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Description

Field of the Invention

[0001] The present invention relates to sulfonylureas comprising a non-aromatic heterocyclic group comprising one ring nitrogen atom, and further comprising a second cyclic group substituted at the α-position, and to associated salts, solvates and pharmaceutical compositions. The present invention further relates to such compounds for use in the treatment and prevention of medical disorders and diseases.

Background

[0002] The NOD-like receptor (NLR) family, pyrin domain-containing protein 3 (NLRP3) inflammasome is a component of the inflammatory process, and its aberrant activity is pathogenic in inherited disorders such as cryopyrin-associated periodic syndromes (CAPS) and complex diseases such as multiple sclerosis, type 2 diabetes, Alzheimer's disease and atherosclerosis.

[0003] NLRP3 is an intracellular signalling molecule that senses many pathogen-derived, environmental and host-derived factors. Upon activation, NLRP3 binds to apoptosis-associated speck-like protein containing a caspase activation and recruitment domain (ASC). ASC then polymerises to form a large aggregate known as an ASC speck. Polymerised ASC in turn interacts with the cysteine protease caspase-i to form a complex termed the inflammasome. This results in the activation of caspase-i, which cleaves the precursor forms of the proinflammatory cytokines IL-1β and IL-18 (termed pro-IL-1β and pro-IL-18 respectively) to thereby activate these cytokines. Caspase-i also mediates a type of inflammatory cell death known as pyroptosis. The ASC speck can also recruit and activate caspase-8, which can process pro-IL-1β and pro-IL-18 and trigger apoptotic cell death.

[0004] Caspase-i cleaves pro-IL-1β and pro-IL-18 to their active forms, which are secreted from the cell. Active caspase-i also cleaves gasdermin-D to trigger pyroptosis. Through its control of the pyroptotic cell death pathway, caspase-i also mediates the release of alarmin molecules such as IL-33 and high mobility group box 1 protein (HMGBi). Caspase-i also cleaves intracellular IL-1R2 resulting in its degradation and allowing the release of IL-1α. In human cells caspase-i may also control the processing and secretion of IL-37. A number of other caspase-i substrates such as components of the cytoskeleton and glycolysis pathway may contribute to caspase-i-dependent inflammation.

[0005] NLRP3-dependent ASC specks are released into the extracellular environment where they can activate caspase-i, induce processing of caspase-i substrates and propagate inflammation.

[0006] Active cytokines derived from NLRP3 inflammasome activation are important drivers of inflammation and interact with other cytokine pathways to shape the immune response to infection and injury. For example, IL-1β signalling induces the secretion of the pro-inflammatory cytokines IL-6 and TNF. IL-1β and IL-18 synergise with IL-23 to induce IL-17 production by memory CD4 Th17 cells and by γδ T cells in the absence of T cell receptor engagement. IL-18 and IL-12 also synergise to induce IFN-γ production from memory T cells and NK cells driving a Thi response.

[0007] The inherited CAPS diseases Muckle-Wells syndrome (MWS), familial cold autoinflammatory syndrome (FCAS) and neonatal-onset multisystem inflammatory disease (NOMID) are caused by gain-of-function mutations in NLRP3, thus defining NLRP3 as a critical component of the inflammatory process. NLRP3 has also been implicated in the pathogenesis of a number of complex diseases, notably including metabolic disorders such as type 2 diabetes, atherosclerosis, obesity and gout.

[0008] A role for NLRP3 in diseases of the central nervous system is emerging, and lung diseases have also been shown to be influenced by NLRP3. Furthermore, NLRP3 has a role in the development of liver disease, kidney disease and aging. Many of these associations were defined using *Nlrp3*$^{-/-}$ mice, but there have also been insights into the specific activation of NLRP3 in these diseases. In type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2D), the deposition of islet amyloid polypeptide in the pancreas activates NLRP3 and IL-1β signaling, resulting in cell death and inflammation.

[0009] Several small molecules have been shown to inhibit the NLRP3 inflammasome. Glyburide inhibits IL-1β production at micromolar concentrations in response to the activation of NLRP3 but not NLRC4 or NLRP1. Other previously characterised weak NLRP3 inhibitors include parthenolide, 3,4-methylenedioxy-β-nitrostyrene and dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), although these agents have limited potency and are nonspecific.

[0010] Current treatments for NLRP3-related diseases include biologic agents that target IL-1. These are the recombinant IL-1 receptor antagonist anakinra, the neutralizing IL-1β antibody canakinumab and the soluble decoy IL-1 receptor rilonacept. These approaches have proven successful in the treatment of CAPS, and these biologic agents have been used in clinical trials for other IL-1β-associated diseases.

[0011] Some diarylsulfonylurea-containing compounds have been identified as cytokine release inhibitory drugs (CRIDs) (Perregaux et al.; J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther. 299, 187-197, 2001). CRIDs are a class of diarylsulfonylurea-containing compounds that inhibit the post-translational processing of IL-1β. Post-translational processing of IL-1β is accompanied by activation of caspase-i and cell death. CRIDs arrest activated monocytes so that caspase-i remains

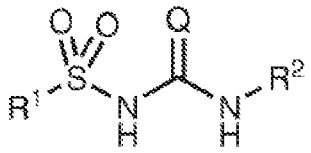
inactive and plasma membrane latency is preserved.

[0012] Certain sulfonylurea-containing compounds are also disclosed as inhibitors of NLRP3 (see for example, Baldwin et al., J. Med. Chem., 59(5), 1691-1710, 2016; and WO 2016/131098 A1, WO 2017/129897 A1, WO 2017/140778 A1, WO 2017/184604 A1, WO 2017/184623 A1, WO 2017/184624 A1 and WO 2018/015445 A1).

[0013] There is a need to provide compounds with improved pharmacological and/or physiological and/or physico-chemical properties and/or those that provide a useful alternative to known compounds.

Summary of the Invention

[0014] A first aspect of the invention provides a compound of formula (I):

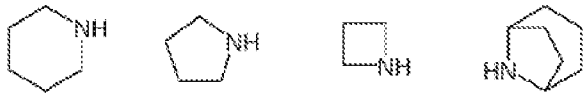


Formula (I)

wherein:

Q is O;

R^1 is a non-aromatic heterocyclic group selected from:



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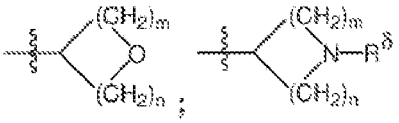
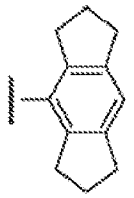
wherein R^1 is attached to the sulfur atom of the sulfonylurea group by a ring carbon atom, and wherein R^1 may optionally be substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from halo; -CN; $-NO_2$; $-N_3$; $-R^\beta$; -OH; $-OR^\beta$; -SH; $-SR^\beta$; $-SO_2R^\beta$; $-NH_2$; $-NHR^\beta$; $-N(R^\beta)_2$; -CHO; -CORP; -COOH; -COORP; -OCORP; $-R^\alpha$-CHO; $-R^\alpha$-COR^β; $-R^\alpha$-COOH; $-R^\alpha$-$COOR^\beta$; $-R^\alpha$-$OCOR^\beta$; -NH-CHO; $-NR^\beta$-CHO; -NH-COR^β; $-NR^\beta$-COR^β; $-CONH_2$; $-CONHR^\beta$; $-CON(R^\beta)_2$; $-R^\alpha$-NH-CHO; $-R^\alpha$-NR^β-CHO; $-R^\alpha$-NH-COR^β; $-R^\alpha$-NR^β-COR^β; $-R^\alpha$-$CONH_2$; $-R^\alpha$-$CONHR^\beta$; $-R^\alpha$-$CON(R^\beta)_2$; a C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl group optionally substituted with one or more C_1-C_3 alkyl or C_1-C_3 haloalkyl groups; a C_3-C_7 cycloalkenyl group optionally substituted with one or more C_1-C_3 alkyl or C_1-C_3 haloalkyl groups;



; oxo (=O); or a C_1-C_4 alkylene bridge;

each $-R^\alpha$- is independently selected from an alkylene, alkenylene or alkynylene group, wherein the alkylene, alkenylene or alkynylene group contains from 1 to 6 carbon atoms in its backbone, and wherein the alkylene, alkenylene or alkynylene group may optionally be substituted with one or more halo and/or $-R^\beta$ groups;
each $-R^\beta$ is independently selected from a C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl or C_2-C_6 cyclic group, and wherein any $-R^\beta$ may optionally be substituted with one or more C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, $-O(C_1$-C_3 alkyl), halo, -CN, -C≡CH or oxo (=O) groups;
each $-R^\delta$ is independently selected from a C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_1-C_3 haloalkyl group;
each m is independently selected from 1, 2 or 3;
each n is independently selected from 1, 2 or 3; and
R^2 is:



[0015] In the context of the present specification, a "hydrocarbyl" substituent group or a hydrocarbyl moiety in a substituent group only includes carbon and hydrogen atoms but, unless stated otherwise, does not include any heteroatoms, such as N, O or S, in its carbon skeleton. A hydrocarbyl group/moiety may be saturated or unsaturated (including aromatic), and may be straight-chained or branched, or be or include cyclic groups wherein, unless stated otherwise, the cyclic group does not include any heteroatoms, such as N, O or S, in its carbon skeleton. Examples of hydrocarbyl groups include alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl and aryl groups/moieties and combinations of all of these groups/moieties. Typically a hydrocarbyl group is a C_1-C_{20} hydrocarbyl group. More typically a hydrocarbyl group is a C_1-C_{15} hydrocarbyl group. More typically a hydrocarbyl group is a C_1-C_{10} hydrocarbyl group. A "hydrocarbylene" group is similarly defined as a divalent hydrocarbyl group.

[0016] In the context of the present specification, unless otherwise stated, an "alkyl" substituent group or an alkyl moiety in a substituent group may be linear or branched. Examples of alkyl groups/moieties include methyl, ethyl, *n*-propyl, *i*-propyl, *n*-butyl, *i*-butyl, *t*-butyl and *n*-pentyl groups/moieties. Unless stated otherwise, the term "alkyl" does not include "cycloalkyl". Typically an alkyl group is a C_1-C_{12} alkyl group. More typically an alkyl group is a C_1-C_6 alkyl group. An "alkylene" group is similarly defined as a divalent alkyl group.

[0017] An "alkenyl" substituent group or an alkenyl moiety in a substituent group refers to an unsaturated alkyl group or moiety having one or more carbon-carbon double bonds. Examples of alkenyl groups/moieties include ethenyl, propenyl, 1-butenyl, 2-butenyl, 1-pentenyl, 1-hexenyl, 1,3-butadienyl, 1,3-pentadienyl, 1,4-pentadienyl and 1,4-hexadienyl groups/moieties. Unless stated otherwise, the term "alkenyl" does not include "cycloalkenyl". Typically an alkenyl group is a C_2-C_{12} alkenyl group. More typically an alkenyl group is a C_2-C_6 alkenyl group. An "alkenylene" group is similarly defined as a divalent alkenyl group.

[0018] An "alkynyl" substituent group or an alkynyl moiety in a substituent group refers to an unsaturated alkyl group or moiety having one or more carbon-carbon triple bonds.

[0019] Examples of alkynyl groups/moieties include ethynyl, propargyl, but-1-ynyl and but-2-ynyl. Typically an alkynyl group is a C_2-C_{12} alkynyl group. More typically an alkynyl group is a C_2-C_6 alkynyl group. An "alkynylene" group is similarly defined as a divalent alkynyl group.

[0020] A "cyclic" substituent group or a cyclic moiety in a substituent group refers to any hydrocarbyl ring, wherein the hydrocarbyl ring may be saturated or unsaturated (including aromatic) and may include one or more heteroatoms, e.g. N, O or S, in its carbon skeleton. Examples of cyclic groups include cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocyclic, aryl and heteroaryl groups as discussed below. A cyclic group may be monocyclic, bicyclic (e.g. bridged, fused or spiro), or polycyclic. Typically, a cyclic group is a 3- to 12-membered cyclic group, which means it contains from 3 to 12 ring atoms. More typically, a cyclic group is a 3- to 7-membered monocyclic group, which means it contains from 3 to 7 ring atoms.

[0021] As used herein, where it is stated that a cyclic group is monocyclic, it is to be understood that the cyclic group is not substituted with a divalent bridging substituent (e.g. -O-, -S-, -NH-, -N(RP)- or -R$^{\alpha}$-) so as to form a bridged, fused or spiro substituent. However, unless stated otherwise, a substituted monocyclic group may be substituted with one or more monovalent cyclic groups. Similarly, where it is stated that a group is bicyclic, it is to be understood that the cyclic group including any bridged, fused or spiro divalent bridging substituents attached to the cyclic group, but excluding any monovalent cyclic substituents, is bicyclic.

[0022] A "heterocyclic" substituent group or a heterocyclic moiety in a substituent group refers to a cyclic group or moiety including one or more carbon atoms and one or more heteroatoms, e.g. N, O or S, in the ring structure. Examples of heterocyclic groups include heteroaryl groups as discussed below and non-aromatic heterocyclic groups such as azetidinyl, azetinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydrothiophenyl, tetrahydropyranyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, oxetanyl, thietanyl, pyrazolidinyl, imidazolidinyl, dioxolanyl, oxathiolanyl, thianyl, and dioxanyl groups.

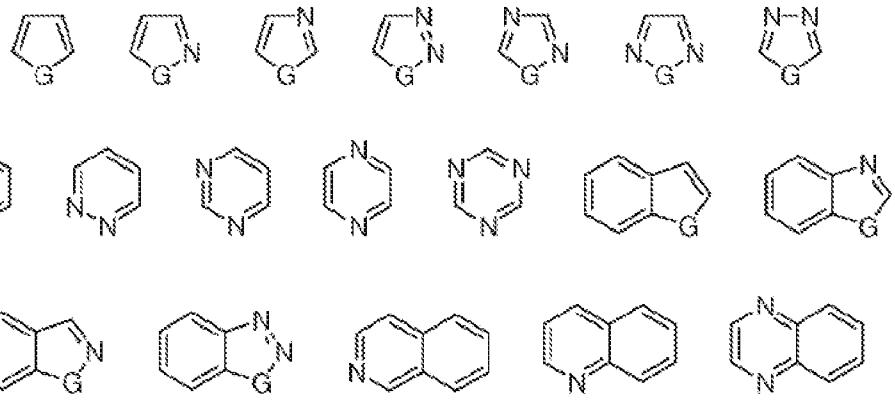
[0023] A "cycloalkyl" substituent group or a cycloalkyl moiety in a substituent group refers to a saturated hydrocarbyl ring containing, for example, from 3 to 7 carbon atoms, examples of which include cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl and cyclohexyl. Unless stated otherwise, a cycloalkyl substituent group or moiety may include monocyclic, bicyclic or polycyclic hydrocarbyl rings.

[0024] A "cycloalkenyl" substituent group or a cycloalkenyl moiety in a substituent group refers to a non-aromatic unsaturated hydrocarbyl ring having one or more carbon-carbon double bonds and containing, for example, from 3 to 7 carbon atoms, examples of which include cyclopent-1-en-1-yl, cyclohex-1-en-1-yl and cyclohex-1,3-dien-1-yl. Unless

stated otherwise, a cycloalkenyl substituent group or moiety may include monocyclic, bicyclic or polycyclic hydrocarbyl rings.

[0025] An "aryl" substituent group or an aryl moiety in a substituent group refers to an aromatic hydrocarbyl ring. The term "aryl" includes monocyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and polycyclic fused ring aromatic hydrocarbons wherein all of the fused ring systems (excluding any ring systems which are part of or formed by optional substituents) are aromatic. Examples of aryl groups/moieties include phenyl, naphthyl, anthracenyl and phenanthrenyl. Unless stated otherwise, the term "aryl" does not include "heteroaryl".

[0026] A "heteroaryl" substituent group or a heteroaryl moiety in a substituent group refers to an aromatic heterocyclic group or moiety. The term "heteroaryl" includes monocyclic aromatic heterocycles and polycyclic fused ring aromatic heterocycles wherein all of the fused ring systems (excluding any ring systems which are part of or formed by optional substituents) are aromatic. Examples of heteroaryl groups/moieties include the following:



wherein G = O, S or NH.

[0027] Unless stated otherwise, where a cyclic group or moiety is stated to be non-aromatic, such as a cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl or non-aromatic heterocyclic group, it is to be understood that the group or moiety, excluding any ring systems which are part of or formed by optional substituents, is non-aromatic. Similarly, where a cyclic group or moiety is stated to be aromatic, such as an aryl or a heteroaryl group, it is to be understood that the group or moiety, excluding any ring systems which are part of or formed by optional substituents, is aromatic. Typically, a cyclic group or moiety is considered non-aromatic, when it does not have any tautomers that are aromatic. Typically, when a cyclic group or moiety has a tautomer that is aromatic, it is considered aromatic, even if it has tautomers that are not aromatic.

[0028] For the purposes of the present specification, where a combination of moieties is referred to as one group, for example, arylalkyl, arylalkenyl, arylalkynyl, alkylaryl, alkenylaryl or alkynylaryl, the last mentioned moiety contains the atom by which the group is attached to the rest of the molecule. An example of an arylalkyl group is benzyl.

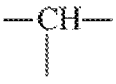
[0029] Typically a substituted group comprises 1, 2, 3 or 4 substituents, more typically 1, 2 or 3 substituents, more typically 1 or 2 substituents, and more typically 1 substituent.

[0030] Unless stated otherwise, any divalent bridging substituent (e.g. -O-, -S-, -NH-, -N(RP)-, or -R^{R}-) of an optionally substituted group or moiety (e.g. R^1) must only be attached to the specified group or moiety and may not be attached to a second group or moiety (e.g. R^2), even if the second group or moiety can itself be optionally substituted.

[0031] The term "halo" includes fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo.

[0032] Unless stated otherwise, any reference to an element is to be considered a reference to all isotopes of that element. Thus, for example, unless stated otherwise any reference to hydrogen is considered to encompass all isotopes of hydrogen including deuterium and tritium.

[0033] Where reference is made to a hydrocarbyl or other group including one or more heteroatoms N, O or S in its carbon skeleton, or where reference is made to a carbon atom of a hydrocarbyl or other group being replaced by an N, O or S atom, what is intended is that:



is replaced by

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—CH_2— is replaced by —NH—, —O— or —S—;

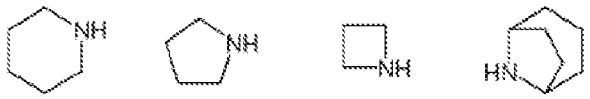
—CH_3 is replaced by —NH_2, —OH, or —SH;
—CH= is replaced by —N=;
CH_2= is replaced by NH=, O= or S=; or
CH≡ is replaced by N≡;

provided that the resultant group comprises at least one carbon atom. For example, methoxy, dimethylamino and aminoethyl groups are considered to be hydrocarbyl groups including one or more heteroatoms N, O or S in their carbon skeleton.

[0034] In the context of the present specification, unless otherwise stated, a C_x-C_y group is defined as a group containing from x to y carbon atoms. For example, a C_1-C_4 alkyl group is defined as an alkyl group containing from 1 to 4 carbon atoms. Optional substituents and moieties are not taken into account when calculating the total number of carbon atoms in the parent group substituted with the optional substituents and/or containing the optional moieties. For the avoidance of doubt, replacement heteroatoms, e.g. N, O or S, are not to be counted as carbon atoms when calculating the number of carbon atoms in a C_x-C_y group. For example, a morpholinyl group is to be considered a C_4 heterocyclic group, not a C_6 heterocyclic group.

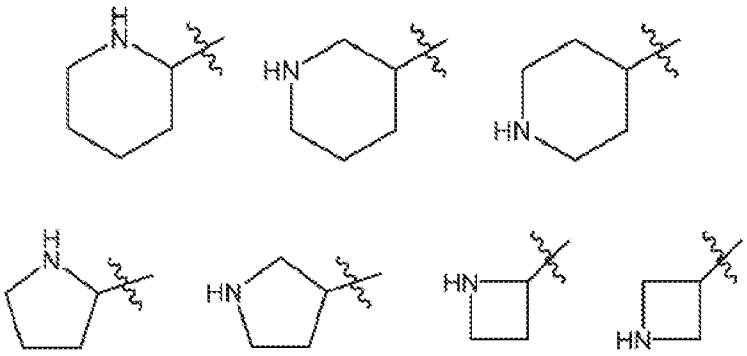
[0035] For the purposes of the present specification, where it is stated that a first atom or group is "directly attached" to a second atom or group it is to be understood that the first atom or group is covalently bonded to the second atom or group with no intervening atom(s) or groups being present. So, for example, for the group $(C=O)N(CH_3)_2$, the carbon atom of each methyl group is directly attached to the nitrogen atom and the carbon atom of the carbonyl group is directly attached to the nitrogen atom, but the carbon atom of the carbonyl group is not directly attached to the carbon atom of either methyl group.

[0036] R^1 is a non-aromatic heterocyclic group selected from:

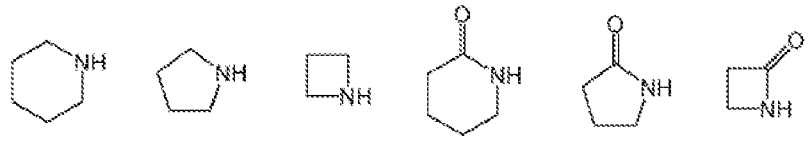


which may optionally be substituted as defined in claim 1. For the avoidance of doubt, it is noted that it is a ring atom of the non-aromatic heterocyclic group of R^1 that is directly attached to the sulfur atom of the sulfonylurea group, not any optional substituent.

[0037] In one embodiment, the non-aromatic heterocyclic group of R^1 is monocyclic. Where the non-aromatic heterocyclic group of R^1 is monocyclic, it may optionally be substituted with any monovalent substituent or any divalent π-bonded substituent as defined in claim 1, but may not be substituted with a divalent bridging substituent (e.g. -O-, -S-, -NH-, -N(RP)- or -R^{α}-) so as to form a bridged, fused or spiro substituent. Examples of monocyclic non-aromatic heterocyclic groups include:

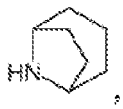


[0038] In one embodiment, the non-aromatic heterocyclic group of R^1 is monocyclic and is selected from:



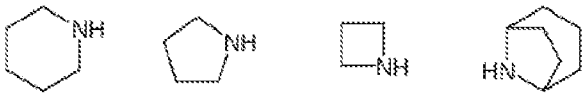
wherein R^1 may optionally be substituted or further substituted as defined in claim 1. Such non-aromatic heterocyclic R^1 groups are attached to the sulfur atom of the sulfonylurea group by any suitable ring carbon atom.

[0039] In another embodiment, the non-aromatic heterocyclic group of R^1 is the bridged bicyclic ring:



wherein R^1 may optionally be substituted as defined in claim 1. Such a non-aromatic heterocyclic R^1 group is attached to the sulfur atom of the sulfonylurea group by any suitable ring carbon atom.

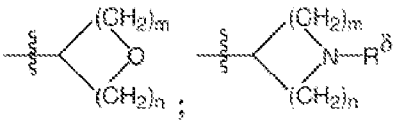
[0040] The non-aromatic heterocyclic group of R^1 is selected from:



wherein R^1 may optionally be substituted or further substituted as defined in claim 1. Such non-aromatic heterocyclic R^1 groups are attached to the sulfur atom of the sulfonylurea group by any suitable ring carbon atom.

[0041] R^1 may optionally be substituted with one or more substituents.

[0042] In one embodiment, R^1 is substituted with one or more (such as one, two or three) substituents independently selected from halo; -CN; $-NO_2$; $-N_3$; -RP; -OH; -ORP; -SH; $-SR^\beta$; $-SO_2R^\beta$; $-NH_2$; $-NHR^\beta$; $-N(R^\beta)_2$; -CHO; -CORP; -COOH; -COORP; -OCORP; $-R^\alpha$-CHO; $-R^\alpha$-COR^β; $-R^\alpha$-COOH; $-R^\alpha$-$COOR^\beta$; $-R^\alpha$-$OCOR^\beta$; -NH-CHO; $-NR^\beta$-CHO; -NH-COR^β; $-NR^\beta$-COR^β; $-CONH_2$; $-CONHR^\beta$; $-CON(R^\beta)_2$; $-R^\alpha$-NH-CHO; $-R^\alpha$-NR^β-CHO; $-R^\alpha$-NH-COR^β; $-R^\alpha$-NR^β-COR^β; $-R^\alpha$-$CONH_2$; $-R^\alpha$-$CONHR^\beta$; $-R^\alpha$-$CON(R^\beta)_2$; a C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl group optionally substituted with one or more C_1-C_3 alkyl or C_1-C_3 haloalkyl groups; a C_3-C_7 cycloalkenyl group optionally substituted with one or more C_1-C_3 alkyl or C_1-C_3 haloalkyl groups;

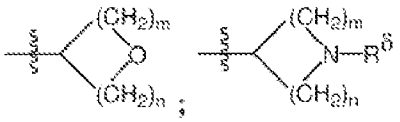


; oxo (=O); or a C_1-C_4 alkylene bridge;

wherein each $-R^\alpha-$ is independently selected from an alkylene, alkenylene or alkynylene group, wherein the alkylene, alkenylene or alkynylene group contains from 1 to 6 carbon atoms in its backbone, and wherein the alkylene, alkenylene or alkynylene group may optionally be substituted with one or more halo and/or $-R^\beta$ groups;
wherein each $-R^\beta$ is independently selected from a C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl or C_2-C_6 cyclic group, and wherein any $-R^\beta$ may optionally be substituted with one or more C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, -O(C_1-C_3 alkyl), halo, -CN, -C≡CH or oxo (=O) groups;
wherein each $-R^\delta$ is independently selected from a C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_1-C_3 haloalkyl group;
wherein each m is independently selected from 1, 2 or 3; and
wherein each n is independently selected from 1, 2 or 3.

[0043] Typically, R^1 is substituted on the ring nitrogen atom with such a substituent.

[0044] In another embodiment, R^1 is substituted with one or more (such as one, two or three) substituents independently selected from halo; -CN; $-N_3$; -RP; $-SO_2R^\beta$; $-NH_2$; -NHRP; $-N(R^\beta)_2$; -CHO; -CORP; -COORP; -OCORP; $-R^\alpha$-CHO; $-R^\alpha$-COR^β; $-R^\alpha$-$COOR^\beta$; $-R^\alpha$-$OCOR^\beta$; -NH-CHO; $-NR^\beta$-CHO; -NH-COR^β; $-NR^\beta$-COR^β; $-CONH_2$; $-CONHR^\beta$; $-CON(R^\beta)_2$;

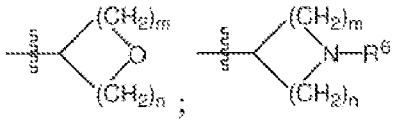


; or oxo (=O);

wherein each -R^{α}- is independently selected from a C_1-C_3 alkylene group;
wherein each -R^{β} is independently selected from a C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl group, and wherein any -R^{β} may optionally be substituted with one or more C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, -O(C_1-C_3 alkyl), halo, -CN or -C≡CH groups;
wherein each -R^{δ} is independently selected from a C_1-C_6 alkyl group;
wherein each m is independently selected from 1 or 2; and
wherein each n is independently selected from 1 or 2.

[0045] Typically, R^1 is substituted on the ring nitrogen atom with such a substituent.

[0046] In one embodiment, R^1 is substituted on the ring nitrogen atom with a substituent selected from halo; C_1-C_6 alkyl; C_1-C_6 haloalkyl; C_2-C_6 alkenyl; C_2-C_6 haloalkenyl; C_2-C_6 alkynyl; C_2-C_6 haloalkynyl; -R^5-CN; -R^5-COR^6; -R^5-$COOR^6$; -R^5-$CON(R^6)_2$; -R^5-(C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl);



; oxo (=O); -$CH_2CH_2CH_2$-; or -$CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2$-; wherein:

R^5 is independently selected from a bond or C_1-C_6 alkylene;
R^6 is independently selected from hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 haloalkyl or C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl;
m is 1, 2 or 3; and
n is 1, 2 or 3.

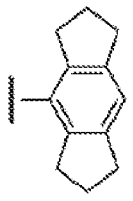
[0047] In one embodiment, R^1 is substituted on one or more (such as one, two or three) ring carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from oxo (=O); -CH_2CH_2-; -$CH_2CH_2CH_2$-; -$CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2$-; -OR^7 or -$CON(R^7)_2$; wherein R^7 is independently selected from hydrogen or C_1-C_3 alkyl.

[0048] In one embodiment, R^1 is substituted on one or more (such as one, two or three) ring carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from oxo (=O); -$CH_2CH_2CH_2$- or -$CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2$-.

[0049] In one aspect of any of the above embodiments, R^1 contains from 4 to 25 atoms other than hydrogen. More typically, R^1 contains from 4 to 20 atoms other than hydrogen.

[0050] More typically, R^1 contains from 4 to 17 atoms other than hydrogen.

[0051] R^2 is:



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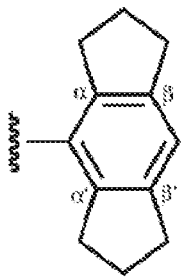
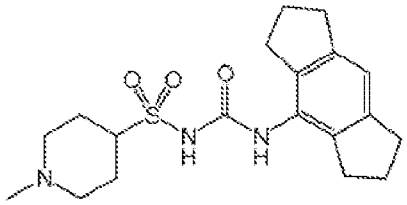
[0052] As used herein, the nomenclature α, β, α', β' refers to the position of the atoms of a cyclic group, such as -R^2, relative to the point of attachment of the cyclic group to the remainder of the molecule. For example, in -R^2 which is a 1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl moiety, the α, β, α' and β' positions are as follows:

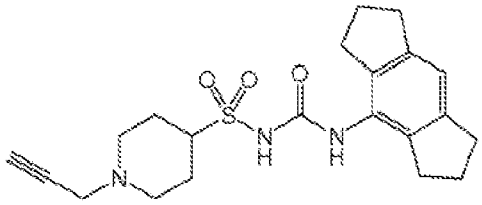


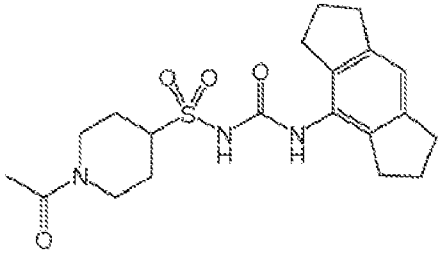
[0053] Q is O.

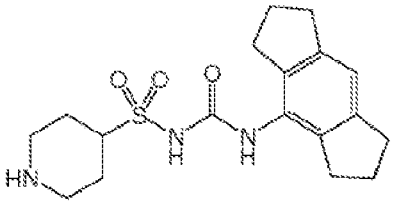
[0054] In one aspect of any of the above embodiments, the compound of formula (I) has a molecular weight of from 250 to 2000 Da. Typically, the compound of formula (I) has a molecular weight of from 280 to 900 Da. More typically, the compound of formula (I) has a molecular weight of from 310 to 550 Da.

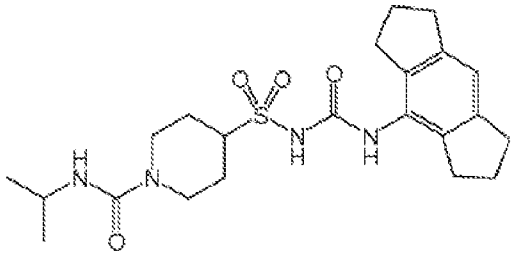
[0055] A second aspect of the invention provides a compound selected from the group consisting of:

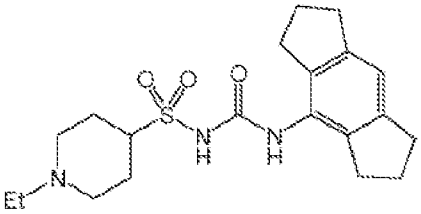


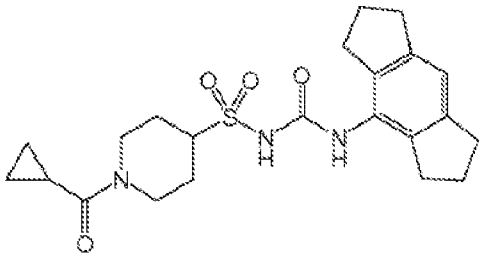


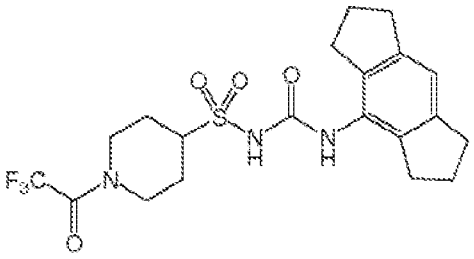


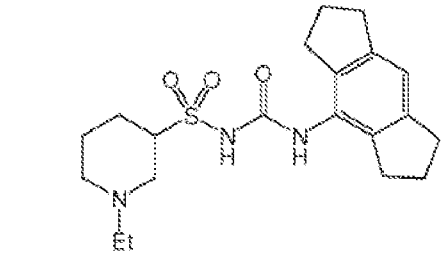
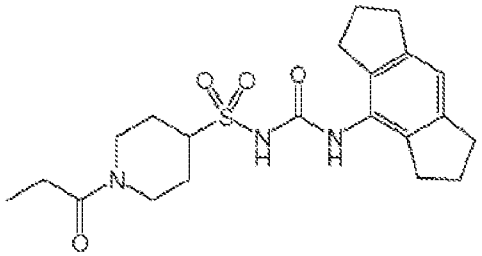
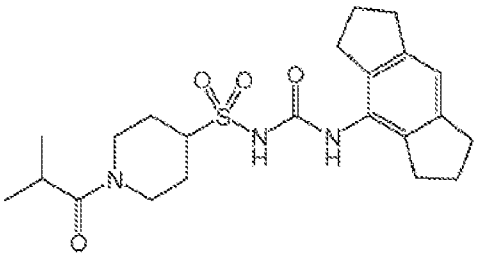
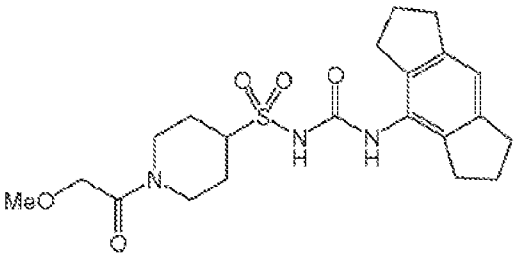
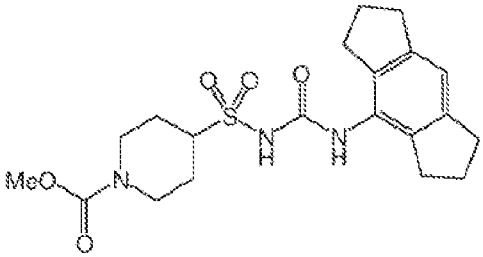
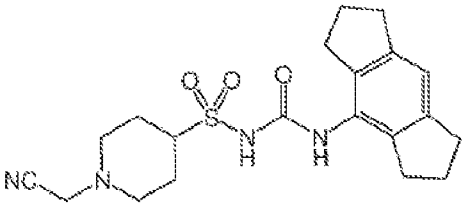
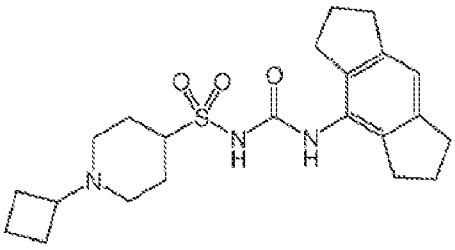
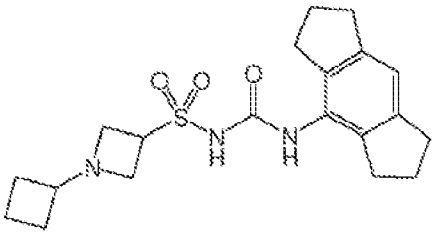
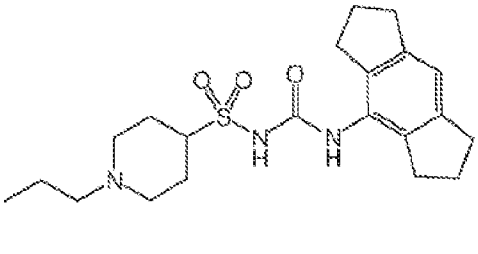
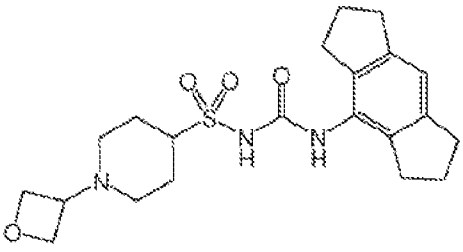
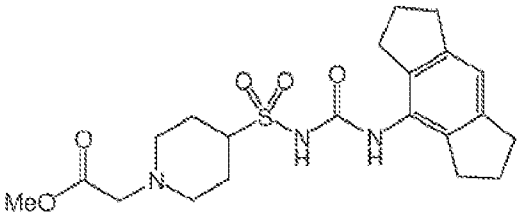
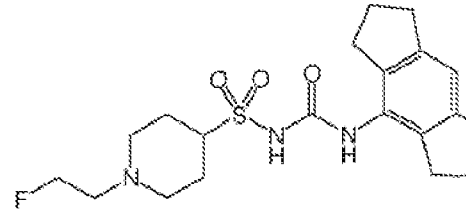


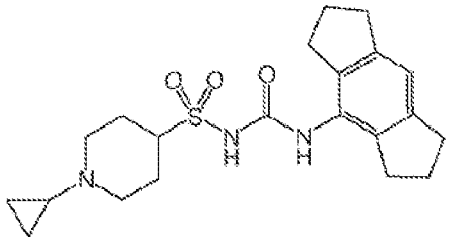


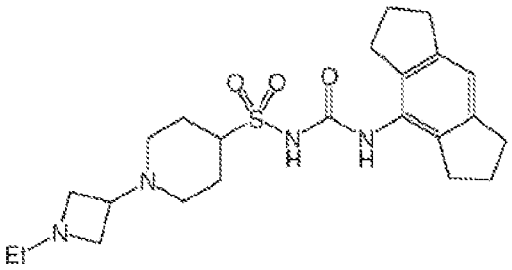






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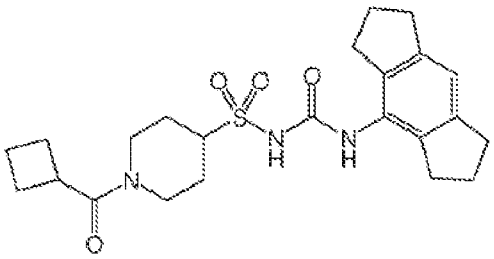

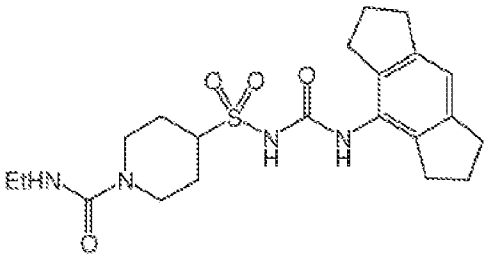
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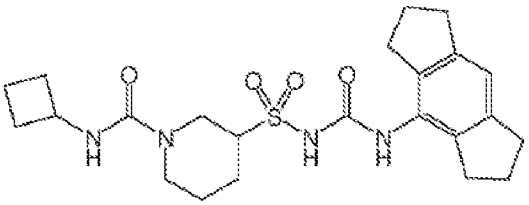

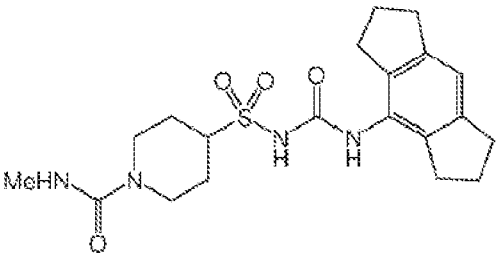
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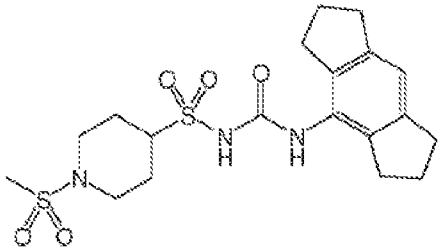

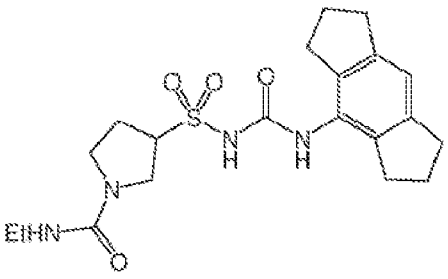
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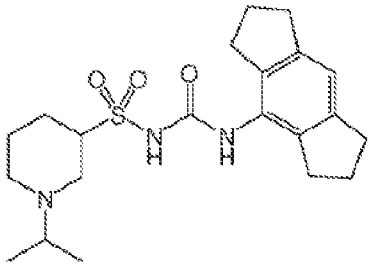

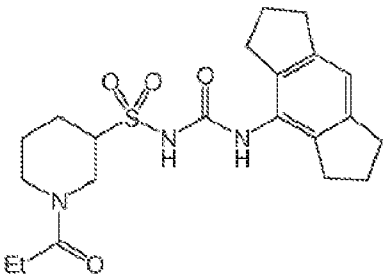
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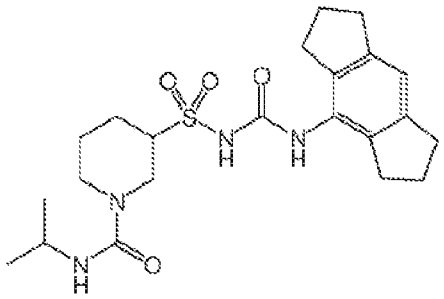
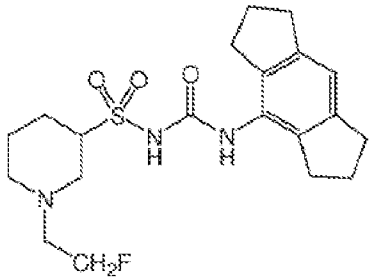
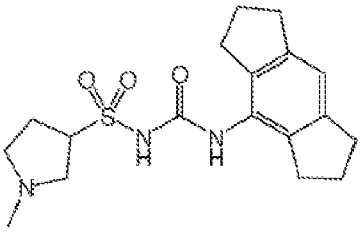
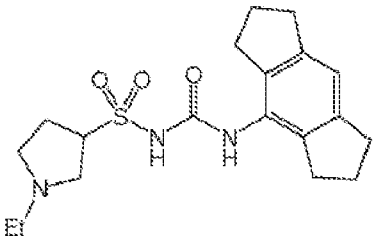
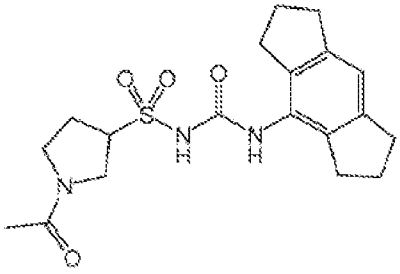
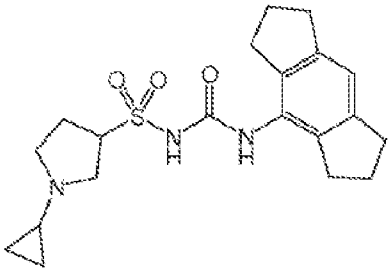


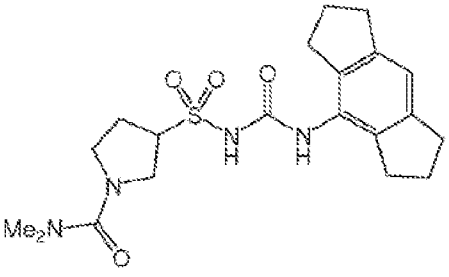


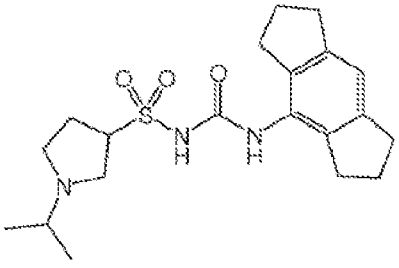


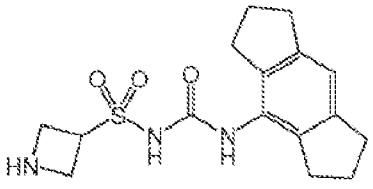


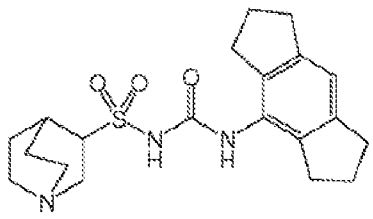


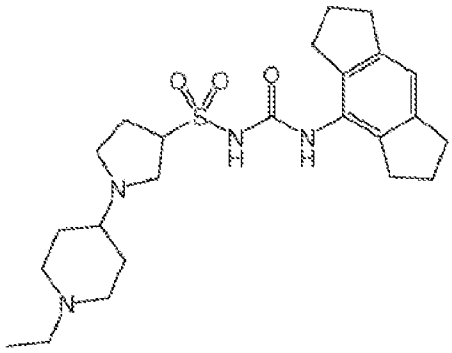


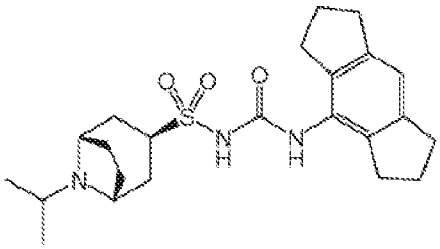


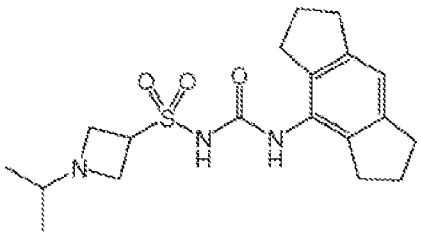


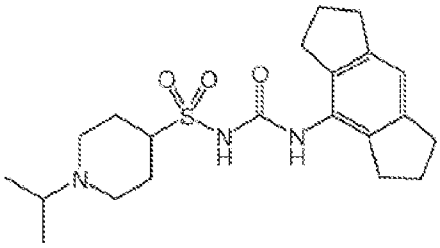


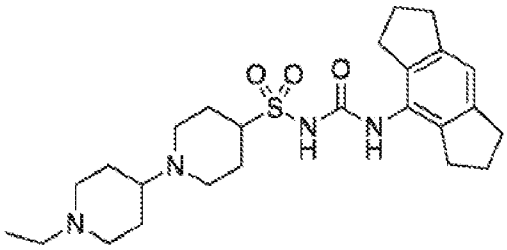


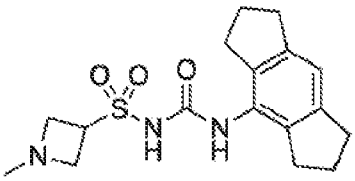


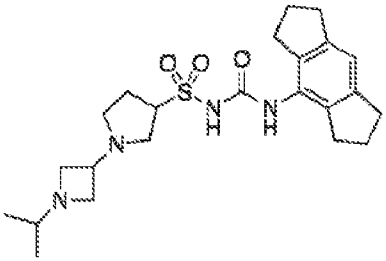


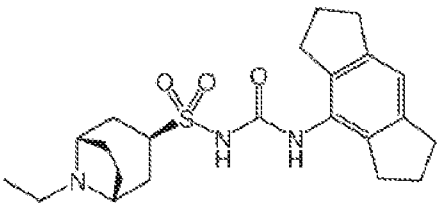


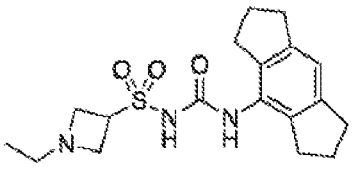


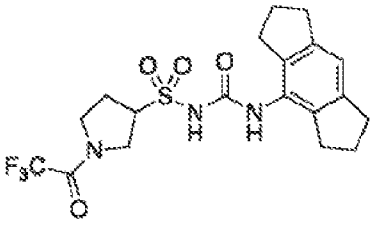


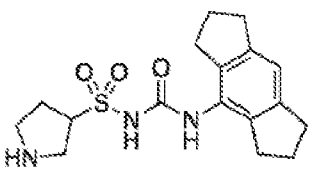


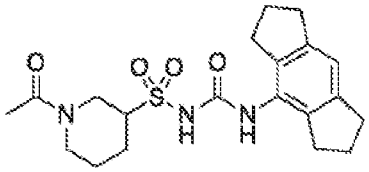


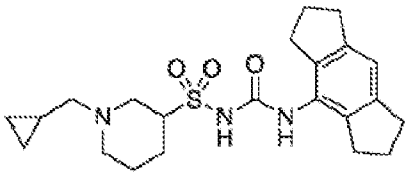


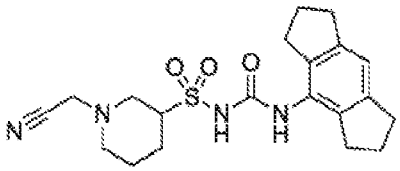


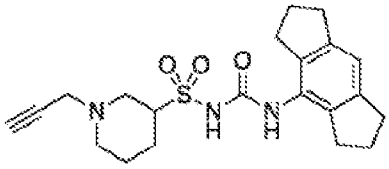


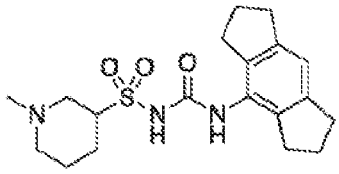


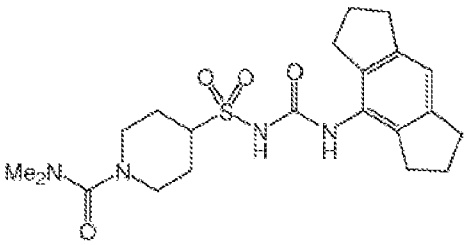


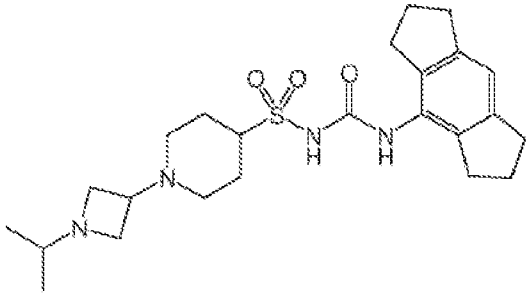


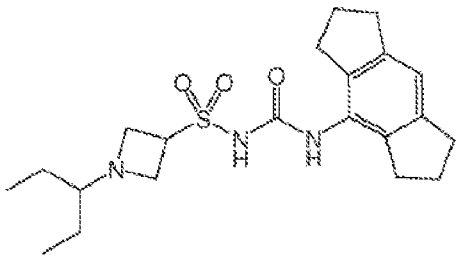


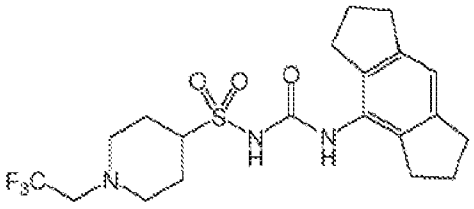


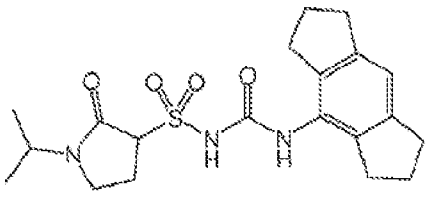


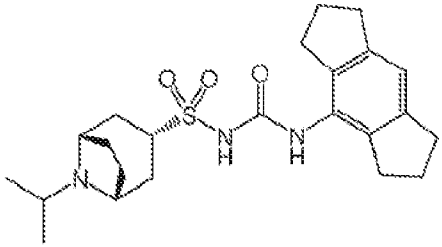


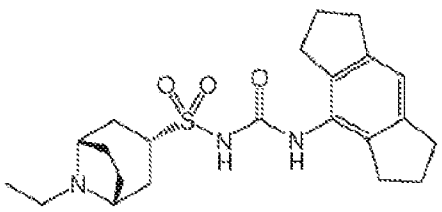


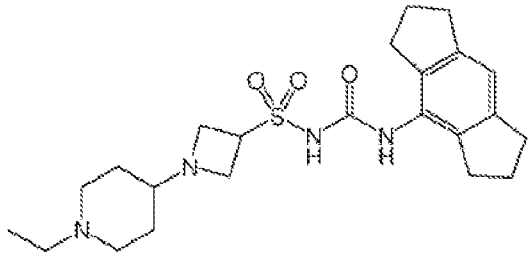


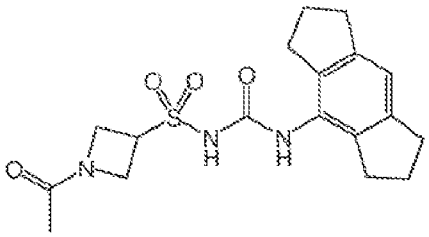


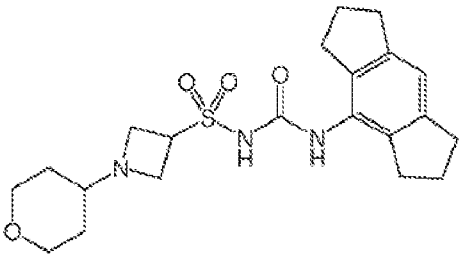


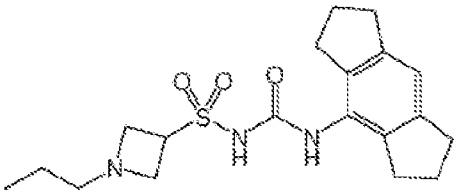


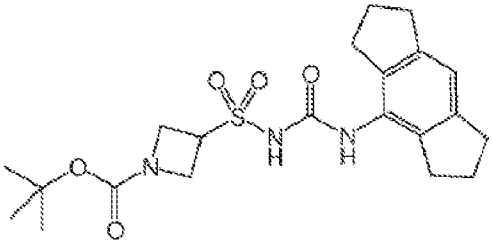


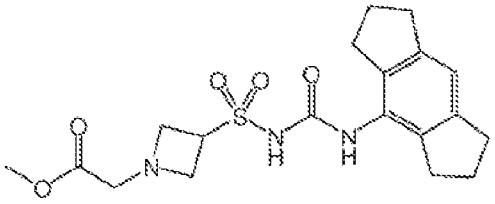


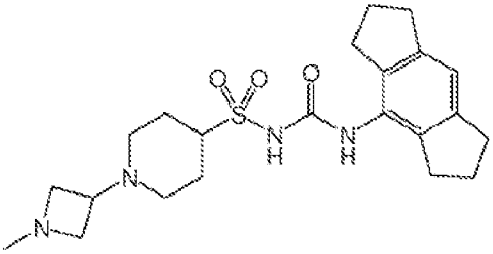


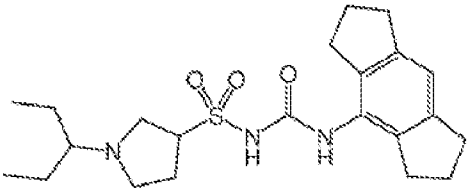


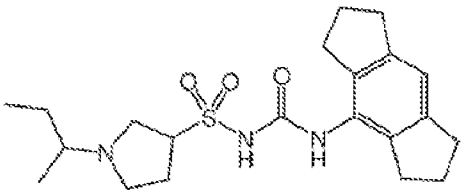


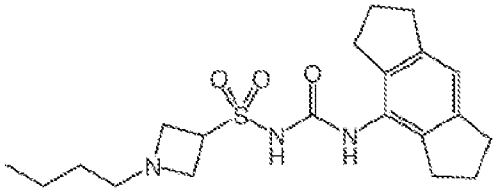


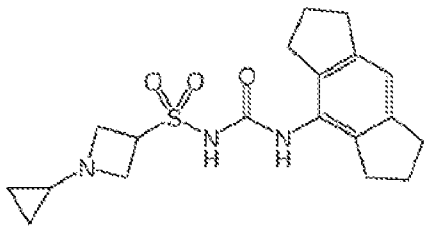


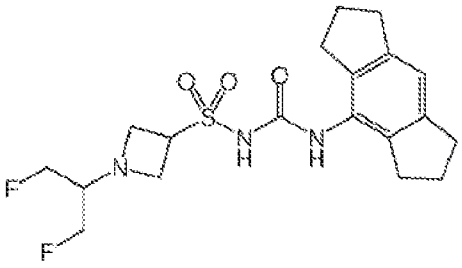


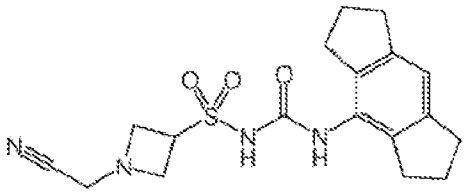


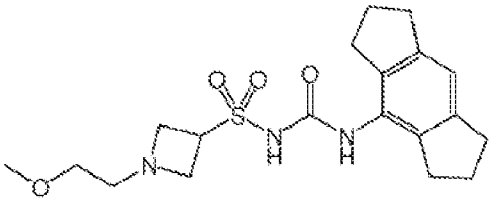


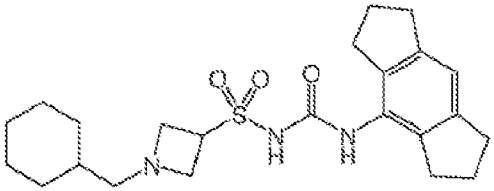


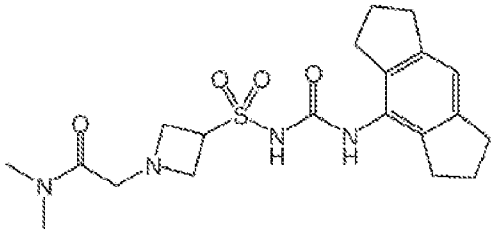


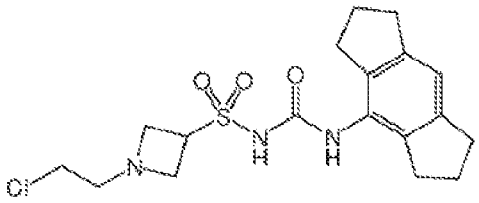


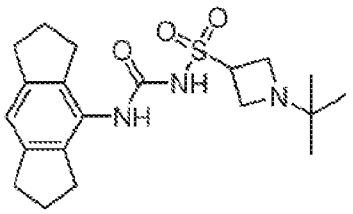


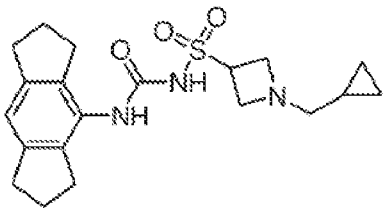


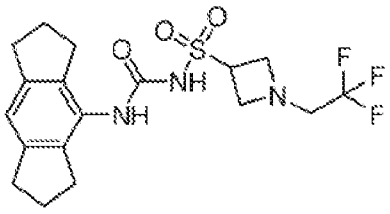


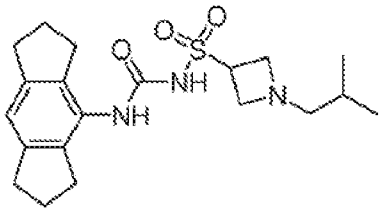


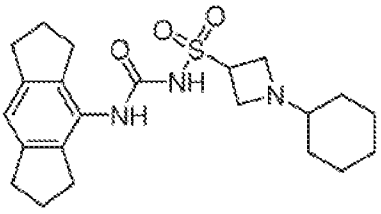


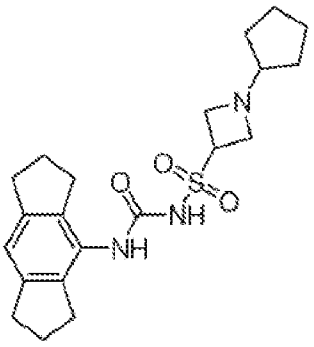


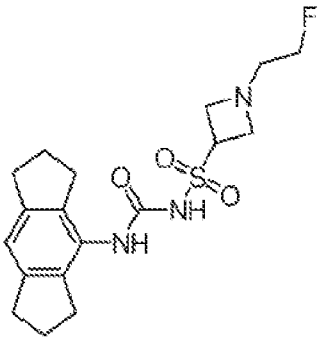


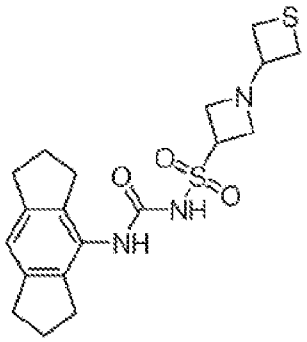


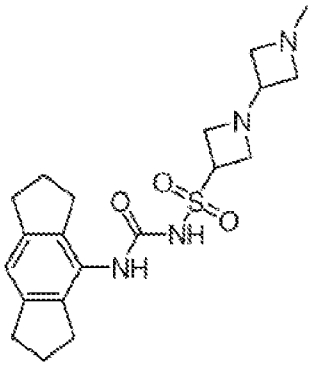


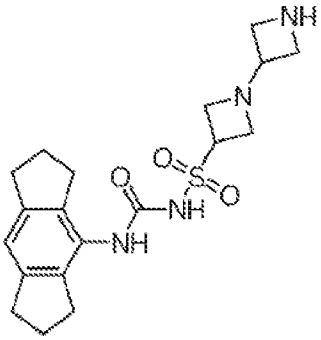


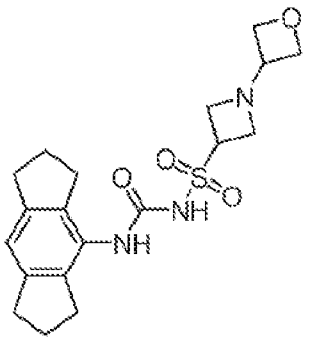


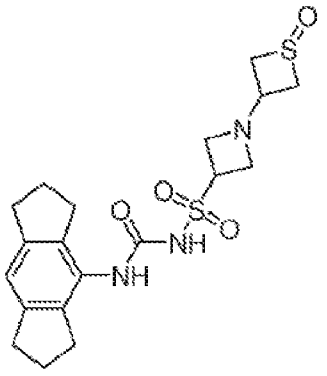


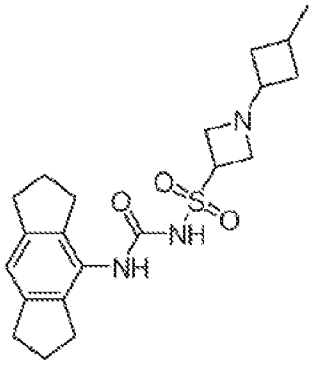


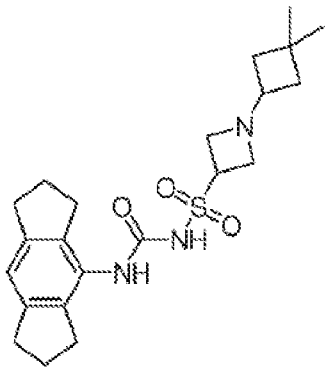


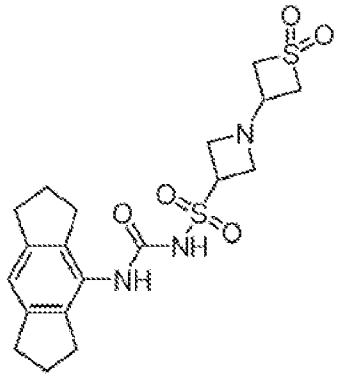


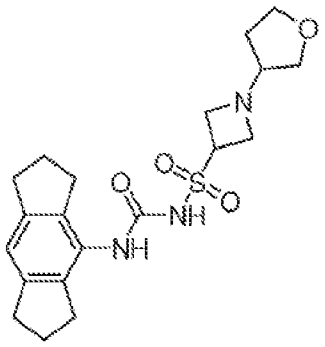


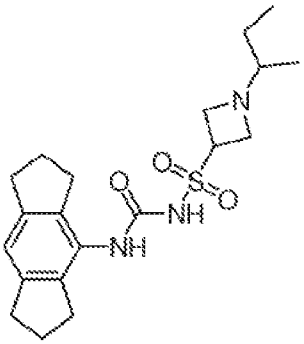


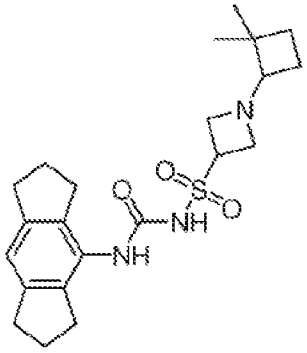


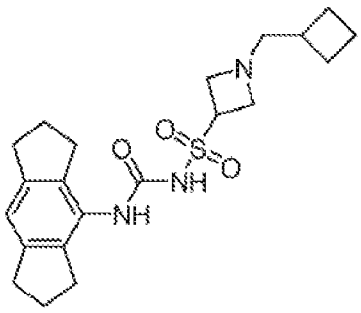


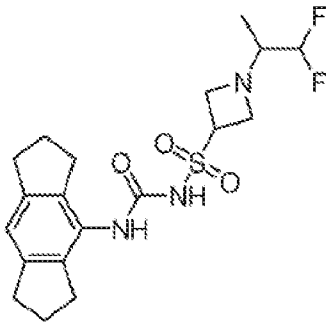


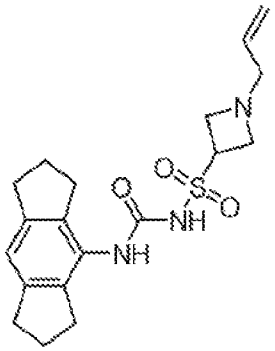


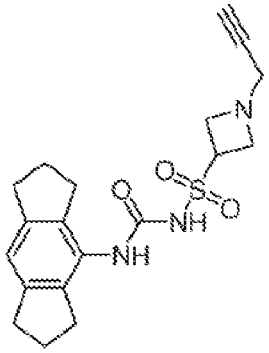


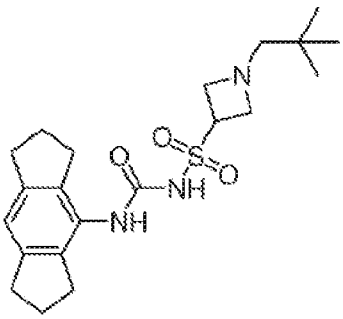


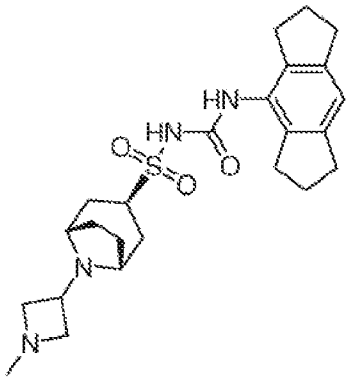


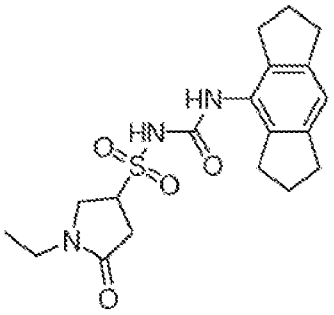


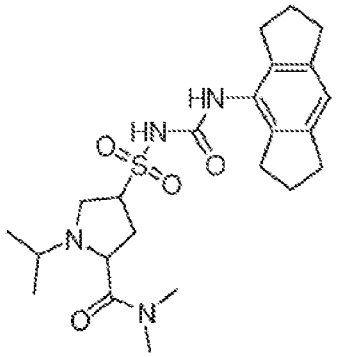


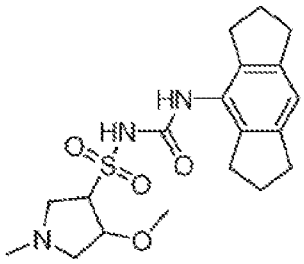


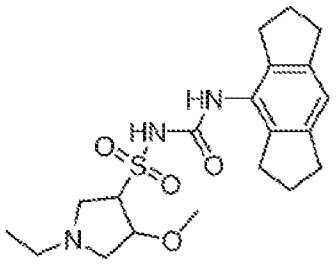


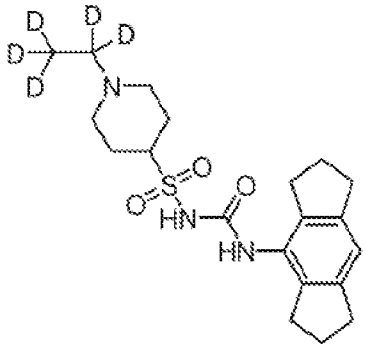


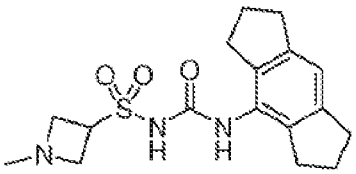


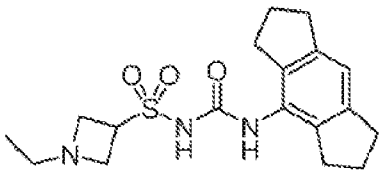


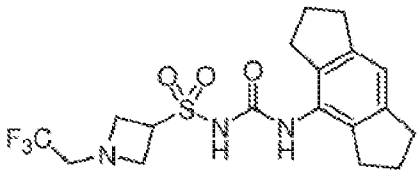


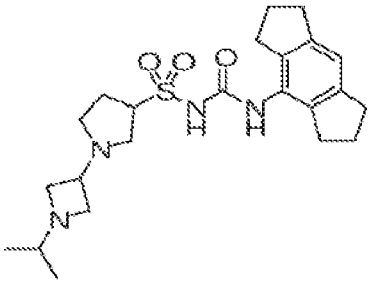


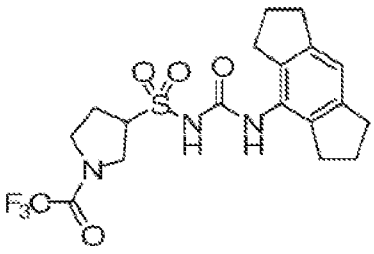


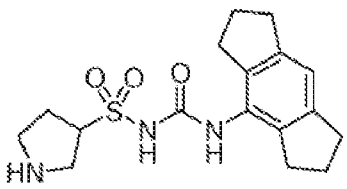


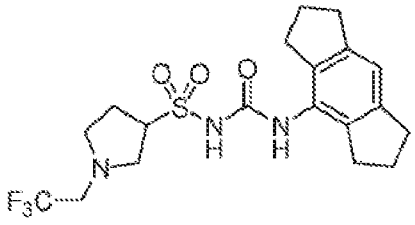


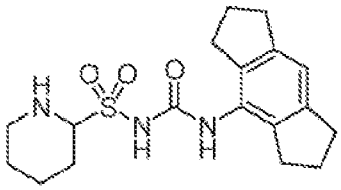


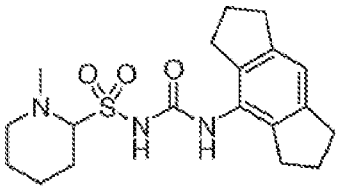


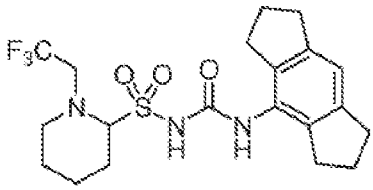


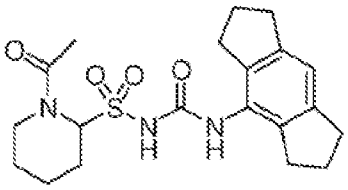


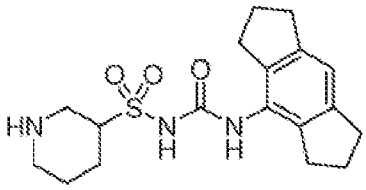


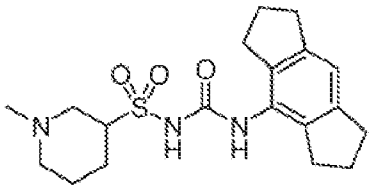


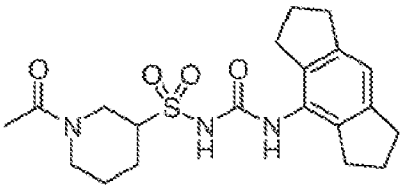


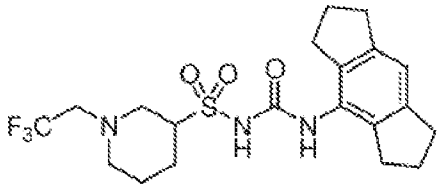


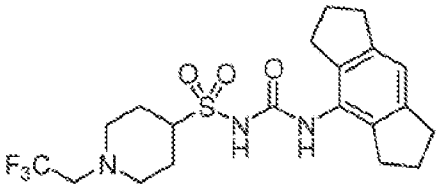


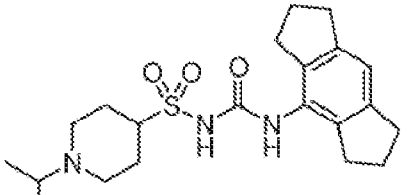


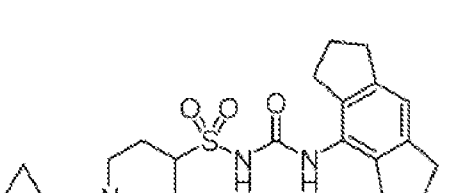


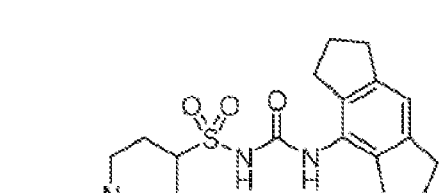


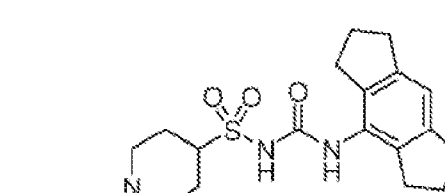


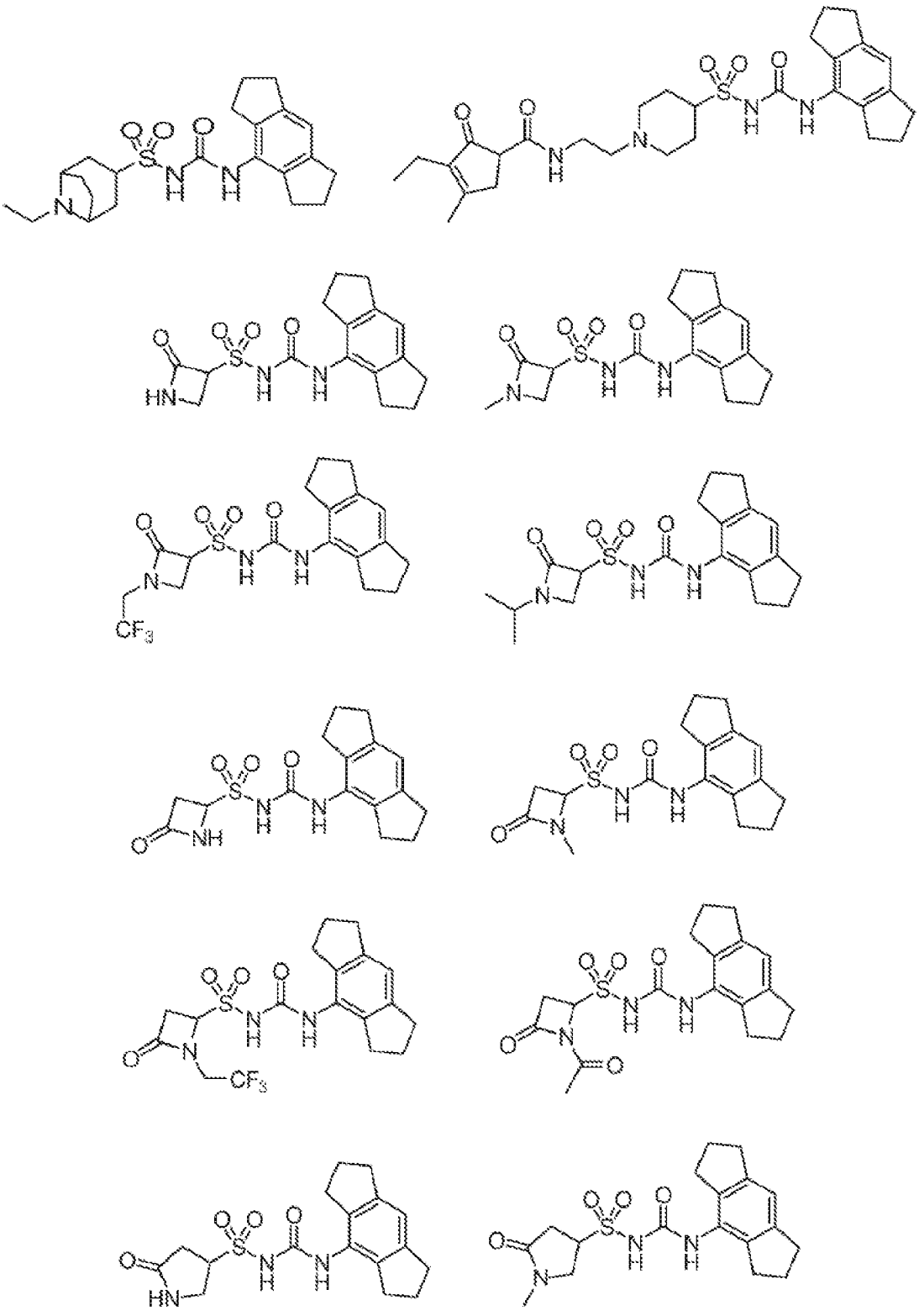


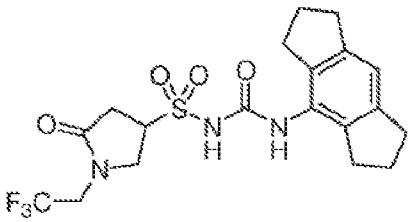


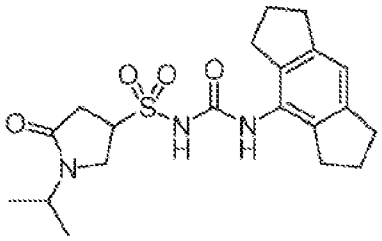


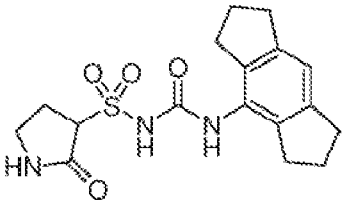


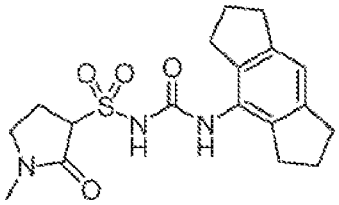


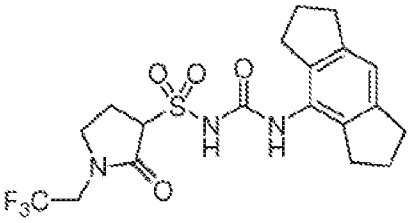


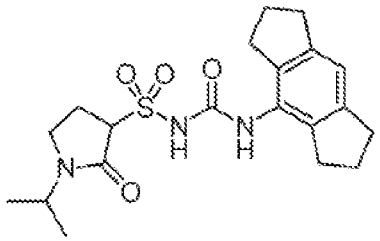


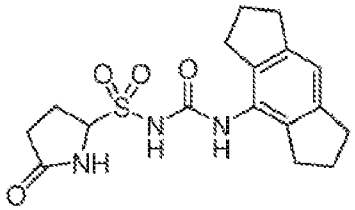


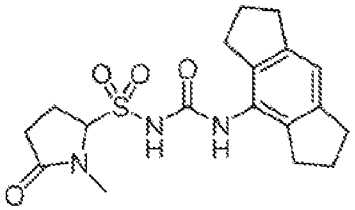


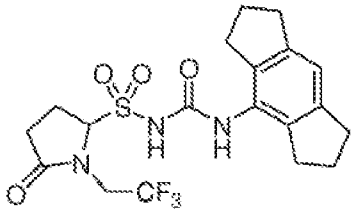


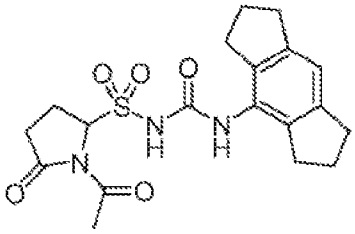


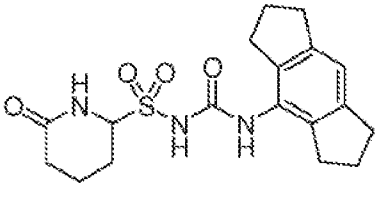


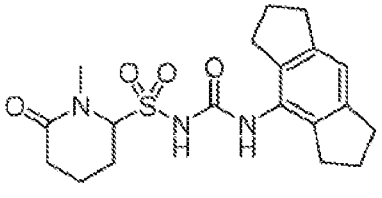


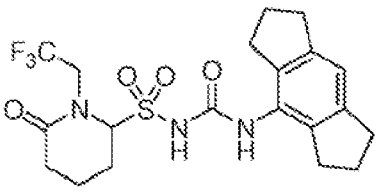


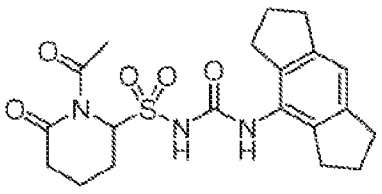


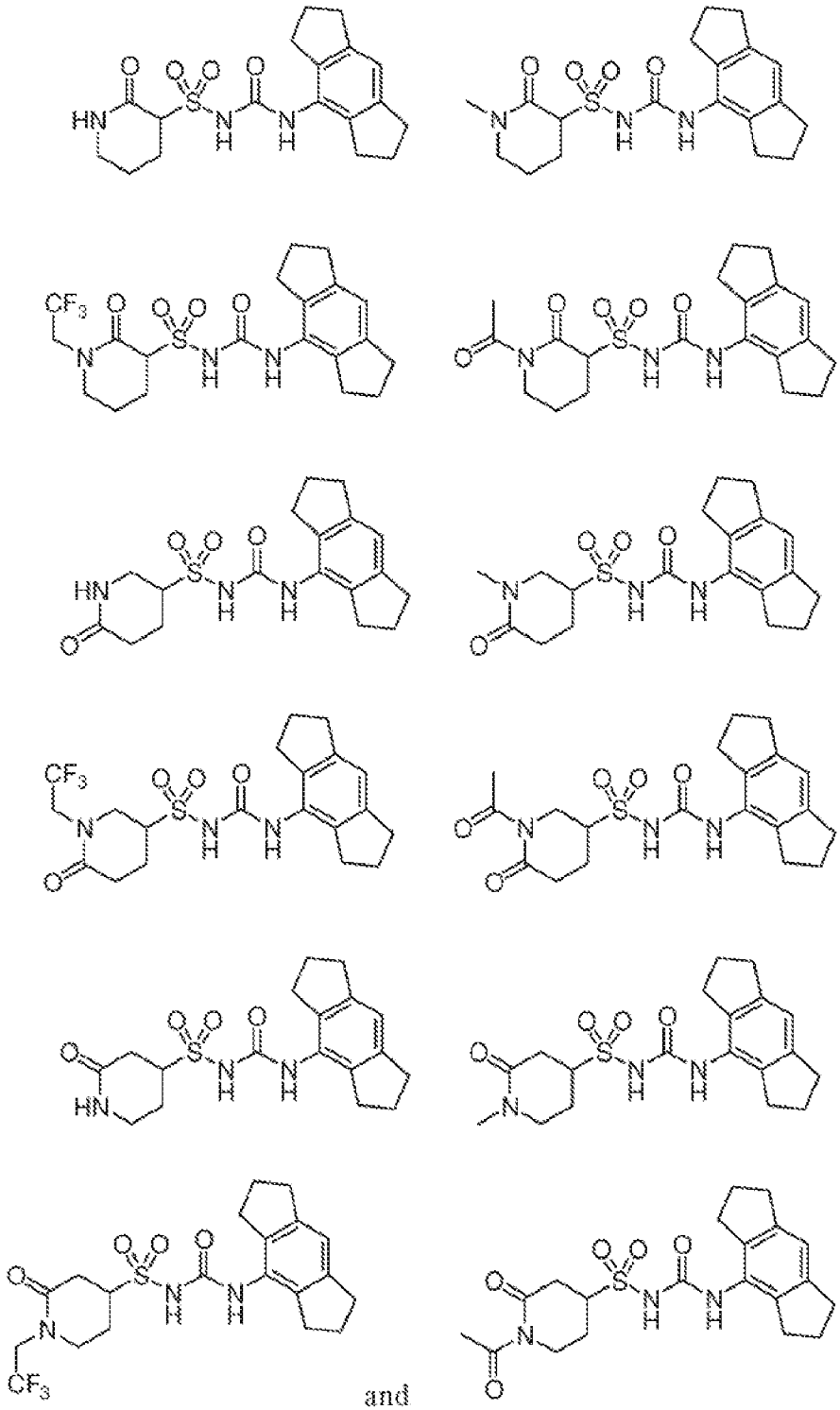












and

[0056] A third aspect of the invention provides a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate of any compound of the first or second aspect of the invention.

[0057] The compounds of the present invention can be used both in their free base form and their acid addition salt form. For the purposes of this invention, a "salt" of a compound of the present invention includes an acid addition salt. Acid addition salts are preferably pharmaceutically acceptable, non-toxic addition salts with suitable acids, including but not limited to inorganic acids such as hydrohalogenic acids (for example, hydrofluoric, hydrochloric, hydrobromic or hydroiodic acid) or other inorganic acids (for example, nitric, perchloric, sulfuric or phosphoric acid); or organic acids such as organic carboxylic acids (for example, propionic, butyric, glycolic, lactic, mandelic, citric, acetic, benzoic, salicylic, succinic, malic or hydroxysuccinic, tartaric, fumaric, maleic, hydroxymaleic, mucic or galactaric, gluconic, pantothenic

or pamoic acid), organic sulfonic acids (for example, methanesulfonic, trifluoromethanesulfonic, ethanesulfonic, 2-hydroxyethanesulfonic, benzenesulfonic, toluene-p-sulfonic, naphthalene-2-sulfonic or camphorsulfonic acid) or amino acids (for example, ornithinic, glutamic or aspartic acid). The acid addition salt may be a mono-, di-, tri- or multi-acid addition salt. A preferred salt is a hydrohalogenic, sulfuric, phosphoric or organic acid addition salt. A preferred salt is a hydrochloric acid addition salt.

[0058] Where a compound of the invention includes a quaternary ammonium group, typically the compound is used in its salt form. The counter ion to the quaternary ammonium group may be any pharmaceutically acceptable, non-toxic counter ion. Examples of suitable counter ions include the conjugate bases of the protic acids discussed above in relation to acid-addition salts.

[0059] The compounds of the present invention can also be used both, in their free acid form and their salt form. For the purposes of this invention, a "salt" of a compound of the present invention includes one formed between a protic acid functionality (such as a carboxylic acid group) of a compound of the present invention and a suitable cation. Suitable cations include, but are not limited to lithium, sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium and ammonium. The salt may be a mono-, di-, tri- or multi-salt. Preferably the salt is a mono- or di-lithium, sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium or ammonium salt. More preferably the salt is a mono- or di-sodium salt or a mono- or dipotassium salt.

[0060] Preferably any salt is a pharmaceutically acceptable non-toxic salt. However, in addition to pharmaceutically acceptable salts, other salts are included in the present invention, since they have potential to serve as intermediates in the purification or preparation of other, for example, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, or are useful for identification, characterisation or purification of the free acid or base.

[0061] The compounds and/or salts of the present invention may be anhydrous or in the form of a hydrate (e.g. a hemihydrate, monohydrate, dihydrate or trihydrate) or other solvate. Such solvates may be formed with common organic solvents, including but not limited to, alcoholic solvents e.g. methanol, ethanol or isopropanol.

[0062] The compounds, salts and solvates of the present invention may contain at least one chiral centre. The compounds, salts and solvates may therefore exist in at least two isomeric forms. The present invention encompasses racemic mixtures of the compounds, salts and solvates of the present invention as well as enantiomerically enriched and substantially enantiomerically pure isomers. For the purposes of this invention, a "substantially enantiomerically pure" isomer of a compound comprises less than 5% of other isomers of the same compound, more typically less than 2%, and most typically less than 0.5% by weight.

[0063] The compounds, salts and solvates of the present invention may contain any stable isotope including, but not limited to ^{12}C, ^{13}C, ^{1}H, ^{2}H (D), ^{14}N, ^{15}N, ^{16}O, ^{17}O, ^{18}O, ^{19}F and ^{127}I, and any radioisotope including, but not limited to ^{11}C, ^{14}C, ^{3}H (T), ^{13}N, ^{15}O, ^{18}F, ^{123}I, ^{124}I, ^{125}I and ^{131}I.

[0064] The compounds, salts and solvates of the present invention may be in any polymorphic or amorphous form.

[0065] A fourth aspect of the invention provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of the first or second aspect of the invention, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate of the third aspect of the invention, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

[0066] Conventional procedures for the selection and preparation of suitable pharmaceutical formulations are described in, for example, "Aulton's Pharmaceutics - The Design and Manufacture of Medicines", M. E. Aulton and K. M. G. Taylor, Churchill Livingstone Elsevier, 4th Ed., 2013.

[0067] Pharmaceutically acceptable excipients including adjuvants, diluents or carriers that may be used in the pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are those conventionally employed in the field of pharmaceutical formulation, and include, but are not limited to, sugars, sugar alcohols, starches, ion exchangers, alumina, aluminium stearate, lecithin, serum proteins such as human serum albumin, buffer substances such as phosphates, glycerine, sorbic acid, potassium sorbate, partial glyceride mixtures of saturated vegetable fatty acids, water, salts or electrolytes such as protamine sulfate, disodium hydrogen phosphate, potassium hydrogen phosphate, sodium chloride, zinc salts, colloidal silica, magnesium trisilicate, polyvinylpyrrolidone, cellulose-based substances, polyethylene glycol, sodium carboxymethylcellulose, polyacrylates, waxes, polyethylene-polyoxypropylene-block polymers, polyethylene glycol and wool fat.

[0068] In one embodiment, the pharmaceutical composition of the fourth aspect of the invention additionally comprises one or more further active agents.

[0069] In a further embodiment, the pharmaceutical composition of the fourth aspect of the invention may be provided as a part of a kit of parts, wherein the kit of parts comprises the pharmaceutical composition of the fourth aspect of the invention and one or more further pharmaceutical compositions, wherein the one or more further pharmaceutical compositions each comprise a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and one or more further active agents.

[0070] A fifth aspect of the invention provides a compound of the first or second aspect of the invention, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate of the third aspect of the invention, or a pharmaceutical composition of the fourth aspect of the invention, for use in medicine, and/or for use in the treatment or prevention of a disease, disorder or condition. Typically, the use comprises the administration of the compound, salt, solvate or pharmaceutical composition to a subject. In one embodiment, the use comprises the co-administration of one or more further active agents.

[0071] The term "treatment" as used herein refers equally to curative therapy, and ameliorating or palliative therapy. The term includes obtaining beneficial or desired physiological results, which may or may not be established clinically. Beneficial or desired clinical results include, but are not limited to, the alleviation of symptoms, the prevention of symptoms, the diminishment of extent of disease, the stabilisation (i.e., not worsening) of a condition, the delay or slowing of progression/worsening of a condition/symptoms, the amelioration or palliation of the condition/symptoms, and remission (whether partial or total), whether detectable or undetectable. The term "palliation", and variations thereof, as used herein, means that the extent and/or undesirable manifestations of a physiological condition or symptom are lessened and/or time course of the progression is slowed or lengthened, as compared to not administering a compound, salt, solvate or pharmaceutical composition of the present invention. The term "prevention" as used herein in relation to a disease, disorder or condition, relates to prophylactic or preventative therapy, as well as therapy to reduce the risk of developing the disease, disorder or condition. The term "prevention" includes both the avoidance of occurrence of the disease, disorder or condition, and the delay in onset of the disease, disorder or condition. Any statistically significant ($p \leq 0.05$) avoidance of occurrence, delay in onset or reduction in risk as measured by a controlled clinical trial may be deemed a prevention of the disease, disorder or condition. Subjects amenable to prevention include those at heightened risk of a disease, disorder or condition as identified by genetic or biochemical markers. Typically, the genetic or biochemical markers are appropriate to the disease, disorder or condition under consideration and may include for example, inflammatory biomarkers such as C-reactive protein (CRP) and monocyte chemoattractant protein 1 (MCP-1) in the case of inflammation; and total cholesterol, triglycerides, insulin resistance and C-peptide in the case of NAFLD and NASH.

[0072] In general embodiments, the disease, disorder or condition may be a disease, disorder or condition of the immune system, the cardiovascular system, the endocrine system, the gastrointestinal tract, the renal system, the hepatic system, the metabolic system, the respiratory system, the central nervous system, may be a cancer or other malignancy, and/or may be caused by or associated with a pathogen.

[0073] It will be appreciated that these general embodiments defined according to broad categories of diseases, disorders and conditions are not mutually exclusive. In this regard any particular disease, disorder or condition may be categorized according to more than one of the above general embodiments. A non-limiting example is type I diabetes which is an autoimmune disease and a disease of the endocrine system.

[0074] As used herein, the term "NLRP3 inhibition" refers to the complete or partial reduction in the level of activity of NLRP3 and includes, for example, the inhibition of active NLRP3 and/or the inhibition of activation of NLRP3.

[0075] There is evidence for a role of NLRP3-induced IL-1 and IL-18 in the inflammatory responses occurring in connection with, or as a result of, a multitude of different disorders (Menu et al., Clinical and Experimental Immunology, 166: 1—15, 2011; Strowig et al., Nature, 481:278-286, 2012).

[0076] NLRP3 has been implicated in a number of autoinflammatory diseases, including Familial Mediterranean fever (FMF), TNF receptor associated periodic syndrome (TRAPS), hyperimmunoglobulinemia D and periodic fever syndrome (HIDS), pyogenic arthritis, pyoderma gangrenosum and acne (PAPA), Sweet's syndrome, chronic nonbacterial osteomyelitis (CNO), and acne vulgaris (Cook et al., Eur. J. Immunol., 40: 595-653, 2010). In particular, NLRP3 mutations have been found to be responsible for a set of rare autoinflammatory diseases known as CAPS (Ozaki et al., J. Inflammation Research, 8:15-27, 2015; Schroder et al., Cell, 140: 821-832, 2010; and Menu et al., Clinical and Experimental Immunology, 166: 1—15, 2011). CAPS are heritable diseases characterized by recurrent fever and inflammation and are comprised of three autoinflammatory disorders that form a clinical continuum. These diseases, in order of increasing severity, are familial cold autoinflammatory syndrome (FCAS), Muckle-Wells syndrome (MWS), and chronic infantile cutaneous neurological articular syndrome (CINCA; also called neonatal-onset multisystem inflammatory disease, NOMID), and all have been shown to result from gain-of-function mutations in the NLRP3 gene, which leads to increased secretion of IL-1β.

[0077] A number of autoimmune diseases have been shown to involve NLRP3 including, in particular, multiple sclerosis, type-1 diabetes (T1D), psoriasis, rheumatoid arthritis (RA), Behcet's disease, Schnitzler syndrome, macrophage activation syndrome (Masters Clin. Immunol. 2013; Braddock et al. Nat. Rev. Drug Disc. 2004 3: 1-10; Inoue et al., Immunology 139: 11-18, Coll et al. Nat. Med. 2015 21(3):248-55; and Scott et al. Clin. Exp. Rheumatol 2016 34(1): 88-93), systemic lupus erythematosus (Lu et al. J Immunol. 2017 198(3): 1119-29), and systemic sclerosis (Artlett et al. Arthritis Rheum. 2011; 63(11): 3563-74). NLRP3 has also been shown to play a role in a number of lung diseases including chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder (COPD), asthma (including steroid-resistant asthma), asbestosis, and silicosis (De Nardo et al., Am. J. Pathol., 184: 42-54, 2014 and Kim et al. Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2017 196(3): 283-97). NLRP3 has also been suggested to have a role in a number of central nervous system conditions, including Parkinson's disease (PD), Alzheimer's disease (AD), dementia, Huntington's disease, cerebral malaria, brain injury from pneumococcal meningitis (Walsh et al., Nature Reviews, 15: 84-97, 2014, and Dempsey et al. Brain. Behav. Immun. 2017 61: 306-316), intracranial aneurysms (Zhang et al. J. Stroke & Cerebrovascular Dis. 2015 24; 5: 972-979), and traumatic brain injury (Ismael et al. J Neurotrauma. 2018 Jan 2). NRLP3 activity has also been shown to be involved in various metabolic diseases including type 2 diabetes (T2D), atherosclerosis, obesity, gout, pseudo-gout, metabolic syndrome (Wen et al., Nature Immunology, 13: 352-357, 2012; Duewell et al., Nature, 464: 1357-1361, 2010; Strowig et al., Nature,

481: 278-286, 2012), and non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (Mridha et al. J Hepatol. 2017 66(5): 1037-46). A role for NLRP3 via IL-1β has also been suggested in atherosclerosis, myocardial infarction (van Hout et al. Eur. Heart J 2017 38(11): 828-36), heart failure (Sano et al. J AM. Coll. Cardiol. 2018 71(8): 875-66), aortic aneurysm and dissection (Wu et al. Arterioscler. Thromb. Vasc. Biol. 2017 37(4): 694-706), and other cardiovascular events (Ridker et al, N Engl J Med., doi: 10.1056/ NEJMoa1707914, 2017). Other diseases in which NLRP3 has been shown to be involved include: ocular diseases such as both wet and dry age-related macular degeneration (Doyle et al., Nature Medicine, 18: 791-798, 2012 and Tarallo et al. Cell 2012 149(4): 847-59), diabetic retinopathy (Loukovaara et al. Acta Ophthalmol. 2017; 95(8): 803-808) and optic nerve damage (Puyang et al. Sci Rep. 2016 Feb 19;6:20998); liver diseases including non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) (Henao-Mejia et al., Nature, 482: 179-185, 2012); inflammatory reactions in the lung and skin (Primiano et al. J Immunol. 2016 197(6): 2421-33) including contact hypersensitivity (such as bullous pemphigoid (Fang et al. J Dermatol Sci. 2016; 83(2): 116-23)), atopic dermatitis (Niebuhr et al. Allergy 2014 69(8): 1058-67), Hidradenitis suppurativa (Alikhan et al. 2009 J Am Acad Dermatol 60(4): 539-61), acne vulgaris (Qin et al. J Invest. Dermatol. 2014 134(2): 381-88), and sarcoidosis (Jager et al. Am J Respir Crit Care Med 2015 191: A5816); inflammatory reactions in the joints (Braddock et al., Nat. Rev. Drug Disc., 3: 1-10, 2004); amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Gugliandolo et al. Inflammation 2018 41(1): 93-103); cystic fibrosis (Iannitti et al. Nat. Commun. 2016 7: 10791); stroke (Walsh et al., Nature Reviews, 15: 84-97, 2014); chronic kidney disease (Granata et al. PLoS One 2015 10(3): e0122272); and inflammatory bowel diseases including ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease (Braddock et al., Nat. Rev. Drug Disc., 3: 1-10, 2004, Neudecker et al. J Exp. Med. 2017 214(6): 1737-52, and Lazaridis et al. Dig. Dis. Sci. 2017 62(9): 2348-56). The NLRP3 inflammasome has been found to be activated in response to oxidative stress, and UVB irradiation (Schroder et al., Science, 327: 296-300, 2010). NLRP3 has also been shown to be involved in inflammatory hyperalgesia (Dolunay et al., Inflammation, 40: 366-386, 2017).

[0078] The inflammasome, and NLRP3 specifically, has also been proposed as a target for modulation by various pathogens including viruses such as DNA viruses (Amsler et al., Future Virol. (2013) 8(4), 357-370).

[0079] NLRP3 has also been implicated in the pathogenesis of many cancers (Menu et al., Clinical and Experimental Immunology 166: 1—15, 2011; and Masters Clin. Immunol. 2013). For example, several previous studies have suggested a role for IL-1β in cancer invasiveness, growth and metastasis, and inhibition of IL-1β with canakinumab has been shown to reduce the incidence of lung cancer and total cancer mortality in a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial (Ridker et al. Lancet, S0140-6736(17)32247-X, 2017). Inhibition of the NLRP3 inflammasome or IL-1β has also been shown to inhibit the proliferation and migration of lung cancer cells *in vitro* (Wang et al. Oncol Rep. 2016; 35(4): 2053-64). A role for the NLRP3 inflammasome has been suggested in myelodysplastic syndromes (Basiorka et al. Blood. 2016 Dec 22;128(25):2960-2975) and also in the carcinogenesis of various other cancers including glioma (Li et al. Am J Cancer Res. 2015; 5(1): 442-449), inflammation-induced tumours (Allen et al. J Exp Med. 2010; 207(5): 1045-56 and Hu et al. PNAS.

[0080] 2010; 107(50): 21635-40), multiple myeloma (Li et al. Hematology 2016 21(3): 144-51), and squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck (Huang et al. J Exp Clin Cancer Res. 2017 2; 36(1): 116). Activation of the NLRP3 inflammasome has also been shown to mediate chemoresistance of tumour cells to 5-Fluorouracil (Feng et al. J Exp Clin Cancer Res. 2017 21; 36(1): 81), and activation of NLRP3 inflammasome in peripheral nerve contributes to chemotherapy-induced neuropathic pain (Jia et al. Mol Pain. 2017; 13: 1-11).

[0081] NLRP3 has also been shown to be required for the efficient control of viral, bacterial, fungal, and helminth pathogen infections (Strowig et al., Nature, 481:278-286, 2012).

[0082] Accordingly, examples of diseases, disorders or conditions which may be responsive to NLRP3 inhibition and which may be treated or prevented in accordance with the fifth aspect of the present invention include:

(i) inflammation, including inflammation occurring as a result of an inflammatory disorder, e.g. an autoinflammatory disease, inflammation occurring as a symptom of a non-inflammatory disorder, inflammation occurring as a result of infection, or inflammation secondary to trauma, injury or autoimmunity;

(ii) auto-immune diseases such as acute disseminated encephalitis, Addison's disease, ankylosing spondylitis, antiphospholipid antibody syndrome (APS), anti-synthetase syndrome, aplastic anemia, autoimmune adrenalitis, autoimmune hepatitis, autoimmune oophoritis, autoimmune polyglandular failure, autoimmune thyroiditis, Coeliac disease, Crohn's disease, type 1 diabetes (T1D), Goodpasture's syndrome, Graves' disease, Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS), Hashimoto's disease, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, Kawasaki's disease, lupus erythematosus including systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), multiple sclerosis (MS) including primary progressive multiple sclerosis (PPMS), secondary progressive multiple sclerosis (SPMS) and relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis (RRMS), myasthenia gravis, opsoclonus myoclonus syndrome (OMS), optic neuritis, Ord's thyroiditis, pemphigus, pernicious anaemia, polyarthritis, primary biliary cirrhosis, rheumatoid arthritis (RA), psoriatic arthritis, juvenile idiopathic arthritis or Still's disease, refractory gouty arthritis, Reiter's syndrome, Sjögren's syndrome, systemic sclerosis a systemic connective tissue disorder, Takayasu's arteritis, temporal arteritis, warm autoimmune hemolytic anemia, Wegener's granulomatosis, alopecia universalis, Behçet's disease, Chagas' disease, dysautonomia, endometriosis, hidradenitis

suppurativa (HS), interstitial cystitis, neuromyotonia, psoriasis, sarcoidosis, scleroderma, ulcerative colitis, Schnitzler syndrome, macrophage activation syndrome, Blau syndrome, vitiligo or vulvodynia;
(iii) cancer including lung cancer, pancreatic cancer, gastric cancer, myelodysplastic syndrome, leukaemia including acute lymphocytic leukaemia (ALL) and acute myeloid leukaemia (AML), adrenal cancer, anal cancer, basal and squamous cell skin cancer, bile duct cancer, bladder cancer, bone cancer, brain and spinal cord tumours, breast cancer, cervical cancer, chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL), chronic myeloid leukaemia (CML), chronic myelomonocytic leukaemia (CMML), colorectal cancer, endometrial cancer, oesophagus cancer, Ewing family of tumours, eye cancer, gallbladder cancer, gastrointestinal carcinoid tumours, gastrointestinal stromal tumour (GIST), gestational trophoblastic disease, glioma, Hodgkin lymphoma, Kaposi sarcoma, kidney cancer, laryngeal and hypopharyngeal cancer, liver cancer, lung carcinoid tumour, lymphoma including cutaneous T cell lymphoma, malignant mesothelioma, melanoma skin cancer, Merkel cell skin cancer, multiple myeloma, nasal cavity and paranasal sinuses cancer, nasopharyngeal cancer, neuroblastoma, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, non-small cell lung cancer, oral cavity and oropharyngeal cancer, osteosarcoma, ovarian cancer, penile cancer, pituitary tumours, prostate cancer, retinoblastoma, rhabdomyosarcoma, salivary gland cancer, skin cancer, small cell lung cancer, small intestine cancer, soft tissue sarcoma, stomach cancer, testicular cancer, thymus cancer, thyroid cancer including anaplastic thyroid cancer, uterine sarcoma, vaginal cancer, vulvar cancer, Waldenstrom macroglobulinemia, and Wilms tumour;
(iv) infections including viral infections (e.g. from influenza virus, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), alphavirus (such as Chikungunya and Ross River virus), flaviviruses (such as Dengue virus and Zika virus), herpes viruses (such as Epstein Barr Virus, cytomegalovirus, Varicella-zoster virus, and KSHV), poxviruses (such as vaccinia virus (Modified vaccinia virus Ankara) and Myxoma virus), adenoviruses (such as Adenovirus 5), or papillomavirus), bacterial infections (e.g. from *Staphylococcus aureus, Helicobacter pylori, Bacillus anthracis, Bordatella pertussis, Burkholderia pseudomallei, Corynebacterium diptheriae, Clostridium tetani, Clostridium botulinum, Streptococcus pneumoniae, Streptococcus pyogenes, Listeria monocytogenes, Hemophilus influenzae, Pasteurella multicida, Shigella dysenteriae, Mycobacterium tuberculosis, Mycobacterium leprae, Mycoplasma pneumoniae, Mycoplasma hominis, Neisseria meningitidis, Neisseria gonorrhoeae, Rickettsia rickettsii, Legionella pneumophila, Klebsiella pneumoniae, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Propionibacterium acnes, Treponema pallidum, Chlamydia trachomatis, Vibrio cholerae, Salmonella typhimurium, Salmonella typhi, Borrelia burgdorferi* or *Yersinia pestis*), fungal infections (e.g. from Candida or Aspergillus species), protozoan infections (e.g. from Plasmodium, Babesia, Giardia, Entamoeba, Leishmania or Trypanosomes), helminth infections (e.g. from schistosoma, roundworms, tapeworms or flukes) and prion infections;
(v) central nervous system diseases such as Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, dementia, motor neuron disease, Huntington's disease, cerebral malaria, brain injury from pneumococcal meningitis, intracranial aneurysms, traumatic brain injury, and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis;
(vi) metabolic diseases such as type 2 diabetes (T2D), atherosclerosis, obesity, gout, and pseudo-gout;
(vii) cardiovascular diseases such as hypertension, ischaemia, reperfusion injury including post-MI ischemic reperfusion injury, stroke including ischemic stroke, transient ischemic attack, myocardial infarction including recurrent myocardial infarction, heart failure including congestive heart failure and heart failure with preserved ejection fraction, embolism, aneurysms including abdominal aortic aneurysm, and pericarditis including Dressler's syndrome;
(viii) respiratory diseases including chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder (COPD), asthma such as allergic asthma and steroid-resistant asthma, asbestosis, silicosis, nanoparticle induced inflammation, cystic fibrosis and idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis;
(ix) liver diseases including non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) and non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) including advanced fibrosis stages F3 and F4, alcoholic fatty liver disease (AFLD), and alcoholic steatohepatitis (ASH);
(x) renal diseases including chronic kidney disease, oxalate nephropathy, nephrocalcinosis, glomerulonephritis, and diabetic nephropathy;
(xi) ocular diseases including those of the ocular epithelium, age-related macular degeneration (AMD) (dry and wet), uveitis, corneal infection, diabetic retinopathy, optic nerve damage, dry eye, and glaucoma;
(xii) skin diseases including dermatitis such as contact dermatitis and atopic dermatitis, contact hypersensitivity, sunburn, skin lesions, hidradenitis suppurativa (HS), other cyst-causing skin diseases, and acne conglobata;
(xiii) lymphatic conditions such as lymphangitis and Castleman's disease;
(xiv) psychological disorders such as depression and psychological stress;
(xv) graft versus host disease; and
(xvi) allodynia including mechanical allodynia.

[0083] In one embodiment, the disease, disorder or condition is selected from:

(i) cancer;

(ii) an infection;
(iii) a central nervous system disease;
(iv) a cardiovascular disease;
(v) a liver disease;
(vi) an ocular diseases; or
(vii) a skin disease.

[0084] More typically, the disease, disorder or condition is selected from:

(i) cancer;
(ii) an infection;
(iii) a central nervous system disease; or
(iv) a cardiovascular disease.

[0085] In one embodiment, the disease, disorder or condition is selected from:

(i) acne conglobata;
(ii) atopic dermatitis;
(iii) Alzheimer's disease;
(iv) amyotrophic lateral sclerosis;
(v) age-related macular degeneration (AMD);
(vi) anaplastic thyroid cancer;
(vii) cryopyrin-associated periodic syndromes (CAPS);
(viii) contact dermatitis;
(ix) cystic fibrosis;
(x) congestive heart failure;
(xi) chronic kidney disease;
(xii) Crohn's disease;
(xiii) familial cold autoinflammatory syndrome (FCAS);
(xiv) Huntington's disease;
(xv) heart failure;
(xvi) heart failure with preserved ejection fraction;
(xvii) ischemic reperfusion injury;
(xviii) juvenile idiopathic arthritis;
(xix) myocardial infarction;
(xx) macrophage activation syndrome;
(xxi) myelodysplastic syndrome;
(xxii) multiple myeloma;
(xxiii) motor neuron disease;
(xxiv) multiple sclerosis;
(xxv) Muckle-Wells syndrome;
(xxvi) non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH);
(xxvii) neonatal-onset multisystem inflammatory disease (NOMID);
(xxviii) Parkinson's disease;
(xxix) systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis;
(xxx) systemic lupus erythematosus;
(xxxi) traumatic brain injury;
(xxxii) transient ischemic attack; and
(xxxiii) ulcerative colitis.

[0086] In a further typical embodiment of the invention, the disease, disorder or condition is inflammation. Examples of inflammation that may be treated or prevented in accordance with the fifth aspect of the present invention include inflammatory responses occurring in connection with, or as a result of:

(i) a skin condition such as contact hypersensitivity, bullous pemphigoid, sunburn, psoriasis, atopical dermatitis, contact dermatitis, allergic contact dermatitis, seborrhoetic dermatitis, lichen planus, scleroderma, pemphigus, epidermolysis bullosa, urticaria, erythemas, or alopecia;
(ii) a joint condition such as osteoarthritis, systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis, adult-onset Still's disease, relapsing

polychondritis, rheumatoid arthritis, juvenile chronic arthritis, gout, or a seronegative spondyloarthropathy (e.g. ankylosing spondylitis, psoriatic arthritis or Reiter's disease);
(iii) a muscular condition such as polymyositis or myasthenia gravis;
(iv) a gastrointestinal tract condition such as inflammatory bowel disease (including Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis), gastric ulcer, coeliac disease, proctitis, pancreatitis, eosinopilic gastro-enteritis, mastocytosis, antiphospholipid syndrome, or a food-related allergy which may have effects remote from the gut (e.g., migraine, rhinitis or eczema);
(v) a respiratory system condition such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma (including bronchial, allergic, intrinsic, extrinsic or dust asthma, and particularly chronic or inveterate asthma, such as late asthma and airways hyper-responsiveness), bronchitis, rhinitis (including acute rhinitis, allergic rhinitis, atrophic rhinitis, chronic rhinitis, rhinitis caseosa, hypertrophic rhinitis, rhinitis pumlenta, rhinitis sicca, rhinitis medicamentosa, membranous rhinitis, seasonal rhinitis e.g. hay fever, and vasomotor rhinitis), sinusitis, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), sarcoidosis, farmer's lung, silicosis, asbestosis, adult respiratory distress syndrome, hypersensitivity pneumonitis, or idiopathic interstitial pneumonia;
(vi) a vascular condition such as atherosclerosis, Behcet's disease, vasculitides, or wegener's granulomatosis;
(vii) an autoimmune condition such as systemic lupus erythematosus, Sjogren's syndrome, systemic sclerosis, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, type I diabetes, idiopathic thrombocytopenia purpura, or Graves disease;
(viii) an ocular condition such as uveitis, allergic conjunctivitis, or vernal conjunctivitis;
(ix) a nervous condition such as multiple sclerosis or encephalomyelitis;
(x) an infection or infection-related condition, such as Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), acute or chronic bacterial infection, acute or chronic parasitic infection, acute or chronic viral infection, acute or chronic fungal infection, meningitis, hepatitis (A, B or C, or other viral hepatitis), peritonitis, pneumonia, epiglottitis, malaria, dengue hemorrhagic fever, leishmaniasis, streptococcal myositis, mycobacterium tuberculosis, mycobacterium avium intracellulare, pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, orchitis/epidydimitis, legionella, Lyme disease, influenza A, epstein-barr virus, viral encephalitis/aseptic meningitis, or pelvic inflammatory disease;
(xi) a renal condition such as mesangial proliferative glomerulonephritis, nephrotic syndrome, nephritis, glomerular nephritis, acute renal failure, uremia, or nephritic syndrome;
(xii) a lymphatic condition such as Castleman's disease;
(xiii) a condition of, or involving, the immune system, such as hyper IgE syndrome, lepromatous leprosy, familial hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis, or graft versus host disease;
(xiv) a hepatic condition such as chronic active hepatitis, non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH), alcohol-induced hepatitis, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), alcoholic fatty liver disease (AFLD), alcoholic steatohepatitis (ASH) or primary biliary cirrhosis;
(xv) a cancer, including those cancers listed above;
(xvi) a burn, wound, trauma, haemorrhage or stroke;
(xvii) radiation exposure; and/or
(xviii) obesity; and/or
(xix) pain such as inflammatory hyperalgesia.

[0087] In one embodiment of the fifth aspect of the present invention, the disease, disorder or condition is an autoinflammatory disease such as cryopyrin-associated periodic syndromes (CAPS), Muckle-Wells syndrome (MWS), familial cold autoinflammatory syndrome (FCAS), familial Mediterranean fever (FMF), neonatal onset multisystem inflammatory disease (NOMID), Tumour Necrosis Factor (TNF) Receptor-Associated Periodic Syndrome (TRAPS), hyperimmunoglobulinemia D and periodic fever syndrome (HIDS), deficiency of interleukin 1 receptor antagonist (DIRA), Majeed syndrome, pyogenic arthritis, pyoderma gangrenosum and acne syndrome (PAPA), adult-onset Still's disease (AOSD), haploinsufficiency of A20 (HA20), pediatric granulomatous arthritis (PGA), PLCG2-associated antibody deficiency and immune dysregulation (PLAID), PLCG2-associated autoinflammatory, antibody deficiency and immune dysregulation (APLAID), or sideroblastic anaemia with B-cell immunodeficiency, periodic fevers and developmental delay (SIFD).

[0088] Examples of diseases, disorders or conditions which may be responsive to NLRP3 inhibition and which may be treated or prevented in accordance with the fifth aspect of the present invention are listed above. Examples of such diseases, disorders or conditions include cryopyrin-associated periodic syndromes (CAPS), Muckle-Wells syndrome (MWS), familial cold autoinflammatory syndrome (FCAS), neonatal onset multisystem inflammatory disease (NOMID), familial Mediterranean fever (FMF), pyogenic arthritis, pyoderma gangrenosum and acne syndrome (PAPA), hyperimmunoglobulinemia D and periodic fever syndrome (HIDS), Tumour Necrosis Factor (TNF) Receptor-Associated Periodic Syndrome (TRAPS), systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis, adult-onset Still's disease (AOSD), relapsing polychondritis, Schnitzler's syndrome, Sweet's syndrome, Behcet's disease, anti-synthetase syndrome, deficiency of interleukin 1 receptor antagonist (DIRA), and haploinsufficiency of A20 (HA20).

[0089] Moreover, some of the diseases, disorders or conditions mentioned above arise due to mutations in NLRP3,

in particular, resulting in increased NLRP3 activity. As a result, such diseases, disorders or conditions may be particularly responsive to NLRP3 inhibition and may be particularly suitable for treatment or prevention in accordance with the fifth aspect of the present invention. Examples of such diseases, disorders or conditions include cryopyrin-associated periodic syndromes (CAPS), Muckle-Wells syndrome (MWS), familial cold autoinflammatory syndrome (FCAS), and neonatal onset multisystem inflammatory disease (NOMID).

[0090] In one embodiment of the fifth aspect of the present invention, the disease, disorder or condition is not an ocular inflammatory disease or a symptom of an ocular inflammatory disease. In one embodiment of the fifth aspect of the present invention, the disease, disorder or condition is not a skin disease. In one embodiment of the fifth aspect of the present invention, the disease, disorder or condition is not a disease involving a chemokine receptor. In one embodiment of the fifth aspect of the present invention, the disease, disorder or condition is not a dermatic disease. In one embodiment of the fifth aspect of the present invention, the disease, disorder or condition is not dermatitis. In one embodiment of the fifth aspect of the present invention, the disease, disorder or condition is not a disease involving an increase in eosinophils. In one embodiment of the fifth aspect of the present invention, the disease, disorder or condition is not an allergic disease. In one embodiment of the fifth aspect of the present invention, the disease, disorder or condition is not a disease susceptible to treatment with a chymase inhibitor. In one embodiment of the fifth aspect of the present invention, the disease, disorder or condition is not fibrosis or extracellular matrix dysbolism. In one embodiment of the fifth aspect of the present invention, the disease, disorder or condition is not a disease accompanied by abnormal vascular function. In one embodiment of the fifth aspect of the present invention, the disease, disorder or condition is not a rheumatic disease. In one embodiment of the fifth aspect of the present invention, the disease, disorder or condition is not a cardiac or circulatory system disease. In one embodiment of the fifth aspect of the present invention, the disease, disorder or condition is not inflammatory bowel disease. In one embodiment of the fifth aspect of the present invention, the disease, disorder or condition is not HCV infection. In one embodiment of the fifth aspect of the present invention, the disease, disorder or condition is not cancer. In one embodiment of the fifth aspect of the present invention, the disease, disorder or condition is not a disease susceptible to treatment with a hypoglycaemic agent.

[0091] A sixth aspect of the invention provides an *ex vivo* or *in vitro* method of inhibiting NLRP3, the method comprising the use of a compound of the first or second aspect of the invention, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate of the third aspect of the invention, or a pharmaceutical composition of the fourth aspect of the invention, to inhibit NLRP3.

[0092] In one embodiment of the sixth aspect of the present invention, the method comprises the use of a compound of the first or second aspect of the invention, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate of the third aspect of the invention, or a pharmaceutical composition of the fourth aspect of the invention, in combination with one or more further active agents.

[0093] In one embodiment of the sixth aspect of the present invention, the method is performed in order to analyse the effect on cells of NLRP3 inhibition.

[0094] In any embodiment of the fifth or sixth aspects of the present invention that comprises the use or co-administration of one or more further active agents, the one or more further active agents may comprise for example one, two or three different further active agents.

[0095] The one or more further active agents may be used or administered prior to, simultaneously with, sequentially with or subsequent to each other and/or to the compound of the first or second aspect of the invention, the pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate of the third aspect of the invention, or the pharmaceutical composition of the fourth aspect of the invention. Where the one or more further active agents are administered simultaneously with the compound of the first or second aspect of the invention, or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate of the third aspect of the invention, a pharmaceutical composition of the fourth aspect of the invention may be administered wherein the pharmaceutical composition additionally comprises the one or more further active agents.

[0096] In one embodiment of the fifth or sixth aspects of the present invention that comprises the use or co-administration of one or more further active agents, the one or more further active agents are selected from:

(i) chemotherapeutic agents;
(ii) antibodies;
(iii) alkylating agents;
(iv) anti-metabolites;
(v) anti-angiogenic agents;
(vi) plant alkaloids and/or terpenoids;
(vii) topoisomerase inhibitors;
(viii) mTOR inhibitors;
(ix) stilbenoids;
(x) STING agonists;
(xi) cancer vaccines;
(xii) immunomodulatory agents;

(xiii) antibiotics;
(xiv) anti-fungal agents;
(xv) anti-helminthic agents; and/or
(xvi) other active agents.

[0097] It will be appreciated that these general embodiments defined according to broad categories of active agents are not mutually exclusive. In this regard any particular active agent may be categorized according to more than one of the above general embodiments. A non-limiting example is urelumab which is an antibody that is an immunomodulatory agent for the treatment of cancer.

[0098] In some embodiments, the one or more chemotherapeutic agents are selected from abiraterone acetate, altretamine, amsacrine, anhydrovinblastine, auristatin, azathioprine, adriamycin, bexarotene, bicalutamide, BMS 184476, bleomycin, N,N-dimethyl-L-valyl-L-valyl-N-methyl-L-valyl-L-prolyl-L-proline-t-butylamide, cisplatin, carboplatin, carboplatin cyclophosphamide, chlorambucil, cachectin, cemadotin, cyclophosphamide, carmustine, cryptophycin, cytarabine, docetaxel, doxetaxel, doxorubicin, dacarbazine (DTIC), dactinomycin, daunorubicin, decitabine, dolastatin, etoposide, etoposide phosphate, enzalutamide (MDV3100), 5-fluorouracil, fludarabine, flutamide, gemcitabine, hydroxyurea and hydroxyureataxanes, idarubicin, ifosfamide, irinotecan, leucovorin, lonidamine, lomustine (CCNU), larotaxel (RPR109881), mechlorethamine, mercaptopurine, methotrexate, mitomycin C, mitoxantrone, melphalan, mivobulin, 3',4'-didehydro-4'-deoxy-8'-norvin-caleukoblastine, nilutamide, oxaliplatin, onapristone, prednimustine, procarbazine, paclitaxel, platinum-containing anti-cancer agents, 2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-N-(3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)benzene sulphonamide, prednimustine, procarbazine, rhizoxin, sertenef, streptozocin, stramustine phosphate, tretinoin, tasonermin, taxol, topotecan, tamoxifen, teniposide, taxane, tegafur/uracil, vincristine, vinblastine, vinorelbine, vindesine, vindesine sulfate, and/or vinflunine.

[0099] Alternatively or in addition, the one or more chemotherapeutic agents may be selected from CD59 complement fragment, fibronectin fragment, gro-beta (CXCL2), heparinases, heparin hexasaccharide fragment, human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG), interferon alpha, interferon beta, interferon gamma, interferon inducible protein (IP-10), interleukin-12, kringle 5 (plasminogen fragment), metalloproteinase inhibitors (TIMPs), 2-methoxyestradiol, placental ribonuclease inhibitor, plasminogen activator inhibitor, platelet factor-4 (PF4), prolactin 16 kD fragment, proliferin-related protein (PRP), various retinoids, tetrahydrocortisol-S, thrombospondin-i (TSP-1), transforming growth factor-beta (TGF-β), vasculostatin, vasostatin (calreticulin fragment), and/or cytokines (including interleukins, such as interleukin-2 (IL-2), or IL-10).

[0100] In some embodiments, the one or more antibodies may comprise one or more monoclonal antibodies. In some embodiments, the one or more antibodies are selected from abciximab, adalimumab, alemtuzumab, atlizumab, basilixiimab, belimumab, bevacizumab, bretuximab vedotin, canakinumab, cetuximab, ceertolizumab pegol, daclizumab, denosumab, eculizumab, efalizumab, gemtuzumab, golimumab, ibritumomab tiuxetan, infliximab, ipilimumab, muromonab-CD3, natalizumab, ofatumumab, omalizumab, palivizumab, panitumuab, ranibizumab, rituximab, tocilizumab, tositumomab, and/or trastuzumab.

[0101] In some embodiments, the one or more alkylating agents may comprise an agent capable of alkylating nucleophilic functional groups under conditions present in cells, including, for example, cancer cells. In some embodiments, the one or more alkylating agents are selected from cisplatin, carboplatin, mechlorethamine, cyclophosphamide, chlorambucil, ifosfamide and/or oxaliplatin. In some embodiments, the alkylating agent may function by impairing cell function by forming covalent bonds with amino, carboxyl, sulfhydryl, and/or phosphate groups in biologically important molecules. In some embodiments, the alkylating agent may function by modifying a cell's DNA.

[0102] In some embodiments, the one or more anti-metabolites may comprise an agent capable of affecting or preventing RNA or DNA synthesis. In some embodiments, the one or more anti-metabolites are selected from azathioprine and/or mercaptopurine.

[0103] In some embodiments, the one or more anti-angiogenic agents are selected from endostatin, angiogenin inhibitors, angiostatin, angioarrestin, angiostatin (plasminogen fragment), basement-membrane collagen-derived anti-angiogenic factors (tumstatin, canstatin, or arrestin), anti-angiogenic antithrombin III, and/or cartilage-derived inhibitor (CDI).

[0104] In some embodiments, the one or more plant alkaloids and/or terpenoids may prevent microtubule function. In some embodiments, the one or more plant alkaloids and/or terpenoids are selected from a vinca alkaloid, a podophyllotoxin and/or a taxane. In some embodiments, the one or more vinca alkaloids may be derived from the Madagascar periwinkle, Catharanthus roseus (formerly known as Vinca rosea), and may be selected from vincristine, vinblastine, vinorelbine and/or vindesine. In some embodiments, the one or more taxanes are selected from taxol, paclitaxel, docetaxel and/or ortataxel. In some embodiments, the one or more podophyllotoxins are selected from an etoposide and/or teniposide.

[0105] In some embodiments, the one or more topoisomerase inhibitors are selected from a type I topoisomerase inhibitor and/or a type II topoisomerase inhibitor, and may interfere with transcription and/or replication of DNA by interfering with DNA supercoiling. In some embodiments, the one or more type I topoisomerase inhibitors may comprise

a camptothecin, which may be selected from exatecan, irinotecan, lurtotecan, topotecan, BNP 1350, CKD 602, DB 67 (AR67) and/or ST 1481. In some embodiments, the one or more type II topoisomerase inhibitors may comprise an epipodophyllotoxin, which may be selected from an amsacrine, etoposid, etoposide phosphate and/or teniposide.

[0106] In some embodiments, the one or more mTOR (mammalian target of rapamycin, also known as the mechanistic target of rapamycin) inhibitors are selected from rapamycin, everolimus, temsirolimus and/or deforolimus.

[0107] In some embodiments, the one or more stilbenoids are selected from resveratrol, piceatannol, pinosylvin, pterostilbene, alpha-viniferin, ampelopsin A, ampelopsin E, diptoindonesin C, diptoindonesin F, epsilon-vinferin, flexuosol A, gnetin H, hemsleyanol D, hopeaphenol, trans-diptoindonesin B, astringin, piceid and/or diptoindonesin A.

[0108] In some embodiments, the one or more STING (Stimulator of interferon genes, also known as transmembrane protein (TMEM) 173) agonists may comprise cyclic di-nucleotides, such as cAMP, cGMP, and cGAMP, and/or modified cyclic di-nucleotides that may include one or more of the following modification features: 2'-O/3'-O linkage, phosphorothioate linkage, adenine and/or guanine analogue, and/or 2'-OH modification (e.g. protection of the 2'-OH with a methyl group or replacement of the 2'-OH by -F or $-N_3$).

[0109] In some embodiments, the one or more cancer vaccines are selected from an HPV vaccine, a hepatitis B vaccine, Oncophage, and/or Provenge.

[0110] In some embodiments, the one or more immunomodulatory agents may comprise an immune checkpoint inhibitor. The immune checkpoint inhibitor may target an immune checkpoint receptor, or combination of receptors comprising, for example, CTLA-4, PD-1, PD-L1, PD-L2, T cell immunoglobulin and mucin 3 (TIM3 or HAVCR2), galectin 9, phosphatidylserine, lymphocyte activation gene 3 protein (LAG3), MHC class I, MHC class II, 4-1BB, 4-1BBL, OX40, OX40L, GITR, GITRL, CD27, CD70, TNFRSF25, TL1A, CD40, CD40L, HVEM, LIGHT, BTLA, CD160, CD80, CD244, CD48, ICOS, ICOSL, B7-H3, B7-H4, VISTA, TMIGD2, HHLA2, TMIGD2, a butyrophilin (including BTNL2), a Siglec family member, TIGIT, PVR, a killer-cell immunoglobulin-like receptor, an ILT, a leukocyte immunoglobulin-like receptor, NKG2D, NKG2A, MICA, MICB, CD28, CD86, SIRPA, CD47, VEGF, neuropilin, CD30, CD39, CD73, CXCR4, and/or CXCL12.

[0111] In some embodiments, the immune checkpoint inhibitor is selected from urelumab, PF-05082566, MEDI6469, TRX518, varlilumab, CP-870893, pembrolizumab (PD1), nivolumab (PD1), atezolizumab (formerly MPDL3280A) (PD-L1), MEDI4736 (PD-L1), avelumab (PD-L1), PDR001 (PD1), BMS-986016, MGA271, lirilumab, IPH2201, emactuzumab, INCB024360, galunisertib, ulocuplumab, BKT140, bavituximab, CC-90002, bevacizumab, and/or MNRP1685A.

[0112] In some embodiments, the one or more antibiotics are selected from amikacin, gentamicin, kanamycin, neomycin, netilmicin, tobramycin, paromomycin, streptomycin, spectinomycin, geldanamycin, herbimycin, rifaximin, loracarbef, ertapenem, doripenem, imipenem, cilastatin, meropenem, cefadroxil, cefazolin, cefalotin, cefalothin, cefalexin, cefaclor, cefamandole, cefoxitin, cefprozil, cefuroxime, cefixime, cefdinir, cefditoren, cefoperazone, cefotaxime, cefpodoxime, ceftazidime, ceftibuten, ceftizoxime, ceftriaxone, cefepime, ceftaroline fosamil, ceftobiprole, teicoplanin, vancomycin, telavancin, dalbavancin, oritavancin, clindamycin, lincomycin, daptomycin, azithromycin, clarithromycin, dirithromycin, erythromycin, roxithromycin, troleandomycin, telithromycin, spiramycin, aztreonam, furazolidone, nitrofurantoin, linezolid, posizolid, radezolid, torezolid, amoxicillin, ampicillin, azlocillin, carbenicillin, cloxacillin, dicloxacillin, flucloxacillin, mezlocillin, methicillin, nafcillin, oxacillin, penicillin G, penicillin V, piperacillin, temocillin, ticarcillin, calvulanate, ampicillin, subbactam, tazobactam, ticarcillin, clavulanate, bacitracin, colistin, polymyxin B, ciprofloxacin, enoxacin, gatifloxacin, gemifloxacin, levofloxacin, lomefloxacin, moxifloxacin, nalidixic acid, norfloxacin, ofloxacin, trovafloxacin, grepafloxacin, sparfloxacin, temafloxacin, mafenide, sulfacetamide, sulfadiazine, silver sulfadiazine, sulfadimethoxine, sulfamethoxazole, sulfanamide, sulfasalazine, sulfisoxazole, trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, sulfonamideochrysoidine, demeclocycline, minocycline, oytetracycline, tetracycline, clofazimine, dapsone, dapreomycin, cycloserine, ethambutol, ethionamide, isoniazid, pyrazinamide, rifampicin, rifabutin, rifapentine, streptomycin, arsphenamine, chloramphenicol, fosfomycin, fusidic acid, metronidazole, mupirocin, platensimycin, quinupristin, dalopristin, thiamphenicol, tigecycyline, tinidazole, trimethoprim, and/or teixobactin.

[0113] In some embodiments, the one or more antibiotics may comprise one or more cytotoxic antibiotics. In some embodiments, the one or more cytotoxic antibiotics are selected from an actinomycin, an anthracenedione, an anthracycline, thalidomide, dichloroacetic acid, nicotinic acid, 2-deoxyglucose, and/or chlofazimine. In some embodiments, the one or more actinomycins are selected from actinomycin D, bacitracin, colistin (polymyxin E) and/or polymyxin B. In some embodiments, the one or more antracenediones are selected from mitoxantrone and/or pixantrone. In some embodiments, the one or more anthracyclines are selected from bleomycin, doxorubicin (Adriamycin), daunorubicin (daunomycin), epirubicin, idarubicin, mitomycin, plicamycin and/or valrubicin.

[0114] In some embodiments, the one or more anti-fungal agents are selected from bifonazole, butoconazole, clotrimazole, econazole, ketoconazole, luliconazole, miconazole, omoconazole, oxiconazole, sertaconazole, sulconazole, tioconazole, albaconazole, efinaconazole, epoziconazole, fluconazole, isavuconazole, itraconazole, posaconazole, propiconazole, ravusconazole, terconazole, voriconazole, abafungin, amorolfin, butenafine, naftifine, terbinafine, anidulafungin, caspofungin, micafungin, benzoic acid, ciclopirox, flucytosine, 5-fluorocytosine, griseofulvin, haloprogin, tolnaflate, undecylenic acid, and/or balsam of Peru.

[0115] In some embodiments, the one or more anti-helminthic agents are selected from benzimidazoles (including albendazole, mebendazole, thiabendazole, fenbendazole, triclabendazole, and flubendazole), abamectin, diethylcarbamazine, ivermectin, suramin, pyrantel pamoate, levamisole, salicylanilides (including niclosamide and oxyclozanide), and/or nitazoxanide.

[0116] In some embodiments, other active agents are selected from growth inhibitory agents, anti-inflammatory agents (including nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents), anti-psoriatic agents (including anthralin and its derivatives), vitamins and vitamin-derivatives (including retinoinds, and VDR receptor ligands), corticosteroids, ion channel blockers (including potassium channel blockers), immune system regulators (including cyclosporin, FK 506, and glucocorticoids), lutenizing hormone releasing hormone agonists (such as leuprolidine, goserelin, triptorelin, histrelin, bicalutamide, flutamide and/or nilutamide), and/or hormones (including estrogen).

[0117] Unless stated otherwise, in any of the fifth or sixth aspects of the invention, the subject may be any human or other animal. Typically, the subject is a mammal, more typically a human or a domesticated mammal such as a cow, pig, lamb, sheep, goat, horse, cat, dog, rabbit, mouse etc. Most typically, the subject is a human.

[0118] Any of the medicaments employed in the present invention can be administered by oral, parenteral (including intravenous, subcutaneous, intramuscular, intradermal, intratracheal, intraperitoneal, intraarticular, intracranial and epidural), airway (aerosol), rectal, vaginal or topical (including transdermal, buccal, mucosal and sublingual) administration.

[0119] Typically, the mode of administration selected is that most appropriate to the disorder, disease or condition to be treated or prevented. Where one or more further active agents are administered, the mode of administration may be the same as or different to the mode of administration of the compound, salt, solvate or pharmaceutical composition of the invention.

[0120] For oral administration, the compounds, salts or solvates of the present invention will generally be provided in the form of tablets, capsules, hard or soft gelatine capsules, caplets, troches or lozenges, as a powder or granules, or as an aqueous solution, suspension or dispersion.

[0121] Tablets for oral use may include the active ingredient mixed with pharmaceutically acceptable excipients such as inert diluents, disintegrating agents, binding agents, lubricating agents, sweetening agents, flavouring agents, colouring agents and preservatives. Suitable inert diluents include sodium and calcium carbonate, sodium and calcium phosphate, and lactose. Corn starch and alginic acid are suitable disintegrating agents. Binding agents may include starch and gelatine. The lubricating agent, if present, may be magnesium stearate, stearic acid or talc. If desired, the tablets may be coated with a material, such as glyceryl monostearate or glyceryl distearate, to delay absorption in the gastrointestinal tract. Tablets may also be effervescent and/or dissolving tablets.

[0122] Capsules for oral use include hard gelatine capsules in which the active ingredient is mixed with a solid diluent, and soft gelatine capsules wherein the active ingredient is mixed with water or an oil such as peanut oil, liquid paraffin or olive oil.

[0123] Powders or granules for oral use may be provided in sachets or tubs. Aqueous solutions, suspensions or dispersions may be prepared by the addition of water to powders, granules or tablets.

[0124] Any form suitable for oral administration may optionally include sweetening agents such as sugar, flavouring agents, colouring agents and/or preservatives.

[0125] Formulations for rectal administration may be presented as a suppository with a suitable base comprising, for example, cocoa butter or a salicylate.

[0126] Formulations suitable for vaginal administration may be presented as pessaries, tampons, creams, gels, pastes, foams or spray formulations containing in addition to the active ingredient such carriers as are known in the art to be appropriate.

[0127] For parenteral use, the compounds, salts or solvates of the present invention will generally be provided in a sterile aqueous solution or suspension, buffered to an appropriate pH and isotonicity. Suitable aqueous vehicles include Ringer's solution and isotonic sodium chloride or glucose. Aqueous suspensions according to the invention may include suspending agents such as cellulose derivatives, sodium alginate, polyvinylpyrrolidone and gum tragacanth, and a wetting agent such as lecithin. Suitable preservatives for aqueous suspensions include ethyl and n-propyl p-hydroxybenzoate. The compounds of the invention may also be presented as liposome formulations.

[0128] For transdermal and other topical administration, the compounds, salts or solvates of the invention will generally be provided in the form of ointments, cataplasms (poultices), pastes, powders, dressings, creams, plasters or patches.

[0129] Suitable suspensions and solutions can be used in inhalers for airway (aerosol) administration.

[0130] The dose of the compounds, salts or solvates of the present invention will, of course, vary with the disorder, disease or condition to be treated or prevented. In general, a suitable dose will be in the range of 0.01 to 500 mg per kilogram body weight of the recipient per day. The desired dose may be presented at an appropriate interval such as once every other day, once a day, twice a day, three times a day or four times a day. The desired dose may be administered in unit dosage form, for example, containing 1 mg to 50 g of active ingredient per unit dosage form.

[0131] For the avoidance of doubt, insofar as is practicable any embodiment of a given aspect of the present invention may occur in combination with any other embodiment of the same aspect of the present invention. In addition, insofar

as is practicable it is to be understood that any preferred, typical or optional embodiment of any aspect of the present invention should also be considered as a preferred, typical or optional embodiment of any other aspect of the present invention.

Examples - compound synthesis

[0132] All solvents, reagents and compounds were purchased and used without further purification unless stated otherwise.

Abbreviations

[0133]

2-MeTHF	2-methyltetrahydrofuran
AcOH	acetic acid
aq	aqueous
Boc	*tert*-butyloxycarbonyl
br	broad
Cbz	carboxybenzyl
CDI	1,1-carbonyl-diimidazole
conc	concentrated
d	doublet
DABCO	1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane
DCE	1,2-dichloroethane, also called ethylene dichloride
DCM	dichloromethane
DIPEA	N,N-diisopropylethylamine, also called Hünig's base
DMAP	4-dimethylaminopyridine, also called *N*,*N*-dimethylpyridin-4-amine
DME	dimethoxyethane
DMF	*N*,*N*-dimethylformamide
DMSO	dimethyl sulfoxide
(ES+)	electrospray ionization, positive mode
Et	ethyl
EtOAc	ethyl acetate
EtOH	ethanol
h	hour(s)
HATU	1-[bis(dimethylamino)methylene]-1H-1,2,3-triazolo[4,5-b]pyridinium 3-oxid hexafluorophosphate
HPLC	high performance liquid chromatography
LC	liquid chromatography
m	multiplet
m-CPBA	3-chloroperoxybenzoic acid
Me	methyl
MeCN	acetonitrile
MeOH	methanol
(M+H)+	protonated molecular ion
MHz	megahertz
min	minute(s)
MS	mass spectrometry
Ms	mesyl, also called methanesulfonyl
MsCl	mesyl chloride, also called methanesulfonyl chloride
MTBE	methyl *tert*-butyl ether, also called *tert*-butyl methyl ether
m/z	mass-to-charge ratio
NaO^tBu	sodium *tert*-butoxide
NBS	1-bromopyrrolidine-2,5-dione, also called *N*-bromosuccinimide
NCS	1-chloropyrrolidine-2,5-dione, also called *N*-chlorosuccinimide
NMP	N-methylpyrrolidine
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance (spectroscopy)
$Pd(dba)_3$	tris(dibenzylideneacetone) dipalladium(0)
$Pd(dppf)Cl_2$	[1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene] dichloropalladium(II)

PE	petroleum ether
Ph	phenyl
PMB	p-methoxybenzyl
prep-HPLC	preparative high performance liquid chromatography
prep-TLC	preparative thin layer chromatography
PTSA	p-toluenesulfonic acid
q	quartet
RP	reversed phase
RT	room temperature
s	singlet
Sept	septuplet
sat	saturated
SCX	solid supported cation exchange (resin)
t	triplet
TBME	*tert*-butyl methyl ether, also called methyl *tert*-butyl ether
TEA	triethylamine
TFA	2,2,2-trifluoroacetic acid
THF	tetrahydrofuran
TLC	thin layer chromatography
wt %	weight percent or percent by weight

Experimental Methods

Analytical Methods

[0134] NMR spectra were recorded at 300 MHz or 400 MHz with chemical shifts reported in parts per million. Spectra were collected using one of the three machines below: -

- An Agilent VNMRS 300 instrument fitted with a 7.05 Tesla magnet from Oxford instruments, indirect detection probe and direct drive console including PFG module.
- An Agilent MercuryPlus 300 instrument fitted with a 7.05 Tesla magnet from Oxford instruments, 4 nuclei auto-switchable probe and Mercury plus console.
- A Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer using ICON-NMR, under TopSpin program control.

[0135] HPLC and LC-MS were recorded on an Agilent 1290 series with UV detector and HP 6130 MSD mass detector. Mobile phase A: ammonium acetate (10 mM); water/MeOH/acetonitrile (900:60:40); mobile phase B: ammonium acetate (10 mM); water/MeOH/acetonitrile (100:540:360); column, Waters XBridge BEH C18 XP (2.1 × 50 mm, 2.5 μm)

Pump flow: 0.6 mL/min	UV detection: 215, 238 nm
Injection volume: 0.2 μL	Run time: 4.0 min
Column temperature: 35°C	Mass detection: API-ES +ve and -ive

[0136] Pump Program:

Gradient Time (min)	%A	%B
0.0	80	20
0.5	80	20
2.0	0	100

[0137] Alternatively, LC-MS were recorded using SHIMADZU LCMS-2020, Agilent 1200 LC/G1956A MSD and Agilent 1200\G6110A, Agilent 1200 LC & Agilent 6110 MSD. Mobile Phase: A: 0.025% $NH_3 \cdot H_2O$ in water (v/v); B: Acetonitrile. Column: Kinetex EVO C18 2.1 × 30 mm, 5μm.

Purification Method 1

[0138] Automated reversed phase column chromatography was carried out using a Buchi Sepracore® X50 system driven by a C-605 pump module, C-620 Sepracore control package, C-640 UV photometer detection unit and C-660 fraction collector.

Revelis C18 reversed-phase 12 g cartridge

[0139]

Carbon loading	18%
Surface area	568 m^2/g
Pore diameter	65 Angstrom
pH (5% slurry)	5.1
Average particle size	40 μm

[0140] The column was conditioned before use with MeOH (5 min) then brought to H_2O (in 5 min) and kept 5 min at H_2O. Flow rate = 30 mL/min.

[0141] Separation runs:

Time (min)	A: water (%)	B: MeOH (%)
0	100	0
5	100	0
30	30	70
30.1	0	100
35	0	100

[0142] Detection wavelength: 215, 235, 254 and 280 nm. Before each new run, the cartridge was cleaned using the conditioning method.

Purification Method 2

[0143] Alternatively, automated reversed phase column chromatography was carried out using a Gilson GX-281 system driven by a Gilson-322 pump module, Gilson-156 UV photometer detection unit and Gilson-281 fraction collector.

Phenomenex Gemini 150mm × 25mm × 10μm
pH (water (0.05% ammonium hydroxide v/v) - acetonitrile) = 10
Average particle size = 10 μm

[0144] The column was conditioned before use with 100% acetonitrile (2 min) then brought to 5% acetonitrile (in 1.5 min). Flow rate = 25 mL/min.

[0145] Separation runs:

Time (min)	A: water (0.05% ammonium hydroxide v/v)	B: acetonitrile (%)
0	99	1
12	85	15
12.2	0	100
14.2	0	100
14.5	95	5
16.0	95	5

[0146] Detection wavelength: 220 and 254 nm. Before each new run, the cartridge was cleaned using the conditioning method.

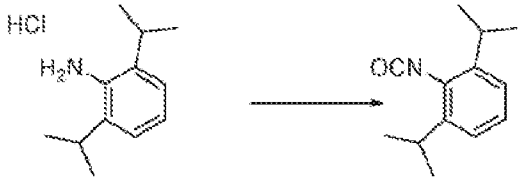
Synthesis of Intermediates

[0147]

Intermediate A1: 4-Isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacene

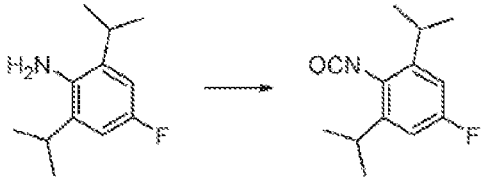
[0148] To a solution of phosgene (4.45 mL, 20 % weight in toluene, 8.4 mmol) in EtOAc (90 mL) was added drop-wise a solution of 1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-amine (589 mg, 3.4 mmol) in EtOAc (45 mL) at ambient temperature. The resulting reaction mixture was then heated to reflux for 3 hours and upon cooling was filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound as a brown oil (756 mg, 100 % yield). The crude product was used directly in the next step without further purification.
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ 6.8 (s, 1 H), 2.89 (m, 8 H) and 2.09 (m, 4 H).

Intermediate A2: 2-Isocyanato-1,3-diisopropylbenzene



[0149] To a suspension of 2,6-diisopropylaniline hydrochloride (1 g, 4.7 mmol) in toluene (50 mL) was added 1 drop of pyridine and the resulting mixture was heated to near reflux whilst a solution of phosgene (7.3 mL, 20 wt % in toluene, 13.8 mmol) was added drop-wise over a period of 10 minutes. The mixture was stirred for an additional 45 minutes at 105 °C and then allowed to partially cool before being concentrated in *vacuo* to afford the title compound as a mobile yellow oil (1.5 g, >100 % yield). The crude product was used directly in the next step without further purification.
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ 7.2 (m, 3 H), 3.12 (m, 2 H) and 1.25 (d, 12 H).

Intermediate A3: 5-Fluoro-2-isocyanato-1,3-diisopropylbenzene



[0150] To a solution of 4-fluoro-2,6-diisopropylaniline (0.103 g, 0.527 mmol) in toluene (1.4 mL) was added a phosgene solution (0.69 mL, 20% weight in toluene, 1.3 mmol) and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 1 hour. Upon cooling, the mixture was concentrated in *vacuo* to afford the title compound as a brown oil (0.110 g, yield 100 %). The crude product was used directly in the next step without further purification.
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 6.80 (d, 2H), 3.20 (m, 2H), 1.24 (d, 12H).

Intermediate A4: 5-(2-Methoxypyridin-4-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-amine

Step A: N-(5-Bromo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-yl)pivalamide

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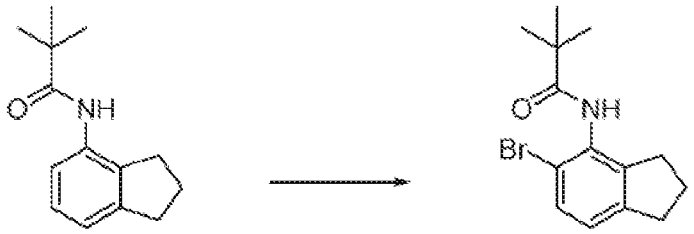
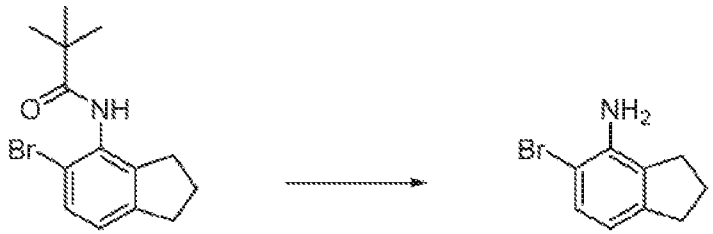


N-(2,3-Dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl)pivalamide (1 g, 4.60 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (0.45 g, 2.366 mmol), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (0.05 g, 0.223 mmol), and NBS (0.9 g, 5.06 mmol) were suspended in toluene (20 mL) and stirred for 16 hours. The dark green mixture was diluted with EtOAc (20 mL), and then washed with saturated aqueous $NaHCO_3$ (2 × 10 mL), water (2 × 10 mL) and brine (10 mL). The organic phase was dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* to give a dark green amorphous solid. The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (40 g column, 0-30% EtOAc/isohexane) to afford the title compound (1.662 g, 100 %) as a colourless crystalline solid that was contaminated with a small amount of reaction byproducts.
LCMS: m/z 296.3/298.3 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Step B: 5-Bromo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-amine

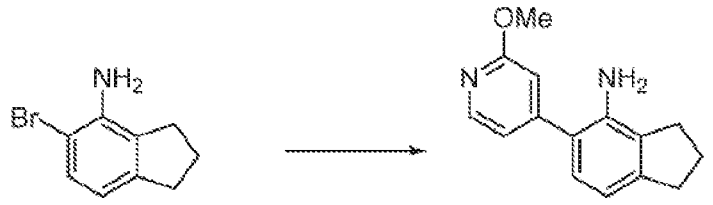
[0152]



[0153] *N*-(5-Bromo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-yl)pivalamide (0.632 g, 2.134 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (5 mL) and stirred at room temperature. H_2SO_4 (95% aqueous) (5 mL, 89 mmol) was slowly added to water (5 mL) and this mixture was then added to the reaction mixture. The slurry was heated to 100 °C (bath temperature) at which point the mixture became homogeneous and it was stirred at this temperature over the weekend. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and then basified with 2 M aqueous NaOH. The mixture was extracted with DCM (3 × 20 mL). The organic phase was dried by passing through a hydrophobic frit, and then concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (40 g column, 0-50% EtOAc/isohexane) to afford the title compound (0.14 g, 29 %).
^1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 7.23 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 2H), 2.89 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (p, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H).

Step C: 5-(2-Methoxypyridin-4-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-amine

[0154]

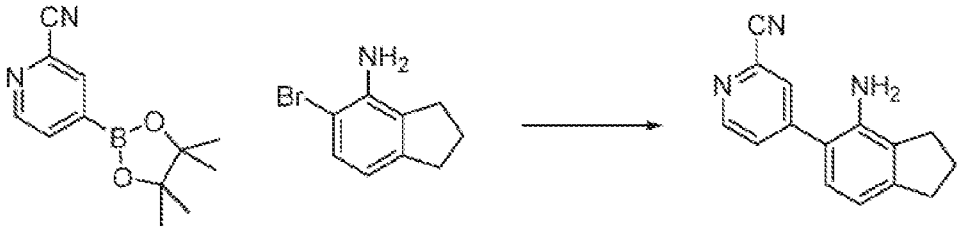


[0155] 5-Bromo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-amine (280 mg, 1.320 mmol) was dissolved in dioxane (5 mL). A solution of potassium carbonate (600 mg, 4.34 mmol) in water (1 mL) and (2-methoxypyridin-4-yl)boronic acid (250 mg, 1.635 mmol) were added. The mixture was degassed with nitrogen for 15 minutes before $Pd(dppf)Cl_2$.DCM (60 mg, 0.073 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was heated to 80 °C (bath temperature) for 2 hours. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature and partitioned between DCM (30 mL) and water (20 mL). The organic phase was dried by

passing through a hydrophobic frit and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a brown oil. The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (12 g column, 0-50% EtOAc/isohexane) to afford the title compound (0.29 g, 87 %) as a pale yellow crystalline solid.

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.26 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (s, 3H), 2.98 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (p, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H). Two exchangeable protons not observed.
LCMS: m/z 241.3 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Intermediate A5: 4-(4-Amino-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-5-yl)picolinonitrile



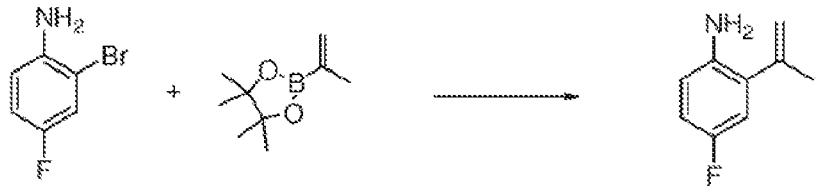
[0156] Prepared according to the general procedure of 5-(2-methoxypyridin-4-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-amine (**Intermediate A4, Step C**) from 5-bromo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-amine (**Intermediate A4, Step B**) and 4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)picolinonitrile to afford the title compound (215 mg, 61 %) as a pale yellow solid.

^{1}H (DMSO-d6) δ 8.72 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 2.83 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.03 (p, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H).
LCMS: m/z 236.3 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Intermediate A6: 4-(5-Fluoro-2-isocyanato-3-isopropylphenyl)picolino-nitrile

Step A: 4-Fluoro-2-(prop-1-en-2-yl)aniline

[0157]



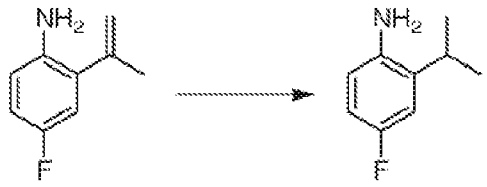
[0158] To a mixture of 2-bromo-4-fluoroaniline (39 g, 205.25 mmol, 1 eq), 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (36.21 g, 215.51 mmol, 1.05 eq) and K_2CO_3 (70.92 g, 513.12 mmol, 2.5 eq) in dioxane (200 mL) and H_2O (40 mL) was added $Pd(dppf)Cl_2$ (7.51 g, 10.26 mmol, 0.05 eq) under a nitrogen atmosphere. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 5 hours. The reaction mixture was quenched by addition of H_2O (600 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 500 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 × 600 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO_2, petroleum ether: ethyl acetate 1:0 to 100:1) to give the title compound (27 g, 77 % yield, 89 % purity on LCMS) as a yellow oil.

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 6.81-6.76 (m, 2 H), 6.66-6.62 (m, 1 H), 5.38 (s, 1 H), 5.08 (s, 1 H), 3.69 (br s, 2 H) and 1.25 (s, 3 H).

LCMS: m/z 152.2 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Step B: 4-Fluoro-2-isopropylaniline

[0159]

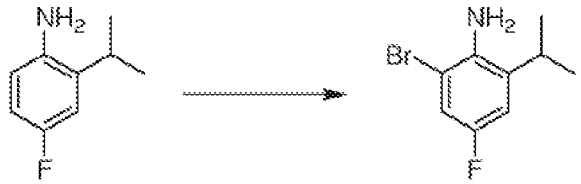


[0160] To a solution of 4-fluoro-2-(prop-1-en-2-yl)aniline (21 g, 138.91 mmol, 1 eq) in MeOH (300 mL) was added Pd/C (2.1 g, 178.59 mmol, 10 wt % loading on activated carbon) under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was degassed *in vacuo* and purged with hydrogen several times. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 12 hours under hydrogen (50 psi). The reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the title compound (20 g, crude) as a yellow oil.

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 6.86 (dd, 1 H), 6.75-6.72 (m, 1 H), 6.63-6.61 (m, 1 H), 3.50 (br s, 2 H), 2.95-2.84 (m, 1 H) and 1.25 (d, 6 H).
LCMS: m/z 154.2 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Step C: 2-Bromo-4-fluoro-6-isopropylaniline

[0161]

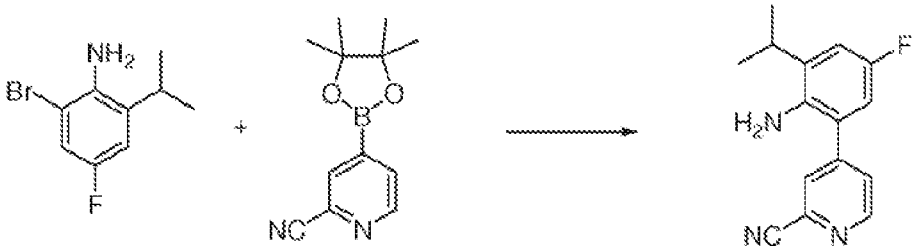


[0162] To a solution of 4-fluoro-2-isopropylaniline (20 g, 130.55 mmol, 1 eq) in toluene (250 mL) was added NBS (23.24 g, 130.55 mmol, 1 eq) at 25 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 10 minutes. The reaction mixture was poured into H_2O (300 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 250 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (2 × 400 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO_2, eluting only by using petroleum ether) to give the title compound (30 g, 99 %) as a black brown oil.

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 6.99 (dd, 1 H), 6.78 (dd, 1 H), 3.91 (br s, 2 H), 2.88-2.71 (m, 1 H) and 1.17 (d, 6 H).
LCMS: m/z 232.1 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Step D: 4-(2-Amino-5-fluoro-3-isopropylphenyl)picolinonitrile

[0163]



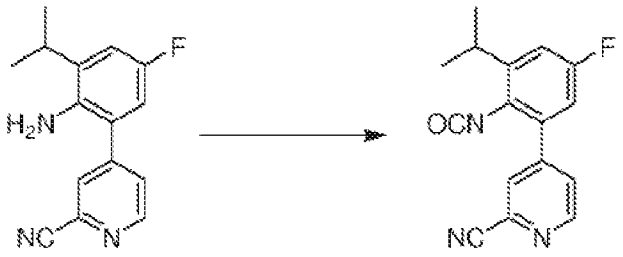
[0164] To a solution of 2-bromo-4-fluoro-6-isopropylaniline (3.6 g, 15.51 mmol, 1 eq) and 4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)picolinonitrile (3.60 g, 15.67 mmol, 1.01 eq) in dioxane (90 mL) and H_2O (9 mL) was added Na_2CO_3

(4.11 g, 38.78 mmol, 2.5 eq). Then $Pd(dppf)Cl_2$ (1.13 g, 1.55 mmol, 0.1 eq) was added to the mixture under a nitrogen atmosphere. The resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 2 hours under nitrogen. Then the mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO_2, petroleum ether: ethyl acetate, 20:1 to 5:1) and then triturated with petroleum ether (10 mL) to give the title compound (2.65 g, 65 % yield, 97 % purity on LCMS) as a yellow solid.

^{1}HNMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.79 (d, 1 H), 7.86 (d, 1 H), 7.65 (dd, 1 H), 6.99 (dd, 1 H), 6.70 (dd, 1 H), 3.63 (br s, 2 H), 2.98-2.87 (m, 1 H) and 1.30 (d, 6 H).
LCMS: m/z 256.2 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Step E: 4-(5-Fluoro-2-isocyanato-3-isopropylphenyl)picolinonitrile

[0165]

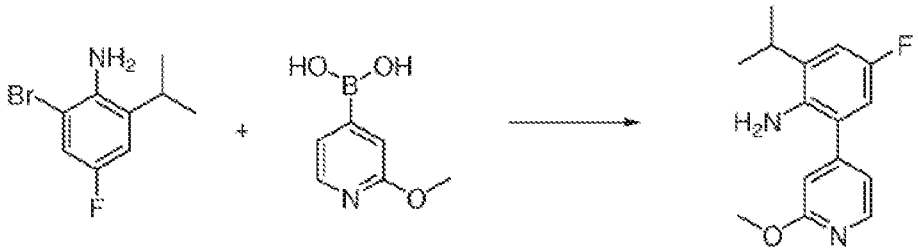


[0166] To a solution of 4-(2-amino-5-fluoro-3-isopropylphenyl)picolinonitrile (1 g, 3.92 mmol, 1 eq) in THF (40 mL) was added TEA (793 mg, 7.83 mmol, 2 eq). To the above mixture was added triphosgene (465 mg, 1.57 mmol, 0.4 eq) in portions at 5 °C. Then the mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 1 hour. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (200 mL) and then filtered through silica gel. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the title compound (1.2 g, crude) as a yellow solid, which was used directly in the next step.

Intermediate A7: 4-(5-Fluoro-2-isocyanato-3-isopropylphenyl)-2-methoxypyridine

Step A: 4-Fluoro-2-isopropyl-6-(2-methoxypyridin-4-yl)aniline

[0167]

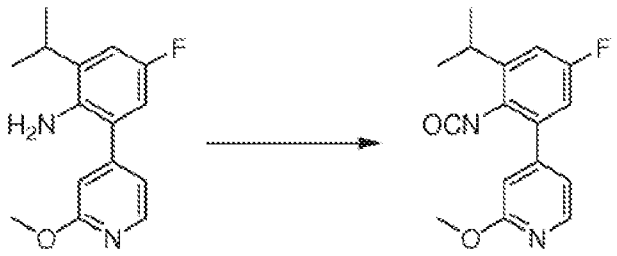


[0168] To a solution of 2-bromo-4-fluoro-6-isopropylaniline (12 g, 51.70 mmol, 1 eq) in dioxane (240 mL) and H_2O (48 mL) was added (2-methoxypyridin-4-yl)boronic acid (9.49 g, 62.04 mmol, 1.2 eq) and Na_2CO_3 (13.70 g, 129.26 mmol, 2.5 eq). The reaction mixture was purged with nitrogen three times. Then $Pd(dppf)Cl_2$ (3.78 g, 5.17 mmol, 0.1 eq) was added to the mixture under a nitrogen atmosphere. The resulting mixture was heated at 80 °C for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was quenched with H_2O (800 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 600 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 × 800 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO_2, petroleum ether: ethyl acetate, 70:1 to 10:1) and then triturated with hexane (100 mL) to give the title compound (10.05 g, 72 % yield, 96 % purity on LCMS).

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.24 (d, 1 H), 6.97 (d, 1 H), 6.93 (d, 1 H), 6.83 (s, 1 H), 6.73-6.70 (m, 1 H), 3.99 (s, 3 H), 3.66 (br s, 2 H), 2.97-2.89 (m, 1 H) and 1.29 (dd, 6 H).
LCMS: m/z 261.1 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Step B: 4-(5-Fluoro-2-isocyanato-3-isopropylphenyl)-2-methoxypyridine

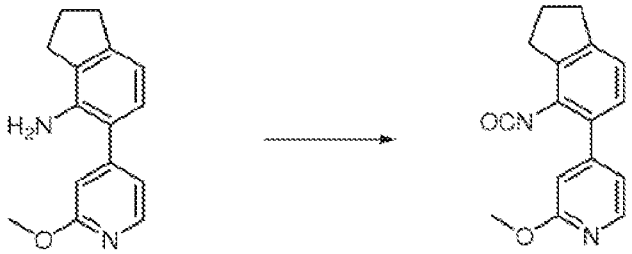
[0169]



[0170] To a solution of 4-fluoro-2-isopropyl-6-(2-methoxypyridin-4-yl)aniline (1 g, 3.84 mmol, 1 eq) in THF (40 mL) was added TEA (777 mg, 7.68 mmol, 2 eq). Then triphosgene (456 mg, 1.54 mmol, 0.4 eq) was added in portions at 5 °C. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 1 hour. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (200 mL) and filtered through silica gel. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the title compound (1.1 g, crude) as a yellow oil, which was used directly in the next step.

Intermediate A8: 4-(4-Isocyanato-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-5-yl)-2-methoxypyridine

[0171]



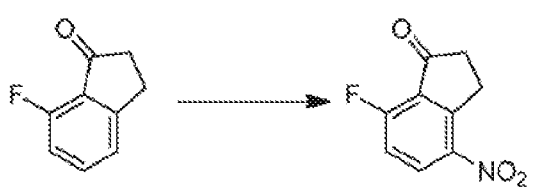
[0172] To a solution of 5-(2-methoxypyridin-4-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-amine (**Intermediate A4**) (11 g, 45.78 mmol, 1 eq) and TEA (5.10 g, 50.35 mmol, 1.1 eq) in THF (275 mL) was added in portions bis(trichloromethyl) carbonate (4.93 g, 16.61 mmol, 0.36 eq) at 0 °C. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at 16 °C for 0.5 hour. The reaction mixture was filtered and the filter cake was washed with THF (2 L). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the title compound (9.04 g, 74 %) as a light yellow solid.

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.28 (d, 1 H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 3 H), 7.02 (s, 1 H), 4.16 (s, 3 H), 3.04-2.99 (m, 4 H) and 2.23-2.15 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate A9: 4-(7-Fluoro-4-isocyanato-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-5-yl) pyridine

Step A: 7-Fluoro-4-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one

[0173]

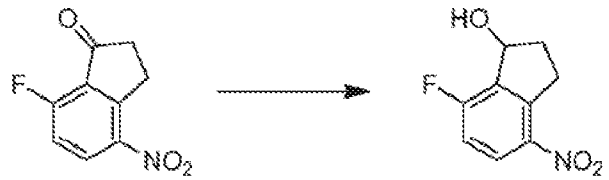


[0174] To a mixture of 7-fluoro-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (9.5 g, 63.27 mmol, 1 eq) in concentrated H_2SO_4 (100 mL) was added dropwise a solution of HNO_3 (5.37 mL, 82.25 mmol, 69 wt % in water, 1.3 eq) in concentrated H_2SO_4 (20 mL) at -15 °C. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 hour. The mixture was quenched with water (500 mL) at 0 °C, and then extracted with EtOAc (3 × 300 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous

Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO_2, petroleum ether: ethyl acetate, 10:1 to 3:1) to give the title compound (11.4 g, 92 %) as a yellow solid.
^1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.51 (dd, 1 H), 7.22 (t, 1 H), 3.69-3.65 (m, 2 H) and 2.88-2.82 (m, 2 H).

Step B: 7-Fluoro-4-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-ol

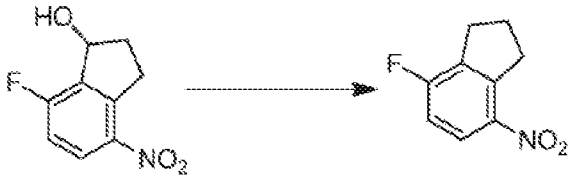
[0175]



[0176] To a mixture of 7-fluoro-4-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (30 g, 153.73 mmol, 1 eq) in EtOH (450 mL) was added $NaBH_4$ (11.63 g, 307.46 mmol, 2 eq) in portions. The reaction mixture was stirred at 15 °C for 1 hour. Then the mixture was poured into water (500 mL) and extracted with DCM (2 × 200 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (200 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* to give the title compound (30 g, crude) as brown oil.
^1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.21 (dd, 1 H), 7.08 (t, 1 H), 5.59-5.56 (m, 1 H), 3.66-3.59 (m , 1 H), 3.44-3.39 (m , 1 H), 2.56-2.51 (m , 1 H) and 2.22-2.17 (m , 2 H).

Step C: 4-Fluoro-7-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene

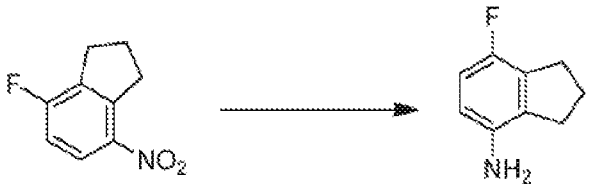
[0177]



[0178] To a mixture of 7-fluoro-4-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-ol (4.5 g, 22.82 mmol, 1 eq) in TFA (20 mL) was added Et_3SiH (7.96 g, 68.47 mmol, 3 eq) in one portion. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 12 hours. Then the mixture was quenched with water (100 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous $NaHCO_3$ solution (2 × 100 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the title compound (5 g, crude) as brown oil.
^1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.06 (dd, 1 H), 7.01 (t, 1 H), 3.46 (t, 2 H), 3.04 (t, 2 H) and 2.25-2.20 (m , 2 H).

Step D: 7-Fluoro-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-amine

[0179]

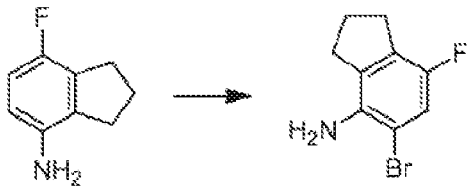


[0180] To a mixture of 4-fluoro-7-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene (5 g, 27.60 mmol, 1 eq) in MeOH (50 mL) was added Pd/C (0.5 g, 10 wt % loading on activated carbon) at 25 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 12 hours under hydrogen (15 psi). The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO_2, petroleum ether: ethyl acetate, 50:1 to 10:1) to give the title compound (1.8 g, 43 %) as a brown solid.

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 6.69 (t, 1 H), 6.44 (dd, 1 H), 3.47 (br s, 2 H), 2.95 (t, 2 H), 2.75 (t, 2 H) and 2.19-2.11 (m , 2 H).

Step E: 5-Bromo-7-fluoro-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-amine

[0181]



[0182] To a solution of 7-fluoro-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-amine (8.3 g, 54.90 mmol, 1 eq) in toluene (100 mL) was added NBS (10.26 g, 57.65 mmol, 1.05 eq) in one portion at 25 °C. The reaction mixture turned dark brown immediately and then the mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous Na_2SO_3 solution (200 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 100 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (100 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO_2, petroleum ether: ethyl acetate, 1:0 to 20:1) to give the title compound (8.51 g, 67 %) as a brown solid.
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 6.99 (d, 1 H), 3.81 (br s, 2 H), 2.92 (t, 2 H), 2.78 (t, 2 H) and 2.21-2.13 (m, 2 H).

Step F: 7-Fluoro-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-amine

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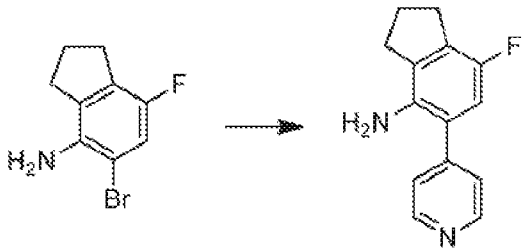

[0184] To a mixture of 5-bromo-7-fluoro-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-amine (3.5 g, 15.21 mmol, 1 eq) and pyridin-4-ylboronic acid (1.96 g, 15.97 mmol, 1.05 eq) in dioxane (50 mL) and H_2O (5 mL) was added K_2CO_3 (6.31 g, 45.64 mmol, 3 eq) and $Pd(dppf)Cl_2$ (1.11 g, 1.52 mmol, 0.1 eq) in one portion under a nitrogen atmosphere. Then the reaction mixture was heated to 80 °C for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered. The filtrate was diluted with water (50 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 100 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (100 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO_2, petroleum ether: ethyl acetate, 10:1 to 2:1) to give the title compound (1.7 g, 45 % yield, 90.98 % purity on HPLC) as a brown solid.
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.68 (dd, 2 H), 7.40 (dd, 2 H), 6.72 (d, 1 H), 3.76 (br s, 2 H), 3.01 (t, 2 H), 2.80 (t, 2 H) and 2.26-2.18 (m, 2 H).

Step G: 4-(7-Fluoro-4-isocyanato-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-5-yl)pyridine

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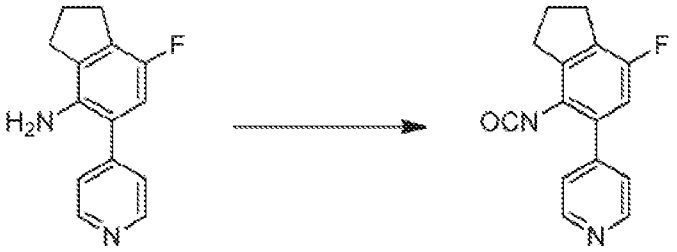
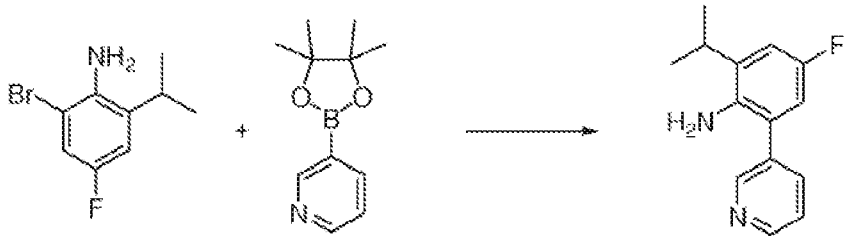


[0186] To a solution of 7-fluoro-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-amine (400 mg, 1.75 mmol, 1 eq) and TEA (355 mg, 3.50 mmol, 2 eq) in THF (30 mL) was added bis(trichloromethyl) carbonate (208 mg, 700.94 μmol, 0.4 eq) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 30 minutes. Then the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of silica gel and the filter cake was washed with THF (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to reduce to 10 mL, which was used directly in the next step.

Intermediate A10: 3-(5-Fluoro-2-isocyanato-3-isopropylphenyl)pyridine

Step A: 4-Fluoro-2-isopropyl-6-(pyridin-3-yl)aniline

[0187]



[0188] To a solution of 2-bromo-4-fluoro-6-isopropylaniline (21 g, 90.48 mmol, 1 eq) in dioxane (450 mL) and H_2O (90 mL) was added 3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)pyridine (22.26 g, 108.58 mmol, 1.2 eq) and Na_2CO_3 (23.98 g, 226.20mmol, 2.5 eq). The reaction mixture was purged with nitrogen three times. Then $Pd(dppf)Cl_2$ (5.10 g, 6.97 mmol, 0.077 eq) was added under a nitrogen atmosphere. The resulting mixture was heated to 80 °C and stirred for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was quenched by addition of H_2O (800 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 600 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 × 800 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO_2, petroleum ether: ethyl acetate, 50:1 to 1:1) and then triturated with hexane (40 mL) to give the title compound (17 g, 82 %) as a grey solid.

^1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.70 (d, 1 H), 8.63 (dd, 1 H), 7.79 (dd, 1 H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 1 H), 6.94 (dd, 1 H), 6.71 (dd, 1 H), 3.57 (s, 2 H), 2.97-2.88 (m, 1 H) and 1.30 (d, 6 H).
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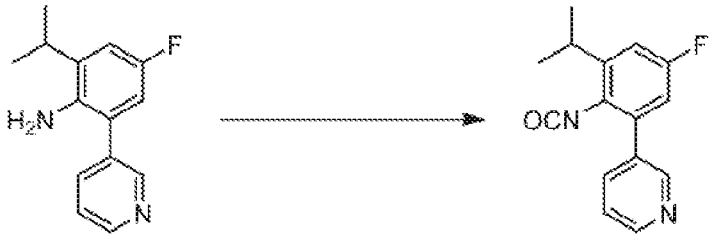
Step B: 3-(5-Fluoro-2-isocyanato-3-isopropylphenyl)pyridine

[0189]



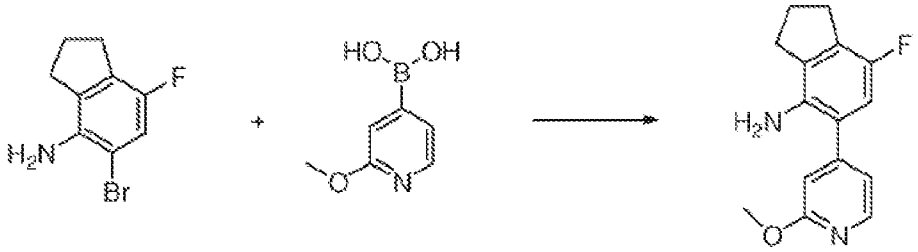
[0190] To a solution of 4-fluoro-2-isopropyl-6-(pyridin-3-yl)aniline (0.5 g, 2.17 mmol, 1 eq) and TEA (439 mg, 4.34

mmol, 2 eq) in THF (10 mL) was added triphosgene (257 mg, 868.51 μmol, 0.4 eq) in portions at 5 °C. Then the reaction mixture was heated to 70 °C and stirred for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was treated with EtOAc (100 mL) and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the title compound (0.2 g, crude) as a yellow oil, which was used directly in the next step.

Intermediate A11: 4-(7-Fluoro-4-isocyanato-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-5-yl)-2-methoxypyridine

Step A: 7-Fluoro-5-(2-methoxypyridin-4-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-amine

[0191]



[0192] To a mixture of 5-bromo-7-fluoro-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-amine (**Intermediate A9**, **Step E**) (8.5 g, 36.94 mmol, 1 eq) and (2-methoxypyridin-4-yl)boronic acid (5.93 g, 38.79 mmol, 1.05 eq) in dioxane (150 mL) and water (15 mL) were added K_2CO_3 (15.32 g, 110.83 mmol, 3 eq) and $Pd(dppf)Cl_2$ (2.70 g, 3.69 mmol, 0.1 eq) in one portion under nitrogen. Then the reaction mixture was heated to 80 °C and stirred for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was quenched with water (300 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 300 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (100 mL), dried with anhydrous Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether : EtOAc, 1:0 to 10:1) and then purified by trituration with a mixture of TBME and n-hexane (50 mL, 1:20) to give the title compound (5.06 g, 52 % yield, 97.44 % purity on LCMS) as an off-white solid.
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.23 (d, 1 H), 6.99 (dd, 1 H), 6.86 (s, 1 H), 6.71 (d, 1 H), 3.99 (s, 3 H), 3.67 (br s, 2 H), 3.00 (t, 2 H), 2.79 (t, 2 H) and 2.25-2.17 (m, 2 H).

Step B: 4-(7-Fluoro-4-isocyanato-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-5-yl)-2-methoxypyridine

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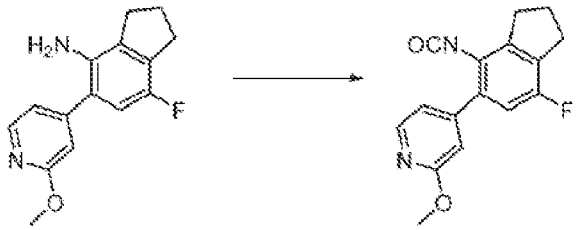
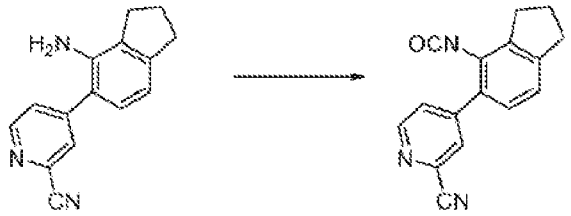


[0194] To a solution of phosgene (1.5 mL, 20 wt % in toluene, 2.9 mmol) in toluene (40 mL) was added dropwise a solution of 7-fluoro-5-(2-methoxypyridin-4-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-amine (300 mg, 1.16 mmol) in toluene (20 mL) at ambient temperature. The resulting reaction mixture was then heated to reflux for 70 minutes and upon cooling was concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound as a brown oil (325 mg, 98 %).
[0195] The crude product was used directly in the next step without further purification. ^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.24 (d, 1H), 6.95 (dd, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.85 - 6.75 (m, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.15 - 2.95 (m, 4H), 2.32 - 2.12 (m, 2H).

Intermediate A12: 4-(4-Isocyanato-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-5-yl) picolinonitrile

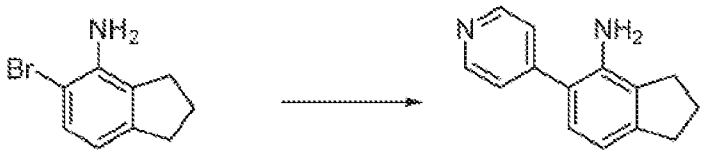


[0196] To a solution of phosgene (1.7 mL, 20 wt % in toluene, 3.2 mmol) in toluene (40 mL) was added dropwise a solution of 4-(4-amino-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-5-yl)picolinonitrile (**Intermediate A5**) (300 mg, 1.3 mmol) in toluene (20 mL) at ambient temperature. The resulting reaction mixture was then heated to reflux for 70 minutes and upon cooling was concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound as a brown oil (333 mg, 100 %). The crude product was used directly in the next step without further purification.
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.75 (dd, 1H), 7.81 (dd, 1H), 7.63 (dd, 1H), 7.22 - 7.08 (m, 2H), 3.04 (m, 4H), 2.23 (m, 2H).

Intermediate A13: 4-(4-Isocyanato-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-5-yl)pyridine

Step A: 5-(Pyridin-4-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-amine

[0197]



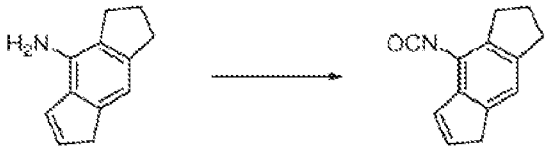
[0198] 5-Bromo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-amine (1.2 g, 5.7 mmol) was dissolved in dioxane (25 mL). A solution of potassium carbonate (3.1 g, 23 mmol) in water (6 mL) and pyridin-4-ylboronic acid (0.83 g, 6.8 mmol) were added. The mixture was degassed with nitrogen for 20 minutes before $Pd(dppf)Cl_2$.DCM (0.74 g, 0.91 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was heated to 77 °C for 2 hours. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered over Celite with DCM (100 mL) and water (25 mL). The organic phase was dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a brown oil (3.3 g). The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (80 g column, 0-100% EtOAc/heptane) to afford the title compound (0.75 g, 63 %) as a pale yellow crystalline solid.
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.72 - 8.54 (m, 2H), 7.50 - 7.37 (m, 2H), 6.97 (d, 1H), 6.78 (d, 1H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 2.96 (t, 2H), 2.77 (t, 2H), 2.18 (m, 2H).

Step B: 4-(4-Isocyanato-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-5-yl)pyridine

[0199]

[0200] To a solution of phosgene (1.1 mL, 20 wt % in toluene, 2.06 mmol) in toluene (40 mL) was added dropwise a solution of 5-(pyridin-4-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-amine (175 mg, 0.83 mmol) in toluene (20 mL) at ambient temperature. The resulting reaction mixture was then heated to reflux for 70 minutes and upon cooling to room temperature a yellow precipitate was formed. The solid was filtered and dried *in vacuo* to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (145 mg, 74 %). The crude product was used directly in the next step without further purification.
[0201] ^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.76 (d, 2H), 8.04 (d, 2H), 7.26 — 7.08 (m, 2H), 3.08 (t, 4H), 2.26 (m, 2H).

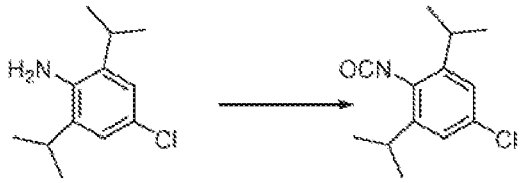
Intermediate A14: 8-Isocyanato-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-s-indacene



[0202] To a solution of phosgene (1.4 mL, 20 wt % in toluene, 2.6 mmol) in toluene (40 mL) was added dropwise a solution of 1,2,3,7-tetrahydro-s-indacen-4-amine (180 mg, 1.05 mmol) in toluene (20 mL) at ambient temperature. The resulting reaction mixture was then heated to reflux for 70 minutes and upon cooling was concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound as a brown oil (207 mg, 100 %). The crude product was used directly in the next step without further purification.

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) (mixture of isomers) δ 7.18, 7.12 (m, 1H), 6.94, 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.52, 6.50 (s, 1H), 3.38, 3.34 (m, 2H), 2.95 (m, 4H), 2.16 (m, 2H).

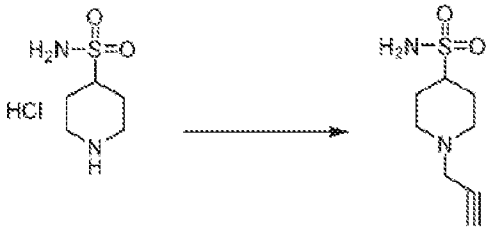
Intermediate A15: 5-Chloro-2-isocyanato-1,3-diisopropylbenzene



[0203] To a solution of 4-chloro-2,6-diisopropylaniline (0.105 g, 0.496 mmol) in toluene (1 mL) was added a phosgene solution (0.65 mL, 20 wt % in toluene, 1.22 mmol) and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 1 hour. Upon cooling, the mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound as an orange oil (0.111 g, 94 %).

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 7.07 (d, 2H), 3.17 (h, 2H), 1.24 (d, 12H).

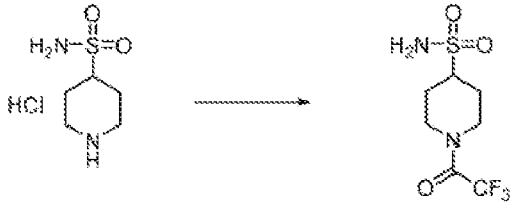
Intermediate P3: 1-(Prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide



[0204] To a mixture of piperidine-4-sulfonamide hydrochloric acid (200 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), potassium carbonate (4.0 equiv., 4.0 mmol, 552 mg) and acetonitrile (10 mL) was added propargyl bromide (0.1 mL, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). After stirring overnight at room temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude material was suspended in methanol, coated on Agilent hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and then submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of ammonia (3.5 M) in methanol to afford the title compound (115 mg, 56 %).

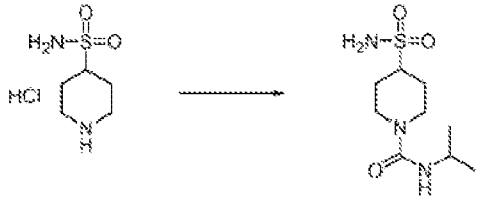
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ 4.42 (*br* s, 1 H), 3.38 (s, 2 H), 3.05 (d, 2 H), 2.95 (m, 1 H), 2.12 (m, 4 H) and 1.95 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P4: 1-(2,2,2-Trifluoroacetyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide



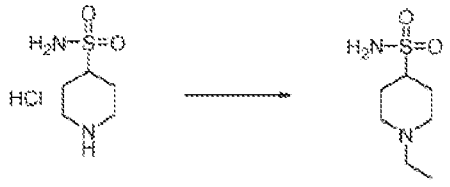
[0205] To a suspension of piperidine-4-sulfonamide hydrochloric acid (200 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and triethylamine (0.35 mL, 2.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) in acetonitrile (10 mL) was added trifluoroacetic anhydride (0.14 mL, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). After stirring overnight at room temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was suspended in methanol, coated on Agilent hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of trimethylamine-methanol (ratio 1:1) to afford the title compound (61 mg, yield 23 %).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ 4.73 (d, 1 H), 4.52 (s, 2 H), 4.20 (d, 1 H), 3.21 (t, 2 H), 2.91 (t, 1 H), 2.37 (d, 2 H) and 1.95 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P5: *N-iso*-Propyl-4-sulfamoylpiperidine-1-carboxamide



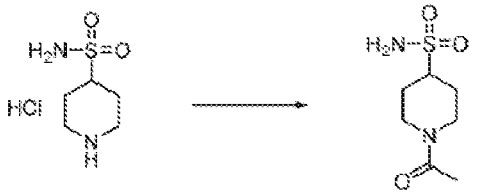
[0206] To a suspension of piperidine-4-sulfonamide hydrochloric acid (200 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-dimethylaminopyrimidine (12 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and triethylamine (0.34 mL, 2.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) was added isopropyl isocyanate (0.1 mL, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). After stirring overnight at room temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was suspended in methanol, coated on Agilent hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and then purified by normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of trimethylamine-methanol (ratio 1:1) as eluent to afford the title compound (55 mg, yield 22%).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ 4.45 (*br* s, 1 H), 4.22 (m, 1 H), 4.10 (d, 2 H), 3.98 (m, 1 H), 3.10 (m, 1 H), 2.81 (t, 2 H), 2.20 (d, 2 H), 1.80 (m, 2 H) and 1.19 (d, 6 H).

Intermediate P6: 1-Ethylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide



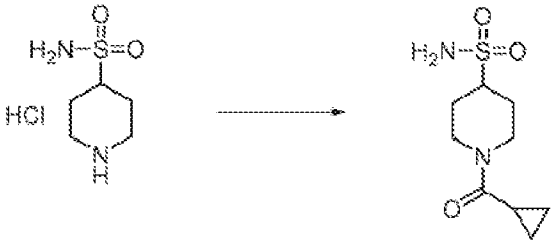
[0207] Prepared as described for 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P3**) using ethyliodide instead of propargyl bromide. The crude product was coated on Agilent hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and was submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of trimethylamine-methanol (ratio 1:1) as eluent to afford the title compound contaminated with triethylamine hydrochloride (50 mg, yield 26 %). The crude product was used as such in preparing examples.
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ 5.05 (*br* s, 2 H), 3.10 (m, 2 H), 2.95 (m, 1 H), 2.45 (m, 2 H), 2.20 (d, 2 H), 1.95 (m, 4 H) and 1.08 (t, 3 H).

Intermediate P7: 1-Acetylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide



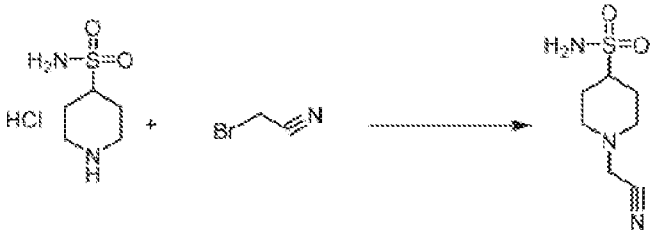
[0208] Prepared as described for 1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P4**) except that the suspension was cooled to 0 °C and then acetic anhydride was added instead of trifluoroacetic anhydride. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. The crude product was coated on Agilent hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and was submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of ammonia (3.5 M) in methanol as eluent to afford the title compound as a mixture with triethylamine hydrochloride salt (139 mg, yield 67 %). The crude product was used as such in the preparation of examples.
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ 4.90 (m, 3 H), 3.99 (d, 1 H), 3.10 (m, 2 H), 2.60 (t, 1 H), 2.10 (t, 2 H), 2.05 (s, 3 H) and 1.75 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P8: 1-(Cyclopropanecarbonyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide



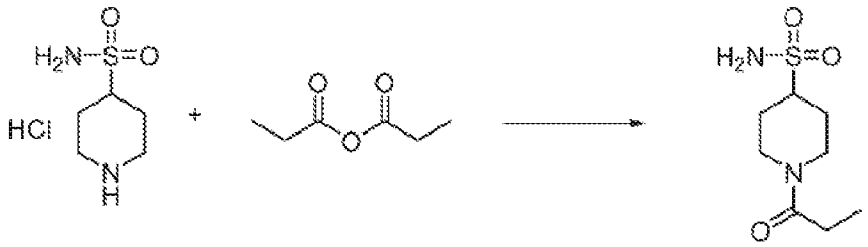
[0209] Prepared as described for 1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P4**) except that cyclopropanecarbonyl chloride (1.0 equiv.) was used instead of trifluoroacetic anhydride. The crude product was coated on Agilent hydromatrix and was submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of trimethylamine-methanol (ratio 1:1) as eluent to afford the title compound (84 mg, yield 36%).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ 4.80 (*br* s, 1 H), 4.58 (s, 2 H), 4.40 (*br* s, 1 H), 3.18 (m, 2 H), 2.64 (*br* s, 1 H), 2.25 (*br* s, 2 H), 1.78 (m, 3 H), 1.00 (m, 2 H) and 0.79 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P9: 1-(Cyanomethyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide



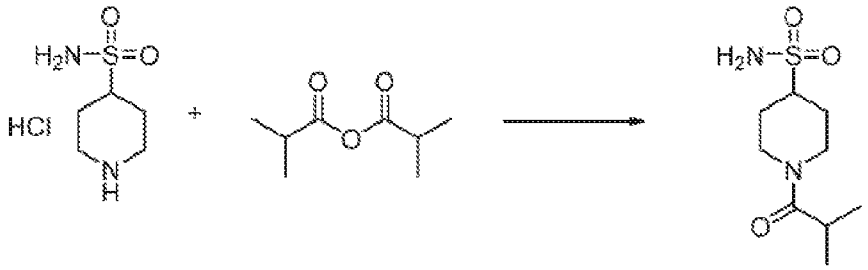
[0210] Prepared as described for 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P_3**) using bromo acetonitrile instead of propargyl bromide to afford the title compound as a solid (40%).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-*d6*): δ = 6.71 (s, 2 H), 3.73 (s, 2 H), 2.89 (d, 2 H), 2.79 (m, 1 H), 2.19 (t, 2 H), 1.99 (d, 2 H) and 1.60 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P10: 1-Propionylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide



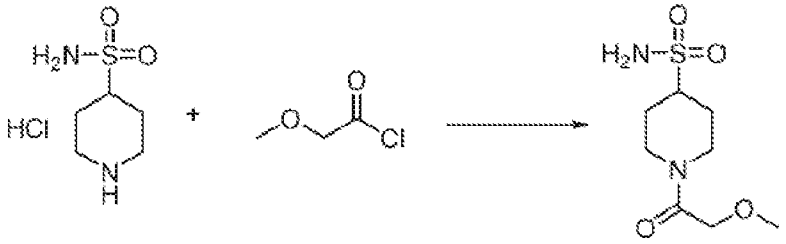
[0211] Prepared as described for 1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P_4**) using propionic anhydride instead of trifluoroacetic anhydride to afford the title compound as a solid (71%).
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 4.67 (d, 1 H), 4.05 (d, 1 H), 3.17 (m, 2 H), 2.65 (t, 1 H), 2.42 (q, 2 H), 2.18 (t, 2 H), 1.65 (m, 2 H) and 1.10 (t, 3 H).

Intermediate P11: 1-*iso*-Butyrylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide



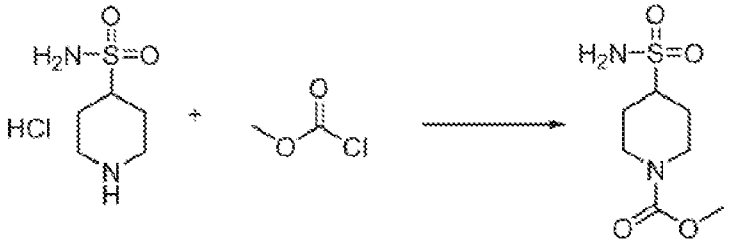
[0212] Prepared as described for 1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P_4**) using *iso*-butyric anhydride instead of trifluoroacetic anhydride to afford the title compound contaminated with triethylamine hydrochloride (64%).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 4.83 (d, 1 H), 4.63 (s, 2 H), 4.10 (d, 1 H), 3.10 (m, 2 H), 2.79 (m, 1 H) 2,60 (t, 1 H), 2.14 (m, 2 H), 2.76 (m, 2 H) and 1.16 (d, 6 H).

Intermediate P12: 1-(2-Methoxyacetyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide



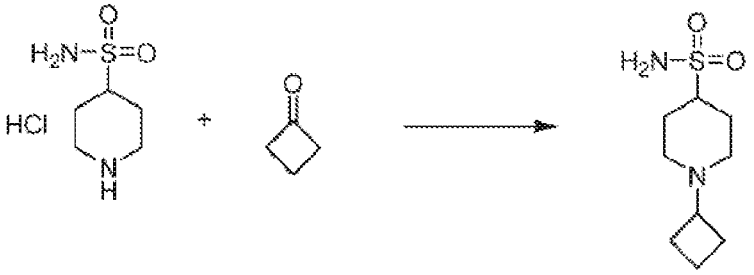
[0213] Prepared as described for 1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P_4**) using 2-methoxyacetyl chloride instead of cyclopropanecarbonyl chloride to afford the title compound contaminated with triethylamine hydrochloride (55%).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 5.37 (bs, 2 H), 4.72 (d, 1 H), 4.10 (m, 3 H), 3.41 (s, 3 H), 3.16 (m, 2 H), 2.64 (t, 1 H), 2.23 (d, 2 H) and 1.79 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P13: Methyl 4-sulfamoylpiperidine-1-carboxylate



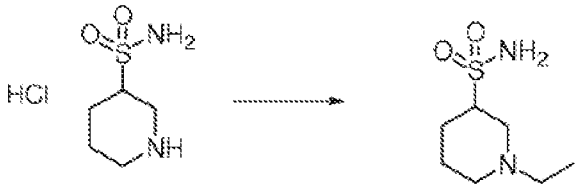
[0214] Prepared as described for 1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P_4**) using methyl chloroformate instead of cyclopropanecarbonyl chloride to afford the title compound as a solid (10 %).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 4.49 (s, 2 H), 4.33 (bs, 2 H), 3.72 (s, 3 H), 3.07 (m, 1 H), 2.80 (t, 2 H), 2.19 (d, 2 H) and 1.77 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P14: 1-Cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide



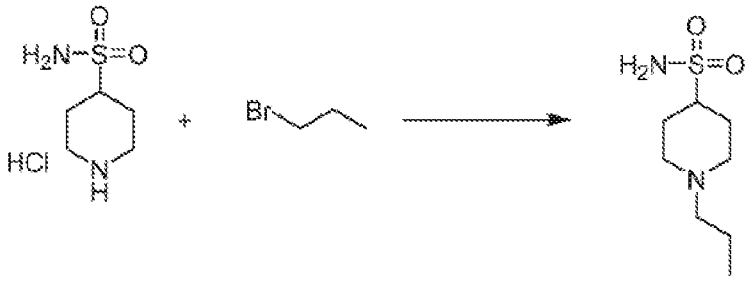
[0215] To a suspension of piperidine-4-sulfonamide hydrochloric acid (157 mg, 0.79 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and triethylamine (0.12 mL, 0.86 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) in acetonitrile (10 mL) was added cyclobutanone (61 µL, 0.82 mmol, 1.05 equiv.) followed by sodium triacetoxyborohydride (207 mg, 0.98 mmol, 1.25 equiv.). After being allowed to stir overnight the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was suspended in methanol, coated on hydromatrix and then purified by normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of trimethylamine-methanol (1:1) as eluent to afford the title compound contaminated with trimethylamine hydrochloride (110 mg product, yield 64%).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 4.76 (bs, 2 H), 2.98 (m, 3 H), 2.78 (m, 1 H), 2.19 (d, 2 H), 2.00 (m, 2 H), 1.88 (m, 6 H) and 1.65 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P15: 1-Ethylpiperidine-3-sulfonamide



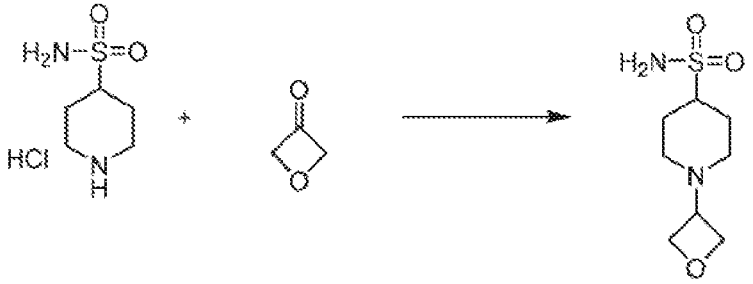
[0216] Piperidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride (0.5 g, 3.2 mmol) was suspended in acetonitrile (10 mL) and potassium carbonate (1.75 g, 12.6 mmol) was added before the mixture was allowed to stir for 30 minutes. To the resulting slurry was added ethyl bromide (0.24 mL, 0.34 g, 3.2 mmol) and the mixture was allowed to stir for 60 hours at ambient temperature. The reaction was concentrated in *vacuo* and then purified by column chromatography (40 g Silicycle FLH-R10030B-ISO40 cartridge, 5-25 % methanol in DCM) to afford the title compound (0.11 g, 0.57 mmol, yield 18 %).
^{1}H NMR (1:1 CD_3OD:$CDCl_3$): δ 3.36 (m, 2 H), 3.10 (m, 1 H), 2.92 (bd, 1 H), 2.56 (q, 2 H), 2.22 (bd, 1 H), 2.11 (t, 1 H), 1.88 (m, 2 H), 1.58 (m, 2 H) and 1.10 (t, 3 H).

Intermediate P16: 1-Propylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide



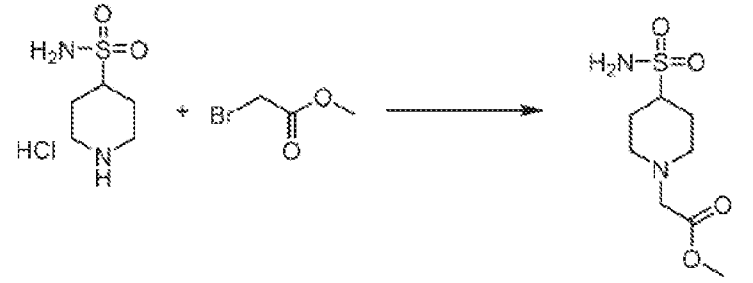
[0217] Prepared as described for 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P$_3$**) from 1-bromopropane and piperidine-4-sulfonamide hydrochloric acid. This afforded the title compound impure (44 mg, yield 40 %) which was used without purification.
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 3.10 (m, 3 H), 2.38 (m, 2 H), 2.20 (m, 2 H), 2.00 (m, 4 H), 1.25 (m, 2 H) and 0.95 (t, 3 H).

Intermediate P17: 1-(Oxetan-3-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide



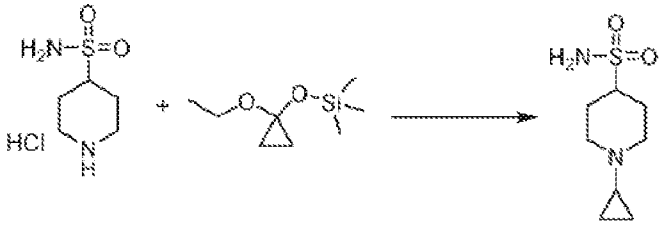
[0218] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from 3-oxetanone and piperidine-4-sulfonamide hydrochloric acid (130 mg, yield 59 %).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.75 (s, 2 H), 4.49 (t, 2 H), 4.38 (t, 2 H), 3.38 (m, 2 H), 2.79 (m, 2 H), 1.98 (d, 2 H), 1.79 (t, 2 H) and 1.59 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P18: Methyl 2-(4-sulfamoylpiperidin-1-yl)acetate



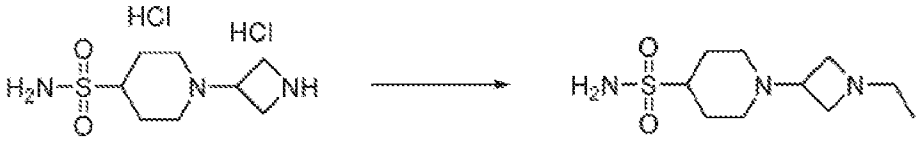
[0219] Prepared as described for 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P$_3$**) using methyl bromoacetate instead of propargyl bromide (91 mg, yield 39 %).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.70 (s, 2 H), 3.60 (s, 3 H), 3.19 (s, 2 H), 2.93 (d, 2 H), 2.76 (m, 1 H), 2.18 (t, 2 H), 1.93 (d, 2 H) and 1.59 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P19: 1-Cyclopropylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide



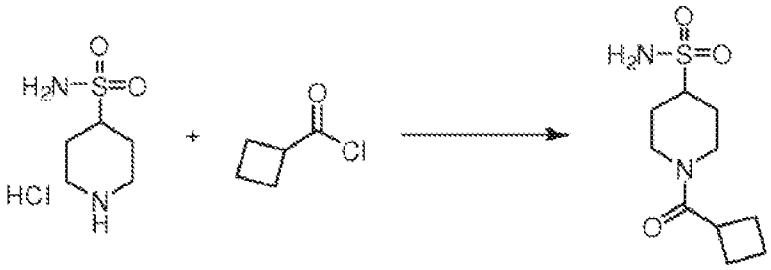
[0220] Prepared as described for 1-cyclopropylpyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P30**) from piperidine-4-sulfonamide hydrochloric acid and triethylamine (1.1 equiv.) was added to the suspension. This afforded the title compound (150 mg, yield 73 %) which was used as such without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.67 (s, 2 H), 2.98 (m, 2 H), 2.77 (m, 1 H), 2.15 (t, 2 H), 1.92 (m, 2 H), 1.52 (m, 3 H), 0.23 (m, 2 H) and 0.39 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P20: 1-(1-Ethylazetidin-3-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide



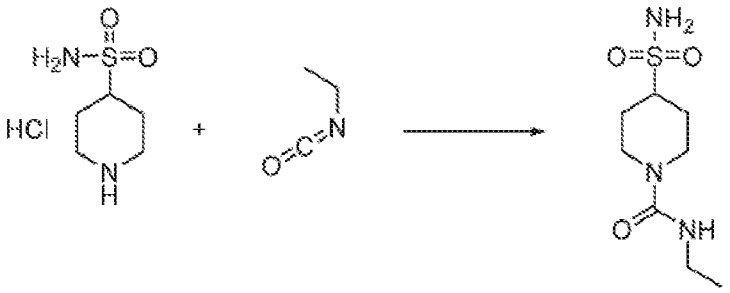
[0221] A suspension of 1-(azetidin-3-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide dihydrochloride (145 mg, 0.45 mmol) in acetonitrile (5.8 mL) was stirred with triethylamine (0.13 mL, 95 mg, 0.94 mmol) for 30 minutes. To this was added acetaldehyde (0.03 mL, 25 mg, 0.6 mmol) and sodium triacetoxyborohydride (122 mg, 0.56 mmol). The stirring was continued for 20 hours and then the mixture concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in methanol / dichloromethane (1:1) and purified by chromatography (40 g Silicycle SiO2 cartridge through a syringe filter and eluted with 5-30 % 3.5 N ammonia in methanol / dichloromethane) to afford the title compound (73 mg, 0.28 mmol, yield 63 %).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.71 (br s, 2 H), 3.49 (m, 4 H), 2.89 (m, 3 H), 2.77 (m, 3 H), 1.95 (br d, 2 H), 1.77 (m, 2 H), 1.57 (dq, 2 H) and 0.89 (t, 3 H).

Intermediate P21: 1-(Cyclobutanecarbonyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide



[0222] Prepared as described for 1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P$_4$**) using cyclobutanecarbonyl chloride instead of trifluoroacetic anhydride to afford the title compound (158 mg, yield 64 %).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 4.81 (d, 1 H), 4.58 (s, 2 H), 3.84 (d, 1 H), 3.24 (m, 1 H), 3.18 (m, 1 H), 3.01 (t, 1 H), 2.60 (t, 1 H), 2.37 (m, 2 H), 2.20 (m, 4 H), 1.99 (m, 1 H), 1.89 (m, 1 H) and 1.72 (m, 2 H).

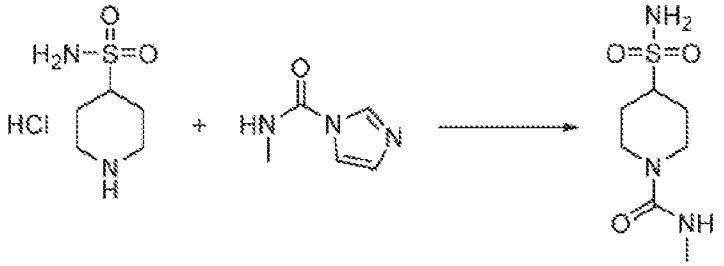
Intermediate P22: *N*-Ethyl-4-sulfamoylpiperidine-1-carboxamide



[0223] To a suspension of piperidine-4-sulfonamide hydrochloric acid (200 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and triethylamine (0.34 mL, 2.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) in acetonitrile (10 mL) was added ethyl isocyanate (79 µL, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight and then concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was coated on Agilent Hydromatrix and then submitted to normal phase flash chromatography on silica gel using dichloromethane and a mixture of methanol and triethylamine (ratio 1:1) to afford the title compound (141 mg, yield 60 %) which was used without any further purification.

^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.78 (br s, 2 H), 4.04 (d, 2 H), 2.98 (m, 3 H), 2.64 (t, 2 H), 1.91 (d, 2 H), 1.39 (m, 2 H) and 0.98 (t, 3 H).

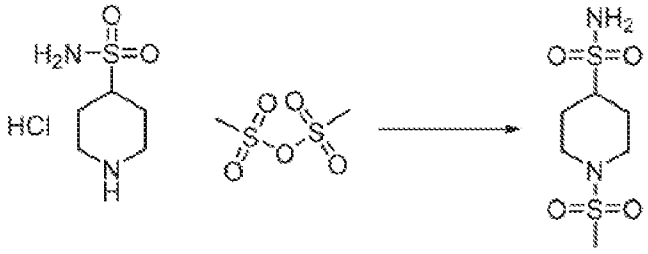
Intermediate P23: *N*-Methyl-4-sulfamoylpiperidine-1-carboxamide



[0224] Prepared as described for *N*-iso-propyl-4-sulfamoylpiperidine-1-carboxamide (**Intermediate P$_5$**) from piperidine-4-sulfonamide hydrochloric acid and *N*-methyl-*1H*-imidazole-1-carboxamide, but no 4-dimethylaminopyrimidine was required. The title compound (12 mg, yield 5 %) was used without purification.

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 4.18 (d, 2 H), 3.18 (m, 1 H), 2.78 (m, 5 H), 2.20 (m, 2 H) and 1.75 (m, 2 H).

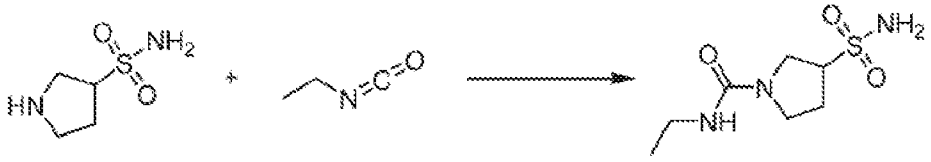
Intermediate P24: 1-(Methylsulfonyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide



[0225] Prepared as described for 1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P$_4$**) from piperidine-4-sulfonamide hydrochloric acid and methanesulfonic anhydride. The title compound (18 mg, yield 7 %) was used without purification.

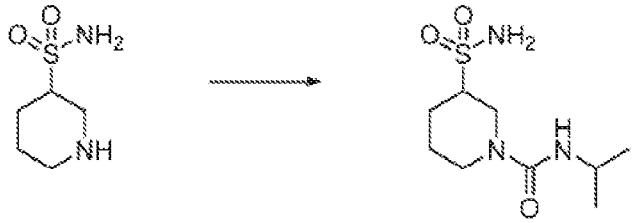
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 3.90 (m, 2 H), 3.08 (m, 2 H), 2.82 (m, 4 H), 2.23 (d, 2 H) and 1.83 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P25: *N*-Ethyl-3-sulfamoylpyrrolidine-1-carboxamide



[0226] Prepared as described for *N*-iso-propyl-4-sulfamoylpiperidine-1-carboxamide (**Intermediate P_5**) from ethyl isocyanate and pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide , but no 4-dimethylaminopyrimidine nor triethylamine were required. The title compound (13 mg, yield 5 %) was used crude without purification.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 3.81 (m, 1 H), 3.57 (m, 1 H), 3.39 (m, 1 H), 3.19 (m, 4 H), 2.38 (m, 2 H) and 1.10 (t, 3 H).

Intermediate P26: *N*-iso-Propyl-3-sulfamoylpiperidine-1-carboxamide

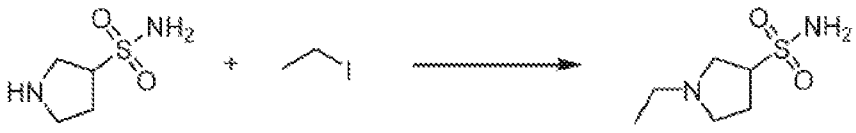


[0227] Prepared as described for *N*-iso-propyl-4-sulfamoylpiperidine-1-carboxamide (**Intermediate P_5**) from isopropyl isocyanate and piperidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride to afford the title compound (0.11 g, 0.44 mmol, yield 41 %).
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 3.85 (m, 2 H), 2.96 (m, 2 H), 2.77 (br t, 1 H), 2.25 (br d, 1 H), 2.00 (s, 2 H), 1.65-1.90 (m, 2 H) and 1.13 (d, 6 H).

Intermediate P27: 1-Methylpyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide

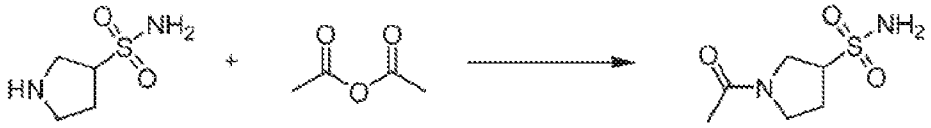
[0228] To a suspension of pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide (150 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and formaldehyde (37 % in water stabilized with methanol; 78 µL, 1.05 mmol, 1.05 equiv.) in acetonitrile (10 mL) was added sodium triacetoxyborohydride (265 mg, 1.25 mmol, 1.25 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 days at room temperature and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude material was dissolved in methanol, coated on hydromatrix and then submitted for normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of triethylamine : methanol (ratio 1:1) as eluent to afford the title compound impure (80 mg, yield 49 %) which was used as such in further reactions.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 3.78 (m, 1 H), 3.18 (m, 3 H), 2.86 (m, 2 H), 2.70 (m, 1 H) and 2.43 (s, 3 H).

Intermediate P28: 1-Ethylpyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide



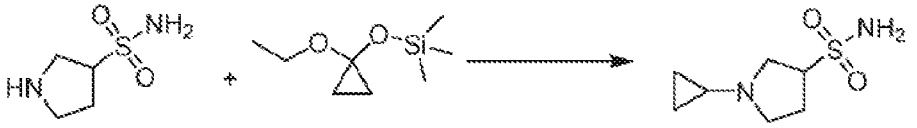
[0229] Prepared as described for 1-ethylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P6**) from pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide and ethyl iodide. The title compound (75 mg, yield 42 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 3.77 (m, 1 H), 3.10 (t, 1 H), 2.79 (m, 2 H), 2.57 (m, 3 H), 2.19 (m, 2 H) and 1.16 (t, 3 H).

Intermediate P29: 1-Acetylpyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide



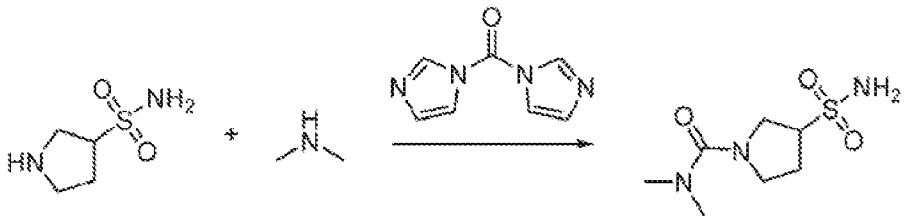
[0230] Prepared as described for 1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P$_4$**) from acetic anhydride (1.0 equiv.) and pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide. The title compound (75 mg, yield 39 %) was used without purification. ^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 3.89 (m, 2 H), 3.78 (m, 2 H), 3.62 (m, 1 H), 2.41 (m, 2 H) and 2.08 (s, 3 H).

Intermediate P30: 1-Cyclopropylpyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide



[0231] To a suspension of pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide (150 mg, 1.00 mmol) and 1-(ethoxycyclopropoxy)trimethylsilane (0.4 mL, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) in tetrahydrofuran (5 mL) and methanol (5 mL) was added acetic acid (0.12 mL, 2.2 mmol, 2.2 equiv.) followed by sodium cyanoborohydride (94 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight and then concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude was dissolved in methanol, coated on hydromatrix and then submitted for normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of triethylamine : methanol (ratio 1:1) as eluent to afford the title compound (75 mg, yield 39 %).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.79 (s, 2 H), 3.57 (m, 1 H), 2.98 (t, 1 H), 2.80 (t, 1 H), 2.71 (m, 1 H), 2.58 (q, 1 H), 2.01 (q, 2 H), 1.64 (m, 1 H), 0.26 (m, 2 H) and 0.38 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P31: N,N-Dimethyl-3-sulfamoylpyrrolidine-1-carboxamide



[0232] To a solution of carbonyldiimidazole (269 mg, 1.66 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL) was added dimethylamine hydrochloride (122 mg, 1.55 mmol, 0.9 equiv.). The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 1.5 hours at room temperature after which triethylamine (0.3 mL, 2.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) and pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide (250 mg, 1.66 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 hours before extra triethylamine (0.3 mL, 2.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added to the suspension. After stirring overnight, more carbonyldiimidazole (269 mg, 1.66 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), and 2 M dimethylamine in tetrahydrofuran (0.83 mL, 1.66 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added. The reaction mixture was heated to 50 °C overnight, and then more dimethylamine (2 M in tetrahydrofuran; 0.83 mL, 1.66 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added. After heating overnight, more dimethylamine (2 M in tetrahydrofuran; 4.2 mL, 8.3 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) was added. The reaction mixture was again heated overnight. Upon cooling the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude was dissolved in methanol, coated on hydromatrix and then submitted for normal phase flash chromatography on silicagel using dichloromethane and a mixture of 3.5 M ammonia in methanol as eluent to afford the title compound, still not completely pure (35 mg, yield 15%). The product was used as such.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 7.19 (s, 2 H), 3.84 (m, 2 H), 3.79 (m, 1 H), 3.58 (m, 2 H), 2.73 (s, 6 H) and 2.02 (m, 2 H).

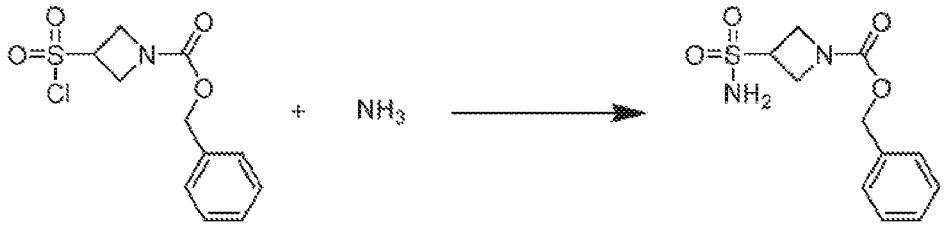
Intermediate P32: 1-iso-Propylpyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide

[0233] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide and acetone, but no triethylamine was required. The title compound (130 mg, yield 67 %) was used without purification.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 3.76 (m, 1 H), 3.23 (t, 1 H), 2.92 (m, 1 H), 2.90 (m, 1 H), 2.62 (m, 1 H), 2.52 (m, 1 H), 2.21 (m, 2 H) and 1.17 (m, 6 H).

Intermediate P33: Azetidine-3-sulfonamide

Step A: Benzyl 3-sulfamoylazetidine-1-carboxylate

[0234]



[0235] A solution of ammonium hydroxide (25 % in water; 22 mL, 73 mmol, 10.0 equiv.) was added to benzyl 3-(chlorosulfonyl)azetidine-1-carboxylate (2.1 g, 7.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The suspension was stirred at room temperature for 20 minutes to afford a clear solution and the reaction mixture was then acidified to pH 8-9, using hydrochloric acid (2 M, aqueous) and extracted into ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and then concentrated in *vacuo* to afford the title compound (1.52 g, 5.62 mmol, yield 77 %) which was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 7.38 (m, 5 H), 5.18 (s, 4 H), 4.40 (m, 4 H) and 4.00 (m, 1 H).

Step B: Azetidine-3-sulfonamide

[0236]

[0237] A suspension of benzyl 3-sulfamoylazetidine-1-carboxylate (1.52 g, 5.62 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in ethyl acetate (30 mL) was flushed with a flow of nitrogen before Pd/C (10 wt % loading, 595 mg, 0.56 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) was added and the flask was then flushed with hydrogen. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 20 hours under hydrogen atmosphere (balloon). Upon cooling the suspension was filtered over Celite® 545 and the Celite was washed extensively with methanol. The filtrates were combined and concentrated in *vacuo* to afford the title compound (541 mg, 3.97 mmol, yield 70 %) which was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.91 (br s, 2 H), 4.08 (m, 1 H), 3.74 (t, 2 H) and 3.63 (t, 2 H).

Intermediate P34: Quinuclidine-3-sulfonamide

Step A: (Quinuclidin-3-yl) ethanethioate

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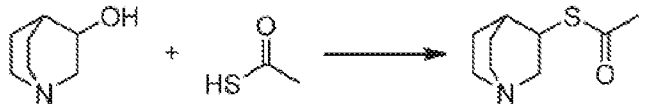
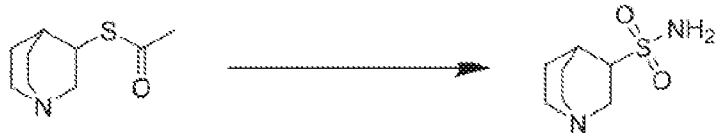


[0239] To a solution of triphenylphosphine (4.12 g, 15.7 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) in tetrahydrofuran (64 mL) cooled in an ice-bath was added di-*iso*-propyl azodicarboxylate (3.1 mL, 15.7 mmol, 2.0 equiv.). The clear yellow solution was stirred for 10 minutes during which time a precipitate appeared. 3-Quinuclidinol (1.0 g, 7.86 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added, followed by thioacetic acid (1.2 mL, 15.7 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and then the ice-bath was removed and the green solution was stirred for 2.5 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo* and the crude material was purified by normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and methanol as eluent to afford the title compound (581 mg, yield 40 %).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 3.71 (m, 1 H), 2.97 (m, 5 H), 2.77 (dd, 1 H), 2.33 (s, 3 H) 1.92 (m, 1 H), 1.81 (m, 3 H) and 1.57 (m, 1 H).

Step B: Quinuclidine-3-sulfonamide

[0240]



[0241] To a suspension of *N*-chlorosuccinimide (1.7 g, 12.5 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) in acetonitrile (7.0 mL) was added hydrochloric acid (aqueous, 2 M, 1.2 mL, 2.50 mmol, 0.8 equiv.). The solution was cooled in an ice-bath, after which a solution of *S*-(quinuclidin-3-yl) ethanethioate (581 mg, 3.14 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in acetonitrile (3.0 mL) was added and the ice-bath was removed. The reaction mixture was stirred for 45 minutes and then added drop-wise to a solution of ammonium hydroxide (25 wt % in water; 25 mL, 160 mmol, 51 equiv.). The mixture was stirred for 10 minutes and then concentrated in *vacuo*. The resulting solid was suspended in methanol, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude was purified by reversed phase flash chromatography (see "Experimental Methods", "Purification Method 1") using water and methanol as eluent to afford the title compound impure (43 mg, 0.22 mmol, yield 7 %).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 3.74 (m, 1 H), 3.56 (m, 4 H), 3.01 (m, 1 H), 2.65 (m, 1 H), 2.38 (m, 2 H), 2.23 (m, 2 H) and 2.01 (m, 1 H).

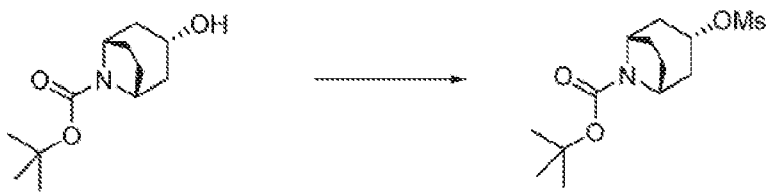
Intermediate P35: 1-(1-Ethylpiperidin-4-yl)pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide

[0242] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide and 1-ethyl-4-piperidone, but no triethylamine was required. The crude compound was purified by normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of 3.5 M ammonia in methanol as eluent to afford the title compound (217 mg, yield 83 %).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.81 (s, 2 H), 3.58 (m, 1 H), 3.00 (m, 3 H), 2.65 (m, 4 H), 2.44 (m, 3 H), 2.08 (br s, 1 H), 2.03 (m, 2 H), 1.82 (m, 2 H), 1.49 (br s, 2 H) and 1.07 (t, 3 H).

Intermediate P36: (1R*,3R*,5S*)-8-iso-Propyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide

Step A: tert-Butyl (1R*,3S*,5S*)-3-((methylsulfonyl)oxy)-8-azabicyclo [3.2.1]octane-8-carboxylate

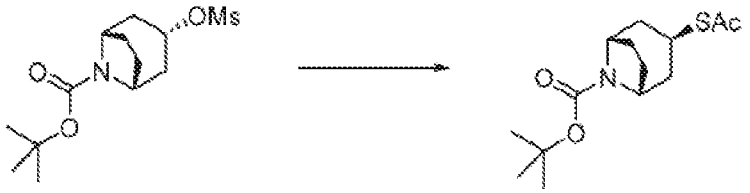
[0243]



[0244] To a mixture of *tert*-butyl 3-exo-hydroxy-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-8-carboxylate (3.0 g, 13.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (3.0 mL, 17.2 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in dichloromethane (66 mL) was added methanesulfonyl chloride (1.1 mL, 14.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred for 2.5 hours at room temperature and then the solution was washed twice with water, once with brine, then dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* to afford the title compound (4.08 g, 13.2 mmol, quantitative yield).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 5.08 (m, 1 H), 4.28 (br s, 2 H), 3.00 (s, 3 H), 2.10 (br d, 4 H), 1.82 (br s, 2 H), 1.63 (d, 2 H) and 1.44 (s, 9 H).

Step B: tert-Butyl (1R*,3R*,5S*)-3-(acetylthio)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-8-carboxylate

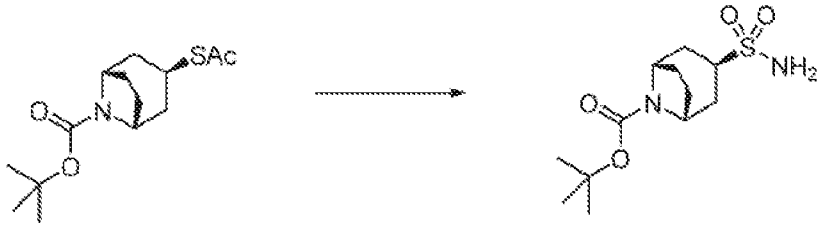
[0245]



[0246] To a solution of tert-butyl (1R*,3S*,5S*)-3-((methylsulfonyl)oxy)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1] octane-8-carboxylate (4.08 g, 13.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dimethylformamide (50 mL) and acetonitrile (13 mL) was added potassium thioacetate (4.52 g, 39.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.). The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 1 hour and then allowed to cool to room temperature. Brine and ethyl acetate were added to the solution and after thorough mixing the organic layer was separated, washed twice with brine, dried (over sodium sulfate), filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude material was purified by normal phase flash chromatography using ethyl acetate and heptane as eluent to afford the title compound (2.95 g, yield 78 %).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 4.20 (br s, 2 H), 3.98 (t, 1 H), 2.42 (br s, 2 H), 2.28 (s, 3 H), 1.98 (m, 4 H), 1.64 (m, 2 H) and 1.44 (s, 9 H).

Step C: tert-Butyl (1R*,3R*,5S*)-3-sulfamoyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-8-carboxylate

[0247]



[0248] To a solution of tert-butyl (1R*,3R*,5S*)-3-(acetylthio)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-8-carboxylate (2.95 g, 10.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in water (10.3 mL) and acetic acid (103 mL) was added *N*-chlorosuccinimide (4.1 g, 30.9 mmol, 3.0 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour and then concentrated to about 20-30 mL before the resulting solution was added dropwise to a solution of ammonium hydroxide (25 wt % in water; 400 mL) and after that stirred for 10 minutes at room temperature. The solution was then acidified with hydrochloric acid (aqueous, 1 M) to pH 7-8 and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* to afford the title compound impure (387 mg, yield 12 %) which was used without further purification.

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 4.33 (br s, 2 H), 3.11 (m, 1 H), 2.00 (m, 4 H), 1.82 (m, 2 H), 1.64 (m, 2 H) and 1.44 (s, 9 H).

Step D: (1R*,3R*,5S*)-8-Azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride

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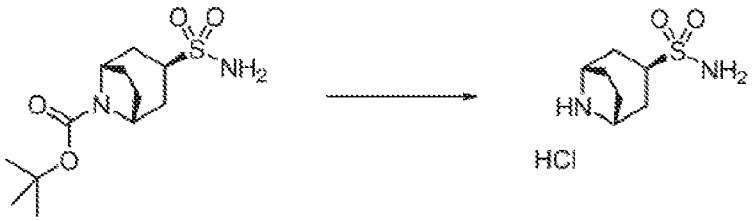
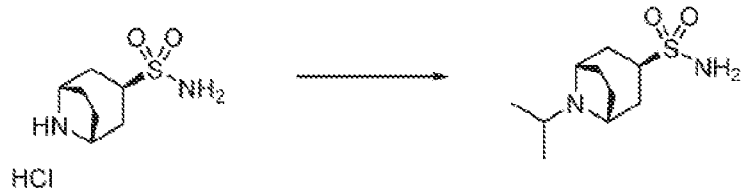


[0250] To a solution of tert-butyl (1R*,3R*,5S*)-3-sulfamoyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-8-carboxylate (387 mg, 1.33 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dichloromethane (10 mL) was added hydrochloric acid (4 M in dioxane, 3.3 mL, 13.3 mmol, 10.0 equiv.). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 hours. Then the solvent was decanted and dichloromethane was added and then decanted again. This afforded the title compound impure (200 mg, yield 68 %) which was used without purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 9.40 (br s, 1 H), 9.20 (br s, 1 H), 6.93 (br s, 2 H), 4.01 (m, 2 H), 3.32 (m, 1 H), 2.18 (m, 1 H), 1.98 (m, 6 H) and 1.79 (m, 1 H).

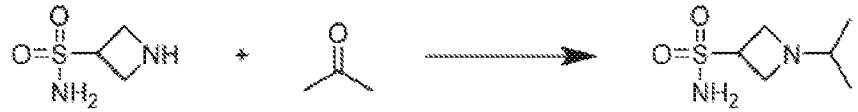
Step E: (1R*,3R*,5S*)-8-iso-Propyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide

[0251]



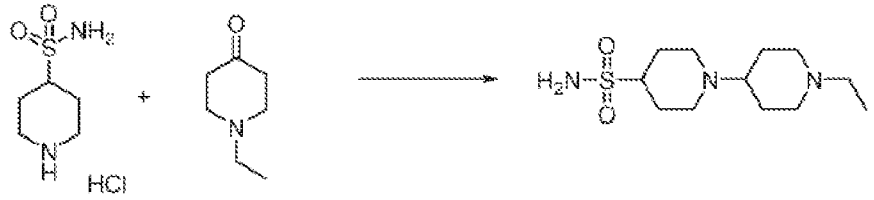
[0252] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from (1R*,3R*,5S*)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and acetone. The crude compound was purified by normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of 3.5 M ammonia in methanol as eluent to afford the title compound (22 mg, yield 21 %) in a non-homogeneous state, which was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.61 (s, 2 H), 3.50 (s, 2 H), 3.12 (m, 2 H), 1.82 (m, 4 H), 1.50 (m, 4 H) and 0.97 (d, 6 H).

Intermediate P37: 1-*iso*-Propylazetidine-3-sulfonamide



[0253] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P_{33}**) and acetone, but no triethylamine was required. The title compound (12 mg, yield 6 %) was used without purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.87 (br s, 2 H), 3.82 (m, 1 H), 3.39 (m, 2 H), 3.23 (t, 2 H), 2.32 (m, 1 H) and 0.81 (d, 6 H).

Intermediate P38: 1'-Ethyl-[1,4'-bipiperidine]-4-sulfonamide



[0254] A suspension of 4-piperidine sulfonamide hydrochloric acid (0.35 g, 1.6 mmol) in acetonitrile (14 mL) was stirred with triethylamine (0.17 g, 0.24 mL, 1.7 mmol) for 30 minutes. To this was added 1-ethyl-4-piperidone (0.21 g, 0.23 mL, 1.6 mmol) and sodium triacetoxy-borohydride (0.43 g, 2.0 mmol). The stirring was allowed to continue for 20 hours and then the solution concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude material was suspended in a few mL of dichloromethane / methanol / 7 N ammonia in methanol (1:1:1) and purified by chromatography (40 g Silicycle SiO_2 cartridge through a syringe filter eluting with 5-30 % 3.5 N ammonia / methanol in dichloromethane) to afford the title compound (290 mg, yield 90 %).
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 3.09 (m, 4 H), 2.88 (m, 1 H), 2.52 (q, 2 H), 2.40 (m, 1 H), 2.27 (m, 2 H), 2.15 (m, 4 H), 1.84 (m, 4 H), 1.64 (m, 2 H) and 1.13 (t, 3 H).

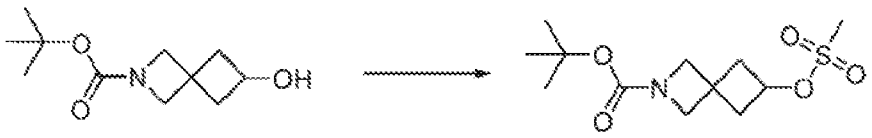
Intermediate P39: 1-Methylazetidine-3-sulfonamide

[0255] Prepared as described for 1-methylpyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P_{27}**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P_{33}**) and formaldehyde. The crude compound was purified by normal phase flash chromatography on silicagel using dichloromethane and a mixture of 3.5 M ammonia in methanol as eluent to afford the title compound (24 mg, yield 16 %).
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 4.08 (m, 1 H), 3.91 (t, 2 H), 3.87 (t, 2 H) and 2.54 (s, 3 H).

Intermediate P40: 2-Ethyl-2-azaspiro[3.3]heptane-6-sulfonamide

Step A: *tert*-Butyl 6-((methylsulfonyl)oxy)-2-azaspiro[3.3]heptane-2-carboxylate

[0256]



[0257] To a solution of *tert*-butyl 6-hydroxy-2-azaspiro[3.3]heptane-2-carboxylate (2 g , 9.4 mmol) in dichloromethane (25 mL) was added triethylamine (2.6 mL, 18.8 mmol). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and a solution of methanesulfonylchloride (0.8 mL, 10.3 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 mL) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred for 18 hours at room temperature and then washed with water and brine, dried (sodium sulfate), filtered and evaporated to afford the title compound (2.7 g, yield 100 %) as a white solid.
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 4.89 (m, 1 H), 3.94 (s, 4 H), 2.99 (s, 3 H), 2.70 (m, 2 H), 2.48 (m, 2 H) and 1.44 (s, 9 H).

Step B: *tert*-Butyl 6-(acetylthio)-2-azaspiro[3.3]heptane-2-carboxylate

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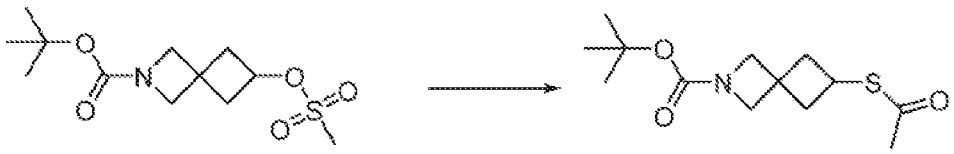


[0259] To a solution of *tert*-butyl 6-((methylsulfonyl)oxy)-2-azaspiro[3.3]heptane-2-carboxylate (1 g , 3.4 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL) and dimethylformamide (40 mL) was added potassium thioacetate (1.57 g, 13.7 mmol). The reaction was heated to reflux for 18 hours and upon cooling was poured into water (200 mL) and ethyl acetate (100 mL). The mixture was separated and the water layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with water (4×) and brine, before being dried (sodium sulfate), filtered and evaporated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound (1 g, yield 100 %) as a brown oil.
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 3.96 (s, 2 H), 3.90 (m, 1 H), 3.86 (s, 2 H), 2.65 (m, 2 H), 2.27 (s, 3 H), 2.18 (m, 2 H) and 1.42 (s, 9 H).

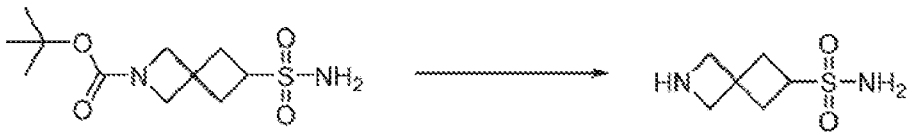
Step C: *tert*-Butyl 6-sulfamoyl-2-azaspiro[3.3]heptane-2-carboxylate

[0260]

[0261] A mixture of *tert*-butyl 6-(acetylthio)-2-azaspiro[3.3]heptane-2-carboxylate (650 mg, 2.4 mmol), acetic acid (5 mL) and water (1 mL) was cooled in ice/water. *N*-chloro succinimide (960 mg, 7.8 mmol) was added in portions over a 10 minute period. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour, before being poured into cold aqueous ammonium hydroxide (50 mL, 25 %). The mixture was allowed to stir for 18 hours at room temperature, before the solvents were evaporated *in vacuo* and the residue was triturated in tetrahydrofuran and decanted. The combined tetrahydrofuran layers were evaporated and the residue was purified over silica, using dichloromethane/ methanol (9:1) as the eluent. The title compound was obtained as a white foam (240 mg, yield 36 %).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 4.87 (br s, 2 H), 3.96 (s, 4 H), 3.72 (m, 1 H), 2.62 (m, 4 H) and 1.44 (s, 9 H).

Step D: 2-Azaspiro[3.3]heptane-6-sulfonamide

[0262]



[0263] To a solution of *tert*-butyl 6-sulfamoyl-2-azaspiro[3.3]heptane-2-carboxylate (240 mg, 0.87 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL) was added trifluoroacetic acid (0.26 mL, 3.5 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 48 hours and the solvents were evaporated. The residue was dissolved in methanol and purified over Amberlite 410 ion exchange resin, to afford the title compound (100 mg , yield 67 %) as a pale yellow oil.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 3.93 (s, 4 H), 3.66 (m, 1 H) and 2.64 (m, 4 H).

Step E: 2-Ethyl-2-azaspiro[3.3]heptane-6-sulfonamide

[0264]

[0265] Prepared following the procedure as described for 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P3**) from ethyliodide and 2-azaspiro[3.3]heptane-6-sulfonamide. The crude material was purified by normal phase flash chromatography using ethyl acetate and methanol (9:1) as eluent to afford the product as a mixture with triethylamine salts. The crude product was dissolved in methanol and filtered over Amberlite 410. The solvent was evaporated to afford the title compound (8 mg, yield 15 %).
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 3.67 (m, 1 H), 3.24 (d, 4 H), 2.50 (d, 4 H), 2.43 (q, 2 H) and 0.95 (t, 3 H).

Intermediate P41: 1-(1-*iso*-Propylazetidin-3-yl)pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide

Step A: 1-(Azetidin-3-yl)pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide dihydrochloride

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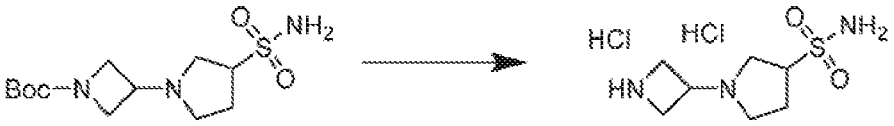


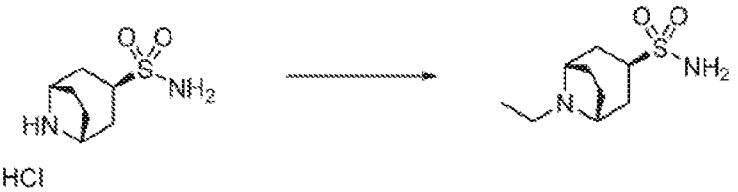
[0267] To a solution of *tert*-butyl 3-(3-sulfamoylpyrrolidin-1-yl)azetidine-1-carboxylate (726 mg, 2.38 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dichloromethane (24 mL) was added hydrochloric acid in dioxane (4 M, 6.0 mL, 23.8 mmol, 10.0 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred for 1.5 hours and then concentrated in *vacuo* to afford the title compound as a dihydrochloride salt (774 mg, 2.38 mmol, yield 100 %) which was used without purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 9.60 (br s, 1 H), 9.17 (br s, 1 H), 7.24 (s, 2 H), 4.34 (m, 4 H), 4.11 (m, 3 H), 3.91 (m, 2 H) and 2.23 (m, 4 H).

Step B: 1-(1-iso-Propylazetidin-3-yl)pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide

[0268]

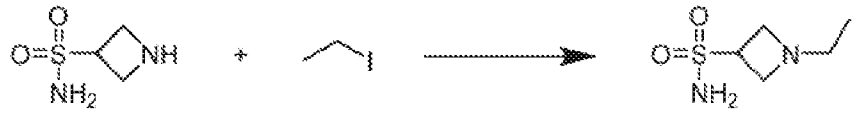
[0269] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from 1-(azetidin-3-yl)pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide dihydrochloride and acetone, but 2.5 equivalent of triethylamine was required. The crude compound was purified by normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of 3.5 M ammonia in methanol as eluent to afford the title compound (94 mg, yield 38 %).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.91 (s, 2 H), 3.58 (m, 1 H), 3.24 (t, 2 H), 2.98 (m, 1 H), 2.90 (m, 3 H), 2.52 (m, 2 H), 2.38 (q, 1 H), 2.21 (m, 1 H), 2.01 (m, 2 H) and 0.81 (d, 6 H).

Intermediate P42: (1R*,3R*,5S*)-8-Ethyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide



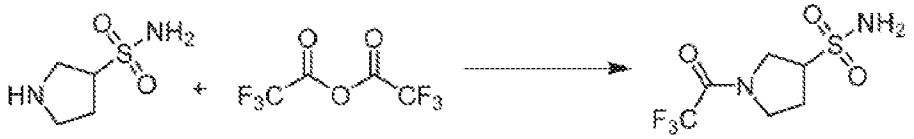
[0270] Prepared as described for 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P3**) from iodoethane and (1R,3R,5S)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride. The title compound (36 mg, yield 41 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.63 (br s, 2 H), 3.97 (br s, 2 H), 3.10 (q, 2 H), 2.98 (br s, 1 H), 2.58 (m, 2 H), 2.30 (m, 2 H), 2.11 (m, 4 H) and 1.11 (m, 3 H).

Intermediate P43: 1-Ethylazetidine-3-sulfonamide



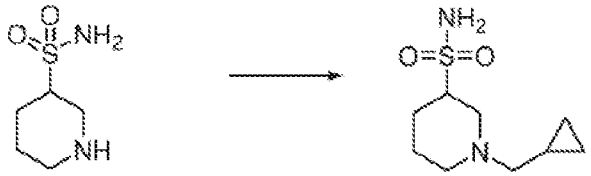
[0271] Prepared as described for 1-ethylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P6**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P33**) and ethyl iodide. This afforded the title compound impure (15 mg, yield 9 %) which was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 4.11 (m, 1 H), 3.81 (t, 2 H), 3.62 (t, 2 H), 2.74 (q, 2 H) and 1.02 (t, 3 H).

Intermediate P44: 1-(2,2,2-Trifluoroacetyl)pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide



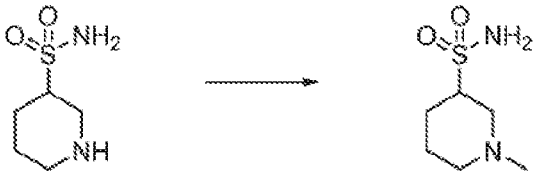
[0272] Prepared as described for 1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P4**) from pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide and bis-trifluoroacetic anhydride. This afforded the title compound (72 mg, yield 36 %) which was used without purification.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 4.08 (m, 1 H), 3.91 (m, 3 H), 3.63 (m, 1 H), 2.45 (m, 1 H) and 2.38 (m, 1 H).

Intermediate P45: 1-(Cyclopropylmethyl)piperidine-3-sulfonamide



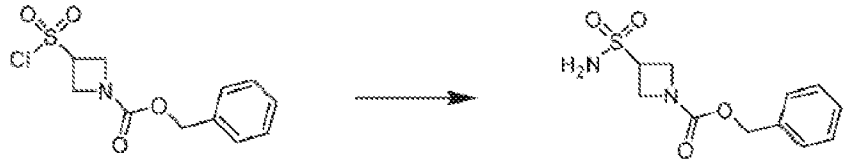
[0273] Prepared as described for 1-ethylpiperidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P15**) using piperidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride (0.5 g, 3.2 mmol) and iodomethyl-cyclopropane (0.29 mL, 0.58 g, 3.2 mmol) to afford the title compound (0.28 g, 1.26 mmol, yield 40 %) after column purification.
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 3.41 (br d, 1 H), 3.31 (m, 1 H), 2.96 (br d, 1 H), 2.44 (t, 1 H), 2.36 (d, 2 H), 2.20 (m, 2 H), 1.91 (m, 1 H), 1.71 (m, 2 H), 0.90 (m, 1 H), 0.57 (m, 2 H) and 0.15 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P46: 1-Methylpiperidine-3-sulfonamide



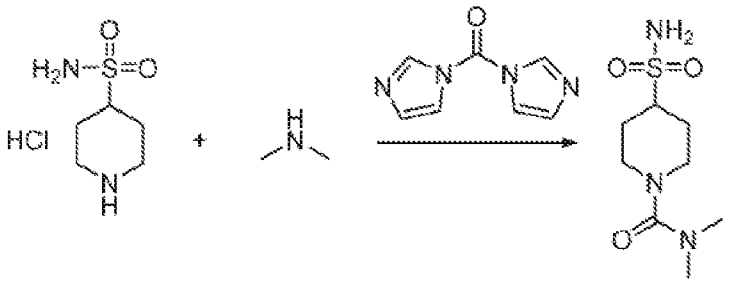
[0274] Prepared as described for 1-ethylpiperidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P15**) using piperidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride (0.5 g, 3.2 mmol) and methyl iodide (0.20 mL, 0.45 g, 3.2 mmol) to give the title compound (0.24 g, 1.35 mmol, yield 43 %). The crude product was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 3.2-3.4 (m, 3 H), 2.97 (br d, 1 H), 2.45 (s, 3 H), 2.38 (br t, 1 H), 2.20 (m, 1 H), 1.90 (br d, 1 H) and 1.5-1.8 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P47: Benzyl 3-sulfamoylazetidine-1-carboxylate



[0275] To a stirred solution of benzyl 3-(chlorosulfonyl)azetidine-1-carboxylate (2.0g, 6.9 mmol) in dichloromethane (30 mL) at 0 °C was added ammonia (7 N in methanol, 30 mL). The resultant mixture was stirred overnight, slowly warming to room temperature and then concentrated to a white solid, triturated with THF and the resulting title compound isolated as a white solid by filtration (yield 95 %) and used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 7.3 (m, 5 H), 5.05 (d, 2 H), 4.25 (m, 2 H), 4.13 (m, 2 H) and 2.47 (m, 1 H).

Intermediate P48: N,N-Dimethyl-4-sulfamoylpiperidine-1-carboxamide

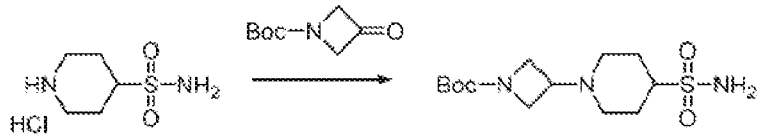


[0276] To a solution of carbonyldiimidazole (162 mg, 1.0 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL) was added dimethylamine hydrochloride (81 mg, 1.0 mmol) and the solution was stirred overnight at room temperature. Triethylamine (0.42 mL, 3.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and piperidine-4-sulfonamide hydrochloric acid (200 mg, 1.0 mmol) were added to the suspension. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight and additional portions of carbonyldiimidazole (162 mg, 1.0 mmol), triethylamine (0.42 mL, 3.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and 2 M dimethylamine in tetrahydrofuran (0.5 mL, 1.0 mmol) were added. After stirring overnight, extra 2 M dimethylamine in tetrahydrofuran (2 mL, 4.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) was added. The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 3 days, before being transferred to a microwave vial and additional 2 M dimethylamine in tetrahydrofuran (2.0 mL, 4.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) added. The vial was heated to 50 °C overnight and then concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude was dissolved in methanol, coated on hydromatrix and then purified by normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of triethylamine and methanol (ratio 1:1) as eluent to afford the title compound (73 mg, yield 31 %).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.72 (s, 2 H), 3.60 (d, 2 H), 2.98 (m, 1 H), 2.72 (m, 8 H), 1.94 (d, 2 H), 1.52 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P49: 1-(1-Isopropyl-azetidin-3-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide

Step A: *tert*-Butyl 3-(4-sulfamoylpiperidin-1-yl)azetidine-1-carboxylate

[0277]



[0278] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from piperidine-4-sulfonamide hydrochloride salt (0.35 g, 1.6 mmol) and 1-Boc-azetidinone (0.28 g, 1.6 mmol) using 2 equivalents of triethylamine. The crude compound was purified by normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of 3.5 M ammonia in methanol as eluent to afford the title compound as a white waxy solid (236 mg, yield 47 %).

HPLC-MS: 100% (ELSD), M 319+1 (ACPI pos.)
^{1}H NMR (Methanol-d_4): δ = 4.37 (s, 2H), 3.94 (dd, J = 8.8, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (dd, J = 9.0, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (tt, J =

7.1, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.00 - 2.81 (m, 3H), 2.22 - 2.08 (m, 2H), 1.98 - 1.70 (m, 4H), 1.41 (s, 9H).

Step B: 1-(Azetidin-3-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide dihydrochloride

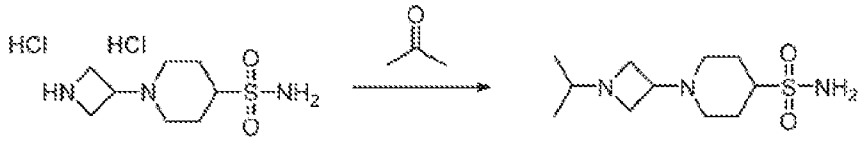
[0279]

tert-Butyl 3-(4-sulfamoylpiperidin-1-yl)azetidine-1-carboxylate (0.23 g, 0.7 mmol) from step A was suspended in HCl in dioxane (4N, 9 mL, 36 mmol) and stirred for 20 hours at ambient temperature. The solvents were evaporated in *vacuo* and the residue stripped once with dioxane (25 mL) to afford the crude product (250 mg, quant. yield), which was used as is in the next step.

HPLC-MS: 97% (ELSD), M 291+1 (ACPI pos.)
^{1}H NMR (Methanol-d4): δ = 4.72 - 4.67 (m, 2H), 4.44 - 4.28 (m, 3H), 3.61 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 2H), 3.26 (dd, J = 11.1, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (s, 1H), 2.44 (dd, J = 14.3, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (t, 1H), 1.61 (s, 1H).

Step C: 1-(1-isopropyl-azetidin-3-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide

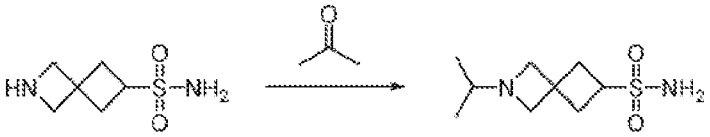
[0280]



[0281] Prepared following the procedure as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide **(Intermediate P14)** from 1-(azetidin-3-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide dihydrochloride (100 mg, 0.31 mmol) from step B and acetone (0.03 mL, 22 mg, 0.39 mmol) to yield the title compound as a white solid (70 mg, yield 87 %) after column chromatography.

HPLC-MS: 59+40% (ELSD) showed two peaks both have M 262+1 (ACPI pos.)
^{1}H NMR (Methanol-d_4): δ = 3.55 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.02 - 2.82 (m, 6H), 2.49 (h, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (ddd, J = 12.0, 4.2, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 1.88 (dd, J = 11.3, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 1.77 (qd, J = 12.1, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 6H).

Intermediate P50: 2-Isopropyl-2-azaspiro[3.3]heptane-6-sulfonamide

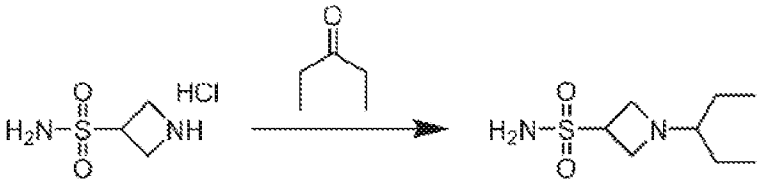


[0282] To a solution of 2-azaspiro[3.3]heptane-6-sulfonamide (50 mg, 0.28 mmol) and acetone (25 mg, 0.43 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in acetonitrile (5 mL) was added sodium triacetoxyborohydride (89 mg, 0.43 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred for 18 hours at room temperature and then concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude material was dissolved in methanol and treated with Amberlite 410 ion exchange resin. The mixture was filtered and the methanol was evaporated. The residue was triturated in THF. The mixture was filtered and the THF was evaporated to afford the title compound (40 mg, yield 65 %) which was used as such.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 3.71 (m, 1H), 3.25 (m, 4H), 2.53 (m, 4H), 2.33 (m, 1H), 0.93 (d, 6H).

Intermediate P51: 2-Methyl-2-azaspiro[3.3]heptane-6-sulfonamide

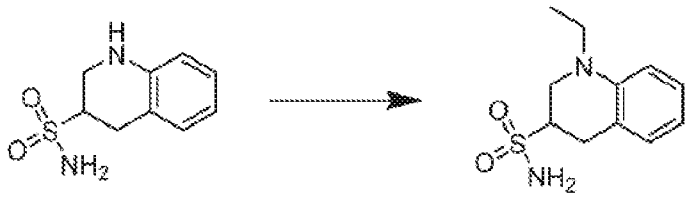
[0283] To a solution of 2-azaspiro[3.3]heptane-6-sulfonamide (50 mg, 0.28 mmol) and formaldehyde (32 µL, 37% in water, 0.43 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in acetonitrile (5 mL) was added sodium triacetoxyborohydride (90 mg, 0.43 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred for 18 hours at room temperature and then concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude material was dissolved in methanol and treated with Amberlite 410 ion exchange resin. The mixture was filtered and the methanol was evaporated. The residue was triturated in THF. The mixture was filtered and the THF was evaporated to afford the title compound (40 mg, yield 74 %) which was used as such.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 3.71 (m, 1H), 3.37 - 3.21 (m, 4H), 2.52 (m, 4H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

Intermediate P52: 1-(Pentan-3-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



[0284] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 3-pentanone. The title compound (20 mg, yield 12 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 6.86 (s, 2 H), 3.82 (m, 1 H), 3.42 (t, 2 H), 3.21 (t, 2 H), 2.03 (m, 1 H), 1.24 (m, 4 H), 0.74 (m, 6 H).

Intermediate P53: 1-Ethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-sulfonamide

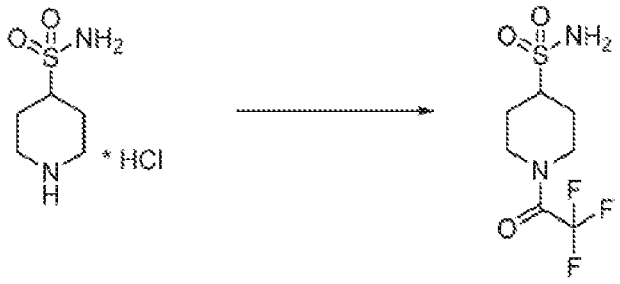


[0285] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-sulfonamide, acetone and acetic acid, but no triethylamine was required. The title compound (27 mg, yield 11 %) was used without further purification. The expected iso-propyl analog was not isolated.
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.70 (m, 2H), 4.52 (br s, 2H), 3.60 (m, 3H), 3.44 (m, 2H), 3.26 (m, 2H), 1.17 (t, 3H).

Intermediate P54: 1-(2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide

Step A: 1-(2,2,2-Trifluoroacetyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide

[0286]



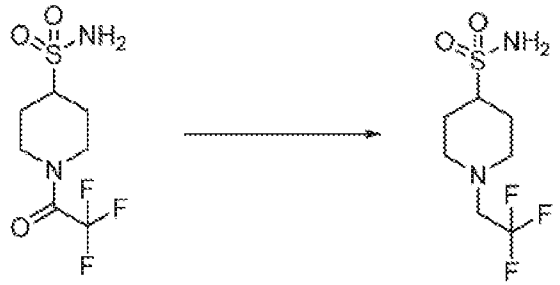
[0287] A suspension of piperidine-4-sulfonamide hydrochloride salt (600 mg, 2.7 mmol) was stirred with triethylamine

(0.75 mL, 0.54 g, 5.4 mmol) in acetonitrile (12 mL) for 30 minutes. To this slurry was added trifluoroacetic anhydride (0.38 mL, 0.57 g, 2.7 mmol) and the stirring continued for 20 hours. The mixture was concentrated in *vacuo* and the residue dissolved in methanol, then applied to a silica column (40 g) and eluted with 0-30% methanol in DCM to afford 1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (182 mg, yield 26 %), contaminated with a bistrifluoroacetylated byproduct. This was used for the next step as such.

HPLC-MS: 76% (ELSD), M 260+1 (ACPI pos.).
HPLC-MS: 23% (ELSD), M 356+1 (ACPI pos.) for the bistrifluoroacetylated byproduct. ^{1}H NMR (Methanol-d_4): δ = 7.39 (s, 1H), 4.64 - 4.47 (m, 1H), 4.10 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (tt, *J* = 11.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dt, *J* = 12.6, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (td, *J* = 13.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (ddt, *J* = 20.3, 13.9, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 1.78 (ddtt, *J* = 24.0, 16.4, 7.6, 4.4 Hz, 2H).

Step B: 1-(2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide

[0288]



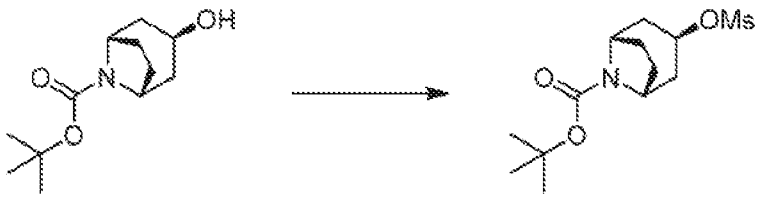
[0289] The 1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide from step A (65 mg, 0.22 mmol) was dissolved in THF (3.25 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. To this solution was added dropwise borane-DMS-adduct (94%, 9.9M, 0.10 mL, 1.01 mmol) at 0 °C and then the mixture was heated to reflux for 4 hours and subsequently allowed to cool to room temperature over the weekend. This mixture was quenched with MeOH until no gas evolution was visible anymore and then evaporated in *vacuo* and stripped twice with methanol. Drying in *vacuo* gave the crude product as a clear oil (with a slight DMS smell), which was purified by ISCO 5-30% MeOH (3.5N NH_3) in DCM to afford the title compound (31 mg, yield 56 %).

HPLC-MS: 100% (ELSD), M 246+1 (ACPI pos.)
^{1}H NMR (Methanol-d_4): δ = 3.16 - 3.00 (m, 4H), 2.88 (tt, *J* = 12.2, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (td, *J* = 12.0, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (dt, *J* = 13.1, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (qd, *J* = 12.4, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.00 - 0.81 (m, 1H).

Intermediate P55: (1R*,3S*,5S*)-8-*iso*-Propyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide

Step A: tert-Butyl (1R*,3R*,5S*)-3-((methylsulfonyl)oxy)-8-azabicyclo [3.2.1]octane-8-carboxylate

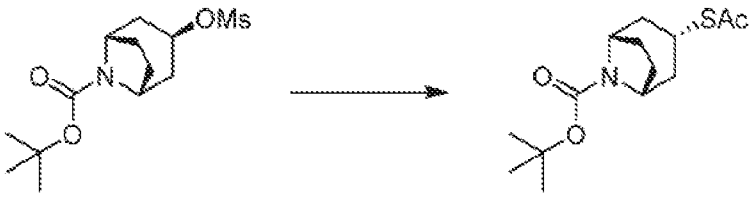
[0290]



[0291] Prepared as described for tert-butyl (1R*,3S*,5S*)-3-((methylsulfonyl)oxy)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1] octane-8-carboxylate (**Intermediate P36 step A**) from *tert*-butyl 3-endo-hydroxy-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-8-carboxylate to afford the title compound (3.3 g, yield 81 %).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 5.02 (t, 1H), 4.21 (br s, 2H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.03 (m, 6H), 1.45 (s, 9H).

Step B: tert-Butyl (1R*,3S*,5S*)-3-(acetylthio)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-8-carboxylate

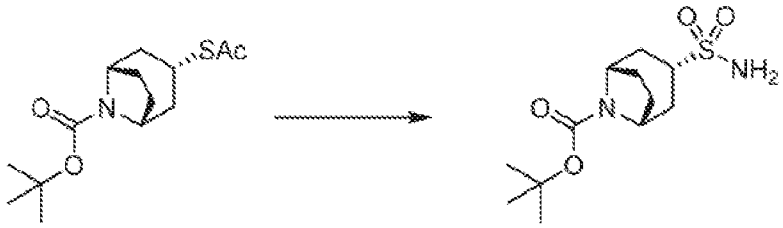
[0292]



[0293] Prepared as described for *tert*-butyl (1R*,3R*,5S*)-3-(acetylthio)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1] octane-8-carboxylate (**intermediate P36 step B**) from *tert*-butyl (1R*,3R*,5S*)-3-((methylsulfonyl)oxy)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-8-carboxylate to afford the title compound (1.65 g, yield 53 %).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 4.19 (br s, 2H), 3.87 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.79 (d, 6H), 1.45 (s, 9H).

Step C: *tert*-Butyl (1R*,3S*,5S*)-3-sulfamoyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-8-carboxylate

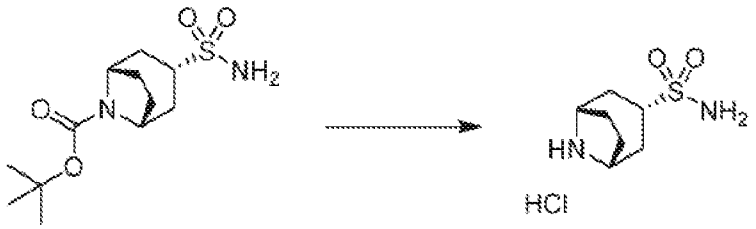
[0294]



[0295] Prepared as described for *tert*-butyl (1R*,3R*,5S*)-3-sulfamoyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1] octane-8-carboxylate (**intermediate P36 step C**) from *tert*-butyl (1R*,3S*,5S*)-3-(acetylthio)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-8-carboxylate, except that the crude title compound was purified by normal phase flash chromatography using heptane and ethyl acetate to afford the title compound (235 mg, yield 14 %).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 4.50 (m, 2H), 3.11 (m, 1H), 2.03 (m, 4H), 1.68 (m, 4H), 1.46 (s, 9H).

Step D: (1R*,3S*,5S*)-8-Azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride

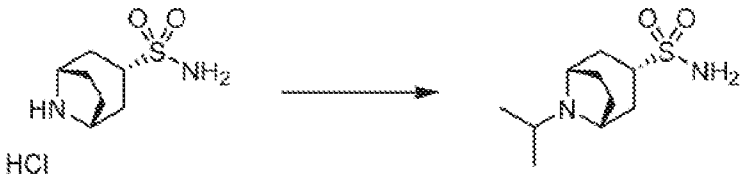
[0296]



[0297] Prepared as described for (1R*,3R*,5S*)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride (intermediate P36 step D) from *tert*-butyl (1R*,3S*,5S*)-3-sulfamoyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-8-carboxylate to afford the title compound (203 mg, quantitative yield).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 9.28 (s, 1H), 9.11 (s, 1H), 6.90 (s, 2H), 4.04 (m, 2H), 3.95 (s, 1H), 2.07 (m, 1H), 1.96 (m, 6H), 1.82 (d, 1H).

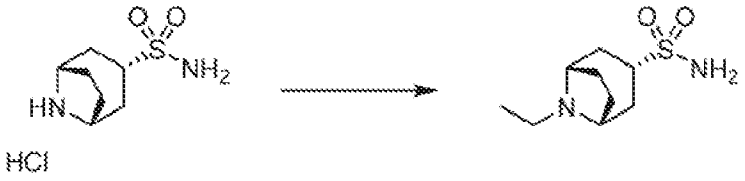
Step E: (1R*,3S*,5S*)-8-*iso*-Propyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide

[0298]



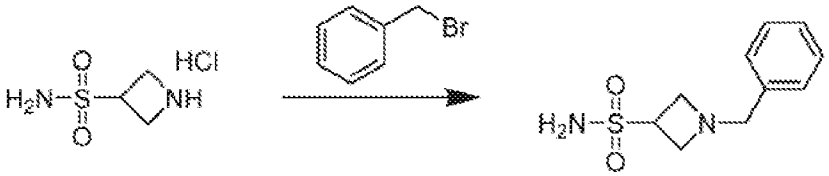
[0299] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**intermediate P14**) from (1R*,3S*,5S*)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride, except that the crude compound was purified by normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of 7M ammonia in methanol to afford the title compound (15 mg, yield 16 %), which was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 4.24 (m, 1H), 4.14 (m, 1H), 3.53 (m, 2H), 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.20 (m, 5H), 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.37 (d, 6H).

Intermediate P56: (1R*,3S*,5S*)-8-Ethyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide



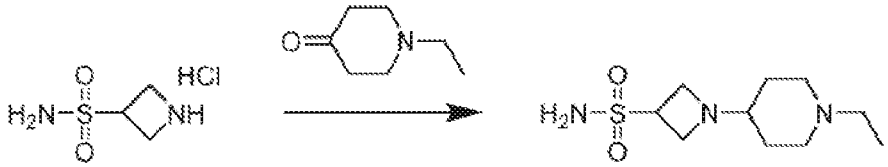
[0300] Prepared as described for 1-ethylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**intermediate P6**) from (1R*,3S*,5S*)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride to afford the title compound (30 mg, yield 34 %), which was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 4.10 (m, 1H), 4.00 (m, 1H), 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.08 (m, 2H), 2.58 (m, 1H), 2.24 (m, 5H), 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.34 (m, 3H).

Intermediate P57: 1-Benzylazetidine-3-sulfonamide



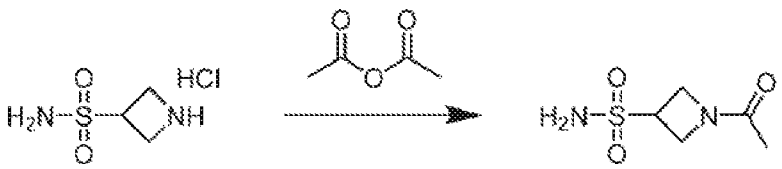
[0301] Prepared as described for 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**intermediate P3**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and benzyl bromide. The title compound (57 mg, yield 25 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 7.24 (m, 5 H), 6.93 (s, 2 H), 3.92 (m, 1 H), 3.58 (s, 2 H), 3.46 (t, 2 H), 3.35 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P58: 1-(1-Ethylpiperidin-4-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



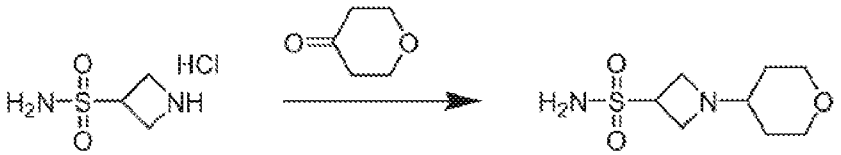
[0302] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 1-ethyl-4-piperidone. The title compound (111 mg, yield 44 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 6.88 (s, 2 H), 3.85 (m, 1 H), 3.42 (t, 2 H), 3.22 (t, 2 H), 2.71 (m, 2 H), 2.27 (q, 2 H), 2.02 (m, 1 H), 1.87 (m, 2 H), 1.57 (dd, 2 H), 1.09 (m, 2 H), 0.95 (t, 3 H).

Intermediate P59: 1-Acetylazetidine-3-sulfonamide



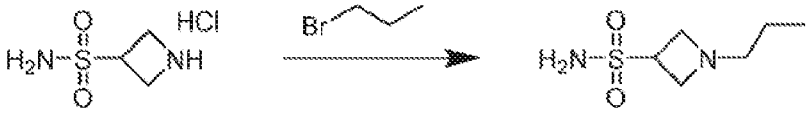
[0303] Prepared as described for 1-acetylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P7**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride. The title compound (31 mg, yield 20 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 4.57 (m, 1 H), 4.50 (m, 2 H), 4.36 (m, 2 H), 1.98 (s, 3 H).

Intermediate P60: 1-(Tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



[0304] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and tetrahydro-*4H*-pyran-4-one. The title compound (112 mg, yield 50 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 6.89 (s, 2 H), 3.86 (m, 1 H), 3.77 (dt, 2 H), 3.44 (t, 2 H), 3.24 (m, 3 H), 2.98 (q, 1 H), 2.26 (tq, 1 H), 1.55 (dd, 2 H), 1.11 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P61: 1-Propylazetidine-3-sulfonamide



[0305] Prepared as described for 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P3**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 1-bromopropane. The title compound (15 mg, yield 8 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 6.88 (s, 2 H), 3.87 (m, 1 H), 3.44 (t, 2 H), 3.22 (t, 2 H), 2.32 (t, 2 H), 1.24 (m, 2 H), 0.80 (t, 3 H).

Intermediate P62: *tert*-Butyl 3-sulfamoylazetidine-1-carboxylate

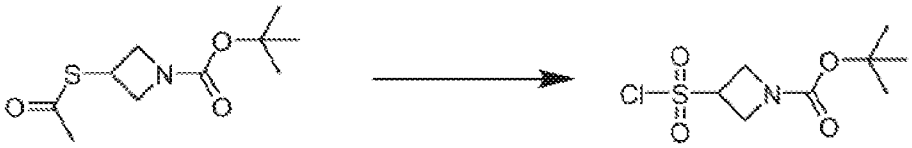
Step A : *tert*-Butyl 3-(acetylthio)azetidine-1-carboxylate

[0306]

To a solution of *tert*-butyl 3-iodoazetidine-1-carboxylate (17.2 g, 60.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and thioacetic acid (8.7 mL, 121.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) in dimethylformamide (83 mL) was added cesium carbonate (39.6 g, 121.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) portionwise. The reaction was exothermic during this addition. Then the reaction mixture was heated to 70 °C for 1 hour to afford complete conversion. The mixture was diluted with water (600 mL) and then extracted with diethyl ether (600 mL). The organic layer was washed twice with water (600 mL), once with brine (500 mL), dried over $Na2SO_4$, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude was submitted to normal phase flash chromatography on silica gel using heptane and ethyl acetate as eluent to afford the title compound (8.76 g, yield 62 %).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 4.35 (t, 2 H), 4.10 (m, 1 H), 3.78 (dd, 2 H), 2.28 (s, 3 H), 1.39 (s, 9 H).

Step B: *tert*-Butyl 3-(chlorosulfonyl)azetidine-1-carboxylate

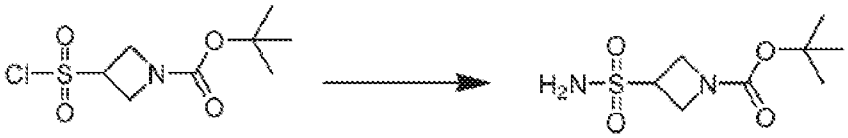
[0307]



[0308] To a solution of *tert*-butyl 3-(acetylthio)azetidine-1-carboxylate (8.76 g, 37.9 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in water (38 mL) and acetic acid (380 mL) was added *N*-chlorosuccinimide (15.2 g, 113.7 mmol, 3.0 equiv.). The suspension was stirred for 20 minutes at room temperature to afford a clear solution and complete conversion. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (600 mL), and then extracted with dichloromethane (600 mL). The organic layer was washed twice with water (600 mL), once with brine (300 mL), dried over $Na2SO_4$, filtered and then used as such for the following reaction without further concentrating the organic layer.
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 4.57 (m, 1 H), 4.38 (m, 4 H), 1.42 (s, 9 H).

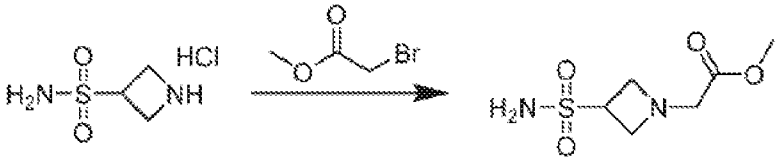
Step C: *tert*-Butyl 3-sulfamoylazetidine-1-carboxylate

[0309]



[0310] To a solution of *tert*-butyl 3-(chlorosulfonyl)azetidine-1-carboxylate (max 37.9 mmol) in dichloromethane (600 mL) was added 7M ammonia in methanol (55 mL, 379 mmol, 10 equiv.). The clear solution was stirred for half an hour at room temperature. The suspension was concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude was dissolved in methanol, coated on hydromatrix and then submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of ammonia (3.5 M) in methanol as eluent to afford the tittle compound (2.67 g, 11.3 mmol, yield over two steps 30 %).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 7.18 (s, 2 H), 4.10 (m, 2 H), 3.98 (m, 3 H), 1.39 (s, 9 H).

Intermediate P63: Methyl 2-(3-sulfamoylazetidin-1-yl)acetate

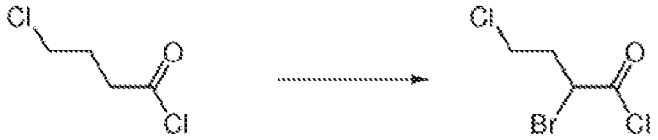


[0311] Prepared as described for 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P3**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and methyl bromoacetate. The title compound (43 mg, yield 21 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 6.92 (s, 2 H), 3.92 (m, 1 H), 3.58 (m, 5 H), 3.41 (dd, 2 H), 3.29 (s, 2 H).

Intermediate P64: 1-Isopropyl-2-oxopyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide

Step A: 2-Bromo-4-chlorobutanoyl chloride

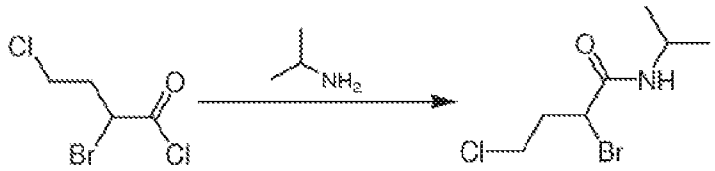
[0312]



[0313] To a solution of 4-chlorobutanoyl chloride (25 g, 177.31 mmol, 1 eq) in DCM (45 mL) was added NBS (47.34 g, 265.97 mmol, 1.5 eq) and $SOCl_2$ (1.05 g, 8.87 mmol, 643.13 µL, 0.05 eq) followed by HBr (1.33 g, 6.56 mmol, 892.86 µL, 40% purity, 0.037 eq) at 25 °C. The mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 1.5 hours. The reaction mixture was diluted with hexane (300 mL) and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo* to give the title compound (35 g, crude), which was used in the next step without further purification.
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 4.87-4.80 (m, 1 H), 3.76-3.74 (m, 2 H) and 2.59-2.44 (m, 2 H).

Step B: 2-Bromo-4-chloro-*N*-isopropylbutanamide

[0314]



[0315] To a solution of 2-bromo-4-chlorobutanoyl chloride (20 g, 90.95 mmol, 1 eq) in DCM (50 mL) was added propan-2-amine (6.45 g, 109.14 mmol, 9.38 mL, 1.2 eq) at 0 °C. The mixture was warmed to 25 °C and stirred at 25 °C for another 1 hour. The reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (200 mL) and washed with water (100 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* to give the title compound (19.1 g, 78.75 mmol, yield 87 %).

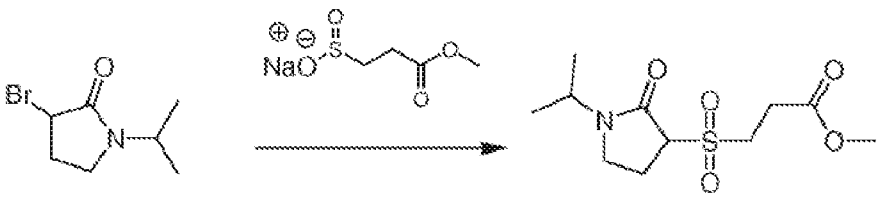
Step C: 3-Bromo-1-isopropylpyrrolidin-2-one

[0316]

[0317] To a solution of 2-bromo-4-chloro-*N*-isopropylbutanamide (19 g, 78.34 mmol, 1 eq) in THF (200 mL) was added NaH (6.27 g, 156.67 mmol, 60% purity, 2 eq) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 1 hour. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with H_2O (200 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (2 × 300 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (200 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO_2, petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 20:1 to 1:1) to give the title compound (11.5 g, 55.80 mmol, yield 71 %). ^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 4.41-4.31 (m, 2 H), 3.46-3.43 (m, 1 H), 3.32-3.29 (m, 1 H), 2.55-2.49 (m, 1 H), 2.32-2.30 (m, 1 H) and 1.16-1.14 (m, 6 H).

Step D: Methyl 3-((1-isopropyl-2-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)sulfonyl)propanoate

[0318]

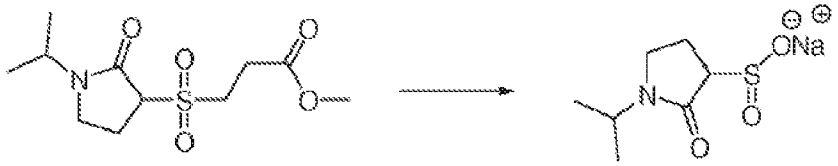


[0319] To a solution of 3-bromo-1-isopropylpyrrolidin-2-one (1 g, 4.85 mmol, 1 eq) in DMSO (10 mL) was added sodium 3-methoxy-3-oxo-propane-1-sulfinate (845 mg, 4.85 mmol, 1 eq). The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was quenched with water (80 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 80 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (60 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO_2, petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 10:1 to 1:1) to give the title compound (1.1 g, 3.97 mmol, yield 82 %).

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 4.37-4.33 (m, 1 H), 3.97-3.93 (m, 1 H), 3.82-3.72 (m, 5 H), 3.58-3.51 (m, 1 H), 3.39-3.38 (m, 1H), 2.94-2.90 (m, 2 H), 2.77-2.73 (m, 1 H), 2.44-2.34 (m, 1 H) and 1.18 (d, 6 H).
LCMS: m/z 277.9 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Step E: Sodium 1-isopropyl-2-oxopyrrolidine-3-sulfinate

[0320]

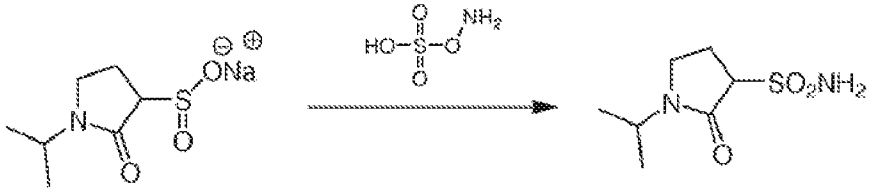


[0321] To a solution of methyl 3-((1-isopropyl-2-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)sulfonyl)propanoate (0.6 g, 2.16 mmol, 1 eq) in a mixture of MeOH (4.8 mL) and THF (4.8 mL) was added a solution of NaOMe in MeOH (5.2 M, 1.05 mL, 3 eq) at 25 °C. The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 3 hours. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo* to give the title compound (461.3 mg, crude) as a brown solid, which was used in the next step without further purification.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 4.34-4.27 (m, 1 H), 3.53-3.41 (m, 1 H), 3.19-3.15 (m, 2 H), 2.54-2.51 (m, 1 H), 2.17-2.12 (m, 1 H) and 1.19-1.14 (m, 6 H).
LCMS: m/z 192.0 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Step F: 1-isopropyl-2-oxopyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide

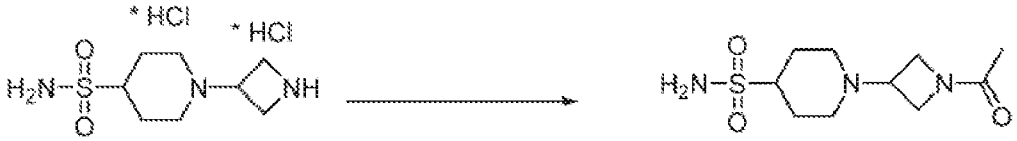
[0322]



[0323] To a solution of sodium 1-isopropyl-2-oxopyrrolidine-3-sulfinate (461 mg, 2.16 mmol, 1 eq) in DMSO (6 mL) was added a solution of (aminooxy)sulfonic acid (1.22 g, 10.82 mmol, 5 eq) and AcONa (709 mg, 8.65 mmol, 4 eq) in H_2O (2 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was warmed to 25 °C and stirred at 25 °C for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered and the filter cake was washed with MeOH (10 mL). The filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by prep-HPLC (see "Experimental Methods", "Purification Method 2") to give the title compound (219.8 mg, 1.07 mmol, yield 49%, 100% purity) as white solid.

^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.92 (br s, 2 H), 4.18-4.15 (m, 1 H), 3.91-3.88 (m, 1 H), 3.33-3.27 (m, 2H), 2.38-2.30 (m, 2 H) and 1.10-1.03 (m, 6 H).
LCMS: m/z 206.9 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

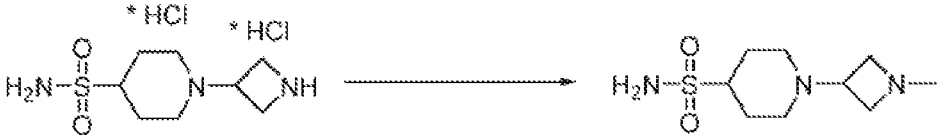
Intermediate P65: 1-(1-Acetylazetidin-3-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide



[0324] A suspension of 1-(azetidin-3-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide dihydrochloride salt (95%, 250 mg, 0.81 mmol) and triethylamine (0.23 mL, 164 mg, 1.63 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL) was stirred for 30 minutes. Acetic anhydride (0.08 mL, 87 mg, 0.85 mmol) was added to this slurry and the stirring was continued for 20 hours. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue dissolved in methanol, then applied to a silica column (40 g) and eluted with 0-30% methanol in DCM to afford the title compound (93 mg, yield 43 %).

HPLC-MS: 100% (ELSD), M 261+1 (ACPI pos.)
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 6.72 (s, 2H), 4.08 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dd, J = 8.6, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dd, J = 9.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (dd, J = 9.8, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.13 - 2.98 (m, 1H), 2.94 - 2.72 (m, 3H), 2.04 - 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.90 - 1.73 (m, 5H), 1.59 (qt, J = 12.9, 3.5 Hz, 2H).

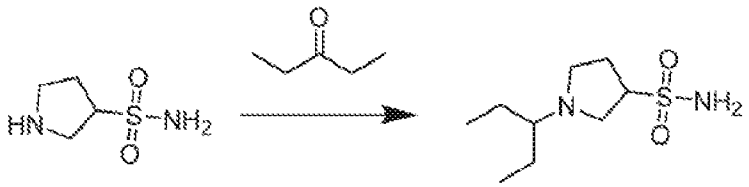
Intermediate P66: 1-(1-Methylazetidin-3-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide



[0325] A suspension of 1-(azetidin-3-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide dihydrochloride salt (95%, 200 mg, 0.65 mmol) and triethylamine (0.19 mL, 138 mg, 1.36 mmol) in acetonitrile (8 mL) was stirred for 30 minutes. A formalin solution (37% w/w, 15% methanol, 0.09 mL, 0.81 mmol) and sodium triacetoxyborohydride (1.25 eq., 178 mg, 0.81 mmol) were added to the resulting slurry portionwise. The stirring was continued for 20 hours at ambient temperature, then the mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in 3.5N ammonia in methanol and applied to a silica cartridge (40g, silicycle). The title compound (65 mg, yield 38 %) was isolated by elution with 0-30% gradient of 3.5N (ammonia/methanol) in DCM.

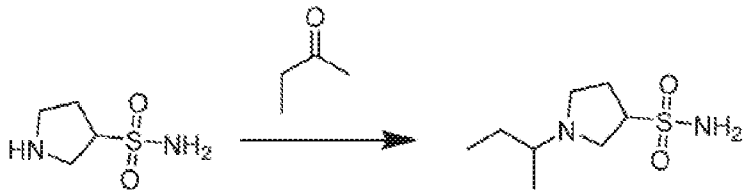
HPLC-MS: 100% (ELSD), M 233+1 (ACPI pos.)
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 6.70 (s, 2H), 3.44 (s, 2H), 2.89 - 2.66 (m, 6H), 2.25 (s, 2H), 1.95 (dd, J = 13.0, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 1.81 - 1.67 (m, 3H), 1.56 (qd, J = 12.2, 3.9 Hz, 2H).

Intermediate P67: 1-(Pentan-3-yl)pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide



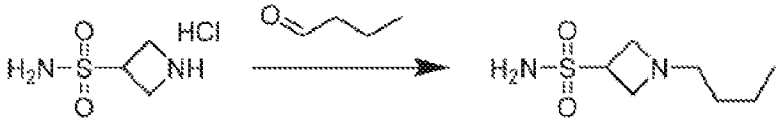
[0326] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide **(Intermediate P14)** from pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide and 3-pentanone, but no triethylamine was required. The title compound (143 mg, yield 64 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 6.80 (s, 2H), 3.53 (m, 1H), 2.90 (dd, 1H), 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.01 (m, 3H), 1.40 (m, 4H), 0.79 (m, 6H).

Intermediate P68: 1-(sec-Butyl)pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide



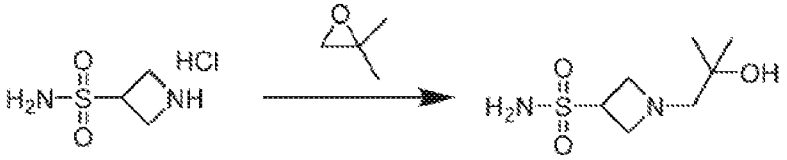
[0327] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide and 2-butanone, but no triethylamine was required. The title compound (143 mg, yield 64 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (CD3OD): δ = 3.78 (m, 1H), 3.33 (m, 1H), 2.99 (m, 2H), 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.25 (q, 2H), 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.15 (dd, 3H), 0.93 (t, 3H).

Intermediate P69: 1-Butylazetidine-3-sulfonamide



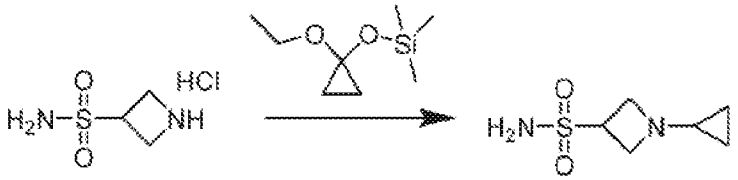
[0328] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and butyraldehyde. The title compound (82 mg, yield 42 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 6.88 (s, 2 H), 3.85 (m, 1 H), 3.43 (t, 2 H), 3.22 (m, 2 H), 2.34 (t, 2 H), 1.22 (m, 4 H), 0.83 (t, 3 H).

Intermediate P70: 1-(2-Hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



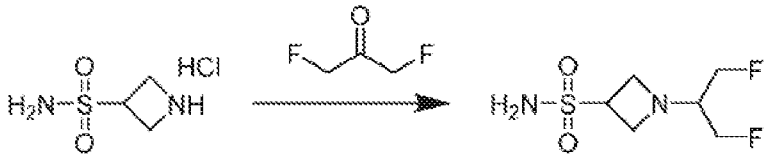
[0329] To a solution of azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride (172 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and potassium carbonate (691 mg, 5.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) in water (5 mL) and ethanol (5 mL) in a microwave vial (20 mL) was added 1,2-epoxy-2-methylpropane (88 µL, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The reaction mixture was heated in the microwave at 110 °C for 30 minutes and then concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude material was suspended in methanol and filtered. The filtrate was coated on Agilent hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and then submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of ammonia (3.5 M) in methanol to afford the title compound (38 mg, yield 18 %), which was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 6.86 (s, 2 H), 4.03 (s, 1 H), 3.88 (m, 1 H), 3.54 (t, 2 H), 3.36 (m, 2 H), 2.31 (s, 2 H), 1.00 (s, 6 H).

Intermediate P71: 1-Cyclopropylazetidine-3-sulfonamide



[0330] Prepared as described for 1-cyclopropylpyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P30**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride, except that the reaction was stirred for 3 days at room temperature and another 8 hours at 50 °C. The title compound (47 mg, yield 26 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 6.92 (s, 2H), 3.84 (m, 1 H), 3.50 (t, 2 H), 3.40 (t, 2 H), 1.94 (m, 1 H), 0.32 (m, 2 H), 0.19 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P72: 1-(1,3-Difluoropropan-2-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

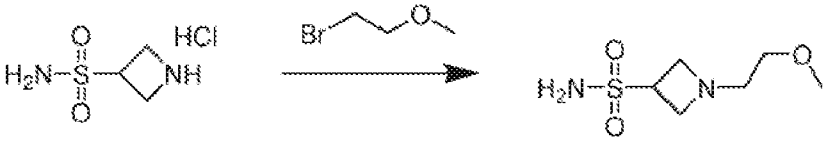


[0331] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 1,3-difluoroacetone. The title compound (87 mg, yield 40 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 6.93 (s, 2 H), 4.47 (m, 2 H), 4.32 (m, 2 H), 3.94 (m, 1 H), 3.59 (t, 2 H), 3.48 (t, 2 H), 2.80 (m, 1 H).

Intermediate P73: 1-(Cyanomethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

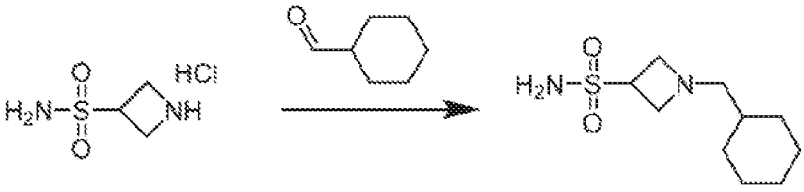
[0332] Prepared as described for 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P3**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and bromoacetonitrile. The title compound (47 mg, yield 26 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 6.98 (s, 2 H), 3.91 (m, 1 H), 3.62 (s, 2 H), 3.53 (m, 4 H).

Intermediate P74: 1-(2-Methoxyethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



[0333] Prepared as described for 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P3**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 2-bromoethyl methyl ether. The title compound (38 mg, yield 20 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 6.89 (s, 2 H), 3.87 (m, 1 H), 3.47 (t, 2 H), 3.32 (m, 2 H), 3.25 (m, 2 H), 3.18 (s, 3 H), 2.54 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P75: 1-(Cyclohexylmethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



[0334] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and cyclohexanecarboxaldehyde. The title compound (202 mg, yield 86 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 6.87 (s, 2 H), 3.86 (m, 1 H), 3.44 (t, 2 H), 3.22 (t, 2 H), 2.21 (d, 2 H), 1.63 (m, 5 H), 1.14 (m, 4 H), 0.81 (m, 2 H).

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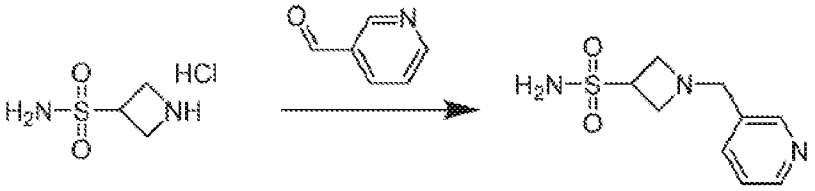

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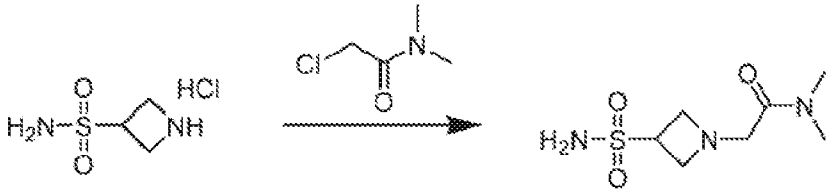
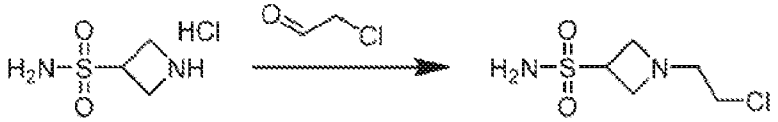
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 8.44 (m, 2 H), 7.65 (dt, 1 H), 7.32 (dd, 1 H), 6.95 (s, 2 H), 3.92 (m, 1 H), 3.61 (s, 2 H), 3.48 (t, 2 H), 3.37 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P77: *N,N*-Dimethyl-2-(3-sulfamoylazetidin-1-yl)acetamide



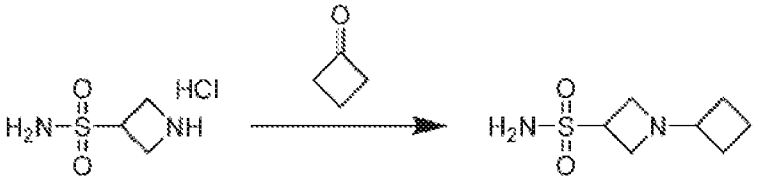
[0336] Prepared as described for 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P3**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 2-chloro-*N,N*-dimethylacetamide, except that potassium iodide (0.5 equiv.) was added to the reaction mixture. The title compound (40 mg, yield 18 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 7.17 (s, 2 H), 4.07 (m, 3 H), 3.90 (m, 4 H), 2.88 (s, 3 H), 2.80 (s, 3 H).

Intermediate P78: 1-(2-Chloroethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



[0337] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and chloroacetaldehyde (~50 wt % in H_2O). The title compound (100 mg, yield 50 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 6.91 (s, 2 H), 3.92 (m, 1 H), 3.53 (m, 4 H), 3.36 (t, 2 H), 2.73 (t, 2 H).

Intermediate P79: 1-Cyclobutylazetidine-3-sulfonamide

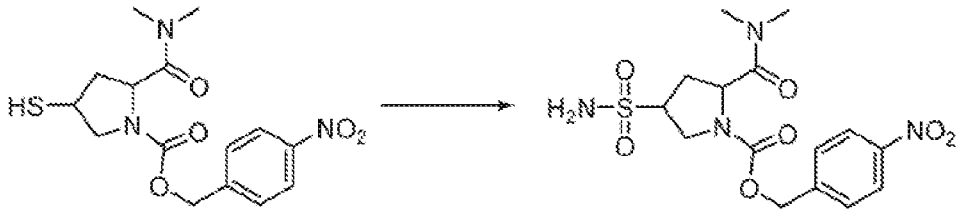


[0338] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and cyclobutanone. The title compound (127 mg, yield 66 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ = 6.91 (s, 2 H), 3.86 (m, 1 H), 3.39 (t, 2 H), 3.30 (m, 2 H), 3.09 (q, 1 H), 1.87 (m, 2 H), 1.67 (m, 4 H).

Intermediate P80: 1-Isopropyl-*N,N*-dimethyl-4-sulfamoylpyrrolidine-2-carboxamide

Step A: 4-Nitrobenzyl 2-(dimethylcarbamoyl)-4-sulfamoylpyrrolidine-1-carboxylate

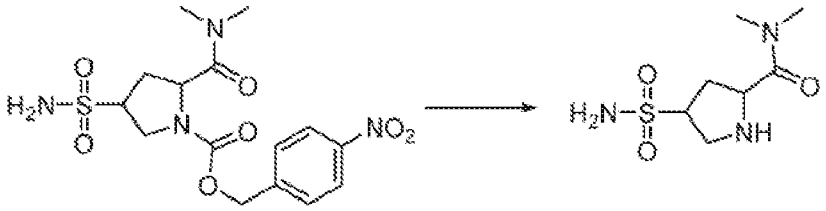
[0339]



[0340] A suspension of 4-nitrobenzyl 2-(dimethylcarbamoyl)-4-mercaptopyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (1 g, 2.83 mmol) in acetic acid (5 mL)/ water (1 mL) was cooled in an ice-bath to 0 °C. *N*-Chlorosuccinimide (1.13 g, 8.49 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) was added in portions over a 5 minute period. The mixture was allowed to stir for another hour at room temperature. The reaction was then poured into ammonia (50 mL, 25% solution in water). The resulting solution was stirred for 18 hours at room temperature. The solvents were evaporated and the residue was triturated with ethanol (50 mL). Sodium sulphate (15 g) was added and the mixture was filtered and evaporated. The residue was dissolved in methanol (50 mL) and Amberlite 400 (OH^-) (20 g) was added. After 18 hours stirring, the mixture was filtered and evaporated to afford the title compound (610 mg, yield 54 %) as an oil that crystallized upon standing.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 8.20 (m, 2 H), 7.62 (d, 1 H), 7.53 (d, 1 H), 5.26 (d, 2 H), 4.08 - 3.66 (m, 4 H), 3.00 (m, 6 H), 2.12 (m, 2H).

Step B: *N,N*-Dimethyl-4-sulfamoylpyrrolidine-2-carboxamide

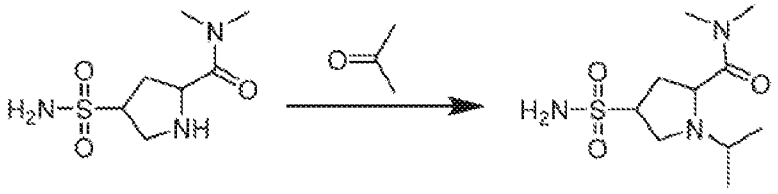
[0341]



4-Nitrobenzyl 2-(dimethylcarbamoyl)-4-sulfamoylpyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (610 mg, 1.53 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (10 mL). Palladium (47 mg, 10% on charcoal) was added and the mixture was stirred for 18 hours under a hydrogen atmosphere (balloon). The mixture was filtered over Celite and evaporated. The residue was purified by reversed phase silica to yield white solids (0.5 g), which were triturated with THF. The THF layer was decanted and evaporated to afford the title compound (350 mg, yield 100 %) as a white solid.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 3.79 - 3.55 (m, 4 H), 3.00 (m, 6 H), 1.90 (m, 2H).

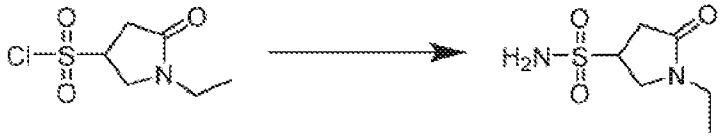
Step C: 1-Isopropyl-*N,N*-dimethyl-4-sulfamoylpyrrolidine-2-carboxamide

[0342]



[0343] *N,N*-Dimethyl-4-sulfamoylpyrrolidine-2-carboxamide (84 mg, 0.38 mmol) was dissolved in acetonitrile (10 mL). Acetone (90 mg, 1.5 mmol) was added followed by sodium triacetoxyborohydride. After 18 hours stirring at room temperature, the solvents were evaporated and the residue was purified over silica to afford the title compound (10 mg, yield 10 %) as an oil.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 3.92 (t, 1 H), 3.73 (m, 1 H), 3.46 (dd, 1 H), 3.18 (s, 3 H), 3.05 (m, 1 H), 2.95 (s, 3 H), 2.88 (m, 1 H), 2.57 (m, 1 H), 2.14 (m, 1 H), 1.08 (d, 3 H), 1.03 (d, 3 H).

Intermediate P81: 1-Ethyl-5-oxopyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide



[0344] 1-Ethyl-5-oxopyrrolidine-3-sulfonyl chloride (150 mg, 0.71 mmol) was dissolved in THF (3 mL) and added dropwise to ammonia (25% solution in water, 5 mL) at 4 °C. After 18 hours stirring at room temperature, the solvents were evaporated. The residue was triturated in THF. The THF layer was decanted and evaporated to afford the title compound (30 mg, yield 22 %) as a brown oil.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 3.80 (m, 2 H), 3.34 (m, 3 H), 2.78 (m, 2 H), 1.13 (t, 3 H).

Intermediate P82: 1-(tert-Butyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

Step A: 1-(tert-Butyl)azetidin-3-yl methanesulfonate

[0345]

[0346] To a suspension of *N*-tert-butyl-3-hydroxyazetidine hydrochloride (1.0 g, 6.0 mmol) in dichloromethane (30 mL) was added *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (2.4 mL, 13.8 mmol, 2.5 equiv.). After stirring for 20 minutes at room temperature, the clear solution was cooled to 0 °C and mesyl chloride (0.5 mL, 6.6 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 hour, while allowing to warm up to room temperature. Then the solvent was removed by evaporation in *vacuo*. The crude product was dissolved in methanol, coated on Agilent hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and then submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of ammonia (3.5 M) in methanol to afford the title compound (456 mg, yield 37 %).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 5.10 (m, 1 H), 3.74 (m, 2 H), 3.47 (m, 2 H), 3.02 (s, 3 H), 1.04 (s, 9 H).

Step B: S-(1-(tert-Butyl)azetidin-3-yl) ethanethioate

[0347]

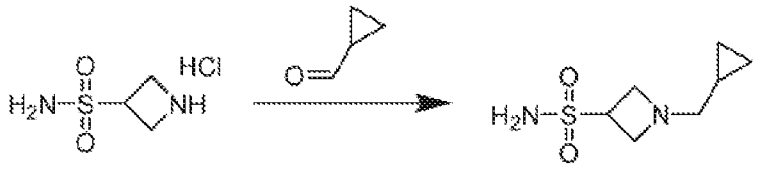
[0348] To a solution of 1-(tert-butyl)azetidin-3-yl methanesulfonate (269 mg, 1.3 mmol) in acetonitrile (20 mL) was added potassium thioacetate (447 mg, 3.9 mmol, 3 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature, and then for another 7 hours at 50 °C. The solvent was removed by evaporation in *vacuo*. The crude product was dissolved in methanol, coated on Agilent hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and then submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of ammonia (3.5 M) in methanol to afford the title compound (90 mg, yield 37 %).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ =4.15 (m, 1 H), 3.80 (m, 2 H), 3.30 (m, 2 H), 2.31 (s, 3 H), 1.03 (s, 9 H).

Step C: 1-(tert-Butyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

[0349]

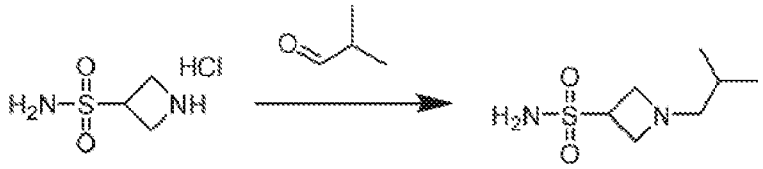
[0350] To a suspension of *N*-chlorosuccinimide (200 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv.) in acetonitrile (2.0 mL) was added hydrochloric acid (aqueous, 2 M, 0.2 mL, 0.38 mmol, 0.8 equiv.). The solution was cooled in an ice-bath, after which a solution of *S*-(1-(tert-butyl)azetidin-3-yl) ethanethioate (90 mg, 0.48 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in acetonitrile (1.0 mL) was added and the ice-bath was removed. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 hour and then added dropwise to a solution of ammonia in methanol (7 M, 50 mL, 350 mmol, 729 equiv.). The mixture was stirred for 30 minutes and then concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was dissolved in methanol, coated on Agilent hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and then submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of ammonia (3.5 M) in methanol to afford the title compound (11 mg, yield 10 %).
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 3.97 (m, 1 H), 3.68 (m, 2 H), 3.51 (m, 2 H), 1.02 (s, 9 H).

Intermediate P83: 1-(Cyclopropylmethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



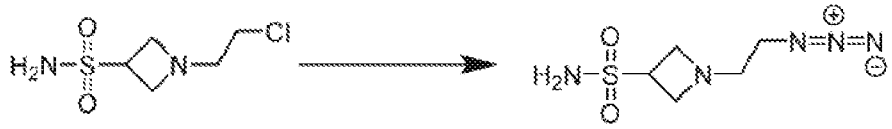
[0351] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and cyclopropane carboxaldehyde. The crude product was dissolved in methanol, coated on Agilent hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and then submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of ammonia (3.5 M) in methanol to afford the title compound (180 mg, yield 94 %) which was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.90 (s, 2 H), 3.90 (m, 1 H), 3.49 (t, 2 H), 3.30 (t, 2 H), 2.26 (d, 2 H), 0.69 (m, 1 H), 0.37 (m, 2 H), 0.07 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P84: 1-Isobutylazetidine-3-sulfonamide



[0352] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and isobutyraldehyde. The title compound (138 mg, yield 71 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.88 (s, 2 H), 3.89 (m, 1 H), 3.46 (t, 2 H), 3.23 (m, 2 H), 2.18 (d, 2H), 1.47 (m, 1 H), 0.80 (d, 6 H).

Intermediate P85: 1-(2-Azidoethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



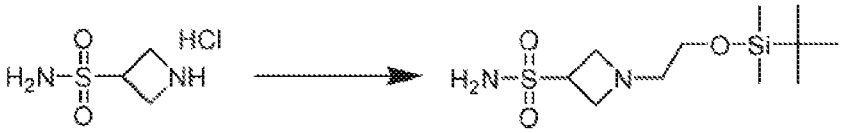
[0353] To a solution of 1-(2-chloroethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (45 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in acetonitrile (5 mL) was added sodium azide (14 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.0 equiv.).

[0354] The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature over the weekend. Extra sodium azide (56 mg, 0.88 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) was added and the reaction mixture was heated to 50 °C. After stirring overnight, water (0.4 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 more days. The solution was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was suspended in methanol, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo* to afford the crude title compound (45 mg, 0.22 mmol, quantitative yield). The crude title compound was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.93 (s, 2 H), 3.92 (m, 1 H), 3.53 (t, 2 H), 3.34 (m, 2 H), 3.21 (dd, 2 H), 2.59 (dd, 2 H).

Intermediate P86: 1-(2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

[0355] To a suspension of azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride (333 mg, 1.92 mmol) and triethylamine (0.67 mL, 4.8 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) in acetonitrile (20 mL) was added trifluoroacetic anhydride (0.24 mL, 1.73 mmol, 0.9 equiv.). After stirring for 4 hours at room temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude intermediate 1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide was dissolved in methanol, coated on Agilent hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and then submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of ammonia (3.5 M) in methanol. The impure intermediate (max 1.92 mmol) was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (20 mL) and then cooled to 0 °C. To this solution, borane dimethyl sulfide (0.85 mL, 9.0 mmol, 4.5 equiv.) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was refluxed overnight, and then cooled to room temperature. Methanol was added to the reaction mixture until no more gas evolution was observed and then the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was dissolved in methanol, coated on Agilent hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and then submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of ammonia (3.5 M) in methanol to afford the title compound (20 mg, yield 5 %). The title compound was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 7.07 (s, 2 H), 4.24 - 4.08 (m, 1 H), 3.65 (t, 2 H), 3.52 (dd, 2 H), 3.31 - 3.16 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P87: 1-(2-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



[0356] Prepared as described for 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**intermediate P3**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and (2-bromoethoxy)-tert-butyldimethylsilane. The title compound (44 mg, yield 16 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.89 (s, 2 H), 3.88 (q, 1 H), 3.50 (m, 4 H), 3.31 (m, 2 H), 0.84 (s, 9 H), 0.01 (s, 6 H).

Intermediate P88: 1-Cyclohexylazetidine-3-sulfonamide

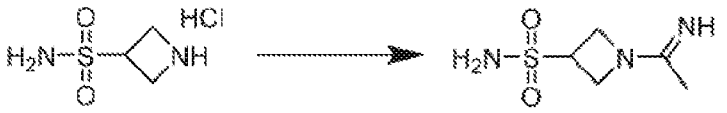
[0357] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and cyclohexanone. The title compound (218 mg, quantitative yield) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.86 (s, 2 H), 3.83 (p, 1 H), 3.41 (t, 2 H), 3.21 (dd, 2 H), 2.00 (m, 1 H), 1.59 (m, 6 H), 1.15 (q, 2 H), 0.93 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P89: 1-Cyclopentylazetidine-3-sulfonamide

[0358] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and cyclopentanone. The title compound (204 mg, quantitative yield) was used without further purification.

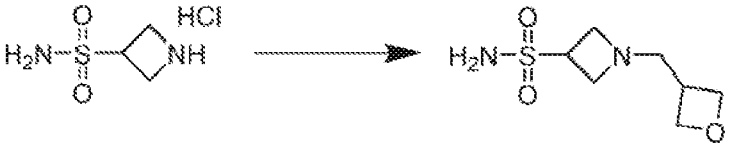
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.86 (s, 2 H), 3.82 (m, 1 H), 3.41 (t, 2 H), 3.18 (m, 2 H), 2.72 (m, 1 H), 1.49 (m, 6 H), 1.24 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P90: 1-(1-Iminoethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



[0359] To a suspension of azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride (172 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and triethylamine (0.49 mL, 3.5 mmol, 3.5 equiv.) in acetonitrile (10 mL) was added ethyl acetimidate hydrochloride (123 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature and then concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude compound (approx. 300 mg) was dissolved in water/methanol (ratio 1:1) (3 mL). 1 mL of this solution was purified by reversed phase flash chromatography to afford the title compound (30 mg, yield 9 %).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 10.25 (s, 1 H), 7.41 (s, 2 H), 4.61 (dd, 1 H), 4.44 (m, 2 H), 4.21 (m, 2 H), 2.08 (s, 3 H).

Intermediate P91: 1-(Oxetan-3-ylmethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

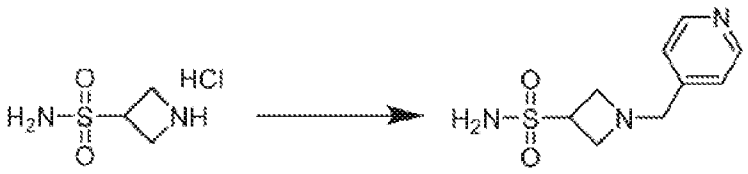


[0360] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 3-oxetanecarboxaldehyde. The title compound (156 mg, yield 75 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.91 (s, 2 H), 4.57 (dd, 2 H), 4.22 (t, 2 H), 3.90 (m, 1 H), 3.47 (t, 2 H), 3.28 (m, 2 H), 2.90 (m, 1 H), 2.68 (d, 2 H).

Intermediate P92: 1-(2-(Dimethylamino)ethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

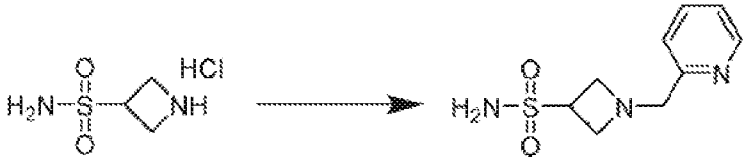
[0361] To a solution of 1-(cyanomethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (220 mg, 1.25 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (15 mL), cooled to 0 °C, was added borane dimethyl sulfide (0.16 mL, 1.63 mmol, 1.3 equiv.). The reaction mixture was refluxed overnight, and then quenched with methanol. The solution was concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude intermediate was suspended in acetonitrile (20 mL) and formaldehyde (37% in water stabilized with methanol, 186 µL, 2.5 mmol, 2.1 equiv.) followed by sodium triacetoxyborohydride (688 mg, 3.25 mmol, 2.6 equiv.) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature and then concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was dissolved in methanol, coated on Agilent hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and then submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of ammonia (3.5 M) in methanol to afford the title compound (28 mg, yield 14 %).
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 4.02 (m, 1 H), 3.67 (m, 2 H), 3.55 (m, 2 H), 2.74 (dt, 4 H), 2.56 (s, 6 H).

Intermediate P93: 1-(Pyridin-4-ylmethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



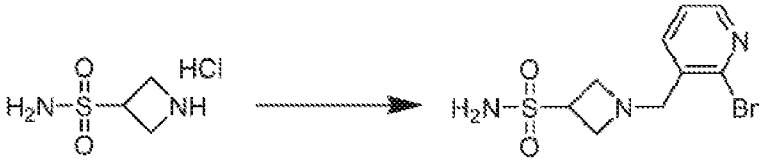
[0362] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 4-pyridinecarboxaldehyde. The title compound (130 mg, yield 57 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 8.47 (d, 2 H), 7.26 (d, 2 H), 6.97 (s, 2 H), 3.94 (m, 1 H), 3.64 (s, 2 H), 3.52 (t, 2 H), 3.39 (t, 2 H).

Intermediate P94: 1-(Pyridin-2-ylmethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



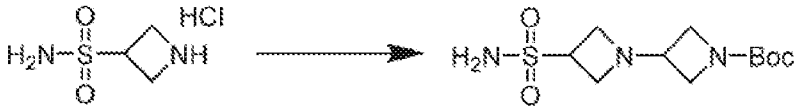
[0363] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 2-pyridinecarboxaldehyde. The title compound (196 mg, yield 86 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 8.46 (dd, 1 H), 7.73 (td, 1 H), 7.32 (d, 1 H), 7.24 (m, 1 H), 6.95 (s, 2 H), 3.94 (tt, 1 H), 3.70 (s, 2 H), 3.55 (t, 2 H), 3.44 (t, 2 H).

Intermediate P95: 1-((2-Bromopyridin-3-yl)methyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



[0364] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 2-bromo-3-pyridinecarboxaldehyde. The title compound (137 mg, yield 45 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 8.27 (dd, 1 H), 7.79 (dd, 1 H), 7.44 (dd, 1 H), 7.02 (s, 2 H), 3.97 (m, 1 H), 3.67 (s, 2 H), 3.61 (t, 2 H), 3.49 (dd, 2 H).

Intermediate P96: tert-butyl 3-sulfamoyl-[1,3'-biazetidine]-1'-carboxylate



[0365] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and tert-butyl-3-oxoazetidine-1-carboxylate. The title compound (350 mg, yield 24 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.95 (s, 2 H), 3.92 (m, 1 H), 3.80 (t, 2 H), 3.57 (d, 2 H), 3.48 (t, 2 H), 3.36 (m, 3 H), 1.35 (s, 9 H).

Intermediate P97: 1'-Methyl-[1,3'-biazetidine]-3-sulfonamide

Step A: [1,3'-Biazetidine]-3-sulfonamide dihydrochloride

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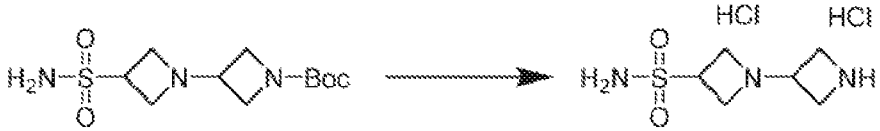
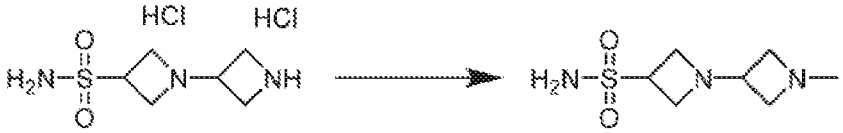


[0367] To a solution of tert-butyl 3-sulfamoyl-[1,3'-biazetidine]-1'-carboxylate (**intermediate P96**; 315 mg, 1.08 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL) was added 4M hydrochloric acid in dioxane (2.7 mL, 10.8 mmol). After stirring for 2 hours at room temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo* to afford the title compound (285 mg, quantitative yield), which was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 9.50 (bs, 1 H), 9.18 (bs, 1 H), 7.42 (s, 2 H), 4.57 - 4.31 (m, 3 H), 4.31 - 4.00 (m, 8 H).

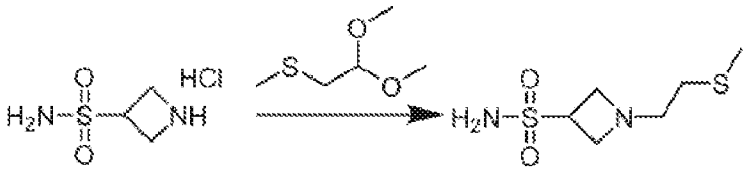
Step B: 1'-Methyl-[1,3'-biazetidine]-3-sulfonamide

[0368]



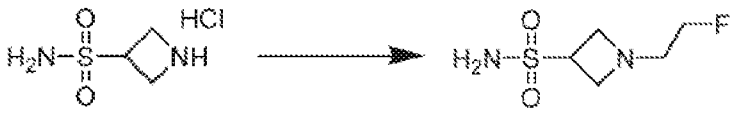
[0369] Prepared as described for 1-methylazetidine-3-sulfonamide (**intermediate P39**) from [1,3'-biazetidine]-3-sulfonamide dihydrochloride. The title compound (63 mg, yield 61 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 4.10 - 3.94 (m, 1 H), 3.75 - 3.60 (m, 4 H), 3.59 - 3.51 (m, 2 H), 3.51 - 3.44 (m, 1 H), 3.41 - 3.32 (m, 2 H), 2.55 (s, 3 H).

Intermediate P98: 1-(2-(Methylthio)ethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



[0370] To a solution of 0.5M hydrochloric acid in water (6.0 mL, 3.0 mmol) was added (methylthio)acetaldehyde dimethyl acetal (0.4 mL, 3.0 mmol). After heating the reaction for 1 hour at 50 °C, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and then extracted with dichloromethane (10 mL). The organic layer was added to a suspension of azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride (172 mg, 1.0 mmol) and triethylamine (0.17 mL, 1.2 mmol) in acetonitrile. After that, sodium triacetoxyborohydride (265 mg, 1.25 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature and then concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was dissolved in methanol, coated on Agilent hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and then submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of ammonia (3.5 M) in methanol to afford the title compound (89 mg, yield 42 %).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.91 (s, 2 H), 3.89 (p, 1 H), 3.49 (t, 2 H), 3.33 - 3.25 (m, 2 H), 2.59 (dd, 2 H), 2.37 (dd, 2 H), 2.03 (s, 3 H).

Intermediate P99: 1-(2-Fluoroethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

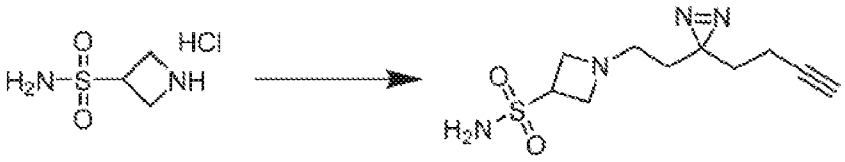


[0371] Prepared as described for 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P3**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 1-bromo-2-fluoroethane. The title compound (yield 10 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.91 (s, 2 H), 4.44 (t, 1 H), 4.29 (t, 1 H), 3.90 (q, 1 H), 3.53 (t, 2 H), 3.36 (t, 2 H), 2.79 - 2.69 (m, 1 H), 2.64 (t, 1 H).

Intermediate P100: 1-(Thietan-3-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

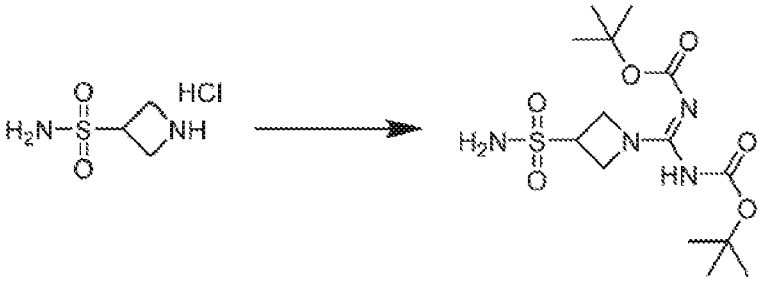
[0372] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and thietan-3-one. The title compound (54 mg, yield 26 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.95 (s, 2 H), 3.98 - 3.83 (m, 2 H), 3.43 (p, 4 H), 3.19 (t, 2 H), 2.97 (t, 2 H).

Intermediate P101: 1-(2-(3-(But-3-yn-1-yl)-3*H*-diazirin-3-yl)ethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



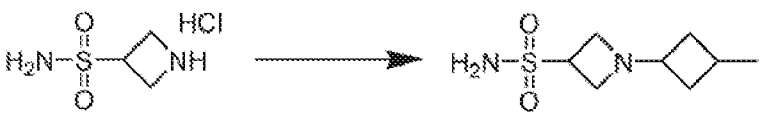
[0373] Prepared as described for 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P3**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and (3-(but-3-yn-1-yl)-3-(2-iodoethyl)-3*H*-diazirine (0.6 equiv.) except that a more diluted solution was used (0.02 M solution). The title compound (yield 10%) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 4.09 - 3.92 (m, 1 H), 3.61 (td, 2 H), 3.47 - 3.35 (m, 2 H), 2.37 (dd, 2 H), 2.27 (t, 1 H), 2.02 (td, 2 H), 1.60 (t, 2 H), 1.51 - 1.39 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P102: tert-Butyl (Z)-(((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)(3-sulfamoylazetidin-1-yl)methylene)carbamate



[0374] To a suspension of azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride (172 mg, 1.0 mmol), triethylamine (0.49 mmol, 3.5 mmol) and 1,3-bis(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-2-methyl-2-thiopseudourea (290 mg, 1.0 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL) was added mercury dichloride (271 mg, 1.0 mmol). After stirring over the weekend, the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was suspended in methanol, coated on Agilent hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and then submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of ammonia (3.5 M) in methanol to afford the title compound (216 mg, yield 57 %).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 10.24 (s, 1 H), 7.16 (s, 2 H), 4.41 - 3.94 (m, 5 H), 1.41 (s, 9 H), 1.35 (s, 9 H).

Intermediate P103: 1-(3-Methylcyclobutyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



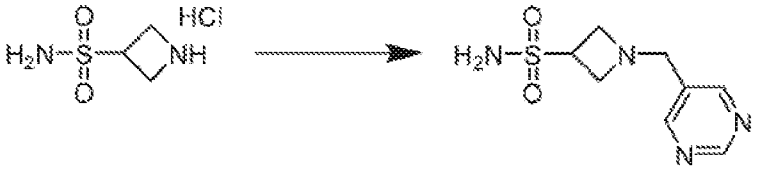
[0375] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 3-methylcyclobutan-1-one. The title compound (79 mg, yield 39 %) was used without further

purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.88 (s, 2 H), 3.84 (td, 1 H), 3.44 - 3.18 (m, 4 H), 2.92 (m, 1 H), 2.10 - 1.96 (m, 1 H), 1.91 - 1.78 (m, 2 H), 1.59 - 1.45 (m, 1 H), 1.39 - 1.24 (m, 1 H), 1.00 (s, 3 H).

Intermediate P104: 1-(3,3-Dimethylcyclobutyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

[0376] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 3,3-dimethylcyclobutan-1-one. The title compound (96 mg, yield 44 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.88 (s, 2 H), 3.84 (m, 1 H), 3.34 (t, 2 H), 3.29 - 3.19 (m, 2 H), 3.08 (dq, 1 H), 1.77 - 1.62 (m, 2 H), 1.58 - 1.43 (m, 2 H), 1.03 (td, 6 H).

Intermediate P105: 1-(Pyrimidin-5-ylmethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

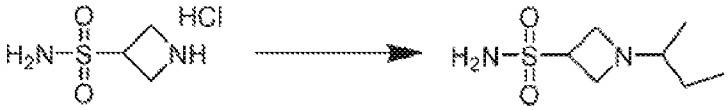


[0377] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and pyrimidine-5-carboxyaldehyde. The title compound (98 mg, yield 43 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 9.07 (s, 1 H), 8.69 (s, 2 H), 6.96 (s, 2 H), 3.93 (m, 1 H), 3.64 (s, 2 H), 3.52 (t, 2 H), 3.40 (t, 2 H).

Intermediate P106: 1-(Tetrahydrofuran-3-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

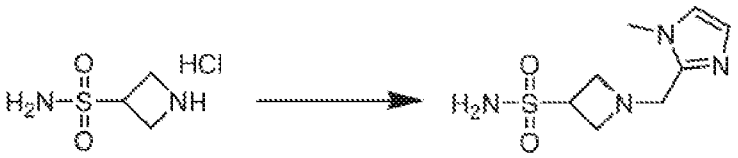
[0378] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and tetrahydrofuran-3-one. The title compound (31 mg, yield 15 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.90 (s, 2 H), 3.86 (m, 1 H), 3.70 - 3.54 (m, 2 H), 3.54 - 3.34 (m, 4 H), 3.29 - 3.19 (m, 2 H), 3.08 - 2.98 (m, 1 H), 1.83 - 1.67 (m, 1 H), 1.62 - 1.49 (m, 1 H).

Intermediate P107: 1-(sec-Butyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



[0379] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 2-butanone. The title compound (191 mg, yield 85 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.87 (s, 2 H), 3.81 (m, 1 H), 3.41 (td, 2 H), 3.21 (t, 2 H), 2.45 - 2.34 (m, 1 H), 2.18 - 2.03 (m, 1 H), 1.42 - 1.25 (m, 1 H), 1.01 (t, 3 H), 0.78 (d, 3 H).

Intermediate P108: 1-((1-Methyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



[0380] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 1-methylimidazole-2-carbaldehyde. The title compound (144 mg, yield 63 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 7.03 (d, 1 H), 6.91 (s, 2 H), 6.71 (d, 1 H), 3.96 - 3.80 (m, 1 H), 3.61 (s, 2 H), 3.57 (s, 3 H), 3.45 (t, 2 H), 3.37 (dd, 2 H).

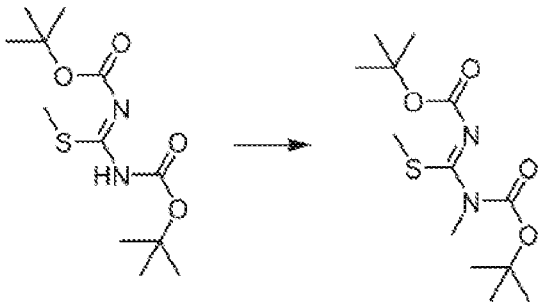
Intermediate P109: 1-(2,2-Dimethylcyclobutyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

[0381] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 2,2-dimethylcyclobutanone. The title compound (24 mg, yield 11 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.87 (s, 2 H), 3.90 (p, 1 H), 3.40 (dd, 2 H), 3.20 (dt, 2 H), 2.57 (d, 1 H), 1.66 - 1.72 (m, 1 H), 1.56 - 1.33 (m, 3 H), 1.00 (s, 3 H), 0.92 (s, 3 H).

Intermediate P110: tert-Butyl (E)-(((tert-butoxycarbonyl)imino)(3-sulfamoylazetidin-1-yl)methyl)(methyl)carbamate

Step A: 1-Methyl-1,3-bis(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-2-methyl-2-thiopseudourea

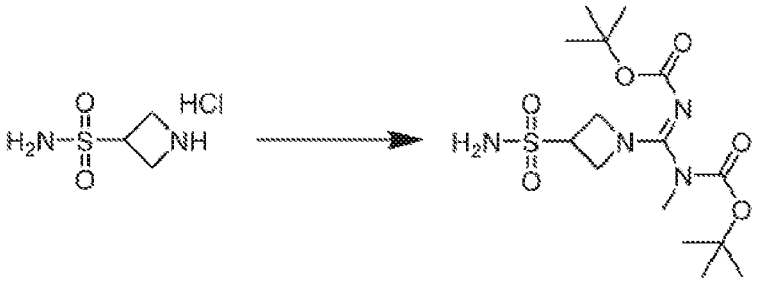
[0382]



[0383] A solution of 1,3-bis(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-2-methyl-2-thiopseudourea (435 mg, 1.5 mmol) in dimethylformamide (5 mL) was cooled to 0 °C in a cooling bath and then sodium hydride (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 72 mg, 1.8 mmol) was added. The cooling bath was removed. After stirring for 1 hour at room temperature, methyl iodide (0.19 mL, 3.0 mmol) was added. After stirring overnight, the reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted once with dichloromethane and once with ethyl acetate. The organic layers were combined, washed twice with water, once with brine, dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and then concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound (230 mg, yield 50 %), which was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 3.12 (s, 3 H), 2.39 (s, 3 H), 1.51 (s, 9 H), 1.48 (s, 9 H).

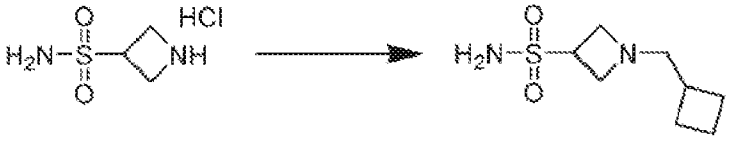
Step B: tert-Butyl (E)-(((tert-butoxycarbonyl)imino)(3-sulfamoylazetidin-1-yl)methyl)(methyl)carbamate

[0384]



[0385] Prepared as described for tert-butyl (Z)-((((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)(3-sulfamoylazetidin-1-yl)methylene)carbamate **(Intermediate P102)** from 1-methyl-1,3-bis(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-2-methyl-2-thiopseudourea, except that after stirring over the weekend, water was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was extracted three times with dichloromethane. The organic layers were combined, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was suspended in methanol, coated on Agilent hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and then submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of ammonia (3.5 M) in methanol to afford the title compound (48 mg, yield 16 %).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 7.23 (s, 2 H), 4.20 (bs, 1 H), 4.09 (p, 4 H), 2.84 (s, 3 H), 1.41 (s, 9 H), 1.36 (s, 9 H).

Intermediate P111: 1-(Cyclobutylmethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

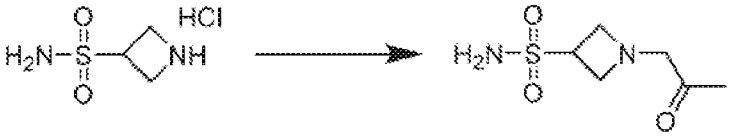


[0386] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide **(Intermediate P14)** from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and cyclobutane carboxaldehyde. The title compound (145 mg, yield 11 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.88 (s, 2 H), 3.67 (m, 1 H), 3.43 (t, 2 H), 3.29 - 3.18 (m, 2 H), 2.39 (d, 2 H), 2.22 (dt, 1 H), 1.98 - 1.85 (m, 2 H), 1.77 (m, 2 H), 1.67 - 1.49 (m, 2 H).

Intermediate P112: 1-(2-(Hydroxyimino)propyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

Step A: 1-(2-Oxopropyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

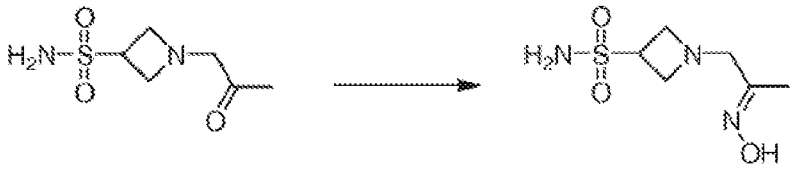
[0387]



[0388] Prepared as described for 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide **(Intermediate P3)** from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and chloroacetone to afford the title compound (125 mg, yield 21 %).
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 4.06 (m, 1 H), 3.75 (td, 2 H), 3.60 - 3.49 (m, 4 H), 2.07 (s, 3 H).

Step B: 1-(2-(Hydroxyimino)propyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

[0389]

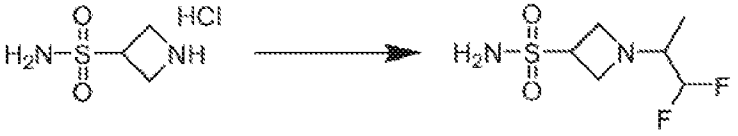


[0390] A solution of 1-(2-oxopropyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (138 mg, 0.72 mmol) and 7M ammonia in methanol (4.1 mL, 28.7 mmol) was cooled to 0 °C and then hydroxylamine-O-sulfonic acid (81 mg, 0.72 mmol) was added. After stirring for 3 hours, the reaction mixture was filtered over cotton and the residue was washed extensively with methanol. The filtrates were combined and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in methanol (10 mL) and then triethylamine (0.1 mL, 0.72 mmol) was added. The mixture was cooled in an ice bath and iodine (183 mg, 0.72 mmol) was added in small portions. After stirring for 5 minutes, the mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was suspended in methanol, coated on Agilent hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and then submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of ammonia (3.5 M) in methanol to afford the title compound (18 mg, yield 12 %).
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 4.16 - 4.01 (m, 1 H), 3.82 - 3.72 (m, 2 H), 3.60 (dd, 2 H), 3.33 (p, 2 H), 1.85 (s, 3 H).

Intermediate P113: 1-(1-Hydroxypropan-2-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

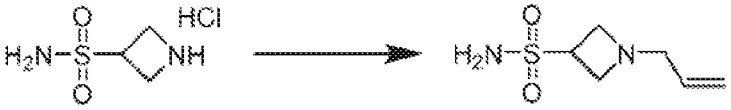
[0391] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and hydroxyacetone. The title compound (36 mg, yield 18 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.85 (s, 2 H), 4.41 (t, 1 H), 3.83 (t, 1 H), 3.45 (dt, 2 H), 3.27 - 3.17 (m, 3 H), 3.05 (dd, 2 H), 0.78 (d, 3 H).

Intermediate P114: 1-(1,1-Difluoropropan-2-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



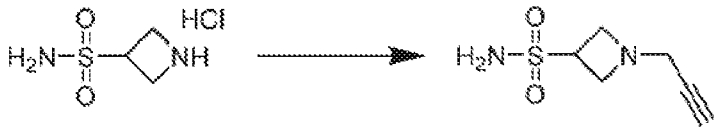
[0392] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 1,1-difluoroacetone. The title compound (81 mg, yield 38 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.93 (s, 2 H), 5.73 (td, 1 H), 3.90 (m, 1 H), 3.55 (q, 2 H), 3.44 (dd, J 2 H), 2.68 - 2.57 (m, 1 H), 0.90 (d, 3 H).

Intermediate P115: 1-Allylazetidine-3-sulfonamide



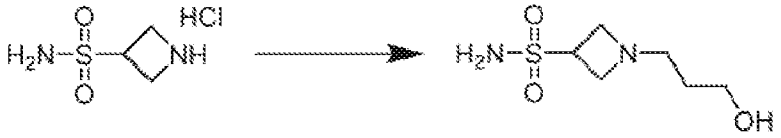
[0393] Prepared as described for 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P3**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and allylbromide to afford the title compound (56 mg, yield 32 %).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.90 (s, 2 H), 5.77 - 5.57 (m, 1 H), 5.22 - 4.96 (m, 2 H), 3.96 - 3.82 (m, 1 H), 3.44 (t, 2 H), 3.31 - 3.22 (m, 2 H), 3.01 (dt, 2 H).

Intermediate P116: 1-(Prop-2-yn-1-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



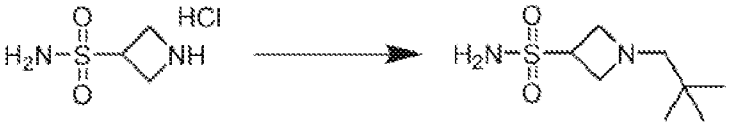
[0394] Prepared as described for 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P3**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and propargyl bromide (80 wt % in toluene) to afford the title compound (21 mg, yield 15%).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.91 (s, 2 H), 3.86 (m, 1 H), 3.43 (dt, 4 H), 3.20 (d, 2 H), 3.16 — 3.12 (m, 1 H).

Intermediate P117: 1-(3-Hydroxypropyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



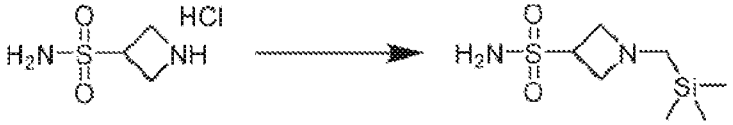
[0395] Prepared as described for 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P3**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 3-bromo-1-propanol to afford the title compound (60 mg, yield 38 %).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.91 (s, 2 H), 3.89 (m, 1 H), 3.49 (t, 2 H), 3.37 (t, 2 H), 3.32 - 3.24 (m, 2 H), 2.47 - 2.41 (m, 2 H), 1.39 (p, 2 H).

Intermediate P118: 1-Neopentylazetidine-3-sulfonamide



[0396] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and pivalaldehyde. The title compound (71 mg, yield 35 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.90 (s, 2 H), 3.92 (m, 1 H), 3.57 (t, 2 H), 3.39 - 3.29 (m, 2 H), 2.20 (s, 2 H), 0.80 (s, 9 H).

Intermediate P119: 1-((Trimethylsilyl)methyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



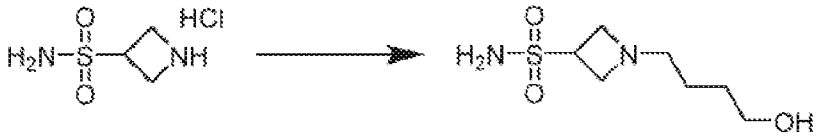
[0397] Prepared as described for 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P3**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and (iodomethyl)trimethylsilane to afford the title compound (60 mg, yield 33 %).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.92 (s, 2H), 3.89 (t, 1H), 3.61 (bs, 2H), 3.31 (bs, 2H), 2.07 (s, 2H), -0.01 (s, 9H).

Intermediate P120: 1-(2-Hydroxypropyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

[0398] To a solution of 1-(2-oxopropyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P112 step A**, 125 mg, 0.65 mmol) in methanol (10 mL) was added sodium borohydride (29 mg, 0.76 mmol). After stirring for 4 hours at room temperature, more sodium borohydride (7.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) was added. After stirring overnight, the reaction mixture was quenched with water (1.0 mL) and then concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was suspended in methanol, coated on Agilent

hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and then submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of ammonia (3.5 M) in methanol to afford the title compound (11 mg, yield 8 %).
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 4.09 - 3.96 (m, 1 H), 3.77 - 3.64 (m, 3 H), 3.61 - 3.48 (m, 2 H), 2.55 - 2.44 (m, 2 H), 1.12 (d, 3 H).

Intermediate P121: 1-(4-Hydroxybutyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

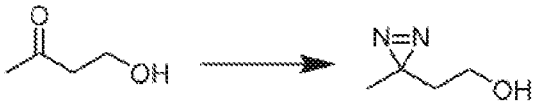


[0399] Prepared as described for 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P3**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 4-bromo-1-butanol to afford the title compound (41 mg, yield 20 %).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.98 (s, 2 H), 3.93 (m, 1 H), 3.57 (t, 2 H), 3.36 (t, 4 H), 3.16 (d, 1 H), 2.50 - 2.42 (m, 2 H), 1.47 - 1.21 (m, 4 H).

Intermediate P122: 1-(2-(3-Methyl-*3H*-diazirin-3-yl)ethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

Step A: 2-(3-Methyl-*3H*-diazirin-3-yl)ethan-1-ol

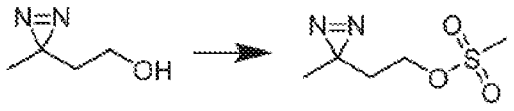
[0400]



[0401] To cooled liquid ammonia (-78 °C, 30 mL) was added 4-hydroxy-2-butanone (5.3 mL, 60.5 mmol). The solution was stirred at -40 °C for 4 hours, and then cooled back to -78 °C. To the cooled mixture was added dropwise a solution of hydroxylamine-O-sulfonic acid (7.6 g, 67 mmol) in methanol (60 mL). The cooling bath was removed and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The suspension was filtered and the residue was washed with methanol extensively. The filtrates were combined and concentrated in *vacuo* to about 100 mL, and then degassed by passing nitrogen through the filtrates for 20 minutes. The solution was cooled in an ice bath and then triethylamine (7.5 mL, 53.8 mmol) was added followed by iodine (5.0 g, 19.7 mmol). After stirring for 1 hour, another batch of iodine (4.0 g, 15.8 mmol) was added. After 5 minutes, the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo* to about 100 mL, then brine was added. The aqueous solution was extracted three times with diethyl ether. The organic layers were combined, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and then concentrated in *vacuo*. Vacuum distillation (90 °C, 10^{-2} mbar) provided the title compound as a yellow oil (226 mg, yield 3 %).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 3.53 (t, 2 H), 1.73 (s, 1 H), 1.64 (t, 2 H), 1.07 (s, 3 H).

Step B: 2-(3-Methyl-*3H*-diazirin-3-yl)ethyl methanesulfonate

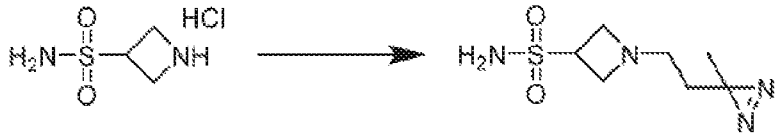
[0402]



[0403] A solution of 2-(3-methyl-*3H*-diazirin-3-yl)ethan-1-ol (100 mg, 1.0 mmol) and triethylamine (160 µL, 1.15 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 mL) was cooled in an ice bath. To the cooled solution was added methanesulfonyl chloride (93 µL, 1.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 1.5 hours in the ice bath, then saturated ammonium chloride was added and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted once with dichloromethane. The organic layers were combined, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and then concentrated in *vacuo* to afford the title compound (178 mg, quantitative yield) which was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ = 4.13 (t, 2 H), 3.05 (s, 3 H), 1.79 (t, 2 H), 1.09 (s, 3 H).

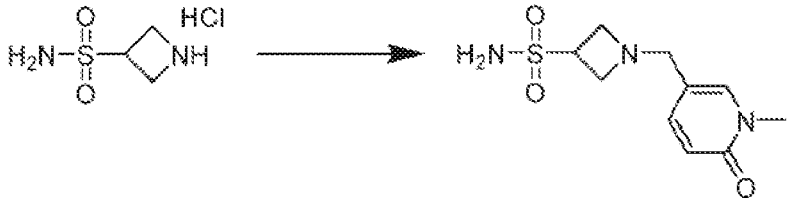
Step C: 1-(2-(3-Methyl-*3H*-diazirin-3-yl)ethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

[0404]



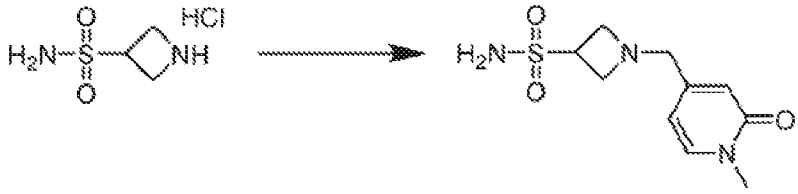
[0405] To a solution of 2-(3-methyl-*3H*-diazirin-3-yl)ethyl methanesulfonate (178 mg, 1.0 mmol) in acetonitrile (20 mL) was added azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride (344 mg, 2.0 mmol) and then potassium carbonate (1.1 g, 8.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at 55 °C, and then potassium iodide (158 mg, 1.0 mmol) and *N,N*-dimethylformamide (2 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 6 hours at 60 °C, then filtered over a glass filter. The residue was washed with methanol. The filtrates were combined and concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was suspended in methanol, coated on Agilent hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and then submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of ammonia (3.5 M) in methanol to afford the title compound (16 mg, yield 7 %).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.90 (s, 2 H), 3.92 - 3.82 (m, 1 H), 3.44 (t, 2 H), 3.21 (t, 2 H), 2.27 (t, 2 H), 1.25 (t, 2 H), 0.97 (s, 3 H).

Intermediate P123: 1-((1-Methyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridin-3-yl)methyl) azetidine-3-sulfonamide



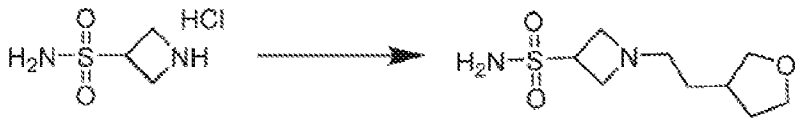
[0406] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 1-methyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carbaldehyde. The title compound (116 mg, yield 62 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 7.54 (s, 1 H), 7.29 (d, 1 H), 6.93 (s, 2 H), 6.32 (d, 1 H), 3.97 - 3.79 (m, 1 H), 3.43 (t, 2 H), 3.37 (s, 3 H), 3.31 - 3.24 (m, 4 H).

Intermediate P124: 1-((1-Methyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridin-4-yl)methyl) azetidine-3-sulfonamide



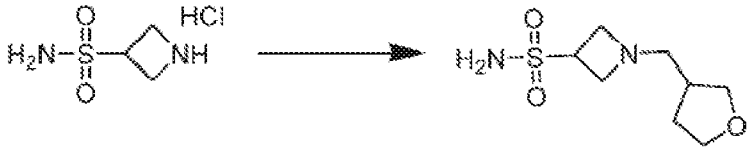
[0407] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 1-methyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-4-carbaldehyde. The title compound (51 mg, yield 27 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 7.57 (d, 1 H), 6.98 (s, 2 H), 6.23 (s, 1 H), 6.07 (d, 1 H), 4.00 - 3.79 (m, 1 H), 3.49 (t, 2 H), 3.42 (s, 3 H), 3.40 - 3.33 (m, 4 H).

Intermediate P125: 1-(2-(Tetrahydrofuran-3-yl)ethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



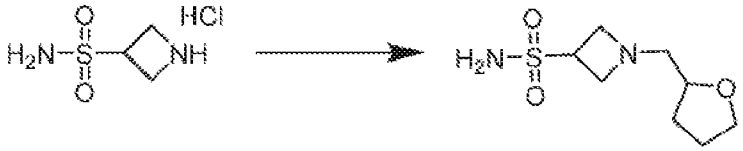
[0408] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 2-(oxolan-3-yl)acetaldehyde. The title compound (90 mg, yield 27 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.93 (s, 2 H), 3.90 (m, 1 H), 3.75 (t, 1 H), 3.68 (dt, 1 H), 3.59 (q, 1 H), 3.47 (t, 2 H), 3.26 (t, 3 H), 2.45 - 2.33 (m, 2 H), 2.09 (m, 1 H), 2.00 - 1.86 (m, 1 H), 1.42 (dt, 1 H), 1.30 (q, 2 H).

Intermediate P126: 1-((Tetrahydrofuran-3-yl)methyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



[0409] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and tetrahydrofuran-3-carbaldehyde. The title compound (85 mg, yield 39 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 4.06 (t, 1 H), 3.88 - 3.66 (m, 5 H), 3.59 (t, 2 H), 3.43 (dd, 1 H), 2.66 (d, 2 H), 2.35 - 2.22 (m, 1 H), 2.12 - 1.97 (m, 1 H), 1.65 - 1.52 (m, 1 H).

Intermediate P127: 1-((Tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide



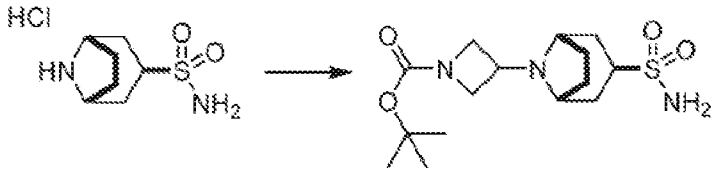
[0410] To a solution of (tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)methanol (291 µL, 3.00 mmol) in dichloromethane (30 mL) was added Dess-Martin periodinane (1.40 g, 3.30 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. After stirring for 1 hour, the solution was washed once with saturated sodium bicarbonate. To the organic solution was added acetonitrile (10 mL), azetidine-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride (172 mg, 1.00 mmol), triethylamine (0.17 mL, 1.20 mmol), and then sodium triacetoxyborohydride (265 mg, 1.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature and then concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was suspended in methanol, coated on Agilent hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and then submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of ammonia (3.5 M) in methanol to afford the title compound (77 mg, yield 35 %).

^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.90 (s, 2 H), 3.90 (m, 1 H), 3.69 (q, 2 H), 3.60 - 3.46 (m, 3 H), 3.43 - 3.33 (m, 2 H), 2.44 (d, 2 H), 1.89 - 1.68 (m, 3 H), 1.47 (q, 1 H).

Intermediate P128: (1R,3R,5S)-8-(1-Methylazetidin-3-yl)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1] octane-3-sulfonamide

Step A: tert-Butyl 3-((1R,3R,5S)-3-sulfamoyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-8-yl)azetidine-1-carboxylate

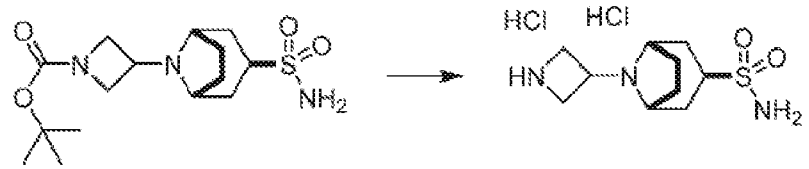
[0411]



[0412] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from (1R*,3R*,5S*)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide hydrochloride and 1-Boc-3-azetidinone. The title compound (286 mg, yield 41 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.62 (s, 2 H), 3.82 (s, 2 H), 3.49 (s, 2 H), 3.20 - 3.04 (m, 4 H), 2.36 - 2.18 (m, 2 H), 1.85 - 1.74 (m, 2 H), 1.72 - 1.64 (m, 2 H), 1.58 (dd, 2 H), 1.35 (s, 9 H).

Step B: (1R,3R,5S)-8-(Azetidin-3-yl)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide dihydrochloride

[0413]



[0414] To a solution of tert-butyl 3-((1R,3R,5S)-3-sulfamoyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-8-yl)azetidine-1-carboxylate (286 mg, 0.83 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL) was added hydrochloric acid (4 M in dioxane, 2.1 mL, 8.3 mmol). After stirring for 2 hours, the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo* to afford the title compound (237 mg, yield 89 %), which was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 9.86 (bs, 1H), 9.01 (bs, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 4.46 (bs, 2H), 4.21 — 3.84 (m, 6H), 3.42 - 3.25 (m, 1H), 2.83 (bs, 2H), 2.30 (t, 2H), 2.20 - 1.97 (m, 4H).

Step C: (1R,3R,5S)-8-(1-Methylazetidin-3-yl)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide

[0415]

[0416] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from (1R,3R,5S)-8-(azetidin-3-yl)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide dihydrochloride and formaldehyde (37 wt % in water). The title compound (37 mg, yield 35 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 4.15 (bs, 3 H), 3.92 (bs, 3 H), 2.93 (s, 3 H), 2.61 - 2.39 (m, 2 H), 2.03 - 1.89 (m, 4 H), 1.89 - 1.63 (m, 4 H).

Intermediate P129: 4-Methoxy-1-methylpyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide

Step A: Benzyl 3-methoxy-4-sulfamoylpyrrolidine-1-carboxylate

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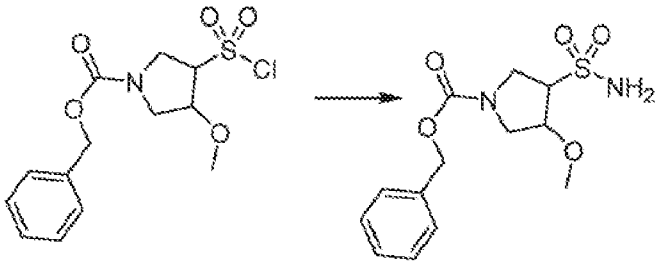

[0418] To a solution of ammonia in methanol (7M, 42 mL) was added dropwise a solution of benzyl 3-(chlorosulfonyl)-4-methoxypyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (500 mg, 1.49 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL). After stirring for 1.5 hours at room temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was diluted with ethyl acetate and then washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and then concentrated in *vacuo* to afford the title compound (236 mg, yield 50 %).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 7.43 - 7.28 (m, 5 H), 7.21 (s, 2 H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 4.24 (bs, 1 H), 3.82 - 3.64 (m, 3 H), 3.66 - 3.55 (m, 1 H), 3.46 (d, 1 H), 3.29 (s, 3 H).

Step B: 4-Methoxypyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide

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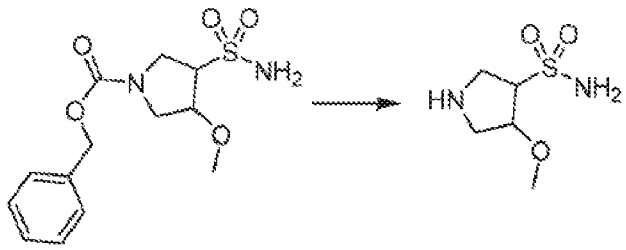

[0420] Prepared as described for azetidine-3-sulfonamide **(Intermediate P$_{33}$)** from benzyl 3-methoxy-4-sulfamoylpyrrolidine-1-carboxylate to afford the title compound (91 mg, yield 67 %) which was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6): δ = 6.98 (s, 2 H), 4.08 (dt, 1 H), 3.76 - 3.62 (m, 1 H), 3.56 - 3.33 (m, 3 H), 3.30 - 3.15 (m, 3 H), 2.99 (dd, 1 H), 2.83 (t, 1 H).

Step C: 4-Methoxy-1-methylpyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide

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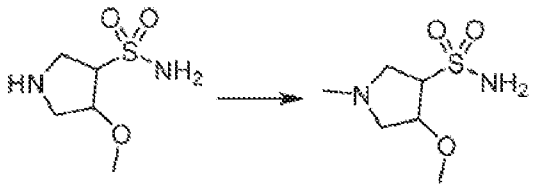
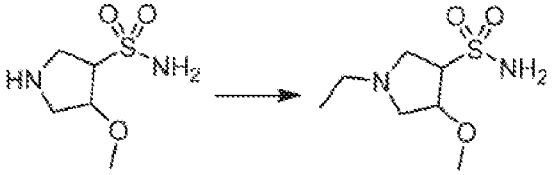


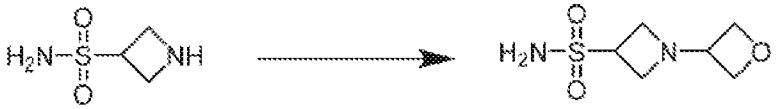
[0422] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide **(Intermediate P14)** from 4-methoxypyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide and formaldehyde (37 wt % in water). The title compound (mixture of diastereomers, 17 mg, yield 35 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) of the major diastereomer: δ = 4.21 - 4.11 (m, 1 H), 3.65 (td, 1 H), 3.40 - 3.35 (m, 2 H), 3.27 - 3.18 (m, 1 H), 2.90 (d, 1 H), 2.81 (dd, 1 H), 2.70 - 2.52 (m, 2 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H).

Intermediate P130: 1-Ethyl-4-methoxypyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide



[0423] Prepared as described for 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P14**) from 4-methoxypyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide and acetaldehyde. The title compound (mixture of diastereomers, 12 mg, yield 23 %) was used without further purification.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) of the major diastereomer: δ = 4.18 (d, 1H), 3.75 - 3.56 (m, 1 H), 3.38 (s, 3 H), 3.13 - 2.94 (m, 2 H), 2.72 (dd, 2 H), 2.66 - 2.50 (m, 2 H), 1.14 (dd, 3 H).

Intermediate P131: 1-(Oxetan-3-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

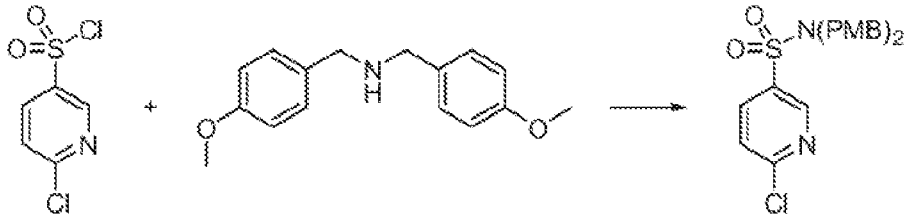


[0424] To a solution of azetidine-3-sulfonamide (22 mg, 0.16 mmol) in methanol (5 mL) was added oxetan-3-one (23 mg, 0.32 mmol) and 2 drops of acetic acid. Next, sodium cyanoborohydride (20 mg, 0.32 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 18 hours at room temperature. Then the solvents were evaporated to afford the crude title compound (80 mg) as an oil, which was used without further purification.
NMR data of the crude product was very complex. LCMS showed the desired mass. LCMS: m/z 193 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 191 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Intermediate P132: 1-Isopropyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide

Step A: 6-Chloro-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)pyridine-3-sulfonamide

[0425]

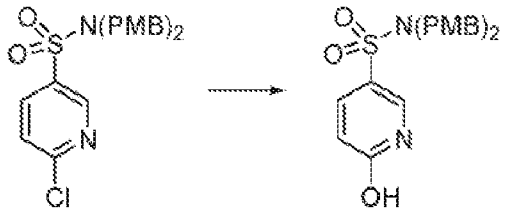


[0426] Bis(4-methoxybenzyl)amine (3.71 g, 14.4 mmol) was added to a solution of 2-chloropyridine-5-sulfonyl chloride (3.00 g, 13.7 mmol) and triethylamine (2.49 mL, 17.8 mmol) in DCM (50 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 15 minutes and then allowed to warm up to room temperature and stirred for 20 hours. Then the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (150 mL), washed with a saturated aqueous NH_4Cl solution (3 × 40 mL) and brine (40 mL), dried over $MgSO_4$, filtered, and concentrated in *vacuo* to give the crude product as a cream solid. The crude product was triturated with TBME (70 mL), filtered and rinsed with TBME (2 × 40 mL) to afford the title compound (4.97 g, 83 %) as an off-white solid.

^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6) δ 8.76 (dd, J = 2.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.08 - 7.02 (m, 4H), 6.83 - 6.76 (m, 4H), 4.29 (s, 4H), 3.71 (s, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 433.3 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Step B: 6-Hydroxy-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)pyridine-3-sulfonamide

[0427]

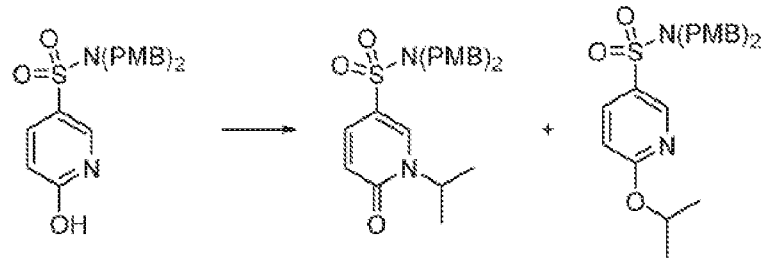


[0428] A suspension of 6-chloro-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)pyridine-3-sulfonamide (0.508 g, 1.17 mmol) in ethane-1,2-diol (10 mL) was treated with 2 M KOH (aq) (2.4 mL, 4.80 mmol). The resultant suspension was stirred at 140 °C for 18 hours. Then the reaction mixture was treated with further 2 M KOH (aq) (0.6 mL, 1.2 mmol, 1 eq) and heated at 140 °C for another 6 hours, and further 2 M KOH (aq) (0.6 mL, 1.2 mmol, 1 eq) and heated at 140 °C for another 18 hours. Then the reaction mixture was diluted with water (40 mL) and DCM (30 mL). Brine (5 mL) was added and the organic layer was collected. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (5 × 30 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water (10 mL), dried over $MgSO_4$, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was dried under reduced pressure at 50 °C overnight to afford the title compound (542 mg, 100 %).

^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6) δ 12.17 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, J=2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, J=9.6, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.11 - 7.02 (m, 4H), 6.87 - 6.79 (m, 4H), 6.37 (d, J=9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (s, 4H), 3.72 (s, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 415.4 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+), 413.4 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Step C: 1-isopropyl-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide and 6-isopropoxy-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)pyridine-3-sulfonamide

[0429]



[0430] Sodium hydride (60 wt % dispersion in mineral oil) (36 mg, 0.91 mmol) was added to a mixture of 6-hydroxy-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)pyridine-3-sulfonamide (0.40 g, 0.869 mmol) and lithium bromide (0.154 g, 1.737 mmol) in DME:DMF (5 mL, 4:1) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 minutes and then at room temperature for a further 10 minutes. Then 2-iodopropane (0.10 mL, 1.04 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 46 hours. The reaction mixture was heated to 65 °C for 17 hours, cooled to room temperature and quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl (5 mL) and diluted with EtOAc (100 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (15 mL) and brine (3 × 15 mL), dried over $MgSO_4$, filtered, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (24 g column, 0-100% EtOAc/isohexane) to afford 1-isopropyl-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide (0.28 g, 70 %) as a white solid and 6-isopropoxy-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)pyridine-3-sulfonamide (0.11 g, 27 %).

1-isopropyl-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide:

[0431]

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 7.91 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, J = 9.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 - 7.04 (m, 4H), 6.84 - 6.79 (m, 4H), 6.54 (dd, J = 9.6, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (sept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (s, 4H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 1.34 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 457.4 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

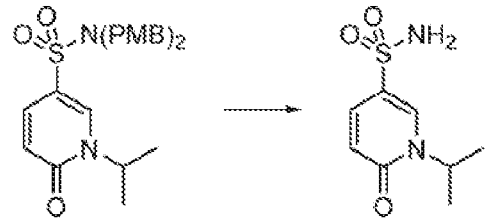
6-isopropoxy-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)pyridine-3-sulfonamide:

[0432]

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.60 - 8.55 (m, 1H), 7.84 - 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.06 - 6.99 (m, 4H), 6.81 - 6.75 (m, 4H), 6.72 - 6.67 (m, 1H), 5.43 - 5.33 (m, 1H), 4.26 (s, 4H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 1.37 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 457.4 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Step D: 1-Isopropyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide

[0433]

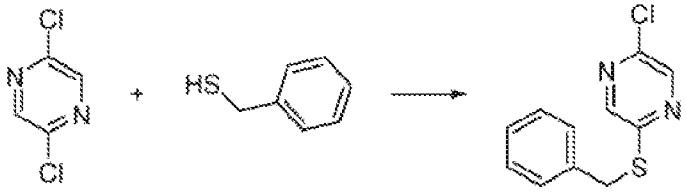


[0434] TFA (0.43 ml, 5.64 mmol) was added to a solution of 1-isopropyl-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide (0.26 g, 0.564 mmol) in DCM (3 mL) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 66 hours. Then the reaction was concentrated in *vacuo* and the residue was redissolved in DCM (5 mL). The product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (12 g column, 0-10% MeOH/DCM) to afford the title compound (60 mg, 49 %) as a white solid.
LCMS: m/z 217.3 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Intermediate P133: 4-Isopropyl-5-oxo-4,5-dihydropyrazine-2-sulfonamide

Step A: 2-(Benzylthio)-5-chloropyrazine

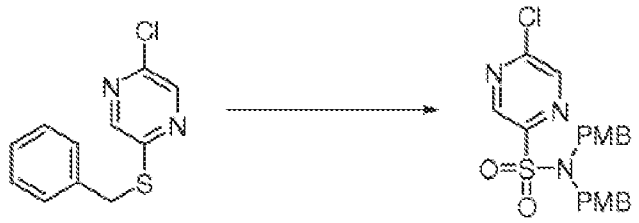
[0435]



[0436] To a solution of NaH (0.755 g, 18.88 mmol) in THF (55 mL) was added benzyl mercaptan (1.5 mL, 12.68 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was diluted with THF (20 mL) and stirred at 0 °C for 10 minutes. Then a solution of 2,5-dichloropyrazine (1.370 mL, 13.42 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 hour, then warmed to room temperature and stirred for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, MeOH (1 mL) was added carefully and stirred for 5 minutes. Water (20 mL), then DCM (150 mL) was added and the biphasic mixture was passed through a phase separator. The organic phase was concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (40 g column, 0-3% EtOAc/Isohexane) to afford the title compound (2.373 g, 72 %) as a clear yellow oil.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6) δ 8.68 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 - 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.34 - 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.28 - 7.23 (m, 1H), 4.46 (s, 2H).

Step B: 5-Chloro-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)pyrazine-2-sulfonamide

[0437]



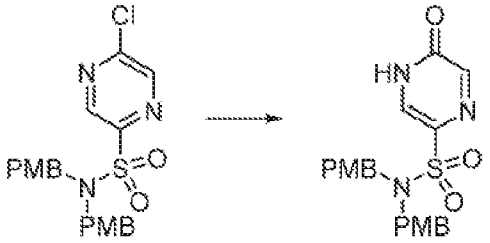
[0438] A solution of 2-(benzylthio)-5-chloropyrazine (0.916 g, 3.87 mmol) in DCM (15 mL, 233 mmol) was treated with water (1.5 mL) and the resultant suspension was cooled to between -5 and 0 °C. Sulfuryl chloride (2.2 mL, 26.2 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 hours maintaining the temperature between -5 and 0 °C. A slurry of ice/water (10 mL) was added and the organic phase was collected. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (2 × 10 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried ($MgSO_4$) and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford crude intermediate 5-chloropyrazine-2-sulfonyl chloride as a pale yellow liquid (1.198 g).

[0439] A suspension of bis(4-methoxybenzyl)amine hydrochloride (1.198 g, 4.08 mmol) and TEA (1.2 mL, 8.61 mmol) in DCM (15 mL) at 0 °C was treated with a solution of 5-chloropyrazine-2-sulfonyl chloride (0.824 g, 3.87 mmol) in DCM (5 mL) dropwise. The resultant solution was stirred at 0 °C for 15 minutes and then allowed to warm to room temperature for 16 hours. A saturated aqueous NH_4Cl solution (10 mL) was added and the organic phase was collected. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (2 × 10 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried ($MgSO_4$) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (24 g column, 0-30% EtOAc/isohexane) to afford the title compound (1.312 g, 77 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.78 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11 - 7.07 (m, 4H), 6.79 - 6.75 (m, 4H), 4.43 (s, 4H), 3.79 (s, 6H).

Step C: N,N-Bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydropyrazine-2-sulfonamide

[0440]

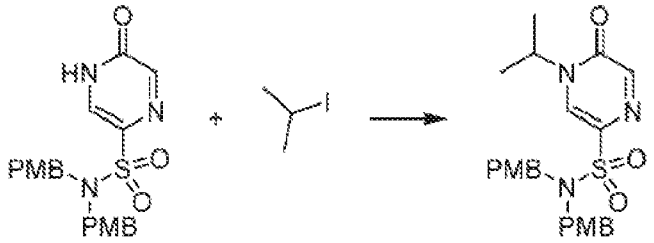


[0441] A suspension of 5-chloro-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)pyrazine-2-sulfonamide (1.31 g, 2.99 mmol) in glycol (15 mL) was treated with 2 M KOH (aq) (7.5 mL, 15 mmol). The resultant suspension was stirred at 140 °C for 18 hours. Then the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, diluted with water (100 mL) and neutralised with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl solution (30 mL). The white precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried at 60 °C under vacuum to afford the title compound (1.094 g, 79 %) as a pale yellow solid.

^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6) δ 7.94 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (br s, 1H), 7.10 - 7.06 (m, 4H), 6.84 - 6.79 (m, 4H), 4.28 (s, 4H), 3.71 (s, 6H). One exchangeable proton not observed. LCMS: m/z 438.2 $(M+Na)^+$ (ES^+); 414.2 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Step D: 4-Isopropyl-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydropyrazine-2-sulfonamide

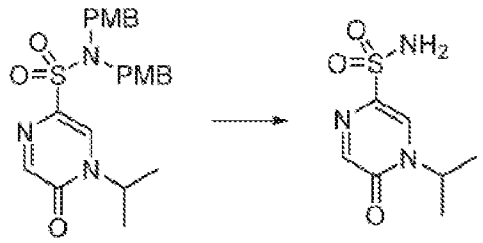
[0442]



[0443] A suspension of N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydropyrazine-2-sulfonamide (0.503 g, 1.090 mmol) and lithium bromide (0.192 g, 2.167 mmol) in DME:DMF (6 mL, 4:1) at o °C was treated with NaH (0.053 g, 1.325 mmol). The resultant suspension was stirred at o °C for 10 minutes, treated with 2-iodopropane (0.218 ml, 2.136 mmol) and then stirred at 65 °C for 64 hours. A saturated aqueous NH_4Cl solution (6 mL) and EtOAc (10 mL) were added and the organic layer was collected. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 10 mL) and the combined organic extracts were washed with water (10 mL) and brine (2 × 10 mL), dried ($MgSO_4$) and concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (12 g column, 0-100% EtOAc/isohexane) to afford the title compound (0.293 g, 53 %) as a clear yellow oil. ^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6) δ 8.07 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.13 - 7.09 (m, 4H), 6.83 - 6.79 (m, 4H), 4.78 (sept, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (s, 4H), 3.71 (s, 6H), 1.34 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 480.3 (100, $[M+Na]^+$), 458.5 (9, $[M+H]^+$) (ES^+).

Step E: 4-isopropyl-5-oxo-4,5-dihydropyrazine-2-sulfonamide

[0444]



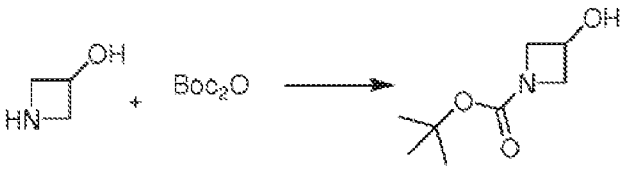
[0445] A solution of 4-isopropyl-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-5-oxo-4,5-dihydropyrazine-2-sulfonamide (0.287 g, 0.565 mmol) in DCM (1 mL) was treated with TFA (1 mL, 12.98 mmol) at room temperature. The resultant solution was stirred for 28 hours. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo* and the crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (4 g column, 0-10% MeOH/DCM) to afford the title compound (0.116 g, 94 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6) δ 8.14 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (s, 2H), 4.88 (sept, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H).
LCMS: 216.1 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Intermediate P134: 1-Isopropylazetidine-3-sulfonamide

Step A: *tert*-Butyl 3-hydroxyazetidine-1-carboxylate

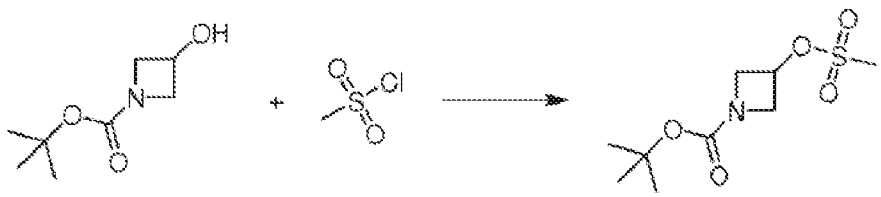
[0446]



[0447] To a solution of azetidin-3-ol hydrochloride (45 g, 410.75 mmol, 1 eq) in MeOH (1.2 L) was added TEA (83.13 g, 821.51 mmol, 2 eq) and di-tert-butyl dicarbonate (89.65 g, 410.75 mmol, 1 eq). The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 16 hours. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was re-dissolved in EtOAc (1 L). The mixture was washed with H_2O (3 × 500 mL) and brine (3 × 500 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* to give the title compound (65 g, 91 %) as a yellow oil, which was used directly in the next step. ^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 4.59 (s, 1 H), 4.19-4.12 (m, 2 H), 3.84-3.79 (m, 2 H), 1.45 (s, 9 H).

Step B: *tert*-Butyl 3-((methylsulfonyl)oxy)azetidine-1-carboxylate

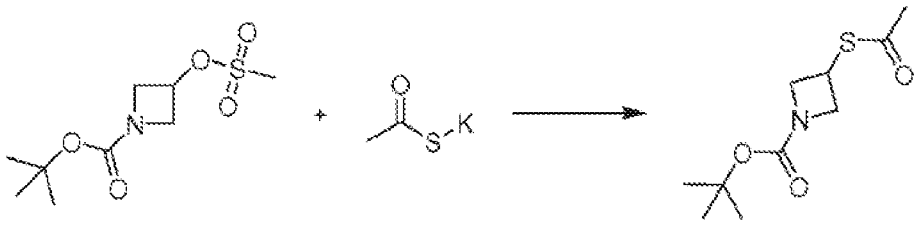
[0448]



[0449] To a solution of tert-butyl 3-hydroxyazetidine-1-carboxylate (65 g, 375.27 mmol, 1 eq) and TEA (113.92 g, 3 eq) in THF (650 mL) was added methanesulfonyl chloride (51.58 g, 450.32 mmol, 1.2 eq) at 0 °C. Then the mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (2 L), washed with water (3 × 1.5 L) and brine (3 × 1.5 L), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* to give the title compound (90 g, 95 %) as a yellow oil, which was used directly in the next step.
^1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 5.25-5.20 (m, 1 H), 4.32-4.27 (m, 2 H), 4.14-4.10 (m, 2 H), 3.08 (s, 3 H) and 1.46 (s, 9 H).

Step C: tert-Butyl 3-(acetylthio)azetidine-1-carboxylate

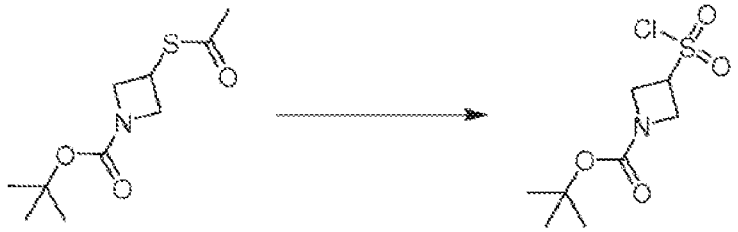
[0450]



[0451] To a solution of tert-butyl 3-((methylsulfonyl)oxy)azetidine-1-carboxylate (90 g, 358.14 mmol, 1 eq) in DMF (1.5 L) was added potassium ethanethioate (49.08 g, 429.77 mmol, 1.2 eq). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 hours. Then the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (3 L), washed with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl solution (3 × 2 L) and brine (3 × 2 L), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO_2, petroleum ether: ethyl acetate, 100:1 to 20:1) to give the title compound (54 g, 65 %) as a yellow oil.
^1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 4.37 (t, 2 H), 4.17-4.14 (m, 1 H), 3.82 (dd, 2 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H) and 1.44 (s, 9 H).

Step D: tert-Butyl 3-(chlorosulfonyl)azetidine-1-carboxylate

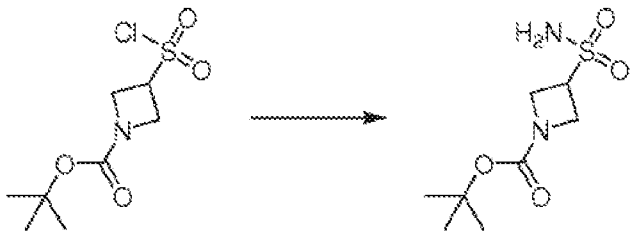
[0452]



[0453] To a solution of tert-butyl 3-(acetylthio)azetidine-1-carboxylate (5 g, 21.62 mmol, 1 eq) in AcOH (200 mL) and H_2O (20 mL) was added NCS (8.66 g, 64.85 mmol, 3 eq). The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 1 hour. Then the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (300 mL), washed with water (3 × 300 mL) and brine (3 × 300 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and filtered. The solution was used directly in the next step.

Step E: tert-Butyl 3-sulfamoylazetidine-1-carboxylate

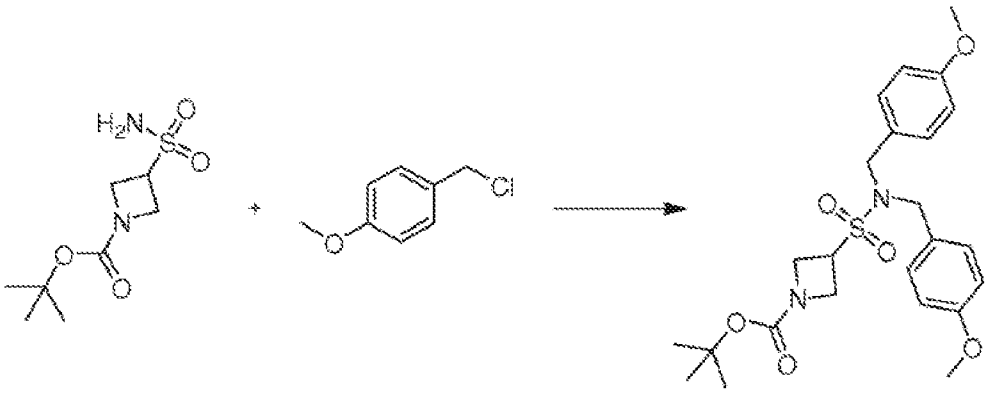
[0454]



[0455] Through a solution of tert-butyl 3-(chlorosulfonyl)azetidine-1-carboxylate (55.28 g, crude) in DCM (1.5 L) was bubbled NH_3 for 30 minutes at 0 °C. Then the reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was triturated with a mixture of petroleum ether and EtOAc (21 mL, 20: 1) to give the title compound (27 g, 53 %) as a white solid.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6) δ 7.16 (br s, 2 H), 4.18-4.03 (m, 2 H), 4.03-3.90 (m, 3 H) and 1.38 (s, 9 H).

Step F: tert-Butyl 3-(N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)sulfamoyl)azetidine-1-carboxylate

[0456]

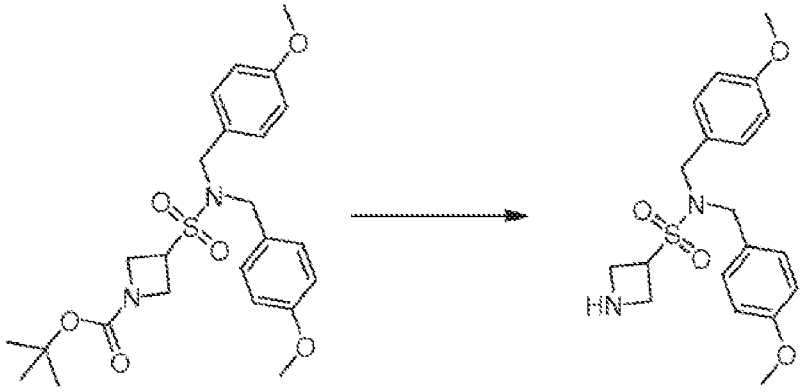


[0457] To a solution of tert-butyl 3-sulfamoylazetidine-1-carboxylate (1 g, 4.23 mmol, 1 eq) in DMF (10 mL) was added NaH (507 mg, 12.69 mmol, 60 wt % in mineral oil, 3 eq) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 minutes. Then 1-(chloromethyl)-4-methoxybenzene (1.99 g, 12.69 mmol, 3 eq) was added. The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 14 hours. Then the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (50 mL), washed with a saturated aqueous NH_4Cl solution (3 × 30 mL) and brine (3 × 30 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was triturated with MeOH (10 mL) to give the title compound (1 g, 50 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 7.17 (d, 4 H), 6.91-6.88 (m, 4 H), 4.30 (s, 4 H), 4.22 (dd, 2 H), 4.01 (t, 2 H), 3.83 (s, 6 H), 3.75-3.62 (m, 1 H) and 1.44 (s, 9 H).
LCMS: m/z 499.2 $(M+Na)^+$ (ES^+).

Step G: N,N-Bis(4-methoxybenzyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

[0458]

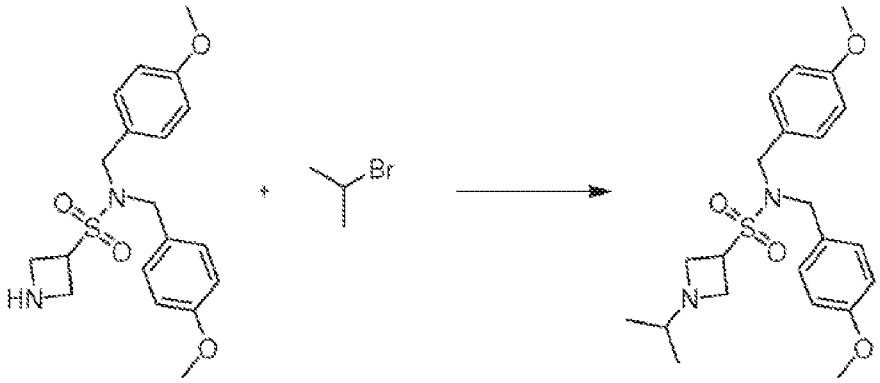


[0459] To a solution of tert-butyl 3-(N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)sulfamoyl)azetidine-1-carboxylate (7 g, 14.69 mmol, 1 eq) and 2,6-lutidine (4.72 g, 44.06 mmol, 3 eq) in DCM (80 mL) was added trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (9.79 g, 44.06 mmol, 3 eq) at 0 °C. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated aqueous NH_4Cl solution (20 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was triturated with a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (40 mL, 1:1) to give the title compound (4 g, 72 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 7.21 (d, 4 H), 6.94-6.85 (m, 4 H), 4.35 (s, 4 H), 4.28-4.11 (m, 5 H) and 3.81 (s, 6 H).
LCMS: m/z 377.2 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Step H: 1-isopropyl-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

[0460]

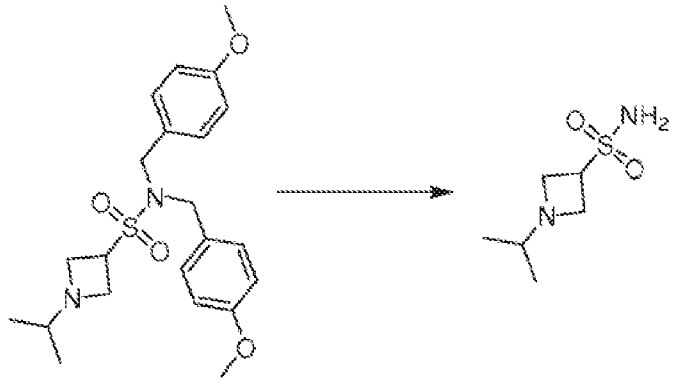


[0461] To a solution of N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (2.5 g, 6.64 mmol, 1 eq) and K_2CO_3 (1.38 g, 9.96 mmol, 1.5 eq) in MeCN (5 mL) was added 2-bromopropane (1.63 g, 13.28 mmol, 2 eq). The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 12 hours. Then H_2O (10 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* to give the title compound (2.5 g, 90 %).

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 7.12-7.07 (m, 4 H), 6.83-6.76 (m, 4 H), 4.16 (s, 4 H), 3.74 (s, 6 H), 3.68-3.64 (m, 1 H), 3.43 (t, 2 H), 3.28 (t, 2 H), 2.38-2.29 (m, 1 H) and 0.82 (d, 6 H).
LCMS: m/z 419.2 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Step I: 1-isopropylazetidine-3-sulfonamide

[0462]



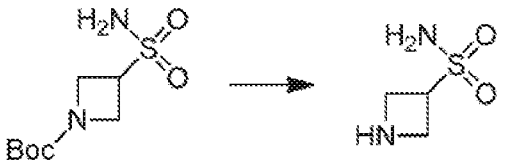
[0463] A solution of 1-isopropyl-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (1 g, 2.39 mmol, 1 eq) in TFA (7.70 g, 67.53 mmol, 28.27 eq) was stirred at 25 °C for 12 hours. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was treated with MeOH (10 mL), filtered and the filtrate was adjusted with $NH_3.H_2O$ (30% of $NH_3.H_2O$ in water) to pH = 8-9. The resulting mixture was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by reversed phase flash chromatography (water (0.1% of $NH_3.H_2O$)-MeCN) to give the title compound (220 mg, 52 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 4.05-3.98 (m, 1 H), 3.67 (t, 2 H), 3.46 (t, 2 H), 2.59-2.48 (m, 1 H) and 0.97 (d, 6 H). Two exchangeable protons not observed.
LCMS: m/z 179.1 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Intermediate P135: 1-Cyclobutylazetidine-3-sulfonamide

Step A: Azetidine-3-sulfonamide

[0464]

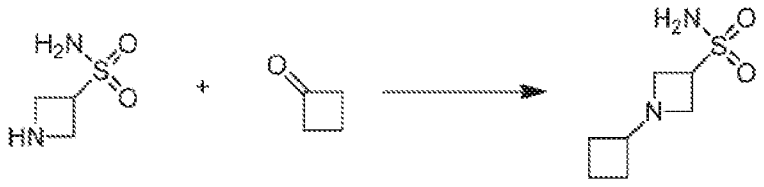


[0465] To a solution of tert-butyl 3-sulfamoylazetidine-1-carboxylate (3 g, 12.70 mmol, 1 eq, obtained according to Step E of the synthesis of **intermediate P134**) in DCM (10 mL) was added HCl/EtOAc (12.70 mmol, 20 mL, 1 eq). The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 1 hour. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by reversed phase flash chromatography (water (0.05% of $NH_3.H_2O$)-MeCN) to give the title compound (0.8 g, 46 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6) δ 6.92 (s, 1 H), 4.23-4.19 (m, 2 H) and 3.77-3.70 (m, 3 H). Two exchangeable protons not observed.
LCMS: m/z 137.1 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Step B: 1-Cyclobutylazetidine-3-sulfonamide

[0466]



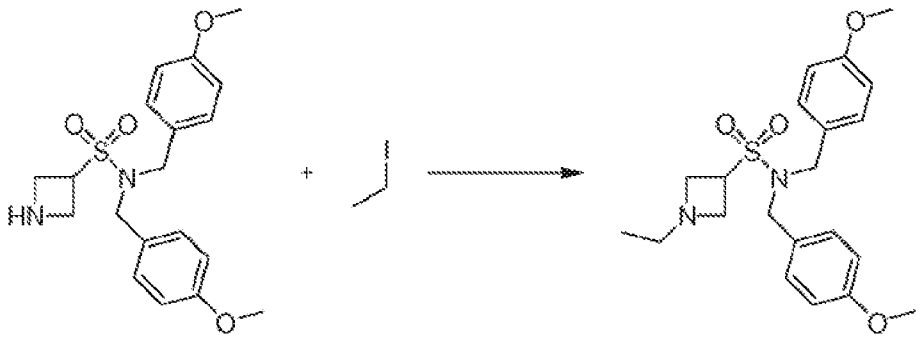
[0467] To a solution of azetidine-3-sulfonamide (50 mg, 367.18 µmol, 1 eq) in MeOH (1 mL) was added cyclobutanone (31 mg, 440.62 µmol, 1.2 eq) and $NaBH(OAc)_3$ (97 mg, 458.98 µmol, 1.25 eq). The reaction mixture was stirred at 20 °C for 2 hours. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by reversed phase flash chromatography (water (0.05% of $NH_3.H_2O$)-MeCN) to give the title compound (12.25 mg, 18 %) as a white solid.

^1H NMR (DMSO-d_6) δ 6.92 (s, 2 H), 3.88-3.85 (m, 1 H), 3.41-3.33 (m, 2 H), 3.32-3.29 (m, 2 H), 3.12-3.09 (m, 1 H), 1.89-1.86 (m, 2 H) and 1.77-1.60 (m, 4 H).
LCMS: m/z 191.1 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Intermediate P136: 1-Ethylazetidine-3-sulfonamide

Step A: 1-Ethyl-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

[0468]



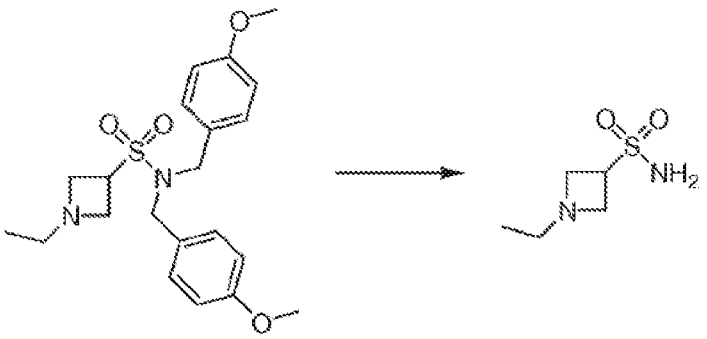
[0469] To a solution of N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (1 g, 2.66 mmol, 1 eq, obtained according to Step G of the synthesis of **intermediate P134**) and K_2CO_3 (367 mg, 2.66 mmol, 1 eq) in MeCN (2 mL) was added iodoethane (414 mg, 2.66 mmol, 1 eq). The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 1 hour. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with water (30 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by reversed phase flash chromatography (water (0.1% of $NH_3.H_2O$)-MeCN) to give the title compound (0.7 g, 22 % yield, 100% purity on LCMS) as a white solid.

^1H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 7.20 (d, 4 H), 6.90 (d, 4 H), 4.28 (s, 4 H), 4.00-3.93 (m, 1 H), 3.81 (s, 6 H), 3.51 (t, 2 H), 3.40 (t, 2 H), 2.53 (q, 2 H) and 0.96 (t, 3 H).

LCMS: m/z 405.2 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Step B: 1-Ethylazetidine-3-sulfonamide

[0470]



[0471] A solution of 1-ethyl-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (800 mg, 1.98 mmol, 1 eq) in TFA (82.13 g, 720.32 mmol, 364 eq) was stirred at 50 °C for 1 hour. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by reversed phase flash chromatography (water (0.1% of $NH_3.H_2O$)-MeCN) to give the title

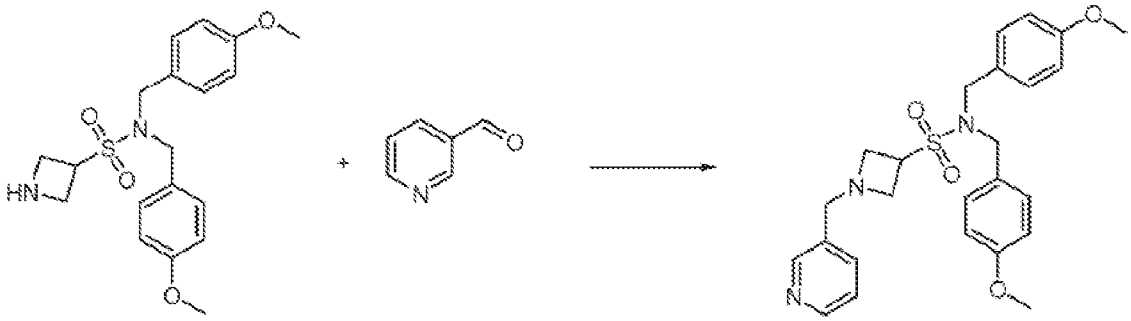
compound (160 mg, 47 % yield, 95 % purity on LCMS) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6) δ 6.94 (s, 2 H), 3.95-3.86 (m, 1 H), 3.47 (t, 2 H), 3.31-3.25 (m, 2 H), 2.43 (q, 2 H) and 0.86 (t, 3 H). LCMS: m/z 165.1 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Intermediate P137: 1-(Pyridin-3-ylmethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

Step A: N,N-Bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-1-(pyridin-3-ylmethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

[0472]

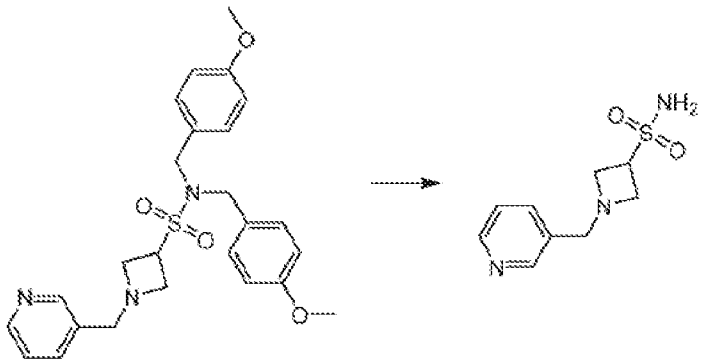


[0473] To a solution of N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (1 g, 2.66 mmol, 1 eq, obtained according to Step G of the synthesis of **intermediate P134)** in MeCN (20 mL) was added nicotinaldehyde (341 mg, 3.19 mmol, 1.2 eq) and $NaBH(OAc)_3$ (1.13 g, 5.31 mmol, 2 eq). The mixture was stirred at 15 °C for 1 hour. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with water (80 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (6 × 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO_2, petroleum ether: ethyl acetate, 1:1 to 0:1) to give the title compound (1.1 g, 89 %) as a yellow oil.

^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6) δ 8.53 (s, 1 H), 8.46 (s, 1 H), 7.72 (d, 1 H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 1 H), 7.13 (d, 4 H), 6.88 (d, 4 H), 4.21-4.17 (m, 5 H), 3.73 (s, 6 H), 3.61 (s, 2 H), 3.47-3.41 (m, 2 H) and 3.33-3.31 (m, 2 H).

Step B: 1-(Pyridin-3-ylmethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide

[0474]



[0475] A solution of N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-1-(pyridin-3-ylmethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (1 g, 2.14 mmol, 1 eq) in TFA (10 mL) was stirred at 10 °C for 36 hours. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was treated with MeOH (80 mL) and the mixture was stirred for another 1 hour. Then the mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by reversed phase flash chromatography (water (0.1% of $NH_3.H_2O$)-MeCN) to give the title compound (240 mg, 49 %) as a white solid.

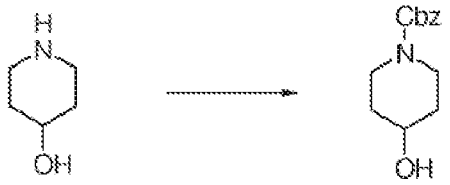
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6) δ 8.52-8.45 (m, 2 H), 7.67 (d, 1 H), 7.35 (dd, 1 H), 6.96 (s, 2 H), 3.99-3.94 (m, 1 H), 3.64 (s, 2 H), 3.54-3.49 (m, 2 H) and 3.44-3.35 (m, 2 H).

LCMS: m/z 228.1 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Intermediate P138: 1-isopropylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide

Step A: Benzyl 4-hydroxypiperidine-1-carboxylate

[0476]

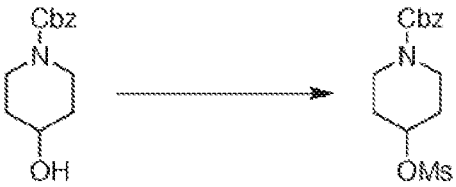


[0477] To a solution of piperidin-4-ol (100 g, 988.66 mmol, 1 eq) in DCM (1 L) was added TEA (100.04 g, 988.66 mmol, 1 eq) and benzyl chloroformate (168.66 g, 988.66 mmol, 1 eq) at 0 °C. The mixture was warmed to 25 °C and stirred for 12 hours. Then the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (500 mL), washed with brine (3 × 500 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the title compound (220 g, 95 %) as a yellow oil, which was used in the next step without further purification.

^1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 7.36-7.29 (m, 5 H), 5.10 (s, 2 H), 3.90-3.81 (m, 3 H), 3.15-3.08 (m, 2 H), 1.83-1.81 (m, 2 H) and 1.47-1.45 (m, 2 H). One exchangeable proton not observed.
LCMS: m/z 258.1 $(M+Na)^+$ (ES^+).

Step B: Benzyl 4-((methylsulfonyl)oxy)piperidine-1-carboxylate

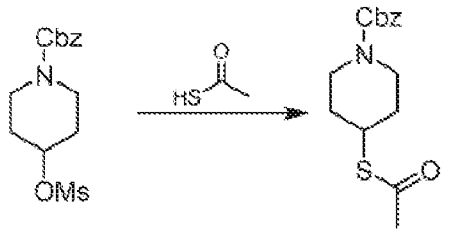
[0478]



[0479] To a solution of benzyl 4-hydroxypiperidine-1-carboxylate (220 g, 935.06 mmol, 1 eq) in DCM (1.7 L) was added TEA (189.24 g, 1.87 mol, 2 eq). Then mesyl chloride (128.54 g, 1.12 mol, 1.2 eq) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The solution was heated to 25 °C and stirred for 1 hour. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous $NaHCO_3$ solution (1.2 L) and the two layers were separated. The organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous $NaHCO_3$ solution (1.2 L) and brine (2 × 1 L), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* to give the title compound (293 g, 100 %), which was used directly in the next step.

Step C: Benzyl 4-(acetylthio)piperidine-1-carboxylate

[0480]



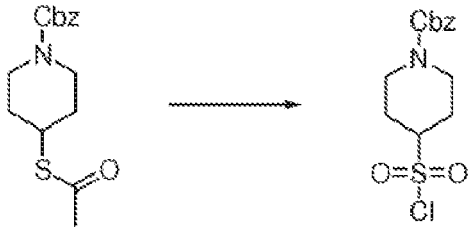
[0481] To a solution of benzyl 4-((methylsulfonyl)oxy)piperidine-1-carboxylate (290 g, 925.43 mmol, 1 eq) in DMF (1.4 L) was added Cs_2CO_3 (331.67 g, 1.02 mol, 1.1 eq) and ethanethioic S-acid (77.49 g, 1.02 mol, 1.1 eq). The mixture was

stirred at 80 °C for 12 hours. Some solid was precipitated. The reaction mixture was filtered. The filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo* to remove most of the DMF. The residue was diluted with EtOAc (1.5 L), washed with H_2O (3 × 1 L) and brine (2 × 1 L), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO_2, petroleum ether: ethyl acetate, 50:1 to 40:1) to give the title compound (146 g, crude) as a yellow oil.

^1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 7.37-7.35 (m, 5 H), 5.13 (s, 2 H), 4.07-3.93 (m, 2 H), 3.66-3.61 (m, 1 H), 3.19-3.12 (m, 2 H), 2.33 (s, 3 H), 1.94-1.91 (m, 2 H) and 1.59-1.56 (m, 2 H).
LCMS: m/z 294.1 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Step D: Benzyl 4-(chlorosulfonyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate

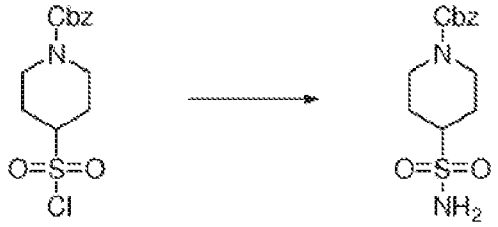
[0482]



[0483] To a solution of benzyl 4-(acetylthio)piperidine-1-carboxylate (30.00 g, 102.26 mmol, 1 eq) in AcOH (1 L) and H_2O (100 mL) was added NCS (40.96 g, 306.77 mmol, 3 eq). The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 40 minutes. Then the reaction mixture was poured into water (1 L) and extracted with DCM (1 L). The organic layer was washed with water (3 × 1 L) and brine (1 L), dried over Na_2SO_4, and filtered to give the title compound in DCM (1 L) solution (theoretical amount: 32.4 g, crude), which was used in the next step without further purification.

Step E: Benzyl 4-sulfamoylpiperidine-1-carboxylate

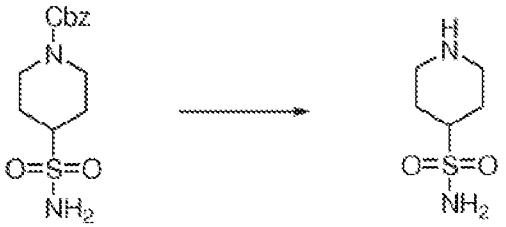
[0484]



[0485] NH_3 was bubbled into a solution of benzyl 4-(chlorosulfonyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (theoretical amount: 30 g, crude) in DCM (1 L) at 0 °C for 20 minutes. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 40 minutes. The reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was triturated with a mixture of EtOAc (50 mL) and petroleum ether (40 mL) to give the title compound (21 g, 75 %) as a yellow solid.
^1H NMR (DMSO-d_6) δ 7.38-7.32 (m, 5 H), 6.79 (br s, 2 H), 5.10 (s, 2 H), 4.12-4.01 (m, 2 H), 3.09-3.02 (m, 1 H), 3.01-2.75 (m, 2 H), 2.02-1.96 (m, 2 H) and 1.51-1.41 (m, 2 H).

Step F: Piperidine-4-sulfonamide

[0486]

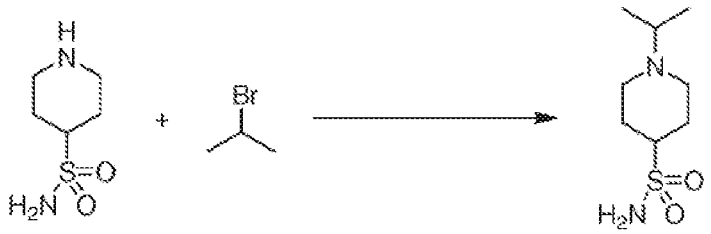


[0487] To a solution of benzyl 4-sulfamoylpiperidine-1-carboxylate (21 g, 70.39 mmol, 1 eq) in MeOH (200 mL) was added Pd/C (10 wt % loading on activated carbon, 4 g) under nitrogen. The suspension was degassed in *vacuo* and purged with hydrogen several times. The mixture was stirred under hydrogen (50 psi) at 25 °C for 30 hours. Then the reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was triturated with EtOAc (200 mL) to give the title compound (11.2 g, 97 % yield, 100 % purity on LCMS) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6+D_2O) δ 3.06-2.90 (m, 2 H), 2.89-2.86 (m, 1 H), 2.50-2.46 (m, 2 H), 1.95-1.91 (m, 2 H) and 1.53-1.46 (m, 2 H). Three exchangeable protons not observed.
LCMS: m/z 165.1 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Step G: 1-Isopropylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide

[0488]



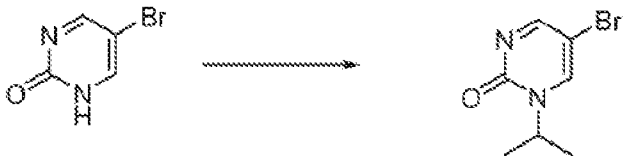
[0489] To a solution of piperidine-4-sulfonamide (1.2 g, 7.31 mmol, 1 eq) in acetonitrile (20 mL) was added 2-bromopropane (3.59 g, 29.23 mmol, 4 eq) and $NaHCO_3$ (1.84 g, 21.92 mmol, 3 eq). Then the reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 18 hours. The hot mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo* to give the title compound (1.05 g, 69 % yield, 98.5 % purity on LCMS) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6) δ 6.61 (s, 2 H), 2.81-2.77 (m, 2 H), 2.66-2.61 (m, 2 H), 2.05-1.99 (m, 2 H), 1.91-1.87 (m, 2 H), 1.50-1.45 (m, 2 H) and 0.89 (dd, 6 H).
LCMS: m/z 207.1 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Intermediate P139: (4-(Dimethylamino)pyridin-1-ium-1-carbonyl)((1-isopropyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyrimidin-5-yl)sulfonyl)amide

Step A: 5-Bromo-1-isopropylpyrimidin-2(1H)-one

[0490]



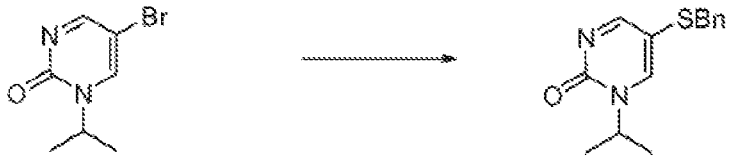
[0491] A suspension of 5-bromopyrimidin-2(1H)-one (10.07 g, 57.5 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (8.35 g, 60.4 mmol) in DMF (200 mL) was treated with 2-iodopropane (6.4 mL, 62.7 mmol) under nitrogen. The resultant suspension was stirred at room temperature for 40 hours, concentrated in *vacuo* and the residue was partitioned between EtOAc (100 mL) and

water (50 mL). The organic layer was collected and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with 20% v/v brine (3 × 50 mL), brine (50 mL), dried ($MgSO_4$) and concentrated in *vacuo* to afford crude product as a yellow oil (4.71 g). The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (dry load) (40 g cartridge, 0-5% MeOH/DCM) to afford the title compound (1.34 g, 10 %) as a clear yellow oil that solidified on standing.

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.52 (dd, J = 3.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (pd, J = 6.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (dd, J = 6.8, 1.0 Hz, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 217.0 (MBr^{79}+H)$^+$ (ES^+).

Step B: 5-(Benzylthio)-1-isopropylpyrimidin-2(1H)-one

[0492]

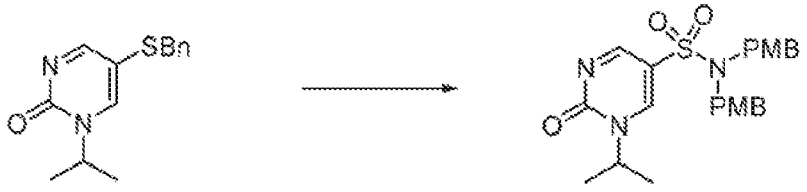


[0493] A solution of 5-bromo-1-isopropylpyrimidin-2(1H)-one (1.217 g, 5.05 mmol), DIPEA (1.8 ml, 10.31 mmol) and benzyl mercaptan (0.6 ml, 5.07 mmol) in dioxane (25 mL) was sparged with nitrogen for 15 minutes before $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (0.233 g, 0.254 mmol) and Xantphos (0.294 g, 0.508 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was heated at 100 °C for 22 hours and then concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was partitioned between EtOAc (30 mL) and saturated aqueous $NaHCO_3$ (20 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 30 mL) and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine (30 mL), dried ($MgSO_4$) and concentrated in *vacuo* to afford crude product as a brown oil (2.3 g). The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (dry load) (40 g cartridge, 0-5% MeOH/DCM) to afford the title compound (1.49 g, 99 %) as a brown oil.

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.46 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 - 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 - 7.06 (m, 2H), 4.84 (sept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 1.13 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 261.1 (M+H)$^+$ (ES^+).

Step C: 1-Isopropyl-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyrimidine-5-sulfonamide

[0494]

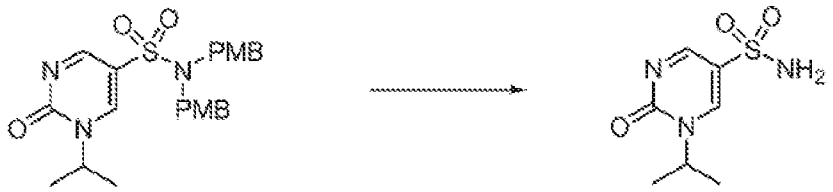


[0495] A suspension of 5-(benzylthio)-1-isopropylpyrimidin-2(1H)-one (1.012 g, 3.89 mmol) in DCM (15 mL) and water (1.5 mL) at 0 °C was treated with SO_2Cl_2 (2 ml, 23.86 mmol) dropwise. The resultant yellow suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 1 hour. A slurry of ice/water (20 mL) was added and the organic phase was collected and retained. The aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (2 × 10 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried ($MgSO_4$) and concentrated in *vacuo* to afford crude sulfonyl chloride intermediate as a pale yellow liquid (1.024 g) which was used without further purification. A solution of bis(4-methoxybenzyl)amine (1.007 g, 3.91 mmol) and Et_3N (0.6 ml, 4.30 mmol) in DCM (20 mL) at 0 °C was treated with a solution of the crude sulfonyl chloride intermediate in DCM (10 mL). The resultant solution was allowed to warm to room temperature, stirred for 1 hour and then diluted with DCM (20 mL) and saturated aqueous NH_4Cl (20 mL). The organic layer was collected and washed with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl (20 mL) and water (20 mL), dried ($MgSO_4$) and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford crude product as an orange oil (2.0 g). The crude product was triturated with TBME (30 mL), filtered, rinsing with TBME, and dried *in vacuo* to afford crude product which was purified by chromatography on silica gel (24 g cartridge, 0-5% MeOH/DCM) to afford the title compound (0.941 g, 44 %) as a sticky orange oil.

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.65 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.15 - 7.10 (m, 4H), 6.85 - 6.82 (m, 4H), 4.88 (sept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (s, 4H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 1.34 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 458.1 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Step D: 1-Isopropyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyrimidine-5-sulfonamide

[0496]

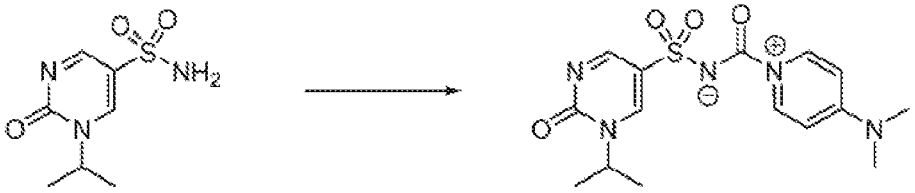


[0497] 1-Isopropyl-*N*,*N*-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyrimidine-5-sulfonamide (0.941 g, 1.625 mmol) was treated with TFA (15 ml, 195 mmol) and the resultant solution was stirred at room temperature for 64 hours. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (dry load) (12 g cartridge, 0-10% MeOH/DCM) to afford the title compound (0.350 g, 94 %) as a tan solid.

^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6) δ 8.81 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (s, 2H), 4.77 (sept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 218.1 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 216.8 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Step E: (4-(Dimethylamino)pyridin-1-ium-1-carbonyl)((1-isopropyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyrimidin-5-yl)sulfonyl)amide

[0498]

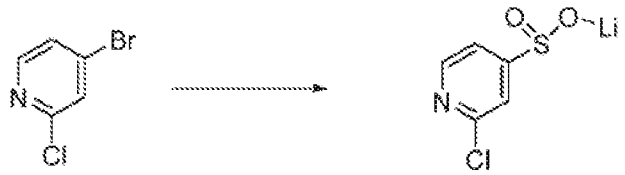


[0499] A suspension of 1-isopropyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyrimidine-5-sulfonamide (0.150 g, 0.690 mmol) and DMAP (0.169 g, 1.383 mmol) in dry MeCN (2 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes before diphenyl carbonate (0.163 g, 0.761 mmol) was added in one portion. The reaction was stirred for 18 hours, diluted with TBME (20 mL) and DCM (2 mL), and the precipitate was collected by filtration and used crude in the next step.

Intermediate P140: 1-Isopropyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-4-sulfonamide

Step A: Lithium 2-chloropyridine-4-sulfinate

[0500]

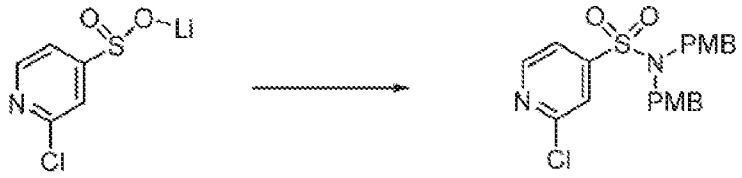


[0501] A solution of 4-bromo-2-chloropyridine (5.8 ml, 52.3 mmol) in dry THF (100 mL) at - 78°C was treated with 2.5 M BuLi (in hexanes) (22 ml, 55.0 mmol) dropwise under nitrogen. The resultant solution was stirred at -78 °C for 10

minutes and then SO_2 gas was bubbled through the solution for 20 minutes. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was triturated with TBME (100 mL). The resultant solid was filtered, rinsing with TBME, and dried *in vacuo* to afford the title compound (8.80 g, 92 %) as a dark purple solid that was used crude in the next step.

Step B: 2-Chloro-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)pyridine-4-sulfonamide

[0502]

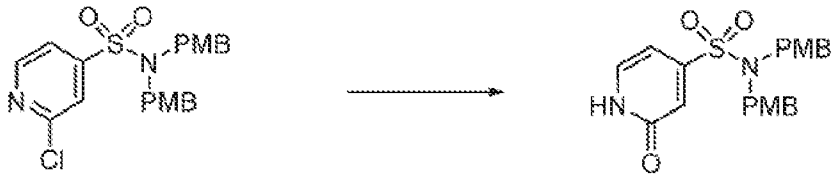


[0503] A suspension of lithium 2-chloropyridine-4-sulfinate (6.55 g, 35.7 mmol) in DCM (100 mL) at 0 °C was treated with NCS (4.862 g, 35.7 mmol) in one portion. The resultant suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 2 hours, quenched with water (50 mL) and the organic layer was collected. The aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (2 × 50 mL) and the combined organic extracts were washed with water (50 mL), dried ($MgSO_4$) and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude sulfonyl chloride intermediate. A solution of the sulfonyl chloride intermediate in DCM (10 mL) was added dropwise to a suspension of bis(4-methoxybenzyl)amine (9.42 g, 36.6 mmol) and triethylamine (15.92 ml, 114 mmol) in DCM (100 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature, stirred for 16 hours and then water (100 mL) was added. The organic layer was collected and the aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (2 × 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water (100 mL), 1 M HCl (aq) (2 × 100 mL), water (100 mL), dried ($MgSO_4$) and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford crude product which was purified by chromatography on silica gel (dry load) (80 g cartridge, 0-50% EtOAc/isohexane) to afford the title compound (0.677 g, 4 %) as an orange solid.

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.51 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, J = 7.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.04 - 6.99 (m, 4H), 6.81 - 6.75 (m, 4H), 4.38 (s, 4H), 3.78 (s, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 433 (MCl^{35}+H)$^+$ (ES^+).

Step C: N,N-Bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-4-sulfonamide

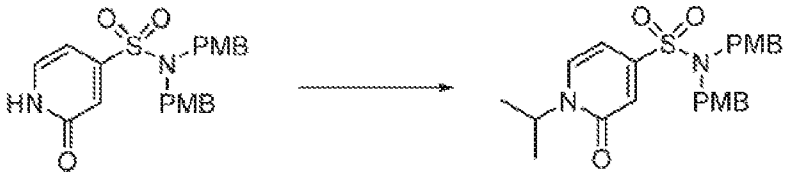
[0504]



[0505] A suspension of 2-chloro-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)pyridine-4-sulfonamide (0.365 g, 0.759 mmol) in ethane-1,2-diol (5 ml, 0.759 mmol) was treated with 2 M KOH (aq) (1.9 ml, 3.80 mmol). The resultant suspension was stirred at 140 °C for 72 hours, allowed to cool to room temperature and then diluted with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl (30 mL) and EtOAc (20 mL). The organic layer was collected and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried ($MgSO_4$) and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford crude product as a yellow solid (510 mg). The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (dry load) (12 g cartridge, 0-100% EtOAc/isohexane) to afford the title compound (0.437 g, 68 %) as a pale yellow solid. LCMS: m/z 437.3 (M+Na)$^+$ (ES^+); 413.1 (M-H)$^-$(ES^-).

Step D: 1-Isopropyl-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-4-sulfonamide

[0506]

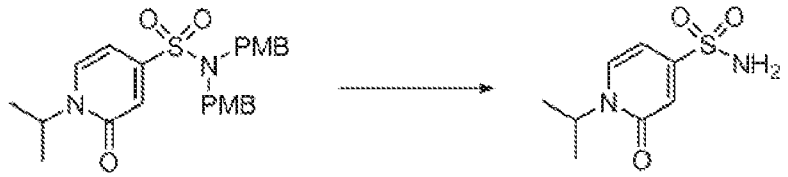


[0507] A suspension of N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-4-sulfonamide (0.437 g, 0.949 mmol) and lithium bromide (0.171 g, 1.930 mmol) in DME:DMF (7.5 mL, 4:1) at 0 °C was treated with NaH in one portion. The resultant suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 15 minutes, treated with 2-iodopropane (0.194 ml, 1.898 mmol) and heated to 65 °C for 65 hours. Further lithium bromide (0.171 g, 1.930 mmol) followed by NaH (0.053 g, 1.328 mmol) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 65 °C for 10 minutes. Then further 2-iodopropane (0.194 ml, 1.898 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 65 °C for 18 hours. EtOAc (10 mL) and saturated aqueous NH_4Cl (5 mL) were added and the organic layer was collected. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 10 mL) and the combined organic extracts were washed with 20% v/v brine (3 × 10 mL) and brine (10 mL), dried ($MgSO_4$) and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford crude product as a yellow oil. The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (dry load) (12 g cartridge, 0-100% EtOAc/isohexane) to afford the title compound (0.385 g, 77 %) as a pale yellow oil.

^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6) δ 8.06 (dd, J = 6.8,2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dd, J = 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07 -7.03 (m, 4H), 6.82 - 6.78 (m, 4H), 6.39 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (sept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (s, 4H), 3.71 (s, 6H), 1.28 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 479.3 $(M+Na)^+$ (ES^+).

Step E: 1-Isopropyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-4-sulfonamide

[0508]



[0509] 1-Isopropyl-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-4-sulfonamide (0.375 g, 0.715 mmol) was treated with TFA (2 ml, 26.0 mmol) and the resultant red solution was stirred at room temperature for 17 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, azeotroped with DCM (2×5 mL) and the crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (dry load) (4 g cartridge, 0-10% MeOH/DCM) to afford the title compound (0.160 g, 100 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.09 (dd, J = 7.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, J = 6.9,2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (br s, 2H), 5.32 (sept, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 217.3 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 215.1 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Intermediate P141: 1-Isopropyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide

Step A: 2-Chloro-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)pyridine-3-sulfonamide

[0510]

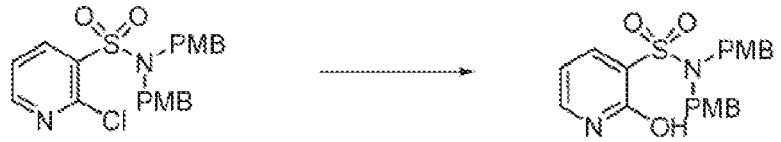
[0511] Bis(4-methoxybenzyl)amine (3.78 g, 14.41 mmol) and triethylamine (2.49 ml, 17.8 mmol) in anhydrous DCM (15 mL) were added to a solution of 2-chloropyridine-3-sulfonyl chloride (3.00 g, 13.72 mmol) in anhydrous DCM (35 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 hour, then warmed to room temperature. After 19 hours the reaction

mixture was diluted with a further portion of DCM (150 mL), washed with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl (2 × 50 mL), water (50 mL), and brine (50 mL), dried over $MgSO_4$, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give crude product as a pale orange solid. The crude product was triturated with TBME (50 mL), filtered, rinsing with TBME (2 × 40 mL), to afford the title compound (5.10 g, 80 %) as a cream coloured solid.

^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6) δ 8.61 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 7.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 - 6.98 (m, 4H), 6.86 - 6.78 (m, 4H), 4.37 (s, 4H), 3.72 (s, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 433.3(M+H)$^+$ (ES$^+$).

Step B: 2-Hydroxy-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)pyridine-3-sulfonamide

[0512]



[0513] 2 M KOH (aq) (2.15 ml, 4.30 mmol) was added to a suspension of 2-chloro-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)pyridine-3-sulfonamide (0.50 g, 1.074 mmol) in ethane-1,2-diol (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 140 °C for 66 hours, cooled to room temperature and neutralised with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl (10 mL). The mixture was then extracted with DCM (5 × 40 mL) and the combined organics were washed with brine (20 mL), dried over $MgSO_4$, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a cream solid, which was triturated with TBME (15 mL) to afford the title compound (0.38 g, 84 %) as a pale cream solid.

^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6) δ 12.29 (br s, 1H), 8.03 (dd, J=7.2, 2.2, 1H), 7.70 (dd, J=6.3, 2.2, 1H), 7.07 - 7.02 (m, 4H), 6.82 - 6.77 (m, 4H), 6.29 (dd, J=7.2, 6.3, 1H), 4.32 (s, 4H), 3.71 (s, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 437.4 (M+Na)$^+$ (ES$^+$).

Step C: 1-Isopropyl-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide

[0514]

[0515] Sodium hydride (60% dispersion in mineral oil) (0.026 g, 0.645 mmol) was added at 0 °C to a mixture of 2-hydroxy-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)pyridine-3-sulfonamide (0.26 g, 0.615 mmol) and lithium bromide (0.109 g, 1.230 mmol) in a mixture of anhydrous DME / anhydrous DMF (3 mL, 4:1). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes before 2-iodopropane (0.07 ml, 0.74 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 27 hours. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl (5mL) and diluted with EtOAc (100 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (15 mL) and brine (3 × 15 mL), dried over $MgSO_4$, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give crude product as a yellow oil. The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (24 g cartridge, 0-100% EtOAc/isohexane) to afford the title compound (0.25 g, 86 %) as a colourless oil.

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 8.06 (dd, J = 7.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, J = 6.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.11 - 7.06 (m, 4H), 6.77 - 6.72 (m, 4H), 6.26 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (sept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (s, 4H), 3.76 (s, 6H), 1.34 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 479.4 (M+Na)$^+$ (ES$^+$).

Step D: 1-Isopropyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide

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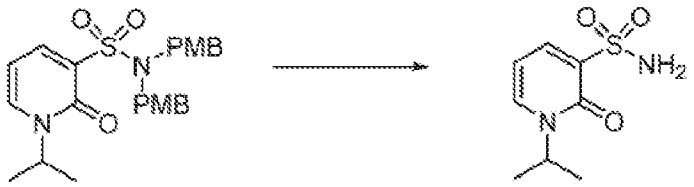
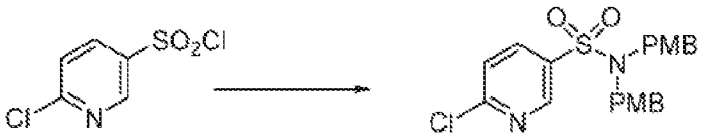


[0517] TFA (0.43 ml, 5.64 mmol) was added to a solution of 1-isopropyl-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide (0.27 g, 0.591 mmol) in anhydrous DCM (3 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 66 hours, concentrated *in vacuo*, then redissolved in DCM (5 mL), pre-adsorbed onto silica and purified by chromatography on silica gel (12 g cartridge, 0-10% MeOH/DCM) to afford the title compound (0.11 g, 82 %) as a pale brown solid.
LCMS: m/z 217.1 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Intermediate P142: (R)-1-(2-Hydroxypropyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide

Step A: 6-Chloro-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)pyridine-3-sulfonamide

[0518]

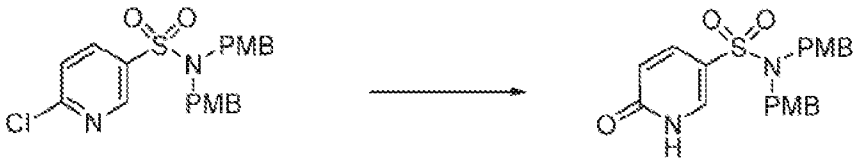


[0519] Bis(4-methoxybenzyl)amine (3.71 g, 14.41 mmol) was added to a solution of 2-chloropyridine-5-sulfonyl chloride (3.00 g, 13.72 mmol) and triethylamine (2.49 ml, 17.8 mmol) in anhydrous DCM (50 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 minutes, then at room temperature for 20 hours. The reaction mixture was diluted with a further portion of DCM (150 mL), washed with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl (3 × 40 mL) and brine (40 mL), dried over $MgSO_4$, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give crude product as a cream solid. Trituration with TBME (70 mL) and collection of the solid by filtration followed by rinsing with TBME (2 × 40 mL) gave the title compound (4.97 g, 83 %) as an off-white solid.

^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6) δ 8.76 (dd, J = 2.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.08 - 7.02 (m, 4H), 6.83 - 6.76 (m, 4H), 4.29 (s, 4H), 3.71 (s, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 433.3 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Step B: N,N-Bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide

[0520]



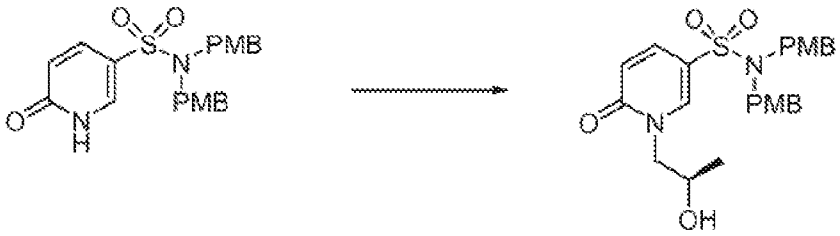
[0521] A suspension of 6-chloro-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)pyridine-3-sulfonamide (4.07 g, 9.40 mmol) in ethane-1,2-diol (90 ml, 9.40 mmol) was treated with 2 M KOH (aq) (23.50 ml, 47.0 mmol) and the resultant suspension was stirred at 140 °C for 42 hours. Then the reaction mixture was diluted with water (200 mL) and DCM (300 mL). Brine (5 mL) was added and the organic layer was collected. The aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (5 × 100 mL) and the combined organic extracts were washed with water (100 mL), dried ($MgSO_4$) and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound (2.764 g, 61 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6) δ 7.87 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, J = 9.6, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.09 - 7.03 (m, 4H), 6.84 - 6.79 (m, 4H), 6.34 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (s, 4H), 3.71 (s, 6H). One exchangeable proton not observed.

LCMS: m/z 415.4 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 413.3 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Step C: (R)-1-(2-Hydroxypropyl)-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide

[0522]

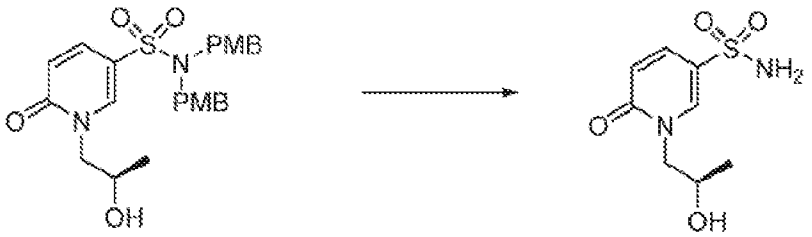


[0523] A mixture of N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide (0.206 g, 0.427 mmol) and lithium bromide (0.076 g, 0.855 mmol) in a mixture of DME: DMF (2 mL, 4:1) at 0 °C was treated with NaH (0.026 g, 0.641 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 minutes, then at room temperature for 10 minutes. (R)-2-methyloxirane (0.3 ml, 4.24 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was heated to 30 °C and stirred for 16 hours. A further portion of (R)-2-methyloxirane (0.3 ml, 4.24 mmol) was added and the reaction was stirred at 30 °C for 6 hours. Further lithium bromide (0.076 g, 0.855 mmol) followed by NaH (0.026 g, 0.641 mmol) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 30 °C for 5 minutes. Further (R)-2-methyloxirane (0.3 ml, 4.24 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 30 °C for 16 hours. Saturated aqueous NH_4Cl (4 mL) was added, followed by EtOAc (10 mL). The organic layer was collected and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water (2 × 5 mL), brine (2 × 5 mL), dried ($MgSO_4$), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford crude product which was purified by chromatography on silica gel (dry load) (4 g cartridge, 50-100% EtOAc/isohexane) to afford the title compound (0.189 g, 89 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 7.66 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 9.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.09 - 7.06 (m, 4H), 6.83 - 6.80 (m, 4H), 6.55 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (s, 4H), 4.17 - 4.07 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.62 (dd, J = 13.3, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H). One exchangeable proton not observed.
LCMS: m/z 473.4 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 471.3 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Step D: (R)-1-(2-Hydroxypropyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide

[0524]



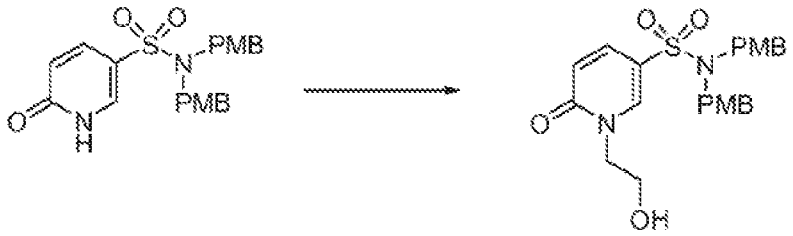
[0525] (R)-1-(2-Hydroxypropyl)-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide (0.182 g, 0.366 mmol) was suspended in DCM (1 ml, 15.54 mmol) and then treated with TFA (1 ml, 12.98 mmol). The resultant solution was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. The DCM was evaporated and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours, then at 40 °C for 21 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and azeotroped with DCM (3 × 5 mL) to afford crude product as a brown foam (0.241 g). The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (dry load) (12 g cartridge, 0-10% MeOH/DCM) to afford the title compound (0.049 g, 55 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6) δ 8.10 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 9.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (s, 2H), 6.53 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (dd, J = 13.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.91 - 3.81 (m, 1H), 3.62 (dd, J = 13.0, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.08 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H).
LCMS: m/z 233.0 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 230.9 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Intermediate P143: 1-(2-(Dimethylamino)ethyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide

Step A: 1-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide

[0526]

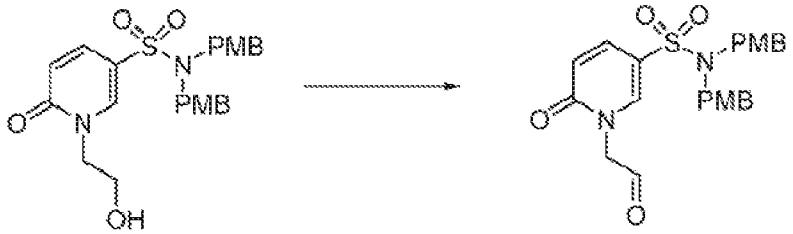


[0527] A mixture of N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P142**, Step B) (0.15 g, 0.355 mmol) and lithium bromide (0.063 g, 0.709 mmol) in DME: DMF (2 mL, 4:1) at room temperature was treated with sodium hydride (0.021 g, 0.532 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes, treated with 2-bromoethanol (0.030 ml, 0.426 mmol) and then stirred at 50 °C for 69 hours. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl (2 mL) and diluted with EtOAc (10 mL). The organic layer was collected, washed with water (2 × 5 mL) and brine (2 × 5 mL), dried ($MgSO_4$), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford crude product which was purified by chromatography on silica gel (dry load) (4 g cartridge, 50-100% EtOAc/isohexane) to afford the title compound (0.124 g, 75 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6) δ 8.16 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, J = 9.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 - 7.05 (m, 4H), 6.84 - 6.80 (m, 4H), 6.44 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (s, 4H), 3.99 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 6H), 3.62 (app. q, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H).
LCMS: m/z 459.4 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Step B: N,N-Bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-oxo-1-(2-oxoethyl)-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide

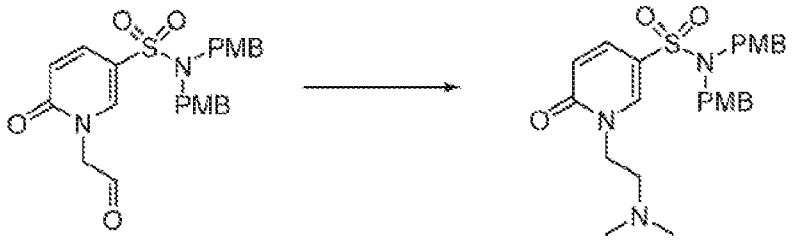
[0528]



[0529] A solution of 1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide (0.177 g, 0.363 mmol) in DCM (5 mL) was treated with Dess-Martin periodinane (0.18 g, 0.424 mmol) and stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. Further Dess-Martin periodinane (0.09 g, 0.212 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture stirred for 0.5 hour. Saturated aqueous $NaHCO_3$ (5 mL) and DCM (5 mL) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred vigorously for 10 minutes. The organic layer was collected and the aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (10 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with saturated aqueous sodium thiosulfate (10 mL) and water (10 mL), dried ($MgSO_4$), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound as a yellow oil (163 mg, 94%).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 9.65 (s, 1H), 7.61 - 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 9.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 - 7.09 (m, 4H), 6.86 - 6.82 (m, 4H), 6.57 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 4.29 (s, 4H), 3.80 (s, 6H).

Step C: 1-(2-(Dimethylamino)ethyl)-N,N-bis(1-methoxybenzyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide

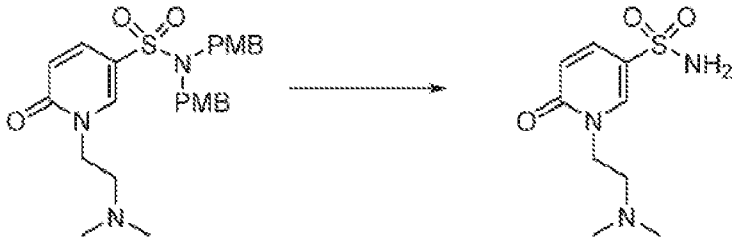
[0530]



[0531] A solution of N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-oxo-1-(2-oxoethyl)-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide (0.183 g, 0.341 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (3 ml, 38.1 mmol) was treated with 2M dimethylamine (in THF) (0.35 ml, 0.700 mmol). The resultant yellow/green solution was stirred for 30 minutes, before sodium triacetoxyborohydride (0.15 g, 0.708 mmol) was added in one portion. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 hours, then saturated aqueous $NaHCO_3$ (5 mL) was added and the organic layer was collected. The aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (2 × 5 mL) and the combined organic extracts were washed with water (5 mL), dried ($MgSO_4$), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford crude product as a yellow oil (196 mg). The crude product was loaded onto a column of SCX (1.8 g) in MeOH. The column was washed with MeOH and then the product was eluted with 0.7 M ammonia in MeOH. The resultant mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound (0.162 g, 96 %) as a clear yellow oil.
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d6) δ 8.23 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, J = 9.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 - 7.03 (m, 4H), 6.85 - 6.79 (m, 4H), 6.43 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (s, 4H), 4.03 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 6H), 2.51 - 2.45 (m, 2H), 2.15 (s, 6H). Multiplet at 2.51-2.45 is obscured by the DMSO-d6 solvent signal.

Step D: 1-(2-(Dimethylamino)ethyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide

[0532]

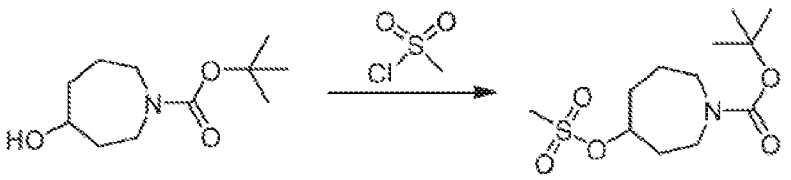


[0533] A solution of 1-(2-(dimethylamino)ethyl)-N,N-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-sulfonamide (0.159 g, 0.321 mmol) in DCM (3 ml, 46.6 mmol) was treated with TFA (0.25 ml, 3.24 mmol) dropwise at room temperature and the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 hours. Further TFA (0.25 ml, 3.24 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 hours and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in DCM (0.5 mL) and TFA (0.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was treated with TFA (2 mL) and water (0.2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 hours at room temperature and then heated to 40 °C for 18 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude product was loaded onto a column of SCX (1.9 g) in DCM. The column was washed with DCM and then the product was eluted with 0.7 M ammonia in MeOH/DCM (1:1). The resultant mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound (0.038 g,35 %) as a pale brown solid.
LCMS: m/z 246.1 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 244.0 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Intermediate P144: 1-Ethylazepane-4-sulfonamide

Step A: tert-Butyl 4-((methylsulfonyl)oxy)azepane-1-carboxylate

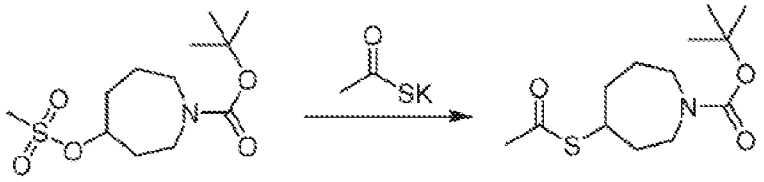
[0534]



[0535] To a solution of tert-butyl 4-hydroxyazepane-1-carboxylate (3.0 g, 14.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and N,N-diisopropylethylamine (3.2 mL, 18.0 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in dichloromethane (70 mL) was added methanesulfonyl chloride (1.2 mL, 15.0 mmol, 1.1 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour and then water was added. The organic layer was separated and then washed twice with water, once with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the title compound (3.87 g, 95 %).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 4.97 - 4.76 (m, 1 H), 3.62 - 3.24 (m, 4 H), 3.00 (s, 3 H), 2.14 - 1.83 (m, 4 H), 1.68 (q, 2 H), 1.45 (s, 9 H).

Step B: tert-Butyl 4-(acetylthio)azepane-1-carboxylate

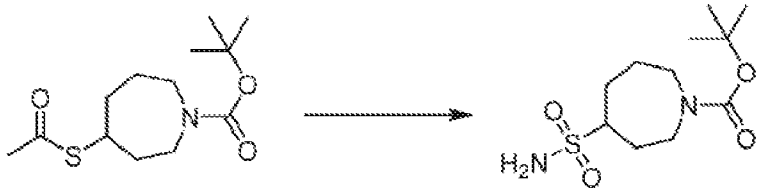
[0536]



[0537] To a solution of tert-butyl 4-((methylsulfonyl)oxy)azepane-1-carboxylate (3.87 g, 13.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dimethylformamide (50 mL) and acetonitrile (13 mL) was added potassium thioacetate (4.52 g, 39.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.). The reaction mixture was heated to 90 °C for 50 minutes and then cooled to room temperature. To the suspension was added brine and ethyl acetate. The organic layer was separated, then washed three times with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was submitted for normal phase flash column chromatography using heptane and ethyl acetate as eluent to give the title compound (2.3 g, 64 %). LC-MS: m/z 174.4 (M + H - $C_5H_9O_2$)$^+$ (ES^+).

Step C: tert-Butyl 4-sulfamoylazepane-1-carboxylate

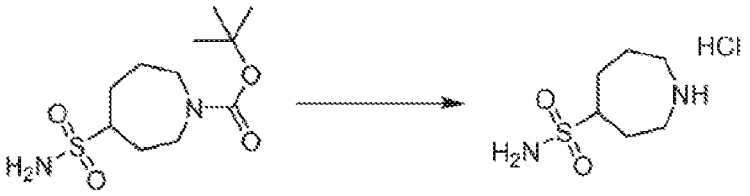
[0538]



[0539] To a solution of tert-butyl 4-(acetylthio)azepane-1-carboxylate (2.2 g, 8.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in water (8.0 ml) and acetic acid (80 mL) was added N-chlorosuccinimide (3.2 g, 24.1 mmol, 3.0 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for one hour and then added dropwise to a solution of ammonia in water (25 wt %, 500 mL) cooled in an ice bath. The mixture was adjusted to pH 9 by adding concentrated hydrochloric acid and then extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The organic layers were combined, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was submitted for normal phase flash column chromatography using dichloromethane and methanol as eluent to give the title compound (250 mg, 11 %).
^{1}H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 4.47 (s, 2 H), 3.71 — 3.46 (m, 2 H), 3.46 — 3.35 (m, 1 H), 3.36 — 3.16 (m, 1 H), 2.97 (dt, 1 H), 2.55 — 2.36 (m, 2 H), 2.07 — 1.96 (m, 1 H), 1.94 — 1.80 (m, 1 H), 1.70 — 1.60 (m, 2 H), 1.46 (s, 9 H).

Step D: Azepane-4-sulfonamide hydrochloride

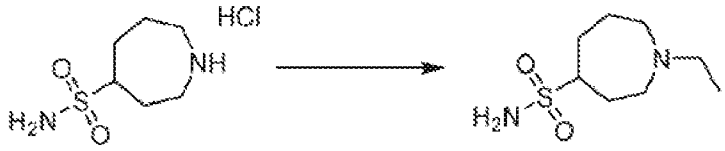
[0540]



[0541] To a solution of tert-butyl 4-sulfamoylazepane-1-carboxylate (252 mg, 0.9 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dichloromethane (10 mL) was added 4M hydrochloric acid in dioxane (5.0 mL, 18.1 mmol, 20.0 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature and then concentrated *in vacuo* to give the title compound (194 mg, quantitative yield). ^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 3.47 (ddd, 1 H), 3.29—3.16 (m, 4 H), 2.57—2.34 (m, 2 H), 2.31—2.08 (m, 2 H), 2.06—1.80 (m, 2 H).

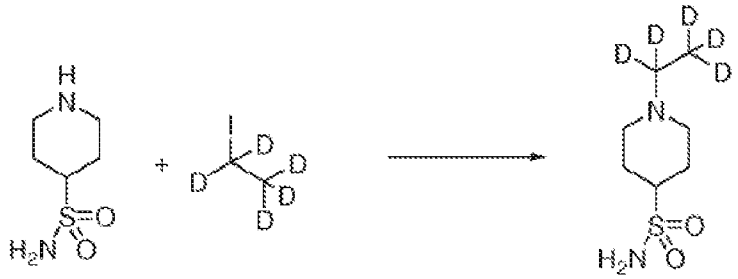
Step E: 1-Ethylazepane-4-sulfonamide

[0542]



[0543] To a suspension of azepane-4-sulfonamide hydrochloride (97 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in acetonitrile (10 mL) was added acetaldehyde (28 μL, 0.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), triethylamine (69 μL, 0.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) and then sodium triacetoxyborohydride (120 mg, 0.56 mmol, 1.25 equiv.). The suspension was stirred overnight at room temperature and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was dissolved in methanol, coated on Agilent hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and then submitted for normal phase flash column chromatography to give the title compound (29 mg, 31 %).
^{1}H NMR (DMSO-d_6) δ 6.69 (s, 2 H), 3.07 — 2.93 (m, 1 H), 2.81 — 2.51 (m, 4 H), 2.22 — 2.00 (m, 2 H), 1.91 — 1.42 (m, 6 H), 1.00 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H).

Intermediate P145: 1-(Ethyl-d5)piperidine-4-sulfonamide

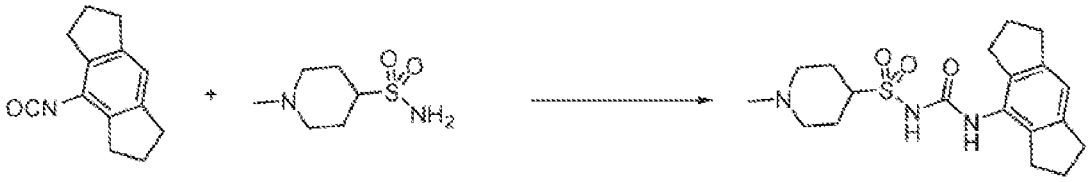


[0544] To a solution of piperidine-4-sulfonamide hydrochloride (733 mg, 3.65 mmol, 1 eq) and K_2CO_3 (2.02 g, 14.6 mmol, 4 eq) in acetonitrile (30 mL) was added 1-iodoethane-1,1,2,2,2-d5(586 mg, 3.65 mmol, 1 eq) and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 hours. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was suspended in methanol, coated on Agilent hydromatrix (a high purity, inert diatomaceous earth sorbent) and then submitted to normal phase flash chromatography using dichloromethane and a mixture of ammonia (3.5 M) in methanol to give the title compound (63 mg, 9 %) as an off-white solid.
LCMS: m/z 198 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Preparation of Examples

Example1: ***N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-methylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt.**

[0545]

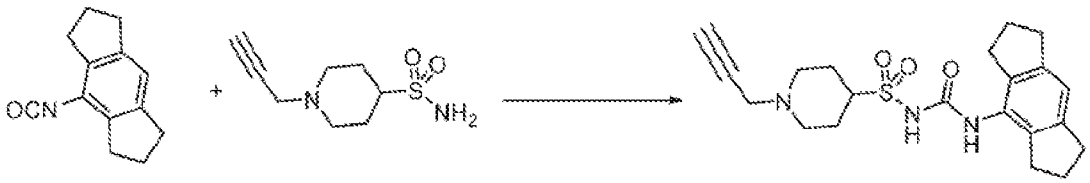


To a cooled (0 °C) solution of 1-methylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (55 mg, 0.31 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added potassium *tert*-butoxide (38 mg, 0.34 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred and allowed to warm to room temperature over 40 minutes and then a solution of 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene **(Intermediate A1;** 68 mg, 0.34 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature and the resulting precipitate was isolated by filtration and washed with THF (1 mL). The solid was triturated with EtOAc (2 mL) for 1 hour, filtered and dried *in vacuo* to afford the title compound (17 mg; 13 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.83 (s, 1 H), 4.58 (*br* s, 2 H), 3.2 (m, 1 H), 3.02 (m, 2 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.3 (s, 3 H) and 1.82-2.1 (m, 10 H).
LCMS: m/z 378 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 376 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 2: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt.

[0546]

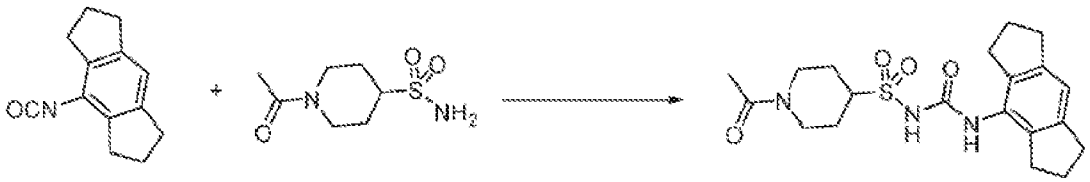


[0547] To a cooled (0 °C) solution of 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide **(Intermediate P3;** 64 mg, 0.31 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added potassium *tert*-butoxide (39 mg, 0.35 mmol). The ice bath was removed and the reaction mixture was stirred whilst being allowed to warm to room temperature over 40 minutes. A solution of 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene **(Intermediate A1;** 69 mg, 0.35 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and water (2 mL) was added. The suspension was filtered over cotton wool and subsequently submitted for purification by reversed phase column chromatography (see "Experimental Methods", "Purification Method 1") to afford the title compound (95 mg; 75 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.83 (s, 1 H), 3.38 (m, 1 H), 3.02 (m, 2 H), 2.82 (m, 10 H), 2.63 (s, 1 H), 2.27 (m, 2 H), 2.16 (m, 2 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H) and 1.88 (m, 2 H).
LCMS: m/z 402 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 400 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 3: 1-Acetyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl) piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt.

[0548]

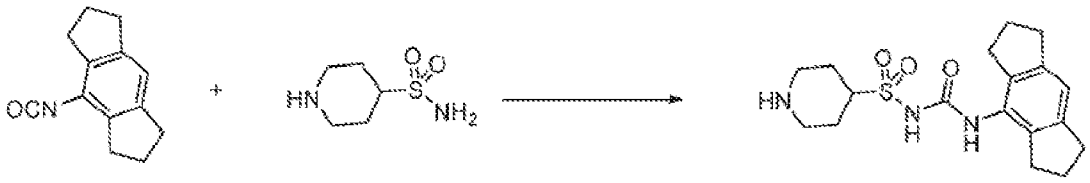


[0549] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt **(example 2)** from 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene **(Intermediate A1)** and 1-acetylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide **(Intermediate P7)** to afford the title compound (73 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.84 (s, 1 H), 4.6 (m, 2 H), 4.02 (m, 1 H), 3.62 (m, 1 H), 3.15 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.64 (m, 1 H), 2.17 (m, 1 H), 2.09 (s, 3 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H) and 1.6-1.85 (m, 2 H).
LCMS: m/z 406 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 404 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 4: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt.

[0550]

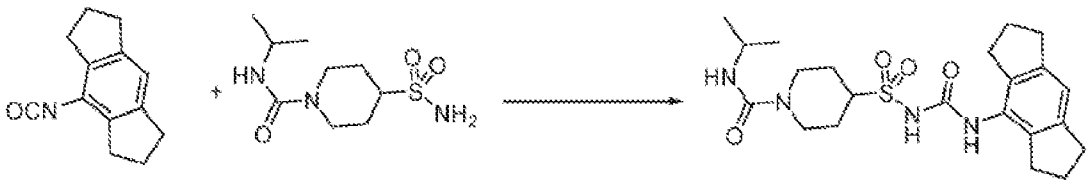


[0551] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**example 2**) from 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P4**) to afford the deprotected title compound (11 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.83 (s, 1 H), 4.6 (*br* s, 1 H), 3.6 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 10 H), 2.21 (m, 2 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H) and 1.86 (m, 4 H).
LCMS: m/z 364 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 362 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 5: 4-(*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)sulfamoyl)-*N*-isopropylpiperidine-1-carboxamide, potassium salt.

[0552]



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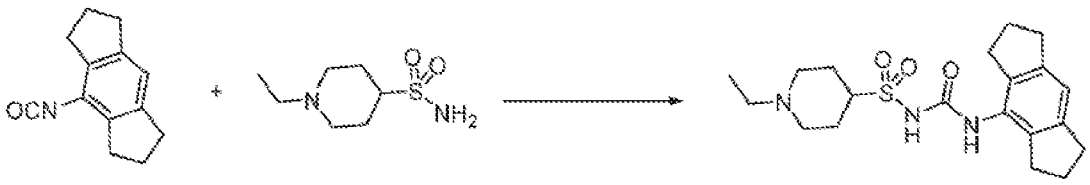
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.84 (s, 1 H), 4.14 (m, 2 H), 3.85 (m, 1 H), 3.53 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 10 H), 2.05 (m, 6 H), 1.7 (m, 2 H) and 1.12 (d, 6 H).
LCMS: m/z 449 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 447 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 6: 1-Ethyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt.

[0554]



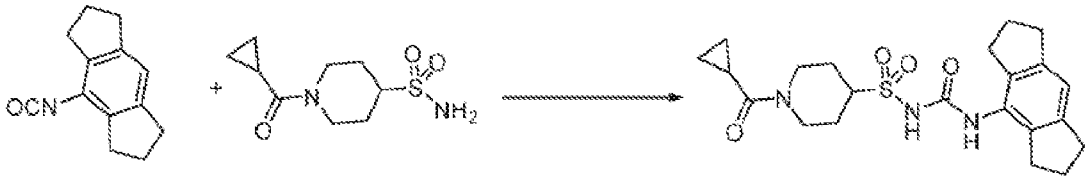
[0555] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**example 2**) from 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacene (Intermediate **A1**) and

1-ethylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide **(Intermediate P6)** to afford the title compound (14 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.83 (s, 1 H), 4.6 (*br* s, 1 H), 3.18 (m, 2 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.55 (q, 2 H), 2.17 (m, 4 H), 1.85-2.08 (m, 6 H) and 1.16 (t, 3 H).
LCMS: m/z 392 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 390 (M-H)- (ES^-).

Example 7: 1-(Cyclopropanecarbonyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt.

[0556]



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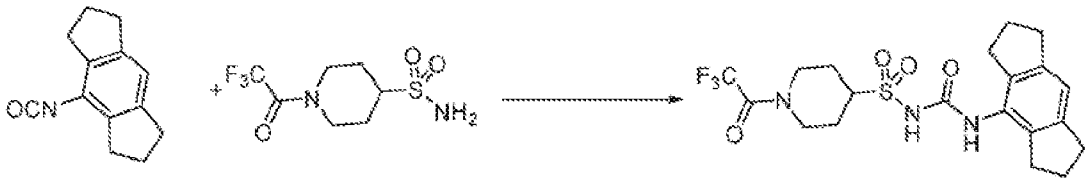
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.84 (s, 1 H), 4.58 (m, 1 H), 4.42 (m, 1 H), 3.6 (m, 1 H), 3.18 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.64 (m, 1 H), 2.08 (m, 1 H), 2.02 (m, 6 H), 1.8-1.94 (m, 2 H) and 0.92 (m, 4 H).
LCMS: m/z 432 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 430 (M-H)- (ES^-).

Example 8: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt.

[0558]



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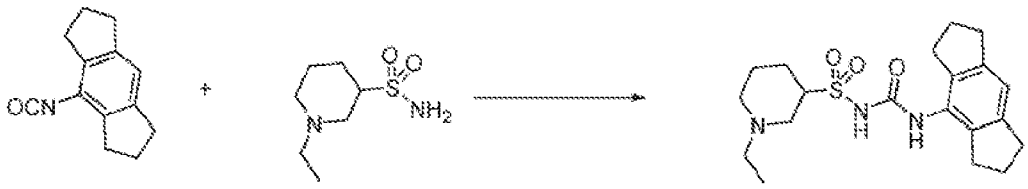
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.84 (s, 1 H), 4.51 (m, 2 H), 4.09 (m, 1 H), 3.7 (m, 1 H), 2.92 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.12 (m, 2 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H) and 1.8 (m, 2 H).
LCMS: m/z 460 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 458 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 9: 1-Ethyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-piperidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0560]

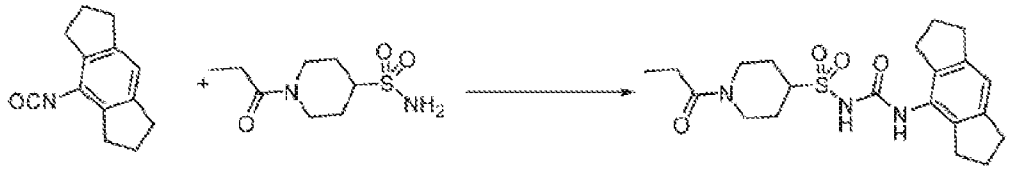


[0561] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**example 2**) from 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-ethylpiperidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P15**) to afford the afford the title compound (23 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.83 (s, 1 H), 3.61 (m, 1 H), 3.45 (m, 1 H), 2.94 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.55 (q, 2 H), 2.23 (m, 2 H), 2.03 (m, 6 H), 1.83 (m, 1 H), 1.63 (m, 2 H) and 1.16 (t, 3 H).
LCMS: m/z 392 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 390 (M-H)- (ES^-).

Example 10: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-propionylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0562]

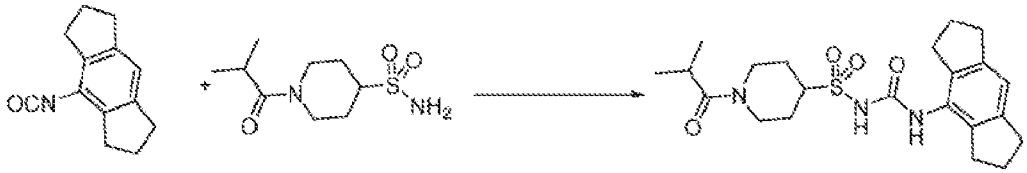


[0563] Prepared as described for 1-ethyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-piperidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**example 9**) from 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-propionylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P10**) to afford the title compound (32 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.83 (s, 1 H), 4.62 (m, 1 H), 4.04 (m, 1 H), 3.61 (m, 1 H), 3.09 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 6 H), 2.65 (m, 1 H), 2.42 (q, 2 H), 2.17 (m, 2 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H), 1.7 (m, 2 H) and 1.12 (t, 3 H).
LCMS: m/z 420 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 418 (M-H)- (ES^-).

Example 11: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-isobutyrylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0564]



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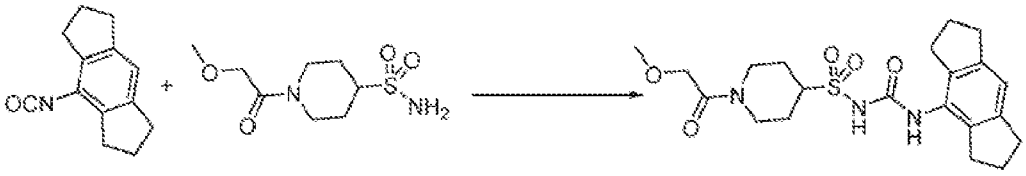
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.83 (s, 1 H), 4.62 (m, 1 H), 4.18 (m, 1 H), 3.65 (m, 1 H), 3.07 (m, 1 H), 2.96 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.65 (m, 1 H), 2.17 (m, 2 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H), 1.7 (m, 2 H) and 1.09 (t, 6 H).
LCMS: m/z 434 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Example 12: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(2-methoxyacetyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0566]

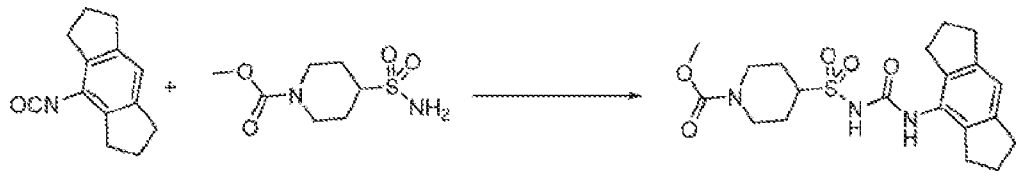


[0567] Prepared as described for 1-ethyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-piperidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt **(example 9)** from 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacene **(Intermediate A1)** and 1-(2-methoxyacetyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide **(Intermediate P12)** to afford the title compound (5 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.91 (s, 1 H), 4.19 (q, 2 H), 4.0 (m, 1 H), 3.7 (m, 1 H), 3.41 (s, 3 H), 3.23-3.03 (m, 2 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.7 (m, 1 H), 2.19 (m, 2 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H) and 1.77 (m, 2 H).
LCMS: m/z 436 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Example 13: Methyl 4-(*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)sulfamoyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate, potassium salt

[0568]

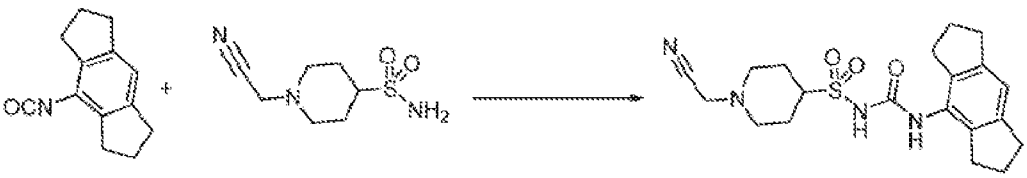


[0569] Prepared as described for 1-ethyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-piperidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt **(example 9)** from 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacene **(Intermediate A1)** and methyl 4-sulfamoylpiperidine-1-carboxylate **(Intermediate P13)** to afford the title compound (32 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.85 (s, 1 H), 4.2 (m, 2 H), 3.68 (s, 3 H), 3.55 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 10 H), 2.03 (m, 6 H) and 1.7 (m, 2 H).
LCMS: m/z 422 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 420 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 14: 1-(Cyanomethyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0570]



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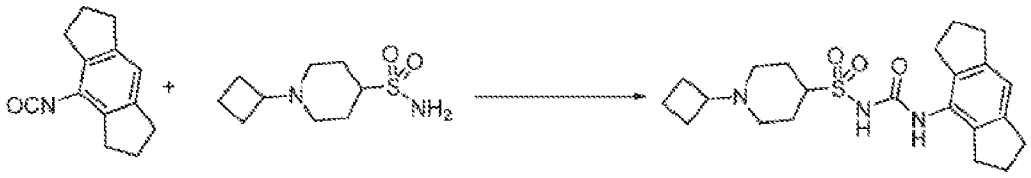
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.87 (s, 1 H), 3.64 (s, 2 H), 3.38 (m, 1 H), 2.96 (m, 2 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.3 (m, 2 H), 2.18 (m, 2 H), 2.02 (m, 5 H) and 1.86 (m, 2 H).
LCMS: m/z 403 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 401 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 15: 1-Cyclobutyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0572]

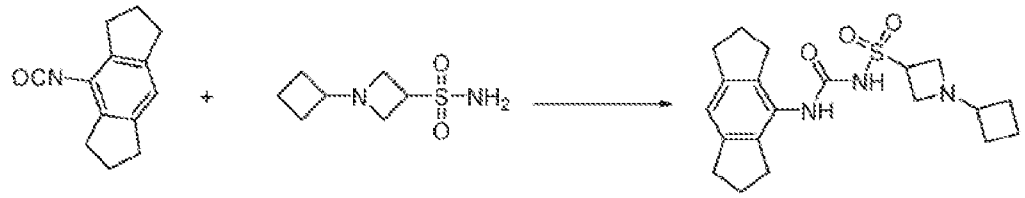


[0573] Prepared as described for 1-ethyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-piperidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt **(example 9)** from 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacene **(Intermediate A1)** and 1-cyclobutylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide **(Intermediate P14)** to afford the title compound (20 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.87 (s, 1 H), 5.2 (s, 1 H), 3.47 (q, 2 H), 3.02 (m, 2 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.18-1.97 (m, 6 H), 1.97-1.82 (m, 4 H), 1.72 (m, 2 H) and 1.35 (m, 4 H).
LCMS: m/z 418 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 416 (M-H)- (ES^-).

Example 18: 1-Cyclobutyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0574]



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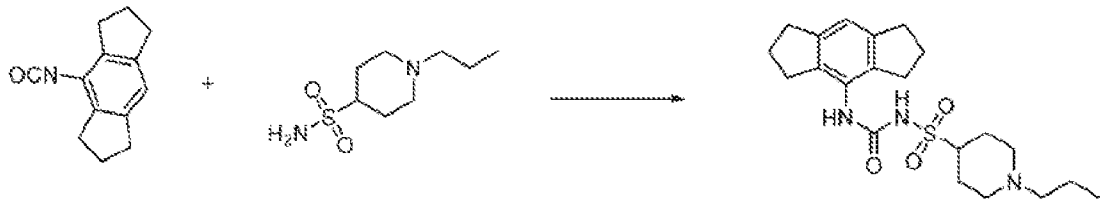
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.86 (s, 1H), 4.34 (t, 1H), 3.63 (dd, 4H), 2.81 (m, 11H), 2.02 (m, 4H), 1.95 - 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.82 - 1.65 (m, 2H).
LCMS: m/z 390 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 388 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 19: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-propyl piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0576]



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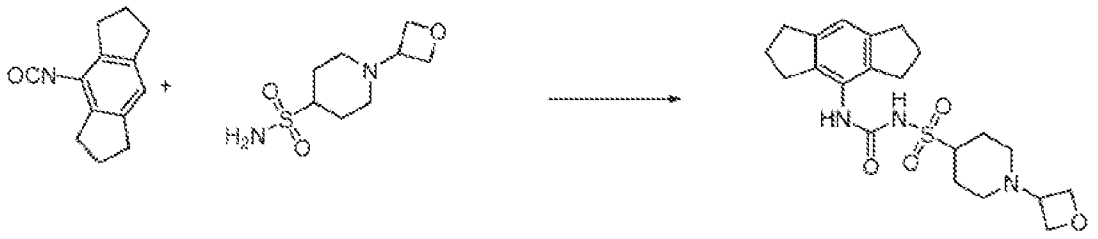
LCMS: m/z 406 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 404 (M-H)- (ES^-).

Example 20: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(oxetan-3-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0578]



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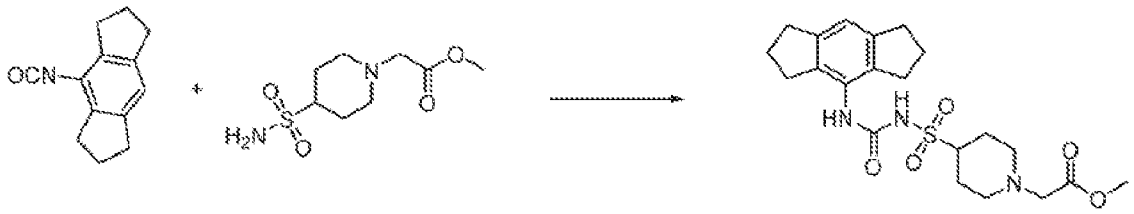
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.62 (m, 4 H), 3.47 (m, 1 H), 3.4 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 10 H), 2.18 (m, 2 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H) and 1.87 (m, 4 H).
LCMS: m/z 420 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 418 (M-H)- (ES^-).

Example 21: Methyl 2-(4-(N-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)sulfamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)acetate, potassium salt

[0580]



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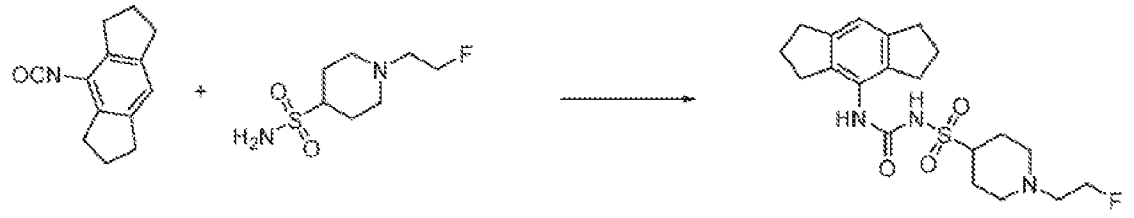
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 3.69 (s, 3 H), 3.3 (m, 2 H), 3.24 (s, 2 H), 3.03 (m, 2 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.22 (m, 2 H) and 2.03 (m, 8 H).
LCMS: m/z 436 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 434 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 22: 1-(2-Fluoroethyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0582]



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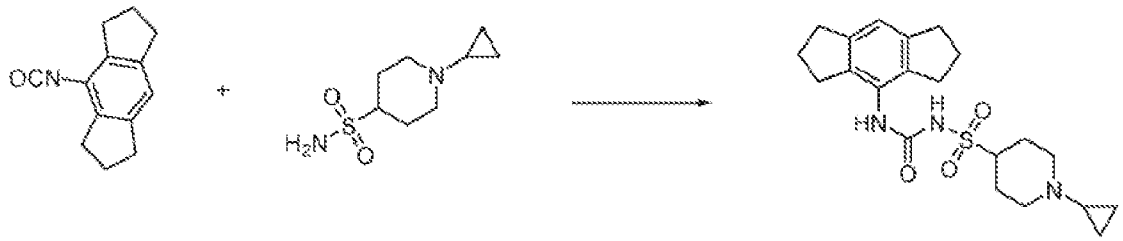
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.65 (m, 1 H), 4.48 (m, 1 H), 3.4 (m, 1 H), 3.08 (m, 2 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.74 (m, 1 H), 2.64 (m, 1 H), 2.13 (m, 4 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H) and 1.9 (m, 2 H).
LCMS: m/z 410 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Example 23: 1-Cyclopropyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0584]



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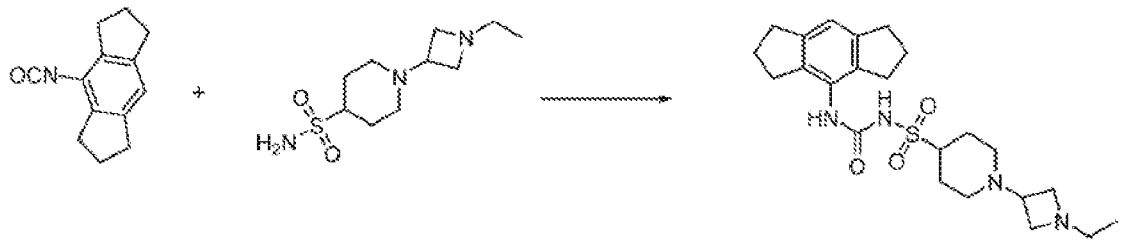
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 3.43 (m, 1 H), 3.15 (m, 2 H), 2.82 (m, 6 H), 2.25 (m, 2 H), 2.04 (m, 6 H), 1.82 (m, 2 H), 1.64 (m, 1 H) and 0.44 (m, 4 H).
LCMS: m/z 404 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 402 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 24: 1-(1-Ethylazetidin-3-yl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt

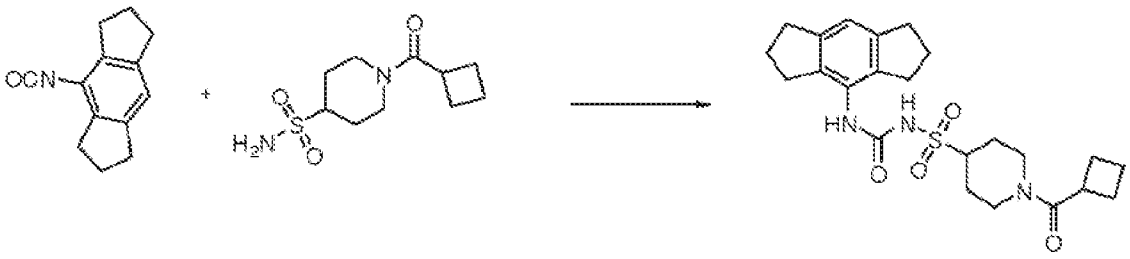
[0586]



[0587] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt **(Example 2)** using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene **(Intermediate A1)** and 1-(1-ethylazetidin-3-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide **(Intermediate P20)** to afford the title compound (34 %) as a white solid.
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 3.65 (m, 2 H), 3.33 (m, 1 H), 3.05 (m, 3), 2.82 (m, 10 H), 2.63 (m, 2 H), 2.14 (m, 2 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H), 1.83 (m, 4 H), and 1.01 (t, 3 H). LCMS: m/z 447 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 445 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 25: 1-(Cyclobutanecarbonyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0588]

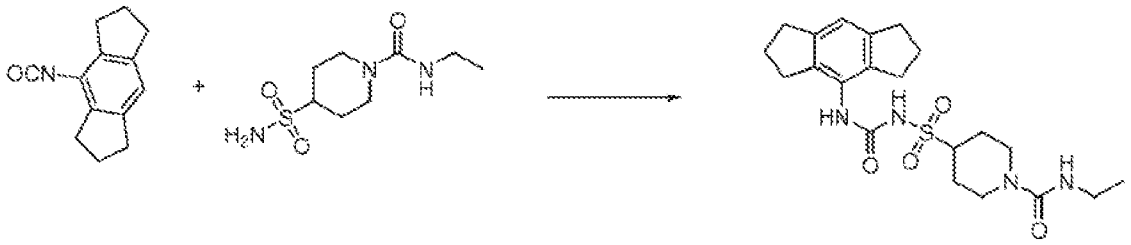


[0589] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt **(Example 2)** using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacene **(Intermediate A1)** and 1-(cyclobutanecarbonyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide **(Intermediate P21)** to afford the title compound (29 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.58 (m, 1 H), 3.91 (m, 1 H), 3.40 (m, 1 H), 3.02 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.63 (m, 1 H), 2.2 (m, 6 H), 2.02 (m, 6 H), 1.83 (m, 1 H) and 1.67 (m, 2 H).
LCMS: m/z 446 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 444 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 26: *N*-Ethyl-4-(*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)sulfamoyl)piperidine-1-carboxamide, potassium salt

[0590]

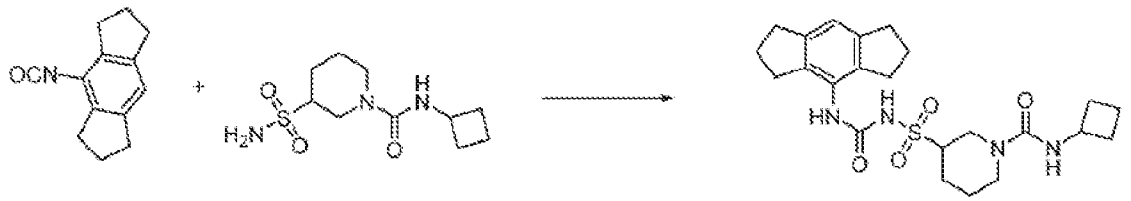


[0591] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt **(Example 2)** using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacene **(Intermediate A1)** and *N*-ethyl-4-sulfamoylpiperidine-1-carboxamide **(Intermediate P22)** to afford the title compound (5 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.13 (m, 2 H), 3.56 (m, 1 H), 3.18 (m, 2 H), 2.82 (m, 10 H), 2.02 (m, 6 H), 1.7 (m, 2 H) and 1.1 (t, 3 H).
LCMS: m/z 435 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Example 27: *N*-Cyclobutyl-3-(*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)sulfamoyl)piperidine-1-carboxamide, potassium salt

[0592]

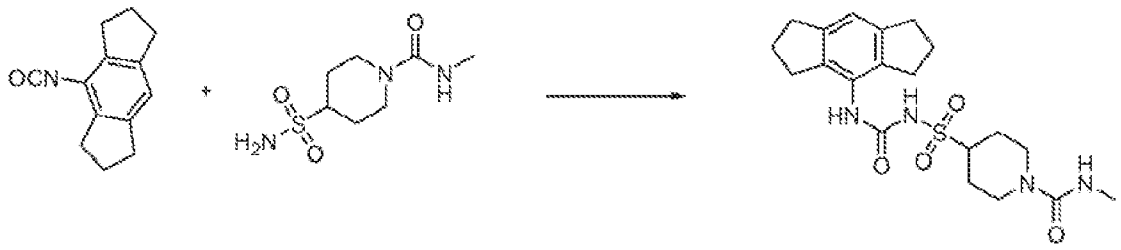


[0593] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt **(Example 2)** using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacene **(Intermediate A1)** and *N*-cyclobutyl-3-sulfamoylpiperidine-1-carboxamide to afford the title compound (11 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.3 (m, 2 H), 4.03 (m, 2 H), 3.46 (m, 1 H), 2.99 (m, 2 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.65 (m, 2 H), 2.27 (m, 1 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H), 1.8 (m, 4 H), 1.6 (m, 2 H), 1.44 (m, 1 H).
LCMS: m/z 461 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Example 28: 4-(*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl) sulfamoyl)-*N*-methylpiperidine-1-carboxamide, potassium salt

[0594]

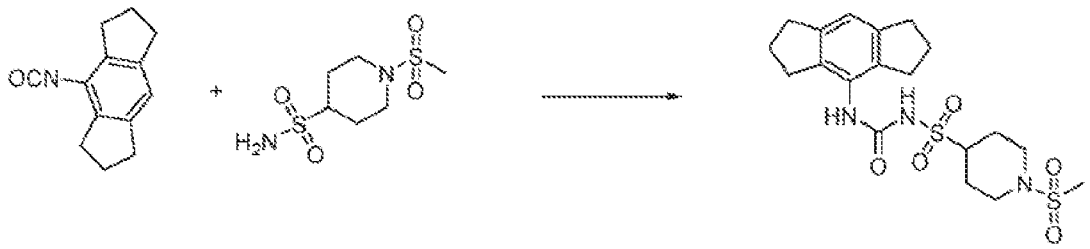


[0595] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt **(Example 2)** using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene **(Intermediate A1)** and *N*-methyl-4-sulfamoylpiperidine-1-carboxamide **(Intermediate P23)** to afford the title compound (9 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.11 (m, 2 H), 3.55 (m, 1 H), 3.02 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 9 H), 2.73 (m, 1 H), 2.7 (s, 3 H), 2.02 (m, 6 H) and 1.7 (m, 2 H).
LCMS: m/z 421 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Example 29: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-**(methylsulfonyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt**

[0596]



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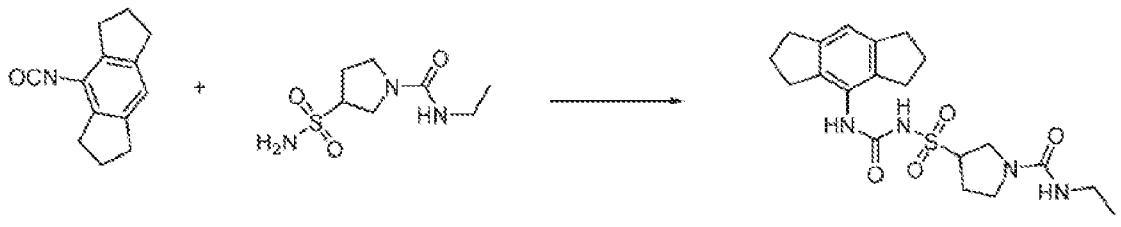
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) rotamer mixture δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 3.92 (m, 2 H, rotamer a), 3.82 (m, 2 H, rotamer b), 3.55 (m, 1 H), 3.0 (m, 1 H) 2.82 (m, 12 H), 2.22 (m, 2 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H), 1.87 (m, 2 H).
LCMS: m/z 442 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Example 30: *N*-Ethyl-3-(*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)sulfamoyl)pyrrolidine-i-carboxamide, potassium salt

[0598]



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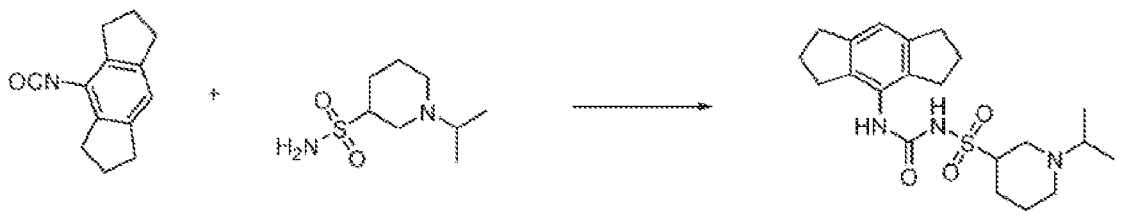
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.25 (m, 1 H), 3.63 (m, 3 H), 3.18 (m, 2 H), 2.82 (m, 10 H), 2.39 (m, 1 H), 2.23 (m, 1 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H) and 1.08 (t, 3 H).
LCMS: m/z 421 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 419 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 31: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-*iso*-propyl-piperidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0600]



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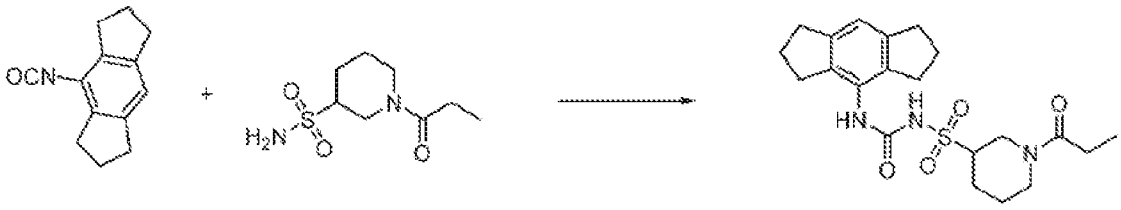
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.89 (s, 1 H), 3.78 (m, 1 H), 3.5 (m, 1 H), 3.05 (m, 1 H), 2.8 (m, 8 H), 2.7 (m, 2 H), 2.45 (m, 1 H), 2.21 (m, 1 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H), 1.86 (m, 1 H), 1.67 (m, 2 H) and 1.17 (d, 6 H).
LCMS: m/z 406 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Example 32: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-propionylpiperidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0602]

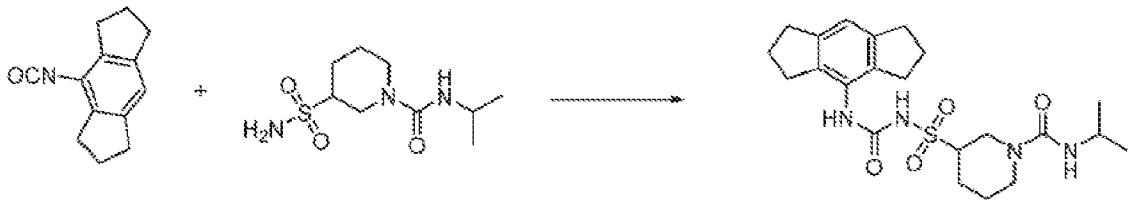


[0603] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt **(Example 2)** using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene **(Intermediate A1)** and 1-propionylpiperidine-3-sulfonamide to afford the title compound (27 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) rotamer mixture δ 6.87 (s, 1 H), 4.96 (m, 1 H, rotamer a), 4.4 (m, 1 H, rotamer b), 4.28 (m, 1 H, rotamer a), 3.87 (m, 1 H, rotamer b), 3.52 (m, 1 H), 3.01 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.64 (m, 1 H), 2.42 (m, 2 H), 2.28 (m, 1 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H), 1.85 (m, 2 H), 1.5 (m, 1 H) and 1.1 (t, 3 H).
LCMS: m/z 420 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 418 (M-H)- (ES^-).

Example 33: 3-(*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl) sulfamoyl)-*N*-*iso*-propylpiperidine-1-carboxamide, potassium salt

[0604]

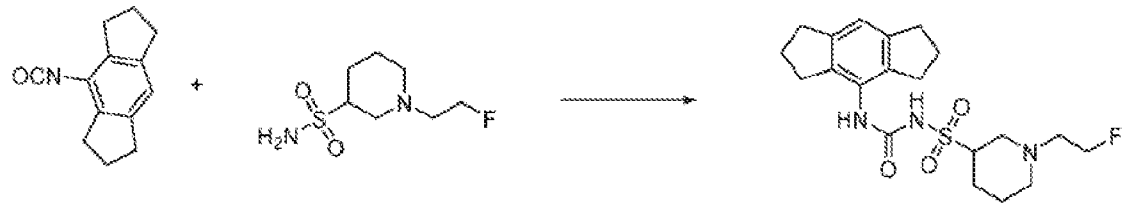


[0605] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt **(Example 2)** using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene **(Intermediate A1)** and *N*-isopropyl-3-sulfamoylpiperidine-1-carboxamide **(Intermediate P26)** to afford the title compound (55 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.35 (m, 1 H), 4.0 (m, 1 H), 3.85 (m, 1 H), 3.42 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 9 H), 2.68 (m, 2 H), 2.28 (m, 1 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H), 1.79 (m, 2 H), 1.45 (m, 1 H) and 1.1 (d, 6 H).
LCMS: m/z 449 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 447 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 34: 1-(2-Fluoroethyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)piperidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0606]

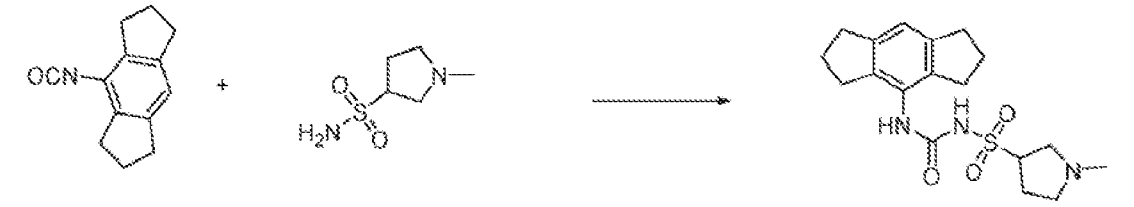


[0607] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt **(Example 2)** using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene **(Intermediate A1)** and 1-(2-fluoroethyl)piperidine-3-sulfonamide to afford the title compound (2 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.84 (m, 1 H), 4.64 (m, 1 H), 3.61 (m, 1 H), 3.41 (m, 1 H), 2.91 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.69 (m, 2 H), 2.31 (m, 1 H), 2.21 (m, 1 H), 2.02 (m, 5 H), 1.79 (m, 1 H) and 1.61 (m, 2 H).
LCMS: m/z 410 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 408 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 36: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0608]

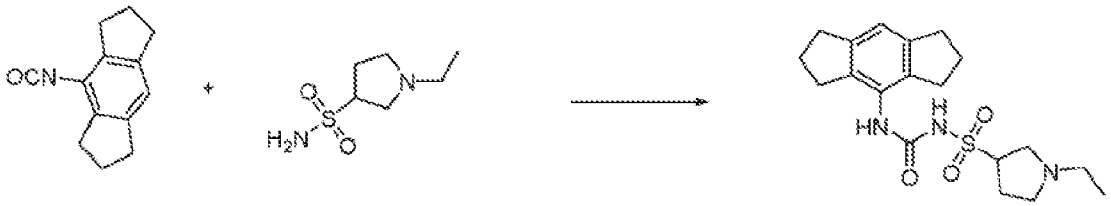


[0609] Prepared as described for N-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt **(Example 2)** using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacene **(Intermediate A1)** and 1-methyl-pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide **(Intermediate P27)** to afford the title compound (19 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.21 (m, 1 H), 3.1 (m, 1 H), 2.9 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 9 H), 2.62 (m, 1 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H), 2.33 (m, 1 H), 2.19 (m, 1 H) and 2.02 (m, 4 H).
LCMS: m/z 364 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 362 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 37: 1-Ethyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl) pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0610]



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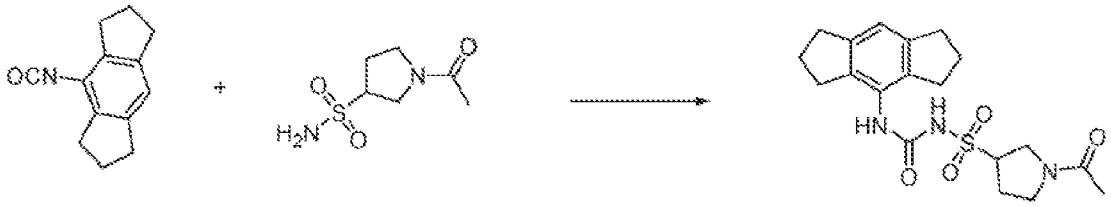
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.21 (m, 1 H), 3.0 (m, 2 H), 2.82 (m, 10 H), 2.7 (m, 2 H), 2.38 (m, 1 H), 2.22 (m, 1 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H) and 1.18 (t, 3 H).
LCMS: m/z 378 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 376 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 38: 1-Acetyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl) pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0612]



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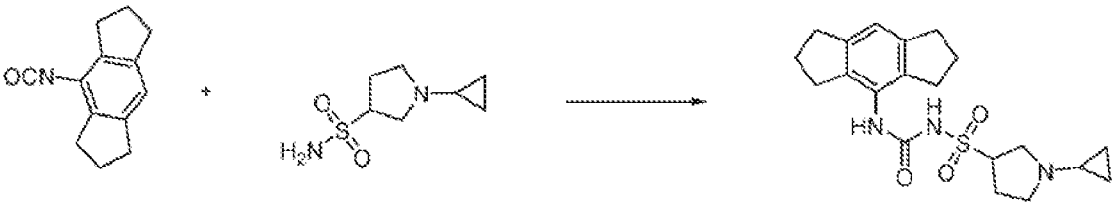
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.24 (m, 1 H), 3.9 (m, 1 H), 3.75 (m, 1 H), 3.57 (m, 1 H), 3.45 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.38 (m, 2 H) and 2.02 (m, 7 H).
LCMS: m/z 392 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 390 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 39: 1-Cyclopropyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0614]



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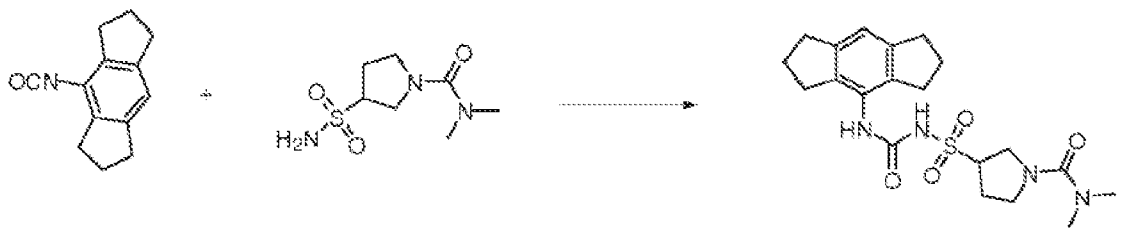
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.18 (m, 1 H), 3.22 (m, 1 H), 3.02 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 10 H), 2.29 (m, 1 H), 2.16 (m, 1 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H), 1.81 (m, 1 H) and 1.45 (m, 4 H).
LCMS: m/z 390 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 388 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 40: 3-(*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl) sulfamoyl)-*N*,*N*-dimethylpyrrolidine-1-carboxamide

[0616]

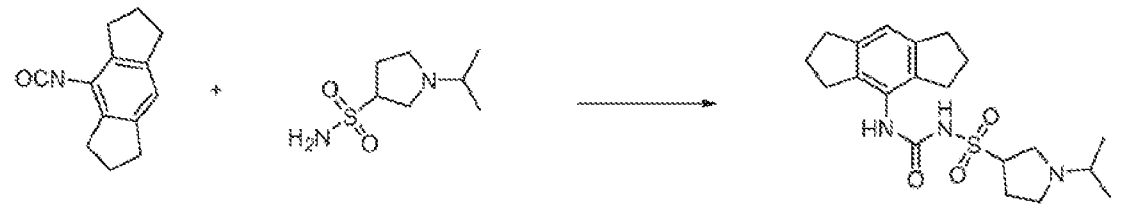


[0617] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and *N*,*N*-dimethyl-3-sulfamoylpyrrolidine-1-carboxamide (**Intermediate P31**) to afford the title compound as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.18 (m, 1 H), 3.82 (m, 1 H), 3.64 (m, 2 H), 3.44 (m, 1 H), 2.86 (s, 6 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.34 (m, 1 H), 2.19 (m, 1 H) and 2.02 (m, 4 H).
LCMS: m/z 421 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 419 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 41: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-iso-propylpyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0618]

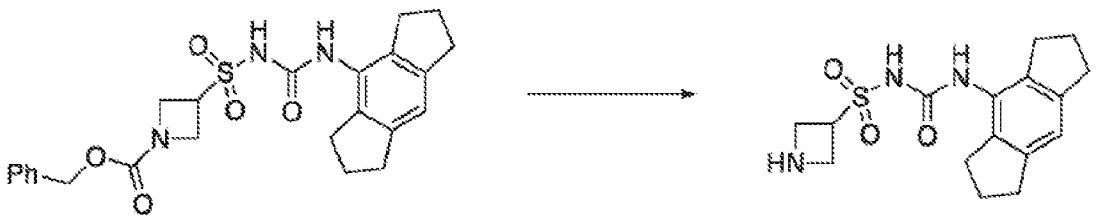


[0619] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-isopropylpyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P32**) to afford the title compound (36 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.21 (m, 1 H), 3.38 (m, 1 H), 3.04 (m, 2 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.72 (m, 2 H), 2.38 (m, 1 H), 2.2 (m, 1 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H) and 1.19 (d, 6 H).
LCMS: m/z 392 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 390 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 42: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl) azetidine -3-sulfonamide.

[0620]

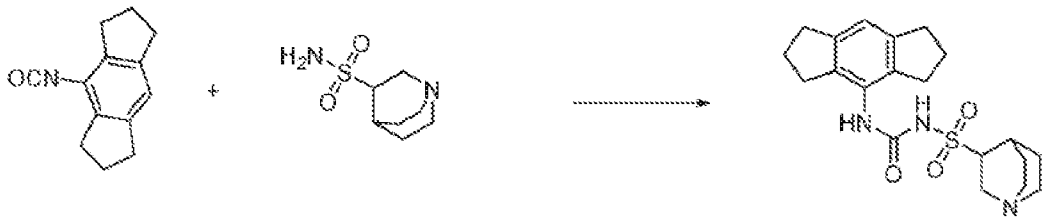


[0621] To a solution of benzyl 3-(*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl) sulfamoyl)azetidine-1-carboxylate, potassium salt (**Example 71**) in methanol was added Pd/C and the reaction was heated to 65 °C under an atmosphere of hydrogen. Upon cooling, the mixture was filtered and purified by reversed phase chromatography (see "Experimental Methods", "Purification Method 1") to afford the title compound (28 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.84 (s, 1 H), 4.8 (s, 1 H), 4.58 (m, 1 H), 4.04 (m, 1 H), 3.7 (m, 1 H), 3.3 (m, 1 H), 2.8 (m, 8 H) and 2.02 (m, 4 H).
LCMS: m/z 337 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Example 43: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl) quinuclidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0622]

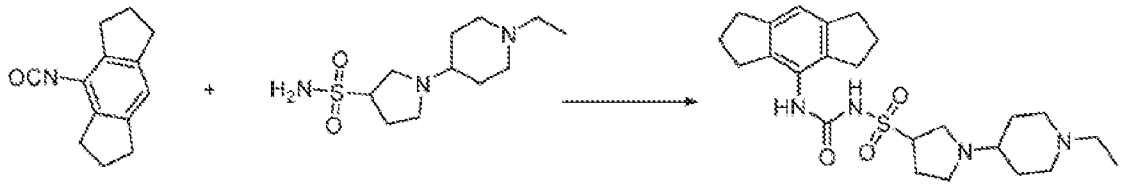


[0623] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and quinuclidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P34**) to afford the title compound (7 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (300 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.18 (m, 1 H), 3.97 (m, 1 H), 3.82 (m, 1 H), 3.62 (m, 1 H), 3.58 (m, 2 H), 3.08 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.41 (m, 2 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H), 1.77 (m, 2 H) and 1.48 (m, 1 H).
LCMS: m/z 390 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 388 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 44: 1-(1-Ethylpiperidin-4-yl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0624]

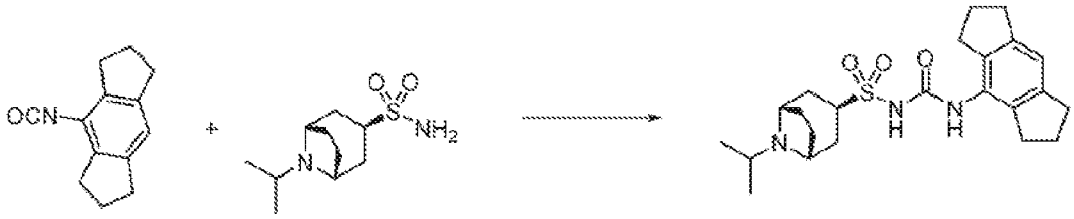


[0625] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(1-ethylpiperidin-4-yl)pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P35**) to afford the title compound (29 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.18 (m, 1 H), 3.72 (m, 1 H), 3.2 (m, 2 H), 3.08 (m, 2 H), 2.93 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.71 (m, 2 H), 2.6 (m, 2 H), 2.48 (m, 1 H), 2.23 (m, 4 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H), 1.65 (m, 2 H) and 1.18 (t, 3 H).
LCMS: m/z 461 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 459 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 45: (1R*,3R*,5S*)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-8-isopropyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0626]

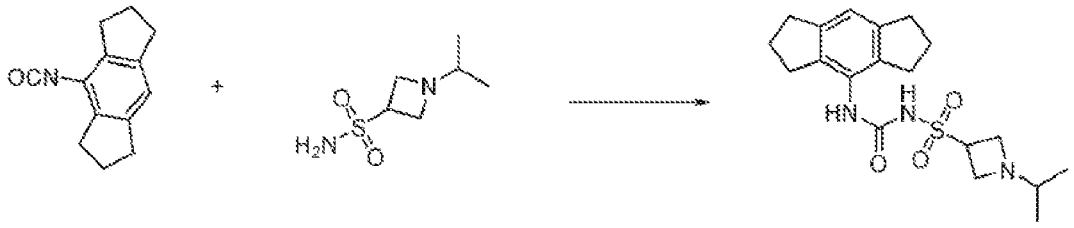


[0627] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and (1R*,3R*,5S*)-8-isopropyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P36**) to afford the title compound (12 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.02 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.68 (m, 1 H), 2.22 (m, 10 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H) and 1.38 (d, 6 H).
LCMS: m/z 432 (M+H)+ (ES+); 430 (M-H)- (ES-).

Example 46: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-iso-propylazetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0628]

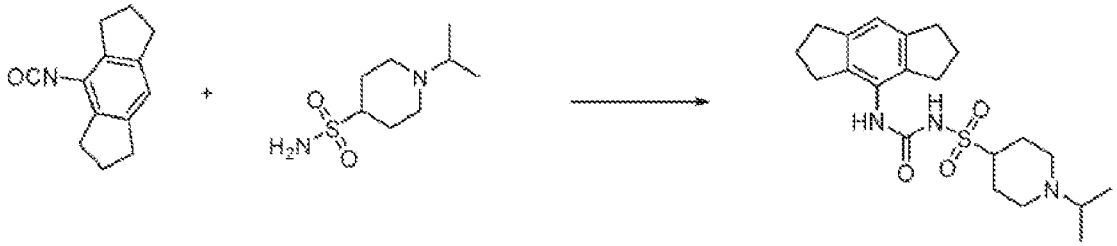


[0629] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-iso-propylazetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P37**) to afford the title compound (57 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.33 (m, 1 H), 3.88 (m, 4 H), 2.82 (m, 9 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H), and 1.03 (d, 6 H).
LCMS: m/z 378 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 376 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 47: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-iso-propylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0630]



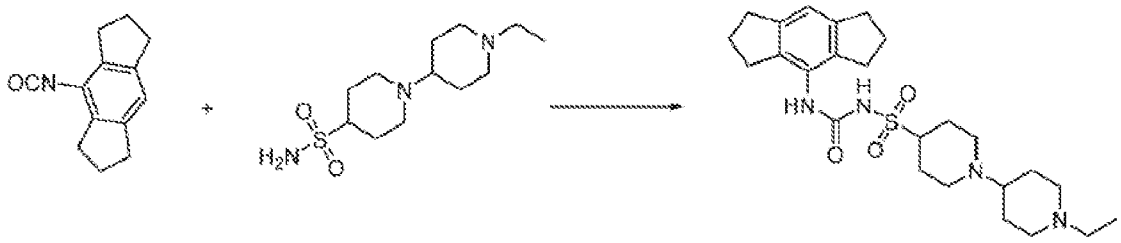
[0631] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-isopropylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P138**) to afford the title compound (59 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 3.03 (m, 2 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.72 (m, 1 H), 2.18 (m, 5 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H), 1.88 (m, 2 H) and 1.07 (d, 6 H).

LCMS: m/z 406 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 404 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 48: 1'-Ethyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-[1,4'-bipiperidine]-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0632]

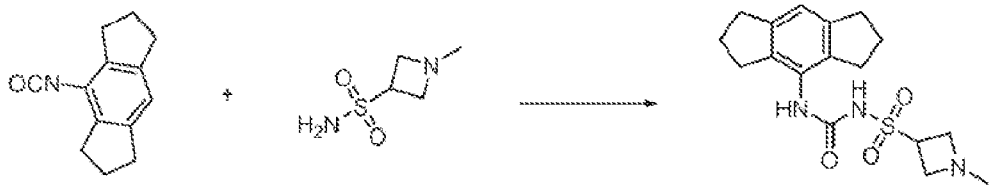


[0633] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1'-ethyl-[1,4'-bipiperidine]-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P38**) to afford the title compound (22 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 3.4 (m, 1 H), 3.19 (m, 4 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.7 (m, 2 H), 2.58 (m, 1 H), 2.38 (m, 4 H), 2.18 (m, 2 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H), 1.93 (m, 4 H), 1.7 (m, 2 H) and 1.18 (t, 3 H).
LCMS: m/z 475 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 473 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 49: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-methylazetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0634]

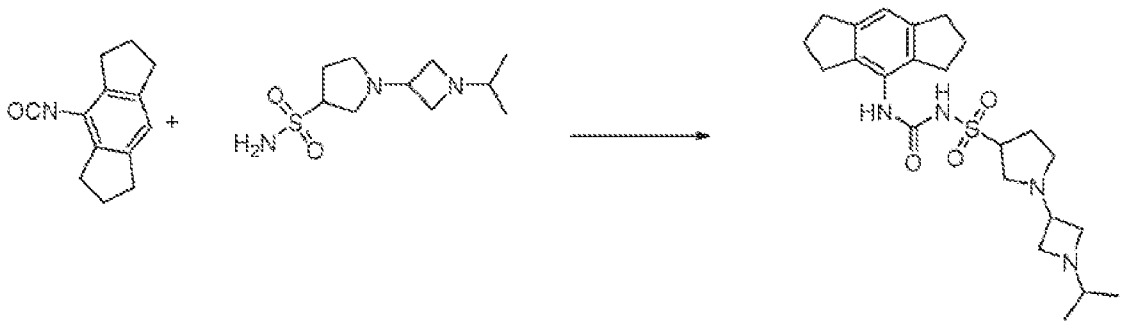


[0635] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-methylazetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P39**) to afford the title compound (13 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.35 (m, 1 H), 4.18 (m, 4 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.77 (s, 3 H) and 2.02 (m, 4 H).
LCMS: m/z 350 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 348 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 51: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(1-isopropylazetidin-3-yl)pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0636]



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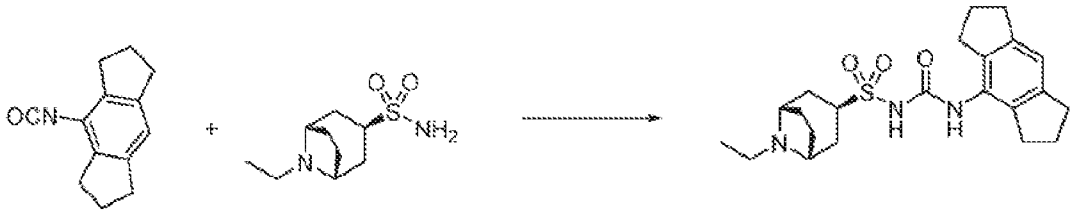
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.19 (m, 1 H), 3.72 (m, 2 H), 3.36 (m, 1 H), 3.21 (m, 1 H), 2.97 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 10 H), 2.8 (m, 1 H), 2.63 (m, 2 H), 2.33 (m, 1 H), 2.17 (m, 1 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H) and 1.03 (d, 6 H).
LCMS: m/z 447 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Example 52: (1R*,3R*,5S*)-8-Ethyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0638]



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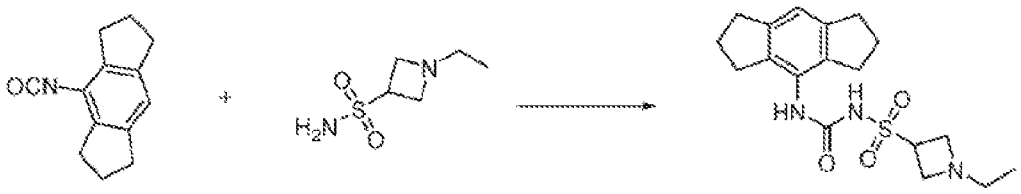
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 3.91 (m, 1 H), 3.64 (m, 2 H), 2.82 (m, 10 H), 2.5 (m, 3 H), 2.29 (m, 3 H), 2.02 (m, 6 H) and 1.12 (t, 3 H).
LCMS: m/z 418 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 416 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 53: 1-Ethyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl) azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0640]



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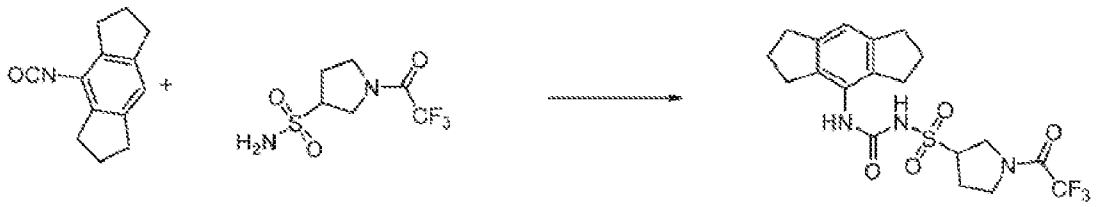
and 1-ethylazetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P43**) to afford the title compound (18 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.35 (m, 1 H), 3.78 (m, 2 H), 3.63 (m, 2 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.68 (m, 2 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H) and 1.01 (t, 3 H).
LCMS: m/z 364 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 362 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 54: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)pyrrolidine-3-sxilfonamide, potassium salt

[0642]



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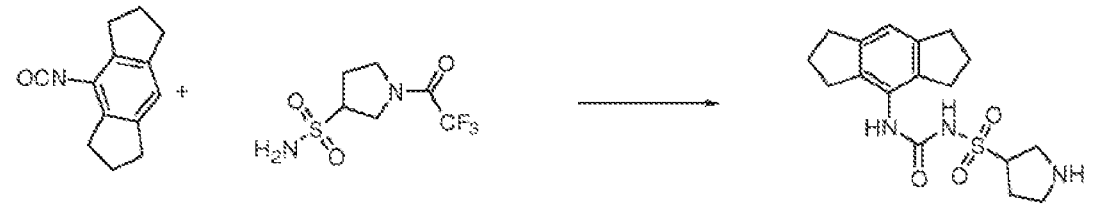
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.96 (s, 1 H), 4.42 (m, 1 H), 4.14 (m, 1 H), 3.85 (m, 2 H), 3.58 (m, 1 H), 2.8 (m, 8 H), 2.5 (m, 2 H) and 2.04 (m, 4 H).
LCMS: m/z 446 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 444 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 55: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0644]



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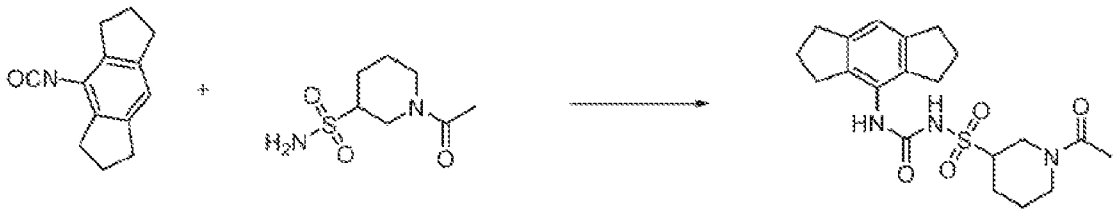
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.58 (m, 1 H), 4.22 (m, 1 H), 3.65 (m, 1 H), 3.38 (m, 1 H), 3.19 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.45 (m, 1 H), 2.29 (m, 1 H), and 2.02 (m, 4 H).
LCMS: m/z 350 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 348 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 56: 1-Acetyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl) piperidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0646]

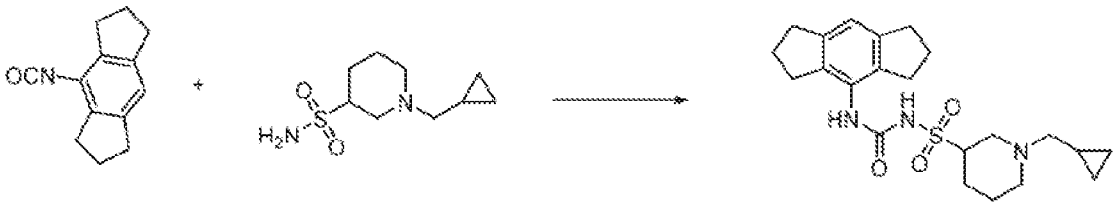


[0647] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-acetyl-piperidine-3-sulfonamide to afford the title compound (33 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) rotamer mixture δ 6.87 (s, 1 H), 4.96 (m, 1 H, rotamer), 4.32 (m, 1 H, rotamer), 4.25 (m, 1 H, rotamer), 3.85 (m, 1 H, rotamer), 3.55 (m, 1 H), 3.05 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.69 (m, 1 H), 2.27 (m, 1 H), 2.17 (s, 3 H, rotamer), 2.09 (s, 3 H, rotamer), 2.02 (m, 4 H), 1.85 (m, 2 H), 1.5 (m, 1 H).
LCMS: m/z 406 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 404 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 57: 1-(Cyclopropylmethyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)piperidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0648]



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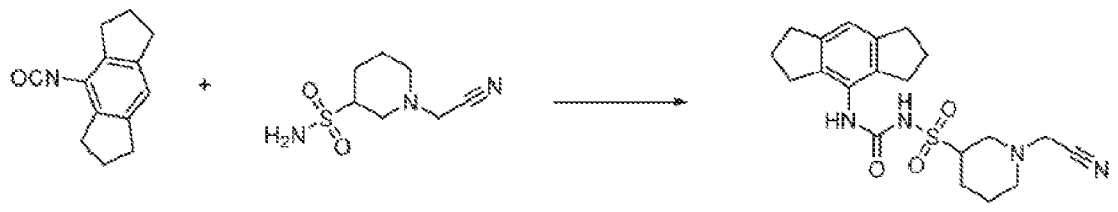
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 3.72 (m, 2 H), 3.06 (m, 1 H), 2.8 (m, 8 H), 2.5 (m, 3 H), 2.22 (m, 2 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H), 1.85 (m, 2 H), 1.65 (m, 2 H), 0.6 (m, 2 H) and 0.21 (m, 2 H).
LCMS: m/z 418 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 416 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 58: 1-(Cyanomethyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)piperidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0650]



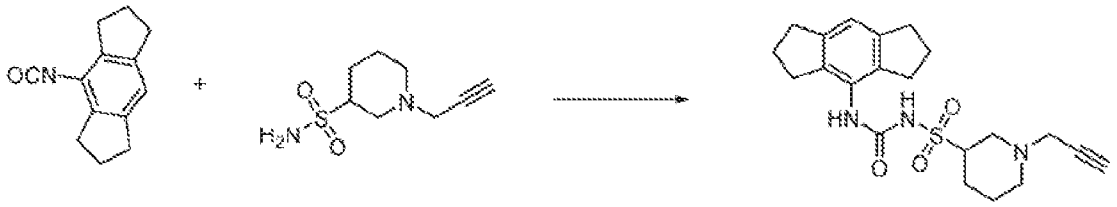
[0651] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(cyanomethyl) piperidine-3-sulfonamide to afford the title compound (41 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 3.67 (s, 2 H), 3.6 (m, 1 H), 3.29 (m, 2 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.47 (t, 1 H), 2.21 (m, 2 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H), 1.84 (m, 1 H) and 1.58 (m, 2 H).

LCMS: m/z 403 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 401 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 59: N-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0652]



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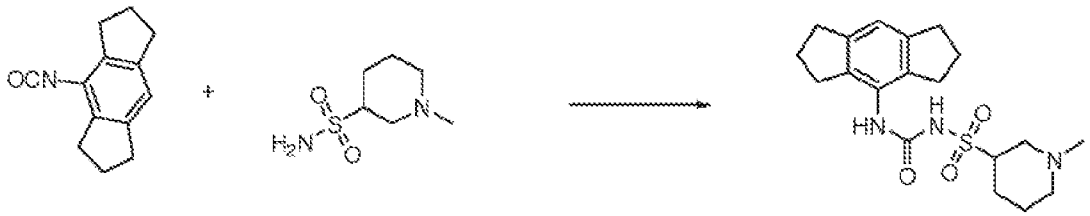
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 3.57 (m, 1 H), 3.33 (m, 4 H), 2.82 (m, 8 H), 2.65 (m, 1 H), 2.42 (t, 1 H), 2.2 (m, 2 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H), 1.82 (m, 1 H) and 1.58 (m, 2 H).
LCMS: m/z 402 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 400 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 60: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-methylpiperidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0654]

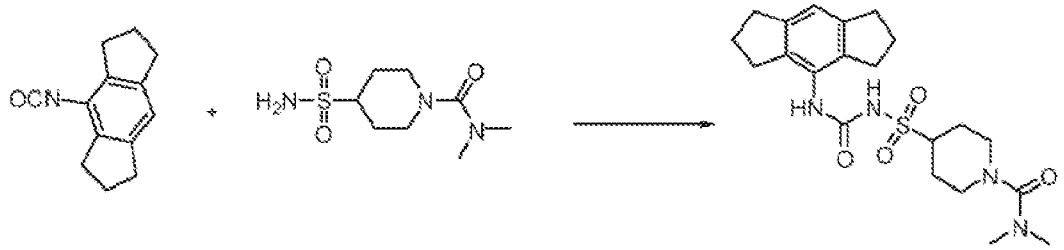


[0655] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-s-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-methylpiperidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P46**) to afford the title compound (11 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.88 (s, 1 H), 3.68 (m, 1 H), 3.4 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 9 H), 2.43 (m, 1 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H), 2.2 (m, 2 H), 2.02 (m, 4 H), 1.9 (m, 1 H), and 1.64 (m, 2 H).
LCMS: m/z 378 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+).

Example 61: 4-(*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-s-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl) sulfamoyl)-N,N-dimethylpiperidine-1-carboxamide

[0656]

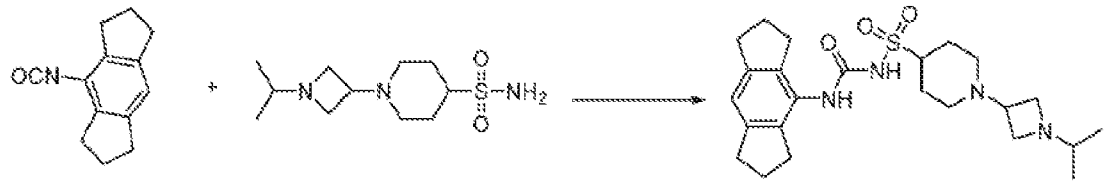


[0657] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and *N*,*N*-dimethyl-4-sulfamoylpiperidine-1-carboxamide (**Intermediate P48**) to afford the title compound (46 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) δ 6.86 (s, 1 H), 3.78 (m, 2 H), 3.50 (m, 1 H), 2.82 (m, 10 H), 2.80 (s, 6 H), 2.05 (m, 6 H) and 1.8 (m, 2 H).
LCMS: m/z 435 $(M+H)^+$ (ES$^+$); 433 $(M-H)^-$ (ES$^-$).

Example 62: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(1-isopropylazetidin-3-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0658]

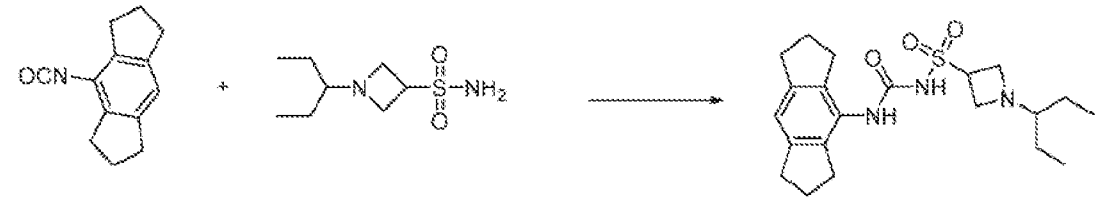


[0659] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(1-isopropylazetidin-3-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P49**) to afford the title compound (37 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 3.75 (t, 2H), 3.02 (d, 2H), 2.99 - 2.69 (m, 12H), 2.13 (d, 2H), 2.02 (m, 4H), 1.95 - 1.76 (m, 4H), 1.05 (d, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 461 (M+H)+ (ES+); 459 (M-H)- (ES-).

Example 65: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(pentan-3-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0660]



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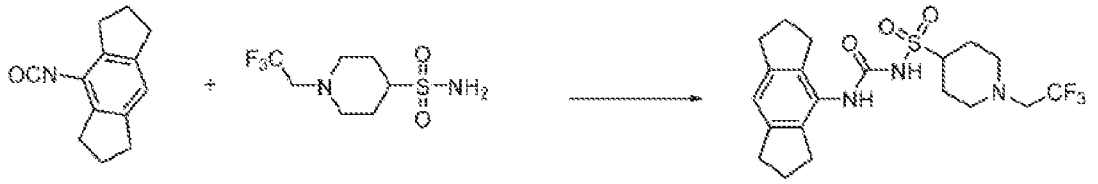
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.31 (m, 1H), 4.16 (m, 4H), 2.82 (m, 9H), 2.04 (q, 4H), 1.78 - 1.41 (m, 4H), 0.92 (t, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 406 $(M+H)^+$ (ES$^+$); 404 $(M-H)^-$ (ES$^-$).

Example 67: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0662]



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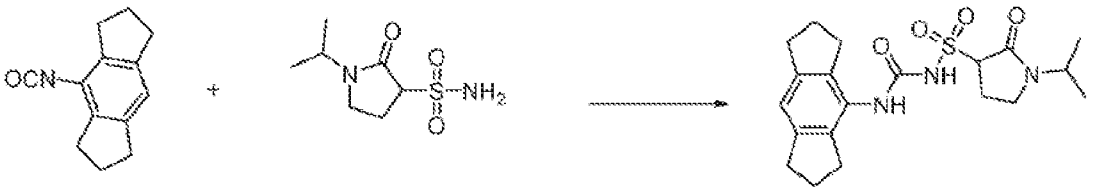
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.96 (s, 1H), 3.66 - 3.39 (m, 1H), 3.09 (dt, 5H), 2.82 (dt, 9H), 2.44 (t, 2H), 2.05 (m, 4H), 1.90 (dd, 2H).
LCMS: m/z 446 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 444 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 68: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-isopropyl-2-oxopyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0664]

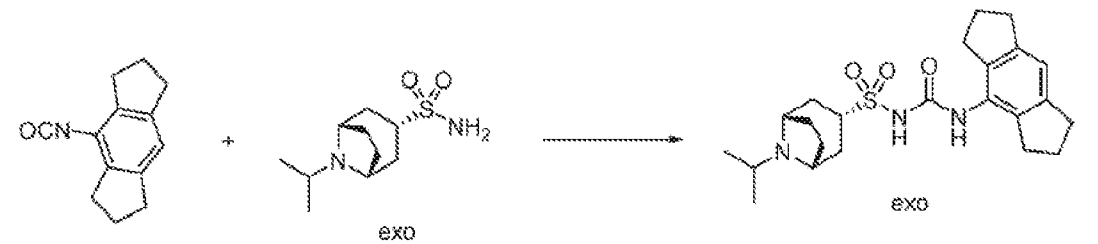


[0665] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-isopropyl-2-oxopyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P64**) to afford the title compound (64 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.47 - 4.13 (m, 2H), 3.52 (dt, 1H) 3.32 (dt, 1H), 2.82 (q, 8H), 2.68 - 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.46 - 2.25 (m, 1H), 2.15 - 1.89 (m, 4H), 1.15 (d, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 406 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 404 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 69: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-8-isopropyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide exo-isomer, potassium salt

[0666]



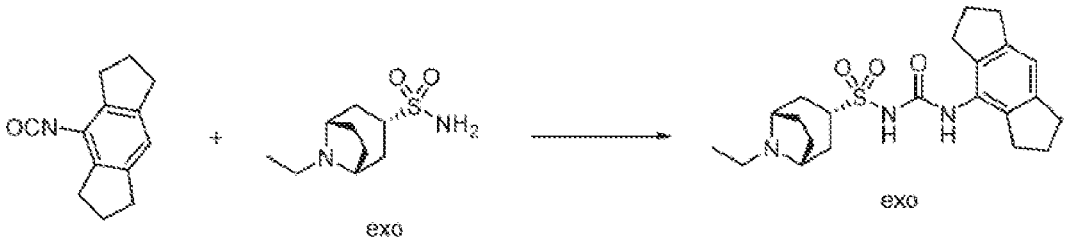
[0667] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and (1R*,3S*,5S*)-8-*iso*-propyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P55**) to afford the title compound (40 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.95 (s, 1H), 4.57 (s, 1H), 4.34 (s, 1H), 4.12 (s, 1H), 2.85 (dt, 9H), 2.59 (s, 1H), 2.47 - 2.16 (m, 5H), 2.06 (m, 6H), 1.41 (d, 6H).

LCMS: m/z 432 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 430 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 70: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-8-ethyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide exo isomers, potassium salt

[0668]

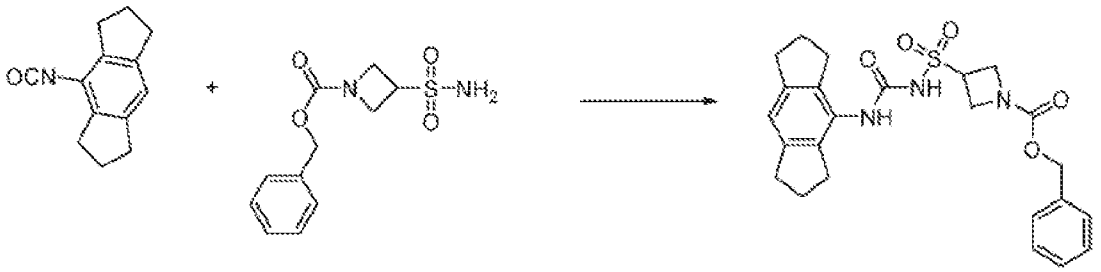


[0669] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and (1R*,3S*,5S*)-8-ethyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P56**) to afford the title compound (23 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.91 (s, 1H), 4.57 (s, 1H), 3.99 (d, 3H), 3.84 - 3.64 (m, 1H), 3.47 (dt, 2H), 3.04 (q, 2H), 2.85 (q, 9H), 2.65 - 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.40 - 1.65 (m, 9H).
LCMS: m/z 418 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 416 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 71 (not according to the invention): Benzyl 3-(*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)sulfamoyl)azetidine-1-carboxylate, potassium salt

[0670]

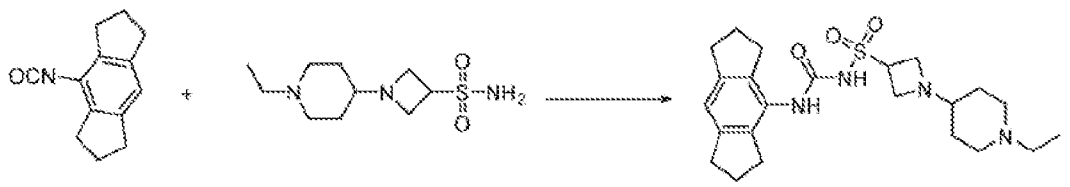


[0671] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and benzyl 3-sulfamoylazetidine-1-carboxylate (**Intermediate P47**) to afford the title compound (41 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 7.51 - 7.15 (m, 5H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 4.31 (m, 4H), 2.80 (dt, 9H), 2.03 (m, 4H).
LCMS: m/z 470 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 468 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 73: 1-(1-Ethylpiperidin-4-yl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0672]

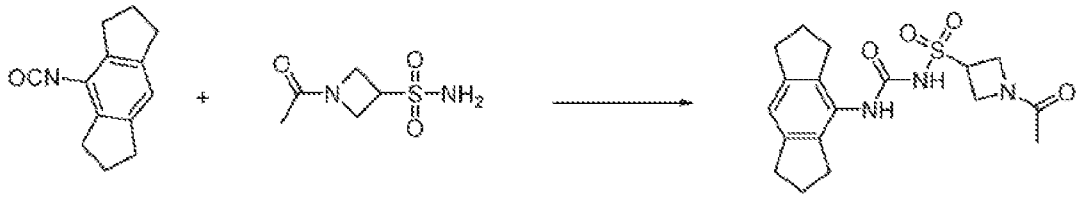


[0673] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt **(Example 2)** using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene **(Intermediate A1)** and 1-(1-ethylpiperidin-4-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide **(Intermediate P58)** to afford the title compound (59 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.31 (q, 1H), 3.65 (t, 2H), 3.54 (t, 2H), 3.00 (d, 2H), 2.83 (q, 9H), 2.51 (q, 2H), 2.25 - 1.93 (m, 6H), 1.81 (d, 2H), 1.34 (q, 2H), 1.12 (t, 3H).
LCMS: m/z 447 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 445 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 74: 1-Acetyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl) azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0674]

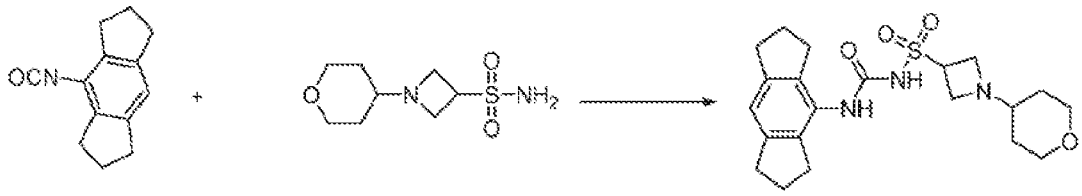


[0675] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-acetylazetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P59**) to afford the title compound (5 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.87 (s, 1H), 4.54 - 4.32 (m, 2H), 4.32 - 4.07 (m, 2H), 3.55 (m, 1H), 2.82 (m, 8H), 2.02 (m, 4H), 1.87 (d, 3H).
LCMS: m/z 378 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 376 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 75: ***N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt**

[0676]

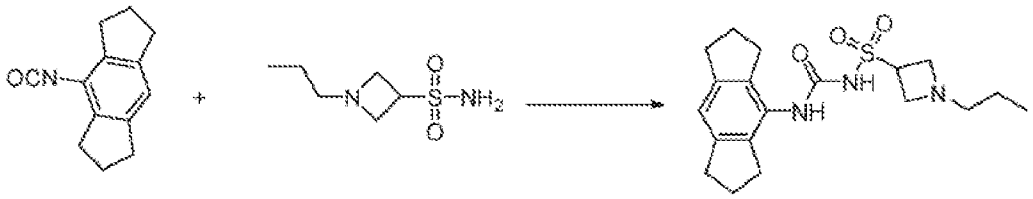


[0677] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P60**) to afford the title compound (29 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.87 (s, 1H), 4.32 (m, 1H), 3.92 (ddd, 2H), 3.74 - 3.48 (m, 4H), 3.48 - 3.33 (m, 2H), 2.82 (m, 8H), 2.45 (dt, 1H), 2.02 (m, 4H), 1.70 (dt, 2H), 1.24 (dd, 2H).
LCMS: m/z 420 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 418 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 76: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-propylazetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0678]

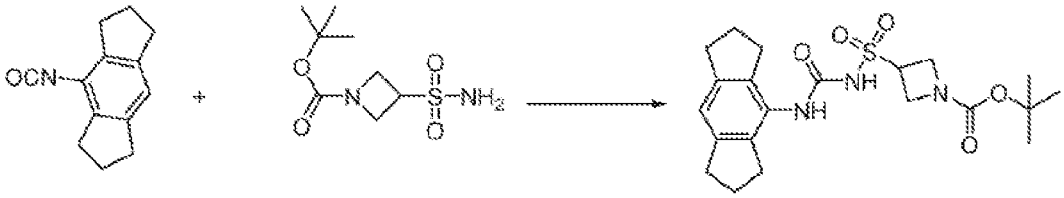


[0679] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-propylazetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P61**) to afford the title compound (30 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.91 (s, 1H), 4.39 (m, 1H), 4.29 (d, 4H), 3.17 - 3.01 (m, 2H), 2.83 (m, 8H), 2.04 (m, 4H), 1.57 (m, 2H), 0.99 (t, 3H).
LCMS: m/z 376 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 376 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 77: tert-Butyl 3-(*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)sulfamoyl)azetidine-1-carboxylate, potassium salt

[0680]

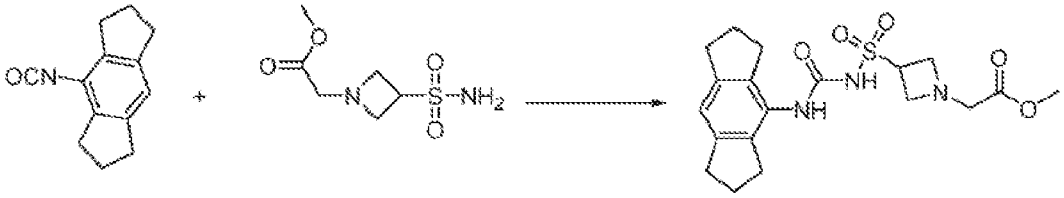


[0681] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and *tert*-butyl 3-sulfamoylazetidine-1-carboxylate (**Intermediate P62**) to afford the title compound (9 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.93 (s, 1H), 4.43 (d, 1H), 4.33 - 4.03 (m, 4H), 2.82 (m, 8H), 2.04 (m, 4H), 1.44 (s, 9H).
LCMS: m/z 434 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 78: Methyl 2-(3-(*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)sulfamoyl)azetidin-1-yl)acetate, potassium salt

[0682]

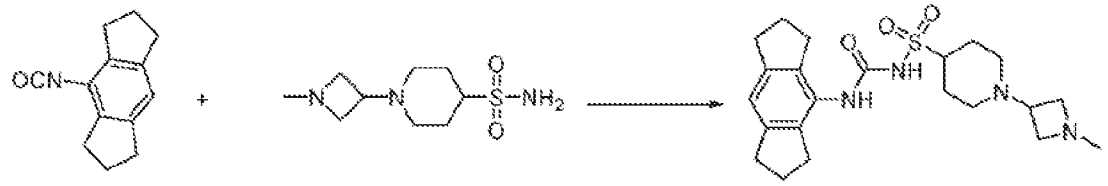


[0683] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and methyl 2-(3-sulfamoylazetidin-1-yl)acetate (**Intermediate P63**) to afford the title compound (43 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.87 (s, 1H), 4.36 (m, 1H), 3.87 - 3.74 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.61 (dd, 2H), 3.39 (s, 2H), 2.81 (m, 8H), 2.03 (m, 4H).
LCMS: m/z 408 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 406 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 80: ***N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(1-methylazetidin-3-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt**

[0684]

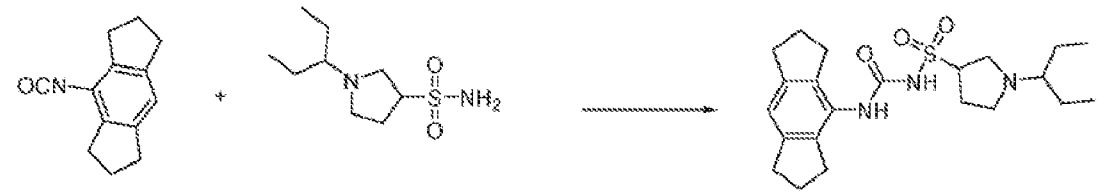


[0685] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(1-methylazetidin-3-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P66**) to afford the title compound (29 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.88 (s, 1H), 3.59 (m, 2H), 3.40 (m, 2H), 3.00 (dq, 3H), 2.83 (m, 11H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.04 (m, 4H), 1.89 (q, 4H).
LCMS: m/z 433 $(M+H)^+$ (ES$^+$); 431 $(M-H)^-$ (ES$^-$).

Example 81: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(pentan-3-yl)pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0686]

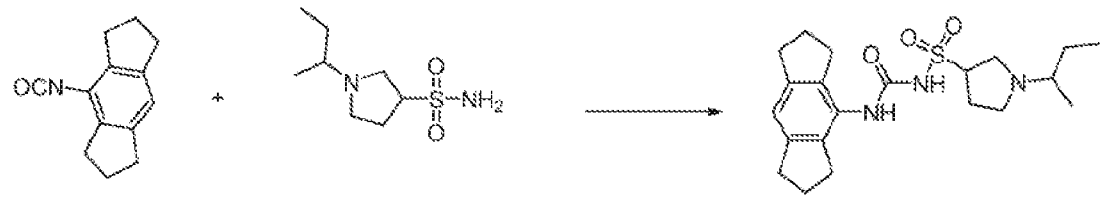


[0687] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(pentan-3-yl)pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P67**) to afford the title compound (33 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.22 (s, 1H), 3.07 (m, 2H), 2.82 (m, 8H), 2.62-2.18 (m, 5H), 2.03 (m, 4H), 1.86 - 1.48 (m, 4H), 0.94 (td, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 420 $(M+H)^+$ (ES$^+$); 418 $(M-H)^-$ (ES$^-$).

Example 82: 1-(sec-Butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0688]

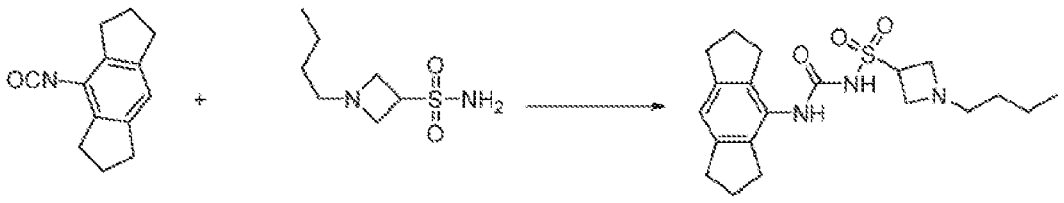


[0689] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(sec-butyl)pyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P68**) to afford the title compound (34 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.90 (s, 1H), 4.21 (d, 1H), 3.62 - 3.40 (m, 1H), 3.23 - 3.07 (m, 1H), 2.98 (s, 1H), 2.84 (q, 10H), 2.35 (dd, 2H), 2.04 (m, 4H), 1.85 (d, 1H), 1.45 (s, 1H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 1.10 - 0.82 (m, 3H).
LCMS: m/z 406 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 404 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 83: 1-Butyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl) azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0690]

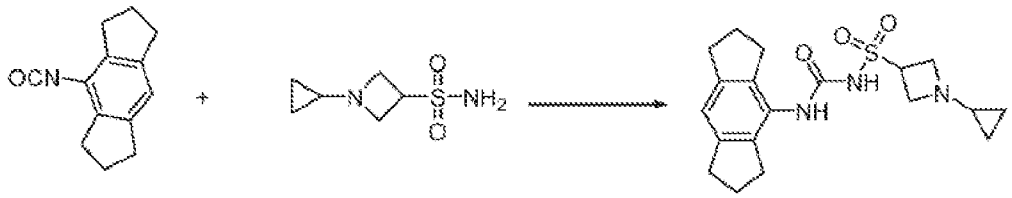


[0691] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-butylazetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P69**) to afford the title compound (43 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.87 (s, 1 H), 4.36 (m, 1H), 3.93 - 3.59 (m, 4H), 2.81 (q, 8H), 2.66 (t, 2H), 2.02 (m, 4H), 1.48 - 1.16 (m, 4H), 0.93 (t, 3H).
LCMS: m/z 392 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 390 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 85: 1-Cyclopropyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0692]

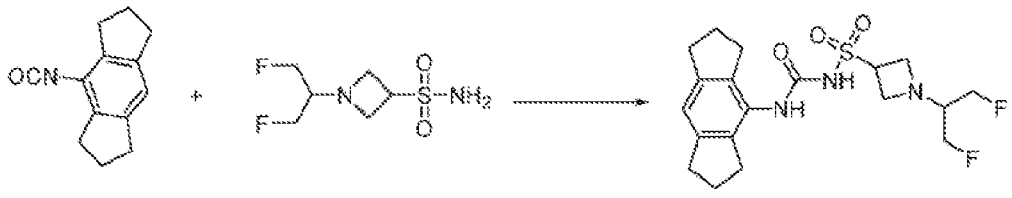


[0693] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-cyclopropylazetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P71**) to afford the title compound (27 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.35 (m, 1 H), 3.67 (m, 4 H), 2.81 (m, 8 H), 2.02 (m, 5 H), 0.43 (m, 2H), 0.33 (m, 2 H).
LCMS: m/z 376 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 374 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 86: 1-(1,3-Difluoropropan-2-yl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0694]



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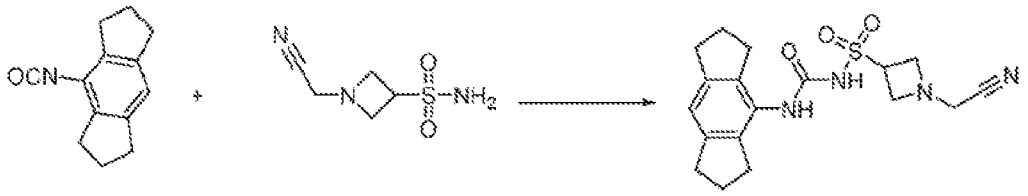
^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.86 (s, 1H), 4.52 (m, 2H), 4.37 (m, 3H), 3.72 (d, 4H), 3.30 (m, 1H), 2.81 (m, 8H), 2.03 (m, 4H).
LCMS: m/z 414 $(M+H)^+$ (ES$^+$); 412 $(M-H)^-$ (ES$^-$).

Example 87: 1-(Cyanomethyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0696]

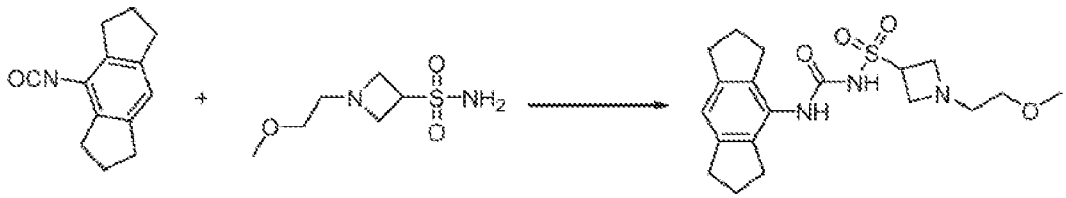


[0697] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(cyanomethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P73**) to afford the title compound (57 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.86 (s, 1H), 4.32 (m, 1H), 3.85 - 3.62 (m, 4H), 3.56 (s, 2H), 2.81 (m, 8H), 2.02 (m, 4H).
LCMS: m/z 375 $(M+H)^+$ (ES$^+$); 373 $(M-H)^-$ (ES$^-$).

Example 88: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(2-methoxyethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0698]

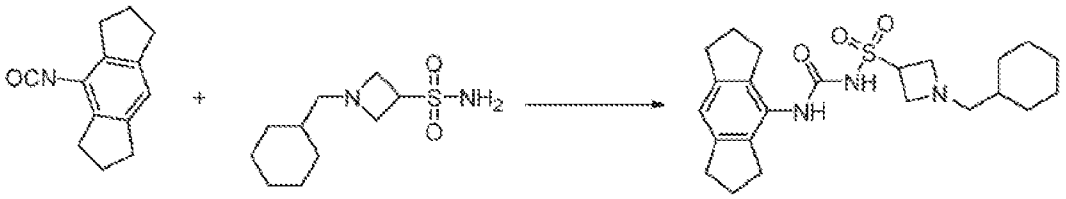


[0699] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(2-methoxyethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P74**) to afford the title compound (35 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.86 (s, 1H), 4.36 (m, 1H), 3.82 - 3.58 (m, 4H), 3.41 (t, 2H), 3.3 (s, 3H), 2.81 (m, 10H), 2.13 - 1.92 (m, 4H).
LCMS: m/z 394 $(M+H)^+$ (ES$^+$).

Example 89: 1-(Cyclohexylmethyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0700]

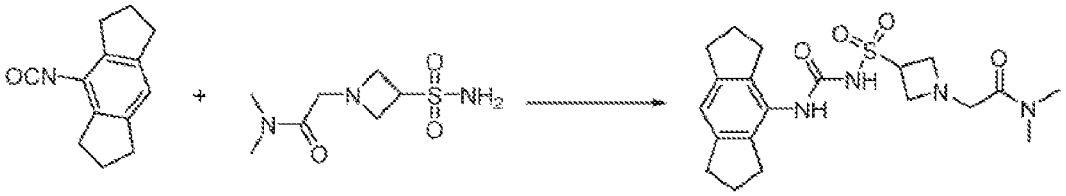


[0701] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(cyclohexylmethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P75**) to afford the title compound (7 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.89 (s, 1H), 4.37 (t, 1H), 3.93-3.67 (m, 4H), 2.83 (m, 9H), 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.12 - 1.95 (m, 4H), 1.73 (d, 5H), 1.27 (d, 4H), 0.95 (d, 2H).
LCMS: m/z 432 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 430 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 91: 2-(3-(*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl) sulfamoyl)azetidin-1-yl)-*N*,*N*-dimethylacetamide, potassium salt

[0702]

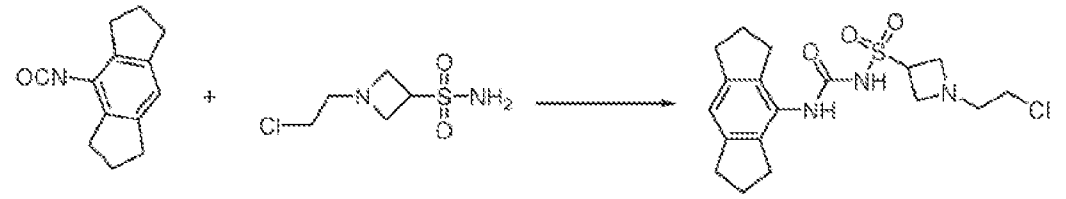


[0703] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and *N*,*N*-dimethyl-2-(3-sulfamoylazetidin-1-yl)acetamide (**Intermediate P77**) to afford the title compound (15 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.86 (s, 1H), 4.39 (m, 1H), 3.82 (t, 2H), 3.59 (t, 2H), 3.50 (s, 2H), 2.97 (s, 3H), 2.89 (s, 3H), 2.81 (m, 8H), 2.11 - 1.92 (m, 4H).
LCMS: m/z 421 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 419 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 92: 1-(2-Chloroethyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0704]

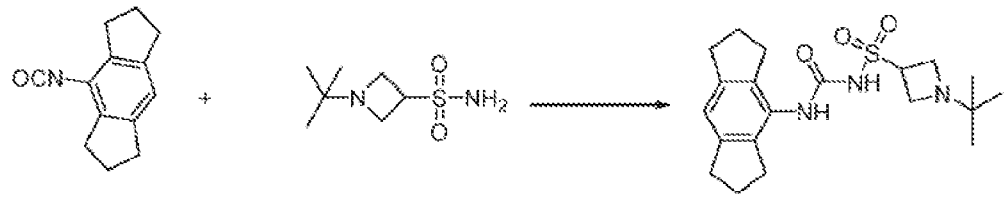


[0705] Prepared as described for *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 2**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(2-chloroethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P78**) to afford the title compound (55 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.87 (s, 1H), 4.35 (t, 1H), 3.72 (t, 2H), 3.61 (t, 2H), 3.52 (t, 2H), 2.98 - 2.69 (m, 10H), 2.02 (m, 4H).
LCMS: m/z 398 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 396 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 93: 1-(tert-Butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0706]

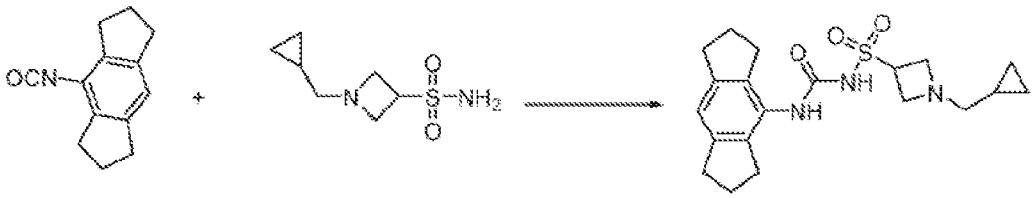


[0707] To a solution of 1-(tert-butyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P82**; 10 mg, 0.052 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added potassium *tert*-butoxide (6 mg, 0.052 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 40 minutes. A solution of 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**; 10 mg, 0.052 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo* and DMSO (0.5 - 1 mL) was added. The mixture (filtered over cotton wool when solids were present) was submitted for purification by reversed phase column chromatography (see "Experimental Methods", "Purification Method 1") to afford the title compound (5 mg, 25 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.86 (s, 1H), 4.28 (m, 1H), 3.76 (t, 2H), 3.41 (t, 2H), 2.81 (m, 8H), 2.02 (m, 4H), 1.01 (s, 9H).
LCMS: m/z 392 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 390 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 94: 1-(Cyclopropylmethyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0708]

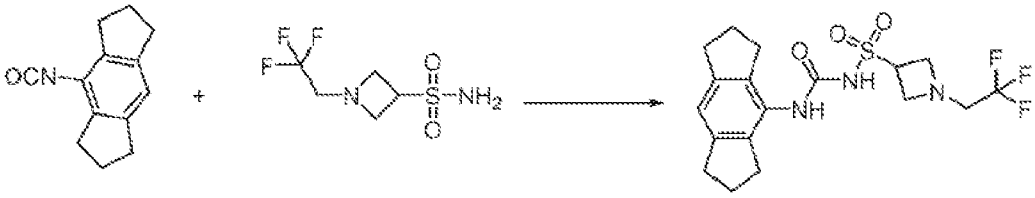


[0709] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(cyclopropylmethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P83**) to afford the title compound (34 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.38 (t, 1H), 4.09 (q, 4H), 2.83 (m, 10H), 2.02 (m, 4H), 0.89 (d, 1H), 0.58 (q, 2H), 0.28 (q, 2H).
LCMS: m/z 390 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 388 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 96: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0710]

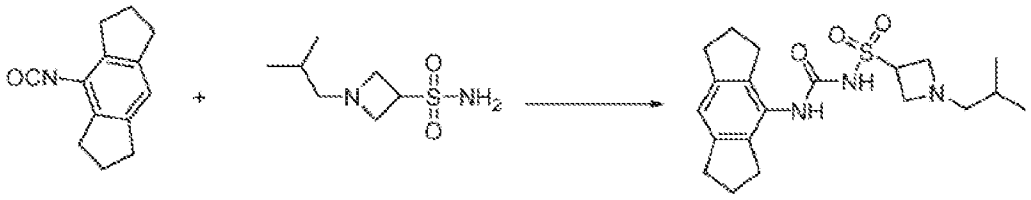


[0711] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**intermediate A1**) and 1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**intermediate P86**) to afford the title compound (11 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.87 (s, 1H), 4.35 (t, 1H), 3.73 (dt, 4H), 3.16 (q, 2H), 2.81 (m, 8H), 2.02 (m, 4H).
LCMS: m/z 418 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 416 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 97: ***N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-isobutylazetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt**

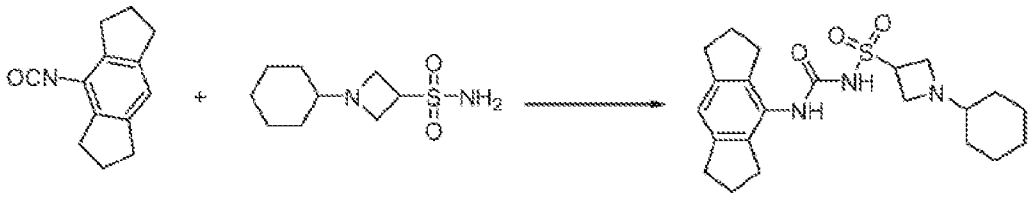
[0712]



[0713] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**intermediate A1**) and 1-isobutylazetidine-3-sulfonamide (**intermediate P84**) to afford the title compound (19 %) as a white solid. ^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.36 (p, 1H), 3.92 (dt, 4H), 2.92 - 2.74 (m, 8H), 2.67 (d, 2H), 2.02 (m, 4H), 1.77 (dt, 1H), 0.92 (dd, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 392 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 390 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 98: 1-Cyclohexyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

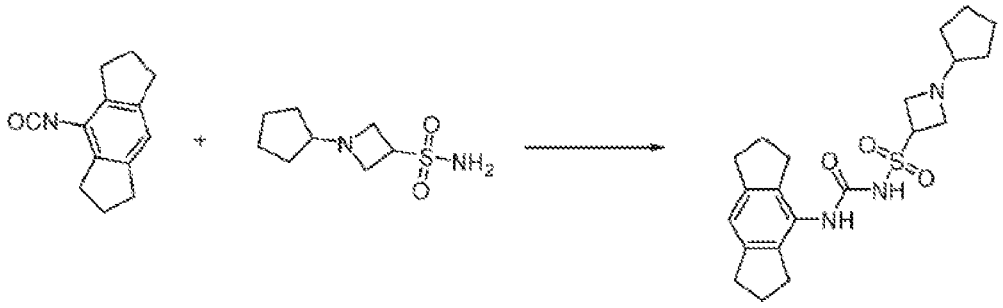
[0714]



[0715] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**intermediate A1**) and 1-cyclohexylazetidine-3-sulfonamide (**intermediate** P88) to afford the title compound (9 %) as a white solid. ^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.87 (s, 1H), 4.32 (p, 1H), 3.79 (dt, 4H), 2.82 (m, 8H), 2.44 (s, 1H), 2.02 (m, 4H), 1.94 - 1.54 (m, 5H), 1.41 - 0.84 (m, 5H).
LCMS: m/z 418 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 416 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 99: 1-Cyclopentyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

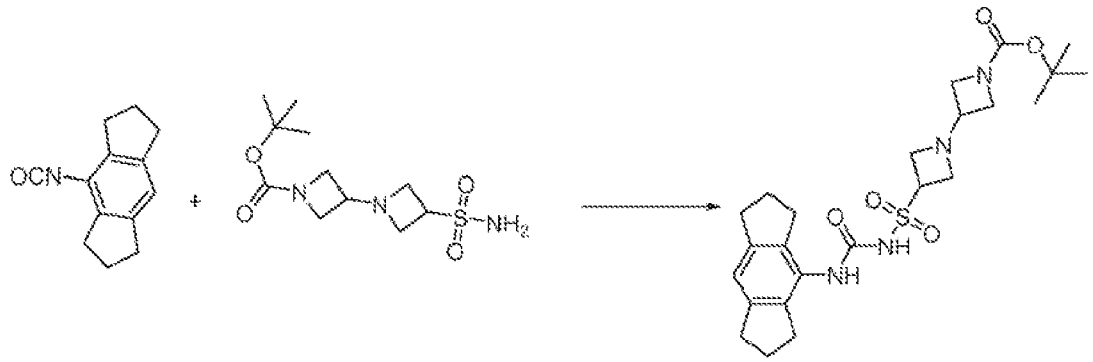
[0716]



[0717] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) **carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide**, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-cyclopentylazetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P89**) to afford the title compound (10 %) as a white solid. ^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.87 (s, 1H), 4.32 (q, 1H), 3.78 (dt, 4H), 2.82 (m, 9H), 2.02 (m, 4H), 1.94 - 1.49 (m, 6H), 1.46 - 1.24 (m, 2H).
LCMS: m/z 404 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 402 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 106 (not according to the invention): tert-Butyl 3-(*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)sulfamoyl)-[1,3'-biazetidine]-1'-carboxylate, potassium salt

[0718]

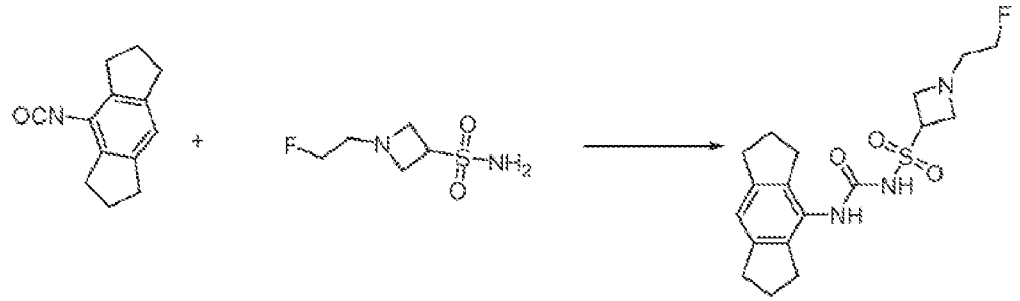


[0719] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and tert-butyl 3-sulfamoyl-[1,3'-biazetidine]-1'-carboxylate (**Intermediate P96**) to afford the title compound (33 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (D_2O): δ = 6.94 (s, 1H), 4.19 (t, 1H), 3.86 (d, 2H), 3.64 - 3.48 (m, 4H), 3.40 (m, 3H), 2.72 (t, 4H), 2.60 (t, 4H), 1.89 (m, 4H), 1.27 (d, 9H).
LCMS: m/z 491 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 489 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 108: 1-(2-Fluoroethyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0720]

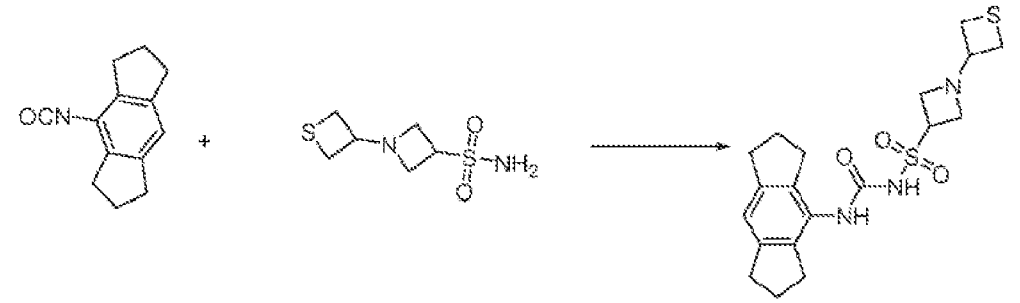


[0721] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**intermediate A1**) and 1-(2-fluoroethyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**intermediate P99**) to afford the title compound (61 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (D_2O): δ = 6.94 (s, 1H), 4.42 (t, 1H), 4.26 (t, 1H), 4.20 (d, 1H), 3.58 (t, 2H), 3.40 (t, 2H), 2.84 - 2.67 (m, 6H), 2.67 - 2.52 (m, 4H), 1.88 (m, 4H).
LCMS: m/z 382 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 380 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 109: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(thietan-3-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0722]

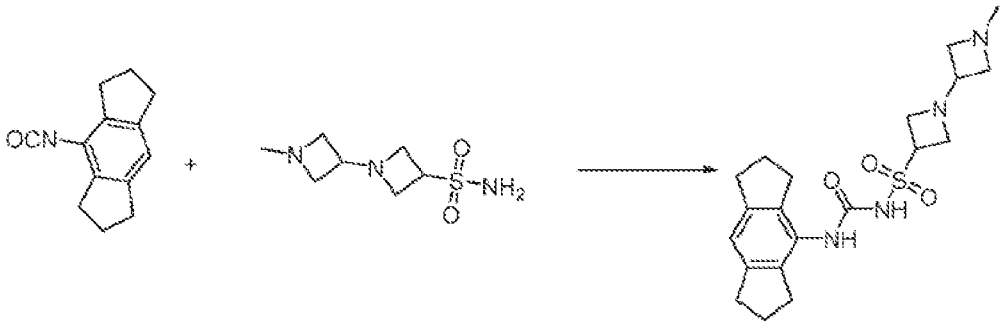


[0723] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**intermediate A1**) and 1-(thietan-3-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**intermediate P100**) to afford the title compound (16 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (D_2O): δ = 6.94 (s, 1H), 4.17 (p, 1H), 3.89 (t, 1H), 3.44 (p, 4H), 3.09 (t, 2H), 2.97 (t, 2H), 2.72 (t, 4H), 2.60 (t, 4H), 1.89 (m, 4H).
LCMS: m/z 408 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 406 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 110: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1'-methyl-[1,3'-biazetidine]-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0724]

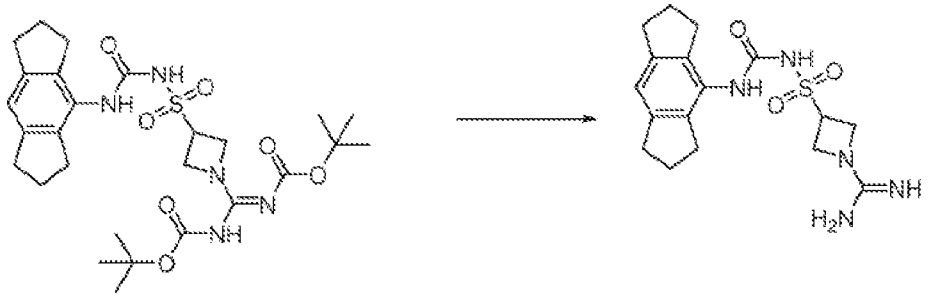


[0725] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1'-methyl-[1,3'-biazetidine]-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P97**) to afford the title compound (13 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (D_2O): δ = 6.95 (s, 1H), 4.20 (p, 1H), 3.84 - 3.67 (m, 2H), 3.66 - 3.36 (m, 7H), 2.72 (t, 4H), 2.61 (t, 4H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 1.89 (m, 4H).
LCMS: m/z 405 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 403 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 113 (not according to the invention): 3-(*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl) sulfamoyl)azetidine-1-carboximidamide, TFA salt

[0726]

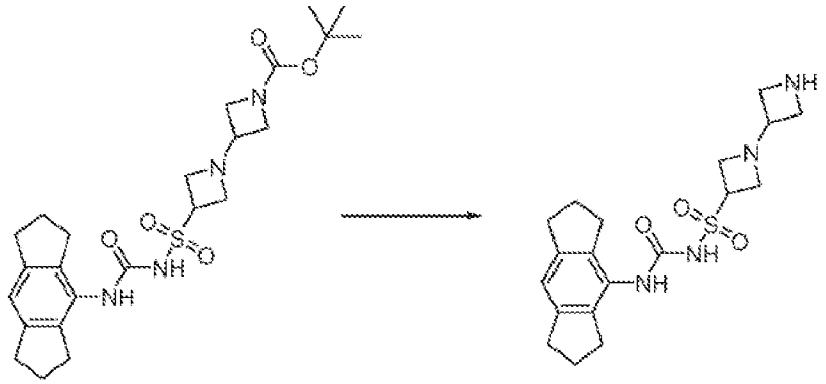


[0727] tert-Butyl-(((tert-butoxycarbonyl)imino)(3-(*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)sulfamoyl)azetidin-1-yl)methyl)carbamate, potassium salt (**Example 112**; 100 mg, 0.17 mmol) in DCM (0.5 mL) was treated with trifluoroacetic acid (0.5 mL) and stirred for 2 hours. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and DMSO (0.5 - 1 mL) was added. The mixture was submitted for purification by reversed phase column chromatography (see "Experimental Methods", "Purification Method 1") to afford the title compound (28 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.49 - 4.24 (m, 5H), 2.82 (m, 8H), 2.02 (m, 4H). ^{19}F-NMR indicated the presence of TFA.
LCMS: m/z 378 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 376 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 114: ***N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-[1,3'-biazetidine]-3-sulfonamide, TFA salt**

[0728]

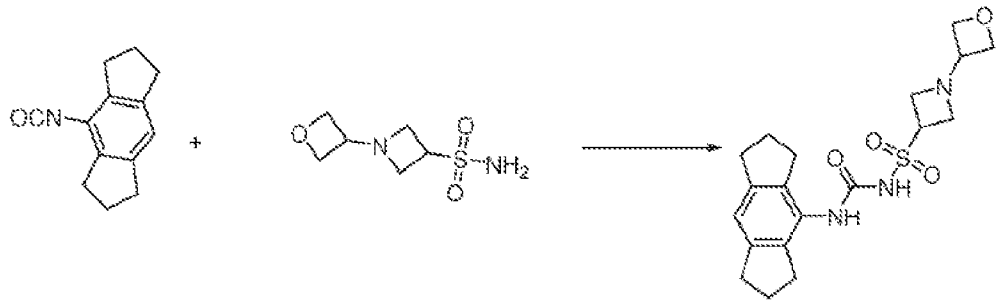


[0729] Prepared as described for 3-(*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl) sulfamoyl)azetidine-1-carboximidamide, TFA salt (**Example 113**) from tert-butyl 3-(*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)sulfamoyl)-[1,3'-biazetidine]-1'-carboxylate, potassium salt (**Example 106**) to afford the title compound (24 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (D_2O): δ = 6.96 (s, 1H), 4.32 - 4.15 (m, 1H), 4.09 - 3.91 (m, 2H), 3.91 - 3.67 (m, 3H), 3.54 (m, 4H), 2.73 (t, 4H), 2.62 (t, 4H), 1.91 (m, 4H).
LCMS: m/z 391 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 389 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 116: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(oxetan-3-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

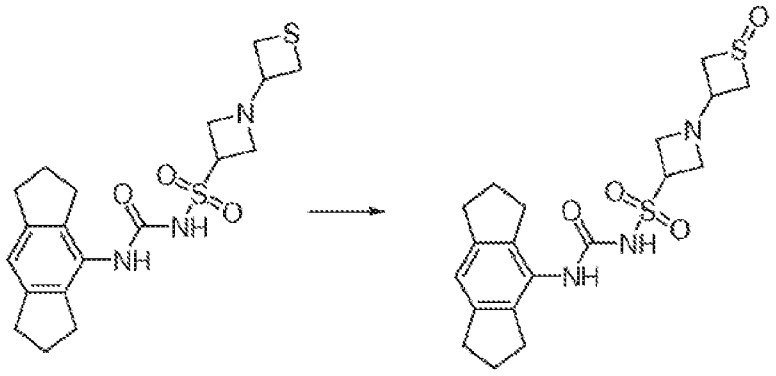
[0730]



[0731] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(oxetan-3-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P131**) to afford the title compound (1 %) as a white solid.
LCMS: m/z 392 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 390 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 117: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(1-oxidothietan-3-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0732]

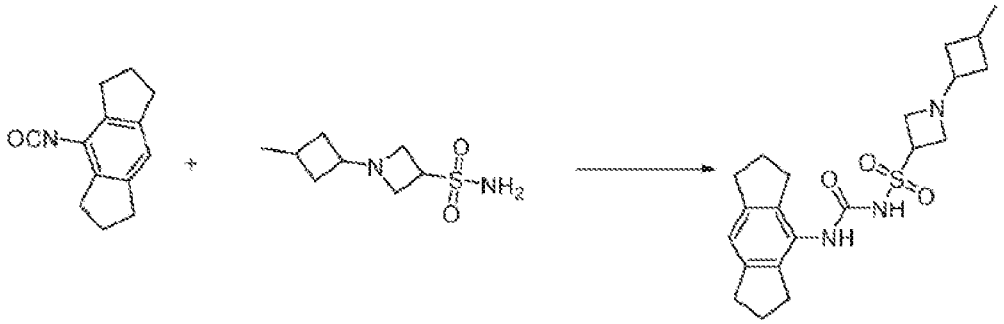


[0733] *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(thietan-3-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 109**; 25 mg, 0.06 mmol) was dissolved in THF (2 mL) and cooled on ice. *m*-Chloroperbenzoic acid (75 wt %, 17 mg, 0.74 mmol) was added in one portion and the mixture was stirred for 2 hours at 0 °C. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo* and DMSO (0.5 - 1 mL) was added. The mixture was submitted for purification by reversed phase column chromatography (see "Experimental Methods", "Purification Method 1") to afford the title compounds (15 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 7.00 (s, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 4.14 (t, 1H), 3.61 (t, 1H), 3.49 (d, 1H), 3.03 (dt, 3H), 2.95 — 2.78 (m, 8H), 2.78 — 2.66 (m, 3H), 2.06 (m, 4H).
LCMS: m/z 424 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 422 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 118: ***N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(3-methylcyclobutyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt**

[0734]

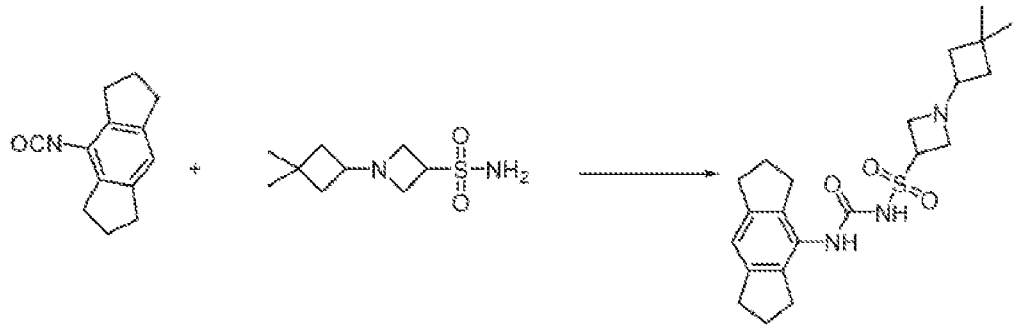


[0735] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(3-methylcyclobutyl) azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P103**) to afford the title compound (22 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.87 (s, 1H), 4.31 (qd, 1H), 3.73 — 3.53 (m, 4H), 2.93 — 2.71 (m, 8H), 2.37 (d, 1H), 2.20 (td, 1H), 2.02 (m, 6H), 1.79 — 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.47 (dt, 1H), 1.08 (dd, 3H).
LCMS: m/z 404 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 402 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 119: **1-(3,3-Dimethylcyclobutyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt**

[0736]

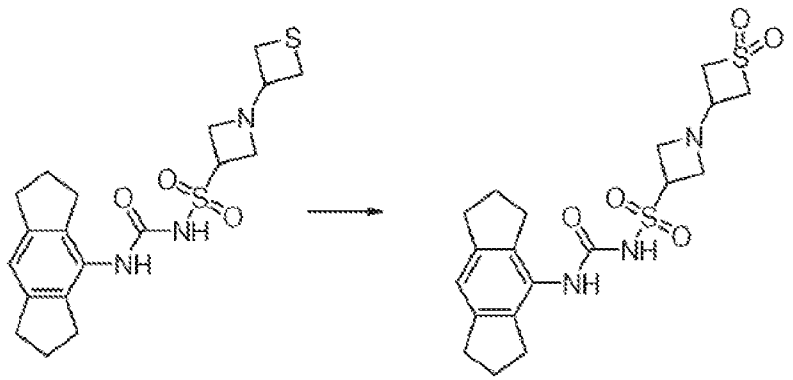


[0737] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(3,3-dimethylcyclobutyl) azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P104**) to afford the title compound (9 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.89 (s, 1H), 4.34 (t, 1H), 4.25 — 3.94 (m, 4H), 3.94 — 3.69 (m, 1H), 2.81 (m, 6H), 2.04 (m, 6H), 1.82 (t, 2H), 1.15 (d, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 418 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 416 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 120: 1-(1,1-Dioxidothietan-3-yl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0738]

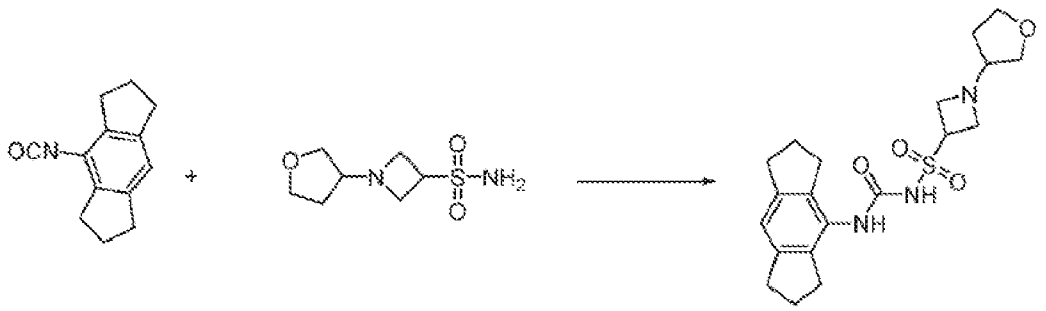


[0739] *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(thietan-3-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 109**; 18 mg, 0.044 mmol) was dissolved in THF (2 mL) and cooled on ice. *m*-Chloroperbenzoic acid (75 wt %, 18 mg, 0.078 mmol) was added in one portion and the mixture was stirred for 2 hours at 0 °C. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo* and DMSO (0.5 -1 mL) was added. The mixture was submitted for purification by reversed phase column chromatography (see "Experimental Methods", "Purification Method 1") to afford the title compounds (47 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 7.00 (s, 1H), 4.21 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 3.65 (m, 2H), 3.13 (dd, 1H), 2.83 (m, 12H), 2.07 (m, 4H).
LCMS: m/z 440 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 438 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 121: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(tetrahydrofuran-3-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0740]

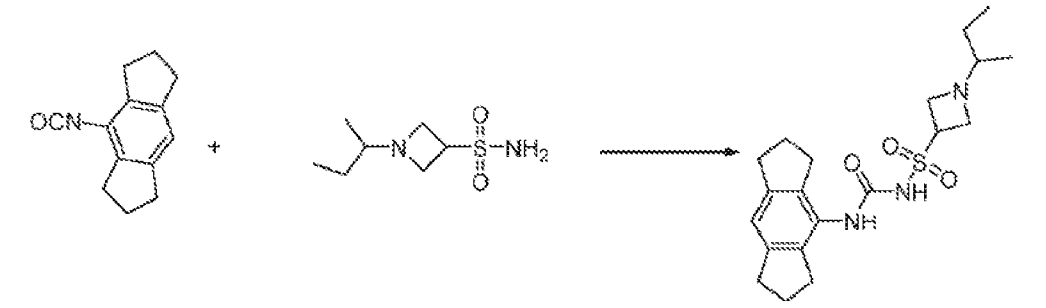


[0741] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(tetrahydrofuran-3-yl) azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P106**) to afford the title compound (27 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.87 (s, 1H), 4.31 (p, 1H), 3.87 (q, 1H), 3.79 - 3.43 (m, 7H), 2.81 (m, 9H), 2.03 (m, 4H), 1.98 — 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.82 — 1.62 (m, 1H).
LCMS: m/z 405 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 403 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 122: 1-(sec-Butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0742]

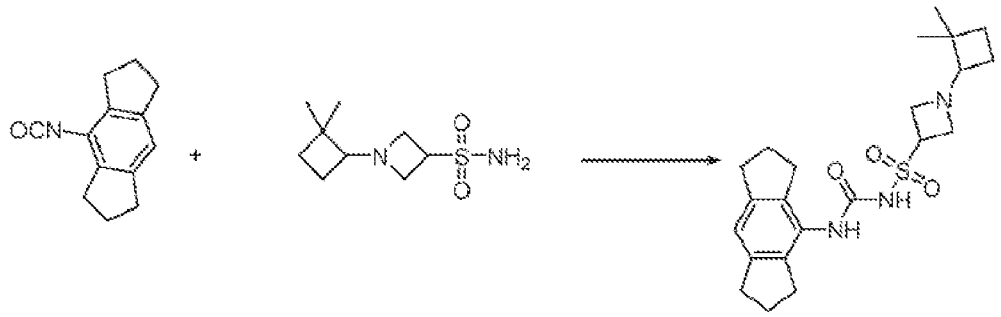


[0743] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(sec-butyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P107**) to afford the title compound (43 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.87 (s, 1H), 4.29 (p, 1H), 3.70 (t, 2H), 3.63 — 3.45 (m, 2H), 2.82 (m, 8H), 2.38 (m, 1H), 2.02 (m, 4H), 1.65 — 1.45 (m, 1H), 1.21 — 1.02 (m, 1H), 1.02 — 0.82 (m, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 392 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 390 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 124: 1-(2,2-Dimethylcyclobutyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0744]

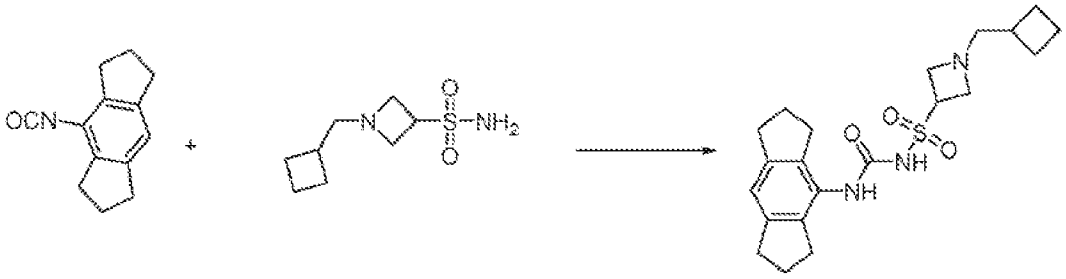


[0745] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(2,2-dimethylcyclobutyl) azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P109**) to afford the title compound (16 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.89 (s, 1H), 4.40 (t, 1H), 3.73 (dq, 4H), 3.02 (t, 1H), 2.83 (m, 8H), 2.04 (m, 4H), 1.79 — 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.63 — 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.10 (d, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 418 (M+H)+ (ES^+); 416 (M-H)$^-$ (ES^-).

Example 126: 1-(Cyclobutylmethyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0746]

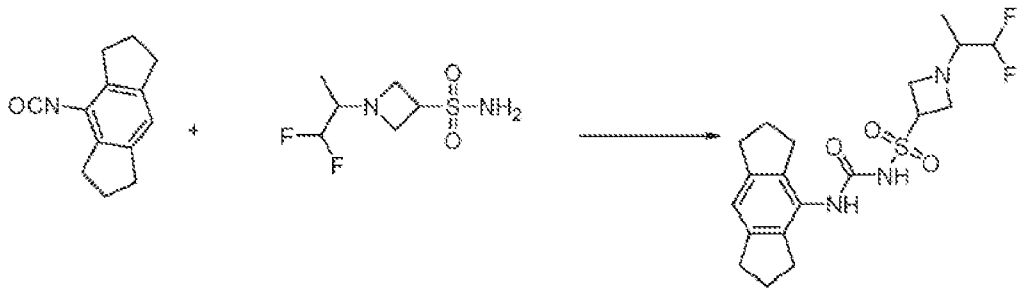


[0747] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(cyclobutylmethyl) azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P111**) to afford the title compound (14 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.87 (s, 1H), 4.34 (p, 1H), 3.72 (dd, 2H), 3.62 (dd, 2H), 2.81 (m, 8H), 2.65 (d, 2H), 2.40 (p, 1H), 2.02 (m, 6H), 1.95 — 1.64 (m, 4H).
LCMS: m/z 404 (M+H)$^+$ (ES^+); 402 (M-H)$^-$ (ES^-).

Example 131: 1-(1,1-Difluoropropan-2-yl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0748]

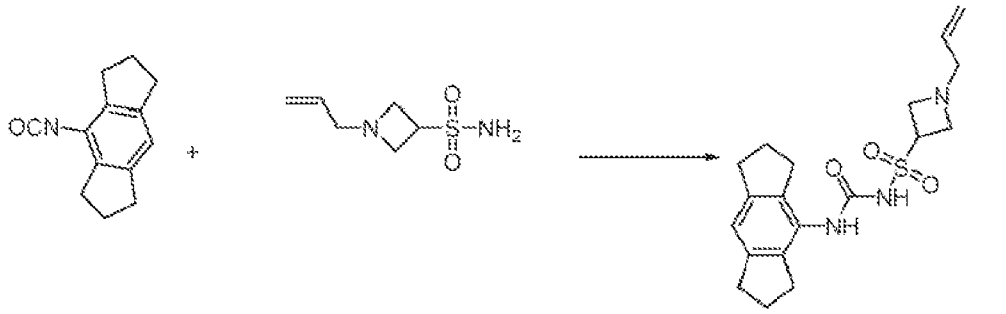


[0749] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(1,1-difluoropropan-2-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P114**) to afford the title compound (46 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.87 (s, 1H), 5.58 (td, 1H), 4.30 (p, 1H), 3.82 — 3.51 (m, 4H), 2.81 (m, 8H), 2.69 (ddd, 1H), 2.02 (m, 4H), 1.00 (d, 3H).
LCMS: m/z 414 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 412 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 132: 1-Allyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl) azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0750]

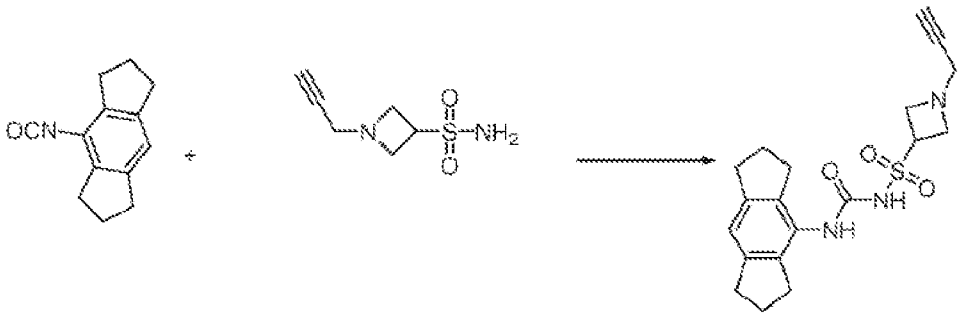


[0751] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-allylazetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P115**) to afford the title compound (15 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.89 (s, 1H), 5.77 (ddt, 1H), 5.54 — 5.30 (m, 2H), 4.36 (q, 1H), 4.20 — 3.97 (m, 4H), 3.55 (d, 2H), 2.81 (m, 8H), 2.17 — 1.93 (m, 4H).
LCMS: m/z 376 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 374 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 133: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0752]

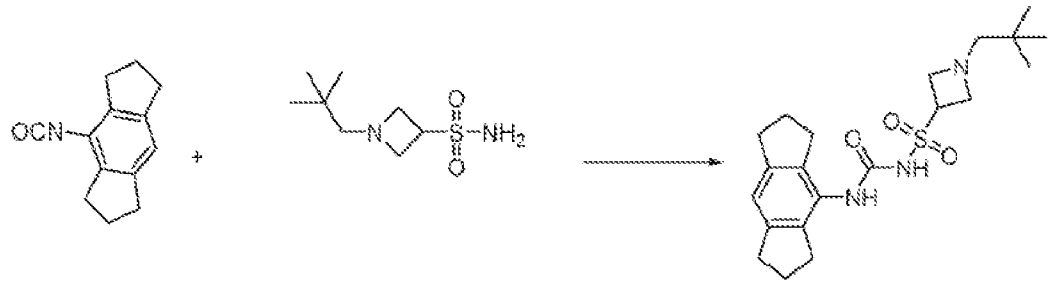


[0753] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P116**) to afford the title compound (14 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.86 (s, 1H), 4.31 (q, 1H), 3.66 (d, 4H), 3.31 (s, 2H), 2.81 (q, 8H), 2.71 — 2.57 (m, 1H), 2.02 (m, 4H).
LCMS: m/z 374 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 372 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 135: ***N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-1-neopentylazetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt**

[0754]

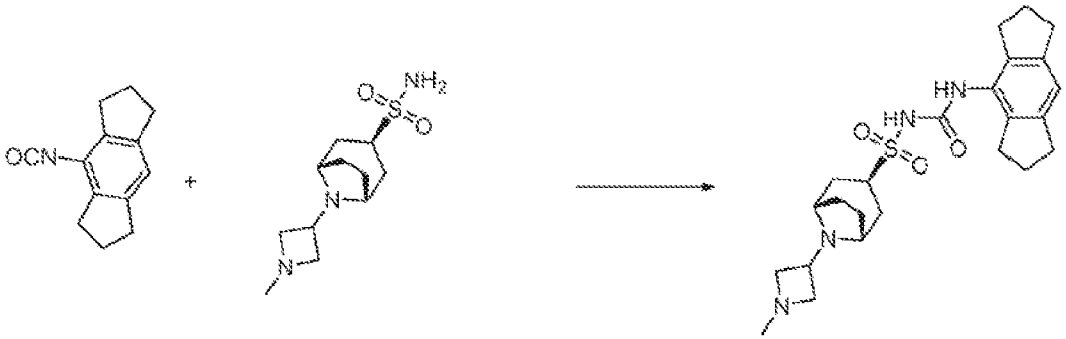


[0755] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-neopentylazetidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P118**) to afford the title compound (12 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.92 (s, 1H), 4.54 — 4.29 (m, 5H), 3.06 (s, 2H), 2.79 (m, 8H), 2.16 — 1.93 (m, 4H), 1.00 (s, 9H).
LCMS: m/z 406 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 404 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 146: (1R*,3R*,5S*)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)-8-(1-methylazetidin-3-yl)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0756]

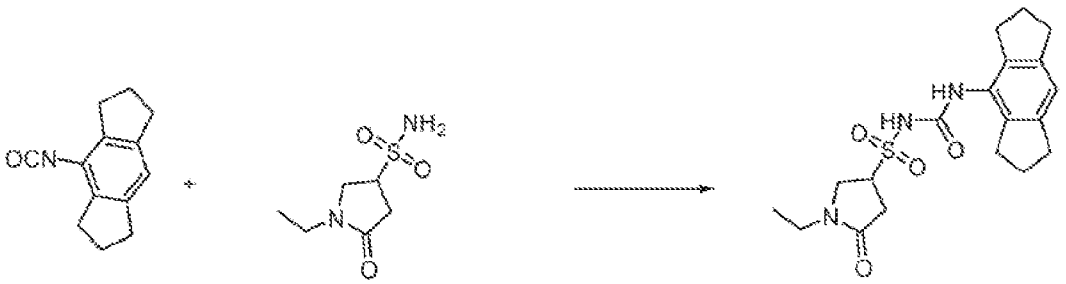


[0757] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and (1R,3R,5S)-8-(1-methylazetidin-3-yl)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P128**) to afford the title compound (8 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.89 (s, 1H), 3.96 (m, 4H), 3.61 (m, 2H), 2.97 — 2.66 (m, 11H), 2.43 (m, 2H), 2.03 (m, 4H), 1.91 (m, 4H), 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.32 (m, 2H).
LCMS: m/z 459 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 457 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 147: 1-Ethyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-5-oxopyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

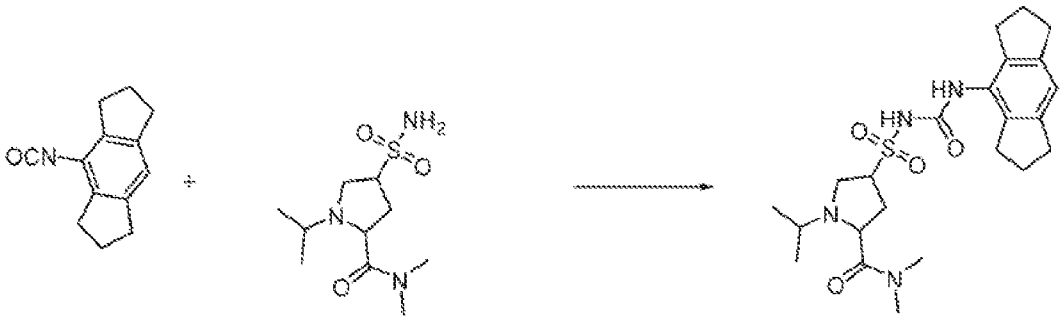
[0758]



[0759] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-ethyl-5-oxopyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P81**) to afford the title compound (62 %) as a white solid. ^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD): δ = 6.87 (s, 1H), 4.43 — 4.24 (m, 1H), 3.86 (dd, 1H), 3.74 (dd, 1H), 3.33 (m, 2H), 2.95 — 2.70 (m, 10H), 2.15 — 1.94 (m, 4H), 1.13 (t, 3H).
LCMS: m/z 392 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 390 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 148: 4-(*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl) sulfamoyl)-1-isopropyl-*N*,*N*-dimethylpyrrolidine-2-carboxamide, potassium salt

[0760]

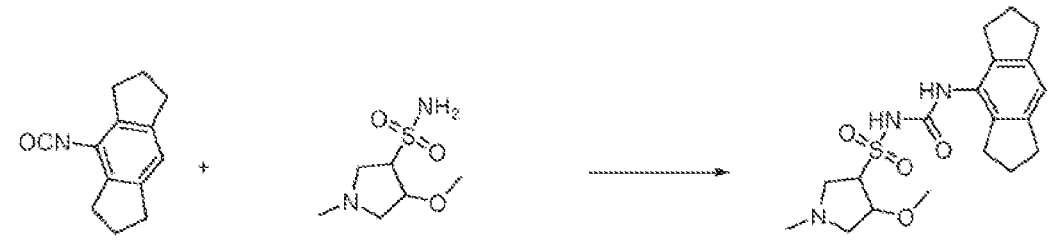


[0761] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-isopropyl-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-4-sulfamoylpyrrolidine-2-carboxamide (**Intermediate P80**) to afford the title compound (25 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (D_2O): δ = 6.96 (s, 1H), 4.07 (m, 2H), 3.36 (m, 1H), 3.18 (m, 1H), 3.02 (d, 6H), 2.68 (m, 8H), 2.46 (m, 1H), 1.90 (m, 4H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.01 - 0.83 (m, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 463 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 461 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 149: *N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-Hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-4-methoxy-1-methylpyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0762]

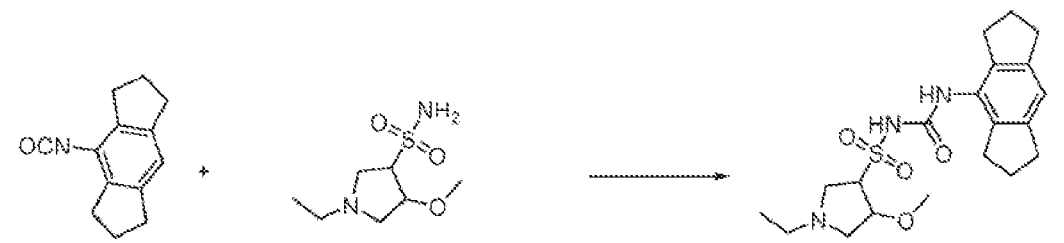


[0763] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 4-methoxy-1-methylpyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P129**) to afford the title compound (53 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) (mixture of isomers, ratio 2.5 : 1): δ = 6.90 (s, 1H), 4.50 (minor), 4.57 - 4.19 (major) (m, 2H), 3.67 (dt, 1H), 3.45 (minor), 3.40 (major) (s, 3H), 3.14 (dd, 2H), 3.10 — 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.83 (m, 8H), 2.74 (minor), 2.70 (major) (s, 3H), 2.04 (m, 4H).
LCMS: m/z 394 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 392 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 150: 1-Ethyl-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl)carbamoyl)-4-methoxypyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0764]

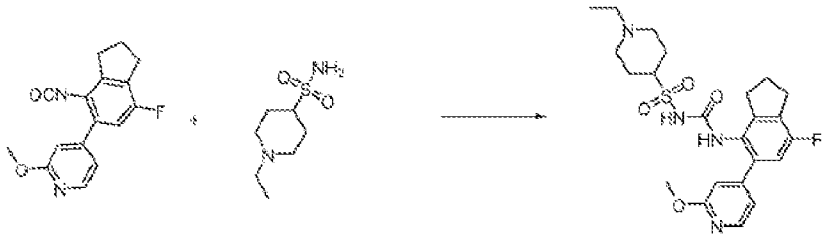


[0765] Prepared as described for 1-(tert-butyl)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)azetidine-3-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 93**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-ethyl-4-methoxypyrrolidine-3-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P130**) to afford the title compound (26 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (CD_3OD) (mixture of isomers, ratio 6 : 1): δ = 6.85 (s, 1H), 4.27 (m, 2H), 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.42 (minor), 3.39 (major) (s, 3H), 3.16-2.89 (m, 2H), 2.82 (m, 11H), 2.04 (m, 4H), 1.18 (t, 3H).
LCMS: m/z 408 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 406 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 186 (not according to the invention): 1-Ethyl-*N*-((7-fluoro-5-(2-methoxypyridin-4-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-yl)carbamoyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt

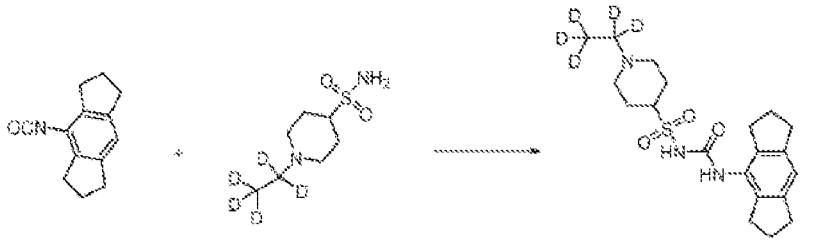
[0766]



[0767] To a solution of 1-ethylpiperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P6**; 90 mg, 0.37 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added potassium tert-butoxide (49 mg, 0.44 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 45 minutes. Then 4-(7-fluoro-4-isocyanato-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-5-yl)-2-methoxypyridine (**Intermediate A11**; 90 mg, 0.32 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 2 hours room temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and DMSO (0.5 - 1 mL) was added. The mixture (filtered over cotton wool when solids were present) was submitted for purification by reversed phase column chromatography (see "Experimental Methods", "Purification Method 1") to afford the title compound (18 mg, 10 %) as a white solid. ^{1}H NMR (methanol-d_4) δ 8.10 (d, 1H), 7.03 (d, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.23 (m, 2H), 3.07 (m, 1H), 3.00 (m, 4H), 2.68 (m, 2H), 2.32-2.08 (m, 4H), 2.03 (m, 2H), 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.18 (t, 3H).
LCMS: m/z 477 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 475 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Example 193: 1-(Ethyl-d5)-*N*-((1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacen-4-yl) carbamoyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt

[0768]



[0769] Prepared as described for 1-ethyl-*N*-((7-fluoro-5-(2-methoxypyridin-4-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-4-yl)carbamoyl)piperidine-4-sulfonamide, potassium salt (**Example 186**) using 4-isocyanato-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-*s*-indacene (**Intermediate A1**) and 1-(ethyl-d5)piperidine-4-sulfonamide (**Intermediate P145**) to afford the title compound (75 mg, 38 %) as a white solid.

^{1}H NMR (methanol-d_4) δ 6.87 (s, 1H), 3.44 (m, 1H), 3.16 (d, 2H), 2.82 (m, 8H), 2.15 (m, 4H), 2.10 — 1.84 (m, 6H).
LCMS: m/z 397 $(M+H)^+$ (ES^+); 395 $(M-H)^-$ (ES^-).

Examples - biological studies

NLRP3 and Pyroptosis

[0770] It is well established that the activation of NLRP3 leads to cell pyroptosis and this feature plays an important part in the manifestation of clinical disease (Yan-gang Liu et al., Cell Death & Disease, 2017, 8(2), e2579; Alexander Wree et al., Hepatology, 2014, 59(3), 898-910; Alex Baldwin et al., Journal of Medicinal Chemistry, 2016, 59(5), 1691-1710; Ema Ozaki et al., Journal of Inflammation Research, 2015, 8, 15-27; Zhen Xie & Gang Zhao, Neuroimmunology Neuroinflammation, 2014, 1(2), 60-65; Mattia Cocco et al., Journal of Medicinal Chemistry, 2014, 57(24), 10366-10382; T. Satoh et al., Cell Death & Disease, 2013, 4, e644). Therefore, it is anticipated that inhibitors of NLRP3 will block pyroptosis, as well as the release of pro-inflammatory cytokines (e.g. IL-1β) from the cell.

THP-1 Cells: Culture and Preparation

[0771] THP-1 cells (ATCC # TIB-202) were grown in RPMI containing L-glutamine (Gibco #11835) supplemented with 1mM sodium pyruvate (Sigma # S8636) and penicillin (100units/ml) / streptomycin (0.1mg/ml) (Sigma # P4333) in 10% Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS) (Sigma # F0804). The cells were routinely passaged and grown to confluency (~10^5cells/ml). On the day of the experiment, THP-1 cells were harvested and resuspended into RPMI medium (without FBS). The cells were then counted and viability (>90%) checked by Trypan blue (Sigma # T8154). Appropriate dilutions were made to give a concentration of 625,000cells/ml. To this diluted cell solution was added LPS (Sigma # L4524) to give a 1μg/ml Final Assay Concentration (FAC). 40μl of the final preparation was aliquoted into each well of a 96-well plate. The plate thus prepared was used for compound screening.

THP-1 Cells Pyroptosis Assay

[0772] The following method step-by-step assay was followed for compound screening.

1. Seed THP-1 cells (25,000cells/well) containing 1.0μg/ml LPS in 40μl of RPMI medium (without FBS) in 96-well, black walled, clear bottom cell culture plates coated with poly-D-lysine (VWR # 734-0317)
2. Add 5μl compound (8 points half-log dilution, with 10μM top dose) or vehicle (DMSO 0.1% FAC) to the appropriate wells
3. Incubate for 3hrs at 37°C and 5% CO_2
4. Add 5μl nigericin (Sigma # N7143) (FAC 5μM) to all wells
5. Incubate for 1hr at 37°C and 5% CO_2
6. At the end of the incubation period, spin plates at 300×g for 3mins and remove supernatant
7. Then add 50μl of resazurin (Sigma # R7017) (FAC 100 μM resazurin in RPMI medium without FBS) and incubate plates for a further 1-2hrs at 37°C and 5% CO_2
8. Plates were read in an Envision reader at Ex 560nm and Em 590nm
9. IC_{50} data is fitted to a non-linear regression equation (log inhibitor vs response-variable slope 4-parameters)

96-well Plate Map

[0773]

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	High	Comp 1	Comp 2	Comp 3	Comp 4	Comp 5	Comp 6	Comp 7	Comp 8	Comp 9	Comp 10	Low
B	High	Comp 1	Comp 2	Comp 3	Comp 4	Comp 5	Comp 6	Comp 7	Comp 8	Comp 9	Comp 10	Low
C	High	Comp 1	Comp 2	Comp 3	Comp 4	Comp 5	Comp 6	Comp 7	Comp 8	Comp 9	Comp 10	Low
D	High	Comp 1	Comp 2	Comp 3	Comp 4	Comp 5	Comp 6	Comp 7	Comp 8	Comp 9	Comp 10	Low
E	High	Comp 1	Comp 2	Comp 3	Comp 4	Comp 5	Comp 6	Comp 7	Comp 8	Comp 9	Comp 10	Low
F	High	Comp 1	Comp 2	Comp 3	Comp 4	Comp 5	Comp 6	Comp 7	Comp 8	Comp 9	Comp 10	Low
G	High	Comp 1	Comp 2	Comp 3	Comp 4	Comp 5	Comp 6	Comp 7	Comp 8	Comp 9	Comp 10	Low
H	High	Comp 1	Comp 2	Comp 3	Comp 4	Comp 5	Comp 6	Comp 7	Comp 8	Comp 9	Comp 10	Low
		High	MCC950 (10uM)			Compound 8-point half-log dilution						
		Low	Drug free control									

[0774] The results of the pyroptosis assay performed are summarised in Table 1 below as THP IC_{50}.

Human Whole Blood IL1β Release Assay

[0775] For systemic delivery, the ability to inhibit NLRP3 when the compounds are present within the bloodstream is of great importance. For this reason, the NLRP3 inhibitory activity of a number of compounds in human whole blood was investigated in accordance with the following protocol.

[0776] Human whole blood in Li-heparin tubes was obtained from healthy donors from a volunteer donor panel.

1. Plate out 80μl of whole blood containing 1μg/ml of LPS in 96-well, clear bottom cell culture plate (Corning # 3585)
2. Add 10μl compound (8 points half-log dilution with 10μM top dose) or vehicle (DMSO 0.1% FAC) to the appropriate wells
3. Incubate for 3hrs at 37°C, 5% CO_2
4. Add 10μl nigericin (Sigma # N7143) (10μM FAC) to all wells
5. Incubate for 1hr at 37°C, 5% CO_2
6. At the end of the incubation period, spin plates at 300×g for 5mins to pellet cells and remove 20μl of supernatant and add to 96-well v-bottom plates for IL-1β analysis (note: these plates containing the supernatants can be stored at -8o°C to be analysed at a later date)
7. IL-1β was measured according to the manufacturer protocol (Perkin Elmer-AlphaLisa IL-1 Kit AL220F-5000)
8. IC_{50} data is fitted to a non-linear regression equation (log inhibitor vs response-variable slope 4-parameters)

[0777] The results of the human whole blood assay are summarised in Table 1 below as HWB IC_{50}.

Example No	THP IC_{50}	HWB IC_{50}
1	++	++
2	++	++
3	++	++
4	++	++
5	+++	++
6	+++	+++
7	+++	++
8	++	+++
9	+++	+++
10	++	ND
11	++	ND
12	++	ND
13	+++	+
14	++	ND
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20	++	ND
21	++	ND
22	++	ND
23	++	ND
24	+++	+++
25	++	ND
26	++	ND
27	++	ND

Example No	THP IC_{50}	HWB IC_{50}
60	++	ND
61	++	ND
62	++	ND
65	+++	+++
67	++	ND
68	+++	ND
69	+++	ND
70	+++	+++
73	++	ND
74	++	ND
75	+++	+++
76	+++	+++
77	++	ND
78	++	ND
80	++	ND
81	++	ND
82	++	ND
83	++	ND
85	+++	ND
86	++	ND
87	++	ND
88	+++	ND
89	++	ND
91	++	ND
92	+++	++

Example No	THP IC_{50}	HWB IC_{50}	Example No	THP IC_{50}	HWB IC_{50}
28	++	ND	93	+++	+++
29	++	ND	94	+++	+++
30	++	ND	96	+++	++
31	+++	+++	97	+++	+++
32	++	++	98	+++	+++
33	++	ND	99	+++	+++
34	+++	++	108	+++	+++
36	++	ND	109	+++	+++
37	+++	+++	110	++	ND
38	++	ND	114	++	ND
39	+++	++	116	++	ND
40	++	ND	117	+++	ND
41	+++	+++	118	+++	ND
42	++	ND	119	++	ND
43	++	ND	120	++	ND
44	++	ND	121	+++	+++
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52	++	ND	135	+++	++
53	+++	+++	146	++	ND
54	++	ND	147	++	ND
55	++	ND	148	++	ND
56	++	ND	149	++	ND
57	++	ND	150	+++	ND
58	++	ND	193	+++	+++
59	++	ND			

Table 1: NLRP3 inhibitory activity (≤1 μM = '+++', ≤10 μM = '++', >10 μM = '+', not determined = 'ND').

PK protocol

[0778] Pharmacokinetic parameters were determined in male Sprague Dawley rats (Charles River, UK, 250-300g; or Vital River Laboratory Animal Technology Co Ltd, Beijing, China, 7-9 weeks old). Animals were individually housed during the study and maintained under a 12 h light/dark cycle. Animals had free access to food and water except that orally dosed animals were food deprived overnight prior to the study.

[0779] For intravenous administration, compounds were formulated as a solution in water or DMSO:PBS [10:90] in 2 mL/kg dosing volume and administered via tail vein. For oral administration, compounds were formulated as a solution in water or DMSO:water [10:90] in 5 mL/kg dosing volume and administered orally.

[0780] Serial blood samples (about 120-300 μL) were taken from each animal at each of 8 time-points post dose (0.083, 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8 and 24 h). Samples were held on ice for no longer than 30 minutes before centrifugation (10,000 rpm (8,385g) for 3 minutes; or 5,696 rpm (3,000g) for 15 minutes) for plasma generation. Plasma was frozen on dry ice prior to bioanalysis. PK parameters were generated from LC-MS/MS data using Dotmatics or Phoenix WinNonlin 6.3 software.

Table 2: PK data (intravenous administration)

Example No	Dose (mg/kg)	AUC (ng · hr/mL)	$T_{½}$ (hr)	Vdss (L/kg)	Cl (mL/min · kg)
1	1	1949.4	1.2	0.58	8.5
6	1	2344.0	2.7	0.61	7.2
9	1	2669.0	3.9	0.63	6.5
18	1	1531.6	0.9	0.42	10.9
31	1	2753.6	4.5	0.47	6.1
37	1.46	2247.9	2.1	0.59	10.8
41	1	1853.9	2.9	0.78	9.1
45	0.66	703.1	3.3	2.06	15.6
46	1	2077.2	1.2	0.45	8.2
70	1.86	2552.9	1.7	0.53	12.1
76	1	2647.5	1.0	0.25	6.3
94	2.09	1407.8	1.1	1.62	25.2
99	1	1670.9	0.6	0.42	10.0
109	1	1732.0	1.3	0.64	9.6

Table 3: PK data (oral administration)

Example No	Dose (mg/kg)	Cmax (ng/mL)	AUC (ng · hr/mL)	Tmax (hr)	$T_{½}$ (hr)	Cl (mL/min · kg)	Bioavailability
6	3	1768.6	5395.0	0.5	2.7	9.3	76.7
46	3	1330.0	3513.7	0.67	1.4	14.6	56.4

[0781] As is evident from the results presented in Table 1, surprisingly in spite of the structural differences versus the prior art compounds, the compounds of the invention show high levels of NLRP3 inhibitory activity in the pyroptosis assay and in particular in the human whole blood assay.

[0782] As is evident from the results presented in Tables 2 and 3, the compounds of the invention show advantageous pharmacokinetic properties, for example half-life $T_{½}$, area under the curve AUC, clearance Cl and/or bioavailability, compared to the prior art compounds.

[0783] It will be understood that the present invention has been described above by way of example only. The examples are not intended to limit the scope of the invention.

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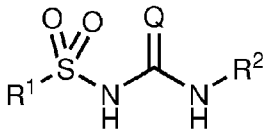

Formel (I)

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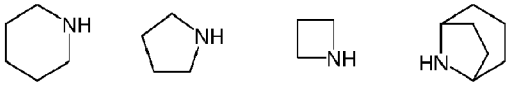

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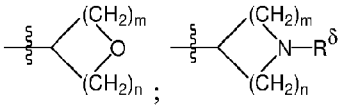
hvor R^1 er bundet til svovlatomet i sulfonylureagruppen med et ringcarbonatom, og hvor R^1 eventuelt kan være substitueret med én eller flere substituenter, der uafhængigt af hinanden er valgt blandt halogen; -CN; -NO2; -N3; -RP; -OH; -ORP; -SH; -SRP; -SO2Rβ; -NH2; -NHRP; -N(Rβ)2; -CHO; -CORβ; -COOH; -COORβ; -OCORβ; -Rα-CHO; -Rα-CORβ; -Rα-COOH; -Rα-COORβ; -Rα-OCORβ; -NH-CHO; -NRβ-CHO; -NH-CORβ; -NRβ-CORβ; -CONH2; -CONHRβ; -CON(Rβ)2; -Rα-NH-CHO; -Rα-NRβ-CHO; -Rα-NH-CORβ; -Rα-NRβ-CORβ; -Rα-CONH2; -Rα-CONHRβ; -Rα-CON(Rβ)2; a C3-C7-cycloalkylgruppe, der eventuelt er substitueret med én eller flere C1-C3-alkyl- eller C1-C3-halogenalkylgrupper; en C3-C7-cycloalkenylgruppe, der eventuelt er substitueret med én eller flere C1-C3-alkyl- eller C1-C3-halogenalkylgrupper;



; oxo (=O); eller en C1-C4-alkylenbro;

hvert -R^{α}- uafhængigt af hinanden er valgt blandt en alkylen-, alkenylen- eller alkynylengruppe, hvor alkylen-, alkenylen- eller alkynylengruppen indeholder fra 1 til 6 carbonatomer i rygraden, og hvor alkylen-, alkenylen- eller

alkynylengruppen eventuelt kan være substitueret med én eller flere halogen- og/eller -R^{β}-grupper;

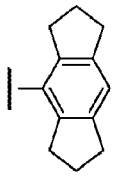
hvert -R^{β} uafhængigt af hinanden er valgt blandt en C1-C6-alkyl-, C2-C6-alkenyl-, C2-C6-alkynyl- eller cyklisk C2-C6-gruppe, og hvor et hvilket som helst -R^{β} eventuelt kan være substitueret med én eller flere C1-C3-alkyl-, C1-C3-halogenalkyl-, C3-C7cycloalkyl-, -O(C1-C3-alkyl)-, halogen-, -CN-, -C≡CH- eller oxo (=O)-grupper;

hvert -R^{δ} uafhængigt af hinanden er valgt blandt en C1-C6-alkyl- eller C1-C3-halogenalkylgruppe;

hvert m uafhængigt af hinanden er valgt blandt 1, 2 eller 3;

hvert n uafhængigt af hinanden er valgt blandt 1, 2 eller 3; og

R^2 er:



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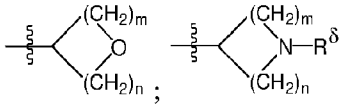
2. Forbindelse ifølge krav 1, hvor R^1 er substitueret med én eller flere substituenter, der uafhængigt af hinanden er valgt blandt halogen; -CN; -N3; -Rβ; -SO2Rβ; -NH2; -NHRβ; -N(Rβ)2; -CHO; -CORβ; -COORβ; -OCORβ; -Rα-CHO; -Rα-CORβ; -Rα-COORβ; -Rα-OCORβ; -NH-CHO; -NRβ-CHO; -NH-CORβ; -NRβ-CORβ; -CONH2; -CONHRβ; -CON(Rβ)2;



; eller oxo (=O); hvor:

hvert -R^{α}- uafhængigt af hinanden er valgt blandt en C1-C3-alkylengruppe;

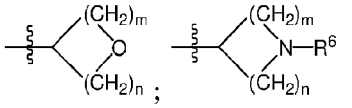
hvert -R^{β} uafhængigt af hinanden er valgt blandt en C1-C6-alkyl- eller C3-C6-cycloalkylgruppe, og hvor et hvilket som helst -R^{β} eventuelt kan være substitueret med én eller flere C3-C6cycloalkyl-, -O(C1-C3-alkyl)-, halogen-, -CN- eller -C≡CH-grupper;

hvert -R^{δ} uafhængigt af hinanden er valgt blandt en C1-C6-alkylgruppe;

hvert m uafhængigt af hinanden er valgt blandt 1 eller 2; og

hvert n uafhængigt af hinanden er valgt blandt 1 eller 2.

3. Forbindelse ifølge krav 1, hvor R^1 er substitueret på ringnitrogenatomet med en substituent, der er valgt blandt halogen; C1-C6-alkyl; C1-C6-halogenalkyl; C2-C6-alkenyl; C2-C6-halogenalkenyl; C2-C6-alkynyl; C2-C6-halogenalkynyl; -R5-CN; -R5-COR6; -R5-COOR6; -R5-CON(R6)2; -R^5-(C3-C6-cycloalkyl);



; oxo (=O); -CH2CH2CH2-; eller -CH2CH2CH2CH2-;

hvor:

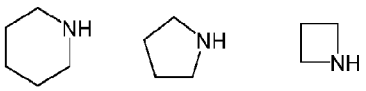
R^5 uafhængigt er valgt blandt en binding eller C1-C5-alkylen;

R^6 uafhængigt er valgt blandt hydrogen, C1-C5-alkyl, C1-C5-halogenalkyl eller C3-C6-cycloalkyl;

m er 1, 2 eller 3; og

n er 1, 2 eller 3.

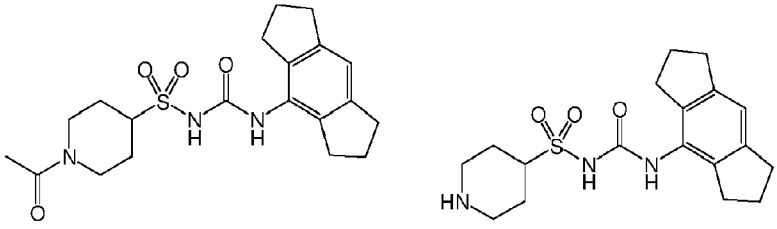
4. Forbindelse ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 1 til 3, hvor R^1 er en monocyklisk ikke-aromatisk heterocyklisk gruppe, der er valgt blandt:

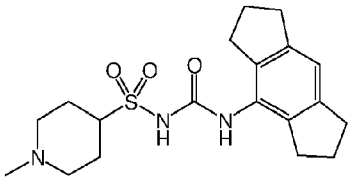


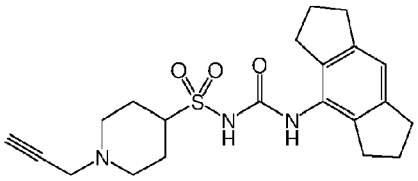
hvor R^1 er bundet til svovlatomet i sulfonylureagruppen med et ringcarbonatom, og hvor R^1 eventuelt kan være substitueret som defineret i et hvilket som helst af kravene 1 til 3.

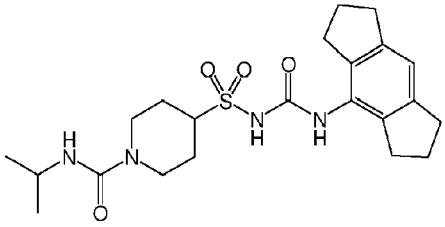
5. Forbindelse ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 1 til 4, hvor R^1 er substitueret på ringnitrogenatomet med en substituent som defineret i et hvilket som helst af kravene 1 til 3.

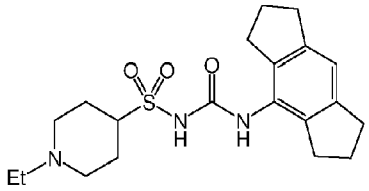
6. Forbindelse ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 1 til 5, der er valgt fra gruppen bestående af:

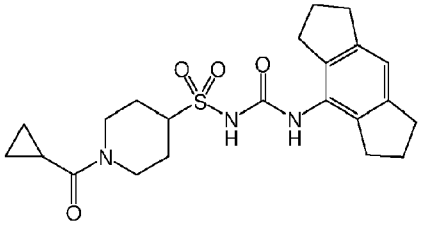


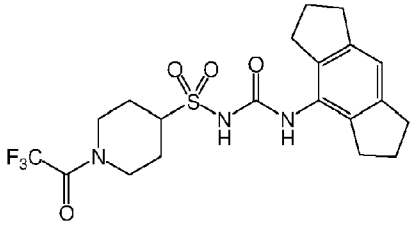


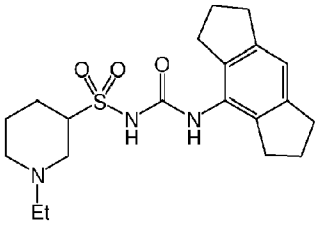


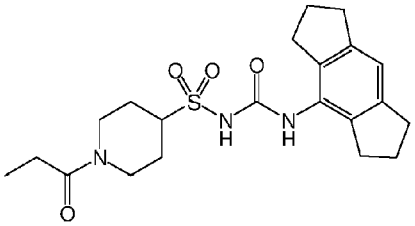


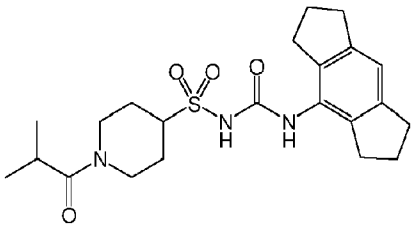


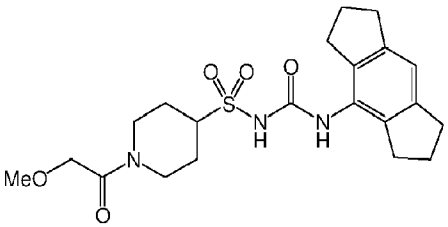


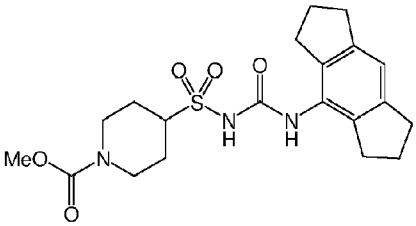


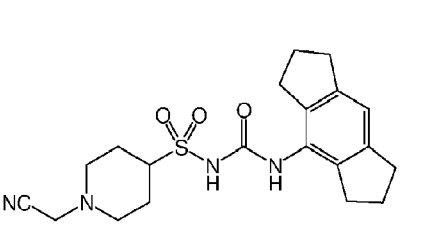


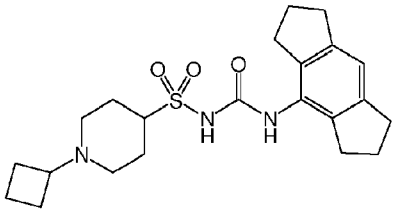


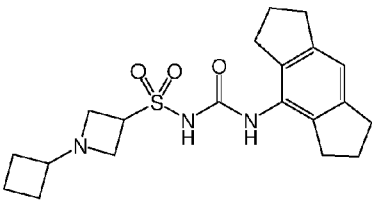


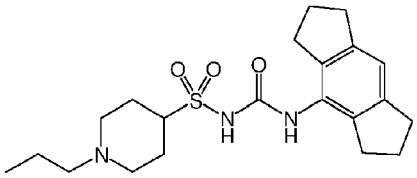


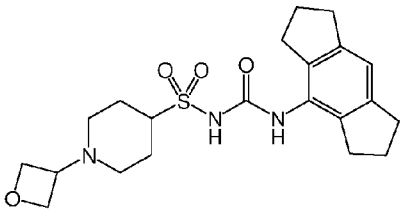


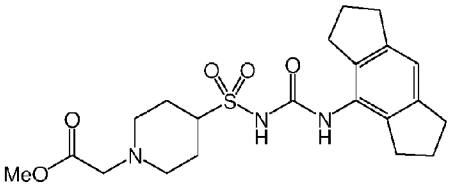


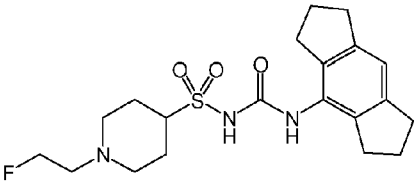


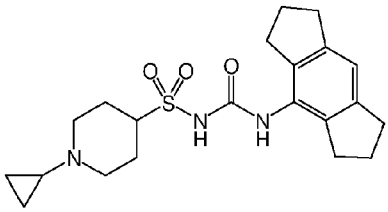


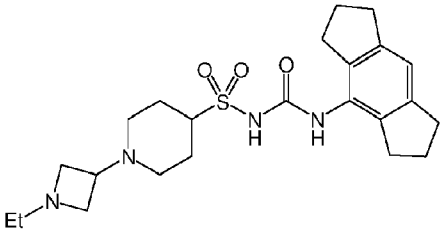


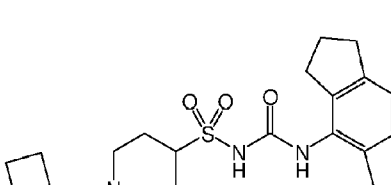


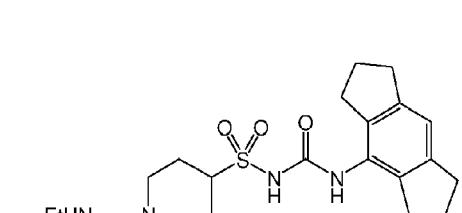


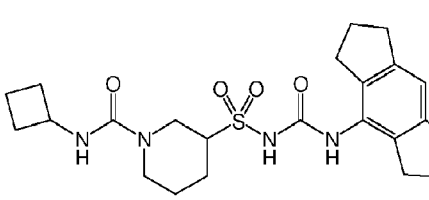


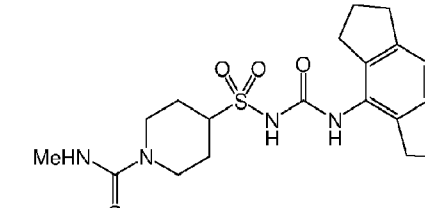


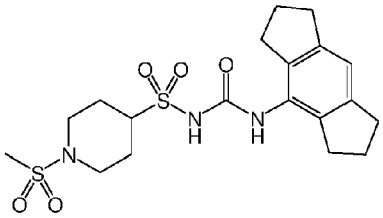


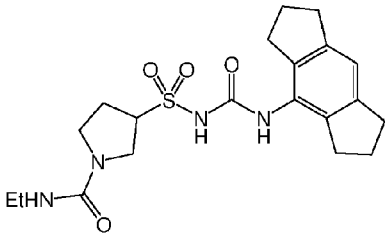








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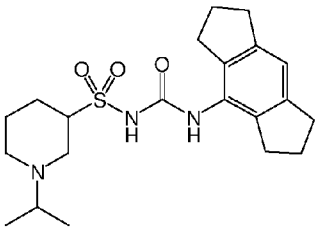

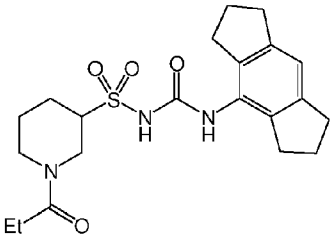
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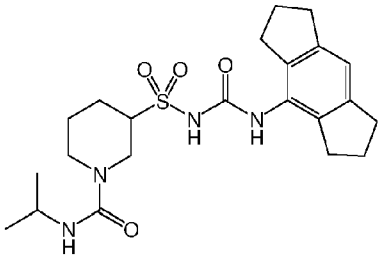

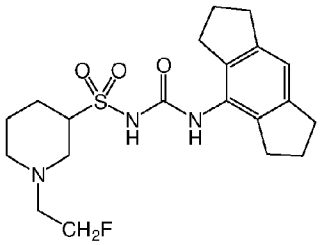
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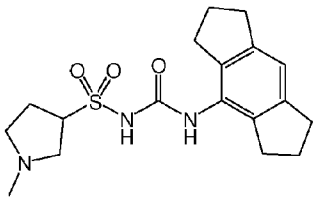

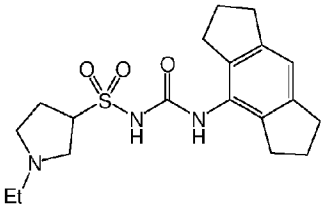
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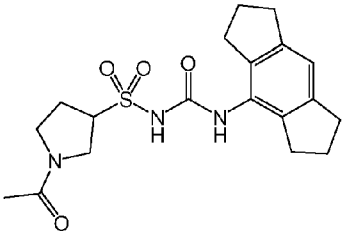

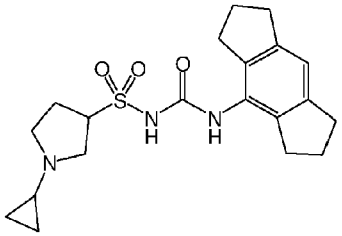

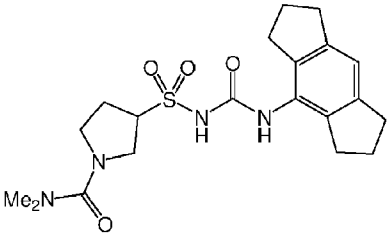
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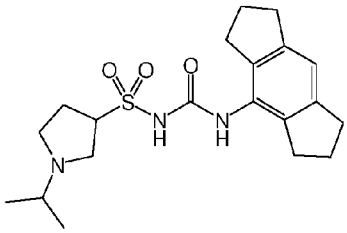

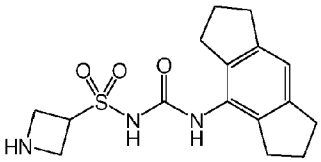

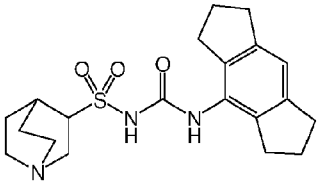

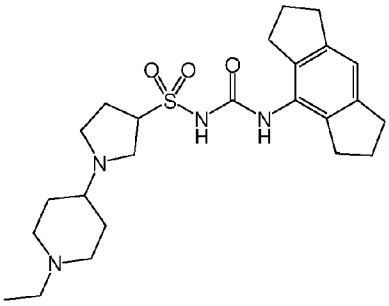

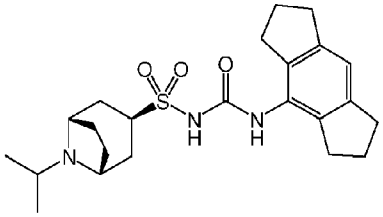

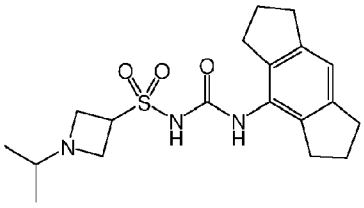

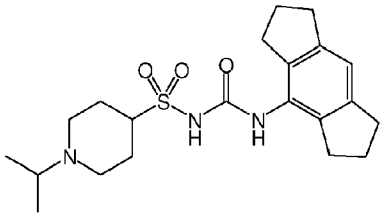

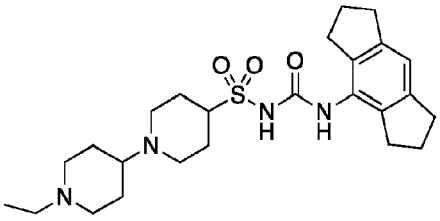

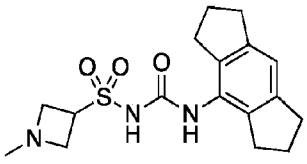

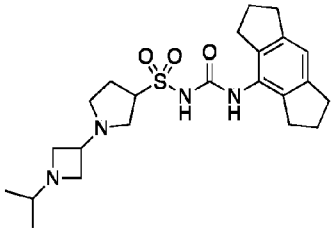

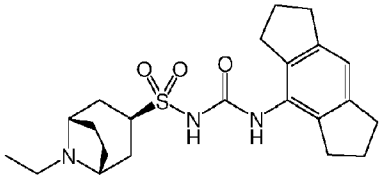

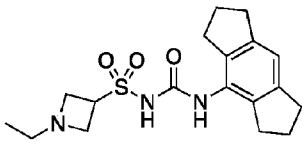

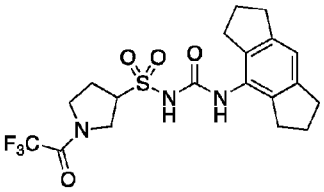

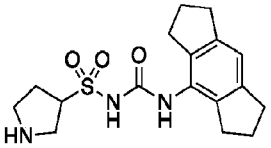

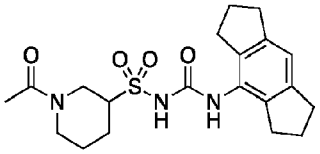

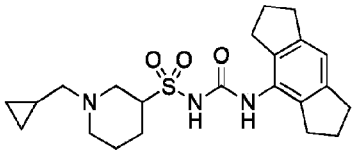

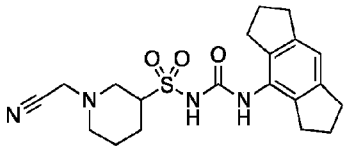

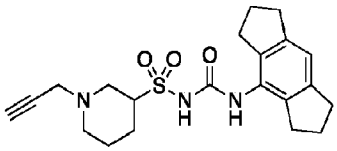

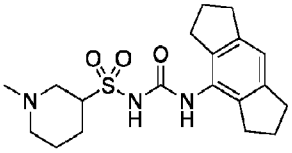

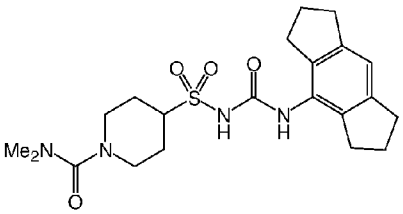

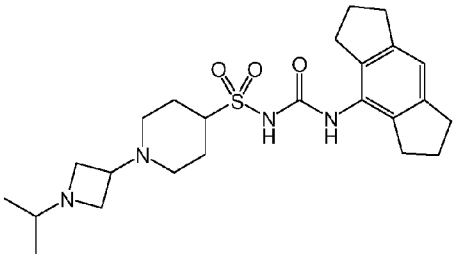

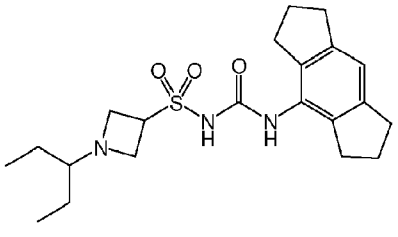

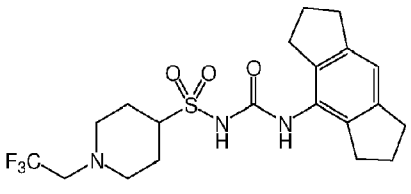

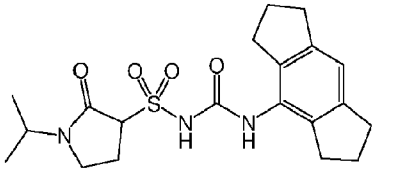

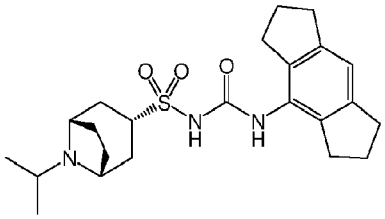

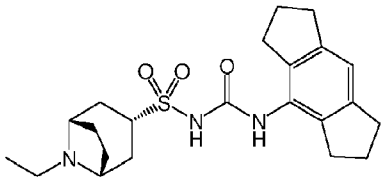

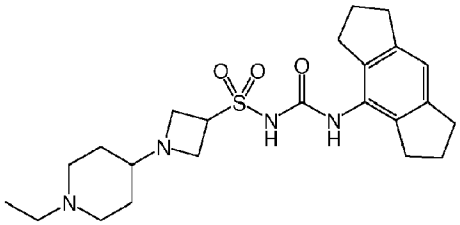

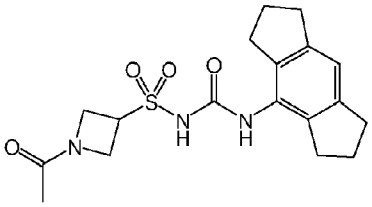

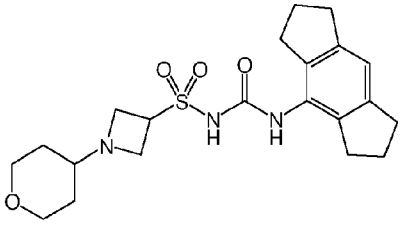

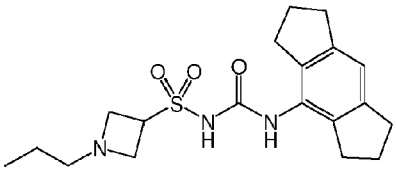

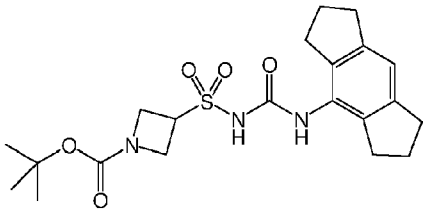

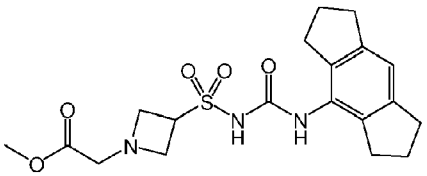

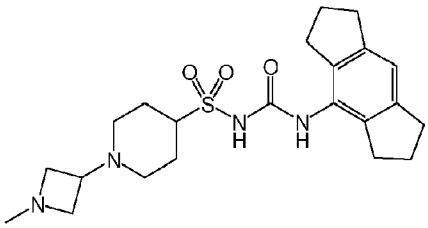

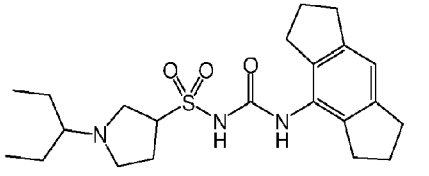

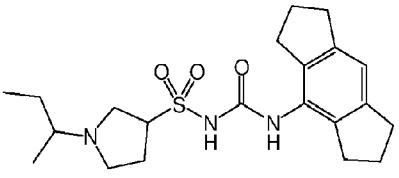

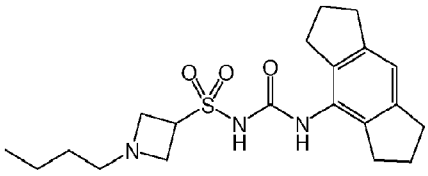

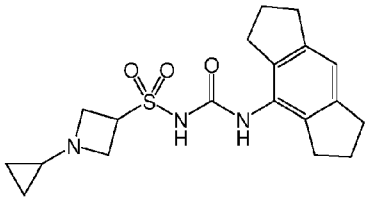

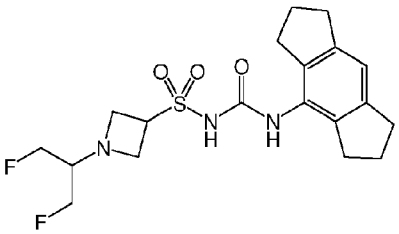

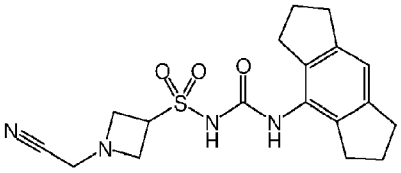

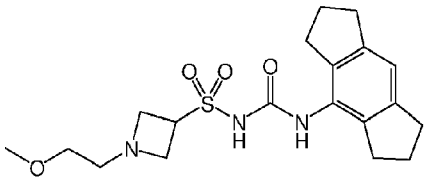

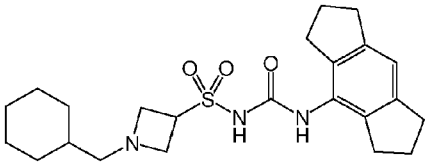

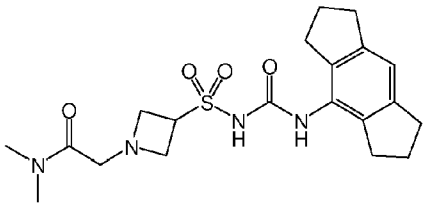

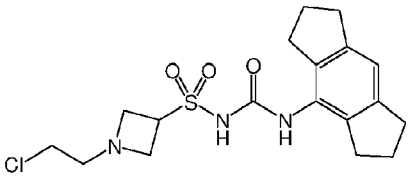

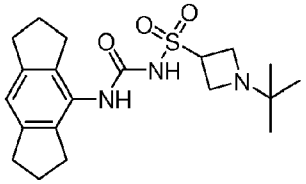

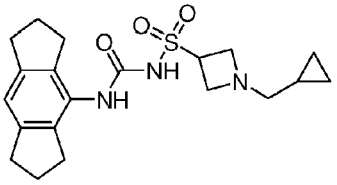

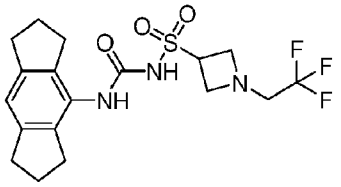

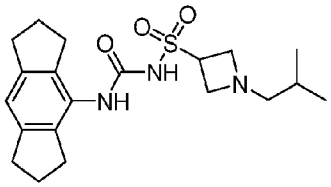

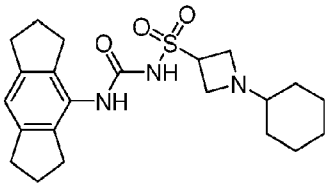

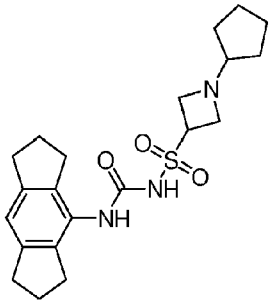

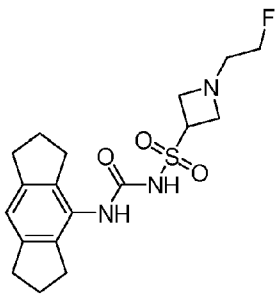

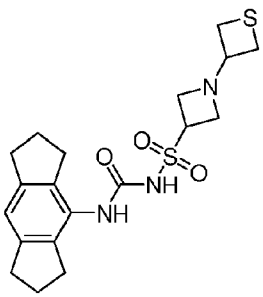

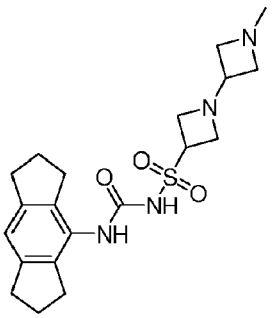

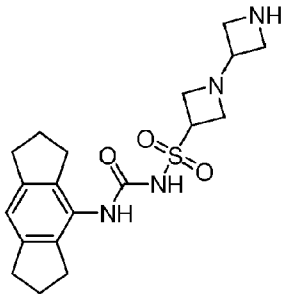

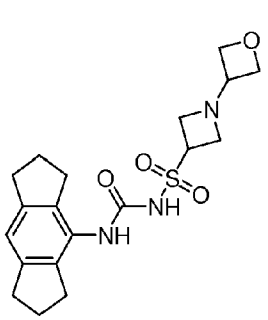

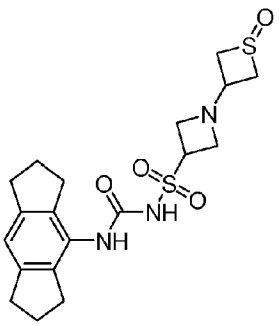

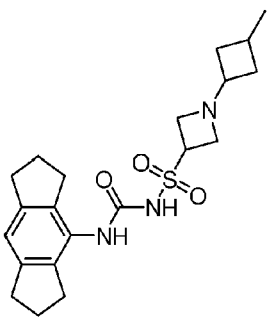

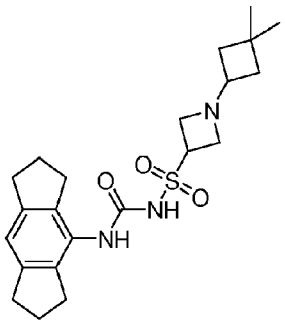

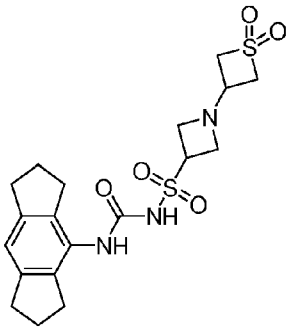

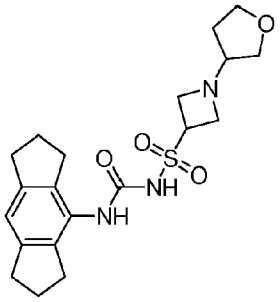

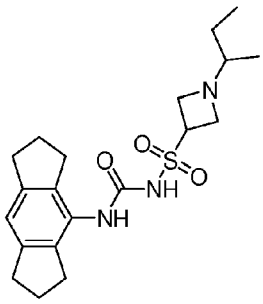

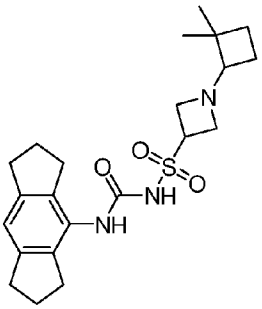

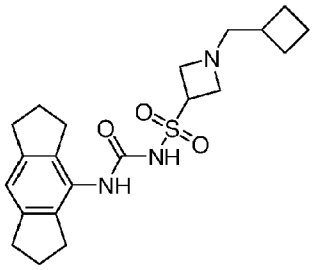

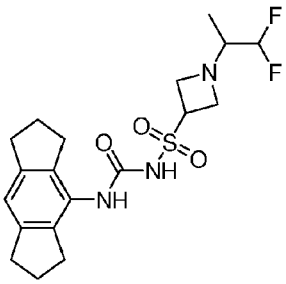

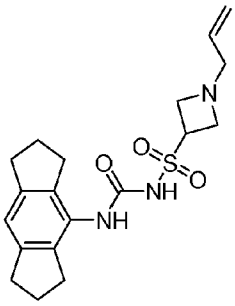

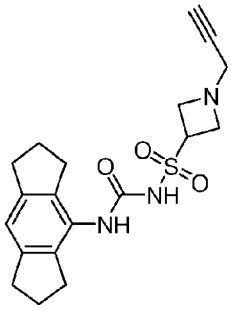

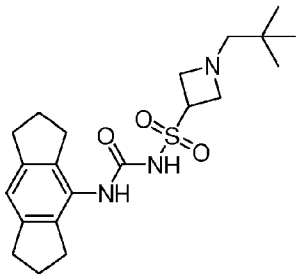

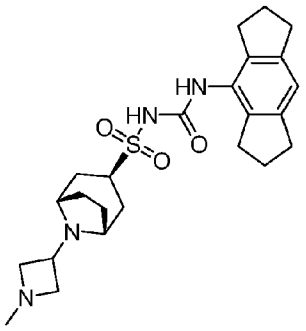

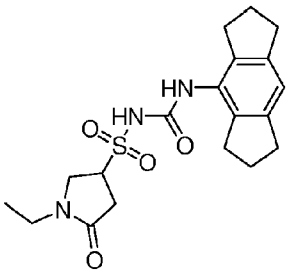

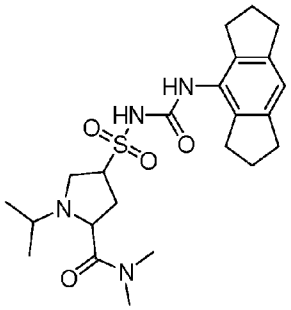

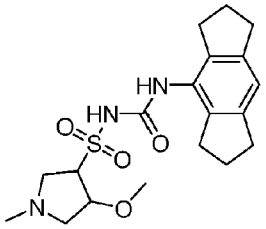

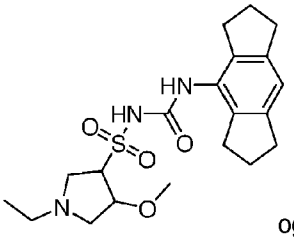

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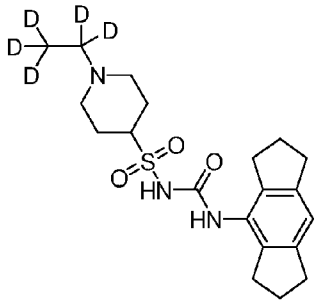

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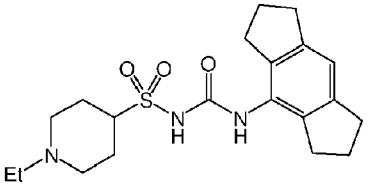

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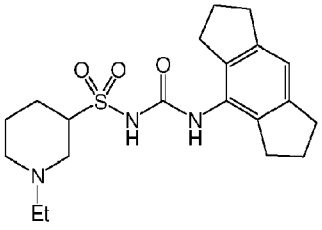

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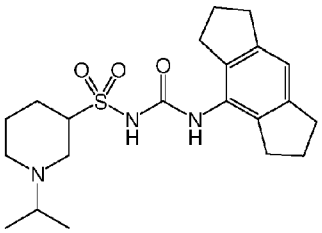

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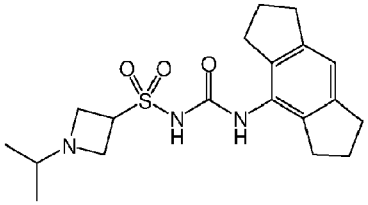

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11. Farmaceutisk acceptabelt salt eller solvat af en forbindelse ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 1 til 6.

12. Farmaceutisk acceptabelt salt eller solvat af en forbindelse ifølge krav 7.

13. Farmaceutisk acceptabelt salt eller solvat af en forbindelse ifølge krav 8.

14. Farmaceutisk acceptabelt salt eller solvat af en forbindelse ifølge krav 9.

15. Farmaceutisk acceptabelt salt eller solvat af en forbindelse ifølge krav 10.

16. Farmaceutisk sammensætning, der omfatter en forbindelse ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 1 til 10, eller et farmaceutisk acceptabelt salt eller solvat ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 11 til 15, og et farmaceutisk acceptabelt hjælpestof.

17. Forbindelse ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 1 til 10, eller farmaceutisk acceptabelt salt eller solvat ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 11 til 15, eller farmaceutisk sammensætning ifølge krav 16, til anvendelse i medicin.

18. Forbindelse, farmaceutisk acceptabelt salt, solvat eller farmaceutisk sammensætning ifølge krav 17, til anvendelse ved behandling eller forebyggelse af en sygdom, lidelse eller tilstand, hvor sygdommen, lidelsen eller tilstanden er valgt blandt:

(i) inflammation;

(ii) en autoimmunsygdom;

(iii) cancer;

(iv) en infektion;

(v) en sygdom i centralnervesystemet;

(vi) en metabolisk sygdom;
(vii) en kardiovaskulær sygdom;
(viii) en luftvejssygdom;
(ix) en leversygdom;
(x) en nyresygdom;
(xi) en okulær sygdom;
(xii) en hudsygdom;
(xiii) en lymfetilstand;
(xiv) en psykologisk lidelse;
(xv) graft-versus-host-sygdom; og
(xvi) allodyni.

19. Forbindelse, farmaceutisk acceptabelt salt, solvat eller farmaceutisk sammensætning ifølge krav 17, til anvendelse ved behandling eller forebyggelse af en sygdom, lidelse eller tilstand, hvor sygdommen, lidelsen eller tilstanden er valgt blandt:
(i) kryopyrinassocierede periodiske syndromer (CAPS);
(ii) Muckle-Wells' syndrom (MWS);
(iii) familiært koldt autoinflammatorisk syndrom (FCAS);
(iv) multisystemisk inflammatorisk sygdom med neonatal debut (NOMID);
(v) familiær middelhavsfeber (FMF);
(vi) pyogen artritis, pyoderma gangrenosum og akne-syndrom (PAPA);
(vii) hyperimmunglobulinæmi D og periodisk feber-syndrom (HIDS);
(viii) tumornekrosefaktor-(TNF)-receptorassocieret periodisk syndrom (TRAPS);
(ix) systemisk juvenil idiopatisk artritis;
(x) Stills sygdom med debut i voksenalderen (AOSD);
(xi) recidiverende polykondritis;
(xii) Schnitzlers syndrom;
(xiii) Sweets syndrom;
(xiv) Behçets sygdom;
(xv) antisyntetasesyndrom;
(xvi) interleukin 1-receptorantagonist-deficiens (DIRA); og
(xvii) A20-haploinsufficiens A20 (HA20).

20. *Ex vivo*- eller *in vitro*-fremgangsmåde til inhibering af NLRP3,, hvilken fremgangsmåde omfatter anvendelse af en forbindelse ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 1 til 10, eller et farmaceutisk acceptabelt salt eller solvat ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 11 til 15, eller en farmaceutisk sammensætning ifølge krav 16, til inhibering af NLRP3.