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DESCRIPTION

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

I. Field of the Invention

[0001] The present disclosure relates generally to the fields of biology and medicine. More particularly, it concerns compounds and methods for the treatment and prevention of diseases such as those associated with oxidative stress and inflammation.

II. Description of Related Art

[0002] Many serious and intractable human diseases are associated with dysregulation of inflammatory processes, including diseases such as cancer, atherosclerosis, and diabetes, which were not traditionally viewed as inflammatory conditions. Similarly, autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, psoriasis, and multiple sclerosis involve inappropriate and chronic activation of inflammatory processes in affected tissues, arising from dysfunction of self vs. non-self recognition and response mechanisms in the immune system. In neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases, neural damage is correlated with activation of microglia and elevated levels of pro-inflammatory proteins such as inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS).

[0003] One aspect of inflammation is the production of inflammatory prostaglandins such as prostaglandin E, whose precursors are produced by the enzyme cyclo-oxygenase (COX-2). High levels of COX-2 are found in inflamed tissues. Consequently, inhibition of COX-2 is known to reduce many symptoms of inflammation and a number of important anti-inflammatory drugs (e.g., ibuprofen and celecoxib) act by inhibiting COX-2 activity. Recent research, however, has demonstrated that a class of cyclopentenone prostaglandins (e.g., 15-deoxy prostaglandin J2, a.k.a. PGJ2) plays a role in stimulating the orchestrated resolution of inflammation. COX-2 is also associated with the production of cyclopentenone prostaglandins. Consequently, inhibition of COX-2 may interfere with the full resolution of inflammation, potentially promoting the persistence of activated immune cells in tissues and leading to chronic, "smoldering" inflammation. This effect may be responsible for the increased incidence of cardiovascular disease in patients using selective COX-2 inhibitors for long periods of time. Corticosteroids, another important class of anti-inflammatory drugs, have many undesirable side effects and frequently are not suitable for chronic use. Newer protein-based drugs, such as anti-TNF monoclonal antibodies, have proven to be effective for the treatment of certain autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis. However, these compounds must be administered by injection, are not effective in all patients, and may have severe side effects. In many severe forms of inflammation (e.g., sepsis, acute pancreatitis), existing drugs are ineffective. In addition, currently available drugs do not have significant antioxidant properties, and are not effective in reducing oxidative stress associated with excessive production of reactive oxygen species and related molecules such as peroxynitrite. Accordingly, there is a pressing need for improved therapeutics with antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties.

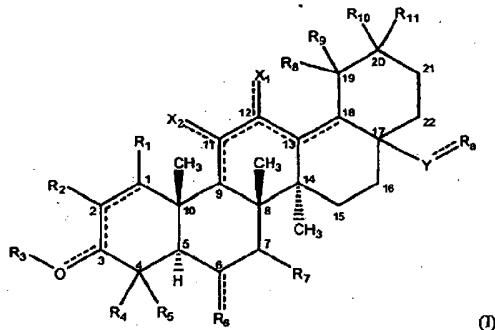
[0004] A series of synthetic triterpenoid analogs of oleanolic acid have been shown to be inhibitors of cellular inflammatory processes, such as the induction by IFN- γ of inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS) and of COX-2 in mouse macrophages. See Honda *et al.* (2000a); Honda *et al.* (2000b), and Honda *et al.* (2002)). For example, one of these, 2-cyano-3,12-dioxooleanane-1,9(11)-dien-28-oic acid methyl ester (CDDO-Me), is currently in clinical trials for a variety of disorders related to inflammation, including cancer and diabetic nephropathy. The pharmacology of these molecules is complex, as they have been shown to affect the function of multiple protein targets and thereby modulate the function of several important cellular signaling pathways related to oxidative stress, cell cycle control, and inflammation (e.g. Dinkova-Kostova *et al.*, 2005; Ahmad *et al.*, 2006; Ahmad *et al.*, 2008; Liby *et al.*, 2007). Sun *et al.*, *Botanical Studies* (2006) 47: 339-368 also disclose oleanane- and ursane-triterpenoids, which may be useful as medicaments. Given that the biological activity profiles of the known oleanolic acid derivatives vary, and in view of the wide variety of diseases that may be treated with compounds having potent antioxidant and anti-inflammatory effects, it is desirable to synthesize new candidates for the treatment or prevention of disease.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0005] In one aspect, the present disclosure provides new compounds with antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties, methods for their manufacture, and methods for their use. Compounds covered by the generic or specific formulas below or

specifically named may be referred to herein as "compounds of the invention," "compounds of the present disclosure," or "oleanolic acid derivatives." The present invention relates to the compounds described in the attached Claims 1 to 12 (hereinafter "the compounds of the invention"), as well as to such compounds for uses as described in the attached Claims 14 to 18 and to a composition or kit comprising such compounds, as described in the attached Claims 13 and 19.

[0006] Also described herein are compounds of the formula:



wherein:

Y

is alkanediyl($C\leq 8$), alkenediyl($C\leq 8$), alkynediyl($C\leq 8$), or a substituted version of any of these groups;

R_a

is:

hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, amino, nitro, cyano, azido, phosphate, 1,3-dioxoisooindolin-2-yl, mercapto or silyl; or

alkyl($C\leq 12$), alkenyl($C\leq 12$), alkynyl($C\leq 12$), aryl($C\leq 12$), aralkyl($C\leq 12$), heteroaryl($C\leq 12$), heteroaralkyl($C\leq 12$), acyl($C\leq 12$), alkoxy($C\leq 12$), alkenyloxy($C\leq 12$), alkynyoxy($C\leq 12$), aryloxy($C\leq 12$), aralkoxy($C\leq 12$), heteroaryloxy($C\leq 12$), heteroaralkoxy($C\leq 12$), acyloxy($C\leq 12$), alkylamino($C\leq 12$), dialkylamino($C\leq 12$), alkenylamino($C\leq 12$), alkynylamino($C\leq 12$), arylamino($C\leq 12$), aralkylamino($C\leq 12$), heteroarylamino($C\leq 12$), heteroaralkylamino($C\leq 12$), alkylsulfonylamino($C\leq 12$), amido($C\leq 12$), alkylthio($C\leq 12$), alkenylthio($C\leq 12$), alkynylthio($C\leq 12$), aralkylthio($C\leq 12$), heteroarylthio($C\leq 12$), heteroaralkylthio($C\leq 12$), acylthio($C\leq 12$), thioacyl($C\leq 12$), alkylsulfonyl($C\leq 12$), alkenylsulfonyl($C\leq 12$), alkynylsulfonyl($C\leq 12$), arylsulfonyl($C\leq 12$), aralkylsulfonyl($C\leq 12$), heteroarylsulfonyl($C\leq 12$), heteroaralkylsulfonyl($C\leq 12$), alkylsulfinyl($C\leq 12$), alkenylsulfinyl($C\leq 12$), alkynylsulfinyl($C\leq 12$), arylsulfinyl($C\leq 12$), aralkylsulfinyl($C\leq 12$), heteroarylsulfinyl($C\leq 12$), heteroaralkylsulfinyl($C\leq 12$), alkylphosphonyl($C\leq 12$), alkylphosphate($C\leq 12$), dialkylphosphate($C\leq 12$), alkylammonium($C\leq 12$), alkylsulfonium($C\leq 12$), alkylsilyl($C\leq 12$), or a substituted version of any of these groups; or

Y and R_a

form a three to seven-membered ring, such that Y and R_a are further connected to one another through one or more of -O- and alkanediyl($C1-5$), further wherein Y is -CH- and R_a is -CH₂-; or

Y, R_a,

and carbon numbers 13, 17 and 18 form a ring such that R_a is bound to carbon 13, wherein Y is alkanediyl($C=1$) or substituted alkanediyl($C=1$) and R_a is -O-;

X₁ and X₂

are independently: hydrogen, OR_b, NR_bR_c, or SR_b, wherein R_b and R_c are each independently: hydrogen or hydroxy; alkyl($C\leq 8$), aryl($C\leq 8$), aralkyl($C\leq 8$), acyl($C\leq 8$), alkoxy($C\leq 8$), aryloxy($C\leq 8$), acyloxy($C\leq 8$), alkylamino($C\leq 8$), arylamino($C\leq 8$), amido($C\leq 8$), or a substituted version of any of these groups; or

a substituent convertible *in vivo* to hydrogen;

provided that R_b is absent when the atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond, further provided that when R_b is absent the atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond;

R₁

is: hydrogen, cyano, hydroxy, halo or amino; or alkyl($C\leq 8$), alkenyl($C\leq 8$), alkynyl($C\leq 8$), aryl($C\leq 8$), aralkyl($C\leq 8$), heteroaryl($C\leq 8$), acyl($C\leq 8$), alkoxy($C\leq 8$), aryloxy($C\leq 8$), acyloxy($C\leq 8$), alkylamino($C\leq 8$), arylamino($C\leq 8$), amido($C\leq 8$), or a substituted version of any of these groups;

R₂

is:

cyano, hydroxy, halo or amino; or

fluoroalkyl(C≤8), alkenyl(C≤8), alkynyl(C≤8), aryl(C≤8), heteroaryl(C≤8), acyl(C≤8), alkoxy(C≤8), aryloxy(C≤8), acyloxy(C≤8), alkylamino(C≤8), arylamino(C≤8), amido(C≤8), or a substituted version of any of these groups;

R₃ is: absent or hydrogen;

alkyl(C≤8), aryl(C≤8), aralkyl(C≤8), acyl(C≤8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; or

a substituent convertible *in vivo* to hydrogen;

provided that R₃ is absent when the oxygen atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond, further provided that when R₃ is absent the oxygen atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond;

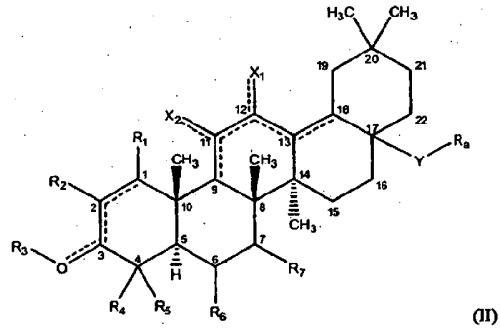
R₄ and R₅ are each independently alkyl(C≤8), or substituted alkyl(C≤8);

R₆ is hydrogen, hydroxy or oxo; and

R₇ is hydrogen or hydroxy;

R₈, R₉, R₁₀ and R₁₁ are each independently hydrogen, hydroxy, alkyl(C≤8), substituted alkyl(C≤8), alkoxy(C≤8) or substituted alkoxy(C≤8); or pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, hydrates, solvates, tautomers, prodrugs, or optical isomers thereof.

[0007] Also described herein is a compound defined as:



wherein:

Y

is alkanediy(C≤8), alkenediy(C≤8), alkynediy(C≤8), or a substituted version of any of these groups;

R_a

is:

hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, amino, nitro, cyano, azido, phosphate, 1,3-dioxoisooindolin-2-yl, mercapto or silyl; or

alkyl(C≤12), alkenyl(C≤12), alkynyl(C≤12), aryl(C≤12), aralkyl(C≤12), heteroaryl(C≤12), heteroaralkyl(C≤12), acyl(C≤12), alkoxy(C≤12), alkenyloxy(C≤12), alkynyloxy(C≤12), aryloxy(C≤12), aralkoxy(C≤12), heteroaryloxy(C≤12), heteroaralkoxy(C≤12), acyloxy(C≤12), alkylamino(C≤12), dialkylamino(C≤12), alkenylamino(C≤12), alkynylamino(C≤12), arylamino(C≤12), aralkylamino(C≤12), heteroarylamino(C≤12), heteroaralkylamino(C≤12), alkylsulfonylamino(C≤12), amido(C≤12), alkylthio(C≤12), alkenylthio(C≤12), alkynylthio(C≤12), arylthio(C≤12), aralkylthio(C≤12), heteroarylthio(C≤12), heteroaralkylthio(C≤12), acylthio(C≤12), thioacyl(C≤12), alkylsulfonyl(C≤12), alkenylsulfonyl(C≤12), alkynylsulfonyl(C≤12), arylsulfonyl(C≤12), aralkylsulfonyl(C≤12), heteroarylulfonyl(C≤12), heteroaralkylsulfonyl(C≤12), alkylsulfinyl(C≤12), alkenylsulfinyl(C≤12), alkynylsulfinyl(C≤12), arylsulfinyl(C≤12), aralkylsulfinyl(C≤12), heteroarylulfinyl(C≤12), heteroaralkylsulfinyl(C≤12), alkylphosphonyl(C≤12), alkylphosphonyl(C≤12), alkylphosphate(C≤12), dialkylphosphate(C≤12), alkylammonium(C≤12), alkylsulfonium(C≤12), alkylsilyl(C≤12), or a substituted version of any of these groups; or

Y and R_a

form a three to six-membered ring, such that Y and R_a are further connected to one another through one or more of -O- and alkanediyl(C₁₋₄), further wherein Y is -CH- and R_a is -CH₂-;

X₁ and X₂

are independently:

hydrogen, OR_b, NR_bR_c, or SR_b, wherein R_b and R_c are each independently: hydrogen;

alkyl(C₁₋₈), aryl(C₁₋₈), aralkyl(C₁₋₈), acyl(C₁₋₈), or a substituted version of any of these groups; or

a substituent convertible *in vivo* to hydrogen;

provided that R_b is absent when the atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond, further provided that when R_b is absent the atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond;

R₁ is:

hydrogen, cyano, hydroxy, halo or amino; or

alkyl(C₁₋₈), alkenyl(C₁₋₈), alkynyl(C₁₋₈), aryl(C₁₋₈), aralkyl(C₁₋₈), heteroaryl(C₁₋₈), heteroaralkyl(C₁₋₈), acyl(C₁₋₈), alkoxy(C₁₋₈), aryloxy(C₁₋₈), acyloxy(C₁₋₈), alkylamino(C₁₋₈), arylamino(C₁₋₈), amido(C₁₋₈), or a substituted version of any of these groups;

R₂ is:

cyano, hydroxy, halo or amino; or

fluoroalkyl(C₁₋₈), alkenyl(C₁₋₈), alkynyl(C₁₋₈), aryl(C₁₋₈), heteroaryl(C₁₋₈), acyly(C₁₋₈), alkoxy(C₁₋₈), aryloxy(C₁₋₈), acyloxy(C₁₋₈), alkylamino(C₁₋₈), arylamino(C₁₋₈), amido(C₁₋₈), or a substituted version of any of these groups;

R₃ is:

absent or hydrogen;

alkyl(C₁₋₈), aryl(C₁₋₈), aralkyl(C₁₋₈), acyl(C₁₋₈), or a substituted version of any of these groups; or

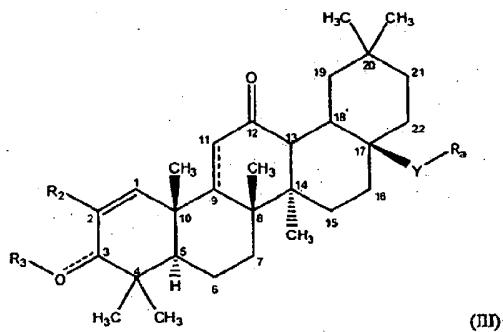
a substituent convertible *in vivo* to hydrogen;

provided that R₃ is absent when the oxygen atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond, further provided that when R₃ is absent the oxygen atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond;

R₄ and R₅ are each independently alkyl(C₁₋₈) or substituted alkyl(C₁₋₈); and

R₆ and R₇ are each independently hydrogen or hydroxy; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, hydrates, solvates; tautomers, prodrugs, or optical isomers thereof.

[0008] Also described herein is a compound defined as:



wherein:

Y

is alkanediyl(C≤5) or substituted alkanediyl(C≤5);

R_a

is: hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, amino, phosphate, 1,3-dioxoisooindolin-2-yl, or cyano; or alkyl(C≤12), alkenyl(C≤12), alkynyl(C≤12), aryl(C≤12), aralkyl(C≤12), heteroaryl(C≤12), heteroaralkyl(C≤12), acyl(C≤12), alkoxy(C≤12), alkenyloxy(C≤12), alkynyoxy(C≤12), aryloxy(C≤12), aralkoxy(C≤12), heteroaryloxy(C≤12), heteroalkoxy(C≤12), acyloxy(C≤12), alkylamino(C≤12), dialkylamino(C≤12), alkenylamino(C≤12), alkynylamino(C≤12), arylamino(C≤12), aralkylamino(C≤12), heteroarylamino(C≤12), heteroaralkylamino(C≤12), alkylsulfonylamino(C≤12), amido(C≤12), arylsulfonyl(C≤12), arylsulfinyl(C≤12), alkylphosphate(C≤12), dialkylphosphate(C≤12), or a substituted version of any of these groups; or

Y and R_a

form a three to five-membered ring, such that Y and R_a are further connected to one another through one or more of -O- and alkanediyl(C≤12), further wherein Y is -CH- and R_a is -CH₂-;

R₂

is: cyano, hydroxy, halo or amino; or fluoroalkyl(C≤8), alkenyl(C≤8), alkynyl(C≤8), aryl(C≤8), heteroaryl(C≤8), acyl(C≤8), alkoxy(C≤8), aryloxy(C≤8), acyloxy(C≤8), alkylamino(C≤8), arylamino(C≤8), amido(C≤8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; and

R₃

is:

absent or hydrogen;

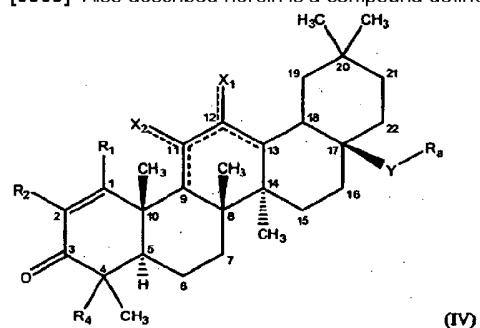
alkyl(C≤8), aryl(C≤8), aralkyl(C≤8), acyl(C≤8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; or

a substituent convertible *in vivo* to hydrogen;

provided that R₃ is absent when the oxygen atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond, further provided that when R₃ is absent the oxygen atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond;

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, hydrates, solvates, tautomers, prodrugs, or optical isomers thereof

[0009] Also described herein is a compound defined as:



wherein:

Y

is alkanediyl(C \leq 8), alkenediyl(C \leq 8), alkynediyl(C \leq 8), or a substituted version of any of these groups;

R_a

is:

hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, amino, nitro, cyano, azido, phosphate, 1,3-dioxoisooindolin-2-yl, mercapto or silyl; or

alkyl(C \leq 12), alkenyl(C \leq 12), alkynyl(C \leq 12), aryl(C \leq 12), aralkyl(C \leq 12), heteroaryl(C \leq 12), heteroaralkyl(C \leq 12), acyl(C \leq 12), alkoxy(C \leq 12), alkenyloxy(C \leq 12), alkynyloxy(C \leq 12), aryloxy(C \leq 12), aralkoxy(C \leq 12), heteroaryloxy(C \leq 12), heteroaralkoxy(C \leq 12), acyloxy(C \leq 12), alkylamino(C \leq 12), dialkylamino(C \leq 12), alkenylamino(C \leq 12), alkynylamino(C \leq 12), arylamino(C \leq 12), aralkylamino(C \leq 12), heteroarylamino(C \leq 12), heteroaralkylamino(C \leq 12), alkylsulfonylamino(C \leq 12), amido(C \leq 12), alkylammonium(C \leq 12), alkylsulfonium(C \leq 12), alkylsilyl(C \leq 12), arylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), arylsulfinyl(C \leq 12), alkylphosphate(C \leq 12), dialkylphosphate(C \leq 12), or a substituted version of any of these groups; or

Y and R_a

form a three to five-membered ring, such that Y and R_a are further connected to one another through one or more of -O- and alkanediyl(C \leq 3), further wherein Y is -CH- and R_a is -CH₂;

X₁ and X₂

are independently:

OR_b, NR_bR_c, or SR_b, wherein R_b and R_c are each independently: hydrogen;

alkyl(C \leq 8), aryl(C \leq 8), aralkyl(C \leq 8), acyl(C \leq 8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; or

a substituent convertible *in vivo* to hydrogen;

provided that R_b is absent when the atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond, further provided that when R_b is absent the atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond;

R₁

is:

hydrogen, cyano, hydroxy, halo or amino; or

alkyl(C \leq 8), alkenyl(C \leq 8), alkynyl(C \leq 8), aryl(C \leq 8), aralkyl(C \leq 8), heteroaryl(C \leq 8), heteroaralkyl(C \leq 8), acyl(C \leq 8), alkoxy(C \leq 8), aryloxy(C \leq 8), acyloxy(C \leq 8), alkylamino(C \leq 8), arylamino(C \leq 8), amido(C \leq 8), or a Substituted version of any of these groups;

R₂

is:

cyano, hydroxy, halo or amino; or

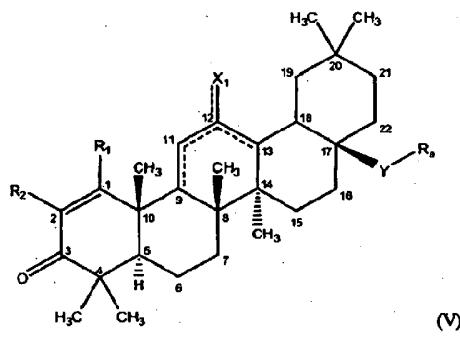
fluoroalkyl(C \leq 8), alkenyl(C \leq 8), alkynyl(C \leq 8), aryl(C \leq 8), heteroaryl(C \leq 8), acyl(C \leq 8), alkoxy(C \leq 8), aryloxy(C \leq 8), acyloxy(C \leq 8), alkylamino(C \leq 8), arylamino(C \leq 8), amido(C \leq 8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; and

R₄

is alkyl(C \leq 8) or substituted alkyl(C \leq 8);

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, hydrates, solvates, tautomers, prodrugs, or optical

[0010] Also described herein is a compound defined as:



wherein:

Y

is alkanediyl(C≤8), alkenediyl(C≤8), alkynediyl(C≤8), or a substituted version of any of these groups;

R_a

is:

hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, amino, nitro, cyano, azido, phosphate, 1,3-dioxoisooindolin-2-yl, mercapto or silyl; or

alkyl(C≤12), alkenyl(C≤12), alkynyl(C≤12), aryl(C≤12), aralkyl(C≤12), heteroaryl(C≤12), heteroaralkyl(C≤12), acyl(C≤12), alkoxy(C≤12), alkenyloxy(C≤12), alkynyloxy(C≤12), aryloxy(C≤12), aralkoxy(C≤12), heteroaryloxy(C≤12), heteroaralkoxy(C≤12), acyloxy(C≤12), alkylamino(C≤12), dialkylamino(C≤12), alkenylamino(C≤12), alkynylamino(C≤12), arylamino(C≤12), aralkylamino(C≤12), heteroarylarnino(C≤12), heteroaralkylamino(C≤12), amido(C≤12), arylsulfonyl(C≤12), arylsulfinyl(C≤12), alkylphosphate(C≤12), dialkylphosphate(C≤12), alkylphosphate(C≤12), dialkylphosphate(C≤12), or a substituted version of any of these groups; or

Y and R_a

form a three to five-membered ring, such that Y and R_a are further connected to one another through one or more of -O- and alkanediyl(C≤12), further wherein Y is -CH- and R_a is -CH₂-;

X₁

is:

OR_b, NR_bR_c, or SR_b, wherein R_b and R_c are each independently: hydrogen;

alkyl(C≤8), aryl(C≤8), aralkyl(C≤8), acyl(C≤8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; or

a substituent convertible *in vivo* to hydrogen;

provided that R_b is absent when the atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond, further provided that when R_b is absent the atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond;

R₁

is:

hydrogen, cyano, hydroxy, halo or amino; or

alkyl(C≤8), alkenyl(C≤8), alkynyl(C≤8), aryl(C≤8), aralkyl(C≤8), heteroaryl(C≤8), heteroaralkyl(C≤8), acyl(C≤8), alkoxy(C≤8), aryloxy(C≤8), acyloxy(C≤8), alkylamino(C≤8), arylamino(C≤8), amido(C≤8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; and

R₂

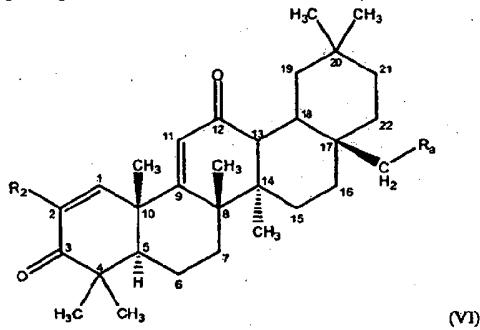
is:

cyano, hydroxy, halo or amino; or

fluoroalkyl(C≤8), alkenyl(C≤8), alkynyl(C≤8), aryl(C≤8), heteroaryl(C≤8), acyl(C≤8), alkoxy(C≤8), aryloxy(C≤8), acyloxy(C≤8), alkylamino(C≤8), arylamino(C≤8), amido(C≤8), or a substituted version of any of these groups;

or pharmaceutical acceptable salts, esters, hydrates, solvates, tautomers, prodrugs, or optical isomers thereof.

[0011] Also described herein is a compound defined as:



wherein:

R₃

is:

hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, amino, phosphate, 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl, or cyano; or

alkyl(C₁≤12), alkenyl(C₁≤12), alkynyl(C₁≤12), aryl(C₁≤12), aralkyl(C₁≤12), heteroaryl(C₁≤12), heteroaralkyl(C₁≤12), acyl(C₁≤12), alkoxy(C₁≤12), alkenyloxy(C₁≤12), alkynyoxy(C₁≤12), aryloxy(C₁≤12), aralkoxy(C₁≤12), heteroaryloxy(C₁≤12), heteroaralkoxy(C₁≤12), acyloxy(C₁≤12), alkylamino(C₁≤12), dialkylamino(C₁≤12), alkenylamino(C₁≤12), alkynylamino(C₁≤12), arylamino(C₁≤12), aralkylamino(C₁≤12), heteroarylamino(C₁≤12), heteroaralkylamino(C₁≤12), amido(C₁≤12), arylsulfonyl(C₁≤12), arylsulfinyl(C₁≤12), alkylphosphate(C₁≤12), dialkylphosphate(C₁≤12), or a substituted version of any of these groups; and

R₂

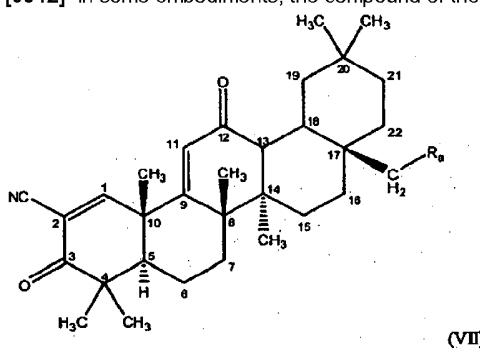
is:

cyano, hydroxy, halo or amino; or

fluoroalkyl(C₁≤8), alkenyl(C₁≤8), alkynyl(C₁≤8), aryl(C₁≤8), heteroaryl(C₁≤8), acyl(C₁≤8), alkoxy(C₁≤8), aryloxy(C₁≤8), acyloxy(C₁≤8), alkylamino(C₁≤8), arylamino(C₁≤8), amido(C₁≤8), or a substituted version of any of these groups;

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, hydrates, solvates, tautomers, prodrugs, or optical isomers thereof.

[0012] In some embodiments, the compound of the invention is further defined as:



wherein R₃ is:

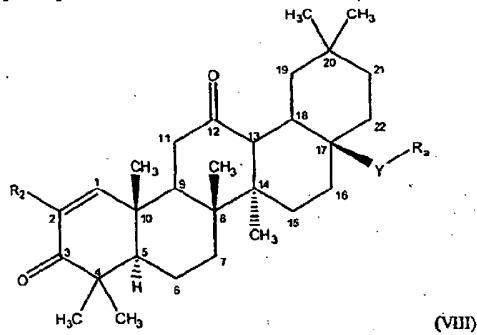
hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, amino, phosphate, 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl, or cyano; or

alkyl(C₁≤12), alkenyl(C₁≤12), alkynyl(C₁≤12), aryl(C₁≤12), aralkyl(C₁≤12), heteroaryl(C₁≤12), heteroaralkyl(C₁≤12), acyl(C₁≤12), alkoxy(C₁≤12), alkenyloxy(C₁≤12), alkynyoxy(C₁≤12), aryloxy(C₁≤12), aralkoxy(C₁≤12), heteroaryloxy(C₁≤12), heteroaralkoxy(C₁≤12), acyloxy(C₁≤12), alkylamino(C₁≤12), dialkylamino(C₁≤12), alkenylamino(C₁≤12), alkynylamino(C₁≤12), arylamino(C₁≤12), aralkylamino(C₁≤12), heteroarylamino(C₁≤12), heteroaralkylamino(C₁≤12), amido(C₁≤12), arylsulfonyl(C₁≤12), arylsulfinyl(C₁≤12), alkylphosphate(C₁≤12), dialkylphosphate(C₁≤12), or a substituted version of any of these groups; and

dialkylphosphate ($C \leq 12$), or a substituted version of any of these groups;

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts, or tautomers thereof

[0013] Also described herein is a compound defined as:



wherein:

Y is alkanediyl ($C \leq 3$) or substituted alkanediyl ($C \leq 12$);

R_a is:

hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, amino, phosphate, 1,3-dioxoisooindolin-2-yl, or cyano; or

alkyl(C₁–12), alkenyl(C₁–12), alkynyl(C₁–12), aryl(C₁–12), aralkyl(C₁–12), heteroaryl(C₁–12), heteroaralkyl(C₁–12), acyl(C₁–12), alkoxy(C₁–12), alkenyloxy(C₁–12), alkynyoxy(C₁–12), aryloxy(C₁–12), aralkoxy(C₁–12), heteroaryloxy(C₁–12), heteroaralkoxy(C₁–12), acyloxy(C₁–12), alkylamino(C₁–12), dialkylamino(C₁–12), alkenylamino(C₁–12), alkynylamino(C₁–12), arylamino(C₁–12), aralkylamino(C₁–12), heteroaryl amino(C₁–12), heteroaralkylamino(C₁–12), amido(C₁–12), arylsulfonyl(C₁–12), arylsulfinyl(C₁–12), alkylphosphate(C₁–12), dialkylphosphate(C₁–12), or a substituted version of any of these groups; and

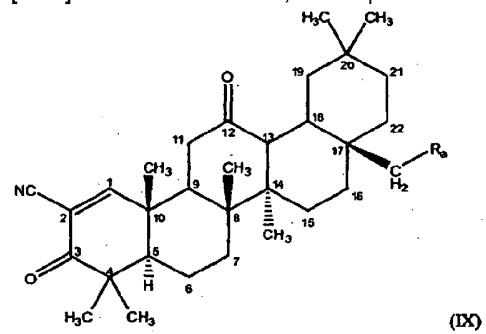
R_2 is:

cyano, hydroxy, halo or amino; or

fluoroalkyl(C₁–8), alkenyl(C₂–8), alkynyl(C₂–8), aryl(C₆–8), heteroaryl(C₅–8), acyl(C₁–8), alkoxy(C₁–8), aryloxy(C₆–8), acyloxy(C₆–8), alkylamino(C₁–8), arylamino(C₆–8), amido(C₁–8), or a substituted version of any of these groups;

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, hydrates, solvates, tautomers, prodrugs, or optical isomers thereof.

[0014] In some embodiments, the compound of the invention is further defined as:



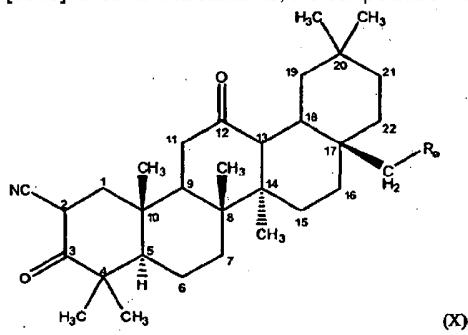
wherein R_a is:

hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, amino, phosphate, 1,3-dioxoisooindolin-2-yl, or cyano; or

alkyl(C₁–12), alkenyl(C₁–12), alkynyl(C₁–12), aryl(C₁–12), aralkyl(C₁–12), heteroaryl(C₁–12), heteroaralkyl(C₁–12), acyl(C₁–12), alkoxy(C₁–12), alkenyloxy(C₁–12), alkynyoxy(C₁–12), aryloxy(C₁–12), aralkoxy(C₁–12), heteroaryloxy(C₁–12), heteroaralkoxy(C₁–12), acyloxy(C₁–12), alkylamino(C₁–12), dialkylamino(C₁–12), alkenylamino(C₁–12), alkynylamino(C₁–12), arylamino(C₁–12), aralkylamino(C₁–12), heteroaryl amino(C₁–12), heteroaralkylamino(C₁–12), amido(C₁–12), arylsulfonyl(C₁–12), arylsulfinyl(C₁–12), alkylphosphate(C₁–12), dialkylphosphate(C₁–12), or a substituted version of any of these groups;

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts tautomers thereof.

[0015] In some embodiments, the compound of the invention is further defined as:



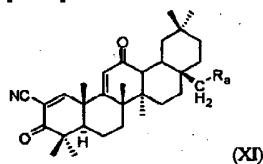
wherein R_a is:

hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, amino, phosphate, 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl, or cyano; or

alkyl(C \leq 12), alkenyl(C \leq 12), alkynyl(C \leq 12), aryl(C \leq 12), aralkyl(C \leq 12), heteroaryl(C \leq 12), heteroaralkyl(C \leq 12), acyl(C \leq 12), alkoxy(C \leq 12), alkenyloxy(C \leq 12), alkynyloxy(C \leq 12), aryloxy(C \leq 12), aralkoxy(C \leq 12), heteroaryloxy(C \leq 12), heteroaralkoxy(C \leq 12), acyloxy(C \leq 12), alkylamino(C \leq 12), dialkylamino(C \leq 12), alkenylamino(C \leq 12), alkynylamino(C \leq 12), arylamino(C \leq 12), aralkylamino(C \leq 12), heteroarylarnino(C \leq 12), heteroaralkylarnino(C \leq 12), amido(C \leq 12), arylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), arylsulfinyl(C \leq 12), alkylphosphate(C \leq 12), dialkylphosphate(C \leq 12), or a substituted version of any of these groups;

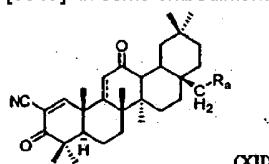
or salts or tautomers thereof.

[0016] In some embodiments, the compound of the invention is further defined as:



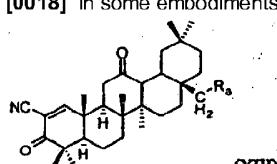
wherein R_a is hydroxy, cyano, acyl(C \leq 8), substituted acyl(C \leq 8), acyloxy(C \leq 8), or substituted acyl(C \leq 8); or pharmaceutically acceptable salts or tautomers thereof.

[0017] In some embodiments, the compound of the invention is further defined as:



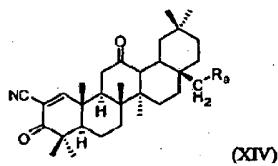
wherein R_a is hydroxy, cyano, acyl(C \leq 8), substituted acyl(C \leq 8), acyloxy(C \leq 8), substituted acyl(C \leq 8), amido(C \leq 8), or substituted amido(C \leq 8); or pharmaceutically acceptable salts or tautomers thereof.

[0018] In some embodiments, the compound of the invention is further defined as:



wherein R_a is hydroxy, cyano, acyl(C \leq 8), substituted acyl(C \leq 8), acyloxy(C \leq 8), or substituted acyl(C \leq 8); or pharmaceutically acceptable salts or tautomers thereof.

[0019] In some embodiments, the compound of the invention is further defined as:



wherein R_A is alkylamino($C\leq 12$), dialkylamino($C\leq 12$), alkenylamino($C\leq 12$), alkynylamino($C\leq 12$), arylamino($C\leq 12$), aralkylamino($C\leq 12$), heteroarylarnino($C\leq 12$), heteroaralkylamino($C\leq 12$), alkylsulfonylamino($C\leq 12$) or amido($C\leq 12$), or a substituted version of any of these groups.

[0020] In a variation of each of the above embodiments containing a Y group, Y can be alkanediyl($C \leq 12$) or substituted alkanediyl($C1-4$). In other variations, Y can be $-CH_2-$. In other variations, Y can be $-C(OH)CH_2-$. In other variations, Y can be $-C\equiv C-$.

[0021] The compounds of the inventions are compounds of formula (I) X_1 in which OR_b and R_b is absent. X_2 is hydrogen and R_1 to R_{10} are as defined below

[0022] In the above embodiment, R_a can be -OH. In other variations, R_a can be -CN. In other variations, R_a can be -Cl. In other variations, R_a can be is-Br. In other variations, R_a can be -H. In other variations, R_a can be acyl(C1-6) or substituted acyl(C1-6). In other variations, R_o can be acyl(C4-6) or substituted acyl(C4-6). In other variations, R_a can be acyl(C1-4) or substituted acyl(C1-4). In other variations, R_a can be acyl(C1-3) or substituted acyl(C1-3). In other variations, R_a can be selected from the group consisting of -C(=O)OH, -C(=O)OCH₃, -C(=O)NHCH₃, -C(=O)NHCH₂CH₃, and -C(=O)NHCH=CF₃. In other variations, R_a can be acyloxy(C1-8) or substituted acyloxy(C1-3). In other variations, R_a can be substituted acyloxy(C1-3). In other variations, R_a can be acyloxy(C2-8). In other variations, R_a can comprises a fluoro group. In other variations, R_a can comprises a trifluoromethyl group. In other variations, R_a can be alkylamino(C≤12), dialkylamino(C≤12), alkenylamino(C≤12), alkynylamino(C≤12), arylamino(C≤12), aralkylamino(C≤12), heteroarylarnino(C≤12), heteroaralkylamino(C≤12), alkylsulfonylamino(C≤12), or amido(C≤12), or a substituted version of any of these groups. In other variations, R_a can be arylsulfonyl(C≤8), or arylsulfinyl(C≤8). In other variations, R_a can be -OP(O)(OH)₂. In other variations, R_a can be alkylphosphate(C≤12), or dialkylphosphate(C≤12). In other variations, R_a can be dialkylphosphate(C≤8). In other variations, R_a can be -OP(O)(OEt)₂. In other variations, R_a can be 1,3-dioxoisindolin-2-yl. In a variation of each of the above embodiments containing a -Y- R_a group, -Y- R_a can be oxirane-2-yl. In another variation of each of the above embodiments containing a -Y- R_a group, -Y- R_a can be 1,3-dioxolan-4-yl.

[0023] In reference to the structure of formula (I), the compounds of the invention are those in which X_1 and X_2 are as defined above in relation to the compounds of the invention and: R_1 is H; R_2 is -CN; R_3 is absent; R_4 and R_5 are both methyl; R_6 and R_7 are both hydrogen; R_8 and R_9 are both hydrogen and R_{10} and R_{11} are both methyl.

[0024] In some variations of one or more of the above embodiments, Y, R_a, and carbon numbers 13, 17 and 18 form a ring, wherein Y is alkanediyl(C-1) or substituted alkanediyl(C-1) and R_a is -O-. In some variations of one or more of the above embodiments, the bond between carbons 9 and 11 is a single bond. In some variations of one or more of the above embodiments, the bond between carbons 9 and 11 is a double bond.

[0025] Examples of specific compounds provided by the present disclosure and reference compounds include:

methyl-2-((4aR,6aR,6bS,8aR,12aS,14aR,14bS)-11-cyano-2,2,6a,6b,9,9,12a-heptamethyl-10,14-dioxo-1,2,3,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,12a,14,14a,14b-octadecahydro-4a-yl)acetate

2-((4aR,6aR,6bS,8aR,12aS,14aR,14bS)-11-cyano-2,2,6a,6b,9,9,12a-heptamethyl-10,14-dioxo-1,2,3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,12a,14,14a,14b-octadecahydropinen-4a-yl)acetic acid

(4*A*,6*A*,6*B*,8*A*,12*A*,12*B*,14*B*)-8*A*-(hydroxymethyl)-4,4,6*A*,6*B*,11,11,14*B*-heptamethyl-3,13-dioxo-3,4,4*A*,5,6,6*A*,6*B*,7,8,8*A*,9,10,11,12,12*A*,12*B*,13,14,14*A*,14*B*-icosahydronpicene-2-carbonitrile.

((4AaS,6aR,6bR,8aR,12aR,14aR,14bS)-11-cyano-2,2,6a,6b,9,9,12a-heptamethyl-10,14-dioxo-1,2,3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydronipen-4a-v)ethyl acetate

(6*A*,6*B*,8*A*,12*A*,12*B*,14*B*)-4,4,6*A*6*B*,11,11,14*B*-heptamethyl-3,13-dioxo-8*A*-vinyl-3,4,4*A*,5,6,6*A*,6*B*,7,8,8*A*,9,10,11,12,12*A*,12*B*,13,14,14*A*,14*B*-icosahydroncene-2-carbonitrile

(6aR,6bR,8aS,12aS,12bR,14bR)-8a-(aminomethyl)-4,4,6a,6b,11,11,14b-heptamethyl-3,13-dioxo-3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,11,12,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydropicene-2-carbonitrile,

(6aR,6bR,8aS,12aS,12bR,14bR)-8a-(aminomethyl)-4,4,6a,6b,11,11,14b-heptamethyl-3,13-dioxo-3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,11,12,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydropicene-2-carbonitrile, trifluoroacetic acid salt,

(4aR,6aR,6bR,8aS,12aS,12bR,14aR,14bR)-8a-((cyanomethylamino)methyl)-4,4,6a,6b,11,11,14b-heptamethyl-3,13-dioxo-3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,11,12,2,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydropicene-2-carbonitrile,

N-((4aS,6aR,6bR,12aR,14aR,14bS)-11-cyano-2,2,6a,6b,9,9,12a-heptamethyl-10,14-dioxo-1,2,3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydropicene-4a-yl)methyl)methanesulfonamide,

(4aR,6aR,6bR,8aS,12aS,12bR,14aR,14bR)-8a-((R)-1,2-dihydroxyethyl)-4,4,6a,6b,11,11,14b-heptamethyl-3,13-dioxo-3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,11,12,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydropicene-2-carbonitrile,

N-((4aS,6aR,6bR,8aR,12aR,12bR,14aR,14bS)-11cyano-2,2,6a,6b,9,9,12a-heptamethyl-10,14-dioxo-1,2,3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydropicene-4a-yl)methyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroethanesulfonamide,

(4aR,6aR,6bR,8aS,12aS,12bR,14aR,14bR)-8a-(methoxymethyl)-4,4,6a,6b,11,11,14b-heptamethyl-3,13-dioxo-3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,11,12,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydropicene-2-carbonitrile,

(4aR,6aR,6bR,8aR,12aS,12bR,14aR,14bR)-8a-(2-hydroxyethyl)-4,4,6a,6b,11,11,14b-heptamethyl-3,13-dioxo-3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,31,12,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydropicene-2-carbonitrile,

(4aR,6aR,6bR,8aS,12aS,12bR,14aR,14bR)4,4,6a,6b,11,11,14b-heptamethyl-8a-(((5-methylisoxazol-3-yl)methylamino)methyl)-3,13-dioxo-3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,11,12,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydropicene-2-carbonitrile,

(4aR,6aR,6bR,8aS,12aS,12bR,14aR,14bR)-4,4,6a,6b,11,11,14b-heptamethyl-8a-(((2-methyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)methylamino)methyl)-3,13-dioxo-3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,11,12,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydropicene-2-carbonitrile,

(4aR,6aR,6bR,8aS,12aS,12bR,14aR,14bR)-4,4,6a,6b,11,11,14b-heptamethyl-3,13-dioxo-8a-(phenylthiomethyl)-3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,11,12,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydropicene-2-carbonitrile,

((4aS,6aR,6bR,8aR,12aR,12bR,14aR,14bS)-11-cyano-2,2,6a,6b,9,9,12a-heptamethyl-10,14-dioxo-1,2,3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydropicene-4a-yl)methyl diethyl phosphate,

tert-butyl ((4aS,6aR,6bR,12aR,14aR,14bS)-11-cyano-2,2,6a,6b,9,9,12a-heptamethyl-10,14-dioxo-1,2,3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydropicene-4a-yl)methylcarbamate,

(4aR,6aR,6bR,8aS,12aS,12bR,14aR,14bR)-4,4,6a,6b,11,11,14b-heptamethyl-3,1-3-dioxo-8a-(phenylsulfinylmethyl)-3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,11,12,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydropicene-2-carbonitrile,

(4aR,6aR,6bR,8aS,12aS,12bR,14aR,14bR)-4,4,6a,6b,11,11,14b-heptamethyl-3,13-dioxo-8a-(phenylsulfonylmethyl)-3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,11,12,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydropicene-2-carbonitrile,

((4aS,6aR,6bR,8aR,12aR,12bR,14aR,14bS)-11-cyano-2,2,6a,6b,9,9,12a-heptamethyl-10,14-dioxo-1,2,3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydropicene-4a-yl)methyl dihydrogen phosphate,

(4aR,6aR,6bR,8aS,12aS,12bR,14aR,14bR)-4,4,6a,6b,11,11,14b-heptamethyl-3,13-dioxo-8a-((2,2,2-trifluoroethylamino)methyl)-3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,11,12,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydropicene-2-carbonitrile,

(4aR,6aR,6bR,8aS,12aS,12bR,14aR,14bR)-4,4,6a,6b,11,11,14b-heptamethyl-8a-((R)-oxiran-2-yl)-3,13-dioxo-3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,11,12,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydropicene-2-carbonitrile,

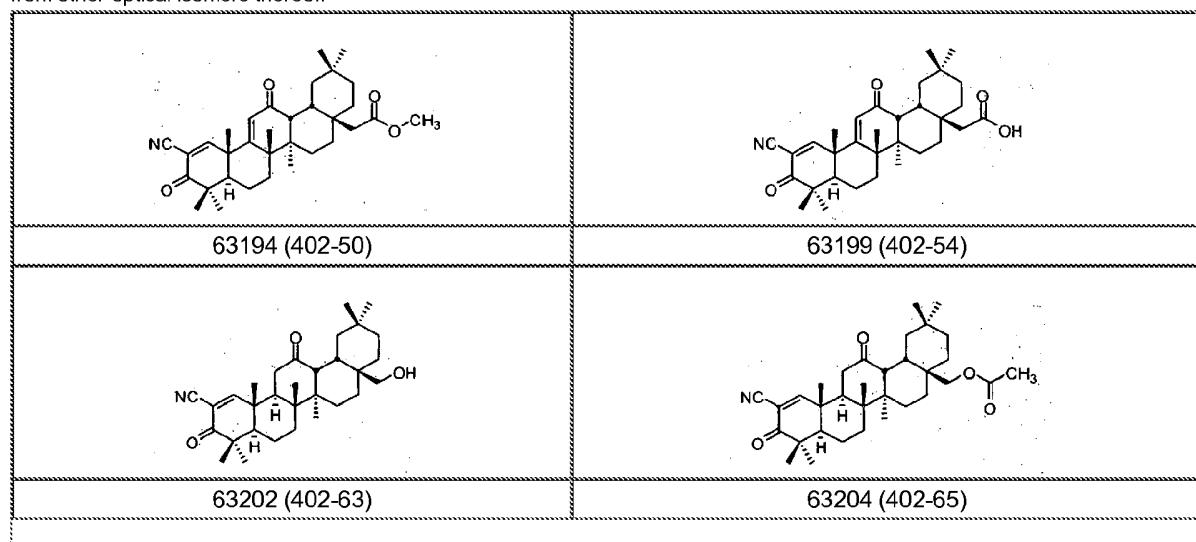
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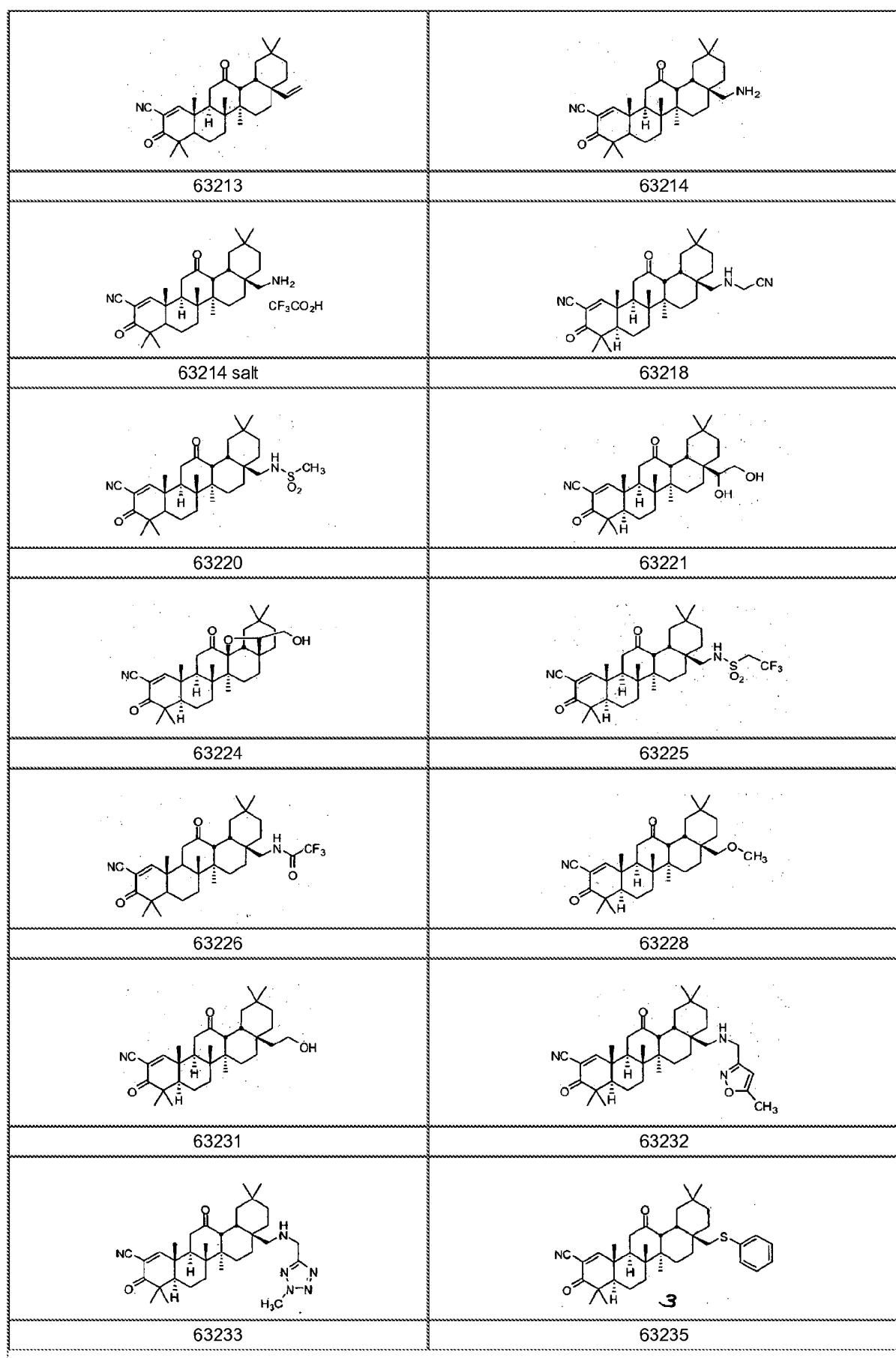
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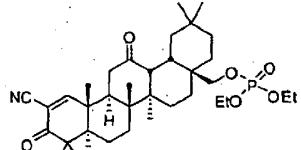
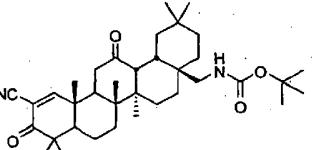
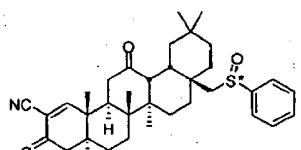
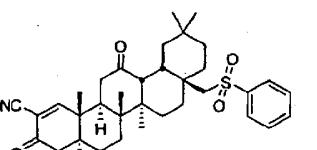
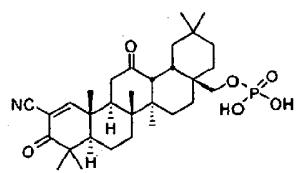
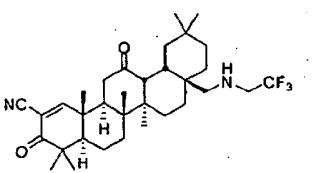
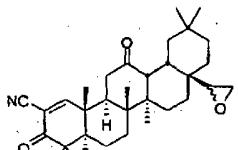
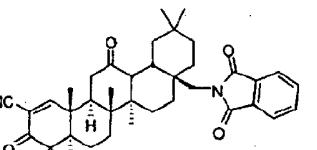
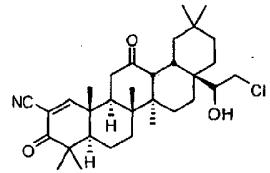
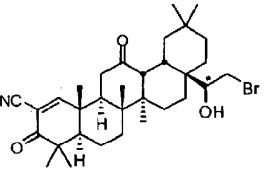
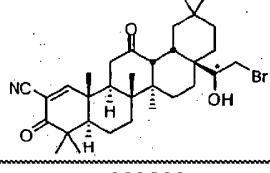
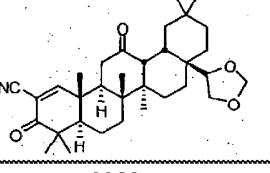
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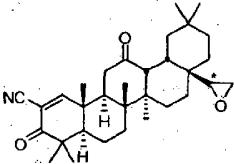
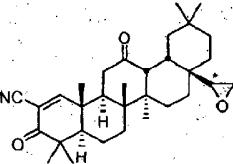
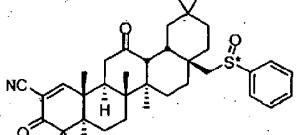
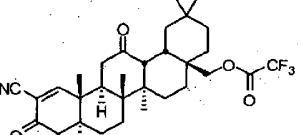
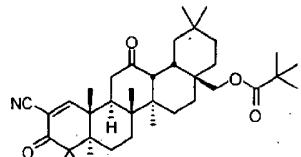
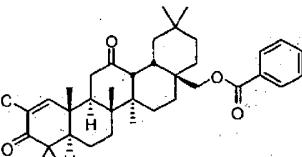
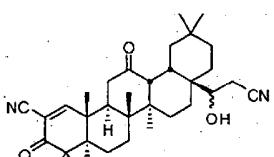
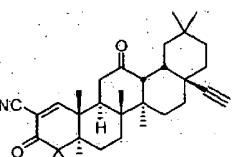
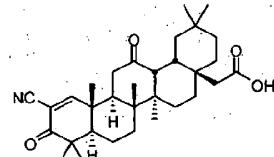
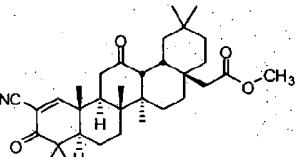
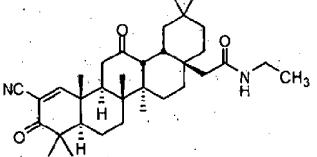
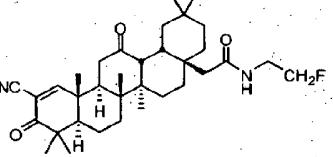
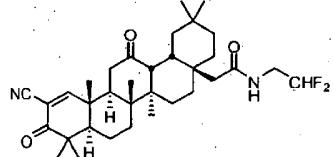
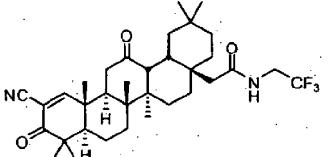
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 2-((4aR,6aR,6bR,8aR,12aR,12bR,14aR,14bS)-11-cyano-2,2,6a,6b,9,9,12a-heptamethyl-10,14-dioxo-1,2,3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydropicen-4a-yl)-N-ethylacetamide,
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 2-((4aR,6aR,6bR,8aR,12aR,12bR,14aR,14bS)-11-cyano-2,2,6a,6b,9,9,12a-heptamethyl-10,14-dioxo-1,2,3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydropicen-4a-yl)-N-(2,2-difluoroethyl)acetamide, and
 2-((4aR,6aR,6bR,8aR,12aR,12bR,14aR,14bS)-11-cyano-2,2,6a,6b,9,9,12a-heptamethyl-10,14-dioxo-1,2,3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,12a,12b,13,14,14a,14b-icosahydropicen-4a-yl)-N-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)acetamide.

[0026] Non-limiting examples of compounds provided by this invention include the compounds according to the formulas shown below, as well as or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof. In certain embodiments, these compounds are substantially free from other optical isomers thereof.

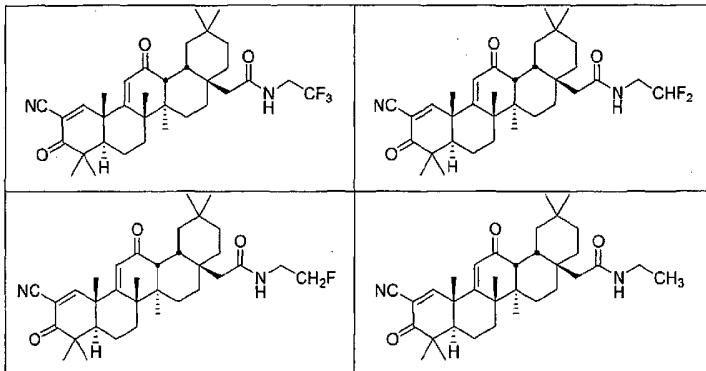




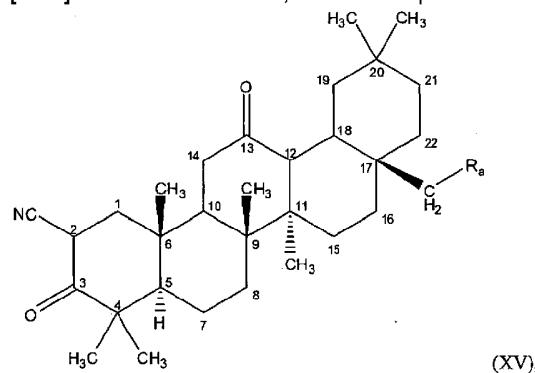
 <p>63239</p>	 <p>63253</p>
 <p>63255 (diastereomer of 63288, having a different chirality at the sulfur atom)</p>	 <p>63266</p>
 <p>63269</p>	 <p>63273</p>
 <p>63275 (mixture of two epoxide diastereomers 63286 and 63287)</p>	 <p>63276</p>
 <p>63282</p>	 <p>63283 (diastereomer of 63284 at secondary alcohol position)</p>
 <p>63284 (diastereomer of 63283 at secondary alcohol position)</p>	 <p>63285</p>

	
63286 (diastereomer of 63287)	63287 (diastereomer of 63286)
	
63288 (diastereomer of 63255, having a different chirality at the sulfur atom)	63294
	
63297	63298
	
63310	63303
	
63332	63333
	
63334	63335
	
63336	63337

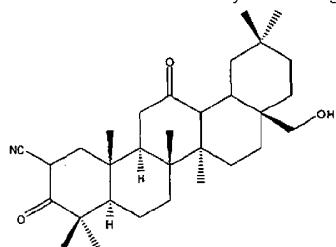
[0027] In some embodiments, one or more of the following compounds is contemplated:



[0028] In some embodiments, the invention provides compounds of the formula:

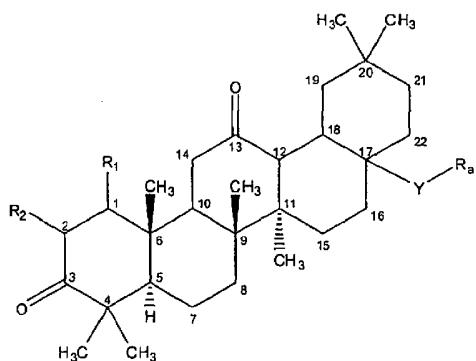


wherein R₁ is: hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, amino or cyano; or alkyl(C₁-C₁₂), alkenyl(C₁-C₁₂), alkynyl(C₁-C₁₂), aryl(C₁-C₁₂), aralkyl(C₁-C₁₂), heteroaryl(C₁-C₁₂), heteroaralkyl(C₁-C₁₂), acyl(C₁-C₁₂), alkoxy(C₁-C₁₂), alkynyoxy(C₁-C₁₂), alkynylloxy(C₁-C₁₂), aryloxy(C₁-C₁₂), aralkoxy(C₁-C₁₂), heteroaryloxy(C₁-C₁₂), heteroaralkoxy(C₁-C₁₂), acyloxy(C₁-C₁₂), alkylamino(C₁-C₁₂), dialkylamino(C₁-C₁₂), alkenylamino(C₁-C₁₂), alkynylamino(C₁-C₁₂), arylamino(C₁-C₁₂), aralkylamino(C₁-C₁₂), heteroarylalkylamino(C₁-C₁₂), heteroaralkylamino(C₁-C₁₂), amido(C₁-C₁₂), or a substituted version of any of these groups; or salts or tautomers thereof. For example, the invention provides:

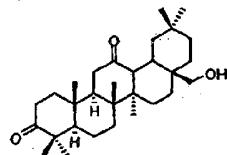


or salts or tautomers thereof.

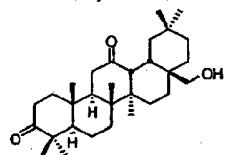
[0029] Also described herein are compounds of the formula:



wherein: Y is alkanediyl(C \leq 8), alkenediyl(C \leq 8), alkynediyl(C \leq 8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; R_a is: hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, amino, nitro, cyano, azido, mercapto or silyl; or alkyl(C \leq 12), alkenyl(C \leq 12), alkynyl(C \leq 12), aryl(C \leq 12), aralkyl(C \leq 12), heteroaryl(C \leq 12), heteroaralkyl(C \leq 12), acyl(C \leq 12), alkoxy(C \leq 12), alkenyloxy(C \leq 12), alkynyoxy(C \leq 12), aryloxy(C \leq 12), aralkoxy(C \leq 12), heteroaryloxy(C \leq 12), heteroaralkoxy(C \leq 12), acyloxy(C \leq 12), alkylamino(C \leq 12), dialkylamino(C \leq 12), alkenylamino(C \leq 12), alkynylamino(C \leq 12), arylamino(C \leq 12), aralkylamino(C \leq 12), heteroarylarnino(C \leq 12), heteroaralkylarnino(C \leq 12), alkylsulfonylarnino(C \leq 12), amido(C \leq 12), alkylthio(C \leq 12), alkenylthio(C \leq 12), alkynylthio(C \leq 12), arylthio(C \leq 12), aralkylthio(C \leq 12), heteroarylthio(C \leq 12), heteroaralkylthio(C \leq 12), acylthio(C \leq 12), thioacyl(C \leq 12), alkylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), alkenylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), alkynylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), arylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), aralkylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), alkylammonium(C \leq 12), alkylsulfonium(C \leq 12), alkylsilyl(C \leq 12), or a substituted version of any of these groups; R₁ is: hydrogen, cyano, hydroxy, halo or amino; or alkyl(C \leq 8), alkenyl(C \leq 8), alkynyl(C \leq 8), aryl(C \leq 8), aralkyl(C \leq 8), heteroaryl(C \leq 8), heteroaralkyl(C \leq 8), acyl(C \leq 8), alkoxy(C \leq 8), aryloxy(C \leq 8), acyloxy(C \leq 8), alkylamino(C \leq 8), arylamino(C \leq 8), amido(C \leq 8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; R₂ is: cyano, hydroxy, halo or amino; or alkenyl(C \leq 8), alkynyl(C \leq 8), aryl(C \leq 8), heteroaryl(C \leq 8), acyl(C \leq 8), alkoxy(C \leq 8), aryloxy(C \leq 8), acyloxy(C \leq 8), alkylamino(C \leq 8), arylamino(C \leq 8), amido(C \leq 8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; or salts, esters, hydrates, solvates, tautomers, or optical isomers thereof. For example:

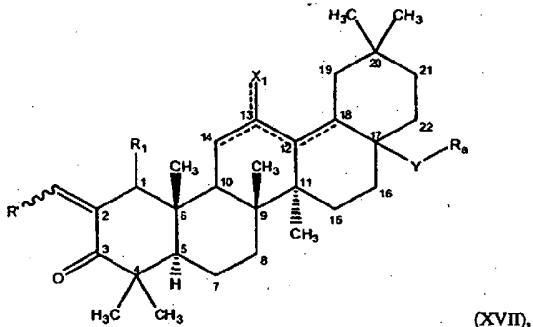


or salts, hydrates, solvates, tautomers, or optical isomers thereof, such as:



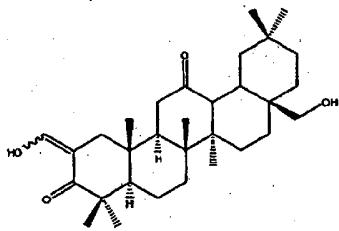
[0030] In some alternatives this optical isomer is substantially free from other optical isomers thereof.

[0031] Also described herein are compounds of the formula:

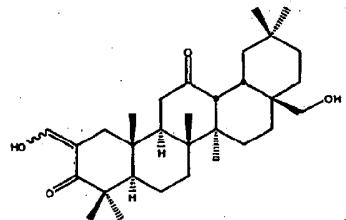


wherein: Y is alkanediyl(C \leq 8), alkenediyl(C \leq 8), alkynediyl(C \leq 8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; R_a is: hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, amino, nitro, cyano, azido, mercapto or silyl; or alkyl(C \leq 12), alkenyl(C \leq 12), alkynyl(C \leq 12), aryl(C \leq 12), aralkyl(C \leq 12), heteroaryl(C \leq 12), heteroaralkyl(C \leq 12), acyl(C \leq 12), alkoxy(C \leq 12), alkenyloxy(C \leq 12), alkynyoxy(C \leq 12), aryloxy(C \leq 12), aralkoxy(C \leq 12), heteroaryloxy(C \leq 12), heteroaralkoxy(C \leq 12), acyloxy(C \leq 12), alkylamino(C \leq 12), dialkylamino(C \leq 12), alkenylamino(C \leq 12), alkynylamino(C \leq 12), arylamino(C \leq 12), aralkylamino(C \leq 12), heteroarylarnino(C \leq 12), heteroaralkylarnino(C \leq 12), alkylsulfonylarnino(C \leq 12), amido(C \leq 12), alkylthio(C \leq 12), alkenylthio(C \leq 12), alkynylthio(C \leq 12), arylthio(C \leq 12), aralkylthio(C \leq 12), heteroarylthio(C \leq 12), heteroaralkylthio(C \leq 12), acylthio(C \leq 12), thioacyl(C \leq 12), alkylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), alkenylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), alkynylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), arylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), aralkylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), alkylammonium(C \leq 12), alkylsulfonium(C \leq 12), alkylsilyl(C \leq 12), or a substituted version of any of these groups; R₁ is: hydrogen, cyano, hydroxy, halo or amino; or alkyl(C \leq 8), alkenyl(C \leq 8), alkynyl(C \leq 8), aryl(C \leq 8), aralkyl(C \leq 8), heteroaryl(C \leq 8), heteroaralkyl(C \leq 8), acyl(C \leq 8), alkoxy(C \leq 8), aryloxy(C \leq 8), acyloxy(C \leq 8), alkylamino(C \leq 8), arylamino(C \leq 8), amido(C \leq 8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; R₂ is: cyano, hydroxy, halo or amino; or alkenyl(C \leq 8), alkynyl(C \leq 8), aryl(C \leq 8), heteroaryl(C \leq 8), acyl(C \leq 8), alkoxy(C \leq 8), aryloxy(C \leq 8), acyloxy(C \leq 8), alkylamino(C \leq 8), arylamino(C \leq 8), amido(C \leq 8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; or salts, esters, hydrates, solvates, tautomers, or optical isomers thereof.

heteroaryloxy(C \leq 12), heteroaralkoxy(C \leq 12), acyloxy(C \leq 12), alkylamino(C \leq 12), dialkylamino(C \leq 12), alkenylamino(C \leq 12), alkymylamino(C \leq 12), arylamino(C \leq 12), aralkylamino(C \leq 12), heteroarylamino(C \leq 12), heteroaralkylamino(C \leq 12), alkylsulfonylamino(C \leq 12), amido(C \leq 12), alkylthio(C \leq 12), alkenylthio(C \leq 12), alkynylthio(C \leq 12), arylthio(C \leq 12), aralkylthio(C \leq 12), heteroarylthio(C \leq 12), heteroaralkylthio(C \leq 12), acylthio(C \leq 12), thioacyl(C \leq 12), alkylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), alkenylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), alkynylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), arylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), aralkylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), alkylammonium(C \leq 12), alkylsulfonium(C \leq 12), alkylsilyl(C \leq 12), or a substituted version of any of these groups; X₁ is: OR_b, NR_bR_c, or SR_b wherein R_b and R_c are each independently: hydrogen; alkyl(C \leq 8), aryl(C \leq 8), aralkyl(C \leq 8), acyl(C \leq 8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; or provided that R_b is absent when the atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond, further provided that when R_b is absent the atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond; and R₁ is: hydrogen, cyano, hydroxy, halo or amino; or alkyl(C \leq 8), alkenyl(C \leq 8), alkynyl(C \leq 8), aryl(C \leq 8), aralkyl(C \leq 8), heteroaryl(C \leq 8), acyl(C \leq 8), alkoxy(C \leq 8), aryloxy(C \leq 8), acyloxy(C \leq 8), alkylamino(C \leq 8), arylamino(C \leq 8), amido(C \leq 8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; R' is hydroxy, alkoxy(C \leq 8), substituted alkoxy(C \leq 8), aryloxy(C \leq 8), substituted aryloxy(C \leq 8), aralkoxy(C \leq 8), substituted aralkoxy(C \leq 8), acyloxy(C \leq 8), or substituted acyloxy(C \leq 8), or salts, esters, hydrates, solvates, tautomers, or optical isomers thereof. In some alternatives, R' is acyloxy. In other alternatives, R is hydroxy. For example:

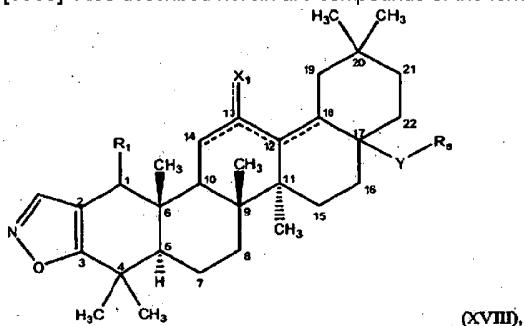


or salts, hydrates, solvates, tautomers, or optical isomers thereof, such as:



[0032] In certain alternatives, this optical isomer is substantially free from other optical isomers thereof.

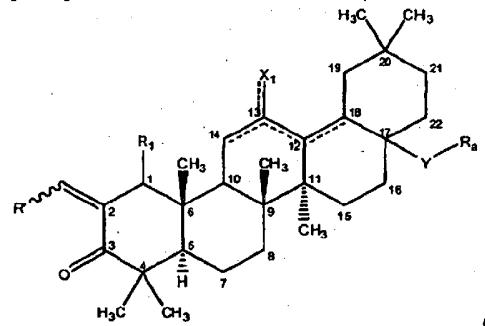
[0033] Also described herein are compounds of the formula:



wherein: Y is alkanediyl(C \leq 8), alkenediyl(C \leq 8), alkynediyl(C \leq 8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; R_a is: hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, amino, nitro, cyano, azido, mercapto or silyl; or alkyl(C \leq 12), alkenyl(C \leq 12), alkynyl(C \leq 12), aryl(C \leq 12), aralkyl(C \leq 12), heteroaryl(C \leq 12), heteroaralkyl(C \leq 12), acyl(C \leq 12), alkoxy(C \leq 12), alkenyloxy(C \leq 12), alkynyoxy(C \leq 12), aryloxy(C \leq 12), aralkoxy(C \leq 12), heteroaryloxy(C \leq 12), heteroaralkoxy(C \leq 12), acyloxy(C \leq 12), alkylamino(C \leq 12), dialkylamino(C \leq 12), alkenylamino(C \leq 12), alkynylamino(C \leq 12), arylamino(C \leq 12), aralkylamino(C \leq 12), heteroarylamino(C \leq 12), heteroaralkylamino(C \leq 12), alkylsulfonylamino(C \leq 12), amido(C \leq 12), alkylthio(C \leq 12), alkenylthio(C \leq 12), alkynylthio(C \leq 12), arylthio(C \leq 12), aralkylthio(C \leq 12), heteroarylthio(C \leq 12), heteroaralkylthio(C \leq 12), acylthio(C \leq 12), thioacyl(C \leq 12), alkylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), alkenylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), alkynylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), arylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), aralkylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), alkylammonium(C \leq 12), alkylsulfonium(C \leq 12), alkylsilyl(C \leq 12), or a substituted version of any of these groups; X₁ is: OR_b, NR_bR_c, or SR_b wherein R_b and R_c are each independently: hydrogen;

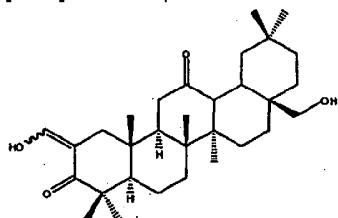
alkyl(C \leq 8), aryl(C \leq 8), aralkyl(C \leq 8), acyl(C \leq 8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; or provided that R_b is absent when the atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond, further provided that when R_b is absent the atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond; and R₁ is: hydrogen, cyano, hydroxy, halo or amino; or alkyl(C \leq 8), alkenyl(C \leq 8), alkynyl(C \leq 8), aryl(C \leq 8), aralkyl(C \leq 8), heteroaryl(C \leq 8), heteroaralkyl(C \leq 8), acyl(C \leq 8), alkoxy(C \leq 8), aryloxy(C \leq 8), acyloxy(C \leq 8), alkylamino(C \leq 8), arylamino(C \leq 8), amido(C \leq 8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; or salts, esters, hydrates, solvates, tautomers, or optical isomers thereof.

[0034] Also described herein are compounds of the formula:

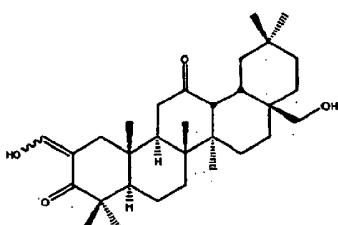


wherein: Y is alkanediyl(C \leq 8), alkenediyl(C \leq 8), alkynediyl(C \leq 8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; R_a is: hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, amino, nitro, cyano, azido, mercapto or silyl; or alkyl(C \leq 12), alkenyl(C \leq 12), alkynyl(C \leq 12), aryl(C \leq 12), aralkyl(C \leq 12), heteroaryl(C \leq 12), heteroaralkyl(C \leq 12), acyl(C \leq 12), alkoxy(C \leq 12), alkenyloxy(C \leq 12), alkynyoxy(C \leq 12), aryloxy(C \leq 12), aralkoxy(C \leq 12), heteroaryloxy(C \leq 12), heteroaralkoxy(C \leq 12), acyloxy(C \leq 12), alkylamino(C \leq 12), dialkylamino(C \leq 12), alkenylamino(C \leq 12), alkynylamino(C \leq 12), arylamino(C \leq 12), aralkylamino(C \leq 12), heteroarylarnino(C \leq 12), heteroaralkylarnino(C \leq 12), alkylsulfonylamino(C \leq 12), amido(C \leq 12), alkylthio(C \leq 12), alkenylthio(C \leq 12), alkynylthio(C \leq 12), arylthio(C \leq 12), aralkylthio(C \leq 12), heteroarylthio(C \leq 12), heteroaralkylthio(C \leq 12), acylthio(C \leq 12), thioacyl(C \leq 12), alkylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), alkenylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), alkynylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), arylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), aralkylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), alkylammonium(C \leq 12), alkylsulfonium(C \leq 12), alkylsilyl(C \leq 12), or a substituted version of any of these groups; X₁ is: OR_b, NR_bR_c, or SR_b, wherein R_b and R_c are each independently: hydrogen; alkyl(C \leq 8), aryl(C \leq 8), aralkyl(C \leq 8), acyl(C \leq 8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; or provided that R_b is absent when the atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond, further provided that when R_b is absent the atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond; and R₁ is: hydrogen, cyano, hydroxy, halo or amino; or alkyl(C \leq 8), alkenyl(C \leq 8), alkynyl(C \leq 8), aryl(C \leq 8), aralkyl(C \leq 8), heteroaryl(C \leq 8), heteroaralkyl(C \leq 8), acyl(C \leq 8), alkoxy(C \leq 8), aryloxy(C \leq 8), acyloxy(C \leq 8), alkylamino(C \leq 8), arylamino(C \leq 8), amido(C \leq 8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; R' is hydroxy, alkoxy(C \leq 12), substituted alkoxy(C \leq 12), aryloxy(C \leq 12), substituted aryloxy(C \leq 12), aralkoxy(C \leq 12), substituted aralkoxy(C \leq 12), acyloxy(C \leq 12), or substituted acyloxy(C \leq 12), or salts, esters, hydrates, solvates, tautomers, or optical isomers thereof. In some of these alternatives, R' is acyloxy. In other of these alternatives, R' is hydroxy.

[0035] For example:

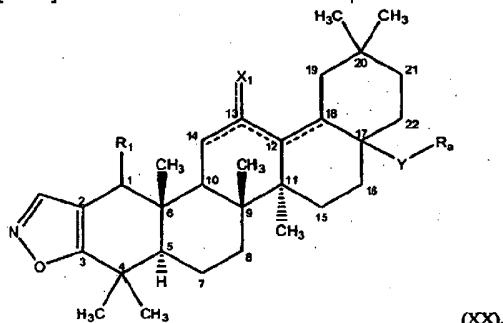


or salts, hydrates, solvates, tautomers, or optical isomers thereof, such as:

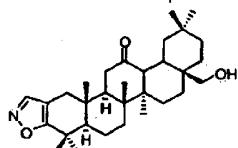


[0036] In certain alternatives, this optical isomer is substantially free from other optical isomers thereof.

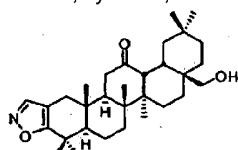
[0037] Also described herein are compounds of the formula:



wherein: Y is alkanediyl(C \leq 8), alkenediyl(C \leq 8), alkynediyl(C \leq 8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; R_a is: hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, amino, nitro, cyano, azido, mercapto or silyl; or alkyl(C \leq 12), alkenyl(C \leq 12), alkynyl(C \leq 12), aryl(C \leq 12), aralkyl(C \leq 12), heteroaryl(C \leq 12), heteroaralkyl(C \leq 12), acyl(C \leq 12), alkoxy(C \leq 12), alkenyloxy(C \leq 12), alkynyoxy(C \leq 12), aryloxy(C \leq 12), aralkoxy(C \leq 12), heteroaryloxy(C \leq 12), heteroaralkoxy(C \leq 12), acyloxy(C \leq 12), alkylamino(C \leq 12), dialkylamino(C \leq 12), alkenylamino(C \leq 12), alkynylamino(C \leq 12), arylamino(C \leq 12), aralkylamino(C \leq 12), heteroarylamino(C \leq 12), heteroaralkylamino(C \leq 12), alkylsulfonylamino(C \leq 12), amido(C \leq 12), alkylthio(C \leq 12), alkenylthio(C \leq 12), alkynylthio(C \leq 12), arylthio(C \leq 12), aralkylthio(C \leq 12), heteroarylthio(C \leq 12), heteroaralkylthio(C \leq 12), acylthio(C \leq 12), thioacyl(C \leq 12), alkylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), alkylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), alkynylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), arylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), aralkylsulfonyl(C \leq 12), alkylammonium(C \leq 12), alkylsulfonium(C \leq 12), alkylsilyl(C \leq 12), or a substituted version of any of these groups; X₁ is: OR_b, NR_bR_c, or SR_b, wherein R_b and R_c are each independently: hydrogen; alkyl(C \leq 8), aryl(C \leq 8), aralkyl(C \leq 8), acyl(C \leq 8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; or provided that R_b is absent when the atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond, further provided that when R_b is absent the atom to which it is bound is part of a double bond; and R₁ is: hydrogen, cyano, hydroxy, halo or amino; or alkyl(C \leq 8), alkenyl(C \leq 8), alkynyl(C \leq 8), aryl(C \leq 8), aralkyl(C \leq 8), heteroaryl(C \leq 8), heteroaralkyl(C \leq 8), acyl(C \leq 8), alkoxy(C \leq 8), aryloxy(C \leq 8), acyloxy(C \leq 8), alkylamino(C \leq 8), arylamino(C \leq 8), amido(C \leq 8), or a substituted version of any of these groups; or salts, esters, hydrates, solvates, tautomers, or optical isomers thereof. For example:



or salts, hydrates, solvates, tautomers, or optical isomers thereof, such as:



[0038] In certain alternatives, this optical isomer is substantially free from other optical isomers thereof.

[0039] In a variation of each of the above embodiments containing a Y group, Y can be alkanediyl(C \leq 4) or substituted alkanediyl(C \leq 4). In some of these variations, Y can be -CH $_2$. In a variation of each of the above compounds containing an X₁ group, X₁ can be OR_b and R_b can be absent.

[0040] In a variation of each of the above embodiments containing an R_a group, R_a can be -OH. In other variations, R_a can be acyl(C \leq 6) or substituted acyl(C \leq 6). In some of these variations, R_a can be acyl(C \leq 4) or substituted acyl(C \leq 4). In some of these variations, R_a can be acyl(C \leq 4) or substituted acyl(C \leq 4). In some of these variations, R_a can be acyl(C \leq 3) or substituted acyl(C \leq 3). In some of these variations, R_a can be selected from the group consisting of -C(=O)OH, -C(=O)OCH₃, -C(=O)NHCH₃, -C(=O)NHCH₂CH₃, and -C(=O)NHCH₂CF₃. In still other variations, R_a can be acyloxy(C \leq 3) or substituted acyloxy(C \leq 3).

[0041] In a variation of each of the above compounds containing an R₁ group, R₁ can be -H, -OH or -F. In some of these variations, R₁ can be -H. In a variation of each of the above embodiments containing an R₂ group, R₂ can be -CN. In other variations, R₂ can be a substituted acyl(C₁-3). For example, R₂ can be -C(=O)NHS(=O)₂CH₃.

[0042] The compounds of the invention may be useful for preventing and/or treating diseases or disorders whose pathology involves oxidative stress, inflammation, and/or dysregulation of inflammatory signaling pathways. In some variations, the diseases or disorders can be characterized by overexpression of inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS) and/or inducible cyclooxygenase (COX-2) in affected tissues. In some variations, the diseases or disorders can be characterized by overproduction of reactive oxygen species (ROS) or reactive nitrogen species (RNS) such as superoxide, hydrogen peroxide, nitric oxide or peroxy nitrite in affected tissues. In some variations, the disease or disorder is characterized by excessive production of inflammatory cytokines or other inflammation-related proteins such as TNF α , IL-6, IL-1, IL-8, ICAM-1, VCAM-1, and VEGF. Such diseases or disorders may, in some embodiments, involve undesirable proliferation of certain cells, as in the case of cancer (e.g., solid tumors, leukemias, myelomas, lymphomas, and other cancers), fibrosis associated with organ failure, or excessive scarring. Non limiting examples of the disease or disorder include: lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, juvenile-onset diabetes, multiple sclerosis, psoriasis, and Crohn's disease. Further non-limiting examples include cardiovascular diseases, such as atherosclerosis, heart failure, myocardial infarction, acute coronary syndrome, restenosis following vascular surgery, hypertension, and vasculitis; neurodegenerative or neuromuscular diseases such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, ALS, and muscular dystrophy; neurological disorders such as epilepsy and dystonia; neuropsychiatric conditions such as major depression, bipolar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, schizophrenia, anorexia nervosa, ADHD, and autism-spectrum disorders; retinal diseases such as macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and retinitis; chronic and acute pain syndromes, including inflammatory and neuropathic pain; hearing loss and tinnitus; diabetes and complications of diabetes, including metabolic syndrome, diabetic nephropathy, diabetic neuropathy, and diabetic ulcers; respiratory diseases such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, acute respiratory distress syndrome, and cystic fibrosis; inflammatory bowel diseases; osteoporosis, osteoarthritis, and other degenerative conditions of bone and cartilage; acute or chronic organ failure, including renal failure, liver failure (including cirrhosis and hepatitis), and pancreatitis; ischemia-reperfusion injury associated with thrombotic or hemorrhagic stroke, subarachnoid hemorrhage, cerebral vasospasm, myocardial infarction, shock, or trauma; complications of organ or tissue transplantation including acute or chronic transplant failure or rejection and graft-versus-host disease; skin diseases including atopic dermatitis and acne; sepsis and septic shock; excessive inflammation associated with infection, including respiratory inflammation associated with influenza and upper respiratory infections; mucositis associated with cancer therapy, including radiation therapy or chemotherapy; and severe burns.

[0043] In some embodiments, compounds of the present disclosure are in the form of pharmaceutically acceptable salts. In other embodiments, compounds of the present disclosure are not be in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

[0044] In some embodiments, compounds of the present disclosure can be esters of the above formulas. The ester may, for example, result from a condensation reaction between a hydroxy group of the formula and the carboxylic acid group of biotin.

[0045] In some embodiments, the compounds of the present disclosure can be present as a mixture of stereoisomers. In other embodiments, the compounds of the present disclosure are present as single stereoisomers.

[0046] In some embodiments, compounds of the present disclosure may be inhibitors of IFN- γ -induced nitrous oxide (NO) production in macrophages, for example, having an IC₅₀ value of less than 0.2 μ M.

[0047] Other general aspects of the present disclosure contemplate a pharmaceutical composition comprising as an active ingredient a compound of the present disclosure and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. The composition may, for example, be adapted for administration by a route selected from the group consisting of orally, intraadiposally, intraarterially, intraarticularly, intracranially, intradermally, intralesionally, intramuscularly, intranasally, intraocularly, intrapericardially, intraperitoneally, intrapleurally, intraprostaticaly, intrarectally, intrathecally, intratracheally, intratumorally, intraumbilically, intravaginally, intravenously, intravesicularily, intravitreally, liposomally, locally, mucosally, orally, parenterally, rectally, subconjunctival, subcutaneously, sublingually, topically, transbuccally, transdermally, vaginally, in crèmes, in lipid compositions, via a catheter, via as lavage, via continuous infusion, via infusion, via inhalation, via injection, via local delivery, via localized perfusion, bathing target cells directly, or any combination thereof. In particular embodiments, the composition may be formulated for oral delivery. In particular embodiments, the composition is formulated as a hard or soft capsule, a tablet, a syrup, a suspension, a wafer, or an elixir. In certain embodiments, the soft capsule is a gelatin capsule. Certain compositions may comprise a protective coating, such as those compositions formulated for oral delivery. Certain compositions further comprise an agent that delays absorption, such as those compositions formulated for oral delivery. Certain compositions may further comprise an agent that enhances solubility or dispersibility, such as those compositions formulated for oral delivery. Certain compositions

may comprise a compound of the present disclosure, wherein the compound is dispersed in a liposome, an oil and water emulsion or a water and oil emulsion.

[0048] Yet another general aspect of the present disclosure contemplates a therapeutic method comprising administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the present disclosure to a subject. The subject may, for example, be a human. These or any other methods of the present disclosure may further comprise identifying a subject in need of treatment.

[0049] Another method of the present disclosure contemplates a method of treating cancer in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the present disclosure. The cancer may be any type of cancer, such as a carcinoma, sarcoma, lymphoma, leukemia, melanoma, mesothelioma, multiple myeloma, or seminoma. Other types of cancers include cancer of the bladder, blood, bone, brain, breast, central nervous system, colon, endometrium, esophagus, genitourinary tract, head, larynx, liver, lung, neck, ovary, pancreas, prostate, spleen, small intestine, large intestine, stomach, or testicle. In these or any other methods, the subject may be a primate. This or any other method may further comprise identifying a subject in need of treatment. The subject may have a family or patient history of cancer. In certain embodiments, the subject has symptoms of cancer. The compounds of the invention may be administered via any method described herein, such as locally. In certain embodiments, the compound is administered by direct intratumoral injection or by injection into tumor vasculature. In certain embodiments, the compounds may be administered systemically. The compounds may be administered intravenously, intra-arterially, intramuscularly, intraperitoneally, subcutaneously or orally, in certain embodiments.

[0050] In certain embodiments regarding methods of treating cancer in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the present disclosure, the pharmaceutically effective amount is 0.1 - 1000 mg/kg. In certain embodiments, the pharmaceutically effective amount is administered in a single dose per day. In certain embodiments, the pharmaceutically effective amount is administered in two or more doses per day. The compound may be administered by contacting a tumor cell during *ex vivo* purging, for example. The method of treatment may comprise any one or more of the following: a) inducing cytotoxicity in a tumor cell; b) killing a tumor cell; c) inducing apoptosis in a tumor cell; d) inducing differentiation in a tumor cell; or e) inhibiting growth in a tumor cell. The tumor cell may be any type of tumor cell, such as a leukemia cell. Other types of cells include, for example, a bladder cancer cell, a breast cancer cell, a lung cancer cell, a colon cancer cell, a prostate cancer cell, a liver cancer cell, a pancreatic cancer cell, a stomach cancer cell, a testicular cancer cell, a brain cancer cell, an ovarian cancer cell, a lymphatic cancer cell, a skin cancer cell, a brain cancer cell, a bone cancer cell, or a soft tissue cancer cell.

[0051] Combination treatment therapy is also contemplated by the present disclosure. For example, regarding methods of treating cancer in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the present disclosure, the method may further comprise a treatment selected from the group consisting of administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of a second drug, radiotherapy, gene therapy, and surgery. Such methods may further comprise (1) contacting a tumor cell with the compound prior to contacting the tumor cell with the second drug, (2) contacting a tumor cell with the second drug prior to contacting the tumor cell with the compound, or (3) contacting a tumor cell with the compound and the second drug at the same time. The second drug may, in certain embodiments, be an antibiotic, anti-inflammatory, anti-neoplastic, anti-proliferative, anti-viral, immunomodulatory, or immunosuppressive. The second drug may be an alkylating agent, androgen receptor modulator, cytoskeletal disruptor, estrogen receptor modulator, histone-deacetylase inhibitor, HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor, prenyl-protein transferase inhibitor, retinoid receptor modulator, topoisomerase inhibitor, or tyrosine kinase inhibitor. In certain embodiments, the second drug is 5-azacitidine, 5-fluorouracil, 9-cis-retinoic acid, actinomycin D, altretinoin, all-trans-retinoic acid, annamycin, axitinib, belinostat, bevacizumab, bexarotene, bosutinib, busulfan, capecitabine, carboplatin, carmustine, CD437, cediranib, cetuximab, chlorambucil, cisplatin, cyclophosphamide, cytarabine, dacarbazine, dasatinib, daunorubicin, decitabine, docetaxel, dolastatin-10, doxifluridine, doxorubicin, doxorubicin, epirubicin, erlotinib, etoposide, gefitinib, gemcitabine, gemtuzumab ozogamicin, hexamethylmelamine, idarubicin, ifosfamide, imatinib, irinotecan, isotretinoin, ixabepilone, lapatinib, LBH589, lomustine, mechlorethamine, melphalan, mercaptopurine, methotrexate, mitomycin, mitoxantrone, MS-275, neratinib, nilotinib, nitrosourea, oxaliplatin, paclitaxel, plicamycin, procarbazine, semaxanib, semustine, sodium butyrate, sodium phenylacetate, streptozotocin, suberoylanilide hydroxamic acid, sunitinib, tamoxifen, teniposide, thiopeta, tioguanine, topotecan, TRAIL, trastuzumab, tretinoin, trichostatin A, valproic acid, valrubicin, vandetanib, vinblastine, vincristine, vindesine, or vinorelbine.

[0052] Compounds of the invention for use in methods of treating or preventing a disease with an inflammatory component in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the present disclosure are also contemplated. The disease may be, for example, lupus or rheumatoid arthritis. The disease may be an inflammatory bowel disease, such as Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis. The disease with an inflammatory component may be a cardiovascular disease. The disease with an inflammatory component may be diabetes, such as type 1 or type 2 diabetes. Compounds of the present disclosure may also be used to treat complications associated with diabetes. Such complications are well-known in the art.

and include, for example, obesity, hypertension, atherosclerosis, coronary heart disease, stroke, peripheral vascular disease, hypertension, nephropathy, neuropathy, myonecrosis, retinopathy and metabolic syndrome (syndrome X). The disease with an inflammatory component may be a skin disease, such as psoriasis, acne, or atopic dermatitis. Administration of a compound of the present disclosure in treatment methods of such skin diseases may be, for example, topical or oral.

[0053] The disease with an inflammatory component may be metabolic syndrome (syndrome X). A patient having this syndrome is characterized as having three or more symptoms selected from the following group of five symptoms: (1) abdominal obesity; (2) hypertriglyceridemia; (3) low high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL); (4) high blood pressure; and (5) elevated fasting glucose, which may be in the range characteristic of Type 2 diabetes if the patient is also diabetic. Each of these symptoms is defined in the Third Report of the National Cholesterol Education Program Expert Panel on Detection, Evaluation and Treatment of High Blood Cholesterol in Adults (Adult Treatment Panel III, or ATP III), National Institutes of Health, 2001, NIH Publication No. 01-3670.

[0054] Patients with metabolic syndrome, whether or not they have or develop overt diabetes mellitus, have an increased risk of developing the macrovascular and microvascular complications that are listed above that occur with type 2 diabetes, such as atherosclerosis and coronary heart disease.

[0055] Compounds of the invention may also be used in a method of treating or preventing a cardiovascular disease in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the invention. The cardiovascular disease may be, for example, atherosclerosis, cardiomyopathy, congenital heart disease, congestive heart failure, myocarditis, rheumatic heart disease, valve disease, coronary artery disease, endocarditis, or myocardial infarction. Combination therapy is also contemplated for such methods. For example, such methods may further comprise administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of a second drug. The second drug may be, for example, a cholesterol lowering drug, an anti-hyperlipidemic, a calcium channel blocker, an anti-hypertensive, or an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor. Non-limiting examples of second drugs include amlodipine, aspirin, ezetimibe, felodipine, lacidipine, lercanidipine, nicardipine, nifedipine, nimodipine, nisoldipine or nitrendipine. Other non-limiting examples of second drugs include atenolol, bucindolol, carvedilol, clonidine, doxazosin, indoramin, labetalol, methyldopa, metoprolol, nadolol, oxprenolol, phenoxybenzamine, phentolamine, pindolol, prazosin, propranolol, terazosin, timolol or tolazoline. The second drug may be, for example, a statin, such as atorvastatin, cerivastatin, fluvastatin, lovastatin, mevastatin, pitavastatin, pravastatin, rosuvastatin or simvastatin.

[0056] Compounds of the invention may also be used in methods of treating or preventing a neurodegenerative disease in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the invention. The neurodegenerative disease may, for example, be selected from the group consisting of Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis (MS), Huntington's disease and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. In particular embodiments, the neurodegenerative disease is Alzheimer's disease. In particular embodiments, the neurodegenerative disease is MS, such as primary progressive, relapsing-remitting secondary progressive or progressive relapsing MS. The subject may be, for example, a primate. The subject may be a human.

[0057] In particular embodiments of methods of treating or preventing a neurodegenerative disease in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the invention, the treatment suppresses the demyelination of neurons in the subject's brain or spinal cord. In certain embodiments, the treatment suppresses inflammatory demyelination. In certain embodiments, the treatment suppresses the transection of neuron axons in the subject's brain or spinal cord. In certain embodiments, the treatment suppresses the transection of neurites in the subject's brain or spinal cord. In certain embodiments, the treatment suppresses neuronal apoptosis in the subject's brain or spinal cord. In certain embodiments, the treatment stimulates the remyelination of neuron axons in the subject's brain or spinal cord. In certain embodiments, the treatment restores lost function after an MS attack. In certain embodiments, the treatment prevents a new MS attack. In certain embodiments, the treatment prevents a disability resulting from an MS attack.

[0058] One general aspect of the present disclosure contemplates a compound for use in a method of treating or preventing a disorder characterized by overexpression of iNOS genes in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the present invention.

[0059] Another general aspect of the present disclosure contemplates a compound for use in a method of inhibiting IFN- γ -induced nitric oxide production in cells of a subject, comprising administering to said subject a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the present invention.

[0060] Compounds of the invention may also be used in a method of treating or preventing a disorder characterized by overexpression of COX-2 genes in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutically effective amount of

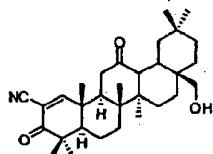
compound of the invention.

[0061] Compounds of the invention may also be used in a method of treating renal/kidney disease (RKD) in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the invention. See U.S. Patent Application 12/352,473. The RKD may result from, for example, a toxic insult. The toxic insult may result from, for example, an imaging agent or a drug. The drug may be a chemotherapeutic, for example. The RKD may result from ischemia/reperfusion injury, in certain embodiments. In certain embodiments, the RKD results from diabetes or hypertension. The RKD may result from an autoimmune disease. The RKD may be further defined as chronic RKD, or acute RKD.

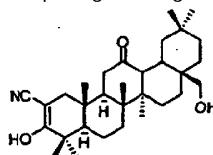
[0062] In certain methods of treating renal/kidney disease (RKD) in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the present disclosure, the subject has undergone or is undergoing dialysis. In certain embodiments, the subject has undergone or is a candidate to undergo kidney transplant. The subject may be a primate. The primate may be a human. The subject in this or any other method may be, for example, a cow, horse, dog, cat, pig, mouse, rat or guinea pig.

[0063] Also contemplated by the present disclosure is a compound for use in method for improving glomerular filtration rate or creatinine clearance in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the present invention.

[0064] Methods of synthesizing compounds of the present invention are also contemplated. In particular embodiments, such methods can comprise a method of making a target compound defined of the formula:



comprising reacting a compound of the formula:



with an oxidizing agent under a set of conditions to form the target compound.

[0065] Kits are also contemplated by the present disclosure, such as a kit comprising: a compound of the present invention; and instructions which comprise one or more forms of information selected from the group consisting of indicating a disease state for which the compound is to be administered, storage information for the compound, dosing information and instructions regarding how to administer the compound. The kit may comprise a compound of the present disclosure in a multiple dose form.

[0066] Other objects, features and advantages of the present disclosure will become apparent from the following detailed description. It should be understood, however, that the detailed description and the specific examples, while indicating specific embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only. Note that simply because a particular compound is ascribed to one particular generic formula doesn't mean that it cannot also belong to another generic formula.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0067] The following drawings form part of the present specification and are included to further demonstrate certain aspects of the present disclosure. The invention may be better understood by reference to one of these drawings in combination with the detailed description of specific embodiments presented herein.

FIGS. 1 - 4, 6 and 8. Inhibition of NO Production. RAW264.7 macrophages were pre-treated with DMSO or drugs at various concentrations (nM) for 2 hours, then treated with 20 ng/ml IFN γ for 24 hours. NO concentration in media was determined using a Griess reagent system; cell viability was determined using WST-1 reagent.

FIG. 5. Suppression of IL-6 Induced STAT3 Phosphorylation. HeLa cells were treated with DMSO or the indicated compounds at 2 μ M for 6 hours and subsequently stimulated with 20 ng/ml IL-6 for 15 minutes. Phosphorylated STAT3 and total STAT3 levels were assayed by immunoblotting. Compounds 402, 402-02, 402-55, 402-56 and 402-57 are comparison

compounds (see Example 1).

FIG. 7. CDDO-TFEA (TP-500) Is Detected at Higher Levels in Mouse Brain than CDDO-EA (TP-319). CD-1 mice were fed either 200 or 400 mg/kg diet of either TP-319 or TP-500 for 3.5 days, and TP levels in the brains of the mice were analyzed by LC/MS. The structures of TP-319 and TP-500 are shown herein.

DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATIVE EMBODIMENTS

[0068] Disclosed herein are, for example, new compounds with antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties, methods for their manufacture, and methods for their use, including for the treatment and/or prevention of disease.

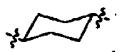
I. Definitions

[0069] As used herein, "hydrogen" means -H; "hydroxy" means -OH; "oxo" means =O; "halo" means independently -F, -Cl, -Br or -I; "amino" means -NH₂ (see below for definitions of groups containing the term amino, e.g., alkylamino); "hydroxyamino" means -NHOH; "nitro" means -NO₂; "imino" means =NH (see below for definitions of groups containing the term imino, e.g., alkylamino); "cyano" means -CN; "azido" means -N₃; "phosphate" means -OP(O)(OH)₂; "mercapto" means -SH; "thio" means =S; "sulfonamido" means -NHS(O)₂- (see below for definitions of groups containing the term sulfonamido, e.g., alkylsulfonamido); "sulfonyl" means -S(O)₂- (see below for definitions of groups containing the term sulfonyl, e.g., alkylsulfonyl); "sulfinyl" means -S(O)- (see below for definitions of groups containing the term sulfinyl, e.g., alkylsulfinyl); and "silyl" means -SiH₃ (see below for definitions of group(s) containing the term silyl, e.g., alkylsilyl).

[0070] For the groups below, the following parenthetical subscripts further define the groups as follows: "(C_n)" defines the exact number (n) of carbon atoms in the group. "(C≤n)" defines the maximum number (n) of carbon atoms that can be in the group, with the minimum number of carbon atoms in such at least one, but otherwise as small as possible for the group in question. *E.g.*, it is understood that the minimum number of carbon atoms in the group "alkenyl(C≤8)" is 2. For example, "alkoxy(C≤10)" designates those alkoxy groups having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms (e.g., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10, or any range derivable therein (e.g., 3-10 carbon atoms)). (C_n-n') defines both the minimum (n) and maximum number (n') of carbon atoms in the group. Similarly, "alkyl(C₂-10)" designates those alkyl groups having from 2 to 10 carbon atoms (e.g., 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10, or any range derivable therein (e.g., 3-10 carbon atoms)).

[0071] The term "alkyl" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to a non-aromatic monovalent group with a saturated carbon atom as the point of attachment, a linear or branched, cyclo, cyclic or acyclic structure, no carbon-carbon double or triple bonds, and no atoms other than carbon and hydrogen. The groups, -CH₃ (Me), -CH₂CH₃ (Et), -CH₂CH₂CH₃ (*n*-Pr), -CH(CH₃)₂ (*iso*-Pr), -CH(CH₂)₂ (cyclopropyl), -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃ (*n*-Bu), -CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃ (*sec*-butyl), -CH₂CH(CH₃)₂ (*iso*-butyl), -C(CH₃)₃ (*tert*-butyl), -CH₂C(CH₃)₃ (*neo*-pentyl), cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, and cyclohexylmethyl are non-limiting examples of alkyl groups. The term "substituted alkyl" refers to a non-aromatic monovalent group with a saturated carbon atom as the point of attachment, a linear or branched, cyclo, cyclic or acyclic structure, no carbon-carbon double or triple bonds, and at least one atom independently selected from the group consisting of N, O, F, Cl, Br, I, Si, P, and S. The following groups are non-limiting examples of substituted alkyl groups: -CH₂OH, -CH₂Cl, -CH₂Br, -CH₂SH, -CF₃, -CH₂CN, -CH₂C(O)H, -CH₂C(O)OH, -CH₂C(O)OCH₃, -CH₂C(O)NH₂, -CH₂C(O)NHCH₃, -CH₂C(O)CH₃, -CH₂OCH₃, -CH₂OCH₂CF₃, -CH₂OC(O)CH₃, -CH₂NH₂, -CH₂NHCH₃, -CH₂N(CH₃)₂, -CH₂CH₂Cl, -CH₂CH₂OH, -CH₂CF₃, -CH₂CH₂OC(O)CH₃, -CH₂CH₂NHCO₂C(CH₃)₃, and -CH₂Si(CH₃)₃.

[0072] The term "alkanediyil" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to a non-aromatic divalent group, wherein the alkanediyil group is attached with two σ-bonds, with one or two saturated carbon atom(s) as the point(s) of attachment, a linear or branched, cyclo, cyclic or acyclic structure, no carbon-carbon double or triple bonds, and no atoms other than carbon and hydrogen. The groups, -CH₂- (methylene), -CH₂CH₂- , -CH₂C(CH₃)₂CH₂- , -CH₂CH₂CH₂- , and

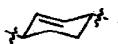


are non-limiting examples of alkanediyil groups. The term "substituted alkanediyil" refers to a non-aromatic monovalent group, wherein the alkanediyil group is attached with two σ-bonds, with one or two saturated carbon atom(s) as the point(s) of attachment, a linear or branched, cyclo, cyclic or acyclic structure, no carbon-carbon double or triple bonds, and at least one

atom independently selected from the group consisting of N, O, F, Cl, Br, I, Si, P, and S. The following groups are non-limiting examples of substituted alkanediyl groups: -CH(F)-, -CF₂-, -CH(Cl)-, -CH(OH)-, -CH(OCH₃)-, and -CH₂CH(Cl)-.

[0073] The term "alkenyl" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to a monovalent group with a nonaromatic carbon atom as the point of attachment, a linear or branched, cyclo, cyclic or acyclic structure, at least one nonaromatic carbon-carbon double bond, no carbon-carbon triple bonds, and no atoms other than carbon and hydrogen. Non-limiting examples of alkenyl groups include: -CH=CH₂ (vinyl), -CH=CHCH₃, -CH=CHCH₂CH₃, -CH₂CH=CH₂ (allyl), -CH₂CH=CHCH₃, and -CH=CH-C₆H₅. The term "substituted alkenyl" refers to a monovalent group with a nonaromatic carbon atom as the point of attachment, at least one nonaromatic carbon-carbon double bond, no carbon-carbon triple bonds, a linear or branched, cyclo, cyclic or acyclic structure, and at least one atom independently selected from the group consisting of N, O, F, Cl, Br, I, Si, P, and S. The groups, -CH=CHF, -CH=CHCl and -CH=CHBr, are non-limiting examples of substituted alkenyl groups.

[0074] The term "alkenediyl" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to a non-aromatic divalent group, wherein the alkenediyl group is attached with two σ -bonds, with two carbon atoms as points of attachment, a linear or branched, cyclo, cyclic or acyclic structure, at least one nonaromatic carbon-carbon double bond, no carbon-carbon triple bonds, and no atoms other than carbon and hydrogen. The groups, -CH=CH-, -CH=C(CH₃)CH₂-, -CH=CHCH₂-, and



are non-limiting examples of alkenediyl groups. The term "substituted alkenediyl" refers to a non-aromatic divalent group, wherein the alkenediyl group is attached with two σ -bonds, with two carbon atoms as points of attachment, a linear or branched, cyclo, cyclic or acyclic structure, at least one nonaromatic carbon-carbon double bond, no carbon-carbon triple bonds, and at least one atom independently selected from the group consisting of N, O, F, Cl, Br, I, Si, P, and S. The following groups are non-limiting examples of substituted alkenediyl groups: -CF=CH-, -C(OH)=CH-, and -CH₂CH=C(Cl)-.

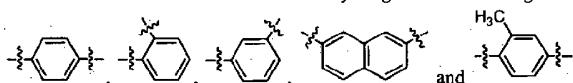
[0075] The term "alkynyl" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to a monovalent group with a nonaromatic carbon atom as the point of attachment, a linear or branched, cyclo, cyclic or acyclic structure, at least one carbon-carbon triple bond, and no atoms other than carbon and hydrogen. The groups, -C≡CH, -C≡CCH₃, -C≡CC₆H₅ and -CH₂C≡CCH₃, are non-limiting examples of alkynyl groups. The term "substituted alkynyl" refers to a monovalent group with a nonaromatic carbon atom as the point of attachment and at least one carbon-carbon triple bond, a linear or branched, cyclo, cyclic or acyclic structure, and at least one atom independently selected from the group consisting of N, O, F, Cl, Br, I, Si, P, and S. The group, -C≡CSI(CH₃)₃, is a non-limiting example of a substituted alkynyl, group.

[0076] The term "alkynediyl" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to a non-aromatic divalent group, wherein the alkynediyl group is attached with two σ -bonds, with two carbon atoms as points of attachment, a linear or branched, cyclo, cyclic or acyclic structure, at least one carbon-carbon triple bond, and no atoms other than carbon and hydrogen. The groups, -C≡C-, -C≡CCH₂-, and -C≡CCH(CH₃)- are non-limiting examples of alkynediyl groups. The term "substituted alkynediyl" refers to a non-aromatic divalent group, wherein the alkynediyl group is attached with two σ -bonds, with two carbon atoms as points of attachment, a linear or branched, cyclo, cyclic or acyclic structure, at least one carbon-carbon triple bond, and at least one atom independently selected from the group consisting of N, O, F, Cl, Br, I, Si, P, and S. The groups -C≡CCFH- and -C≡CHCH(Cl)- are non-limiting examples of substituted alkynediyl groups.

[0077] The term "aryl" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to a monovalent group with an aromatic carbon atom as the point of attachment, said carbon atom forming part of a six-membered aromatic ring structure wherein the ring atoms are all carbon, and wherein the monovalent group consists of no atoms other than carbon and hydrogen. Non-limiting examples of aryl groups include phenyl (Ph), methylphenyl, (dimethyl)phenyl, -C₆H₄CH₂CH₃ (ethylphenyl), -C₆H₄CH₂CH₂CH₃ (propylphenyl), -C₆H₄CH(CH₃)₂, -C₆H₄CH(CH₂)₂, -C₆H₃(CH₃)CH₂CH₃ (methylethylphenyl), -C₆H₄CH=CH₂ (vinylphenyl), -C₆H₄CH=CHCH₃, -C₆H₄C≡CH, -C₆H₄C≡CCH₃, naphthyl, and the monovalent group derived from biphenyl. The term "substituted aryl" refers to a monovalent group with an aromatic carbon atom as the point of attachment, said carbon atom forming part of a six-membered aromatic ring structure wherein the ring atoms are all carbon, and wherein the monovalent group further has at least one atom independently selected from the group consisting of N, O, F, Cl, Br, I, Si, P, and S. Non-limiting examples of substituted aryl groups include the groups: -C₆H₄F, -C₆H₄Cl, -C₆H₄Br, -C₆H₄I, -C₆H₄OH, -C₆H₄OCH₃, -C₆H₄OCH₂CH₃, -C₆H₄OC(O)CH₃, -C₆H₄NH₂, -C₆H₄NHCH₃, -C₆H₄N(CH₃)₂, -C₆H₄CH₂OH, -C₆H₄CH₂OC(O)CH₃, -C₆H₄CH₂NH₂, -C₆H₄CF₃, -C₆H₄CN, -C₆H₄CHO, -C₆H₄CO(O)CH₃, -C₆H₄C(O)C₆H₅, -C₆H₄CO₂H, -C₆H₄CO₂CH₃, -C₆H₄CONH₂, -C₆H₄CONHCH₃, and -C₆H₄CON(CH₃)₂.

[0078] The term "arenediyl" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to a divalent group, wherein the arenediyl group is attached with two σ -bonds, with two aromatic carbon atoms as points of attachment, said carbon atoms forming part of one or

more six-membered aromatic ring structure(s) wherein the ring atoms are all carbon, and wherein the monovalent group consists of no atoms other than carbon and hydrogen. Non-limiting examples of arenediyl groups include:

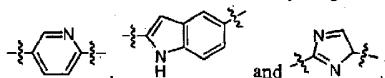


[0079] The term "substituted arenediyl" refers to a divalent group, wherein the arenediyl group is attached with two σ -bonds, with two aromatic carbon atoms as points of attachment, said carbon atoms forming part of one or more six-membered aromatic rings structure(s), wherein the ring atoms are all carbon, and wherein the divalent group further has at least one atom independently selected from the group consisting of N, O, F, Cl, Br, I, Si, P, and S.

[0080] The term "aralkyl" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to the monovalent group -alkanediy-aryl, in which the terms alkanediy and aryl are each used in a manner consistent with the definitions provided above. Non-limiting examples of aralkyls are: phenylmethyl (benzyl, Bn), 1-phenyl-ethyl, 2-phenyl-ethyl, indenyl and 2,3-dihydro-indenyl, provided that indenyl and 2,3-dihydro-indenyl are only examples of aralkyl in so far as the point of attachment in each case is one of the saturated carbon atoms. When the term "aralkyl" is used with the "substituted" modifier, either one or both the alkanediy and the aryl is substituted. Non-limiting examples of substituted aralkyls are: (3-chlorophenyl)-methyl, 2-oxo-2-phenyl-ethyl (phenylcarbonylmethyl), 2-chloro-2-phenyl-ethyl, chromanyl where the point of attachment is one of the saturated carbon atoms, and tetrahydroquinolinyl where the point of attachment is one of the saturated atoms.

[0081] The term "heteroaryl" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to a monovalent group with an aromatic carbon atom or nitrogen atom as the point of attachment, said carbon atom or nitrogen atom forming part of an aromatic ring structure wherein at least one of the ring atoms is nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur, and wherein the monovalent group consists of no atoms other than carbon, hydrogen, aromatic nitrogen, aromatic oxygen and aromatic sulfur. Non-limiting examples of aryl groups include acridinyl, furanyl, imidazoimidazolyl, imidazopyrazolyl, imidazopyridinyl, imidazopyrimidinyl, indolyl, indazolinyl, methylpyridyl, oxazolyl, phenylimidazolyl, pyridyl, pyrrolyl, pyrimidyl, pyrazinyl, quinolyl, quinazolyl, quinoxalinyl, tetrahydroquinolinyl, thienyl, triazinyl, pyrrolopyridinyl, pyrrolopyrimidinyl, pyrrolopyrazinyl, pyrrolotriazinyl, pyrroloimidazolyl, chromenyl (where the point of attachment is one of the aromatic atoms), and chromanyl (where the point of attachment is one of the aromatic atoms). The term "substituted heteroaryl" refers to a monovalent group with an aromatic carbon atom or nitrogen atom as the point of attachment, said carbon atom or nitrogen atom forming part of an aromatic ring structure wherein at least one of the ring atoms is nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur, and wherein the monovalent group further has at least one atom independently selected from the group consisting of non-aromatic nitrogen, non-aromatic oxygen, non aromatic sulfur F, Cl, Br, I, Si, and P.

[0082] The term "heteroarenediyl" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to a divalent group, wherein the heteroarenediyl group is attached with two σ -bonds, with an aromatic carbon atom or nitrogen atom as the point of attachment, said carbon atom or nitrogen atom two aromatic atoms as points of attachment, said carbon atoms forming part of one or more six-membered aromatic ring structure(s) wherein the ring atoms are all carbon, and wherein the monovalent group consists of no atoms other than carbon and hydrogen. Non-limiting examples of heteroarenediyl groups include:



[0083] The term "substituted heteroarenediyl" refers to a divalent group, wherein the heteroarenediyl group is attached with two σ -bonds, with two aromatic carbon atoms as points of attachment, said carbon atoms forming part of one or more six-membered aromatic rings structure(s), wherein the ring atoms are all carbon, and wherein the divalent group further has at least one atom independently selected from the group consisting of N, O, F, Cl, Br, I, Si, P, and S.

[0084] The term "heteroaralkyl" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to the monovalent group -alkanediy-heteroaryl, in which the terms alkanediy and heteroaryl are each used in a manner consistent with the definitions provided above. Non-limiting examples of aralkyls are: pyridylmethyl, and thienylmethyl. When the term "heteroaralkyl" is used with the "substituted" modifier, either one or both the alkanediy and the heteroaryl is substituted.

[0085] The term "acyl" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to a monovalent group with a carbon atom of a carbonyl group as the point of attachment, further having a linear or branched, cyclo, cyclic or acyclic structure, further having no additional atoms that are not carbon or hydrogen, beyond the oxygen atom of the carbonyl group. The groups, -CHO, -C(O)CH₃ (acetyl, Ac), -C(O)CH₂CH₃, -C(O)CH₂CH₂CH₃, -C(O)CH(CH₃)₂, -C(O)CH(CH₂)₂, -C(O)C₆H₅, -C(O)C₆H₄CH₃, -C(O)C₆H₄CH₂CH₃,

-COC₆H₅(CH₃)₂, and -C(O)CH₂C₆H₅, are non-limiting examples of acyl groups. The term "acyl" therefore encompasses, but is not limited to groups sometimes referred to as "alkyl carbonyl" and "aryl carbonyl" groups. The term "substituted acyl" refers to a monovalent group with a carbon atom of a carbonyl group as the point of attachment, further having a linear or branched, cyclo, cyclic or acyclic structure, further having at least one atom, in addition to the oxygen of the carbonyl group, independently selected from the group consisting of N, O, F, Cl, Br, I, Si, P, and S. The groups, -C(O)CH₂CF₃, -CO₂H (carboxyl), -CO₂CH₃ (methylcarboxyl), -CO₂CH₂CH₃, -CO₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, -CO₂C₆H₅, -CO₂CH(CH₃)₂, -CO₂CH(CH₂)₂, -C(O)NH₂ (carbamoyl), -C(O)NHCH₃, -C(O)NHCH₂CH₃, -CONHCH(CH₃)₂, -CONHCH(CH₂)₂, -CON(CH₃)₂, -CONHCH₂CF₃, -CO-pyridyl, -CO-imidazoyl, and -C(O)N₃, are non-limiting examples of substituted acyl groups. The term "substituted acyl" encompasses, but is not limited to, "heteroaryl carbonyl" groups.

[0086] The term "alkylidene" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to the divalent group =CRR', wherein the alkylidene group is attached with one σ -bond and one π -bond, in which R and R' are independently hydrogen, alkyl, or R and R' are taken together to represent alkanediyl. Non-limiting examples of alkylidene groups include: =CH₂, =CH(CH₂CH₃), and =C(CH₃)₂. The term "substituted alkylidene" refers to the group =CRR', wherein the alkylidene group is attached with one σ -bond and one π -bond, in which R and R' are independently hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, or R and R' are taken together to represent a substituted alkanediyl, provided that either one of R and R' is a substituted alkyl or R and R' are taken together to represent a substituted alkanediyl.

[0087] The term "alkoxy" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to the group -OR, in which R is an alkyl, as that term is defined above. Non-limiting examples of alkoxy groups include: -OCH₃, -OCH₂CH₃, -OCH₂CH₂CH₃, -OCH(CH₃)₂, -OCH(CH₂)₂, -O-cyclopentyl, and -O-cyclohexyl. The term "substituted alkoxy" refers to the group -OR, in which R is a substituted alkyl, as that term is defined above. For example, -OCH₂CF₃ is a substituted alkoxy group.

[0088] Similarly, the terms "alkenyloxy", "alkynyoxy", "aryloxy", "aralkoxy", "heteroaryloxy", "heteroaralkoxy" and "acyloxy", when used without the "substituted" modifier, refers to groups, defined as -OR, in which R is alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl and acyl, respectively, as those terms are defined above. When any of the terms alkenyloxy, alkynyoxy, aryloxy, aralkyoxy and acyloxy is modified by "substituted," it refers to the group -OR, in which R is substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl and acyl, respectively.

[0089] The term "alkylamino" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to the group -NHR, in which R is an alkyl, as that term is defined above. Non-limiting examples of alkylamino groups include: -NHCH₃, -NHCH₂CH₃, -NHCH₂CH₂CH₃, -NHCH(CH₃)₂, -NHCH(CH₂)₂, -NHCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, -NHCH(CH)CH₂CH₃, -NHCH₂CH(CH₃)₂, -NHC(CH₃)₃, -NH-cyclopentyl, and -NH-cyclohexyl. The term "substituted alkylamino" refers to the group -NHR, in which R is a substituted alkyl, as that term is defined above. For example, -NHCH₂CF₃ is a substituted alkylamino group.

[0090] The term "dialkylamino" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to the group -NRR', in which R and R' can be the same or different alkyl groups, or R and R' can be taken together to represent an alkanediyl having two or more saturated carbon atoms, at least two of which are attached to the nitrogen atom. Non-limiting examples of dialkylamino groups include: -NHC(CH₃)₃, -N(CH₃)CH₂CH₃, -N(CH₂CH₃)₂, N-pyrrolidinyl, and N-piperidinyl. The term "substituted dialkylamino" refers to the group -NRR', in which R and R' can be the same or different substituted alkyl groups, one of R or R' is an alkyl and the other is a substituted alkyl, or R and R' can be taken together to represent a substituted alkanediyl with two or more saturated carbon atoms, at least two of which are attached to the nitrogen atom.

[0091] The terms "alkoxyamino", "alkenylamino", "alkynylamino", "arylamino", "aralkylamino", "heteroarylamino", "heteroaralkylamino", and "alkylsulfonylamino" when used without the "substituted" modifier, refers to groups, defined as -NHR, in which R is alkoxy, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl and alkylsulfonyl, respectively, as those terms are defined above. A non-limiting example of an arylamino group is -NHC₆H₅. When any of the terms alkoxyamino, alkenylamino, alkynylamino, arylamino, aralkylamino, heteroarylamino, heteroaralkylamino and alkylsulfonylamino is modified by "substituted," it refers to the group -NHR, in which R is substituted alkoxy, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl and alkylsulfonyl, respectively.

[0092] The term "amido" (acylamino), when used without the "substituted" modifier, refers to the group -NHR, in which R is acyl, as that term is defined above. A non-limiting example of an acylamino group is -NHC(O)CH₃. When the term amido is used with the "substituted" modifier, it refers to groups, defined as -NHR, in which R is substituted acyl, as that term is defined above. The groups -NHC(O)OCH₃ and -NHC(O)NHCH₃ are non-limiting examples of substituted amido groups.

[0093] The term "alkylimino" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to the group =NR, wherein the alkylimino group is attached with one σ -bond and one π -bond, in which R is an alkyl, as that term is defined above. Non-limiting examples of alkylimino groups include: =NCH₃, =NCH₂CH₃ and =N-cyclohexyl. The term "substituted alkylimino" refers to the group =NR, wherein the alkylimino group is attached with one σ -bond and one π -bond, in which R is a substituted alkyl, as that term is defined above. For example, =NCH₂CF₃ is a substituted alkylimino group.

[0094] Similarly, the terms "alkenylimino", "alkynylimino", "arylimino", "aralkylimino", "heteroarylimino", "heteroaralkylimino" and "acylimino", when used without the "substituted" modifier, refers to groups, defined as =NR, wherein the alkylimino group is attached with one σ -bond and one π -bond, in which R is alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl and acyl, respectively, as those terms are defined above. When any of the terms alkenylimino, alkynylimino, arylimino, aralkylimino and acylimino is modified by "substituted," it refers to the group =NR, wherein the alkylimino group is attached with one σ -bond and one π -bond, in which R is substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl and acyl, respectively.

[0095] The term "fluoroalkyl" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to an alkyl, as that term is defined above, in which one or more fluorines have been substituted for hydrogens. The groups, -CH₂F, -CF₃, and -CH₂CF₃ are non-limiting examples of fluoroalkyl groups. The term "substituted fluoroalkyl" refers to a non-aromatic monovalent group with a saturated carbon atom as the point of attachment, a linear or branched, cyclo, cyclic or acyclic structure, at least one fluorine atom, no carbon-carbon double or triple bonds, and at least one atom independently selected from the group consisting of N, O, Cl, Br, I, Si, P, and S. The following group is a non-limiting example of a substituted fluoroalkyl: -CFHOH.

[0096] The term "alkylphosphate" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to the group -OP(O)(OH)(OR), in which R is an alkyl, as that term is defined above. Non-limiting examples of alkylphosphate groups include: -OP(O)(OH)(OMe) and -OP(O)(OH)(OEt). The term "substituted alkylphosphate" refers to the group -OP(O)(OH)(OR), in which R is a substituted alkyl, as that term is defined above.

[0097] The term "dialkylphosphate" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to the group -OP(O)(OR)(OR'), in which R and R' can be the same or different alkyl groups; or R and R' can be taken together to represent an alkanediyl having two or more saturated carbon atoms, at least two of which are attached via the oxygen atoms to the phosphorus atom. Non-limiting examples of dialkylphosphate groups include: -OP(O)(OMe)₂, -OP(O)(OEt)(OMe) and -OP(O)(OEt)₂. The term "substituted dialkylphosphate" refers to the group -OP(O)(OR)(OR'), in which R and R' can be the same or different substituted alkyl groups, one of R or R' is an alkyl and the other is a substituted alkyl, or R and R' can be taken together to represent a substituted alkanediyl with two or more saturated carbon atoms, at least two of which are attached via the oxygen atoms to the phosphorous.

[0098] The term "alkylthio" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to the group -SR, in which R is an alkyl, as that term is defined above. Non-limiting examples of alkylthio groups include: -SCH₃, -SCH₂CH₃, -SCH₂CH₂CH₃, -SCH(CH₃)₂, -SCH(CH₂)₂, -S-cyclopentyl, and -S-cyclohexyl. The term "substituted alkylthio" refers to the group -SR, in which R is a substituted alkyl, as that term is defined above. For example, -SCH₂CF₃ is a substituted alkylthio group.

[0099] Similarly, the terms "alkenylthio", "alkynylthio", "arylthio", "aralkylthio", "heteroarylthio", "heteroaralkylthio", and "acylthio", when used without the "substituted" modifier, refers to groups, defined as -SR, in which R is alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl and acyl, respectively, as those terms are defined above. When any of the terms alkenylthio, alkynylthio, arylthio, aralkylthio, heteroarylthio, heteroaralkylthio, and acylthio is modified by "substituted," it refers to the group -SR, in which R is substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl and acyl, respectively.

[0100] The term "thioacyl" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to a monovalent group with a carbon atom of a thiocarbonyl group as the point of attachment, further having a linear or branched, cyclo, cyclic or acyclic structure, further having no additional atoms that are not carbon or hydrogen, beyond the sulfur atom of the carbonyl group. The groups, -CHS, -C(S)CH₃, -C(S)CH₂CH₃, -C(S)CH₂CH₂CH₃, -C(S)CH(CH₃)₂, -C(S)CH(CH₂)₂, -C(S)C₆H₅, -C(S)C₆H₄CH₃, -C(S)C₆H₄CH₂CH₃, -C(S)C₆H₃(CH₃)₂, and -C(S)CH₂C₆H₅, are non-limiting examples of thioacyl groups. The term "thioacyl" therefore encompasses, but is not limited to, groups sometimes referred to as "alkyl thiocarbonyl" and "aryl thiocarbonyl" groups. The term "substituted thioacyl" refers to a radical with a carbon atom as the point of attachment, the carbon atom being part of a thiocarbonyl group, further having a linear or branched, cyclo, cyclic or acyclic structure, further having at least one atom, in addition to the sulfur atom of the carbonyl group, independently selected from the group consisting of N, O, F, Cl, Br, I, Si, P, and S. The groups, -C(S)CH₂CF₃, -C(S)O₂H, -C(S)OCH₃, -C(S)OCH₂CH₃, -C(S)OCH₂CH₂CH₃, -C(S)OC₆H₅, -C(S)OCH(CH₃)₂, -C(S)OCH(CH₂)₂, -C(S)NH₂, and -C(S)NHCH₃, are non-limiting examples of substituted thioacyl groups. The term "substituted thioacyl"

encompasses, but is not limited to, "heteroaryl thiocarbonyl" groups.

[0101] The term "alkylsulfonyl" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to the group $-S(O)_2R$, in which R is an alkyl, as that term is defined above. Non-limiting examples of alkylsulfonyl groups include: $-S(O)_2CH_3$, $-S(O)_2CH_2CH_3$, $-S(O)_2CH_2CH_2CH_3$, $-S(O)_2CH(CH_3)_2$, $-S(O)_2CH(CH_2)_2$, $-S(O)_2$ -cyclopentyl, and $-S(O)_2$ -cyclohexyl. The term "substituted alkylsulfonyl" refers to the group $-S(O)_2R$, in which R is a substituted alkyl, as that term is defined above. For example, $-S(O)_2CH_2CF_3$ is a substituted alkylsulfonyl group.

[0102] Similarly, the terms "alkenylsulfonyl", "alkynylsulfonyl", "arylsulfonyl", "aralkylsulfonyl", "heteroarylsulfonyl", and "heteroaralkylsulfonyl" when used without the "substituted" modifier, refers to groups, defined as $-S(O)_2R$, in which R is alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl, and heteroaralkyl, respectively, as those terms are defined above. When any of the terms alkenylsulfonyl, alkynylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, aralkylsulfonyl, heteroarylsulfonyl, and heteroaralkylsulfonyl is modified by "substituted," it refers to the group $-S(O)_2R$, in which R is substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl and heteroaralkyl, respectively.

[0103] The term "alkylsulfinyl" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to the group $-S(O)R$, in which R is an alkyl, as that term is defined above. Non-limiting examples of alkylsulfinyl groups include: $-S(O)CH_3$, $-S(O)CH_2CH_3$, $-S(O)CH_2CH_2CH_3$, $-S(O)CH(CH_3)_2$, $-S(O)CH(CH_2)_2$, $-S(O)$ -cyclopentyl, and $-S(O)$ -cyclohexyl. The term "substituted alkylsulfinyl" refers to the group $-S(O)R$, in which R is a substituted alkyl, as that term is defined above. For example, $-S(O)CH_2CF_3$ is a substituted alkylsulfinyl group.

[0104] Similarly, the terms "alkenylsulfinyl", "alkynylsulfinyl", "arylsulfinyl", "aralkylsulfinyl", "heteroarylsulfinyl", and "heteroaralkylsulfinyl" when used without the "substituted" modifier, refers to groups, defined as $-S(O)R$, in which R is alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl, and heteroaralkyl, respectively, as those terms are defined above. When any of the terms alkenylsulfinyl, alkynylsulfinyl, arylsulfinyl, aralkylsulfinyl, heteroarylsulfinyl, and heteroaralkylsulfinyl is modified by "substituted," it refers to the group $-S(O)R$, in which R is substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl and heteroaralkyl, respectively.

[0105] The term "alkylammonium" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to a group, defined as $-NH_2R^+$, $-NHRR^+$, or $-NRR'R''^+$, in which R, R' and R'' are the same or different alkyl groups, or any combination of two of R, R' and R'' can be taken together to represent an alkanediyl. Non-limiting examples of alkylammonium cation groups include: $-NH_2(CH_3)^+$, $-NH_2(CH_2CH_3)^+$, $-NH_2(CH_2CH_2CH_3)^+$, $-NH(CH_3)_2^+$, $-NH(CH_2CH_3)_2^+$, $-NH(CH_2CH_2CH_3)_2^+$, $-N(CH_3)_3^+$, $-N(CH_3)(CH_2CH_3)_2^+$, $-N(CH_3)_2(CH_2CH_3)^+$, $-NH_2C(CH_3)_3^+$, $-NH(cyclopentyl)_2^+$, and $-NH_2(cyclohexyl)^+$. The term "substituted alkylammonium" refers $-NH_2R^+$, $-NHRR^+$, or $-NRR'R''^+$, in which at least one of R, R' and R'' is a substituted alkyl or two of R, R' and R'' can be taken together to represent a substituted alkanediyl. When more than one of R, R' and R'' is a substituted alkyl, they can be the same or different. Any of R, R' and R'' that are not either substituted alkyl or substituted alkanediyl, can be either alkyl, either the same or different, or can be taken together to represent a alkanediyl with two or more carbon atoms, at least two of which are attached to the nitrogen atom shown in the formula.

[0106] The term "alkylsulfonium" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to the group $-SRR'^+$, in which R and R' can be the same or different alkyl groups, or R and R' can be taken together to represent an alkanediyl. Non-limiting examples of alkylsulfonium groups include: $-SH(CH_3)^+$, $-SH(CH_2CH_3)^+$, $-SH(CH_2CH_2CH_3)^+$, $-S(CH_3)_2^+$, $-S(CH_2CH_3)_2^+$, $-S(CH_2CH_2CH_3)_2^+$, $-SH(cyclopentyl)^+$, and $-SH(cyclohexyl)^+$. The term "substituted alkylsulfonium" refers to the group $-SRR'^+$, in which R and R' can be the same or different substituted alkyl groups, one of R or R' is an alkyl and the other is a substituted alkyl, or R and R' can be taken together to represent a substituted alkanediyl. For example, $-SH(CH_2CF_3)^+$ is a substituted alkylsulfonium group.

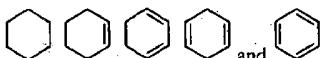
[0107] The term "alkylsilyl" when used without the "substituted" modifier refers to a monovalent group, defined as $-SiH_2R$, $-SiHRR'$, or $-SiRR'R''$, in which R, R' and R'' can be the same or different alkyl groups, or any combination of two of R, R' and R'' can be taken together to represent an alkanediyl. The groups, $-SiH_2CH_3$, $-SiH(CH_3)_2$, $-Si(CH_3)_3$ and $-Si(CH_3)_2C(CH_3)_3$, are non-limiting examples of unsubstituted alkylsilyl groups. The term "substituted alkylsilyl" refers $-SiH_2R$, $-SiHRR'$, or $-SiRR'R''$, in which at least one of R, R' and R'' is a substituted alkyl or two of R, R' and R'' can be taken together to represent a substituted alkanediyl.. When more than one of R, R' and R'' is a substituted alkyl, they can be the same or different. Any of R, R' and R'' that are not either substituted alkyl or substituted alkanediyl, can be either alkyl, either the same or different, or can be taken together to represent a alkanediyl with two or more saturated carbon atoms, at least two of which are attached to the silicon atom.

[0108] In addition, atoms making up the compounds of the present invention are intended to include all isotopic forms of such atoms. Isotopes, as used herein, include those atoms having the same atomic number but different mass numbers. By way of general example and without limitation, isotopes of hydrogen include tritium and deuterium, and isotopes of carbon include ^{13}C and ^{14}C . Similarly, it is contemplated that one or more carbon atom(s) of a compound of the present invention may be replaced by a silicon atom(s). Furthermore, it is, contemplated that one or more oxygen atom(s) of a compound of the present invention may be replaced by a sulfur or selenium atom(s).

[0109] A compound having a formula that is represented with a dashed bond is intended to include the formulae optionally having zero, one or more double bonds. Thus, for example, the structure



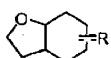
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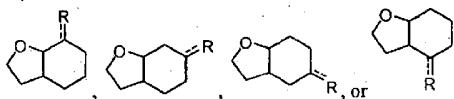
As will be understood by a person of skill in the art, no one such ring atom forms part of more than one double bond.

[0110] Any undefined valency on an atom of a structure shown in this application implicitly represents a hydrogen atom bonded to the atom.

[0111] A ring structure shown with an unconnected "R" group, indicates that any implicit hydrogen atom on that ring can be replaced with that R group. In the case of a divalent R group (e.g., oxo, imino, thio, alkylidene, etc.), any pair of implicit hydrogen atoms attached to one atom of that ring can be replaced by that R group. This concept is as exemplified below:



represents



[0112] As used herein, a "chiral auxiliary" refers to a removable chiral group that is capable of influencing the stereoselectivity of a reaction. Persons of skill in the art are familiar with such compounds, and many are commercially available.

[0113] The use of the word "a" or "an," when used in conjunction with the term "comprising" in the claims and/or the specification may mean "one," but it is also consistent with the meaning of "one or more," "at least one," and "one or more than one."

[0114] Throughout this application, the term "about" is used to indicate that a value includes the inherent variation of error for the device, the method being employed to determine the value, or the variation that exists among the study subjects.

[0115] The terms "comprise," "have" and "include" are open-ended linking verbs. Any forms or tenses of one or more of these verbs, such as "comprises," "comprising," "has," "having," "includes" and "including," are also open-ended. For example, any method that "comprises," "has" or "includes" one or more steps is not limited to possessing only those one or more steps and also covers other unlisted steps.

[0116] The term "effective," as that term is used in the specification and/or claims, means adequate to accomplish a desired, expected, or intended result.

[0117] The term "hydrate" when used as a modifier to a compound means that the compound has less than one (e.g., hemihydrate), one (e.g., monohydrate), or more than one (e.g., dihydrate) water molecules associated with each compound molecule, such as in solid forms of the compound.

[0118] As used herein, the term "IC₅₀" refers to an inhibitory dose which is 50% of the maximum response obtained.

[0119] An "isomer" of a first compound is a separate compound in which each molecule contains the same constituent atoms as the first compound, but where the configuration of those atoms in three dimensions differs.

[0120] As used herein, the term "patient" or "subject" refers to a living mammalian organism, such as a human, monkey, cow, sheep, goat, dog, cat, mouse, rat, guinea pig, or transgenic species thereof. In certain embodiments, the patient or subject is a primate. Non-limiting examples of human subjects are adults, juveniles, infants and fetuses.

[0121] "Pharmaceutically acceptable" means that which is useful in preparing a pharmaceutical composition that is generally safe, non-toxic and neither biologically nor otherwise undesirable and includes that which is acceptable for veterinary use as well as human pharmaceutical use.

[0122] "Pharmaceutically acceptable salts" means salts of compounds of the present invention which are pharmaceutically acceptable, as defined above, and which possess the desired pharmacological activity. Such salts include acid addition salts formed with inorganic acids such as hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, sulfuric acid, nitric acid, phosphoric acid, and the like; or with organic acids such as 1,2-ethanedisulfonic acid, 2-hydroxyethanesulfonic acid, 2-naphthalenesulfonic acid, 3-phenylpropionic acid, 4,4'-methylenebis(3-hydroxy-2-ene-1-carboxylic acid), 4-methylbicyclo[2.2.2]oct-2-ene-1-carboxylic acid, acetic acid, aliphatic mono- and dicarboxylic acids, aliphatic sulfuric acids, aromatic sulfuric acids, benzenesulfonic acid, benzoic acid, camphorsulfonic acid, carbonic acid, cinnamic acid, citric acid, cyclopentanepropionic acid, ethanesulfonic acid, fumaric acid, glucoheptonic acid, gluconic acid, glutamic acid, glycolic acid, heptanoic acid, hexanoic acid, hydroxynaphthoic acid, lactic acid, laurylsulfuric acid, maleic acid, malic acid, malonic acid, mandelic acid, methanesulfonic acid, muconic acid, o-(4-hydroxybenzoyl)benzoic acid, oxalic acid, *p*-chlorobenzenesulfonic acid, phenyl-substituted alkanoic acids, propionic acids, *p*-toluenesulfonic acid, pyruvic acid, salicylic acid, stearic acid, succinic acid, tartaric acid, tertiarybutylacetic acid, trimethylacetic acid, and the like. Pharmaceutically acceptable salts also include base addition salts which may be formed when acidic protons present are capable of reacting with inorganic or organic bases. Acceptable inorganic bases include sodium hydroxide, sodium carbonate, potassium hydroxide, aluminum hydroxide and calcium hydroxide. Acceptable organic bases include ethanalamine, diethanalamine, triethanalamine, tromethamine, *N*-methylglucamine and the like. It should be recognized that the particular anion or cation forming a part of any salt of this invention is not critical, so long as the salt, as a whole, is pharmacologically acceptable. Additional examples of pharmaceutically acceptable salts and their methods of preparation and use are presented in *Handbook of Pharmaceutical Salts: Properties, and Use* (P. H. Stahl & C. G. Wermuth eds., Verlag Helvetica Chimica Acta, 2002).

[0123] As used herein, "predominantly one enantiomer" means that a compound contains at least about 85% of one enantiomer, or more preferably at least about 90% of one enantiomer, or even more preferably at least about 95% of one enantiomer, or most preferably at least about 99% of one enantiomer. Similarly, the phrase "substantially free from other optical isomers" means that the composition contains at most about 15% of another enantiomer or diastereomer, more preferably at most about 10% of another enantiomer or diastereomer, even more preferably at most about 5% of another enantiomer or diastereomer, and most preferably at most about 1% of another enantiomer or diastereomer.

[0124] "Prevention" or "preventing" includes: (1) inhibiting the onset of a disease in a subject or patient which may be at risk and/or predisposed to the disease but does not yet experience or display any or all of the pathology or symptomatology of the disease, and/or (2) slowing the onset of the pathology or symptomatology of a disease in a subject or patient which may be at risk and/or predisposed to the disease but does not yet experience or display any or all of the pathology or symptomatology of the disease.

[0125] "Prodrug" means a compound that is convertible *in vivo* metabolically into an inhibitor according to the present invention. The prodrug itself may or may not also have activity with respect to a given target protein. For example, a compound comprising a hydroxy group may be administered as an ester that is converted by hydrolysis *in vivo* to the hydroxy compound. Suitable esters that may be converted *in vivo* into hydroxy compounds include acetates, citrates, lactates, phosphates, tartrates, malonates, oxalates, salicylates, propionates, succinates, fumarates, maleates, methylene-bis- β -hydroxynaphthoate, gentisates, isethionates, di-*p*-toluoyltartrates, methanesulfonates, ethanesulfonates, benzenesulfonates, *p*-toluenesulfonates, cyclohexylsulfamates, quinates, esters of amino acids, and the like. Similarly, a compound comprising an amine group may be administered as an amide that is converted by hydrolysis *in vivo* to the amine compound.

[0126] The term "saturated" when referring to an atom means that the atom is connected to other atoms only by means of single bonds.

[0127] A "stereoisomer" or "optical isomer" is an isomer of a given compound in which the same atoms are bonded to the same other atoms, but where the configuration of those atoms in three dimensions differs. "Enantiomers" are stereoisomers of a given compound that are mirror images of each other, like left and right hands. "Diastereomers" are stereoisomers of a given compound that are not enantiomers.

[0128] The invention contemplates that for any stereocenter or axis of chirality for which stereochemistry has not been defined, that stereocenter or axis of chirality can be present in its *R* form, *S* form, or as a mixture of the *R* and *S* forms, including racemic and non-racemic mixtures.

[0129] "Substituent convertible to hydrogen *in vivo*" means any group that is convertible to a hydrogen atom by enzymological or chemical means including, but not limited to, hydrolysis and hydrogenolysis. Examples include hydrolyzable groups, such as acyl groups, groups having an oxy carbonyl group, amino acid residues, peptide residues, o-nitrophenylsulfonyl, trimethylsilyl, tetrahydro-pyranyl, diphenylphosphinyl, and the like. Examples of acyl groups include formyl, acetyl, trifluoroacetyl, and the like. Examples of groups having an oxy carbonyl group include ethoxycarbonyl, *tert*-butoxycarbonyl (-C(O)OC(CH₃)₃), benzyloxycarbonyl, *p*-methoxybenzyloxycarbonyl, vinyloxycarbonyl, β -(*p*-toluenesulfonyl)ethoxycarbonyl, and the like. Suitable amino acid residues include, but are not limited to, residues of Gly (glycine), Ala (alanine), Arg (arginine), Asn (asparagine), Asp (aspartic acid), Cys (cysteine), Glu (glutamic acid), His (histidine), Ile (isoleucine), Leu (leucine), Lys (lysine), Met (methionine), Phe (phenylalanine), Pro (proline), Ser (serine), Thr (threonine), Trp (tryptophan), Tyr (tyrosine), Val (valine), Nva (norvaline), Hse (homoserine), 4-Hyp (4-hydroxyproline), 5-Hyl (5-hydroxylysine), Orn (ornithine) and β -Ala. Examples of suitable amino acid residues also include amino acid residues that are protected with a protecting group. Examples of suitable protecting groups include those typically employed in peptide synthesis, including acyl groups (such as formyl and acetyl), arylmethoxycarbonyl groups (such as benzyloxycarbonyl and *p*-nitrobenzyloxycarbonyl), *tert*-butoxycarbonyl groups (-C(O)OC(CH₃)₃), and the like. Suitable peptide residues include peptide residues comprising two to five, and optionally amino acid residues. The residues of these amino acids or peptides can be present in stereochemical configurations of the D-form, the L-form or mixtures thereof. In addition, the amino acid or peptide residue may have an asymmetric carbon atom. Examples of suitable amino acid residues having an asymmetric carbon atom include residues of Ala, Leu, Phe, Trp, Nva, Val, Met, Ser, Lys, Thr and Tyr. Peptide residues having an asymmetric carbon atom include peptide residues having one or more constituent amino acid residues having an asymmetric carbon atom. Examples of suitable amino acid protecting groups include those typically employed in peptide synthesis, including acyl groups (such as formyl and acetyl), arylmethoxycarbonyl groups (such as benzyloxycarbonyl and *p*-nitrobenzyloxycarbonyl), *tert*-butoxycarbonyl groups (-C(O)OC(CH₃)₃), and the like. Other examples of substituents "convertible to hydrogen *in vivo*" include reductively eliminable hydrogenolyzable groups. Examples of suitable reductively eliminable hydrogenolyzable groups include, but are not limited to, arylsulfonyl groups (such as o-toluenesulfonyl); methyl groups substituted with phenyl or benzyloxy (such as benzyl, trityl and benzyloxymethyl); arylmethoxycarbonyl groups (such as benzyloxycarbonyl and o-methoxy-benzyloxycarbonyl); and haloethoxycarbonyl groups (such as β,β,β -trichloroethoxycarbonyl and β -iodoethoxycarbonyl).

[0130] "Therapeutically effective amount" or "pharmaceutically effective amount" means that amount which, when administered to a subject or patient for treating a disease, is sufficient to effect such treatment for the disease.

[0131] "Treatment" or "treating" includes (1) inhibiting a disease in a subject or patient experiencing or displaying the pathology or symptomatology of the disease (e.g., arresting further development of the pathology and/or symptomatology), (2) ameliorating a disease in a subject or patient that is experiencing or displaying the pathology or symptomatology of the disease (e.g., reversing the pathology and/or symptomatology), and/or (3) effecting any measurable decrease in a disease in a subject or patient that is experiencing or displaying the pathology or symptomatology of the disease.

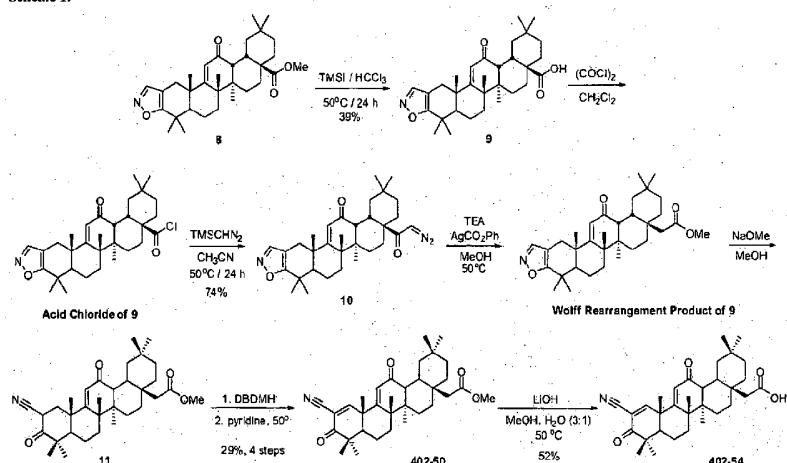
[0132] As used herein, the term "water soluble" means that the compound dissolves in water at least to the extent of 0.010 mole/liter or is classified as soluble according to literature precedence.

[0133] Other abbreviations used herein are as follows: DMSO, dimethyl sulfoxide; NO, nitric oxide; iNOS, inducible nitric oxide synthase; COX-2, cyclooxygenase-2; NGF, nerve growth factor, IBMX, isobutylmethylxanthine; FBS, fetal bovine serum; GPDH, glycerol 3-phosphate dehydrogenase; RXR, retinoid X receptor; TGF- β , transforming growth factor- β ; IFN γ or IFN- γ , interferon- γ ; LPS, bacterial endotoxic lipopolysaccharide; TNF α or TNF- α , tumor necrosis factor- α ; IL-1 β , interleukin-1 β ; GAPDH, glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase; MTT, 3-[4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl]-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide; TCA, trichloroacetic acid; HO-1, inducible heme oxygenase.

II. Synthetic Methods

[0134] Compounds of the present disclosure and reference compounds may be made using the methods outlined in Scheme 1 below and/or the Examples section (Example 2 and 3).

Scheme 1:



III. Biological Activity of Oleanolic Acid Derivatives

[0135] Compounds of the present disclosure have been tested for inhibition of NO production, iNOS induction, Nrf2 target gene induction, inhibition of COX-2 induction, inhibition of STAT3 phosphorylation, suppression of IL-6 induced phosphorylation, inhibition of TNF α -induced I κ B α degradation, inhibition of NF- κ B activation, induction of HO-1, induction of TrxR1, induction of γ -GCS, and/or induction of ferritin heavy chain. Some of the experimental results are shown in the figures and in Table 1, below. Additional experimental details are provided in Example 1.

Table 1: Biological activity.

ID	MW	RAW264.7 (20 ng/ml IFN γ)		Nrf2 target gene induction, MDA-MB-435, 250 nM*		
		NO IC ₅₀ (nM)	WST-1 IC ₅₀ (nM)	HO-1	NQO1	γ -GCS
402-50	519.71	~2.5	75			
402-54	505.69	~6	> 200			
402-63	479.69	~9	> 200			
402-65	521.73	~12.5	> 200			
63213	475.70	~40	~200			
63214	478.71	~25	>200	2	1.8	3
63214 salt	592.73	~30	>200			
63218	517.74	~25	>200	3	3.4	10
63220	556.80	~15	>200	3	2	6
63221	509.72	~15	>200	2	2	4.5
63224	507.70	~20	>200	4	2.5	8
63225	624.80	~20	>200	4	2.4	6.5
63226	574.72	~12	>200	4	2	6
63228	493.70	~25	200	2	2	4
63231	493.72	~15	>200	1.2	2.1	5
63232	573.82	~20	>200	5	3.8	13.6
63233	574.80	~25	>200			
63235	571.90	~80	~150			
63239	615.80	80	>200			
63253	578.82	~20	~200	2	1.5	3
63255	587.87	~50	>200			

ID	MW	RAW264.7 (20 ng/ml IFN γ)		Nrf2 target gene induction, MDA-MB-435, 250 nM*		
		NO IC ₅₀ (nM)	WST-1 IC ₅₀ (nM)	HO-1	NQO1	γ -GCS
63266	603.80	~30	>200			
63269	559.69	>200	>200			
63273	560.75	~80	~200			
63275	491.70	~15	>200			
63276	608.82	~50	~1.50			
63282	528.18	~25	>200			
63283	572.62	~20	~200			
63284	572.62	~15	~200			
63285	521.73	~15	>200			
63286	491.70	~13	>200			
63287	491.70	~14	>200			
63288	587.87	~25	~200			
63294	575.70	~9	>200			
63297	563.80	~50	~200			
63298	583.80	~80	~200			
63303	473.70	~18	~150			
63332	507.70	~50	See FIG. 8			

Blank entry: Not determined.
BLD: Below limits of detection.
* Data expressed as fold induction above DMSO control.

IV. Diseases Associated with Inflammation and/or Oxidative Stress

[0136] Inflammation is a biological process that provides resistance to infectious or parasitic organisms and the repair of damaged tissue. Inflammation is commonly characterized by localized vasodilation, redness, swelling, and pain, the recruitment of leukocytes to the site of infection or injury, production of inflammatory cytokines such as TNF- α and IL-1, and production of reactive oxygen or nitrogen species such as hydrogen peroxide, superoxide and peroxy nitrite. In later stages of inflammation, tissue remodeling, angiogenesis, and scar formation (fibrosis) may occur as part of the wound healing process. Under normal circumstances, the inflammatory response is regulated and temporary and is resolved in an orchestrated fashion once the infection or injury has been dealt with adequately. However, acute inflammation can become excessive and life-threatening if regulatory mechanisms fail. Alternatively, inflammation can become chronic and cause cumulative tissue damage or systemic complications.

[0137] Many serious and intractable human diseases involve dysregulation of inflammatory processes, including diseases such as cancer, atherosclerosis, and diabetes, which were not traditionally viewed as inflammatory conditions. In the case of cancer, the inflammatory processes are associated with tumor formation, progression, metastasis, and resistance to therapy. Atherosclerosis, long viewed as a disorder of lipid metabolism, is now understood to be primarily an inflammatory condition, with activated macrophages playing an important role in the formation and eventual rupture of atherosclerotic plaques. Activation of inflammatory signaling pathways has also been shown to play a role in the development of insulin resistance, as well as in the peripheral tissue damage associated with diabetic hyperglycemia. Excessive production of reactive oxygen species and reactive nitrogen species such as superoxide, hydrogen peroxide, nitric oxide, and peroxy nitrite is a hallmark of inflammatory conditions. Evidence of dysregulated peroxy nitrite production has been reported in a wide variety of diseases (Szabo *et al.*, 2007; Schulz *et al.*, 2008; Forstermann, 2006; Pall, 2007).

[0138] Autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, psoriasis, and multiple sclerosis involve inappropriate and chronic activation of inflammatory processes in affected tissues, arising from dysfunction of self vs. non-self recognition and response mechanisms in the immune system. In neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases,

neural damage is correlated with activation of microglia and elevated levels of pro-inflammatory proteins such as inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS). Chronic organ failure such as renal failure, heart failure, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is closely associated with the presence of chronic oxidative stress and inflammation, leading to the development of fibrosis and eventual loss of organ function.

[0139] Many other disorders involve oxidative stress and inflammation in affected tissues, including inflammatory bowel disease; inflammatory skin diseases; mucositis related to radiation therapy and chemotherapy; eye diseases such as uveitis, glaucoma, macular degeneration, and various forms of retinopathy; transplant failure and rejection; ischemia-reperfusion injury; chronic pain; degenerative conditions of the bones and joints including osteoarthritis and osteoporosis; asthma and cystic fibrosis; seizure disorders; and neuropsychiatric conditions including schizophrenia, depression, bipolar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, attention deficit disorders, autism-spectrum disorders, and eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa. Dysregulation of inflammatory signaling pathways is believed to be a major factor in the pathology of muscle wasting diseases including muscular dystrophy and various forms of cachexia.

[0140] A variety of life-threatening acute disorders also involve dysregulated inflammatory signaling, including acute organ failure involving the pancreas, kidneys, liver, or lungs, myocardial infarction or acute coronary syndrome, stroke, septic shock, trauma, severe burns, and anaphylaxis.

[0141] Many complications of infectious diseases also involve dysregulation of inflammatory responses. Although an inflammatory response can kill invading pathogens, an excessive inflammatory response can also be quite destructive and in some cases can be a primary source of damage in infected tissues. Furthermore, an excessive inflammatory response can also lead to systemic complications due to overproduction of inflammatory cytokines such as TNF- α and IL-1. This is believed to be a factor in mortality arising from severe influenza, severe acute respiratory syndrome, and sepsis.

[0142] The aberrant or excessive expression of either iNOS or cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) has been implicated in the pathogenesis of many disease processes. For example, it is clear that NO is a potent mutagen (Tamir and Tannebaum, 1996), and that nitric oxide can also activate COX-2 (Salvemini *et al.*, 1994). Furthermore, there is a marked increase in iNOS in rat colon tumors induced by the carcinogen, azoxymethane (Takahashi *et al.*, 1997). A series of synthetic triterpenoid analogs of oleanolic acid have been shown to be powerful inhibitors of cellular inflammatory processes, such as the induction by IFN- γ of inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS) and of COX-2 in mouse macrophages. See Honda *et al.* (2000a); Honda *et al.* (2000b), and Honda *et al.* (2002).

[0143] In one aspect, compounds of the invention are characterized by their ability to inhibit the production of nitric oxide in macrophage-derived RAW 264.7 cells induced by exposure to γ -interferon. They are further characterized by their ability to induce the expression of antioxidant proteins such as NQO1 and reduce the expression of pro-inflammatory proteins such as COX-2 and inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS). These properties are relevant to the treatment of a wide array of diseases involving oxidative stress and dysregulation of inflammatory processes including cancer, mucositis resulting from radiation therapy or chemotherapy, autoimmune diseases, cardiovascular diseases including atherosclerosis, ischemia-reperfusion injury, acute and chronic organ failure including renal failure and heart failure, respiratory diseases, diabetes and complications of diabetes, severe allergies, transplant rejection, graft-versus-host disease, neurodegenerative diseases, diseases of the eye and retina, acute and chronic pain, degenerative bone diseases including osteoarthritis and osteoporosis, inflammatory bowel diseases, dermatitis and other skin diseases, sepsis, burns, seizure disorders, and neuropsychiatric disorders.

[0144] Without being bound by theory, the activation of the antioxidant/anti-inflammatory Keap1/Nrf2/ARE pathway is believed to be implicated in both the anti-inflammatory and anti-carcinogenic properties of the present oleanolic acid derivatives.

[0145] In another aspect, compounds of the invention may be used for treating a subject having a condition caused by elevated levels of oxidative stress in one or more tissues. Oxidative stress results from abnormally high or prolonged levels of reactive oxygen species such as superoxide, hydrogen peroxide, nitric oxide, and peroxynitrite (formed by the reaction of nitric oxide and superoxide). The oxidative stress may be accompanied by either acute or chronic inflammation. The oxidative stress may be caused by mitochondrial dysfunction, by activation of immune cells such as macrophages and neutrophils, by acute exposure to an external agent such as ionizing radiation or a cytotoxic chemotherapy agent (e.g., doxorubicin), by trauma or other acute tissue injury, by ischemia/reperfusion, by poor circulation or anemia, by localized or systemic hypoxia or hyperoxia, by elevated levels of inflammatory cytokines and other inflammation-related proteins, and/or by other abnormal physiological states such as hyperglycemia or hypoglycemia.

[0146] In animal models of many such conditions, stimulating expression of inducible heme oxygenase (HO-1), a target gene of

the Nrf2 pathway, has been shown to have a significant therapeutic effect including models of myocardial infarction, renal failure, transplant failure and rejection, stroke, cardiovascular disease, and autoimmune disease (e.g., Sacerdoti *et al.*, 2005; Abraham & Kappas, 2005; Bach, 2006; Araujo *et al.*, 2003; Liu *et al.*, 2006; Ishikawa *et al.*, 2001; Kruger *et al.*, 2006; Satoh *et al.*, 2006; Zhou *et al.*, 2005; Morse and Choi, 2005; Morse and Choi, 2002). This enzyme breaks free heme down into iron, carbon monoxide (CO), and biliverdin (which is subsequently converted to the potent antioxidant molecule, bilirubin).

[0147] In another aspect, compounds of this invention may be used in preventing or treating tissue damage or organ failure, acute and chronic, resulting from oxidative stress exacerbated by inflammation. Examples of diseases that fall in this category include: heart failure, liver failure, transplant failure and rejection, renal failure, pancreatitis, fibrotic lung diseases (cystic fibrosis and COPD, among others), diabetes (including complications), atherosclerosis, ischemia-reperfusion injury, glaucoma, stroke, autoimmune disease, autism, macular degeneration, and muscular dystrophy. For example, in the case of autism, studies suggest that increased oxidative stress in the central nervous system may contribute to the development of the disease (Chauhan and Chauhan, 2006).

[0148] Evidence also links oxidative stress and inflammation to the development and pathology of many other disorders of the central nervous system, including psychiatric disorders such as psychosis, major depression, and bipolar disorder; seizure disorders such as epilepsy; pain and sensory syndromes such as migraine, neuropathic pain or tinnitus; and behavioral syndromes such as the attention deficit disorders. See, e.g., Dickerson *et al.*, 2007; Hanson *et al.*, 2005; Kendall-Tackett, 2007; Lencz *et al.*, 2007; Duhghaobkar *et al.*, 2006; Lee *et al.*, 2007; Morris *et al.*, 2002; Ruster *et al.*, 2005; McIver *et al.*, 2005; Sarchielli *et al.*, 2006; Kawakami *et al.*, 2006; Ross *et al.*, 2003. For example, elevated levels of inflammatory cytokines, including TNF, interferon- γ , and IL-6, are associated with major mental illness (Dickerson *et al.*, 2007). Microglial activation has also been linked to major mental illness. Therefore, downregulating inflammatory cytokines and inhibiting excessive activation of microglia could be beneficial in patients with schizophrenia, major depression, bipolar disorder, autism-spectrum disorders, and other neuropsychiatric disorders.

[0149] Accordingly, in pathologies involving oxidative stress alone or oxidative stress exacerbated by inflammation, treatment may comprise administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of this invention, such as those described above or throughout this specification. Treatment may be administered preventively, in advance of a predictable state of oxidative stress (e.g., organ transplantation or the administration of radiation therapy to a cancer patient), or it may be administered therapeutically in settings involving established oxidative stress and inflammation.

[0150] The compounds of the invention may be generally applied to the treatment of inflammatory conditions, such as sepsis, dermatitis, autoimmune disease and osteoarthritis. In one aspect, the compounds of this invention may be used to treat inflammatory pain and/or neuropathic pain, for example, by inducing Nrf2 and/or inhibiting NF- κ B.

[0151] In one aspect, the compounds of the invention may be used to function as antioxidant inflammation modulators (AIMs) having potent anti-inflammatory properties that mimic the biological activity of cyclopentenone prostaglandins (cyPGs). In one embodiment, the compounds of the invention may be used to control the production of pro-inflammatory cytokines by selectively targeting regulatory cysteine residues (RCRs) on proteins that regulate the transcriptional activity of redox-sensitive transcription factors. Activation of RCRs by cyPGs or AIMs has been shown to initiate a pro-resolution program in which the activity of the antioxidant and cytoprotective transcription factor Nrf2 is potently induced, and the activities of the pro-oxidant and pro-inflammatory transcription factors NF- κ B and the STATs are suppressed. This increases the production of antioxidant and reductive molecules (e.g., NQO1, HO-1, SOD1, and/or γ -GCS) and/or decreases oxidative stress and the production of pro-oxidant and pro-inflammatory molecules (e.g., iNOS, COX-2, and/or TNF- α).

[0152] In some embodiments, the compounds of the invention may be used in the treatment and prevention of diseases such as cancer, inflammation, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, autism, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, and MS, inflammatory bowel disease, all other diseases whose pathogenesis is believed to involve excessive production of either nitric oxide or prostaglandins, and pathologies involving oxidative stress alone or oxidative stress exacerbated by inflammation.

[0153] Another aspect of inflammation is the production of inflammatory prostaglandins such as prostaglandin E. These molecules promote vasodilation, plasma extravasation, localized pain, elevated temperature, and other symptoms of inflammation. The inducible form of the enzyme COX-2 is associated with their production, and high levels of COX-2 are found in inflamed tissues. Consequently, inhibition of COX-2 may relieve many symptoms of inflammation and a number of important anti-inflammatory drugs (e.g., ibuprofen and celecoxib) act by inhibiting COX-2 activity. Recent research, however, has demonstrated that a class of cyclopentenone prostaglandins (cyPGs) (e.g., 15-deoxy prostaglandin J2, a.k.a. PGJ2) plays a role in stimulating the orchestrated resolution of inflammation (e.g., Rajakarier *et al.*, 2007). COX-2 is also associated with the production of

cyclopentenone prostaglandins. Consequently, inhibition of COX-2 may interfere with the full resolution of inflammation, potentially promoting the persistence of activated immune cells in tissues and leading to chronic, "smoldering" inflammation. This effect may be responsible for the increased incidence of cardiovascular disease in patients using selective COX-2 inhibitors for long periods of time.

[0154] In one aspect, the compounds of the invention may be used to control the production of pro-inflammatory cytokines within the cell by selectively activating regulatory cysteine residues (RCRs) on proteins that regulate the activity of redox-sensitive transcription factors. Activation of RCRs by cyPGs has been shown to initiate a pro-resolution program in which the activity of the antioxidant and cytoprotective transcription factor Nrf2 is potently induced and the activities of the pro-oxidant and pro-inflammatory transcription factors NF- κ B and the STATs are suppressed. In some embodiments, this increases the production of antioxidant and reductive molecules (NQO1, HO-1, SOD1, γ -GCS) and decreases oxidative stress and the production of pro-oxidant and pro-inflammatory molecules (iNOS, COX-2, TNF- α). In some embodiments, the compounds of this invention may cause the cells that host the inflammatory event to revert to a non-inflammatory state by promoting the resolution of inflammation and limiting excessive tissue damage to the host.

A. Cancer

[0155] Further, the compounds of the present disclosure may be used to induce apoptosis in tumor cells, to induce cell differentiation, to inhibit cancer cell proliferation, to inhibit an inflammatory response, and/or to function in a chemopreventative capacity. For example, the invention provides new compounds that have one or more of the following properties: (1) an ability to induce apoptosis and differentiate both malignant and non-malignant cells, (2) an activity at sub-micromolar or nanomolar levels as an inhibitor of proliferation of many malignant or premalignant cells, (3) an ability to suppress the *de novo* synthesis of the inflammatory enzyme inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS), (4) an ability to inhibit NF- κ B activation, and (5) an ability to induce the expression of heme oxygenase-1 (HO-1).

[0156] The levels of iNOS and COX-2 are elevated in certain cancers and have been implicated in carcinogenesis and COX-2 inhibitors have been shown to reduce the incidence of primary colonic adenomas in humans (Rostom *et al.*, 2007; Brown and DuBois, 2005; Crowel *et al.*, 2003). iNOS is expressed in myeloid-derived suppressor cells (MDSCs) (Angulo *et al.*, 2000) and COX-2 activity in cancer cells has been shown to result in the production of prostaglandin E₂ (PGE₂), which has been shown to induce the expression of arginase in MDSCs (Sinha *et al.*, 2007). Arginase and iNOS are enzymes that utilize L-arginine as a substrate and produce L-ornithine and urea, and L-citrulline and NO, respectively. The depletion of arginine from the tumor microenvironment by MDSCs, combined with the production of NO and peroxynitrite has been shown to inhibit proliferation and induce apoptosis of T cells (Bronte *et al.*, 2003). Inhibition of COX-2 and iNOS has been shown to reduce the accumulation of MDSCs, restore cytotoxic activity of tumor-associated T cells, and delay tumor growth (Sinha *et al.*, 2007; Mazzoni *et al.*, 2002; Zhou *et al.*, 2007).

[0157] Inhibition of the NF- κ B and JAK/STAT signaling pathways has been implicated as a strategy to inhibit proliferation of cancer epithelial cells and induce their apoptosis. Activation of STAT3 and NF- κ B has been shown to result in suppression of apoptosis in cancer cells, and promotion of proliferation, invasion, and metastasis. Many of the target genes involved in these processes have been shown to be transcriptionally regulated by both NF- κ B and STAT3 (Yu *et al.*, 2007).

[0158] In addition to their direct roles in cancer epithelial cells, NF- κ B and STAT3 also have important roles in other cells found within the tumor microenvironment. Experiments in animal models have demonstrated that NF- κ B is required in both cancer cells and hematopoietic cells to propagate the effects of inflammation on cancer initiation and progression (Greten *et al.*, 2004). NF- κ B inhibition in cancer and myeloid cells reduces the number and size, respectively, of the resultant tumors. Activation of STAT3 in cancer cells results in the production of several cytokines (IL-6, IL-10) which suppress the maturation of tumor-associated dendritic cells (DC). Furthermore, STAT3 is activated by these cytokines in the dendritic cells themselves. Inhibition of STAT3 in mouse models of cancer restores DC maturation, promotes antitumor immunity, and inhibits tumor growth (Kortylewski *et al.*, 2005).

B. Treatment of Multiple Sclerosis and Other Neurodegenerative Diseases

[0159] The compounds and methods of this invention may be used for treating patients for multiple sclerosis (MS). MS is known to be an inflammatory condition of the central nervous system (Williams *et al.*, 1994; Merrill and Benvenist, 1996; Genain and Nauser, 1997). Based on several investigations, there is evidence suggesting that inflammatory, oxidative, and/or immune

mechanisms are involved in the pathogenesis of Alzheimer's disease (AD), Parkinson's disease (PD), amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and MS (Bagasra *et al.*, 1995; McGeer and McGeer, 1995; Simonian and Coyle, 1996; Kaltschmidt *et al.* 1997). Both reactive astrocytes and activated microglia have been implicated in causation of neurodegenerative disease (NDD) and neuroinflammatory disease (NID); there has been a particular emphasis on microglia as cells that synthesize both NO and prostaglandins as products of the respective enzymes, iNOS and COX-2. *De novo* formation of these enzymes may be driven by inflammatory cytokines such as interferon- γ or interleukin-1. In turn, excessive production of NO may lead to inflammatory cascades and/or oxidative damage in cells and tissues of many organs, including neurons and oligodendrocytes of the nervous system, with consequent manifestations in AD and MS, and possible PD and ALS (Coyle and Puttfarcken, 1993; Beal, 1996; Merrill and Benvenist, 1996; Simonian and Coyle, 1996; Vodovotz *et al.*, 1996). Epidemiologic data indicate that chronic use of NSAID's which block synthesis of prostaglandins from arachidonate, markedly lower the risk for development of AD (McGeer *et al.*, 1996; Stewart *et al.*, 1997). Thus, agents that block formation of NO and prostaglandins, may be used in approaches to prevention and treatment of NDD. Successful therapeutic candidates for treating such a disease typically require an ability to penetrate the blood-brain barrier. See, for example, U.S. Patent Publication 2009/0060873.

C. Neuroinflammation

[0160] The compounds and methods of this invention may be used for treating patients with neuroinflammation. Neuroinflammation encapsulates the idea that microglial and astrocytic responses and actions in the central nervous system have a fundamentally inflammation-like character, and that these responses are central to the pathogenesis and progression of a wide variety of neurological disorders. This idea originated in the field of Alzheimer's disease (Griffin *et al.*, 1989; Rogers *et al.*, 1988), where it has revolutionized our understanding of this disease (Akiyama *et al.*, 2000). These ideas have been extended to other neurodegenerative diseases (Eikelenboom *et al.*, 2002; Ishizawa and Dickson, 2001), to ischemic/toxic diseases (Gehrman *et al.*, 1995; Touzani *et al.*, 1999), to tumor biology (Graeber *et al.*, 2002) and even to normal brain development.

[0161] Neuroinflammation incorporates a wide spectrum of complex cellular responses that include activation of microglia and astrocytes and induction of cytokines, chemokines, complement proteins, acute phase proteins, oxidative injury, and related molecular processes. These events may have detrimental effects on neuronal function, leading to neuronal injury, further glial activation, and ultimately neurodegeneration.

D. Treatment of Renal Failure

[0162] The compounds and methods of this invention may be used for treating patients with renal failure. See U.S. Patent Application 12/352,473. Another aspect of the present disclosure concerns new methods and compounds for the treatment and prevention of renal disease. Renal failure, resulting in inadequate clearance of metabolic waste products from the blood and abnormal concentrations of electrolytes in the blood, is a significant medical problem throughout the world, especially in developed countries. Diabetes and hypertension are among the most important causes of chronic renal failure, also known as chronic kidney disease (CKD), but it is also associated with other conditions such as lupus. Acute renal failure may arise from exposure to certain drugs (e.g., acetaminophen) or toxic chemicals, or from ischemia-reperfusion injury associated with shock or surgical procedures such as transplantation, and may result in chronic renal failure. In many patients, renal failure advances to a stage in which the patient requires regular dialysis or kidney transplantation to continue living. Both of these procedures are highly invasive and associated with significant side effects and quality of life issues. Although there are effective treatments for some complications of renal failure, such as hyperparathyroidism and hyperphosphatemia, no available treatment has been shown to halt or reverse the underlying progression of renal failure. Thus, agents that can improve compromised renal function would represent a significant advance in the treatment of renal failure.

[0163] Inflammation contributes significantly to the pathology of CKD. There is also a strong mechanistic link between oxidative stress and renal dysfunction. The NF- κ B signaling pathway plays an important role in the progression of CKD as NF- κ B regulates the transcription of MCP-1, a chemokine that is responsible for the recruitment of monocytes/macrophages resulting in an inflammatory response that ultimately injures the kidney (Wardle, 2001). The Keap1/Nrf2/ARE pathway controls the transcription of several genes encoding antioxidant enzymes, including heme oxygenase-1 (HO-1). Ablation of the Nrf2 gene in female mice results in the development of lupus-like glomerular nephritis (Yoh *et al.*, 2001). Furthermore, several studies have demonstrated that HO-1 expression is induced in response to renal damage and inflammation and that this enzyme and its products - bilirubin and carbon monoxide - play a protective role in the kidney (Nath *et al.*, 2006).

[0164] The glomerulus and the surrounding Bowman's capsule constitute the basic functional unit of the kidney. Glomerular

filtration rate (GFR) is the standard measure of renal functions. Creatinine clearance is commonly used to measure GFR. However, the level of serum creatinine is commonly used as a surrogate measure of creatinine clearance. For instance, excessive levels of serum creatinine are generally accepted to indicate inadequate renal function and reductions in serum creatinine over time are accepted as an indication of improved renal function. Normal levels of creatinine in the blood are approximately 0.6 to 1.2 milligrams (mg) per deciliter (dl) in adult males and 0.5 to 1.1 milligrams per deciliter in adult females.

[0165] Acute kidney injury (AKI) can occur following ischemia-reperfusion, treatment with certain pharmacological agents such as cisplatin and rapamycin, and intravenous injection of radiocontrast media used in medical imaging. As in CKD, inflammation and oxidative stress contribute to the pathology of AKI. The molecular mechanisms underlying radiocontrast-induced nephropathy (RCN) are not well understood; however, it is likely that a combination of events including prolonged vasoconstriction, impaired kidney autoregulation, and direct toxicity of the contrast media all contribute to renal failure (Tumlin *et al.*, 2006). Vasoconstriction results in decreased renal blood flow and causes ischemia-reperfusion and the production of reactive oxygen species. HO-1 is strongly induced under these conditions and has been demonstrated to prevent ischemia-reperfusion injury in several different organs, including the kidney (Nath *et al.*, 2006). Specifically, induction of HO-1 has been shown to be protective in a rat model of RCN (Goodman *et al.*, 2007). Reperfusion also induces an inflammatory response, in part through activation of NF- κ B signaling (Nichols, 2004). Targeting NF- κ B has been proposed as a therapeutic strategy to prevent organ damage (Zingarelli *et al.*, 2003).

E. Cardiovascular Disease

[0166] The compounds and methods of this invention may be used for treating patients with cardiovascular disease. See U.S. Patent Application 12/352,473. Cardiovascular (CV) disease is among the most important causes of mortality worldwide, and is the leading cause of death in many developed nations. The etiology of CV disease is complex, but the majority of causes are related to inadequate or completely disrupted supply of blood to a critical organ or tissue. Frequently such a condition arises from the rupture of one or more atherosclerotic plaques, which leads to the formation of a thrombus that blocks blood flow in a critical vessel. Such thrombosis is the principal cause of heart attacks, in which one or more of the coronary arteries is blocked and blood flow to the heart itself is disrupted. The resulting ischemia is highly damaging to cardiac tissue, both from lack of oxygen during the ischemic event and from excessive formation of free radicals after blood flow is restored (a phenomenon known as ischemia-reperfusion injury). Similar damage occurs in the brain during a thrombotic stroke, when a cerebral artery or other major vessel is blocked by thrombosis. Hemorrhagic strokes, in contrast, involve rupture of a blood vessel and bleeding into the surrounding brain tissue. This creates oxidative stress in the immediate area of the hemorrhage, due to the presence of large amounts of free heme and other reactive species, and ischemia in other parts of the brain due to compromised blood flow. Subarachnoid hemorrhage, which is frequently accompanied by cerebral vasospasm, also causes ischemia/reperfusion injury in the brain.

[0167] Alternatively, atherosclerosis may be so extensive in critical blood vessels that stenosis (narrowing of the arteries) develops and blood flow to critical organs (including the heart) is chronically insufficient. Such chronic ischemia can lead to end-organ damage of many kinds, including the cardiac hypertrophy associated with congestive heart failure.

[0168] Atherosclerosis, the underlying defect leading to many forms of cardiovascular disease, occurs when a physical defect or injury to the lining (endothelium) of an artery triggers an inflammatory response involving the proliferation of vascular smooth muscle cells and the infiltration of leukocytes into the affected area. Ultimately, a complicated lesion known as an atherosclerotic plaque may form, composed of the above-mentioned cells combined with deposits of cholesterol-bearing lipoproteins and other materials (e.g., Hansson *et al.*, 2006).

[0169] Pharmaceutical treatments for cardiovascular disease include preventive treatments, such as the use of drugs intended to lower blood pressure or circulating levels of cholesterol and lipoproteins, as well as treatments designed to reduce the adherent tendencies of platelets and other blood cells (thereby reducing the rate of plaque progression and the risk of thrombus formation). More recently, drugs such as streptokinase and tissue plasminogen activator have been introduced and are used to dissolve the thrombus and restore blood flow. Surgical treatments include coronary artery bypass grafting to create an alternative blood supply, balloon angioplasty to compress plaque tissue and increase the diameter of the arterial lumen, and carotid endarterectomy to remove plaque tissue in the carotid artery. Such treatments, especially balloon angioplasty, may be accompanied by the use of stents, expandable mesh tubes designed to support the artery walls in the affected area and keep the vessel open. Recently, the use of drug-eluting stents has become common in order to prevent post-surgical restenosis (renarrowing of the artery) in the affected area. These devices are wire stents coated with a biocompatible polymer matrix containing a drug that inhibits cell proliferation (e.g., paclitaxel or rapamycin). The polymer allows a slow, localized release of the drug in the affected area with minimal exposure of non-target tissue. Despite the significant benefits offered by such treatments,

mortality from cardiovascular disease remains high and significant unmet needs in the treatment of cardiovascular disease remain.

[0170] As noted above, induction of HO-1 has been shown to be beneficial in a variety of models of cardiovascular disease, and low levels of HO-1 expression have been clinically correlated with elevated risk of CV disease. Compounds of the invention, therefore, may be used in treating or preventing a variety of cardiovascular disorders including but not limited to atherosclerosis, hypertension, myocardial infarction, chronic heart failure, stroke, subarachnoid hemorrhage, and restenosis.

F. Diabetes

[0171] The compounds and methods of this invention may be used for treating patients with diabetes. See U.S. Patent Application 12/352,473. Diabetes is a complex disease characterized by the body's failure to regulate circulating levels of glucose. This failure may result from a lack of insulin, a peptide hormone that regulates both the production and absorption of glucose in various tissues. Deficient insulin compromises the ability of muscle, fat, and other tissues to absorb glucose properly, leading to hyperglycemia (abnormally high levels of glucose in the blood). Most commonly, such insulin deficiency results from inadequate production in the islet cells of the pancreas. In the majority of cases this arises from autoimmune destruction of these cells, a condition known as type 1 or juvenile-onset diabetes, but may also be due to physical trauma or some other cause.

[0172] Diabetes may also arise when muscle and fat cells become less responsive to insulin and do not absorb glucose properly, resulting in hyperglycemia. This phenomenon is known as insulin resistance, and the resulting condition is known as Type 2 diabetes. Type 2 diabetes, the most common type, is highly associated with obesity and hypertension. Obesity is associated with an inflammatory state of adipose tissue that is thought to play a major role in the development of insulin resistance (e.g., Hotamisligil, 2006; Guilherme *et al.*, 2008).

[0173] Diabetes is associated with damage to many tissues, largely because hyperglycemia (and hypoglycemia, which can result from excessive or poorly timed doses of insulin) is a significant source of oxidative stress. Chronic kidney failure, retinopathy, peripheral neuropathy, peripheral vasculitis, and the development of dermal ulcers that heal slowly or not at all are among the common complications of diabetes. Because of their ability to protect against oxidative stress, particularly by the induction of HO-1 expression, compounds of the invention may be used in treatments for many complications of diabetes. As noted above (Cai *et al.*, 2005), chronic inflammation and oxidative stress in the liver are suspected to be primary contributing factors in the development of Type 2 diabetes. Furthermore, PPAR γ agonists such as thiazolidinediones are capable of reducing insulin resistance and are known to be effective treatments for Type 2 diabetes.

[0174] The effect of treatment of diabetes may be evaluated as follows. Both the biological efficacy of the treatment modality as well as the clinical efficacy are evaluated, if possible. For example, because the disease manifests itself by increased blood sugar, the biological efficacy of the treatment therefore can be evaluated, for example, by observation of return of the evaluated blood glucose towards normal. Measurement of glycosylated hemoglobin, also called A1c or HbA1c, is another commonly used parameter of blood glucose control. Measuring a clinical endpoint which can give an indication of b-cell regeneration after, for example, a six-month period of time, can give an indication of the clinical efficacy of the treatment regimen.

G. Rheumatoid Arthritis

[0175] The compounds and methods of this invention may be used for treating patients with RA. Typically the first signs of rheumatoid arthritis (RA) appear in the synovial lining layer, with proliferation of synovial fibroblasts and their attachment to the articular surface at the joint margin (Lipsky, 1998). Subsequently, macrophages, T cells and other inflammatory cells are recruited into the joint, where they produce a number of mediators, including the cytokines interleukin-1 (IL-1), which contributes to the chronic sequelae leading to bone and cartilage destruction, and tumour necrosis factor (TNF- α), which plays a role in inflammation (Dinarello, 1998; Arend and Dayer, 1995; van den Berg, 2001). The concentration of IL-1 in plasma is significantly higher in patients with RA than in healthy individuals and, notably, plasma IL-1 levels correlate with RA disease activity (Eastgate *et al.*, 1988). Moreover, synovial fluid levels of IL-1 are correlated with various radiographic and histologic features of RA (Kahle *et al.*, 1992; Rooney *et al.*, 1990).

[0176] In normal joints, the effects of these and other proinflammatory cytokines are balanced by a variety of anti-inflammatory cytokines and regulatory factors (Burger and Dayer, 1995). The significance of this cytokine balance is illustrated in juvenile RA patients, who have cyclical increases in fever throughout the day (Prieur *et al.*, 1987). After each peak in fever, a factor that

blocks the effects of IL-1 is found in serum and urine. This factor has been isolated, cloned and identified as IL-1 receptor antagonist (IL-1ra), a member of the IL-1 gene family (Hannum *et al.*, 1990). IL-1ra, as its name indicates, is a natural receptor antagonist that competes with IL-1 for binding to type I IL-1 receptors and, as a result, blocks the effects of IL-1 (Arend *et al.*, 1998). A 10- to 100-fold excess of IL-1ra may be needed to block IL-1 effectively; however, synovial cells isolated from patients with RA do not appear to produce enough IL-1ra to counteract the effects of IL-1 (Firestein *et al.*, 1994; Fujikawa *et al.*, 1995).

H. Psoriatic Arthritis

[0177] The compounds and methods of this invention may be used for treating patients with psoriatic arthritis. Psoriasis is an inflammatory and proliferative skin disorder with a prevalence of 1.5-3%. Approximately 20% of patients with psoriasis develop a characteristic form of arthritis that has several patterns (Gladman, 1992; Jones *et al.*, 1994; Gladman *et al.*, 1995). Some individuals present with joint symptoms first but in the majority, skin psoriasis presents first. About one-third of patients have simultaneous exacerbations of their skin and joint disease (Gladman *et al.*, 1987) and there is a topographic relationship between nail and distal interphalangeal joint disease (Jones *et al.*, 1994; Wright, 1956). Although the inflammatory processes which link skin, nail and joint disease remain elusive, an immune-mediated pathology is implicated.

[0178] Psoriatic arthritis (PsA) is a chronic inflammatory arthropathy characterized by the association of arthritis and psoriasis and was recognized as a clinical entity distinct from rheumatoid arthritis (RA) in 1964 (Blumberg *et al.*, 1964). Subsequent studies have revealed that PsA shares a number of genetic, pathogenic and clinical features with other spondyloarthropathies (SpAs), a group of diseases that comprise ankylosing spondylitis, reactive arthritis and enteropathic arthritis (Wright, 1979). The notion that PsA belongs to the SpA group has recently gained further support from imaging studies demonstrating widespread enthesitis in the, including PsA but not RA (McGonagle *et al.*, 1999; McGonagle *et al.*, 1998). More specifically, enthesitis has been postulated to be one of the earliest events occurring in the SpAs, leading to bone remodeling and ankylosis in the spine, as well as to articular synovitis when the inflamed entheses are close to peripheral joints. However, the link between enthesitis and the clinical manifestations in PsA remains largely unclear, as PsA can present with fairly heterogeneous patterns of joint involvement with variable degrees of severity (Marsal *et al.*, 1999; Salvarani *et al.*, 1998). Thus, other factors must be posited to account for the multifarious features of PsA, only a few of which (such as the expression of the HLA-B27 molecule, which is strongly associated with axial disease) have been identified. As a consequence, it remains difficult to map the disease manifestations to specific pathogenic mechanisms; which means that the treatment of this condition remains largely empirical.

[0179] Family studies have suggested a genetic contribution to the development of PsA (Moll and Wright, 1973). Other chronic inflammatory forms of arthritis, such as ankylosing spondylitis and rheumatoid arthritis, are thought to have a complex genetic basis. However, the genetic component of PsA has been difficult to assess for several reasons. There is strong evidence for a genetic predisposition to psoriasis alone that may mask the genetic factors that are important for the development of PsA. Although most would accept PsA as a distinct disease entity, at times there is a phenotypic overlap with rheumatoid arthritis and ankylosing spondylitis. Also, PsA itself is not a homogeneous condition and various subgroups have been proposed.

[0180] Increased amounts of TNF- α have been reported in both psoriatic skin (Ettehadi *et al.*, 1994) and synovial fluid (Partsch *et al.*, 1997). Recent trials have shown a positive benefit of anti-TNF treatment in both PsA (Mease *et al.*, 2000) and ankylosing spondylitis (Brandt *et al.*, 2000).

I. Reactive Arthritis

[0181] The compounds and methods of this invention may be used for treating patients with reactive arthritis. In reactive arthritis (ReA) the mechanism of joint damage is unclear, but it is likely that cytokines play critical roles. A more prevalent Th1 profile high levels of interferon gamma (IFN- γ) and low levels of interleukin 4 (IL-4) has been reported (Lahesmaa *et al.*, 1992; Schlaak *et al.*, 1992; Simon *et al.*, 1993; Schlaak *et al.*, 1996; Kotake *et al.*, 1999; Ribbens *et al.*, 2000), but several studies have shown relative predominance of IL-4 and IL-10 and relative lack of IFN- γ and tumour necrosis factor alpha (TNF- α) in the synovial membrane (Simon *et al.*, 1994; Yin *et al.*, 1999) and fluid (SF) (Yin *et al.*, 1999; Yin *et al.*, 1997) of reactive arthritis patients compared with rheumatoid arthritis (RA) patients. A lower level of TNF- α secretion in reactive arthritis than in RA patients has also been reported after *ex vivo* stimulation of peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) (Braun *et al.*, 1999).

[0182] It has been argued that clearance of reactive arthritis-associated bacteria requires the production of appropriate levels of IFN- γ and TNF- α , while IL-10 acts by suppressing these responses (Autenrieth *et al.*, 1994; Sieper and Braun, 1995). IL-10 is a regulatory cytokine that inhibits the synthesis of IL-12 and TNF- γ by activated macrophages (de Waal *et al.*, 1991; Hart *et al.*,

1995; Chomarat *et al.*, 1995) and of IFN- γ by T cells (Macatonia *et al.*, 1993).

J. Enteropathic Arthritis

[0183] The compounds and methods of this invention may be used for treating patients with enteropathic arthritis. Typically enteropathic arthritis (EA) occurs in combination with inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD) such as Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis. It also can affect the spine and sacroiliac joints. Enteropathic arthritis involves the peripheral joints, usually in the lower extremities such as the knees or ankles. It commonly involves only a few or a limited number of joints and may closely follow the bowel condition. This occurs in approximately 11% of patients with ulcerative colitis and 21% of those with Crohn's disease. The synovitis is generally self-limited and non-deforming.

[0184] Enteropathic arthropathies comprise a collection of rheumatologic conditions that share a link to GI pathology. These conditions include reactive (*i.e.*, infection-related) arthritis due to bacteria (*e.g.*, *Shigella*, *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Yersinia* species, *Clostridium difficile*), parasites (*e.g.*, *Strongyloides stercoralis*, *Taenia saginata*, *Giardia lamblia*, *Ascaris lumbricoides*, *Cryptosporidium* species), and spondyloarthropathies associated with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). Other conditions and disorders include intestinal bypass (jejunileal), arthritis, celiac disease, Whipple disease, and collagenous colitis.

K. Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis

[0185] The compounds and methods of this invention may be used for treating patients with JRA. Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis (JRA), a term for the most prevalent form of arthritis in children, is applied to a family of illnesses characterized by chronic inflammation and hypertrophy of the synovial membranes. The term overlaps, but is not completely synonymous, with the family of illnesses referred to as juvenile chronic arthritis and/or juvenile idiopathic arthritis in Europe.

[0186] Both innate and adaptive immune systems use multiple cell types, a vast array of cell surface and secreted proteins, and interconnected networks of positive and negative feedback (Lo *et al.*, 1999). Furthermore, while separable in thought, the innate and adaptive wings of the immune system are functionally intersected (Fearon and Locksley, 1996), and pathologic events occurring at these intersecting points are likely to be highly relevant to our understanding of pathogenesis of adult and childhood forms of chronic arthritis (Warrington, *et al.*, 2001).

[0187] Polyarticular JRA is a distinct clinical subtype characterized by inflammation and synovial proliferation in multiple joints (four or more), including the small joints of the hands (Jarvis, 2002). This subtype of JRA may be severe, because of both its multiple joint involvement and its capacity to progress rapidly over time. Although clinically distinct, polyarticular JRA is not homogeneous, and patients vary in disease manifestations, age of onset, prognosis, and therapeutic response. These differences very likely reflect a spectrum of variation in the nature of the immune and inflammatory attack that can occur in this disease (Jarvis, 1998).

L. Early Inflammatory Arthritis

[0188] The compounds and methods of this invention may be used for treating patients with early inflammatory arthritis. The clinical presentation of different inflammatory arthropathies is similar early in the course of disease. As a result, it is often difficult to distinguish patients who are at risk of developing the severe and persistent synovitis that leads to erosive joint damage from those whose arthritis is more self-limited. Such distinction is critical in order to target therapy appropriately, treating aggressively those with erosive disease and avoiding unnecessary toxicity in patients with more self-limited disease. Current clinical criteria for diagnosing erosive arthropathies such as rheumatoid arthritis (RA) are less effective in early disease and traditional markers of disease activity such as joint counts and acute phase response do not adequately identify patients likely to have poor outcomes (Harrison *et al.*, 1998). Parameters reflective of the pathologic events occurring in the synovium are most likely to be of significant prognostic value.

[0189] Recent efforts to identify predictors of poor outcome in early inflammatory arthritis have identified the presence of RA specific autoantibodies, in particular antibodies towards citrullinated peptides, to be associated with erosive and persistent disease in early inflammatory arthritis cohorts. On the basis of this, a cyclical citrullinated peptide (CCP) has been developed to assist in the identification of anti-CCP antibodies in patient sera. Using this approach, the presence of anti-CCP antibodies has been shown to be specific and sensitive for RA, can distinguish RA from other arthropathies, and can potentially predict persistent,

erosive synovitis before these outcomes become clinically manifest. Importantly, anti-CCP antibodies are often detectable in sera many years prior to clinical symptoms suggesting that they may be reflective of subclinical immune events (Nielen *et al.*, 2004; Rantapaa-Dahlqvist *et al.*, 2003).

M. Ankylosing Spondylitis

[0190] The compounds and methods of this invention may be used for treating patients with ankylosing spondylitis. AS is a disease subset within a broader disease classification of spondyloarthropathy. Patients affected with the various subsets of spondyloarthropathy have disease etiologies that are often very different, ranging from bacterial infections to inheritance. Yet, in all subgroups, the end result of the disease process is axial arthritis. Despite the early clinically differences seen in the various patient populations, many of them end up nearly identical after a disease course of ten-to-twenty years. Recent studies suggest the mean time to clinical diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis from disease onset of disease is 7.5 years (Khan, 1998). These same studies suggest that the spondyloarthropathies may have prevalence close to that of rheumatoid arthritis (Feldtkeller *et al.*, 2003; Doran *et al.*, 2003).

[0191] AS is a chronic systemic inflammatory rheumatic disorder of the axial skeleton with or without extraskelatal manifestations. Sacroiliac joints and the spine are primarily affected, but hip and shoulder joints, and less commonly peripheral joints or certain extra-articular structures such as the eye, vasculature, nervous system, and gastrointestinal system may also be involved. Its etiology is not yet fully understood (Wordsworth, 1995; Calin and Taurog, 1998). It is strongly associated with the major histocompatibility class I (MHC I) HLA-B27 allele (Calin and Taurog, 1998). AS affects individuals in the prime of their life and is feared because of its potential to cause chronic pain and irreversible damage of tendons, ligaments, joints, and bones (Brewerton *et al.*, 1973a; Brewerton *et al.*, 1973b; Schlosstein *et al.*, 1973). AS may occur alone or in association with another form of spondyloarthropathy such as reactive arthritis, psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, enthesitis, ulcerative colitis, irritable bowel disease, or Crohn's disease, in which case it is classified as secondary AS.

[0192] Typically, the affected sites include the discovertebral, apophyseal, costovertebral, and costotransverse joints of the spine, and the paravertebral ligamentous structures. Inflammation of the entheses, which are sites of musculotendinous and ligamentous attachment to bones, is also prominent in this disease (Calin and Taurog, 1998). The site of enthesitis is known to be infiltrated by plasma cells, lymphocytes, and polymorphonuclear cells. The inflammatory process frequently results in gradual fibrous and bony ankylosis, (Ball, 1971; Khan, 1990).

[0193] Delayed diagnosis is common because symptoms are often attributed to more common back problems. A dramatic loss of flexibility in the lumbar spine is an early sign of AS. Other common symptoms include chronic pain and stiffness in the lower back which usually starts where the lower spine is joined to the pelvis, or hip. Although most symptoms begin in the lumbar and sacroiliac areas, they may involve the neck and upper back as well. Arthritis may also occur in the shoulder, hips and feet. Some patients have eye inflammation, and more severe cases must be observed for heart valve involvement.

[0194] The most frequent presentation is back pain, but disease can begin atypically in peripheral joints, especially in children and women, and rarely with acute iritis (anterior uveitis). Additional early symptoms and signs are diminished chest expansion from diffuse costovertebral involvement, low-grade fever, fatigue, anorexia, weight loss, and anemia. Recurrent back pain - often nocturnal and of varying intensity - is an eventual complaint, as is morning stiffness typically relieved by activity. A flexed or bent-over posture eases back pain and paraspinal muscle spasm; thus, some degree of kyphosis is common in untreated patients.

[0195] Systemic manifestations occur in 1/3 of patients. Recurrent, usually self-limited, acute iritis (anterior uveitis) rarely is protracted and severe enough to impair vision. Neurologic signs can occasionally result from compression radiculitis or sciatica, vertebral fracture or subluxation, and cauda equina syndrome (which consists of impotence, nocturnal urinary incontinence, diminished bladder and rectal sensation, and absence of ankle jerks). Cardiovascular manifestations can include aortic insufficiency, angina, pericarditis, and ECG conduction abnormalities. A rare pulmonary finding is upper lobe fibrosis, occasionally with cavitation that may be mistaken for TB and can be complicated by infection with *Aspergillus*.

[0196] AS is characterized by mild or moderate flares of active spondylitis alternating with periods of almost or totally inactive inflammation. Proper treatment in most patients results in minimal or no disability and in full, productive lives despite back stiffness. Occasionally, the course is severe and progressive, resulting in pronounced incapacitating deformities. The prognosis is bleak for patients with refractory iritis and for the rare patient with secondary amyloidosis.

N. Ulcerative Colitis

[0197] The compounds and methods of this invention may be used for treating patients with ulcerative colitis. Ulcerative colitis is a disease that causes inflammation and sores, called ulcers, in the lining of the large intestine. The inflammation usually occurs in the rectum and lower part of the colon, but it may affect the entire colon. Ulcerative colitis rarely affects the small intestine except for the end section, called the terminal ileum. Ulcerative colitis may also be called colitis or proctitis. The inflammation makes the colon empty frequently, causing diarrhea. Ulcers form in places where the inflammation has killed the cells lining the colon; the ulcers bleed and produce pus.

[0198] Ulcerative colitis is an inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), the general name for diseases that cause inflammation in the small intestine and colon. Ulcerative colitis can be difficult to diagnose because its symptoms are similar to other intestinal disorders and to another type of IBD, Crohn's disease. Crohn's disease differs from ulcerative colitis because it causes inflammation deeper within the intestinal wall. Also, Crohn's disease usually occurs in the small intestine, although it can also occur in the mouth, esophagus, stomach, duodenum, large intestine, appendix, and anus.

[0199] Ulcerative colitis may occur in people of any age, but most often it starts between ages 15 and 30, or less frequently between ages 50 and 70. Children and adolescents sometimes develop the disease. Ulcerative colitis affects men and women equally and appears to run in some families. Theories about what causes ulcerative colitis abound, but none have been proven. The most popular theory is that the body's immune system reacts to a virus or a bacterium by causing ongoing inflammation in the intestinal wall. People with ulcerative colitis have abnormalities of the immune system, but doctors do not know whether these abnormalities are a cause or a result of the disease. Ulcerative colitis is not caused by emotional distress or sensitivity to certain foods or food products, but these factors may trigger symptoms in some people.

[0200] The most common symptoms of ulcerative colitis are abdominal pain and bloody diarrhea. Patients also may experience fatigue, weight loss, loss of appetite, rectal bleeding, and loss of body fluids and nutrients. About half of patients have mild symptoms. Others suffer frequent fever, bloody diarrhea, nausea, and severe abdominal cramps. Ulcerative colitis may also cause problems such as arthritis, inflammation of the eye, liver disease (hepatitis, cirrhosis, and primary sclerosing cholangitis), osteoporosis, skin rashes, and anemia. No one knows for sure why problems occur outside the colon. Scientists think these complications may occur when the immune system triggers inflammation in other parts of the body. Some of these problems go away when the colitis is treated.

[0201] A thorough physical exam and a series of tests may be required to diagnose ulcerative colitis. Blood tests may be done to check for anemia, which could indicate bleeding in the colon or rectum. Blood tests may also uncover a high white blood cell count, which is a sign of inflammation somewhere in the body. By testing a stool sample, the doctor can detect bleeding or infection in the colon or rectum. The doctor may do a colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy. For either test, the doctor inserts an endoscope - a long, flexible, lighted tube connected to a computer and TV monitor - into the anus to see the inside of the colon and rectum. The doctor will be able to see any inflammation, bleeding, or ulcers on the colon wall. During the exam, the doctor may do a biopsy, which involves taking a sample of tissue from the lining of the colon to view with a microscope. A barium enema x-ray of the colon may also be required. This procedure involves filling the colon with barium, a chalky white solution. The barium shows up white on x-ray film, allowing the doctor a clear view of the colon, including any ulcers or other abnormalities that might be there.

[0202] Treatment for ulcerative colitis depends on the seriousness of the disease. Most people are treated with medication. In severe cases, a patient may need surgery to remove the diseased colon. Surgery is the only cure for ulcerative colitis. Some people whose symptoms are triggered by certain foods are able to control the symptoms by avoiding foods that upset their intestines, like highly seasoned foods, raw fruits and vegetables, or milk sugar (lactose). Each person may experience ulcerative colitis differently, so treatment is adjusted for each individual. Emotional and psychological support is important. Some people have remissions - periods when the symptoms go away - that last for months or even years. However, most patients' symptoms eventually return. This changing pattern of the disease means one cannot always tell when a treatment has helped. Some people with ulcerative colitis may need medical care for some time, with regular doctor visits to monitor the condition.

O. Crohn's Disease

[0203] The compounds and methods of this invention may be used for treating patients with Crohn's disease. Another disorder for which immunosuppression has been tried is Crohn's disease. Crohn's disease symptoms include intestinal inflammation and the development of intestinal stenosis and fistulas; neuropathy often accompanies these symptoms. Anti-inflammatory drugs,

such as 5-aminosalicylates (e.g., mesalamine) or corticosteroids, are typically prescribed, but are not always effective (reviewed in Botoman *et al.*, 1998). Immunosuppression with cyclosporine is sometimes beneficial for patients resistant to or intolerant of corticosteroids (Brynskov *et al.*, 1989).

[0204] Efforts to develop diagnostic and treatment tools against Crohn's disease have focused on the central role of cytokines (Schreiber, 1998; van Hogezand and Verspaget, 1998). Cytokines are small secreted proteins or factors (5 to 20 kD) that have specific effects on cell-to-cell interactions, intercellular communication, or the behavior of other cells. Cytokines are produced by lymphocytes, especially T_H1 and T_H2 lymphocytes, monocytes, intestinal macrophages, granulocytes, epithelial cells, and fibroblasts (reviewed in Rogler and Andus, 1998; Galley and Webster, 1996). Some cytokines are pro-inflammatory (e.g., TNF- α , IL-1(α and β), IL-6, IL-8, IL-12, or leukemia inhibitory factor [LIF]); others are anti-inflammatory (e.g., IL-1 receptor antagonist, IL-4, IL-10, I-11, and TGF- β). However, there may be overlap and functional redundancy in their effects under certain inflammatory conditions.

[0205] In active cases of Crohn's disease, elevated concentrations of TNF- α and IL-6 are secreted into the blood circulation, and TNF- α , IL-1, IL-6, and IL-8 are produced in excess locally by mucosal cells (*id.*; Funakoshi *et al.*, 1998). These cytokines can have far-ranging effects on physiological systems including bone development, hematopoiesis, and liver, thyroid, and neuropsychiatric function. Also, an imbalance of the IL-1 β /IL-1ra ratio, in favor of pro-inflammatory IL-1 β , has been observed in patients with Crohn's disease (Rogler and Andus, 1998; Saiki *et al.*, 1998; Dionne *et al.*, 1998; but see Kuboyama, 1998). One study suggested that cytokine profiles in stool samples could be a useful diagnostic tool for Crohn's disease (Saiki *et al.*, 1998).

[0206] Treatments that have been proposed for Crohn's disease include the use of various cytokine antagonists (e.g., IL-1ra), inhibitors (e.g., of IL-1 β converting enzyme and antioxidants) and anti-cytokine antibodies (Rogler and Andus, 1998; van Hogezand and Verspaget, 1998; Reimund *et al.*, 1998; Lugering *et al.*, 1998; McAlindon *et al.*, 1998). In particular, monoclonal antibodies against TNF- α , have been tried with some success in the treatment of Crohn's disease (Targan *et al.*, 1997; Stack *et al.*, 1997; van Dullemen *et al.*, 1995). These compounds may be used in combination therapy with compounds of the present disclosure.

[0207] Another approach to the treatment of Crohn's disease has focused on at least partially eradicating the bacterial community that may be triggering the inflammatory response and replacing it with a non-pathogenic community. For example, U.S. Patent 5,599,795 discloses a method for the prevention and treatment of Crohn's disease in human patients. Their method was directed to sterilizing the intestinal tract with at least one antibiotic and at least one anti-fungal agent to kill off the existing flora and replacing them with different, select, well-characterized bacteria taken from normal humans. Borody taught a method of treating Crohn's disease by at least partial removal of the existing intestinal microflora by lavage and replacement with a new bacterial community introduced by fecal inoculum from a disease-screened human donor or by a composition comprising *Bacteroides* and *Escherichia coli* species. (U.S. Patent 5,443,826).

P. Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

[0208] The compounds and methods of this invention may be used for treating patients with SLE. There has also been no known cause for autoimmune diseases such as systemic lupus erythematosus. Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) is an autoimmune rheumatic disease characterized by deposition in tissues of autoantibodies and immune complexes leading to tissue injury (Kotzin, 1996). In contrast to autoimmune diseases such as MS and type 1 diabetes mellitus, SLE potentially involves multiple organ systems directly, and its clinical manifestations are diverse and variable (reviewed by Kotzin and O'Dell, 1995). For example, some patients may demonstrate primarily skin rash and joint pain, show spontaneous remissions, and require little medication. At the other end of the spectrum are patients who demonstrate severe and progressive kidney involvement that requires therapy with high doses of steroids and cytotoxic drugs such as cyclophosphamide (Kotzin, 1996).

[0209] The serological hallmark of SLE, and the primary diagnostic test available, is elevated serum levels of IgG antibodies to constituents of the cell nucleus, such as double-stranded DNA (dsDNA), single-stranded DNA (ss-DNA), and chromatin. Among these autoantibodies, IgG anti-dsDNA antibodies play a major role in the development of lupus glomerulonephritis (G N) (Hahn and Tsao, 1993; Ohnishi *et al.*, 1994). Glomerulonephritis is a serious condition in which the capillary walls of the kidney's blood purifying glomeruli become thickened by accretions on the epithelial side of glomerular basement membranes. The disease is often chronic and progressive and may lead to eventual renal failure.

Q. Irritable Bowel Syndrome

[0210] The compounds and methods of this invention may be used for treating patients with Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). IBS is a functional disorder characterized by abdominal pain and altered bowel habits. This syndrome may begin in young adulthood and can be associated with significant disability. This syndrome is not a homogeneous disorder. Rather, subtypes of IBS have been described on the basis of the predominant symptom-diarrhea, constipation, or pain. In the absence of "alarm" symptoms, such as fever, weight loss, and gastrointestinal bleeding, a limited workup is needed. Once a diagnosis of IBS is made, an integrated treatment approach can effectively reduce the severity of symptoms. IBS is a common disorder, although its prevalence rates have varied. In general, IBS affects about 15% of US adults and occurs about three times more often in women than in men (Jailwala *et al.*, 2000).

[0211] IBS accounts for between 2.4 million and 3.5 million visits to physicians each year. It not only is the most common condition seen by gastroenterologists but also is one of the most common gastrointestinal conditions seen by primary care physicians (Everhart *et al.*, 1991; Sandler, 1990).

[0212] IBS is also a costly disorder. Compared with persons who do not have bowel symptoms, persons with IBS miss three times as many workdays and are more likely to report being too sick to work (Drossman *et al.*, 1993; Drossman *et al.*, 1997). Moreover, those with IBS incur hundreds of dollars more in medical charges than persons without bowel disorders (Talley *et al.*, 1995).

[0213] No specific abnormality accounts for the exacerbations and remissions of abdominal pain and altered bowel habits experienced by patients with IBS. The evolving theory of IBS suggests dysregulation at multiple levels of the brain-gut axis. Dysmotility, visceral hypersensitivity, abnormal modulation of the central nervous system (CNS), and infection have all been implicated. In addition, psychosocial factors play an important modifying role. Abnormal intestinal motility has long been considered a factor in the pathogenesis of IBS. Transit time through the small intestine after a meal has been shown to be shorter in patients with diarrhea-predominant IBS than in patients who have the constipation-predominant or pain-predominant subtype (Cann *et al.*, 1983).

[0214] In studies of the small intestine during fasting, the presence of both discrete, clustered contractions and prolonged, propagated contractions has been reported in patients with IBS (Kellow and Phillips, 1987). They also experience pain with irregular contractions more often than healthy persons (Kellow and Phillips, 1987; Horwitz and Fisher, 2001).

[0215] These motility findings do not account for the entire symptom complex in patients with IBS; in fact, most of these patients do not have demonstrable abnormalities (Rothstein, 2000). Patients with IBS have increased sensitivity to visceral pain. Studies involving balloon distention of the rectosigmoid colon have shown that patients with IBS experience pain and bloating at pressures and volumes much lower than control subjects (Whitehead *et al.*, 1990). These patients maintain normal perception of somatic stimuli.

[0216] Multiple theories have been proposed to explain this phenomenon. For example, receptors in the viscera may have increased sensitivity in response to distension or intraluminal contents. Neurons in the dorsal horn of the spinal cord may have increased excitability. In addition, alteration in CNS processing of sensations may be involved (Drossman *et al.*, 1997). Functional magnetic resonance imaging studies have recently shown that compared with control subjects, patients with IBS have increased activation of the anterior cingulate cortex, an important pain center, in response to a painful rectal stimulus (Mertz *et al.*, 2000).

[0217] Increasingly, evidence suggests a relationship between infectious enteritis and subsequent development of IBS. Inflammatory cytokines may play a role. In a survey of patients with a history of confirmed bacterial gastroenteritis (Neal *et al.*, 1997), 25% reported persistent alteration of bowel habits. Persistence of symptoms may be due to psychological stress at the time of acute infection (Gwee *et al.*, 1999).

[0218] Recent data suggest that bacterial overgrowth in the small intestine may have a role in IBS symptoms. In one study (Pimentel *et al.*, 2000), 157 (78%) of 202 IBS patients referred for hydrogen breath testing had test findings that were positive for bacterial overgrowth. Of the 47 subjects who had follow-up testing, 25 (53%) reported improvement in symptoms (*i.e.*, abdominal pain and diarrhea) with antibiotic treatment.

[0219] IBS may present with a range of symptoms. However, abdominal pain and altered bowel habits remain the primary features. Abdominal discomfort is often described as crampy in nature and located in the left lower quadrant, although the severity and location can differ greatly. Patients may report diarrhea, constipation, or alternating episodes of diarrhea and constipation. Diarrheal symptoms are typically described as small-volume, loose stools, and stool is sometimes accompanied by mucus discharge. Patients also may report bloating, fecal urgency, incomplete evacuation, and abdominal distention. Upper gastrointestinal symptoms, such as gastroesophageal reflux, dyspepsia, or nausea, may also be present (Lynn and Friedman,

1993).

[0220] Persistence of symptoms is not an indication for further testing; it is a characteristic of IBS and is itself an expected symptom of the syndrome. More extensive diagnostic evaluation is indicated in patients whose symptoms are worsening or changing. Indications for further testing also include presence of alarm symptoms, onset of symptoms after age 50, and a family history of colon cancer. Tests may include colonoscopy, computed tomography of the abdomen and pelvis, and barium studies of the small or large intestine.

R. Sjögren's Syndrome

[0221] The compounds and methods of this invention may be used for treating patients with SS. Primary Sjögren's syndrome (SS) is a chronic, slowly progressive, systemic autoimmune disease, which affects predominantly middle-aged women (female-to-male ratio 9:1), although it can be seen in all ages including childhood (Jonsson *et al.*, 2002). It is characterized by lymphocytic infiltration and destruction of the exocrine glands, which are infiltrated by mononuclear cells including CD4+, CD8+ lymphocytes and B-cells (Jonsson *et al.*, 2002). In addition, extraglandular (systemic) manifestations are seen in one-third of patients (Jonsson *et al.*, 2001).

[0222] The glandular lymphocytic infiltration is a progressive feature (Jonsson *et al.*, 1993), which, when extensive, may replace large portions of the organs. Interestingly, the glandular infiltrates in some patients closely resemble ectopic lymphoid microstructures in the salivary glands (denoted as ectopic germinal centers) (Salomonsson *et al.*, 2002; Xanthou *et al.*, 2001). In SS, ectopic GCs are defined as T and B cell aggregates of proliferating cells with a network of follicular dendritic cells and activated endothelial cells. These GC-like structures formed within the target tissue also portray functional properties with production of autoantibodies (anti-Ro/SSA and anti-La/SSB) (Salomonsson and Jonsson, 2003).

[0223] In other systemic autoimmune diseases, such as RA, factors critical for ectopic GCs have been identified. Rheumatoid synovial tissues with GCs were shown to produce chemokines CXCL13, CCL21 and lymphotxin (LT)- β (detected on follicular center and mantle zone B cells). Multivariate regression analysis of these analytes identified CXCL13 and LT- β as the solitary cytokines predicting GCs in rheumatoid synovitis (Weyand and Goronzy, 2003). Recently CXCL13 and CXCR5 in salivary glands has been shown to play an essential role in the inflammatory process by recruiting B and T cells, therefore contributing to lymphoid neogenesis and ectopic GC formation in SS (Salomonsson *et al.*, 2002).

S. Psoriasis

[0224] The compounds and methods of this invention may be used for treating patients with psoriasis. Psoriasis is a chronic skin disease of scaling and inflammation that affects 2 to 2.6 percent of the United States population, or between 5.8 and 7.5 million people. Although the disease occurs in all age groups, it primarily affects adults. It appears about equally in males and females. Psoriasis occurs when skin cells quickly rise from their origin below the surface of the skin and pile up on the surface before they have a chance to mature. Usually this movement (also called turnover) takes about a month, but in psoriasis it may occur in only a few days. In its typical form, psoriasis results in patches of thick, red (inflamed) skin covered with silvery scales. These patches, which are sometimes referred to as plaques, usually itch or feel sore. They most often occur on the elbows, knees, other parts of the legs, scalp, lower back, face, palms, and soles of the feet, but they can occur on skin anywhere on the body. The disease may also affect the fingernails, the toenails, and the soft tissues of the genitals and inside the mouth. While it is not unusual for the skin around affected joints to crack, approximately 1 million people with psoriasis experience joint inflammation that produces symptoms of arthritis. This condition is called psoriatic arthritis.

[0225] Psoriasis is a skin disorder driven by the immune system, especially involving a type of white blood cell called a T cell. Normally, T cells help protect the body against infection and disease. In the case of psoriasis, T cells are put into action by mistake and become so active that they trigger other immune responses, which lead to inflammation and to rapid turnover of skin cells. In about one-third of the cases, there is a family history of psoriasis. Researchers have studied a large number of families affected by psoriasis and identified genes linked to the disease. People with psoriasis may notice that there are times when their skin worsens, then improves. Conditions that may cause flareups include infections, stress, and changes in climate that dry the skin. Also, certain medicines, including lithium and beta blockers, which are prescribed for high blood pressure, may trigger an outbreak or worsen the disease.

T. Infectious diseases

[0226] Compounds of the present disclosure may be useful in the treatment of infectious diseases, including viral and bacterial infections. As noted above, such infections may be associated with severe localized or systemic inflammatory responses. For example, influenza may cause severe inflammation of the lung and bacterial infection can cause the systemic hyperinflammatory response, including the excessive production of multiple inflammatory cytokines, that is the hallmark of sepsis. In addition, compounds of the invention may be useful in directly inhibiting the replication of viral pathogens. Previous studies have demonstrated that related compounds such as CDDO can inhibit the replication of HIV in macrophages (Vazquez *et al.*, *J. Virol.* 2005 Apr;79(7):4479-91). Other studies have indicated that inhibition of NF- κ B signaling may inhibit influenza virus replication, and that cyclopentenone prostaglandins may inhibit viral replication (e.g., Mazur *et al.*, 2007; Pica *et al.*, 2000).

V. Pharmaceutical Formulations and Routes of Administration

[0227] The compounds of the present disclosure may be administered by a variety of methods, e.g., orally or by injection (e.g. subcutaneous, intravenous, intraperitoneal, etc.). Depending on the route of administration, the active compounds may be coated in a material to protect the compound from the action of acids and other natural conditions which may inactivate the compound. They may also be administered by continuous perfusion/infusion of a disease or wound site.

[0228] To administer the therapeutic compound by other than parenteral administration, it may be necessary to coat the compound with, or co-administer the compound with, a material to prevent its inactivation. For example, the therapeutic compound may be administered to a patient in an appropriate carrier, for example, liposomes, or a diluent. Pharmaceutically acceptable diluents include saline and aqueous buffer solutions. Liposomes include water-in-oil-in-water CGF emulsions as well as conventional liposomes (Strejan *et al.*, 1984).

[0229] The therapeutic compound may also be administered parenterally, intraperitoneally, intraspinally, or intracerebrally. Dispersions can be prepared in glycerol, liquid polyethylene glycols, and mixtures thereof and in oils. Under ordinary conditions of storage and use, these preparations may contain a preservative to prevent the growth of microorganisms.

[0230] Pharmaceutical compositions suitable for injectable use include sterile aqueous solutions (where water soluble) or dispersions and sterile powders for the extemporaneous preparation of sterile injectable solutions or dispersion. In all cases, the composition must be sterile and must be fluid to the extent that easy syringability exists. It must be stable under the conditions of manufacture and storage and must be preserved against the contaminating action of microorganisms such as bacteria and fungi. The carrier can be a solvent or dispersion medium containing, for example, water, ethanol, polyol (such as, glycerol, propylene glycol, and liquid polyethylene glycol, and the like), suitable mixtures thereof, and vegetable oils. The proper fluidity can be maintained, for example, by the use of a coating such as lecithin, by the maintenance of the required particle size in the case of dispersion and by the use of surfactants. Prevention of the action of microorganisms can be achieved by various antibacterial and antifungal agents, for example, parabens, chlorobutanol, phenol, ascorbic acid, thimerosal, and the like. In many cases, it will be preferable to include isotonic agents, for example, sugars, sodium chloride, or polyalcohols such as mannitol and sorbitol, in the composition. Prolonged absorption of the injectable compositions can be brought about by including in the composition an agent which delays absorption, for example, aluminum monostearate or gelatin.

[0231] Sterile injectable solutions can be prepared by incorporating the therapeutic compound in the required amount in an appropriate solvent with one or a combination of ingredients enumerated above, as required, followed by filtered sterilization. Generally, dispersions are prepared by incorporating the therapeutic compound into a sterile carrier which contains a basic dispersion medium and the required other ingredients from those enumerated above. In the case of sterile powders for the preparation of sterile injectable solutions, the preferred methods of preparation are vacuum drying and freeze-drying which yields a powder of the active ingredient (i.e., the therapeutic compound) plus any additional desired ingredient from a previously sterile-filtered solution thereof.

[0232] The therapeutic compound can be orally administered, for example, with an inert diluent or an assimilable edible carrier. The therapeutic compound and other ingredients may also be enclosed in a hard or soft shell gelatin capsule, compressed into tablets, or incorporated directly into the subject's diet. For oral therapeutic administration, the therapeutic compound may be incorporated with excipients and used in the form of ingestible tablets, buccal tablets, troches, capsules, elixirs, suspensions, syrups, wafers, and the like. The percentage of the therapeutic compound in the compositions and preparations may, of course, be varied. The amount of the therapeutic compound in such therapeutically useful compositions is such that a suitable dosage will be obtained.

[0233] ' It is especially advantageous to formulate parenteral compositions in dosage unit form for ease of administration and uniformity of dosage. Dosage unit form as used herein refers to physically discrete units suited as unitary dosages for the subjects to be treated; each unit containing a predetermined quantity of therapeutic compound calculated to produce the desired therapeutic effect in association with the required pharmaceutical carrier. The specification for the dosage unit forms of the invention are dictated by and directly dependent on (a) the unique characteristics of the therapeutic compound and the particular therapeutic effect to be achieved, and (b) the limitations inherent in the art of compounding such a therapeutic compound for the treatment of a selected condition in a patient.

[0234] The therapeutic compound may also be administered topically to the skin, eye, or mucosa. Alternatively, if local delivery to the lungs is desired the therapeutic compound may be administered by inhalation in a dry-powder or aerosol formulation.

[0235] Active compounds are administered at a therapeutically effective dosage sufficient to treat a condition associated with a condition in a patient. A "therapeutically effective amount" preferably reduces the amount of symptoms of the condition in the infected patient by at least about 20%, more preferably by at least about 40%, even more preferably by at least about 60%, and still more preferably by at least about 80% relative to untreated subjects. For example, the efficacy of a compound can be evaluated in an animal model system that may be predictive of efficacy in treating the disease in humans, such as the model systems shown in the examples and drawings.

[0236] The actual dosage amount of a compound of the present disclosure or composition comprising a compound of the present disclosure administered to a subject may be determined by physical and physiological factors such as age, sex, body weight, severity of condition, the type of disease being treated, previous or concurrent therapeutic interventions, idiopathy of the subject and on the route of administration. These factors may be determined by a skilled artisan. The practitioner responsible for administration will typically determine the concentration of active ingredient(s) in a composition and appropriate dose(s) for the individual subject. The dosage may be adjusted by the individual physician in the event of any complication.

[0237] An effective amount typically will vary from about 0.001 mg/kg to about 1000 mg/kg, from about 0.01 mg/kg to about 750 mg/kg, from about 100 mg/kg to about 500 mg/kg, from about 1.0 mg/kg to about 250 mg/kg, from about 10.0 mg/kg to about 150 mg/kg in one or more dose administrations daily, for one or several days (depending of course of the mode of administration and the factors discussed above). Other suitable dose ranges include 1 mg to 10000 mg per day, 100 mg to 10000 mg per day, 500 mg to 10000 mg per day, and 500 mg to 1000 mg per day. In some particular embodiments, the amount is less than 10,000 mg per day with a range of 750 mg to 9000 mg per day.

[0238] The effective amount may be less than 1 mg/kg/day, less than 500 mg/kg/day, less than 250 mg/kg/day, less than 100 mg/kg/day, less than 50 mg/kg/day, less than 25 mg/kg/day or less than 10 mg/kg/day. It may alternatively be in the range of 1 mg/kg/day to 200 mg/kg/day. For example, regarding treatment of diabetic patients, the unit dosage may be an amount that reduces blood glucose by at least 40% as compared to an untreated subject. In another embodiment, the unit dosage is an amount that reduces blood glucose to a level that is \pm 10% of the blood glucose level of a non-diabetic subject.

[0239] In other non-limiting examples, a dose may also comprise from about 1 microgram/kg/body weight, about 5 microgram/kg/body weight, about 10 microgram/kg/body weight, about 50 microgram/kg/body weight, about 100 microgram/kg/body weight, about 200 microgram/kg/body weight, about 350 microgram/kg/body weight, about 500 microgram/kg/body weight, about 1 milligram/kg/body weight, about 5 milligram/kg/body weight, about 10 milligram/kg/body weight, about 50 milligram/kg/body weight, about 100 milligram/kg/body weight, about 200 milligram/kg/body weight, about 350 milligram/kg/body weight, about 500 milligram/kg/body weight, to about 1000 mg/kg/body weight or more per administration, and any range derivable therein. In non-limiting examples of a derivable range from the numbers listed herein, a range of about 5 mg/kg/body weight to about 100 mg/kg/body weight, about 5 microgram/kg/body weight to about 500 milligram/kg/body weight, etc., can be administered, based on the numbers described above.

[0240] In certain embodiments, a pharmaceutical composition of the present disclosure may comprise, for example, at least about 0.1% of a compound of the present disclosure. In other embodiments, the compound of the present disclosure may comprise between about 2% to about 75% of the weight of the unit, or between about 25% to about 60%, for example, and any range derivable therein.

[0241] Single or multiple doses of the agents are contemplated. Desired time intervals for delivery of multiple doses can be determined by one of ordinary skill in the art employing no more than routine experimentation. As an example, subjects may be administered two doses daily at approximately 12 hour intervals. In some embodiments, the agent is administered once a day.

[0242] The agent(s) may be administered on a routine schedule. As used herein a routine schedule refers to a predetermined designated period of time. The routine schedule may encompass periods of time which are identical or which differ in length, as long as the schedule is predetermined. For instance, the routine schedule may involve administration twice a day, every day, every two days, every three days, every four days, every five days, every six days, a weekly basis, a monthly basis or any set number of days or weeks therebetween. Alternatively, the predetermined routine schedule may involve administration on a twice daily basis for the first week, followed by a daily basis for several months, etc. In other embodiments, the invention provides that the agent(s) may be taken orally and that the timing of which is or is not dependent upon food intake. Thus, for example, the agent can be taken every morning and/or every evening, regardless of when the subject has eaten or will eat.

VI. Combination Therapy

[0243] In addition to being used as a monotherapy, the compounds of the present disclosure may also find use in combination therapies. Effective combination therapy may be achieved with a single composition or pharmacological formulation that includes both agents, or with two distinct compositions or formulations, at the same time, wherein one composition includes the oleanolic acid derivative according to the methods of this invention, and the other includes the second agent(s). Alternatively, the therapy may precede or follow the other agent treatment by intervals ranging from minutes to months.

[0244] Various combinations may be employed, such as when a compound of the present disclosure is "A" and "B" represents a secondary agent, non-limiting examples of which are described below:

A/B/A	B/A/B B/B/A	A/A/B	A/B/B	B/A/A	A/B/B/B	B/A/B/B
B/B/B/A	B/B/A/B	A/A/B/B	A/B/A/B	A/B/B/A	B/B/A/A	
B/A/B/A	B/A/A/B	A/A/A/B	B/A/A/A	A/B/A/A	A/A/B/A	

[0245] Administration of the compounds of the present disclosure to a patient will follow general protocols for the administration of pharmaceuticals, taking into account the toxicity, if any, of the drug. It is expected that the treatment cycles would be repeated as necessary.

[0246] Beta interferons may be suitable secondary agents. These are medications derived from human cytokines which help regulate the immune system. They include interferon β -1b and interferon β -1a. Betaseron has been approved by the FDA for relapsing forms of secondary progressive MS. Furthermore, the FDA has approved the use of several β -interferons as treatments for people who have experienced a single attack that suggests multiple sclerosis, and who may be at risk of future attacks and developing definite MS. For example, risk of MS may be suggested when an MRI scan of the brain shows lesions that predict a high risk of conversion to definite MS.

[0247] Glatiramer acetate is a further example of a secondary agent that may be used in a combination treatment. Glatiramer is presently used to treat relapsing remitting MS. It is made of four amino acids that are found in myelin. This drug is reported to stimulate T cells in the body's immune system to change from harmful, pro-inflammatory agents to beneficial, anti-inflammatory agents that work to reduce inflammation at lesion sites.

[0248] Another potential secondary agent is mitoxantrone, a chemotherapy drug used for many cancers. This drug is also FDA-approved for treatment of aggressive forms of relapsing remitting MS, as well as certain forms of progressive MS. It is given intravenously, topically every three months. This medication is effective, but is limited by cardiac toxicity. Novantrone has been approved by the FDA for secondary progressive, progressive-relapsing, and worsening relapsing-remitting MS.

[0249] Another potential secondary agent is natalizumab. In general, natalizumab works by blocking the attachment of immune cells to brain blood vessels, which is a necessary step for immune cells to cross into the brain, thus reducing the immune cells' inflammatory action on brain neurons. Natalizumab has been shown to significantly reduce the frequency of attacks in people with relapsing MS.

[0250] In the case of relapsing remitting MS, patients may be given intravenous corticosteroids, such as methylprednisolone, as a secondary agent, to end the attack sooner and leave fewer lasting deficits.

[0251] Other common drugs for MS that may be used in combination with the oleanolic acid derivatives include immunosuppressive drugs such as azathioprine, cladribine and cyclophosphamide.

[0252] It is contemplated that other anti-inflammatory agents may be used in conjunction with the treatments of the current invention. Other COX inhibitors may be used, including arylcarboxylic acids (salicylic acid, acetylsalicylic acid, diflunisal, choline magnesium trisalicylate, salicylate, benorylate, flufenamic acid, mefenamic acid, meclofenamic acid and triflumic acid), arylalkanoic acids (diclofenac, fenclofenac, alclofenac, fentiazac, ibuprofen, flurbiprofen, ketoprofen, naproxen, fenoprofen, fenbufen, suprofen, indoprofen, tiaprofenic acid, benoxaprofen, pirprofen, tolmetin, zomepirac, clopinac, indomethacin and sulindac) and enolic acids (phenylbutazone, oxyphenbutazone, azapropazone, feprazone, piroxicam, and isoxicam. See also U.S. Pat. No. 6,025,393.

[0253] Histamine H₂ receptor blocking agents may also be used in conjunction with the compounds of the current invention, including cimetidine, ranitidine, famotidine and nizatidine.

[0254] Treatment with acetylcholinesterase inhibitors such as tacrine, donepezil, metrifonate and rivastigmine for the treatment of Alzheimer's and other disease in conjunction with the compounds of the present disclosure is contemplated. Other acetylcholinesterase inhibitors may be developed which may be used once approved include rivastigmine and metrifonate. Acetylcholinesterase inhibitors increase the amount of neurotransmitter acetylcholine at the nerve terminal by decreasing its breakdown by the enzyme cholinesterase.

[0255] MAO-B inhibitors such as selegiline may be used in conjunction with the compounds of the current invention. Selegiline is used for Parkinson's disease and irreversibly inhibits monoamine oxidase type B (MAO-B). Monoamine oxidase is an enzyme that inactivates the monoamine neurotransmitters norepinephrine, serotonin and dopamine.

[0256] Dietary and nutritional supplements with reported benefits for treatment or prevention of Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease, and all other diseases whose pathogenesis is believed to involve excessive production of either nitric oxide (NO) or prostaglandins, such as acetyl-L-carnitine, octacosanol, evening primrose oil, vitamin B6, tyrosine, phenylalanine, vitamin C, L-dopa, or a combination of several antioxidants may be used in conjunction with the compounds of the current invention.

[0257] For the treatment or prevention of cancer, compounds of the invention may be combined with one or more of the following: radiation, chemotherapy agents (e.g., cytotoxic agents such as anthracyclines, vincristine, vinblastin, microtubule-targeting agents such as paclitaxel and docetaxel, 5-FU and related agents, cisplatin and other platinum-containing compounds, irinotecan and topotecan, gemcitabine, temozolomide, etc.), targeted therapies (e.g., irinatib, bortezomib, bevacizumab, rituximab), or vaccine therapies designed to promote an enhanced immune response targeting cancer cells.

[0258] For the treatment or prevention of autoimmune disease, compounds of the invention may be combined with one or more of the following: corticosteroids, methotrexate, anti-TNF antibodies, other TNF-targeting protein therapies, and NSAIDs. For the treatment or prevention of cardiovascular diseases, compounds of the invention may be combined with antithrombotic therapies, anticholesterol therapies such as statins (e.g., atorvastatin), and surgical interventions such as stenting or coronary artery bypass grafting. For the treatment of osteoporosis, compounds of the invention may be combined with antiresorptive agents such as bisphosphonates or anabolic therapies such as teriparatide or parathyroid hormone. For the treatment of neuropsychiatric conditions, compounds of the invention may be combined with antidepressants (e.g., imipramine or SSRIs such as fluoxetine), antipsychotic agents (e.g., olanzapine, sertraline, risperidone), mood stabilizers (e.g., lithium, valproate semisodium), or other standard agents such as anxiolytic agents. For the treatment of neurological disorders, compounds of the invention may be combined with anticonvulsant agents (e.g., valproate semisodium, gabapentin, phenytoin, carbamazepine, and topiramate), antithrombotic agents (e.g., tissue plasminogen activator), or analgesics (e.g., opioids, sodium channel blockers, and other antinociceptive agents).

[0259] For the treatment of disorders involving oxidative stress, compounds of the present disclosure may be combined with tetrahydrobiopterin (BH4) or related compounds. BH4 is a cofactor for constitutive forms of nitric oxide synthase, and may be depleted by reactions with peroxynitrite. Peroxynitrite is formed by the reaction of nitric oxide and superoxide. Thus, under conditions of oxidative stress excessive levels of superoxide can deplete normal, beneficial levels of nitric oxide by converting NO to peroxynitrite. The resulting depletion of BH4 by reaction with peroxynitrite results in the "uncoupling" of nitric oxide synthases so that they form superoxide rather than NO. This adds to the oversupply of superoxide and prolongs the depletion of NO. Addition of exogenous BH4 can reverse this uncoupling phenomenon, restoring the production of NO and reducing the level of oxidative stress in tissues. This mechanism is expected to complement the actions of compounds of the invention, which reduce oxidative stress by other means, as discussed above and throughout this invention.

VII. Examples

[0260] Any of the following examples that do not fall within the scope of the attached claims are disclosed merely for illustrative purposes and are not intended to cast doubt upon the scope of the claims.

Example 1 - Methods and Materials

[0261] Nitric Oxide production and cell viability. RAW264.7 macrophages were pre-treated with DMSO or drugs for 2 hours, then treated with recombinant mouse IFN γ (Sigma) for 24 hours. NO concentration in media was determined using the Griess reagent system (Promega). Cell viability was determined using WST-1 reagent (Roche).

[0262] **STAT3 phosphorylation.** HeLa cells were treated with the indicated compounds and concentrations for 6 hours and subsequently stimulated with 20 ng/ml recombinant human IL-6 (R&D Systems) for 15 minutes. Lysates were immunoblotted with antibodies against phosphorylated or total STAT3 (Cell Signaling).

[0263] **NF- κ B activation.** HeLa cells were transfected with pNF- κ B-Luc (inducible, Stratagene) and pRL-TK (constitutive, Promega) reporter plasmids. Twenty-four hours later cells were pre-treated with the indicated compounds for 2 hours. DMSO served as a vehicle control. Following pre-treatment, cells were stimulated with 20 ng/ml recombinant human TNF α (BD Biosciences) for 3 hours. Reporter activity was measured using DualGlo luciferase reporter system (Promega) and pNF- κ B luciferase activity was normalized against pRL-TK luciferase activity. Fold-induction of mean luciferase activity relative to unstimulated (-TNF α) samples is shown. Error bars represent the SD of the mean of 6 samples.

[0264] **I κ B α degradation.** HeLa cells were treated with indicated compounds and concentrations for 6 hours and subsequently stimulated with 20 ng/ml TNF α for 15 minutes. Lysates were blotted with antibodies against I κ B α (Santa Cruz) and actin (Chemicon).

[0265] **COX-2 induction Western blot.** RAW264.7 cells were pre-treated for 2 hours with indicated compounds and subsequently stimulated with 10 ng/ml IFN γ for an additional 24 hours. COX-2 protein levels were assayed by immunoblotting using an antibody from Santa Cruz. Actin was used as a loading control.

[0266] **Nrf2 target gene induction.** MDA-MB-435 human melanoma cells were treated with vehicle (DMSO) or the indicated compounds and concentrations for 16 hours. HO-1, thioredoxin reductase-1 (TrxR1), γ -glutamylcysteine synthetase (γ -GCS), and ferritin heavy chain mRNA levels were quantified using qPCR and were normalized relative to a DMSO-treated sample run in parallel. Values are averages of duplicate wells. Primer sequences are as follows.

HO-1 FW: TCCGATGGTCCTTACACTC (SEQ ID NO:1),

HO-1 REV: TAGGCTCCTCCTCCTTCC (SEQ ID NO:2),

TrxR1 FW: GCAGCACTGAGTGGTAAAA (SEQ ID NO:3),

TrxR1 REV: GGTCAACTGCCTCAATTGCT (SEQ ID NO:4),

γ -GCS FW: GCTGTGGCTACTGCGGTATT (SEQ ID NO:5),

γ -GCS REV: ATCTGCCTCAATGACACCAT (SEQ ID NO:6),

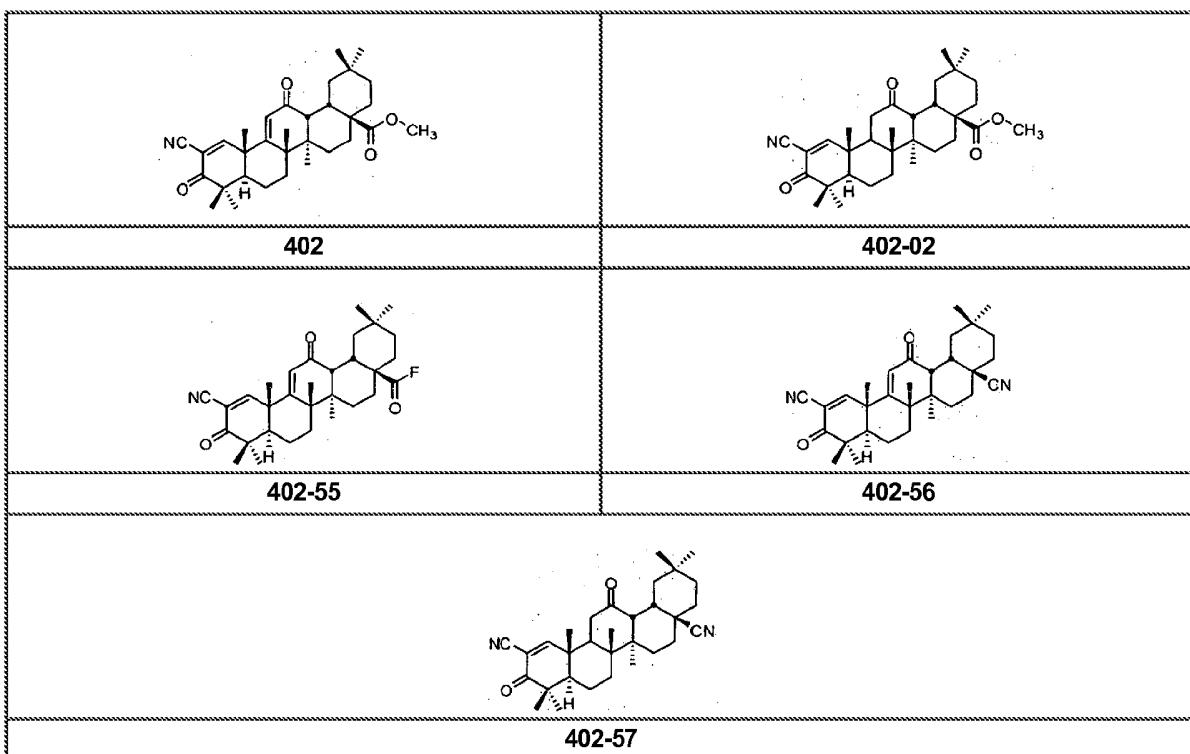
Ferritin HC FW: ATGAGCAGGTGAAAGCCATC (SEQ ID NO:7),

Ferritin HC REV: TAAAGGAAACCCAACATGC (SEQ ID NO:8),

S9 FW: GATTACATCCTGGCCTGAA (SEQ ID NO:9),

S9 REV: GAGCCAGAGAGAAGTCGAT (SEQ ID NO:10).

[0267] **Comparison Compounds.** In some of the experiments (e.g., FIG. 5), certain compounds of this invention were compared with other compounds, such as those shown here:



[0268] Compounds **402** and **402-56** can be prepared according to the methods taught by Honda *et al.* (1998), Honda *et al.* (2000b), Honda *et al.* (2002), Yates *et al.* (2007), U.S. Patent 6,974,801, U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/046,332, 61/046,342, 61/046,352, 61/046,363, 61/111,333, and 61/111,269. The synthesis of the other compounds are also described in the following separate applications filed concurrently herewith: U.S. Patent Application by Eric Anderson, Gary L. Bolton, Deborah Ferguson, Xin Jiang, Robert M. Kral, Jr., Patrick M. O'Brian and Melean Visnick, entitled "Natural Products Including an Anti-Inflammatory Pharmacore and Methods of Use," filed April 20, 2009; U.S. Patent Application by Eric Anderson, Xin Jiang, Xiaofeng Liu; Melean Visnick, entitled "Antioxidant Inflammation Modulators: Oleanolic Acid Derivatives With Saturation in the C-Ring," filed April 20, 2009; U.S. Patent Application by Eric Anderson, Xin Jiang and Melean Visnick, entitled "Antioxidant Inflammation Modulators: Oleanolic Acid Derivatives with Amino and Other Modifications At C-37," filed April 20, 2009; U.S. Patent Application by Xin Jiang, Jack Greiner, Lester L. Maravetz, Stephen S. Szucs, Melean Visnick, entitled "Antioxidant Inflammation Modulators: Novel Derivatives of Oleanolic Acid," filed April 20, 2009.

[0269] Aqueous Solubility Determination. The following procedure was used to obtain the aqueous solubility results summarized in Example 4. Step 1. Determination of optimal UV/vis wavelengths and generation of standard curves for a compound of interest:

- (1) For eight standard calibration curves (one plate), prepare 34 mL of 50:50 (v:v) universal buffer:acetonitrile in a 50 mL tube.
- (2) Using a multichannel pipet, dispense (in μ L) the buffer:acetonitrile in a deep well plate as follows:

(3) Using a multichannel pipet, dispense DMSO into the same plate as follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A												
B												
C												
D			12 µL	12 µL	15 µL							
E												
F												
G												
H												

(4) Add 10 mM compound in DMSO into the platens as follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	15 µL cmpd1	15 µL cmpd1	8 µL cmpd1	8 µL cmpd1								
B	15 µL cmpd2	15 µL cmpd2	8 µL cmpd2	8 µL cmpd2								
C	15 µL cmpd3	15 µL cmpd3	8 µL cmpd3	8 µL cmpd3								
D	15 µL cmpd4	15 µL cmpd4	8 µL cmpd4	8 µL cmpd4								
E	15 µL cmpd5	15 µL cmpd5	8 µL cmpd5	8 µL cmpd5								
F	15 µL cmpd6	15 µL cmpd6	8 µL cmpd6	8 µL cmpd6								
G	15 µL cmpd7	15 µL cmpd7	8 µL cmpd7	8 µL cmpd7								
H	15 µL cmpd8	15 µL cmpd8	8 µL cmpd8	8 µL cmpd8								

(5) Mix columns 1 and 2 by pipetting each up and down 10 times. Mix columns 3 and 4 by pipetting up and down 10 times. Serially dilute as follows (pipet up and down 10 times after each transfer):

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A												
B												
C												
D												
E												
F												
G												
H												

Note columns 11 and 12 contain DMSO only and so compound should not be transferred to these wells.

(6) Cover plate with lid and shake (200-300 rpm) at room temperature for 20 minutes.

(7) Mix all wells by pipetting up and down 10 times.

(8) Transfer 120 µL from each well to a UV transparent plate. Cover and shake for 3-5 minutes. Remove any bubbles in the wells using a pipet.

(9) Read from 220 nm to 500 nm at 10 nm increments on a spectrophotometer (e.g., SpectraMax®).

[0270] Step 2. Compound Solubility Testing Procedures using the Millipore™ Multiscreen® Solubility Filter Plate.

[0271] Consumables: Millipore™ Multiscreen® Solubility Filter Plate #MSSLBPC10

Greiner® 96 well disposable UV-Star analysis plate, VWR#655801

Greiner® 96 well polypropylene V-bottom collection plate, VWR#651201

Universal Aqueous Buffer:

[0272]

1. (a) To prepare 500 mL of universal buffer, add the following: 250 mL Nanopure water; 1.36 mL (45 mM) ethanolamine; 3.08 g (45 mM) potassium dihydrogen phosphate; 2.21 g (45 mM) potassium acetate; thoroughly mix.
2. (b) Adjust pH to 7.4 with HCl and q.s. to 500 mL with 0.15 M KCl.
3. (c) Filter to remove particulates and reduce bacterial growth.
4. (d) Store at 4°C in the dark.

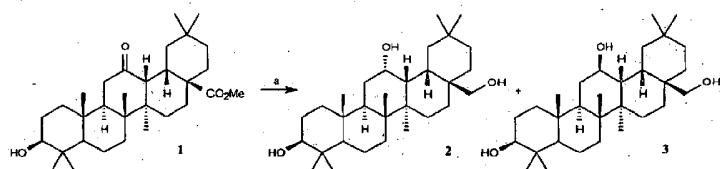
Solubility Protocol:

[0273]

1. (a) Add 285 μ L of Universal Aqueous Buffer to desired wells of the Millipore™ Multiscreen® Solubility filter plate.
2. (b) Add 15 μ L of 10 mM compound in DMSO to the appropriate wells. Add 15 μ L of 100% DMSO only to 6 wells of the filter plate for blanks.
3. (c) Using a multichannel pipet, mix wells by pipetting up and down 10 times. Be careful not to touch the filters in the plate with the tips.
4. (d) Cover and gently shake (200-300 rpm) filter plate for 90 minutes at room temperature.
5. (e) Vacuum filter the aqueous solution from the Multiscreen® solubility filter plate into a polypropylene V-bottom plate.
6. (f) Transfer 60 μ L of filtrate to a UV transparent plate (Greiner® UV-Star Analysis Plate).
7. (g) Add 60 μ L of acetonitrile to each well and mix by pipetting up and down 10 times.
8. (h) Cover and gently shake for 3-5 minutes. Remove any bubbles with a pipet.
9. (i) Measure the absorbance of each well in the plate on the spectrophotometer (UV/vis) at the desired wavelength. For compounds in a plate with different absorbance peaks, set the spectrophotometer to read a spectrum (e.g., from 220 nm to 460 nm).
10. (j) Identify concentration using measured absorbance for each compound and the predetermined standard curve (see Step 1).

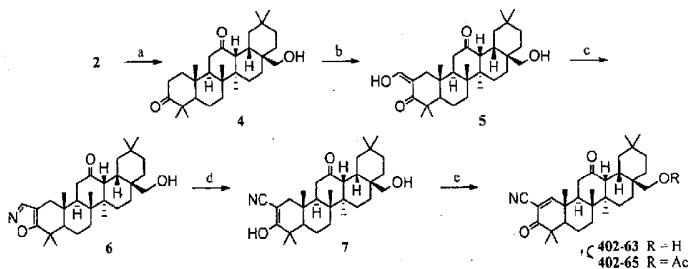
Example 2 - Synthesis of Oleanolic Acid Derivatives

[0274]

Scheme 1:

[0275] Reagents and conditions applicable to Scheme 1 are: (a) LAH, rt to 65 °C, 1.5 h, 52% (compound **2**) and 27% (compound **3**). Compound **2** was transformed to compound **402-63** in five steps (Scheme 2). Compound **2** was treated with bleach, selectively oxidizing the two secondary alcohols to give compound **4** in 83% yield. Formylation of **4** with ethyl formate using sodium methoxide as the base afforded compound **5**, which was treated with hydroxylamine hydrochloride in aqueous EtOH at 60 °C to give isoxazole **6** in 76% yield (from **4**). Cleavage of the isoxazole under basic conditions gave α -cyanoketone **7** in quantitative yield as a mixture of ketone and enol forms. Compound **7** was treated with 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin, followed by elimination of HBr using pyridine as the base, to give compound **402-63** in 79% yield. Treating the alcohol **402-63** with Ac₂O/Pyridine gave **402-65** in 70% yield.

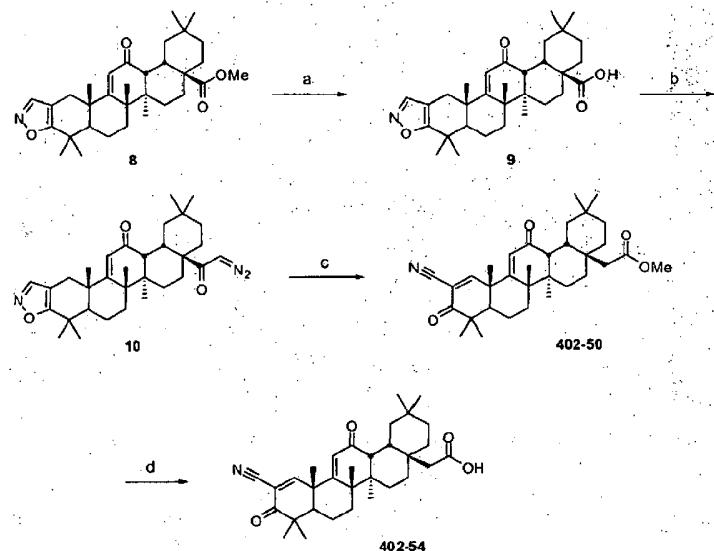
Scheme 2:



[0276] Reagent and conditions applicable to Scheme 2 are: (a) AcOH, bleach, rt, 1 h, 83%; (b) HCO_2Et , NaOMe , 0 °C to rt, 1 h; (c) $\text{NH}_2\text{OH}\text{-HCl}$, 60 °C, 16 h, 76% (from 4); (d) NaOMe , 55 °C, 2 h; (e) (i) 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin, rt, 2 h; (ii) pyridine, 55 °C, 3 h, 79% (from 6); (f) Ac_2O , Py, DMAP, rt, 30 min, 70%.

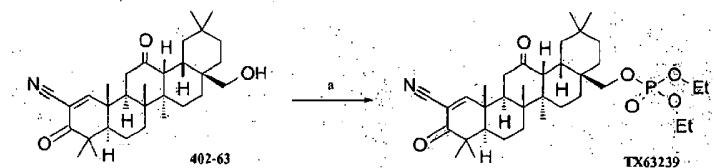
[0277] The synthesis of 402-50 and 402-54 began with acid 8 (Scheme 3). Compound 8 was converted to the acid chloride by treatment with oxalyl chloride, and subsequent treatment with trimethylsilyldiazomethane gave diazomethyl ketone 9. Wolff rearrangement of diazomethyl ketone 9 was carried out by reaction with silver benzoate to give the homologated methyl ester. Conversion of the isoxazole ring to the α -cyanoenone was carried out in three steps according the same protocol as in Scheme 2 to yield 402-50 in 8% overall yield (from 9). Treatment of ester 402-50 with aqueous lithium hydroxide gave acid 402-54 in 52% yield.

Scheme 3:



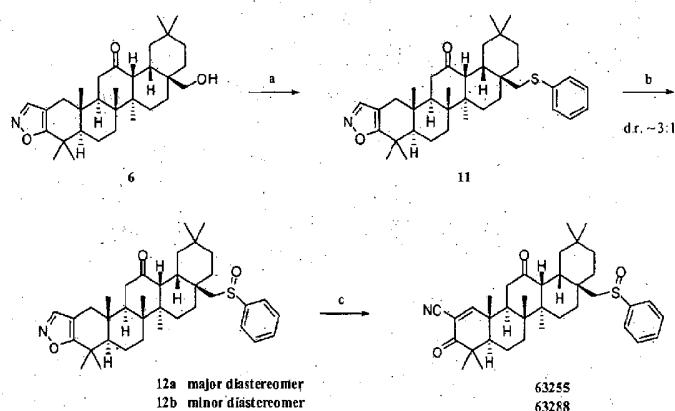
[0278] Reagent and conditions applicable to Scheme 3 are: (a) TMSI, CHCl_3 , 50 °C to 55 °C, 9h, 39%; (b) (i) $(\text{COCl})_2$, CH_2Cl_2 , rt, 15 h; (ii) TMSCHN_2 , CH_3CN , 50 °C to rt, 24 h, 74%; (c) (i) AgCO_2Ph , Et_3N , MeOH , 50 °C, 2 h; (ii) NaOMe , MeOH , 50 °C, 3 h; (iii) 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin, rt, 20 min; (iv) pyridine, 50 to 60 °C, 11 h, 8% (from 9); (d) LiOH , MeOH , H_2O , rt to 50 °C, 19h, 52%.

Scheme 4:



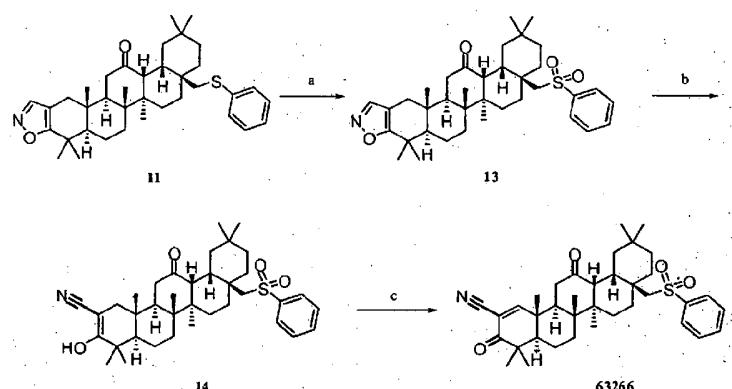
[0279] Reagent and conditions applicable to Scheme 4 are: (a) Et_3N , $(\text{EtO})_2\text{POCl}$, CH_2Cl_2 , r.t., 94 h, 34%.

Scheme 5:



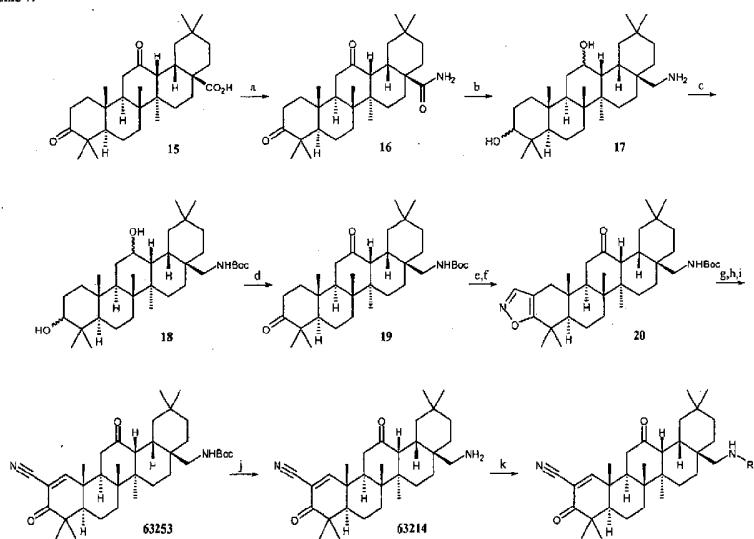
[0280] Reagent and conditions applicable to Scheme 5 are: (a) N-(Phenylthio)-phthalimide, Bu_3P , benzene, r.t., 22 h, 42%; (b) Oxone, EtOH , H_2O , CH_3CN , 0 °C to r.t., 70 h, d.r. ~3:1; (c) (i) NaOMe , 55 °C, 4 h; (ii) 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin, 0 °C, 2.5 h; (iii) pyridine, 55 °C, 4 h, 64% (63255) and 6% (63288) from 11.

Scheme 6:



[0281] Reagent and conditions applicable to Scheme 6 are: (a) Oxone, EtOH , H_2O , CH_3CN , r.t., 24 h, 91%; (b) NaOMe , 55 °C, 2 h; (c) (i) 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin, 0 °C, 1.5 h; (ii) pyridine, 55 °C, 3.5 h, 64% from 13.

Scheme 7:



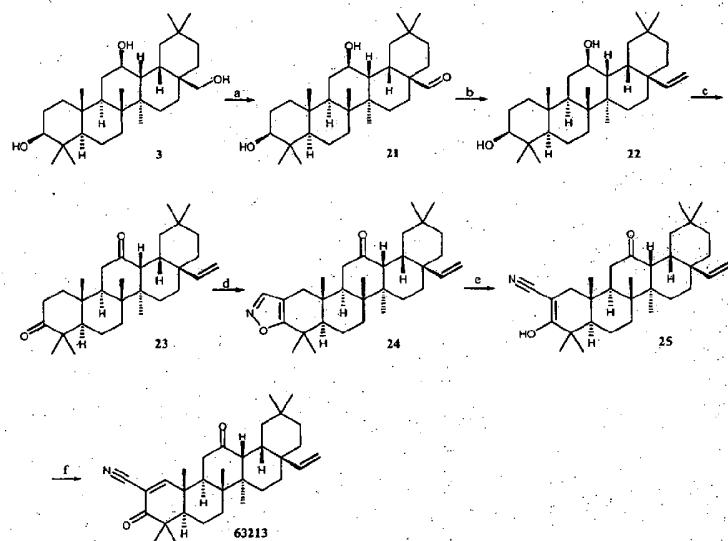
[0282] Reagent and conditions applicable to Scheme 7 are: (a) (i) oxalyl chloride, 0 °C to r.t., 2 h; (ii) NH_3 (2 M in MeOH), 0 °C to

r.t., 1 h, 94%; (b) LAH, r.t. to 65 °C, 4 h; (c) (Boc)₂O, NaHCO₃, r.t., 4 h, 60% from 16; (d) PCC, NaOAc, r.t., 4 h, 94%; (e) HCO₂Et, NaOMe, r.t., 1.5 h; (f) NH₂OH-HCl, 60 °C, 2.5 h, 75%; (g) NaOMe, 55 °C, 2 h, 89%; (h) 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin, r.t., 2 h; (i) pyridine, 55 °C, 3 h, 94%; (j) CF₃CO₂H, 0 °C, 4 h, 99%; (k) RX, base, see Table 1 for details.

Table 2.

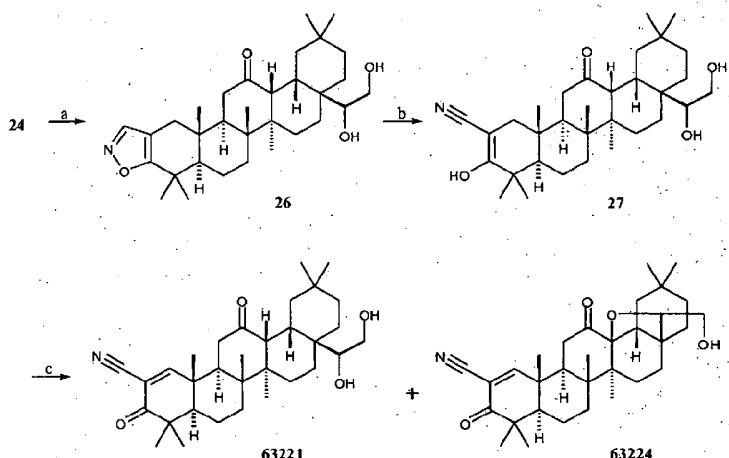
ID	RX	Base	Solvent	Reaction time	Reaction temp.	Yield
63218	CNCH ₂ Br	(i-Pr) ₂ NEt	MeCN	3.5 h	0 °C to r.t.	4%
63220	MeSO ₂ Cl	Et ₃ N	CH ₂ Cl ₂	1 h	0 °C	2%
63226	(CF ₃ CO) ₂ O	Et ₃ N	CH ₂ Cl ₂	2 h	0 °C to r.t.	67%
63232		(i-Pr) ₂ NEt	MeCN	72 h	r.t.	8%
63233		(i-Pr) ₂ NEt	MeCN	5 h	r.t.	3%

Scheme 8:



[0283] Reagent and conditions applicable to Scheme 8 are: (a) TEMPO, IPh(OAc)₂, r.t., 72 h, 77%; (b) CH₃PPh₃⁺Br⁻, KOt-Bu, r.t., 14 h, 95%; (c) PCC, NaOAc, r.t., 2 h, 87%; (d) (i) HCO₂Et, NaOMe, r.t., 1.5 h; (ii) NH₂OH-HCl, 60 °C, 3 h, 90%; (e) NaOMe, 55 °C, 2 h; (f) DDQ, 80 °C, 34% from 24.

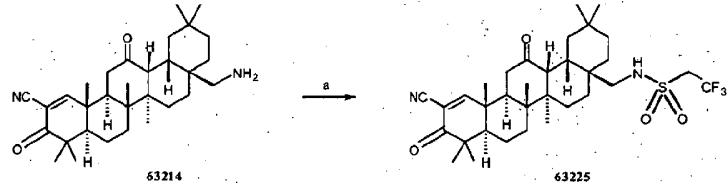
Scheme 9:



[0284] Reagent and conditions applicable to Scheme 9 are: (a) NMO, OsO_4 (cat.), r.t., 24 h, 79%; (b) NaOMe , 55 °C, 3 h; (c) (i)

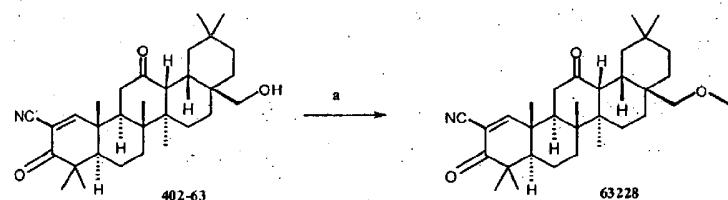
1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin, r.t., 2 h; (ii) pyridine, 55 °C, 16 h, 42% for **63221** from **26**; 18% for **63224** from **26**.

Scheme 10:



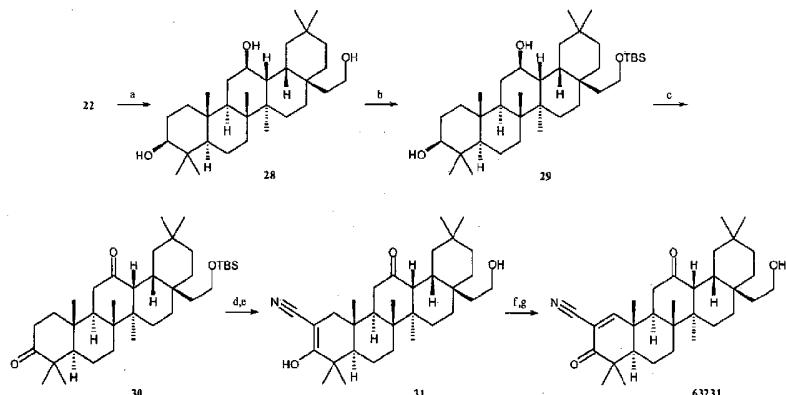
[0285] Reagent and conditions applicable to Scheme 10 are: (a) Et_3N , $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_2\text{Cl}$, CH_2Cl_2 , 0 °C, 1.5 h, 53%.

Scheme 11:

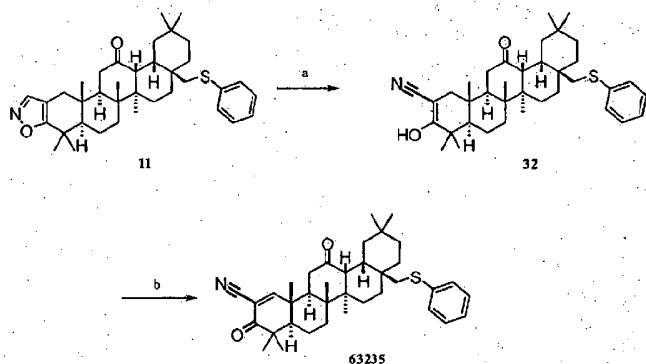


[0286] Reagent and conditions applicable to Scheme 11 are: (a) $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{CH}_3$, 2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-methylpyridine, CH_2Cl_2 , r.t., 72 h, 66%.

Scheme 12:

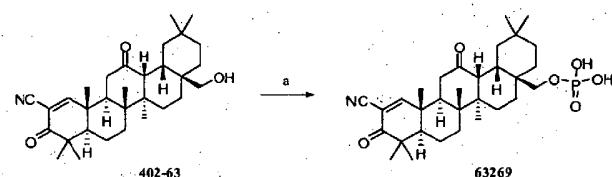


Scheme 13:



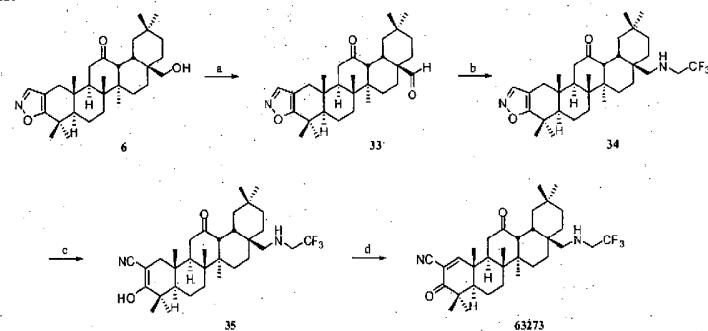
[0287] Reagent and conditions applicable to Scheme 13 are: (a) NaOMe, 55 °C, 8 h; (b) (i) 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin, 0 °C, 3 h; (ii) pyridine, 55 °C, 3 h, 35% from 11.

Scheme 14:



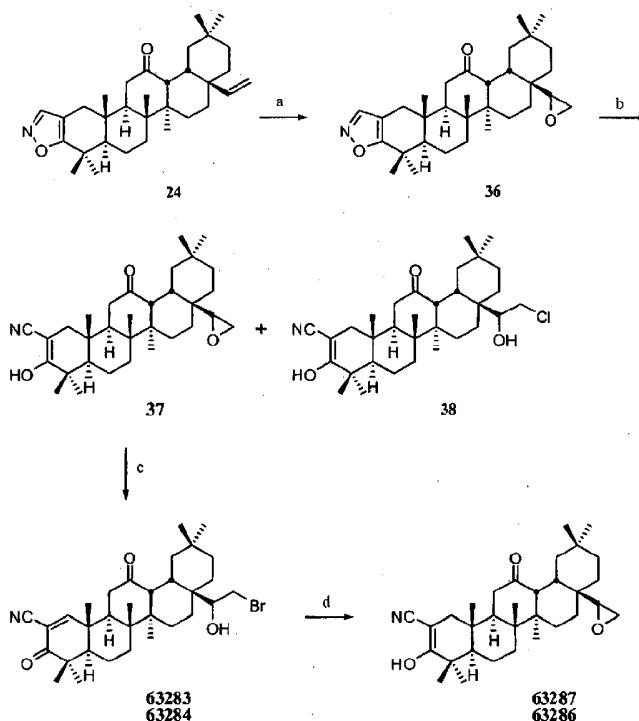
[0288] Reagents and conditions: (a) (i) POCl₃, Pyridine, 4-DMAP, THF, 0 °C 2 h, then rt, 1 h; (ii) 1 N HCl (aq), THF, rt, 23 h, 48%.

Scheme 15:



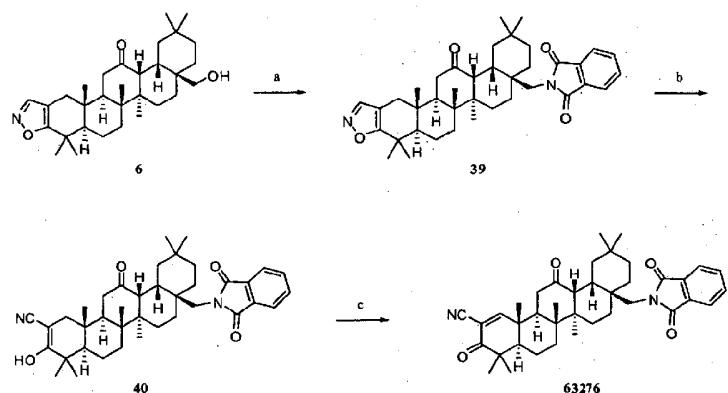
[0289] Reagents and conditions applicable to Scheme 15 are: (a) Dess-Martin periodinane, NaHCO₃, rt, 1 h, 48%; (b) CF₃CH₂NH₂, NaBH₃CN, AcOH, rt, 3 h, 85%; (c) NaOMe, 55 °C, 1 h, 74%; (d) (i) DBDMH, 0 °C, 1 h; (ii) pyridine, 55 °C, 3 h, 55%.

Scheme 16:



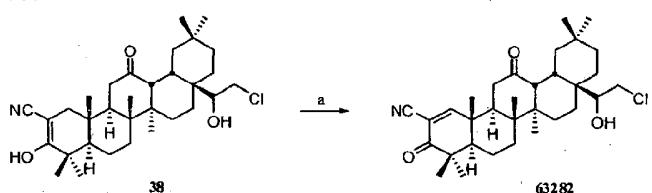
[0290] Reagents and conditions pertaining to Scheme 16 are: (a) *m*-CPBA, rt, 24 h, 81%; (b) (i) NaOMe, 55 °C, 3 h; (ii) 1N (aq.) HCl, rt, 5 min, 66% (for compound 37) and 20% (for compound 38); (c) (i) DBDMH, 0 °C, 1.5 h; (ii) pyridine, 55 °C, 4 h, 15% (for 63283) and 32% (for 63284); (d) NaH, rt, 45 min, 43% (from 63283 to 63287), 55% (from 63284 to 63286).

Scheme 17:



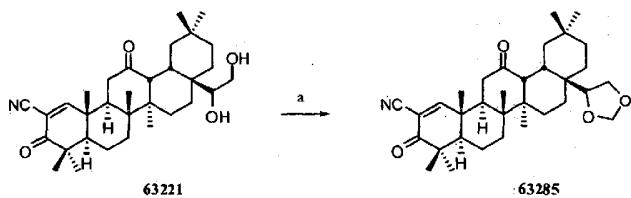
[0291] Reagents and conditions applicable to Scheme 17 are: (a) *N*-(methylthio)-phthalimide, Bu₃P, benzene, rt, 143 h, 6.5%; (b) NaOMe, 55 °C, 1.5 h; (c) 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin, DMF, 0 °C, 3 h; (ii) pyridine, 55 °C, 5 h, 30% from 39.

Scheme 18:



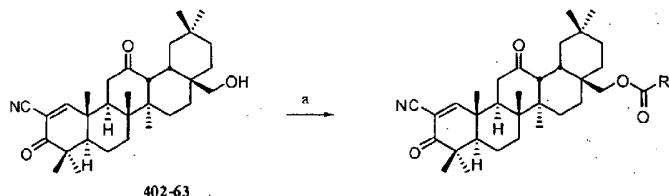
[0292] Reagents and conditions applicable to Scheme 18 are: (a) (i) DBDMH, DMF, 0 °C, 1.5 h; (ii) pyridine, 55 °C, 4 h, 78%.

Scheme 19:



[0293] Reagents and conditions applicable to Scheme 19 are: (a) paraformaldehyde, TsOH, 110°C, 1 h, 38%.

Scheme 20:

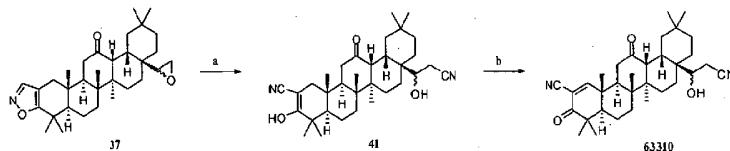


[0294] Reagents and conditions applicable to Scheme 20 are: (a) (RCO)₂O, pyridine, DMF, 80°C.

Table 3.

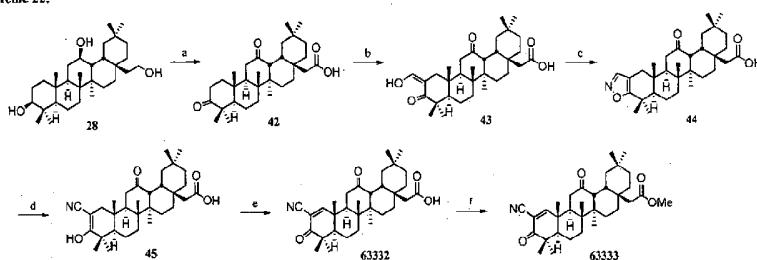
Compound Name	R	Acylation agent	Rxn. Time	Yield (%)
63294	CF ₃	(CF ₃ CO) ₂ O (1.2 eq)	14 h	12
63297	t-Bu	(t-BuCO) ₂ O (1.2 eq)	14h	36
63298	Ph	(PhCO) ₂ O (1.2 eq)	14h	28

Scheme 21:



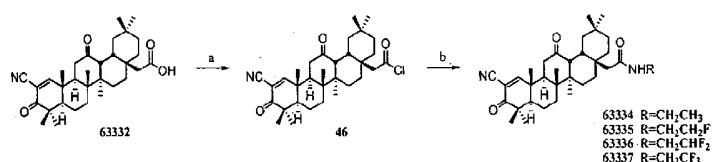
[0295] Reagents and conditions applicable to Scheme 21 are: (a) (i) NaOMe, 55 °C, 2 h; (ii) KCN, rt, 21 h, then 55 °C, 49 h, 35%; (b) (i) 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin, 0 °C, 3.5 h; (ii) pyridine, 55 °C, 20 h, 66 % from 42.

Scheme 22:



[0296] Reagent and conditions applicable to Scheme 22 are: (a) CrO₃, H₂SO₄/H₂O, acetone, - 4 °C to 11 °C, 1 h, 57%; (b) HCO₂Et, NaOMe, MeOH, -10 °C to 3 °C, 1.5 h, 93%; (c) NH₂OH-HCl, EtOH, H₂O, 54 °C, 1.5 h, 97%; (d) NaOMe, MeOH, 55 °C, 2.5 h; (e) (i)1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin, DMF, -35 °C to 0 °C to rt, 30 min; (ii) pyridine, 55 °C, 3 h, 92% from 45; (f) dimethylsulfate, Na₂CO₃, THF, rt, 18 h, then 50 °C; 5 h, then 80 °C, 3 h, 48%.

Scheme 23:



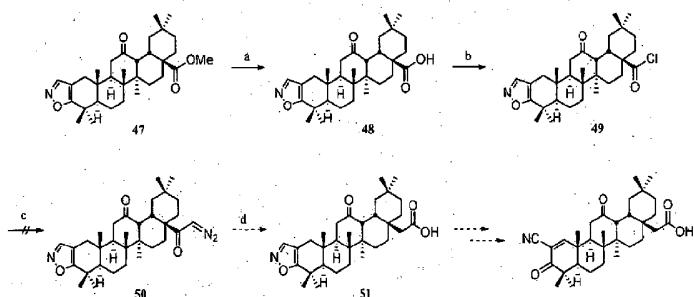
[0297] Reagent and conditions applicable to Scheme 23 are: (a) (i) oxalyl chloride, 35 °C, 20 min, quantitative; (b) RNH₂-HCl, Et₃N, THF, see Table 1 for details.

Table 4.

ID	R	Reaction time	Reaction temp.	% Yield
63334	CH ₂ CH ₂	40 min	rt	39
63335	FCH ₂ CH ₂	40 min	rt	28
63336	F ₂ CHCH ₂	40 min	rt	36
63337	F ₃ CCH ₂	40 min	rt	39

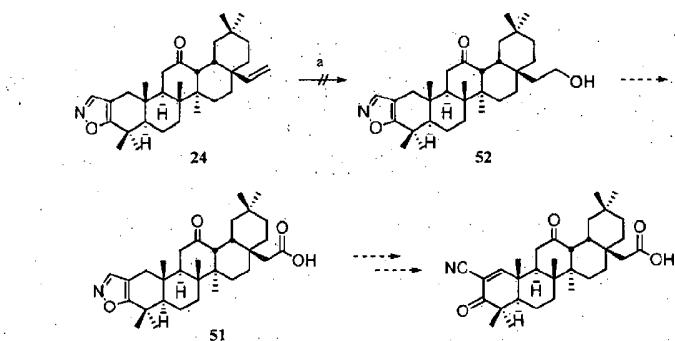
[0298] The synthesis of **63332** was not straight-forward and required several different approaches before a successful synthesis was achieved (Scheme 22). The synthetic route that was used for the successful synthesis of **402-54** (Scheme 3) failed for the synthesis of **63332** (Scheme 24). This route failed when the conversion of **49** into diazoketone **50** was unsuccessful. An alternative synthesis starting with olefin **24** was also attempted (Scheme 25). Hydroboration of **24** failed to yield the necessary primary alcohol **52**, resulting in termination of this approach.

Scheme 24:



[0299] Reagent and conditions applicable to Scheme 24 are: (a) (i) PhSiMe₃, I₂, 39%; (b) (COCl)₂, CH₂Cl₂, rt, 3h, 93%; (c) TMSCH₂, Et₃N, CH₂Cl₂ or CH₃CN; (d) Ag⁺, Et₃N.

Scheme 25:



[0300] Reagent and conditions applicable to Scheme 25 are: (a) dicyclohexylborane or cathecholborane.

Example 3 - Characterization of Certain Oleanolic Acid Derivatives

[0301] Compounds 2 and 3: LiAlH₄ solution (1.0 M in THF, 42 mL, 42 mmol) was added to a solution of compound 1 (5.0 g, 10.3 mmol) in THF (100 mL) at room temperature under N₂. After stirring for 20 min at room temperature, LiAlH₄ solution (1.0 M in THF, 21 mL, 21 mmol) was added again and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 1 h. After cooling to 0 °C, water (10 mL) was added dropwise, followed by the addition of 1N HCl (aq) (300 mL). The mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined extracts were washed with water, dried with MgSO₄, and concentrated. The residue obtained was mixed with CH₂Cl₂ (200 mL). The white solid that precipitated was collected by filtration and washed with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 100mL) to give compound 3 (500 mg, 10%). The combined filtrate was loaded on a silica gel column and eluted with 0% to 100% EtOAc in hexanes to give compound 2 (2.60 g, 52%) and additional compound 3 (800 mg, 17%). Both compounds 2 and 3 are white solids. Compound 2: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.98 (bs, 1H), 3.54 (m, 2H), 3.22 (dd, 1H, J = 4.8, 11.2 Hz), 1.46-1.86 (m, 19H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.15-1.42 (m, 6H), 1.02 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H), 0.85-1.06 (m, 2H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.77 (s, 3H); m/z 443.3 (M-H₂O+1), 425.3 (100%, M-2×H₂O+1), Compound 3: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.79 (m, 1H), 3.54 (m, 2H), 3.20 (dd, 1H, J = 4.8, 10.8 Hz), 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.12-1.88 (m, 23H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 6H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 3H), 0.77 (s, 3H), 0.65-1.10 (m, 3H); m/z 443.3 (M-H₂O+1), 425.3 (100%, M-2×H₂O+1).

[0302] Compound 4: Bleach (5.25% NaClO (aq), 9.3 mL, 6.52 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of compound 2 (1.00 g, 2.17 mmol) in AcOH (30 mL) at room temperature. After stirring for 1 h, water (300 mL) was added. After stirring for 5 min, the precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with water. The white solid obtained was dissolved in EtOAc, and the solution was washed with NaHCO₃ (aq) solution, then dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated. The white foam solid obtained was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 40% EtOAc in CH₂Cl₂) to give compound 4 (830 mg, 83%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.51 (m, 2H), 2.67 (d, 1H, J = 4.8 Hz), 2.54 (ddd, 1H, J = 7.2, 10.8, 18.0 Hz), 2.39 (ddd, 1H, J = 3.6, 7.2, 16.0 Hz), 2.28 (dd, 1H, J = 5.2, 16.8 Hz), 2.23 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 2.18 (m, 1H), 1.56-1.90 (m, 8H), 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.20-1.45 (m, 8H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 1.03-1.14 (m, 2H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H); m/z 457.3 (M+1).

[0303] Compound 5: NaOMe solution (25% w/w in MeOH, 6.24 mL, 27.3 mmol) was added dropwise to a mixture of compound 4 (830 mg, 1.82 mmol) and HCO₂Et (4.40 mL, 54.6 mmol) at 0 °C under N₂. After stirring at room temperature for 1 h, *t*-BuOMe (50 mL) was added. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and 12 N HCl (aq) (2.28 mL, 27.3 mmol) was added slowly. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc, and the combined extracts were washed with water, dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated. Crude compound 5 was obtained and used in the next step. Compound 5: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.90 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz), 8.61 (d, 1H, J = 3.6 Hz), 3.51 (m, 2H), 2.70 (d, 1H, J = 4.8 Hz), 2.14-2.36 (m, 5H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 1.02-1.92 (m, 17H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H); m/z 485.3 (M+1).

[0304] Compound 6: Compound 5, NH₂OH·HCl (190 mg, 2.73 mmol), EtOH (75 mL), and water (10 mL) were mixed together and heated at 60 °C for 16 h. EtOH was removed by evaporation, and the white slurry obtained was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined extracts were washed with water, dried with MgSO₄, and concentrated. The residue obtained was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 60% EtOAc in hexanes) to give compound 6 (662 mg, 76% from 4) as a white solid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 3.51 (m, 2H), 2.70 (d, 1H, 4.8 Hz), 2.23-2.39 (m, 3H), 2.19 (m, 1H), 1.97 (d, 1H, J = 14.8 Hz), 1.42-1.92 (m, 10H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.12-1.40 (m, 7H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H); m/z 482.3 (M+1).

[0305] Compound 7: NaOMe solution (25% w/w in MeOH, 114 μ L, 0.50 mmol) was added to a suspension of isoxazole 6 (200 mg, 0.42 mmol) in MeOH (2.5 mL) and THF (0.25 mL). The mixture was stirred at 55 °C for 2 h and cooled to 0 °C. *t*-BuOMe (10 mL) and 1 N HCl (aq) (10 mL) were added successively. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc, and the combined extracts were washed with water, dried with MgSO₄, and concentrated. The white foam solid 7 (200 mg) was used in the next step without further purification. Compound 7 is a mixture of two equilibrium forms, the enol form (major, as shown in Scheme 2) and the ketone form (minor). In the ¹H NMR of the mixture, the peaks that can be identified for the enol form are: (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.88 (bs, 1H), 3.50 (m, 2H), 2.67 (d, 1H, J = 4.8 Hz), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H); m/z 482.3(M+1).

[0306] Compound 402-63: 1,3-Dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin (52 mg, 0.18 mmol) was added to a solution of compound 7 (145 mg, 0.30 mmol) in DMF (0.70 mL) at room temperature. After stirring for 2 h, pyridine (73 μ L, 0.90 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was heated to 55 °C for 3 h. After cooling to room temperature, EtOAc (30 mL) was added, and the mixture was

washed with 1 N HCl (aq), water, then dried with MgSO_4 and concentrated. The residue obtained was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 70% EtOAc in hexanes) to give compound **402-63** (115 mg, 79%) as a white solid: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (s, 1H), 3.50 (d, 2H, J = 4.8 Hz), 2.71 (d, 1H, J = 4.0 Hz), 2.47 (dd, 1H, J = 4.8, 16.0 Hz), 2.36 (dd, 1H, J = 13.6, 15.6 Hz), 2.21 (m, 1H), 2.02 (dd, 1H, J = 4.8, 13.6 Hz), 1.64-1.92 (m, 7H), 1.46-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.10-1.35 (m, 6H), 1.05 (m, 1H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H); m/z 480.3 (M+1).

[0307] Compound 402-65: DMAP (1 mg, 0.008 mmol) was added to a mixture of **402-63** (18 mg, 37.5 mmol), acetic anhydride (50 μL) and pyridine (0.2 mL). After stirring at room temperature for 30 min, NaHCO_3 (aq) solution was added and stirred for 5 min. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc, and the combined extracts were washed with NaHCO_3 (aq) solution, 1 N HCl (aq), and water, then dried with MgSO_4 and concentrated. The residue obtained was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to give compound **402-65** (13.6 mg, 70%) as white foam solid: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (s, 1H), 4.13 (d, 1H, J = 11.2 Hz), 3.86 (d, 1H, J = 11.2 Hz), 2.78 (d, 1H, J = 4.0 Hz), 2.44 (dd, 1H, J = 5.2, 16.0 Hz), 2.36 (dd, 1H, J = 13.2, 16.0 Hz), 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.00 (dd, 1H, J = 5.2, 12.8 Hz), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.85 (m, 6H), 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.16-1.33 (m, 4H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.06 (m, 1H), 1.02 (m, 1H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H); m/z 522.3 (M+1).

[0308] Compound 9: A mixture of the compound **8** (362 mg, 0.71 mmol) and TMSI (0.11 mL, 0.77 mmol) in chloroform (2.1 mL) was heated in an oil bath at 50 °C for 1.5 h. A second portion of TMSI was added (0.22 mL, 1.5 mmol) and heated for an additional four hours. A third portion of TMSI (0.33 mL, 2.32 mmol) was added, and the solution was heated at 50°C for 2 h, followed by a fourth portion of TMSI (1.0 mL, 7.0 mmol) with heating at 1.5 h at 55 °C. On cooling to ambient temperature, the solution was partitioned between water (10 mL) and CH_2Cl_2 (70 mL). The CH_2Cl_2 extracts were washed with brine (20 mL) and dried (MgSO_4). The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue obtained was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 20% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford compound **9** (136 mg, 39%) as a white solid.

[0309] Compound 10: A solution of **9** (2.20 g, 4.45 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL) and oxalyl chloride (2M in CH_2Cl_2 , 12.5 mL, 25 mmol) was stirred for 15 h at room temperature. After concentrating the mixture under reduced pressure, additional oxalyl chloride (2M in CH_2Cl_2 , 5.0 mL, 10 mmol) and CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL) were added. The solution was stirred for one hour and the mixture was again concentrated under reduced pressure, to give compound the crude acid chloride, which was used directly in the next step. To a solution of acid chloride in acetonitrile (40 mL) was added (trimethylsilyl)diazomethane (2M in hexanes, 6.0 mL, 12.0 mmol), and the mixture was warmed to 50 °C. After three hours, additional (trimethylsilyl)diazomethane (2M in hexanes, 3.0 mL, 6.0 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for another 15 h, and a third portion of (trimethylsilyl)diazomethane (2M in hexanes, 0.5 mL, 1.0 mmol) was added. Warming the solution at 50 °C for 4 h did not result in any further progress based on TLC analysis (40% EtOAc in hexanes). The solution was partitioned with 1M citric acid (100 mL), and the methylene chloride phase was washed sequentially with saturated NaHCO_3 (100 mL) and brine (100 mL) and was dried (MgSO_4). The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue obtained was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the diazomethyl ketone **10** (1.78 g, 74% yield).

[0310] Compound 402-50: A solution of the diazoketone **10** (498 mg, 0.963 mmol), silver benzoate (106 mg, 0.46 mmol) and triethylamine (8.0 mL, 57 mmol) in MeOH (100 mL) was prepared and heated at 50 °C for 2 h. After partitioning the reaction mixture between ethyl acetate (200 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 (100 mL), the ethyl acetate layer was washed sequentially with water (100 mL) and brine (100 mL) and was dried (MgSO_4). The crude product isolated on concentration of the filtrate was dissolved in MeOH (3 mL) and was treated dropwise with NaOMe (30 wt% solution in methanol, 0.24 g, 1.33 mmol). After heating the solution at 50 °C for 3 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between EtOAc (50 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 (50 mL). The solution was washed sequentially with water (50 mL) and brine (50 mL) and was dried (MgSO_4). The crude ester isolated on concentration of the filtrate was used without further purification. To a solution of ester in DMF (10 mL) was added 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantion (173 mg, 0.60 mmol), and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 20 min. Pyridine (4.6 mL, 56.87 mmol) was then added, and the mixture was heated at 50 °C for 7.5 h, then at 60 °C for 3 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction was partitioned between ethyl acetate (250 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 (50 mL). The ethyl acetate layer was washed sequentially with water (100 mL) and brine (100 mL) and was dried (MgSO_4). The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was flushed through a small plug of silica gel (~10g) using EtOAc (250 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and crude ester was purified on reverse phase preparative TLC plates, to give **402-50** (44 mg, 8% yield) as an off-white solid: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.05 (s, 1H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.04 (br d, 1H, J = 4.8 Hz), 2.52 (d, 1H, J = 13.2 Hz), 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.27 (d, 1H, J = 13.2 Hz), 1.04-1.96 (m, 15H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 6H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H); m/z 520.44 (M+1), 561.39 (M+1+ CH_3CN).

[0311] Compound 402-54: To a solution of **402-50** (26 mg, 0.05 mmol) in 3:1 MeOH:H₂O (6 mL) was added lithium hydroxide monohydrate (138 mg, 3.3 mmol), and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 15 h, then at 50 °C for 4 h. After partitioning the solution between EtOAc (75 mL) and 1M HCl (25 mL), the ethyl acetate phase organic phase was washed sequentially with water (25 mL) and brine (25 mL) and was dried (MgSO₄). The crude product isolated on concentrating the filtrate was chromatographed using preparatory TLC to give **402-54** (13 mg, 52% yield) as a light yellow solid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (s, 1H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 3.04 (br d, 1H, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 2.54 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.2 Hz); 2.37 (m, 1H), 2.30 (d, 1H, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 1.12-2.02 (m, 15H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H); m/z 506.38 (M+1), 547.43 (M+1+CH₃CN).

[0312] Compound 63239: To a solution of **402-63** (24.0 mg, 50 µmol) and Et₃N (0.5 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) was added a solution of (EtO)₂POCl (7.2 µL, 50 µmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) at room temperature. The reaction was stirred for 5.5 h at room temperature. Another portion of (EtO)₂POCl (72 µL, 500 µmol) was added and the reaction was stirred for 88.5 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (30 mL), then quenched with H₂O (10 mL). The organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to give product **63239** (10.6 mg, 34 %) as a white foam: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (1H, s), 4.20-4.31 (1H, m), 3.98-4.15 (4H, m), 3.74-3.82 (1H, m), 2.82 (1H, d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 2.31-2.50 (2H, m), 2.22-2.31 (1H, m), 1.72-2.04 (5H, m), 1.56-1.72 (5H, m), 1.43-1.56 (2H, m), 1.27-1.41 (7H, m), 1.02-1.26 (3H, m), 1.28 (3H, s), 1.22 (3H, s), 1.18 (3H, s), 1.15 (3H, s), 0.98 (3H, s), 0.93 (3H, s), 0.90 (3H, s); m/z 616.3 (M+1).

[0313] Compound 11: To a stirred suspension of N-(Phenylthio)-phthalimide (228 mg, 900 µmol) in benzene (2.5 mL) at room temperature was added tributylphosphine (238 µL, 900 µmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min to form a light yellow clear solution. This solution was added to a stirred solution of **6** (204.5 mg, 425 µmol) in benzene (5.0 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 22 h, after which the reaction mixture was directly loaded on a silica gel column and purified by column chromatography (0% to 10% to 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to give **11** (103.3 mg, 42%) as a pale yellow foam.

[0314] Compound 12a: To a solution of **11** (53.0 mg, 92.4 µmol) in EtOH (5.0 mL) was added a solution of Oxone (34.6 mg, 56 µmol) in H₂O (5.0 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction was stirred at 0°C for 1.5 h, then stirred at room temperature for 27 h. CH₃CN (5.0 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 42 h, and the organic solvents were removed at reduced pressure. The residual aqueous mixture was diluted with water (5.0 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2×20.0 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 20% to 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to give **12a** (35.5 mg, 65%, major diastereomer) as a white foam.

[0315] Compound 63255: The procedure described for the synthesis of compound **402-63** from **6** (Scheme 2) was then employed to convert compound **12a** (35 mg, 59 µmol) into **63255** (22.4 mg, 64%) as a pale yellow foam: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.60-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.55 (m, 3H), 3.19 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 2.48-2.58 (m, 2H), 2.43 (dd, 1H, *J* = 16.8, 4.4 Hz), 2.23 (dd, 1H, *J* = 16.4, 13.2 Hz), 1.94-2.10 (m, 3H), 1.84-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.84 (m, 1H), 1.38-1.74 (m, 9H), 1.23-1.37 (m, 2H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H); m/z 588.3 (M+1).

[0316] Compound 12b: To a solution of compound **11** (53.0 mg, 92.4 µmol) in EtOH (5.0 mL) was added a solution of Oxone (34.6 mg, 56 µmol) in H₂O (5.0 mL) at 0 °C: The reaction was stirred at 0°C for 1.5 h, then stirred at room temperature for 26.5 h. CH₃CN (5.0 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 42 h, and the organic solvents were removed at reduced pressure. The residual aqueous mixture was diluted with water (5.0 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 20 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 20% to 40% EtOAc in hexanes), followed by a second column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to give **12b** (5.2 mg, 9.5%, minor diastereomer) as a white foam.

[0317] Compound 63288: The procedure described for the synthesis of compound **402-63** from **6** was employed to convert compound **12b** (5.2 mg, 8.8 µmol) into **63288** (2.4 mg, 46%) as a white foam: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.58-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.56 (m, 3H), 3.05-3.15 (m, 2H), 2.51-2.66 (m, 2H), 2.36-2.53 (m, 3H), 2.07-2.24 (m, 3H), 1.84-2.06 (m, 3H), 0.96-1.78 (m, 9H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H). m/z 588.3 (M+1).

[0318] **Compound 13:** To a solution of **11** (50.3 mg, 87.7 μ mol) in EtOH-CH₃CN (1:1 v/v, 6.0 mL) was added a solution of Oxone (270.8mg, 438 μ mol) in H₂O (1.0 mL) at room temperature. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 24 h and the organic solvents were removed at reduced pressure. The residual aqueous mixture was diluted with water (15.0 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (30 mL). The organic phase was washed by brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to give compound **13** (48.5 mg, 91.3%) as a colorless solid.

[0319] **Compound 63266:** The procedure described for the synthesis of compound **402-63** from **6** (Scheme 2) was then employed to convert **compound 13** (48 mg, 79 μ mol) into **63266** (8.5 mg, 17.6% from **8**) as a pale yellow foam; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86-7.94 (2H, m), 7.62-7.68 (1H, m), 7.62 (1H, s), 7.53-7.59 (2H, m), 3.18 (1H, d, *J* = 14.4 Hz), 3.11 (1H, d, *J* = 14.4 Hz), 2.64 (1H, d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 2.32-2.54 (2H, m), 2.14-2.32 (2H, m), 1.94-2.11 (2H, m), 1.42-1.88 (9H, m), 1.19-1.40 (2H, m), 1.23-1.37 (2H, m), 1.23 (3H, s), 1.17 (3H, s), 1.16 (6H, s), 1.00 (3H, s), 0.98 (3H, s), 0.90 (3H, s); m/z 604.3 (M+1).

[0320] **Compound 16:** Oxalyl chloride (1.54 mL, 18.19 mmol) and catalytic amount of DMF were added sequentially to a solution of compound **15** (2.85 g, 6.07 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (60 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 2 h. After removing the solvent by evaporation, the crude acid chloride was obtained as a white foam solid, which was then dissolved in THF (60 mL), and treated with NH₃ (2.0 M in MeOH, 30 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction was stirred at r.t. for 1 h, after which the solvent was removed by evaporation. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc, transferred to a separatory funnel, and washed with water. The organic phase was separated, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 100% EtOAc in hexanes) to give compound **16** (2.70 g, 94% yield) as a yellow foam solid: m/z 470.3 (M+1).

[0321] **Compound 17:** LAH (2.0 M in THF, 17.2 mL, 34.4 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **16** (2.70 g, 5.76 mmol) in THF (115 mL) at r.t.. The reaction was heated at reflux for 4 h, and then cooled to 0 °C. EtOAc (10 mL) and water (5 mL) were added sequentially and slowly to quench the reaction. The obtained mixture was heated at reflux for 5 min, and then filtered through a pad of celite. The celite was washed with additional hot THF. The combined filtrate was concentrated to give product **17** (2.69 g) as a white foam solid. Compound **17** was a mixture of C3 and C12 epimers, all of which have m/z 460.3 (M+1).

[0322] **Compound 18:** (Boc)₂O (1.61 mL, 7.02 mmol) was added to a mixture of compound **17** (2.69 g, 5.86 mmol), NaHCO₃ (3.20 g, 38.09 mmol), water (12 mL) and THF (59 mL) at r.t.. After stirring r.t. for 4 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, transferred to a separatory funnel, and washed with water. The organic phase was separated, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 60% EtOAc in hexanes) to give compound **18** (1.96 g, 60% yield) as a white foam solid. Compound **18** was a mixture of C3 and C12 epimers, all of which have m/z 468.3 (M-C₄H₈-2 × H₂O+1).

[0323] **Compound 19:** Using the procedure described for the synthesis of compound **4** from compound **3**, compound **19** (680 mg, 94% yield) was produced from compound **18** (725 mg, 1.30 mmol) as a white foam solid: m/z 500.3 (M-C₄H₈+1), 456.3 (M-Boc+1+1).

[0324] **Compound 20:** Using the procedure described for the synthesis of compound **6** from compound **4**, compound **20** (545 mg, 75% yield) was produced from compound **19** (700 mg, 1.26 mmol) as a white foam solid: m/z 581.4 (M+1).

[0325] **Compound 63253:** Using the procedure described for the synthesis of compound **402-63** from compound **6**, product **63253** (460 mg, 84% yield) was produced from compound **20** (545 mg, 0.94 mmol) as a white foam solid: m/z 523.3 (M-C₄H₈+1), 479.3 (M-Boc+1+1).

[0326] **Compound 63214:** CF₃CO₂H (2.98 mL, 38.7 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **63253** (458 mg, 0.79 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) at 0 °C. After the reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 4 h, the solvent was removed by evaporation. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc, transferred to a separatory funnel, and washed with NaHCO₃ (aq.) solution. The organic phase was separated, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated to give product **63214** as a white foam solid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (s, 1H), 2.65-2.70 (m, 2H), 2.52 (d, 1H, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 2.45 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.2, 16.8 Hz), 2.35 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.8, 16.4 Hz), 2.09 (m, 1H), 2.00 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.2, 12.8 Hz), 1.49-1.87 (m, 13H), 1.21 (s, 6H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.06-1.33 (m, 3H), 1.02 (m, 1H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H); m/z 479.3 (M+1).

[0327] **General procedure for making derivatives of Compound 63214:** RX was added to a solution of compound **63214**

and the base in the solvent. (See table 1 for details). After stirring for the time as indicated in table 1, EtOAc was then added. The mixture was then transferred to a separatory funnel, which was washed with NaHCO₃ (aq.) solution. The organic phase was separated, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give the desired target compound.

[0328] Compound 63218: white foam solid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (s, 1H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 2.73 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 2.63 (s, 2H), 2.47 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.0, 16.5 Hz), 2.38 (dd, 1H, *J* = 13.5, 16.5 Hz), 2.16 (m, 1H), 2.02 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.0, 13.0 Hz), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.74-1.83 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.71 (m, 4H), 1.49-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.31 (m, 1H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.28 (m, 1H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.17-1.23 (m, 2H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.04-1.12 (m, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H); m/z 518.3 (M+1).

[0329] Compound 63220: white foam solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (s, 1H), 4.28 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.4, 7.6 Hz), 3.16 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0, 12.8 Hz), 2.95 (s, 3H), 2.95 (m, 1H), 2.76 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 2.33-2.48 (m, 2H), 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.99 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.8, 12.4 Hz), 1.78-1.94 (m, 3H), 1.58-1.70 (m, 3H), 1.46-1.54 (m, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.24-1.36 (m, 2H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.13-1.20 (m, 2H), 1.05 (m, 1H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.94 (m, 1H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H); m/z 557.3 (M+1).

[0330] Compound 63226: white foam solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (s, 1H), 6.32 (m, 1H), 3.50 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.2, 13.6 Hz), 3.22 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.0, 13.6 Hz), 2.93 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 2.36-2.47 (m, 2H), 1.85-2.04 (m, 6H), 1.61-1.71 (m, 3H), 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.19-1.34 (m, 4H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.05 (m, 1H), 0.97 (s, 3H), 0.94 (m, 1H), 0.90 (s, 6H); m/z 575.3 (M+1).

[0331] Compound 63232: white foam solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (s, 1H), 5.96 (d, 1H, *J* = 0.8 Hz), 3.81 (s, 2H), 3.49 (s, 2H), 2.56 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 2.40 (d, 3H, *J* = 0.8 Hz), 2.38-2.51 (m, 3H), 2.28 (m, 1H), 2.16 (m, 1H), 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.73-1.86 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.69 (m, 8H), 1.30 (m, 1H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.19 (m, 1H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.10 (m, 1H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 0.96 (m, 1H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H); m/z 574.4 (M+1).

[0332] Compound 63233: white foam solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (s, 1H), 4.33 (s, 3H), 4.07 (s, 2H), 2.67 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 2.61 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 2.44 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.2, 16.4 Hz), 2.41 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.2 Hz), 2.34 (dd, 1H, *J* = 13.2, 16.4 Hz), 2.10 (m, 1H), 2.00 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.2, 12.8 Hz), 1.75-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.72 (m, 5H), 1.44-1.59 (m, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.13-1.33 (m, 5H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.00 (m, 1H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H); m/z 575.4 (M+1).

[0333] Compound 21: TEMPO (27 mg × 4, 0.17 mmol × 4) and IPh(OAc)₂ (563 mg × 4, 1.74 mmol × 4) were added to a white slurry of compound 3 (725 mg, 1.59 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (200 mL) and water (0.1 mL) at 0 h, 2 h, 24 h and 48 h at room temperature. After stirring at room temperature for 72 h (overall reaction time), the reaction mixture turned into a clear pink solution, which was then transferred to a separatory funnel and washed with Na₂SO₃ (aq) solution. The organic phase was separated, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and evaporated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (0% to 75% EtOAc in hexanes) to give compound 21 (560 mg, 77%) as a white solid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.37 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.18 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.8, 11.2 Hz), 2.51 (m, 1H), 0.98-1.87 (m, 23H), 0.97 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.92 (m, 1H), 0.90 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.82 (s, 3H), 0.75 (s, 3H), 0.65 (m, 1H); m/z 441.3 (M-H₂O+1), 423.3 (M-2 × H₂O+1).

[0334] Compound 22: To a suspension of KO*t*-Bu (100 mg, 0.89 mmol) in THF (2.5 mL) was added methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (390 mg, 1.09 mmol). The resulting yellow slurry was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. A solution of compound 21 (100 mg, 0.22 mmol) in THF (2.5 mL) was added to the reaction; the addition syringe was washed with THF (~0.5 mL), and the wash was added to the reaction. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 14 h (TLC indicated that the reaction was completed in 1 h). The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (~100 mL) and was washed with water (~50 mL) and brine (~50 mL). The organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and evaporated. The resulting yellow oil was purified by silica gel chromatography (0% to 60% EtOAc in hexanes) to give compound 22 (95 mg, 95% yield) as a white solid.

[0335] Compound 23: Sodium acetate (81 mg, 0.99 mmol) and PCC (160 mg, 0.74 mmol) were added to a solution of compound 22 (113 mg, 0.25 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 h, after which 1:1 hexanes:EtOAc (~20 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred 5 min and was then filtered through a pad of silica gel. The silica gel was washed thoroughly with additional 1:1 hexanes:EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (0% to 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to give compound 23 (97 mg, 87% yield) as a white foam solid: m/z 453.3.

[0336] Compound 24: Compound **23** (643 mg, 1.42 mmol) was suspended in ethyl formate (3.43 mL, 42.64 mmol) and cooled to 0 °C. Sodium methoxide (25 wt% solution in MeOH) (4.88 mL, 21.34 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The reaction was stirred at r.t. for 1.5 h, and was then cooled to 0 °C. EtOH (22 mL) and 12 N HCl (aq) (1.79 mL, 21.48 mmol) was added sequentially, after which NH₂OH-HCl (198 mg, 2.85 mmol) and water (1.1 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was heated at 60 °C for 3 h. EtOH was removed by evaporation, and the residue was extracted with EtOAc and washed with water. The organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and evaporated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (0% to 20% EtOAc in hexanes) to give compound **24** (613 mg, 90% yield) as a white crystalline solid: m/z 478.3 (M+1).

[0337] Compound 25: NaOMe solution (25% w/w in MeOH, 0.13 mL, 0.56 mmol) was added to a suspension of isoxazole **24** (200 mg, 0.42 mmol) in MeOH (4 mL) and THF (1 mL). The mixture was stirred at 55 °C for 2 h and cooled to 0 °C. t-BuOMe (10 mL) and 1 N HCl (aq) (1 mL) were added successively. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc, and the combined extracts were washed with water, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated to give crude cyano ketone **25** (200 mg, 100% yield) as a white foam solid: m/z 478.3 (M+1).

[0338] Compound 63213: DDQ (100 mg, 0.44 mmol) in benzene (2 mL) was added to a refluxing solution of the crude cyano ketone **25** (200 mg, 0.42 mmol) in benzene (6 mL) over 30 min. After addition, the reaction was continued refluxing for another 1 h, then cooled to room temperature, and transferred to a separatory funnel. The reaction mixture was washed with NaHCO₃ (aq.) solution, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (0% to 20% EtOAc in hexanes) to give a mixture of product **63213** and unchanged compound **25** (154 mg) as a white foam solid, which was then dissolved in pyridine (1 mL), and treated with Ac₂O (0.2 mL) and catalytic amount of DMAP. The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 15 min, after which NaHCO₃ (aq.) solution was added, and stirred for 5 min. The crude was transferred to a separatory funnel, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic extracts were washed with 1N HCl (aq.) and water, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and evaporated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (0% to 20% EtOAc in hexanes) to give product **63213** (67 mg, 34% yield) as a white foam solid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (s, 1H), 5.64 (dd, 1H, J = 11.2, 18.0 Hz), 5.09 (dd, 1H, J = 0.8, 11.2 Hz), 5.00 (dd, 1H, J = 0.8, 18.0 Hz), 2.77 (d, 1H, J = 4.4 Hz), 2.43 (dd, 1H, J = 4.8, 16.4 Hz), 2.32 (dd, 1H, J = 12.8, 16.4 Hz), 2.24 (m, 1H), 1.94-1.99 (m, 2H), 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.78 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.68 (m, 3H), 1.42-1.56 (m, 4H), 1.24-1.36 (m, 3H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 1.17 (m, 1H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 0.99 (m, 1H), 0.95 (s, 6H), 0.90 (s, 3H); m/z 476.3 (M+1).

[0339] Compound 26: OsO₄ (0.1 M in t-BuOH, 0.30 mL, 0.01 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **24** (145 mg, 0.30 mmol) and NMO (142 mg, 1.21 mmol) in THF (3.0 mL) and water (0.3 mL) at r.t.. The reaction was stirred for 24 h, after which EtOAc was added. The mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel, and was washed with Na₂SO₃ (aq.) solution and water, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and evaporated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (0% to 80% EtOAc in hexanes) to give compound **25** (123 mg, 79% yield) as a white foam solid. Compound **26** was a mixture of two C28-epimers, both of which have: m/z 512.3 (M+1).

[0340] Compound 27: Using the procedure described for the synthesis of compound **6** from compound **5**, compound **27** (157 mg, 100% yield) was produced from compound **26** (156 mg, 0.30 mmol) as a white foam solid. Compound **27** was a mixture of two C28-epimers with A-ring ketone-enol isomers. All of the four isomers have: m/z 494.3 (M-18+1).

[0341] Compounds 63221 and 63224: A solution of 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin (57 mg, 0.20 mmol) in DMF (0.5 mL) was added to a solution of compound **27** (157 mg), 0.30 mmol) in DMF (1 mL) at room temperature. The reaction was stirred at r.t. for 2 h, after which pyridine (74 μ L, 0.91 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was heated to 55 °C for 16 h, and then cooled to r.t.. EtOAc was added, and the mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel, washed with 1 N HCl (aq), water, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated. The residue obtained was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 100% EtOAc in hexanes) to give **63221** (67 mg, 42% yield) and **63224** (29 mg, 18% yield), both as white solids.

[0342] Compound 63221 (1.2:1 mixture of C28-epimers): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (s, 0.55H), 7.65 (s, 0.45H), 3.97 (m, 1.1H), 3.76 (m, 0.9H), 3.68 (t, 0.45H, J = 9.6 Hz), 3.58 (t, 0.55H, J = 10.0 Hz), 2.86 (d, 0.55H, J = 4.4 Hz), 2.73 (d, 0.45H, J = 4.0 Hz), 2.66 (m, 0.55H), 2.33-2.52 (m, 4H), 2.16 (m, 0.45H), 0.92-2.05 (m, 16H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 1.35H), 0.91 (s, 1.35H), 0.90 (s, 1.65H), 0.89 (s, 1.65H); m/z 492.3 (M-18+1); 492.3 (M-18+1).

[0343] Compound 63224: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (s, 1H), 4.05 (m, 1H), 3.71 (ddd, 1H, J = 4.0, 8.0, 12.0 Hz), 3.61 (dd, 1H, J = 3.5, 9.0 Hz), 2.95 (dd, 1H, J = 14.0, 14.5 Hz), 2.40 (dd, 1H, J = 3.0, 14.0 Hz), 2.33 (dd, 1H, J = 4.0, 12.0 Hz), 2.06 (m, 1H), 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.79 (dd, 1H, J = 3.0, 14.0 Hz), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.29-1.75 (m, 11H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.10-

1.24 (m, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H); m/z 508.3 (M+1), 490.3 (M-18+1).

[0344] Compound 63225: To a solution of **63214** (35.8 mg, 75 μ mol) in CH_2Cl_2 (3.0 mL) was added Et_3N (15.2 μ L) and followed by $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_2\text{Cl}$ (11.1 μ L, 100.4 μ mol) at 0 °C. The reaction was stirred for 1.5 h at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (30 mL), then quenched with NaHCO_3 (5 mL). The organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated to give crude **63225** (56.4 mg). The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 10% to 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to give product **63225** (29.4 mg, 53%) as a white foam: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (1H, s), 4.71 (1H, dd, J = 7.6, 5.6 Hz), 3.81 (2H, q, J = 9.2 Hz), 3.23 (1H, dd, J = 12.8, 8.0 Hz), 2.97 (1H, d, J = 12.8, 5.2 Hz), 2.75 (1H, d, J = 4.0 Hz), 2.30-2.52 (2H, m), 2.07-2.14 (1H, m), 1.98-2.04 (1H, m), 1.76-1.96 (3H, m), 1.60-1.73 (3H, m), 1.44-1.56 (3H, m), 1.18-1.41 (4H, m), 1.26 (3H, s), 1.22 (3H, s), 1.16 (3H, s), 1.02-1.15 (2H, m), 0.99 (3H, s), 0.92 (3H, s), 0.91 (3H, s); m/z 625.3 (M+1).

[0345] Compound 63228: To a solution of compound **402-63** (43.2 mg, 90 μ mol) and 2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-methylpyridine (37.8 mg, 0.18 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.0 mL) was added $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{CH}_3$ (18.1 μ L, 162 μ mol) at room temperature. The reaction was stirred for 72 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (50 mL), then quenched with HCl (1N, 5 mL). The organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 10% to 20% EtOAc in hexanes) to give **63228** (29.3 mg, 66%) as a white solid: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (1H, s), 3.31 (3H, s), 3.19 (2H, q, J = 8.8 Hz), 2.76 (1H, d, J = 4.4 Hz), 2.30-2.50 (2H, m), 2.20-2.28 (1H, m), 2.02 (1H, dd, J = 12.8, 5.2 Hz), 1.60-1.90 (7H, m), 1.45-1.56 (2H, m), 1.06-1.32 (5H, m), 1.24 (3H, s), 1.23 (3H, s), 1.18 (3H, s), 1.16 (3H, s), 0.97-1.05 (1H, m), 0.98 (3H, s), 0.93 (3H, s), 0.88 (3H, s); m/z 494.3 (M+1).

[0346] Compound 28: $\text{BH}_3\text{-THF}$ (1.0 M in THF, 1.80 mL, 1.80 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **22** (165 mg, 0.36 mmol) in THF (7.2 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction was stirred at ambient temperature for 3 h, and then cooled to 0 °C again. Water (0.60 mL) was added carefully, followed by the addition of 3 N NaOH (aq.) (1.20 mL) and 30% H_2O_2 (aq.) (1.20 mL). The obtained reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 14 h, and then transferred to a separatory funnel and extracted with EtOAc . The combined extracts were washed with water, dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 20% to 100% EtOAc in hexanes) to give compound **2** (148 mg, 86% yield) as a white foam solid: m/z 439.3 (M-2×18+1).

[0347] Compound 29: TBSCl (51 mg, 0.34 mmol) was added to a solution of **compound 28** (133 mg, 0.28 mmol) and imidazole (38 mg, 0.56 mmol) in DMF (2.7 mL) at 0 °C. After stirring at 0 °C for 10 min, the reaction was quenched with NaHCO_3 (aq.) solution, and stirred for 30 min. The mixture was then transferred to a separatory funnel and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined extracts were washed with water, dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to give compound **29** (122 mg, 69% yield) as a white foam solid.

[0348] Compound 30: NMO (66 mg, 0.56 mmol) and TPAP (10 mg, 0.028 mmol) were added sequentially to a mixture of compound **29** (110 mg, 0.19 mmol) and 4 Å molecular sieves (110 mg) in CH_2Cl_2 (3.7 mL) at r.t.. The reaction was stirred at r.t. for 1 h, after which Na_2SO_3 (aq.) solution was added, and stirred for 5 min. The mixture was filtered through a pad of celite, and additional CH_2Cl_2 was used to wash the celite. The filtrate was transferred to a separatory funnel, washed with water, dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to give compound **30** (105 mg, 95% yield) as a white foam solid.

[0349] Compound 31: LDA (1.0 M in THF, 0.264 m, 0.264 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **30** (103 mg, 0.18 mmol) in THF (1.76 mL) at -78 °C. After stirring for 30 min, TsCN (64 mg, 0.35 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL) was added, and the mixture was stirred for another 2 h. The reaction was quenched with NH_4Cl (aq.) solution, and then warmed to r.t.. The crude was extracted with EtOAc , and the combined extracts washed with water, dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 10% EtOAc in hexanes), and the obtained product was dissolved in THF (1.0 mL), which was then treated with 3N HCl (aq.) (0.33 mL, 0.99 mmol) at r.t.. The mixture was stirred for 20 min, after which EtOAc was added. The mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel, and washed with water. The organic phase was separated, dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 70% EtOAc in hexanes) to give compound **31** (43 mg, 49% yield) as a white foam solid. Compound **31** was a mixture of A-ring ketone-enol isomers, and both isomers have m/z 496.3 (M+1).

[0350] Compound 63231: Using the procedure described for the synthesis of compound **402-63** from compound 7, product **63231** (22 mg, 51% yield) was produced from compound **31** (43 mg, 0.087 mmol) as a white foam solid: ^1H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (s, 1H), 3.73 (m, 2H), 2.88 (d, 1H, J = 4.4 Hz), 2.46 (dd, 1H, J = 5.2, 16.4 Hz), 2.37 (dd, 1H, J = 12.8, 16.4 Hz), 2.00-2.08 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.77 (m, 10H), 1.30 (m, 1H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.13-1.23 (m, 3H), 1.00-1.06 (m, 2H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H); m/z 494.3 (M+1).

[0351] Compound 63235: Using the procedure described for the synthesis of compound **402-63** from compound **6** (Scheme 2), product **63235** (8.6 mg, 35% from **11**) was produced from compound **11** (25 mg, 44 μmol) as a white foam: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 (1H, s), 7.37-7.45 (2H, m), 7.23-7.30 (2H, m), 7.16-7.20 (1H, m), 3.06 (1H, d, J = 12.8 Hz), 2.87 (1H, d, J = 12.8 Hz), 2.29-2.46 (3H, m), 1.76-2.16 (5H, m), 1.54-1.73 (6H, m), 1.16-1.53 (6H, m), 1.21 (3H, s), 1.14 (3H, s), 1.11 (3H, s), 1.01 (3H, s), 0.99 (3H, s), 0.93 (3H, s), 0.90 (3H, s). LC-MS (MS profile, ESI); m/z 572.3 (M+1).

[0352] Compound 63269: To a solution of **402-63** (36.0 mg, 75 μmol), pyridine (48.2 μL , 0.6 mmol), and 4-DMAP (9.2 mg, 75 μmol) in THF (0.5 mL) was added POCl_3 (68 μL , 75 μmol) at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$. The reaction was stirred for 2 h at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$ and then for 1 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with THF (2.5 mL) and 1 N HCl (aq) (3.0 mL), then stirred for 23 h at room temperature. The organic volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The remaining mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2x30 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with 1 N HCl (aq) and brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated to give compound **63269**. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% to 10% to 35% EtOAc in hexanes) to give compound **63269** (20.0 mg, 48%) as a white solid: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 7.96 (s, 1H), 3.82-3.94 (m, 1H), 3.56-3.70 (m, 1H), 2.98 (d, 1H, J = 3.6 Hz), 2.46-2.58 (m, 2H), 2.30-2.40 (m, 1H), 2.04-2.12 (m, 1H), 1.65-2.02 (m, 7H), 1.45-1.64, (m, 2H), 0.97-1.40 (m, 6H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H); m/z 558.3 (M+1).

[0353] Compound 33: NaHCO_3 (87 mg, 1.04 mmol) and Dess-Martin periodinane (110 mg, 0.26 mmol) were added sequentially to a solution of compound **6** (50 mg, 0.10 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.0 mL) at room temperature. After stirring for 1 h, the reaction was quenched with Na_2SO_3 (aq.) solution, and stirred for 5 min. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc, and the combined EtOAc extracts were washed with NaHCO_3 (aq) solution and water. The organic layer was separated, which was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 25% EtOAc in hexanes) to give product **33** (24 mg, 48% yield) as a white foam solid: m/z 480.3 (M+1).

[0354] Compound 34: $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$ (36 μL , 0.46 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **33** (22 mg, 0.046 mmol) in MeOH (0.4 mL) and THF (0.4 mL) at room temperature. After stirring for 1 h, AcOH (26 μL , 0.46 mmol) was added. After another 5 min, NaBH_3CN (43 mg, 0.68 mmol) in MeOH (0.2 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 h, after which it was quenched with NH_4Cl (aq) solution. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc, and the combined EtOAc extracts were washed with water. The organic layer was separated, which was then dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 20% EtOAc in hexanes) to give product **34** (22 mg, 85% yield) as a white foam solid: m/z 563.3 (M+1).

[0355] Compound 35: NaOMe (25 w/w% solution in MeOH, 18 μL , 0.079 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **34** (22 mg, 0.039 mmol) in MeOH (0.2 mL) at room temperature. The reaction was then heated to 55 $^\circ\text{C}$ and stirred for 1 h. After cooling to 0 $^\circ\text{C}$, *t*-BuOMe and 1 N HCl (aq) were added, and the mixture was stirred for 5 min. The reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel, which was extracted with EtOAc. The combined EtOAc extracts were washed with water, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 25% EtOAc in hexanes) to give product **35** (16 mg, 74% yield) as a white foam solid: m/z 563.3 (M+1). Compound **35** is an isomeric mixture of C3 ketone and enol forms.

[0356] Compound 63273: To a solution of compound **35** (16 mg, 0.028 mmol) in DMF (0.3 mL) was added 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantion (4.2 mg, 0.015 mmol) at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$, and the reaction was stirred at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 1 h. Pyridine (7.0 μL , 0.087 mmol) was then added, and the mixture was heated at 55 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 3 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction was diluted with EtOAc, and transferred to a separatory funnel, which was then washed with Na_2SO_3 (aq) solution and water. The organic layer was separated, which was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by preparative TLC plate (silica gel, eluted with 28% EtOAc in hexanes) to give product **63273** (9 mg, 55% yield) as a white foam solid: m/z 561.3 (M+1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (s, 1H), 3.18 (m, 2H), 2.70 (d, 1H, J = 4.4 Hz), 2.67 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 2.59 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 2.47 (dd, 1H, J = 5.2, 16.4 Hz), 2.37 (dd, 1H, J = 13.2, 16.4 Hz), 2.14 (m, 1H), 2.03 (dd, 1H, J = 5.2, 13.2 Hz), 1.48-1.88 (m, 11H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.14-1.30 (m, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.96-1.07 (m, 2H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H).

[0357] Compound 36: *m*-CPBA (77%, 299 mg, 1.34 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **24** (213 mg, 0.045 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (4.5 mL) at room temperature. After stirring for 24 h, the reaction was quenched with Na_2SO_3 (aq) solution. After stirring for 10 min, the reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel, which was extracted with EtOAc. The combined EtOAc extracts were washed with NaHCO_3 (aq) solution, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 20% EtOAc in hexanes) to give product **36** (179 mg, 81% yield) as a white foam solid. Compound **36** is a mixture of C28 epimers in the ratio of 2.8:1, both have *m/z* 494.3 (M+1).

[0358] Compound 37 and compound 38: NaOMe (25 w/w% solution in MeOH, 100 μL , 0.44 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **36** (179 mg, 0.36 mmol) in MeOH (3.6 mL) and THF (0.72 mL) at room temperature. The reaction was then heated at 55 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 3 h. After cooling to 0 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, t-BuOMe and 1 N HCl(aq) were added. After stirring at room temperature for another 5 min, the reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel, which was extracted with EtOAc. The combined EtOAc extracts were washed with water, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 25% EtOAc in hexanes) to give product **37** (118 mg, 66% yield) as a white foam solid: *m/z* 494.3 (M+1). Compound **37** is an isomeric mixture of C3 ketone and enol forms of C28 epimeric epoxides. From the column, compound **38** (38 mg, 20% yield) was also obtained as a white foam solid: *m/z* 530.2, 532.3 (M+1, isotopic isomers). Compound **38** is an isomeric mixture of C3 ketone and enol forms. The stereochemical configuration of C28 was not assigned.

[0359] Compounds 63283 and 63284: To a solution of compound **37** (118 mg, 0.24 mmol) in DMF (2.0 mL) was added 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin (34.2 mg, 0.12 mmol) in DMF (0.4 mL) at 0 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. After stirring at 0 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 1.5 h, the reaction mixture was treated with pyridine (58 μL , 0.72 mmol), and was heated at 55 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 3 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction was diluted with EtOAc, and transferred to a separatory funnel, which was then washed with Na_2SO_3 (aq) solution, 1 N HCl(aq), and water. The organic extracts were separated, then dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 10% EtOAc in CH_2Cl_2) to give product **63283** (20 mg, 15% yield) and **63284** (44 mg, 32% yield), both of which were obtained as white foam solids.

[0360] Compound 63283: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (s, 1H), 4.07 (m, 1H), 3.69 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.6, 10.4 Hz), 3.52 (t, 1H, *J* = 10.4 Hz), 2.66 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 2.47 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.2, 16.4 Hz), 2.37 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.8, 16.4 Hz), 2.19 (m, 1H), 2.18 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 2.02 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.8, 12.8 Hz), 1.76-1.86 (m, 3H), 1.56-1.64 (m, 4H), 1.36-1.52 (m, 4H), 1.24-1.32 (m, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.04 (m, 1H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H); *m/z* 572.3, 574.3 (M+1, isotopic isomers). The stereochemical configuration of C28 was not assigned.

[0361] Compound 63284: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (s, 1H), 4.06 (m, 1H), 3.66 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.6, 10.4 Hz), 3.42 (t, 1H, *J* = 10.4 Hz), 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.47 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.8, 16.4 Hz), 2.37 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.8, 16.4 Hz), 2.18 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 1.92-2.08 (m, 3H), 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.76 (m, 4H), 1.46-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.18-1.27 (m, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.01-1.10 (m, 2H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.91 (m, 1H), 0.88 (s, 3H); *m/z* 572.3, 574.3 (M+1, isotopic isomers). The stereochemical configuration of C28 was not assigned.

[0362] Compound 63287: THF was added to a mixture of NaH (10 mg, 0.25 mmol) and **63283** (19 mg, 0.033 mmol) at room temperature. After stirring 50 min, the reaction was treated with water (1 drop). After another 5 min, the reaction was diluted with EtOAc, and transferred to a separatory funnel, which was washed with water. The organic extract was separated, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by preparative TLC plate (silica gel, eluted with 7% EtOAc in CH_2Cl_2) to give product **63287** (7 mg, 43% yield) as a white foam solid: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (s, 1H), 3.02 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 2.76 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.8, 3.6 Hz), 2.62 (d, 2H, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 2.37-2.50 (m, 2H), 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.10 (m, 1H), 2.00 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.6, 12.4 Hz), 1.44-1.80 (m, 8H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.20-1.32 (m, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.07 (m, 1H), 0.97 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.86-0.94 (m, 2H); *m/z* 492.3 (M+1). The stereochemical configuration of C28 was not assigned.

[0363] Compound 63286: Compound **63284** (36 mg, 0.063 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL) was added to a suspension of NaH (10 mg, 0.25 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL) at room temperature via syringe. Additional THF (0.5 mL) was used to rinse the syringe, and was added to the reaction mixture. After stirring for 45 min, the reaction was treated with CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) and water (0.2 mL), and was transferred to a separatory funnel. The reaction mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined CH_2Cl_2 extracts were washed with water, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The obtained crude product, a ~1:1 mixture of compounds **63284** and **63286**, was resubmitted to the reaction conditions as described above. After stirring at room temperature for 3 h, the reaction was treated with water (1 drop). After another 5 min, the reaction was diluted with EtOAc, and transferred to a separatory funnel, which was then washed with water. The organic extract was separated, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 7% EtOAc in hexanes) to give product **63286** (17 mg, 55%

yield) as a white foam solid: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (s, 1H), 3.28 (d, 1H, J = 4.0 Hz), 2.86 (dd, 1H, J = 3.2, 4.0 Hz), 2.69 (dd, 1H, J = 3.2, 4.4 Hz), 2.63 (t, 1H, J = 4.4 Hz), 2.32-2.46 (m, 2H), 1.94-2.14 (m, 4H), 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.73 (m, 3H), 1.48-1.56 (m, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.13-1.31 (m, 6H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 6H); m/z 492.3 (M+1). The stereochemical configuration of C28 was not assigned.

[0364] **Compound 39:** Using the procedure described for the synthesis of compound **11** from compound **6** (Scheme 5) compound **12** (4.0 mg, 6.5%) was produced from compound **6** (49 mg, 101 μmol) as a white solid. Purification Conditions: 2x column chromatography (1st: silica gel, 0% to 10% to 100% EtOAc in hexanes; 2nd: silica gel, 0% to 15% to 25% EtOAc in hexanes), followed by PTLC (silica gel plate, EtOAc/hexanes/Et₃N = 1/4/0.1); m/z 611.4 (M+1).

[0365] **Compound 63276:** The procedure described for the synthesis of compound **402-63** from **6** (Scheme 2) was employed to yield product **63276** (1.2 mg, 30%) from compound **39** (4 mg, 6.5 μmol) as a white foam: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 3.73 (d, 1H, J = 13.6 Hz), 3.59 (d, 1H, J = 13.6 Hz), 3.46 (d, 1H, J = 3.6 Hz), 2.42-2.58 (m, 2H), 1.88-2.28 (m, 6H), 0.80-1.76 (m, 11H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.82 (s, 3H); m/z 609.3 (M+1).

[0366] **Compound 63282:** To a solution of compound **38** (36 mg, 0.068 mmol) in DMF (0.73 mL) was added 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin (10.4 mg, 0.036 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring at 0 °C for 1 h, the reaction mixture was treated with pyridine (18 μL , 0.22 mmol), and was heated at 55 °C for 3 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction was diluted with EtOAc, and transferred to a separatory funnel, which was then washed with Na₂SO₃(aq) solution, 1N HCl(aq), and water. The organic extracts were separated, then dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 25% EtOAc in hexanes) to give product **63282** (28 mg, 78% yield) as a white foam solid: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (s, 1H), 3.99 (m, 1H), 3.74 (dd, 1H, J = 1.6, 11.2 Hz), 3.52 (t, 1H, J = 10.4 Hz), 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.46 (dd, 1H, J = 4.8, 16.4 Hz), 2.37 (dd, 1H, J = 12.8, 16.4 Hz), 2.19 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz), 1.92-2.08 (m, 3H), 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.77 (m, 4H), 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.19-1.26 (m, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.06 (m, 1H), 1.02 (m, 1H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 0.90 (m, 1H), 0.88 (s, 3H); m/z 528.3, 530.3 (M+1, isotopic isomers). The stereochemical configuration of C28 was not assigned.

[0367] **Compound 63285:** A mixture of **63221** (54.5 mg, 0.11 mmol), paraformaldehyde (31 mg) and TsOH (12 mg, 0.063 mmol) in toluene (1.1 mL) was heated in a sealed vial at 110 °C for 1 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, and was transferred to a separatory funnel. The mixture was then washed with NaHCO₃(aq) solution and water, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to give product **63285** (21 mg, 38% yield) as a white foam solid. Compound **63285** is a C28 epimeric mixture in the ratio of ~1.3:1: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) (mixture of two epimers) δ 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.22 (m, 2H), 3.75-3.86 (m, 3H), 3.73 (t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 3.00 (d, 1H, J = 4.4 Hz), 2.86 (d, 1H, J = 4.4 Hz), 2.58 (m, 1H), 2.32-2.50 (m, 4H), 1.40-2.08 (m, 23H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 9H), 1.20-1.32 (m, 7H), 1.18 (s, 6H), 1.16 (s, 6H), 1.02-1.10 (m, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 6H); m/z 522.3 (M+1).

[0368] **Compound 63294:** A mixture of compound **402-63** (0.10 g, 0.208 mmol) and trifluoroacetic anhydride (0.052 g, 0.25 mmol) was taken up in DMF (2 mL), followed by the addition of anhydrous pyridine (2 mL). The solution was heated to 80 °C and stirred overnight (~14 h). The warm solution was cooled to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate (70 mL) and 1N HCl(aq) (30 mL). The organic phase was separated and washed with 1N HCl(aq) (30 mL) and then dried over MgSO₄. The drying agent was filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* yielding a viscous liquid. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to give product **63294** (0.014 g, 12%) as a white solid: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (s, 1H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 2.71 (d, 1H, J = 4 Hz), 2.49 (dd, 1H, J = 16 and 4 Hz), 2.40 (dd, 1H, J = 15 and 13 Hz), 2.19 (m, 1H), 2.05-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.88 (br d, 1H, J = 12 Hz), 1.80-1.45 (m, 7H), 1.33-0.98 (m, 9H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H); m/z 576.1 (M+1).

[0369] **Compound 63297:** A mixture of compound **402-63** (0.10 g, 0.208 mmol) and trimethylacetic anhydride (0.047 g, 0.25 mmol) was taken up in DMF (2 mL) followed by the addition of anhydrous pyridine (2 mL). The solution was heated to 80 °C and stirred overnight (~14 h). The warm solution was cooled to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate (70 mL) and 1N HCl(aq) (30 mL). The organic phase was separated and washed with 1N HCl(aq) (30 mL), 1N NaOH(aq) (30 mL), and then dried over MgSO₄. The drying agent was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* yielding a viscous liquid. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to give product **63297** (0.042 g, 36%) as a white foam: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (s, 1H), 4.18 (d, 1H, J = 11 Hz), 3.83 (d, 1H, J = 11 Hz), 2.78 (d, 1H, J = 4 Hz), 2.45 (dd, 1H, J =

17 and 4 Hz), 2.38 (dd, 1H, J = 16 and 13 Hz), 2.19 (br d, 1H, J = 13 Hz), 2.03-1.93 (m, 3H), 1.92-1.29 (m, 8H), 1.26-0.88 (m, 5H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H); m/z 564.3 (M+1).

[0370] Compound 63298: A mixture of alcohol **402-63** (0.10 g, 0.208 mmol) and benzoic anhydride (0.056 g, 0.25 mmol) was taken up in DMF (2 mL) followed by the addition of anhydrous pyridine (2 mL). The solution was heated to 80 °C and stirred for overnight (~14 h). The warm solution was cooled to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate (70 mL) and 1N HCl(aq) (30 mL). The organic phase was separated and washed with 1N HCl(aq) (30 mL), 1N NaOH(aq) (30 mL), and then dried over MgSO₄. The drying agent was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* yielding a viscous liquid. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to give product **63298** (0.034 g, 28%) as a pale yellow solid: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, 2H, J = 7 Hz), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.59 (t, 1H, J = 7 Hz), 7.47 (t, 2H, J = 7 Hz), 4.31 (d, 1H, J = 10 Hz), 4.20 (d, 1H, J = 10 Hz), 2.86 (d, 1H, J = 4 Hz), 2.51-2.28 (m, 3H), 2.07-1.81 (m, 5H), 1.73-1.38 (m, 6H), 1.36-0.86 (m, 5H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H); m/z 584.2 (M+1).

[0371] Compound 41: To a stirred solution of compound **37** (98.7 mg, 0.2 mmol) in a solvent mixture of MeOH (3.0 mL) and THF (0.5 mL) was added a solution of NaOMe (109 μL, 0.48 mmol, 25%w/w in MeOH) at 55 °C. The mixture was stirred at 55 °C for 2 h, then cooled to room temperature. To this mixture was added KCN (18.2 mg, 0.28 mmol) in one portion. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 21.5 h and then at 55 °C for 49.5 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and quenched with 1N HCl(aq) (10 mL). The mixture was quickly extracted with EtOAc (30 mL). The organic phase was washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give a white solid, which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 15% to 35% EtOAc in hexanes) to give compound **41** (36.7 mg, 35%) (mixture of two diastereomers) as a white solid: m/z 521.3 (M+1).

[0372] Compound 63310: The procedure described for the synthesis of compound **402-63** from **7** (scheme 2) was employed to convert compound **41** (23 mg, 0.044 mmol) into product **63310** (15.0 mg, 66%) as a white solid. **63310** is a mixture of two diastereomers with the ratio of ~3.56:1: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (major) and 7.65 (minor) (s, 1H), 4.18-4.30 (m, 1H), 2.76 (d, 1H, J = 4.0 Hz), 2.45-2.70 (m, 4H), 2.33-2.44 (m, 1H), 2.30 (d, 1H, J = 5.6 Hz), 1.98-2.18 (m, 2H), 1.77-1.94 (m, 2H), 0.90-1.76 (m, 12H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H); m/z 519.3 (M+1).

[0373] Compound 42: To a magnetically-stirred solution of chromium(VI) oxide (4.56 g, 45.6 mmol), water (17.2 mL) and concentrated sulfuric acid (3.85 mL) chilled to -8 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere was added a solution of compound **42** (4.80 g, 10.1 mmol) in acetone (425 mL), previously sparged with nitrogen for -20 min. The solution was added over a 30-min period while maintaining a temperature of -9 to -3 °C. The resulting brown suspension was stirred for -40 minutes at ~-4 °C to yield an orange supernatant solution containing a green precipitate. On warming to 11 °C over a 15-min period, the suspension was transferred to a flask to remove acetone using a rotary evaporator set at a bath temperature of ~20 °C. After partitioning the dark residue between H₂O (1010 mL) and MTBE (506 mL), the lower aqueous phase was removed and extracted with MTBE (4 x 300 mL). The combined MTBE solutions were combined, washed with H₂O (100 mL), saturated aqueous NaCl (100 mL) and dried (MgSO₄). After removing the solvent and vacuum drying, two samples of compound **42** were obtained. One sample was isolated directly to give compound **42** (1.81 g) as white crystalline solids. A second sample was chromatographed on silica gel to give compound **42** (1.0 g) as white crystalline solids. The two samples were combined to yield compound **42** (2.81 g, 57% yield): m/z 485.5 (M+1), 517.6 (M+33).

[0374] Compound 43: To a magnetically-stirred slurry of compound **42** (2.67 g, 5.51 mmol) and ethyl formate (30.2 mL, 375 mmol) cooled at -8 to -15 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere was added over 15 min a solution of 30 wt% NaOMe in MeOH (9.82 mL, 54.5 mmol). During this time the suspension became less viscous, undergoing a color transformation from greenish to brown to finally yield a rust-red solution. After stirring an additional 25 min an orange slurry had formed. Analysis (TLC and HPLC) of the slurry after an additional hour at ~3 °C indicated that the reaction was complete. The orange reaction mixture was warmed and at 14 °C was transferred to a flask and partially stripped of solvent (bath temp 25-30 °C) to yield a thick reddish-orange slurry (~10.6 g). To this residue was added ice water (150 g) to give a hazy solution, to which was added dropwise 10% HCl (34 mL) over 15 min at -3 to ~0 °C. The resulting off-white slurry was filtered and the moist cake was washed on the filter with H₂O (3x33 mL). The damp cake was dissolved in EtOAc (50 mL) and after removing the residual aqueous layer, the ethyl acetate phase was washed with brine (4x10 mL) and dried (MgSO₄). Obtained on solvent removal and vacuum drying was compound **43** (2.62 g, 92.9%) as pale pink solids: m/z 513.5 (M+1), 545.6 (M+33).

[0375] Compound 44: To a magnetically-stirred hazy orange solution of the compound **44** (2.62 g, 5.11 mmol) in absolute EtOH (37 mL) at room temperature was added a solution of NH₂OH HCl (0.426 g, 6.13 mmol) in H₂O (6.4 mL) over a six-minute period. The mixture was heated at 54 °C for 1.5 h. Analysis (TLC, HPLC, LCMS) of the mixture after 0.5 h indicated that the conversion

was complete. The mixture was cooled and concentrated. After partitioning the residue between EtOAc and H₂O, the lower aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined ethyl acetate layers were washed with H₂O and brine (2x) and were dried over MgSO₄. Isolated on solvent removal and vacuum drying was compound 44 (2.53 g, 97.1%) as light tan solids: m/z 510.4 (M+1), 542 (M+33).

[0376] Compound 45: To a magnetically-stirred pale yellow solution of the compound 45 (2.50 g, 4.90 mmol) in anhydrous MeOH (40 mL) cooled at ~3 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere was added over five minutes a solution of 30 wt% NaOMe in MeOH (1.86 mL, 10.35 mmol). The mixture was warmed to room temperature and heated at ~55 °C for 2.5 h. Prior analysis (TLC, HPLC) after warming for only ~1.3 h indicated that the conversion was nearly complete. Methanol was removed on a rotary evaporator, and the residue was transferred to a beaker with H₂O (50 mL) and MTBE (130 mL). The two-phase system was stirred briskly until all solids that had initially coagulated were dispersed. With continued stirring 1 N HCl (~13 mL) was added portionwise to give two clear layers. The lower acidic aqueous layer was removed and extracted with MTBE (3x25 mL). The combined yellow organic solution was washed with H₂O (1x50 mL) and saturated NaCl (1x50 mL) and was dried (MgSO₄). Obtained on solvent removal and vacuum drying was compound 45 (2.50 g, quantitative yield) as pale yellow solids: m/z 510.4 (M+1).

[0377] Compound 63332: To a magnetically-stirred yellow solution of the cyanoketoacid 45 (2.50 g, 4.90 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (13 mL) cooled at -32 to -35 °C (dry ice/acetone bath) under a nitrogen atmosphere was added over a 7-min period a solution of 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin (0.78 g, 2.7 mmol) in DMF (4 mL). After the addition was completed, the temperature of the mixture was brought up to and held at ~0 °C for 25 min and then warmed to room temperature. Analysis (TLC, HPLC, LC-MS) of a sample indicated that the conversion of compound 45 to a mono-brominated intermediate was nearly complete. Pyridine (1.71 mL, 21.0 mmol) was added in one portion, and the solution was heated to ~55 °C for 4 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and quenched by pouring into a stirred solution of ice water (200 mL) and 1 N HCl(aq) (10 mL). After adding additional ice water (100 mL), the off-white slurry of solids was stirred for 0.5 h. The mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel with EtOAc (200 mL) and partitioned. The lower aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3x50 mL). The extracts were combined with the initial EtOAc solution and were washed with H₂O (50 mL) and brine (3x50 mL). After drying with MgSO₄, the yellow solution was concentrated, and the resulting product vacuum dried to give compound 63332 (2.30 g, 92.4%) as a tan solid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (s, 1H), 2.83 (d, 1H), 2.28-2.52 (m, 4H), 2.21 (br d, 1H), 1.96-2.05 (m, 2H), 1.92-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.90 (m, 3H), 1.63-1.72 (m, 4H), 1.53 (br, 3H), 1.30-1.40 (m, 2H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.24-1.27 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.07-1.11 (m, 2H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H); m/z 508.5 (M+1), 450.6 (M+33).

[0378] Compound 63333: To a magnetically stirred water-white solution of compound 63332 (23.7 mg, 0.0467 mmol) in sieve-dried THF (1.0 mL) at room temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere was added dimethyl sulfate (7.6 mg, 0.060 mmol) followed by sodium carbonate (7.2 mg, 0.0679 mmol). The suspension was stirred at room temperature for 18 h. TLC analysis (hexanes/ethyl acetate: 75/25) showed a new less polar product spot but significant unreacted starting material. The suspension was stirred at 50 °C for five hours and at 80 °C for three additional hours to convert most of the remaining starting material. THF was removed by rotary evaporation, and the residue was partitioned between EtOAc (75 mL) and water (20 mL). The ethyl acetate layer was washed with water (2x20 mL) and saturated NaCl (10 mL) and was dried (Na₂SO₄). The filtered solution was concentrated to yield crude product. Purification of the crude product by preparative TLC (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH: 97.5/2.5) gave product 63333 (11.9 mg, 48%) as a white solid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (s, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.82 (d, 1H, J = 3.6 Hz), 2.34-2.50 (m, 3H), 2.24 (d, 1H, J = 12.8 Hz), 2.13 (m, 1H), 1.50-2.05 (m, 12H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.14-1.34 (m, 3H), 1.08 (m, 1H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H); m/z 522.6 (M+1), 554.6 (M+33).

[0379] Compound 46: To a magnetically-stirred solution of compound 63332 (160 mg, 0.315 mmol) in sieve-dried CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) at room temperature was added over ten minutes a solution of oxalyl chloride (0.054 mL, 0.63 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL). A warm-water bath was applied to bring the solution to light reflux (~35-38 °C) for 20 min. After removing the solvent by rotary evaporation, more CH₂Cl₂ was added to the residue, and stripping was continued to remove excess oxalyl chloride. Upon complete evaporation, compound 46 (170 mg, quantitative) was isolated and used directly to prepare compounds 63334-63337.

[0380] General procedure for making Compounds 63334-63337: To a magnetically-stirred suspension of R₁R₂NH in CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature was added over three minutes a solution of triethylamine in CH₂Cl₂ (See table 4 for details). To the resulting clear solution chilled at ~0 °C was added over 15 min a solution of compound 46. The cooling bath was removed and the pale yellow solution was stirred at room temperature for ~40 min. Analysis (TLC, HPLC) of a sample indicated the absence of the acid chloride. The reaction solution was transferred to a separatory funnel and washed consecutively with H₂O, 1 N HCl(aq), and brine. After drying (MgSO₄) the solution was stripped and vacuum dried to yield the crude product. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 0% to 50% EtOAc in hexanes) to give the desired target compound.

[0381] Compound 63334: off-white solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (s, 1H), 5.58 (t, 1H, J = 4.4 Hz), 3.28 (m, 2H), 2.91 (d, 1H, J = 4.0 Hz), 2.35-2.50 (m, 3H), 2.14 (m, 1H), 1.52-2.04 (m, 12H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.14 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.07-1.40 (m, 5H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H).

[0382] **Compound 63335:** off-white solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (s, 1H), 5.97 (dd, 1H, J = 5.8 Hz), 4.49 (dt, 2H, J = 5.0, 47.2 Hz), 3.56 (ddt, 2H, J = 5.0, 5.8, 28.0 Hz), 2.90 (d, 1H, J = 4.4 Hz), 2.35-2.50 (m, 3H), 2.16 (m, 1H), 1.90-2.05 (m, 5H), 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.71 (m, 6H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.08-1.34 (m, 5H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H).

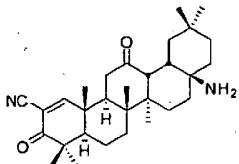
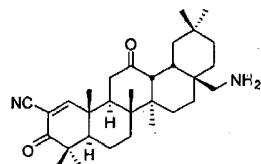
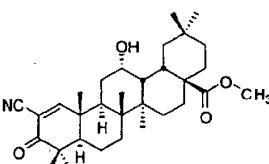
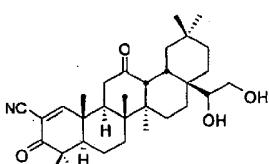
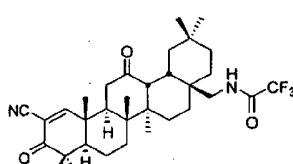
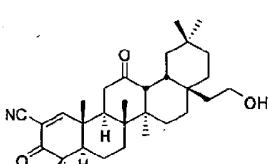
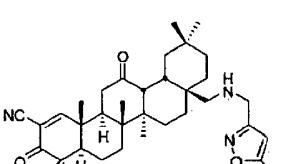
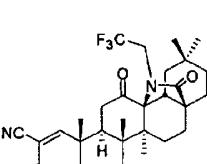
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[0384] **Compound 63337:** off-white solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (s, 1H), 5.74 (t, 1H, J = 6.4 Hz), 3.70-4.02 (m, 2H), 2.85 (d, 1H, J = 3.6 Hz), 2.32-2.54 (m, 3H), 1.56-2.22 (m, 13H), 1.04-1.46 (m, 5H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 6H), 0.90 (s, 3H); m/z 589.5 (M+1).

Example 4 - Aqueous Solubility of Oleanolic Acid Derivatives

[0385] The aqueous solubility of the compounds shown here was determined using the procedures outlined in Example 1.

Compound ID(s)	Structure	Aqueous Solubility (μM)
Reference Compound 63097 (402)		1.46
Reference Compound 63102 (dh404)		0.06
Reference Compound 63198		163.6
63202		1.89
Compound ID(s)	Structure	Aqueous Solubility (μM)

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Reference Compound 63208		9.49
63214		112.2
Reference Compound 63219		13.58
63221		8.78
63226		0.71
63231		1.23
63232		0.75
Reference Compound 63237		5.16

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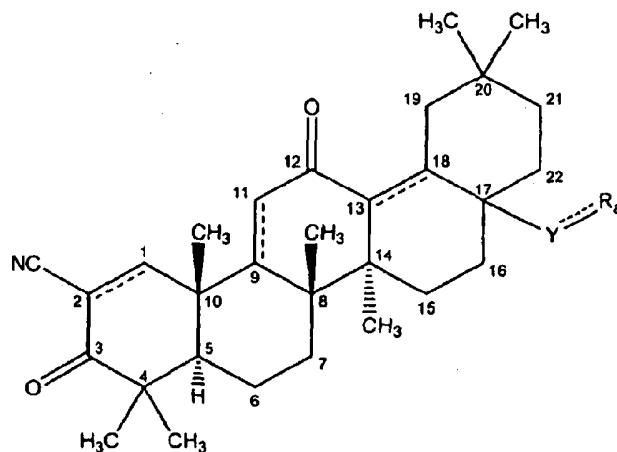
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Patentkrav

1. Forbindelse med formlen:



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hvor:

Y er alkandiyl_(C≤8), alkendiyl_(C≤8), alkyndiyl_(C≤8) eller en substitueret form af en hvilken som helst af disse grupper;

R_a er:

- 10 hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen, amino, nitro, cyano, azido, phosphat, 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl, mercapto eller silyl; eller alkyl_(C≤12), alkenyl_(C≤12), alkynyl_(C≤12), aryl_(C≤12), aralkyl_(C≤12), heteroaryl_(C≤12), heteroaralkyl_(C≤12), acyl_(C≤12), alkoxy_(C≤12), alkenyloxy_(C≤12), alkynyloxy_(C≤12), aryloxy_(C≤12), aralkoxy_(C≤12), heteroaryloxy_(C≤12), heteroaralkoxy_(C≤12), acyloxy_(C≤12),
- 15 alkylamino_(C≤12), dialkylamino_(C≤12), alkenylamino_(C≤12), alkynylamino_(C≤12), arylamino_(C≤12), aralkylamino_(C≤12), heteroarylmino_(C≤12), heteroaralkylamino_(C≤12), alkylsulfonylamino_(C≤12), amido_(C≤12), alkylthio_(C≤12), alkenylthio_(C≤12), alkynylthio_(C≤12), arylthio_(C≤12), aralkylthio_(C≤12), heteroarylthio_(C≤12), heteroaralkylthio_(C≤12), acylthio_(C≤12), thioacyl_(C≤12), alkylsulfonyl_(C≤12),
- 20 alkenylsulfonyl_(C≤12), alkynylsulfonyl_(C≤12), arylsulfonyl_(C≤12), aralkylsulfonyl_(C≤12), heteroarylsulfonyl_(C≤12), heteroaralkylsulfonyl_(C≤12), alkylsulfinyl_(C≤12), alkenylsulfinyl_(C≤12), alkynylsulfinyl_(C≤12), arylsulfinyl_(C≤12), aralkylsulfinyl_(C≤12), heteroarylsulfinyl_(C≤12), heteroaralkylsulfinyl_(C≤12), alkylphosphonyl_(C≤12), alkylphosphat_(C≤12), dialkylphosphat_(C≤12), alkylammonium_(C≤12),
- 25 alkylsulfonium_(C≤12), alkylsilyl_(C≤12) eller en substitueret form af en hvilken som helst af disse grupper; eller

Y og R_a danner en tre til syv-leddet ring, således at Y og R_a er yderligere forbundet til hinanden via en eller flere af -O- og alkandiyl_(C1-5), endvidere hvor Y er -CH-, og R_a er -CH₂-; eller

Y, R_a og carbonantal 13, 17 og 18 danner en ring, således at R_a er bundet til

5 carbon 13, hvor Y er alkandiyl_(C=1) eller substitueret alkandiyl_(C=1), og R_a er -O-; hvor termen "alkenyl", når den anvendes uden modifikatoren "substitueret", henviser til en monovalent gruppe med et ikke-aromatisk carbonatom som påhæftningspunkt, der har en lineær, forgrenet, cyclo, cyklisk eller acyklistisk struktur, mindst én ikke-aromatisk carbon-carbon-dobbeltbinding, ingen carbon-

10 carbon-tripelbindinger og ingen andre atomer end carbon og hydrogen; hvor termen "substitueret alkenyl" henviser til en monovalent gruppe med et ikke-aromatisk carbonatom som påhæftningspunkt, mindst én ikke-aromatisk carbon-carbon-dobbeltbinding, ingen carbon-carbon-tripelbindinger, der har en lineær, forgrenet, cyclo, cyklisk eller acyklistisk struktur og mindst ét atom, der er

15 udvalgt uafhængigt fra gruppen, der består af N, O, F, Cl, Br, I, Si, P og S; hvor termen "alkynyl", når den anvendes uden modifikatoren "substitueret", henviser til en monovalent gruppe med et ikke-aromatisk carbonatom som påhæftningspunkt, der har en lineær, forgrenet, cyclo, cyklisk eller acyklistisk struktur, mindst én carbon-carbon-tripelbinding og ingen andre atomer end

20 carbon og hydrogen; hvor termen "substitueret alkynyl" henviser til en monovalent gruppe med et ikke-aromatisk carbonatom som påhæftningspunkt og mindst én carbon-carbon-tripelbinding, der har en lineær, forgrenet, cyclo, cyklisk eller acyklistisk struktur og mindst ét atom, der er udvalgt uafhængigt fra gruppen, der består af N, O, F, Cl,

25 Br, I, Si, P og S; hvor termen "aryl", når den anvendes uden modifikatoren "substitueret", henviser til en monovalent gruppe med et aromatisk carbonatom som påhæftningspunkt, hvilket carbonatom udgør en del af en seks-leddet aromatisk ringstruktur, hvor ringatomerne alle er carbon, og hvor den monovalente gruppe ikke består af

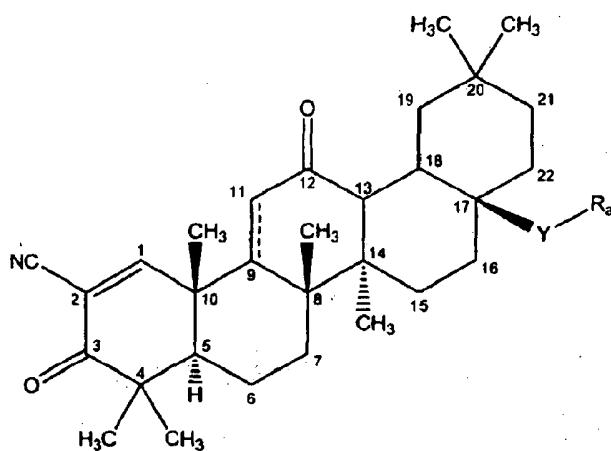
30 andre atomer end carbon og hydrogen; hvor termen "alkylgruppe" indbefatter alkylgrupper, der kan indeholde en eller flere cycloalkylbestanddele;

hvor de nødvendige hydrocarbonbestanddele af alkandiyl-, alkendiyl- og alkyndiylgrupper indbefatter hydrocarbonbestanddele, der kan indeholde en eller

35 flere carbocyklistiske dele;

hvor alkyldele af alkoxy-, alkylamino-, alkylimino-, alkylthio-, alkylsulfonyl-, alkylsulfinyl-, alkylammonium- og alkylsulfoniumgrupper indbefatter alkyldele, der kan indeholde en eller flere cycloalkylbestanddele; eller et farmaceutisk acceptabelt salt eller en farmaceutisk acceptabel tautomer deraf.

2. Forbindelse ifølge krav 1, der er yderligere defineret som:



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hyvor:

Y er alkandiyl_(C≤5) eller substitueret alkandiyl_(C≤5);

R_a er:

hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen, amino, phosphat, 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl eller

15 cyano; eller

alkyl_(C≤12), alkenyl_(C≤12), alkynyl_(C≤12), aryl_(C≤12), aralkyl_(C≤12), heteroaryl_(C≤12), heteroaralkyl_(C≤12), acyl_(C≤12), alkoxy_(C≤12), alkenyloxy_(C≤12), alkynyloxy_(C≤12), aryloxy_(C≤12), aralkoxy_(C≤12), heteroaryloxy_(C≤12), heteroaralkoxy_(C≤12), acyloxy_(C≤12), alkylamino_(C≤12), dialkylamino_(C≤12), alkenylamino_(C≤12), alkynylamino_(C≤12),

20 arylamino_(C≤12), aralkylamino_(C≤12), heteroarylarnino_(C≤12), heteroaralkylarnino_(C≤12), alkylsulfonylarnino_(C≤12), amido_(C≤12), arylsulfonyl_(C≤12), arylsulfinyl_(C≤12), alkylphosphat_(C≤12), dialkylphosphat_(C≤12) eller en substitueret form af en hvilken som helst af disse grupper: eller

Y og R_a danner en tre til fem-ledet ring, således at Y og R_a er yderligere

25 forbundet til hinanden via en eller flere af -O- og alkandiyl_(C-3), hvor endvidere Y er -CH-, og R_a er -CH₂-;

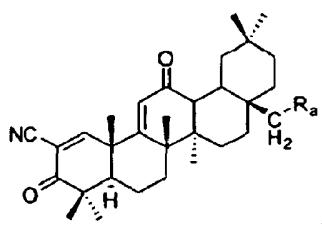
eller et farmaceutisk acceptabelt salt eller en farmaceutisk acceptabel tautomer deraf.

3. Forbindelse ifølge krav 2, hvor Y er $-\text{CH}_2-$; og/eller

5 R_a er hydroxy, cyano, acyl_(C≤8), substitueret acyl_(C≤8), acyloxy_(C≤8), substitueret acyloxy_(C≤8), amido_(C≤8) eller substitueret amido_(C≤8);

eller et farmaceutisk acceptabelt salt eller en farmaceutisk acceptabel tautomer deraf.

10 4. Forbindelse ifølge krav 2, der er yderligere defineret som



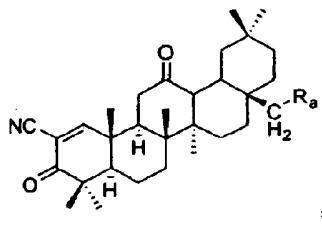
hvor R_a er hydroxy, cyano, acyl_(C≤8), substitueret acyl_(C≤8), acyloxy_(C≤8) eller

15 substitueret acyloxy_(C≤8),

eller et farmaceutisk acceptabelt salt eller en farmaceutisk acceptabel tautomer deraf.

5. Forbindelse ifølge krav 2, der er yderligere defineret som

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hvor R_a er hydroxy, cyano, acyl_(C≤8), substitueret acyl_(C≤8), acyloxy_(C≤8) eller

substitueret acyloxy_(C≤8),

25 eller et farmaceutisk acceptabelt salt eller en farmaceutisk acceptabel tautomer deraf.

6. Forbindelse ifølge krav 1, hvor Y er $-\text{C}(\text{OH})\text{HCH}_2-$.

7. Forbindelse ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 1-2, hvor R_a er $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{Cl}$, $-\text{Br}$ eller $-\text{H}$.

8. Forbindelse ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 1-5, hvor R_a er $-\text{OH}$.

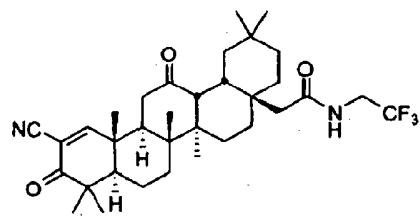
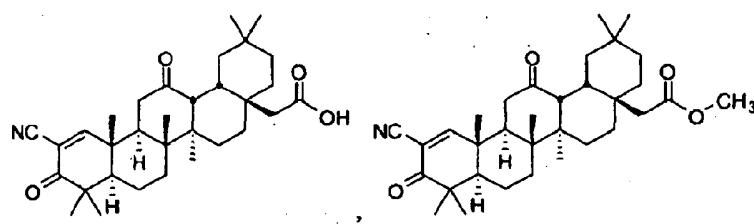
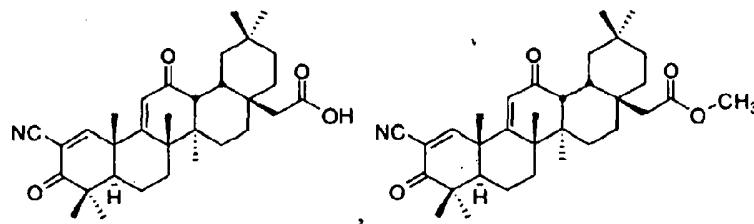
9. Forbindelse ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 1-5, hvor:

R_a er $\text{acyl}_{(\text{C}1-3)}$ eller substitueret $\text{acyl}_{(\text{C}1-3)}$; eller

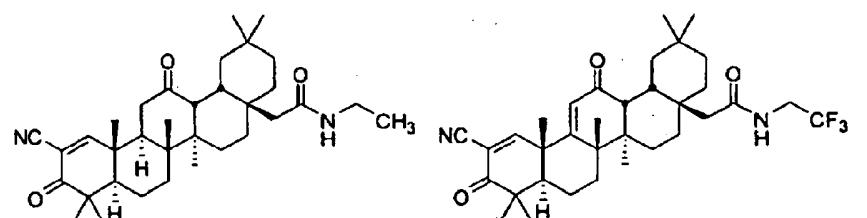
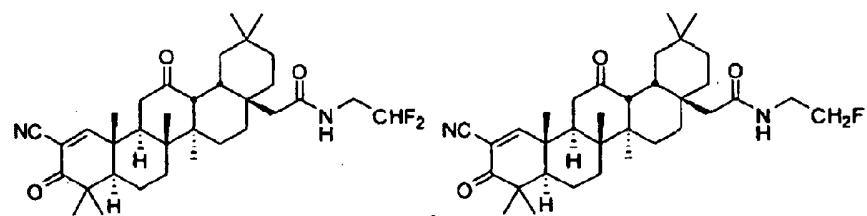
10 R_a er $\text{acyloxy}_{(\text{C}1-8)}$ eller substitueret $\text{acyloxy}_{(\text{C}1-3)}$.

10. Forbindelse ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 1-2, hvor R_a er $\text{alkylamino}_{(\text{C} \leq 12)}$, $\text{dialkylamino}_{(\text{C} \leq 12)}$, $\text{alkenylamino}_{(\text{C} \leq 12)}$, $\text{alkynylamino}_{(\text{C} \leq 12)}$, $\text{arylamino}_{(\text{C} \leq 12)}$, $\text{aralkylamino}_{(\text{C} \leq 12)}$, $\text{heteroarylamino}_{(\text{C} \leq 12)}$, $\text{heteroaralkylamino}_{(\text{C} \leq 12)}$,
15 $\text{alkylsulfonylamino}_{(\text{C} \leq 12)}$ eller $\text{amido}_{(\text{C} \leq 12)}$ eller en substitueret form af en hvilken som helst af disse grupper.

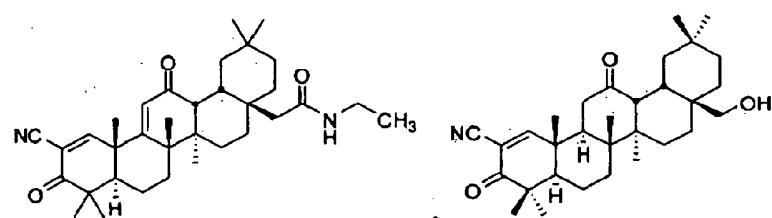
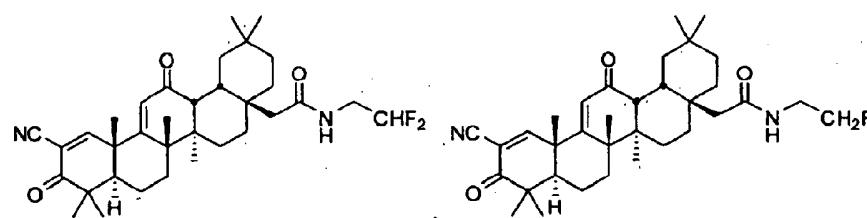
11. Forbindelse ifølge krav 1, der er yderligere defineret som:



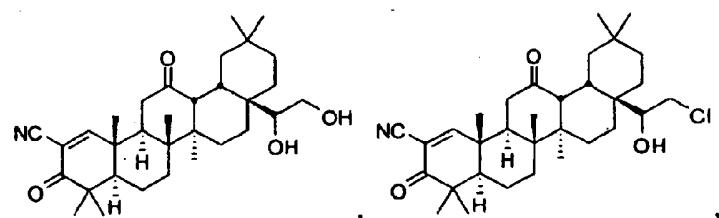
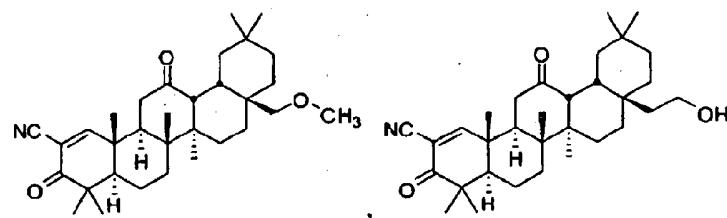
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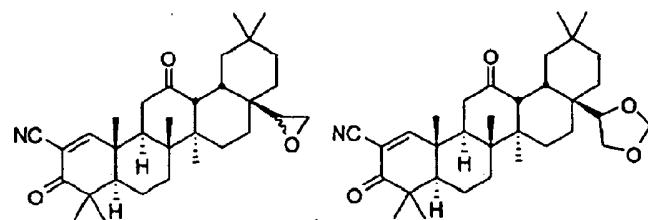
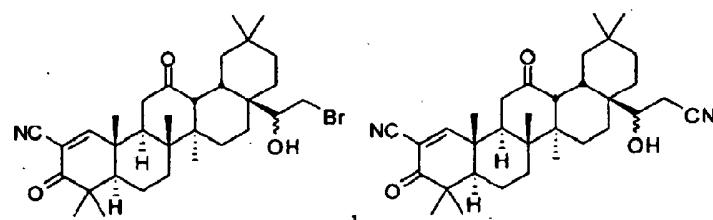
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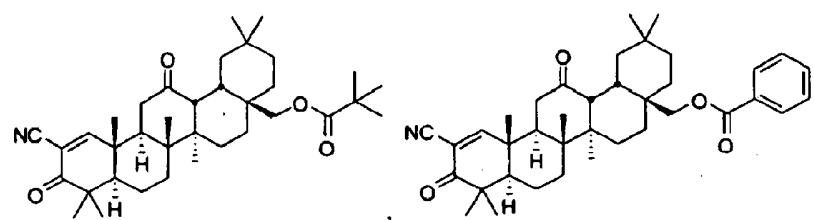
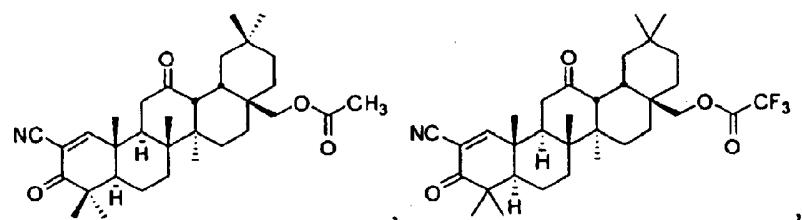
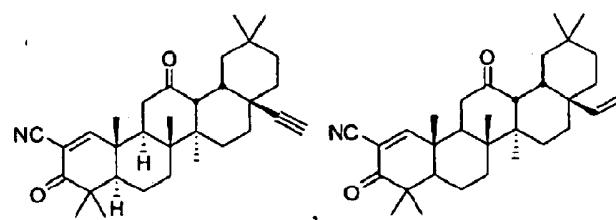
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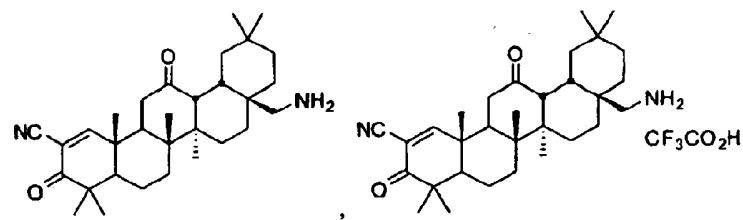
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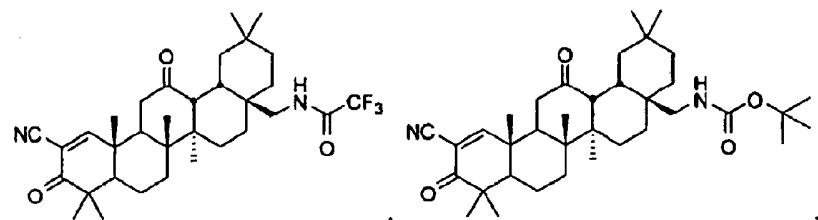
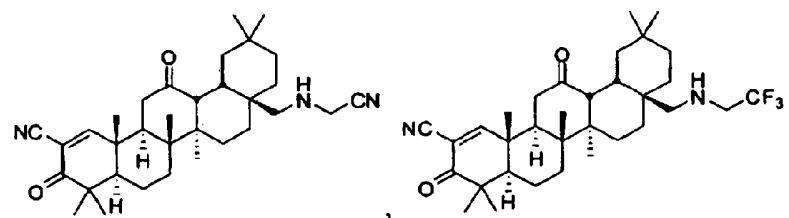
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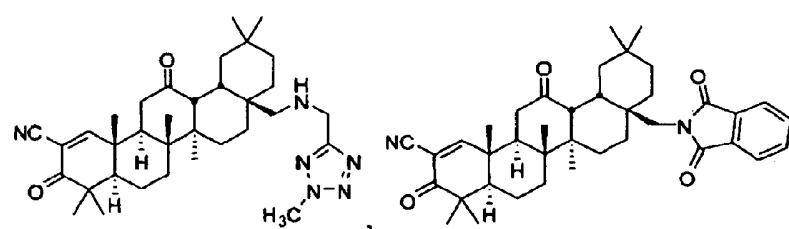
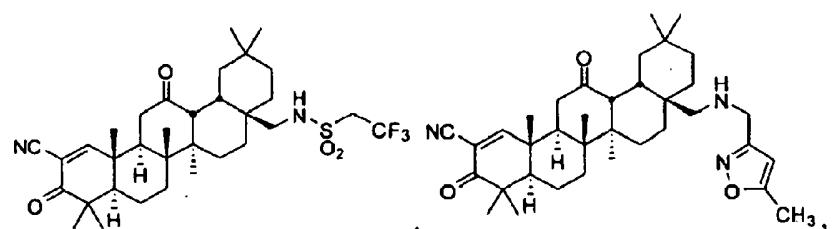
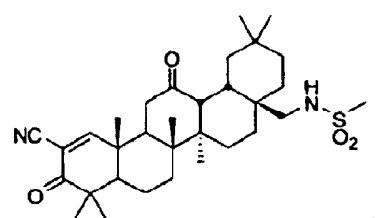
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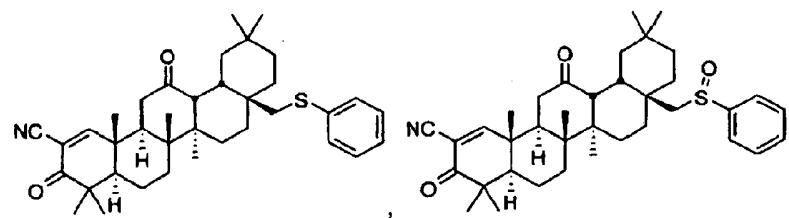
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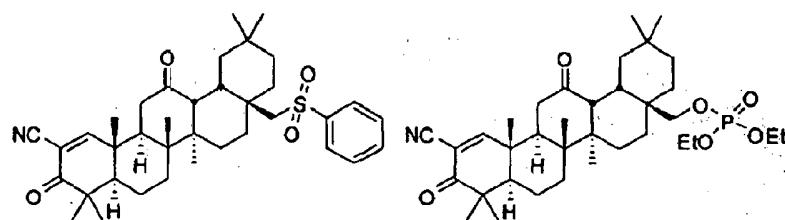
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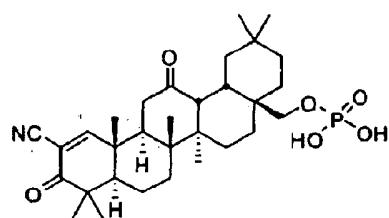
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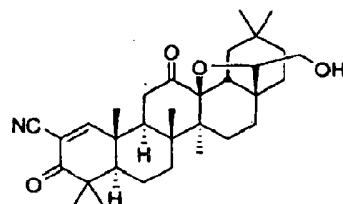


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12. Forbindelse med formlen:



10 13. Farmaceutisk sammensætning, der som aktiv bestanddel omfatter en forbindelse ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 1-12 og et farmaceutisk acceptabelt bæremateriale.

14. Forbindelse ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 1-12 til anvendelse som et 15 lægemiddel.

15. Forbindelse ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 1-12 til anvendelse til behandling af cancer, f.eks. et karcinom, sarkom, lymfom, leukæmi, melanom, mesoteliom, multipelt myelom eller seminom, og/eller ved cancer i blære, blodet, 20 knogle, hjerne, bryst, centralnervesystemet, colon, endometrium, øsofagus, genitalier/urinveje, hoved, larynx, lever, lunge, hals, ovarie, pankreas, prostata, milt, tyndtarm, tyktarm, mavesæk eller testikel.

16. Forbindelse ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 1-12 til anvendelse til behandling af en sygdom eller tilstand med en inflammatorisk bestanddel hos et individ, for eksempel hvor sygdommen er lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, inflammatorisk tarmsygdom, kardiovaskulær sygdom, diabetes, metabolisk 5 syndrom, metabolisk syndrom (syndrom X), psoriasis, akne eller atopisk dermatitis.

17. Forbindelse ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 1-12 til anvendelse til behandling af en neurodegenerativ sygdom hos et individ, for eksempel hvor 10 sygdommen er Parkinsons sygdom, Alzheimers sygdom, multipel sklerose (MS), Huntingtons sygdom eller amyotrofisk lateral sklerose.

18. Forbindelse ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 1-12 til anvendelse til behandling af renal/nyre-sygdom (RKD) hos et individ.

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19. Kit, der omfatter:
en forbindelse ifølge et hvilket som helst af kravene 1-12; og
en vejledning, der omfatter en eller flere former for information udvalgt fra gruppen, der består af angivelse af en sygdomstilstand, mod hvilken forbindelsen 20 skal administreres, opbevaringsinformation for forbindelsen, doseringsinformation og vejledning i, hvordan forbindelsen skal administreres.

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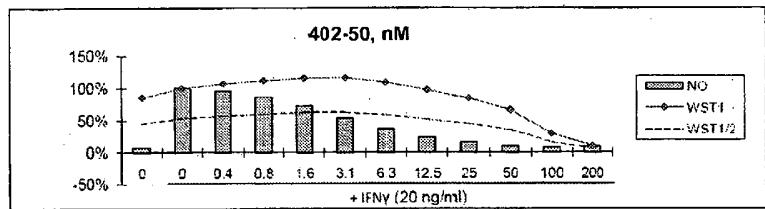
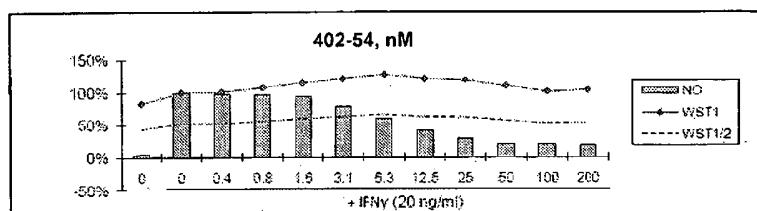


FIG. 1

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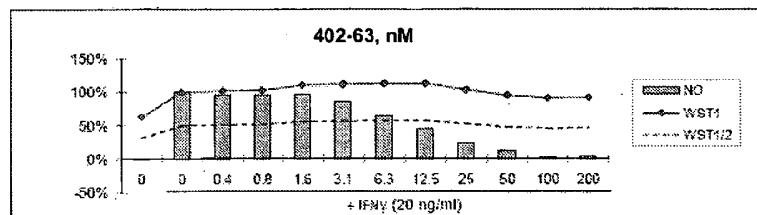
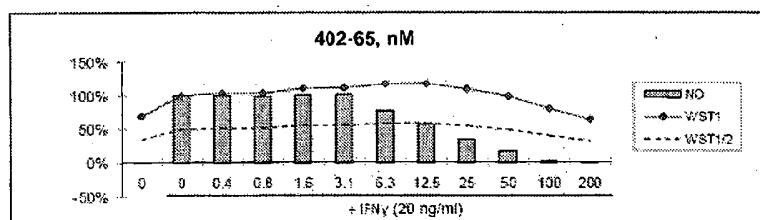


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**FIG. 4**

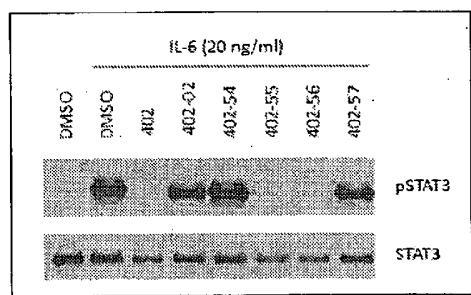


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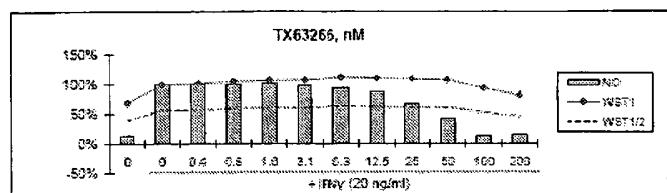


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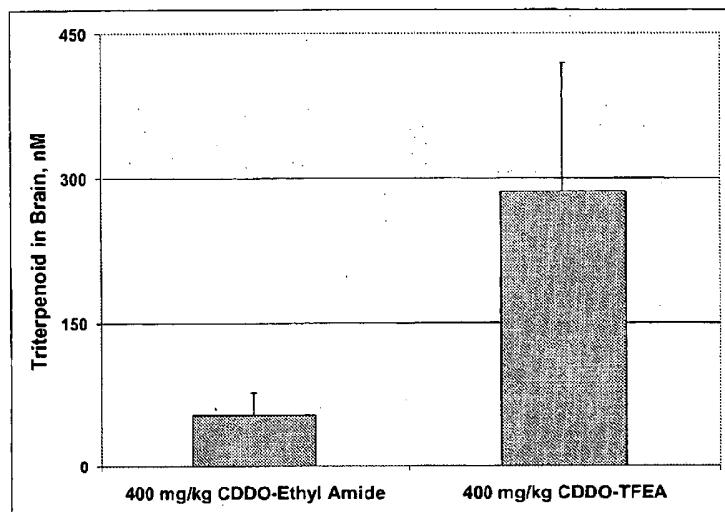


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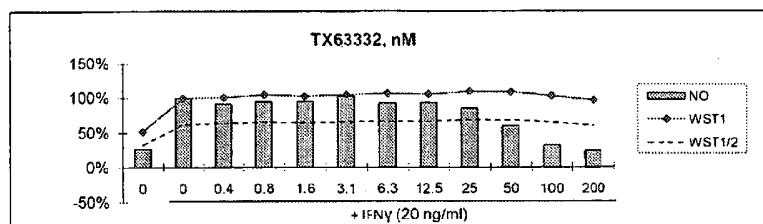


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