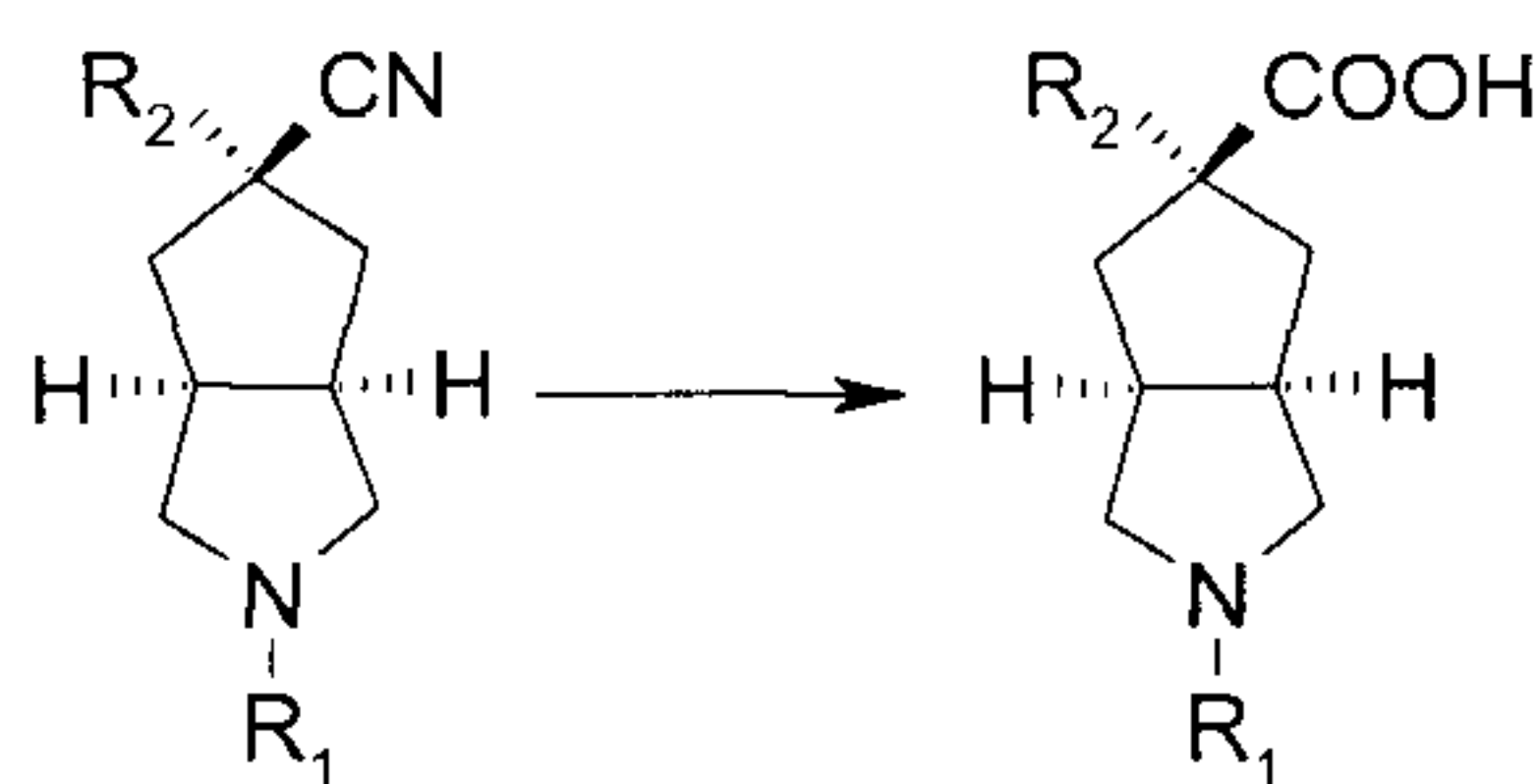
32. A process for preparing the compound of formula (IB) of claim 26, comprising the
steps of:



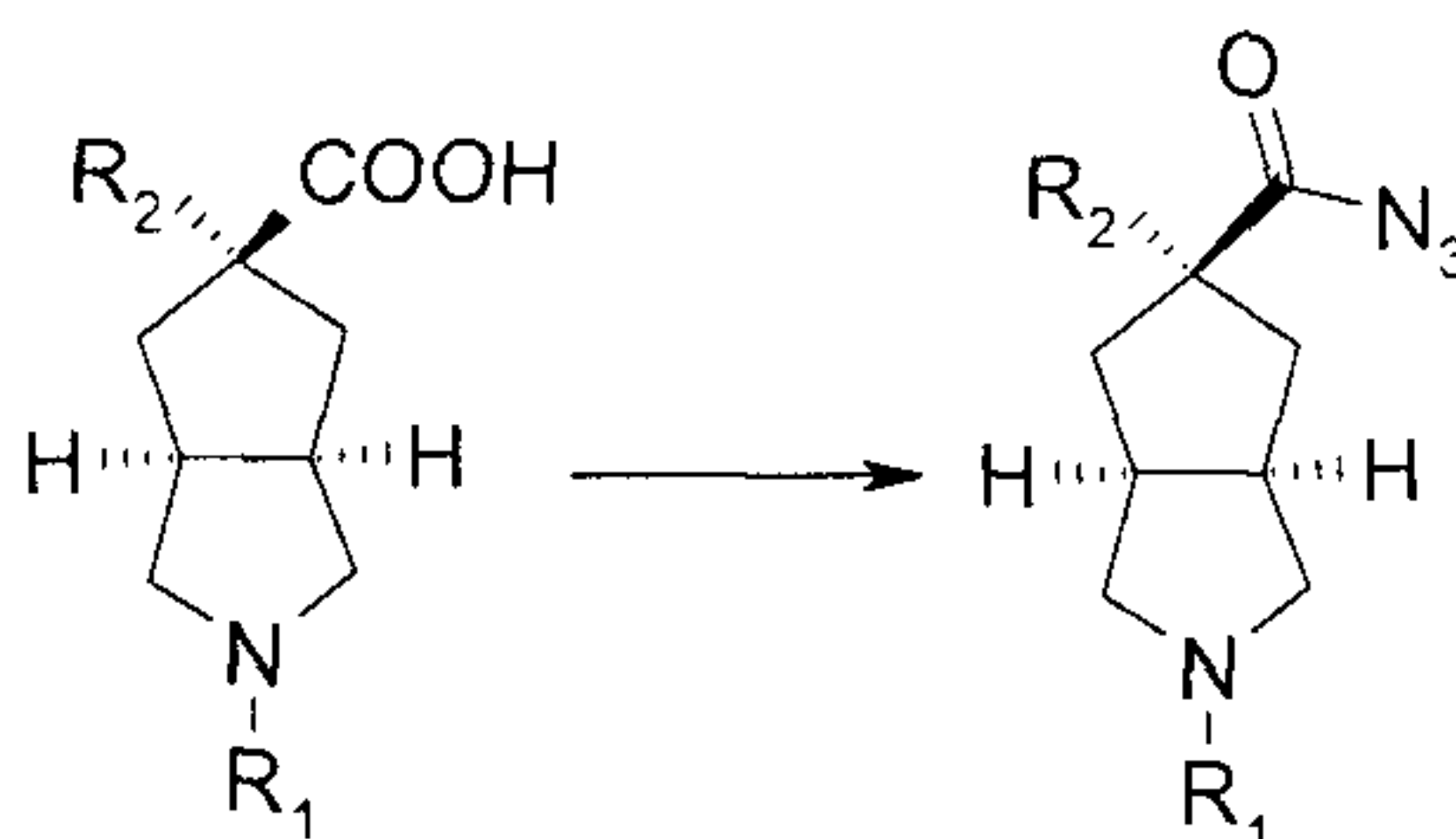
15 converting the compound formula (ID) to an azabicyclo cyano compound;



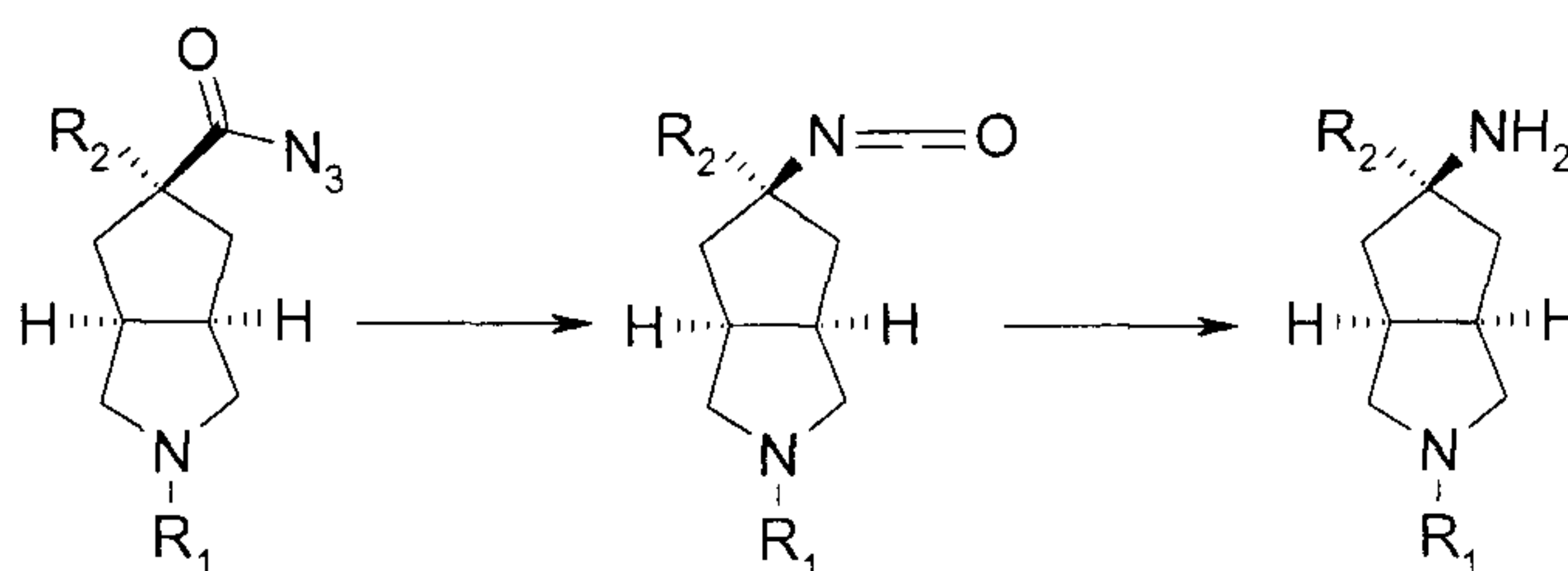
converting the azabicyclo cyano compound to a R₂ substituted azabicyclo cyano
compound;



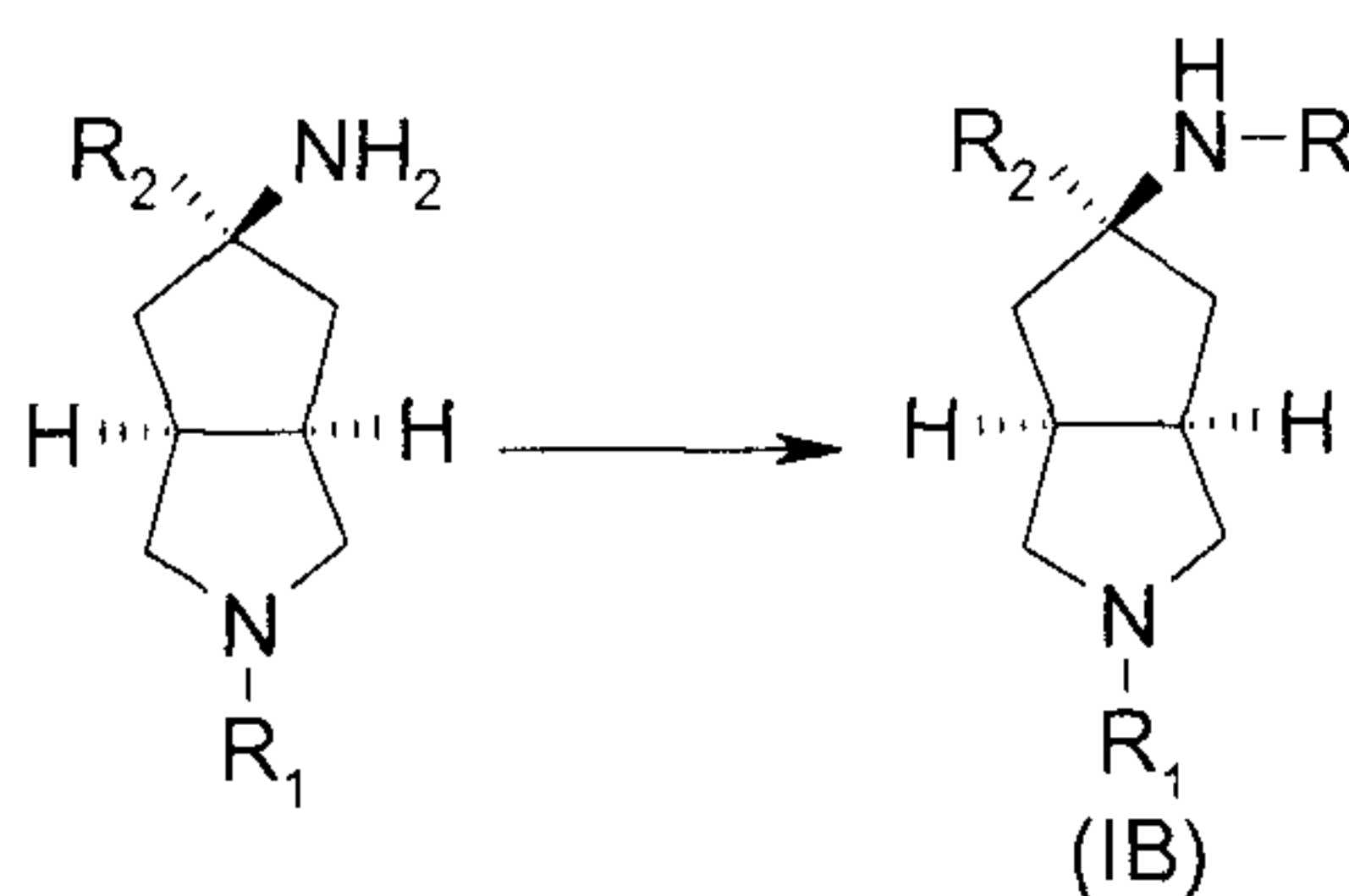
converting the R_2 substituted azabicyclo cyano compound to a R_2 substituted azabicyclo carboxyl compound;



5 converting the R_2 substituted azabicyclo carboxyl compound to a substituted azabicyclo azido compound;



converting the azabicyclo azido compound to a R_2 substituted azabicyclo amine compound;



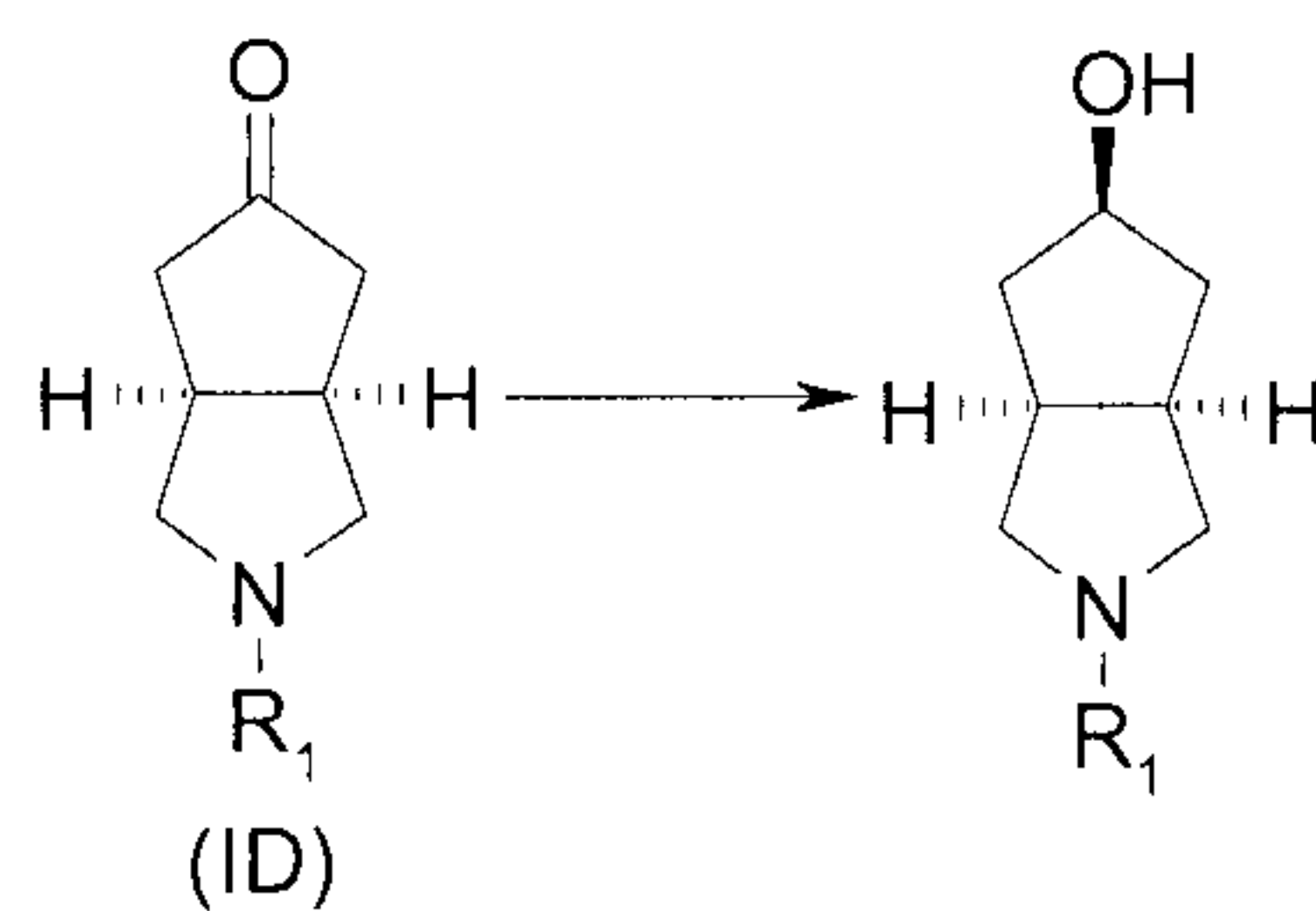
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converting the R_2 substituted azabicyclo amine compound to the compound of formula (IB);

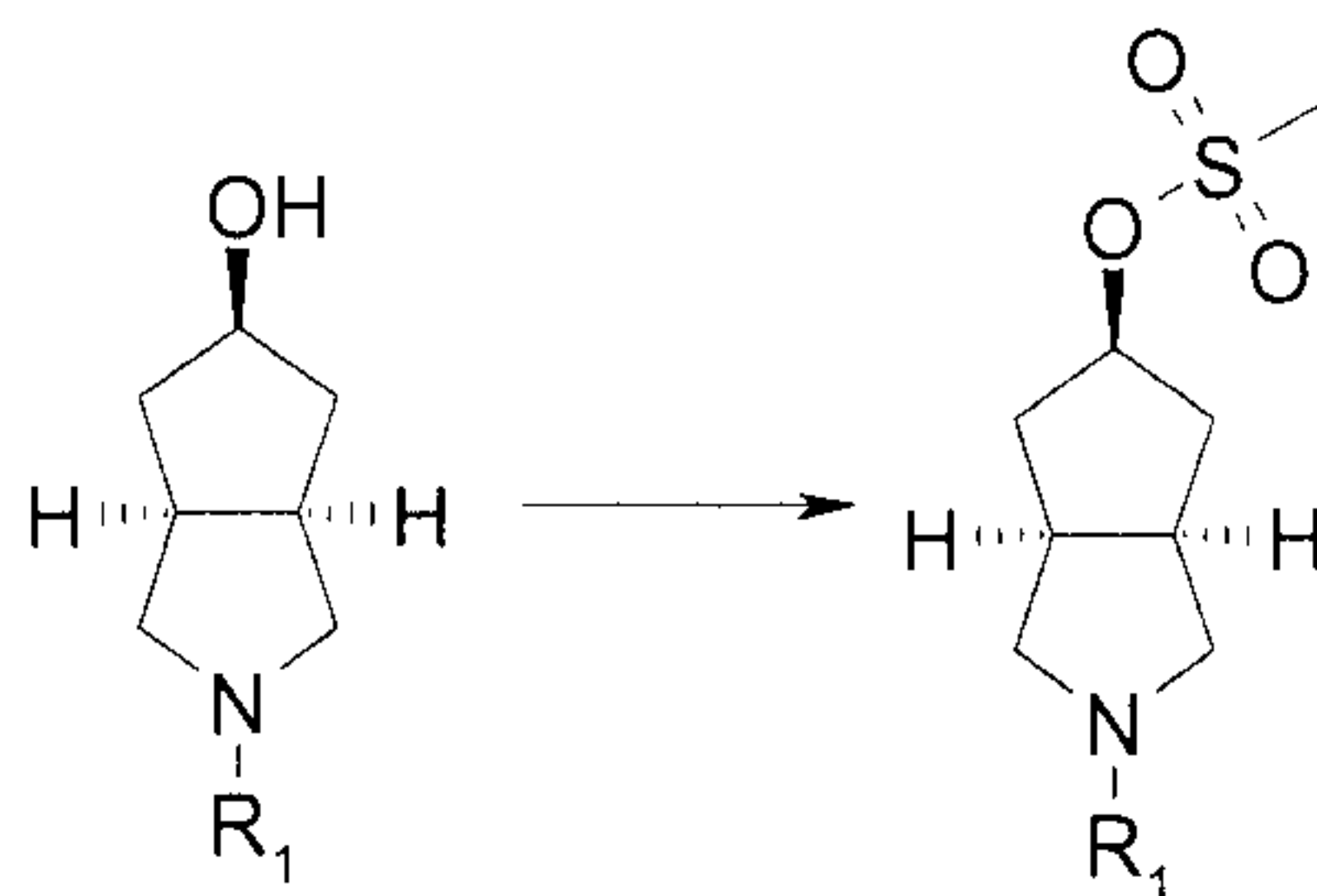
reacting the compound of formula (IB) with an acid to obtain an acid addition salt, wherein R , R_1 and R_2 are as defined in claim 2.

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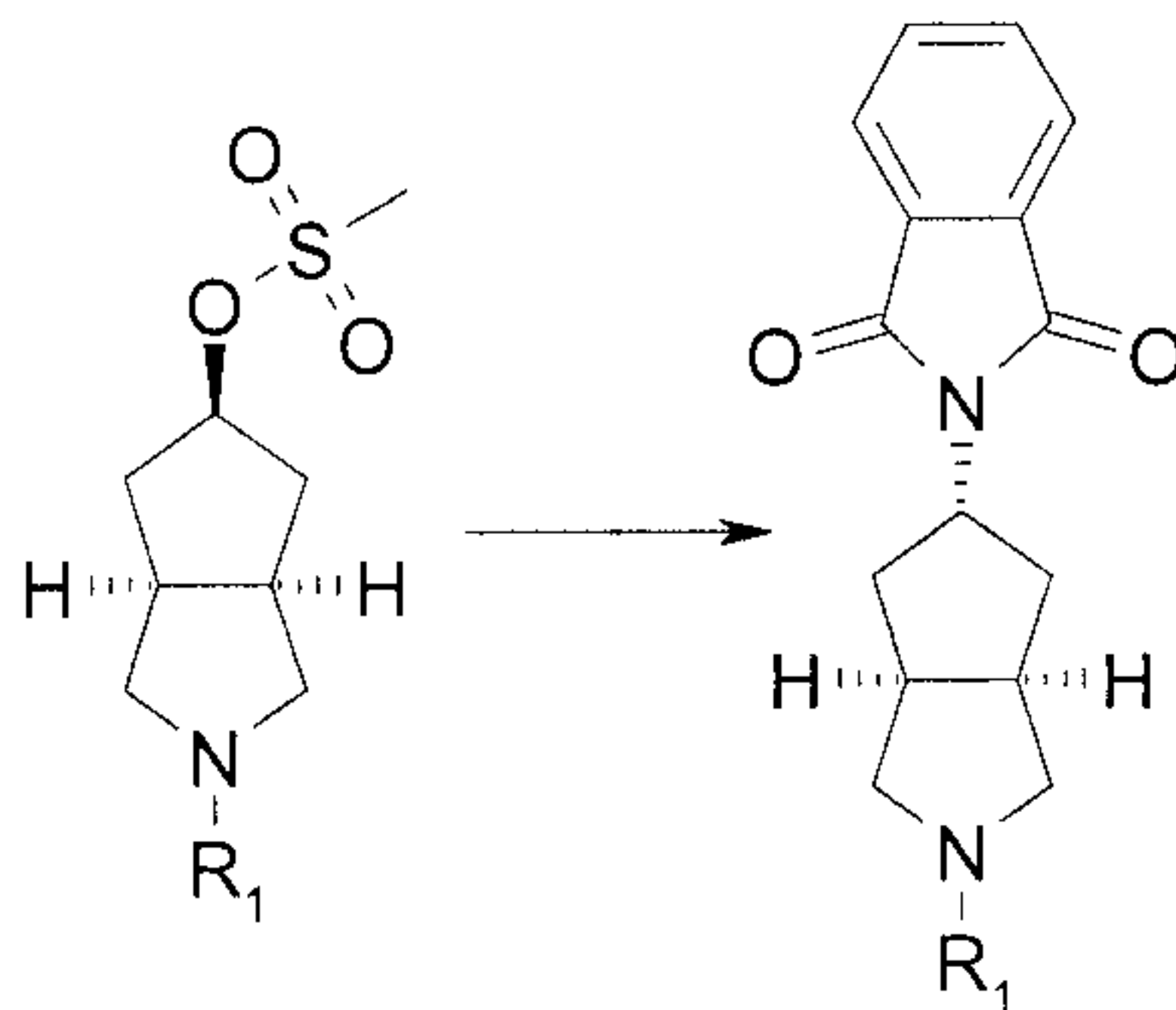
33. A process for preparing the compound of formula (IC) of claim 27, comprising the steps of:



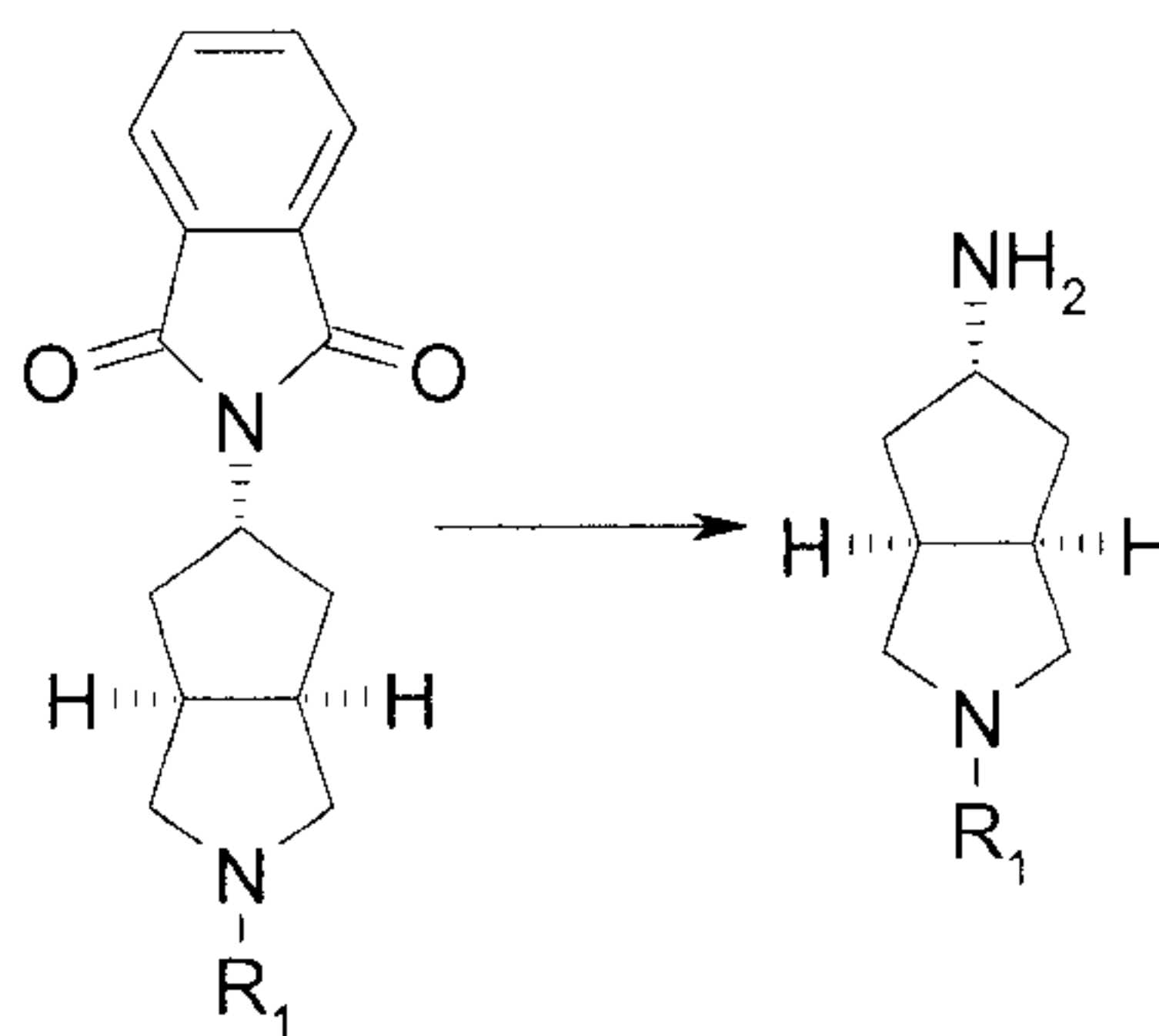
reducing the intermediate of formula (ID) to an azabicyclo hydroxyl compound;



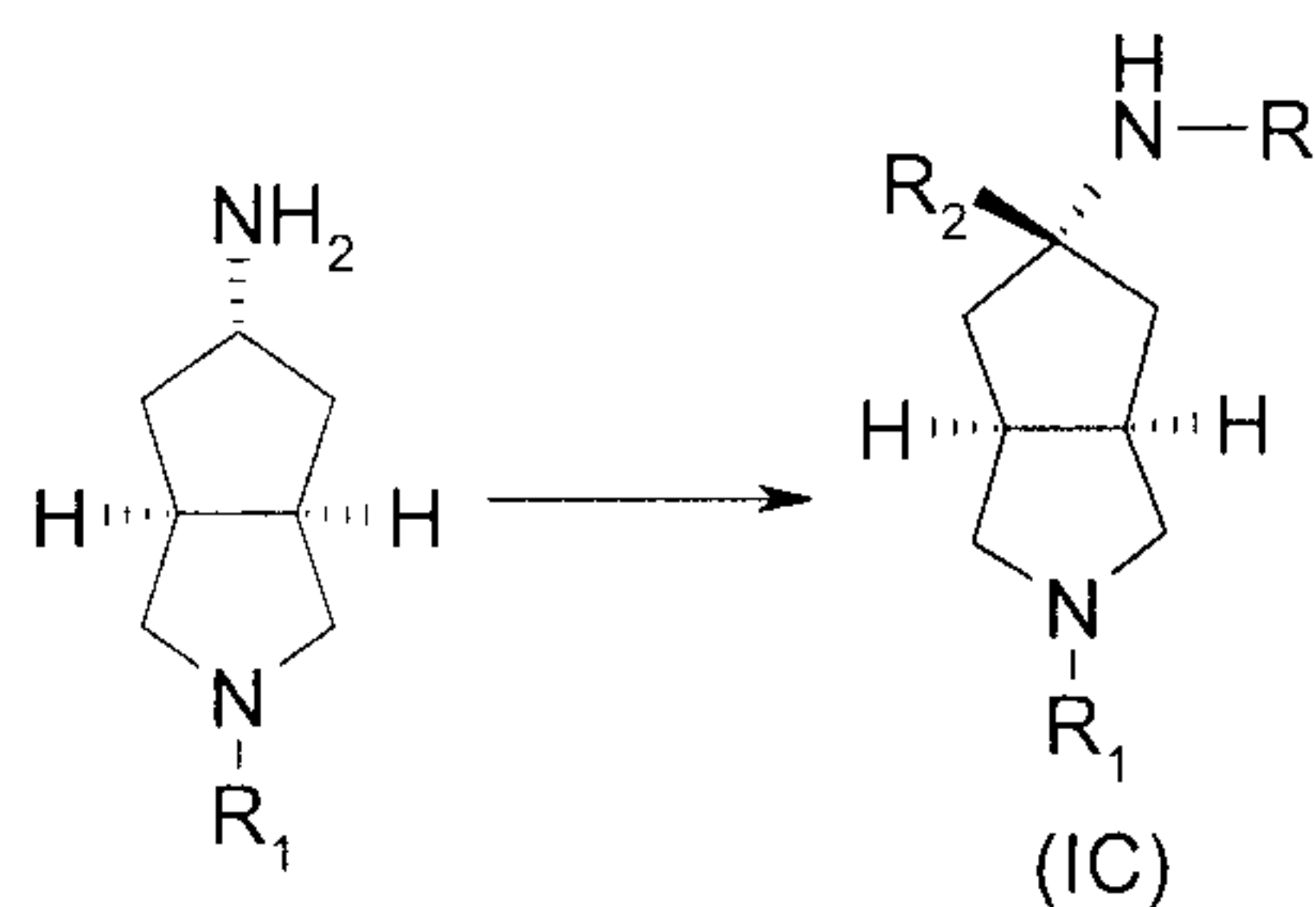
5 converting the azabicyclo hydroxyl compound to an azabicyclo methyl sulfonic acid compound;



converting the azabicyclo methyl sulfonic acid compound to a phthalimide substituted azabicyclo compound;



10 converting the phthalimide substituted azabicyclo compound and hydrazine to an azabicyclo amine compound;



converting the azabicyclo amine compound to the compound of formula (IC);
 reacting the compound of formula (IC) with an acid to obtain an acid addition salt,
 wherein R, R₁ and R₂ are as defined in claim 3.

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34. The process of claim 33, wherein the reducing is carried out in the presence of lithium tri-*tert*-butoxyaluminum hydride.

