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(57) Abstract: There are described 11-C-substituted derivatives of erythromycin and pharmaceutically acceptable compositions comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the invention in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Also described is a method for treating bacterial infections by administering to an animal a pharmaceutical composition containing a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound of the invention, and processes for the preparation of such compounds.

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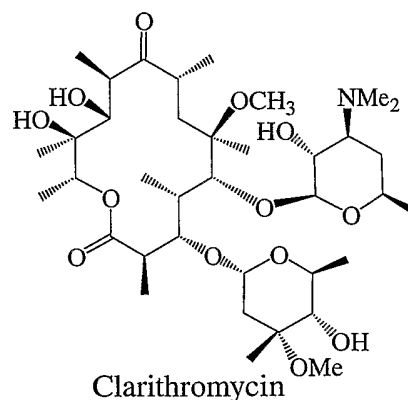
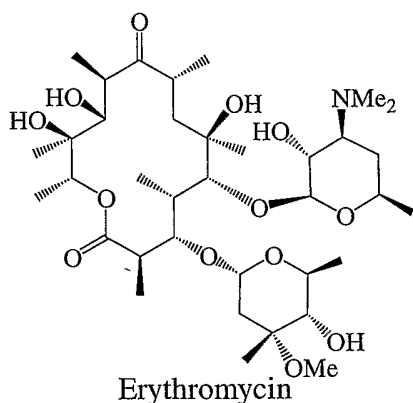
11-C-SUBSTITUTED KETOLIDES

Technical Field

The present invention relates to novel macrolides having antibacterial activity and useful in the treatment and prevention of bacterial infections. More particularly, the invention relates to a novel class of 11-C-substituted erythromycin derivatives, compositions containing such compounds and methods for using the same, as well as processes for making such compounds.

Background of the Invention

Macrolide antibiotics play a therapeutically important role, particularly with the emergence of new pathogens. Structural differences are related to the size of the lactone ring and to the number and nature (neutral or basic) of the sugars. Macrolides are classified according to the size of the lactone ring (12, 14, 15 or 16 atoms). The macrolide antibiotic family (14-, 15- and 16-membered ring derivatives) shows a wide range of characteristics (antibacterial spectrum, side-effects and bioavailability). Among the commonly used macrolides are erythromycin and clarithromycin.

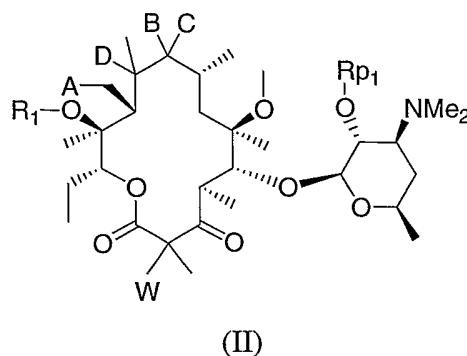
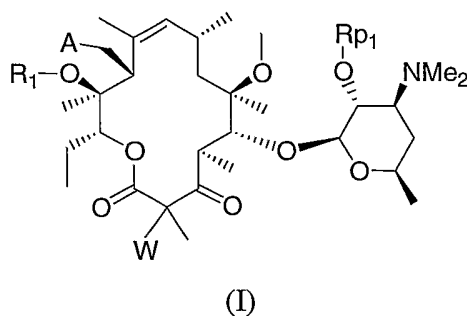


The search for macrolides active against MLS_B-resistant strains (MLS_B = Macrolides-Lincosamides-type B Streptogramins) has become a major goal, together with retaining the overall profile of the macrolides in terms of stability, tolerance and pharmacokinetics.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention provides a novel class of 11-C-substituted derivatives of erythromycin possessing antibacterial activity toward Gram positive and Gram negative bacteria as well as macrolide Gram positives.

In one embodiment, the present invention provides compounds represented by formulae I or II as well as the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters and prodrugs thereof.



In formulae I and II above,

A is selected from the group consisting of:

(1) C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl and C₂-C₆-alkynyl, optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:

- i. halogen;
- ii. aryl;
- iii. substituted aryl;
- iv. heterocyclic;
- v. substituted heterocyclic;
- vi. -O-R₅, where R₅ is selected from the group consisting of:
 - a. hydrogen;
 - b. aryl;
 - c. substituted aryl;

- d. heterocyclic; and
- e. substituted heterocyclic;
- vii. $-\text{O}-\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6\text{-alkyl}-\text{R}_5$, where R_5 is as previously defined;
- viii. $-\text{O}-\text{C}_2-\text{C}_6\text{-alkenyl}-\text{R}_5$, where R_5 is as previously defined;
- ix. $-\text{O}-\text{C}_2-\text{C}_6\text{-alkynyl}-\text{R}_5$, where R_5 is as previously defined; and
- x. $-\text{NR}_6\text{R}_7$, where R_6 and R_7 are each independently selected from the group consisting of:
 - a. hydrogen;
 - b. $\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6\text{-alkyl}$, optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:
 - (I) halogen;
 - (II) aryl;
 - (III) substituted aryl;
 - (IV) heterocyclic; and
 - (V) substituted heterocyclic;
 - c. $\text{C}_2-\text{C}_6\text{-alkenyl}$, optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:
 - (I) halogen;
 - (II) aryl;
 - (III) substituted aryl;
 - (IV) heterocyclic; and
 - (V) substituted heterocyclic;
 - d. $\text{C}_2-\text{C}_6\text{-alkynyl}$, optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:
 - (I) halogen;
 - (II) aryl;
 - (III) substituted aryl;
 - (IV) heterocyclic; and
 - (V) substituted heterocyclic; and
 - e. R_6 R_7 taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are connected form a 3- to 7-membered ring which may optionally contain one or more functions selected from the group consisting of:
 - (I) $-\text{O}-$;

- (II) $-\text{NH}-$;
- (III) $-\text{N}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\text{-alkyl})-$;
- (IV) $-\text{N}(\text{aryl})-$;
- (V) $-\text{N}(\text{heteroaryl})-$;
- (VI) $-\text{S}-$;
- (VII) $-\text{S}(\text{O})-$;
- (VIII) $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$; and
- (IX) $-\text{C}(\text{O})-$;

- (2) $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{R}_5$, where R_5 is as previously defined;
- (3) $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\text{-alkyl}-\text{R}_5$, where R_5 is as previously defined;
- (4) $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6\text{-alkenyl}-\text{R}_5$, where R_5 is as previously defined;
- (5) $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6\text{-alkynyl}-\text{R}_5$, where R_5 is as previously defined;
- (6) $-\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\text{-alkyl}-\text{M}-\text{R}_5$, where M is $-\text{OC}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{O}-$, $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{NR}_6-$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}_6$, $-\text{NR}_6\text{C}(\text{O})$, $-\text{NR}_6\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}-$, $-\text{NR}_6\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}_7-$, $-\text{NR}_6\text{C}(\text{N})\text{NR}_7-$ or $\text{S}(\text{O})_n-$, where $n = 0, 1$ or 2 , and where R_5 , R_6 , R_7 are as previously defined;
- (7) $-\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6\text{-alkenyl}-\text{M}-\text{R}_5$, where M and R_5 are as previously defined; and
- (8) $-\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6\text{-alkynyl}-\text{M}-\text{R}_5$, where M and R_5 are as previously defined;

B, C, and D may be present singly or in combination and are each independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen;
- (2) halogen
- (3) $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\text{-alkyl}$;
- (4) aryl;
- (5) substituted aryl;
- (6) heterocyclic;
- (7) substituted heterocyclic;
- (8) $\text{O}-\text{R}_5$, where R_5 is as previously defined;
- (9) B and C taken together are $=\text{O}$;
- (10) B and C taken together are $=\text{N}-\text{O}-\text{R}_5$, where R_5 is as previously defined;
- (11) B and C taken together are $=\text{N}-\text{N}-\text{R}_6\text{R}_7$, where R_6 and R_7 are as previously defined;
- (12) B and D taken together are $-\text{O}-$;
- (13) B and D taken together are $-\text{S}-$;
- (14) B and D taken together are $-\text{N}(\text{R}_6)$, where R_6 is as previously defined; and

(15) B and D taken together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached form a 4- to 8-membered ring which may optionally contain one or more functions selected from the group consisting of:

- i. $-\text{O}-$;
- ii. $-\text{NH}-$;
- iii. $-\text{N}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\text{-alkyl})-$;
- iv. $-\text{N}(\text{aryl})-$;
- v. $-\text{N}(\text{heteroaryl})-$;
- vi. $-\text{S}-$;
- vii. $-\text{S}(\text{O})-$;
- viii. $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$; and
- ix. $-\text{C}(\text{O})-$;

R_1 is selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) halogen;
- (2) R_3 , where R_3 is $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\text{-alkyl}$, $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6\text{-alkenyl}$ or $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6\text{-alkynyl}$, optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:
 - i. halogen;
 - ii. aryl;
 - iii. substituted-aryl;
 - iv. heterocyclic;
 - v. substituted-heterocyclic;
 - vi. $-\text{O}-\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\text{-alkyl}-\text{R}_5$, where R_5 is as previously defined; and
 - vii. $-\text{N}-\text{R}_6\text{R}_7$, where R_6 and R_7 are as previously defined;
- (3) $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{R}_4$, where R_4 is as previously defined;
- (4) $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}-\text{R}_3$, where R_3 is as previously defined; and
- (5) $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}-\text{R}_6\text{R}_7$, where R_6 and R_7 are as previously defined;

W is selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen;
- (2) halogen;
- (3) $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\text{-alkyl}$;
- (4) $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6\text{-alkenyl}$; and
- (5) $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6\text{-alkynyl}$; and

Rp_1 is hydrogen or a hydroxy protecting group.

In other embodiments, the present invention provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the invention in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and treatment of antibacterial infections with such compositions. Suitable carriers and methods of formulation are disclosed. Also provided are processes for preparing the compounds represented by formulae I and II.

Detailed Description of the Invention

A first embodiment of the invention is a compound represented by formula I as described above, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof.

A second embodiment of the invention is a compound represented by formula II as described above, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof.

Preferred embodiments of the invention are: compounds of formula I wherein R_1 is hydrogen, W is hydrogen or halogen, and A and R_{p1} are as previously defined; and compounds of formula II wherein R_1 is hydrogen, W is hydrogen or halogen, and A, B, C, D and R_{p1} are as previously defined.

Representative compounds of the invention are those selected from the group consisting of:

Compound of formula I: A = CHO, R_1 = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula I: A = CH₂OH, R_1 = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula I: A = CH₂OCO-[3-quinolyl], R_1 = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula I: A = CH₂OCO-[4-quinolyl], R_1 = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula I: A = CH=CH-phenyl, R_1 = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula I: A = CH₂NH-benzyl, R_1 = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula I: A = CH₂NH-allyl, R_1 = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CHO, B = H, C = H, D = H, R_1 = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CHO, B and D taken together = -O-, C = H, R_1 = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CHO, B and C taken together are =O, D = H, R_1 = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CHO, B = OH, C = H, D = OH, R_1 = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OH, B = H, C = H, D = H, R_1 = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OH, B and D taken together = -O-, C = H, R_1 = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OH, B and C taken together are =O, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OH, B = OH, C = H, D = OH, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[3-quinolyl], B = H, C = H, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[3-quinolyl], B and D taken together = -O-, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[3-quinolyl], B and C taken together are =O, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[3-quinolyl], B = OH, C = H, D = OH, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[4-quinolyl], B = H, C = H, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[4-quinolyl], B and D taken together = -O-, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[4-quinolyl], B and C taken together are =O, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[4-quinolyl], B = OH, C = H, D = OH, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH=CH-phenyl, B = H, C = H, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-benzyl, B = H, C = H, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-benzyl, B and D taken together = -O-, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-benzyl, B and C taken together are =O, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-benzyl, B = OH, C = H, D = OH, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-allyl, B = H, C = H, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-allyl, B and D taken together = -O-, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-allyl, B and C taken together are =O, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H; and

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-allyl, B = OH, C = H, D = OH, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H.

Definitions

The terms "C₁-C₃ alkyl," "C₁-C₆ alkyl" or "C₁-C₁₂ alkyl," as used herein, refer to saturated, straight- or branched-chain hydrocarbon radicals containing between one and three, one and twelve, or one and six carbon atoms, respectively. Examples of C₁-C₃ alkyl radicals include methyl, ethyl, propyl and isopropyl radicals; examples of C₁-C₆ alkyl radicals include, but are not limited to, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, *n*-butyl, *tert*-butyl, neopentyl and *n*-hexyl radicals; and examples of C₁-C₁₂ alkyl radicals include, but are not limited to, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, *n*-hexyl, octyl, decyl, dodecyl radicals.

The terms "C₂-C₁₂ alkenyl" or "C₂-C₆ alkenyl," as used herein, denote a monovalent group derived from a hydrocarbon moiety containing from two to twelve or two to six carbon atoms having at least one carbon-carbon double bond by the removal of a single hydrogen atom. Alkenyl groups include, but are not limited to, for example, ethenyl, propenyl, butenyl, 1-methyl-2-buten-1-yl, and the like.

The terms "C₂-C₁₂ alkynyl" or "C₂-C₆ alkynyl," as used herein, denote a monovalent group derived from a hydrocarbon moiety containing from two to twelve or two to six carbon atoms having at least one carbon-carbon triple bond by the removal of two hydrogen atoms. Representative alkynyl groups include, but are not limited to, for example, ethynyl, 1-propynyl, 1-butyne, and the like.

The terms "halo" and "halogen," as used herein, refer to an atom selected from fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine.

The term "haloalkyl" denotes an alkyl group, as defined above, having one, or more halogen atoms attached thereto, and is exemplified by such groups as chloromethyl, bromoethyl, trifluoromethyl, and the like.

The term "aryl," as used herein, refers to a mono- or bicyclic carbocyclic ring system having one or two aromatic rings including, but not limited to, phenyl, naphthyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, indanyl, indenyl and the like. Aryl groups (including bicyclic aryl groups) can be unsubstituted or substituted with one, two or three substituents independently selected from lower alkyl, substituted lower alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, thioalkoxy, amino, alkylamino,

dialkylamino, acylamino, cyano, hydroxy, halo, mercapto, nitro, carboxaldehyde, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl and carboxamide. In addition, substituted aryl groups include tetrafluorophenyl and pentafluorophenyl.

The term "substituted aryl," as used herein, refers to an aryl group, as defined herein, substituted by independent replacement of one, two or three of the hydrogen atoms thereon with F, Cl, Br, I, OH, NO₂, CN, C(O)-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C(O)-aryl, C(O)-heteroaryl, CO₂-alkyl, CO₂-aryl, CO₂-heteroaryl, CONH₂, CONH-C₁-C₆-alkyl, CONH-aryl, CONH-heteroaryl, OC(O)-C₁-C₆-alkyl, OC(O)-aryl, OC(O)-heteroaryl, OCO₂-alkyl, OCO₂-aryl, OCO₂-heteroaryl, OCONH₂, OCONH-C₁-C₆-alkyl, OCONH-aryl, OCONH-heteroaryl, NHC(O)-C₁-C₆-alkyl, NHC(O)-aryl, NHC(O)-heteroaryl, NHCO₂-alkyl, NHCO₂-aryl, NHCO₂-heteroaryl, NHCONH₂, NHCONH-C₁-C₆-alkyl, NHCONH-aryl, NHCONH-heteroaryl, SO₂-C₁-C₆-alkyl, SO₂-aryl, SO₂-heteroaryl, SO₂NH₂, SO₂NH-C₁-C₆-alkyl, SO₂NH-aryl, SO₂NH-heteroaryl, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, CF₃, CH₂CF₃, CHCl₂, CH₂OH, CH₂CH₂OH, CH₂NH₂, CH₂SO₂CH₃, aryl, heteroaryl, benzyl, benzyloxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, methoxymethoxy, methoxyethoxy, amino, benzylamino, arylamino, heteroarylamino, C₁-C₃-alkylamino, thio, aryl-thio, heteroarylthio, benzyl-thio, C₁-C₆-alkyl-thio, or methylthiomethyl.

The term "heteroaryl," as used herein, refers to a cyclic aromatic radical having from five to ten ring atoms of which one ring atom is selected from S, O and N; zero, one or two ring atoms are additional heteroatoms independently selected from S, O and N; and the remaining ring atoms are carbon, the radical being joined to the rest of the molecule via any of the ring atoms, such as, for example, pyridinyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, isooxazolyl, thiadiazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiophenyl, furanyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, and the like.

The term "substituted heteroaryl," as used herein, refers to a heteroaryl group as defined herein, substituted by independent replacement of one, two or three of the hydrogen atoms thereon with F, Cl, Br, I, OH, NO₂, CN, C(O)-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C(O)-aryl, C(O)-heteroaryl, CO₂-alkyl, CO₂-aryl, CO₂-heteroaryl, CONH₂, CONH-C₁-C₆-alkyl, CONH-aryl, CONH-heteroaryl, OC(O)-C₁-C₆-alkyl, OC(O)-aryl, OC(O)-heteroaryl, OCO₂-alkyl, OCO₂-aryl, OCO₂-heteroaryl, OCONH₂, OCONH-C₁-C₆-alkyl, OCONH-aryl, OCONH-heteroaryl, NHC(O)-C₁-C₆-alkyl, NHC(O)-aryl, NHC(O)-heteroaryl, NHCO₂-alkyl, NHCO₂-aryl, NHCO₂-heteroaryl, NHCONH₂, NHCONH-C₁-C₆-alkyl, NHCONH-aryl, NHCONH-

heteroaryl, SO₂-C₁-C₆-alkyl, SO₂-aryl, SO₂-heteroaryl, SO₂NH₂, SO₂NH-C₁-C₆-alkyl, SO₂NH-aryl, SO₂NH-heteroaryl, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, CF₃, CH₂CF₃, CHCl₂, CH₂OH, CH₂CH₂OH, CH₂NH₂, CH₂SO₂CH₃, aryl, heteroaryl, benzyl, benzyloxy, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, methoxymethoxy, methoxyethoxy, amino, benzylamino, arylamino, heteroarylamino, C₁-C₃-alkyl-amino, thio, aryl-thio, heteroarylthio, benzyl-thio, C₁-C₆-alkyl-thio, or methylthiomethyl.

The term "C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkyl" denotes a monovalent group derived from a monocyclic or bicyclic saturated carbocyclic ring compound by the removal of a single hydrogen atom. Examples include, but are not limited to, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, bicyclo [2.2.1] heptyl, and bicyclo [2.2.2] octyl.

The term "heterocycloalkyl," as used herein, refers to a non-aromatic 5-, 6- or 7-membered ring or a bi- or tri-cyclic group comprising fused six-membered rings having between one and three heteroatoms independently selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, wherein (i) each 5-membered ring has 0 to 1 double bonds and each 6-membered ring has 0 to 2 double bonds, (ii) the nitrogen and sulfur heteroatoms may optionally be oxidized, (iii) the nitrogen heteroatom may optionally be quaternized, and (iv) any of the above heterocyclic rings may be fused to a benzene ring. Representative heterocycles include, but are not limited to, pyrrolidinyl, pyrazolinyl, pyrazolidinyl, imidazolinyl, imidazolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, oxazolidinyl, isoxazolidinyl, morpholinyl, thiazolidinyl, isothiazolidinyl, and tetrahydrofuryl.

The term "heterocyclic", as used herein, refers to heterocycloalkyl and heteroaryl. The term "substituted heterocyclic", as used herein, refers to substituted heterocycloalkyl and substituted heteroaryl.

The term "C₁-C₆ alkoxy," as used herein, refers to a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, as previously defined, attached to the parent molecular moiety through an oxygen atom. Examples of C₁-C₆-alkoxy include, but are not limited to, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, *n*-butoxy, *tert*-butoxy, neopentoxy and *n*-hexoxy.

The term "C₁-C₃-alkyl-amino," as used herein, refers to one or two C₁-C₃-alkyl groups, as previously defined, attached to the parent molecular moiety through a nitrogen atom. Examples of C₁-C₃-alkyl-amino include, but are not limited to, methylamino, dimethylamino, ethylamino, diethylamino, and propylamino.

The term "alkylamino" refers to a group having the structure -NH(C₁-C₁₂ alkyl) where C₁-C₁₂ alkyl is as previously defined.

The term "dialkylamino" refers to a group having the structure $-N(C_1-C_{12} \text{ alkyl})(C_1-C_{12} \text{ alkyl})$, where $C_1-C_{12} \text{ alkyl}$ is as previously defined. Examples of dialkylamino are, but not limited to, dimethylamino, diethylamino, methylethylamino, piperidino, and the like.

The term "alkoxycarbonyl" represents an ester group, i.e., an alkoxy group, attached to the parent molecular moiety through a carbonyl group such as methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, and the like.

The term "carboxaldehyde," as used herein, refers to a group of the formula $-\text{CHO}$.

The term "carboxy," as used herein, refers to a group of the formula $-\text{COOH}$.

The term "carboxamide," as used herein, refers to a group of the formula $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}(C_1-C_{12} \text{ alkyl})$ or $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(C_1-C_{12} \text{ alkyl})(C_1-C_{12} \text{ alkyl})$.

"Hydroxy protecting group," as used herein, refers to an easily removable group which is known in the art to protect a hydroxyl group against undesirable reaction during synthetic procedures and to be selectively removable. The use of hydroxy-protecting groups is well known in the art for protecting groups against undesirable reactions during a synthetic procedure and many such protecting groups are known, *cf.* for example, T.H. Greene and P.G. M. Wuts, Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis, 3rd edition, John Wiley & Sons, New York (1999). Examples of hydroxy protecting groups include, but are not limited to, methylthiomethyl, *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl, *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl, acyl substituted with an aromatic group and the like.

The term "protected hydroxy" refers to a hydroxy group protected with a hydroxy protecting group, as defined above, including benzoyl, acetyl, trimethylsilyl, triethylsilyl, methoxymethyl groups, for example.

The term "aprotic solvent," as used herein, refers to a solvent that is relatively inert to proton activity, i.e., not acting as a proton-donor. Examples include, but are not limited to, hydrocarbons, such as hexane and toluene, for example, halogenated hydrocarbons, such as, for example, methylene chloride, ethylene chloride, chloroform, and the like, heterocyclic compounds, such as, for example, tetrahydrofuran and N-methylpyrrolidinone, and ethers such as diethyl ether, bis-methoxymethyl ether. Such compounds are well known to those skilled in the art, and it will be obvious to those skilled in the art that individual solvents or mixtures thereof may be preferred for specific compounds and reaction conditions, depending upon such factors as the solubility of reagents, reactivity of reagents and preferred temperature ranges, for example. Further discussions of aprotic solvents may be found in organic chemistry textbooks or in specialized monographs, for example: Organic Solvents

Physical Properties and Methods of Purification, 4th ed., edited by John A. Riddick *et al.*, Vol. II, in the Techniques of Chemistry Series, John Wiley & Sons, NY, 1986.

The term "protic solvent" or "protogenic solvent", as used nt that tends to provide protons, such as an alcohol, for example, methanol, ethanol, propanol, isopropanol, butanol, t-butanol, water and the like. Such solvents are well known to those skilled in the art, and it will be obvious to those skilled in the art that individual solvents or mixtures thereof may be preferred for specific compounds and reaction conditions, depending upon such factors as the solubility of reagents, reactivity of reagents and preferred temperature ranges, for example. Further discussions of protogenic solvents may be found in organic chemistry textbooks or in specialized monographs, for example: Organic Solvents Physical Properties and Methods of Purification, 4th ed., edited by John A. Riddick *et al.*, Vol. II, in the Techniques of Chemistry Series, John Wiley & Sons, NY, 1986.

Numerous asymmetric centers may exist in the compounds of the present invention. Except where otherwise noted, the present invention contemplates the various stereoisomers and mixtures thereof. Accordingly, whenever a bond is represented by a wavy line, it is intended that a mixture of stereo-orientations or an individual isomer of assigned or unassigned orientation may be present.

As used herein, the term "pharmaceutically acceptable salt" refers to those salts which are, within the scope of sound medical judgment, suitable for use in contact with the tissues of humans and lower animals without undue toxicity, irritation, allergic response and the like, and are commensurate with a reasonable benefit/risk ratio. Pharmaceutically acceptable salts are well known in the art. For example, S. M. Berge, *et al.* describes pharmaceutically acceptable salts in detail in J. Pharmaceutical Sciences, 66: 1-19 (1977), incorporated herein by reference. The salts can be prepared *in situ* during the final isolation and purification of the compounds of the invention, or separately by reacting the free base function with a suitable organic acid. Examples of pharmaceutically acceptable, nontoxic acid addition salts are salts of an amino group formed with inorganic acids such as hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, phosphoric acid, sulfuric acid and perchloric acid or with organic acids such as acetic acid, oxalic acid, maleic acid, tartaric acid, citric acid, succinic acid or malonic acid or by using other methods used in the art such as ion exchange. Other pharmaceutically acceptable salts include adipate, alginate, ascorbate, aspartate, benzenesulfonate, benzoate, bisulfate, borate, butyrate, camphorate, camphorsulfonate, citrate, cyclopentanepropionate, digluconate, dodecylsulfate, ethanesulfonate, formate, fumarate, glucoheptonate, glycerophosphate, gluconate, hemisulfate, heptanoate, hexanoate, hydroiodide, 2-hydroxy-

ethanesulfonate, lactobionate, lactate, laurate, lauryl sulfate, malate, maleate, malonate, methanesulfonate, 2-naphthalenesulfonate, nicotinate, nitrate, oleate, oxalate, palmitate, pamoate, pectinate, persulfate, 3-phenylpropionate, phosphate, picrate, pivalate, propionate, stearate, succinate, sulfate, tartrate, thiocyanate, *p*-toluenesulfonate, undecanoate, valerate salts, and the like. Representative alkali or alkaline earth metal salts include sodium, lithium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and the like. Further pharmaceutically acceptable salts include, when appropriate, nontoxic ammonium, quaternary ammonium, and amine cations formed using counterions such as halide, hydroxide, carboxylate, sulfate, phosphate, nitrate, alkyl having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, sulfonate and aryl sulfonate.

As used herein, the term "pharmaceutically acceptable ester" refers to esters that hydrolyze *in vivo* and include those that break down readily in the human body to leave the parent compound or a salt thereof. Suitable ester groups include, for example, those derived from pharmaceutically acceptable aliphatic carboxylic acids, particularly alkanoic, alkenoic, cycloalkanoic and alkanedioic acids, in which each alkyl or alkenyl moiety advantageously has not more than 6 carbon atoms. Examples of particular esters include, but are not limited to, formates, acetates, propionates, butyrates, acrylates and ethylsuccinates.

The term "pharmaceutically acceptable prodrugs" as used herein refers to those prodrugs of the compounds of the present invention which are, within the scope of sound medical judgment, suitable for use in contact with the tissues of humans and lower animals with undue toxicity, irritation, allergic response, and the like, commensurate with a reasonable benefit/risk ratio, and effective for their intended use, as well as the zwitterionic forms, where possible, of the compounds of the present invention. The term "prodrug" refers to compounds that are rapidly transformed *in vivo* to yield the parent compound of the above formula, for example by hydrolysis in blood. A thorough discussion is provided in T. Higuchi and V. Stella, "Pro-drugs as Novel Delivery Systems, Vol. 14 of the ACS Symposium Series, and in Edward B. Roche, ed., "Bioreversible Carriers in Drug Design", American Pharmaceutical Association and Pergamon Press, 1987, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Antibacterial Activity

Susceptibility tests can be used to quantitatively measure the *in vitro* activity of an antimicrobial agent against a given bacterial isolate. Compounds were tested for *in vitro* antibacterial activity by a micro-dilution method. Minimal Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) was determined in 96 well microtiter plates utilizing the appropriate Mueller Hinton Broth medium (CAMHB) for the observed bacterial isolates. Antimicrobial agents were serially

diluted (2-fold) in DMSO to produce a concentration range from about 64 µg/ml to about 0.03 µg/ml. The diluted compounds (2 µl/well) were then transferred into sterile, uninoculated CAMHB (0.2 mL) by use of a 96 fixed tip-pipetting station. The inoculum for each bacterial strain was standardized to 5×10^5 CFU/mL by optical comparison to a 0.5 McFarland turbidity standard. The plates were inoculated with 10 µl/well of adjusted bacterial inoculum. The 96 well plates were covered and incubated at $35 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ for 24 hours in ambient air environment. Following incubation, plate wells were visually examined by Optical Density measurement for the presence of growth (turbidity). The lowest concentration of an antimicrobial agent at which no visible growth occurs was defined as the MIC. The compounds of the invention generally demonstrated an MIC in the range from about 64 µg/ml to about 0.03 µg/ml.

All *in vitro* testing follows the guidelines described in the Approved Standards M7-A4 protocol, published by the National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards (NCCLS).

Pharmaceutical Compositions

The pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention comprise a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the present invention formulated together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers. As used herein, the term "pharmaceutically acceptable carrier" means a non-toxic, inert solid, semi-solid or liquid filler, diluent, encapsulating material or formulation auxiliary of any type. Some examples of materials which can serve as pharmaceutically acceptable carriers are sugars such as lactose, glucose and sucrose; starches such as corn starch and potato starch; cellulose and its derivatives such as sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, ethyl cellulose and cellulose acetate; powdered tragacanth; malt; gelatin; talc; excipients such as cocoa butter and suppository waxes; oils such as peanut oil, cottonseed oil, safflower oil, sesame oil, olive oil, corn oil and soybean oil; glycols such as propylene glycol; esters such as ethyl oleate and ethyl laurate; agar; buffering agents such as magnesium hydroxide and aluminum hydroxide; alginic acid; pyrogen-free water; isotonic saline; Ringer's solution; ethyl alcohol, and phosphate buffer solutions, as well as other non-toxic compatible lubricants such as sodium lauryl sulfate and magnesium stearate, as well as coloring agents, releasing agents, coating agents, sweetening, flavoring and perfuming agents, preservatives and antioxidants can also be present in the composition, according to the judgment of the formulator. The pharmaceutical compositions of this invention can be administered to humans and other animals orally, rectally,

parenterally, intracisternally, intravaginally, intraperitoneally, topically (as by powders, ointments, or drops), buccally, or as an oral or nasal spray.

Liquid dosage forms for oral administration include pharmaceutically acceptable emulsions, microemulsions, solutions, suspensions, syrups and elixirs. In addition to the active compounds, the liquid dosage forms may contain inert diluents commonly used in the art such as, for example, water or other solvents, solubilizing agents and emulsifiers such as ethyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol, ethyl carbonate, ethyl acetate, benzyl alcohol, benzyl benzoate, propylene glycol, 1,3-butylene glycol, dimethylformamide, oils (in particular, cottonseed, groundnut, corn, germ, olive, castor, and sesame oils), glycerol, tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol, polyethylene glycols and fatty acid esters of sorbitan, and mixtures thereof. Besides inert diluents, the oral compositions can also include adjuvants such as wetting agents, emulsifying and suspending agents, sweetening, flavoring, and perfuming agents.

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

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

In order to prolong the effect of a drug, it is often desirable to slow the absorption of the drug from subcutaneous or intramuscular injection. This may be accomplished by the use of a liquid suspension of crystalline or amorphous material with poor water solubility. The rate of absorption of the drug then depends upon its rate of dissolution, which, in turn, may depend upon crystal size and crystalline form. Alternatively, delayed absorption of a parenterally administered drug form is accomplished by dissolving or suspending the drug in an oil vehicle. Injectable depot forms are made by forming microencapsule matrices of the

drug in biodegradable polymers such as polylactide-polyglycolide. Depending upon the ratio of drug to polymer and the nature of the particular polymer employed, the rate of drug release can be controlled. Examples of other biodegradable polymers include poly(orthoesters) and poly(anhydrides). Depot injectable formulations are also prepared by entrapping the drug in liposomes or microemulsions that are compatible with body tissues.

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

Solid dosage forms for oral administration include capsules, tablets, pills, powders, and granules. In such solid dosage forms, the active compound is mixed with at least one inert, pharmaceutically acceptable excipient or carrier such as sodium citrate or dicalcium phosphate and/or: a) fillers or extenders such as starches, lactose, sucrose, glucose, mannitol, and silicic acid, b) binders such as, for example, carboxymethylcellulose, alginates, gelatin, polyvinylpyrrolidinone, sucrose, and acacia, c) humectants such as glycerol, d) disintegrating agents such as agar-agar, calcium carbonate, potato or tapioca starch, alginic acid, certain silicates, and sodium carbonate, e) solution retarding agents such as paraffin, f) absorption accelerators such as quaternary ammonium compounds, g) wetting agents such as, for example, cetyl alcohol and glycerol monostearate, h) absorbents such as kaolin and bentonite clay, and i) lubricants such as talc, calcium stearate, magnesium stearate, solid polyethylene glycols, sodium lauryl sulfate, and mixtures thereof. In the case of capsules, tablets and pills, the dosage form may also comprise buffering agents.

Solid compositions of a similar type may also be employed as fillers in soft and hard-filled gelatin capsules using such excipients as lactose or milk sugar as well as high molecular weight polyethylene glycols and the like.

The solid dosage forms of tablets, dragees, capsules, pills, and granules can be prepared with coatings and shells such as enteric coatings and other coatings well known in the pharmaceutical formulating art. They may optionally contain opacifying agents and can also be of a composition that they release the active ingredient(s) only, or preferentially, in a certain part of the intestinal tract, optionally, in a delayed manner. Examples of embedding compositions that can be used include polymeric substances and waxes.

Dosage forms for topical or transdermal administration of a compound of this invention include ointments, pastes, creams, lotions, gels, powders, solutions, sprays,

inhalants or patches. The active component is admixed under sterile conditions with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and any needed preservatives or buffers as may be required. Ophthalmic formulation, ear drops, eye ointments, powders and solutions are also contemplated as being within the scope of this invention.

The ointments, pastes, creams and gels may contain, in addition to an active compound of this invention, excipients such as animal and vegetable fats, oils, waxes, paraffins, starch, tragacanth, cellulose derivatives, polyethylene glycols, silicones, bentonites, silicic acid, talc and zinc oxide, or mixtures thereof.

Powders and sprays can contain, in addition to the compounds of this invention, excipients such as lactose, talc, silicic acid, aluminum hydroxide, calcium silicates and polyamide powder, or mixtures of these substances. Sprays can additionally contain customary propellants such as chlorofluorohydrocarbons.

Transdermal patches have the added advantage of providing controlled delivery of a compound to the body. Such dosage forms can be made by dissolving or dispensing the compound in the proper medium. Absorption enhancers can also be used to increase the flux of the compound across the skin. The rate can be controlled by either providing a rate controlling membrane or by dispersing the compound in a polymer matrix or gel.

According to the methods of treatment of the present invention, bacterial infections are treated or prevented in a patient such as a human or other animals by administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the invention, in such amounts and for such time as is necessary to achieve the desired result. By a "therapeutically effective amount" of a compound of the invention is meant a sufficient amount of the compound to treat bacterial infections, at a reasonable benefit/risk ratio applicable to any medical treatment. It will be understood, however, that the total daily usage of the compounds and compositions of the present invention will be decided by the attending physician within the scope of sound medical judgment. The specific therapeutically effective dose level for any particular patient will depend upon a variety of factors including the disorder being treated and the severity of the disorder; the activity of the specific compound employed; the specific composition employed; the age, body weight, general health, sex and diet of the patient; the time of administration, route of administration, and rate of excretion of the specific compound employed; the duration of the treatment; drugs used in combination or coincidental with the specific compound employed; and like factors well known in the medical arts.

The total daily dose of the compounds of this invention administered to a human or other animal in single or in divided doses can be in amounts, for example, from 0.01 to 50 mg/kg body weight or more usually from 0.1 to 25 mg/kg body weight. Single dose compositions may contain such amounts or submultiples thereof to make up the daily dose. In general, treatment regimens according to the present invention comprise administration to a patient in need of such treatment from about 10 mg to about 1000 mg of the compound(s) of this invention per day in single or multiple doses.

The pharmaceutical compositions of this invention can be administered to fish by blending them in the fish feed to be administered orally or may be dissolved in water in which sick fish are placed to swim around (a method using a so-called "medicated bath"). The dosage for the treatment of fish differs depending upon the purpose of administration (prevention or cure of disease) and type, size and extent of infection of the fish to be treated. Generally, a dosage of 5 – 1000 mg, preferably 20 – 100 mg, per kg of body weight of fish may be administered per day, either at one time or divided into several times. It will be recognized that the above-specified dosage is only a general range which may be reduced or increased depending upon the age, body weight, condition of disease, etc. of the fish.

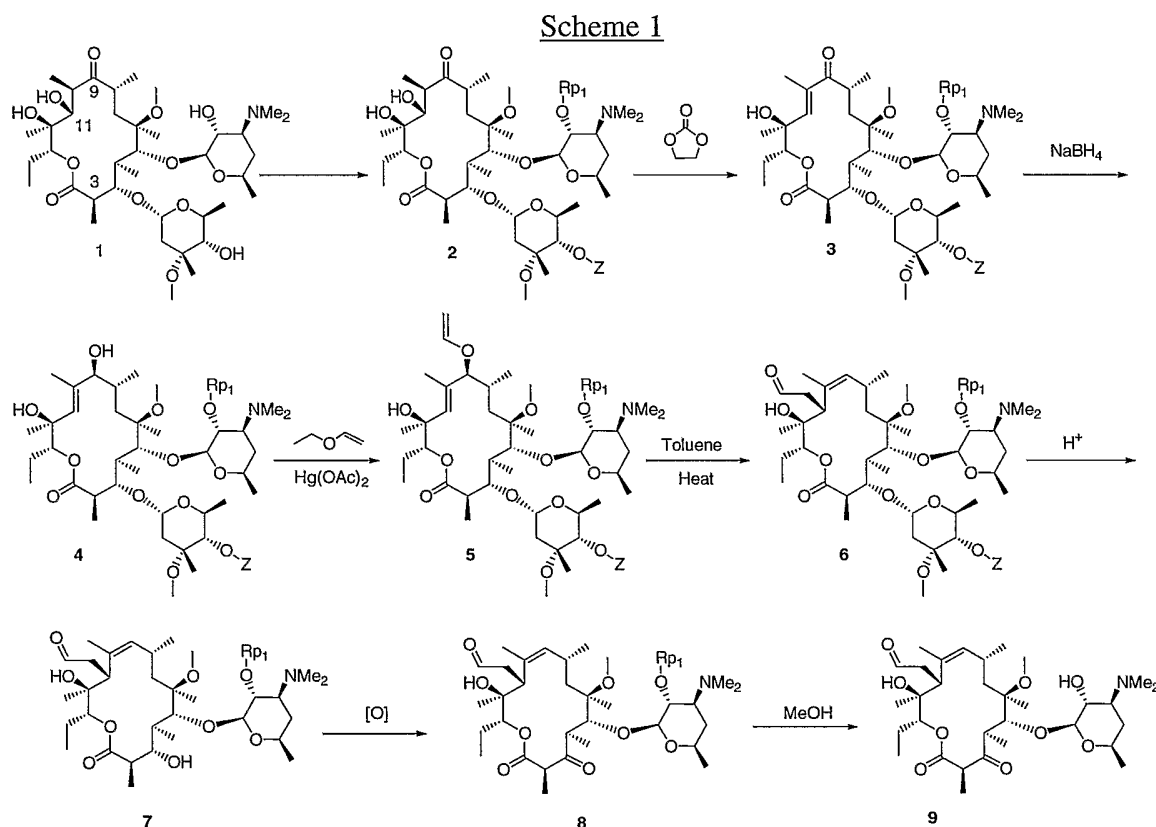
Abbreviations

Abbreviations which may be used in the application such as in the descriptions of the schemes and the examples that follow are: Ac for acetyl; AcOOH for peroxyacetic acid; AIBN for azobisisobutyronitrile; BHT for 2,6-di-*tert*-butyl-4-methylphenol; Bn for benzyl; Bz for benzoyl; Boc for *tert*-butoxycarbonyl; BSA for bis-trimethylsilyl acetamide, *t*-BuOOH for tertiary butyl hydroperoxide, Bu₃SnH for tributyltin hydride; CDI for carbonyldiimidazole; CAHMB for cation adjusted Mueller-Hinton broth; DBA for dibenzylidene acetone; DBU for 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene; DCC for dicyclohexylcarbodiimide; DEAD for diethylazodicarboxylate; DIBAL-H for diisobutylaluminum hydride; DMAP for 4- *N,N*- dimethylamino-pyridine; DME for 1,2-dimethoxyethane; DMF for dimethyl formamide; DMSO for dimethylsulfoxide; DPPA for diphenylphosphoryl azide; DPPB for diphenylphosphino butane; EtOAc for ethyl acetate; HMDS for hexamethyldisilazane; KHMDs for potassium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide; LAH for lithium aluminum hydride; LDA for lithium diisopropyl amide; *m*-CPBA for 3-chloroperoxybenzoic acid; MeOH for methanol; MOM for methoxymethyl; NaHMDS for sodium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide; NMO for *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide; Ph for phenyl; Red-Al for sodium bis-(2-methoxyethoxy) aluminum hydride; TBAF for tetrabutylammonium fluoride; TBS for *tert*-butyl dimethylsilyl; TEA for triethylamine; TFA

for trifluoroacetic acid; THF for tetrahydrofuran; TMS for trimethyl silyl and TPP for triphenylphosphine

Synthetic Methods

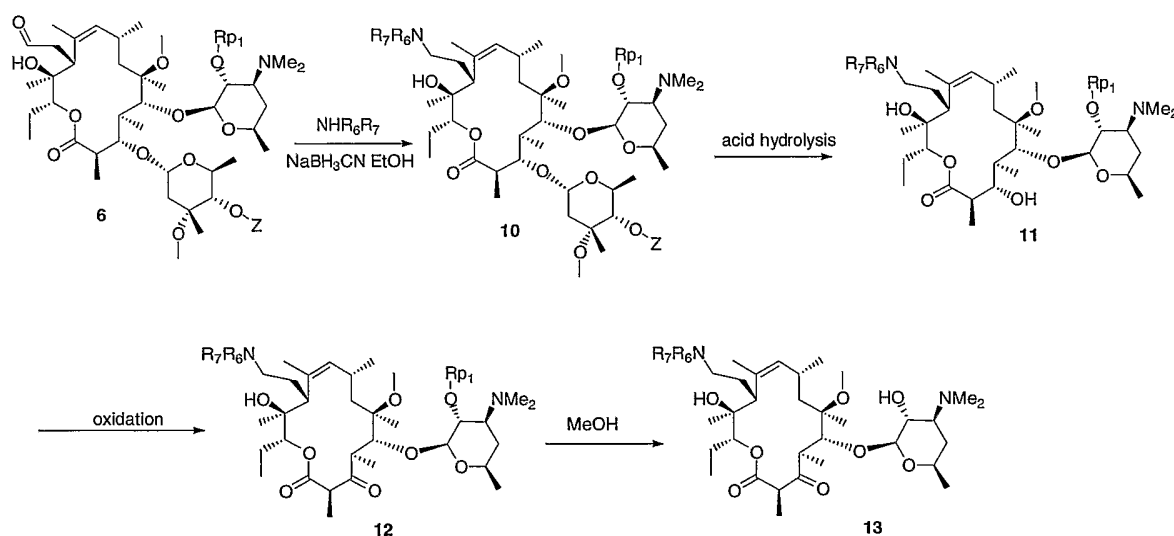
The compounds and processes of the present invention will be better understood in connection with the following synthetic schemes that are illustrative of the methods by which the compounds of the invention may be prepared. The groups A, B, C, D, R₁, W and R_{p1} are as defined previously, unless otherwise noted below



One process of the present invention for the preparation of compounds of formula I, where W is hydrogen, is as shown in Scheme 1. According to this synthetic scheme, the preparation of such compounds of formula I includes the step of protecting Clarithromycin (compound 1 of Scheme 1) with an acid anhydride, acid chloride or a silylating reagent such as silyl chloride, HMDS, BSA and the like in an aprotic solvent such as methylene chloride, THF, chloroform, DMF, acetonitrile or the like at a temperature from about 0°C to about 50°C for 3-72 hours to provide compound 2. Compound 2 is treated with ethylene carbonate, either as a neat mixture or in an aprotic solvent at room temperature to about 150°C to provide compound 3. Alternatively, compound 2 is treated with a sulfonic acid chloride or sulfonic acid anhydride in the presence of TEA, pyridine or the like in an aprotic solvent at a temperature of from about 0°C to about 50°C to provide the corresponding 11-O-sulfonate ester which is eliminated in a separate step by treatment with a base such as DBU, DMAP,

KOt-Bu, or the like at from room temperature to about 100°C to provide compound **3**. Compound **3** further reacts with a reducing agent such as sodium borohydride, sodium triacetoxy borohydride, or the like in a protic solvent such as methanol, ethanol, isopropanol, or the like, or mixtures thereof, with an aprotic solvent such as THF, DME, or the like, at from about -20°C to about 50°C, to provide compound **4**. Alternatively, compound **3** is treated with DIBAL-H, LAH, RedAl or the like, in an aprotic solvent at from about -80°C to about room temperature to provide compound **4**. Compound **4** is alkylated selectively at the 9 oxygen by treatment with a vinyl ether such as ethyl vinyl ether, or butyl vinyl ether in the presence of a mercury (II) salt, either as a neat mixture or in an aprotic solvent, at from room temperature to about 100°C to afford compound **5**. Compound **5** is thermolyzed in an aprotic solvent such as toluene, xylene, or decahydronaphthalene at a temperature of from about 80°C to about 200°C for 3 to 72 hours, to afford the Claisen rearrangement product **6**. Compound **6** is treated with an acid such as hydrochloric acid, hydrofluoric acid, sulfuric acid, trifluoroacetic acid, acetic acid, or the like, in a protic solvent such as methanol, ethanol, water or the like at from about 0°C to about 80°C to remove the cladinose sugar at position C3 to form compound **7**. Compound **7** is oxidized with a suitable Oxidizing agent such as Dess Martin periodinane, Swern oxidation, PCC, PDD and the like to form ketone **8**. Compound **8** is treated with methanol at from about 0°C to about 60°C to remove the Rp₁ protecting group at the 2' position to form compound **9**.

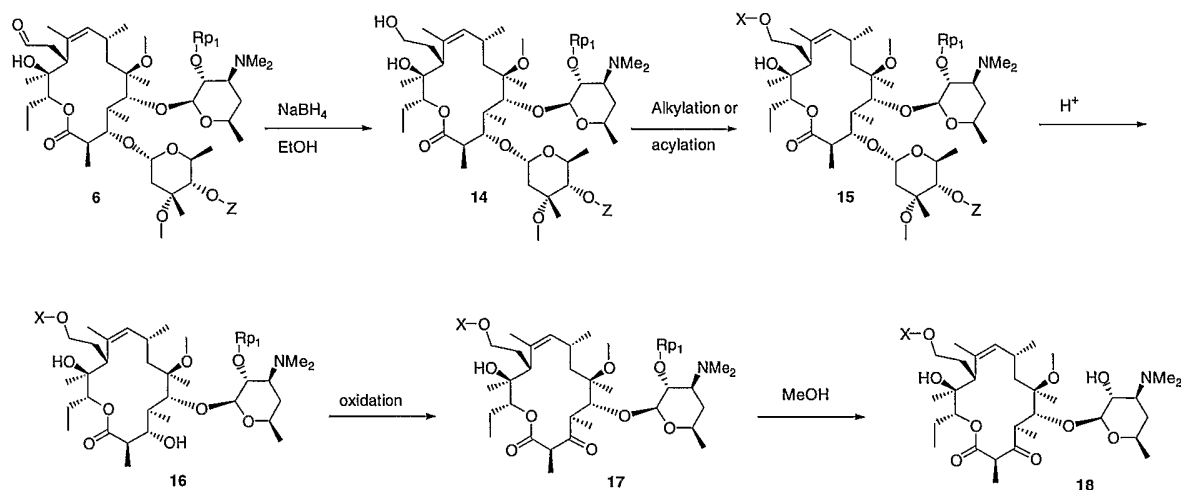
Scheme 2



In another process of the present invention for the preparation of the compounds of formula I, where W is hydrogen, (as shown in Scheme 2), compound **6** from Scheme 1 is reacted further by reductive amination methods with primary or secondary amines in the

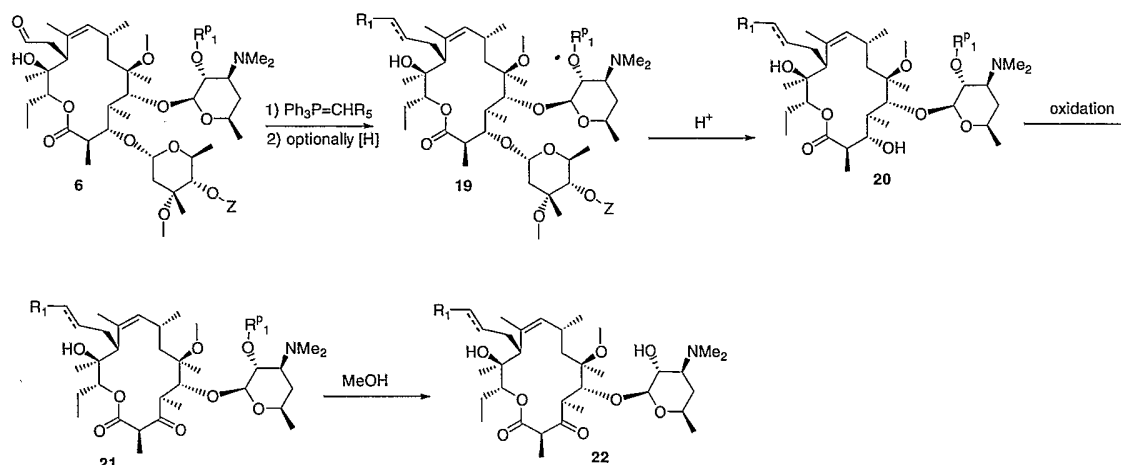
presence of sodium cyanoborohydride or similar reducing agents, in a protic solvent such as methanol, ethanol, isopropanol, or the like, to afford compound **10**, where R_7 and R_8 are as defined previously. Compound **10** is treated with acid as described in Scheme 1 to form compound **11**. Compound **10** is then oxidized and deprotected to provide compound **13** as described in Scheme 1.

Scheme 3



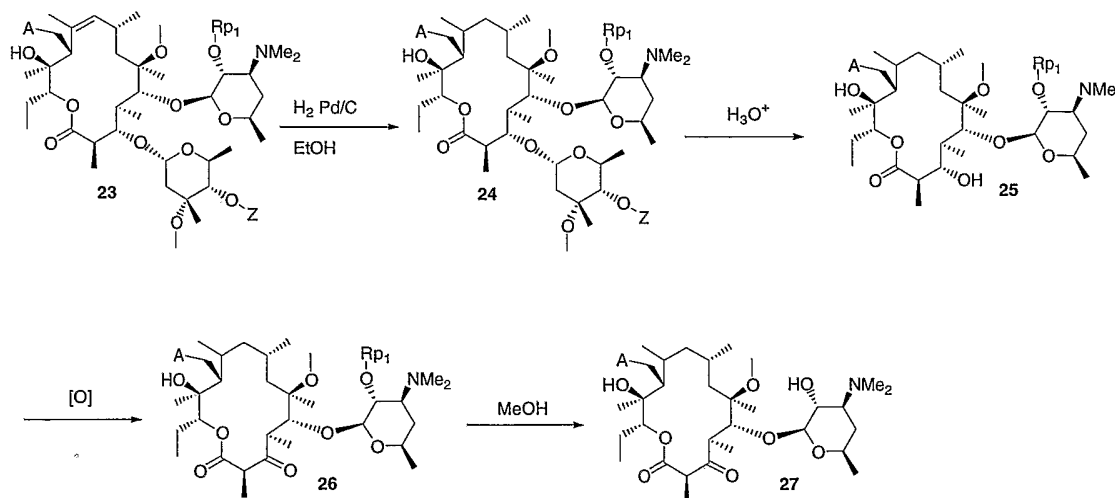
In another process of the present invention for the preparation of the compounds of formula I, where W is hydrogen, (as shown in Scheme 3), compound **6** from Scheme 1 is reduced with sodium cyanoborohydride, lithium borohydride, or the like, in a protic solvent such as methanol, ethanol, isopropanol or the like, or mixtures thereof, in an aprotic solvent such as THF, DME, or the like, at from about -20°C to about 50°C , to provide compound **14**. Compound **14** is then either alkylated or acylated to produce compound **15** where X is $-\text{R}_5$ or $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}_5$, and R_5 is as defined previously. The alkylating process is either performed with palladium catalyzed allylation with a tert-butyl allyl carbonate or is done with other alkylating agents, such as, for example, an alkyl halide, alkyl sulfonate, propargyl halide, allyl halide, benzylic halide, or the like, in the presence of a base such as sodium hydride, potassium hydride, potassium tert-butoxide, potassium hydroxide, KHMDS, or the like in an aprotic solvent such as THF, DMSO, DMF, dioxane, or the like, or mixtures thereof, at a temperature of from about -20°C to about 60°C . The acylation process involves the use of a carboxylic acid, its anhydride or mixed anhydride, an acid halide or other activated acyl derivatives, optionally with the addition of a coupling agent such as DCC or the like, and optionally with the addition of DMAP and imidazole or the like. Compound **15** is treated with acid as described in Scheme 1 to form compound **16**. Compound **16** is then oxidized and deprotected to provide compound **18** as described in Scheme 1.

Scheme 4



In another process of the present invention for the preparation of the compounds of formula I, where W is hydrogen, (as shown in Scheme 4), compound **6** from Scheme 1 is reacted with an alkyl, substituted alkyl, allylic, or propargylic phosphorane or phosphonate ylide in an aprotic solvent at a temperature of from about -20°C to about 80°C to afford compounds of formula **19**, where R_1 is as defined previously. Compound **19** is optionally hydrogenated with palladium on carbon, platinum oxide, or the like under 1-4 atmospheres of hydrogen in an organic solvent such as methanol, ethanol, ethyl acetate or the like at a temperature of from about 0°C to about 50°C for 1-36 hours to provide the corresponding saturated linker at the C-11 position. Compound **19** is treated with acid as described in Scheme 1 to form compound **20**. Compound **20** is then oxidized and deprotected to provide compound **22** as described in Scheme 1.

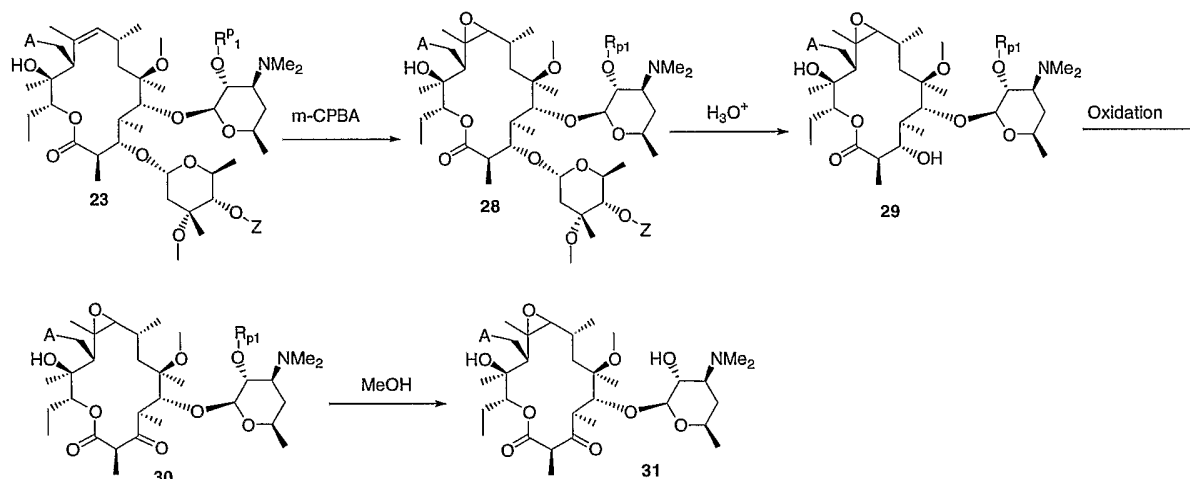
Scheme 5



A process of the present invention for the preparation of the compounds of formula II, where W is hydrogen, (as shown in Scheme 5) includes the step of reacting compound **23**

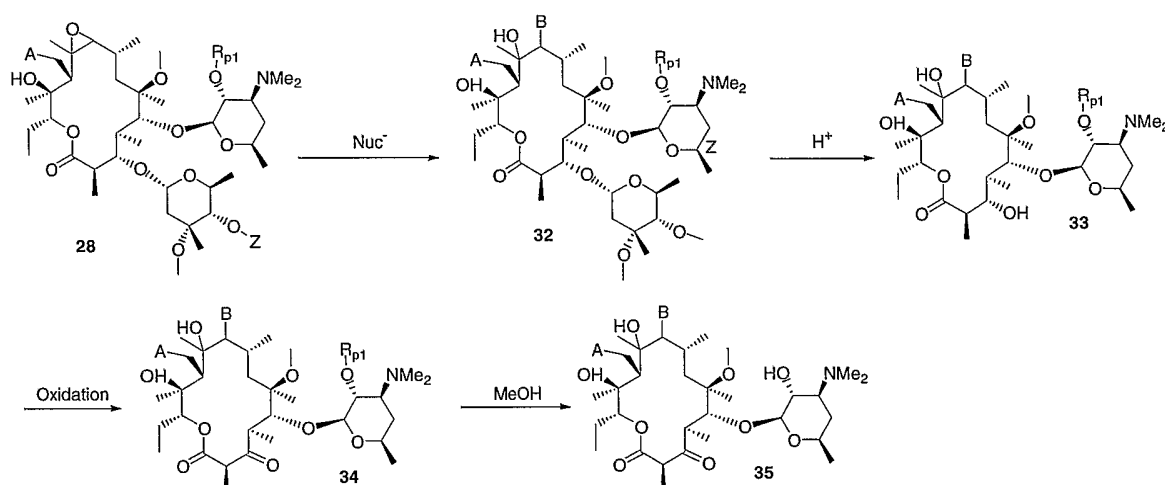
with palladium on carbon, platinum oxide, or the like under 1-50 atm of hydrogen in an organic solvent such as methanol, ethanol, ethyl acetate or the like at a temperature of from about 0°C to about 100°C for 1-36 hours to provide compound **24** in which the macrolide ring is saturated at C9 to C10. Compound **24** is treated with acid as described in Scheme 1 to form compound **25**. Compound **25** is then oxidized and deprotected to provide compound **27** as described in Scheme 1.

Scheme 6



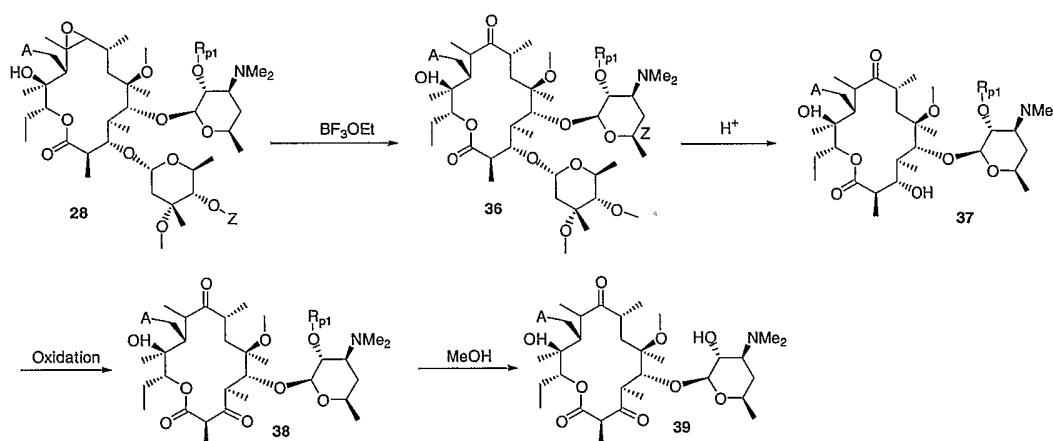
Another process of the present invention for the preparation of the compounds of formula II, where W is hydrogen, (as shown in Scheme 6) includes the step of reacting compound **23** of Scheme 5 with an oxidant such as *m*-CPBA, AcOOH, *t*-BuOOH or the like in an aprotic solvent to provide compound **28**. Compound **28** is hydrolyzed with acid as described in Scheme 1 to form compound **29**. Compound **29** is then oxidized and deprotected as described in Scheme 1 to provide compound **31**.

Scheme 7



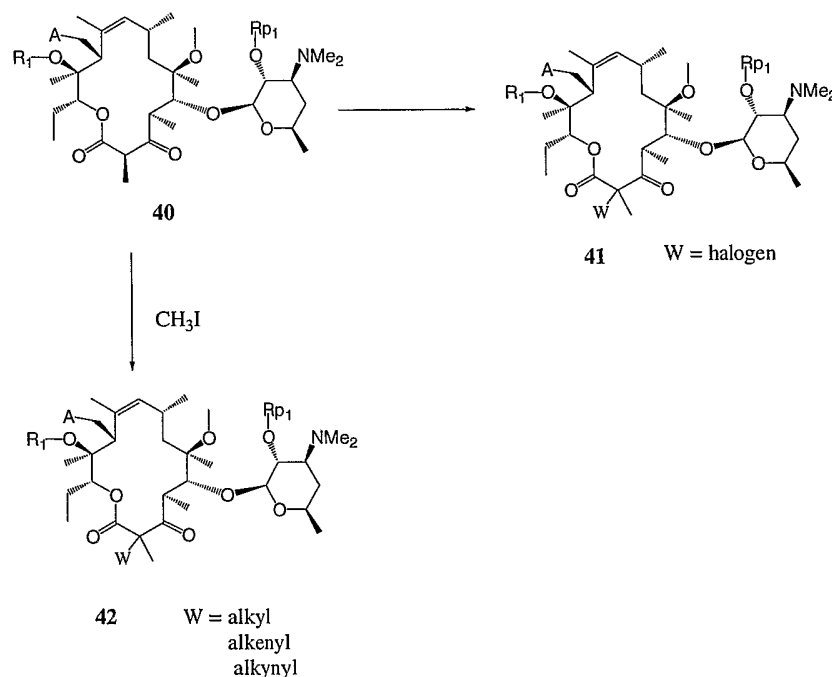
Another process of the present invention for the preparation of the compounds of formula II, where W is hydrogen, (as shown in Scheme 7) includes the step of alkylating compound **28** of Scheme 7 with an appropriate nucleophile, such as, for example, an alkyl, allylic, propargylic or aryl cuprate, or with azide, halide or cyanide anion, or the like to afford compound **32** where B is an alkyl, allyl, propargyl or aryl group, a nitrile, halide or azide. Compound **32** is then treated further as in Scheme 1 to effect hydrolysis, oxidation and deprotection to provide compound **35**.

Scheme 8



In another process of the present invention for the preparation of compounds of formula II, where W is hydrogen, (as shown in Scheme 8) compound **28** may be treated with Lewis acids such as BF_3 -etherate or MgBr_2 -etherate in an aprotic solvent to afford compound **36**. Compound **36** is then treated further as in Scheme 1 to effect hydrolysis, oxidation and deprotection to give compound **39**.

Scheme 9



Scheme 9 illustrates the procedure by which compounds of formula I, wherein W is other than hydrogen, can be prepared.

Compounds of formula **40** can be halogenated to form compounds of formula **41** by the process disclosed in U.S. Patent 6,124,269 and International Patent WO 00/62783 which are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety. Various halogenating reagents suitable in this procedure are as described below. Fluorinating reagents include, but are not limited to, *N*-fluorobenzenesulfonimide in the presence of a base, 10% F₂ in formic acid, 3,5-dichloro-1-fluoropyridinium tetrafluoroborate, 3,5-dichloro-1-fluoropyridinium triflate, (CF₃SO₂)₂NF, *N*-fluoro-*N*-methyl-*p*-toluenesulfonamide in the presence of base, *N*-fluoropyridinium triflate, *N*-fluoroperfluoropiperidine in the presence of base. Chlorinating reagents include, but are not limited to, hexachloroethane in the presence of base, CF₃CF₂CH₂ICl₂, SO₂Cl₂, SOCl₂, CF₃SO₂Cl in the presence of base, Cl₂, NaOCl in the presence of acetic acid. Brominating reagents include, but are not limited to, Br₂•pyridine•HBr, Br₂/acetic acid, *N*-bromosuccinimide in the presence of base, LDA/BrCH₂CH₂Br, or LDA/CBr₄. Suitable iodinating reagents for example are *N*-Iodosuccinimide in the presence of base, or I₂, or the like. A preferred halogenating reagent is *N*-fluorobenzenesulfonimide in the presence of sodium hydride.

Suitable bases for the halogenation reactions include, but are not limited to, alkali metal hydrides, such as NaH and KH, or amine bases, such as LDA or triethylamine, and the like. Suitable solvents are DMF, DMSO, pyrrolidinone and the like.

Alternatively, the C-2 position of compounds of formula **40** can be methylated by treatment with an alkyl halide, alkenyl halide or an alkynyl halide in the presence of a base such as K_2CO_3 , NaOH, NaH, LDH and the like, with or without a phase transfer catalyst such as tetrabutylammonium iodide, and the like, in THF, methylene chloride, DMF, DMSO, water and the like or combinations thereof, at from about 0°C to about 50°C for 1-24 hours to provide compounds of formula **42**. Both compounds of formula **41** and **42** can be deprotected upon treatment with methanol to remove the Rp_1 protecting group.

Although the processes shown in Scheme 9 have been illustrated and discussed with respect to compounds of formula I, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that compounds of formula II according to the invention can be prepared by similar techniques.

EXAMPLES

The procedures described above for preparing the compounds of the present invention will be better understood in connection with the following examples, which are intended to be illustrative only and not limiting of the scope of the invention. Various changes and modifications to the disclosed embodiments will be apparent to those skilled in the art. Such changes and modifications, including without limitation, those relating to the chemical structures, substituents, derivatives, intermediates, syntheses, formulations and/or methods of the invention may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention and the scope of the appended claims.

Example 1

Compound of formula I: A = -CHO, R_1 = H, W = H and Rp_1 = H

Step 1a. Compound 2 of Scheme 1: Z = Ac and Rp_1 = Ac

Acetic anhydride (2.1 mL, 22 mmol) was added dropwise over 5 minutes to a stirred 0°C solution of clarithromycin (7.48 g, 10 mmol), triethylamine (3.5 mL, 25 mmol), and DMAP (122 mg, 1 mmol) in 50 mL THF. The solution was stirred at 0°C for 1 hour, then allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred 14 hours. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (200 mL) and washed with 10% aqueous $CuSO_4$ (2 x 200 mL) and with brine (1 x 100 mL). The aqueous washes were back-extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 200 mL) and the

combined organic extracts dried over K_2CO_3 , filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the title compound as a white solid (8.2 g). This material was subjected to silica gel chromatography (elution with 3% MeOH in CH_2Cl_2) to afford 8.1 g (97%) of the title compound, analytically pure.

MS (ESI) $m/z = 832 (M+H)^+$.

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 221.3, 175.7, 170.6, 100.1, 95.9, 80.3, 78.7, 78.4, 77.8, 76.7, 74.4, 72.9, 72.1, 69.3, 67.4, 63.3 (2), 50.7, 49.5, 45.4, 45.0, 40.9, 38.8, 38.7, 37.4, 35.3, 31.3, 21.7, 21.3 (2), 21.1, 19.9, 18.5, 18.1, 16.3, 16.1, 14.4, 12.5, 10.7, 9.2.

Step 1b. Compound 3 of Scheme 1: Z = Ac and $Rp_1 = Ac$

A pressure tube was charged with the title compound of Step 1a (832 mg, 1 mmol), triethylamine (0.42 mL, 3 mmol), and ethylene carbonate (5 g). The mixture was flushed with nitrogen, sealed, and heated in an oil bath maintained at 85 – 90°C for 6 hours. The mixture was then cooled, diluted with 50 mL CH_2Cl_2 , and washed with H_2O (100 mL) followed by brine (50 mL). The aqueous washes were back-extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 x 50 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried (K_2CO_3), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give 3.9 g of a yellow solid. Purification by silica gel chromatography afforded the title compound (450 mg) along with 360 mg of unconverted starting material.

MS (ESI) $m/z = 815 (M+H)^+$.

Step 1c. Compound 4 of Scheme 1: Z = Ac and $Rp_1 = Ac$

Sodium borohydride (0.5 g, 13.3 mmol) was added portion-wise to a stirred methanolic solution of the compound from Step 1b (3.6 g in 50 mL). This solution was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was diluted with 200 mL aqueous $NaHCO_3$ and extracted with ether (4 x 100 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over K_2CO_3 , filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give 3.9 g of a solid residue which was purified by silica gel chromatography (elution with 2.5% MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2 , cont. NH_3) to afford 2.8 g (78%) of the title compound as a colorless solid.

MS (ESI) $m/z = 816 (M+H)^+$.

Step 1d. Compound 5 of Scheme 1: Z = Ac and $Rp_1 = Ac$

A 1 dram vial was charged with the compound of Step 1c (100 mg, 0.12 mmol), butylvinyl ether (1 mL), and $HgOAc$ (43 mg, 0.13 mmol). The vial was sealed and heated in a 60°C oil bath for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled, diluted to 50 mL with ether, and washed with aqueous $NaHCO_3$ (2 x 25 mL). The aqueous washes were back-extracted with ether (2 x 30 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over K_2CO_3 , filtered, and

concentrated *in vacuo* to give 125 mg of a colorless oil which was purified by silica gel chromatography (elution with 2% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ containing 0.2% NH₃) to afford the title compound as a colorless solid (94 mg, 93%).

MS (ESI) $m/z = 842$ (M+H)⁺.

Step 1e. Compound 6 of Scheme 1: Z = Ac and R_{p1} = Ac

A pressure tube equipped with a purge valve and thermowell was charged with the compound of Step 1d (450 mg, 0.53 mmol), BHT (12 mg, 0.05 mmol), and toluene (150 mL). The mixture was degassed by alternately stirring under vacuum, and purging with dry nitrogen. The vessel was sealed and heated via electric heating tape secured to the outside of the tube and controlled with thermocouple regulation to maintain an internal temperature of 200°C. The reaction mixture was maintained at this temperature for 6 hours then cooled and concentrated *in vacuo* to give 510 mg of yellow oil. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (elution with 2.5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂ cont. 0.2% NH₃) to afford 290 mg of the title compound, and 105 mg of unconverted starting material. The title compound existed as a mixture of hemiacetal in a ratio of 2:1.

MS (ESI) $m/z = 842$ (M+H)⁺.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.5, 170.8, 170.2, 135.5, 129.9, 99.8, 95.36, 95.6, 86.6, 84.9, 83.2, 80.0, 79.7, 78.9, 76.1, 73.2, 72.5, 67.5, 63.3, 63.1, 56.8, 53.1, 51.6, 49.5, 45.7, 44.8, 43.0, 40.9, 40.0, 35.4, 31.6, 28.2, 23.9, 22.6, 21.8, 21.7, 21.5, 21.1, 18.7, 17.9, 15.7, 14.6, 10.8, 10.6.

Step 1f. Compound 7 of Scheme 1: R_{p1} = Ac

The compound of Step 1e (30 mg) was taken up in 0.5 mL of 0.2N aqueous HCl. The solution was stirred at 50°C for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was quenched with aqueous NaHCO₃ and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic extracts were dried over K₂CO₃, filtered, and concentrated to afford 32 mg of residue. Purification of the crude product by silica gel chromatography gave 22 mg of the title compound as a white solid.

MS (ESI) $m/z = 742$ (M+H)⁺.

Step 1g. Compound of Formula 1: A = CHO, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = Ac

The title compound of Step 1f (10 mg, 134 μmol) was taken in CH₂Cl₂ and stirred at room temperature followed by the addition of 1,1,1-triacetoxy-1,1-dihydro-1,2-benziodoxol-3(1H)-one (Dess Martin Periodinane) in one portion (7.0 mg, 162 μmol). The solution was stirred for 4 hours, then placed directly on a silica gel column and eluted with 2%

CH₂Cl₂/MeOH /NH₃ 98:1.9:0.1. Pure fractions were combined to afford 7.6 mg of the title compound

MS (ESI) m/z = 740 (M+H)⁺.

Example 2

Compound of formula I: A = CH₂OH, R₁ = H, W = H and Rp₁ = H

Step 2a. Compound 14 of Scheme 3: Z = Ac and Rp₁ = Ac

The title compound from Step 1e of Example 1 (50 mg, 59 μmol) was taken up in 2 mL absolute methanol and cooled to 0°C. Sodium borohydride (12 mg, 300 μmol) was added in one portion and the mixture was stirred at 0°C for 30 minutes. then warmed to room temperature and stirred for an additional 1 hour. The reaction mixture was diluted with 10 mL sat. aqueous NaHCO₃ and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 x 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over K₂CO₃, filtered, and concentrated to give 55 mg of a colorless solid. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (elution with 3% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ cont. 0.3% NH₃) to afford 42mg of the title compound.

MS (ESI) m/z = 844 (M+H)⁺.

Step 2b-c: Compound of Formula I: A = CH₂OH, R₁ = H, W = H and Rp₁ = Ac

The title compound of Step 2a is treated according to the processes of Steps 1f and 1g to produce the title compound.

Step 2d: Compound of Formula I: A = CH₂OH, R₁ = H, W = H and Rp₁ = H

The title compound of Step 2c is treated according to the process of Step 1g of Example 1 to afford the title compound.

Example 3

Compound of formula I: A = CH₂OCO-[3-quinoly], R₁ = H, W = H and Rp₁ = H

Step 3a: Compound of formula I: A = CH₂OCO-[3-quinoly], R₁ = H, W = H and Rp₁ = Ac

The title compound from Step 2c of Example 2 is taken up in CH₂Cl₂. To this stirred solution is added sequentially 3-quinolinecarboxylic acid (1.2 molar equivalents), DMAP (1.2 molar equivalents), and DCC (1.2 molar equivalents). The mixture is stirred at room temperature for 1.5 hours and the entire solution is then placed directly on a small silica gel column and eluted with MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ to afford the title compound.

Step 3b: Compound of formula I: A = CH₂OCO-[3-quinoly], R₁ = H, and Rp₁ = H

The title compound of Step 3a is treated according to the process of Step 1g of Example 1 to obtain the title compound.

Example 4

Compound of formula I: A = CH₂OCO-[4-quinolyl], R₁ = H, W = H and Rp₁ = H

Step 4a: Compound of formula I: A = CH₂OCO-[4-quinolyl], R₁ = H, W = H and Rp₁ = Ac

The title compound is synthesized using the processes of Step 3a of Example 3 substituting 4-quinolinecarboxylic acid for 3-quinolinecarboxylic acid.

Step 4b: Compound of formula I: A = CH₂OCO-[4-quinolyl], R₁ = H, W = H and Rp₁ = H

The title compound of Step 4a is treated according to the process of Step 1g of Example 1 to obtain the title compound.

Example 5

Compound of formula I: A = CH=CH-phenyl, R₁ = H, W = H and Rp₁ = H

I) Formation of Ylide: To a stirred slurry of benzyltriphenylphosphonium bromide in THF is added NaHMDS (1 molar eq. of 1M in THF) dropwise. The mixture is stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes and then cooled to -20°C.

II) Olefination: A THF solution of the title compound from Step 1g of Example 1 is added dropwise to the above ylide solution. The mixture is stirred at -20°C for 30 minutes, warmed to room temperature and stirred for an additional 14 hours. The mixture is poured into sat. aq. NaHCO₃ and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic extracts are dried (K₂CO₃), filtered, and concentrated to afford a residue which is purified by silica gel chromatography to give the title compound.

Example 6

Compound of formula I: A = CH₂NH-benzyl, R₁ = H, W = H and Rp₁ = H

To a methanol solution of the title compound of Step 1g of Example 1 is added sequentially acetic acid (3 molar equivalents), benzyl amine (1.2 molar equivalents), and sodium cyanoborohydride (2 molar equivalents). The mixture is stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The reaction is quenched with 2 mL sat. aqueous NH₄Cl, and extracted with ether. The aqueous layer is then raised to pH 10 by addition of 1N KOH and further extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The CH₂Cl₂ extracts are dried over K₂CO₃, filtered and concentrated to give a residue which is purified by silica gel chromatography to give the title compound.

Example 7

Compound of formula I: A = CH₂NH-allyl, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H.

The title compound is synthesized from the compound of Step 1g of Example 1 under conditions identical to those described in Example 6, substituting allyl amine for benzyl amine.

Example 8

Compound of formula II: A = CHO, B = H, C = H, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

The title compound of Step 1g of Example 1 is taken up in ethanol and stirred under hydrogen pressure (1 to 3 atm.) in the presence of palladium catalyst (10% Pd on C). The reaction mixture is filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound.

Example 9

Compound of formula II: A = CHO, B and D taken together = -O-, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

Step 9a: Compound of formula II: A = CHO, B and D taken together = -O-, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = Ac

The product of Step 1f of Example 1 and 10% molar excess of MCPBA are taken up in CH₂Cl₂ and stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The reaction mixture is washed with dilute aqueous NaHSO₃ and brine and the aqueous washes are further extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic extracts are dried over K₂CO₃, filtered, and concentrated to give the crude product which is further purified by silica gel chromatography to afford the title compound.

Step 9b: Compound of formula II: A = CHO, B and D taken together = -O-, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

The product of Step 9a is treated according to the processes of Step 1g of Example 1 to afford the title compound.

Example 10

Compound of formula II: A = CHO, B and C taken together are =O, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

Step 10a: Compound of formula II: A = CHO, B and C taken together are =O, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = Ac

The product of Step 9a of Example 9 is taken up in anhydrous ether and stirred at -78°C while a 1.5-fold molar excess of $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ is added dropwise. The solution is allowed to warm slowly to room temperature and stirred at this temperature for 4 hours. The reaction mixture is partitioned between sat. aq. NaHCO_3 and ether. The aqueous layer is separated and further extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic extracts are dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated to give the title compound.

Step 10b: Compound of formula II: A = CHO, B and C taken together are =O, D = H, R_1 = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

The product of Step 10a is treated according to the processes of Step 1g of Example 1 to afford the title compound.

Example 11

Compound of formula II: A = CHO, B = OH, C = H, D = OH, R_1 = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Step 11a: Compound of formula II: A = CHO, B = OH, C = H, D = OH, R_1 = H, W = H and R_{p1} = Ac

The product of Step 1f of Example 1 and an equimolar quantity of NMO are taken up in *t*-BuOH and stirred at room temperature. A catalytic quantity of OsO_4 (4% solution in H_2O) is then added dropwise and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 16 hours. The reaction mixture is diluted with water and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic extracts are washed with brine, dried over K_2CO_3 , filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude title product which is further purified by silica gel chromatography.

Step 11b: Compound of formula II: A = CHO, B = OH, C = H, D = OH, R_1 = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

The product of Step 11a is treated according to the processes of Step 1g of Example 1 to afford the title compound.

Example 12

Compound of formula II: A = CH_2OH , B = H, C = H, D = H, R_1 = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

The title compound of Step 2b of Example 2 is treated according to the processes of Example 8 to afford the title compound.

Example 13

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OH, B and D taken together = -O-, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

Step 13a: Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OH, B and D taken together = -O-, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = Ac

The title compound of Step 2a of Example 2 is treated according to the processes of Example 9 to afford the title compound.

Step 13b: Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OH, B and D taken together = -O-, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

The title compound of Step 13a is treated according to the processes of Step 1g of Example 1 to afford the title compound.

Example 14

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OH, B and C taken together are =O, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

Step 14a: Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OH, B and C taken together are =O, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = Ac

The title compound of Step 13a of Example 13 is treated according to the procedures of Step 10a of Example 10 to give the title compound.

Step 14b: Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OH, B and C taken together are =O, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

The title compound of Step 14a is treated according to the processes of Step 1g of Example 1 to afford the title compound.

Example 15

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OH, B = OH, C = H, D = OH, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

The title compound of Step 2b of Example 2 is treated according to the procedures of Example 11 to afford the title compound.

Example 16

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[3-quinolyl], B = H, C = H, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

The title compound of Step 3b of Example 3 is treated according the procedures of Example 8 to give the title compound.

Example 17

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[3-quinolyl], B and D taken together = -O-, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and Rp₁ = H

Step 17a Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[3-quinolyl], B and D taken together = -O-, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and Rp₁ = Ac

The title compound of Step 3a of Example 3 is treated according to the processes of Step 9a of Example 9 to provide the title compound.

Step 17b Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[3-quinolyl], B and D taken together = -O-, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and Rp₁ = H

The title compound of Step 17a is treated according to the processes of Step 1g of Example 1 to give the title compound.

Example 18

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[3-quinolyl], B and C taken together are =O, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and Rp₁ = H

Step 18a: Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[3-quinolyl], B and C taken together are =O, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and Rp₁ = Ac

The title compound of Step 17a of Example 17 is treated according to the processes of Step 10a of Example 10 to provide the title compound.

Step 18b: Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[3-quinolyl], B and C taken together are =O, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and Rp₁ = H

The title compound of Step 18a is treated according to the processes of Step 1g of Example 1 to give the title compound.

Example 19

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[3-quinolyl], B = OH, C = H, D = OH, R₁ = H, W = H and Rp₁ = H

Step 19a: Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[3-quinolyl], B = OH, C = H, D = OH, R₁ = H, W = H and Rp₁ = Ac

The title compound of Step 3b of Example 3 is treated according to the processes of Step 11a of Example 11 to afford the title compound.

Step 19b: Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[3-quinolyl], B = OH, C = H, D = OH, R₁ = H, W = H and Rp₁ = H

The title compound of Step 19a is treated according to the processes of Step 1g of Example 1 to yield the title compound.

Example 20

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[4-quinolyl], B = H, C = H, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

The title compound of Step 4b OF example 4 is treated according the procedures of Example 8 to give the title compound.

Example 21

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[4-quinolyl], B and D taken together = -O-, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

Step 21a Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[4-quinolyl], B and D taken together = -O-, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = Ac

The title compound of Step 4a of Example 4 is treated according to the processes of Step 9a of Example 9 to provide the title compound.

Step 21b Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[4-quinolyl], B and D taken together = -O-, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

The title compound of Step 21a is treated according to the processes of Step 1g of Example 1 to give the title compound.

Example 22

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[4-quinolyl], B and C taken together are =O, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

Step 22a: Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[4-quinolyl], B and C taken together are =O, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = Ac

The title compound of Step 21a of Example 21 is treated according to the processes of Step 10a of Example 10 to provide the title compound.

Step 22b: Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[4-quinolyl], B and C taken together are =O, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

The title compound of Step 22a is treated according to the processes of Step 1g of Example 10 to give the title compound.

Example 23

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[4-quinolyl], B = OH, C = H, D = OH, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

Step 23a: Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[4-quinolyl], B = OH, C = H, D = OH, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = Ac

The title compound of Step 4b of Example 4 is treated according to the processes of Step 11a of Example 11 to afford the title compound.

Step 23b: Compound of formula II: A = CH₂OCO-[4-quinolyl], B = OH, C = H, D = OH, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

The title compound of Step 23a is treated according to the processes of Step 1g of Example 1 to yield the title compound.

Example 24

Compound of formula II: A = CH=CH-phenyl, B = H, C = H, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

The title compound is synthesized under conditions identical to those described in Example 5 using the title compound of Example 8 as the aldehyde.

Example 25

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-benzyl, B = H, C = H, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

The title compound is synthesized under conditions identical to those described in Example 6 using the title compound of Example 8 as the aldehyde.

Example 26

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-benzyl, B and D taken together = -O-, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

The title compound of Example 6 is treated according to the processes of Step 9a of Example 9 to provide the title compound.

Example 27

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-benzyl, B and C taken together are =O, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

The title compound of Example 26 is treated according to the processes of Step 10a of Example 10 to provide the title compound.

Example 28

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-benzyl, B = OH, C = H, D = OH, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

The title compound of Example 6 is treated according to the processes of Example 11 to afford the title compound.

Example 29

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-allyl, B = H, C = H, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

The title compound of Example 8 is treated under conditions identical to those described in Example 7 to provide the title compound.

Example 30

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-allyl, B and D taken together are -O-, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

The title compound of Example 7 is treated according to the processes of Step 9a of Example 9 to provide the title compound.

Example 31

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-allyl, B and C taken together are =O, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H

The title compound of Example 30 is treated according to the processes of Step 10a of Example 10 to provide the title compound.

Example 32

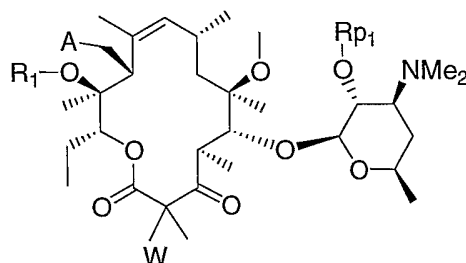
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The title compound of Example 7 is treated according to the processes of Example 11 to afford the title compound.

Although the invention has been described with respect to various preferred embodiments, it is not intended to be limited thereto, but rather those skilled in the art will recognize that variations and modifications may be made therein which are within the spirit of the invention and the scope of the appended claims.

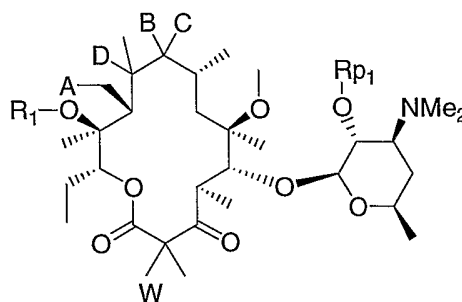
What Is Claimed Is:

1. A compound represented by the formula



(I)

or



(II)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,
wherein

A is selected from the group consisting of

- (1) C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl and C₂-C₆-alkynyl, optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:

- i. halogen;
- ii. aryl;
- iii. substituted aryl;
- iv. heterocyclic;
- v. substituted heterocyclic;
- vi. -O-R₅, where R₅ is selected from the group consisting of:
 - a. hydrogen;
 - b. aryl;
 - c. substituted aryl;
 - d. heterocyclic; and

- e. substituted heterocyclic;
- vii. -O-C₁-C₆-alkyl-R₅, where R₅ is as previously defined;
- viii. -O-C₂-C₆-alkenyl-R₅, where R₅ is as previously defined;
- ix. -O-C₂-C₆-alkynyl-R₅, where R₅ is as previously defined; and
- x. -NR₆R₇, where R₆ and R₇ are each independently selected from the group consisting of:
 - a. hydrogen;
 - b. C₁-C₆-alkyl, optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:
 - (I) halogen;
 - (II) aryl;
 - (III) substituted aryl;
 - (IV) heterocyclic; and
 - (V) substituted heterocyclic;
 - c. C₂-C₆-alkenyl, optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:
 - (I) halogen;
 - (II) aryl;
 - (III) substituted aryl;
 - (IV) heterocyclic; and
 - (V) substituted heterocyclic;
 - d. C₂-C₆-alkynyl, optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:
 - (I) halogen;
 - (II) aryl;
 - (III) substituted aryl;
 - (IV) heterocyclic; and
 - (V) substituted heterocyclic, and
 - e. R₆ R₇ taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are connected form a 3- to 7-membered ring which may optionally contain one or more functions selected from the group consisting of:
 - (I) -O-;
 - (II) -NH-;

(III) $-N(C_1-C_6\text{-alkyl})-$;

(IV) $-N(\text{aryl})-$;

(V) $-N(\text{heteroaryl})-$;

(VI) $-S-$;

(VII) $-S(O)-$;

(VIII) $-S(O)_2-$; and

(IX) $-C(O)-$;

(2) $-C(O)-R_5$, where R_5 is as previously defined;

(3) $-C(O)-C_1-C_6\text{-alkyl}-R_5$, where R_5 is as previously defined;

(4) $-C(O)-C_2-C_6\text{-alkenyl}-R_5$, where R_5 is as previously defined;

(5) $-C(O)-C_2-C_6\text{-alkynyl}-R_5$, where R_5 is as previously defined;

(6) $C_1-C_6\text{-alkyl}-M-R_5$, where M is $-OC(O)-$, $-OC(O)O-$, $-OC(O)NR_6-$, $-NR_6C(O)-$, $-NR_6C(O)O-$, $-NR_6C(O)NR_7-$, $-NR_6C(N)NR_7-$ or $S(O)_n-$, where $n = 0, 1$ or 2 , and where R_5, R_6, R_7 are as previously defined;

(7) $-C_2-C_6\text{-alkenyl}-M-R_5$, where M and R_5 are as previously defined; and

(8) $-C_2-C_6\text{-alkynyl}-M-R_5$, where M and R_5 are as previously defined;

B, C, and D may be present singly or in combination and are each independently selected from the group consisting of:

(1) hydrogen;

(2) halogen;

(3) $C_1-C_6\text{-alkyl}$,

(4) aryl;

(5) substituted aryl;

(6) heterocyclic;

(7) substituted heterocyclic;

(8) $O-R_5$ where R_5 is as previously defined;

(9) B and C taken together are $=O$;

(10) B and C taken together are $=N-O-R_5$, where R_5 is as previously defined;

(11) B and C taken together are $=N-N-R_6R_7$, where R_6 and R_7 are as previously defined;

(12) B and D taken together are $-O-$;

(13) B and D taken together are $-S-$;

(14) B and D taken together are $-N(R_6)-$, where R_6 is as previously defined; and

(15) B and D taken together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached form a 4- to 8-membered ring which may optionally contain one or more functions selected from the group consisting of:

- i. $-O-$;
- ii. $-NH-$;
- iii. $-N(C_1-C_6\text{-alkyl})-$;
- iv. $-N(\text{aryl})-$;
- v. $-N(\text{heteroaryl})-$;
- vi. $-S-$;
- vii. $-S(O)-$;
- viii. $-S(O)_2-$; and
- ix. $-C(O)-$;

R_1 is selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen;
- (2) R_3 , where R_3 is C_1-C_6 -alkyl, C_2-C_6 -alkenyl or C_2-C_6 -alkynyl, optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:

- i. halogen;
- ii. aryl;
- iii. substituted-aryl;
- iv. heteroaryl;
- v. substituted-heteroaryl;
- vi. $-O-C_1-C_6\text{-alkyl}-R_5$, where R_5 is as previously defined; and
- vii. $-N-R_6R_7$, where R_6 and R_7 are as previously defined;

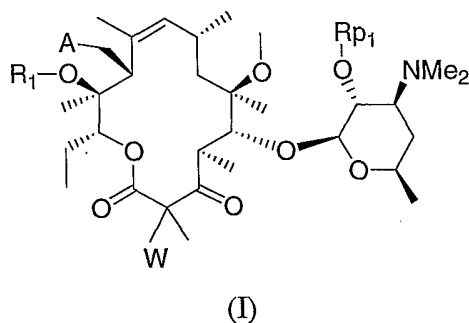
- (3) $C(O)-R_4$, where R_4 is hydrogen or R_3 , where R_3 is as previously defined;
- (4) $-C(O)O-R_3$, where R_3 is as previously defined; and
- (5) $-C(O)N-R_6R_7$, where R_6 and R_7 are as previously defined;

W is selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen;
- (2) halogen;
- (3) C_1-C_6 -alkyl;
- (4) C_2-C_6 -alkenyl; and
- (5) C_2-C_6 -alkynyl; and

R_{p1} is hydrogen or a hydroxy protecting group.

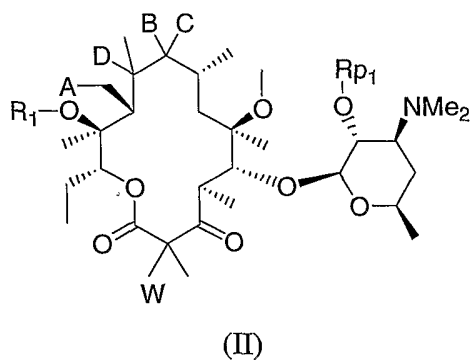
2. A compound as defined in claim 1 which is represented by the formula



where A, R₁, W and Rp₁ are as defined in claim 1.

3. A compound as defined in claim 2 wherein R₁ is hydrogen, W is hydrogen or halogen, and A and Rp₁ are as defined in claim 1.

4. A compound as defined in claim 1 which is represented by the formula



wherein A, B, C, D, R₁, W and Rp₁ are as defined in claim 1.

5. A compound as defined in claim 4 wherein R₁ is hydrogen, W is hydrogen or halogen, and A, B, C, D and Rp₁ are as defined in claim 1.

6. A compound as defined in claim 1 which is selected from the group consisting of:

Compound of formula I: A = CHO, R₁ = H, W = H and Rp₁ = H;

Compound of formula I: A = CH₂OH, R₁ = H, W = H and Rp₁ = H;

- Compound of formula I: $A = \text{CH}_2\text{OCO}-[3\text{-quinolyl}]$, $R_1 = \text{H}$, $W = \text{H}$ and $\text{Rp}_1 = \text{H}$;
- Compound of formula I: $A = \text{CH}_2\text{OCO}-[4\text{-quinolyl}]$, $R_1 = \text{H}$, $W = \text{H}$ and $\text{Rp}_1 = \text{H}$;
- Compound of formula I: $A = \text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{phenyl}$, $R_1 = \text{H}$, $W = \text{H}$ and $\text{Rp}_1 = \text{H}$;
- Compound of formula I: $A = \text{CH}_2\text{NH}-\text{benzyl}$, $R_1 = \text{H}$, $W = \text{H}$ and $\text{Rp}_1 = \text{H}$;
- Compound of formula I: $A = \text{CH}_2\text{NH}-\text{allyl}$, $R_1 = \text{H}$, $Z = \text{H}$ and $\text{Rp}_1 = \text{H}$;
- Compound of formula II: $A = \text{CHO}$, $B = \text{H}$, $C = \text{H}$, $D = \text{H}$, $R_1 = \text{H}$, $W = \text{H}$ and $\text{Rp}_1 = \text{H}$;
- Compound of formula II: $A = \text{CHO}$, B and D taken together = $-\text{O}-$, $C = \text{H}$, $R_1 = \text{H}$, $W = \text{H}$ and $\text{Rp}_1 = \text{H}$;
- Compound of formula II: $A = \text{CHO}$, B and C taken together are $=\text{O}$, $D = \text{H}$, $R_1 = \text{H}$, $W = \text{H}$ and $\text{Rp}_1 = \text{H}$;
- Compound of formula II: $A = \text{CHO}$, $B = \text{OH}$, $C = \text{H}$, $D = \text{OH}$, $R_1 = \text{H}$, $W = \text{H}$ and $\text{Rp}_1 = \text{H}$;
- Compound of formula II: $A = \text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, $B = \text{H}$, $C = \text{H}$, $D = \text{H}$, $R_1 = \text{H}$, $W = \text{H}$ and $\text{Rp}_1 = \text{H}$;
- Compound of formula II: $A = \text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, B and D taken together = $-\text{O}-$, $C = \text{H}$, $R_1 = \text{H}$, $W = \text{H}$ and $\text{Rp}_1 = \text{H}$;
- Compound of formula II: $A = \text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, B and C taken together are $=\text{O}$, $D = \text{H}$, $R_1 = \text{H}$, $W = \text{H}$ and $\text{Rp}_1 = \text{H}$;
- Compound of formula II: $A = \text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, $B = \text{OH}$, $C = \text{H}$, $D = \text{OH}$, $R_1 = \text{H}$, $W = \text{H}$ and $\text{Rp}_1 = \text{H}$;
- Compound of formula II: $A = \text{CH}_2\text{OCO}-[3\text{-quinolyl}]$, $B = \text{H}$, $C = \text{H}$, $D = \text{H}$, $R_1 = \text{H}$, $W = \text{H}$ and $\text{Rp}_1 = \text{H}$;
- Compound of formula II: $A = \text{CH}_2\text{OCO}-[3\text{-quinolyl}]$, B and D taken together = $-\text{O}-$, $C = \text{H}$, $R_1 = \text{H}$, $W = \text{H}$ and $\text{Rp}_1 = \text{H}$;
- Compound of formula II: $A = \text{CH}_2\text{OCO}-[3\text{-quinolyl}]$, B and C taken together are $=\text{O}$, $D = \text{H}$, $R_1 = \text{H}$, $W = \text{H}$ and $\text{Rp}_1 = \text{H}$;
- Compound of formula II: $A = \text{CH}_2\text{OCO}-[3\text{-quinolyl}]$, $B = \text{OH}$, $C = \text{H}$, $D = \text{OH}$, $R_1 = \text{H}$, $W = \text{H}$ and $\text{Rp}_1 = \text{H}$;
- Compound of formula II: $A = \text{CH}_2\text{OCO}-[4\text{-quinolyl}]$, $B = \text{H}$, $C = \text{H}$, $D = \text{H}$, $R_1 = \text{H}$, $W = \text{H}$ and $\text{Rp}_1 = \text{H}$;
- Compound of formula II: $A = \text{CH}_2\text{OCO}-[4\text{-quinolyl}]$, B and D taken together = $-\text{O}-$, $C = \text{H}$, $R_1 = \text{H}$, $W = \text{H}$ and $\text{Rp}_1 = \text{H}$;
- Compound of formula II: $A = \text{CH}_2\text{OCO}-[4\text{-quinolyl}]$, B and C taken together are $=\text{O}$, $D = \text{H}$, $R_1 = \text{H}$, $W = \text{H}$ and $\text{Rp}_1 = \text{H}$;
- Compound of formula II: $A = \text{CH}_2\text{OCO}-[4\text{-quinolyl}]$, $B = \text{OH}$, $C = \text{H}$, $D = \text{OH}$, $R_1 = \text{H}$, $W = \text{H}$ and $\text{Rp}_1 = \text{H}$;

Compound of formula II: A = CH=CH-phenyl, B = H, C = H, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-benzyl, B = H, C = H, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-benzyl, B and D taken together = -O-, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-benzyl, B and C taken together are =O, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-benzyl, B = OH, C = H, D = OH, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-allyl, B = H, C = H, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-allyl, B and D taken together = -O-, C = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H;

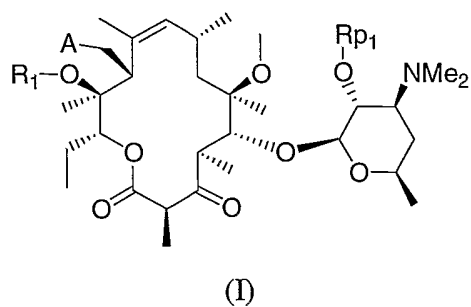
Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-allyl, B and C taken together are =O, D = H, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H; and

Compound of formula II: A = CH₂NH-allyl, B = OH, C = H, D = OH, R₁ = H, W = H and R_{p1} = H.

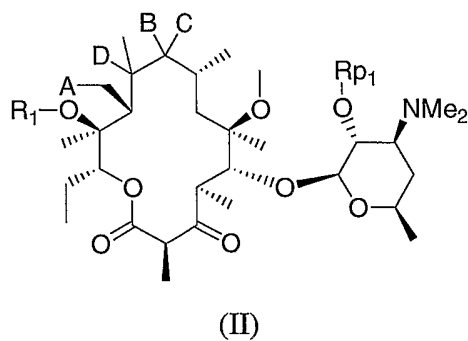
7. A pharmaceutical composition for treating bacterial infections comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

8. A method for treating bacterial infections comprising administering to an animal in need of such treatment a pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof.

9. A process for preparing a compound represented by the formula

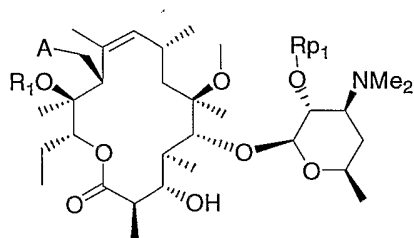


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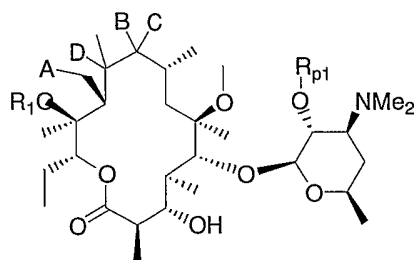


wherein A, B, C, D, R_1 , and Rp_1 are as defined in claim 1, comprising:

- (a) oxidizing a compound represented by the formula



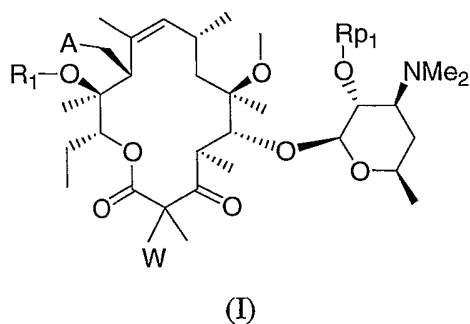
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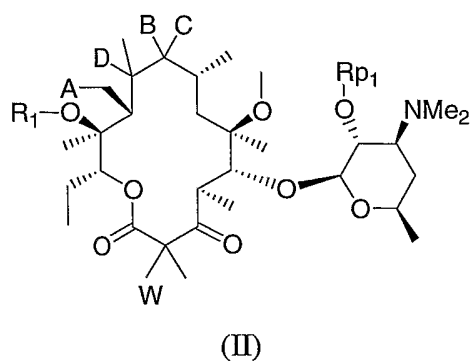
with an oxidizing agent to provide the desired compound; and

(b) optionally deprotecting a compound of (a) to form a compound of formula I or formula II wherein A, B, C, D and R₁ are as previously defined and R_{p1} is hydrogen.

10. A process for preparing a compound represented by the formula

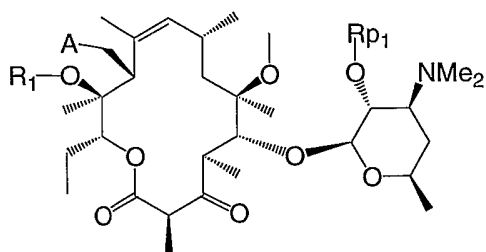


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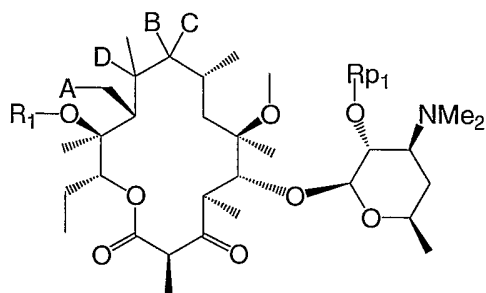


where A, B, C, D, R₁ and R_{p1} are as defined in claim 1 and W is selected from the group consisting of halogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl and C₂-C₆-alkynyl, comprising:

(a) halogenating or alkylating a compound represented by the formula



or



where A, B, C, D and R₁ are as previously defined and Rp₁ is a hydroxy-protecting group;
and

(b) optionally deprotecting a compound of (a) to form a compound of formula I or formula II wherein A, B, C, D and Rp₁ are as previously defined and Rp₁ is hydrogen.