

STRUCTURE and ACTIVITY of DRUGS

- practical aspects III.

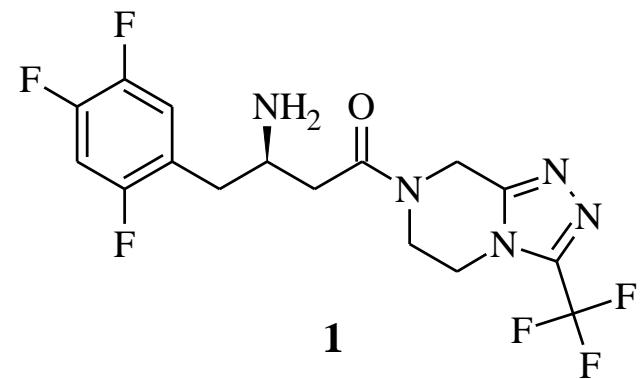
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OPTIMIZATION OF THE LEAD COMPOUND

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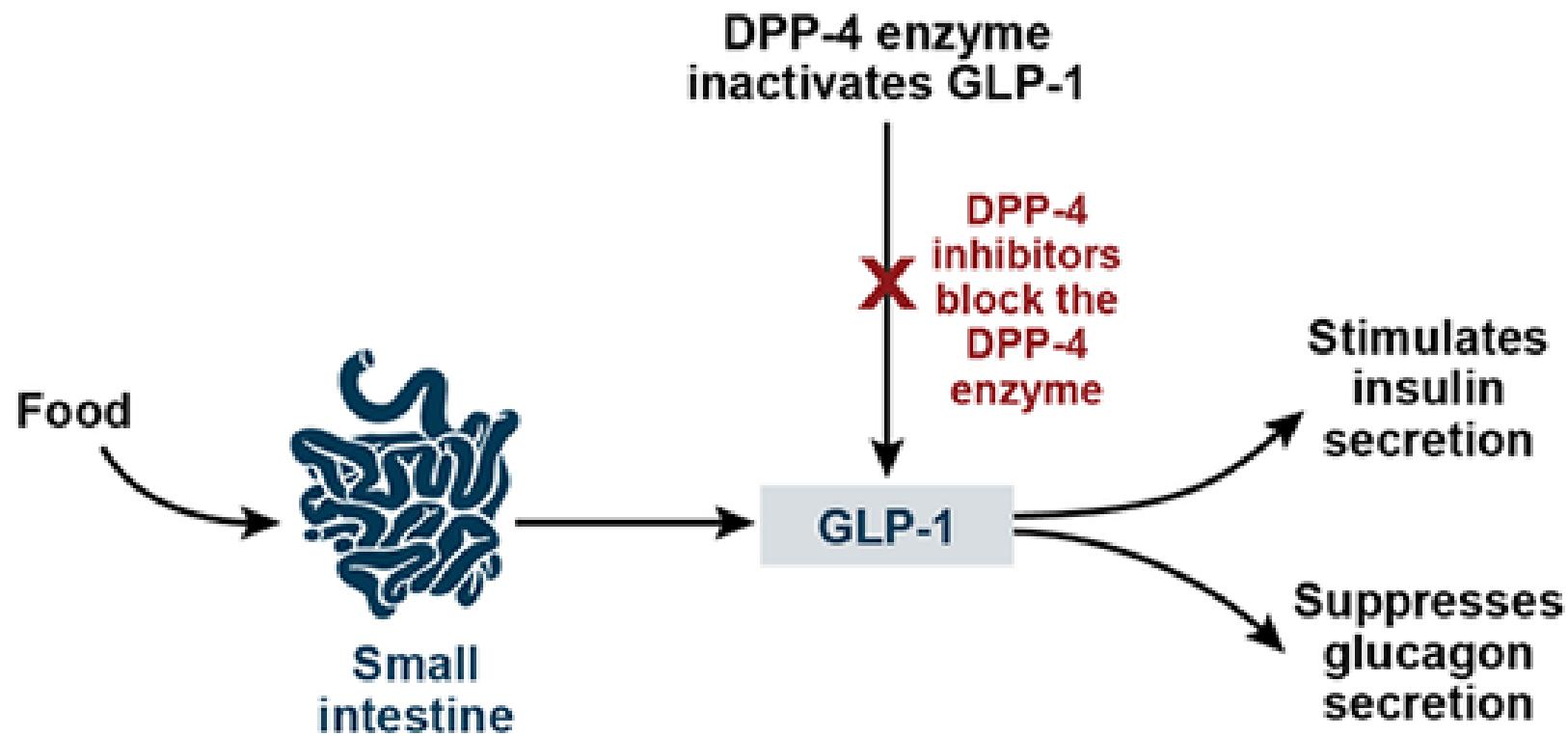
Sitagliptin (Januvia® - Merck)

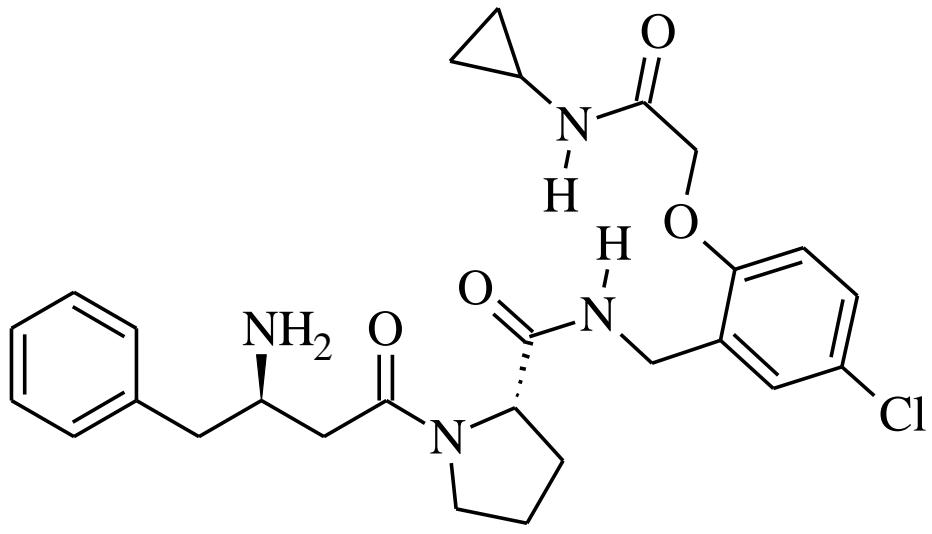


Selective dipeptidyl peptidase IV inhibitor for the treatment of type II diabetes

DPP-4 Inhibitors

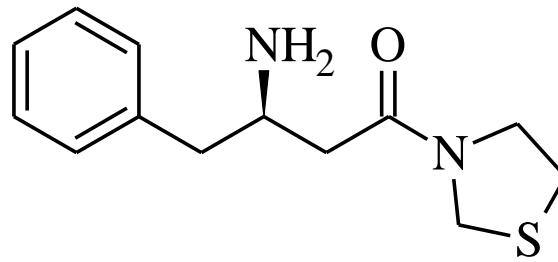
Mechanism of Action





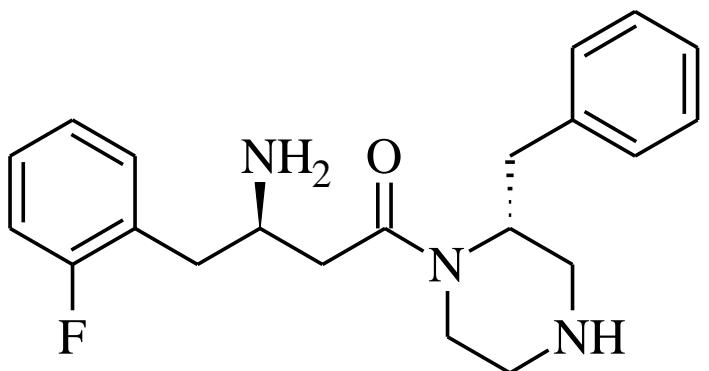
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DPP-IV IC₅₀: 1900 nM



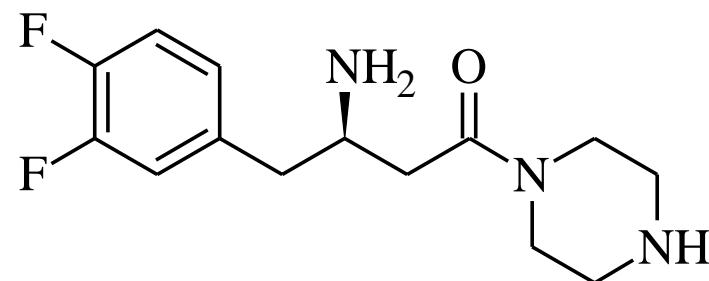
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DPP-IV IC₅₀: 3000 nM



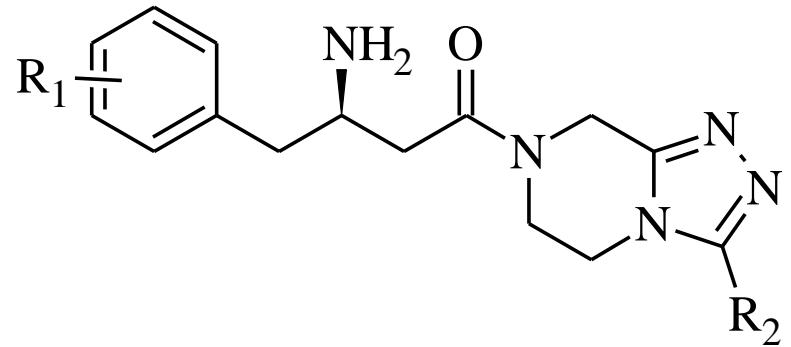
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DPP-IV IC₅₀: 139 nM



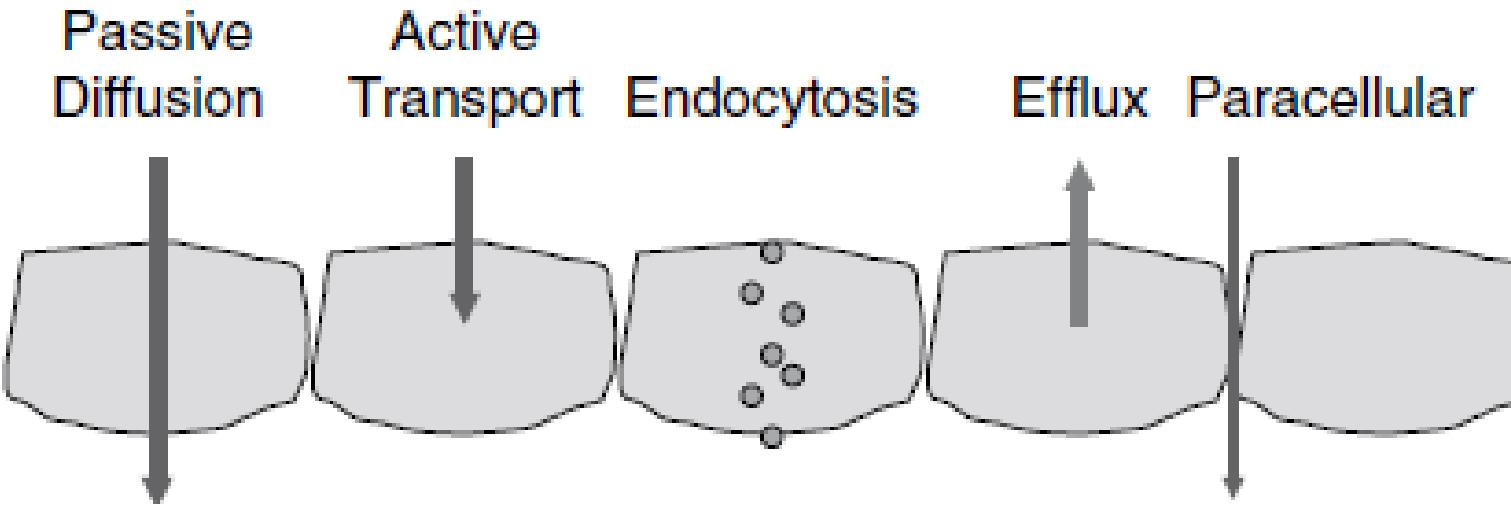
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DPP-IV IC₅₀: 3100 nM



	R_1	R_2	DPP-IV IC_{50} (nM)	$T_{1/2}$ (h)	F (%)
3	3,4-di-F	H	455		
4	3,4-di-F	Et	231	2,7	2
5	3,4-di-F	CF_3	128	1,8	44
6	2,5-di-F	CF_3	27	1,6	51
1	2,4,5-tri-F	CF_3	18	1,7	76
7	2,4,5-tri-F	H	68	1,0	3
8	2,4,5-tri-F	CF_2CF_3	71	2,3	61
9	2,5-di-F	CF_2CF_3	103	1,5	1

Intestinal permeability



„It has been estimated that 95% of commercial drugs are predominantly absorbed in the GI tract by passive diffusion.”

Edward H. Kerns and Li Di *Drug-like Properties: Concepts, Structure, Design and Methods*
Academic Press/Elsevier (2008)

Structure Modification Strategies for Permeability Improvement

Ionizable group to non-ionizable group

Add lipophilicity

Isosteric replacement of polar groups

Esterify carboxylic acid

Reduce hydrogen bonding and polarity

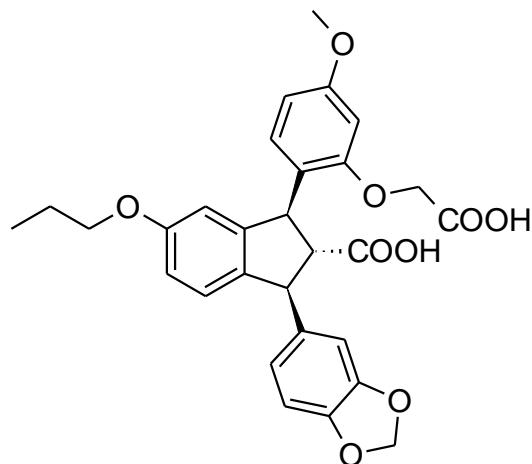
Reduce size

Add nonpolar side chain

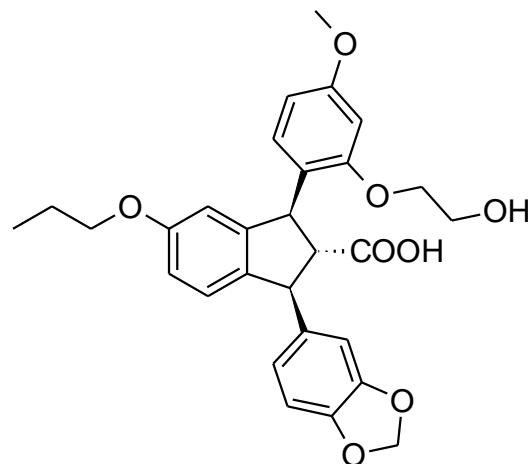
Construct prodrug

Permeability

Endothelin receptor antagonists



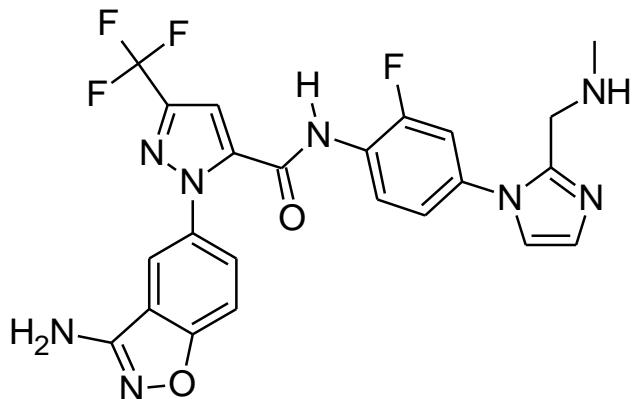
ETA Ki: 0.43 nM
Caco-2: 0.0075 cm/h
F(rat): 4 %



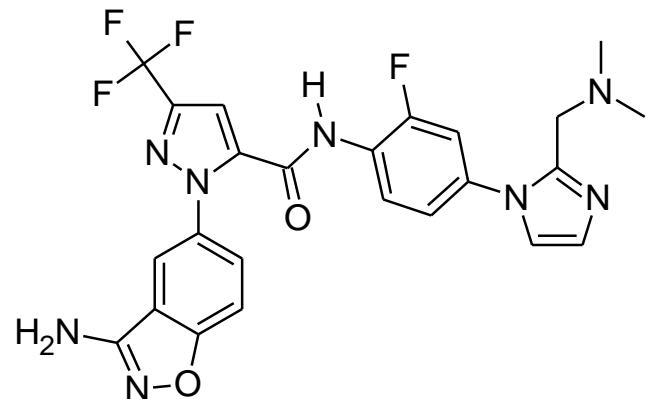
ETA Ki: 1.1 nM
Caco-2: 0.2045 cm/h
F(rat): 66 %

Permeability

Factor Xa inhibitors



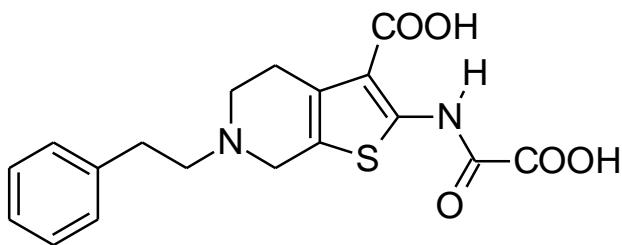
FXa Ki: 0.12 nM
Caco-2 Papp: 0.2×10^{-6} cm/s
F(rat): 24%



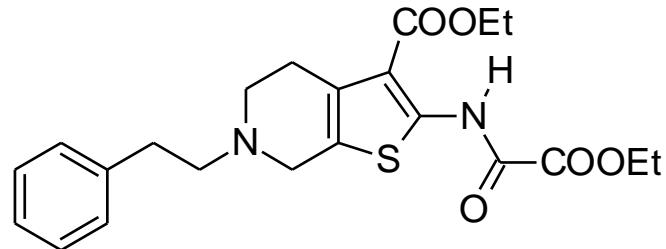
FXa Ki: 0.19 nM
Caco-2 Papp: 5.6×10^{-6} cm/s
F(rat): 84%

Permeability

Protein Tyrosin Phosphatase inhibitors



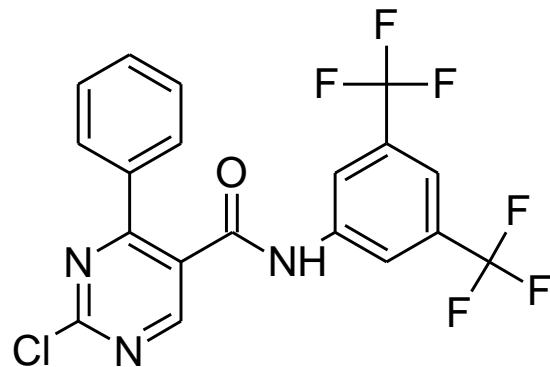
Permeability (MDCK): low
2-DOG uptake in C2C14 cells: inactive



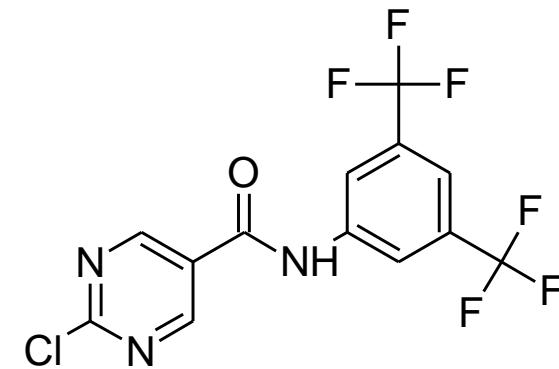
Permeability (MDCK): high
2-DOG uptake in C2C14 cells: 70%

Permeability

NF-κB inhibitors

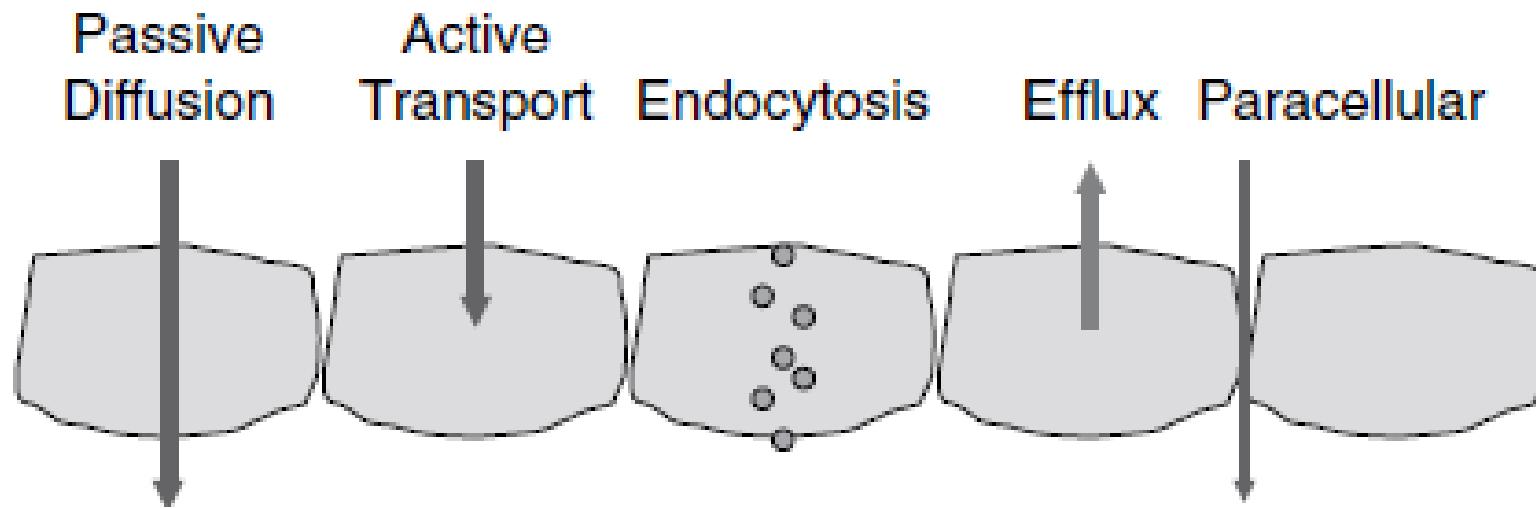


Caco-2 permeability: $9 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm/s}$



Caco-2 permeability: $61 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm/s}$

Efflux transport (P-glycoprotein)



Structure Modification Strategies to Reduce Pgp efflux

„Passive diffusion is the predominant mechanism for the permeation of drugs throughout the body.“¹

„There is considerable and increasing evidence that drugs get into cells **more or less solely by hitchhiking on carriers** normally used for the transport of nutrients and intermediary metabolites [1-38].“²

„Pgp substrate“

- N + O ≥ 8
- MW > 400
- Acid with pKa > 4

„Pgp non-substrate“

- N + O ≤ 4
- MW < 400
- Base with pKa < 8

¹Edward H. Kerns and Li Di *Drug-like Properties: Concepts, Structure, Design and Methods* Academic Press/Elsevier (2008)

² Douglas B. Kell et al. *Drug Discovery Today* 16, 704-714 (2011)

Pgp efflux

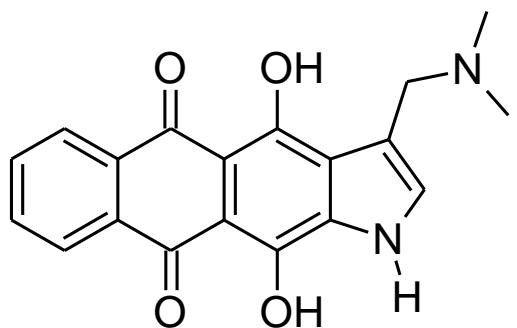
Introduce steric hindrance to the H-bond donating atoms by: attach bulky group; methylate the N.
Decrease H-bond acceptor potential by: add an adjacent electron withdrawing group; replace/remove the H-bonding group.

Modify other structural features e.g. add a strong acid.

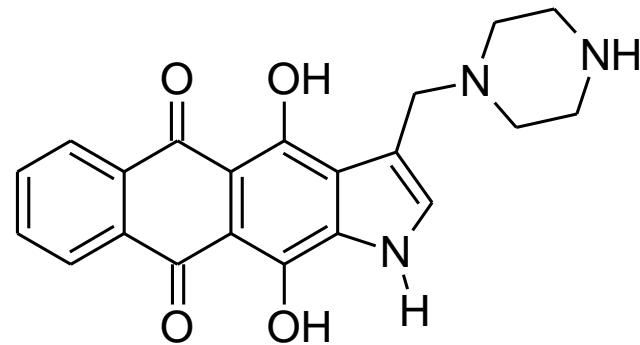
Modify the overall structures logP to reduce penetration into the lipid bilayer

Pgp efflux

Anticancer



Pgp/non Pgp: 10

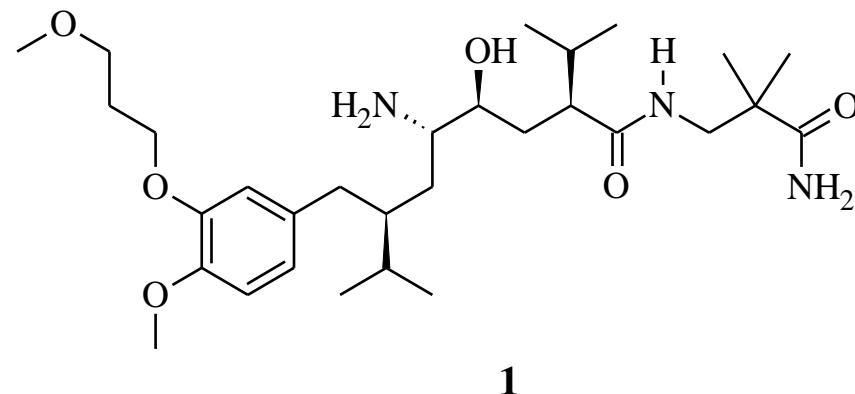


Pgp/non Pgp: 1

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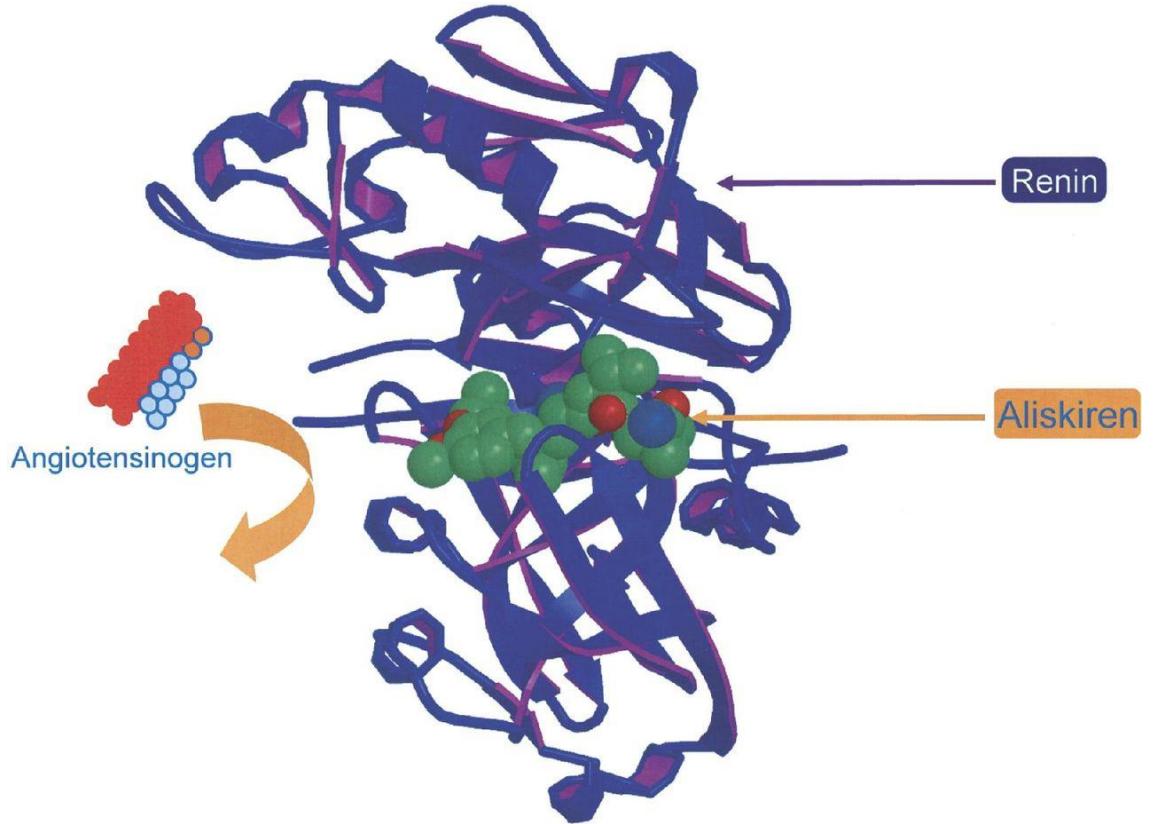
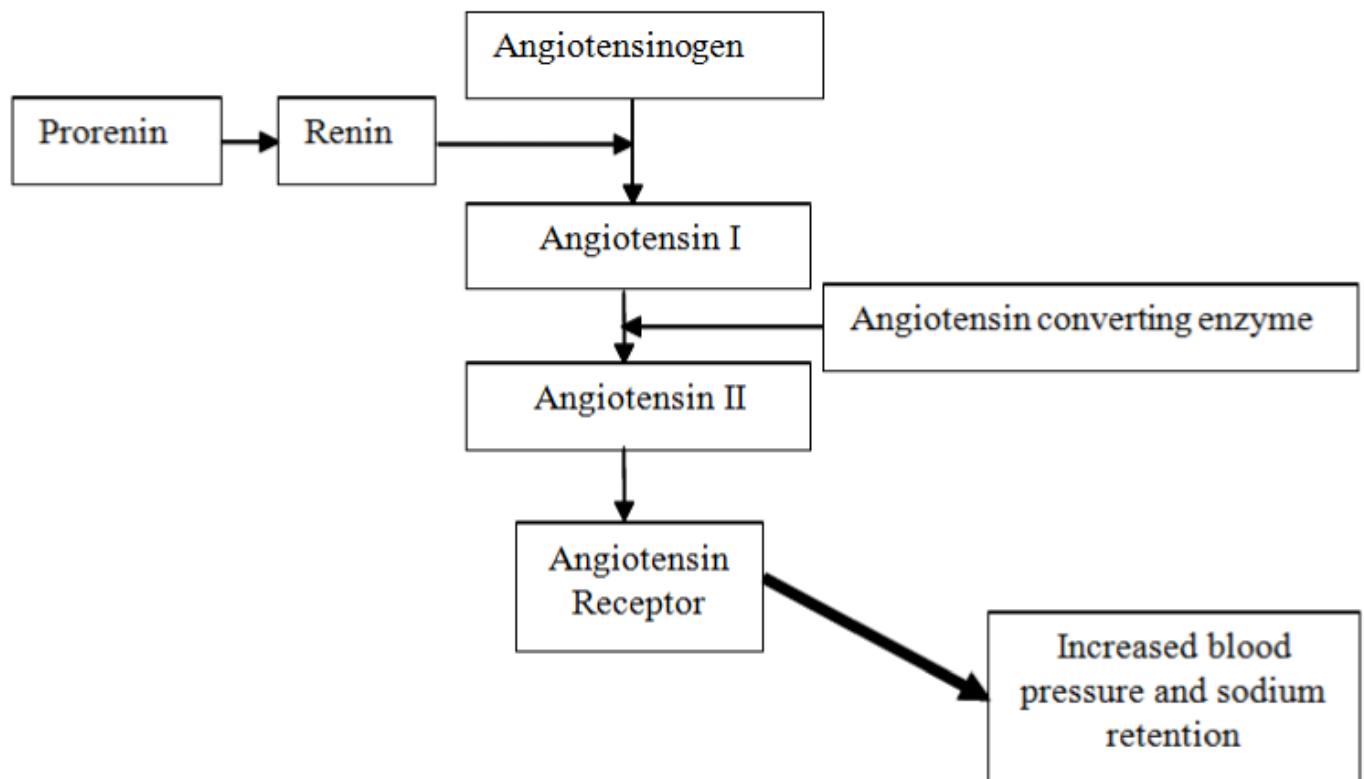
Case studies

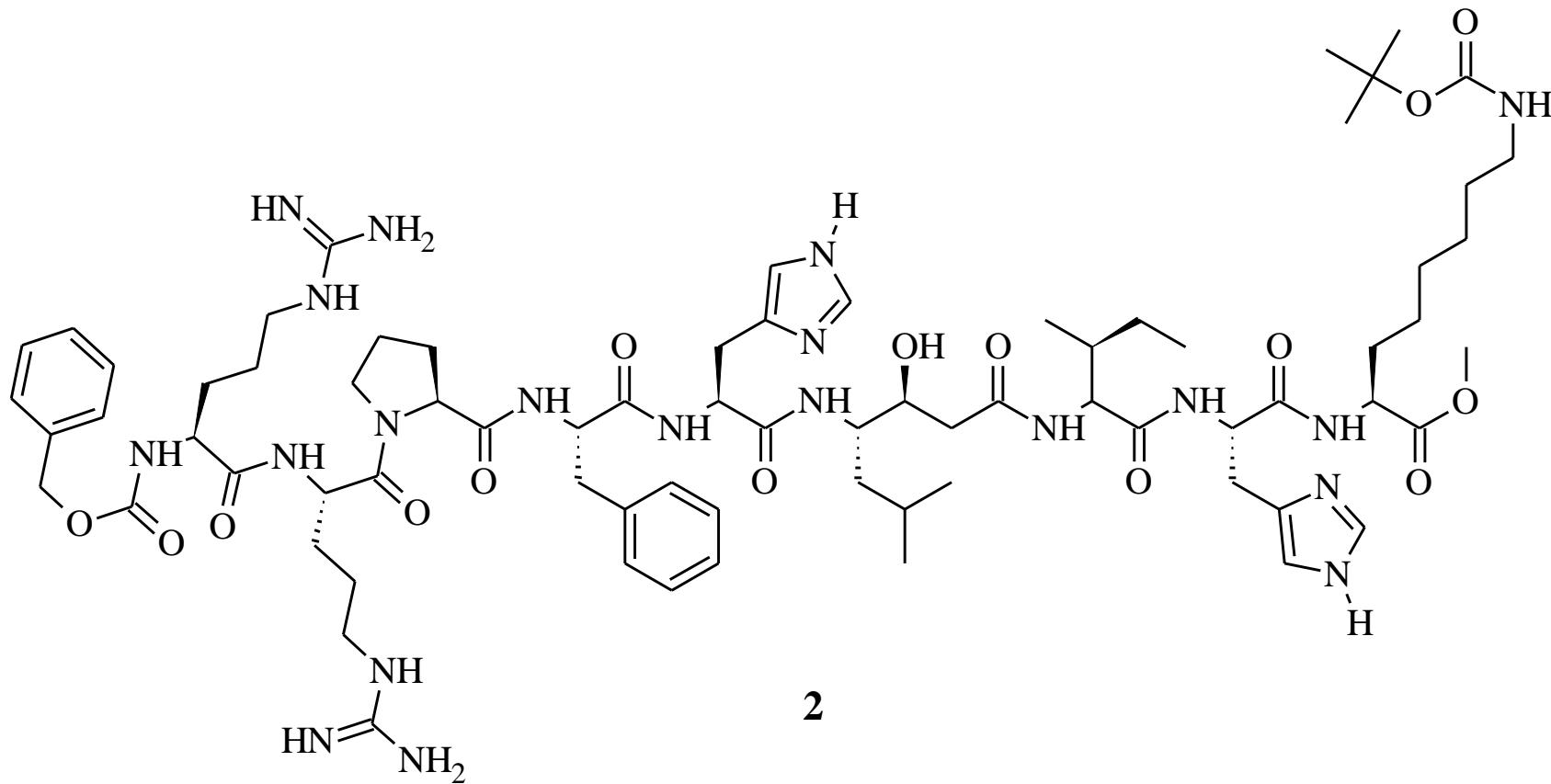
Aliskiren (Tekturna®/Rasilez® - Novartis)



Direct renin inhibitor for the treatment of hypertension

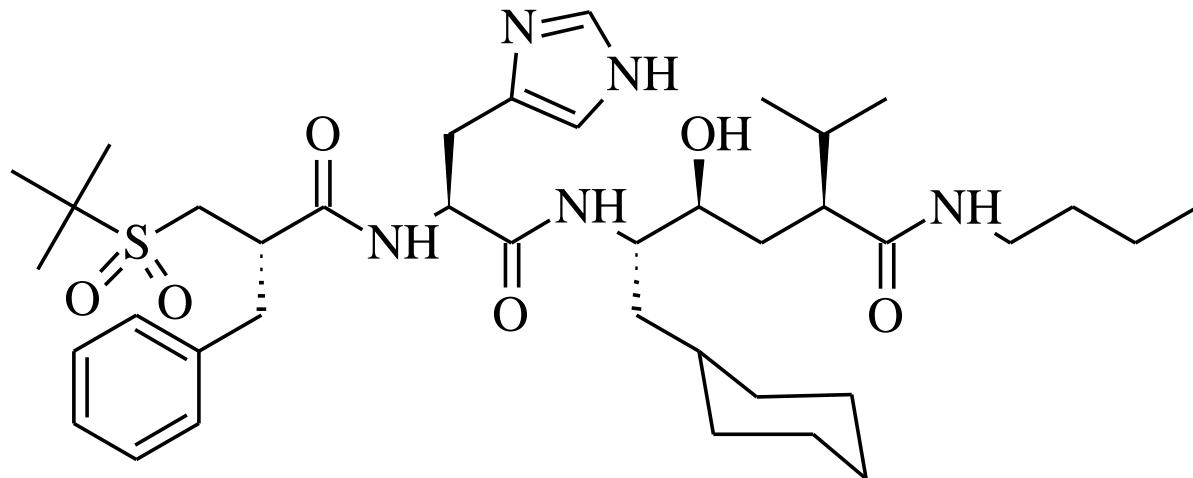
The renin-angiotensin system



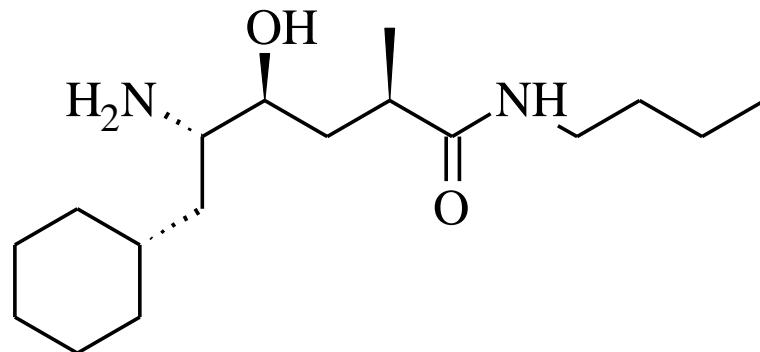


CGP29287 - p.o. active in monkeys

Keserű György Miklós *A gyógyszerkutatás kémiaja* Akadémiai Kiadó, Budapest, 2011

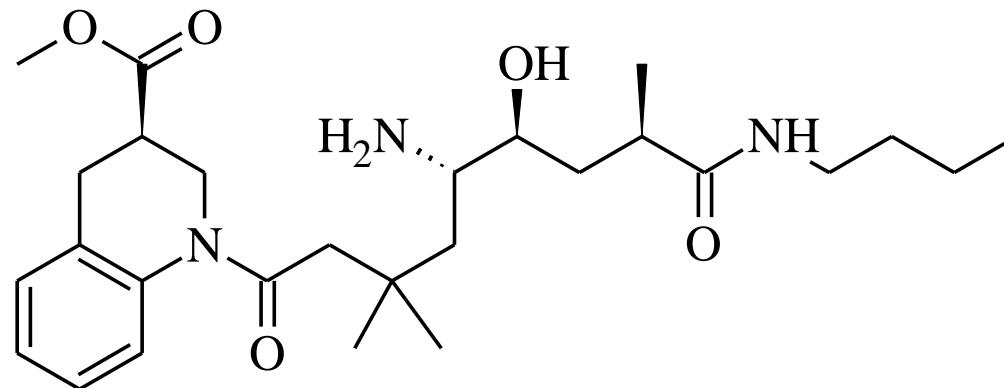


*CGP38560 - IC₅₀: 0.7 nM
p.o. active in man, but F: < 1%*



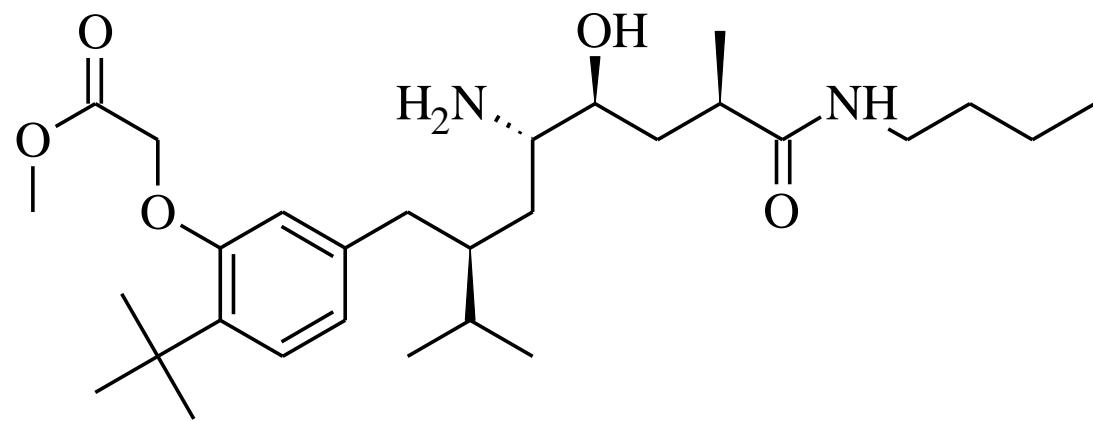
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IC_{50} : 30 μM

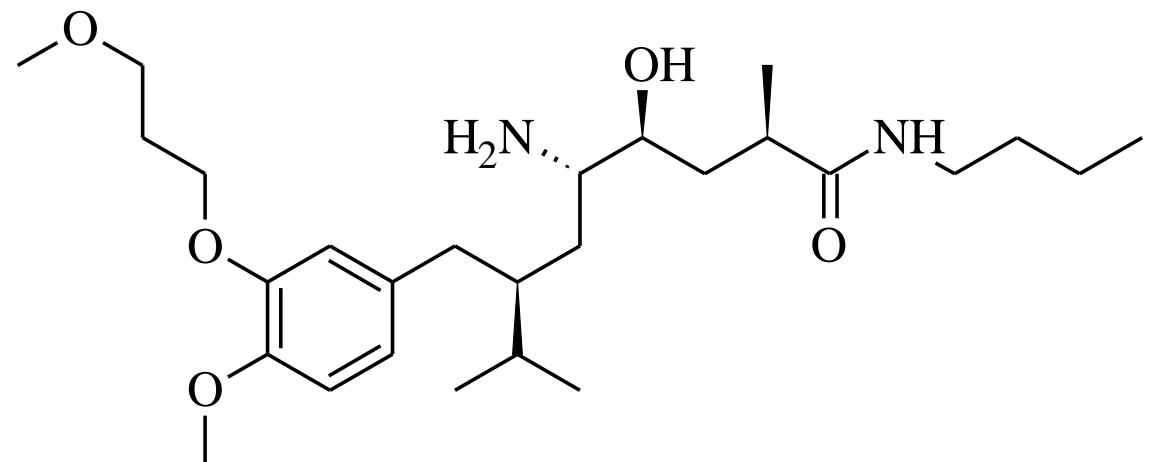


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IC_{50} : 0.8 nM

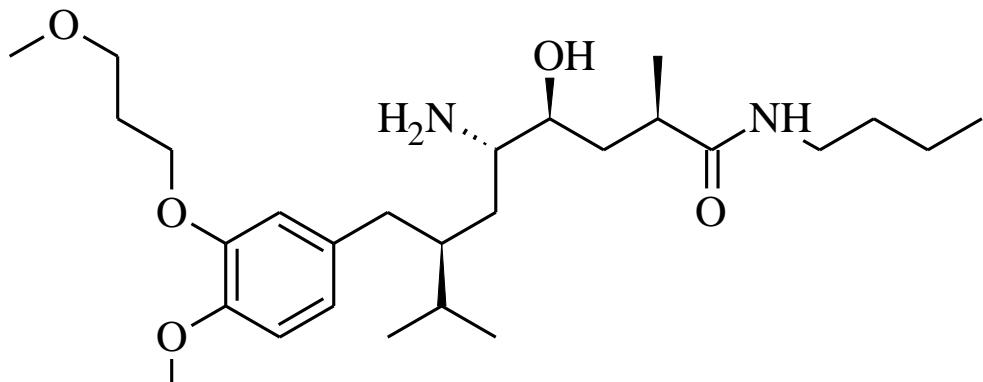


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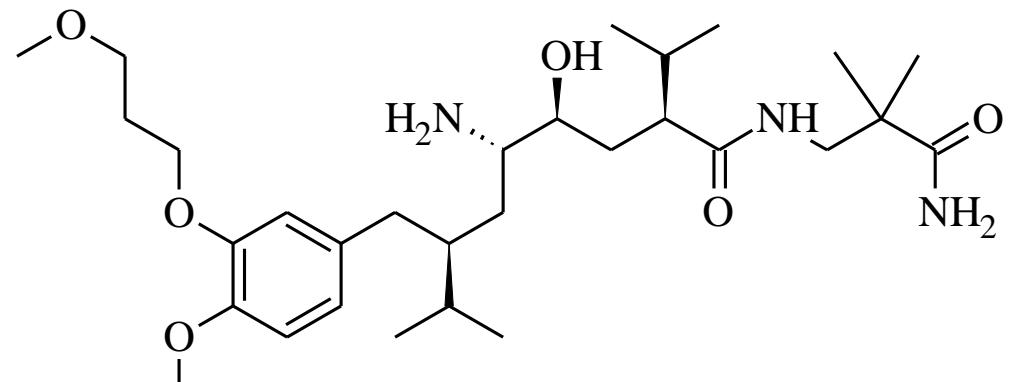


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IC_{50} : 1 nM



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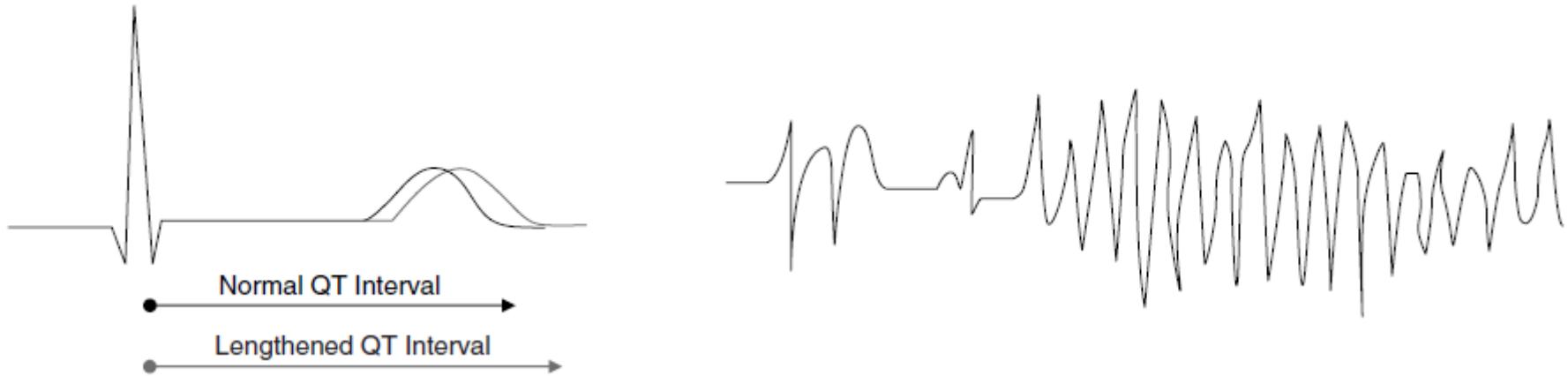


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$T_{1/2}: 40 \text{ h}$

hERG blocking effects

„If a compound binds within the hERG K⁺ channel, it can obstruct the flow of K⁺ ions out of the cell. This causes a slower outflow of K⁺ ions, thus lengthening the time required to repolarize the cell. From the ECG, it can be seen that the T event is delayed, thus lengthening the QT interval (long QT [LQT]). LQT may trigger life-threatening torsades de pointes (TdP) arrhythmia.“



Structure Modification Strategies to Reduce hERG Activity

Reduce the pK_a of the amine

Reduce lipophilicity

Reduce the number of substructures in the binding region

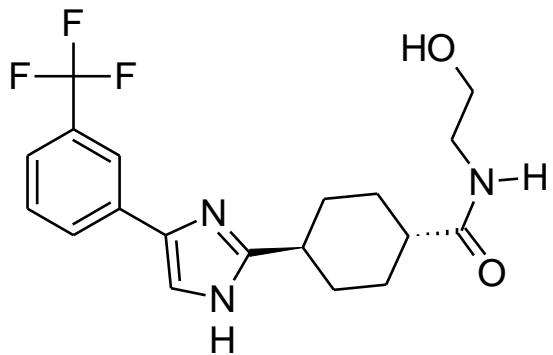
Add acid moiety

Add oxygen H-bond acceptors

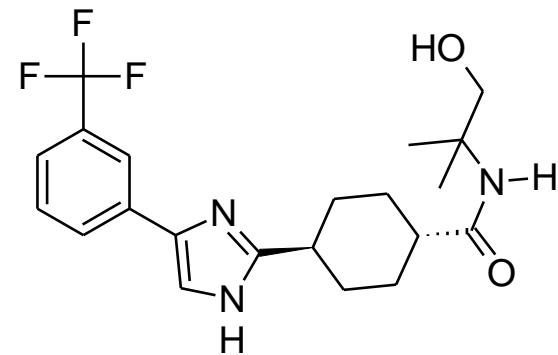
Rigidify linkers

hERG activity

Neuropeptide Y5 antagonists



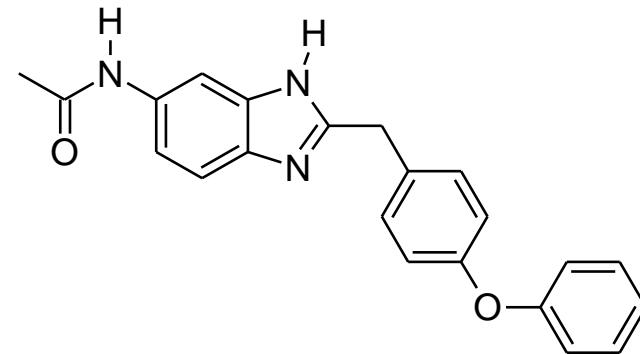
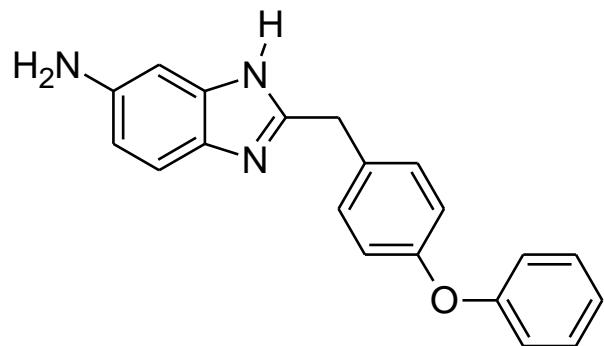
hERG: 87% @ 3 μ M
 IC_{50} : 11 nM
clogP: 2,65
 pK_a : 5,66



hERG: 6% @ 3 μ M
 IC_{50} : 2,8 nM
clogP: 3,36
 pK_a : 5,67

hERG activity

NR2B selective NMDA antagonists

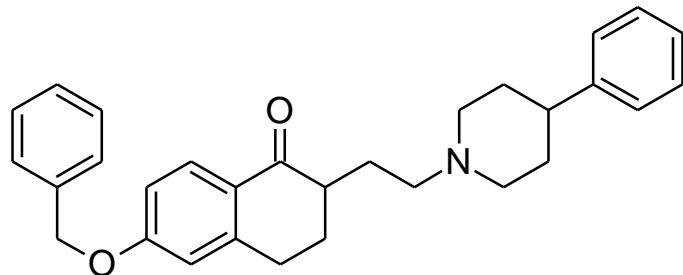


hERG- IC_{50} : 0,12 μM
 IC_{50} : 180 nM
clogP: 4,95
 pK_a : 6,79

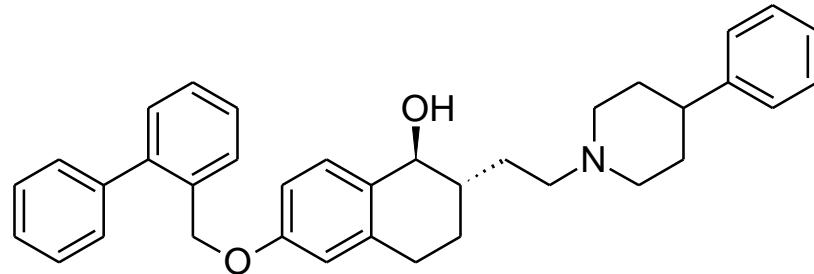
hERG- IC_{50} : 2,6 μM
 IC_{50} : 93 nM
clogP: 5,14
 pK_a : 5,49

hERG activity

I_{K_s} potassium channel antagonists



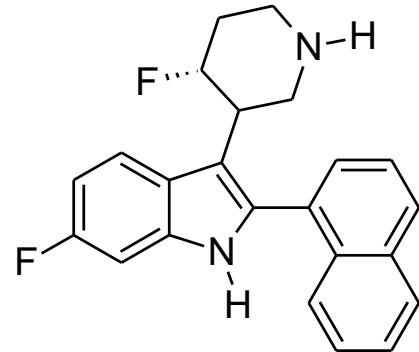
hERG- IC_{50} : 0,17 μM
főhatás- IC_{50} : 69 nM
clogP: 7,06
 pK_a : 9,14



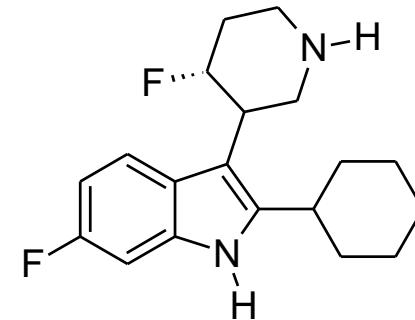
hERG- IC_{50} : 1,5 μM
főhatás- IC_{50} : 37 nM
clogP: 7,97
 pK_a : 9,34

hERG activity

5HT_{2A} receptor antagonists



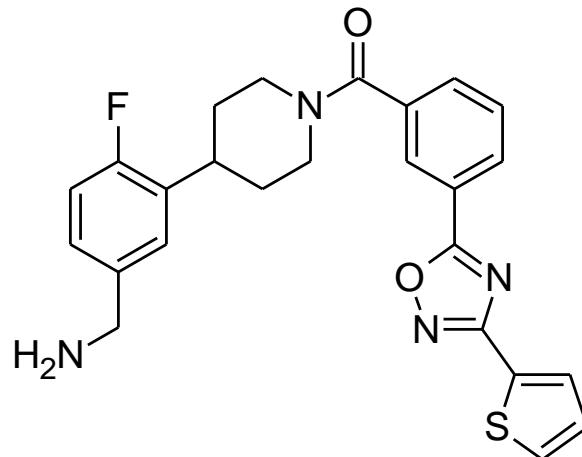
hERG-IC₅₀: 0,11 μM
IC₅₀: 0,34 nM
clogP: 5,46
pK_a: 9,00



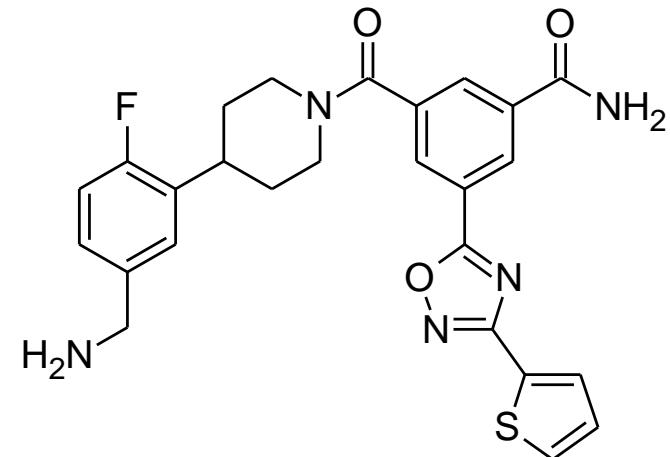
hERG-IC₅₀: 5,4 μM
IC₅₀: 0,25 nM
clogP: 5,06
pK_a: 9,11

hERG activity

β -triptase inhibitors



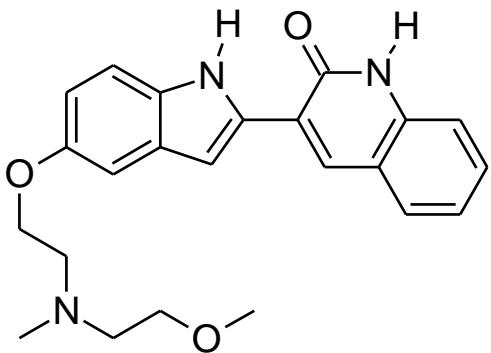
hERG- IC_{50} : 0,8 μ M
 IC_{50} : 4,3 nM
clogP: 3,82



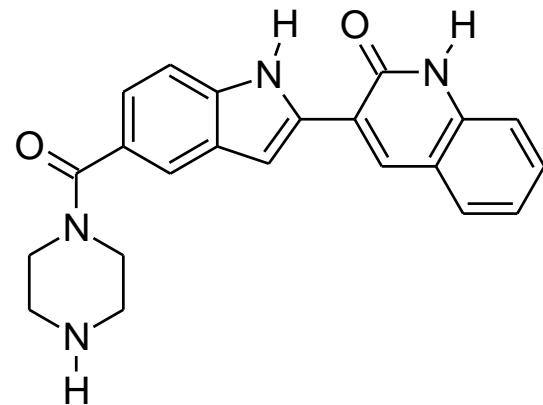
hERG- IC_{50} : 17,1 μ M
 IC_{50} : 1,3 nM
clogP: 2,73

hERG activity

VEGFR-2 tyrosine kinase inhibitors



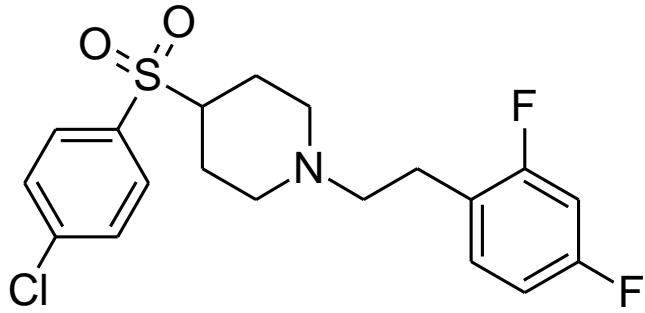
hERG- IC_{50} : 1,9 μM
 IC_{50} : 7 nM
clogP: 3,47
 pK_a : 7,86



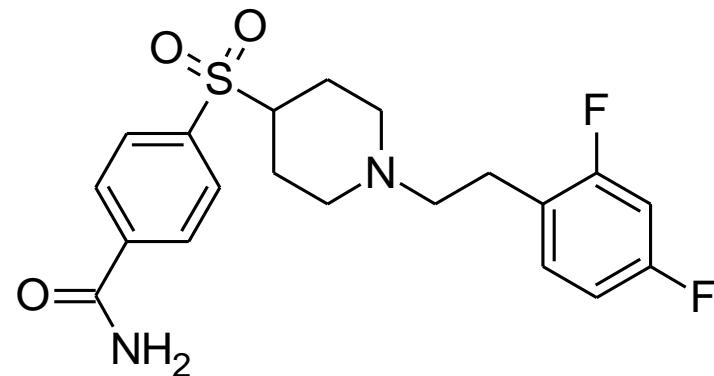
hERG- IC_{50} : >10 μM
 IC_{50} : 5 nM
clogP: 2,06
 pK_a : 7,71

hERG activity

5HT_{2A} receptor antagonists



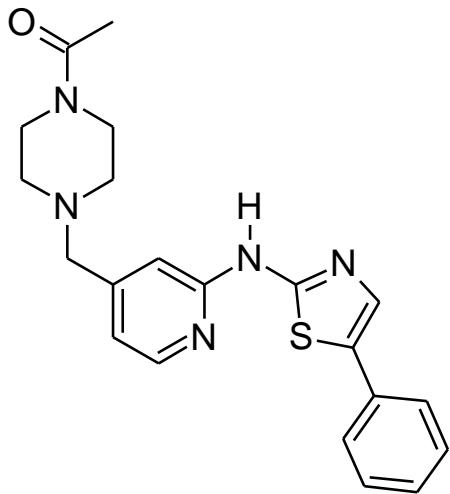
hERG-IC₅₀: 0,15 μM
IC₅₀: 1,4 nM
clogP: 3,78
pK_a: 7,38



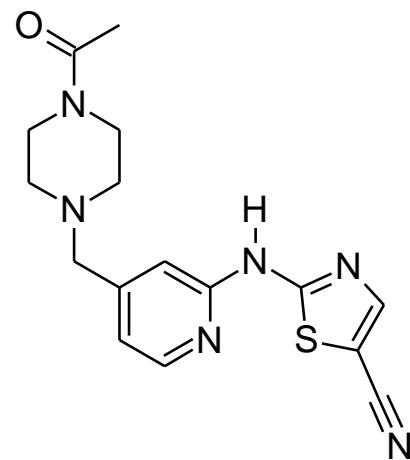
hERG-IC₅₀: 7,1 μM
IC₅₀: 0,52 nM
clogP: 1,85
pK_a: 7,33

hERG activity

VEGFR-2 tyrosine kinase inhibitors



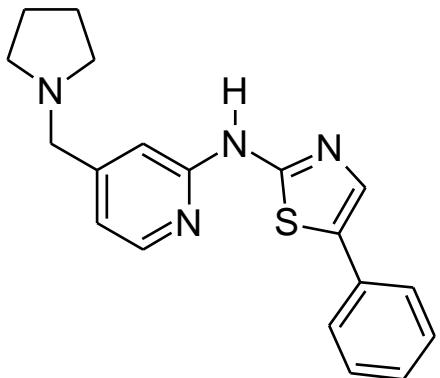
$hERG-IC_{50}$: 0,24 μM
 IC_{50} : 8 nM
clogP: 3,23
 pK_a : 4,80



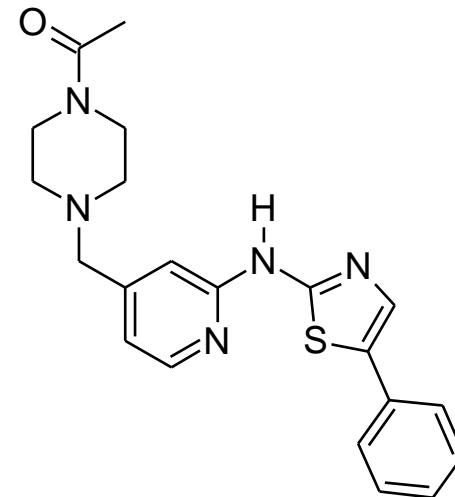
$hERG-IC_{50}$: 10,6 μM
 IC_{50} : 13 nM
clogP: 0,66
 pK_a : 4,40

hERG activity

VEGFR-2 tyrosine kinase inhibitors



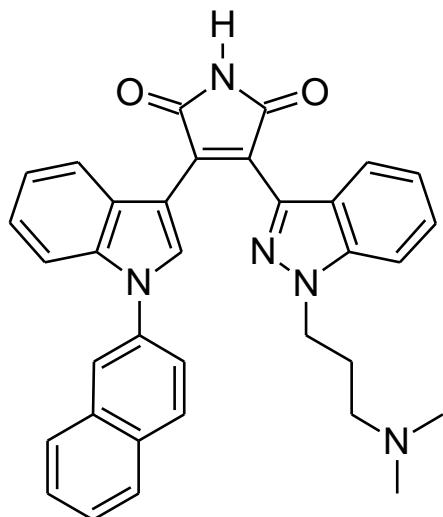
hERG- IC_{50} : 0,022 μM
főhatás- IC_{50} : 3 nM
clogP: 4,37
 pK_a : 8,87



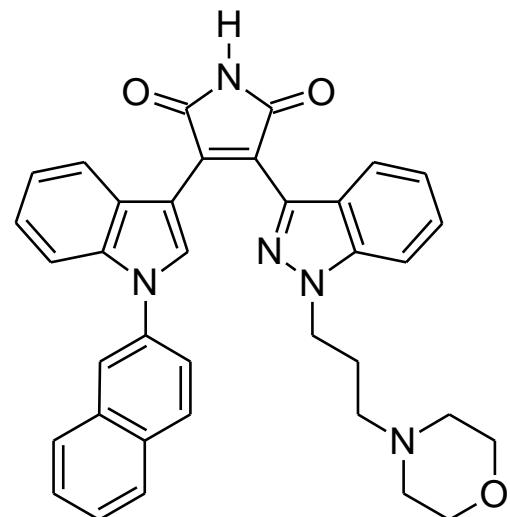
hERG- IC_{50} : 0,24 μM
főhatás- IC_{50} : 8 nM
clogP: 3,23
 pK_a : 4,80

hERG activity

Protein kinase C-β inhibitors



hERG- IC_{50} : 0,025 μM
 IC_{50} : 5 nM
clogP: 6,61
 pK_a : 9,41

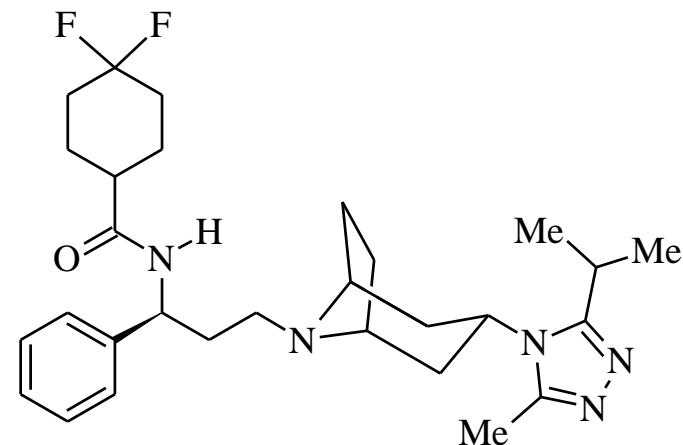


hERG- IC_{50} : 0,85 μM
 IC_{50} : 18 nM
clogP: 6,54
 pK_a : 7,45

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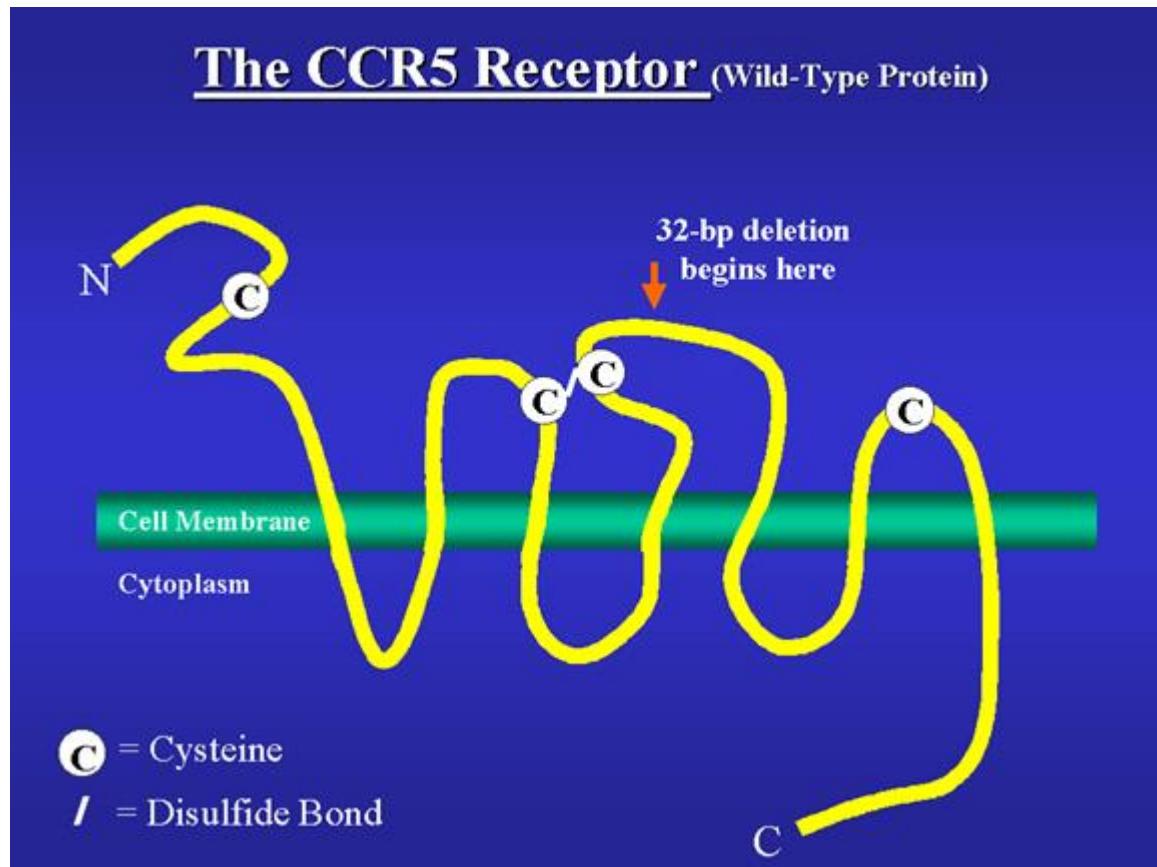
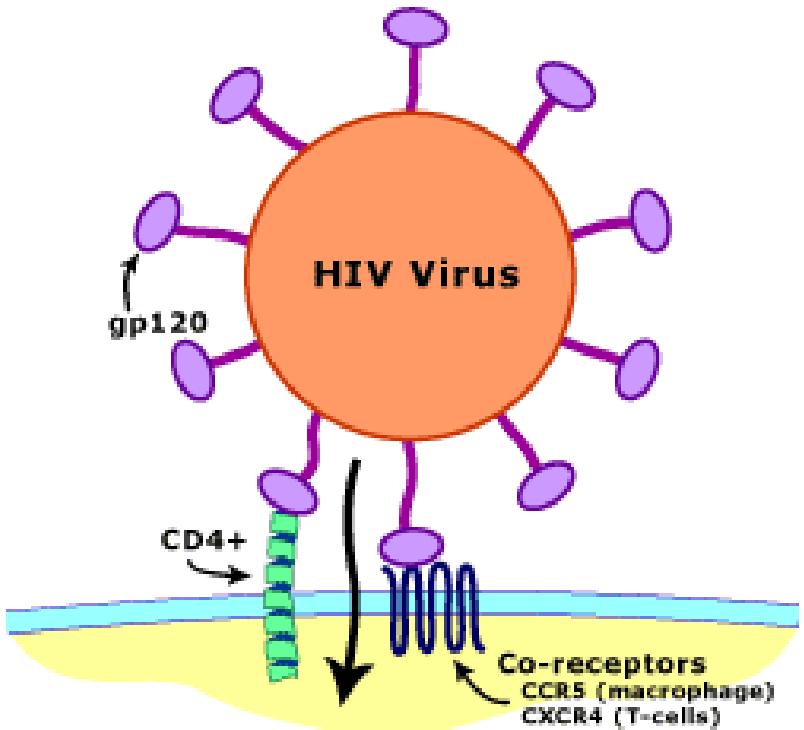
Maraviroc (Selzentry®/Celsentri® - Pfizer)



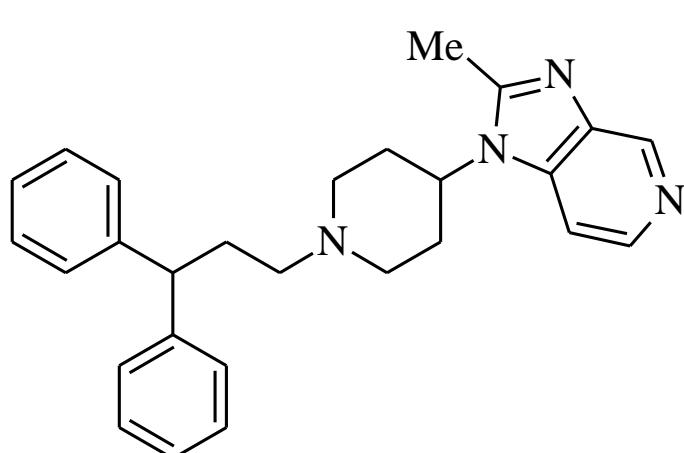
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CCR5 receptor antagonist for the treatment of HIV infection and AIDS

HIV virus and the CCR5 receptor

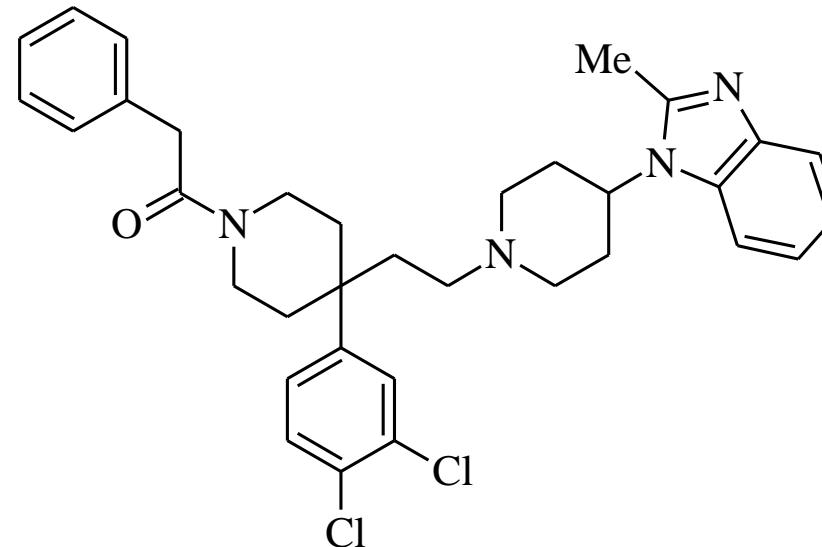


HTS hits



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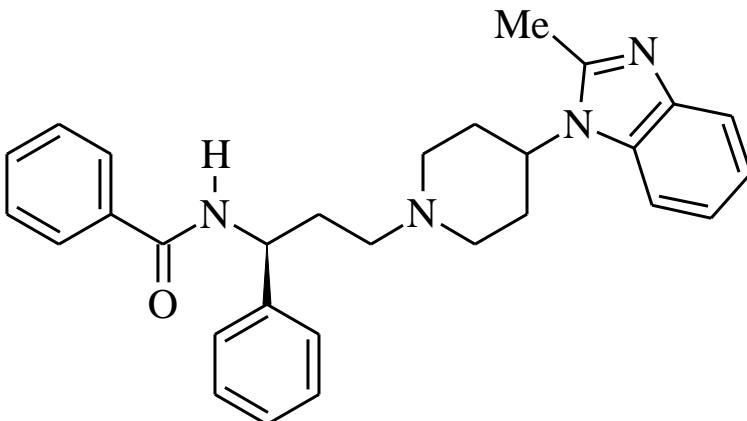
MIP-1 β IC₅₀: 0.4 μ M



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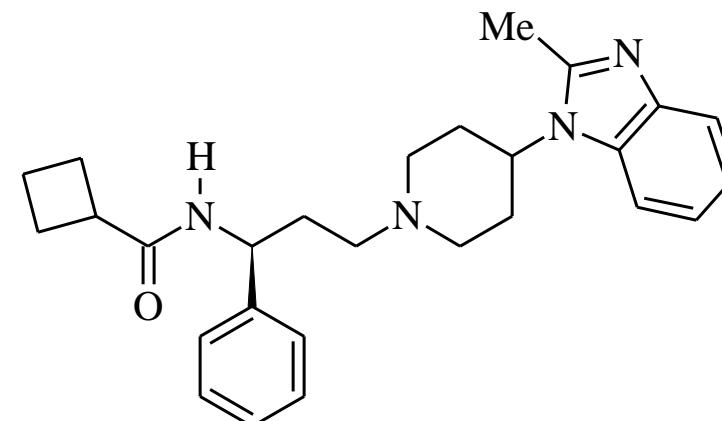
MIP-1 β IC₅₀: 1.1 μ M

Hit-to-lead (H2L)



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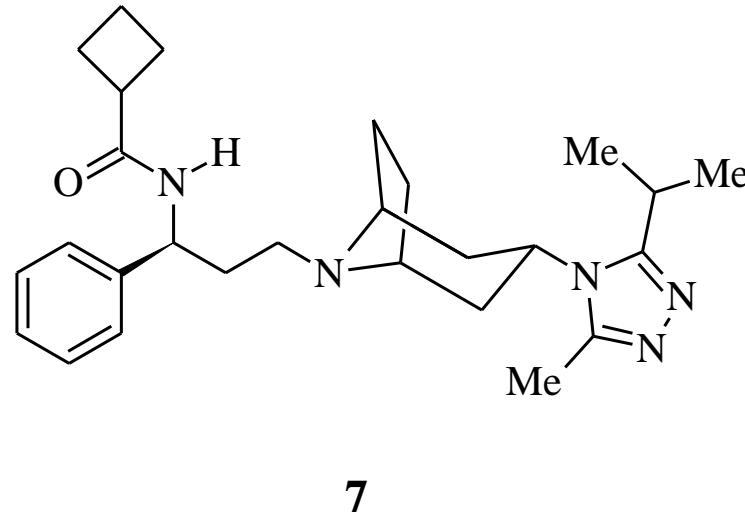
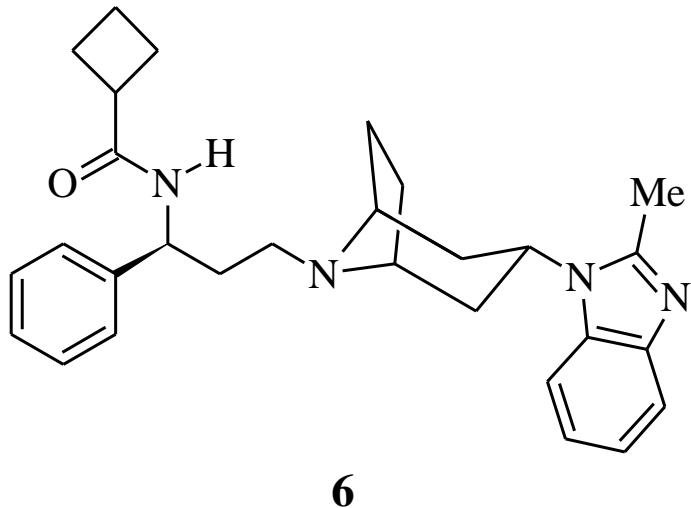
MIP-1 β IC₅₀: 13 nM
AV IC₅₀: 190 nM



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MIP-1 β IC₅₀: 20 nM
AV IC₅₀: 73 nM

Lead optimization (965 compounds in 2.5 years)



MIP-1 β IC₅₀: 2 nM

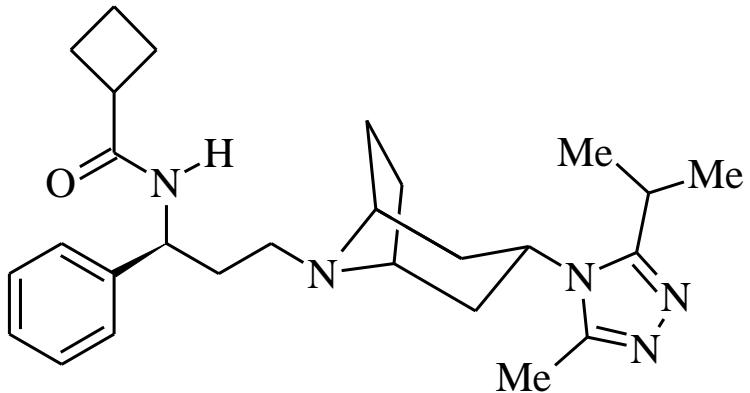
AV IC₅₀: 13 nM

hERG: 80%@300 nM

AV IC₅₀: 8 nM

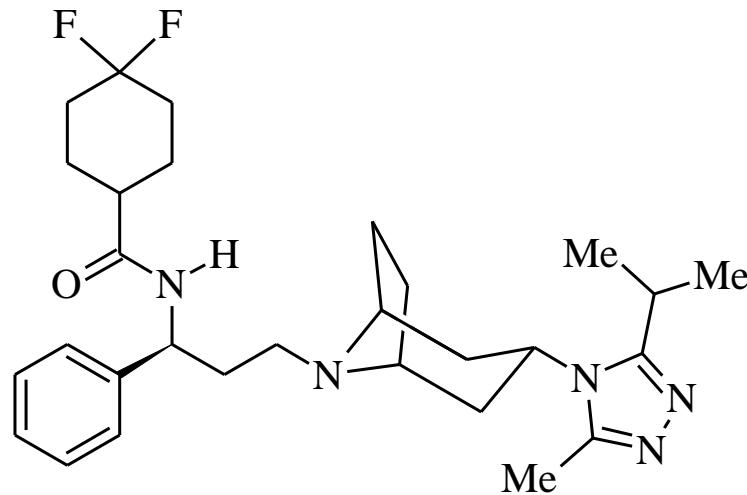
hERG: 30%@300 nM

The clinical candidate



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AV IC_{50} : 8 nM
hERG: 30%@300 nM



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MIP-1 β IC_{50} : 2 nM
AV IC_{50} : 1 nM
hERG: 0%@300 nM

Drug-drug interactions can occur when two drugs are coadministered and compete for the same enzyme. In cytochrome P450 (CYP) inhibition, one drug ("perpetrator") binds to the isozyme and the other drug ("victim") is excluded from metabolism, thus increasing to a toxic concentration.

Structure Modification Strategies to Reduce CYP Inhibition

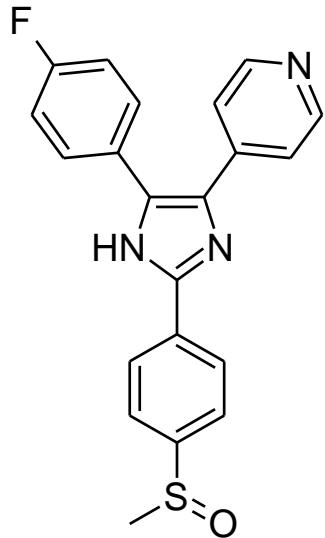
Decrease lipophilicity

Add steric hindrance para to nitrogen

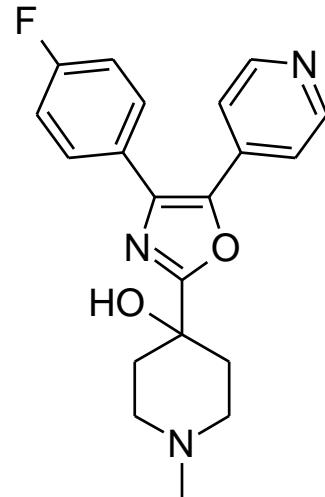
Reduce pK_a of the nitrogen

CYP interaction

p38 Map kinase inhibitors



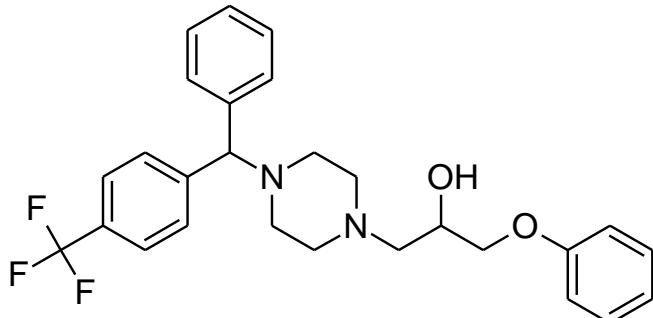
p38α IC₅₀: 0.45 μM
COX-1 IC₅₀: 5 μM
3A4 IC₅₀: < 2 μM
2D6 IC₅₀: > 100 μM
2C9 IC₅₀: < 2 μM
1A2 IC₅₀: 4 μM



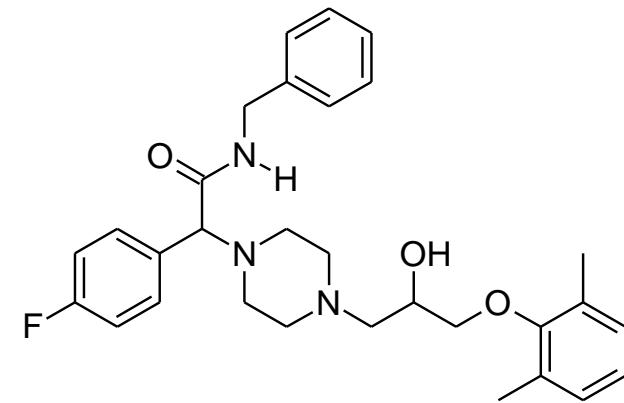
p38α IC₅₀: 0.35 μM
COX-1 IC₅₀: > 100 μM
3A4 IC₅₀: 100 μM
2D6 IC₅₀: 22 μM
2C9 IC₅₀: > 100 μM
1A2 IC₅₀: > 100 μM

CYP interaction

Sodium channel blockers

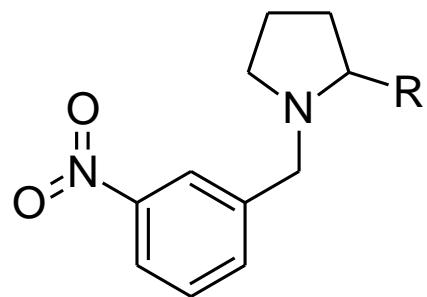


IC_{50} : 893 nM
2D6: 86% @ 2 μ M

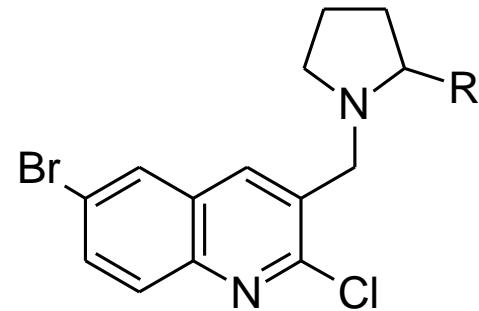


IC_{50} : 149 nM
2D6: 20% @ 2 μ M

CYP interaction



GPCR IC₅₀: 0,33 μM
2D6 IC₅₀: < 0,05 μM



GPCR IC₅₀: 0,19 μM
2D6 IC₅₀: 22 μM

Drug-induced phospholipidosis is characterized by intracellular accumulation of phospholipids with lamellar bodies, most likely from an impaired phospholipid metabolism of the lysosome. Organs affected by phospholipidosis exhibit inflammatory reactions and histopathological changes. Despite significant advances in the understanding of drug-altered lipid metabolism, the relationship between impaired phospholipid metabolism and drug-induced toxicity remains enigmatic.

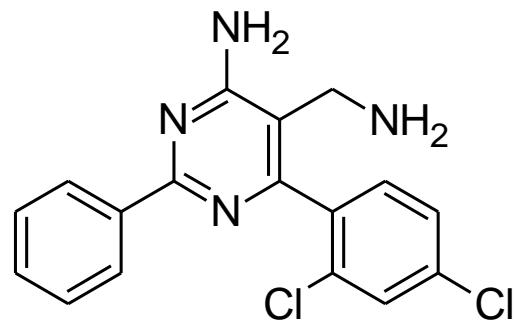
Structure Modification Strategies to Reduce Phospholipidosis Liability

$(\text{clogP})^2 + (\text{cpK}_a)^2 < 50$ (providing $\text{pK}_a > 6$; $\text{clogP} > 2$)

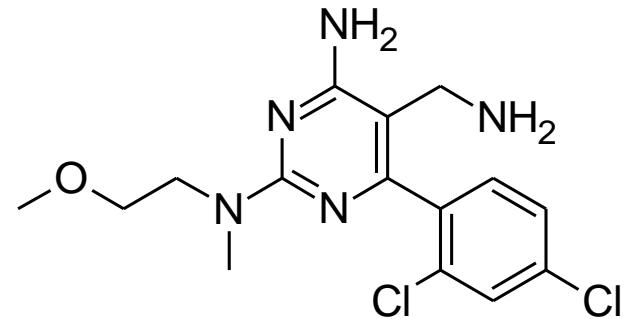
$\text{pK}_a < 6$, $\text{clogP} < 2$, net charge (NC) < 1

Phospholipidosis

DPP-IV inhibitors



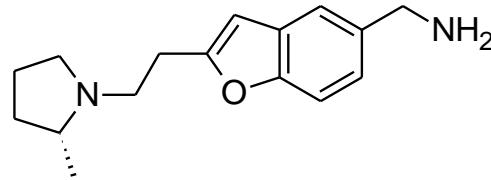
phospholipidosis at 2.5 μM
in cultured fibroblasts



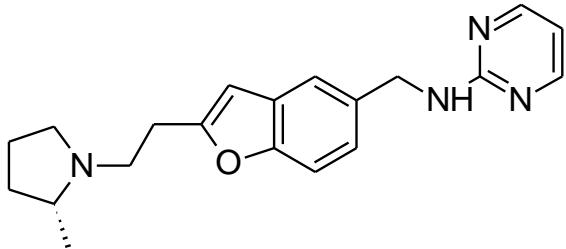
no phospholipidosis at 20 μM

Phospholipidosis

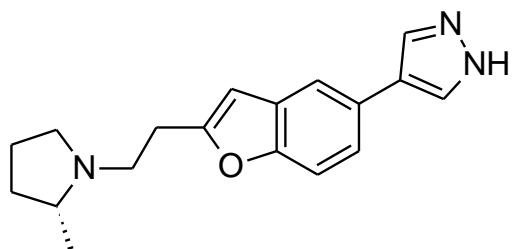
Histamine H3 inverse agonists



Amiodarone index: 1.22
in primary rat hepatocyte culture



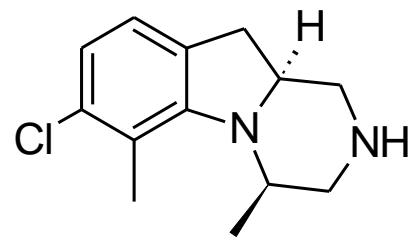
Amiodarone index: 0.42



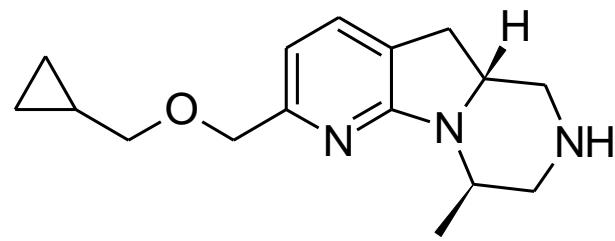
no phospholipidosis at 200 μ M

Phospholipidosis

5HT_{2c} agonists



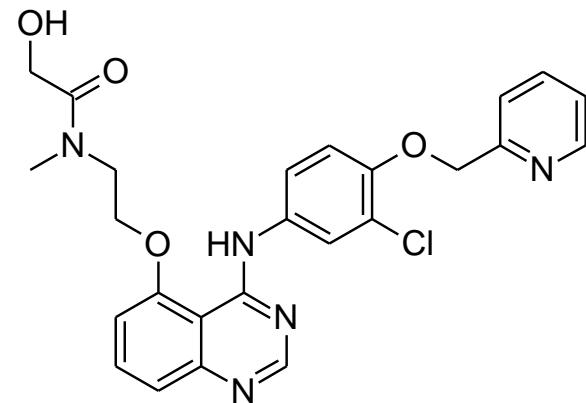
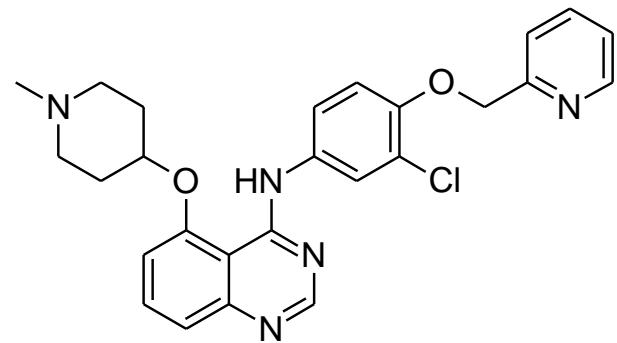
phospholipidosis at 7.5 μM
in cultured fibroblasts



no phospholipidosis at 20 μM

Phospholipidosis

erbB2 receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitors



logD: > 3.5; pK_a: 8.1

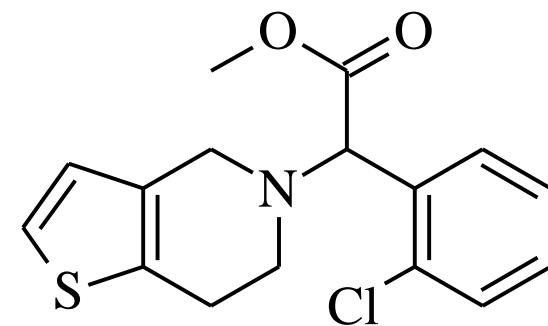
in vivo phospholipidosis in rats

no phospholipidosis in 14 day
rat tox. study

OPTIMIZATION OF THE LEAD COMPOUND

Case studies

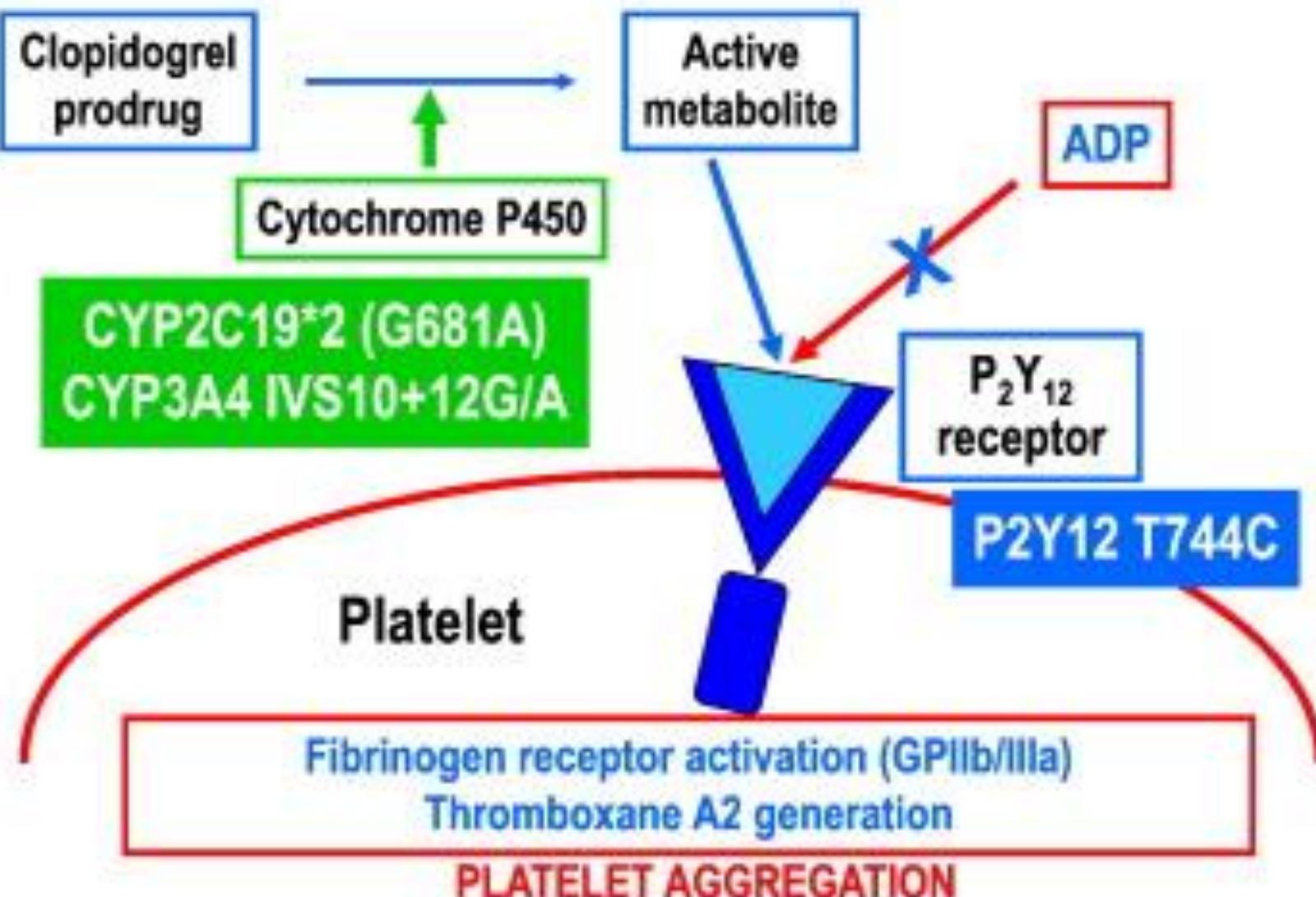
Clopidogrel (Plavix® - Sanofi)

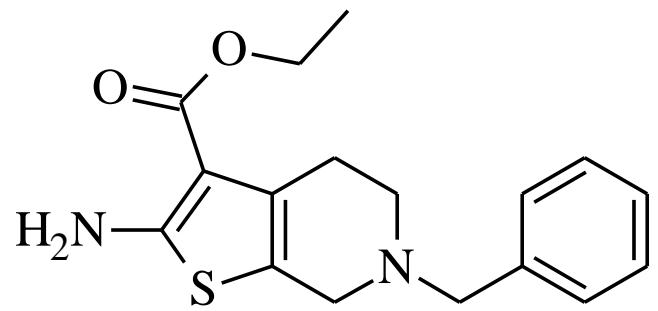


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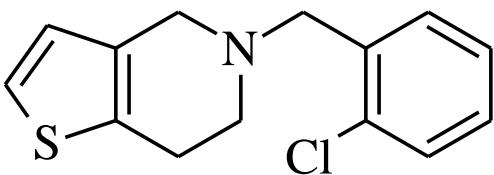
Inhibitor of adenosine diphosphate (ADP)-induced platelet aggregation
for the treatment of atherothrombosis

Mechanism of action of Clopidogrel

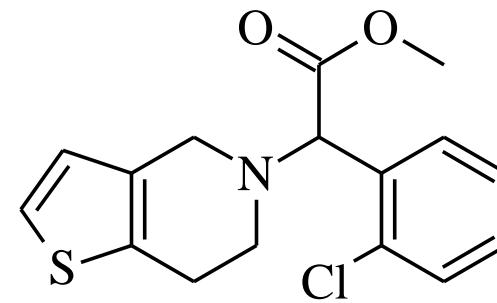




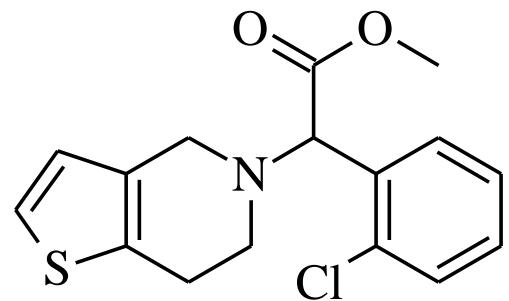
Tinoridine (1970)
gyulladásgátló



Ticlopidine (1972)
gátolja az ADP által
kiváltott vérlemezke
aggregációt

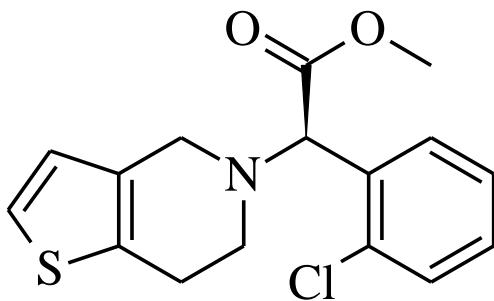


(1980)



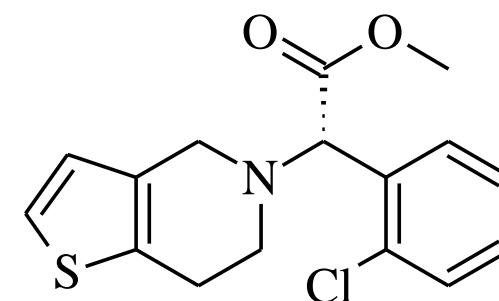
.HCl

solid
development stopped
in 1987



.H₂SO₄

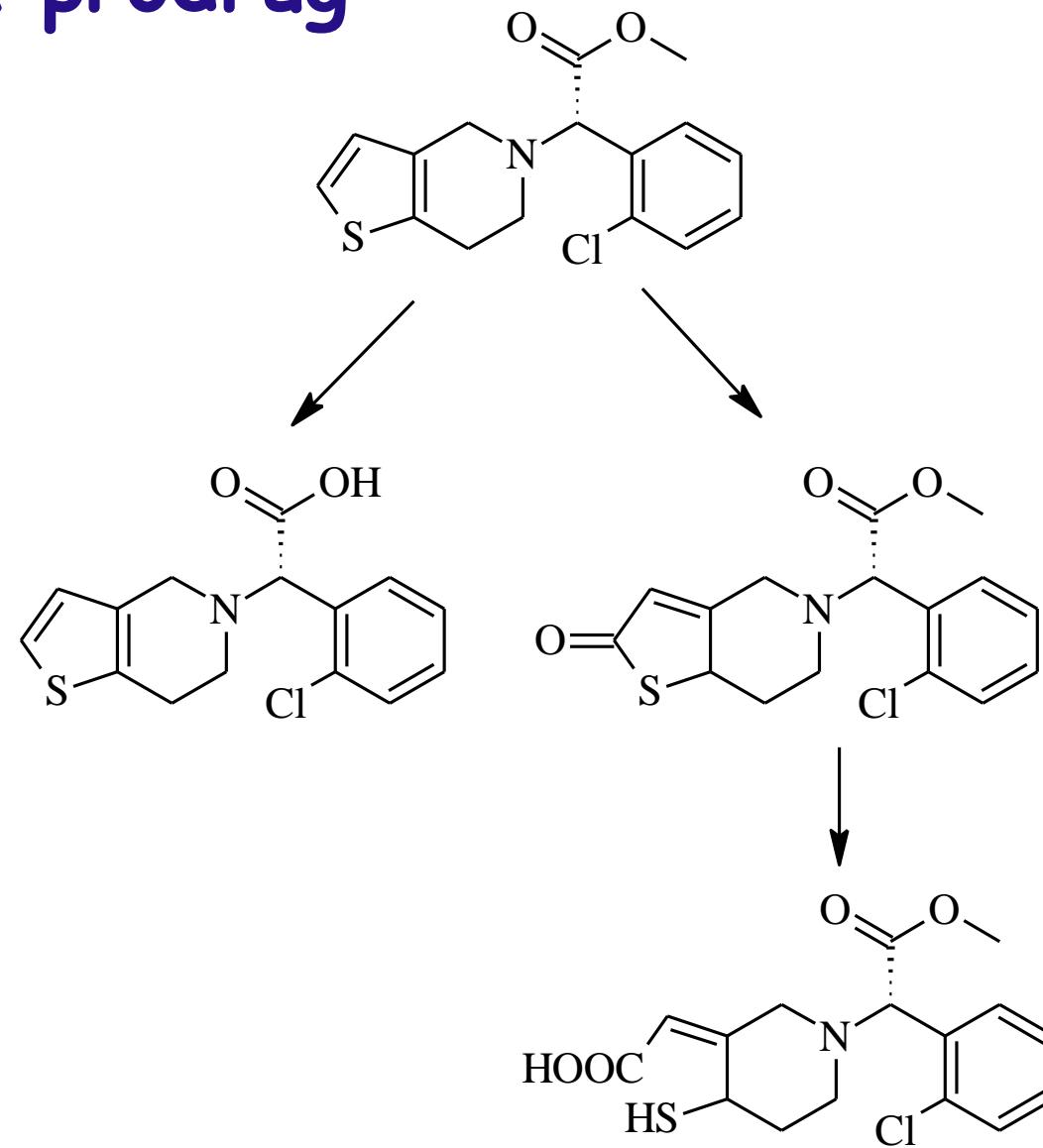
inactive, but toxic



.H₂SO₄

clopidogrel

Clopidogrel - a prodrug



Toxicity

The degree to which a substance (a toxin or poison) can harm humans or animals.

Acute toxicity involves harmful effects in an organism through a single or short-term exposure.

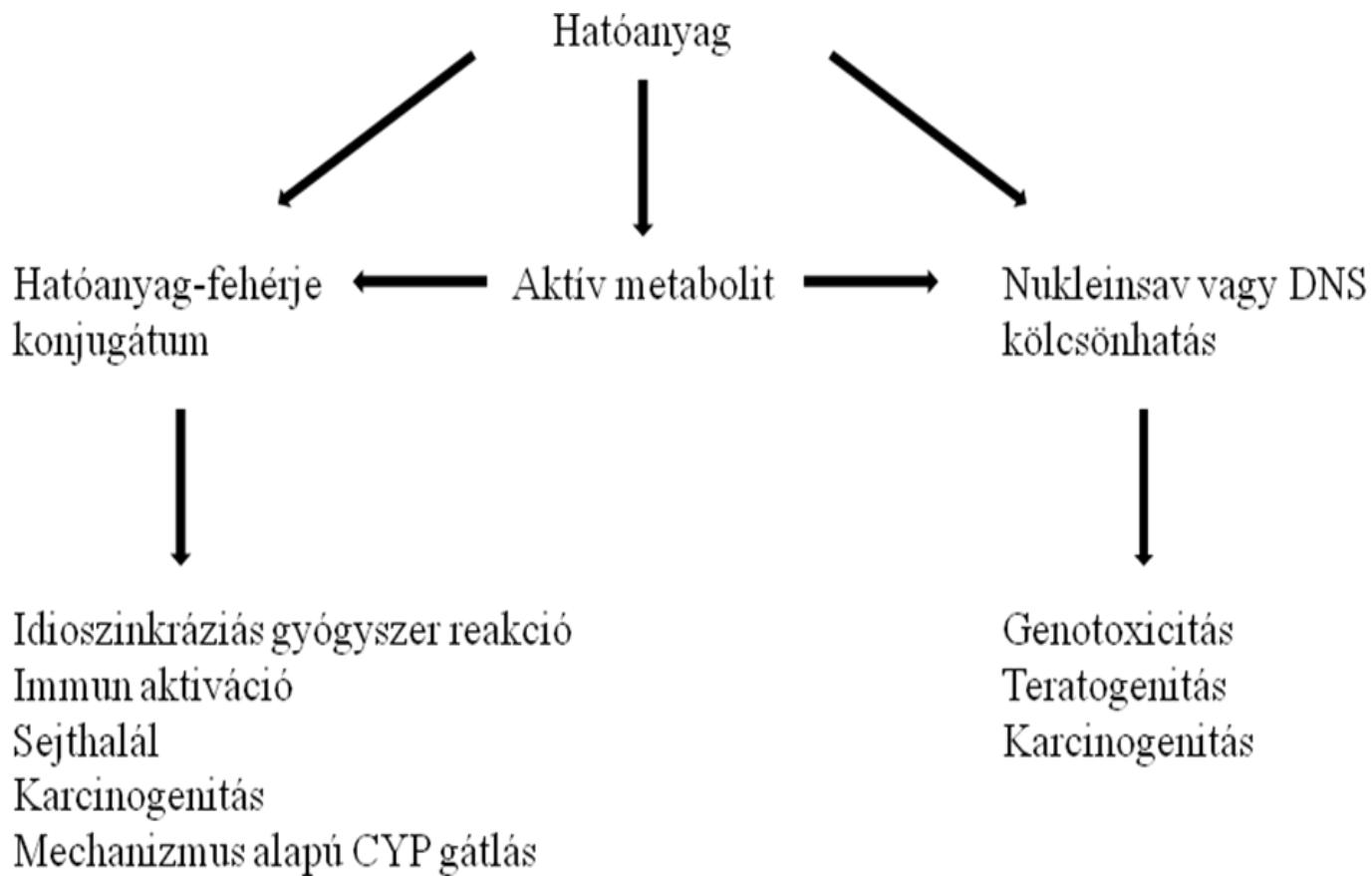
Sub-chronic toxicity is the ability of a toxic substance to cause effects for more than one year but less than the lifetime of the exposed organism.

Chronic toxicity is the ability of a substance or mixture of substances to cause harmful effects over an extended period, usually upon repeated or continuous exposure, sometimes lasting for the entire life of the exposed organism.

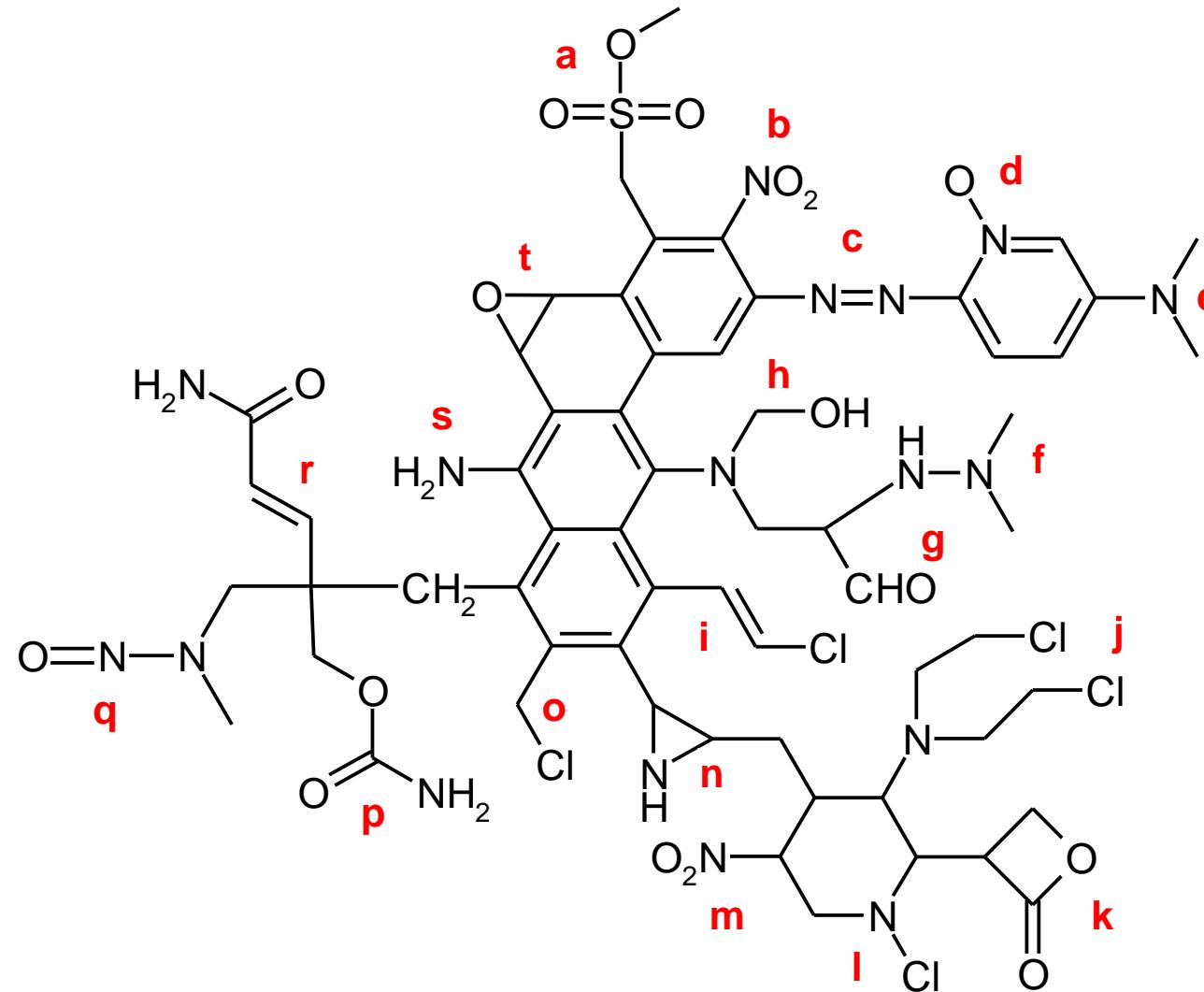
Toxicity

Almost 500 years ago, Paracelsus acknowledged that the subtle distinction between whether a given compound acts as a drug or poison is often determined by the dose at which it is given.

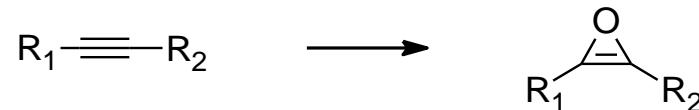
Toxicity



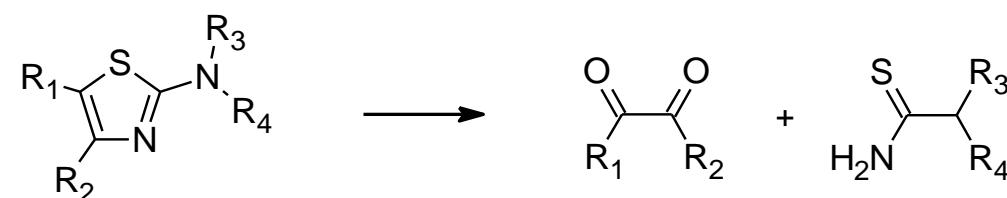
Toxicity



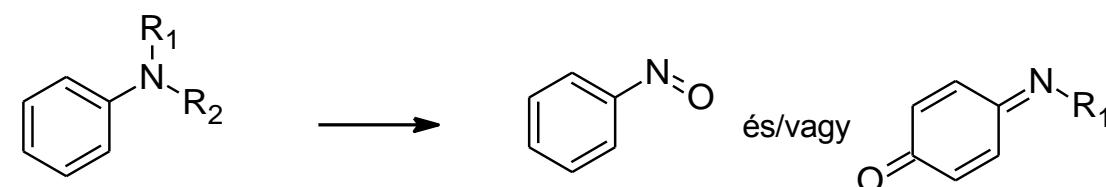
Toxicity



ahol R_1 = alkil vagy aril; R_2 = H, alkil vagy aril

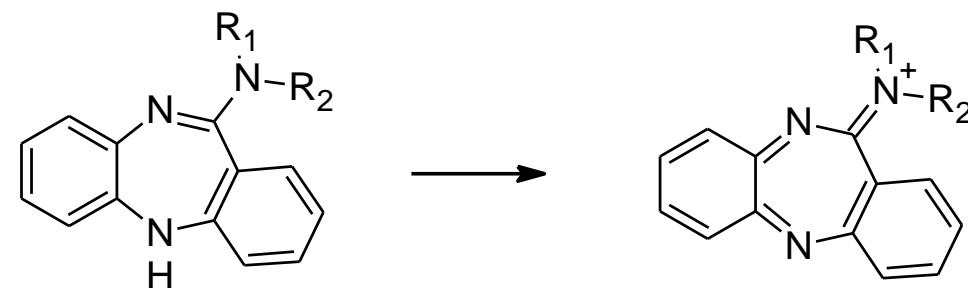
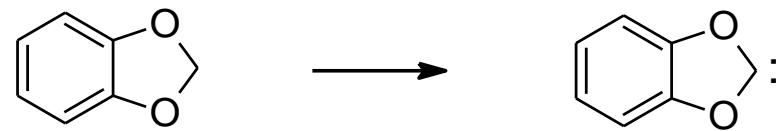


ahol $\text{R}_1\text{-R}_4$ = H vagy alkil

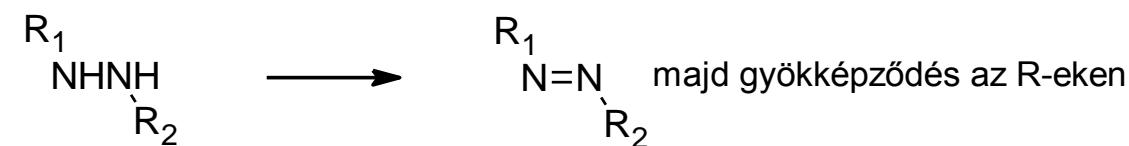


ahol R_1, R_2 = H, alkil, acil, aril stb.

Toxicity

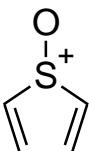
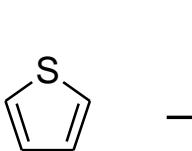


ahol R₁, R₂ = H, cikloalkil

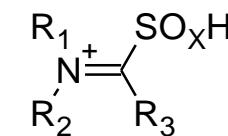
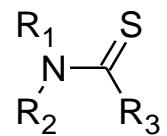
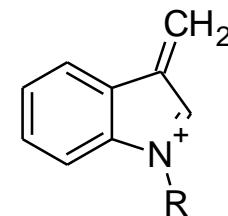
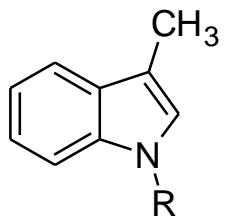


ahol R₁, R₂ = alkil, aril

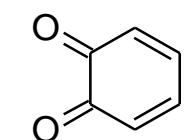
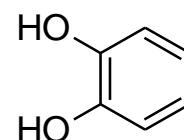
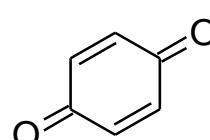
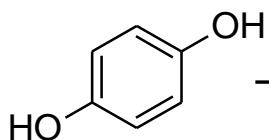
Toxicity



$X = O$ vagy S



$R_1, R_2 = H, \text{alkil, aril}; R_3 = N \text{ vagy } C; x = 1-3$



Aromaticity and Druglikeness

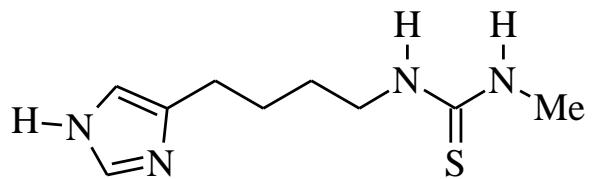
Number of aromatic rings	1	2	3	4	5
clogP	1.9	2.9	3.7	4.4	5.1
LogD _{7.4}	1.3	2.1	2.4	2.7	2.9
Serum albumin binding (%)	78	88	93	96	96
Aqueous solubility (ug/ml)	100	79	57	36	28
P450 3A4 inhibition (pIC ₅₀)	4.7	4.9	5.2	5.4	5.6
hERG inhibition (pIC ₅₀)	5.2	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.5

Timothy J. Ritchie and Simon J.F. MacDonald *Drug Discovery Today* 14, (21/22)
1011-1020 (2009)

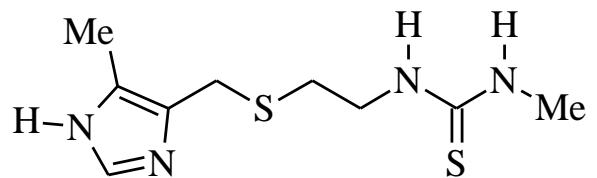
Discovery of anti-ulcer histamine H₂ receptor antagonists

Fischer, J. ; Ganellin, C.R. *Analogue-based Drug Discovery*, Wiley-VCH, Weinheim, 2006

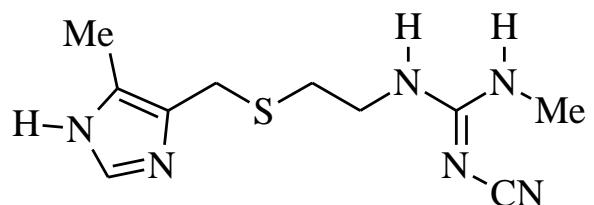
Smith Kline & French



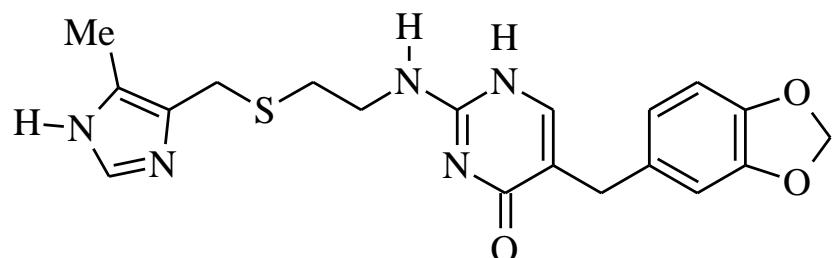
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metiamide

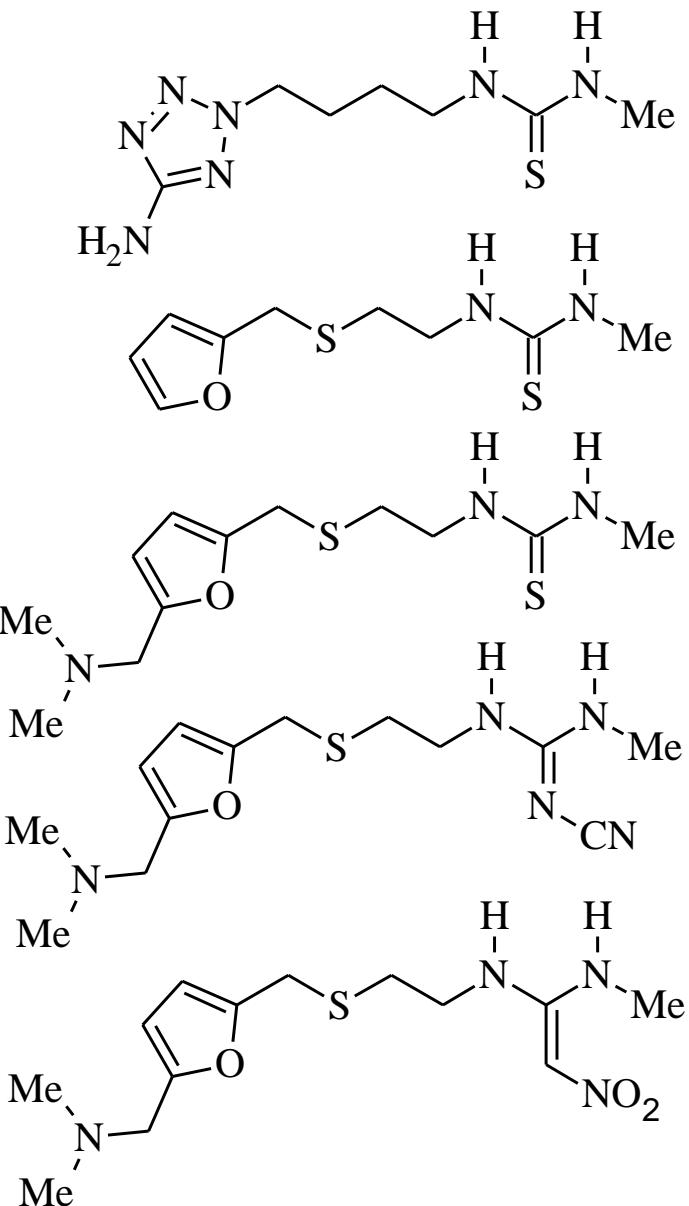


cimetidine
(Tagamet® 1976)



oxmetidine

Allen and Hanburys (Glaxo Group)



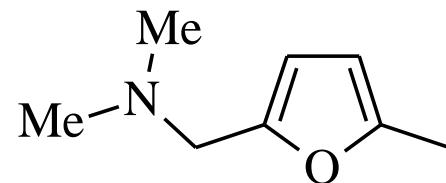
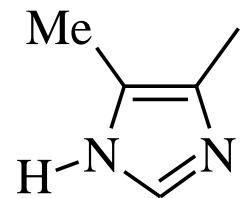
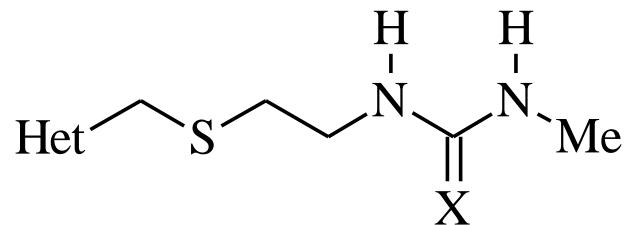
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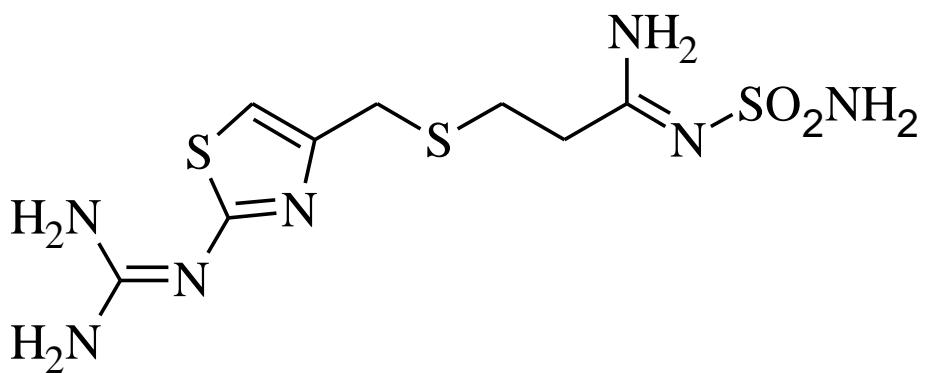
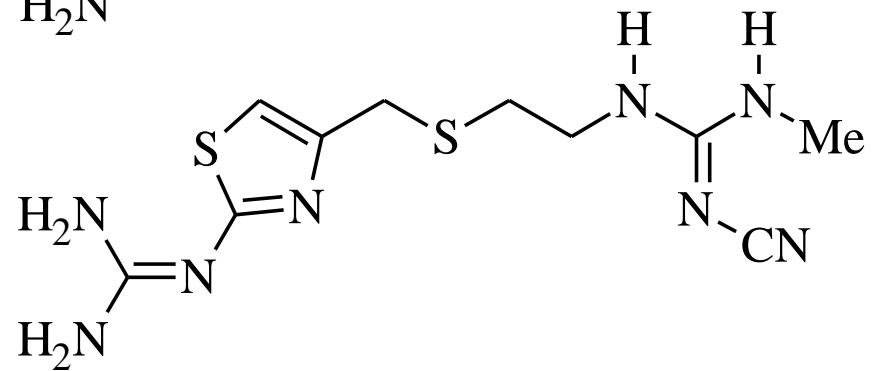
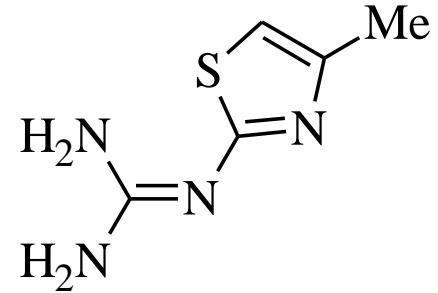
AH 18801

AH 19065 - ranitidine
(Zantac® 1981)



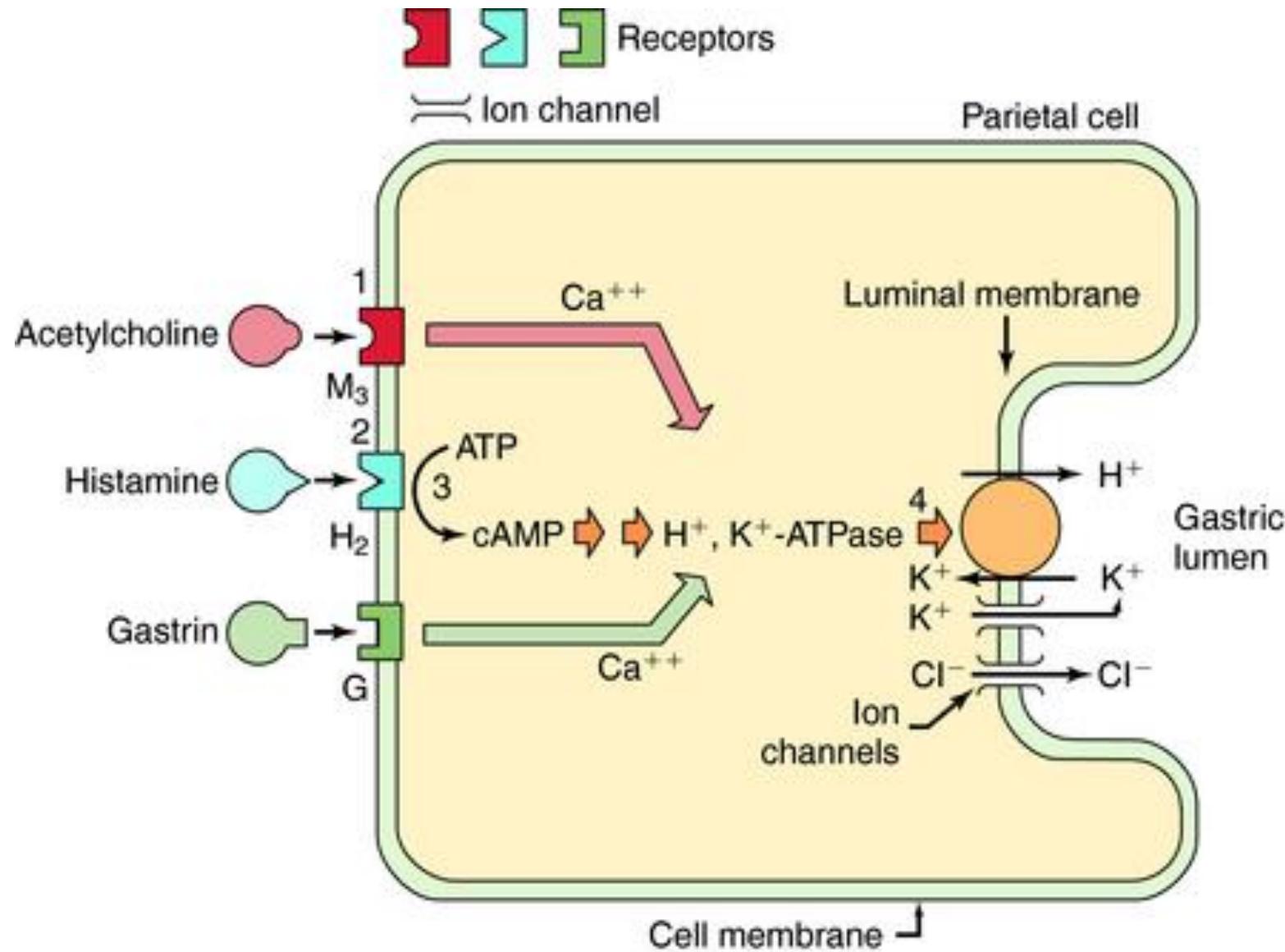
X	imidazole ED_{50} (mg/kg)	furan ED_{50} (mg/kg)
S	0.52	2.32
NCN	1.12 (c)	1.39
CHNO_2	1.75	0.18 (r)

Yamanouchi



tiotidine

famotidine
(Gaster® 1985)



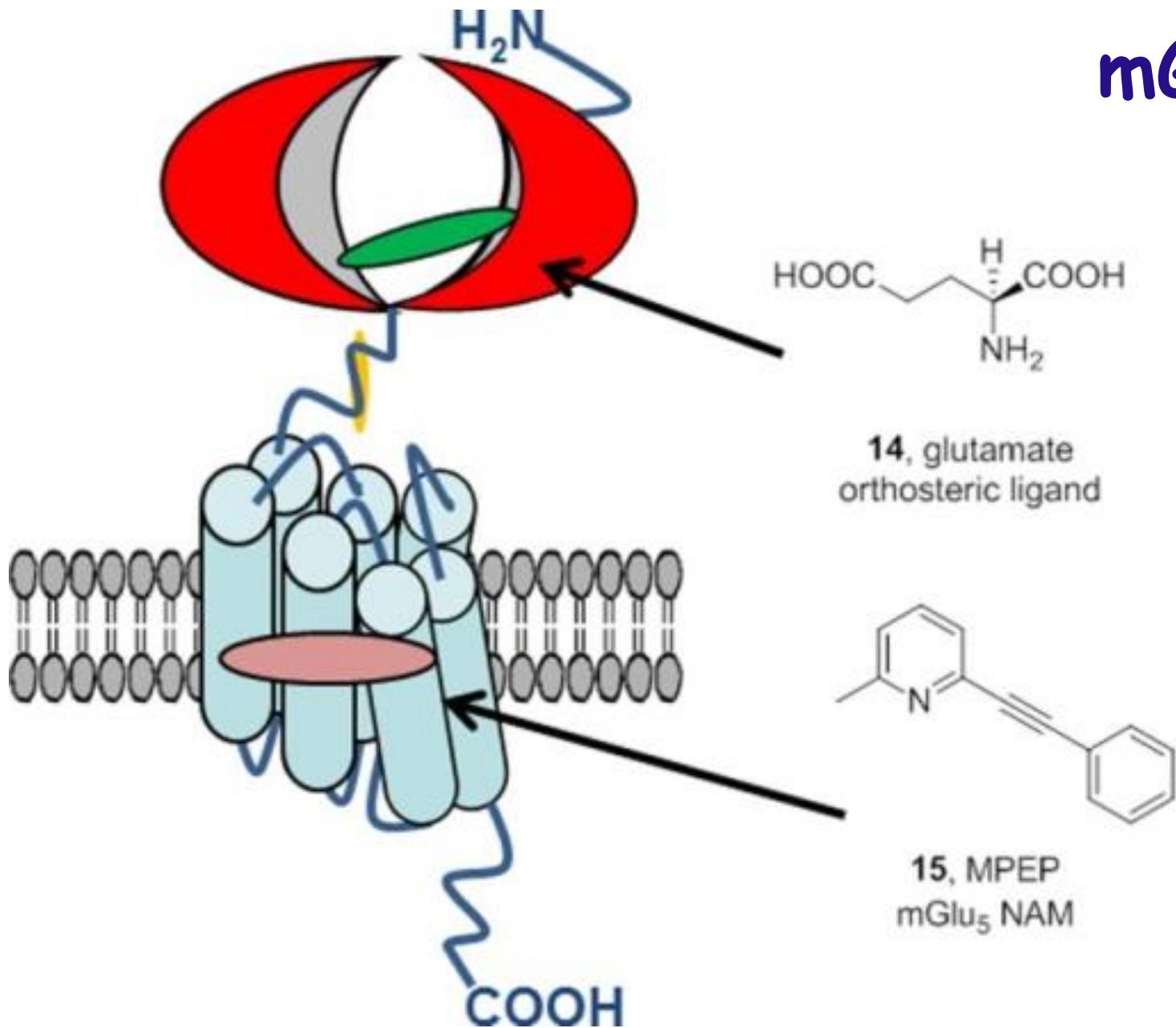
Drug	daily dose (mg)	MW
Cimetidine	800	252
Ranitidine	300	314
Famotidine	40	337

Domány, Gy., Galambos, J., Gál, K.

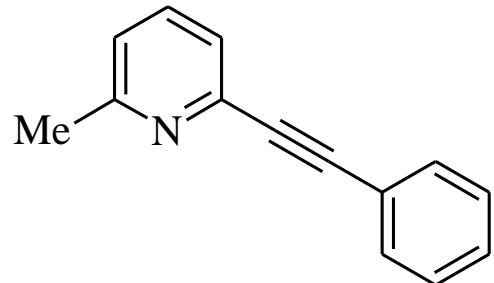
*A metabotróp glutaminsav receptor 5 negatív
allosztérikus modulátorainak kutatása*

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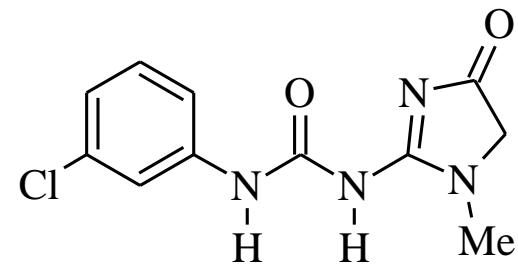
mGluR5 receptor



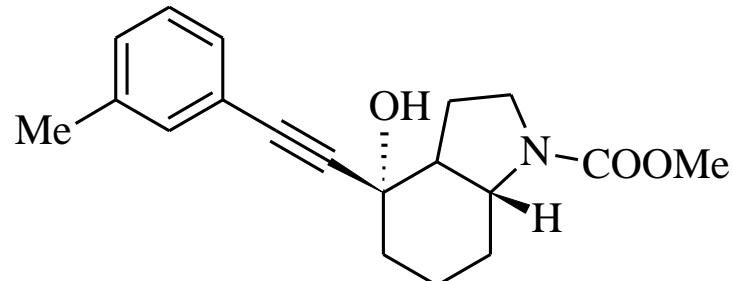
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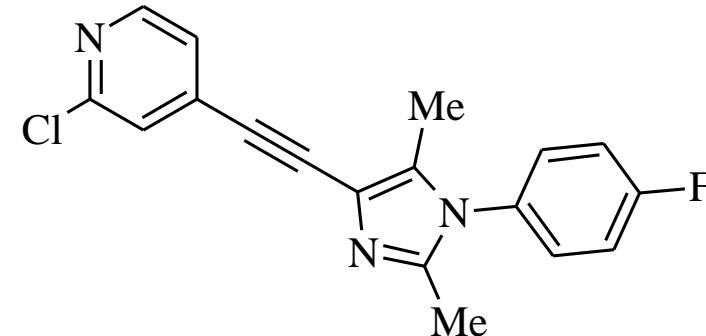
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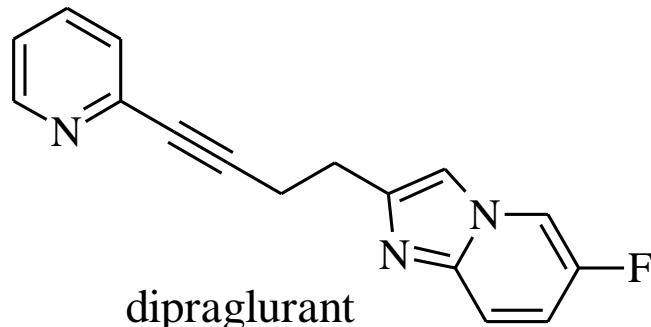
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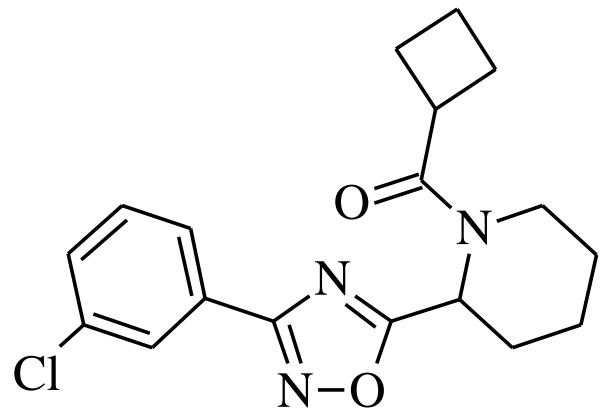


basimglurant



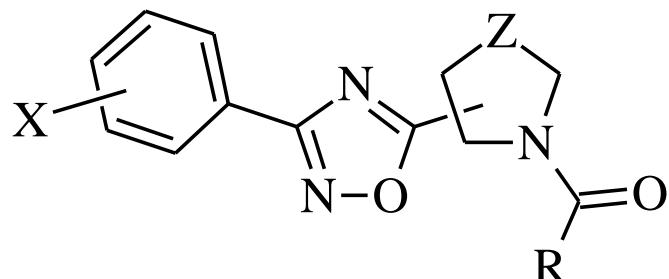
dipraglurant

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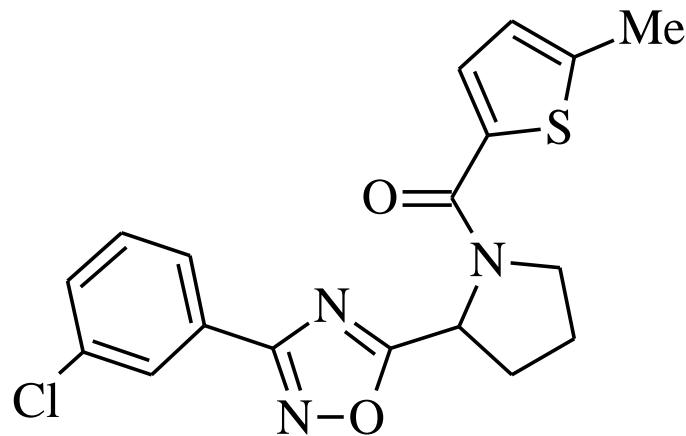


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rmGluR5 pK_i : 6,69

Oxadiazoles

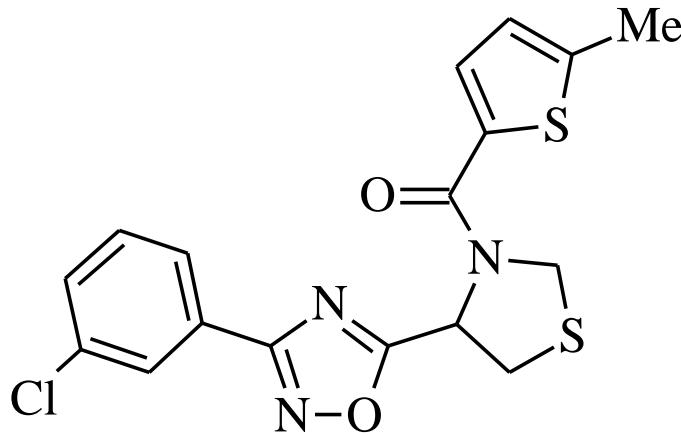


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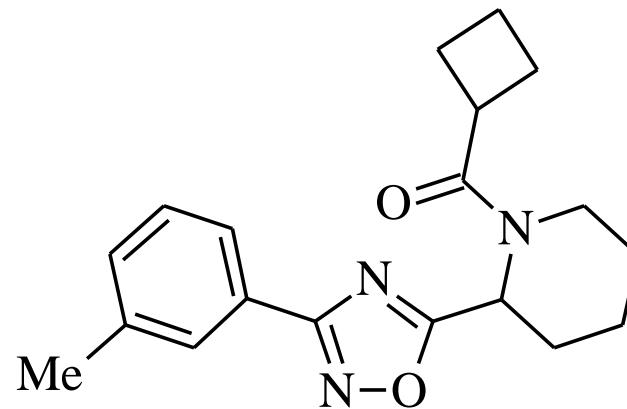
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11b

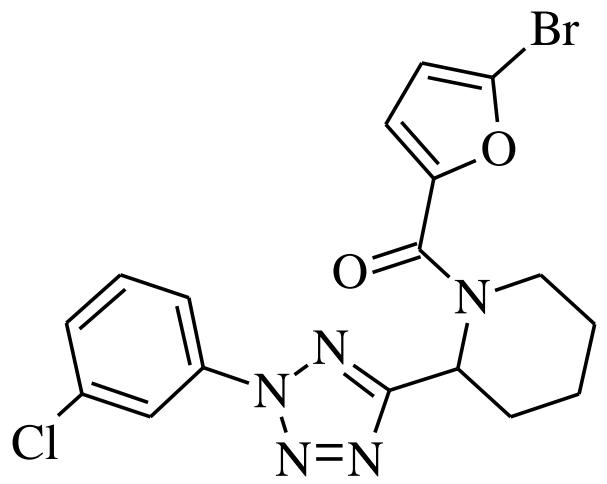
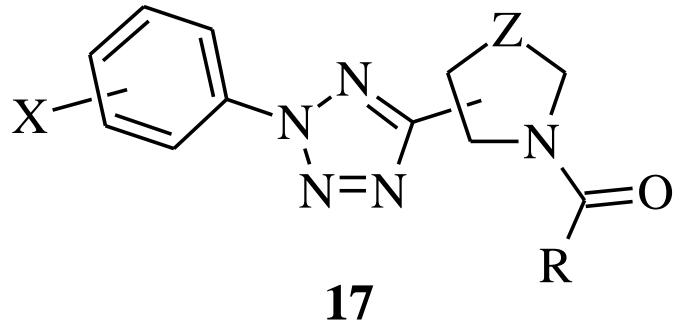
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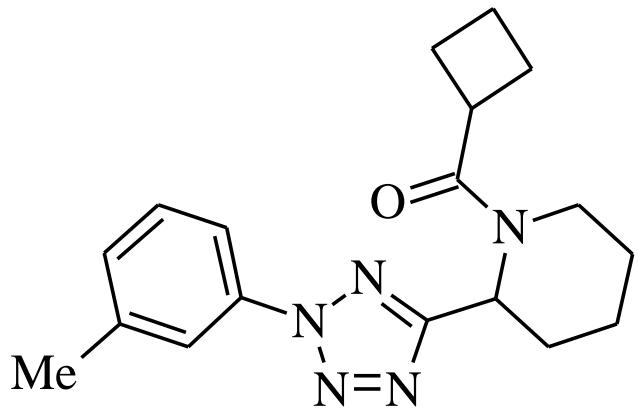
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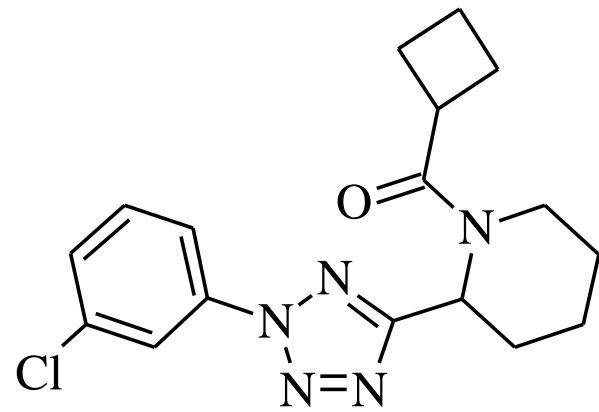
Tetrazoles



17a



17b



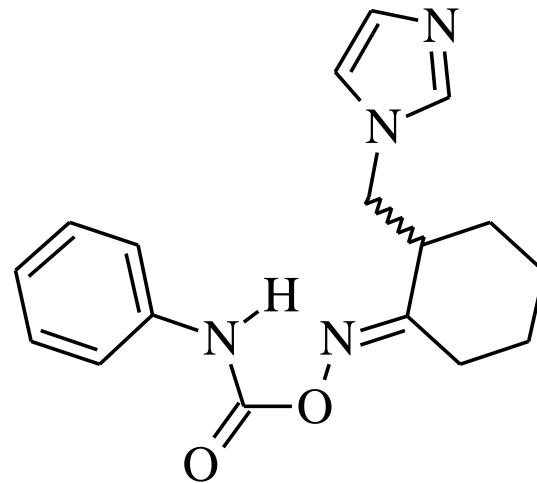
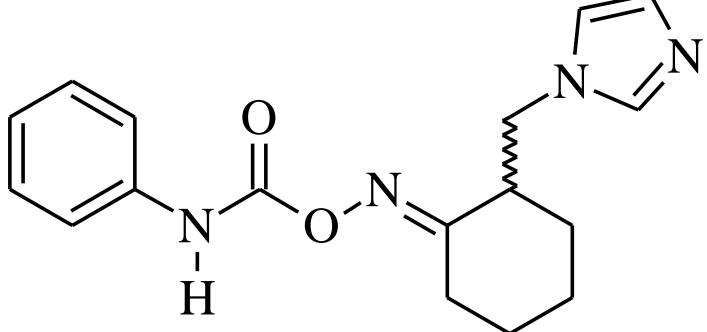
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rmGluR5 pK_i: 7,14

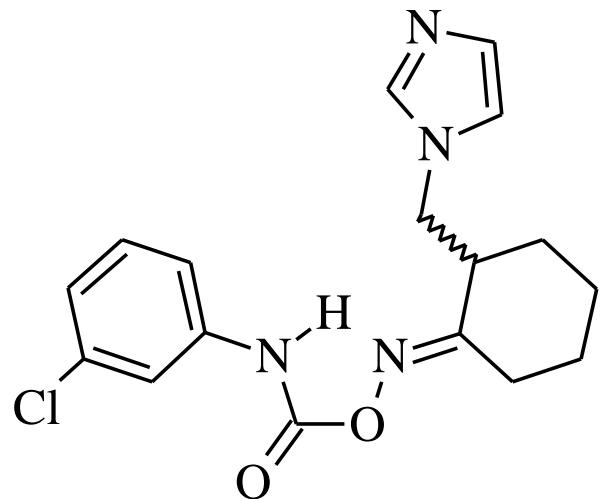
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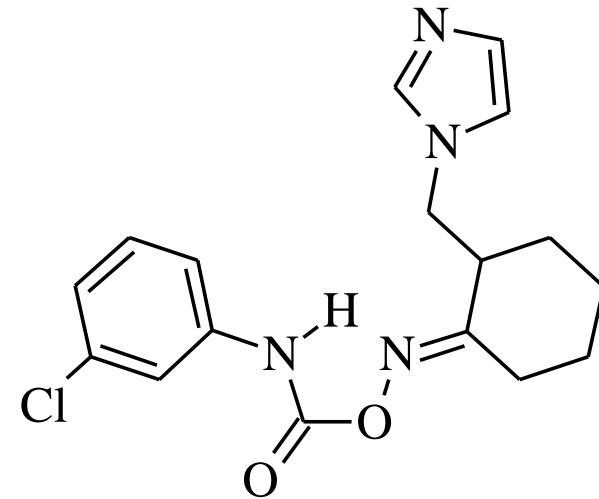
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Carbamoyl oximes



22a

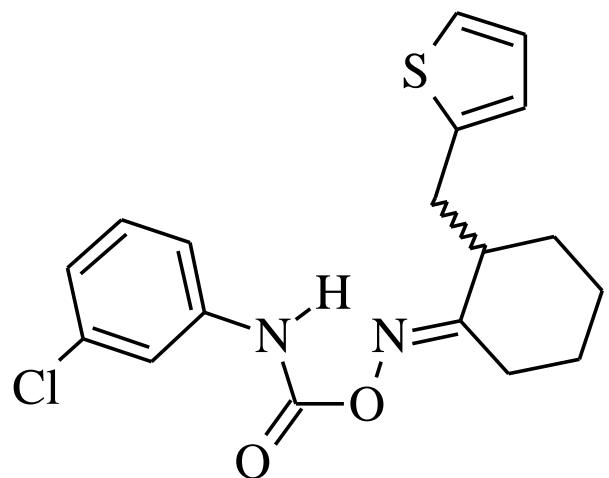
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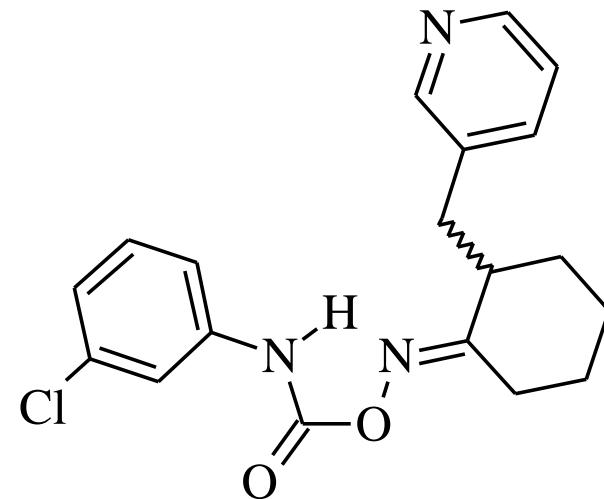
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rmGluR5 pK_i: 8,05

Carbamoyl oximes

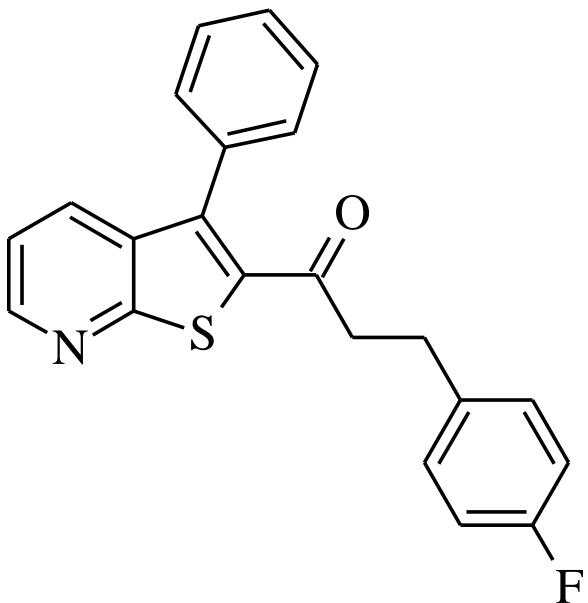


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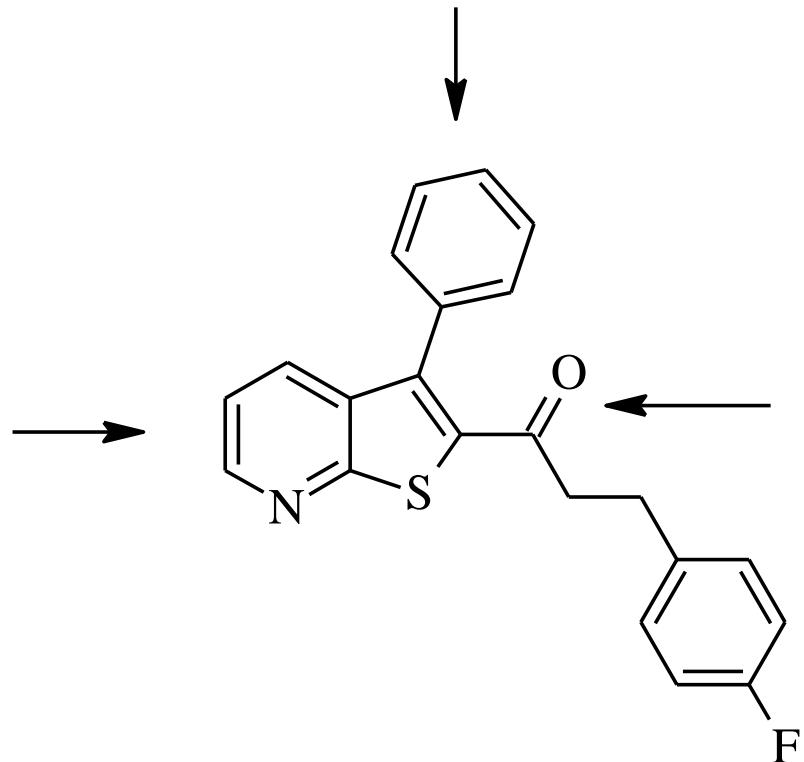
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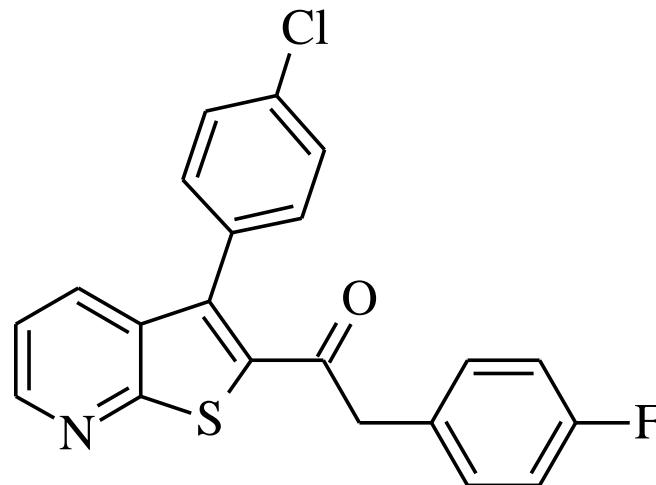


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Thienopyridines

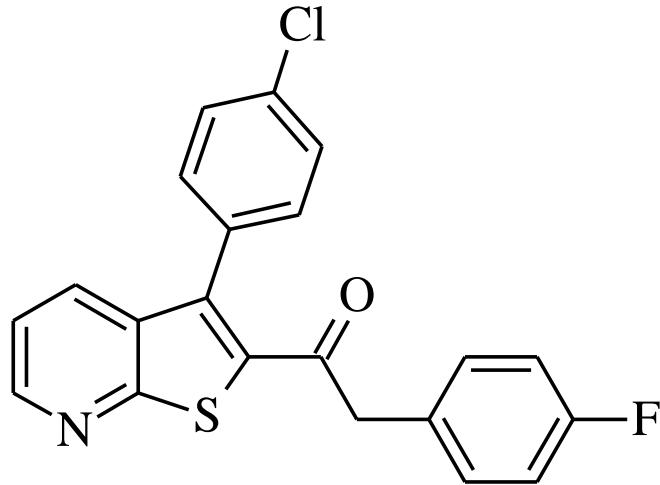


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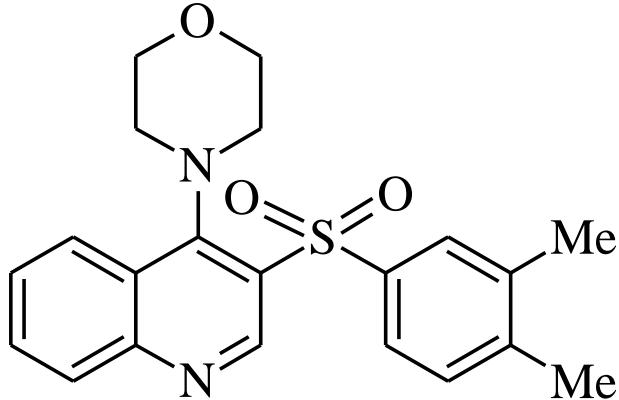


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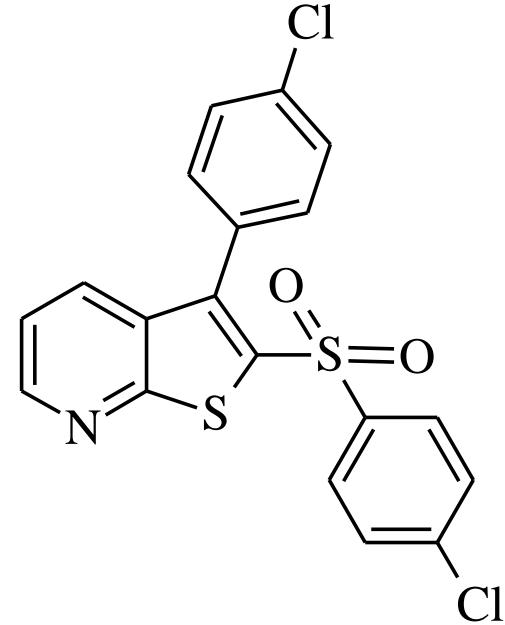
Thienopyridines



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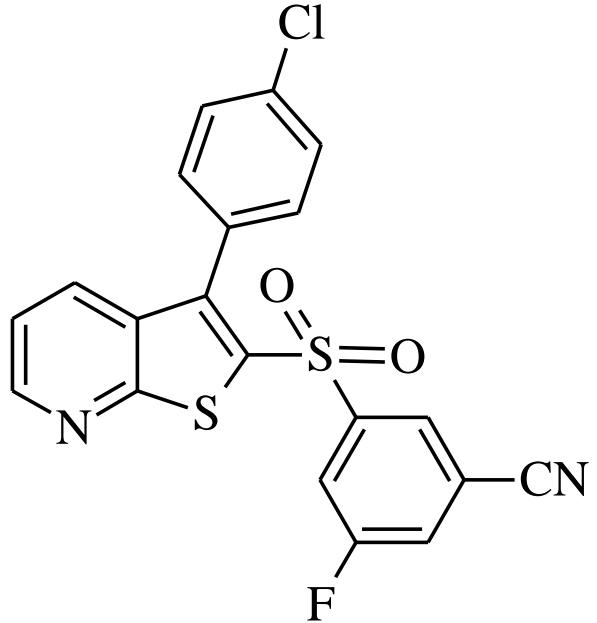


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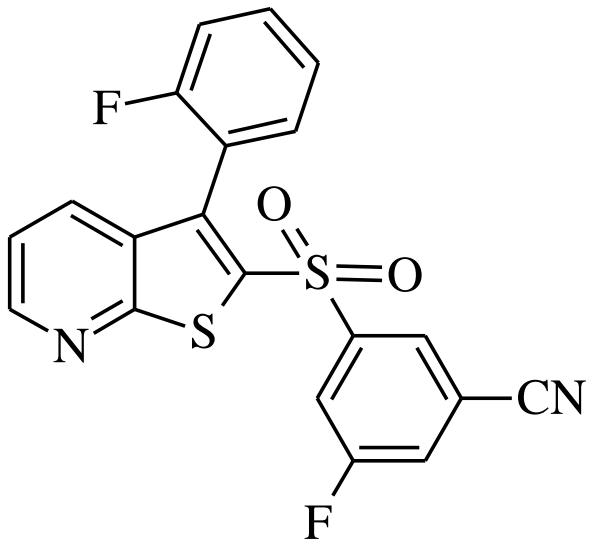


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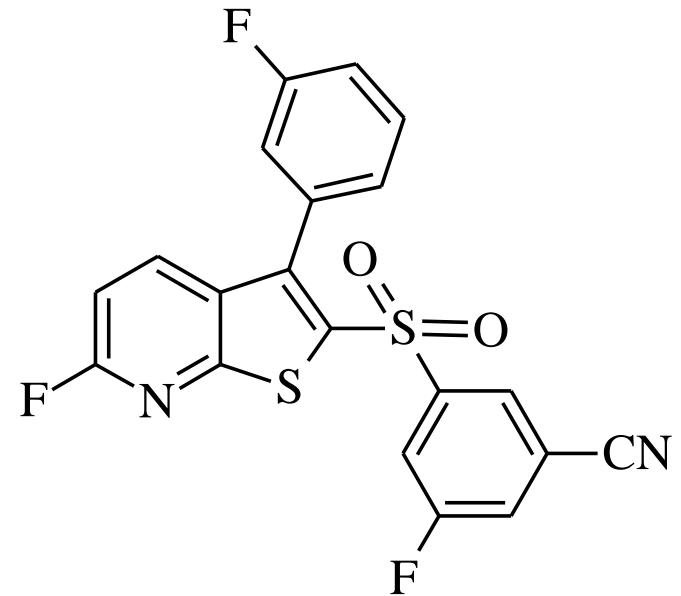
Thienopyridines



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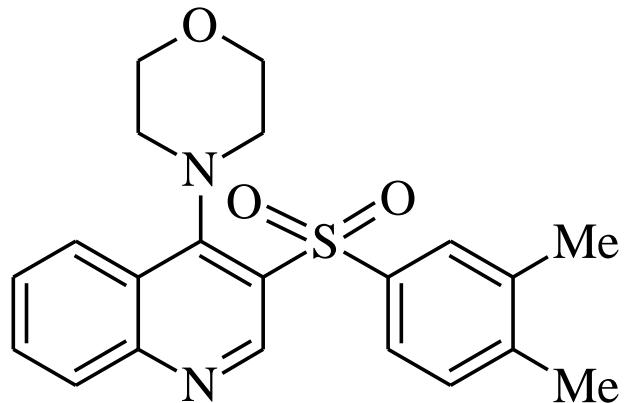


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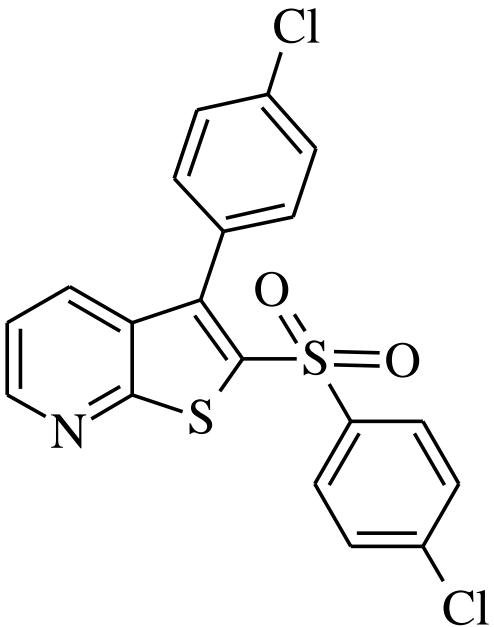


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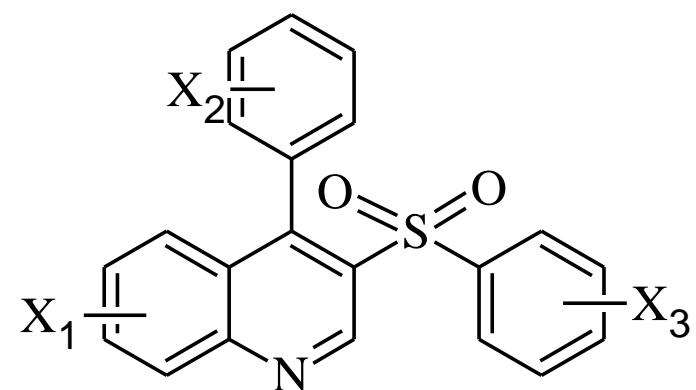
3-Arylsulfonyl-quinolines



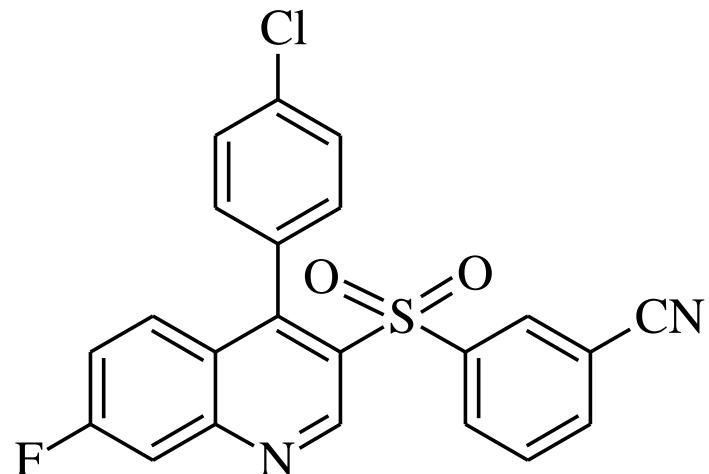
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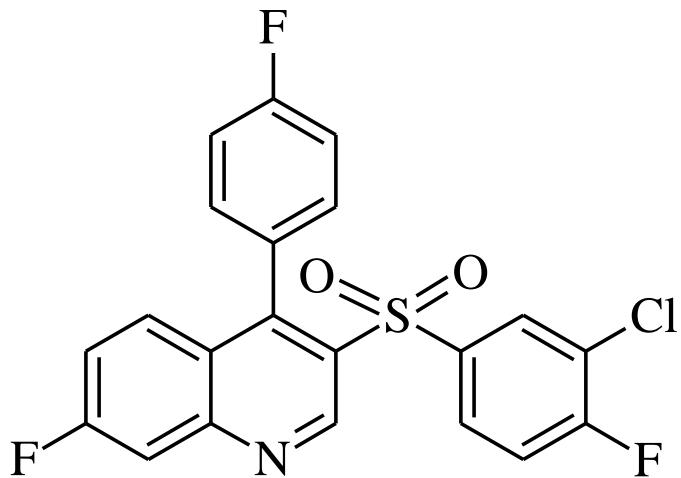
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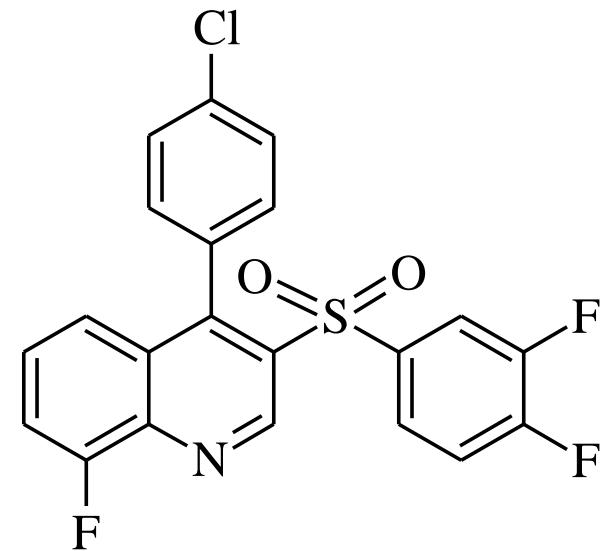
3-Arylsulfonyl-quinolines



42a
rmGluR5 pK_i: 8,28



42b
rmGluR5 pK_i: 8,28



42c
rmGluR5 pK_i: 8,08

- structure - permeability
- structure - hERG activity
- structure - CYP activity
- structure - phospholipidosis
- structure - toxicity

Lead optimization:
sitagliptin
aliskiren
maraviroc
clopidogrel

Discovery of the histamine H₂ antagonists

The mGluR5 NAM story in Richter