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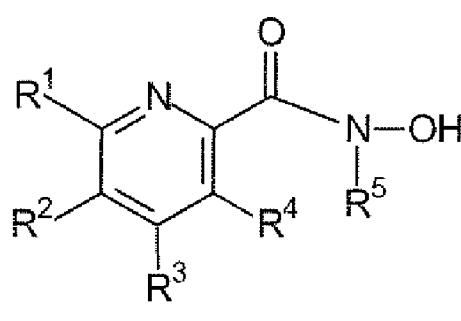
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(54) Title: HETEROARYL HYDROXAMIC ACID DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE IN THE TREATMENT, AMELIORATION OR PREVENTION OF A VIRAL DISEASE



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a compound having the general formula I, optionally in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, polymorph, prodrug, tautomer, racemate, enantiomer, or diastereomer or mixture thereof, which is useful in treating, ameliorating or preventing a viral disease. Furthermore, specific combination therapies are disclosed.



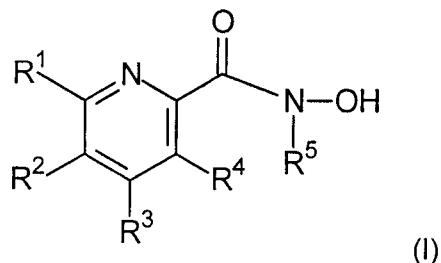
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**Heteroaryl hydroxamic acid derivatives
and their use in the treatment, amelioration or prevention of a viral disease**

Field of the invention

The present invention relates to a compound having the general formula I, optionally in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, polymorph, prodrug, tautomer, racemate, enantiomer, or diastereomer or mixture thereof,



which is useful in treating, ameliorating or preventing a viral disease. Furthermore, specific combination therapies are disclosed.

Background of the invention

In recent years the serious threat posed by influenza virus to worldwide public health has been highlighted by, firstly, the ongoing low level transmission to humans of the highly pathogenic avian H5N1 strain (63% mortality in infected humans, http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/en/) and secondly, the unexpected emergence in 2009 of a novel pandemic strain A/H1N1 that has rapidly spread around the entire world (<http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/>). Whilst the new strain is highly contagious but currently only generally gives mild illness, the future evolution of this virus is unpredictable.

In a much more serious, but highly plausible scenario, H5N1 could have been more easily transmissible between humans or the new A/H1N1 could have been more virulent and could have carried the single point mutation that confers Tamiflu resistance (Neumann et al., *Nature*, 2009 (18; 459(7249) 931-939), as many seasonal H1N1 strains have recently 5 done (Dharan et al., *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, 2009 Mar 11; 301 (10), 1034-1041; Moscona et al., *The New England Journal of Medicine*, 2009 (Mar 5;360(10) pp 953-956). In this case, the delay in generating and deploying a vaccine (~6 months in the relatively favourable case of A/H1N1 and still not a solved problem for H5N1) could have been catastrophically costly in human lives and societal disruption.

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It is widely acknowledged that to bridge the period before a new vaccine becomes available and to treat severe cases, as well as to counter the problem of viral resistance, a wider choice of anti-influenza drugs is required. Development of new anti-influenza drugs has therefore again become a high priority, having been largely abandoned by the major 15 pharmaceutical companies once the anti-neuraminidase drugs became available.

An excellent starting point for the development of antiviral medication is structural data of essential viral proteins. Thus, the crystal structure determination of e.g. the influenza virus surface antigen neuraminidase (Von Itzstein, M. et al., (1993), *Nature*, 363, pp. 418-423) led 20 directly to the development of neuraminidase inhibitors with anti-viral activity preventing the release of virus from the cells, however, not the virus production. These and their derivatives have subsequently developed into the anti-influenza drugs, zanamivir (Glaxo) and oseltamivir (Roche), which are currently being stockpiled by many countries as a first line of defence against an eventual pandemic. However, these medicaments provide only a 25 reduction in the duration of the clinical disease. Alternatively, other anti-influenza compounds such as amantadine and rimantadine target an ion channel protein, i.e., the M2 protein, in the viral membrane interfering with the uncoating of the virus inside the cell. However, they have not been extensively used due to their side effects and the rapid development of resistant virus mutants (Magden, J. et al., (2005), *Appl. Microbiol. Biotechnol.*, 66, pp. 612-621). In addition, more unspecific viral drugs, such as ribavirin, 30 have been shown to work for treatment of influenza and other virus infections (Eriksson, B. et al., (1977), *Antimicrob. Agents Chemother.*, 11, pp. 946-951). However, ribavirin is only approved in a few countries, probably due to severe side effects (Furuta et al., *ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS AND CHEMOTHERAPY*, 2005, p. 981-986). Clearly, new 35 antiviral compounds are needed, preferably directed against different targets.

Influenza virus as well as Thogotovirus belong to the family of Orthomyxoviridae which, as well as the family of the Bunyaviridae, including the Hantavirus, Nairovirus, Orthobunyavirus, and Phlebovirus, are negative stranded RNA viruses. Their genome is 5 segmented and comes in ribonucleoprotein particles that include the RNA dependent RNA polymerase which carries out (i) the initial copying of the single-stranded virion RNA (vRNA) into viral mRNAs and (ii) the vRNA replication. This enzyme, a trimeric complex composed of subunits PA, PB1 and PB2, is central to the life cycle of the virus since it is responsible for the replication and transcription of viral RNA. In previous work the atomic structure of 10 two key domains of the polymerase, the mRNA cap-binding domain in the PB2 subunit (Guilligay et al., *Nature Structural & Molecular Biology* 2008; May;15(5): 500-506) and the endonuclease-active site in the PA subunit (Dias et al., *Nature* 2009, 458, 914-918) have been identified and determined. These two sites are critical for the unique cap-snatching mode of transcription that is used by influenza virus to generate viral mRNAs. For the 15 generation of viral mRNA the polymerase makes use of the so called "cap-snatching" mechanism (Plotch, S. J. et al., (1981), *Cell*, 23, pp. 847-858; Kukkonen, S. K. et al (2005), *Arch. Virol.*, 150, pp. 533-556; Leahy, M. B. et al, (2005), *J. Virol.*, 71, pp. 8347-8351; Noah, D. L. et al., (2005), *Adv. Virus Res.*, 65, pp. 121-145). A 5' cap (also termed an RNA cap, RNA 7-methylguanosine cap or an RNA m7G cap) is a modified guanine nucleotide that 20 has been added to the 5' end of a messenger RNA. The 5' cap consists of a terminal 7-methylguanosine residue which is linked through a 5'-5'-triphosphate bond to the first transcribed nucleotide. The viral polymerase binds to the 5' RNA cap of cellular mRNA molecules and cleaves the RNA cap together with a stretch of 10 to 15 nucleotides. The capped RNA fragments then serve as primers for the synthesis of viral mRNA.

25 The polymerase complex seems to be an appropriate antiviral drug target since it is essential for synthesis of viral mRNA and viral replication and contains several functional active sites likely to be significantly different from those found in host cell proteins (Magden, J. et al., (2005), *Appl. Microbiol. Biotechnol.*, 66, pp. 612-621). Thus, for example, there 30 have been attempts to interfere with the assembly of polymerase subunits by a 25-amino-acid peptide resembling the PA-binding domain within PB1 (Ghanem, A. et al., (2007), *J. Virol.*, 81, pp. 7801-7804). Furthermore, the endonuclease activity of the polymerase has been targeted and a series of 4-substituted 2,4-dioxobutanoic acid compounds has been identified as selective inhibitors of this activity in influenza viruses (Tomassini, J. et al., 35 *Antimicrob. Agents Chemother.*, 38, pp. 2827-2837). In addition, flutimide, a

substituted 2,6-diketopiperazine, identified in extracts of *Delitschia confertaspora*, a fungal species, has been shown to inhibit the endonuclease of influenza virus (Tomassini, J. et al., (1996), *Antimicrob. Agents Chemother.*, 40, pp. 1189-1193). Moreover, there have been attempts to interfere with viral transcription by nucleoside analogs, such as 2'-deoxy-2'-fluoroguanosine (Tisdale, M. et al., (1995), *Antimicrob. Agents Chemother.*, 39, pp. 2454-2458).

The suitability of certain N-hydroxamic acid and N-hydroxyimide compounds for inhibiting the influenza virus polymerase has been investigated by Cianci et al. (Cianci C. et al., 10 (1996) *Antiviral Chem. & Chemotherapy* (1996) 7(6) pp. 353-360). Cianci et al. describe the screening of a proprietary chemical collection in an effort to discover antiviral compounds. One compound, BMY-26270, was identified as an inhibitor of the capped RNA-dependent 15 RNA polymerase of the influenza virus. The inhibitory activity of this compound was attributed to an effect on the endonuclease cleavage function of the influenza polymerase analyzed on entire RNPs and viral lysates, respectively, without knowledge of the location 20 and structure of the viral endonuclease active site. Based on their results, Cianci et al. concluded that a specific phenolic hydroxyl group and a hydroxamic acid moiety are essential components of the polymerase-inhibiting pharmacophore. Cianci et al. further concluded that modification or deletion of either of these elements in the context of the equi-active pyridine homologue leads to the inactivation of the compound.

It is an object of the present invention to identify further compounds which are effective 25 against viral diseases and which have improved pharmacological properties.

Summary of the invention

Accordingly, in a first embodiment, the present invention provides a compound having the 30 general formula I.

It is understood that throughout the present specification the term "a compound having the 35 general formula I" encompasses pharmaceutically acceptable salts, solvates, polymorphs, prodrugs, tautomers, racemates, enantiomers, or diastereomers or mixtures thereof unless mentioned otherwise.

A further embodiment of the present invention relates to a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound having the general formula I and optionally one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipient(s) and/or carrier(s).

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The compounds having the general formula I are useful for treating, ameliorating or preventing viral diseases.

10 **Detailed description of the invention**

Before the present invention is described in detail below, it is to be understood that this invention is not limited to the particular methodology, protocols and reagents described herein as these may vary. It is also to be understood that the terminology used herein is for 15 the purpose of describing particular embodiments only, and is not intended to limit the scope of the present invention which will be limited only by the appended claims. Unless defined otherwise, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meanings as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art.

20 Preferably, the terms used herein are defined as described in "A multilingual glossary of biotechnological terms: (IUPAC Recommendations)", Leuenberger, H.G.W, Nagel, B. and Kölbl, H. eds. (1995), Helvetica Chimica Acta, CH-4010 Basel, Switzerland).

Throughout this specification and the claims which follow, unless the context requires 25 otherwise, the word "comprise", and variations such as "comprises" and "comprising", will be understood to imply the inclusion of a stated integer or step or group of integers or steps but not the exclusion of any other integer or step or group of integers or steps. In the following passages different aspects of the invention are defined in more detail. Each aspect so defined may be combined with any other aspect or aspects unless clearly 30 indicated to the contrary. In particular, any feature indicated as being preferred or advantageous may be combined with any other feature or features indicated as being preferred or advantageous.

Several documents are cited throughout the text of this specification. Each of the 35 documents cited herein (including all patents, patent applications, scientific publications,

manufacturer's specifications, instructions, etc.), whether supra or infra, are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety. Nothing herein is to be construed as an admission that the invention is not entitled to antedate such disclosure by virtue of prior invention.

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Definitions

The term "alkyl" refers to a saturated straight or branched carbon chain.

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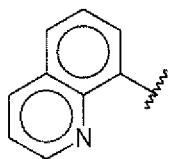
The term "cycloalkyl" represents a cyclic version of "alkyl". The term "cycloalkyl" is also meant to include bicyclic, tricyclic and polycyclic versions thereof. Unless specified otherwise, the cycloalkyl group can have 5 to 12 carbon atoms.

15 "Hal" represents F, Cl, Br and I.

The term "aryl" preferably refers to an aromatic monocyclic ring containing 6 carbon atoms, an aromatic bicyclic ring system containing 10 carbon atoms or an aromatic tricyclic ring system containing 14 carbon atoms. Examples are phenyl, naphthyl or anthracenyl, 20 preferably phenyl.

The term "5- or 6-membered heterocycle" or "5- or 6-membered heterocyclic" covers any five or six-membered ring wherein at least one of the carbon atoms in the ring has been replaced by 1, 2, 3, or 4 (for the five membered ring) or 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 (for the six membered ring) of the same or different heteroatoms, whereby the heteroatoms are selected from O, N and S. The term "heterocyclic ring" also covers heteroaryl rings. Examples include pyrrole, pyrrolidine, oxolane, furan, imidazolidine, imidazole, pyrazole, oxazolidine, oxazole, thiazole, piperidine, pyridine, morpholine, piperazine, and dioxolane.

25 30 The term "5- to 10-membered mono- or bicyclic heteroring" covers any mono- or bicyclic ring system which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S. In a preferred embodiment, the 5- to 10-membered mono- or bicyclic heteroring is



The term "heteroaryl" preferably refers to a five or six-membered aromatic ring wherein one or more of the carbon atoms in the ring have been replaced by 1, 2, 3, or 4 (for the five membered ring) or 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 (for the six membered ring) of the same or different heteroatoms, whereby the heteroatoms are selected from O, N and S. Examples of the heteroaryl group are given above.

The term "heterocycl" covers any five or six-membered ring wherein at least one of the carbon atoms in the ring has been replaced by 1, 2, 3, or 4 (for the five membered ring) or 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 (for the six membered ring) of the same or different heteroatoms, whereby the heteroatoms are selected from O, N and S. The term "heterocycl" also covers heteroaryl rings. Examples include pyrrole, pyrrolidine, oxolane, furan, imidazolidine, imidazole, pyrazole, oxazolidine, oxazole, thiazole, piperidine, pyridine, morpholine, piperazine, and dioxolane.

The term "carbocycle" or "carbocyclic" covers any five or six-membered ring which does not include heteroatoms in the ring. The term "carbocyclic ring" also covers aryl rings.

If a compound or moiety is referred to as being "optionally substituted" it can in each instance include 1 or more of the indicated substituents, whereby the substituents can be the same or different.

The term "pharmaceutically acceptable salt" refers to a salt of a compound of the present invention. Suitable pharmaceutically acceptable salts include acid addition salts which may, for example, be formed by mixing a solution of compounds of the present invention with a solution of a pharmaceutically acceptable acid such as hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, fumaric acid, maleic acid, succinic acid, acetic acid, benzoic acid, citric acid, tartaric acid, carbonic acid or phosphoric acid. Furthermore, where the compound carries an acidic moiety, suitable pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof may include alkali metal salts (e.g., sodium or potassium salts); alkaline earth metal salts (e.g., calcium or magnesium salts); and salts formed with suitable organic ligands (e.g., ammonium, quaternary ammonium and amine cations formed using counteranions such as halide, hydroxide,

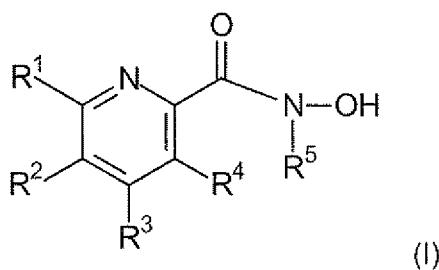
carboxylate, sulfate, phosphate, nitrate, alkyl sulfonate and aryl sulfonate). Illustrative examples of pharmaceutically acceptable salts include, but are not limited to, acetate, adipate, alginate, ascorbate, aspartate, benzenesulfonate, benzoate, bicarbonate, bisulfate, bitartrate, borate, bromide, butyrate, calcium edetate, camphorate, camphorsulfonate, 5 camsylate, carbonate, chloride, citrate, clavulanate, cyclopentanepropionate, digluconate, dihydrochloride, dodecylsulfate, edetate, edisylate, estolate, esylate, ethanesulfonate, formate, fumarate, gluceptate, glucoheptonate, gluconate, glutamate, glycerophosphate, glycolylarsanilate, hemisulfate, heptanoate, hexanoate, hexylresorcinate, hydrabamine, hydrobromide, hydrochloride, hydroiodide, 2-hydroxy-ethanesulfonate, hydroxynaphthoate, 10 iodide, isothionate, lactate, lactobionate, laurate, lauryl sulfate, malate, maleate, malonate, mandelate, mesylate, methanesulfonate, methylsulfate, mucate, 2-naphthalenesulfonate, napsylate, nicotinate, nitrate, N-methylglucamine ammonium salt, oleate, oxalate, pamoate (embonate), palmitate, pantothenate, pectinate, persulfate, 3-phenylpropionate, phosphate/diphosphate, picrate, pivalate, polygalacturonate, propionate, salicylate, 15 stearate, sulfate, subacetate, succinate, tannate, tartrate, teoclinate, tosylate, triethylsulfide, undecanoate, valerate, and the like (see, for example, S. M. Berge et al., "Pharmaceutical Salts", J. Pharm. Sci., 66, pp. 1-19 (1977)).

When the compounds of the present invention are provided in crystalline form, the structure 20 can contain solvent molecules. The solvents are typically pharmaceutically acceptable solvents and include, among others, water (hydrates) or organic solvents. Examples of possible solvates include ethanolates and iso-propanolates.

The compounds of the present invention can also be provided in the form of a prodrug, 25 namely a compound which is metabolized *in vivo* to the active metabolite.

Compounds having the general formula I

30 The present invention provides a compound having the general formula I.



In the appended claims certain provisos are recited. It is understood that any of the compounds which are included in any of the provisos can be excluded, either individually or

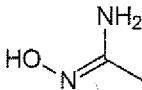
5 in combination with other compounds, from one or more of the independent claims having a different category even if it is not currently disclaimed in the independent claim of this category. It is also understood that the disclaimer covers the compounds in the form of their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, solvates, polymorphs, tautomers, racemates, enantiomers, and diastereomers.

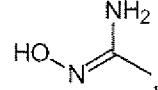
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The present invention provides a compound having the general formula I in which the following definitions apply.

R^1 is selected from $-H$, $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-(C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl) and $-CH_2-(C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl). Preferably

15 R^1 is selected from $-H$, and $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl. Even more preferably R^1 is $-H$.

R^2 is selected from $-H$, , $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-Hal$, $-(C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl), $-CH_2-(C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl), $-(CH_2)_m$ -(optionally substituted aryl), and $-($ optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and

20 S). Preferably R^2 is selected from $-H$, , $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-(CH_2)_m$ -(optionally substituted aryl), $-($ optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S). Even more preferably R^2 is selected from $-H$, $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-phenyl$, with R^2 being $-H$ being most preferred. With respect to R^2 the heterocyclic ring is not particularly limited but it is preferably piperidine or pyrrolidine.

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The substituent(s) of the optionally substituted aryl and the optionally substituted heterocyclic ring are independently selected from $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, $-halogen$, $-CN$, $-CHal_3$, $-aryl$,

$-\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$, and $-\text{CONR}^6\text{R}^7$. Preferred examples of the substituent being selected from $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl.

\mathbf{R}^3 is selected from $-\text{H}$;

5 $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{NR}^6\text{R}^8$ (with respect to this substituent n is preferably 0 or 1, more preferably 0); and
 $-(\text{optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered carbo- or heterocyclic ring wherein the heterocyclic ring contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S})$. The
10 heterocyclic ring can be any carbo- or heterocyclic ring but is preferably phenyl, piperidine, morpholine, or piperazine.

The substituent of the carbo- or heterocyclic ring is selected from $-\text{Hal}$, $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl, $-\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{OH}$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}$, $-\text{NH}\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}\text{R}^{11}$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}\text{R}^{11}$, and a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S (with respect to the substituent of the carbo- or heterocyclic ring the heterocyclic ring as a substituent is preferably pyrrolidine, piperidine, or dioxolane).

15 In a preferred embodiment, \mathbf{R}^3 is selected from $-\text{H}$;
20 $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;
 $-\text{NR}^6\text{SO}_2-(\text{CH}_2)_n-(\text{optionally substituted aryl})$, wherein the substituent is preferably selected from $-\text{Hal}$, and $-\text{CF}_3$;
 $-(\text{optionally substituted aryl})$, wherein the substituent is preferably selected from Hal , $-\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}$, and $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}\text{R}^{11}$; and
25 $-(\text{optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring wherein the heterocyclic ring contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S})$, wherein the substituent is preferably selected from $-\text{Hal}$, $-\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}\text{R}^{11}$, and a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S such as pyrrolidine, piperidine, or dioxolane.

30 In one embodiment \mathbf{R}^1 and \mathbf{R}^2 taken together can form a phenyl ring.

In an alternative embodiment \mathbf{R}^2 and \mathbf{R}^3 taken together can form a phenyl ring.

35 \mathbf{R}^4 is $-\text{H}$.

5 R^5 is selected from the group consisting of $-H$ or $-(CH_2)_n$ -(optionally substituted aryl), preferably R^5 is selected from the group consisting of $-H$ or $-(CH_2)_n$ -(optionally substituted phenyl), even more preferably R^5 is $-H$. In the definition of R^5 n is 0, 1, 2, or 3, preferably n is 0 or 1, more preferably n is 1. With respect to R^5 the substituent is selected from $-Hal$ and $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl.

10 * In an alternative embodiment, R^4 and R^5 together form a methylene group $-CH_2-$, ethylene group $-CH_2CH_2-$ or ethyne group $-CHCH-$, which can be optionally substituted by $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, $-halogen$, $-CHal_3$, $-R^6R^7$, $-OR^6$, $-CONR^6R^7$, $-SO_2R^6R^7$, aryl or heteroaryl.

15 R^6 is selected from $-H$ and $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl and is, e.g., $-H$.

20 R^7 is selected from $-H$ and $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl.

25 R^8 is selected from $-H$, $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-(CH_2)_n$ -(optionally substituted aryl), $-SO_2-(CH_2)_n$ -(optionally substituted aryl), $-SO_2-(CH_2)_n$ -(optionally substituted 5- to 10-membered mono- or bicyclic heteroring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S), $-(CH_2)_n$ -(optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S) (preferably the heterocyclic ring is piperidine or pyrrolidine), wherein the substituent is selected from $-Hal$, $-CF_3$, $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, and $-(CH_2)_n$ -aryl. In a preferred option, R^8 can be $-SO_2-(CH_2)_n$ -(optionally substituted aryl), with n being preferably 0 or 1, more preferably being 1.

30 R^9 is selected from $-H$, $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, and $-C_{1-4}$ alkylene- $NR^{11}R^{11}$.

R^{10} is selected from $-H$, $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, and $-C_{1-4}$ alkylene- $NR^{11}R^{11}$.

35 R^{11} is selected from $-H$, $-CF_3$, and $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl.

40 Each m is 0 or 1.

45 Each n is independently 0, 1, 2, or 3.

The compounds of the present invention can be administered to a patient in the form of a pharmaceutical composition which can optionally comprise one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipient(s) and/or carrier(s).

5 The compounds of the present invention can be administered by various well known routes, including oral, rectal, intragastrical, intracranial and parenteral administration, e.g. intravenous, intramuscular, intranasal, intradermal, subcutaneous, and similar administration routes. Oral, intranasal and parenteral administration are particularly preferred. Depending on the route of administration different pharmaceutical formulations
10 are required and some of those may require that protective coatings are applied to the drug formulation to prevent degradation of a compound of the invention in, for example, the digestive tract.

15 Thus, preferably, a compound of the invention is formulated as a syrup, an infusion or injection solution, a spray, a tablet, a capsule, a capslet, lozenge, a liposome, a suppository, a plaster, a band-aid, a retard capsule, a powder, or a slow release formulation. Preferably the diluent is water, a buffer, a buffered salt solution or a salt solution and the carrier preferably is selected from the group consisting of cocoa butter and vitebesole.

20 Particular preferred pharmaceutical forms for the administration of a compound of the invention are forms suitable for injection use and include sterile aqueous solutions or dispersions and sterile powders for the extemporaneous preparation of sterile injectable solutions or dispersion. In all cases the final solution or dispersion form must be sterile and fluid. Typically, such a solution or dispersion will include a solvent or dispersion medium,
25 containing, for example, water-buffered aqueous solutions, e.g. biocompatible buffers, ethanol, polyol, such as glycerol, propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, suitable mixtures thereof, surfactants or vegetable oils. A compound of the invention can also be formulated into liposomes, in particular for parenteral administration. Liposomes provide the advantage of increased half life in the circulation, if compared to the free drug and a prolonged more
30 even release of the enclosed drug.

Sterilization of infusion or injection solutions can be accomplished by any number of art recognized techniques including but not limited to addition of preservatives like anti-bacterial or anti-fungal agents, e.g. parabene, chlorobutanol, phenol, sorbic acid or

thimersal. Further, isotonic agents, such as sugars or salts, in particular sodium chloride may be incorporated in infusion or injection solutions.

Production of sterile injectable solutions containing one or several of the compounds of the

5 invention is accomplished by incorporating the respective compound in the required amount in the appropriate solvent with various ingredients enumerated above as required followed by sterilization. To obtain a sterile powder the above solutions are vacuum-dried or freeze-dried as necessary. Preferred diluents of the present invention are water, physiological acceptable buffers, physiological acceptable buffer salt solutions or salt solutions. Preferred

10 carriers are cocoa butter and vitezbesole. Excipients which can be used with the various pharmaceutical forms of a compound of the invention can be chosen from the following non-limiting list:

a) binders such as lactose, mannitol, crystalline sorbitol, dibasic phosphates, calcium phosphates, sugars, microcrystalline cellulose, carboxymethyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, polyvinyl pyrrolidone and the like;

15 b) lubricants such as magnesium stearate, talc, calcium stearate, zinc stearate, stearic acid, hydrogenated vegetable oil, leucine, glycerids and sodium stearyl fumarates,

c) disintegrants such as starches, croscarmellose, sodium methyl cellulose, agar,

20 bentonite, alginic acid, carboxymethyl cellulose, polyvinyl pyrrolidone and the like.

In one embodiment the formulation is for oral administration and the formulation comprises one or more or all of the following ingredients: pregelatinized starch, talc, povidone K 30, croscarmellose sodium, sodium stearyl fumarate, gelatin, titanium dioxide, sorbitol, monosodium citrate, xanthan gum, titanium dioxide, flavoring, sodium benzoate and saccharin sodium.

If a compound of the invention is administered intranasally in a preferred embodiment, it may be administered in the form of a dry powder inhaler or an aerosol spray from a

30 pressurized container, pump, spray or nebulizer with the use of a suitable propellant, e.g., dichlorodifluoromethane, trichlorofluoromethane, dichlorotetrafluoroethane, a hydrofluoro-alkane such as 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (HFA 134ATM) or 1,1,1,2,3,3-heptafluoropropane (HFA 227EATM), carbon dioxide, or another suitable gas. The pressurized container, pump, spray or nebulizer may contain a solution or suspension of the compound of the invention,

e.g., using a mixture of ethanol and the propellant as the solvent, which may additionally contain a lubricant, e.g., sorbitan trioleate.

Other suitable excipients can be found in the *Handbook of Pharmaceutical Excipients*,
5 published by the American Pharmaceutical Association, which is herein incorporated by reference.

It is to be understood that depending on the severity of the disorder and the particular type which is treatable with one of the compounds of the invention, as well as on the respective
10 patient to be treated, e.g. the general health status of the patient, etc., different doses of the respective compound are required to elicit a therapeutic or prophylactic effect. The determination of the appropriate dose lies within the discretion of the attending physician. It is contemplated that the dosage of a compound of the invention in the therapeutic or prophylactic use of the invention should be in the range of about 0.1 mg to about 1 g of the
15 active ingredient (i.e. compound of the invention) per kg body weight. However, in a preferred use of the present invention a compound of the invention is administered to a subject in need thereof in an amount ranging from 1.0 to 500 mg/kg body weight, preferably ranging from 1 to 200 mg/kg body weight. The duration of therapy with a compound of the invention will vary, depending on the severity of the disease being treated and the condition
20 and idiosyncratic response of each individual patient. In one preferred embodiment of a prophylactic or therapeutic use, between 100 mg to 200 mg of the compound is orally administered to an adult per day, depending on the severity of the disease and/or the degree of exposure to disease carriers.

25 As is known in the art, the pharmaceutically effective amount of a given composition will also depend on the administration route. In general the required amount will be higher, if the administration is through the gastrointestinal tract, e.g., by suppository, rectal, or by an intragastric probe, and lower if the route of administration is parenteral, e.g., intravenous. Typically, a compound of the invention will be administered in ranges of 50 mg to 1 g/kg
30 body weight, preferably 100 mg to 500 mg/kg body weight, if rectal or intragastric administration is used and in ranges of 10 to 100 mg/kg body weight, if parenteral administration is used.

35 If a person is known to be at risk of developing a disease treatable with a compound of the invention, prophylactic administration of the biologically active blood serum or the

pharmaceutical composition according to the invention may be possible. In these cases the respective compound of the invention is preferably administered in above outlined preferred and particular preferred doses on a daily basis. Preferably, from 0.1 mg to 1 g/kg body weight once a day, preferably 10 to 200 mg/kg body weight. This administration can be

5 continued until the risk of developing the respective viral disorder has lessened. In most instances, however, a compound of the invention will be administered once a disease/disorder has been diagnosed. In these cases it is preferred that a first dose of a compound of the invention is administered one, two, three or four times daily.

10 The compounds of the present invention are particularly useful for treating, ameliorating, or preventing viral diseases. The type of viral disease is not particularly limited. Examples of possible viral diseases include, but are not limited to, viral diseases which are caused by Poxviridae, Herpesviridae, Adenoviridae, Papillomaviridae, Polyomaviridae, Parvoviridae, Hepadnaviridae, Retroviridae, Reoviridae, Filoviridae, Paramyxoviridae, Rhabdoviridae,

15 Orthomyxoviridae, Bunyaviridae, Arenaviridae, Coronaviridae, Picornaviridae, Hepeviridae, Caliciviridae, Astroviridae, Togaviridae, Flaviviridae, Deltavirus, Bornaviridae, and prions. Preferably viral diseases which are caused by Herpesviridae, Retroviridae, Filoviridae, Paramyxoviridae, Rhabdoviridae, Orthomyxoviridae, Bunyaviridae, Arenaviridae, Coronaviridae, Picornaviridae, Togaviridae, Flaviviridae, more preferably viral diseases

20 which are caused by orthomyxoviridae.

Examples of the various viruses are given in the following table.

Family	Virus (preferred examples)
Poxviridae	Smallpox virus Molluscum contagiosum virus
Herpesviridae	Herpes simplex virus Varicella zoster virus Cytomegalovirus Epstein Barr virus Kaposi's sarcoma-associated herpesvirus
Adenoviridae	Human adenovirus A-F
Papillomaviridae	Papillomavirus

Polyomaviridae	BK-virus JC-Virus
Parvoviridae	B19 virus Adeno associated virus 2/3/5
Hepadnaviridae	Hepatitis B virus
Retroviridae	Human immunodeficiency virus types 1/2 Human T-cell leukemia virus Human foamy virus
Reoviridae	Reovirus 1/2/3 Rotavirus A/B/C Colorado tick fever virus
Filoviridae	Ebola virus Marburg virus
Paramyxoviridae	Parainfluenza virus 1-4 Mumps virus Measles virus Respiratory syncytial virus Hendravirus
Rhabdoviridae	Vesicular stomatitis virus Rabies virus Mokola virus European bat virus Duvenhage virus
Orthomyxoviridae	Influenza virus types A-C
Bunyaviridae	California encephalitis virus La Crosse virus Hantaan virus Puumala virus Sin Nombre virus Seoul virus Crimean- Congo hemorrhagic fever virus Sakhalin virus Rift valley virus Sandfly fever virus Uukuniemi virus
Arenaviridae	Lassa virus Lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus Guanarito virus Junin virus,

	Machupo virus Sabia virus
Coronaviridae	Human coronavirus
Picornaviridae	Human enterovirus types A-D (Poliovirus, Echovirus, Coxsackie virus A/B) Rhinovirus types A/B/C Hepatitis A virus Parechovirus Food and mouth disease virus
Hepeviridae	Hepatitis E virus
Caliciviridae	Norwalk virus Sapporo virus
Astroviridae	Human astrovirus 1
Togaviridae	Ross River virus Chikungunya virus O'nyong-nyong virus Rubella virus
Flaviviridae	Tick-borne encephalitis virus Dengue virus Yellow Fever virus Japanese encephalitis virus Murray Valley virus St. Louis encephalitis virus West Nile virus Hepatitis C virus Hepatitis G virus Hepatitis GB virus
Deltavirus	Hepatitis deltavirus
Bornaviridae	Bornavirus
Prions	

Preferably the compounds of the present invention are employed to treat influenza. Within the present invention, the term "influenza" includes influenza A, B, C, isavirus and thogotovirus and also covers bird flu and swine flu. The subject to be treated is not particularly restricted and can be any vertebrate, such as birds and mammals (including humans).

Without wishing to be bound by theory it is assumed that the compounds of the present invention are capable of inhibiting endonuclease activity, particularly of the influenza virus. More specifically it is assumed that they directly interfere with the N-terminal part of the influenza PA protein, which harbours endonuclease activity. However, delivery of a compound into a cell may represent a problem depending on, e.g., the solubility of the compound or its capabilities to cross the cell membrane. The present invention not only shows that the claimed compounds have *in vitro* polymerase inhibitory activity but also *in vivo* antiviral activity.

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A possible measure of the *in vitro* polymerase inhibitory activity of the compounds having the formula I is the FRET endonuclease activity assay disclosed herein. Preferably the compounds exhibit a % reduction of at least about 50 % at 25 μ M in the FRET assay. In this context, the % reduction is the % reduction of the initial reaction velocity (v_0) of substrate cleavage of compound-treated samples compared to untreated samples. Preferably the compounds exhibit an IC_{50} of at least about 40 μ M, more preferably at least about 20 μ M, in the FRET assay. The half maximal inhibitory concentration (IC_{50}) is a measure of the effectiveness of a compound in inhibiting biological or biochemical function and was calculated from the initial reaction velocities (v_0) in a given concentration series ranging from maximum 100 μ M to at least 2 nM.

A possible measure of the *in vivo* antiviral activity of the compounds having the formula I or II is the CPE assay disclosed herein. Preferably the compounds exhibit a % reduction of at least about 30 % at 50 μ M. In this connection, the reduction in the virus-mediated cytopathic effect (CPE) upon treatment with the compounds was calculated as follows: The cell viability of infected-treated and uninfected-treated cells was determined using an ATP-based cell viability assay (Promega). The response in relative luminescent units (RLU) of infected-untreated samples was subtracted from the response (RLU) of the infected-treated samples and then normalized to the viability of the corresponding uninfected sample resulting in % CPE reduction. Preferably the compounds exhibit an IC_{50} of at least about 45 μ M, more preferably at least about 10 μ M, in the CPE assay. The half maximal inhibitory concentration (IC_{50}) is a measure of the effectiveness of a compound in inhibiting biological or biochemical function and was calculated from the RLU response in a given concentration series ranging from maximum 100 μ M to at least 100 nM.

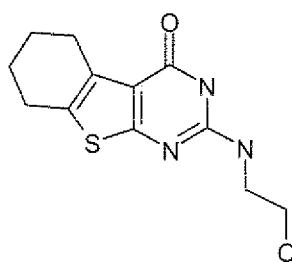
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A possible measure of the *in vitro* polymerase inhibitory activity of the compounds having the formula II is the Biacore binding assay disclosed herein. The Biacore system is based on an optical phenomenon known as surface plasmon resonance (SPR). This technique is the basis for measuring adsorption of material onto planar metal surfaces such as gold or 5 silver. SPR is used as a powerful technique to measure biomolecular interactions in real-time in a label free environment. While one of the interactants is immobilized to the sensor surface, the other is free in solution and passed over the surface. Association and dissociation is measured in arbitrary units and displayed in a graph called the sensorgram.

10 The PB2 cap binding domain (CBD) of an avian H5N1 influenza virus was immobilized on the surface of a CM7 sensor chip (GE Healthcare) by amine coupling according to the manufacturer's protocol. The protein was diluted in a 10 mM phosphate buffer pH 6.5. As running buffer for immobilization a HBS-EP buffer (10mM HEPES, 150mM NaCl, 3mM EDTA, 0,005 % Surfactant p20) was used. Using a protein concentration of 30 µg/ml and a 15 contact time of 12 min an immobilization level of approximately 8000 RU (relative response units) was achieved.

For compound screening a running buffer containing 10 mM TRIS, 3 mM EDTA, 150 mM NaCl, 0.005 % Surfactant p20 (GE Healthcare/Biacore), 1 mM DTT, 0.5 % DMSO was 20 used. 2 mM DMSO stock solutions of each compound were diluted in 1.005X sample buffer without DMSO (1.005X TRIS/EDTA/NaCl/p20/DTT; diluted from a 10X stock) to a final compound concentration of 10 µM and 0.5 % DMSO. m7GTP (Sigma Aldrich) and SAV-7160

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were used as references and chip stability controls at a concentration of 4 mM and 10 µM, respectively. Stock solutions of each reference compound were made and aliquots were stored at -20 °C. In this context, the RU is a measure for the binding of the compound to 30 the PB2-CBD and is generally assessed in relation to the binding in RU of SAV-7160.

For buffer bulk effects (matrix) was accounted by reducing the response obtained for the reference flow cell Fc1 from the active flow cell Fc2 resulting in relative response units (RU) reflecting binding of the compounds to the ligand. Organic solvents such as DMSO in the buffer cause high bulk effects which differ in the reference flow cell and the active flow cell 5 due to ligand immobilization. To account for these differences, a calibration curve was established. Eight DMSO concentrations ranging from 0.1 % to 1.5 % in buffer were measured and a linear calibration curve was calculated by plotting Fc2-Fc1 vs. Fc1. The relative response of each sample was then corrected by the solvent factor given by the respective Fc1 signal on the calibration curve and the corresponding Fc2-Fc1 difference. To 10 account for the different size of the compounds, the buffer and solvent corrected response units were normalized to the molecular weight.

Affinity constants (KD values) were determined by measuring the binding affinity of the analyte to the ligand over a concentration range ranging from 200 μ M to 1 nM. The KD 15 value is that concentration at which 50% of the binding sites are saturated and was calculated using a linear curve fit model.

In the Biacore assay the binding (RU) of the compounds to the immobilized PB2-CBD is preferably at most 15 RU, more preferably at most 7.5 RU. The affinity constant (KD) is 20 preferably at most 50 μ M, more preferably at most 10 μ M.

The compounds having the general formula I can be used in combination with one or more other medicaments. The type of the other medicaments is not particularly limited and will depend on the disorder to be treated. Preferably the other medicament will be a further 25 medicament which is useful in treating, ameliorating or preventing a viral disease, more preferably a further medicament which is useful in treating, ameliorating or preventing influenza.

The following combinations of medicaments are envisaged as being particularly suitable:

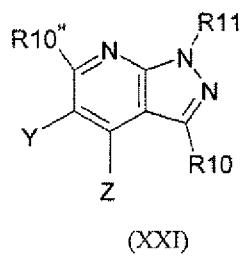
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- (i) The combination of endonuclease and cap binding inhibitors (particularly targeting influenza). The endonuclease inhibitors are not particularly limited and can be any endonuclease inhibitor, particularly any viral endonuclease inhibitor. Preferred endonuclease inhibitors are those having the general formula (I).

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The cap binding inhibitors are not particularly limited either and can be any cap binding inhibitor, particularly any viral cap binding inhibitor. Preferred cap binding inhibitors are those having the general formula (II) and/or the compounds disclosed in WO2011/000566, the complete disclosure of which is incorporated by reference. In particular, all descriptions with respect to the general formula of the compounds according to WO2011/000566, the preferred embodiments of the various substituents as well as the medical utility and advantages of the compounds are incorporated herein by reference.

10 The compounds of WO2011/000566 have the general formula (XXI):



15 or a pharmaceutically effective salt, a solvate, a prodrug, a tautomer, a racemate, an enantiomer or a diastereomer thereof;

wherein

one of Y and Z is $-XR^{12}$ and the other is $R^{10'}$;

20 R^{10} , $R^{10'}$ and $R^{10''}$ are each individually selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_6 -alkyl, C_2-C_6 -alkenyl, C_2-C_8 -alkynyl, $-(CH_2)_nC(O)OH$, $-(CH_2)_nC(O)OR^{16}$, $-(CH_2)_nOH$, $-(CH_2)_nOR^{16}$, $-CF_3$, $-(CH_2)_n-cycloalkyl$, $-(CH_2)_nC(O)NH_2$, $-(CH_2)_nC(O)NHR^{16}$, $-(CH_2)_nC(O)NR^{16}R^{17}$, $-(CH_2)_nS(O)_2NH_2$, $-(CH_2)_nS(O)_2NHR^{16}$, $-(CH_2)_nS(O)_2NR^{16}R^{17}$, $-(CH_2)_nS(O)_2R^{16}$, halogen, $-CN$, $-(CH_2)_n-aryl$, $-(CH_2)_n-heteroaryl$, $-(CH_2)_nNH_2$, $-(CH_2)_nNHR^{16}$, and $-(CH_2)_nNR^{16}R^{17}$; optionally substituted;

25 R^{11} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_6 -alkyl, $-CF_3$, C_2-C_6 -alkenyl, C_2-C_8 -alkynyl, $-(CH_2)_n-cycloalkyl$, $-(CH_2)_n-aryl$, $-(CH_2)_n-heterocycloalkyl$ and $-(CH_2)_n-heteroaryl$; optionally substituted;

5 **X** is selected from the group consisting of CH_2 , $\text{C}(\text{O})$, $\text{C}(\text{S})$, $\text{CH}(\text{OH})$, $\text{CH}(\text{OR}^{16})$, $\text{S}(\text{O})_2$,
 $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-\text{N}(\text{H})-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-\text{N}(\text{R}^{16})-$, $-\text{N}(\text{H})-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^{16})-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, $\text{C}(=\text{NH})$, $\text{C}(=\text{N}-\text{R}^{16})$,
 $\text{CH}(\text{NH}_2)$, $\text{CH}(\text{NHR}^{16})$, $\text{CH}(\text{NR}^{16}\text{R}^{17})$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{N}(\text{H})-$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{N}(\text{R}^{16})-$, $-\text{N}(\text{H})-\text{C}(\text{O})-$,
 $-\text{N}(\text{R}^{16})-\text{C}(\text{O})-$, $\text{N}(\text{H})$, $\text{N}(-\text{R}^{16})$ and O ;

10 **R**¹² is selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_6 -alkyl, $-\text{CF}_3$, C_2-C_6 -alkenyl, C_2-C_8 -alkynyl,
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{cycloalkyl}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{heterocycloalkyl}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{aryl}$, $-\text{NR}^{16}\text{R}^{17}$, and
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{heteroaryl}$; optionally substituted;

15 **R**¹⁶ and **R**¹⁷ are independently selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_6 -alkyl, C_2-C_6 -alkenyl, C_2-C_6 -alkynyl,
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{cycloalkyl}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{aryl}$, $-\text{CF}_3$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^{18}$ and
 $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^{18}$; optionally substituted;

20 **R**¹⁸ is independently selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_6 -alkyl, C_2-C_6 -alkenyl,
 C_2-C_6 -alkynyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{cycloalkyl}$ and $-\text{CF}_3$; optionally substituted; and

25 **n** is in each instance selected from 0, 1 and 2.

30 In the context of WO2011/000566 the term "optionally substituted" in each instance
refers to between 1 and 10 substituents, e.g. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10 substituents
which are in each instance preferably independently selected from the group
consisting of halogen, in particular F, Cl, Br or I; $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{OR}'$, $-\text{NR}'\text{R}''$,
 $-(\text{CO})\text{OR}'$, $-(\text{CO})\text{OR}''$, $-(\text{CO})\text{NR}'\text{R}''$, $-\text{NR}'\text{COR}'''$, $-\text{NR}'\text{COR}'$, $-\text{NR}''\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}'\text{R}''$,
 $-\text{NR}''\text{SO}_2\text{A}$, $-\text{COR}'''$; $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}'\text{R}''$, $-\text{OOCR}'''$, $-\text{CR}''\text{R}'''-\text{OH}$, $-\text{R}'''-\text{OH}$, $=\text{O}$, and $=\text{E}$;

35 **R'** and **R''** is each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl,
alkenyl, alkynyl, $-\text{OE}$, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and aralkyl or
together form a heteroaryl, or heterocycloalkyl; optionally substituted;

40 **R'''** and **R''''** is each independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl,
alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl, and
 $-\text{NR}'\text{R}''$; and

E is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, an alicyclic system, aryl and heteroaryl; optionally substituted.

Widespread resistance to both classes of licensed influenza antivirals (M2 ion channel inhibitors (adamantanes) and neuraminidase inhibitors (Oseltamivir)) occurs in both pandemic and seasonal viruses, rendering these drugs to be of marginal utility in the treatment modality. For M2 ion channel inhibitors, the frequency of viral resistance has been increasing since 2003 and for seasonal influenza A/H3N2, adamantanes are now regarded as ineffective. Virtually all 2009 H1N1 and seasonal H3N2 strains are 5 resistant to the adamantanes (rimantadine and amantadine), and the majority of seasonal H1N1 strains are resistant to oseltamivir, the most widely prescribed neuraminidase inhibitor (NAI). For oseltamivir the WHO reported on significant emergence of influenza A/H1N1 resistance starting in the influenza season 2007/2008; and for the second and third quarters of 2008 in the southern hemisphere. 10 Even more serious numbers were published for the fourth quarter of 2008 (northern hemisphere) where 95% of all tested isolates revealed no Oseltamivir-susceptibility. Considering the fact that now most national governments have been stockpiling Oseltamivir as part of their influenza pandemic preparedness plan, it is obvious that 15 the demand for new, effective drugs is growing significantly. To address the need for more effective therapy, preliminary studies using double or even triple combinations of antiviral drugs with different mechanisms of action have been undertaken. Adamantanes and neuraminidase inhibitors in combination were analysed in vitro and 20 in vivo and found to act highly synergistically. However, it is known that for both types of antivirals resistant viruses emerge rather rapidly and this issue is not tackled by combining these established antiviral drugs.

Influenza virus polymerase inhibitors are novel drugs targeting the transcription activity of the polymerase. Selective inhibitors against the cap-binding and endonuclease active sites of the viral polymerase severely attenuate virus infection by 25 stopping the viral reproductive cycle. These two targets are located within distinct subunits of the polymerase complex and thus represent unique drug targets. Due to the fact that both functions are required for the so-called "cap-snatching" mechanism mandatory for viral transcription, concurrent inhibition of both functions is expected to act highly synergistically. This highly efficient drug combination would result in lower

substance concentrations and hence improved dose-response-relationships and better side effect profiles.

Both of these active sites are composed of identical residues in all influenza A strains (e.g., avian and human) and hence this high degree of sequence conservation underpins the perception that these targets are not likely to trigger rapid resistant virus generation. Thus, endonuclease and cap-binding inhibitors individually and in combination are ideal drug candidates to combat both seasonal and pandemic influenza, irrespectively of the virus strain.

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The combination of an endonuclease inhibitor and a cap-binding inhibitor or a dual specific polymerase inhibitor targeting both the endonuclease active site and the cap-binding domain would be effective against virus strains resistant against adamantanes and neuraminidase inhibitors and moreover combine the advantage of low susceptibility to resistance generation with activity against a broad range of virus strains.

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(ii) The combination of inhibitors of different antiviral targets (particularly targeting influenza) focusing on the combination with (preferably influenza) polymerase inhibitors as dual or multiple combination therapy. Influenza virus polymerase inhibitors are novel drugs targeting the transcription activity of the polymerase. Selective inhibitors against the cap-binding and endonuclease active sites of the viral polymerase severely attenuate virus infection by stopping the viral reproductive cycle.

20 The combination of a polymerase inhibitor specifically addressing a viral intracellular target with an inhibitor of a different antiviral target is expected to act highly synergistically. This is based on the fact that these different types of antiviral drugs exhibit completely different mechanisms of action and pharmacokinetics properties which act advantageously and synergistically on the antiviral efficacy of the combination.

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This highly efficient drug combination would result in lower substance concentrations and hence improved dose-response-relationships and better side effect profiles. Moreover, advantages described under (i) for polymerase inhibitors would prevail for combinations of inhibitors of different antiviral targets with polymerase inhibitors.

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Typically at least one compound selected from the first group of polymerase inhibitors is combined with at least one compound selected from the second group of polymerase inhibitors.

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The first group of polymerase inhibitors which can be used in this type of combination therapy includes, but is not limited to, the compounds having the general formula (I) described below, the compounds having the general formula (II) described above and/or the compounds disclosed in WO2011/000566.

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The second group of polymerase inhibitors which can be used in this type of combination therapy includes, but is not limited to, compounds disclosed in WO 2010/110231, WO 2010/110409, WO 2006/030807 and US 5,475,109 as well as flutimide and analogues, favipiravir and analogues, epigallocatechin gallate and analogues, as well as nucleoside analogs such as ribavirine.

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(iii) The combination of polymerase inhibitors with neuramidase inhibitors

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Influenza virus polymerase inhibitors are novel drugs targeting the transcription activity of the polymerase. Selective inhibitors against the cap-binding and endonuclease active sites of the viral polymerase severely attenuate virus infection by stopping the viral reproductive cycle. The combination of a polymerase inhibitor specifically addressing a viral intracellular target with an inhibitor of a different extracellular antiviral target, especially the (e.g., viral) neuraminidase is expected to act highly synergistically. This is based on the fact that these different types of antiviral drugs exhibit completely different mechanisms of action and pharmacokinetic properties which act advantageously and synergistically on the antiviral efficacy of the combination.

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This highly efficient drug combination would result in lower substance concentrations and hence improved dose-response-relationships and better side effect profiles. Moreover, advantages described under (i) for polymerase inhibitors would prevail for combinations of inhibitors of different antiviral targets with polymerase inhibitors.

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Typically at least one compound selected from the above mentioned first group of polymerase inhibitors is combined with at least one neuramidase inhibitor.

5 The neuraminidase inhibitor (particularly influenza neuramidase inhibitor) is not specifically limited. Examples include zanamivir, oseltamivir, peramivir, KDN DANA, FANA, and cyclopentane derivatives.

10 (iv) The combination of polymerase inhibitors with M2 channel inhibitors

Influenza virus polymerase inhibitors are novel drugs targeting the transcription activity of the polymerase. Selective inhibitors against the cap-binding and endonuclease active sites of the viral polymerase severely attenuate virus infection by stopping the viral reproductive cycle. The combination of a polymerase inhibitor 15 specifically addressing a viral intracellular target with an inhibitor of a different extracellular and cytoplasmic antiviral target, especially the viral M2 ion channel, is expected to act highly synergistically. This is based on the fact that these different types of antiviral drugs exhibit completely different mechanisms of action and pharmacokinetic properties which act advantageously and synergistically on the 20 antiviral efficacy of the combination.

25 This highly efficient drug combination would result in lower substance concentrations and hence improved dose-response-relationships and better side effect profiles. Moreover, advantages described under (i) for polymerase inhibitors would prevail for combinations of inhibitors of different antiviral targets with polymerase inhibitors.

Typically at least one compound selected from the above mentioned first group of polymerase inhibitors is combined with at least one M2 channel inhibitor.

30 The M2 channel inhibitor (particularly influenza M2 channel inhibitor) is not specifically limited. Examples include amantadine and rimantadine.

35 (v) The combination of polymerase inhibitors with alpha glucosidase inhibitors

Influenza virus polymerase inhibitors are novel drugs targeting the transcription activity of the polymerase. Selective inhibitors against the cap-binding and endonuclease active sites of the viral polymerase severely attenuate virus infection by stopping the viral reproductive cycle. The combination of a polymerase inhibitor specifically addressing a viral intracellular target, with an inhibitor of a different extracellular target, especially alpha glucosidase, is expected to act highly synergistically. This is based on the fact that these different types of antiviral drugs exhibit completely different mechanisms of action and pharmacokinetic properties which act advantageously and synergistically on the antiviral efficacy of the combination.

This highly efficient drug combination would result in lower substance concentrations and hence improved dose-response-relationships and better side effect profiles. Moreover, advantages described under (i) for polymerase inhibitors would prevail for combinations of inhibitors of different antiviral targets with polymerase inhibitors.

Typically at least one compound selected from the above mentioned first group of polymerase inhibitors is combined with at least one alpha glucosidase inhibitor.

The alpha glucosidase inhibitor (particularly influenza alpha glucosidase inhibitor) is not specifically limited. Examples include the compounds described in Chang et al., Antiviral Research 2011, 89, 26-34.

25 (vi) The combination of polymerase inhibitors with ligands of other influenza targets

Influenza virus polymerase inhibitors are novel drugs targeting the transcription activity of the polymerase. Selective inhibitors against the cap-binding and endonuclease active sites of the viral polymerase severely attenuate virus infection by stopping the viral reproductive cycle. The combination of a polymerase inhibitor specifically addressing a viral intracellular target with an inhibitor of different extracellular, cytoplasmic or nucleic antiviral targets is expected to act highly synergistically. This is based on the fact that these different types of antiviral drugs exhibit completely different mechanisms of action and pharmacokinetic properties

which act advantageously and synergistically on the antiviral efficacy of the combination.

5 This highly efficient drug combination would result in lower substance concentrations and hence improved dose-response-relationships and better side effect profiles. Moreover, advantages described under (i) for polymerase inhibitors would prevail for combinations of inhibitors of different antiviral targets with polymerase inhibitors.

10 Typically at least one compound selected from the above mentioned first group of polymerase inhibitors is combined with at least one ligand of another influenza target.

15 The ligand of another influenza target is not specifically limited. Examples include compounds acting on the sialidase fusion protein, e.g. Fludase (DAS181), siRNAs and phosphorothioate oligonucleotides, signal transduction inhibitors (ErbB tyrosine kinase, Abl kinase family, MAP kinases, PKCa-mediated activation of ERK signaling as well as interferon (inducers).

20 (vii) The combination of (preferably influenza) polymerase inhibitors with a compound used as an adjuvance to minimize the symptoms of the disease (antibiotics, anti-inflammatory agents like COX inhibitors (e.g., COX-1/COX-2 inhibitors, selective COX-2 inhibitors), lipoxygenase inhibitors, EP ligands (particularly EP4 ligands), bradykinin ligands, and/or cannabinoid ligands (e.g., CB2 agonists). Influenza virus polymerase inhibitors are novel drugs targeting the transcription activity of the polymerase. Selective inhibitors against the cap-binding and endonuclease active sites of the viral polymerase severely attenuate virus infection by stopping the viral reproductive cycle. The combination of a polymerase inhibitor specifically addressing a viral intracellular target with an compound used as an adjuvance to minimize the symptoms of the disease address the causative and symptomatic pathological consequences of viral infection. This combination is expected to act synergistically because these different types of drugs exhibit completely different mechanisms of action and pharmacokinetic properties which act advantageously and synergistically on the antiviral efficacy of the combination.

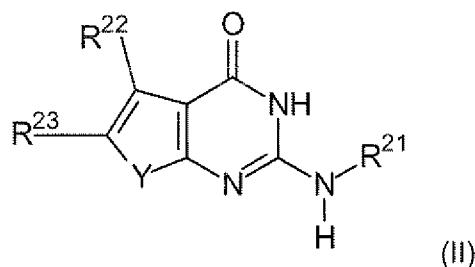
This highly efficient drug combination would result in lower substance concentrations and hence improved dose-response-relationships and better side effect profiles. Moreover, advantages described under (i) for polymerase inhibitors would prevail for combinations of inhibitors of different antiviral targets with polymerase inhibitors.

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Compounds having the general formula II

The compounds having the general formula II are identified in the following.

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It is understood that throughout the present specification the term "a compound having the general formula II" encompasses pharmaceutically acceptable salts, solvates, polymorphs, prodrugs, tautomers, racemates, enantiomers, or diastereomers or mixtures thereof unless mentioned otherwise.

In the present invention the following definitions apply with respect to the compounds having the general formula II.

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Y is S.

R²¹ is selected from -H, -C₁₋₆alkyl, -(CH₂)_q-aryl, -(CH₂)_q-heterocyclyl, -(CH₂)_q-cycloalkyl, -(CH₂)_p-OR²⁵, and -(CH₂)_p-NR²⁵R²⁶. Preferably R²¹ is -H, -C₁₋₆ alkyl, or -(CH₂)_p-OR²⁵, in a more preferred aspect of this embodiment R²⁵ is H.

R²² is selected from -H, -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -(CH₂)_q-cycloalkyl, -Hal, -CF₃ and -CN. Preferably R²² is -H, -C₁₋₆ alkyl or Hal (preferably Hal = Cl).

R²³ is selected from -aryl, -heterocyclyl, -cycloalkyl, -C(-R²⁸)(-R²⁹)-aryl, -C(-R²⁸)(-R²⁹)-heterocyclyl, and -C(-R²⁸)(-R²⁹)-cycloalkyl. In a preferred embodiment, R²³

is $-(\text{CH}_2)_q$ -aryl, or $-(\text{CH}_2)_q$ -heteroaryl, wherein the aryl group and/or heteroaryl group can be optionally substituted with one or more substituents R^{27} . More preferably R^{23} is $-\text{phenyl}$, $-\text{benzyl}$ or $-\text{pyridyl}$, wherein the one or more substituents R^{27} are independently selected from $-\text{Hal}$, $-\text{CF}_3$, $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, or $-(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{NR}^{25}\text{R}^{26}$, wherein R^{25} and R^{26} are independently selected from H and $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl.

5 R^{25} is selected from $-\text{H}$, $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, and $-(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_r\text{H}$. Preferably R^{25} is selected from $-\text{H}$ and $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl.

10 R^{26} is selected from $-\text{H}$, and $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl.

R^{27} is independently selected from $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-\text{Hal}$, $-\text{CF}_3$, $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{COOR}^{25}$, $-\text{OR}^{25}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{NR}^{25}\text{R}^{26}$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{NR}^{25}\text{R}^{26}$, and $-\text{NR}^{25}-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl. Preferably R^{27} is independently selected from $-\text{Hal}$, $-\text{CF}_3$, $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, or $-(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{NR}^{25}\text{R}^{26}$, wherein R^{25} and R^{26} are independently selected from H and $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl.

15 R^{28} and R^{29} are independently selected from $-\text{H}$, $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_q$ -aryl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_q$ -heterocyclyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_q$ -cycloalkyl, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{O}-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_q$ -aryl, $-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_q$ -heterocyclyl, and $-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_q$ -cycloalkyl. Preferably R^{28} and R^{29} are independently selected from $-\text{H}$ and $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl.

20 In an alternative embodiment R^{28} and R^{29} are together $=\text{O}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, or $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$.

25 p is 1 to 4.

q is 0 to 4, preferably q is 0 or 1.

r is 1 to 3.

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In the above definitions, the aryl group, heterocyclyl group and/or cycloalkyl group can be optionally substituted with one or more substituents R^{27} , which can be the same or different.

35 Without wishing to be bound by theory it is assumed that the compounds having the general formula II are capable of inhibiting binding of host mRNA cap structures to the cap-binding

domain (CBD), particularly of the influenza virus. More specifically it is assumed that they directly interfere with the CBD of the influenza PB2 protein. However, delivery of a compound into a cell may represent a problem depending on, e.g., the solubility of the compound or its capabilities to cross the cell membrane. The present invention not only 5 shows that the claimed compounds have *in vitro* polymerase inhibitory activity but also *in vivo* antiviral activity.

Various modifications and variations of the invention will be apparent to those skilled in the 10 art without departing from the scope of the invention. Although the invention has been described in connection with specific preferred embodiments, it should be understood that the invention as claimed should not be unduly limited to such specific embodiments. Indeed, various modifications of the described modes for carrying out the invention which are obvious to those skilled in the relevant fields are intended to be covered by the present 15 invention.

The following examples are merely illustrative of the present invention and should not be construed to limit the scope of the invention as indicated by the appended claims in any way.

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EXAMPLES

25 FRET endonuclease activity assay

The influenza A virus (IAV) PA-Nter fragment (amino acids 1 – 209) harbouring the influenza endonuclease activity was generated and purified as described in Dias et al., Nature 2009; Apr 16;458(7240), 914-918. The protein was dissolved in buffer containing 30 20mM Tris pH 8.0, 100mM NaCl and 10mM β -mercaptoethanol and aliquots were stored at –20 °C.

A 20 bases dual-labelled RNA oligo with 5'-FAM fluorophore and 3'-BHQ1 quencher was used as a substrate to be cleaved by the endonuclease activity of the PA-Nter. Cleavage of

the RNA substrate frees the fluorophore from the quencher resulting in an increase of the fluorescent signal.

All assay components were diluted in assay buffer containing 20mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0,
5 100mM NaCl, 1mM MnCl₂, 10mM MgCl₂ and 10mM β -mercaptoethanol. The final concentration of PA-Nter was 0.5 μ M and 1.6 μ M RNA substrate. The test compounds were dissolved in DMSO and generally tested at two concentrations or a concentration series resulting in a final plate well DMSO concentration of 0.5 %. In those cases where the compounds were not soluble at that concentration, they were tested at the highest soluble
10 concentration. SAV-6004 was used as a reference in the assay at a concentration of 0.1 μ M.

5 μ l of each compound dilution was provided in the wells of white 384-well microtiter plates (PerkinElmer) in eight replicates. After addition of PA-Nter dilution, the plates were sealed and incubated for 30min at room temperature prior to the addition of 1.6 μ M RNA substrate
15 diluted in assay buffer. Subsequently, the increasing fluorescence signal of cleaved RNA was measured in a microplate reader (Synergy HT, Biotek) at 485nm excitation and 535nm emission wavelength. The kinetic read interval was 35sec at a sensitivity of 35. Fluorescence signal data over a period of 20min were used to calculate the initial velocity (v₀) of substrate cleavage. Final readout was the % reduction of v₀ of compound-treated
20 samples compared to untreated. The half maximal inhibitory concentration (IC₅₀) is a measure of the effectiveness of a compound in inhibiting biological or biochemical function and was calculated from the initial reaction velocities (v₀) in a given concentration series ranging from maximum 100 μ M to at least 2 nM.

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Cytopathic effect (CPE) assay

The influenza A virus (IAV) was obtained from American Tissue Culture Collection (A/Aichi/2/68 (H3N2); VR-547). Virus stocks were prepared by propagation of virus on
30 Mardin-Darby canine kidney (MDCK; ATCC CCL-34) cells and infectious titres of virus stocks were determined by the 50 % tissue culture infective dose (TCID₅₀) analysis as described in Reed, L. J., and H. Muench. 1938, Am. J. Hyg. 27:493-497.

MDCK cells were seeded in 96-well plates at 2 \times 10⁴ cells/well using DMEM/Ham's F-12
35 (1:1) medium containing 10 % foetal bovine serum (FBS), 2 mM L-glutamine and 1 %

antibiotics (all from PAA). Until infection the cells were incubated for 5 hrs at 37 °C, 5.0 % CO₂ to form a ~80 % confluent monolayer on the bottom of the well. Each test compound was dissolved in DMSO and generally tested at 25 µM and 250 µM. In those cases where the compounds were not soluble at that concentration they were tested at the highest 5 soluble concentration. The compounds were diluted in infection medium (DMEM/Ham's F-12 (1:1) containing 5 µg/ml trypsin, and 1 % antibiotics) for a final plate well DMSO concentration of 1 %. The virus stock was diluted in infection medium (DMEM/Ham's F-12 (1:1) containing 5 µg/ml Trypsin, 1 % DMSO, and 1 % antibiotics) to a theoretical multiplicity of infection (MOI) of 0.05.

10 After removal of the culture medium and one washing step with PBS, virus and compound were added together to the cells. In the wells used for cytotoxicity determination (i.e. in the absence of viral infection), no virus suspension was added. Instead, infection medium was added. Each treatment was conducted in two replicates. After incubation at 37 °C, 5 % CO₂ 15 for 48 hrs, each well was observed microscopically for apparent cytotoxicity, precipitate formation, or other notable abnormalities. Then, cell viability was determined using CellTiter-Glo luminescent cell viability assay (Promega). The supernatant was removed carefully and 65 µl of the reconstituted reagent were added to each well and incubated with gentle shaking for 15 min at room temperature. Then, 60 µl of the solution was transferred 20 to an opaque plate and luminescence (RLU) was measured using Synergy HT plate reader (Biotek).

Relative cell viability values of uninfected-treated versus uninfected-untreated cells were used to evaluate cytotoxicity of the compounds. Substances with a relative viability below 25 80 % at the tested concentration were regarded as cytotoxic and retested at lower concentrations.

Reduction in the virus-mediated cytopathic effect (CPE) upon treatment with the compounds was calculated as follows: The response (RLU) of infected-untreated samples 30 was subtracted from the response (RLU) of the infected-treated samples and then normalized to the viability of the corresponding uninfected sample resulting in % CPE reduction. The half maximal inhibitory concentration (IC₅₀) is a measure of the effectiveness of a compound in inhibiting biological or biochemical function and was calculated from the RLU response in a given concentration series ranging from maximum 100 µM to at least 35 100 nM.

Biacore assay

5 The PB2 cap binding domain (CBD) of an avian H5N1 influenza virus was immobilized on the surface of a CM7 sensor chip (GE Healthcare) by amine coupling according to the manufacturer's protocol. The protein was diluted in a 10 mM phosphate buffer pH 6.5. As running buffer for immobilization a HBS-EP buffer (10mM HEPES, 150mM NaCl, 3mM EDTA, 0,005 % Surfactant p20) was used. Using a protein concentration of 30 µg/ml and a
10 contact time of 12 min an immobilization level of approximately 8000 RU (relative response units) was achieved.

For compound screening a running buffer containing 10 mM TRIS, 3 mM EDTA, 150 mM NaCl, 0.005 % Surfactant p20 (GE Healthcare/Biacore), 1 mM DTT, 0.5 % DMSO was
15 used. 2 mM DMSO stock solutions of each compound were diluted in 1.005X sample buffer without DMSO (1.005X TRIS/EDTA/NaCl/p20/DTT; diluted from a 10X stock) to a final compound concentration of 10 µM and 0.5 % DMSO. m7GTP (Sigma Aldrich) and SAV-
7160 were used as references and chip stability controls at a concentration of 4 mM and 10
20 µM, respectively. Stock solutions of each reference compound were made and aliquots were stored at -20 °C.

For buffer bulk effects (matrix) was accounted by reducing the response obtained for the reference flow cell Fc1 from the active flow cell Fc2 resulting in relative response units (RU) reflecting binding of the compounds to the ligand. Organic solvents such as DMSO in the
25 buffer cause high bulk effects which differ in the reference flow cell and the active flow cell due to ligand immobilization. To account for these differences, a calibration curve was established. Eight DMSO concentrations ranging from 0.1 % to 1.5 % in buffer were measured and a linear calibration curve was calculated by plotting Fc2-Fc1 vs. Fc1. The relative response of each sample was then corrected by the solvent factor given by the
30 respective Fc1 signal on the calibration curve and the corresponding Fc2-Fc1 difference. To account for the different size of the compounds, the buffer and solvent corrected response units were normalized to the molecular weight.

Affinity constants (KD values) were determined by measuring the binding affinity of the
35 analyte to the ligand over a concentration range ranging from 200 µM to 1 nM. The KD

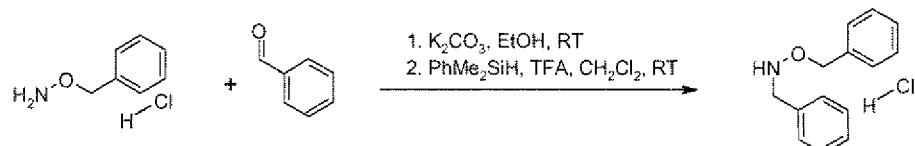
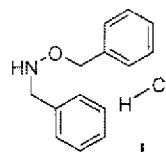
value is that concentration at which 50% of the binding sites are saturated and was calculated using a linear curve fit model.

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Compounds having the general formula (I)

Key Intermediate I

O, N-Dibenzyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride



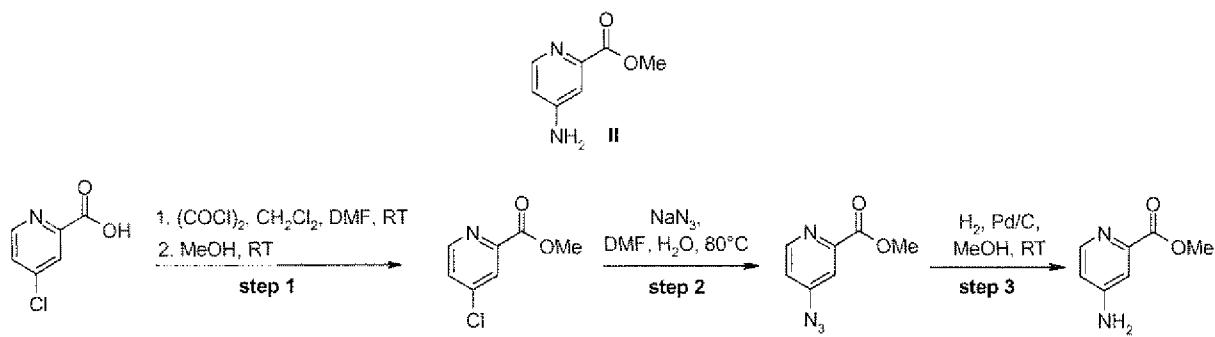
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To a suspension of O-benzyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride (1.2 g, 10 mmol, 1 eq) in absolute ethanol (16 mL) was added potassium carbonate (1.5 g, 11 mmol, 1.1 eq) and benzaldehyde (1.0 mL, 10 mmol, 1 eq). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h and then was poured into water (50 mL). The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (21 mL) and cooled down to 0 °C. To this solution were added drop wise under argon dimethylphenylsilane (2.3 mL, 14.3 mmol, 1.4 eq) and trifluoroacetic acid (2.6 mL, 35.6 mmol, 3.5 eq). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The solvents were removed in vacuo and a 2N solution of hydrochloric acid (5 mL) was added into the residue diluted in dichloromethane (5 mL). The precipitate was filtered, washed with diethyl ether and dried in vacuo to afford the expected compound as a white powder (966 mg, 48 % yield).

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Key Intermediate II

4-Amino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester

**Step 1:**

5 Oxalyl chloride (6.7 mL, 76.8 mmol, 1.2 eq) was added to a solution of 4-chloro-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (10.0 g, 63.4 mmol, 1 eq) in dichloromethane (270 mL). The solution was cooled down to 0 °C and dimethylformamide (1.1 mL) was added drop wise. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h and was evaporated to dryness. The orange residue was diluted in methanol (110 mL) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min and evaporated to dryness. A 5% solution of sodium bicarbonate (50 mL) was poured on the residue and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 40 mL). The organic layers were washed with brine (3 x 20 mL), dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated to afford 4-chloro-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester as a beige powder (10.0 g, 92 % yield).

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Step 2:

4-Chloro-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (13.7 g, 79.9 mmol, 1 eq) was solubilized in a mixture of dimethylformamide (120 mL) and water (6 mL). Sodium azide was added (6.2 g, 95.9 mmol, 1.2 eq) and the mixture was heated at 80 °C during 24 h. After cooling down, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (40 mL) and washed with water (30 mL) and brine (30 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. At this stage, the reaction was not complete (15% of starting material detected) and the same procedure was run again with new reagents at 80 °C during 24h. After the same treatment, evaporation of the organic layers afforded 4-azido-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester as an orange oil which crystallizes (10.2 g, 72 % yield).

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Step 3:

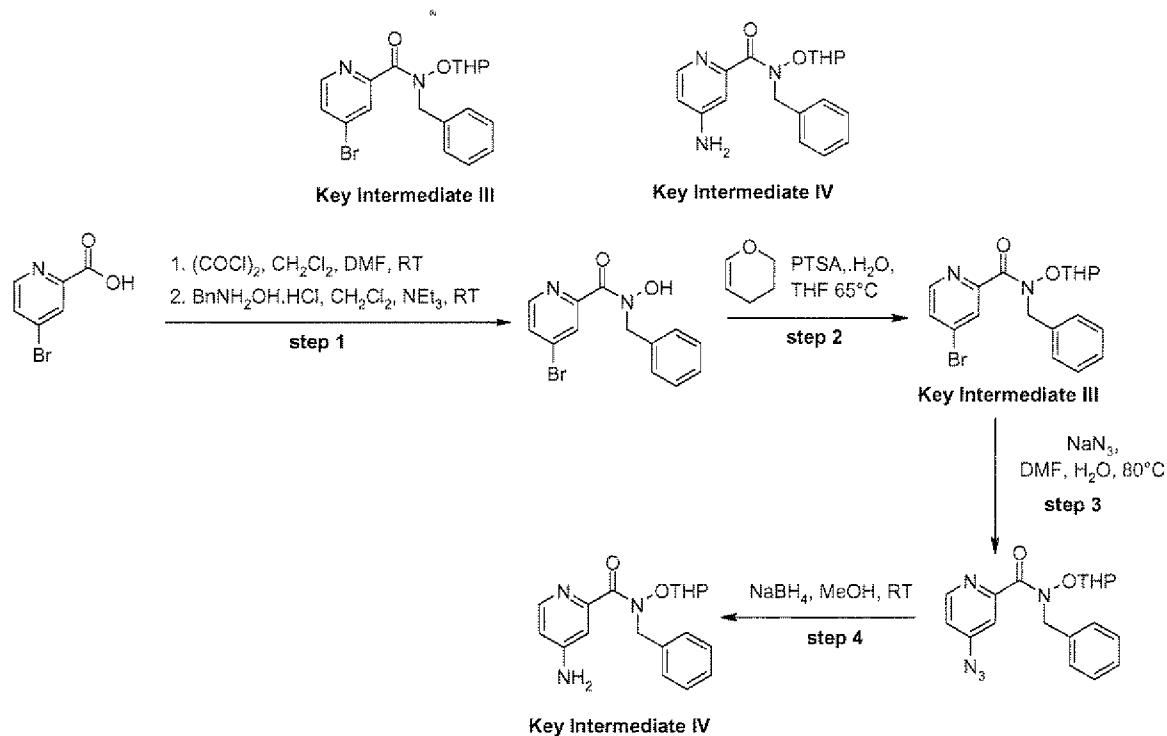
4-Azido-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (3.9 g, 22 mmol, 1 eq) was solubilized in methanol (50 mL) and palladium 10% w on carbon (400 mg) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature over 4 bars pressure of hydrogen until completion of the

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reaction. The mixture was then filtered over a short pad of celite, and rinsed with methanol to afford the expected compound as a yellow powder (3.0 g, 90 % yield).

Key Intermediates III and IV

5 **4-Bromo-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-amide and 4-Amino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-amide**



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Step 1:

Oxalyl chloride (5.1 mL, 58.6 mmol, 1.3 eq) was added to a solution of 4-bromo-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (9.1 g, 45.0 mmol, 1 eq) in dichloromethane (250 mL). The solution was cooled down to 0 °C and dimethylformamide (0.6 mL) was added drop wise. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h and was evaporated to dryness. The residue was diluted in dichloromethane (250 mL) and N-benzylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (10.8 g, 67.5 mmol, 1.5 eq) was added. Triethylamine (18.8 mL, 135 mmol, 3 eq) was added drop wise at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h. The solution was then poured on a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate (50 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 70/30) to afford 4-bromo-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide as an orange oil (8.0 g, 58 % yield).

Step 2:

Dihdropyran (9.4 mL, 104 mmol, 4 eq) and paratoluene sulfonic acid (99 mg, 0.52 mmol, 0.02 eq) were added to a solution of 4-bromo-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-5 amide (8.0 g, 26 mmol, 1 eq) in tetrahydrofuran (200 mL). The mixture was heated at 65 °C for 48 h. After cooling, the mixture was poured on a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate (60 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 40 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 80/20) to afford **Key** 10 **Intermediate II** as a pale yellow oil which crystallised (7.8 g, 76 % yield).

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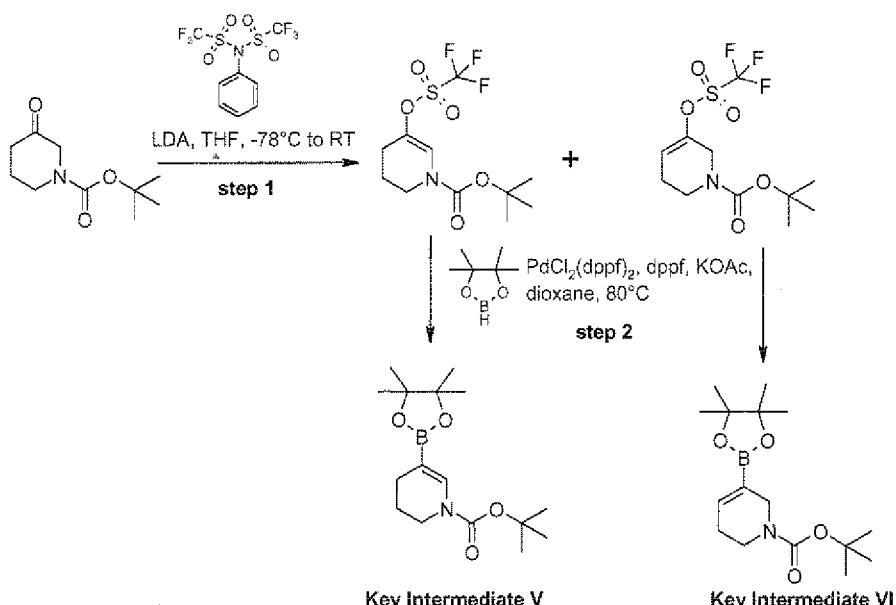
4-Bromo-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-amide (5.0 g, 12.8 mmol, 1 eq) was solubilized in a mixture of dimethylformamide (41 mL) and water (3 mL). 15 Sodium azide was added (997 mg, 15.3 mmol, 1.2 eq) and the mixture was heated at 80 °C during 24h. After cooling down, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (40 mL) and washed with water (30 mL) and brine (30 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. At this stage, the reaction was not complete and the same procedure was run again with new reagents at 80 °C during 24h. 20 After the same treatment, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 60/40) to afford 4-azido-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-amide (2.8 g, 61 % yield).

Step 4:

25 To a solution of 4-azido-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-amide (2.5 g, 7.1 mmol, 1 eq) in methanol (55 mL) was added sodium borohydride (296 mg, 37.8 mmol, 1.1 eq) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature during 1h. Water (20 mL) was then added and the mixture was evaporated to dryness. The residue was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL) and the organic layer was washed with water, dried over magnesium 30 sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using ethyl acetate and methanol (100/0 to 90/10) to afford **Key** **Intermediate IV** as a colorless oil (883 mg, 38 % yield).

35 **Key Intermediates V and VI**

5-(4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-[1,3,2]dioxaborolan-2-yl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyridine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester and 5-(4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-[1,3,2]dioxaborolan-2-yl)-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyridine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester



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Step 1:

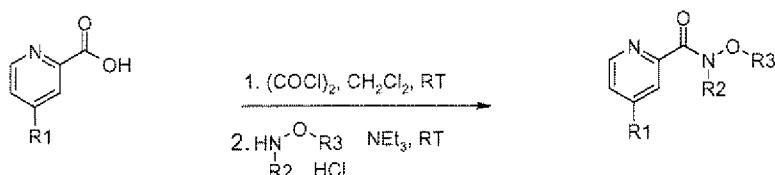
At -78°C , to a solution of lithium diisopropylamide 1.5 M in cyclohexane (8 mL, 12 mmol, 1.2 eq) in tetrahydrofuran (8 mL) was added drop wise a solution of 3-oxo-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (2.0 g, 10 mmol, 1 eq) in tetrahydrofuran (8 mL). The mixture was stirred at -78°C for 1 h and a solution of N -phenyl bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)amide (3.9 g, 11 mmol, 1.1 eq) in tetrahydrofuran (8 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred at -78°C for 2 h and then was allowed to warm up to room temperature and stirred 18 additional hours at room temperature. The mixture was evaporated to dryness and the residue was taken with diethyl ether (20 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (10 mL), a 2 M solution of sodium hydroxide (3×10 mL), water (10 mL) and brine (10 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and dichloromethane (100/0 to 0/100) to afford separately 5-trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyridine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (980 mg, 29 % yield) and 5-trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyridine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (340 mg, 10 % yield).

Step 2:

To a degassed solution of 5-trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy-dihydro-2H-pyridine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (340 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1 eq) in dioxane (10 mL) was added bis-(pinacolato)-diboron (287 mg, 1.1 mmol, 1.1 eq), potassium acetate (302 mg, 3.0 mmol, 3 eq), 1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene (17 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.03 eq) and dichloro[1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene]palladium (23 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.03 eq) were added. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 18 h. After cooling down, the mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 96/4) to afford the corresponding boronic ester (225 mg, 70 % yield).

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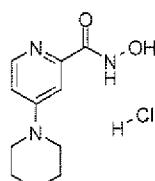
General Procedure A



15 At 0 °C, to a solution of pyridyl-2-carboxylic acid hydrochloride (1.0 mmol, 1 eq) in dichloromethane (8 mL) was added one drop of dimethylformamide and oxalyl chloride (1.3 mmol, 1.3 eq). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min and was evaporated to dryness. The residue was then solubilized in dichloromethane (8 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. Triethylamine (3.1 mmol, 3 eq) and hydroxylamine hydrochloride (2.1 mmol, 2 eq) were 20 added drop wise and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 h. The solvents were then evaporated and the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using dichloromethane and methanol (100/0 to 80/20) to afford the expected compound.

Example 1:

25 **3,4,5,6-Tetrahydro-2H-[1,4']bipyridinyl-2'-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide chlorhydrate**



The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure A** using 3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[1,4']bipyridinyl-2'-carboxylic acid hydrochloride and hydroxylamine hydrochloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder (6 % yield).

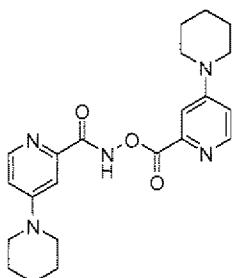
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5 Mp: 200 °C – 202 °C

Example 2:

3,4,5,6-Tetrahydro-2H-[1,4']bipyridinyl-2'-carboxylic acid (3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[1,4']bipyridinyl-2'-carbonyloxy)-amide

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This compound was isolated as a by-product of **example 1** and obtained as a white powder (4 % yield).

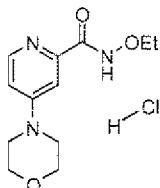
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Mp: 210 °C – 215 °C

Example 3:

4-Morpholin-4-yl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ethoxy-amide chlorhydrate

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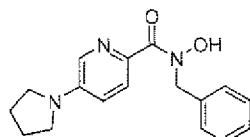
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure A** using 4-morpholin-4-yl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydrochloride and O-ethyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride. The 25 expected compound was isolated as a white powder (42 % yield).

MS: 252.1

Mp: 200 °C – 202 °C

Example 4:**5-Pyrrolidin-1-yl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide**

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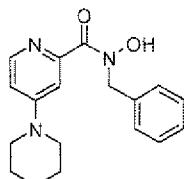
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure A** using 5-pyrrolidin-1-yl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid and N-benzyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder (32 % yield).

10 MS: 298.1

Mp: 115 °C – 120 °C

Example 5:**3,4,5,6-Tetrahydro-2H-[1,4']bipyridinyl-2'-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide**

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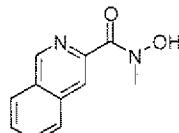


This compound was obtained according to **general procedure A** using 3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[1,4']bipyridinyl-2'-carboxylic acid hydrochloride and N-benzyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride. The expected compound was isolated as a yellow oil (15 % yield).

20 MS: 312.2

Example 6:**Isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid hydroxy-methyl-amide**

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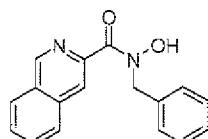
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure A** using isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid and N-methyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder (43 % yield).

MS: 203.0

5 Mp: 110 °C – 115 °C

Example 7:

Isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide



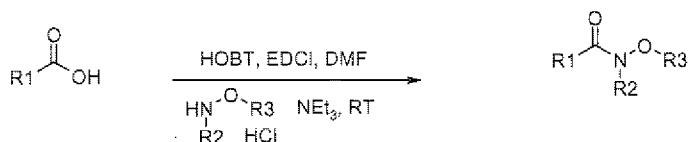
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This compound was obtained according to **general procedure A** using isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid and N-benzyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder (19 % yield).

15 MS: 279.1

Mp: 120 °C – 125 °C

General Procedure B

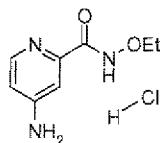


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To a solution of carboxylic acid (3.6 mmol, 1 eq) in dimethylformamide (30 mL) were added HOBT (7.2 mmol, 2 eq), EDCI (7.2 mmol, 2 eq) and then hydroxylamine hydrochloride (7.2 mmol, 2 eq) and triethylamine (10.8 mmol, 3 eq). The mixture was stirred at room 25 temperature for 20 h. Then the mixture was poured on brine solution (20 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using dichloromethane and methanol (100/0 to 85/15) to afford the expected compound.

30 **Example 8:**

4-Amino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ethoxy-amide chlorhydrate



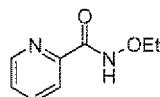
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using 4-amino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid and O-ethyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride. The expected compound was isolated as a colorless oil (3 % yield).

MS: 182.0

Mp: 114 °C – 120 °C

10 **Example 9:**

Pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ethoxy-amide

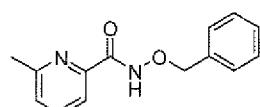


15 This compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using pyridine-2-carboxylic acid and O-ethyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride. The expected compound was isolated as a colorless oil (63 % yield).

MS: 167.1

20 **Example 10:**

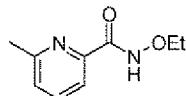
6-Methyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyloxy-amide



25 This compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using 6-methyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid and O-benzyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder (71 % yield).

MS: 243.1

Mp: 75 °C – 80 °C

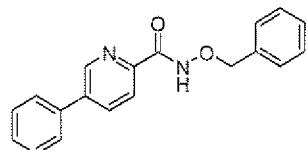
Example 11:**6-Methyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ethoxy-amide**

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This compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using 6-methyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid and O-ethyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride. The expected compound was isolated as a colorless oil (83 % yield).

MS: 181.0

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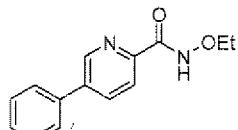
Example 12:**5-Phenyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyloxy-amide**

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This compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using 5-phenyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid and O-benzyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder (79 % yield).

MS: 305.1

20 Mp: 155 °C – 160 °C

Example 13:**5-Phenyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ethoxy-amide**

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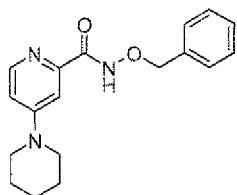
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using 5-phenyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid and O-ethyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder (64 % yield).

MS: 243.1

Mp: 100 °C – 105 °C

Example 14:

5 3,4,5,6-Tetrahydro-2H-[1,4']bipyridinyl-2'-carboxylic acid benzyloxy-amide



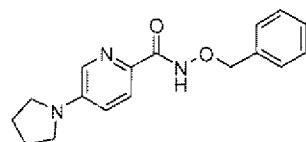
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using 3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-
10 2H-[1,4']bipyridinyl-2'-carboxylic acid hydrochloride and O-benzyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder (26 % yield).

MS: 312.2

Mp: 135 °C – 140 °C

15 **Example 15:**

5-Pyrrolidin-1-yl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyloxy-amide



20 This compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using 5-pyrrolidin-1-yl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid and O-benzyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder (54 % yield).

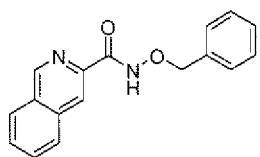
MS: 298.1

Mp: 165 °C – 170 °C

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Example 16:

Isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid benzyloxy-amide



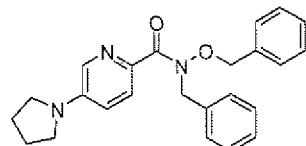
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid and O-benzyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride. The expected compound was 5 isolated as a white powder (77 % yield). *

MS: 279.1

Mp: 85 °C – 90 °C

Example 17:

10 **5-Pyrrolidin-1-yl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-benzyloxy-amide**



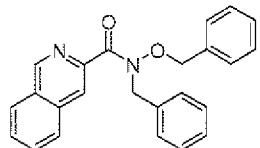
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using 5-pyrrolidin-1-yl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid and O,N-dibenzyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride (**Key Intermediate I**). The expected compound was isolated as a white powder (12 % yield).

MS: 388.2

Mp: 95 °C – 100 °C

20 **Example 18:**

Isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid benzyl-benzyloxy-amide



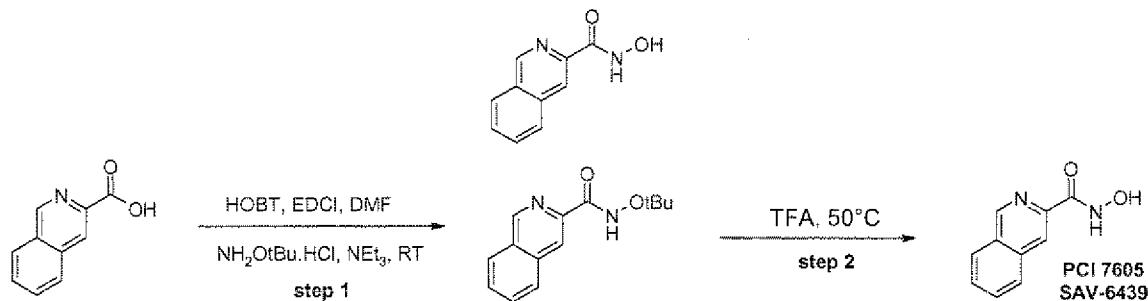
25 This compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid and O, N-dibenzyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride (**Key Intermediate I**). The expected compound was isolated as a white powder (36 % yield).

MS: 369.2

Mp: 70 °C – 75 °C

Example 19:

5 Isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide



10 **Step 1:**

Isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid tert-butoxy-amide was obtained according to **general procedure B** using isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid and O-tert-butyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride. The expected compound was isolated as a pale yellow powder (46 % yield).

15 **Step 2:**

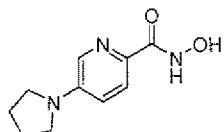
Isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid tert-butoxy-amide (195 mg, 1 eq) and trifluoroacetic acid (4 mL) were heated at 50 °C during 20 h. The mixture was then evaporated to dryness. The residue was diluted in ethyl acetate (10 mL) and triethylamine (3 mL) was added. The mixture was absorbed on silica gel to be purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 0/100) to afford the expected compound as a pale pink powder (70 mg, 65 % yield).

20 MS: 189.0

Mp: 160 °C – 165 °C

25 **Example 20:**

5-Pyrrolidin-1-yl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide



This compound was obtained according to the procedure of **example 19** using 5-pyrrolidin-1-yl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

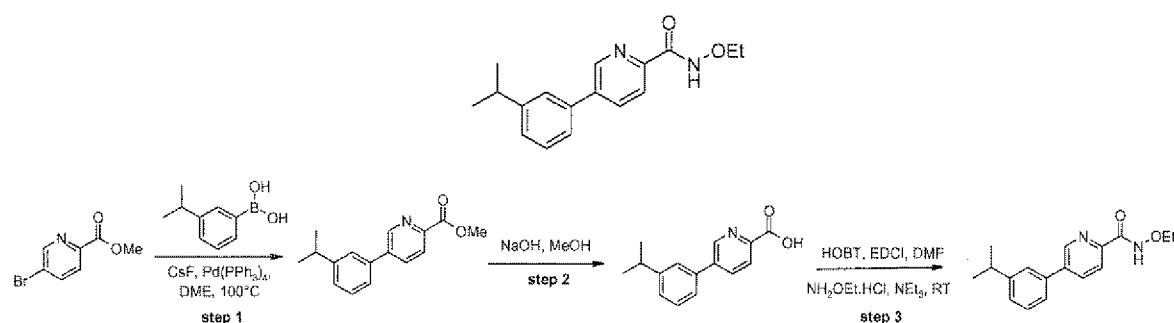
MS: 208.0

Mp: 220 °C – 225 °C

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Example 21:

5-(3-Isopropyl-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ethoxy-amide



Step 1:

To a solution of 5-bromo-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (500 mg, 2.3 mmol, 1 eq) in dimethoxyethane (6 mL) was added 3-isopropylphenylboronic acid (495 mg, 3 mmol, 1.3

15 eq) and cesium fluoride (1.05 g, 6.9 mmol, 3 eq). The mixture was degassed for 15 min and tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium (133 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.05 eq) was added. The

mixture was heated at 100 °C for 15 min under microwave irradiation. After cooling, the mixture was poured on water (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulphate, filtered and evaporated to dryness.

20 The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 0/100) to afford 5-(3-isopropyl-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester as a colorless oil (380 mg, 64 % yield).

Step 2:

25 5-(3-Isopropyl-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (380 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1 eq) diluted in methanol (6 mL) and a 5 N solution of sodium hydroxide (0.5 mL) were heated at

80 °C for 20 h in a sealed tube. After cooling, the mixture was evaporated and the residue was diluted in water (6 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL). The aqueous layer was then acidified with a 1 N solution of hydrochloric acid and extracted with ethyl acetate

30 (3 x 20 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulphate, filtered and

evaporated to dryness to afford 5-(3-isopropyl-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid as a colorless oil (230 mg, 64 % yield).

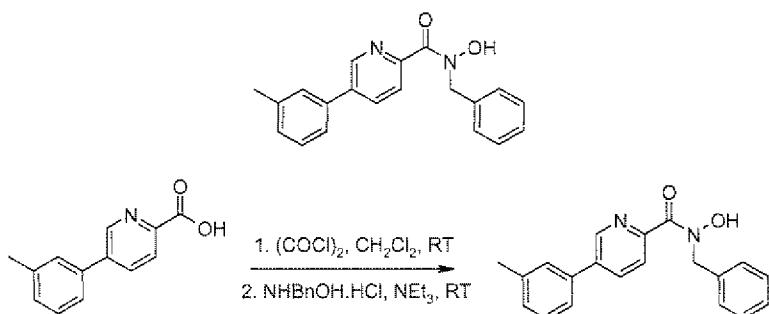
Step 3:

5 This compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using 5-(3-isopropyl-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid and O-ethyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride. The expected compound was isolated as a colorless oil (60 % yield).

MS: 285.2

10 **Example 22:**

5-m-Tolyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide



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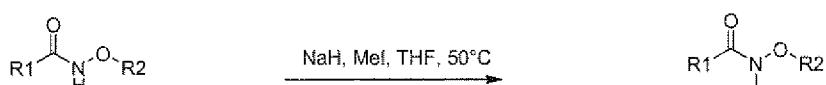
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure A** using 5-m-Tolyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (obtained according the procedure of **example 21, steps 1 and 2**) and N-benzyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder (11 % yield).

20 MS: 319.1

Mp: 139 °C – 140 °C

General Procedure C

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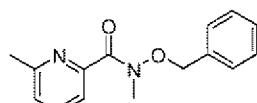


To a solution of carboxylic acid oxy-amide (0.4 mmol, 1 eq) in tetrahydrofuran (5 mL) was added sodium hydride (0.5 mmol, 1.3 eq). The mixture was stirred at room temperature during 15 min and methyl iodide (0.6 mmol, 1.5 eq) was added. The mixture was heated at

50 °C in a sealed tube during 20 h. After cooling, the mixture was poured on water (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using dichloromethane and methanol (100/0) to (90/10) to afford the 5 expected compound.

Example 23:

6-Methyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyloxy-methyl-amide



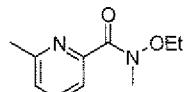
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This compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 6-methyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyloxy-amide (described in **example 10**). The expected compound was isolated as a colorless oil (55 % yield).

15 MS: 257.1

Example 24:

6-Methyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ethoxy-methyl-amide



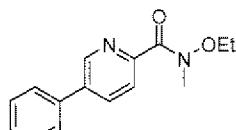
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This compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** starting from 6-methyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ethoxy-amide (described in **example 11**). The expected compound was isolated as a colorless oil (51 % yield).

25 MS: 195.0

Example 25:

5-Phenyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ethoxy-methyl-amide



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This compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** starting from 5-phenyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ethoxy-amide (described in **example 13**). The expected compound was isolated as a white powder (41 % yield).

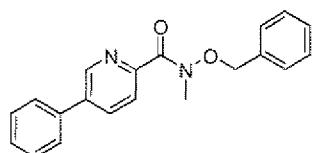
5 MS: 257.1

Mp: 70 °C – 75 °C

Example 26:

5-Phenyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyloxy-methyl-amide

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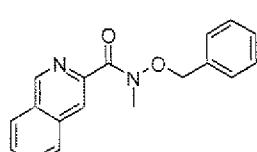
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** starting from 5-phenyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyloxy-amide (described in **example 12**). The expected compound was isolated as a yellow oil (30 % yield).

15 MS: 319.1

Example 27:

Isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid benzyloxy-methyl-amide

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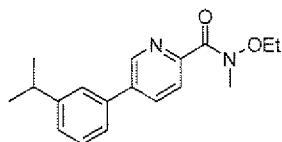
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** starting from isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid benzyloxy-amide (described in **example 16**). The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder (45 % yield).

25 MS: 293.1

Mp: 70 °C – 75 °C

Example 28:

5-(3-Isopropyl-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ethoxy-methyl-amide

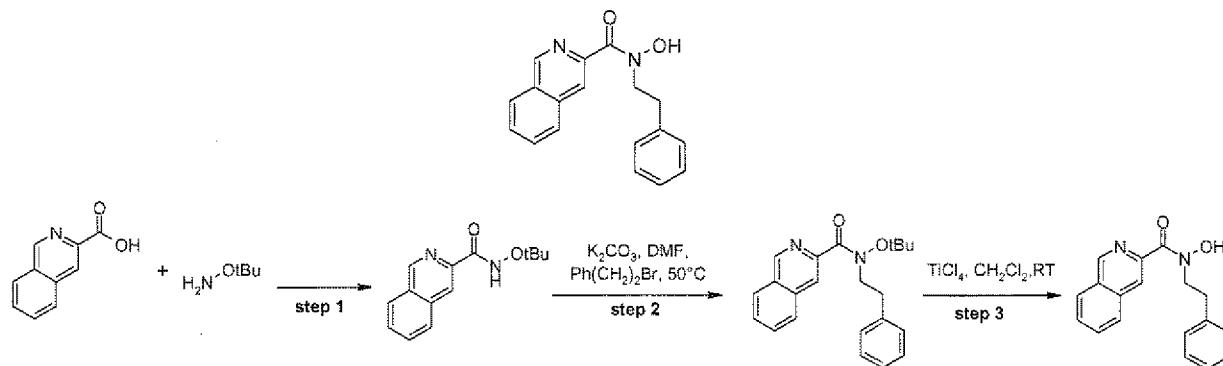


This compound was prepared according to **general procedure C** starting from 5-(3-isopropyl-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ethoxy-methyl-amide (described in **example 21**). The expected compound was isolated as a colorless oil (50 % yield).

MS: 299.2

Example 29:

10 **Isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid hydroxy-phenethyl-amide**



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Step 1:

Isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid tert-butoxy-amide was prepared according to **general procedure B** using isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid and tert-butoxy-hydroxylamide hydrochloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder (86 % yield).

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Step 2:

To a solution of isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid tert-butoxy-amide (200 mg, 0.8 mmol, 1 eq) in dimethylformamide (7 mL) was added potassium carbonate (454 mg, 3.3 mmol, 4 eq) and (2-bromoethyl)benzene (220 µL, 1.6 mmol, 2 eq). The mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 25 20 h. After cooling, the mixture was poured on water (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using

cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 80/20) to afford isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid tert-butoxy-phenethyl-amide as a colorless oil (220 mg, 77 % yield).

Step 3:

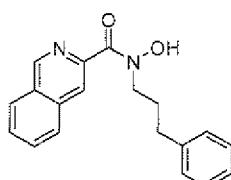
5 To a solution of isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid tert-butoxy-phenethyl-amide (220 mg, 0.63 mmol, 1 eq) in dichloromethane (10 mL) was added drop wise at 0 °C a 1M solution of titanium tetrachloride in dichloromethane (1.7 mL, 1.7 mmol, 3 eq). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 h. It was then added to isopropanol (15 mL) and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h and evaporated to dryness. The residue 10 was diluted with ethyl acetate (15 mL) and washed with a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate (3 x 20 mL). The organic layer was filtered on celite and the filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The residue was triturated in diethyl ether and filtered to afford the expected compound as a white solid (75 mg, 11 % yield).

MS: 293.2

15 Mp: 90 °C – 95 °C

Example 30:

Isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid hydroxy-(3-phenyl-propyl)-amide



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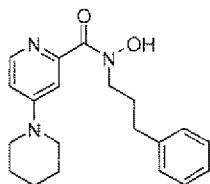
This compound was prepared according to the procedure of **example 29** starting with isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a colorless oil.

MS: 307.2

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Example 31:

3,4,5,6-Tetrahydro-2H-[1,4']bipyridinyl-2'-carboxylic acid hydroxy-(3-phenyl-propyl)-amide



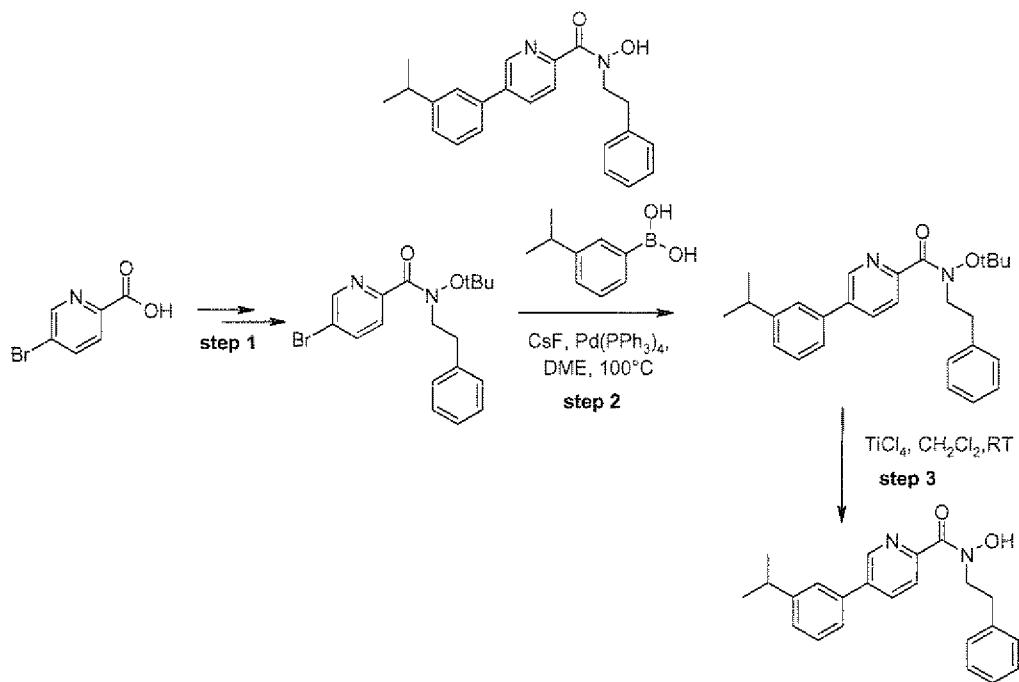
This compound was prepared according to the procedure of **example 29** starting with 3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[1,4']bipyridinyl-2'-carboxylic acid hydrochloride and using **general procedure A** for step 1 instead of **general procedure B**. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

MS: 340.2

Mp: 125 °C – 130 °C

10 **Example 32:**

5-(3-Isopropyl-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydroxy-phenethyl-amide



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Step 1:

5-Bromo-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid tert-butoxy-phenethyl-amide was prepared according to **example 29, steps 1 and 2** starting from 5-bromo-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid. The desired compound was obtained as a colorless oil (65 % overall yield).

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Step 2:

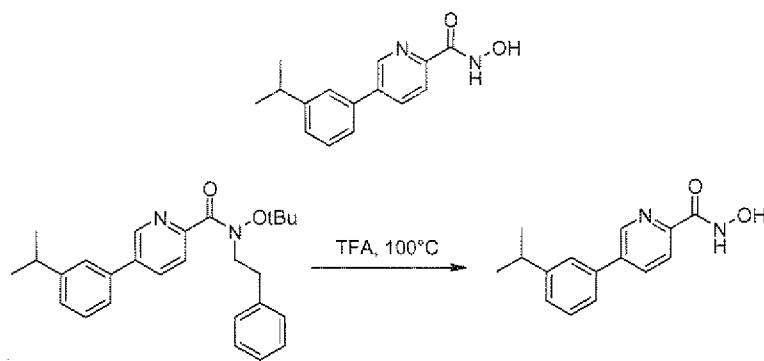
5-(3-Isopropyl-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid tert-butoxy-phenethyl-amide was prepared according to **example 21, step 1** starting from 5-bromo-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid tert-butoxy-phenethyl-amide and 3-isopropylphenylboronic acid. The expected compound was 5 isolated as a yellow oil (86 % yield).

Step 3:

The expected compound was prepared according to **example 29 step 3** starting from 5-(3-isopropyl-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid tert-butoxy-phenethyl-amide. It was isolated as 10 a yellow powder (15 % yield).

MS: 361.2

Mp: 110 °C – 115 °C

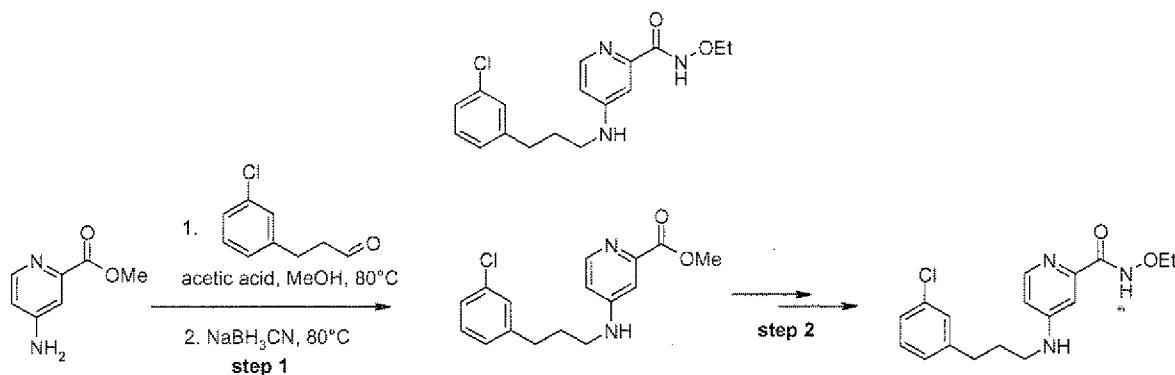
Example 33:**15 5-(3-Isopropyl-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide**

20 5-(3-Isopropyl-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid tert-butoxy-phenethyl-amide prepared according to step **example 32 steps 1 and 2** (220 mg, 0.53 mmol, 1 eq) was solubilized in trifluoroacetic acid (5 mL) and heated at 100 °C during 10 min under microwave irradiation. The mixture was then evaporated to dryness and the residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 80/20) to afford the 25 expected compound as a yellow powder (19 mg, 10 % yield).

MS: 257.1

Mp: 130 °C-135 °C

Example 34:**30 4-[3-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-propylamino]-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ethoxy-amide**



5 **Step 1:**

In a sealed tube, 4-amino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (200 mg, 1.3 mmol, 1 eq) and 3-(3-chloro-phenyl)-propionaldehyde (0.4 mL, 2.6 mmol, 2 eq) were solubilized in acetic acid (190 μ L, 3.3 mmol, 2.5 eq) and anhydrous methanol (7 mL) in the presence of molecular sieves. The mixture was heated at 80 °C for 20 h. After cooling, sodium cyanoborohydride (123 mg, 1.9 mmol, 1.5 eq) was added and the mixture was heated at 80 °C for 4 h. After cooling, the mixture was poured on a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using dichloromethane and methanol (100/0 to 90/10) to afford the expected compound as a colorless oil (144 mg, 36 % yield).

Step 2:

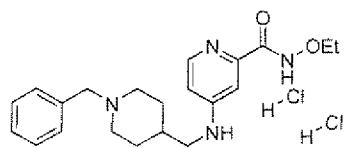
The expected compound was prepared according to **example 21, steps 2 and 3** starting with 4-[3-(3-chloro-phenyl)-propylamino]-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

MS: 334.2

Mp: 100 °C – 105 °C

Example 35:

25 **4-[(1-Benzyl-piperidin-4-ylmethyl)-amino]-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ethoxy-amide chlorhydrate**



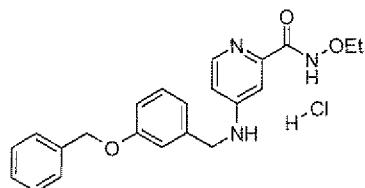
This compound was prepared according to the procedure of **example 34** starting from 4-amino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester and 1-benzyl-piperidine-4-carbaldehyde. The 5 expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

MS: 369.3

Mp: 125 °C – 130 °C

Example 36:

10 **4-(3-Benzylamino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ethoxy-amide hydrochloride**



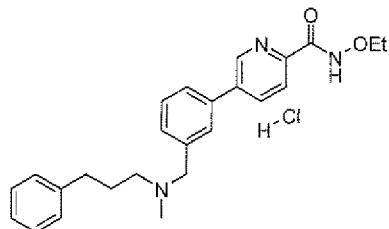
This compound was prepared according to the procedure of **example 34** starting from 4-amino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester and 3-benzylamino-benzaldehyde. The 15 expected compound was isolated as a pink powder.

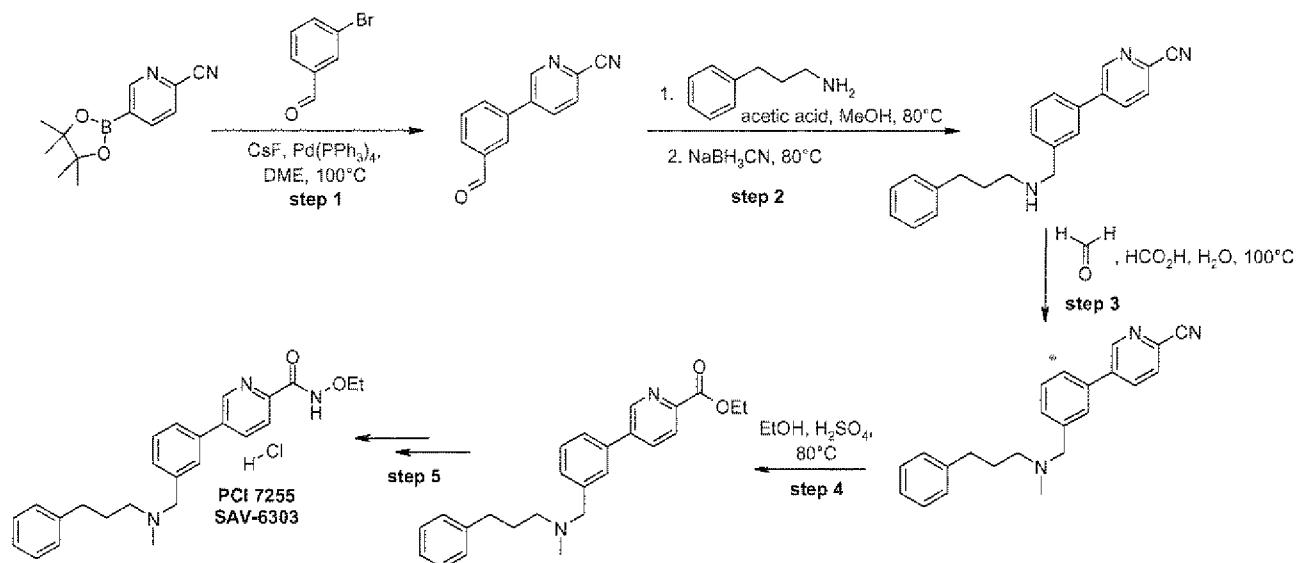
MS: 378.2

Mp: 70 °C – 75 °C

20 **Example 37:**

5-(3-[[Methyl-(3-phenyl-propyl)-amino]-methyl]-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ethoxy-amide chlorhydrate



**Step 1:**

5-(3-Formyl-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carbonitrile was prepared according to **example 21 step 1** starting from 3-bromo-benzaldehyde and 5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-[1,3,2]dioxaborolan-2-yl)-pyridine-2-carbonitrile. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder (88 % yield).

Step 2:

10 5-[3-[(3-Phenyl-propylamino)-methyl]-phenyl]-pyridine-2-carbonitrile was prepared according to **example 34, step 1** starting from 5-(3-formyl-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carbonitrile and 3-phenyl-propylamine. The expected compound was isolated as a colorless oil (quant. yield).

Step 3:

15 5-[3-[(3-Phenyl-propylamino)-methyl]-phenyl]-pyridine-2-carbonitrile (384 mg, 1.1 mmol, 1 eq), formaldehyde 37 % in water (210 µL), formic acid (97 µL, 2.6 mmol, 2.4 eq) were solubilized in water (5 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 20 h. After cooling, the mixture was basified with a 5 N solution of sodium hydroxide, poured on water (10 mL) and extracted 20 with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 80/20) to afford 5-[(3-[(3-phenyl-propyl)-amino]-methyl)-phenyl]-pyridine-2-carbonitrile as a colorless oil (quant. yield).

Step 4:

In a sealed tube, 5-(3-{[methyl-(3-phenyl-propyl)-amino]-methyl}-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carbonitrile (365 mg, 1.1 mmol, 1 eq), sulfuric acid (5 mL) and ethanol (5 mL) were heated at 80 °C during 48 h. After cooling, the mixture was evaporated to dryness. The residue was taken in ethyl acetate (10 mL) and washed with a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate (3 x 10 mL). The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo to afford 5-(3-{[methyl-(3-phenyl-propyl)-amino]-methyl}-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester as a yellow oil (224 mg, quant. yield).

Step 5:

10 This compound was prepared according to **example 21 steps 2 and 3** starting from 5-(3-{[methyl-(3-phenyl-propyl)-amino]-methyl}-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

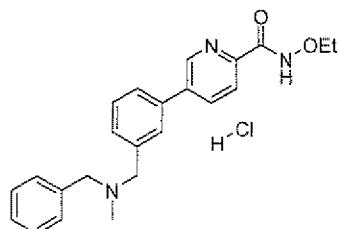
MS: 404.3

Mp: 50 °C – 55 °C

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Example 38:

5-{3-[(Benzyl-methyl-amino)-methyl]-phenyl}-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ethoxy-amide chlorhydrate



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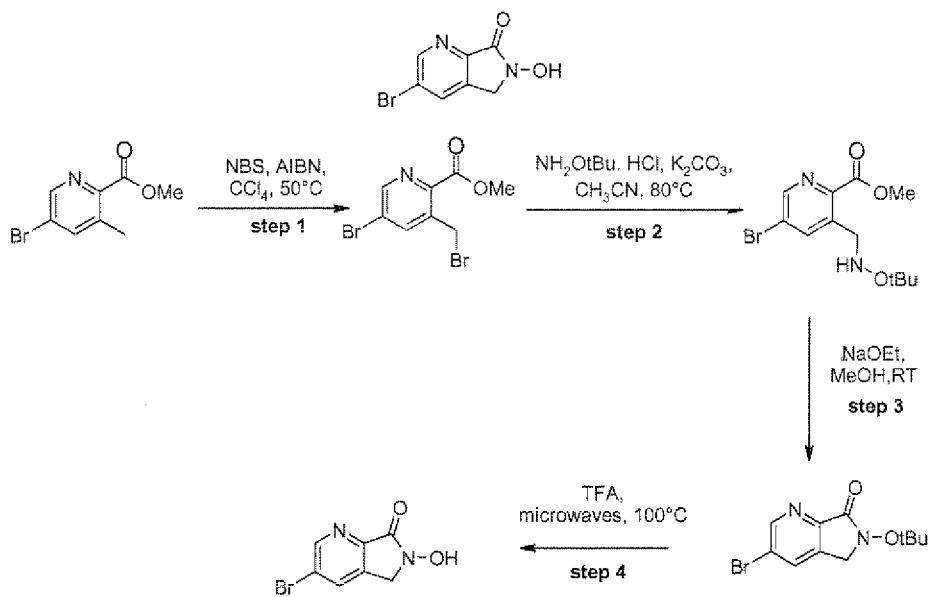
This compound was prepared according to the procedure of **example 37** starting from bromo-benzaldehyde and 5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-[1,3,2]dioxaborolan-2-yl)-pyridine-2-carbonitrile and using benzylamine instead of 3-phenyl-propylamine in step 2. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

MS: 376.2

Mp: 85 °C – 90 °C

Example 39:

30 **3-Bromo-6-hydroxy-5,6-dihydro-pyrrolo[3,4-b]pyridin-7-one**

**Step 1:**

5 To a solution of 5-bromo-3-methyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (200 mg, 0.87 mmol, 1 eq) in tetrachloromethane (10 mL) were added N-bromosuccinimide (162 mg, 0.91 mmol, 1.05 eq) and 2,2'-azobis(2-methylpropionitrile) (3 mg, 0.017 mmol, 0.02 eq). The mixture was stirred at 50 °C during 5 h. The solvent was then evaporated and the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 80/20). 5-Bromo-3-bromomethyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester was isolated as a white powder as a 6/4 mixture with the starting material (160 mg, 39 % yield). The mixture was used in the next step.

Step 2:

15 A suspension of 5-bromo-3-bromomethyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (160 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 eq), potassium carbonate (716 mg, 5.2 mmol, 1 eq) and O-tert-butyl-hydroxylamine hydrochloride (325 mg, 2.6 mmol, 5 eq) in acetonitrile (8 mL) was heated at 80 °C during 20 h. After cooling, the mixture was filtered and washed with ethyl acetate (10 mL). The filtrate was evaporated and the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 70/30) to afford 5-bromo-3-(tert-butoxyamino-methyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester as a white powder (70 mg, 43 % yield).

Step 3:

To a solution of 5-bromo-3-(tert-butoxyamino-methyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (70 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1 eq) in methanol (2 mL) was added sodium ethoxide (30 mg, 0.44 mmol, 2 eq) freshly prepared. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 h. A few drops of acetic acid and water (5 mL) were added. The precipitate was filtered and 5 washed with water (5 mL), solubilized in methanol (10 mL) and evaporated to dryness to afford 3-bromo-6-tert-butoxy-5,6-dihydro-pyrrolo[3,4-b]pyridin-7-one as a white powder (45 mg, 72 % yield).

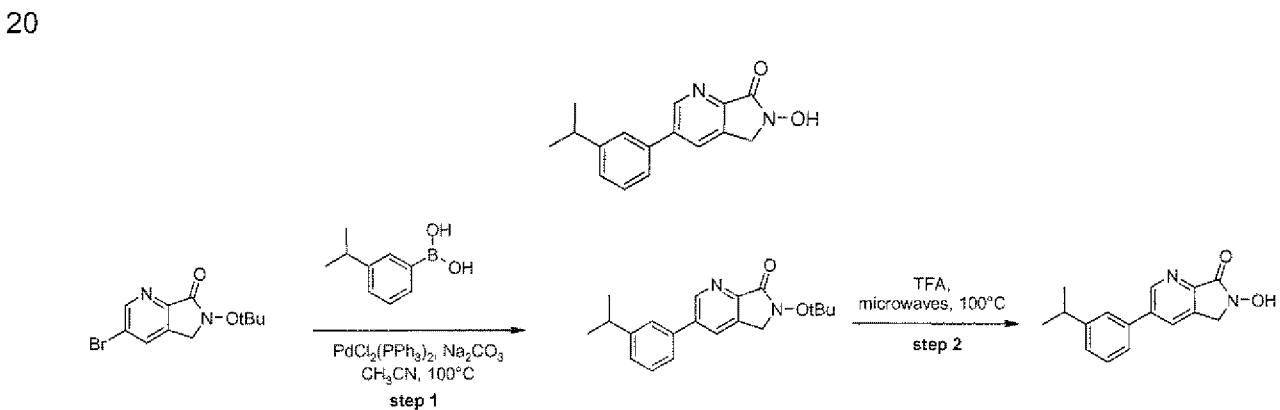
Step 4:

10 3-Bromo-6-tert-butoxy-5,6-dihydro-pyrrolo[3,4-b]pyridin-7-one (45 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1 eq) was solubilized in trifluoroacetic acid (2 mL) and heated at 100 °C during 5 min under microwave irradiation. The mixture was then evaporated to dryness and the residue was triturated with water (5 mL). The precipitate was filtered and dried in vacuo to afford the expected compound as a beige powder (22 mg, 60 % yield).

15 MS: 228.9
Mp: decomposes at 230 °C – 235 °C.

Example 40:

6-Hydroxy-3-(3-isopropyl-phenyl)-5,6-dihydro-pyrrolo[3,4-b]pyridin-7-one



Step 1:

25 To a solution of 3-bromo-6-tert-butoxy-5,6-dihydro-pyrrolo[3,4-b]pyridin-7-one described in example 39, steps 1 to 3 (200 mg, 0.7 mmol, 1 eq) in acetonitrile (3 mL) were added 3-isopropylphenylboronic acid (150 mg, 0.9 mmol, 1.3 eq) and a 2 M solution of sodium carbonate (3 mL). The mixture was degassed for 15 min and trans-dichlorobis(triphenyl-phosphine)palladium (25 mg, 0.035 mmol, 0.05 eq) was added. The mixture was heated at 30 100 °C for 10 min under microwave irradiation. After cooling, the mixture was poured on

water (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulphate, filtered and evaporated to dryness. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 50/50) to afford 6-tert-butoxy-3-(3-isopropyl-phenyl)-5,6-dihydro-pyrrolo[3,4-b]pyridin-7-one as a white 5 powder (150 mg, 66 % yield).

Step 2:

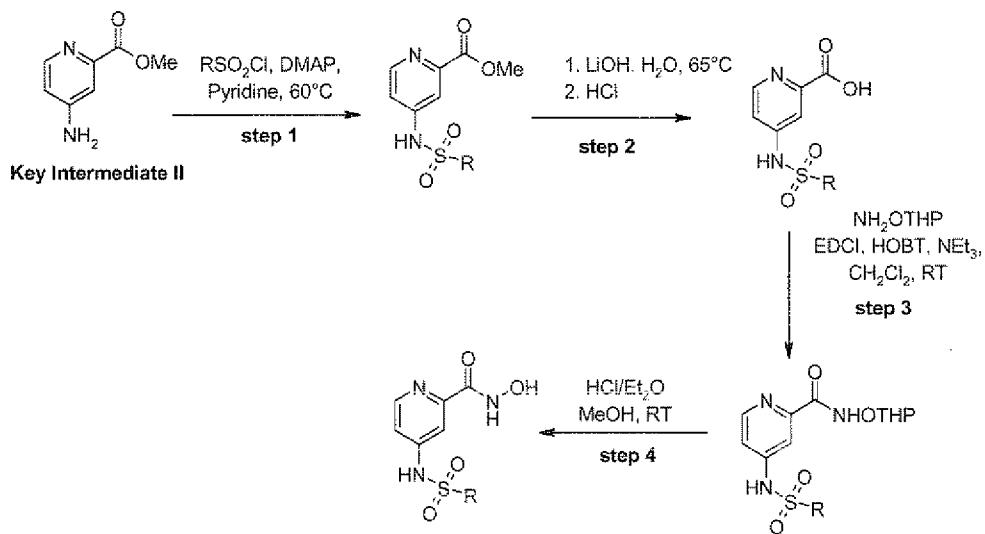
The compound was prepared according to **example 39, step 4**. After trituration, the powder 10 was purified by flash chromatography using dichloromethane and methanol (100/0 to 80/20) to afford the expected compound as a yellow powder (16 % yield).

MS: 269.1

Mp: decomposes at 155 °C – 160 °C.

General procedure D

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Step 1:

4-Amino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**Key Intermediate II**) (600 mg, 3.9 mmol, 20 1 eq) was solubilized in pyridine (20 mL). Dimethylaminopyridine (482 mg, 3.9 mmol, 1 eq) and sulfonyl chloride (1.3 eq) were added and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C during 15 h. After cooling down, the solvent was evaporated. Water (10 mL) was added and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified 25 by flash chromatography to afford the expected compound.

Step 2:

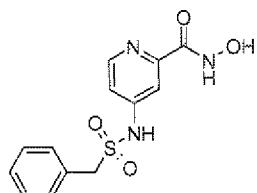
5 The sulfonylamino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (1.0 g, 1 eq) was solubilized in a mixture of methanol / water (17 mL / 1.7 mL) and lithium hydroxide was added (2 eq). The mixture was heated at 65 °C during 18 h. After cooling down, a 2 M solution of hydrogen chloride in diethyl ether was added until pH = 1. The mixture was then evaporated to dryness to afford the corresponding acid with quantitative yield.

Step 3:

10 To a solution of sulfonylamino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (800 mg, 1 eq) in dichloromethane (13 mL) were added HOBT (2 eq), EDCI (2 eq), triethylamine (3 eq) and O-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yl)-hydroxylamine (2 eq). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h. The reaction was quenched with water (10 mL) and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 X 15 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, 15 filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography to afford sulfonylamino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-amide.

Step 4:

20 To a solution of sulfonylamino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-amide (1 eq) in methanol (10 mL) was added a 2 M solution on hydrogen chloride in diethyl ether (2 eq). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The precipitate was filtered, rinsed with diethyl ether and dried in vacuo to afford sulfonylamino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide hydrochloride salt.

25 Example 41:**4-Phenylmethanesulfonylamino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide**

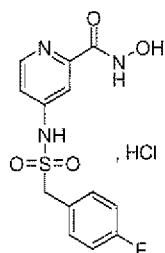
30 This compound was obtained according to **general procedure D** using phenylmethane-sulfonyl chloride. The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder.

MS: 308.1

Mp: 187 °C – 192 °C

Example 42:

5 **4-(4-Fluoro-phenylmethanesulfonylamino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-
amide**



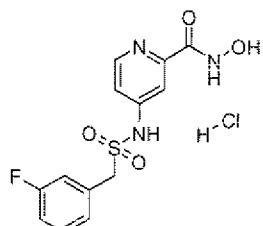
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure D** using (4-fluoro-phenyl)-
10 methanesulfonyl chloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

MS: 326.1

Mp: 183 °C – 188 °C

Example 43:

15 **4-(3-Fluoro-phenylmethanesulfonylamino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide
hydrochloride**



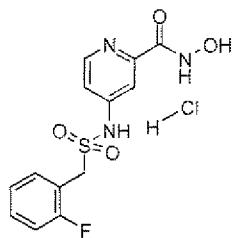
20 This compound was obtained according to **general procedure D** using (3-fluoro-phenyl)-
methanesulfonyl chloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

MS: 326.1

Mp: 195 °C – 200 °C

25 **Example 44:**

**4-(2-Fluorophenylmethanesulfonylamino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide
hydrochloride**



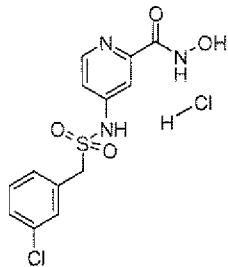
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure D** using 2-fluorophenylmethanesulfonyl chloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

5 MS: 326.1

Mp: 209 °C – 216 °C

Example 45:

10 **4-(3-Chlorophenylmethanesulfonylamino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide hydrochloride**



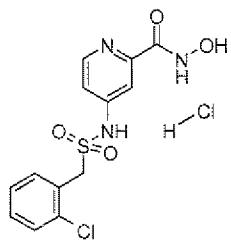
15 This compound was obtained according to **general procedure D** using 3-chlorophenylmethanesulfonyl chloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

MS: 342.1

Mp: 198 °C – 204 °C

20 **Example 46:**

4-(2-Chlorophenylmethanesulfonylamino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide hydrochloride



This compound was obtained according to **general procedure D** using 2-chlorophenylmethanesulfonyl chloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

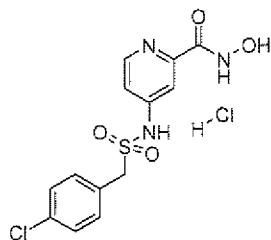
5 MS: 342.1

Mp: 215 °C – 220 °C

Example 47:

4-(4-Chlorophenylmethanesulfonylamino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide

10 hydrochloride



This compound was obtained according to **general procedure D** using 4-chlorophenyl-

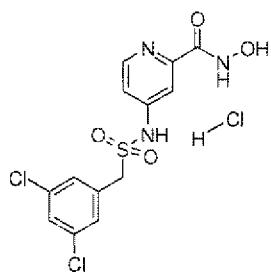
15 methanesulfonyl chloride. The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder.

MS: 342.1

Mp: 210 °C – 230 °C

Example 48:

20 4-(3,5-Dichlorophenylmethanesulfonylamino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydroxy-
amide hydrochloride



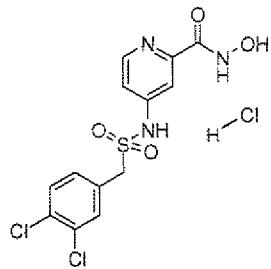
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure D** using 3,5-dichlorophenylmethanesulfonyl chloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

5 MS: 376.2

Mp: 203 °C – 205 °C

Example 49:

10 **4-(3,4-Dichlorophenylmethanesulfonylamino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydroxy-
amide hydrochloride**



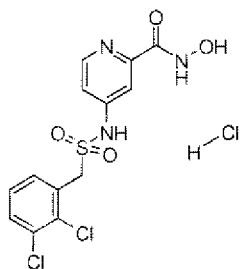
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure D** using 3,4-dichlorophenylmethanesulfonyl chloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

15 MS: 376.2

Mp: 228 °C – 238 °C

Example 50:

20 **4-(2,3-Dichlorophenylmethanesulfonylamino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydroxy-
amide hydrochloride**

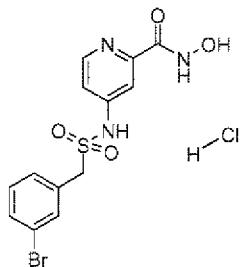


This compound was obtained according to **general procedure D** using 2,3-dichlorophenylmethanesulfonyl chloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

5 MS: 376.2
Mp: 210 °C – 218 °C

Example 51:

4-(3-Bromophenylmethanesulfonylamino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide
10 hydrochloride

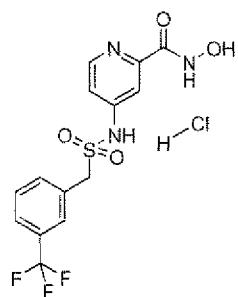


This compound was obtained according to **general procedure D** using 3-bromophenylmethanesulfonyl chloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

15 MS: 386.3
Mp: 197 °C – 205 °C

Example 52:

20 4-(3-Trifluoromethylphenylmethanesulfonylamino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid
hydroxyamide hydrochloride



This compound was obtained according to **general procedure D** using 3-trifluoromethylphenylmethanesulfonyl chloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

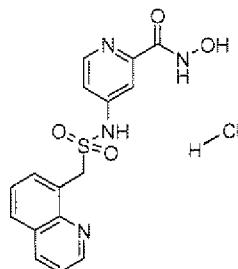
5 MS: 376.1

Mp: 201 °C – 204 °C

Example 53:

4-(Quinolin-8-ylmethanesulfonylamino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide

10 hydrochloride



This compound was obtained according to **general procedure D** using quinolin-8-ylmethanesulfonyl chloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

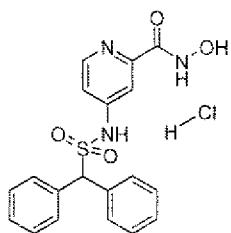
15 MS: 359.0

Mp: 220 °C – 228 °C

Example 54:

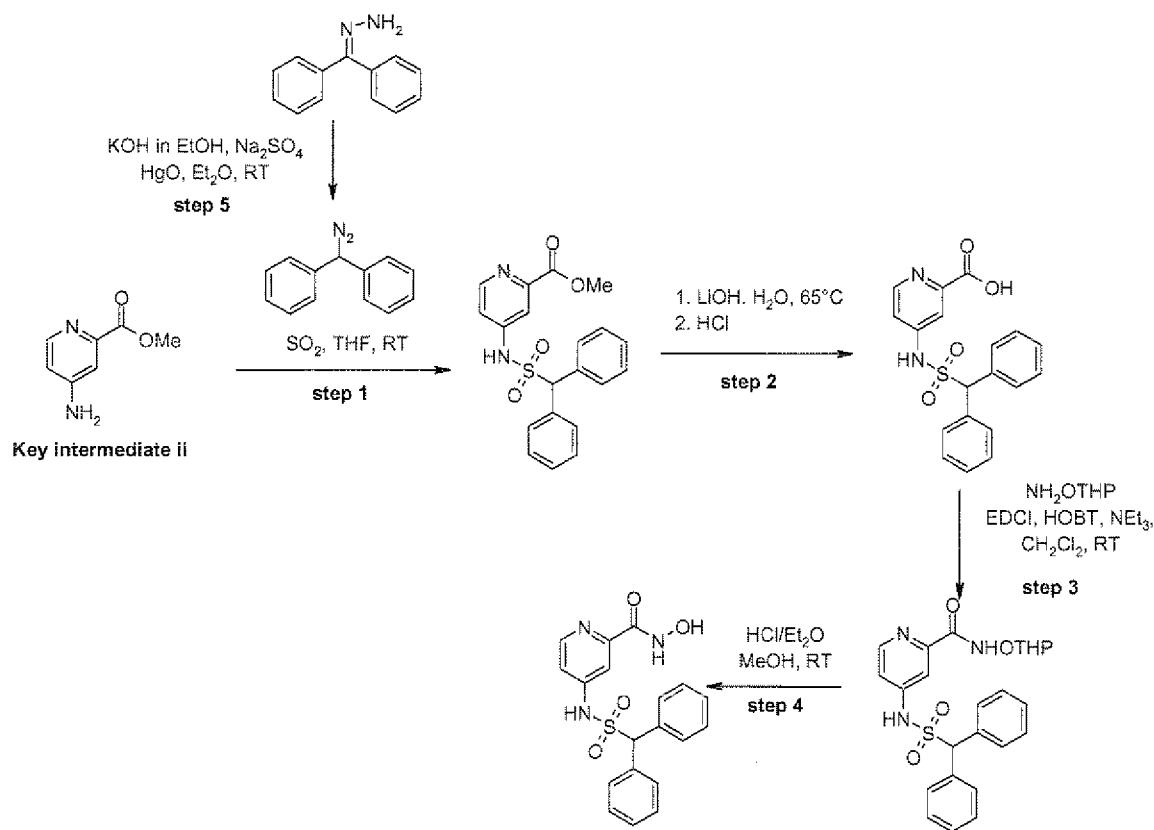
20 4-(Diphenylmethanesulfonylamino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide

hydrochloride



Because diphenylmethanesulfonyl chloride is not commercially available, this compound was obtained according to a **modified version of general procedure D**.

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Step 5:

To a suspension of benzophenone hydrazone (5.0 g, 25.5 mmol, 1 eq) and sodium sulfate (5.4 g, 38.2 mmol, 1.5 eq) in diethyl ether (80 mL) was added a saturated solution of potassium hydroxide in ethanol (2 mL). Mercury oxide (13.8 g, 63.7 mmol, 2.5 eq) was added and the red solution obtained was stirred at room temperature during 1.5h. The solid obtained was filtered and the filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The residue was dissolved with hexane (40 mL) and the solution was placed in the refrigerator overnight. The white

crystals obtained were filtered and the filtrate was concentrated to afford diphenyldiazomethane as a partially crystallized purple oil (4.0 g, 80 % yield).

Step 1:

5 At 0 °C, in a solution of 4-amino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**Key Intermediate II**) (1.2 g, 7.8 mmol, 2 eq) and diphenyldiazomethane (758 mg, 3.9 mmol, 1 eq) in tetrahydrofuran (40 mL), was bubbled sulfur dioxide until the red color disappeared. The solution was then stirred from 0 °C to room temperature for 3 days. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was evaporated. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography

10 using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (0/100 to 100/0) to afford 4-(diphenylmethanesulfonylamino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester as a pale yellow powder (665 mg, 45 % yield).

Step 2 to Step 4:

15 These steps were similar to **general procedure D, steps 2 to 4**.

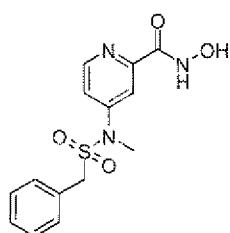
The final expected compound was isolated as a beige powder.

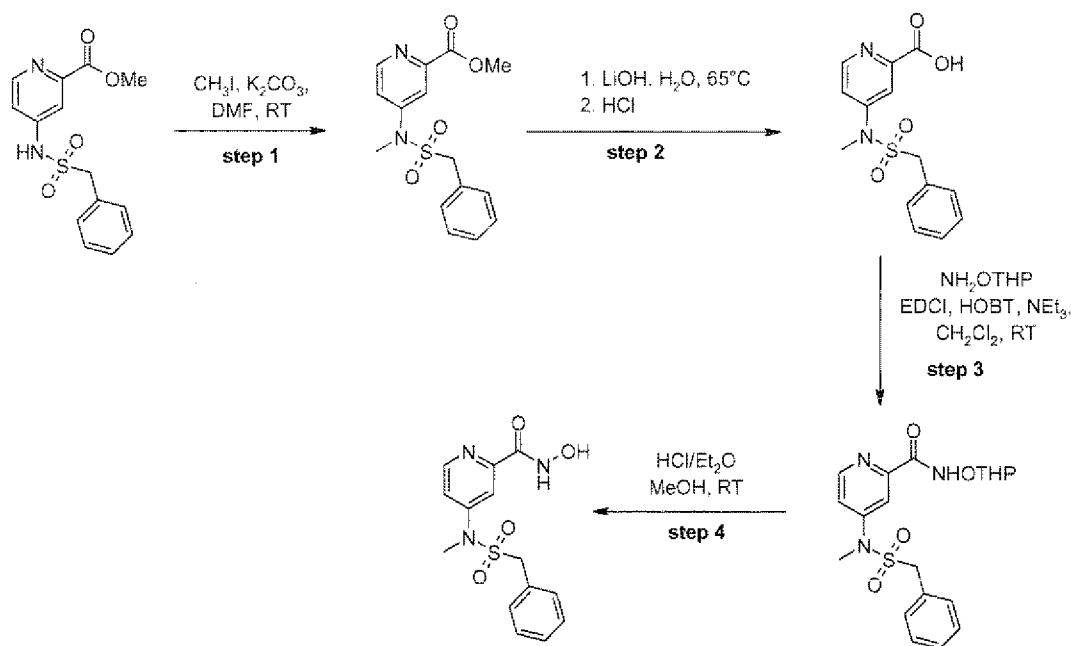
MS: 384.0

Mp: 162 °C – 168 °C

20 **Example 55:**

4-(Methyl-phenylmethanesulfonyl-amino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide



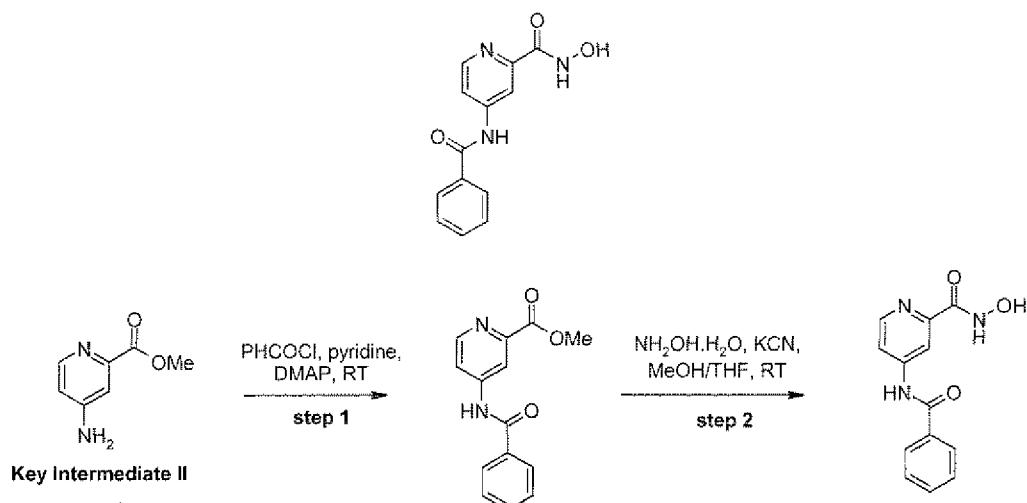
**Step 1:**

To a solution of 4-phenylmethanesulfonylaminopyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester prepared according to **general procedure D step 1** (500 mg, 1.6 mmol, 1 eq) in dimethylformamide (10 mL) were added potassium carbonate (676 mg, 4.9 mmol, 3 eq) and methyl iodide (0.2 mL, 3.3 mmol, 2 eq). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 h. The mixture was then poured on water (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 15 mL). The organic layers were washed with brine (3 x 15 mL), dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated to dryness to afford 4-(methyl-phenylmethanesulfonyl-amino)pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester as an orange oil (400 mg, 77 % yield).

Steps 2 to 4:

These procedures were similar to **general procedure D, steps 2 to 4**.
 15 The expected compound was isolated as a pale orange foam.
 MS: 322.1

Example 56:**4-Benzylaminopyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide**

**Step 1:**

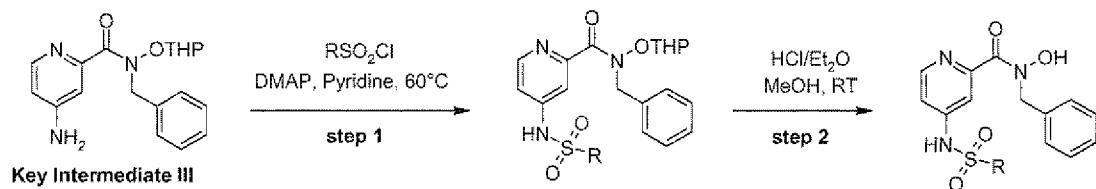
5 4-Amino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (**Key Intermediate II**) (400 mg, 2.6 mmol, 1 eq) was solubilized in pyridine (10 mL). Dimethylaminopyridine (catalytic amount) and benzoyl chloride (366 μ L, 3.15 mmol, 1.2 eq) were added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature during 18 h. The solvent was then evaporated, water (10 mL) was added and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). The organic layers 10 were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 50/50) to afford 4-benzoylamino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester as a white foam (654 mg, 97 % yield).

Step 2:

To a solution of 4-benzoylamino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (100 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 eq) in a mixture of methanol (2 mL) and tetrahydrofuran (2mL) were added potassium cyanide (catalytic amount) and a 50% aqueous solution of hydroxylamine (1.6 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature during 4 days. A saturated solution of citric acid (10 20 mL) and water (10 mL) were then added and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was taken in ethyl acetate (5 mL) and dichloromethane (5 mL) and sonicated. The solid was filtered and dried to afford the expected compound as white powder (78 mg, 78 % yield).

25 MS: 258.0

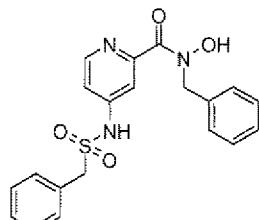
Mp: 175 °C – 184 °C

General procedure E

5 This procedure was similar to **general procedure D, steps 1 and 4**.

Example 57:

4-Phenylmethanesulfonylamino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide



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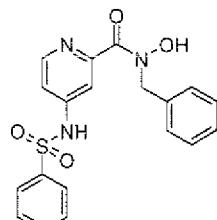
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure E** using phenylmethanesulfonyl chloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

MS: 398.2

15 Mp: 190 °C – 195 °C

Example 58:

4-Benzenesulfonylamino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide



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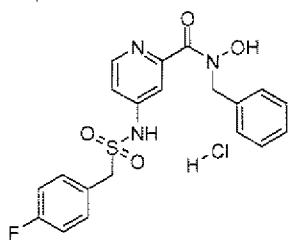
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure E** using benzene sulfonyl chloride. The expected compound was isolated as a pale rose oil.

MS: 384.2

Mp: 175 °C – 180 °C

Example 59:

5 **4-(4-Fluoro-phenylmethanesulfonylamino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-
amide hydrochloride**



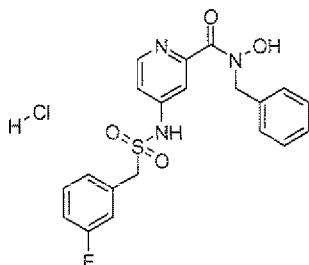
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure E** using 4-fluorophenyl-
10 methanesulfonyl chloride. The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder.

MS: 416.3

Mp: 178 °C – 183 °C

Example 60:

15 **4-(3-Fluoro-phenylmethanesulfonylamino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-
amide hydrochloride**



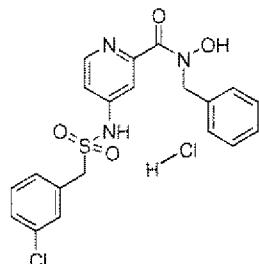
20 This compound was obtained according to **general procedure E** using 3-fluorophenyl-
methanesulfonyl chloride. The expected compound was obtained as a beige powder.

MS: 416.2

Mp: 111 °C – 113 °C

25 **Example 61:**

4-(3-Chlorophenylmethanesulfonylamino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzylhydroxyamide hydrochloride



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This compound was obtained according to **general procedure E** using 3-chlorophenylmethanesulfonyl chloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

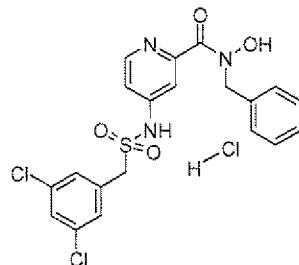
MS: 432.3

Mp: 115 °C – 125 °C

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Example 62:

4-(3,5-Dichlorophenylmethanesulfonylamino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzylhydroxyamide hydrochloride



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This compound was obtained according to **general procedure E** using 3,5-dichlorophenylmethanesulfonyl chloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

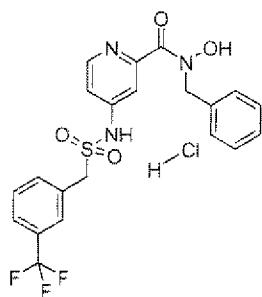
MS: 466.3

20 Mp: 189 °C – 194 °C

Example 63:

4-(3-Trifluoromethylphenylmethanesulfonylamino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzylhydroxyamide hydrochloride

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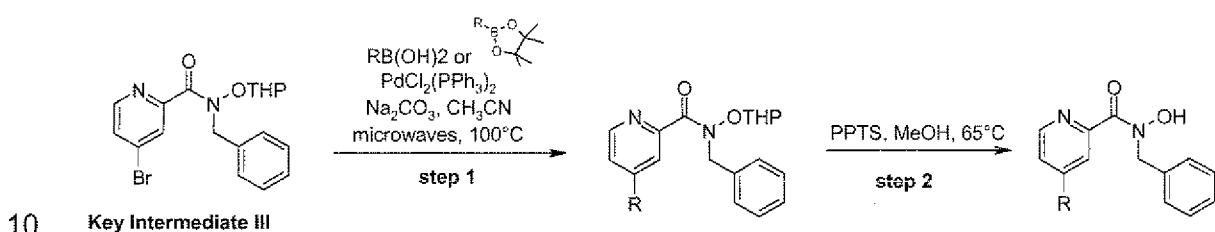


This compound was obtained according to **general procedure E** using 3-trifluoromethyl-phenylmethanesulfonyl chloride. The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder.

5 MS: 466.2

Mp: 178 °C – 182 °C

General procedure E

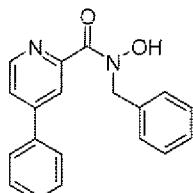


Step 1:

To a degassed solution of 4-bromo-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-amide (**Key Intermediate III**) (150 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 eq) in a mixture of acetonitrile (3 mL) and 1 M solution of sodium carbonate (3 mL) were added boronic acid (0.5 mmol, 1.3 eq) and trans-dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium (II) (13 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.05 eq). The mixture was heated under microwave irradiation at 100 °C during 10 min. After cooling, the mixture was poured on water (5 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography to afford the expected compound.

Step 2:

The compound from step 1 (1 eq) was solubilized in methanol (10 mL) and pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate (1 eq) was added. The mixture was heated at 65 °C for 5 h and evaporated to dryness. The residue was triturated in water, filtered, rinsed with water and dried to afford the expected compound.

Example 64:**4-Phenyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide**

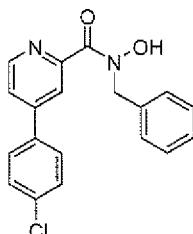
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This compound was obtained according to **general procedure F** using phenylboronic acid.

The expected compound was isolated as a pale rose powder.

MS: 304.9

10 Mp: 160 °C – 165 °C

Example 65:**4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide**

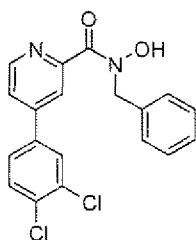
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This compound was obtained according to **general procedure F** using 4-chlorophenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

MS: 339.2

20 Mp: 190 °C – 195 °C

Example 66:**4-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide**



This compound was obtained according to **general procedure F** using 3,4-dichlorophenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a pale orange powder.

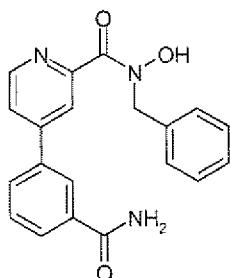
5 MS: 373.2

Mp: 125 °C – 130 °C

Example 67:

4-(3-Carbamoyl-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide

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This compound was obtained according to **general procedure F** using 3-carbamoylphenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder.

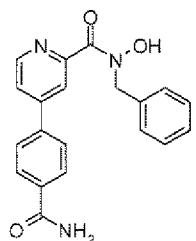
15 MS: 348.1

Mp: 158 °C – 162 °C

Example 68:

4-(4-Carbamoyl-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide

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This compound was obtained according to **general procedure F** using 4-carbamoyl-phenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a pale yellow powder.

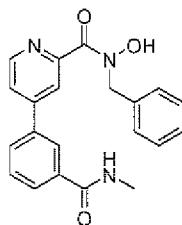
MS: 348.2

Mp: 155 °C – 160 °C

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Example 69:

4-(3-Methylcarbamoyl-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide



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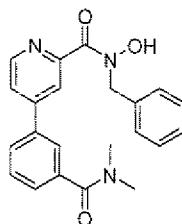
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure F** using 3-methylcarbamoyl-phenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a pale yellow foam.

MS: 362.2

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Example 70:

4-(3-Dimethylcarbamoyl-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide

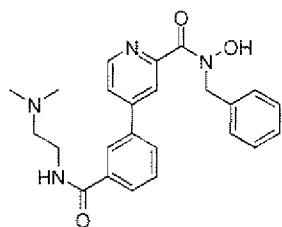


20 This compound was obtained according to **general procedure F** using 3-dimethylcarbamoyl-phenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a yellow foam.

MS: 376.2

Example 71:

4-[3-(2-Dimethylamino-ethylcarbamoyl)-phenyl]-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide



This compound was obtained according to **general procedure F** using 3-(2-(dimethylamino)ethylcarbamoyl)phenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a white

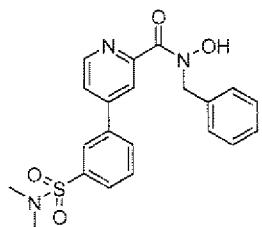
5 foam.

MS: 419.3

Mp: 65 °C – 70 °C

Example 72:

10 **4-(3-Dimethylsulfamoyl-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide**



This compound was obtained according to **general procedure F** using 3-dimethyl-

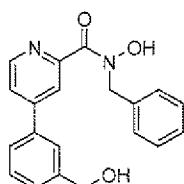
15 sulfamoyl-phenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a yellow powder.

MS: 412.2

Mp: 110 °C – 115 °C

Example 73:

20 **4-(3-Hydroxymethyl-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide**



This compound was obtained according to **general procedure F** using 3-hydroxymethyl-phenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

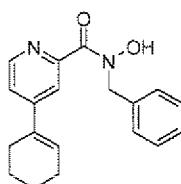
MS: 335.2

Mp: 150 °C – 155 °C

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Example 74:

4-Cyclohex-1-enyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzylhydroxyamide



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This compound was obtained according to **general procedure F** using cyclohexen-1-ylboronic acid, pinacol ester. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

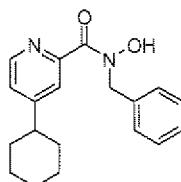
MS: 309.2

Mp: 118 °C – 122 °C

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Example 75:

4-Cyclohexylpyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzylhydroxy-amide

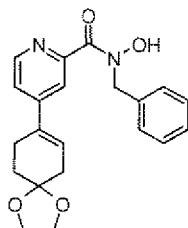


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4-Cyclohex-1-enyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzylhydroxyamide (100 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 eq) obtained in **example 74** was solubilized in ethanol (10 mL) and palladium 10% w on carbon was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature over hydrogen atmosphere for 30 min. The mixture was then filtered over a short pad of celite, and rinsed with ethanol and dichloromethane. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 70/30) to afford the expected compound as a white powder (72 mg, 72 % yield).

MS: 311.2

Mp: 106 °C – 110 °C

Example 76:**4-(1,4-Dioxa-spiro[4.5]dec-7-en-8-yl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide**

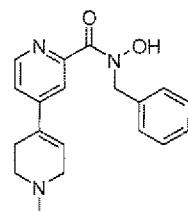
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This compound was obtained according to **general procedure F** using 1,4-dioxa-spiro[4.5]dec-7-en-8-boronic acid, pinacol ester. The expected compound was isolated as a yellow foam.

10 MS: 367.2

Example 77:**1'-Methyl-1',2',3',6'-tetrahydro-[4,4']bipyridinyl-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide**

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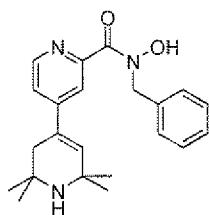


This compound was obtained according to **general procedure F** using 1-methyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-4-boronic acid pinacol ester. The expected compound was isolated as a light yellow powder.

20 MS: 324.2

Mp: 135 °C – 155 °C

Example 78:**2',2',6',6'-Tetramethyl-1',2',3',6'-tetrahydro-[4,4']bipyridinyl-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide**

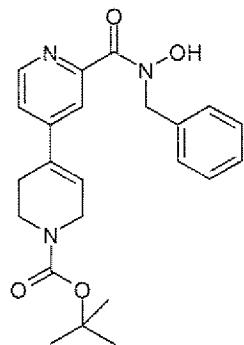


This compound was obtained according to **general procedure F** using 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-4-pyridineboronic acid pinacol ester. The expected compound was 5 isolated as a yellow crystallized oil.

MS: 366.3

Example 79:

2'-(Benzyl-hydroxy-carbamoyl)-3,6-dihydro-2H-[4,4']bipyridinyl-1-carboxylic acid tert-10 butyl ester



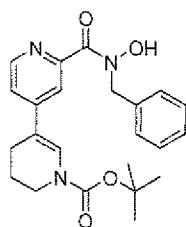
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure F** using N-Boc-1,2,3,6-15 tetrahydropyridine-4-boronic acid pinacol ester. The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder.

MS: 410.3

Mp: 125 °C

Example 80:

2'-(Benzyl-hydroxy-carbamoyl)-5,6-dihydro-4H-[3,4']bipyridinyl-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester



This compound was obtained according to **general procedure F** using 5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-[1,3,2]dioxaborolan-2-yl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyridine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl

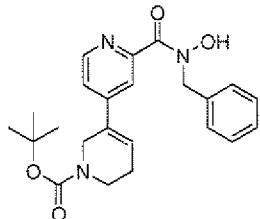
5 ester (**Key Intermediate V**). The expected compound was isolated as a yellow foam.

MS: 410.3

Example 81:

2'-(Benzylhydroxycarbamoyl)-5,6-dihydro-2H-[3,4']bipyridinyl-1-carboxylic acid tert-

10 butyl ester



This compound was obtained according to **general procedure F** using 5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-[1,3,2]dioxaborolan-2-yl)-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyridine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl

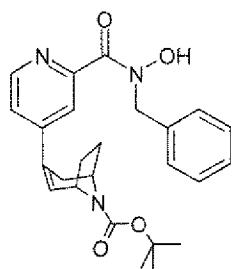
15 ester (**Key Intermediate VI**). The expected compound was isolated as a yellow powder.

MS: 410.3

Mp: 128 °C – 134 °C

20 **Example 82:**

3-[2-(Benzylhydroxycarbamoyl)-pyridin-4-yl]-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-ene-8-carboxylic acid tertbutylester

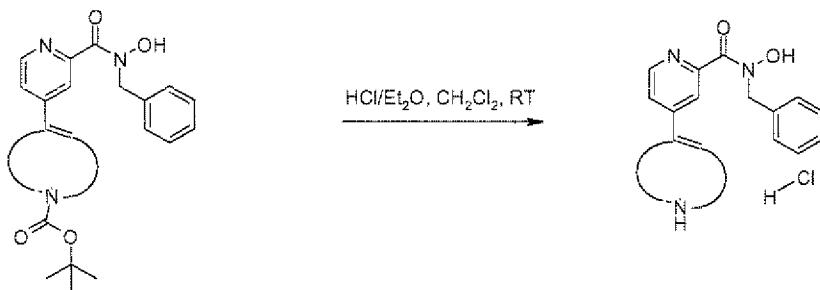


This compound was obtained according to **general procedure F** using 8-boc-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-[1,3,2]dioxaborolan-2-yl)-8-aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-ene. The expected compound was isolated as a yellow oil.

5 MS: 436.3

General procedure G

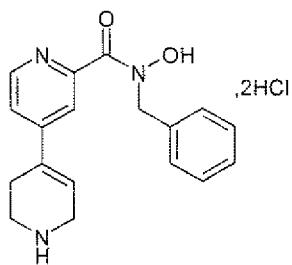
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Compound obtained from **general procedure F** (1 eq) was solubilized in dichloromethane (10 mL) and a 2M solution of hydrochloric acid in diethyl ether (16 eq) was added drop wise. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The precipitate was filtered and 15 triturated with dichloromethane and diethyl ether to afford the expected compound (60 % yield).

Example 83:

1',2',3',6'-Tetrahydro-[4,4']bipyridinyl-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide dihydrochloride



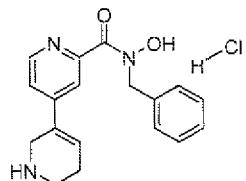
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure G** using 2'-(benzyl-hydroxy-carbamoyl)-3,6-dihydro-2H-[4,4']bipyridinyl-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester described in **example 79**. The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder.

5 MS: 310.1

Mp: 140 °C – 150 °C

Example 84:

10 **1,2,5,6-Tetrahydro-[3,4']bipyridinyl-2'-carboxylic acid benzylhydroxy-amide hydrochloride**

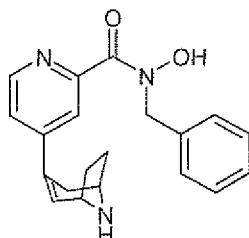


15 This compound was obtained according to **general procedure G** using 2'-(benzylhydroxy-carbamoyl)-5,6-dihydro-2H-[3,4']bipyridinyl-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester described in **example 81**. The expected compound was isolated as a yellow crystallized oil.

MS: 310.2

20 **Example 85:**

4-(8-Azabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-en-3-yl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzylhydroxyamide



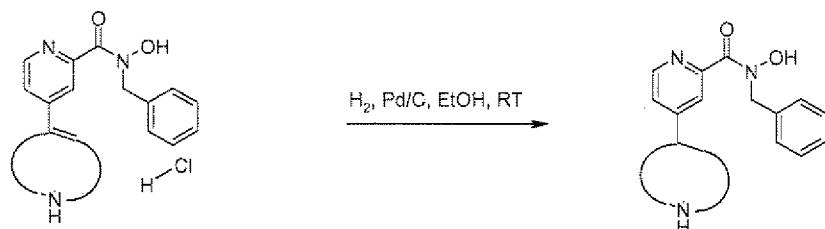
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure G** using 3-[2-(benzylhydroxycarbamoyl)-pyridin-4-yl]-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-2-ene-8-carboxylic acid tertbutylester described in **example 82**. The expected compound was isolated as a yellow 5 powder.

MS: 336.1

Mp: 95 °C – 100 °C

General procedure H

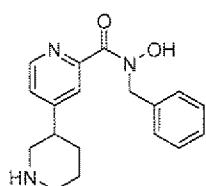
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The compound obtained from **general procedure G** (1 eq) was solubilized in ethanol (10 mL) and palladium 10% w on carbon was added. The mixture was stirred at room 15 temperature over hydrogen atmosphere for 30 min. The mixture was then filtered over a short pad of celite and the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using ethyl acetate and methanol (100/0 to 80/20) to afford the expected compound.

Example 86:

20 **1,2,3,4,5,6-Hexahydro-[3,4']bipyridinyl-2'-carboxylic acid benzylhydroxyamide**

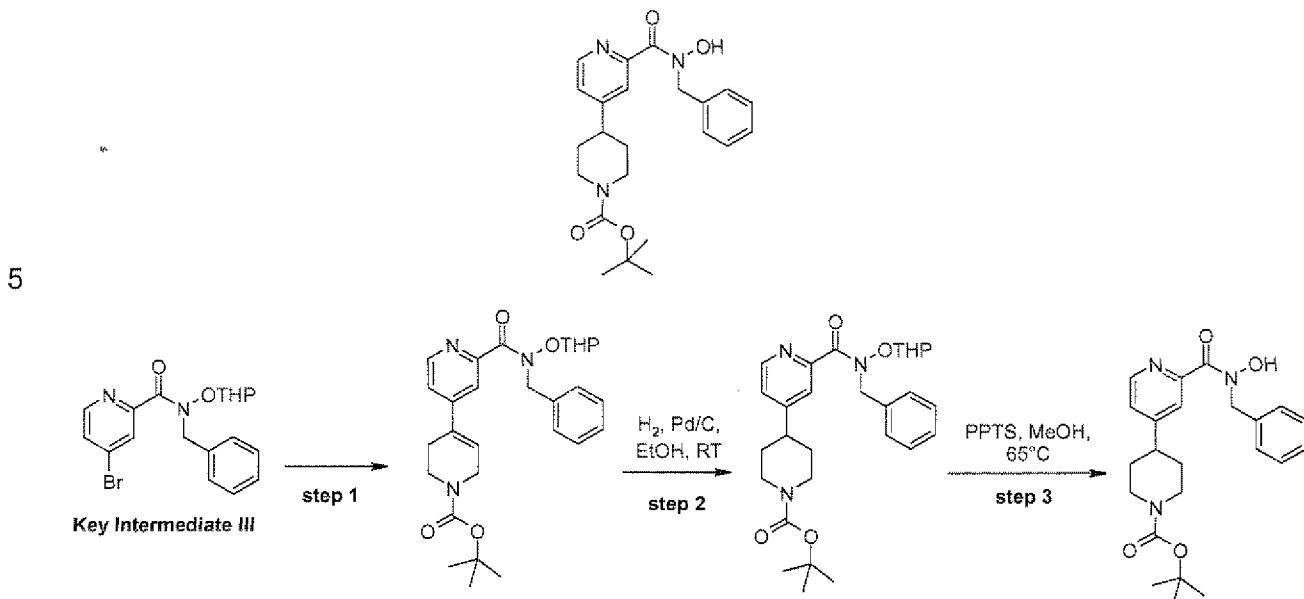


This compound was obtained according to **general procedure H** using 1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-[3,4']bipyridinyl-2'-carboxylic acid benzylhydroxy-amide hydrochloride described in **example 84**. The expected compound was isolated as a yellow crystallized oil.

MS: 312.2

Example 87:

2'-(Benzyl-hydroxy-carbamoyl)-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[4,4']bipyridinyl-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester

**Step 1:**

This compound was obtained according to **general procedure F, step 1** starting from **Key 10 Intermediate III** and N-Boc-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-4-boronic acid pinacol ester.

Step 2:

The compound from step 1 (485 mg, 1 mmol, 1 eq) was solubilized in ethanol (20 mL) and palladium 10% w on carbon was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature over 15 hydrogen atmosphere for 1.5 h. The mixture was then filtered over a short pad of celite and the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 40/60) to afford 2'-(benzyl-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-carbamoyl)-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[4,4']bipyridinyl-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester as a colorless oil (320 mg, 66 % yield).

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Step 3:

The compound from step 2 (360 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1 eq) was solubilized in methanol (20 mL) and pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate (182 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1 eq) was added. The mixture was heated at 65 °C for 18 h and evaporated to dryness. Ethyl acetate (10 mL) was added and 25 the organic layer was washed with a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate (3 x 10 mL),

dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in *vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (80/20 to 30/70) to afford the expected compound as an orange oil (230 mg, 77 % yield).

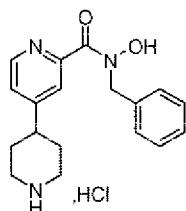
MS: 412.3

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Example 88:

1',2',3',4',5',6'-Hexahydro-[4,4']bipyridinyl-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide hydrochloride

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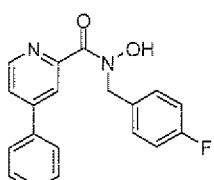
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure G** using 2'-(benzyl-hydroxy-carbamoyl)-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[4,4']bipyridinyl-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester described in **example 87**. The expected compound was isolated as a white foam.

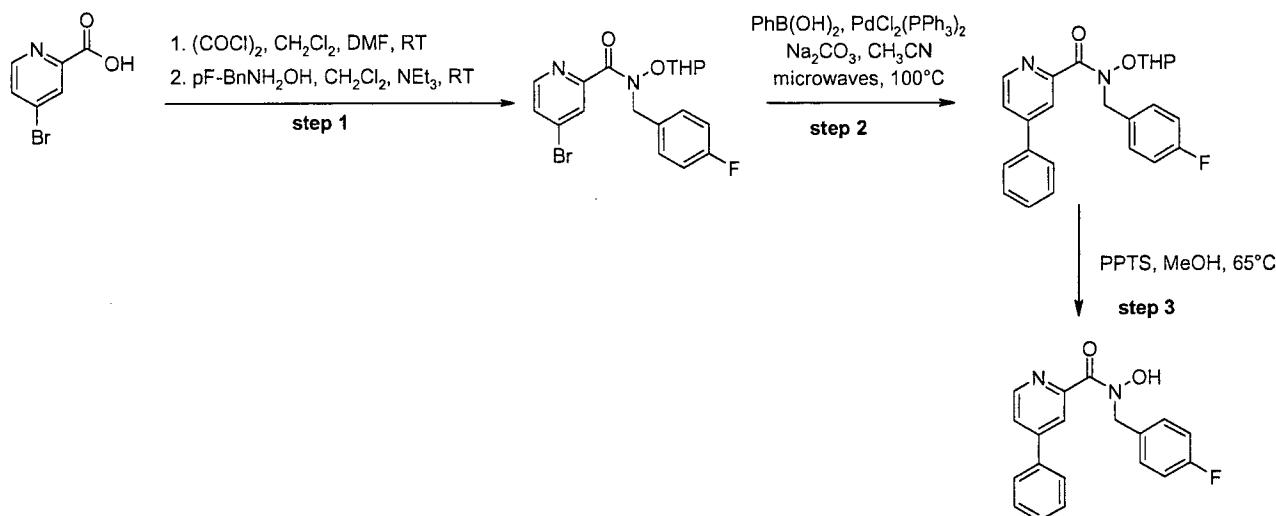
15 MS: 312.1

Example 89:

4-Phenyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid(4-fluoro-benzyl)-hydroxy-amide

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Step 1:

Oxalyl chloride (0.2 mL, 2.1 mmol, 1.3 eq) was added to a solution of 4-bromo-pyridine-2-

5 carboxylic acid (334 mg, 1.6 mmol, 1 eq) in dichloromethane (15 mL). The solution was cooled down to 0 °C and dimethylformamide (several drops) was added drop wise. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min and was evaporated to dryness. The residue was diluted in dichloromethane (15 mL) and N-(4-fluoro-benzyl)-O-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yl)-hydroxylamine (560 mg, 2.5 mmol, 1.5 eq) was added. Triethylamine (0.7 mL, 10 4.9 mmol, 3 eq) was added drop wise at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h and absorbed on silica gel to be purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 70/30) to afford 4-bromo-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-benzyl)-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-amide as a colorless oil (230 mg, 34 % yield).

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Step 2:

To a degassed solution of 4-bromo-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-benzyl)-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-amide (230 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1 eq) in a mixture of acetonitrile (4 mL) and 1 M solution of sodium carbonate (4 mL) were added phenylboronic acid (89 mg, 0.7 mmol, 1.3

20 eq) and trans-dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium (20 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.05 eq). The mixture was heated under microwave irradiation at 100 °C during 10 min. After cooling, the mixture was poured on water (5 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 50/50) to afford 4-phenyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-benzyl)-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-amide as a colorless oil (130 mg, 57 % yield).

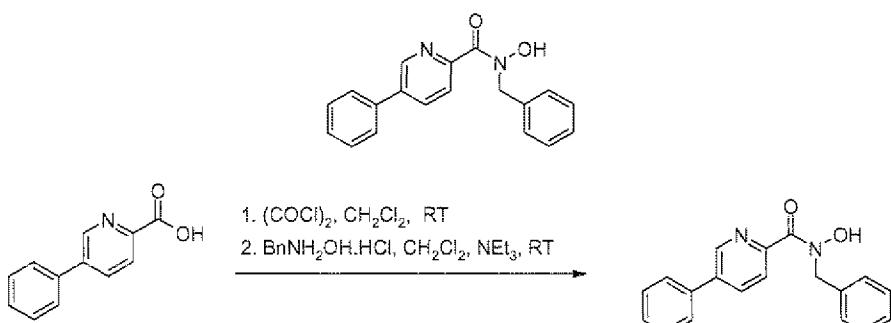
Step 3:

4-Phenyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-benzyl)-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-amide (130 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 eq) was solubilized in methanol (5 mL) and pyridinium 5 *p*-toluenesulfonate (97 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1.2 eq) was added. The mixture was heated at 65 °C for 5 h. The precipitate obtained was filtered and washed with a minimum of methanol to afford the expected compound as a white powder (13 mg, 13 % yield).

MS: 323.1

Mp: 135 °C – 140 °C

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Example 90:**5-Phenyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide**

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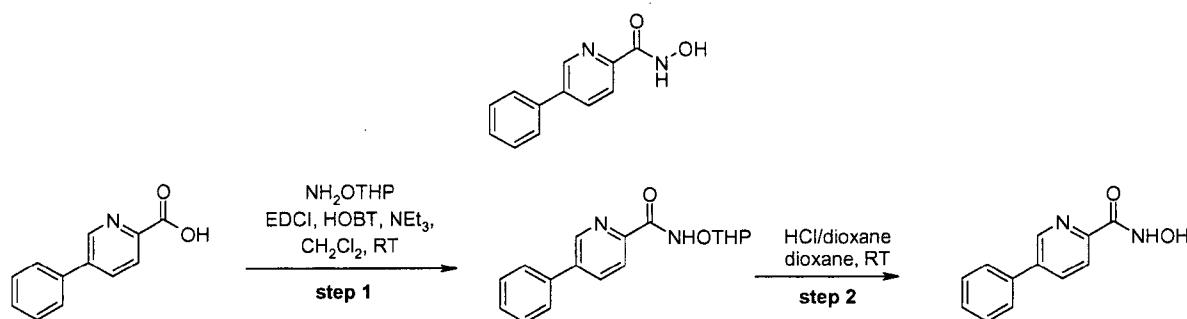
At 0 °C, oxalyl chloride (0.2 mL, 2.3 mmol, 1.5 eq) was added to a solution of 5-phenyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (300 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1 eq) in dichloromethane (10 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min and was evaporated to dryness. The 20 residue was diluted in dichloromethane (10 mL) and N-benzyl-hydroxylamine hydrochloride (361 mg, 2.3 mmol, 1.5 eq) and triethylamine (0.6 mL, 4.5 mmol, 3 eq) were added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h and absorbed on silica gel to be purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 0/100) to afford the expected compound as a beige powder (60 mg, 13 % yield).

25 MS: 305.2

Mp: 145 °C – 150 °C

Example 91:**5-Phenyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide**

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**Step 1:**

5 To a solution of 5-phenyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (130 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1 eq) in dichloromethane (6 mL) were added HOBT (176 mg, 1.3 mmol, 2 eq), EDCI (249 mg, 1.3 mmol, 2 eq), triethylamine (0.3 mL, 1.8 mmol, 3 eq) and O-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yl)-hydroxylamine (153 mg, 1.3 mmol, 2 eq). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h and absorbed on silica gel to be purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 50/50) to afford 5-phenyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-amide as a colorless oil (160 mg, 83 % yield).

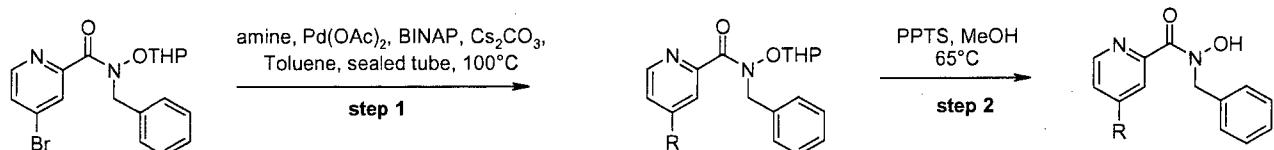
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Step 2:

15 To a solution of 5-phenyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-amide (160 mg, 0.54 mmol, 1 eq) in dioxane (5 mL) was added a 4 N solution on hydrogen chloride in dioxane (0.5 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h and evaporated to dryness. The residue was diluted in methanol (5 mL) and ammonia 7 N in methanol (0.5 mL) was added. The mixture was evaporated and the residue was triturated in water to afford the expected compound as a pale rose powder (90 mg, 78 % yield).

20 MS: 215.1

Mp: 175 °C – 180 °C

General procedure I

25 **Key Intermediate III**

Step 1:

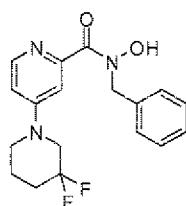
To a degassed solution of 4-bromo-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-(tetrahydro-pyran-2-yloxy)-amide (**Key Intermediate III**) (500 mg, 1.3 mmol, 1 eq) in toluene (10 mL) were added cesium carbonate (1.3 g, 3.8 mmol, 3 eq), amine (1.66 mmol, 1.3 eq), BINAP (40 mg, 0.06 mmol, 0.05 eq) and palladium acetate (15 mg, 0.06 mmol, 0.05 eq). The 5 mixture was heated in a sealed tube at 100 °C during 20 h. After cooling, the mixture was poured on water (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography to afford the expected compound.

10 **Step 2:**

The compound from step 1 (1 eq) was solubilized in methanol (10 mL) and pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate (1 eq) was added. The mixture was heated at 65 °C for 20 h. After cooling, a 7 N solution of ammonia in methanol (10 mL) was added and the mixture was evaporated to dryness. The residue was diluted in dichloromethane (10 mL) and the organic 15 layer was washed with water (3 x 10 mL), dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude compound was purified by flash chromatography to afford the expected compound.

Example 92:

20 **3,3-Difluoro-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[1,4']bipyridinyl-2'-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-
amide**



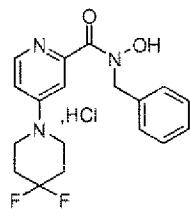
25 This compound was obtained according to **general procedure I** using 3,3-difluoropiperidine hydrochloride. The expected compound was isolated as a pale yellow powder.

MS: 348.1

Mp: 140 °C – 145 °C

30 **Example 93:**

**4,4-Difluoro-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[1,4']bipyridinyl-2'-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-
amide**



This compound was obtained according to **general procedure I** using 4,4-difluoropiperidine hydrochloride followed by addition of 2 M solution of hydrogen chloride in diethyl ether. After stirring 2 h at room temperature, filtration and trituration with diethyl ether, the expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

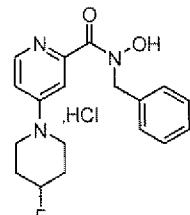
MS: 348.2

Mp: 90 °C – 95 °C

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Example 94:

4-Fluoro-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[1,4']bipyridinyl-2'-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxyamide hydrochloride



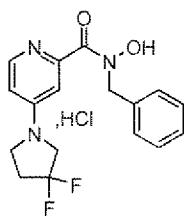
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This compound was obtained according to a modified version of **general procedure I** using 4-fluoropiperidine hydrochloride. During step 2, instead of using pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate, 2 M solution of hydrogen chloride in diethyl ether (20 eq) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The precipitate was then filtered and triturated with dichloromethane and diethyl ether to afford the expected compound as a light yellow foam.

MS: 330.1

25 **Example 95:**

4-(3,3-Difluoro-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide hydrochloride



This compound was obtained according to a modified version of **general procedure I** using 3,3-difluoropyrrolidine hydrochloride. During step 2, instead of using pyridinium 5 *p*-toluenesulfonate, 2 M solution of hydrogen chloride in diethyl ether (20 eq) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The precipitate was then filtered and triturated with dichloromethane and diethyl ether to afford the expected compound as a beige powder.

MS: 334.1
10 Mp: 162 °C – 166 °C

Example 96:

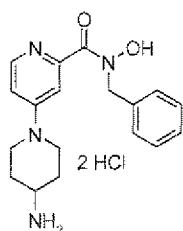
[2'-(Benzyl-hydroxy-carbamoyl)-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[1,4']bipyridinyl-4-yl]-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester

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Chemical structure of a compound with a 3,3-difluoropyrrolidine core, substituted with a 4-phenylbenzylamino group, a 2-hydroxy-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[1,4']bipyridinyl-4-yl group, and a tert-butyl carbamate group.

This compound was obtained according to **general procedure I** using 4-N-BOC-20 aminopiperidine. The expected compound was isolated as a white foam.
MS: 427.3
Mp: 135 °C – 140 °C

Example 97:
25 **4-Amino-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[1,4']bipyridinyl-2'-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy- amide chlorhydrate**



This compound was obtained according to **general procedure G** using [2'-(benzyl-hydroxy-carbamoyl)-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[1,4']bipyridinyl-4-yl]-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester described in **example 96**. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

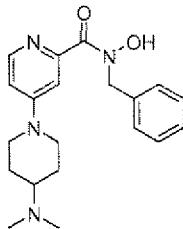
5 described in **example 96**. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

MS: 327.2

Mp: decomposes at 160 °C – 165 °C

Example 98:

10 4-Dimethylamino-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[1,4']bipyridinyl-2'-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide

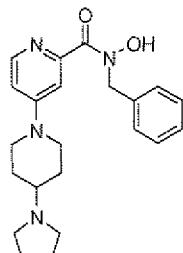


15 This compound was obtained according to **general procedure I** using dimethyl-piperidin-4-yl-amine. The expected compound was isolated as a yellow oil.

MS: 355.2

Example 99:

20 4-Pyrrolidin-1-yl-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[1,4']bipyridinyl-2'-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide



This compound was obtained according to **general procedure I** using 4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)piperidine. The expected compound was isolated as a pale yellow powder.

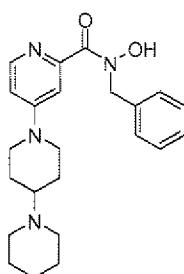
MS: 381.2

5 Mp: 135 °C – 140 °C

Example 100:

3,4,5,6,3',4',5',6'-Octahydro-2H,2'H-[1,4';1',4'"]terpyridine-2"-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide

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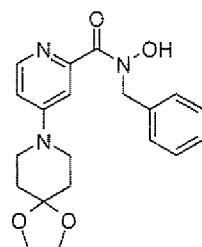
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure I** using 4 N-(4-piperidino)piperidine. The expected compound was isolated as a blue oil.

15 MS: 395.2

Example 101:

4-(1,4-Dioxa-8-aza-spiro[4.5]dec-8-yl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide

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This compound was obtained according to **general procedure I** using 1,4-dioxa-8-azaspiro[4.5]decane. The expected compound was isolated as a yellow powder.

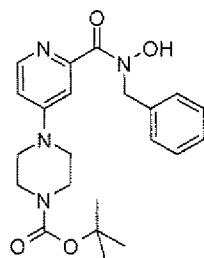
25 MS: 370.2

Mp: 98 °C – 102 °C

Example 102:

4-[2-(Benzyl-hydroxy-carbamoyl)-pyridin-4-yl]-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester

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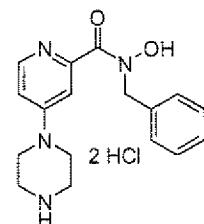


This compound was obtained according to **general procedure I** using N-BOC piperazine. The expected compound was isolated as a yellow foam.

10 MS: 413.3

Example 103:

4-Piperazin-1-yl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide hydrochloride



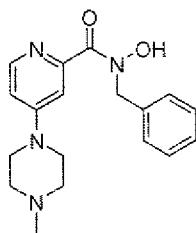
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This compound was obtained according to **general procedure G** using 4-[2-(benzyl-hydroxy-carbamoyl)-pyridin-4-yl]-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester described in **example 102**. The expected compound was isolated as a yellow foam.

20 MS: 313.2

Example 104:

4-(4-Methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide

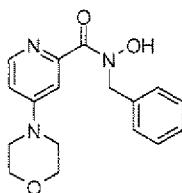


This compound was obtained according to **general procedure I** using N-methyl piperazine. The expected compound was isolated as a yellow oil.

5 MS: 327.2

Example 105:

4-Morpholin-4-yl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide



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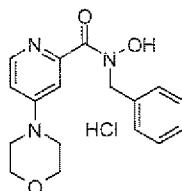
This compound was obtained according to **general procedure I** using morpholine. The expected compound was isolated as a pale yellow powder.

MS: 314.1

15 Mp: 105 °C – 110 °C

Example 106:

4-Morpholin-4-yl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide hydrochloride

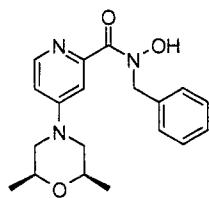


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4-Morpholin-4-yl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide described in **example 105** was solubilized in dichloromethane (10 mL) and 2 M solution of hydrogen chloride in diethyl ether (1.2 eq) was added. The mixture was stirred at room for 3 h and evaporated to dryness to afford the expected compound as a pale yellow powder.

Example 107:

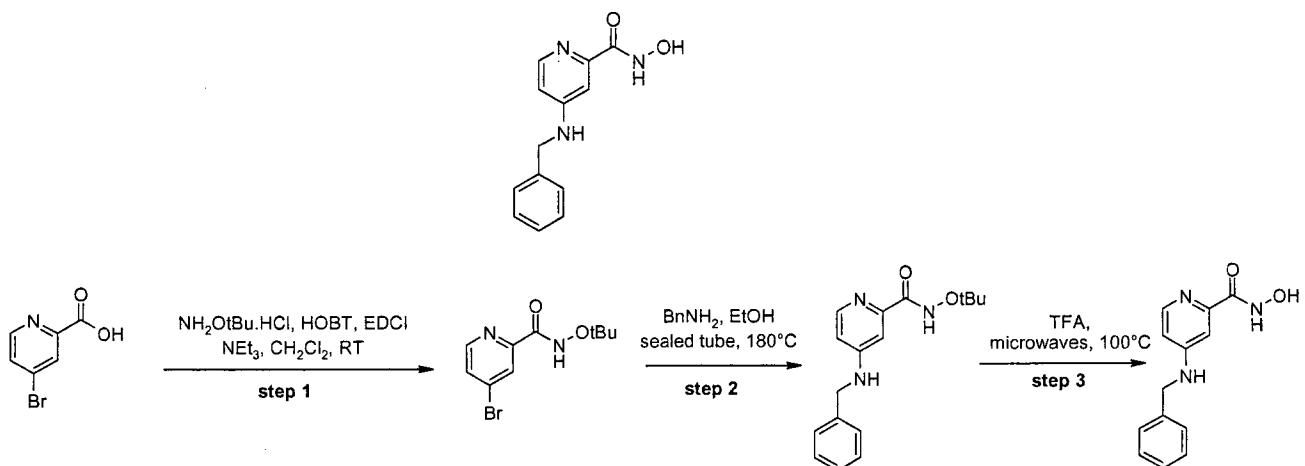
5 **4-((2R,6S)-2,6-Dimethyl-morpholin-4-yl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-
amide**



10 This compound was obtained according to **general procedure I** using (2R,6S)-2,6-dimethyl-morpholine. The expected compound was isolated as an orange powder.

MS: 342.2

Mp: 180 °C – 185 °C

Example 108:**4-Benzylamino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide**

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Step 1:

To a solution of 4-bromo-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (1.0 g, 4.9 mmol, 1 eq) in dichloromethane (40 mL) were added HOBT (1.3 g, 9.9 mmol, 2 eq), EDCI (1.9 g, 9.9 mmol, 2 eq), triethylamine (2.1 mL, 14.8 mmol, 3 eq) and O-tert-butylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (1.2 g, 9.9 mmol, 2 eq). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h

and poured on water (20 mL). The organic layer was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 20 mL), dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 50/50) to afford 4-bromo-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid tert-butoxy-amide as a white powder (1.0 g, 5 74 % yield).

Step 2:

In a sealed tube, 4-bromo-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid tert-butoxy-amide (410 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1 eq) was solubilized in ethanol (10 mL) and benzylamine (161 mg, 3 mmol, 2 eq) was 10 added. The mixture was heated at 180 °C for 20 h. After cooling, the mixture was absorbed on silica gel to be purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 0/100) to afford 4-benzylamino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid tert-butoxy-amide as a colorless oil (57 mg, 13 % yield).

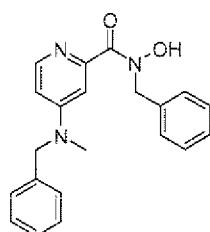
Step 3:

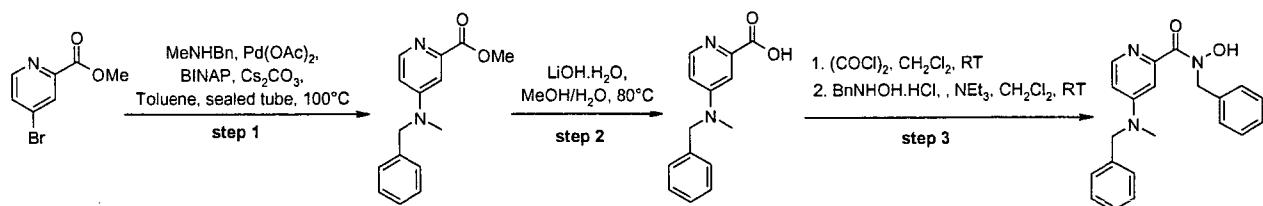
4-Benzylamino-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid tert-butoxy-amide (57 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1 eq) and trifluoroacetic acid (3 mL) were heated under microwave irradiation at 100 °C during 10 min. After cooling, the mixture was evaporated to dryness. The residue was solubilized in dichloromethane (5 mL) and some drops of ammonium hydroxide solution were added. The 20 mixture was absorbed on silica gel to be purified by flash chromatography using dichloromethane and methanol (100/0 to 85/15) to afford the expected compound as a colorless oil (15 mg, 32 % yield).

MS: 244.1

Example 109:

4-(Benzyl-methyl-amino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide



**Step 1:**

To a degassed solution of 4-bromo-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (650 mg, 3.0 mmol, 1 eq) in toluene (15 mL) were added cesium carbonate (1.9 g, 6.0 mmol, 2 eq), N-methylbenzylamine (0.5 mL, 3.9 mmol, 1.3 eq), BINAP (93 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.05 eq) and palladium acetate (34 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.05 eq). The mixture was heated in a sealed tube at 100 °C during 20 h. After cooling, the mixture was poured on water (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using dichloromethane and methanol (100/0 to 97/3) to afford 4-(benzyl-methyl-amino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester as a yellow oil (230 mg, 30 % yield).

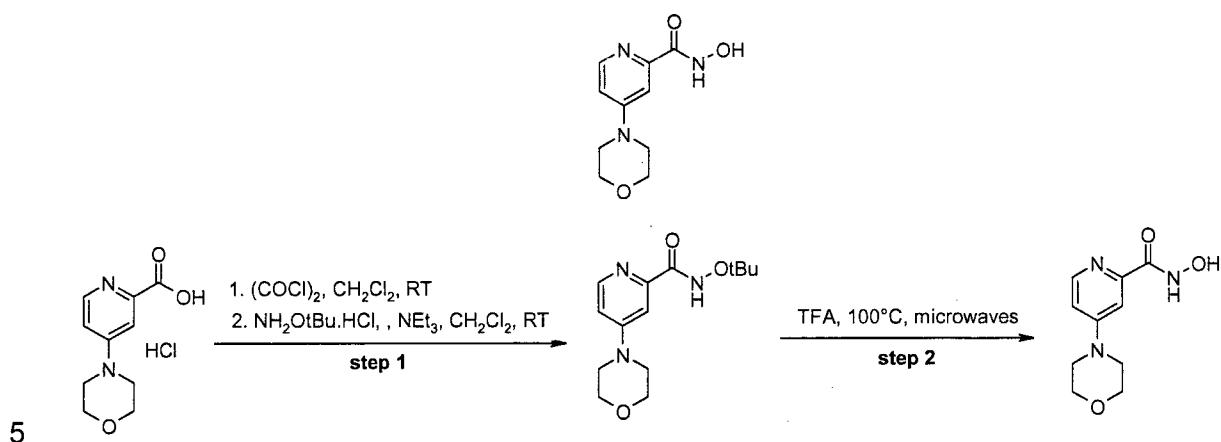
Step 2:

4-(Benzyl-methyl-amino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (230 mg, 0.9 mmol, 1 eq) was solubilized in a mixture methanol / water (6 mL / 1 mL) and lithium hydroxide (75 mg, 1.8 mmol, 2 eq) was added. The mixture was heated at 80 °C during 3 h. After cooling down, a 1 M solution of hydrogen chloride in diethyl ether (1.8 mL, 1.8 mmol, 2 eq) was added. The mixture was then evaporated to dryness to afford 4-(benzyl-methyl-amino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid in quantitative yield.

Step 3:

Oxalyl chloride (0.12 mL, 1.3 mmol, 1.5 eq) was added drop wise to a solution of 4-(benzyl-methyl-amino)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (0.9 mmol, 1 eq) in dichloromethane (10 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 min and was evaporated to dryness. The residue was diluted in dichloromethane (10 mL) and triethylamine (0.38 mL, 2.7 mmol, 3 eq) and N-benzylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (215 mg, 1.3 mmol, 1.5 eq) were added. After stirring at room temperature for 20 h, the mixture was absorbed on silica gel to be purified using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 40/60). The expected compound was obtained as a yellow oil (85 mg, 27 % yield).

MS: 348.2

Example 110:**4-Morpholin-4-yl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydroxyamide****Step 1:**

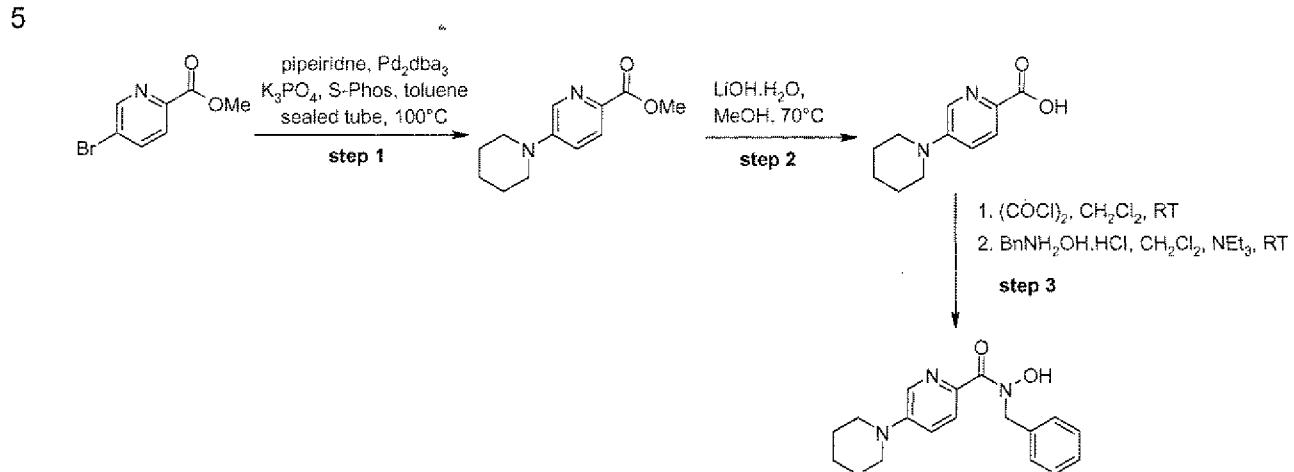
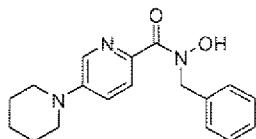
Oxalyl chloride (0.11 mL, 1.3 mmol, 1.3 eq) was added drop wise to a solution of 4-morpholin-4-yl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid hydrochloride (240 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1 eq) in dichloromethane (10 mL). At 0 °C, dimethylformamide (2-3 drops) was added drop wise and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 min and was evaporated to dryness. The residue was diluted in dichloromethane (10 mL) and triethylamine (0.41 mL, 2.9 mmol, 3 eq) and O-tert-butylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (185 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 eq) were added. After stirring at room temperature for 20 h, the mixture was absorbed on silica gel to be purified using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 0/100). 4-Morpholin-4-yl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid tert-butoxy-amide was obtained as a white powder (110 mg, 40 % yield).

Step 2:

4-Morpholin-4-yl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid tert-butoxy-amide (110 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 eq) and trifluoroacetic acid (3 mL) were heated under microwave irradiation at 100 °C during 10 min. After cooling, the mixture was evaporated to dryness. The residue was solubilized in dichloromethane (5 mL) and some drops of ammonium hydroxide solution were added. The mixture was absorbed on silica gel to be purified by flash chromatography using dichloromethane and methanol (100/0 to 90/10) to afford the expected compound as a beige powder (12 mg, 14 % yield).

MS: 224.1

Mp: 215 °C – 220 °C (dec.)

Example 111:**3,4,5,6-Tetrahydro-2H-[1,3']bipyridinyl-6'-carboxylic acid benzyl-hydroxy-amide****Step 1:**

To a degassed solution of 5-bromo-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (450 mg, 2.1 mmol, 1 eq) in toluene (10 mL) were added piperidine (213 mg, 2.5 mmol, 1.2 eq), potassium phosphate (618 mg, 2.9 mmol, 1.4 eq), 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2',6'-dimethoxybiphenyl (171 mg, 0.42 mmol, 0.2 eq) and tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium (95 mg, 0.10 mmol, 0.05 eq). The mixture was heated in a sealed tube at 100 °C during 48 h. After cooling, the mixture was poured on water (5 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 0/100) to afford 3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[1,3']bipyridinyl-6'-carboxylic acid methyl ester as a pale yellow powder (165 mg, 36 % yield).

Step 2:

3,4,5,6-Tetrahydro-2H-[1,3']bipyridinyl-6'-carboxylic acid methyl ester (165 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1 eq) was solubilized in methanol (8 mL) and lithium hydroxide (63 mg, 1.5 mmol, 2 eq) was added. The mixture was heated at 70 °C during 20 h. After cooling, a 3 N solution of hydrogen chloride (0.2 mL) was added. The mixture was then evaporated to dryness to

afford 3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[1,3']bipyridinyl-6'-carboxylic acid as a yellow oil in quantitative yield.

Step 3:

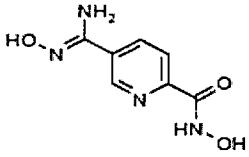
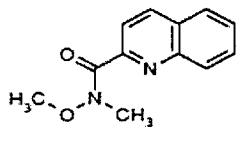
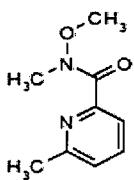
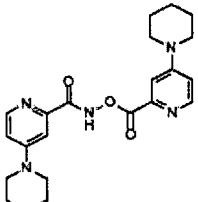
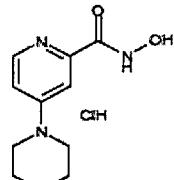
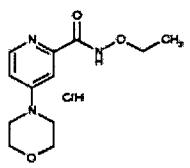
5 Oxalyl chloride (0.1 mL, 1.12 mmol, 1.5 eq) was added drop wise to a solution of 3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[1,3']bipyridinyl-6'-carboxylic acid (0.75 mmol, 1 eq) in dichloromethane (6 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 min and was evaporated to dryness. The residue was diluted in dichloromethane (6 mL) and triethylamine (0.31 mL, 2.25 mmol, 3 eq) and N-benzylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (179 mg, 1.12 mmol, 1.5 eq) 10 were added. After stirring at room temperature for 20 h, the mixture was absorbed on silica gel to be purified using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 30/70). The expected compound was obtained as a pale yellow powder (125 mg, 54 % yield).

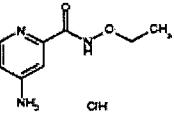
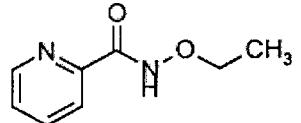
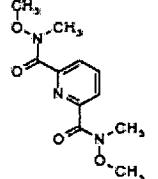
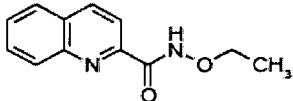
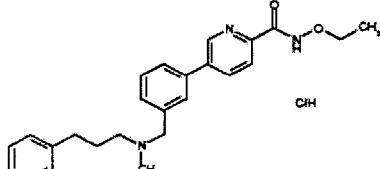
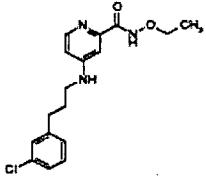
MS: 312.2

Mp: 110 °C – 115 °C

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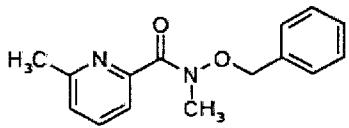
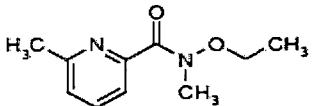
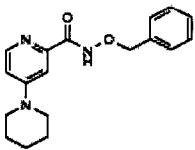
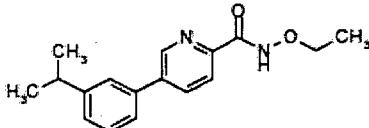
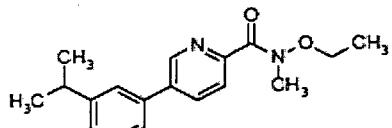
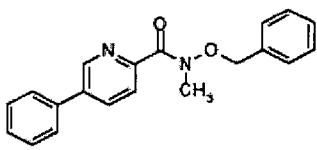
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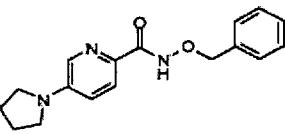
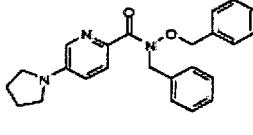
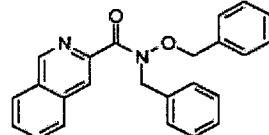
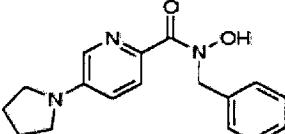
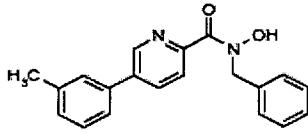
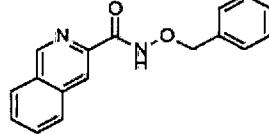
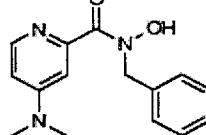
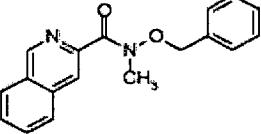
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	FRET	IC50 [μM]		
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	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	-0,9
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	29
	CPE H3N2	IC50 [μM]		37
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		4,9
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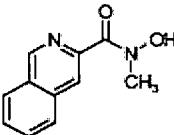
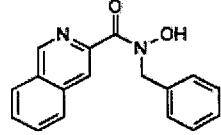
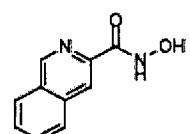
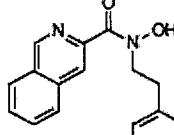
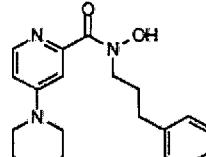
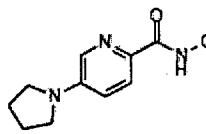
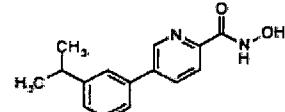
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	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	-2,2
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	20	1,6
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	1	-0,3

Molstructure	activity type	activity endpoint	activity conc	activity result
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	14,8
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	-2,7
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	-2,1
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	2	-4
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	5	-3
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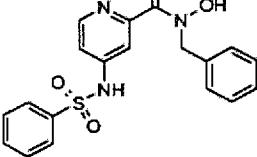
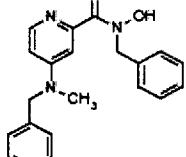
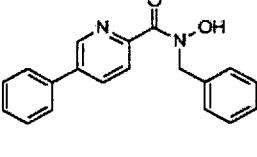
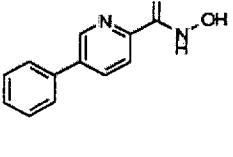
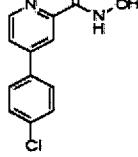
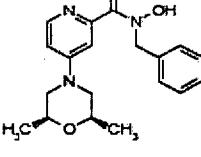
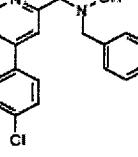
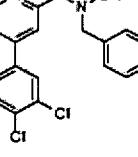
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	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	5	-2,7
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	5	1,3
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	25	1
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		4,3
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	10	15,5
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	5	-1,5
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	5	1,1
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		1,4
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		1,45
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	0,6

Molstructure	activity type	activity endpoint	activity conc	activity result
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	-2,3
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	-1,9
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	5	1
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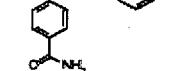
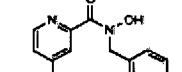
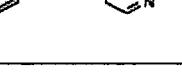
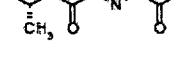
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	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	25	1
	FRET	IC50 [µM]		4,3
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	10	15,5
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	5	-1,5
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	5	1,1
	FRET	IC50 [µM]		1,4
	FRET	IC50 [µM]		1,45
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	0,6

Molstructure	activity type	activity endpoint	activity conc	activity result
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	-0,6
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		9,09
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	FRET	IC50 [μM]		14,7
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	CPE H3N2	IC50 [μM]		45
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	20	-1,8
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	2	7,7
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		6,25
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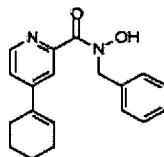
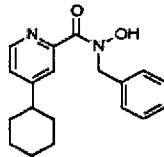
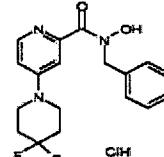
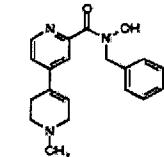
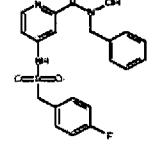
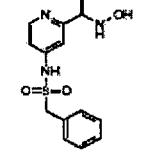
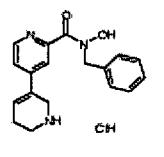
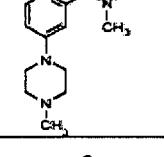
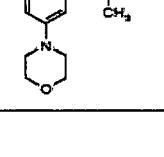
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	FRET	IC50 [µM]		10,1
	FRET	IC50 [µM]		1,7
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	6,2
	FRET	IC50 [µM]		3,9
	FRET	IC50 [µM]		6,4
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	5	-0,5
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	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	10	-9,3
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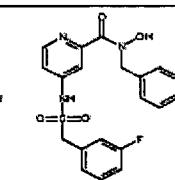
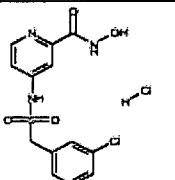
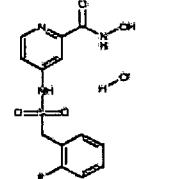
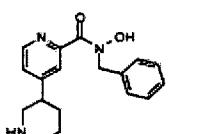
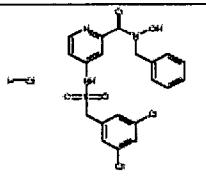
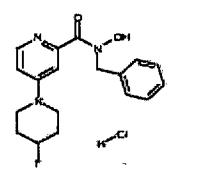
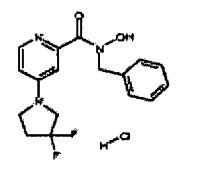
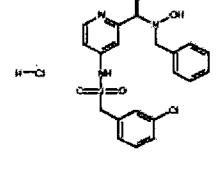
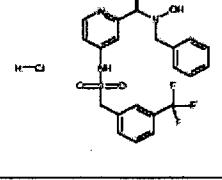
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	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	5	3,8
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	12	13,4
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		22
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	12	21,7
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		2,6
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	5	26,6
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		2,9
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	10,5
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		1,2
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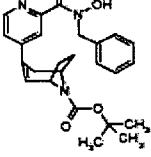
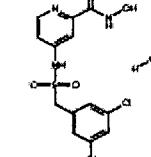
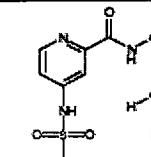
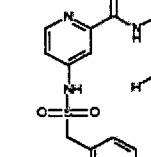
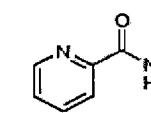
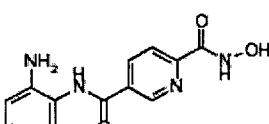
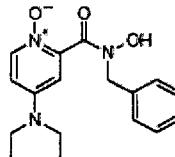
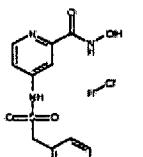
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	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	5	-2.7
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	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	12.3
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		0.6
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	1	-3.2
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		1.2
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	8.9
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		4.6
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	2.4
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	10.7
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	8.3
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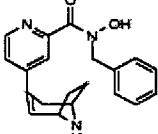
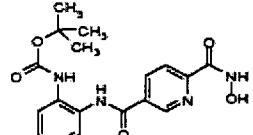
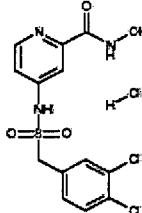
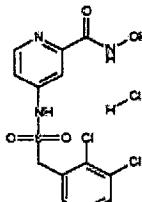
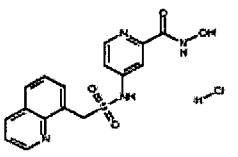
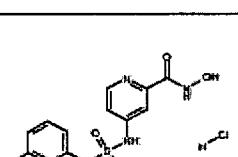
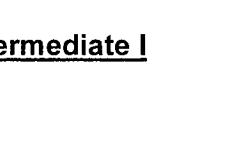
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	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	8.9
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	FRET	IC50 [µM]		1
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	5	-2.5
	FRET	IC50 [µM]		5.8
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	3.2
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	FRET	IC50 [µM]		15
	FRET	IC50 [µM]		13
	FRET	IC50 [µM]		121

molstructure	activity type	activity endpoint	activity conc	activity result
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	-0,9
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		3,5
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	-4,5
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		0,67
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	-2,4
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		32
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	5	-1,7
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		2
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	5,4
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		2,4
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	2	-2,5
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	20	31,3
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	2	3,9
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	5	10,2

Moistructure	activity type	activity endpoint	activity conc	activity result
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		3.6
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	1	3.4
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		3
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	5	-0.5
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		2.9
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	-3.2
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		7.7
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	10.6
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	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	-1.1
	FRET	IC50 [μM]		3
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	5.1
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	9.5
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	2.6
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	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	9,6
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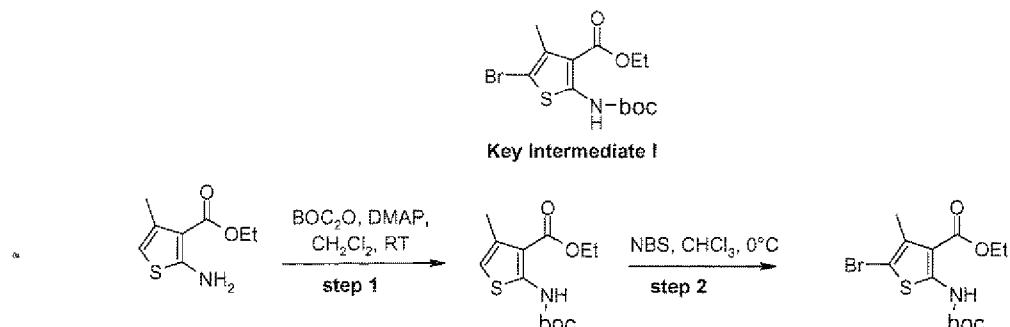
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	FRET	IC50 [μM]	50	2
	CPE H3N2	IC50 [μM]	50	80.07
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	24.39
	FRET	IC50 [μM]	50	0.28
	CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	2.29
	FRET	IC50 [μM]	50	1.8

Compounds having the general formula (II)

Key Intermediate I

5-Bromo-2-tert-butoxycarbonylamino-4-methyl-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester



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Step 1:

To a solution of 2-amino-4-methyl-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (25.0 g, 135 mmol, 1 eq) in dichloromethane (80 mL) were added di-tert-butyl dicarbonate (48.0 g, 220 mmol, 1.6 eq) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (1.6 g, 13.5 mmol, 0.1 eq). The mixture was stirred at room temperature until completion of the reaction. The solvent was then evaporated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 90/10) to afford 2-tert-butoxycarbonylamino-4-methyl-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester as a white solid (18.8 g, 49% yield).

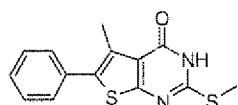
15 **Step 2:**

At 0 °C, to a solution of 2-tert-butoxycarbonylamino-4-methyl-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (10.2 g, 35.9 mmol, 1 eq) in chloroform (40 mL) was added N-bromosuccinimide (6.4 g, 35.9 mmol, 1 eq). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C during 2 h and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 70/30) to afford the expected compound as a white solid (11.9 g, 91% yield).

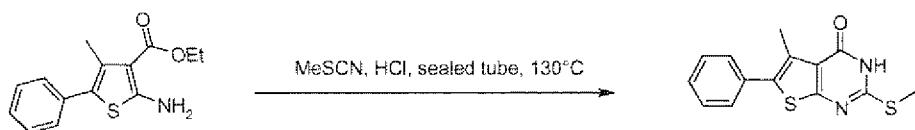
Key Intermediate II

5-Methyl-2-methylsulfanyl-6-phenyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one

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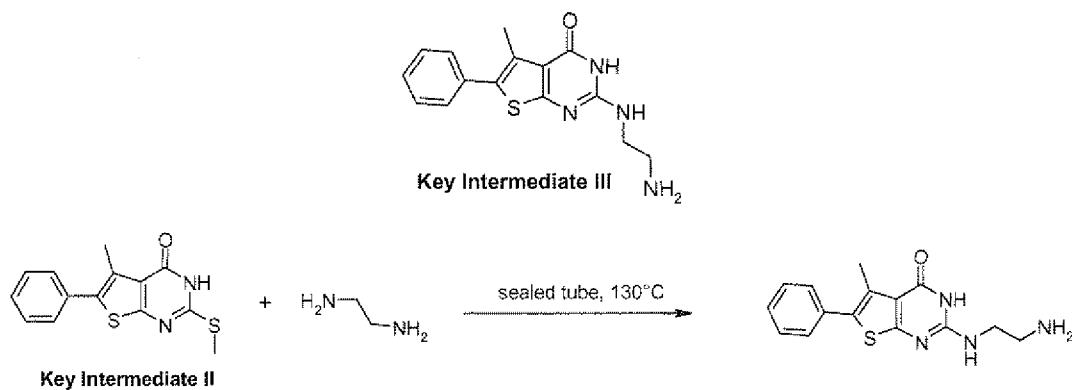
Key Intermediate II



2-Amino-4-methyl-5-phenyl-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (10.0 g, 38.3 mmol, 1 eq), methyl thiocyanate (2.8 g, 38.3 mmol, 1 eq) and concentrated hydrochloric acid (1.4 mL, 38.3 mmol, 1 eq) were heated in a sealed tube at 130 °C during 18 h. After cooling, the precipitate was filtered, rinsed with ethanol and dried to afford the expected compound as a yellow solid (7.7 g, 70% yield).

Key Intermediate III

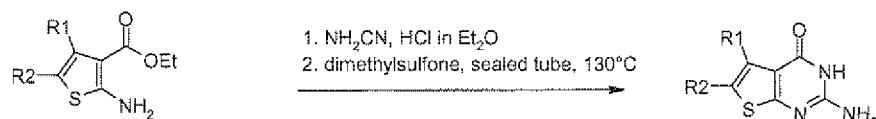
10 **2-(2-Amino-ethylamino)-5-methyl-6-phenyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one**



15 5-Methyl-2-methylsulfanyl-6-phenyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one (**Key Intermediate II**) (1.2 g, 4.2 mmol, 1 eq) was solubilized in ethylenediamine (3 mL) and the solution was heated in a sealed tube at 130 °C during 18 h. After cooling down, the yellow suspension was filtered. The precipitate was rinsed with dichloromethane and diethyl ether and dried in vacuo to afford the expected compound as a white powder (550 mg, 44 % yield).

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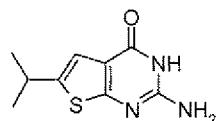
General Procedure A



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At 0 °C, cyanamide (1.0 mmol, 1.5 eq) was added to a 2M solution of hydrogen chloride in diethyl ether (1.0 mL, 3 eq). After stirring for 15 min, the suspension was filtered. The resulting white solid was added in a sealed tube to 2-amino-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (0.7 mmol, 1 eq) and dimethylsulfone (250 mg). The mixture was heated at 5 130 °C during 2 h. After cooling, the residue was dissolved in methanol and a 7N solution of ammonia in methanol (10 mL) was added. The solvent was then evaporated and the solid obtained was washed with dichloromethane (2 x 10 mL) and water (2 x 10 mL) to afford the expected compound (5% to 90% yield).

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Example 1:**2-Amino-6-isopropyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one**

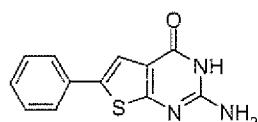
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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure A** using commercially available 2-amino-5-isopropyl-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid methyl ester.

The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder.

MS: 210.0

20 Mp: 347 °C – 349 °C

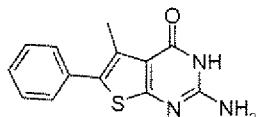
Example 2:**2-Amino-6-phenyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one**

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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure A** using commercially available 2-amino-5-phenyl-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid methyl ester. The expected compound was isolated as a grey solid.

30 MS: 244.0

Mp >360 °C

Example 3:**2-Amino-5-methyl-6-phenyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one**

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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure A** using commercially available 2-amino-4-methyl-5-phenyl-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester. The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder.

MS: 258.1

10 Mp: 356 °C – 358 °C

Example 4:**2-Amino-5-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-6-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one**

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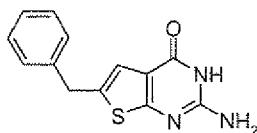
The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure A** using commercially available 2-amino-4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid methyl ester. The expected compound was isolated as a grey solid.

20 MS: 276.1

Mp: 360 °C – 362 °C

Example 5:**2-Amino-6-benzyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one**

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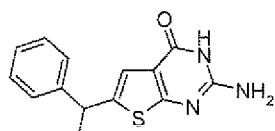
The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure A** using commercially available 2-amino-5-benzyl-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester. The expected compound was isolated as a green solid.

MS: 258.1

5 Mp: 294 °C – 296 °C

Example 6:

2-Amino-6-(1-phenyl-ethyl)-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one



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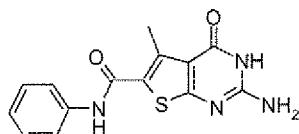
The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure A** using commercially available 2-amino-5-(1-phenyl-ethyl)-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid methyl ester. The expected compound was isolated as a grey powder.

15 MS: 272.0

Mp: 260 °C – 270 °C

Example 7:

2-Amino-5-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid phenylamide



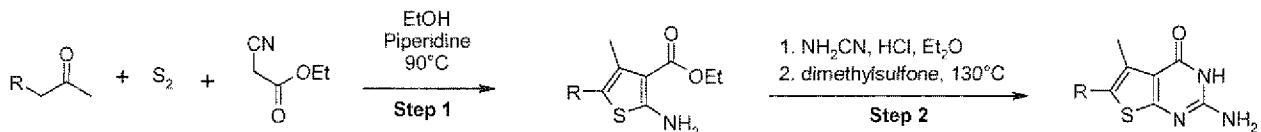
The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure A** using commercially available 2-amino-4-methyl-5-phenylcarbamoyl-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester. The expected compound was isolated as a yellow powder.

25 MS: 301.0

Mp: decomposes at 290 °C – 296 °C

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General Procedure B

**Step 1:**

5 Propan-2-one (28.0 mmol, 1 eq), sulfur (900 mg, 28.0 mmol, 1 eq), ethyl cyanoacetate (3.0 mL, 28.0 mmol, 1 eq) and a catalytic amount of piperidine were put in suspension in ethanol (15 mL) and were heated in a sealed tube at 90 °C during 18 h. The reaction mixture was then evaporated and the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 0/100) to afford 2-amino-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (6% to 95% yield).

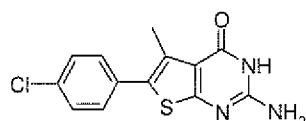
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Step 2:

At 0 °C, cyanamide (1.0 mmol, 1.5 eq) was added to a 2M solution of hydrogen chloride in diethyl ether (1.0 mL, 3 eq). After stirring for 15 min, the suspension was filtered. The resulting white solid was added in a sealed tube to 2-amino-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester obtained in step 1 (0.7 mmol, 1 eq) and dimethylsulfone (250 mg). The mixture was heated at 130 °C during 2 h. After cooling, the residue was dissolved in methanol and a 7N solution of ammonia in methanol (10 mL) was added. The solvent was then evaporated and the solid obtained was washed with dichloromethane (2 x 10 mL) and water (2 x 10 mL) to afford the expected compound (5% to 90% yield).

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Example 8:**2-Amino-6-(4-chloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one**

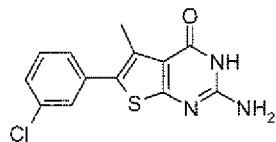
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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using 1-(4-chloro-phenyl)-propan-2-one. The expected compound was isolated as a grey powder.

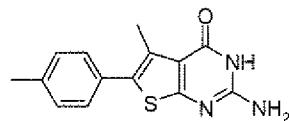
MS: 292.0

30 Mp: decomposes at 351 °C

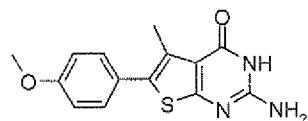
Example 9:

2-Amino-6-(3-chloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one

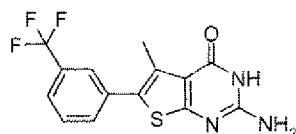
5 The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using 1-(3-chloro-phenyl)-propan-2-one. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.
 MS: 292.1
 Mp: decomposes at 265 °C

10 Example 10:**2-Amino-5-methyl-6-p-tolyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one**

15 The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using 1-p-tolyl-propan-2-one. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.
 MS: 272.1
 Mp: decomposes at 330 °C

20 Example 11:**2-Amino-6-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one**

25 The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using 1-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-propan-2-one. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.
 MS: 288.1
 Mp: decomposes at 311 °C

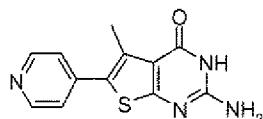
Example 12:**2-Amino-5-methyl-6-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one**

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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using 1-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-propan-2-one. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

MS: 326.1

10 Mp: decomposes at 345 °C

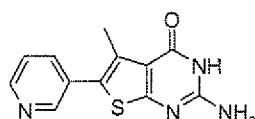
Example 13:**2-Amino-5-methyl-6-pyridin-4-yl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one**

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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using 1-pyridin-4-yl-propan-2-one. The expected compound was isolated as a yellow powder.

MS: 259.1

20 Mp: decomposes at 355 °C

Example 14:**2-Amino-5-methyl-6-pyridin-3-yl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one**

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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using 1-pyridin-3-yl-propan-2-one. The expected compound was isolated as a yellow powder.

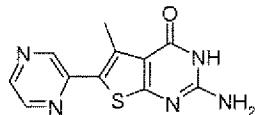
MS: 259.0

Mp: 280 °C – 290 °C

Example 15:

2-Amino-5-methyl-6-pyrazin-2-yl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one

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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using 1-pyrazin-2-yl-propan-2-one. The expected compound was isolated as an orange powder.

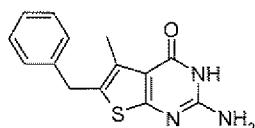
10 MS: 260.0

Mp: 280 °C – 300 °C

Example 16:

2-Amino-6-benzyl-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one

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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using 4-phenylbutan-2-one. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

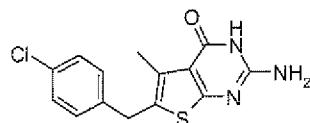
20 MS: 272.1

Mp: 292 °C – 294 °C

Example 17:

2-Amino-6-(4-chloro-benzyl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one

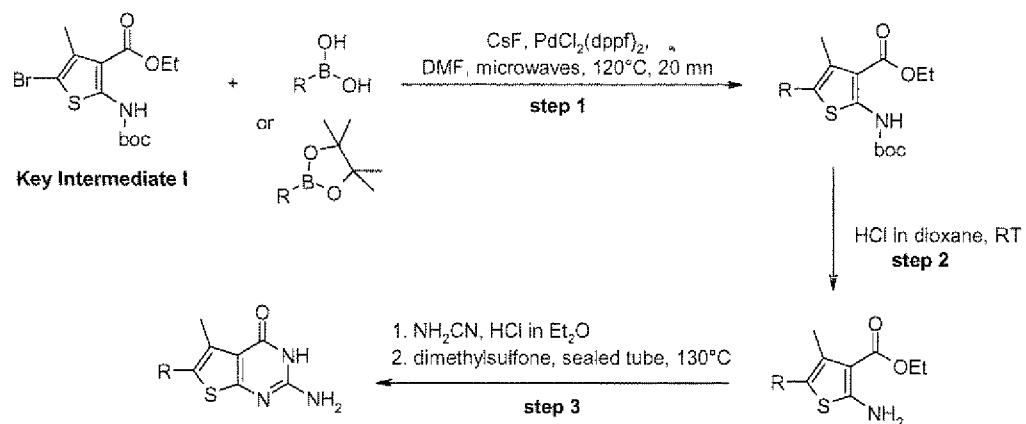
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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure B** using 4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-butan-2-one. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

MS: 306.1

Mp: 300 °C – 320 °C

5 General Procedure CStep 1:

10 To a degassed solution of 5-bromo-2-tert-butoxycarbonylamino-4-methyl-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (**Key Intermediate I**) (200 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1 eq) and boronic acid or ester (1.8 mmol, 3 eq) in dry dimethylformamide (4 mL) were added cesium fluoride (183 mg, 1.2 mmol, 2.2 eq) and dichloro[1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene]palladium (0.12 mmol, 90 mg, 0.2 eq). The mixture was stirred at 120 °C under microwave radiation during 20 min. After cooling, the mixture was filtered over a short pad of celite and absorbed on silica gel to be purified by flash chromatography (30% to 95% yield).

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Step 2:

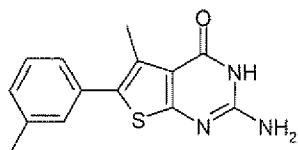
20 The compound from step 1 (2.4 mmol, 1 eq) was solubilized in a 4N solution of hydrogen chloride in dioxane (10 mL) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature during 18 h. The mixture was then concentrated and the residue was taken in dichloromethane (10 mL) and washed with a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate (3 x 10 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography to afford the amino ester (35% to quantitative yield).

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Step 3:

At 0 °C, cyanamide (1.0 mmol, 1.5 eq) was added to a 2M solution of hydrogen chloride in diethyl ether (1.0 mL, 3 eq). After stirring for 15 min, the suspension was filtered. The resulting white solid was added in a sealed tube to 2-amino-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (0.7 mmol, 1 eq) and dimethylsulfone (250 mg). The mixture was heated at 5 130 °C during 2 h. After cooling, the residue was dissolved in methanol and a 7N solution of ammonia in methanol (10 mL) was added. The solvent was then evaporated and the solid obtained was washed with dichloromethane (2 x 10 mL) and water (2 x 10 mL) to afford the expected compound (5% to 90% yield).

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Example 18:**2-Amino-5-methyl-6-m-tolyl-3H-thieno [2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one**

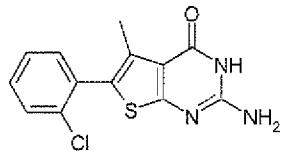
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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 3-methylbenzeneboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

MS: 272.1

Mp: decomposes at 330 °C – 338 °C

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Example 19:**2-Amino-6-(2-chloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one**

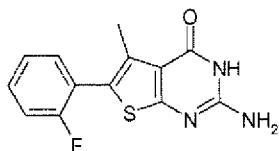
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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 2-chlorobenzeneboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a pink powder.

MS: 292.1

Mp: 334 °C – 336 °C

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Example 20:**2-Amino-6-(2-fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one**

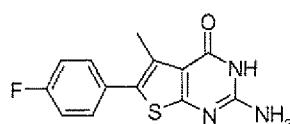
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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 2-fluorobenzeneboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder.

MS: 271.1

Mp: 325 °C – 330 °C

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Example 21:**2-Amino-6-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one**

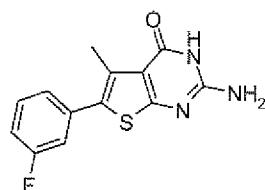
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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 4-fluorobenzeneboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a grey powder.

MS: 276.0

Mp: 325 °C – 335 °C

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Example 22:**2-Amino-6-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one**

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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 3-fluorobenzeneboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a purple powder.

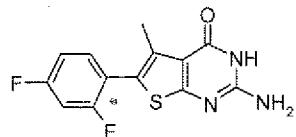
MS: 276.0

Mp: 310 °C – 330 °C

Example 23:

2-Amino-6-(2,4-difluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one

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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 2,4-difluorophenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a purple powder.

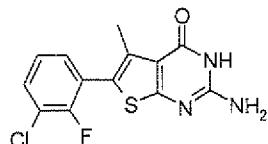
10 MS: 294.1

Mp: 330 °C – 350 °C

Example 24:

2-Amino-6-(3-chloro-2-fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one

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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 3-chloro-2-fluorophenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

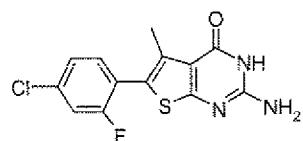
20 MS: 310.1

Mp: 330 °C – 350 °C

Example 25:

2-Amino-6-(4-chloro-2-fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one

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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 4-chloro-2-fluorobenzeneboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

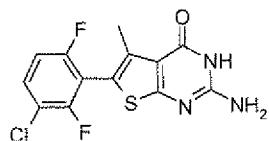
MS: 310.0

Mp: 320 °C – 340 °C

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Example 26:

2-Amino-6-(3-chloro-2,6-difluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one



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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 3-chloro-2,6-difluorophenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

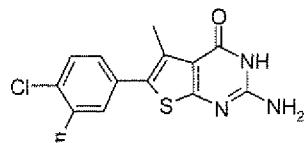
MS: 328.1

Mp: 330 °C – 350 °C

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Example 27:

2-Amino-6-(4-chloro-3-fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one



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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 4-chloro-3-fluorophenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder.

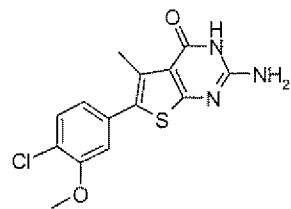
MS: 310.1

Mp: 350 °C – 370 °C

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Example 28:

2-Amino-6-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one



The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 4-chloro-3-methoxyphenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder.

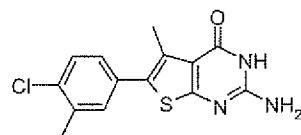
5 MS: 322.1

Mp: 312 °C – 322 °C

Example 29:

2-Amino-6-(4-chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one

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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 4-chloro-3-methylphenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

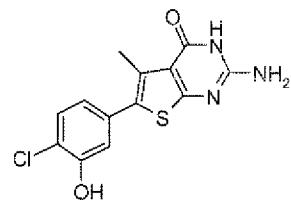
15 MS: 306.1

Mp: 330 °C – 350 °C

Example 30:

2-Amino-6-(4-chloro-3-hydroxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one

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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using (4-chloro-3-hydroxyphenyl)boronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder.

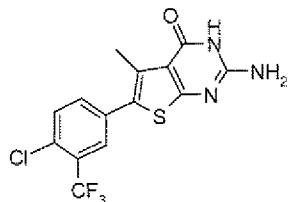
25 MS: 308.1

Mp > 350 °C

Example 31:

2-Amino-6-(4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one

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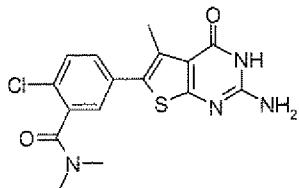
The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 4-chloro-3-trifluoromethylphenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

10 MS: 360.2

Mp > 350 °C

Example 32:

5-(2-Amino-5-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-6-yl)-2-chloro-N,N-dimethyl-benzamide



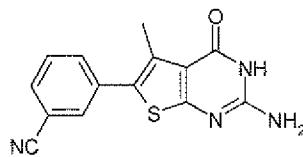
The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 4-chloro-3-(dimethylaminocarbonyl)phenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

20 MS: 363.1

Mp: 300 °C – 320 °C

Example 33:

3-(2-Amino-5-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-6-yl)-benzonitrile

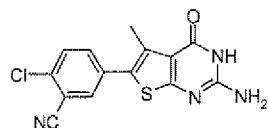


The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 3-cyanophenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder.

5 MS: 283.1
Mp > 350 °C

Example 34:

10 **5-(2-Amino-5-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-6-yl)-2-chlorobenzonitrile**



The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 4-chloro-3-cyanophenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder.

15 MS: 317.0
Mp > 360 °C

Example 35:

20 **3-(2-Amino-5-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-6-yl)-4-chlorobenzonitrile**



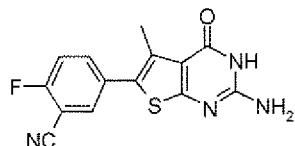
25 The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 2-chloro-5-cyanophenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder.

MS: 317.1
Mp > 350 °C

Example 36:

5-(2-Amino-5-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-6-yl)-2-fluoro-benzonitrile

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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 3-cyano-4-fluorophenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

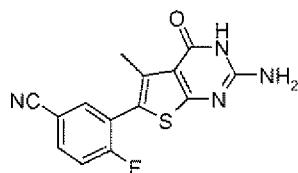
10 MS: 301.1

Mp: 330 °C – 350 °C

Example 37:

3-(2-Amino-5-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-6-yl)-4-fluoro-benzonitrile

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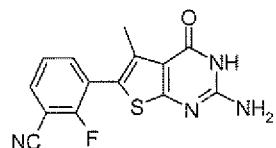
The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 5-cyano-2-fluorophenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder.

20 MS: 301.0

Mp: 332 °C – 336 °C

Example 38:

25 3-(2-Amino-5-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-6-yl)-2-fluorobenzonitrile



The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 3-cyano-2-fluorophenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

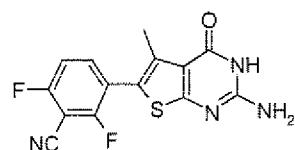
MS: 301.0

5 Mp: 350 °C – 370 °C

Example 39:

3-(2-Amino-5-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-6-yl)-2,6-difluorobenzonitrile

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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 2,4-difluoro-3-cyanophenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a grey

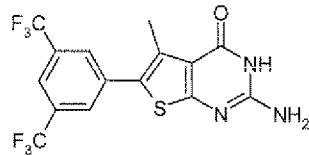
15 powder.

MS: 319.0

Mp: 360 °C – 380 °C

Example 40:

20 2-Amino-6-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one



The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzeneboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a white

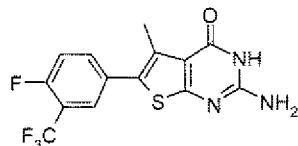
25 powder.

MS: 394.1

Mp: 344 °C – 347 °C

30 **Example 41:**

2-Amino-6-(4-fluoro-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one



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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 4-fluoro-3-trifluoromethylphenylboronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

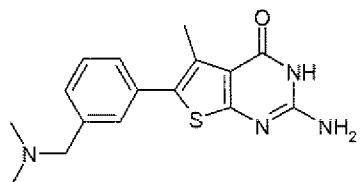
MS: 343.1

Mp: 310 °C – 330 °C

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Example 42:

2-Amino-6-(3-dimethylaminomethyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one



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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 3-(N,N-dimethylamino)methylphenylboronic acid, pinacol ester, hydrochloride salt. The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder.

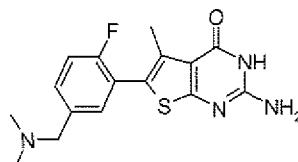
MS: 315.1

20 Mp: 207 °C – 212 °C

Example 43:

2-Amino-6-(5-dimethylaminomethyl-2-fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one

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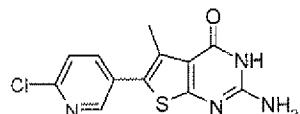
The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 2-fluoro-5-(dimethylaminomethyl)phenylboronic acid pinacol ester. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

MS: 333.2

5 Mp: 230 °C – 250 °C

Example 44:

2-Amino-6-(6-chloro-pyridin-3-yl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one



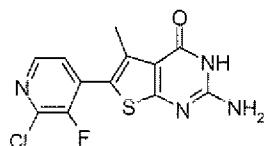
The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 2-chloropyridine-5-boronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a yellow powder.

MS: 293.1

15 Mp: 230 °C – 250 °C

Example 45:

2-Amino-6-(2-chloro-3-fluoro-pyridin-4-yl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one



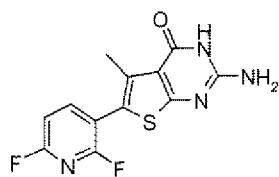
The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 2-chloro-3-fluoropyridine-4-boronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a yellow powder.

MS: 311.1

25 Mp: 330 °C – 350 °C

Example 46:

2-Amino-6-(2,6-difluoro-pyridin-3-yl)-5-methyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one



The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 2,6-difluoropyridine-3-boronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder.

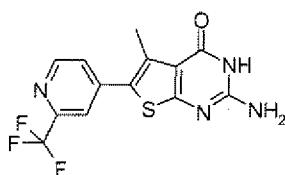
5 MS: 295.0

Mp: 330 °C – 335 °C

Example 47:

2-Amino-5-methyl-6-(2-trifluoromethyl-pyridin-4-yl)-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one

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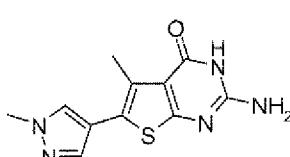
The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine-4-boronic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a yellow powder.

15 MS: 327.0

Mp: 335 °C – 355 °C

Example 48:

2-Amino-5-methyl-6-(2-methyl-2H-imidazol-4-yl)-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one



The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using 1-methyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

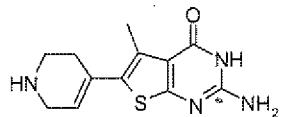
25 MS: 262.0

Mp: 335 °C – 345 °C

Example 49:

2-Amino-5-methyl-6-(1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-pyridin-4-yl)-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one

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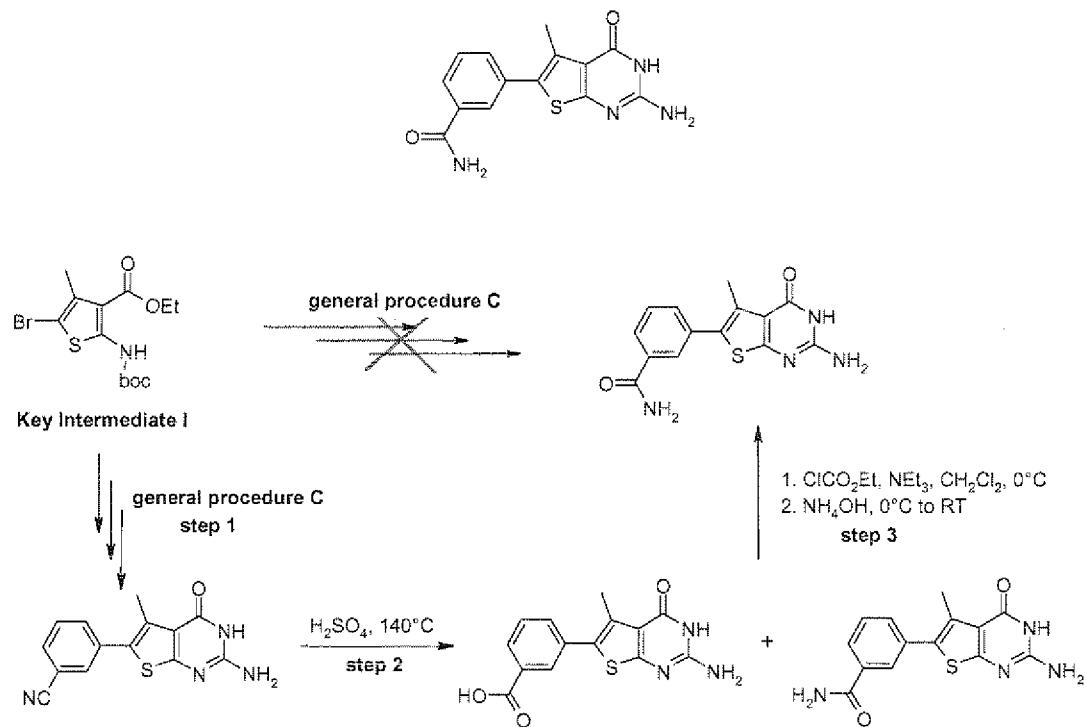
The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure C** using N-Boc-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine-4-boronic acid pinacol ester. The expected compound was isolated as an orange powder.

MS: 263.1

Mp: 290 °C – 310 °C

Example 50:

15 3-(2-Amino-5-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-6-yl)-benzamide



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Step 1:

The procedure to obtain the expected compound began with **general procedure C** using 3-carbamoylphenylboronic acid. After cyclisation, 3-(2-amino-5-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-6-yl)-benzonitrile was obtained instead of the desired compound.

5 **Step 2:**

3-(2-Amino-5-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-6-yl)-benzonitrile (100 mg, 0.35 mmol, 1 eq) was solubilized in concentrated sulfuric acid (12 mL) and heated at 140 °C during 3 h. After cooling, water (10 mL) was added and the precipitate obtained was filtered to afford a 60/40 mixture of acid and amide compound.

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Step 3:

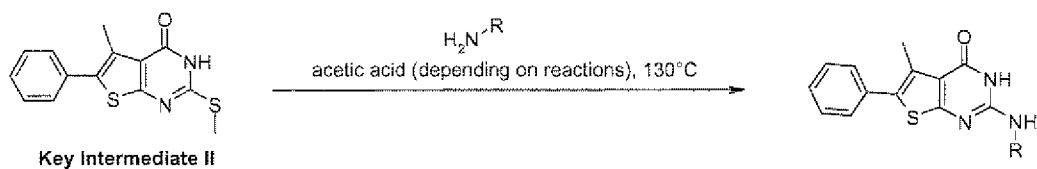
The mixture from step 2 was put in suspension in dichloromethane (6 mL). At 0 °C, triethylamine (42 µL, 0.3 mmol, 1.2 eq) and ethyl chloroformate (26 µL, 0.28 mmol, 1.1 eq) were added. After 1 h at 0 °C, ammonium hydroxide solution (15 mL) was added and the 15 mixture was stirred from 0 °C to room temperature for 3 days. The solvent was evaporated and water (10 mL) was added. The precipitate obtained was filtered and dried in vacuo to afford the expected compound as a beige powder.

MS: 301.1

Mp: decomposes at 295 °C – 300 °C

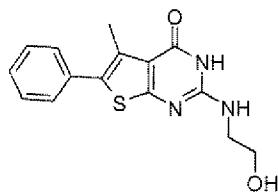
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General Procedure D



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5-Methyl-2-methylsulfanyl-6-phenyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one (**Key Intermediate II**) (1.3 g, 4.4 mmol, 1 eq) was put in suspension in the appropriate amine (3 mL) and depending on reactions, in acetic acid (1 mL). The resulting mixture was heated in a sealed tube at 130 °C during 18 h. After cooling, ethanol (20 mL) was added and the precipitate 30 was filtered, rinsed with methanol, dichloromethane and ether and dried in vacuo to afford the expected compound (10% to 70% yield).

Example 51:**2-(2-Hydroxy-ethylamino)-5-methyl-6-phenyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one**

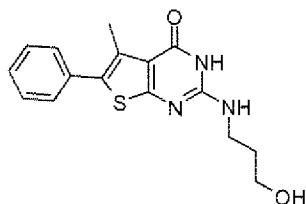
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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure D** using ethanolamine and acetic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

MS: 302.1

Mp: 227 °C – 229 °C

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Example 52:**2-(3-Hydroxy-propylamino)-5-methyl-6-phenyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one**

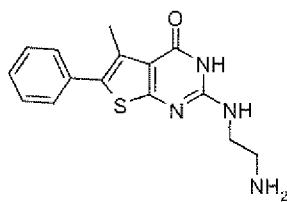
15 The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure D** using 3-amino-propan-1-ol and acetic acid. After cooling, the reaction mixture was evaporated and water was added. The obtained precipitate was filtered and rinsed with diethyl ether and dichloromethane. The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder.

MS: 316.2

20 Mp: 227 °C – 229 °C

Example 53:**2-(2-Amino-ethylamino)-5-methyl-6-phenyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one****Key Intermediate III**

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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure D** using ethylenediamine. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

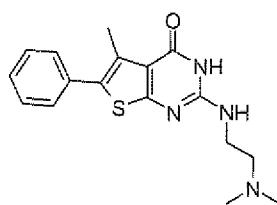
5 MS: 301.1

Mp: 192 °C – 194 °C

Example 54:

2-(2-Dimethylamino-ethylamino)-5-methyl-6-phenyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one

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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure D** using N,N-dimethyl ethylenediamine and acetic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a beige

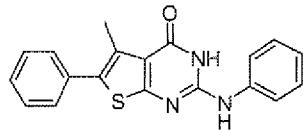
15 powder.

MS: 329.2

Mp: 199 °C – 201 °C

Example 55:

20 5-Methyl-6-phenyl-2-phenylamino-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one



The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure D** using aniline and 25 acetic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

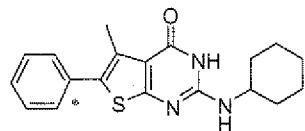
MS: 334.1

Mp: 270 °C – 290 °C

Example 56:

2-Cyclohexylamino-5-methyl-6-phenyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one

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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure D** using cyclohexylamine. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

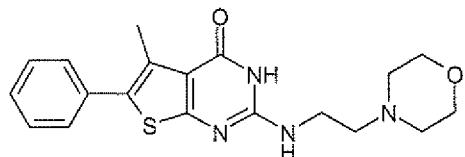
10 MS: 340.2

Mp: 265 °C – 270 °C

Example 57:

5-Methyl-2-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethylamino)-6-phenyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one

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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure D** using 4-(2-aminoethyl)morpholine. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

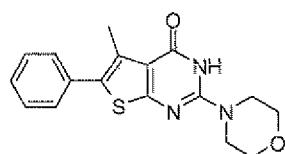
20 MS: 371.1

Mp: 240 °C – 246 °C

Example 58:

5-Methyl-2-morpholin-4-yl-6-phenyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one

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The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure D** using morpholine. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

MS: 328.1

Mp: 300 °C – 320 °C

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General Procedure E



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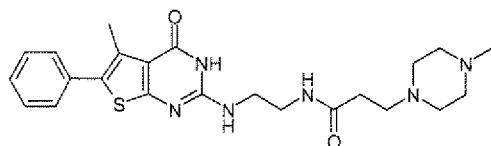
To a solution of 2-(2-amino-ethylamino)-5-methyl-6-phenyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one (**Key Intermediate III**) (200 mg, 0.66 mmol, 1 eq) in dimethylformamide (5 mL) were added HOBT (180 mg, 1.33 mmol, 2 eq), EDCI (255 mg, 1.33 mmol, 2 eq), triethylamine (0.28 mL, 1.98 mmol, 3 eq) and the appropriate carboxylic acid (1.33 mmol, 2 eq). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 h. Then the mixture was poured on water (10 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 20mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using dichloromethane and ammonia 7N in methanol (100/0 to 80/20) to afford the expected compound (10 to 40% yield).

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Example 59:

N-[2-(5-Methyl-4-oxo-6-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-2-ylamino)-ethyl]-3-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propionamide

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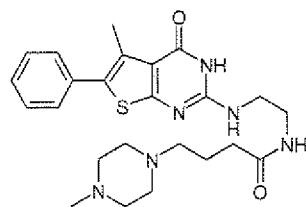
The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure E** using 3-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propionic acid. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

MS: 455.1

Mp: 235 °C – 245 °C

Example 60:

5 N-[2-(5-Methyl-4-oxo-6-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-2-ylamino)-ethyl]-4-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-butyramide



10 The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure E** using 4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)butanoic acid hydrochloride. The expected compound was isolated as a white powder.

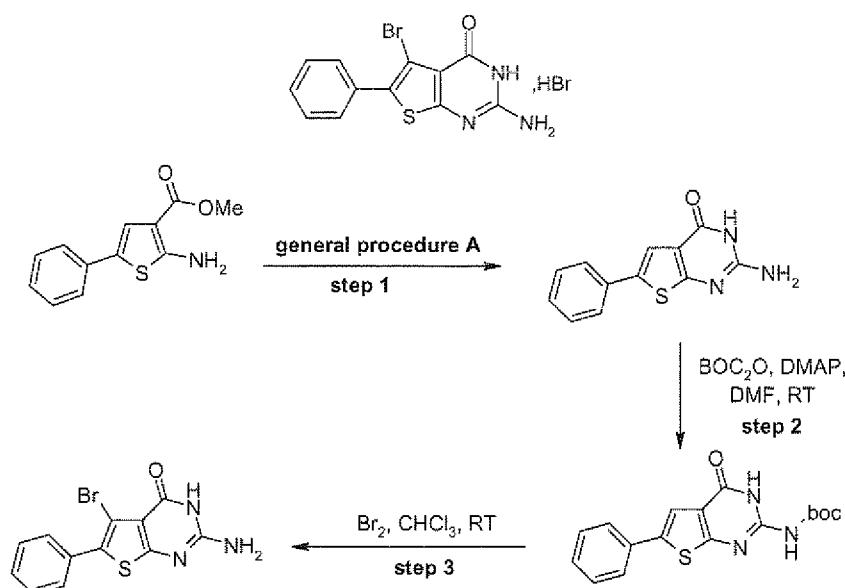
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Example 61:

2-Amino-5-bromo-6-phenyl-3H-thieno [2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one, hydrobromide salt



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Step 1:

The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure A** using 2-amino-5-phenyl-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid methyl ester. The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder (3.5 g, 70% yield).

5 **Step 2:**

To a solution of 2-amino-6-phenyl-3H-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one (2.0 g, 8.2 mmol, 1 eq) in dimethylformamide (100 mL) were added di-tert-butyl dicarbonate (3.6 g, 16.4 mmol, 2 eq) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (200 mg, 1.6 mmol, 0.2 eq). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h. The solvent was then evaporated and the residue was taken up with 10 dichloromethane (20 mL). The insoluble yellow solid was filtered off and the filtrate was washed with a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate (2 X 20 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using dichloromethane and methanol (100/0 to 80/20) to afford (4-oxo-6-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-2-yl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester as a 15 light yellow solid (900 mg, 32% yield).

Step 3:

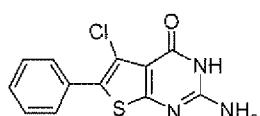
The compound from step 2 (350 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1 eq) was solubilized in chloroform (10 mL) and bromine (52 μ L, 1.0 mmol, 1 eq) was added. The mixture was stirred at room 20 temperature for 1 h. More bromine (52 μ L, 1.0 mmol, 1 eq) was added and the mixture was stirred for one additional hour at room temperature. The mixture was then evaporated and the residue was washed with dichloromethane (5 mL) and methanol (5 mL) to afford the expected compound as a beige powder (150 mg, 46% yield).

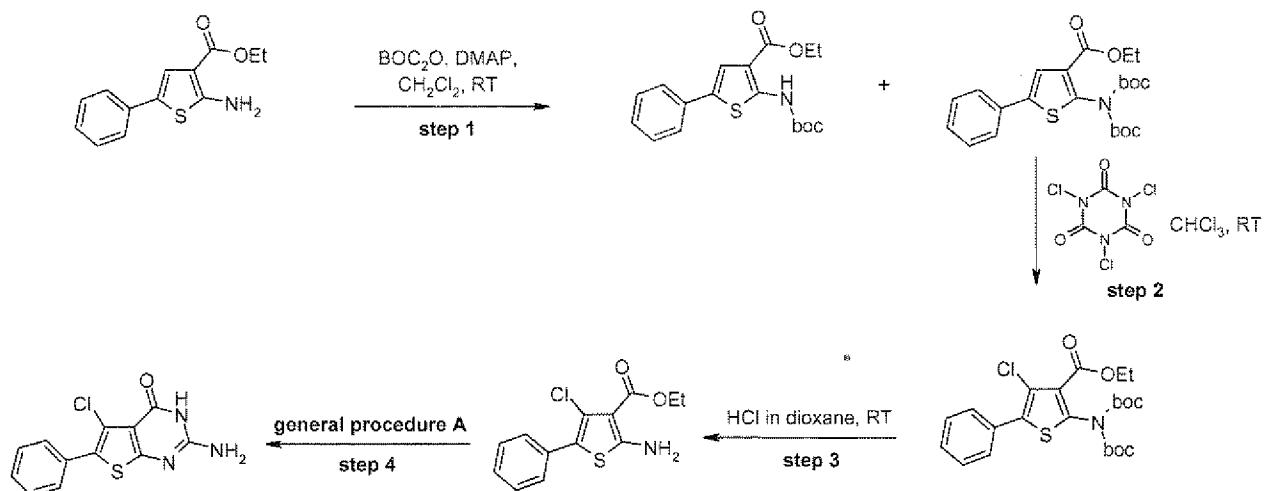
MS: 324.1

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Example 62:

2-Amino-5-chloro-6-phenyl-3H-thieno [2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-one





Step 1:

To a solution of 2-amino-5-phenyl-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (5.0 g, 20.2 mmol, 5 eq) in dichloromethane (40 mL) were added di-tert-butyl dicarbonate (6.6 g, 30.3 mmol, 1.5 eq) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (247 mg, 2.0 mmol, 0.1 eq). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 48 h. The mixture was washed with a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate (3 X 20 mL) and the organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 90/10) to afford separately 2-tert-butoxycarbonylamino-5-phenyl-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (1.9 g, 27% yield) as a yellow oil and bis(2-tert-butoxycarbonylamino)-5-phenyl-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (4.1 g, 45% yield) as a light orange powder.

15 **Step 2:**

To a solution of the diBoc compound from step 1 (3.1 g, 6.9 mmol, 1 eq) in chloroform (100 mL) was added trichloroisocyanuric acid (640 mg, 2.8 mmol, 0.4 eq). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h. The precipitate was filtered off and the filtrate was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 90/10) to afford the expected compound as a light orange oil (1.1 g, 33% yield).

Step 3:

The compound from step 2 (950 mg, 2.0 mmol, 1 eq) was solubilized in a 4N solution of hydrogen chloride in dioxane (20 mL) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature during 18 h. The mixture was then concentrated and the residue was taken up in dichloromethane (10 mL) and washed with a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate (3 x

10 mL). The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (100/0 to 85/15) to afford 2-amino-4-chloro-5-phenyl-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester as a light orange oil (300 mg, 54% yield).

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Step 4:

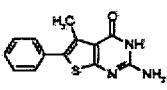
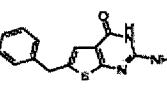
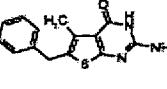
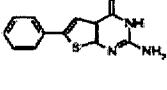
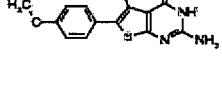
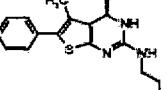
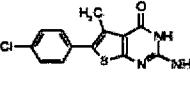
The expected compound was obtained according to **general procedure A** using 2-amino-4-chloro-5-phenyl-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester. The expected compound was isolated as a beige powder (175 mg, 61% yield).

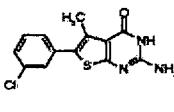
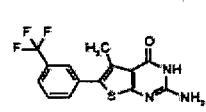
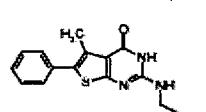
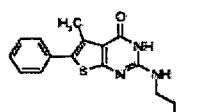
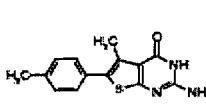
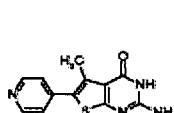
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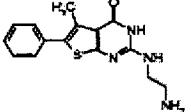
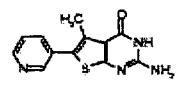
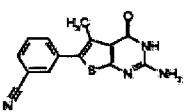
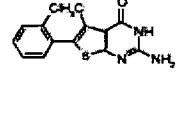
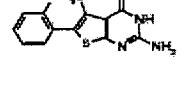
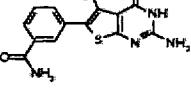
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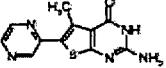
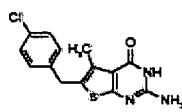
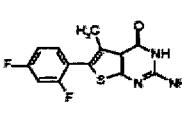
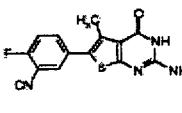
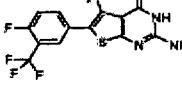
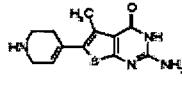
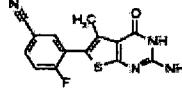
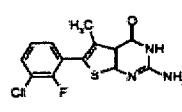
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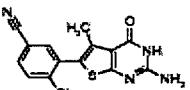
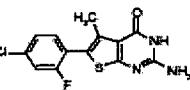
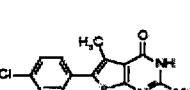
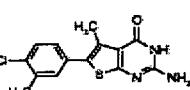
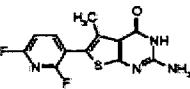
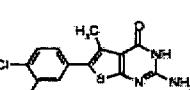
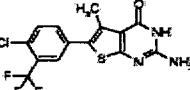
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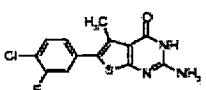
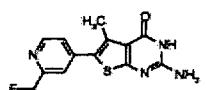
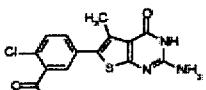
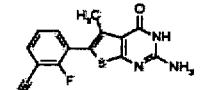
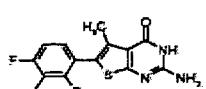
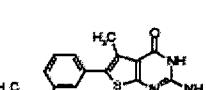
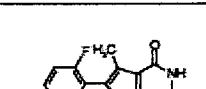
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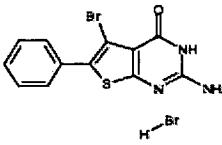
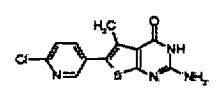
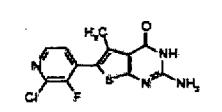
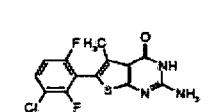
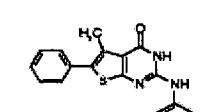
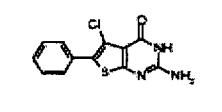
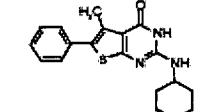
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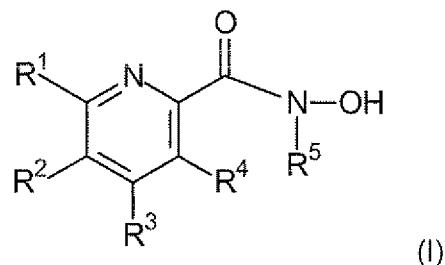
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			CPE H3N2	IC50 (μM)	
SAV-7632		Biacore	KD (μM)		0,75
			CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50
			CPE H3N2	IC50 (μM)	
SAV-7633		Biacore	KD (μM)		1,2
			CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50
			CPE H3N2	IC50 (μM)	39
SAV-7637		CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	5	1,5
			CPE H3N2	IC50 (μM)	18
			Biacore	KD (μM)	1,1
SAV-7638		CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	5	8,7
			CPE H3N2	IC50 (μM)	
			Biacore	KD (μM)	
SAV-7639		CPE H3N2	reduction (%)	50	59,9
			CPE H3N2	IC50 (μM)	
			Biacore	KD (μM)	1,8
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			CPE H3N2	IC50 (μM)	
			Biacore	KD (μM)	

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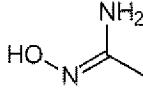
CLAIMS

10 1. A compound having the general formula I, optionally in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, polymorph, prodrug, tautomer, racemate, enantiomer, or diastereomer or mixture thereof,



15 wherein

R¹ is selected from –H, –C_{1–6} alkyl, –(C_{3–7} cycloalkyl) and –CH₂–(C_{3–7} cycloalkyl);

20 **R²** is selected from –H, , –C_{1–6} alkyl, –Hal, –(C_{3–7} cycloalkyl), –CH₂–(C_{3–7} cycloalkyl),

–(CH₂)_m–(optionally substituted aryl), –(optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S, wherein the substituent is selected from –C_{1–4} alkyl, –halogen, –CN, –CH₃Hal₃, –aryl, –NR⁶R⁷, and –CONR⁶R⁷;

25 **R³** is selected from –H, –C_{1–6} alkyl, –(CH₂)_n–NR⁶R⁸, –(optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered carbo- or heterocyclic ring wherein the heterocyclic ring contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S), wherein the substituent is selected from –Hal, –C_{1–4} alkyl, –NR⁹R¹⁰, –(CH₂)_n–OH, –C(O)–

NR⁹R¹⁰, -SO₂-NR⁹R¹⁰, -NH-C(O)-O-R¹¹, -C(O)-O-R¹¹, and a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S;

5 or wherein R¹ and R² together form a phenyl ring or wherein R² and R³ together form a phenyl ring;

R⁴ is -H;

10 R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of -H or -(CH₂)_n-(optionally substituted aryl), wherein the substituent is selected from -Hal and -C₁₋₄ alkyl; or wherein R⁴ and R⁵ together form a methylene group -CH₂-, ethylene group -CH₂CH₂- or ethyne group -CHCH-, which can be optionally substituted by -C₁₋₄ alkyl, -halogen, -CHal₃, -R⁶R⁷, -OR⁶, -CONR⁶R⁷, -SO₂R⁶R⁷, aryl or heteroaryl;

15 R⁶ is selected from -H and -C₁₋₄ alkyl;

R⁷ is selected from -H and -C₁₋₄ alkyl;

20 R⁸ is selected from -H, -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -(CH₂)_n-(optionally substituted aryl), -SO₂-(CH₂)_n-(optionally substituted aryl), -SO₂-(CH₂)_n-(optionally substituted 5- to 10-membered mono- or bicyclic heteroring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S), -(CH₂)_n-(optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S), wherein the substituent is selected from -Hal, -CF₃, -C₁₋₄ alkyl, and -(CH₂)_n-aryl;

25 R⁹ is selected from -H, -C₁₋₄ alkyl, and -C₁₋₄ alkylene-NR¹¹R¹¹;

R¹⁰ is selected from -H, -C₁₋₄ alkyl, and -C₁₋₄ alkylene-NR¹¹R¹¹;

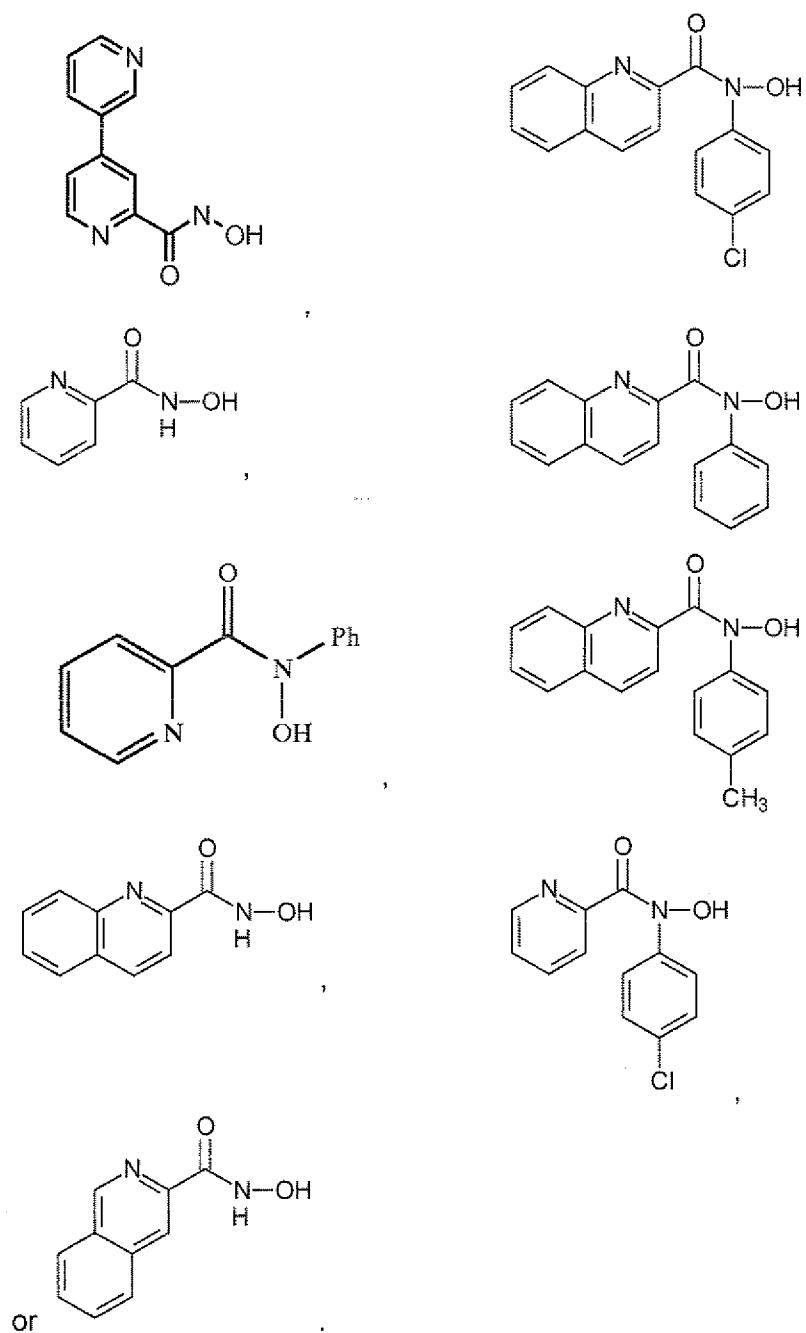
30 R¹¹ is selected from -H, -CF₃, and -C₁₋₄ alkyl;

each m is 0 or 1; and

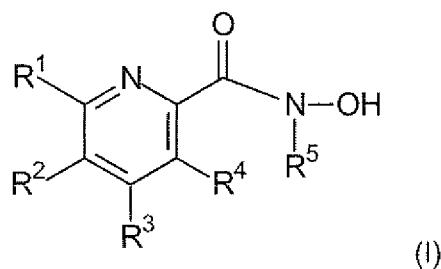
each n is independently 0, 1, 2, or 3;

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with the proviso that the compound is not one of the following compounds:



2. A pharmaceutical composition comprising:
 5 a compound having the general formula I, optionally in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, polymorph, prodrug, tautomer, racemate, enantiomer, or diastereomer or mixture thereof,



wherein

5 \mathbf{R}^1 is selected from $-\text{H}$, $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-(\text{C}_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl) and $-\text{CH}_2-(\text{C}_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl);

\mathbf{R}^2 is selected from $-\text{H}$, , $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-\text{Hal}$, $-(\text{C}_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl), $-\text{CH}_2-(\text{C}_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl), $-(\text{CH}_2)_m$ -(optionally substituted aryl), $-(\text{optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S, wherein the substituent is selected from }-\text{C}_{1-4}\text{ alkyl, }-\text{halogen, }-\text{CN, }-\text{CHAl}_3, -\text{aryl, }-\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7, \text{ and }-\text{CONR}^6\text{R}^7;$

10 \mathbf{R}^3 is selected from $-\text{H}$, $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{NR}^6\text{R}^8$;

15 $-(\text{optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered carbo- or heterocyclic ring wherein the heterocyclic ring contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S, wherein the substituent is selected from }-\text{Hal}, $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl, $-\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{OH}$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}$, $-\text{SO}_2-\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}$, $-\text{NH}-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{O}-\text{R}^{11}$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{O}-\text{R}^{11}$, and a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S;$

20 or wherein \mathbf{R}^1 and \mathbf{R}^2 together form a phenyl ring or wherein \mathbf{R}^2 and \mathbf{R}^3 together form a phenyl ring;

25 \mathbf{R}^4 is $-\text{H}$;

\mathbf{R}^5 is selected from the group consisting of $-\text{H}$ or $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ -(optionally substituted aryl) wherein the substituent is selected from $-\text{Hal}$ and $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl; or wherein \mathbf{R}^4 and \mathbf{R}^5 together form a methylene group $-\text{CH}_2-$, ethylene group $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$ or ethyne group

–CHCH–, which can be optionally substituted by –C_{1–4} alkyl, –halogen, –CHal₃, –R⁶R⁷, –OR⁶, –CONR⁶R⁷, –SO₂R⁶R⁷, aryl or heteroaryl;

5 R⁶ is selected from –H and –C_{1–4} alkyl;

R⁷ is selected from –H and –C_{1–4} alkyl;

10 R⁸ is selected from –H, –C_{1–6} alkyl, –(CH₂)_n–(optionally substituted aryl), –SO₂–(CH₂)_n–(optionally substituted aryl), –SO₂–(CH₂)_n–(optionally substituted 5- to 10-membered mono- or bicyclic heteroring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S), –(CH₂)_n–(optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S), wherein the substituent is selected from –Hal, –CF₃, –C_{1–4} alkyl, and –(CH₂)_n–aryl;

15 R⁹ is selected from –H, –C_{1–4} alkyl, and –C_{1–4} alkylene–NR¹¹R¹¹;

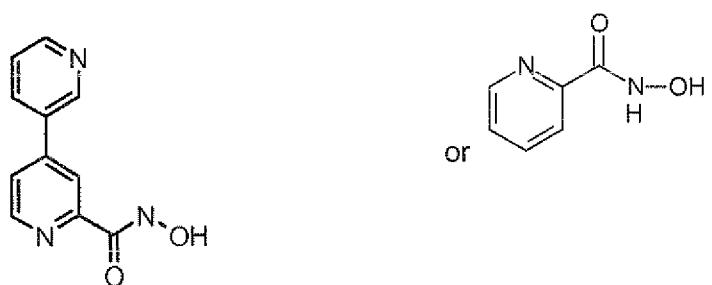
R¹⁰ is selected from –H, –C_{1–4} alkyl, and –C_{1–4} alkylene–NR¹¹R¹¹;

20 R¹¹ is selected from –H, –CF₃, and –C_{1–4} alkyl;

each m is 0 or 1; and

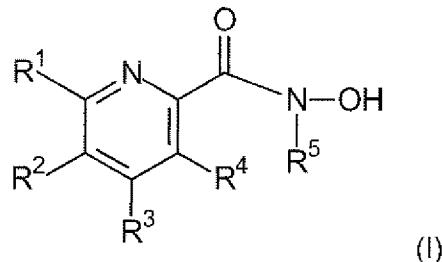
each n is independently 0, 1, 2, or 3;

25 with the proviso that the compound is not one of the following compounds:



and optionally one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipient(s) and/or carrier(s).

3. A compound having the general formula I, optionally in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, polymorph, prodrug, tautomer, racemate, enantiomer, or diastereomer or mixture thereof.



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wherein

R^1 is selected from $-\text{H}$, $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-(\text{C}_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl) and $-\text{CH}_2-(\text{C}_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl);

10 R^2 is selected from $-H$,  $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-Hal$, $-(C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl) or $-CH_2-(C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl), $-(CH_2)_m$ -(optionally substituted aryl), $-($ optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S, wherein the substituent is selected from $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, -halogen, $-CN$, $-CHal_3$, $-aryl$, $-NR^6R^7$, and $-CONR^6R^7$:

15 R^3 is selected from $-H$, $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl,
 $-(CH_2)_n-NR^6R^8$;
 $-(\text{optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered carbo- or heterocyclic ring wherein the heterocyclic ring contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S}),$ wherein the substituent is selected from $-Hal$, $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, $-NR^9R^{10}$, $-(CH_2)_n-OH$, $-C(O)-NR^9R^{10}$, $-SO_2-NR^9R^{10}$, $-NH-C(O)-O-R^{11}$, $-C(O)-O-R^{11}$, and a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S;

25 or wherein R¹ and R² together form a phenyl ring or wherein R² and R³ together form a phenyl ring;

\mathbb{R}^4 is \mathbb{H}^4 .

5 \mathbf{R}^5 is selected from the group consisting of $-\text{H}$ or $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-$ (optionally substituted aryl) wherein the substituent is selected from $-\text{Hal}$ and $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl; or wherein \mathbf{R}^4 and \mathbf{R}^5 together form a methylene group $-\text{CH}_2-$, ethylene group $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$ or ethyne group $-\text{CHCH}-$, which can be optionally substituted by $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl, $-\text{halogen}$, $-\text{CHal}_3$, $-\mathbf{R}^6\mathbf{R}^7$, $-\text{OR}^6$, $-\text{CONR}^6\mathbf{R}^7$, $-\text{SO}_2\mathbf{R}^6\mathbf{R}^7$, aryl or heteroaryl;

10 \mathbf{R}^6 is selected from $-\text{H}$ and $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl;

15 \mathbf{R}^7 is selected from $-\text{H}$ and $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl;

20 \mathbf{R}^8 is selected from $-\text{H}$, $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-$ (optionally substituted aryl), $-\text{SO}_2-$ $(\text{CH}_2)_n-$ (optionally substituted aryl), $-\text{SO}_2-(\text{CH}_2)_n-$ (optionally substituted 5- to 10-membered mono- or bicyclic heteroring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S), $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-$ (optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S), wherein the substituent is selected from $-\text{Hal}$, $-\text{CF}_3$, $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl, and $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-$ aryl;

25 \mathbf{R}^9 is selected from $-\text{H}$, $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl, and $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkylene- $\text{NR}^{11}\mathbf{R}^{11}$;

30 \mathbf{R}^{10} is selected from $-\text{H}$, $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl, and $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkylene- $\text{NR}^{11}\mathbf{R}^{11}$;

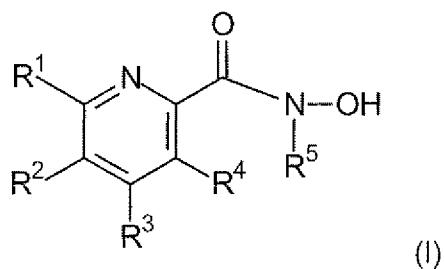
35 \mathbf{R}^{11} is selected from $-\text{H}$, $-\text{CF}_3$, and $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl;

each \mathbf{m} is 0 or 1; and

each \mathbf{n} is independently 0, 1, 2, or 3;

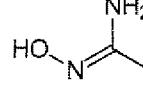
wherein the compound is for use in the treatment, amelioration or prevention of a viral disease.

4. A method of treating, ameliorating or preventing a viral disease, the method comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a compound having the general formula I, optionally in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, polymorph, prodrug, tautomer, racemate, enantiomer, or diastereomer or mixture thereof,



wherein

5 R^1 is selected from $-H$, $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-(C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl) and $-CH_2-(C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl);

R^2 is selected from $-H$, , $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-Hal$, $-(C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl), $-CH_2-(C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl), $-(CH_2)_m$ -(optionally substituted aryl), $-($ optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S, wherein the substituent is selected from $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, $-halogen$, $-CN$, $-CHal_3$, $-aryl$, $-NR^6R^7$, and $-CONR^6R^7$;

10 R^3 is selected from $-H$, $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-(CH_2)_n-NR^6R^8$; $-($ optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered carbo- or heterocyclic ring wherein the heterocyclic ring contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S), wherein the substituent is selected from $-Hal$, $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, $-NR^9R^{10}$, $-(CH_2)_n-OH$, $-C(O)-NR^9R^{10}$, $-SO_2-NR^9R^{10}$, $-NH-C(O)-O-R^{11}$, $-C(O)-O-R^{11}$, and a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S;

15 20 or wherein R^1 and R^2 together form a phenyl ring or wherein R^2 and R^3 together form a phenyl ring;

R^4 is $-H$;

25 R^5 is selected from the group consisting of $-H$ or $-(CH_2)_n$ -(optionally substituted aryl) wherein the substituent is selected from $-Hal$ and $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl; or wherein R^4 and R^5 together form a methylene group $-CH_2-$, ethylene group $-CH_2CH_2-$ or ethyne group

$-\text{CHCH}-$, which can be optionally substituted by $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl, $-\text{halogen}$, $-\text{CHAl}_3$, $-\text{R}^6\text{R}^7$, $-\text{OR}^6$, $-\text{CONR}^6\text{R}^7$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^6\text{R}^7$, aryl or heteroaryl;

R^6 is selected from $-\text{H}$ and $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl;

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R^7 is selected from $-\text{H}$ and $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl;

10 R^8 is selected from $-\text{H}$, $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ -(optionally substituted aryl), $-\text{SO}_2-$ $(\text{CH}_2)_n$ -(optionally substituted aryl), $-\text{SO}_2-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ -(optionally substituted 5- to 10-membered mono- or bicyclic heteroring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S), $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ -(optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S), wherein the substituent is selected from $-\text{Hal}$, $-\text{CF}_3$, $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl, and $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ -aryl;

15 R^9 is selected from $-\text{H}$, $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl, and $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkylene- $\text{NR}^{11}\text{R}^{11}$;

20 R^{10} is selected from $-\text{H}$, $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl, and $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkylene- $\text{NR}^{11}\text{R}^{11}$;

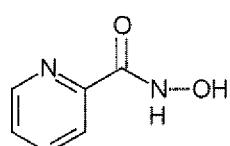
R^{11} is selected from $-\text{H}$, $-\text{CF}_3$, and $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl;

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each m is 0 or 1; and

each n is independently 0, 1, 2, or 3.

25 5. The compound according to claim 3 or the method according to claim 4, wherein the compound is not:

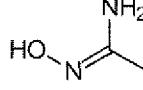


30 6. The compound according to claim 3 or 5 or the method according to claim 4 or 5, wherein the viral disease is caused by Herpesviridae, Retroviridae, Filoviridae, Paramyxoviridae, Rhabdoviridae, Orthomyxoviridae, Bunyaviridae, Arenaviridae,

Coronaviridae, Picornaviridae, Togaviridae, Flaviviridae; more specifically wherein the viral disease is influenza.

7. The compound according to claim 1, 3, 5 or 6, the pharmaceutical composition according to claim 2 or the method according to claim 4, 5 or 6, wherein \mathbf{R}^1 is selected from $-\text{H}$, and $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl; and wherein \mathbf{R}^1 is preferably $-\text{H}$.

5 8. The compound, pharmaceutical composition or method according to any of the

preceding claims, wherein \mathbf{R}^2 is selected from $-\text{H}$, -\text{C}_{1-6} alkyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_m-$ (optionally substituted aryl), $-(\text{optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S})$, wherein the substituent is selected from $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl; and wherein \mathbf{R}^2 is preferably selected from $-\text{H}$, $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-\text{phenyl}$; and wherein \mathbf{R}^2 is more preferably $-\text{H}$.

10 15 9. The compound, pharmaceutical composition or method according to any of the preceding claims, wherein \mathbf{R}^3 is selected from

$-\text{H}$;
 $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;
 $-\text{NR}^6\text{SO}_2-(\text{CH}_2)_n-(\text{optionally substituted aryl})$, wherein the substituent is selected from $-\text{Hal}$, and $-\text{CF}_3$;

20 25 $-(\text{optionally substituted aryl})$, wherein the substituent is selected from Hal , $-\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}$, and $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{O}-\text{R}^{11}$;
 $-(\text{optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring wherein the heterocyclic ring contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S})$, wherein the substituent is selected from $-\text{Hal}$, $-\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{O}-\text{R}^{11}$, and a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S.

30 10. The compound, pharmaceutical composition or method according to any of claims 1 to 7, wherein \mathbf{R}^2 and \mathbf{R}^3 together form a phenyl ring.

11. The compound, pharmaceutical composition or method according to any of the preceding claims, wherein \mathbf{R}^5 is selected from the group consisting of $-\text{H}$ or $-(\text{CH}_2)-$ (optionally substituted phenyl) wherein the substituent is selected from $-\text{Hal}$ and $-\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl; and wherein \mathbf{R}^5 is preferably $-\text{H}$.

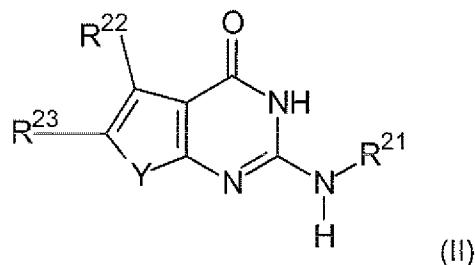
12. The compound, pharmaceutical composition or method according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the compound having the general formula I exhibits a % reduction of at least about 30 % at 50 μ M in the CPE assay disclosed herein.

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13. The compound, pharmaceutical composition or method according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the compound having the general formula I exhibits an IC_{50} of at least about 40 μ M in the FRET endonuclease activity assay disclosed herein.

10 14. A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

(i) a compound having the general formula II, optionally in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, polymorph, prodrug, tautomer, racemate, enantiomer, or diastereomer or mixture thereof,



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wherein

Y is S;

20 R^{21} is selected from $-H$, $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-(CH_2)_q-aryl$, $-(CH_2)_q-heterocyclyl$, $-(CH_2)_q-cycloalkyl$, $-(CH_2)_p-OR^{25}$, and $-(CH_2)_p-NR^{25}R^{26}$;

R^{22} is selected from $-H$, $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-(CH_2)_q-cycloalkyl$, $-Hal$, $-CF_3$ and $-CN$;

25 R^{23} is selected from $-aryl$, $-heterocyclyl$, $-cycloalkyl$, $-C(-R^{28})(-R^{29})-aryl$, $-C(-R^{28})(-R^{29})-heterocyclyl$, and $-C(-R^{28})(-R^{29})-cycloalkyl$;

R^{25} is selected from $-H$, $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, and $-(CH_2CH_2O)_nH$;

30 R^{26} is selected from $-H$, and $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

R²⁷ is independently selected from $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-C(O)-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-Hal$, $-CF_3$, $-CN$, $-COOR^{25}$, $-OR^{25}$, $-(CH_2)_qNR^{25}R^{26}$, $-C(O)-NR^{25}R^{26}$, and $-NR^{25}-C(O)-C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

5 **R²⁸** and **R²⁹** are independently selected from $-H$, $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-(CH_2)_q-aryl$, $-(CH_2)_q-heterocycl$, $-(CH_2)_q-cycloalkyl$, $-OH$, $-O-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-O-(CH_2)_q-aryl$, $-O-(CH_2)_q-heterocycl$, and $-O-(CH_2)_q-cycloalkyl$;
or **R²⁸** and **R²⁹** are together $=O$, $-CH_2CH_2-$, $-CH_2CH_2CH_2-$, or $-CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2-$;

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p is 1 to 4;

q is 0 to 4; and

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r is 1 to 3;

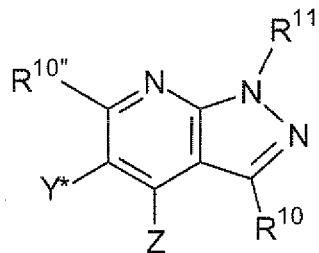
wherein the aryl group, heterocycl group and/or cycloalkyl group can be optionally substituted with one or more substituents **R²⁷**;

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and/or

a compound having the general formula (XXI):

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or a pharmaceutically effective salt, a solvate, a prodrug, a tautomer, a racemate, an enantiomer or a diastereomer thereof;

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wherein

one of Y^* and Z is $-XR^{12}$ and the other is $R^{10'}$;

R^{10} , $R^{10'}$ and $R^{10''}$ are each individually selected from the group consisting of
5 hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_8 -alkynyl, $-(CH_2)C(O)OH$,
 $-(CH_2)_tC(O)OR^{16}$, $-(CH_2)_tOH$, $-(CH_2)_tOR^{16}$, $-CF_3$, $-(CH_2)_t$ -cycloalkyl,
 $-(CH_2)_tC(O)NH_2$, $-(CH_2)_tC(O)NHR^{16}$, $-(CH_2)_tC(O)NR^{16}R^{17}$, $-(CH_2)_tS(O)_2NH_2$,
 $-(CH_2)_tS(O)_2NHR^{16}$, $-(CH_2)_tS(O)_2NR^{16}R^{17}$, $-(CH_2)_tS(O)_2R^{16}$, halogen, $-CN$,
 $-(CH_2)_t$ -aryl, $-(CH_2)_t$ -heteroaryl, $-(CH_2)_tNH_2$, $-(CH_2)_tNHR^{16}$, and
10 $-(CH_2)_tNR^{16}R^{17}$; optionally substituted;

R^{11} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, $-CF_3$, C_2 - C_6 -
15 alkenyl, C_2 - C_8 -alkynyl, $-(CH_2)_t$ -cycloalkyl, $-(CH_2)_t$ -aryl, $-(CH_2)_t$ -
 $-(CH_2)_t$ -heterocycloalkyl and $-(CH_2)_t$ -heteroaryl; optionally substituted;

X is selected from the group consisting of CH_2 , $C(O)$, $C(S)$, $CH(OH)$, $CH(OR^{16})$,
20 $S(O)_2$, $-S(O)_2-N(H)-$, $-S(O)_2-N(R^{16})-$, $-N(H)-S(O)_2-$, $-N(R^{16})-S(O)_2-$, $C(=NH)$,
 $C(=N-R^{16})$, $CH(NH_2)$, $CH(NHR^{16})$, $CH(NR^{16}R^{17})$, $-C(O)-N(H)-$, $-C(O)-N(R^{16})-$,
 $-N(H)-C(O)-$, $-N(R^{16})-C(O)-$, $N(H)$, $N(-R^{16})$ and O ;

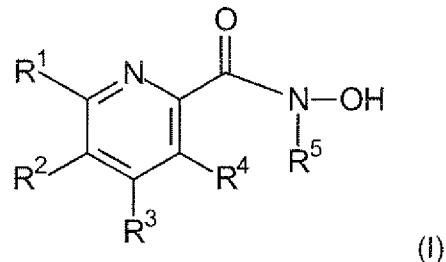
R^{12} is selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, $-CF_3$, C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl,
25 C_2 - C_8 -alkynyl, $-(CH_2)_t$ -cycloalkyl, $-(CH_2)_t$ -heterocycloalkyl, $-(CH_2)_t$ -aryl,
 $-NR^{16}R^{17}$, and $-(CH_2)_t$ -heteroaryl; optionally substituted;

R^{16} and R^{17} are independently selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_6 -alkyl,
30 C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_8 -alkynyl, $-(CH_2)_t$ -cycloalkyl, $-(CH_2)_t$ -aryl, $-CF_3$, $-C(O)R^{18}$
 $and -S(O)_2R^{18}$; optionally substituted;

R^{18} is independently selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_2 - C_6 -
35 alkenyl, C_2 - C_8 -alkynyl, $-(CH_2)_t$ -cycloalkyl and $-CF_3$; optionally substituted; and

t is in each instance selected from 0, 1 and 2;

(ii) a compound having the general formula I, optionally in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, polymorph, prodrug, tautomer, racemate, enantiomer, or diastereomer or mixture thereof,

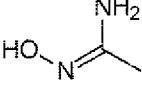


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wherein

R¹ is selected from $-H$, $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-(C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl) and $-CH_2-(C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl);

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R² is selected from $-H$, , $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-Hal$, $-(C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl), $-CH_2-(C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl), $-(CH_2)_m-($ optionally substituted aryl), $-($ optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S, wherein the substituent is selected from $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, $-halogen$, $-CN$, $-CHal_3$, $-aryl$, $-NR^6R^7$, and $-CONR^6R^7$;

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R³ is selected from $-H$, $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-(CH_2)_n-NR^6R^8$, $-($ optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered carbo- or heterocyclic ring wherein the heterocyclic ring contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S), wherein the substituent is selected from $-Hal$, $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, $-NR^9R^{10}$, $-(CH_2)_n-OH$, $-C(O)-NR^9R^{10}$, $-SO_2-NR^9R^{10}$, $-NH-C(O)-O-R^{11}$, $-C(O)-O-R^{11}$, and a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S;

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or wherein **R¹** and **R²** together form a phenyl ring or wherein **R²** and **R³** together form a phenyl ring;

R⁴ is $-H$;

5 R^5 is selected from the group consisting of $-H$ or $-(CH_2)_n$ -(optionally substituted aryl), wherein the substituent is selected from $-Hal$ and $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl; or wherein R^4 and R^5 together form a methylene group $-CH_2-$, ethylene group $-CH_2CH_2-$ or ethyne group $-CHCH-$, which can be optionally substituted by $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, $-halogen$, $-CHal_3$, $-R^6R^7$, $-OR^6$, $-CONR^6R^7$, $-SO_2R^6R^7$, aryl or heteroaryl;

10 R^6 is selected from $-H$ and $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl;

15 R^7 is selected from $-H$ and $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl;

20 R^8 is selected from $-H$, $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-(CH_2)_n$ -(optionally substituted aryl), $-SO_2-(CH_2)_n$ -(optionally substituted aryl), $-SO_2-(CH_2)_n$ -(optionally substituted 5- to 10-membered mono- or bicyclic heteroring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S), $-(CH_2)_n$ -(optionally substituted 5- to 10-membered mono- or bicyclic heteroring which contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S), wherein the substituent is selected from $-Hal$, $-CF_3$, $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, and $-(CH_2)_n$ -aryl;

25 R^9 is selected from $-H$, $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, and $-C_{1-4}$ alkylene- $NR^{11}R^{11}$;

30 R^{10} is selected from $-H$, $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, and $-C_{1-4}$ alkylene- $NR^{11}R^{11}$;

35 R^{11} is selected from $-H$, $-CF_3$, and $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl;

each m is 0 or 1; and

each n is independently 0, 1, 2, or 3;

30 and optionally one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipient(s) and/or carrier(s).

15. A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

35 (i) a compound having the general formula (I), (II) or (XXI) as defined in claim 14; and

(ii) at least one polymerase inhibitor which is different from the compound having the general formula (I), (II) or (XXI);

and optionally one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipient(s) and/or carrier(s).

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16. A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

(i) a compound having the general formula (I), (II) or (XXI) as defined in claim 14;
and
(ii) at least one neuramidase inhibitor;

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and optionally one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipient(s) and/or carrier(s).

17. A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

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(i) a compound having the general formula (I), (II) or (XXI) as defined in claim 14;
and
(ii) at least one M2 channel inhibitor;

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and optionally one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipient(s) and/or carrier(s).

18. A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

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(i) a compound having the general formula (I), (II) or (XXI) as defined in claim 14;
and
(ii) at least one alpha glucosidase inhibitor;

and optionally one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipient(s) and/or carrier(s).

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19. A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

(i) a compound having the general formula (I), (II) or (XXI) as defined in claim 14;
and
(ii) at least one ligand of another influenza target;

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and optionally one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipient(s) and/or carrier(s).

20. A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

5 (i) a compound having the general formula (I), (II) or (XXI) as defined in claim 14;
and
(ii) at least one medicament selected from antibiotics, anti-inflammatory agents, lipoxygenase inhibitors, EP ligands, bradykinin ligands, and cannabinoid ligands;

10 and optionally one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipient(s) and/or carrier(s).

21. The pharmaceutical composition as defined in any of claims 14 to 20 for use in the treatment, amelioration or prevention of a viral disease.

15 22. A method of treating, ameliorating or preventing a viral disease, the method comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition as defined in any of claims 14 to 20.

20 23. The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 21 or the method according to claim 22, wherein the viral disease is caused by Herpesviridae, Retroviridae, Filoviridae, Paramyxoviridae, Rhabdoviridae, Orthomyxoviridae, Bunyaviridae, Arenaviridae, Coronaviridae, Picornaviridae, Togaviridae, Flaviviridae; more specifically wherein the viral disease is influenza.

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