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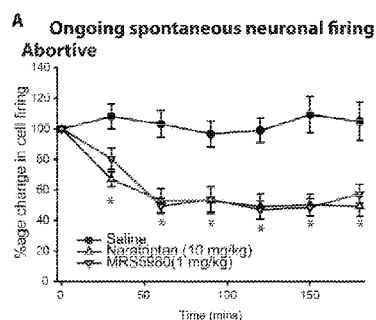


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: Disclosed herein are methods and compositions for the treatment and prevention of migraine, migraine-like headaches such as post-traumatic headache, and other related headaches by administering to a subject in need thereof a selective agonist for the human adenosine A3 receptor (A3AR) subtype.

TREATMENT OF CHRONIC HEADACHES

RELATED APPLICATION INFORMATION

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 62/806,200 filed February 15, 2019, which is entirely incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

BACKGROUND OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0002] The present disclosure relates to the field of medicine. Specifically, the present disclosure is directed to the use of a drug that is a selective agonist for the human adenosine A3 receptor (A3AR) subtype for the treatment and prevention of migraine, migraine-like headaches such as post-traumatic (post-concussive) headache, and other related headaches thought to be mediated by activation and/or sensitization of the pain-responsive sensory neurons that innervate the dura mater and its vasculature.

[0003] Migraine, a chronically episodic moderate-severe headache, predominantly felt on one side of the head, is one of the most common and disabling neurological disorders. It affects 15-18% of people worldwide each year. Women are more likely to be affected, with a 3:1 female/male prevalence in adults. In 2004 migraine was thought to cost the USA economy at least \$20 billion a year. The two most common types are migraine with aura and migraine without aura, but based upon the International Classification for Headache Disorders (ICHD-III) the headache is classified as similar or identical in both types. Migraine is a chronic condition, with periodic headaches occurring for decades or throughout a life-time.

[0004] Post-traumatic headache (PTH) is the most common symptom after a traumatic brain injury (TBI). PTH affects up to 1.7 million civilians in the USA each year; 75% of these cases present after mild TBI. A mild TBI is synonymous with a concussion, and the post-injury headache and other symptoms are also called the concussion syndrome. Mild TBI occurs with a closed head injury, consciousness is either not interrupted or lost for no more than 30 minutes, the patient's Glasgow Coma Scale rating is near normal (13-15), and post injury amnesia is absent or extends for no more than one day. Neuroimaging studies detect subtle signs of brain damage in only a minority of cases. The headaches can be episodic and frequent (e.g., daily, 2-3 times per week, etc.) or they be nearly constant. In most patients, PTH resolves over a period of weeks to months, but in some patients the headaches persist for years.

[0005] Trigeminal autonomic cephalalgias (TACs) are another subclass of primary headaches. The most common of which is cluster headache. These are much rarer than migraine,

cluster headache is thought to affect 0.1% of the population. However, the pain in these headaches is rated severe or very severe, and is strictly unilateral, generally perceived intracranially in or around the orbital region. These headaches are also defined by their association with prominent cranial parasympathetic autonomic features, lateralized to the headache side, such as lacrimation, nasal congestion, and rhinorrhea (based on the ICHD-III). These headaches can also become chronic.

[0006] Migraine, and migraine-like headaches such as PTH, are currently treated acutely to abort the ongoing headache with drugs from the triptan class (e.g. sumatriptan), non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, and opioids. For prevention to reduce headache frequency and severity over time, they are treated with drugs developed for other indications, including tricyclic antidepressants (e.g., amitriptyline), specific anti-epileptics (valproate and topiramate), and β -blockers (propranolol and metoprolol). Most recently a new class of drug has been approved, which are antibodies directed at the calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) signaling pathway, for use in prevention only. No new drugs have been developed for TACs. For cluster headaches first choice options to treat acutely are with oxygen and subcutaneous sumatriptan. There is also evidence of efficacy for intranasal sumatriptan and zolmitriptan. For prevention verapamil, lithium and steroids are recommended. For other TACs there are no acute treatments due to the short duration of these attacks. Preventive treatments include indomethacin, lamotrigine, topiramate and gabapentin.

[0007] While there have been significant advances in treatments for migraine and migraine-like headaches, our ability to treat these conditions is still very limited. There continue to be millions of individuals for whom currently available headache therapies are only partially effective or ineffective, and many of these treatments are poorly tolerated, with many adverse side-effects. Additionally, when acute treatments (e.g. triptans, NSAIDs, opioids) are overused they can result in a rebound headache, termed medication overuse headache, this can be a new headache, or worsening of their pre-existing headache. There is therefore a critical need to identify novel targets for the treatment of migraine, migraine-like headaches such as PTH, and other headache disorders, such as TACs.

[0008] Migraine, migraine-like headaches such as PTH, as well as other related headaches are believed to involve activation and sensitization of the trigeminal (meningeal) nociceptors (i.e., pain-responsive sensory neurons) that innervate the dura mater and its vasculature. Drugs that are known to abort migraine headaches, and also decrease the frequency and severity of headaches when dosed chronically are known to inhibit the discharge of meningeal nociceptors in animal models. We have discovered that drugs that are selective

agonists for the adenosine A₃ receptor (A₃AR) subtype also inhibit the discharge of these trigeminal neurons. It thus follows that A₃AR agonists will be treatments for migraine, migraine-like headaches such as PTH, as well as other related headaches. Our observations thus indicate that A₃AR agonists will act to abort an ongoing headache and also to decrease the frequency and severity of headaches when dosed chronically.

[0009] A₃AR agonists are already under development for the treatment of chronic inflammatory and neuropathic pain conditions. In animal models, A₃AR agonists are well tolerated, have a good therapeutic index, and produce potent and persistent pain relief in diverse rodent models of pain. Tolerance to their analgesic action does not occur and their analgesic effect is independent of any action at opioid or cannabinoid receptors.

[0010] It is known that in the brain the purine nucleoside, adenosine, is a major neuroprotective molecule, and that nerve cells, glia and other cell types express receptors on their membranes that have adenosine as their natural ligand. There are known to be four G-protein-coupled receptor subtypes for adenosine: A₁AR, A_{2A}AR, A_{2B}AR, and A₃AR (A₃AR). Drug-like molecules are known that have selectivity for binding to each of the four subtypes. In particular, highly-selective (greater than 10,000-fold relative to each of the other three subtypes) agonists for the A₃AR are available. Drugs that selectively activate the A₃AR are advantageous because they avoid the cardiovascular, renal and immunological side-effects that are produced by activation of the other three receptor subtypes.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0011] In accordance with the present disclosure, there is provided methods for treating and preventing migraine, migraine-like headaches such as post-traumatic headache, and other related headaches by administering a selective agonist for the human adenosine A₃ receptor (A₃AR) subtype to a patient in need thereof.

[0012] Also disclosed are methods for prophylactically treating headaches by administering a selective agonist for the human adenosine A₃ receptor (A₃AR) subtype to a patient in need thereof.

[0013] It is contemplated that any method or composition described herein can be implemented with respect to any other method or composition described herein.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0014] The disclosure will be better understood, and features, aspects and advantages other than those set forth above will become apparent when consideration is given to the

following detailed description thereof. Such detailed description makes reference to the following drawings, wherein:

[0015] FIGS. 1A-1H depict a preclinical model of migraine manipulates the pain responsive sensory neurons that innervate the dura mater and its associated blood vessels. The cell bodies of these sensory neurons reside in the trigeminal ganglia. Measuring dural-responsive trigeminal neuronal responses in animals has proven to be extremely predictive of therapeutic efficacy for abortive migraine treatments, such as triptans, and it also translates to migraine preventives. Here we show *in vivo* electrophysiological recordings in a rat from single unit trigeminal neurons that innervate the dural vasculature. The discharge of such neurons has previously been demonstrated to evoke headache in humans. Intravenous administration of the migraine abortive, naratriptan (FIGS. 1A-1D) and the migraine preventive, amitriptyline (FIGS. 1E-1H), inhibited ongoing neuronal firing (FIGS. 1A & 1E) and the response to pain-producing stimulation of the dura mater (FIGS. 1B & 1F) of central trigeminal neurons. The selective A3AR agonist, MRS5980, was equally efficacious in inhibiting neuronal responses. In the same neurons, naratriptan and MRS5980 had no effect on normal cutaneous facial noxious and innocuous somatosensory responses. Amitriptyline, however did affect this normal somatosensory processing. * $P < 0.05$ vs. baseline. These data indicate that activation of the A3AR only affected pathological intracranial pain, and did not affect normal extracranial somatosensory processing, and therefore A3AR activation provides a novel and effective target for the treatment of migraine, migraine-like headaches, and other related headaches.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0016] Unless defined otherwise, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which the disclosure belongs. Although any methods and materials similar to or equivalent to those described herein can be used in the practice or testing of the present disclosure, the preferred methods and materials are described below.

[0017] 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.” The word “about” means plus or minus 5% of the stated number.

[0018] As used herein, “a subject in need thereof” refers to a subject susceptible to or at risk of a specified disease, disorder, or condition. More particularly, in the present disclosure the methods of treating and preventing migraine, migraine-like headaches such as post-traumatic

headache, and other related headaches is to be used with a subset of subjects who are susceptible to or at elevated risk for experiencing migraine, migraine-like headaches such as post-traumatic headache, and other related headaches. Subjects may be susceptible to or at elevated risk for migraine, migraine-like headaches such as post-traumatic headache, and other related headaches due to family history, age, environment, and/or lifestyle. The methods for prophylactically treating headaches to be used with a subset of subjects who are susceptible to or at elevated risk for experiencing migraine, migraine-like headaches such as post-traumatic headache, and other related headaches.

[0019] Based on the foregoing, because some of the method embodiments of the present disclosure are directed to specific subsets or subclasses of identified subjects (that is, the subset or subclass of subjects “in need” of assistance in addressing one or more specific conditions noted herein), not all subjects will fall within the subset or subclass of subjects as described herein for certain diseases, disorders or conditions.

[0020] As used herein, “susceptible” and “at risk” refer to having little resistance to a certain disease, disorder or condition, including being genetically predisposed, having a family history of, and/or having symptoms of the disease, disorder or condition.

[0021] In one aspect, the present disclosure is directed to methods for treating and preventing migraine, migraine-like headaches such as post-traumatic headache, and other related headaches by administering a selective agonist for the adenosine A3 human receptor subtype to a patient in need thereof. The present disclosure is also directed to prophylactically treating migraine, migraine-like headaches such as post-traumatic headache, and other related headaches by administering a selective agonist for the adenosine A3 human receptor subtype to a patient in need thereof.

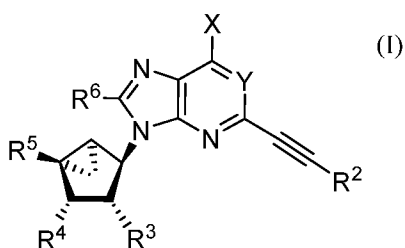
[0022] It can be confirmed that a compound is a selective A3AR agonist using known methods, including competitive radioimmunoassays and assays of forskolin-stimulated cyclic adenosine monophosphate (cAMP) production in human A3AR transfected CHO cells or HEK cells. “Selective” is herein defined as binding affinity (or cAMP production) for the human A3 receptor subtype that is at least 50-fold greater than the binding affinity (or cAMP production) for any of the other three human receptor subtypes. It is important to specify selectivity with respect to the human form of the A3AR because agonists are known to have significantly different binding affinities for A3AR’s from other species.

[0023] Suitable selective agonists for the human A3AR may be chosen from, but not limited to, any of the following: (i) N⁶-benzyladenosine-5'-N-methyluronamides such as N⁶-(3-iodobenzyl)-adenosine-5'-N-methyluronamide (also known as IB-MECA), and 2-Chloro-N⁶-(3-

iodobenzyl)-adenosine-5'-N-methyluronamide (also known as 2-CI-IB-MECA); (ii) (N)-methanocarba nucleosides such as (1R,2R,3S,4R)-4-(2-chloro-6-((3-chlorobenzyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-2,3-di-hydroxy-N-methylbicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-1-carboxamide (also known as CF502, Can-Fite Biopharma, MA); (2S,3S,4R,5R)-3-amino-5-[6-(2,5-dichlorobenzylamino)purin-9-yl]-4-hydroxy-tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxylic acid methylamide (also known as CP-532,903); (1'S,2'R,3'S,4'R,5'S)-4-(2-chloro-6-(3-chlorobenzylamino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-2,3-dihydroxy-N-methylbicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-1-carboxamide (also known as MRS-3558); (1'R,2'R,3'S,4'R,5'S)-4-{2-chloro-6-[(3-iodophenylmethyl)amino]purin-9-yl}-1-(methylaminocarbonyl)-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-diol (also known as MRS1898); and (iii) 2-Dialkynyl derivatives of (N)-methanocarba nucleosides, 2-(arylethynyl)adenine and N(6)-methyl or N(6)-(3-substituted-benzyl), N(6)-methyl 2-(halophenylethynyl) analogues, polyaromatic 2-ethynyl N(6)-3-chlorobenzyl analogues, such as 2-p-biphenylethynyl MRS5679 and fluorescent 1-pyrene adduct MRS5704, as well as MRS5678.

[0024] Particularly suitable highly-selective (<10,000-fold) A3AR agonists for use in the methods, include but are not limited to, the adenosine methanocarba derivatives described in Tosh *et al.* (2014; 2015a, 2015b, 2015c, and 2016). In certain embodiments, A3AR agonists may be selected from a compound described in any one of US Patent Nos. 9,963,450; 8,916,570; 8,735,407; 8,796,291; 9,181,253; and 9,123,131; and US Patent Application No. 20170002007, the compounds and chemical genres of each of which are incorporated herein by reference. Also included herein by reference are the compounds and chemical genres described in Publication No. WO2015080940. These compounds include but are not limited to those designated MRS5980, MRS7144, MRS7154, MRS7334, MRS7137, MRS7555, MRS7556, and MRS7557.

[0025] In certain embodiments, the A3AR agonist is a compound of the formula (I):



[0026] wherein: X is selected from NHR^1 , CH_3 , and $\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{R}^a)(\text{R}^b)$ wherein R^a and R^b are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, and $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{14}$ aryl;

[0027] Y is N or CH;

[0028] R^1 is selected from $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkoxy, hydroxyl, $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8$ cycloalkyl, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{14}$

aryl C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₈ dicycloalkyl C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₇-C₁₂ bicycloalkyl, C₇-C₁₂ bicycloalkyl C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₇-C₁₄ tricycloalkyl C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₆-C₁₄ aryl, C₆-C₁₄ aryl C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₆-C₁₄ diaryl C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₆-C₁₄ aryl C₁-C₆ alkoxy, heterocyclyl C₁-C₆ alkyl, heterocyclyl, 4-[[[4-[[[(2-amino C₁-C₆ alkyl) amino]-carbonyl]-C₁-C₆ alkyl] anilino] carbonyl] C₁-C₆ alkyl] C₆-C₁₄ aryl, and C₆-C₁₄ aryl C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, wherein the aryl or heterocyclyl portion of R¹ is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, amino, hydroxyl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₆-C₁₄ aryloxy, hydroxy C₁-C₆ alkyl, hydroxy C₂-C₆ alkenyl, hydroxy C₂-C₆ alkynyl, carboxy C₁-C₆ alkyl, carboxy C₂-C₆ alkenyl, carboxy C₂-C₆ alkynyl, aminocarbonyl C₁-C₆ alkyl, aminocarbonyl C₂-C₆ alkenyl, aminocarbonyl C₂-C₆ alkynyl, and any combination thereof; and the alkyl or cycloalkyl portion of R¹ is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxyalkenyl, hydroxyalkynyl, aminocarbonylalkoxy, and arylalkoxy, and any combination thereof;

[0029] R² is selected from C₆-C₁₂ aryl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and metallocenyl, wherein the aryl group is substituted with one or more substituents selected from trifluoromethyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, sulfonyloxy, carboxyalkyl, sulfonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonyl, and any combination thereof, wherein the heteroaryl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, trifluoromethyl, amino, alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aryl, benzo, alkoxy, hydroxyl, carboxyl, sulfonyloxy, carboxyalkyl, sulfonyloxyalkyl, alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, and any combination thereof;

[0030] R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino, mercapto, ureido, C₁-C₆ alkyl carbonylamino, hydroxy C₁-C₆ alkyl, and hydrazinyl;

[0031] R⁵ is selected from C₁-C₃ alkyl aminocarbonyl, di(C₁-C₃ alkyl) aminocarbonyl, C₁-C₃ alkylthio C₁-C₃ alkyl, halo C₁-C₃ alkyl, hydrazinyl, amino C₁-C₃ alkyl, hydroxy C₁-C₃ alkyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkylamino, hydroxylamino, and C₂-C₃ alkenyl; and

[0032] R⁶ is selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, heteroaryl, and C₁-C₆ aminoalkyl;

[0033] or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[0034] In certain embodiments for a compound of formula (I), X is NHR¹, R¹ is C₁-C₆ alkyl, R² is C₆-C₁₀ aryl, wherein the aryl group is substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, trifluoromethyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, and any combination thereof, or R² is heteroaryl, and the heteroaryl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents

selected from halo, hydroxy, and alkyl.

[0035] In certain embodiments for a compound of formula (I), when R¹ is methyl, R³ and R⁴ are both hydroxyl, R⁶ is hydrogen, and R⁵ is methylaminocarbonyl, R² is not 2-pyridyl or phenyl.

[0036] In certain embodiments for a compound of formula (I), when R¹ is methyl, R³ and R⁴ are both hydroxyl, R⁶ is hydrogen, and R⁵ is methylaminocarbonyl, R² is not 2-pyridyl.

[0037] In certain embodiments for a compound of formula (I), R⁶ is hydrogen.

[0038] In certain embodiments for a compound of formula (I), Y is N.

[0039] In certain embodiments for a compound of formula (I), R⁵ is selected from C₁-C₃ alkyl aminocarbonyl or di(C₁-C₃ alkyl) aminocarbonyl.

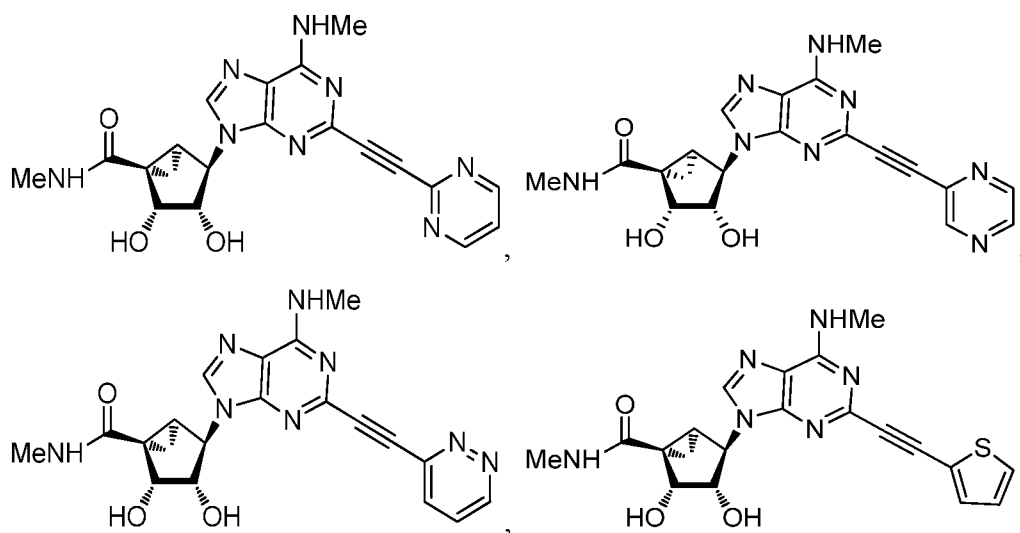
[0040] In certain embodiments for a compound of formula (I), R³ and R⁴ are both hydroxyl.

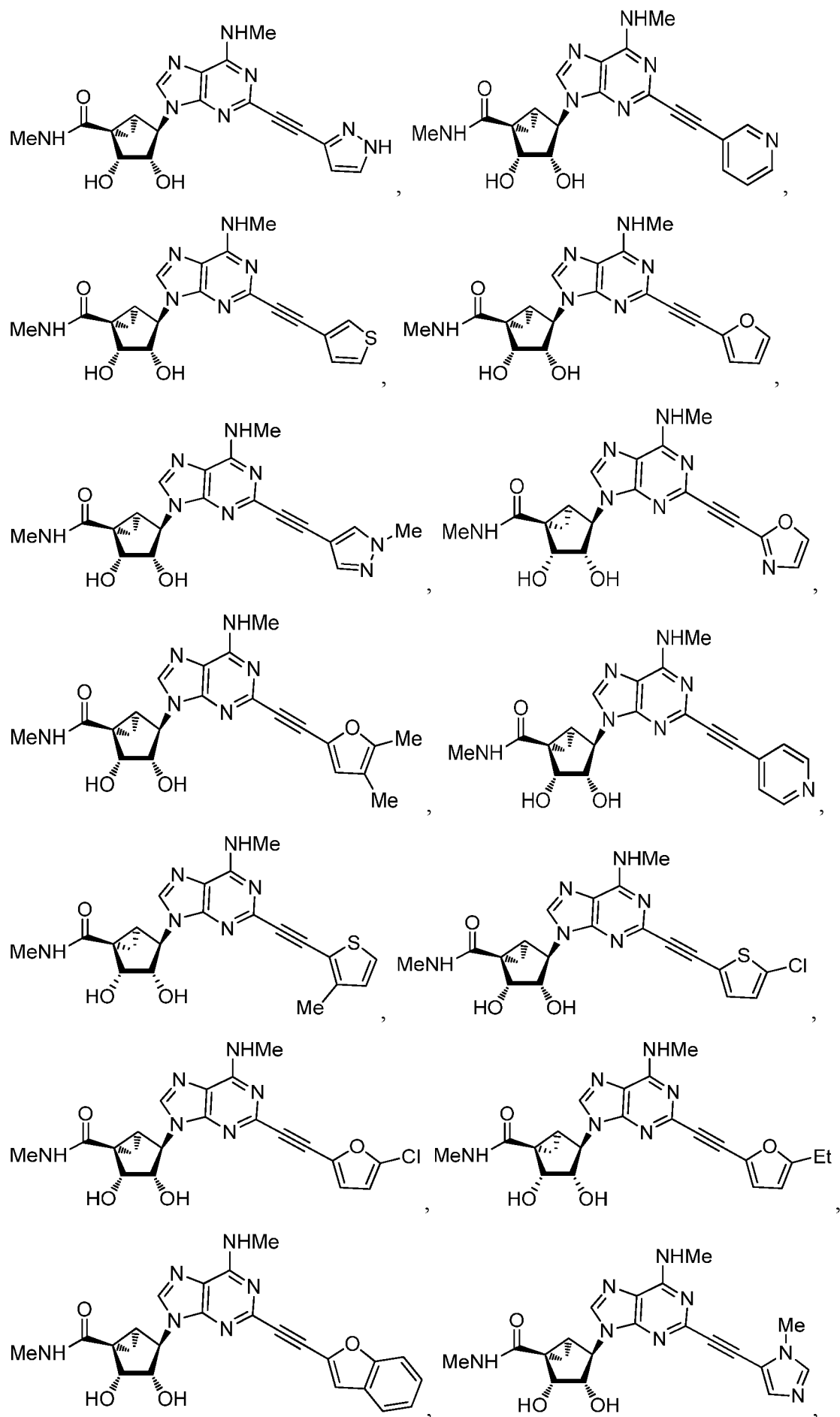
[0041] In certain embodiments for a compound of formula (I), X is NHR¹. In a preferred embodiment, R¹ is C₁-C₆ alkyl.

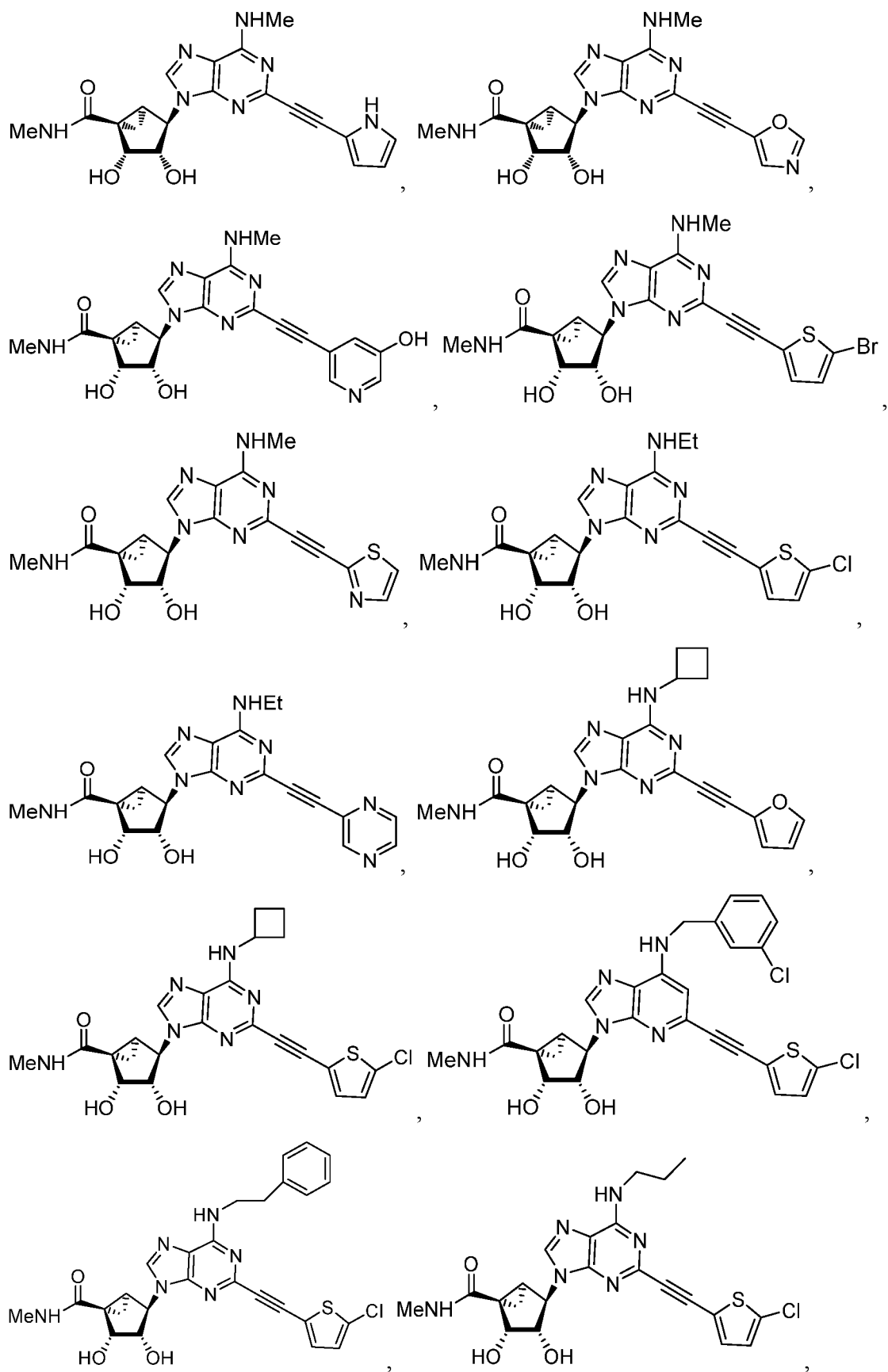
[0042] In certain embodiments for a compound of formula (I), R² is C₆-C₁₀ aryl, wherein the aryl group is substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, trifluoromethyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, and any combination thereof.

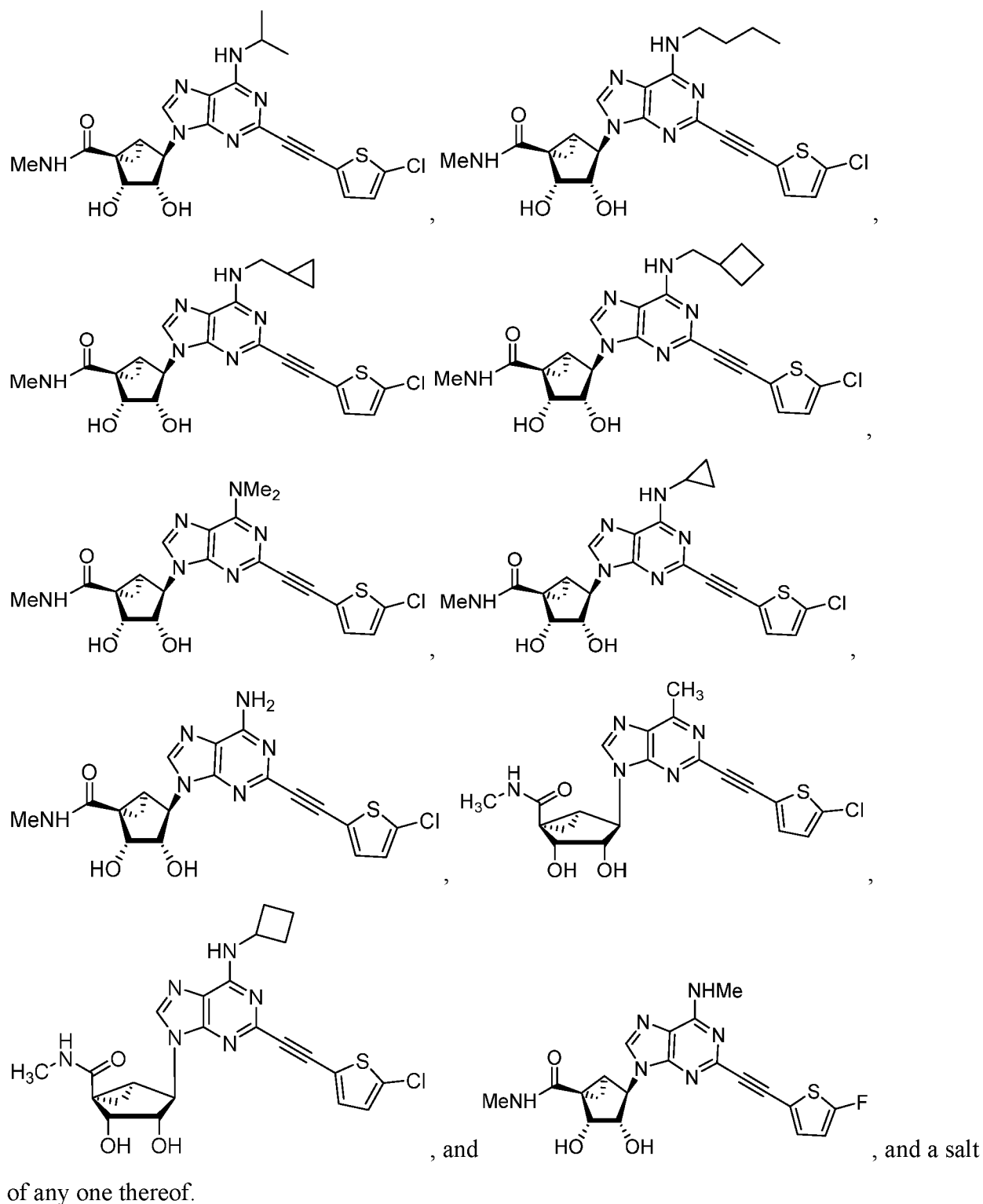
[0043] In certain embodiments for a compound of formula (I), R² is heteroaryl, and the heteroaryl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halo and alkyl.

[0044] In certain embodiments, the compound is selected from:

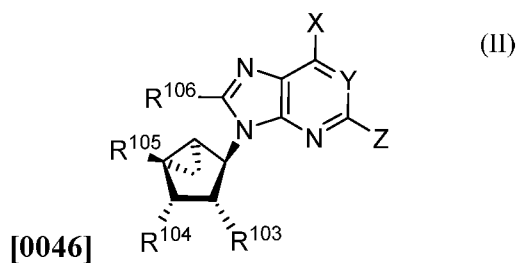








[0045] In certain embodiments, the A3AR agonist is a compound of the formula (II):

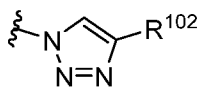


[0047] wherein: X is selected from NHR^{101} , CH_3 , and $\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{R}^a)(\text{R}^b)$ wherein R^a and R^b are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, and C_6 - C_{14} aryl;

[0048] Y is N or CH;

[0049] R^{101} is selected from C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, hydroxyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{14} aryl C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_8 dicycloalkyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_7 - C_{12} bicycloalkyl, C_7 - C_{12} bicycloalkyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_7 - C_{14} tricycloalkyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_6 - C_{14} aryl, C_6 - C_{14} aryl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_6 - C_{14} diaryl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_6 - C_{14} aryl C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, heterocyclyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, heterocyclyl, 4-[[[4-[[[(2-amino C_1 - C_6 alkyl) amino]-carbonyl]- C_1 - C_6 alkyl] anilino] carbonyl] C_1 - C_6 alkyl] C_6 - C_{14} aryl, and C_6 - C_{14} aryl C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, wherein the aryl or heterocyclyl portion of R^{101} is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, amino, hydroxyl, carboxy, alkoxy, aminocarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_6 - C_{14} aryloxy, hydroxy C_1 - C_6 alkyl, hydroxy C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, hydroxy C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, carboxy C_1 - C_6 alkyl, carboxy C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, carboxy C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, aminocarbonyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, aminocarbonyl C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, aminocarbonyl C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, and any combination thereof; and the alkyl or cycloalkyl portion of R^{101} is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxyalkenyl, hydroxyalkynyl, aminocarbonylalkoxy, and arylalkoxy, and any combination thereof;

[0050] Z is halo, azido, or a group of the formula:



[0051] wherein R^{102} is selected from C_6 - C_{12} aryl, C_6 - C_{12} aryl- C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and metallocenyl, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from trifluoromethyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, sulfonyloxy, carboxyalkyl, sulfonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonyl, and any combination thereof, wherein the heteroaryl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, trifluoromethyl, amino, alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aryl, alkoxy, hydroxyl, carboxyl, sulfonyloxy, carboxyalkyl, sulfonyloxyalkyl, alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, and any combination thereof,

[0052] R^{103} and R^{104} are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino, mercapto, ureido, C_1 - C_6 alkyl carbonylamino, hydroxy C_1 - C_6 alkyl, and hydrazinyl; R^{105} is selected from hydrogen, C_1 - C_3 alkyl aminocarbonyl, di(C_1 - C_3 alkyl) aminocarbonyl, C_1 - C_3 alkylthio C_1 - C_3 alkyl, halo C_1 - C_3 alkyl, hydrazinyl, amino C_1 - C_3 alkyl, hydroxy C_1 - C_3 alkyl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkylamino, hydroxylamino, and C_2 - C_3 alkenyl; and

[0053] R^{106} is selected from hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, heteroaryl, and C_1 - C_6 aminoalkyl;

[0054] or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

[0055] with the proviso that, when R^{103} and R^{104} are both hydroxyl, R^{105} is methylaminocarbonyl, R^{106} is hydrogen, X is NHMe, and Y is CH, then Z is not iodo.

[0056] In certain embodiment for a compound of formula (II), R^{106} is hydrogen.

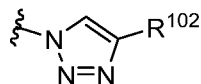
[0057] In certain embodiment for a compound of formula (II), Y is N.

[0058] In certain embodiment for a compound of formula (II), R^{105} is selected from C_1 - C_3 alkyl aminocarbonyl or di(C_1 - C_3 alkyl) aminocarbonyl.

[0059] In certain embodiment for a compound of formula (II), R^{103} and R^{104} are both hydroxyl.

[0060] In certain embodiment for a compound of formula (II), X is NHR^{101} . In a preferred embodiment, R^{101} is C_1 - C_6 alkyl.

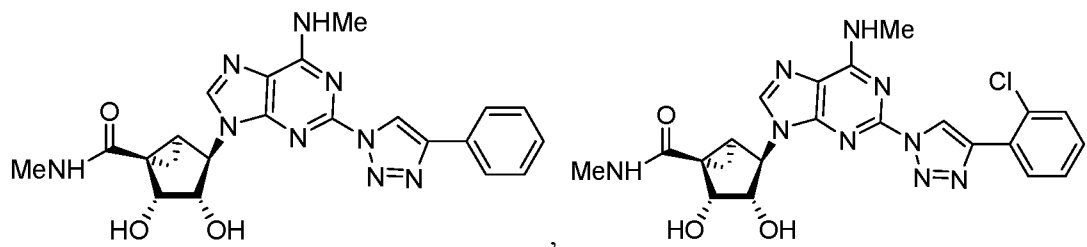
[0061] In certain embodiment for a compound of formula (II), Z is

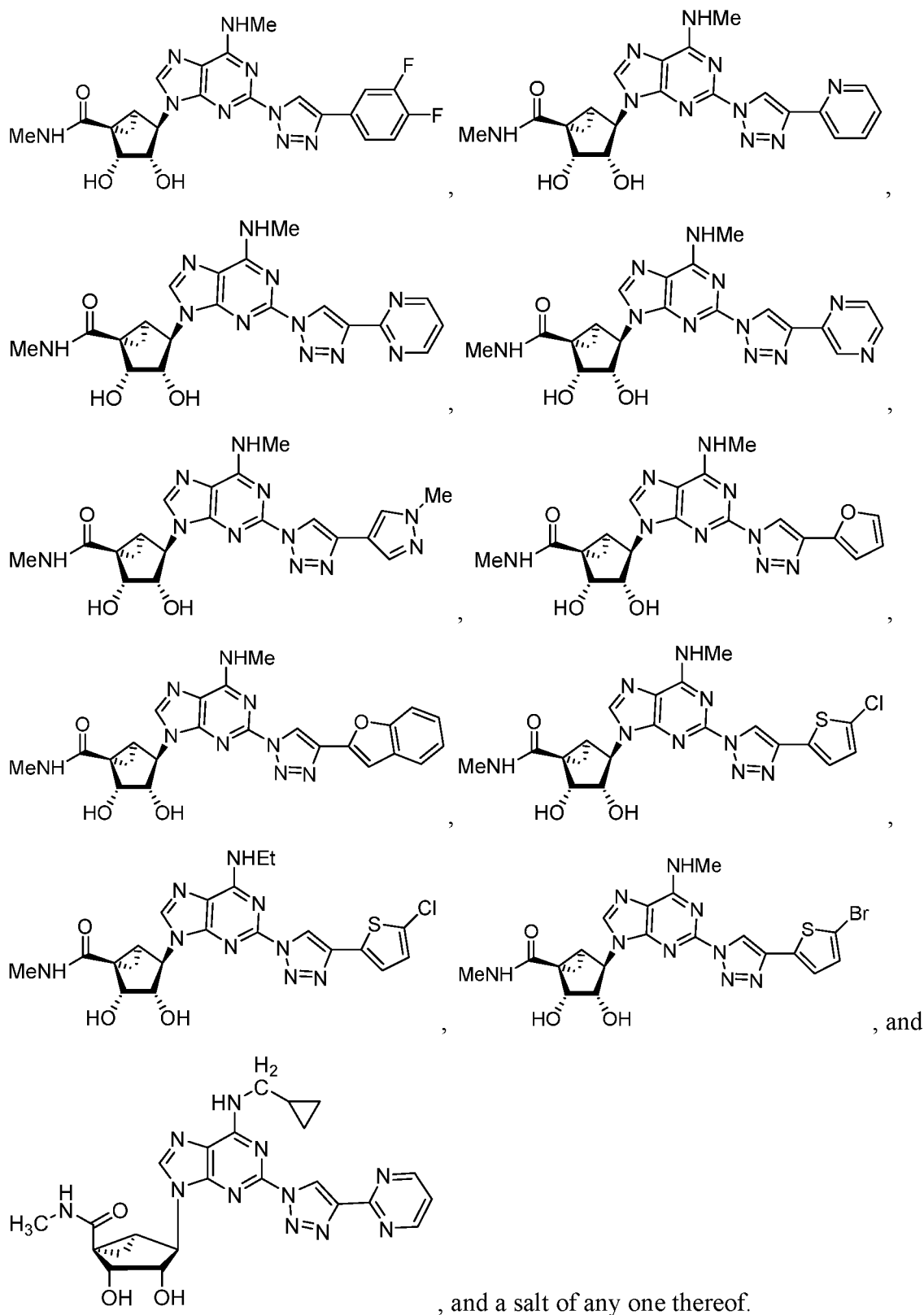


[0062] In certain embodiment for a compound of formula (II), R^{102} is C_6 - C_{10} aryl, wherein the aryl group is substituted with one or more substituents selected from trifluoromethyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, and any combination thereof.

[0063] In certain embodiment for a compound of formula (II), R^{102} is heteroaryl, and the heteroaryl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, hydroxy, and alkyl.

[0064] In certain preferred embodiments, the compound is selected from:





[0065] According to one embodiment, the therapeutically effective amount is from 0.1 mg to 1.0 gram per day per patient (nominally weighing 60 kilograms) or equivalent amounts calculated on the basis of milligrams per kilogram of body weight, or on the basis of milligram per meter-squared of body surface area. The appropriate dosage can vary depending on the mode of administration, the particular condition to be treated and the effect desired.

[0066] Suitable subjects include non-human animals, such as, for example, nematodes, mammals, non-human primates, rodents (e.g., mice, rats, and hamsters), stock and domesticated animals (e.g., pigs, cows, sheep, horses, cats, and dogs), and birds. Particularly suitable subjects include humans. As used herein, “subject in need thereof” (also used interchangeably herein with “a patient in need thereof” and “an individual in need thereof”) refers to a subject susceptible to or at risk of a specified disease, disorder, or condition. More particularly, in the present disclosure the methods of can be used with an individual or subset of individuals who have, are susceptible to, and at elevated risk for experiencing migraine, migraine-like headaches such as post-traumatic headache, and other related headaches, such as TACs. The methods can also be used with an individual or subset of individuals who have, are susceptible to, and at elevated risk for experiencing migraine, migraine-like headaches such as post-traumatic headache, and other related headaches. Individuals may be susceptible to or at elevated risk for these disorders or conditions due to family history, age, environment, and/or lifestyle. As used herein, “susceptible” and “at risk” refer to having little resistance to a certain disease, disorder or condition, including being genetically predisposed, having a family history of, and/or having symptoms of the disease, disorder or condition. Based on the foregoing, because some of the method embodiments of the present disclosure are directed to specific subsets or subclasses of identified subjects (that is, the subset or subclass of subjects “in need” of assistance in addressing one or more specific conditions noted herein), not all subjects will fall within the subset or subclass of subjects as described herein for certain diseases, disorders or conditions.

[0067] The effective amount may be given via any standard drug administration method, including but not limited to injections via the intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous, and intrathecal routes; via inhalation (nasal or oral); per os; per rectum; or via transcutaneous methods (patches, ointments, salves, etc.).

[0068] The A3AR agonist may be formulated according to any generally known pharmaceutical method (Remington & Gennaro, 2015) that is appropriate for the intended route of administration, including any generally known and appropriate vehicle, salt or hydrate, or in any appropriate molecular precursor form (i.e., pro-drug). According to another embodiment, the A3AR agonist is formulated in a manner intended to promote transfer across the blood-brain-barrier via any method known to one skilled in the art. The A3AR agonist of the present disclosure can be administered to animals, preferably to mammals, and in particular to humans as therapeutics per se, as mixtures with one another or in the form of pharmaceutical preparations, and which as active constituent contains an effective dose of the compositions, in addition to customary pharmaceutically innocuous excipients and additives. The active

ingredients can be introduced in a pharmaceutical composition together with one or more adjuvants, excipients, carriers, buffers, diluents, and/or other customary pharmaceutical auxiliaries. Pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, and, optionally, other therapeutic and/or prophylactic ingredients must be “acceptable” in the sense of being compatible with the other ingredients of the formulation and not harmful to the recipient thereof.

[0069] According to one embodiment, the A3AR agonist may be given on a daily basis (once, twice, three times or 4 times per day) to a patient diagnosed with any subtype of migraine, migraine-like headaches such as post-traumatic headache, and other related headaches.

[0070] All of the compositions and/or methods disclosed and claimed herein can be made and executed without undue experimentation in light of the present disclosure. While the compositions and methods of this disclosure have been described in terms of preferred embodiments, it will be apparent to those of skill in the art that variations may be applied to the compositions and/or methods and in the steps or in the sequence of steps of the method described herein without departing from the concept, spirit and scope of the disclosure. More specifically, it will be apparent that certain agents which are both chemically and physiologically related may be substituted for the agents described herein while the same or similar results would be achieved. All such similar substitutes and modifications apparent to those skilled in the art are deemed to be within the spirit, scope and concept of the disclosure as defined by the appended claims.

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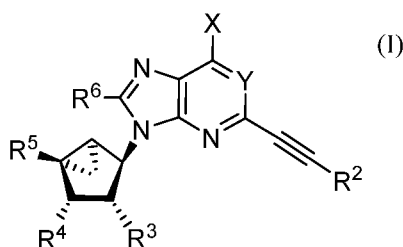
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CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for the treatment of migraine, migraine-like headaches and other headache related disorders by administering a selective agonist for the human adenosine A3 receptor (A3AR) subtype to a patient in need thereof.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the selective agonist for the human adenosine A3 receptor subtype is a compound of Formula (I):



wherein:

X is selected from NHR^1 , CH_3 , and $\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{R}^a)(\text{R}^b)$ wherein R^a and R^b are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, and C_6 - C_{14} aryl;

Y is N or CH;

R^1 is selected from C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, hydroxyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{14} aryl C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_8 dicycloalkyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_7 - C_{12} bicycloalkyl, C_7 - C_{12} bicycloalkyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_7 - C_{14} tricycloalkyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_6 - C_{14} aryl, C_6 - C_{14} aryl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_6 - C_{14} diaryl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_6 - C_{14} aryl C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, heterocyclyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, heterocyclyl, 4-[[[4-[[[(2-amino C_1 - C_6 alkyl) amino]-carbonyl]- C_1 - C_6 alkyl] anilino] carbonyl] C_1 - C_6 alkyl] C_6 - C_{14} aryl, and C_6 - C_{14} aryl C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, wherein the aryl or heterocyclyl portion of R^1 is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, amino, hydroxyl, carboxy, alkoxy, aminocarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_6 - C_{14} aryloxy, hydroxy C_1 - C_6 alkyl, hydroxy C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, hydroxy C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, carboxy C_1 - C_6 alkyl, carboxy C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, carboxy C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, aminocarbonyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, aminocarbonyl C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, aminocarbonyl C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, and any combination thereof; and the alkyl or cycloalkyl portion of R^1 is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxyalkenyl, hydroxyalkynyl, aminocarbonylalkoxy, and arylalkoxy, and any combination thereof;

R^2 is selected from C_6 - C_{12} aryl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and metallocenyl, wherein the aryl group is substituted with one or more substituents selected from trifluoromethyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, sulfonyloxy, carboxyalkyl, sulfonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonyl, and any

combination thereof, wherein the heteroaryl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, trifluoromethyl, amino, alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aryl, benzo, alkoxy, hydroxyl, carboxyl, sulfonyloxy, carboxyalkyl, sulfonyloxyalkyl, alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, and any combination thereof;

R^3 and R^4 are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino, mercapto, ureido, C_1 - C_6 alkyl carbonylamino, hydroxy C_1 - C_6 alkyl, and hydrazinyl;

R^5 is selected from C_1 - C_3 alkyl aminocarbonyl, di(C_1 - C_3 alkyl) aminocarbonyl, C_1 - C_3 alkylthio C_1 - C_3 alkyl, halo C_1 - C_3 alkyl, hydrazinyl, amino C_1 - C_3 alkyl, hydroxy C_1 - C_3 alkyl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkylamino, hydroxylamino, and C_2 - C_3 alkenyl; and

R^6 is selected from hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, heteroaryl, and C_1 - C_6 aminoalkyl;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein when R^1 is methyl, R^3 and R^4 are both hydroxyl, R^6 is hydrogen, and R^5 is methylaminocarbonyl, R^2 is not 2-pyridyl or phenyl.

4. The method of claim 2, when R^1 is methyl, R^3 and R^4 are both hydroxyl, R^6 is hydrogen, and R^5 is methylaminocarbonyl, R^2 is not 2-pyridyl.

5. The method of any one of claims 2 to 4, wherein R^6 is hydrogen.

6. The method of any one of claims 2 to 5, wherein Y is N.

7. The method of any one of claims 2 to 6, wherein R^5 is selected from C_1 - C_3 alkyl aminocarbonyl or di(C_1 - C_3 alkyl) aminocarbonyl.

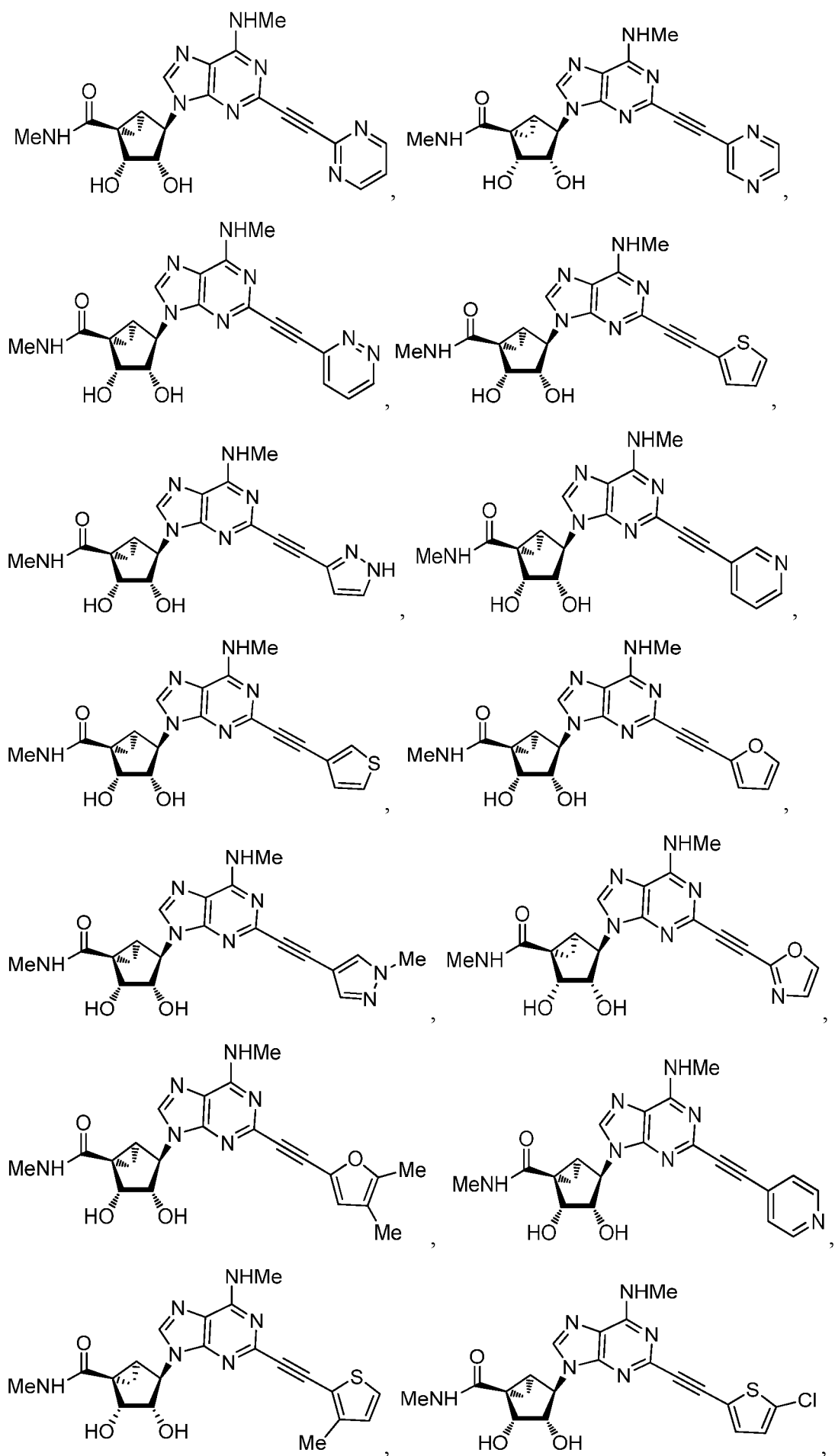
8. The method of any one of claims 2 to 7, R^3 and R^4 are both hydroxyl.

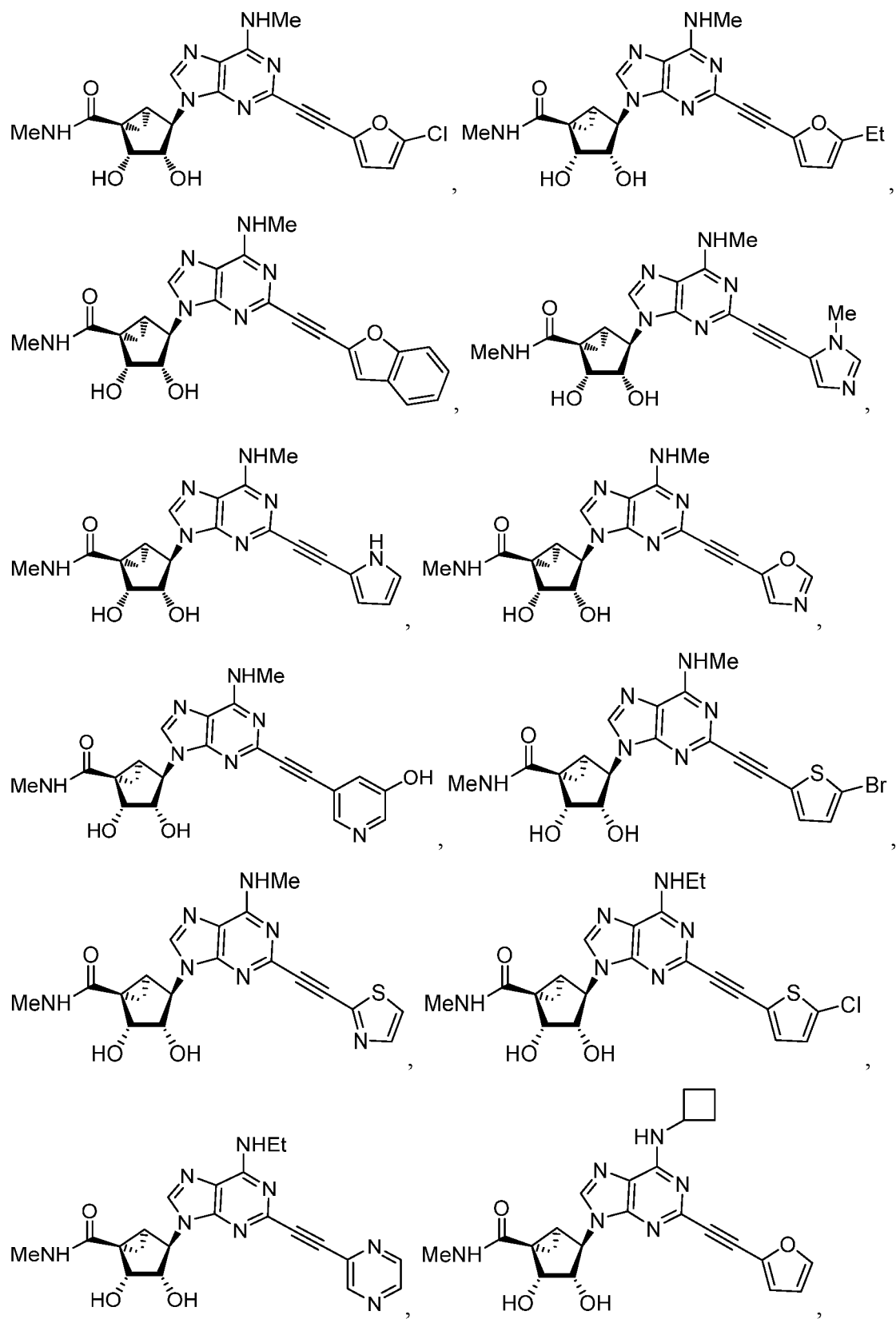
9. The method of any one of claims 2 to 8, wherein X is NHR^1 and R^1 is C_1 - C_6 alkyl.

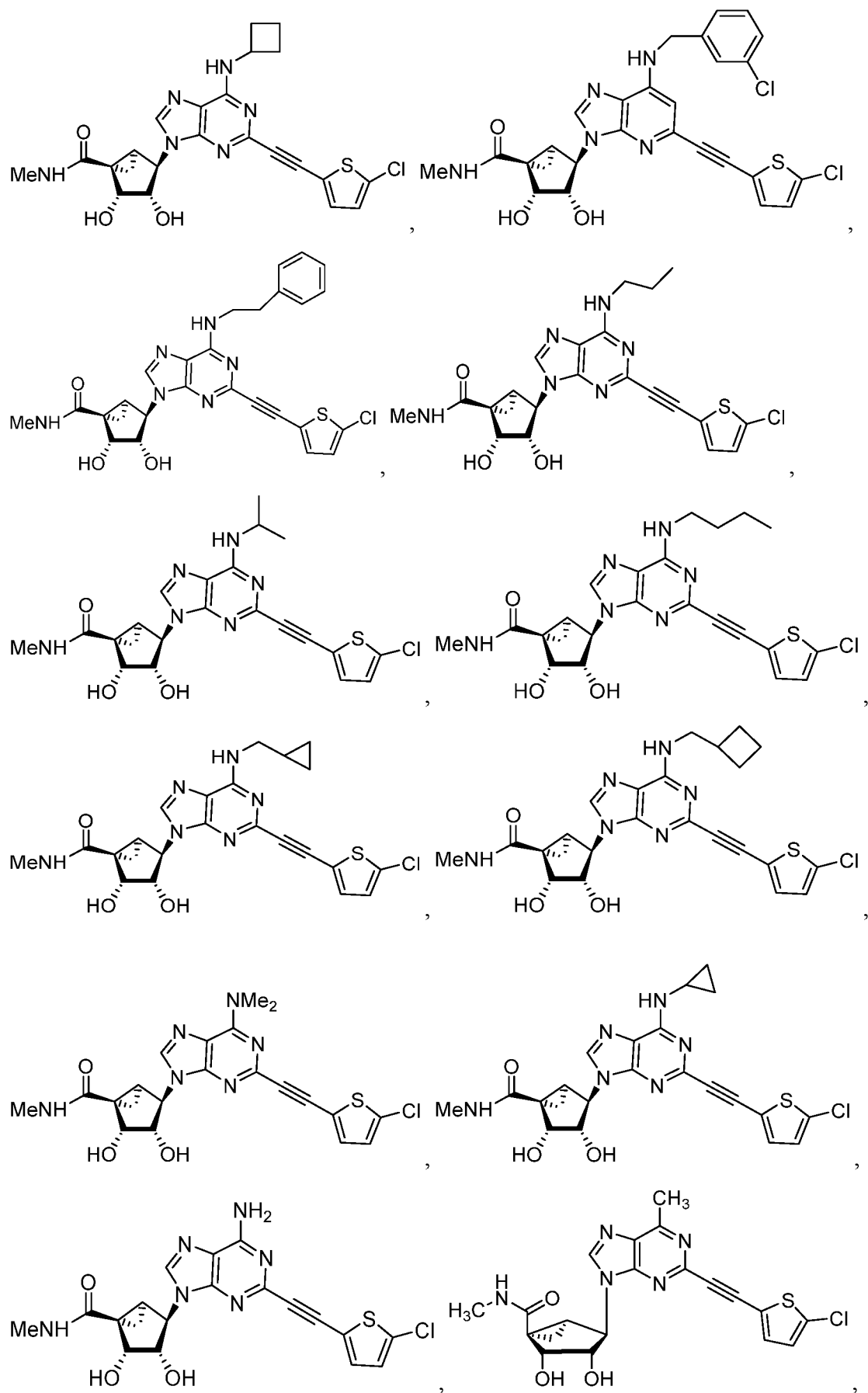
10. The method of any one of claims 2 to 9, wherein R^2 is C_6 - C_{10} aryl, wherein the aryl group is substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from halo, trifluoromethyl, hydroxyalkyl, and alkoxy.

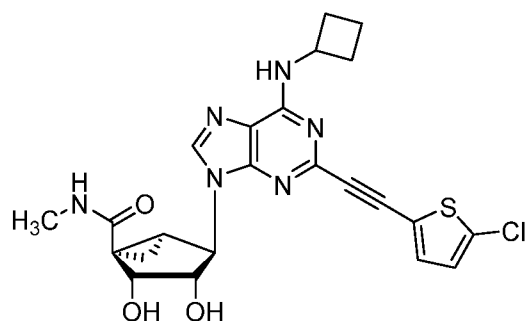
11. The method of any one of claims 2 to 9, wherein R^2 is heteroaryl, and the heteroaryl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from hydroxy, halo and alkyl.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein the compound is selected from:

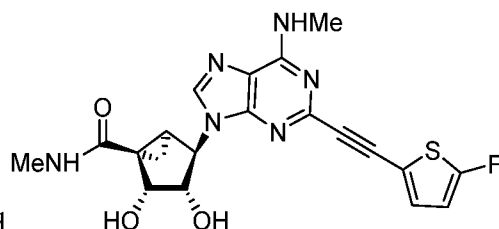








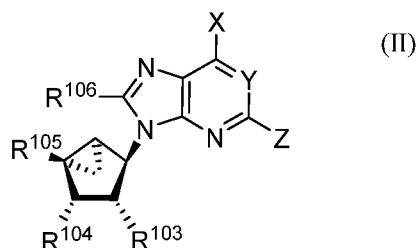
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of any one thereof.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein the selective agonist for the adenosine A3 human receptor subtype is a compound of Formula (II):



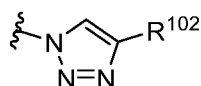
wherein:

X is selected from NHR^{101} , CH_3 , and $\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{R}^a)(\text{R}^b)$ wherein R^a and R^b are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, and C_6 - C_{14} aryl;

Y is N or CH;

R^{101} is selected from C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, hydroxyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{14} aryl C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_8 dicycloalkyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_7 - C_{12} bicycloalkyl, C_7 - C_{12} bicycloalkyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_7 - C_{14} tricycloalkyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_6 - C_{14} aryl, C_6 - C_{14} aryl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_6 - C_{14} diaryl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_6 - C_{14} aryl C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, heterocyclyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, heterocyclyl, 4-[[[4-[[[(2-amino C_1 - C_6 alkyl) amino]-carbonyl]- C_1 - C_6 alkyl] anilino] carbonyl] C_1 - C_6 alkyl] C_6 - C_{14} aryl, and C_6 - C_{14} aryl C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, wherein the aryl or heterocyclyl portion of R^{101} is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, amino, hydroxyl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_6 - C_{14} aryloxy, hydroxy C_1 - C_6 alkyl, hydroxy C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, hydroxy C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, carboxy C_1 - C_6 alkyl, carboxy C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, carboxy C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, aminocarbonyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, aminocarbonyl C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, aminocarbonyl C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, and any combination thereof; and the alkyl or cycloalkyl portion of R^{101} is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxyalkenyl, hydroxyalkynyl, aminocarbonylalkoxy, and arylalkoxy, and any combination thereof;

Z is halo, azido, or a group of the formula:



wherein R¹⁰² is selected from C₆-C₁₂ aryl, C₆-C₁₂ aryl-C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and metallocenyl, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from trifluoromethyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, sulfonyloxy, carboxyalkyl, sulfonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonyl, and any combination thereof, wherein the heteroaryl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, trifluoromethyl, amino, alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aryl, alkoxy, hydroxyl, carboxyl, sulfonyloxy, carboxyalkyl, sulfonyloxyalkyl, alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, and any combination thereof,

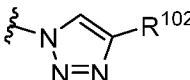
R¹⁰³ and R¹⁰⁴ are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino, mercapto, ureido, C₁-C₆ alkyl carbonylamino, hydroxy C₁-C₆ alkyl, and hydrazinyl; R¹⁰⁵ is selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₃ alkyl aminocarbonyl, di(C₁-C₃ alkyl) aminocarbonyl, C₁-C₃ alkylthio C₁-C₃ alkyl, halo C₁-C₃ alkyl, hydrazinyl, amino C₁-C₃ alkyl, hydroxy C₁-C₃ alkyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkylamino, hydroxylamino, and C₂-C₃ alkenyl; and

R¹⁰⁶ is selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, heteroaryl, and C₁-C₆ aminoalkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

with the proviso that, when R¹⁰³ and R¹⁰⁴ are both hydroxyl, R¹⁰⁵ is methylaminocarbonyl, R¹⁰⁶ is hydrogen, X is NHMe, and Y is CH, then Z is not iodo.

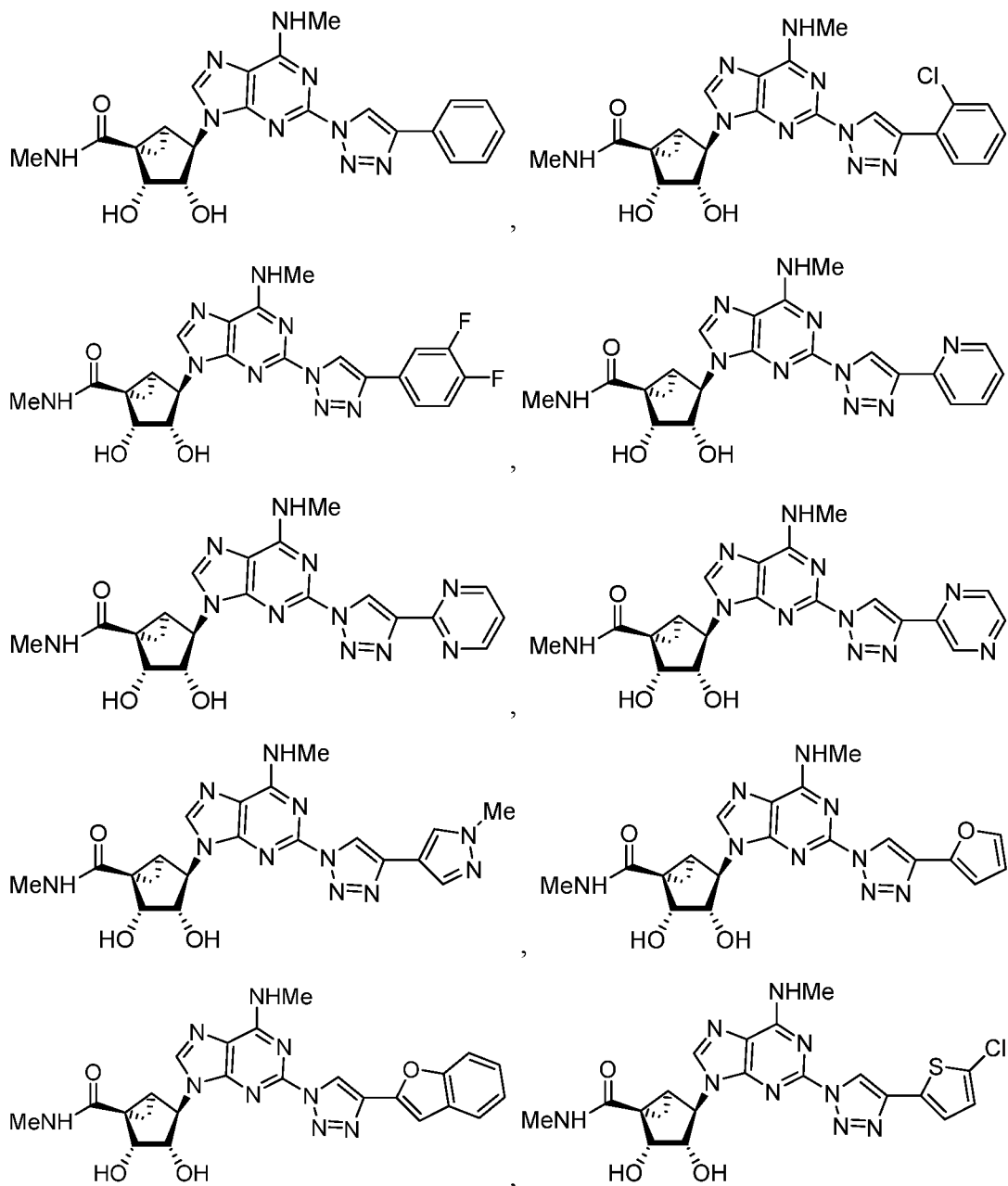
14. The method of claim 13, wherein R¹⁰⁶ is hydrogen.
15. The method of claim 13 or 14, wherein Y is N.
16. The method of any one of claims 13 to 15, wherein R¹⁰⁵ is selected from C₁-C₃ alkyl aminocarbonyl or di(C₁-C₃ alkyl) aminocarbonyl.
17. The method of any one of claims 13 to 16, wherein R¹⁰³ and R¹⁰⁴ are both hydroxyl.
18. The method of any one of claims 13 to 17, wherein X is NHR¹⁰¹ and R¹⁰¹ is C₁-C₆ alkyl.

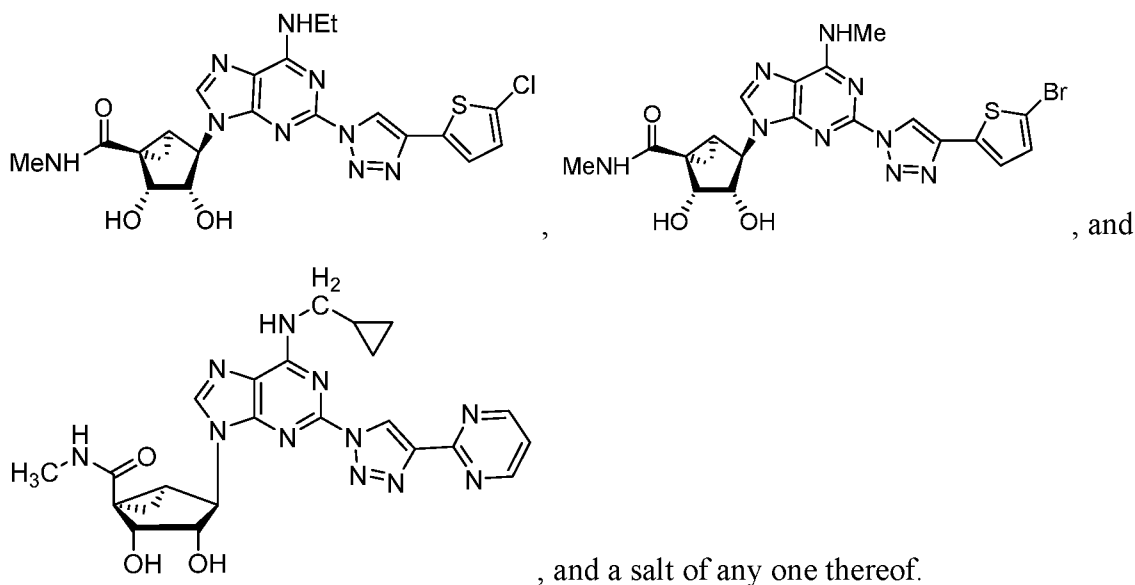
19. The method of any one of claims 13 to 18, wherein Z is .

20. The method of claim 19, wherein R^{102} is C_6-C_{10} aryl, wherein the aryl group is substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from trifluoromethyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, and any combination thereof.

21. The method of claim 19, wherein R^{102} is heteroaryl, and the heteroaryl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from halo, hydroxy, and alkyl.

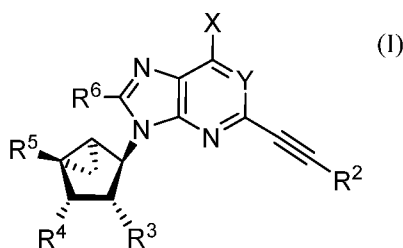
22. The method of claim 13, wherein the compound is selected from:





23. A method for the prevention of migraine, migraine-like headaches and headache related disorders by administering a selective agonist of human adenosine A3 receptor (A3AR) subtype to a patient in need thereof.

24. The method of claim 23, wherein the selective agonist for the human adenosine A3 receptor subtype is a compound of Formula (I):



wherein:

X is selected from NHR^1 , CH_3 , and $\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{R}^a)(\text{R}^b)$ wherein R^a and R^b are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, and $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{14}$ aryl;

Y is N or CH;

R^1 is selected from $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkoxy, hydroxyl, $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8$ cycloalkyl, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{14}$ aryl $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8$ cycloalkyl, $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8$ cycloalkyl $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8$ dicycloalkyl $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{12}$ bicycloalkyl, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{12}$ bicycloalkyl $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{14}$ tricycloalkyl $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{14}$ aryl, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{14}$ aryl $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{14}$ diaryl $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{14}$ aryl $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkoxy, heterocyclyl $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, heterocyclyl, 4-[[[4-[[[(2-amino $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl) amino]-carbonyl]- $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl] anilino] carbonyl] $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl] $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{14}$ aryl, and $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{14}$ aryl $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8$ cycloalkyl, wherein the aryl or heterocyclyl portion of R^1 is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, amino, hydroxyl, carboxy, alkoxy, aminocarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6$ alkenyl, $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6$ alkynyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkoxy, $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{14}$ aryloxy, hydroxy $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, hydroxy $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6$ alkenyl, hydroxy $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6$ alkynyl, carboxy $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, carboxy $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6$ alkenyl, carboxy $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6$ alkynyl,

C₆ alkynyl, aminocarbonyl C₁-C₆ alkyl, aminocarbonyl C₂-C₆ alkenyl, aminocarbonyl C₂-C₆ alkynyl, and any combination thereof; and the alkyl or cycloalkyl portion of R¹ is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxyalkenyl, hydroxyalkynyl, aminocarbonylalkoxy, and arylalkoxy, and any combination thereof;

R² is selected from C₆-C₁₂ aryl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and metallocenyl, wherein the aryl group is substituted with one or more substituents selected from trifluoromethyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, sulfonyloxy, carboxyalkyl, sulfonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonyl, and any combination thereof, wherein the heteroaryl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, trifluoromethyl, amino, alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aryl, benzo, alkoxy, hydroxyl, carboxyl, sulfonyloxy, carboxyalkyl, sulfonyloxyalkyl, alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, and any combination thereof;

R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino, mercapto, ureido, C₁-C₆ alkyl carbonylamino, hydroxy C₁-C₆ alkyl, and hydrazinyl;

R⁵ is selected from C₁-C₃ alkyl aminocarbonyl, di(C₁-C₃ alkyl) aminocarbonyl, C₁-C₃ alkylthio C₁-C₃ alkyl, halo C₁-C₃ alkyl, hydrazinyl, amino C₁-C₃ alkyl, hydroxy C₁-C₃ alkyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkylamino, hydroxylamino, and C₂-C₃ alkenyl; and

R⁶ is selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, heteroaryl, and C₁-C₆ aminoalkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

25. The method of claim 24, wherein when R¹ is methyl, R³ and R⁴ are both hydroxyl, R⁶ is hydrogen, and R⁵ is methylaminocarbonyl, R² is not 2-pyridyl or phenyl.

26. The method of claim 24, when R¹ is methyl, R³ and R⁴ are both hydroxyl, R⁶ is hydrogen, and R⁵ is methylaminocarbonyl, R² is not 2-pyridyl.

27. The method of any one of claims 24 to 25, wherein R⁶ is hydrogen.

28. The method of any one of claims 24 to 26, wherein Y is N.

29. The method of any one of claims 24 to 28, wherein R⁵ is selected from C₁-C₃ alkyl aminocarbonyl or di(C₁-C₃ alkyl) aminocarbonyl.

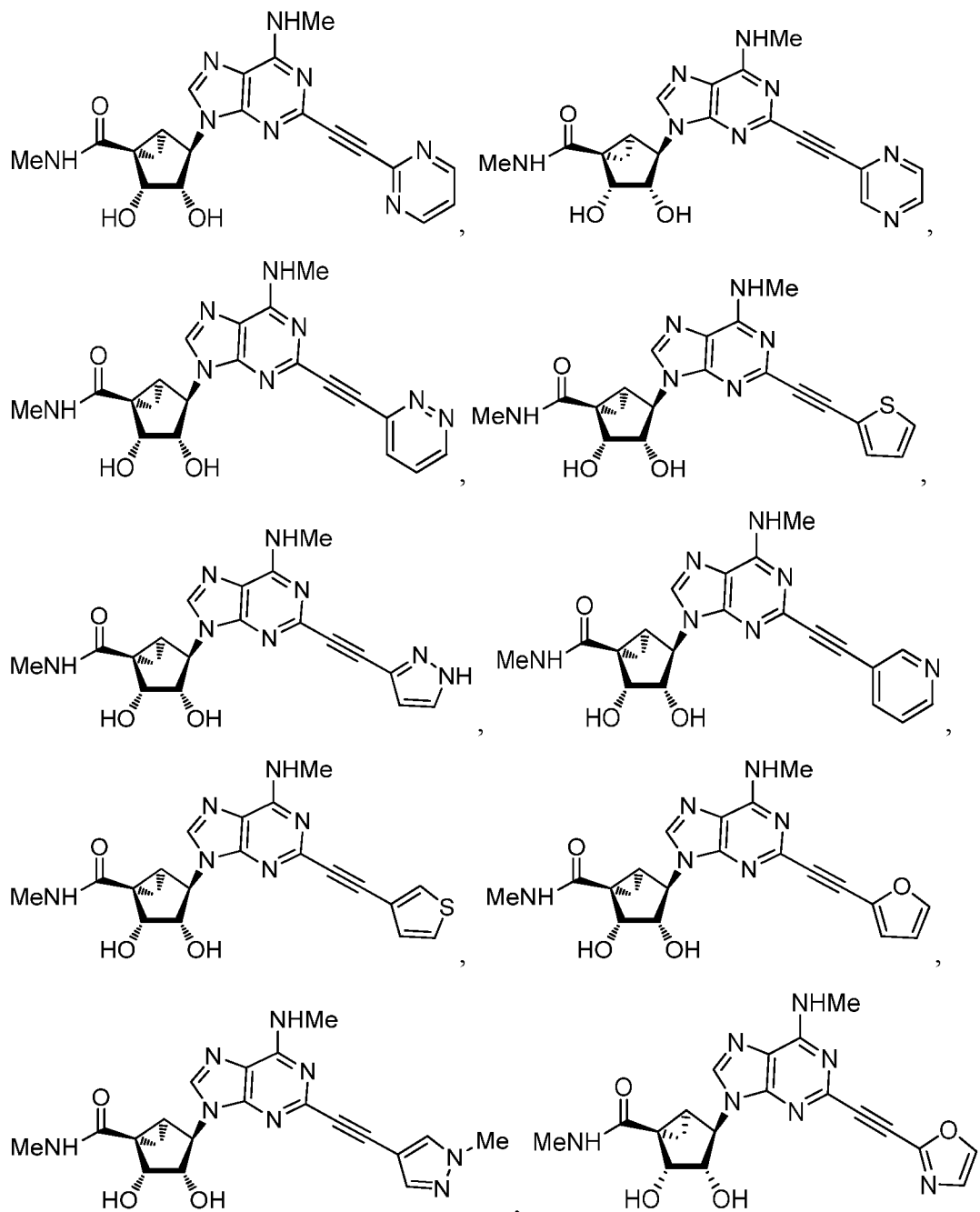
30. The method of any one of claims 24 to 29, R³ and R⁴ are both hydroxyl.

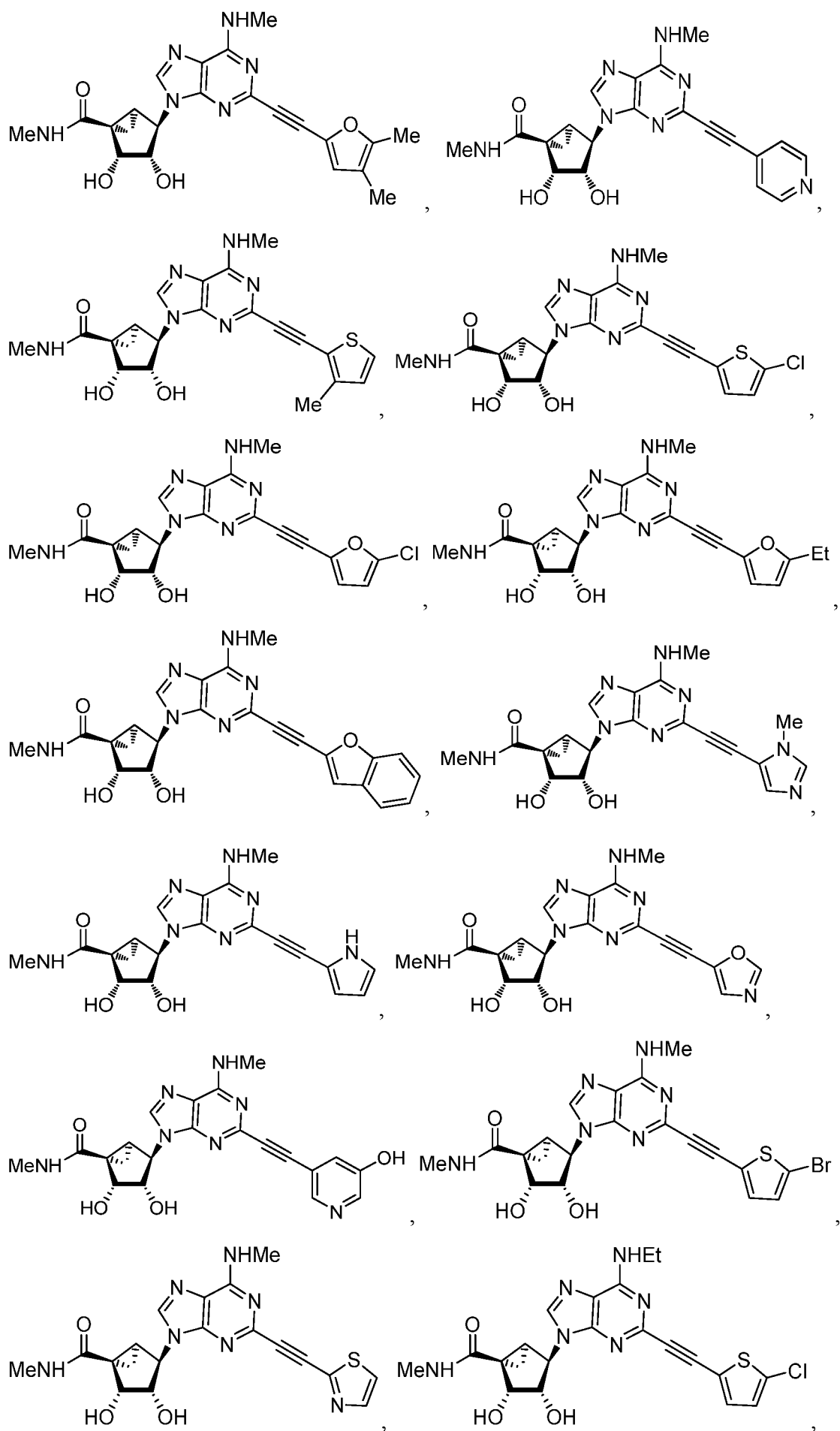
31. The method of any one of claims 24 to 30, wherein X is NHR¹ and R¹ is C₁-C₆ alkyl.

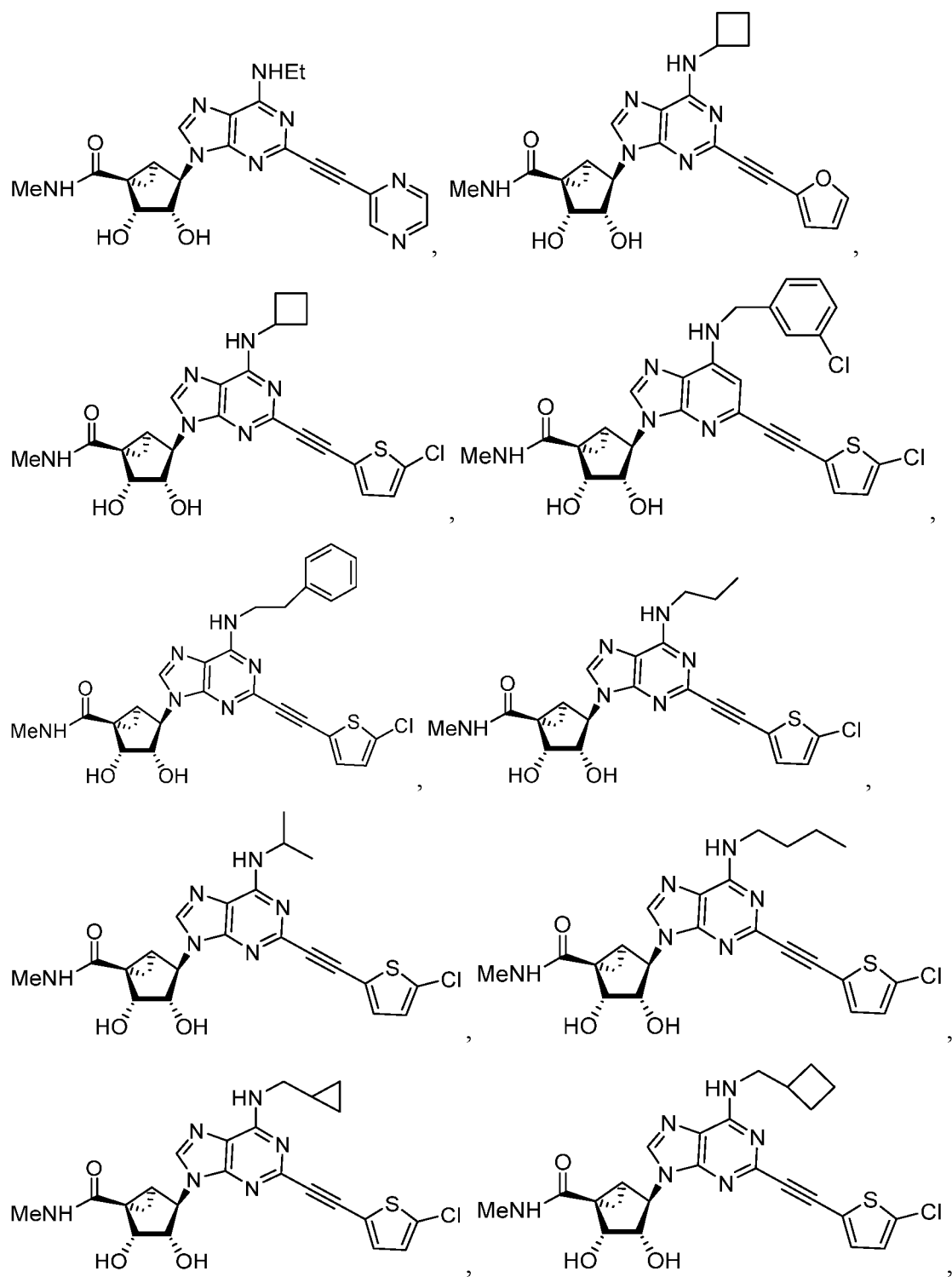
32. The method of any one of claims 24 to 31, wherein R^2 is C_6 - C_{10} aryl, wherein the aryl group is substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from halo, trifluoromethyl, hydroxyalkyl, and alkoxy.

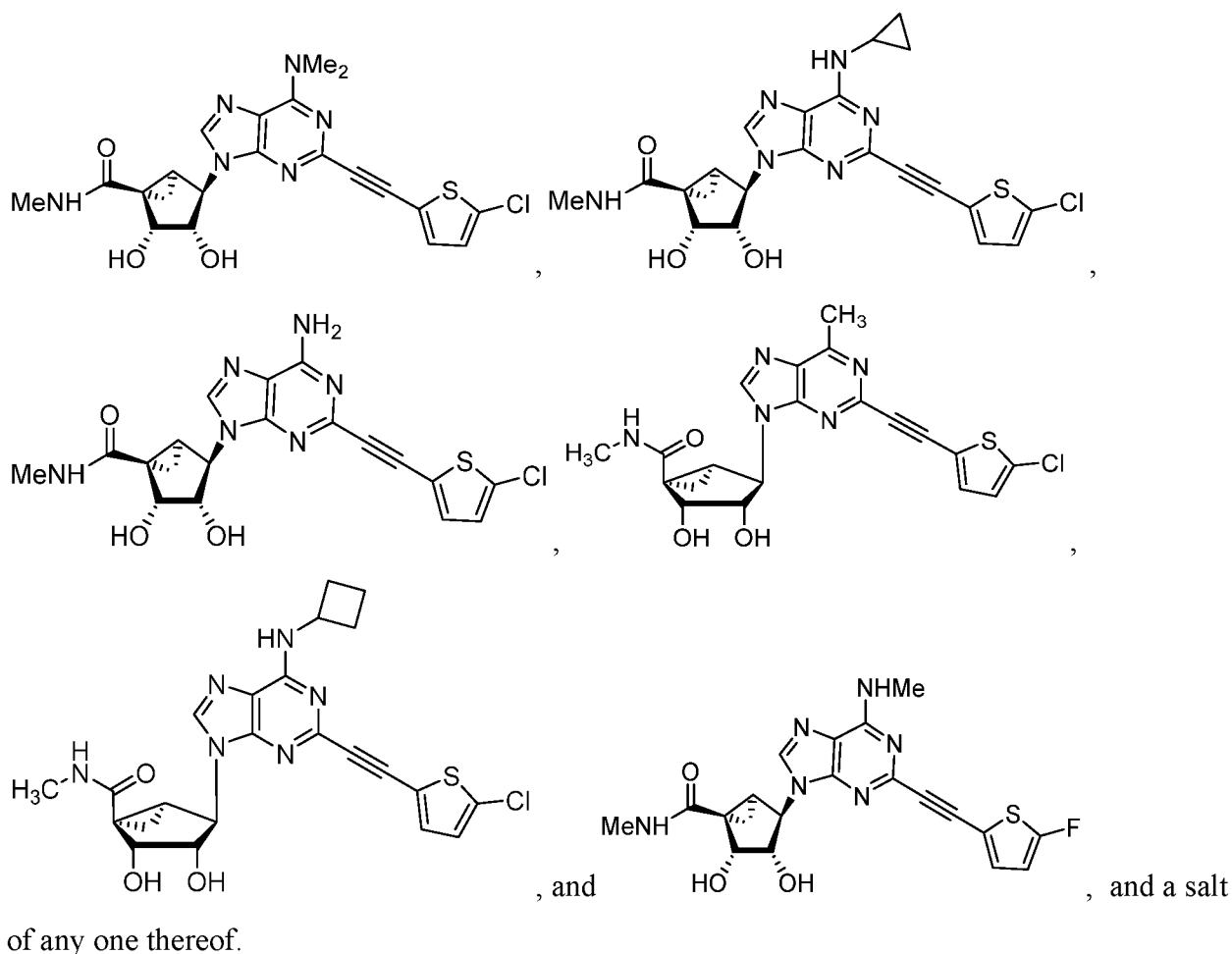
33. The method of any one of claims 24 to 31, wherein R^2 is heteroaryl, and the heteroaryl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from hydroxy, halo and alkyl.

34. The method of claim 23, wherein the compound is selected from:

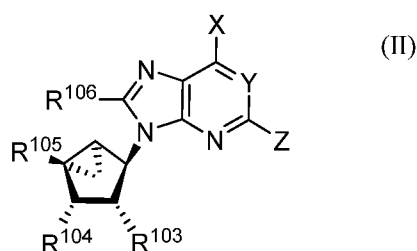








35. The method of claim 23, wherein the selective agonist for the adenosine A3 human receptor subtype is a compound of Formula (II):



wherein:

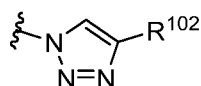
X is selected from NHR^{101} , CH_3 , and $\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{R}^a)(\text{R}^b)$ wherein R^a and R^b are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, and C_6 - C_{14} aryl;

Y is N or CH ;

R^{101} is selected from C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, hydroxyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{14} aryl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_8 dicycloalkyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_7 - C_{12} bicycloalkyl, C_7 - C_{12} bicycloalkyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_7 - C_{14} tricycloalkyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_6 - C_{14} aryl, C_6 - C_{14} aryl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_6 - C_{14} diaryl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_6 - C_{14} aryl C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, heterocyclyl C_1 - C_6 alkyl, heterocyclyl, 4-[[[4-[[[(2-amino C_1 - C_6 alkyl) amino]-carbonyl]- C_1 - C_6 alkyl] anilino] carbonyl] C_1 - C_6 alkyl] C_6 - C_{14} aryl, and C_6 - C_{14} aryl C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, wherein the aryl or

heterocyclcyl portion of R¹⁰¹ is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, amino, hydroxyl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₆-C₁₄ aryloxy, hydroxy C₁-C₆ alkyl, hydroxy C₂-C₆ alkenyl, hydroxy C₂-C₆ alkynyl, carboxy C₁-C₆ alkyl, carboxy C₂-C₆ alkenyl, carboxy C₂-C₆ alkynyl, aminocarbonyl C₁-C₆ alkyl, aminocarbonyl C₂-C₆ alkenyl, aminocarbonyl C₂-C₆ alkynyl, and any combination thereof; and the alkyl or cycloalkyl portion of R¹⁰¹ is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxyalkenyl, hydroxyalkynyl, aminocarbonylalkoxy, and arylalkoxy, and any combination thereof;

Z is halo, azido, or a group of the formula:



wherein R¹⁰² is selected from C₆-C₁₂ aryl, C₆-C₁₂ aryl-C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and metallocenyl, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from trifluoromethyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, sulfonyloxy, carboxyalkyl, sulfonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonyl, and any combination thereof, wherein the heteroaryl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, trifluoromethyl, amino, alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aryl, alkoxy, hydroxyl, carboxyl, sulfonyloxy, carboxyalkyl, sulfonyloxyalkyl, alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, and any combination thereof,

R¹⁰³ and R¹⁰⁴ are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino, mercapto, ureido, C₁-C₆ alkyl carbonylamino, hydroxy C₁-C₆ alkyl, and hydrazinyl; R¹⁰⁵ is selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₃ alkyl aminocarbonyl, di(C₁-C₃ alkyl) aminocarbonyl, C₁-C₃ alkylthio C₁-C₃ alkyl, halo C₁-C₃ alkyl, hydrazinyl, amino C₁-C₃ alkyl, hydroxy C₁-C₃ alkyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkylamino, hydroxylamino, and C₂-C₃ alkenyl; and

R¹⁰⁶ is selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, heteroaryl, and C₁-C₆ aminoalkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

with the proviso that, when R¹⁰³ and R¹⁰⁴ are both hydroxyl, R¹⁰⁵ is methylaminocarbonyl, R¹⁰⁶ is hydrogen, X is NHMe, and Y is CH, then Z is not iodo.

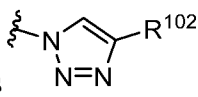
36. The method of claim 35, wherein R¹⁰⁶ is hydrogen.

37. The method of claim 35 or 36, wherein Y is N.

38. The method of any one of claims 23 to 37, wherein R^{105} is selected from C_1 - C_3 alkyl aminocarbonyl or di(C_1 - C_3 alkyl) aminocarbonyl.

39. The method of any one of claims 23 to 38, wherein R^{103} and R^{104} are both hydroxyl.

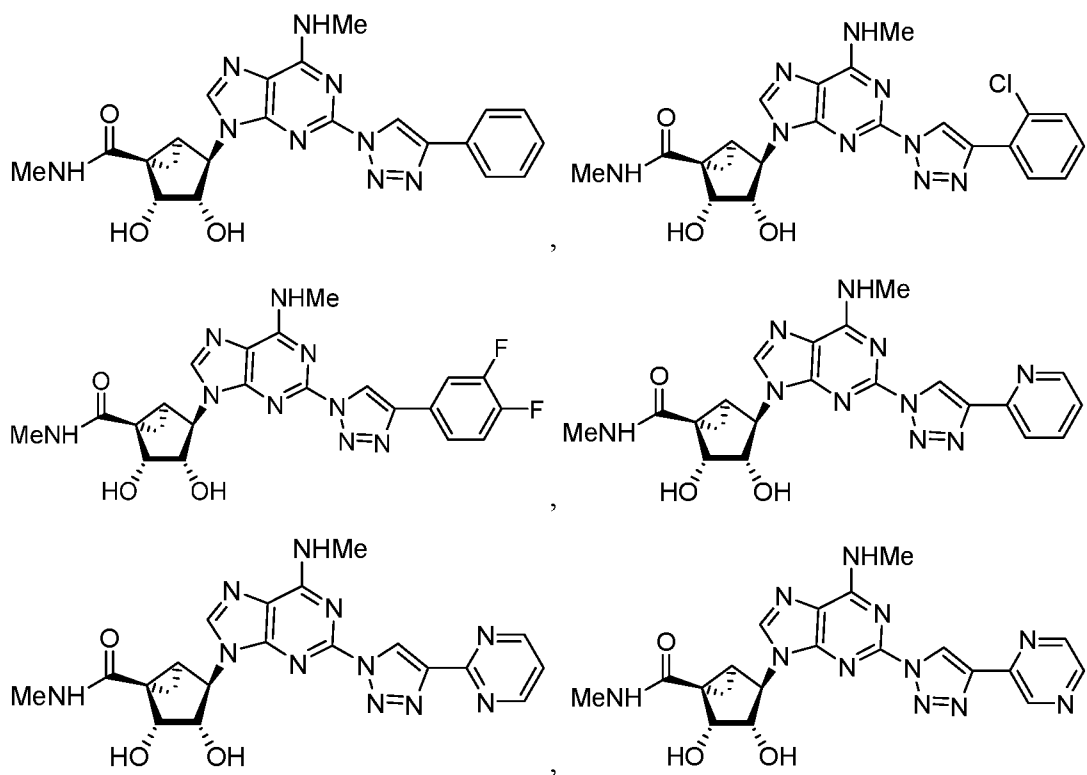
40. The method of any one of claims 23 to 39, wherein X is NHR^{101} and R^{101} is C_1 - C_6 alkyl.

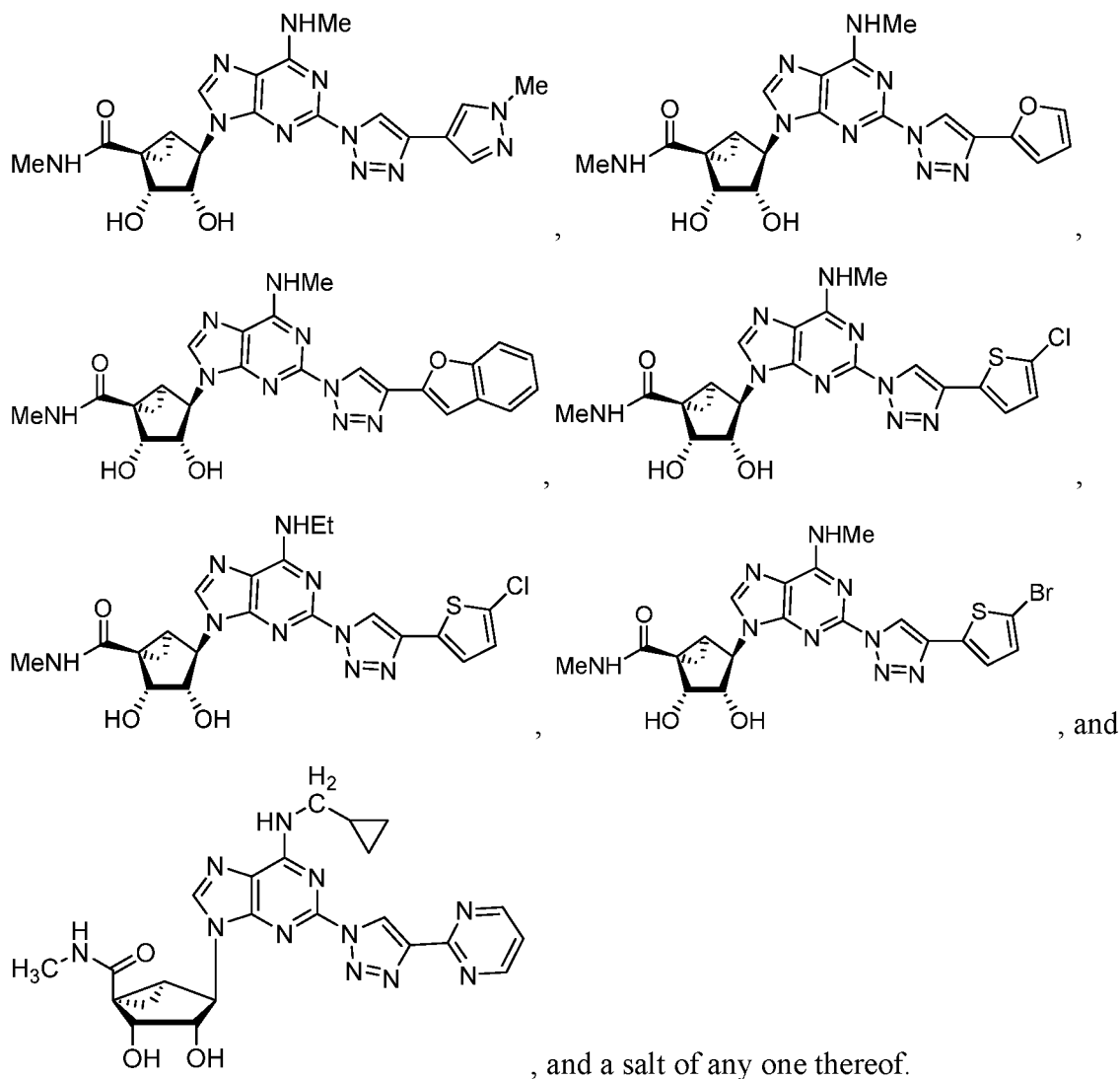
41. The method of any one of claims 23 to 40, wherein Z is .

42. The method of claim 41, wherein R^{102} is C_6 - C_{10} aryl, wherein the aryl group is substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from trifluoromethyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, and any combination thereof.

43. The method of claim 41, wherein R^{102} is heteroaryl, and the heteroaryl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from halo, hydroxy, and alkyl.

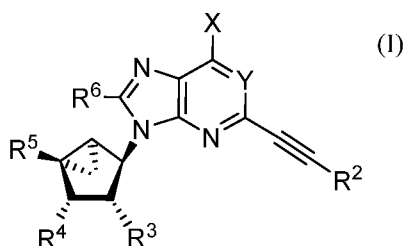
44. The method of claim 35, wherein the compound is selected from:





45. A method for prophylactically treating migraine, migraine-like headaches and headache related disorders by administering a selective agonist of human adenosine A3 receptor (A3AR) subtype to a patient in need thereof.

46. The method of claim 45, wherein the selective agonist for the human adenosine A3 receptor subtype is a compound of Formula (I):



wherein:

X is selected from NHR^1 , CH_3 , and $\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{R}^a)(\text{R}^b)$ wherein R^a and R^b are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, and C_6 - C_{14} aryl;

Y is N or CH;

R¹ is selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, hydroxyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₄ aryl C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₈ dicycloalkyl C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₇-C₁₂ bicycloalkyl, C₇-C₁₂ bicycloalkyl C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₇-C₁₄ tricycloalkyl C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₆-C₁₄ aryl, C₆-C₁₄ aryl C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₆-C₁₄ diaryl C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₆-C₁₄ aryl C₁-C₆ alkoxy, heterocyclyl C₁-C₆ alkyl, heterocyclyl, 4-[[[4-[[[(2-amino C₁-C₆ alkyl) amino]-carbonyl]-C₁-C₆ alkyl] anilino] carbonyl] C₁-C₆ alkyl] C₆-C₁₄ aryl, and C₆-C₁₄ aryl C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, wherein the aryl or heterocyclyl portion of R¹ is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, amino, hydroxyl, carboxy, alkoxy, carbonyl, aminocarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₆-C₁₄ aryloxy, hydroxy C₁-C₆ alkyl, hydroxy C₂-C₆ alkenyl, hydroxy C₂-C₆ alkynyl, carboxy C₁-C₆ alkyl, carboxy C₂-C₆ alkenyl, carboxy C₂-C₆ alkynyl, aminocarbonyl C₁-C₆ alkyl, aminocarbonyl C₂-C₆ alkenyl, aminocarbonyl C₂-C₆ alkynyl, and any combination thereof; and the alkyl or cycloalkyl portion of R¹ is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxyalkenyl, hydroxyalkynyl, aminocarbonylalkoxy, and arylalkoxy, and any combination thereof;

R² is selected from C₆-C₁₂ aryl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and metallocenyl, wherein the aryl group is substituted with one or more substituents selected from trifluoromethyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, sulfonyloxy, carboxyalkyl, sulfonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonyl, and any combination thereof, wherein the heteroaryl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, trifluoromethyl, amino, alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aryl, benzo, alkoxy, hydroxyl, carboxyl, sulfonyloxy, carboxyalkyl, sulfonyloxyalkyl, alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, and any combination thereof;

R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino, mercapto, ureido, C₁-C₆ alkyl carbonylamino, hydroxy C₁-C₆ alkyl, and hydrazinyl;

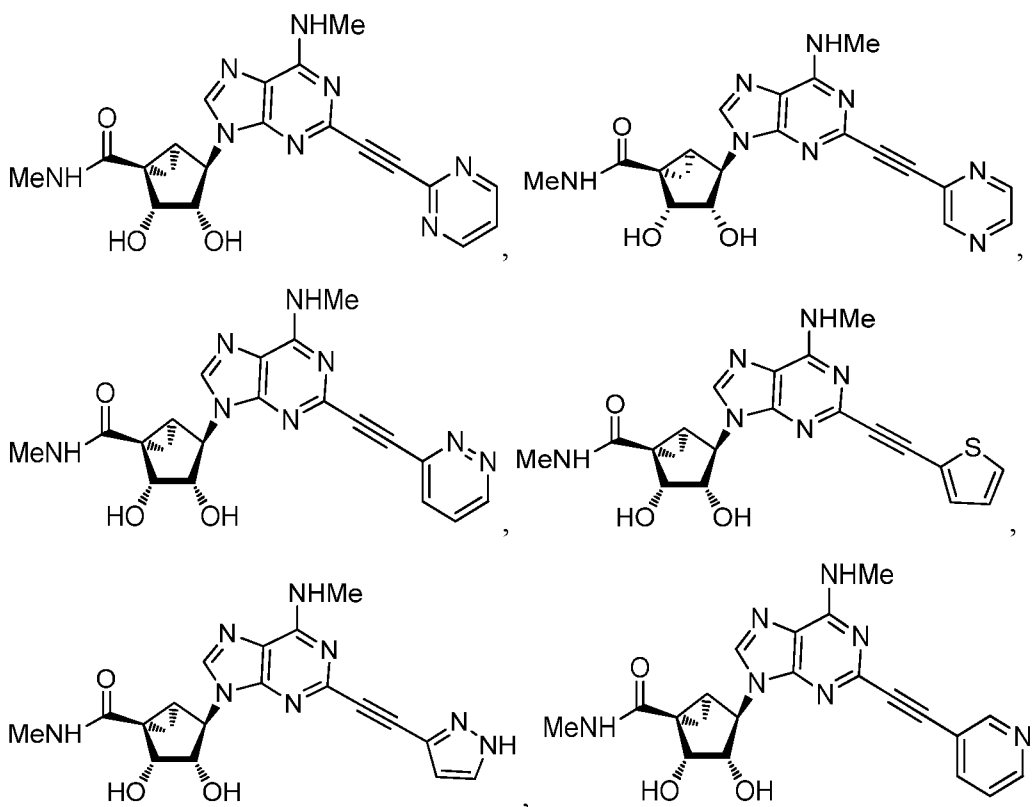
R⁵ is selected from C₁-C₃ alkyl aminocarbonyl, di(C₁-C₃ alkyl) aminocarbonyl, C₁-C₃ alkylthio C₁-C₃ alkyl, halo C₁-C₃ alkyl, hydrazinyl, amino C₁-C₃ alkyl, hydroxy C₁-C₃ alkyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkylamino, hydroxylamino, and C₂-C₃ alkenyl; and

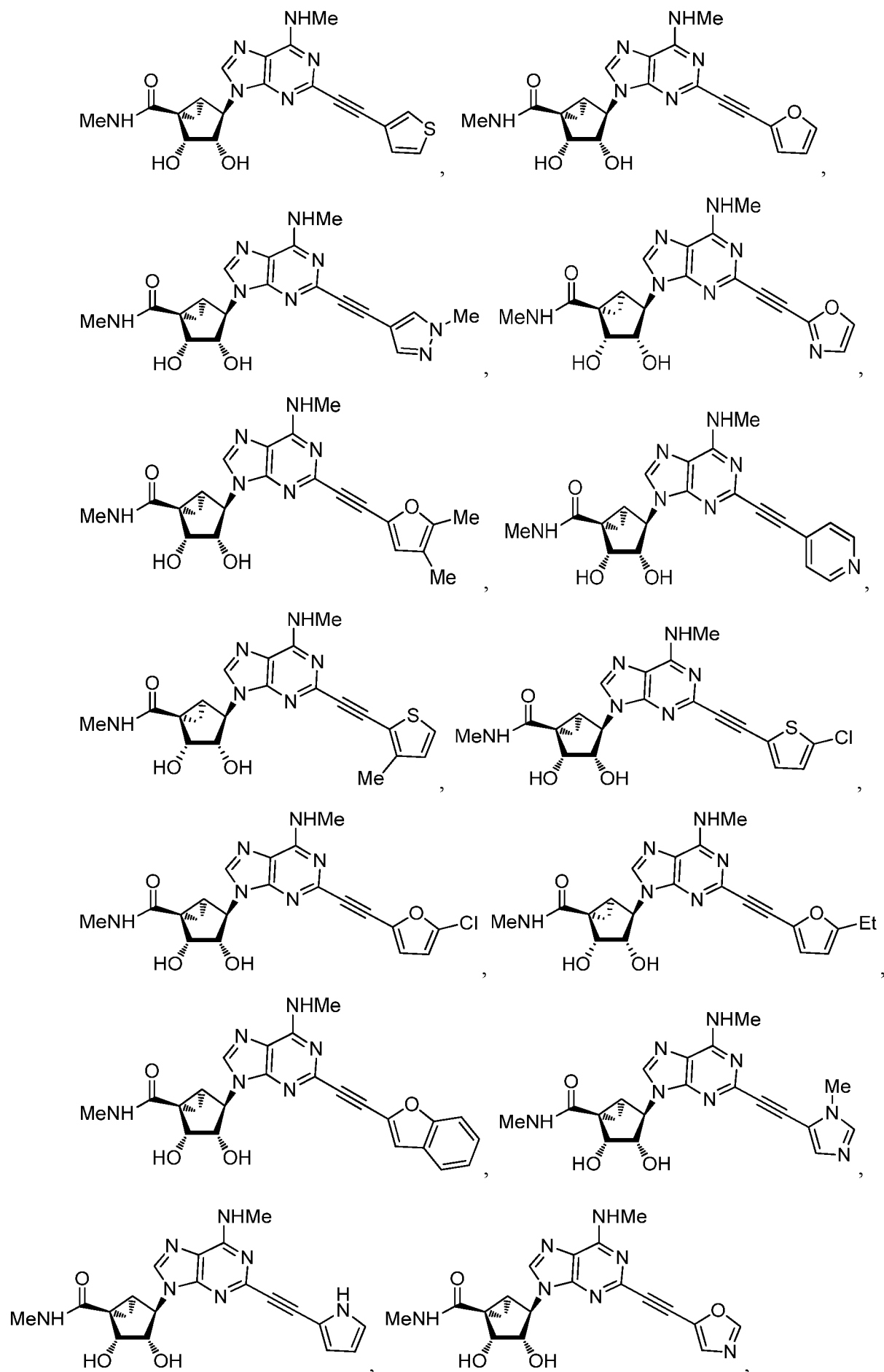
R⁶ is selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, heteroaryl, and C₁-C₆ aminoalkyl;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

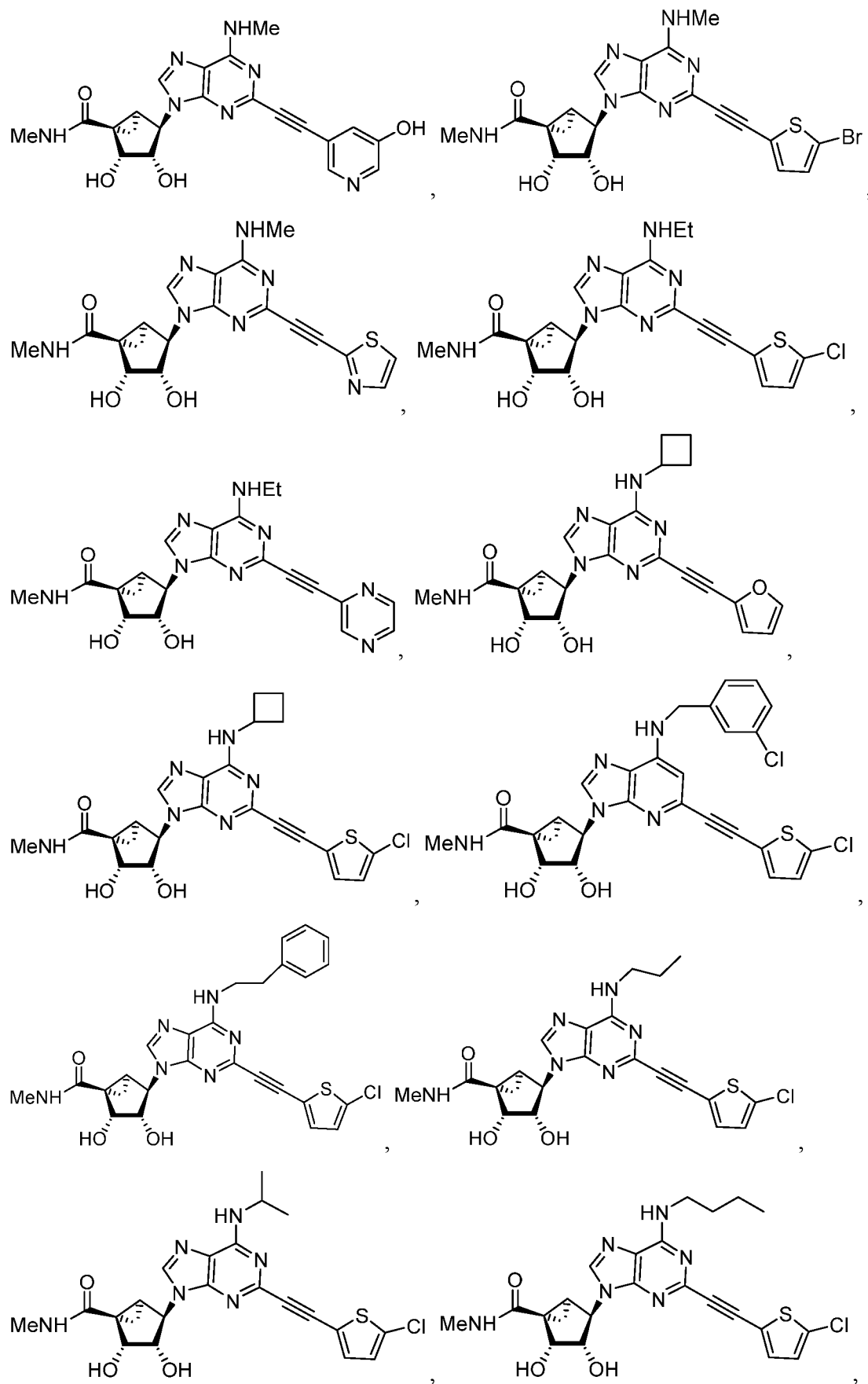
47. The method of claim 46, wherein when R¹ is methyl, R³ and R⁴ are both hydroxyl, R⁶ is hydrogen, and R⁵ is methylaminocarbonyl, R² is not 2-pyridyl or phenyl.

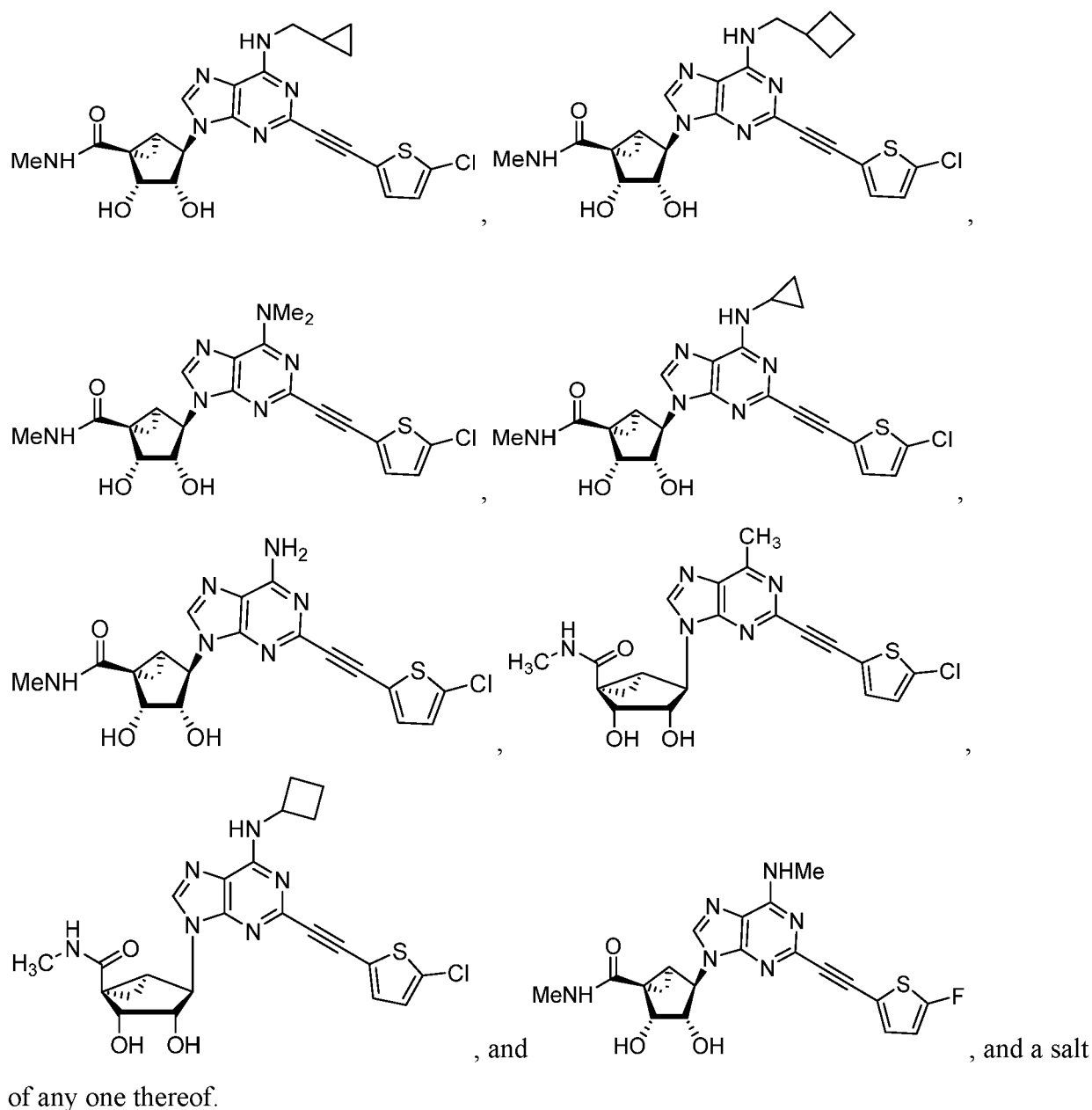
48. The method of claim 46, when R¹ is methyl, R³ and R⁴ are both hydroxyl, R⁶ is hydrogen, and R⁵ is methylaminocarbonyl, R² is not 2-pyridyl.

49. The method of any one of claims 46 to 47, wherein R^6 is hydrogen.
50. The method of any one of claims 46 to 48, wherein Y is N.
51. The method of any one of claims 46 to 50, wherein R^5 is selected from C_1 - C_3 alkyl aminocarbonyl or di(C_1 - C_3 alkyl) aminocarbonyl.
52. The method of any one of claims 46 to 51, R^3 and R^4 are both hydroxyl.
53. The method of any one of claims 24 to 30, wherein X is NHR^1 and R^1 is C_1 - C_6 alkyl.
54. The method of any one of claims 46 to 53, wherein R^2 is C_6 - C_{10} aryl, wherein the aryl group is substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from halo, trifluoromethyl, hydroxyalkyl, and alkoxy.
55. The method of any one of claims 46 to 54, wherein R^2 is heteroaryl, and the heteroaryl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from hydroxy, halo and alkyl.
56. The method of claim 45, wherein the compound is selected from:

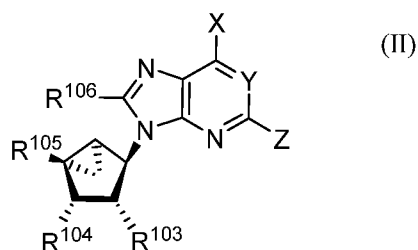








57. The method of claim 45, wherein the selective agonist for the adenosine A3 human receptor subtype is a compound of Formula (II):



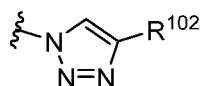
wherein:

X is selected from NHR^{101} , CH_3 , and $\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{R}^a)(\text{R}^b)$ wherein R^a and R^b are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, and C_6 - C_{14} aryl;

Y is N or CH_2 ;

R^{101} is selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, hydroxyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₆-C₁₄ aryl C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₈ dicycloalkyl C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₇-C₁₂ bicycloalkyl, C₇-C₁₂ bicycloalkyl C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₇-C₁₄ tricycloalkyl C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₆-C₁₄ aryl, C₆-C₁₄ aryl C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₆-C₁₄ diaryl C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₆-C₁₄ aryl C₁-C₆ alkoxy, heterocyclyl C₁-C₆ alkyl, heterocyclyl, 4-[[[4-[[[(2-amino C₁-C₆ alkyl) amino]-carbonyl]-C₁-C₆ alkyl] anilino] carbonyl] C₁-C₆ alkyl] C₆-C₁₄ aryl, and C₆-C₁₄ aryl C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, wherein the aryl or heterocyclyl portion of R^{101} is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, amino, hydroxyl, carboxy, alkoxy, aminocarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₆-C₁₄ aryloxy, hydroxy C₁-C₆ alkyl, hydroxy C₂-C₆ alkenyl, hydroxy C₂-C₆ alkynyl, carboxy C₁-C₆ alkyl, carboxy C₂-C₆ alkenyl, carboxy C₂-C₆ alkynyl, aminocarbonyl C₁-C₆ alkyl, aminocarbonyl C₂-C₆ alkenyl, aminocarbonyl C₂-C₆ alkynyl, and any combination thereof; and the alkyl or cycloalkyl portion of R^{101} is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxyalkenyl, hydroxyalkynyl, aminocarbonylalkoxy, and arylalkoxy, and any combination thereof;

Z is halo, azido, or a group of the formula:



wherein R^{102} is selected from C₆-C₁₂ aryl, C₆-C₁₂ aryl-C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and metallocenyl, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from trifluoromethyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, sulfonyloxy, carboxyalkyl, sulfonyloxyalkyl, arylcarbonyl, and any combination thereof, wherein the heteroaryl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo, trifluoromethyl, amino, alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aryl, alkoxy, hydroxyl, carboxyl, sulfonyloxy, carboxyalkyl, sulfonyloxyalkyl, alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, and any combination thereof,

R^{103} and R^{104} are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino, mercapto, ureido, C₁-C₆ alkyl carbonylamino, hydroxy C₁-C₆ alkyl, and hydrazinyl; R^{105} is selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₃ alkyl aminocarbonyl, di(C₁-C₃ alkyl) aminocarbonyl, C₁-C₃ alkylthio C₁-C₃ alkyl, halo C₁-C₃ alkyl, hydrazinyl, amino C₁-C₃ alkyl, hydroxy C₁-C₃ alkyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkylamino, hydroxylamino, and C₂-C₃ alkenyl; and

R^{106} is selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, heteroaryl, and C₁-C₆ aminoalkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

with the proviso that, when R^{103} and R^{104} are both hydroxyl, R^{105} is methylaminocarbonyl, R^{106} is hydrogen, X is NHMe, and Y is CH, then Z is not iodo.

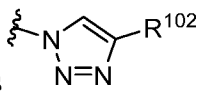
58. The method of claim 57, wherein R^{106} is hydrogen.

59. The method of claim 57 or 58, wherein Y is N.

60. The method of any one of claims 45 to 59, wherein R^{105} is selected from C_1 - C_3 alkyl aminocarbonyl or di(C_1 - C_3 alkyl) aminocarbonyl.

61. The method of any one of claims 45 to 60, wherein R^{103} and R^{104} are both hydroxyl.

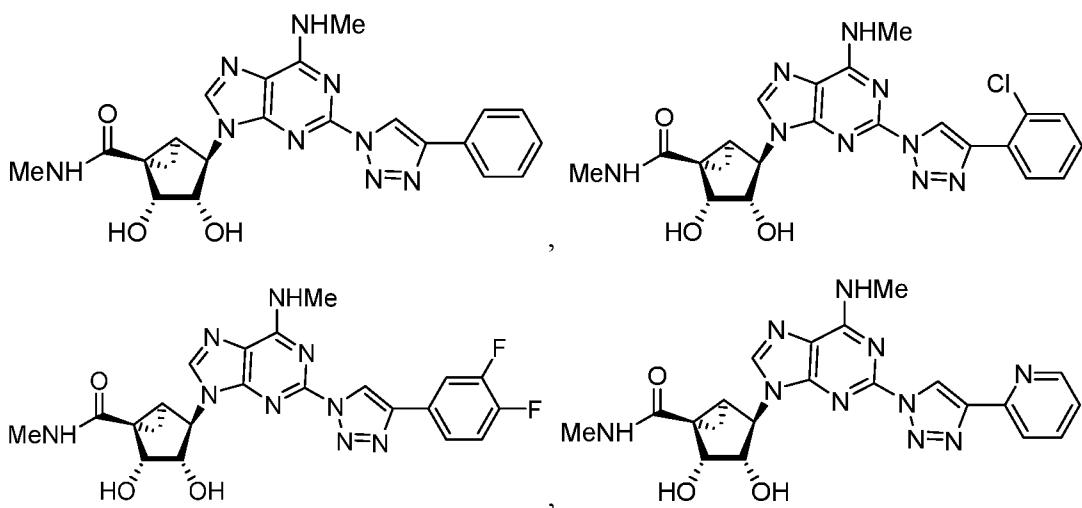
62. The method of any one of claims 45 to 61, wherein X is NHR^{101} and R^{101} is C_1 - C_6 alkyl.

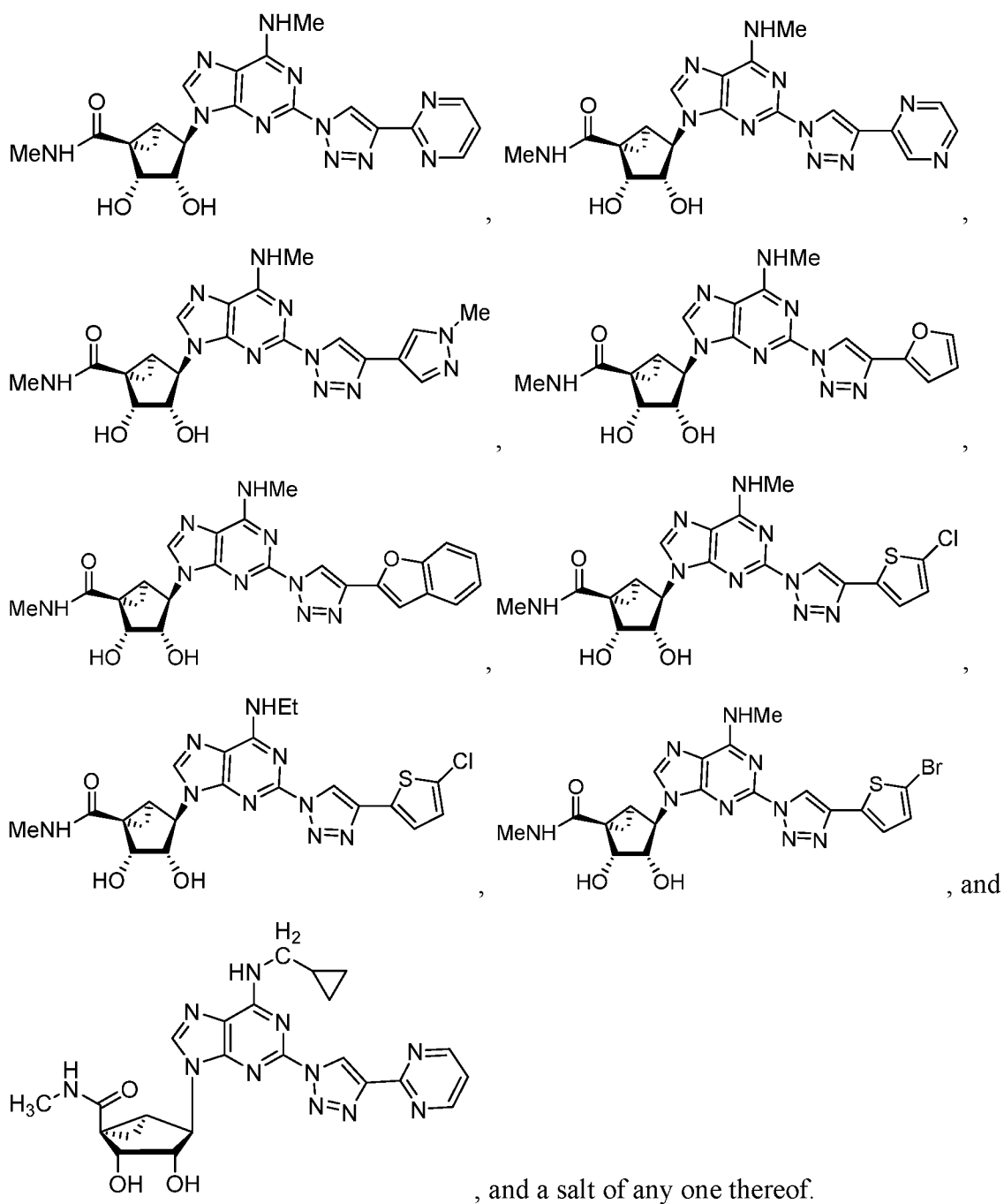
63. The method of any one of claims 45 to 62, wherein Z is .

64. The method of claim 63, wherein R^{102} is C_6 - C_{10} aryl, wherein the aryl group is substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from trifluoromethyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, and any combination thereof.

65. The method of claim 63, wherein R^{102} is heteroaryl, and the heteroaryl group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from halo, hydroxy, and alkyl.

66. The method of claim 57, wherein the compound is selected from:





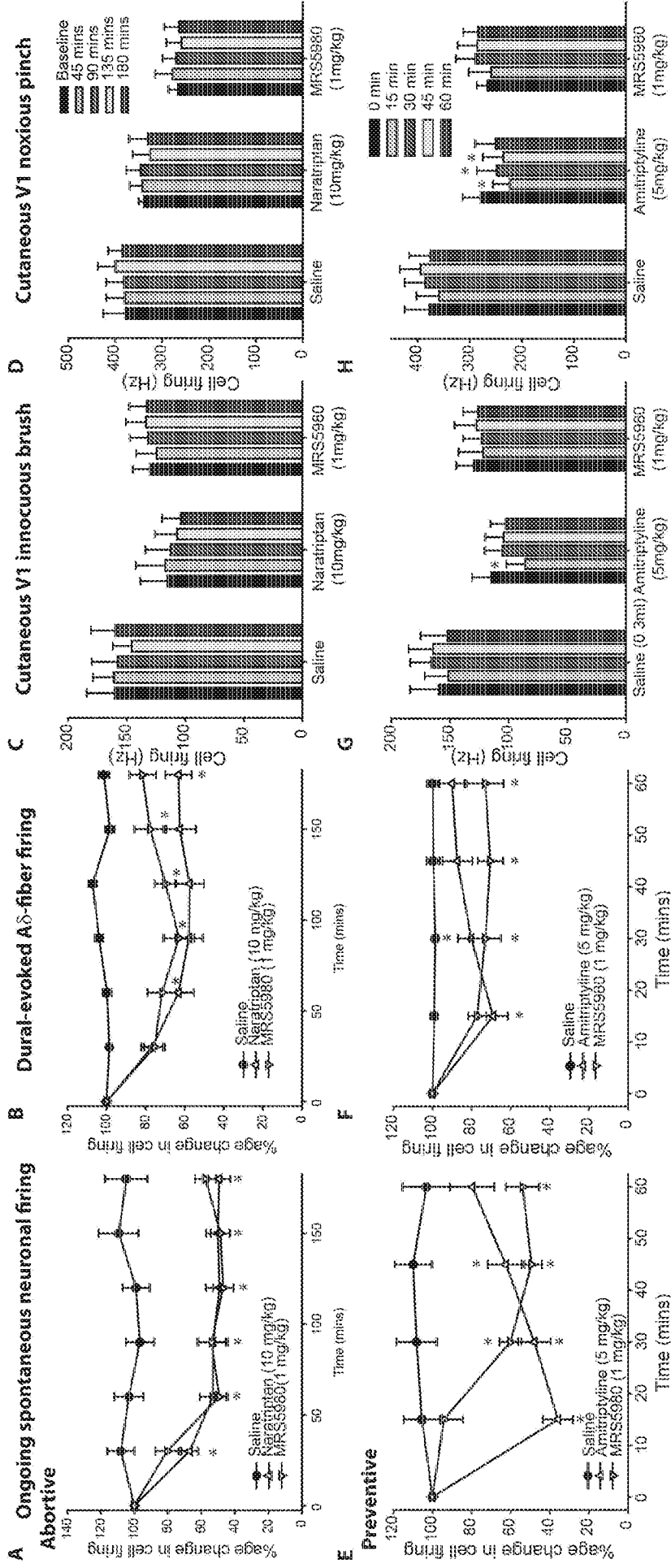


FIG. 1

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

USPC - 544/277 (keyword delimited)

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 2015/0087613 A1 (SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY) 26 March 2015 (26.03.2015) entire document	1, 2, 5, 23, 24, 27, 28, 45, 46, 49, 50
A	US 8,518,957 B2 (JACOBSON et al) 27 August 2013 (27.08.2013) entire document	1, 2, 5, 23, 24, 27, 28, 45, 46, 49, 50
A	US 9,132,131 B2 (SALVEMINI) 15 September 2015 (15.09.2015) entire document	1, 2, 5, 23, 24, 27, 28, 45, 46, 49, 50
P, A	ELISABETTA et al., Adenosine A3 receptor activation inhibits nociceptive N-type Ca ²⁺ currents and cell excitability in dorsal root ganglion neurons, PAIN, Vol. 160, Iss. 5, May 2019 [retrieved on 15 May 2020]. Retrieved from the Internet: <URL: https://journals.lww.com/pain/Abstract/2019/05000/Adenosine_A3_receptor_activation_inhibits.13.aspx >, abstract	1, 2, 5, 23, 24, 27, 28, 45, 46, 49, 50

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. ☒ Claims Nos.: 6-11, 16-21, 29-33, 38-43, 51-55, 60-65
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
See extra sheet(s).

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of additional fees.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
1, 2, 5, 23, 24, 27, 28, 45, 46, 49 and 50

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest and, where applicable, the payment of a protest fee.
- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid within the time limit specified in the invitation.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

Continued from Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking

Claims 1, 2, 5, 23, 24, 27, 28, 45, 46, 49 and 50 have been analyzed subject to the restriction that the claims read on a method for the treatment of migraine, migraine-like headaches and other headache related disorders by administering a selective agonist for the human adenosine A3 receptor (A3AR) subtype to a patient in need thereof, wherein the selective agonist for the human adenosine A3 receptor subtype is a compound of Formula (I): as shown in instant claim 2, wherein, X is NHR1; Y is N; R1 is C1 alkyl; R2 is C6 aryl; R3 and R4 are each hydrogen; R5 is C1 alkyl aminocarbonyl; and R6 is hydrogen; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; pharmaceutical compositions thereof; a method for the prevention of migraine, migraine-like headaches and headache related disorders thereof, and a method for prophylactically treating migraine, migraine-like headaches and headache related disorders thereof.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees need to be paid.

Group I+: claims 1-5, 12-15, 22-28, 34-37, 44-50, 56-59, and 66 are drawn to methods for the treatment of migraine, migraine-like headaches and other headache related disorders, methods for the prevention of migraine, migraine-like headaches and headache related disorders thereof, and methods for prophylactically treating migraine, migraine-like headaches and headache related disorders thereof.

The first invention of Group I+ is restricted to a method for the treatment of migraine, migraine-like headaches and other headache related disorders by administering a selective agonist for the human adenosine A3 receptor (A3AR) subtype to a patient in need thereof, wherein the selective agonist for the human adenosine A3 receptor subtype is a compound of Formula (I): as shown in instant claim 2, wherein, X is NHR1; Y is N; R1 is C1 alkyl; R2 is C6 aryl; R3 and R4 are each hydrogen; R5 is C1 alkyl aminocarbonyl; and R6 is hydrogen; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; pharmaceutical compositions thereof; a method for the prevention of migraine, migraine-like headaches and headache related disorders thereof, and a method for prophylactically treating migraine, migraine-like headaches and headache related disorders thereof. It is believed that claims 1, 2, 5, 23, 24, 27, 28, 45, 46, 49 and 50 read on this first named invention and thus these claims will be searched without fee to the extent that they read on the above embodiment.

Applicant is invited to elect additional formula(e) for each additional compound to be searched in a specific combination by paying an additional fee for each set of election. Each additional elected formula(e) requires the selection of a single definition for each compound variable. An exemplary election would be a method for the treatment of migraine, migraine-like headaches and other headache related disorders by administering a selective agonist for the human adenosine A3 receptor (A3AR) subtype to a patient in need thereof, wherein the selective agonist for the human adenosine A3 receptor subtype is a compound of Formula (I): as shown in instant claim 2, wherein, X is CH3; Y is N; R1 is C1 alkyl; R2 is C6 aryl; R3 and R4 are each hydrogen; R5 is C1 alkyl aminocarbonyl; and R6 is hydrogen; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; pharmaceutical compositions thereof; a method for the prevention of migraine, migraine-like headaches and headache related disorders thereof, and a method for prophylactically treating migraine, migraine-like headaches and headache related disorders thereof. Additional formula(e) will be searched upon the payment of additional fees. Applicants must specify the claims that read on any additional elected inventions. Applicants must further indicate, if applicable, the claims which read on the first named invention if different than what was indicated above for this group. Failure to clearly identify how any paid additional invention fees are to be applied to the "+" group(s) will result in only the first claimed invention to be searched/examined.

The inventions listed in Groups I+ do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1, because under PCT Rule 13.2 they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

The Groups I+ formulae do not share a significant structural element requiring the selection of alternatives for the selective agonists for the human adenosine A3 receptor (A3AR) subtype and accordingly these groups lack unity a priori.

Additionally, even if Groups I+ were considered to share the technical features of a method for the treatment of migraine, migraine-like headaches and other headache related disorders by administering a selective agonist for the human adenosine A3 receptor (A3AR) subtype to a patient in need thereof; a method for the prevention of migraine, migraine-like headaches and headache related disorders by administering a selective agonist for the human adenosine A3 receptor (A3AR) subtype to a patient in need thereof; and a method for prophylactically treating migraine, migraine-like headaches and headache related disorders by administering a selective agonist for the human adenosine A3 receptor (A3AR) subtype to a patient in need thereof, these shared technical features do not represent a contribution over the prior art as disclosed by US 2015/0087613 A1 to Saint Louis University et al.

US 2015/0087613 A1 to Saint Louis University et al. teaches a method for the treatment of migraine, migraine-like headaches and other headache related disorders (Paras. [0019] and [0023], ... development of A3AR agonist as adjunct to opioids in pain management ... headache ...; Claim 22) by administering a selective agonist for the human adenosine A3 receptor (A3AR) subtype to a patient in need thereof (Paras. [0019] and [0023]; Claims 4 and 22); a method for the prevention of migraine, migraine-like headaches and headache related disorders (Paras. [0019], [0023] and [0092]; Claim 22) by administering a selective agonist for the human adenosine A3 receptor (A3AR) subtype to a patient in need thereof (Paras. [0019] and [0023]; Claims 4 and 22); and a method for prophylactically treating migraine, migraine-like headaches and headache related disorders (Paras. [0019] and [0023]; Claim 22) by administering a selective agonist for the human adenosine A3 receptor (A3AR) subtype to a patient in need thereof (Paras. [0019] and [0023]; Claims 4 and 22).

The inventions listed in Groups I+ therefore lack unity under Rule 13 because they do not share a same or corresponding special technical feature.