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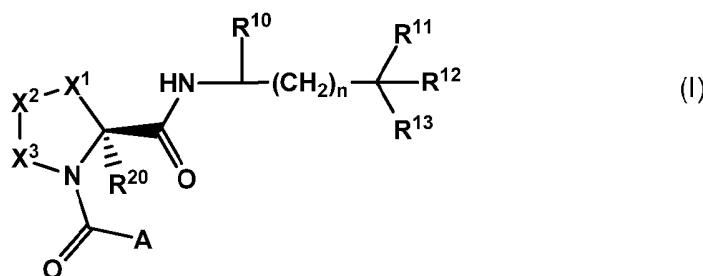
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a compound of formula (I) a method for manufacturing the compounds of the invention and its therapeutic uses as complement pathway modulators for the treatment of ocular diseases. The present invention further provides a combination of pharmacologically active agents and a pharmaceutical composition.

PYRROLIDINE DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE AS COMPLEMENT PATHWAY MODULATORS**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

The invention relates to the inhibition of the complement alternative pathway and particularly to inhibition of Factor D, in patients suffering from conditions and diseases associated with complement alternative pathway activation such as age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and related ophthalmic diseases.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The complement system is a crucial component of the innate immunity system and comprises a group of proteins that are normally present in an inactive state. These proteins are organized in three activation pathways: the classical, the lectin, and the alternative pathways (V. M. Holers, In Clinical Immunology: Principles and Practice, ed. R.R. Rich, Mosby Press; 1996, 363-391). Molecules from microorganisms, antibodies or cellular components can activate these pathways resulting in the formation of protease complexes known as the C3-convertase and the C5-convertase. The classical pathway is a calcium/magnesium-dependent cascade, which is normally activated by the formation of antigen-antibody complexes. It can also be activated in an antibody-independent manner by the binding of C-reactive protein complexed to ligand and by many pathogens including gram-negative bacteria. The alternative pathway is a magnesium-dependent cascade which is activated by deposition and activation of C3 on certain susceptible surfaces (e.g., cell wall polysaccharides of yeast and bacteria, and certain biopolymer materials).

Factor D may be a suitable target for the inhibition of this amplification of the complement pathways because its plasma concentration in humans is very low (about 1.8 µg/mL), and it has been shown to be the limiting enzyme for activation of the alternative complement pathway (P.H. Lesavre and H.J. Müller-Eberhard. J. Exp. Med., 1978; 148: 1498-1510; J.E. Volanakis et al., New Eng. J. Med., 1985; 312:395-401).

Macular degeneration is a clinical term that is used to describe a family of diseases that are characterized by a progressive loss of central vision associated with abnormalities of Bruch's membrane, the choroid, the neural retina and/or the retinal pigment epithelium. In the center of the retina is the macula lutea, which is about 1/3 to ½ cm in diameter. The macula provides detailed vision, particularly in the center (the fovea), because the cones are higher in density and because of the high ratio of ganglion cells to photoreceptor cells. Blood vessels, ganglion cells, inner nuclear layer and cells, and the plexiform layers are all displaced to the side (rather than resting above the photoreceptor cells), thereby allowing light a more direct path to

the cones. Under the retina is the choroid, a part of the uveal tract, and the retinal pigmented epithelium (RPE), which is between the neural retina and the choroid. The choroidal blood vessels provide nutrition to the retina and its visual cells.

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD), the most prevalent form of macular degeneration, is associated with progressive loss of visual acuity in the central portion of the visual field, changes in color vision, and abnormal dark adaptation and sensitivity. Two principal clinical manifestations of AMD have been described as the dry, or atrophic, form and the neovascular, or exudative, form. The dry form is associated with atrophic cell death of the central retina or macula, which is required for fine vision used for activities such as reading, driving or recognizing faces. About 10-20% of these AMD patients progress to the second form of AMD, known as neovascular AMD (also referred to as wet AMD).

Neovascular AMD is characterized by the abnormal growth of blood vessels under the macula and vascular leakage, resulting in displacement of the retina, hemorrhage and scarring. This results in a deterioration of sight over a period of weeks to years. Neovascular AMD cases originate from intermediate or advanced dry AMD. The neovascular form accounts for 85% of legal blindness due to AMD. In neovascular AMD, as the abnormal blood vessels leak fluid and blood, scar tissue is formed that destroys the central retina.

The new blood vessels in neovascular AMD are usually derived from the choroid and are referred to as choroidal neovascularizaton (CNV). The pathogenesis of new choroidal vessels is poorly understood, but such factors as inflammation, ischemia, and local production of angiogenic factors are thought to be important. A published study suggests that CNV is caused by complement activation in a mouse laser model (Bora P.S., J. Immunol. 2005;174: 491-497).

Human genetic evidence implicates the involvement of the complement system, particularly the alternative pathway, in the pathogenesis of Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD). Significant associations have been found between AMD and polymorphisms in complement factor H (CFH) (Edwards AO, et al. Complement factor H polymorphism and age-related macular degeneration. *Science*. 2005 Apr 15;308(5720):421-4; Hageman GS, et al Acommon haplotype in the complement regulatory gene factor H (HF1/CFH) predisposes individuals to age-related macular degeneration. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*. 2005 May 17;102(20):7227-32; Haines JL, et al. Complement factor H variant increases the risk of age-related macular degeneration. *Science*. 2005 Apr 15;308(5720):419-21; Klein RJ, et al Complement factor H polymorphism in age-related macular degeneration. *Science*. 2005 Apr 15;308(5720):385-9; Lau LI, et al. Association of the Y402H polymorphism in complement factor H gene and neovascular age-related macular degeneration in Chinese patients. *Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci*. 2006 Aug;47(8):3242-6; Simonelli F, et al. Polymorphism p.402Y>H in the complement factor H protein is a risk factor for age related macular degeneration in an Italian population. *Br J Ophthalmol*. 2006 Sep;90(9):1142-5; and Zareparsi S, et al Strong association of the Y402H variant in complement factor H at 1q32 with susceptibility to age-related macular

degeneration. Am J Hum Genet. 2005 Jul;77(1):149-53. Complement factor B (CFB) and complement C2 (Gold B, et al. Variation in factor B (BF) and complement component 2 (C2) genes is associated with age-related macular degeneration. Nat Genet. 2006 Apr;38(4):458-62 and Jakobsdottir J, et al. C2 and CFB genes in age-related maculopathy and joint action with CFH and LOC387715 genes. PLoS One. 2008 May 21;3(5):e2199), and most recently in complement C3 (Despriet DD, et al. Complement component C3 and risk of age-related macular degeneration. Ophthalmology. 2009 Mar;116(3):474-480.e2; Maller JB, et al. Variation in complement factor 3 is associated with risk of age-related macular degeneration. Nat Genet. 2007 Oct;39(10):1200-1 and Park KH, et al. Complement component 3 (C3) haplotypes and risk of advanced age-related macular degeneration. Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci. 2009 Jul;50(7):3386-93. Epub 2009 Feb 21. Taken together, the genetic variations in the alternative pathway components CFH, CFB, and C3 can predict clinical outcome in nearly 80% of cases.

Currently there is no proven medical therapy for dry AMD and many patients with neovascular AMD become legally blind despite current therapy with anti-VEGF agents such as Lucentis. Thus, it would be desirable to provide therapeutic agents for the treatment or prevention of complement mediated diseases and particularly for the treatment of AMD.

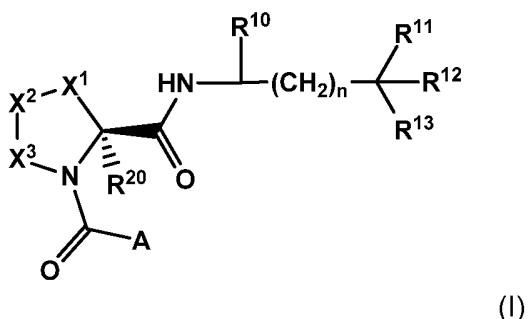
SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides compounds that modulate, and preferably inhibit, activation the alternative complement pathway. In certain embodiments, the present invention provides compounds that modulate, and preferably inhibit, Factor D activity and/or Factor D mediated complement pathway activation. Such Factor D modulators are preferably high affinity Factor D inhibitors that inhibit the catalytic activity of complement Factor Ds, such as primate Factor D and particularly human Factor D.

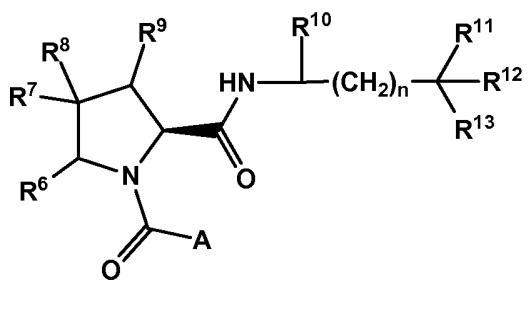
The compounds of the present invention inhibit or suppress the amplification of the complement system caused by C3 activation irrespective of the initial mechanism of activation (including for example activation of the classical, lectin or ficolin pathways).

Various embodiments of the invention are described herein. It will be recognized that features specified in each embodiment may be combined with other specified features to provide further embodiments.

Within certain aspects, Factor D modulators provided herein are compounds of Formula I and salts thereof:



Within certain other aspects, Factor D modulators provided herein are compounds of Formula I and salts thereof:



In another embodiment, the invention provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to the definition of formula (I) or formula (II) or subformulae thereof and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers.

In another embodiment, the invention provides a combination, in particular a pharmaceutical combination, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of the compound according to the definition of formula (I) or formula (II) or subformulae thereof and one or more therapeutically active.

The invention further provides methods of treating or preventing complement mediated diseases, the method comprising the steps of identifying a patient in need of complement modulation therapy and administering a compound of Formula (I) or formula (II) or a subformulae thereof. Complement mediated diseases include ophthalmic diseases (including early or neovascular age-related macular degeneration and geographic atrophy), autoimmune diseases (including arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis), Respiratory diseases, cardiovascular diseases.

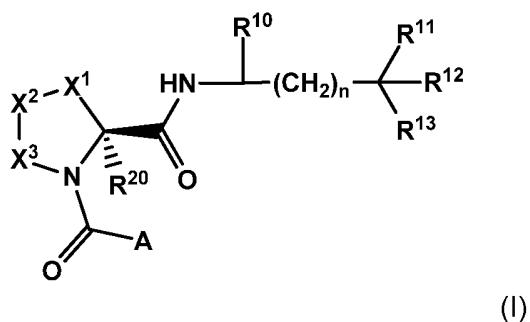
Other aspects of the invention are discussed *infra*.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

As noted above, the present invention provides compounds that modulate Factor D activation and/or Factor D-mediated signal transduction of the complement system. Such

compounds may be used *in vitro* or *in vivo* to modulate (preferably inhibit) Factor D activity in a variety of contexts.

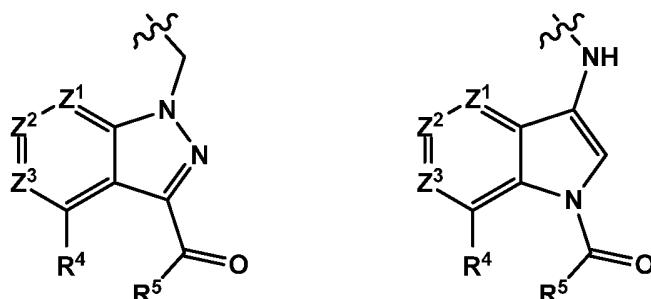
In a first embodiment, the invention provides compounds of Formula I and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, which modulate the alternative pathway of the complement system. Compounds of Formula I are represented by the structure:



(I)

Wherein

A is a group selected from:



and ;

Z^1 is $\text{C}(\text{R}^1)$ or N ;

Z^2 is $\text{C}(\text{R}^2)$ or N ;

Z^3 is $\text{C}(\text{R}^3)$ or N , wherein at least one of Z^1 , Z^2 or Z^3 is not N ;

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6$ alkoxy, halo $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6$ alkyl, halo $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6$ alkoxy, $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6$ alkoxycarbonyl, CO_2H and $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^{\text{A}}\text{R}^{\text{B}}$;

R^2 and R^3 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, $\text{NR}^{\text{C}}\text{R}^{\text{D}}$, cyano, CO_2H , $\text{CONR}^{\text{A}}\text{R}^{\text{B}}$, $\text{SO}_2\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6$ alkyl, and SO_2NH_2 , $\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{\text{A}}\text{R}^{\text{B}}$, $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6$ alkoxycarbonyl, $-\text{C}(\text{NR}^{\text{A}})\text{NR}^{\text{C}}\text{R}^{\text{D}}$, $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6$ alkyl, halo $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_2\text{-}\text{C}_6$ alkenyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6$ alkoxy, halo $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6$ alkoxy, $\text{C}_2\text{-}\text{C}_6$ alkenyloxy, wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy and alkenyloxy is unsubstituted or substituted with up to 4 substituents independently selected from halogen, hydroxy, cyano, tetrazole, $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_4$ alkoxy, $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_4$ haloalkoxy, CO_2H , $\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6$ alkoxycarbonyl, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^{\text{A}}\text{R}^{\text{B}}$, $\text{NR}^{\text{C}}\text{R}^{\text{D}}$, optionally substituted phenyl, heterocycle having 4 to 7 ring atoms and 1, 2 or 3 ring heteroatoms selected from N, O or S, heteroaryl having 5 or 6 ring atoms and 1, 2 or 3

ring heteroatoms selected from N, O or S, and wherein optional phenyl or heteroaryl substituents are selected from halogen, hydroxy, C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy and CO₂H;

R⁴ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, and C₁-C₆alkyl;

R⁵ is C₁-C₄alkyl, hydroxyC₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxyC₁-C₄alkyl, haloC₁-C₄alkyl amino, methylamino

X¹ is CR⁹R²² or sulfur;

X² is CR⁷R⁸, oxygen, sulfur, N(H) or N(C₁-C₆alkyl), wherein at least one of X¹ and X² is carbon; or

X¹ and X², in combination, forms an olefin of the formula -C(R⁷)=C(H)- or -C(R⁷)=C(C₁-C₄alkyl)-, wherein the C(R⁷) is attached to X³;

X³ is (CR⁶R²¹)_q or N(H) wherein q is 0, 1 or 2, wherein X³ is CR⁶R²¹ or (CR⁶R²¹)₂ when either X¹ or X² is sulfur or X² is oxygen; or

X² and X³, taken in combination, are -N=C(H)- or -N=C(C₁-C₄alkyl)- in which the C(H) or C(C₁-C₄alkyl) is attached to X¹;

R⁶ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, and C₁-C₆alkyl;

R⁷ is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxy, hydroxyC₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxyC₁-C₆alkyl, haloC₁-C₆alkyl or C₁-C₆haloalkoxy;

R⁸ is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, azide, cyano, COOH, C₁-C₆alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxy, C₁-C₆haloalkyl, C₁-C₆haloalkoxy, NR^AR^B, N(H)C(O)C₁-C₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxyC₁-C₆alkyl, or C₁-C₆alkyl substituted with NR^AR^B, N(H)C(O)H or N(H)C(O)(C₁-C₄alkyl);

R⁹ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen, C₁-C₆alkyl, haloC₁-C₆alkyl, C₂-C₆alkenyl, C₂-C₆alkynyl, C₁-C₆alkoxy, haloC₁-C₆alkoxy, NR^AR^B, N(H)C(O)C₁-C₆alkyl, N(H)C(O)OC₁-C₆alkyl and OC(O)NR^CR^D each of alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl, and alkynyl substituents may be substituted with 0, 1, or 2 groups independently selected at each occurrence from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxy, and NR^AR^B;

R²⁰ is hydrogen or C₁-C₆alkyl;

R²¹ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, phenyl and C₁-C₆alkyl, which alkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted with hydroxy, amino, azide, and NHC(O)C₁-C₆alkyl;

R²² is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, amino and C₁-C₆alkyl;

CR⁷R⁸, taken in combination forms a spirocyclic 3 to 6 membered carbocycle which is substituted with 0, 1, or 2 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen and methyl; or

R⁷ and R⁸, taken in combination, form an exocyclic methylenes (=CH₂);

R⁷ and R²² or R⁸ and R⁹, taken in combination form an epoxide ring or a 3 to 6 membered carbocyclic ring system which carbocyclic ring is substituted with 0, 1, or 2 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, methyl, ethyl,

hydroxyC₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxyC₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxycarbonyl, CO₂H, and C₁-C₄alkyl substituted with NR^AR^B;

R⁶ and R⁷ or R⁸ and R²¹, taken in combination, form a fused 3 membered carbocyclic ring system which is substituted with 0, 1, or 2 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, methyl, ethyl, hydroxyC₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxyC₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxycarbonyl, CO₂H and C₁-C₄alkyl substituted with NR^AR^B; or

R²⁰ and R²² taken in combination form a fused 3 carbocyclic ring system;

R⁹ and R²¹ taken in combination form a 1 to 3 carbon alkylene linker;

R⁷ and R²⁰ taken in combination form 1 to 3 carbon alkylene linker;

R^A and R^B are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, and C₁-C₆alkyl, haloC₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxyC₁-C₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁-C₆alkyl, or NR^AR^B, taken in combination, form a heterocycle having 4 to 7 ring atoms and 0 or 1 additional ring N, O or S atoms, which heterocycle is substituted with 0, 1, or 2 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₄alkyl, halogen, hydroxy, C₁-C₄alkoxy;

R^C and R^D, are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁-C₆alkyl, haloC₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxyC₁-C₆alkyl, or hydroxyC₁-C₆alkyl;

n is an integer selected from 0-4;

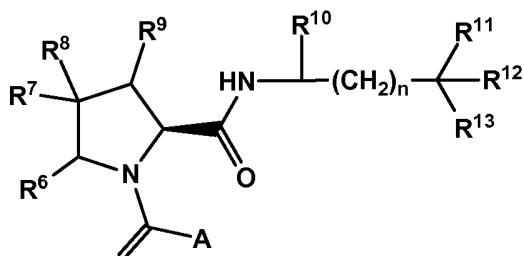
R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄alkyl, haloC₁-C₄alkyl, hydroxyC₁-C₄alkyl or C₁-C₄alkoxyC₁-C₄alkyl;

R¹¹ is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, oxo or C₁-C₄alkyl;

R¹² is absent, hydrogen, halogen or C₁-C₄alkyl; and

R¹³ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄alkyl, haloC₁-C₄alkyl, hydroxyC₁-C₄alkyl, haloC₁-C₄alkoxy, and tri-C₁-C₄alkylsilyl.

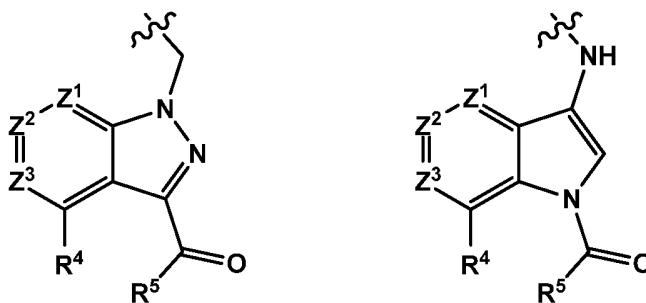
In a second embodiment, the invention provides compounds of Formula II and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, which modulate the alternative pathway of the complement system. Compounds of Formula II are represented by the structure:



(II)

Wherein

A is a group selected from:



and ;

Z^1 is $C(R^1)$ or N ;

Z^2 is $C(R^2)$ or N ;

Z^3 is $C(R^3)$ or N , wherein at least one of Z^1 , Z^2 or Z^3 is not N ;

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, $C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkyl, $C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkoxy, halo $C\text{-}C_6$ alkyl, halo $C\text{-}C_6$ alkoxy $C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkoxycarbonyl, CO_2H and $C(O)NR^A R^B$;

R^2 and R^3 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, $NR^C R^D$, cyano, CO_2H , $CONR^A R^B$, $SO_2C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkyl, and SO_2NH_2 , $SO_2NR^A R^B$, $C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkoxycarbonyl, $-C(NR^A)NR^C R^D$, $C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkyl, halo $C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkyl, $C_2\text{-}C_6$ alkenyl, $C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkoxy, halo $C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkoxy, $C_2\text{-}C_6$ alkenyloxy, wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy and alkenyloxy is unsubstituted or substituted with up to 4 substituents independently selected from halogen, hydroxy, cyano, tetrazole, $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkoxy, $C_1\text{-}C_4$ haloalkoxy, CO_2H , $C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkoxycarbonyl, $C(O)NR^A R^B$, $NR^C R^D$, optionally substituted phenyl, heterocycle having 4 to 7 ring atoms and 1, 2, or 3 ring heteroatoms selected from N, O or S, optionally substituted heteroaryl having 5 or 6 ring atoms and 1 or 2 or 3 ring heteroatoms selected from N, O or S, and wherein optional phenyl and heteroaryl substituents are selected from halogen, hydroxy, $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl, $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkoxy and CO_2H ;

R^4 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, and $C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkyl;

R^5 is $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl, hydroxy $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl, $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkoxy $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl, halo $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl, amino, methylamino;

R^6 is hydrogen;

R^7 is hydrogen or fluoro;

R^8 is hydrogen, methyl or hydroxymethyl;

R^9 is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, or $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkoxy; or

R^6 and R^7 , taken in combination, form a cyclopropane ring; or

R^8 and R^9 , taken in combination, form a cyclopropane ring;

n is an integer selected from 0-4;

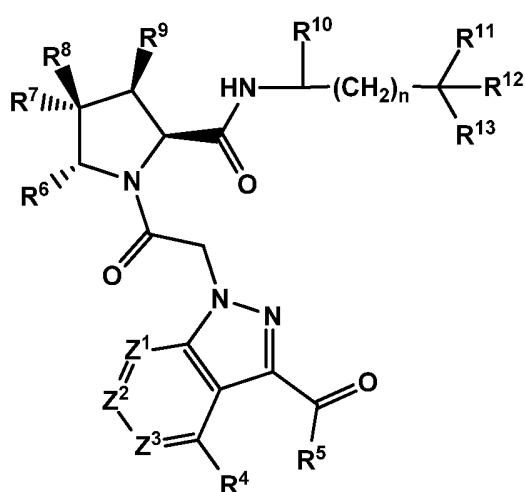
R^{10} is hydrogen, $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl, hydroxymethyl or methoxymethyl;

R^{11} is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, oxo or $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl;

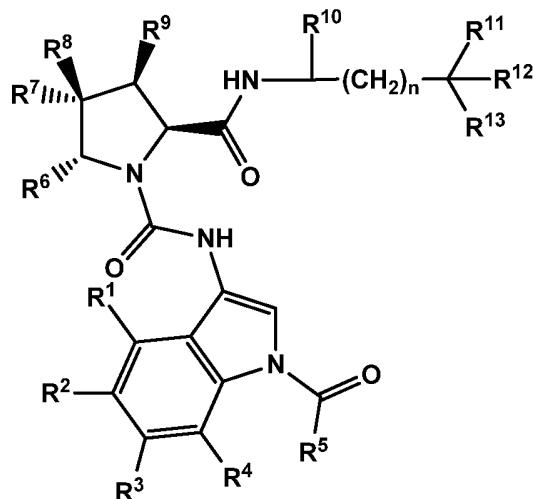
R^{12} is absent, hydrogen, halogen or $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl; and

R^{13} is hydrogen, $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl, halo $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl, halo $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkoxy, and tri- $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkylsilyl.

In a third embodiment, compounds, or salts thereof, according to embodiment one or two are provided. Compounds of the third embodiment are represented by Formula III or Formula IV:



(III)



(IV).

In a fourth embodiment, a compound or salt thereof according to any one of embodiments one to three is provided in which at least two of Z¹, Z² and Z³ are not N.

In a fifth embodiment, a compound or salt thereof according to any one of embodiments one to four is provided in which n is 0 or 1.

In a sixth embodiment, a compound or salt thereof according to any one of embodiments one to five is provided in which Z³ is CR³;

R¹ is hydrogen, halogen or C₁-C₄alkyl;

R² and R³ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, CO₂H, C₁-C₄alkyl and C₁-C₄alkoxy; wherein alkoxy is unsubstituted or substituted with optionally substituted heteroaryl having 5 or 6 ring atoms and 1, 2 or 3 ring heteroatoms selected from N, O or S, and wherein the heteroaryl is optionally substituted with 1 or 2 halogen or C₁-C₄alkyl groups;

R⁴ is hydrogen; and

R⁵ is amino or C₁-C₄alkyl.

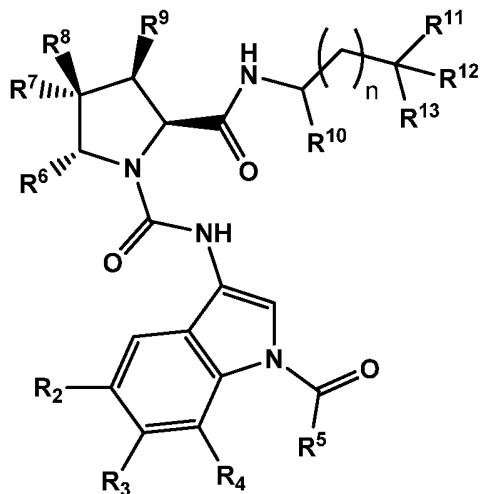
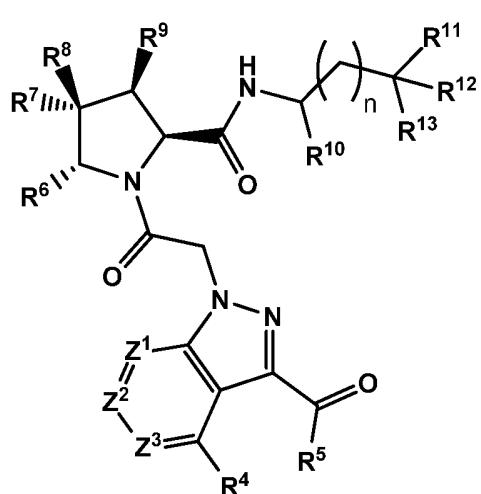
In a seventh embodiment, a compound or salt thereof according to any one of embodiments one to six is provided in which R⁶ and R⁷ taken in combination form a cyclopropane ring;

R^8 is hydrogen, methyl or hydroxymethyl; and
 R^9 is hydrogen.

In an eighth embodiment, a compound or salt thereof according to any one of embodiments one to six is provided in which R^6 and R^7 are hydrogen; and
 R^8 and R^9 taken in combination form a cyclopropane ring;

In a ninth embodiment, a compound or salt thereof according to any one of embodiments one to five is provided in which R^6 and R^8 are hydrogen;
 R^7 is fluoro; and
 R^9 is hydrogen or methoxy.

In a tenth embodiment, a compound or salt thereof according to any one of embodiments one to nine is provided in which the compound is represented by Formula (V) or (VI)



or

(V)

Wherein

n is 0, 1 or 2;

R^{10} is hydrogen or methyl;

R^{11} and R^{12} are hydrogen;

R^{13} is C_1-C_4 alkyl, halo C_1-C_4 alkoxy or tri- C_1-C_4 alkylsilyl.

(VI)

In an eleventh embodiment, a compound or salt thereof according to any one of embodiments one to ten is provided in which R^{13} is *tert*-butyl, trifluoromethoxy, pentafluoroethoxy or trimethylsilyl.

In a twelfth embodiment, a compound or salt thereof according to any one of embodiments one to eleven is provided in which

n is 0 or 1;

R¹⁰, R¹¹, and R¹², are hydrogen; and

R¹³ is *tert*-butyl, trifluoromethoxy, pentafluoroethoxy or trimethylsilyl.

In a thirteenth embodiment, a compound or salt thereof according to any one of embodiments one or two is provided in which the compound is selected from the group consisting of

1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-indazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3-trifluoromethoxy-propyl)-amide;

1-{2-[(2S,3S,4S)-2-(3,3-Dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-4-fluoro-3-methoxy-pyrrolidin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

1-{2-[(2S,3S,4S)-2-(3,3-Dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-4-fluoro-3-methoxy-pyrrolidin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-5-methyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridine-3-carboxylic acid amide;

(2S,3S,4S)-1-[2-(3-Acetyl-indazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-4-fluoro-3-methoxy-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid (3,3-dimethyl-butyl)-amide;

1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(3,3-Dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c] pyridine-3-carboxylic acid amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3,3-dimethyl-butyl)-amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3,3-dimethyl-butyl)-amide;

1-{2-Oxo-2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(2-trimethylsilanyl-ethylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-ethyl}-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridine-3-carboxylic acid amide;

1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(3-Hydroxy-3-methyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-oxo-ethyl}-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c] pyridine-3-carboxylic acid amide trifluoroacetate;

1-{2-[(2R,3R,4R)-2-(3,3-Dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-3-fluoro-4-methoxy-pyrrolidin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

1-[2-((1R,3S,5R)-3-Ethyl carbamoyl-2-aza-bicyclo [3.1.0]hex-2-yl)-2-oxo-ethyl]-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridine-3-carboxylic acid amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid ethylamide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3-trifluoro methoxy-propyl)-amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid (2-trifluoro methoxy-ethyl)-amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid (2-penta fluoroethoxy-ethyl)-amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid ((R)-sec-butyl)-amide;

1-[2-((1R,3S,5R)-3-Ethylcarbamoyl-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl)-2-oxo-ethyl]-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid ((S)-sec-butyl)-amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid isopropyl amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-[(1-carbamoyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-amide] 3-[(3,3-dimethyl-butyl)-amide];

(1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo [3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-[(1-carbamoyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-amide] 3-[(2-trimethylsilanyl-ethyl)-amide];

(1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo [3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-[(1-carbamoyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-amide] 3-[(2-trifluoromethoxy-ethyl)-amide];

(1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo [3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-[(1-carbamoyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-amide] 3-ethylamide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo [3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-[(1-carbamoyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-amide] 3-[(3-trifluoromethoxy-propyl)-amide];

(1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo [3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-[(1-carbamoyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-amide] 3-[(4-trifluoromethoxy-butyl)-amide];

(1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo [3.1.0]hexane-2,3-di arboxylic acid 2-[(1-carbamoyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-amide] 3-[(2-pentafluoroethoxy-ethyl)-amide];

1-{2-oxo-2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(2-trimethylsilanyl-ethylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3,3-dimethyl-butyl)-amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3-methyl-butyl)-amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid (4,4,4-trifluoro-butyl)-amide;

1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(2,2-Difluoro-ethylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(2-Hydroxy-3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(3,3-Dimethyl-2-oxo-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-((S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

1-{2-Oxo-2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-((R)-1,3,3-trimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-((S)-1-Methoxymethyl-3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(3,3-Difluoro-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3,3,3-trifluoro-propyl)-amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3,3,3-trifluoro-2-hydroxy-propyl)-amide;

1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(2-Fluoro-ethylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-((R)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (2-trimethylsilanyl-ethyl)-amide; and

1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(2-Fluoro-3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide.

Some of the compounds listed *supra* have been prepared in enantiopure form (i.e., greater than about 80%, greater than 90% or greater than 95% enantiomeric purity). Other compounds have been isolated as mixtures of stereoisomers, e.g., diastereoisomeric mixtures of two or more diastereomers. Each compound isolated as a mixture of stereoisomers has been marked as mixture in the foregoing list.

In one embodiment, the invention provides a combination, in particular a pharmaceutical combination, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of the compound according to the definition of formula (I), (II), (III), (IV) or subformulae thereof or any one of the specifically disclosed compounds of the invention and one or more therapeutically active agents (preferably selected from those listed *infra*).

For purposes of interpreting this specification, the following definitions will apply and whenever appropriate, terms used in the singular will also include the plural and vice versa.

As used herein, the term "alkyl" refers to a fully saturated branched or unbranched hydrocarbon moiety having up to 20 carbon atoms. Unless otherwise provided, alkyl refers to

hydrocarbon moieties having 1 to 16 carbon atoms, 1 to 10 carbon atoms, 1 to 7 carbon atoms, or 1 to 4 carbon atoms. Representative examples of alkyl include, but are not limited to, methyl, ethyl, *n*-propyl, *iso*-propyl, *n*-butyl, *sec*-butyl, *iso*-butyl, *tert*-butyl, *n*-pentyl, isopentyl, neopentyl, *n*-hexyl, 3-methylhexyl, 2,2- dimethylpentyl, 2,3-dimethylpentyl, *n*-heptyl, *n*-octyl, *n*-nonyl, *n*-decyl and the like.

As used herein, the term "alkylene" refers to divalent alkyl group as defined herein above having 1 to 20 carbon atoms. It comprises 1 to 20 carbon atoms, Unless otherwise provided, alkylene refers to moieties having 1 to 16 carbon atoms, 1 to 10 carbon atoms, 1 to 7 carbon atoms, or 1 to 4 carbon atoms. Representative examples of alkylene include, but are not limited to, methylene, ethylene, *n*-propylene, *iso*-propylene, *n*-butylene, *sec*-butylene, *iso*-butylene, *tert*-butylene, *n*-pentylene, isopentylene, neopentylene, *n*-hexylene, 3-methylhexylene, 2,2-dimethylpentylene, 2,3-dimethylpentylene, *n*-heptylene, *n*-octylene, *n*-nonylene, *n*-decylene and the like.

As used herein, the term "haloalkyl" refers to an alkyl as defined herein, that is substituted by one or more halo groups as defined herein. The haloalkyl can be monohaloalkyl, dihaloalkyl or polyhaloalkyl including perhaloalkyl. A monohaloalkyl can have one iodo, bromo, chloro or fluoro within the alkyl group. Dihaloalky and polyhaloalkyl groups can have two or more of the same halo atoms or a combination of different halo groups within the alkyl. Typically the polyhaloalkyl contains up to 12, or 10, or 8, or 6, or 4, or 3, or 2 halo groups. Non-limiting examples of haloalkyl include fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, chloromethyl, dichloromethyl, trichloromethyl, pentafluoroethyl, heptafluoropropyl, difluorochloromethyl, dichlorofluoromethyl, difluoroethyl, difluoropropyl, dichloroethyl and dichloropropyl. A perhaloalkyl refers to an alkyl having all hydrogen atoms replaced with halo atoms.

The term "aryl" refers to an aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6-20 carbon atoms in the ring portion. Typically, aryl is monocyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic aryl having 6-20 carbon atoms.

Furthermore, the term "aryl" as used herein, refers to an aromatic substituent which can be a single aromatic ring, or multiple aromatic rings that are fused together.

Non-limiting examples include phenyl, naphthyl or tetrahydronaphthyl, each of which may optionally be substituted by 1-4 substituents, such as alkyl, trifluoromethyl, cycloalkyl, halogen, hydroxy, alkoxy, acyl, alkyl-C(O)-O-, aryl-O-, heteroaryl-O-, amino, thiol, alkyl-S-, aryl-S-, nitro, cyano, carboxy, alkyl-O-C(O)-, carbamoyl, alkyl-S(O)-, sulfonyl, sulfonamido, phenyl, and heterocyclyl.

As used herein, the term "alkoxy" refers to alkyl-O-, wherein alkyl is defined herein above. Representative examples of alkoxy include, but are not limited to, methoxy, ethoxy,

propoxy, 2-propoxy, butoxy, *tert*-butoxy, pentyloxy, hexyloxy, cyclopropyloxy-, cyclohexyloxy- and the like. Typically, alkoxy groups have about 1-7, more preferably about 1-4 carbons.

As used herein, the term “heterocycl” or “heterocyclo” refers to a saturated or unsaturated non-aromatic ring or ring system, e.g., which is a 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-membered monocyclic, 7-, 8-, 9-, 10-, 11-, or 12-membered bicyclic or 10-, 11-, 12-, 13-, 14- or 15-membered tricyclic ring system and contains at least one heteroatom selected from O, S and N, where the N and S can also optionally be oxidized to various oxidation states. The heterocyclic group can be attached at a heteroatom or a carbon atom. The heterocycl can include fused or bridged rings as well as spirocyclic rings. Examples of heterocycles include tetrahydrofuran (THF), dihydrofuran, 1, 4-dioxane, morpholine, 1,4-dithiane, piperazine, piperidine, 1,3-dioxolane, imidazolidine, imidazoline, pyrrolidine, pyrrolidine, tetrahydropyran, dihydropyran, oxathiolane, dithiolane, 1,3-dioxane, 1,3-dithiane, oxathiane, thiomorpholine, and the like.

The term “heterocycl” further refers to heterocyclic groups as defined herein substituted with 1 to 5 substituents independently selected from the groups consisting of the following:

- (a) alkyl;
- (b) hydroxy (or protected hydroxy);
- (c) halo;
- (d) oxo, i.e., =O;
- (e) amino, alkylamino or dialkylamino;
- (f) alkoxy;
- (g) cycloalkyl;
- (h) carboxyl;
- (i) heterocyclooxy, wherein heterocyclooxy denotes a heterocyclic group bonded through an oxygen bridge;
- (j) alkyl-O-C(O)-;
- (k) mercapto;
- (l) nitro;
- (m) cyano;
- (n) sulfamoyl or sulfonamido;
- (o) aryl;
- (p) alkyl-C(O)-O-;
- (q) aryl-C(O)-O-;
- (r) aryl-S-;
- (s) aryloxy;
- (t) alkyl-S-;
- (u) formyl, i.e., HC(O)-;

- (v) carbamoyl;
- (w) aryl-alkyl-; and
- (x) aryl substituted with alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, alkyl-C(O)-NH-, alkylamino, dialkylamino or halogen.

As used herein, the term "cycloalkyl" refers to saturated or unsaturated monocyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic hydrocarbon groups of 3-12 carbon atoms. Unless otherwise provided, cycloalkyl refers to cyclic hydrocarbon groups having between 3 and 9 ring carbon atoms or between 3 and 7 ring carbon atoms, each of which can be optionally substituted by one, or two, or three, or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, halo, oxo, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkyl-C(O)-, acylamino, carbamoyl, alkyl-NH-, (alkyl)₂N-, thiol, alkyl-S-, nitro, cyano, carboxy, alkyl-O-C(O)-, sulfonyl, sulfonamido, sulfamoyl, and heterocyclyl.

Exemplary monocyclic hydrocarbon groups include, but are not limited to, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclopentenyl, cyclohexyl and cyclohexenyl and the like. Exemplary bicyclic hydrocarbon groups include bornyl, indyl, hexahydroindyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, decahydronaphthyl, bicyclo[2.1.1]hexyl, bicyclo[2.2.1]heptyl, bicyclo[2.2.1]heptenyl, 6,6-dimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]heptyl, 2,6,6-trimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]heptyl, bicyclo[2.2.2]octyl and the like. Exemplary tricyclic hydrocarbon groups include adamantyl and the like.

As used herein, the term "aryloxy" refers to both an -O-aryl and an -O-heteroaryl group, wherein aryl and heteroaryl are defined herein.

As used herein, the term "heteroaryl" refers to a 5-14 membered monocyclic- or bicyclic- or tricyclic-aromatic ring system, having 1 to 8 heteroatoms selected from N, O or S. Typically, the heteroaryl is a 5-10 membered ring system (e.g., 5-7 membered monocycle or an 8-10 membered bicyclic) or a 5-7 membered ring system. Typical heteroaryl groups include 2- or 3-thienyl, 2- or 3-furyl, 2- or 3-pyrrolyl, 2-, 4-, or 5-imidazolyl, 3-, 4-, or 5-pyrazolyl, 2-, 4-, or 5-thiazolyl, 3-, 4-, or 5-isothiazolyl, 2-, 4-, or 5-oxazolyl, 3-, 4-, or 5-isoxazolyl, 3- or 5-1,2,4-triazolyl, 4- or 5-1,2,3-triazolyl, tetrazolyl, 2-, 3-, or 4-pyridyl, 3- or 4-pyridazinyl, 3-, 4-, or 5-pyrazinyl, 2-pyrazinyl, and 2-, 4-, or 5-pyrimidinyl.

The term "heteroaryl" also refers to a group in which a heteroaromatic ring is fused to one or more aryl, cycloaliphatic, or heterocyclyl rings, where the radical or point of attachment is on the heteroaromatic ring. Nonlimiting examples include 1-, 2-, 3-, 5-, 6-, 7-, or 8-indolizinyl, 1-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-isoindolyl, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-indolyl, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-indazolyl, 2-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7-, or 8-purinyl, 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 6-, 7-, 8-, or 9-quinolizinyl, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7-, or 8-quinoliyl, 1-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7-, or 8-isoquinoliyl, 1-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7-, or 8-phthalazinyl, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, or 6-naphthyridinyl, 2-, 3-, 5-, 6-, 7-, or 8-quinazolinyl, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7-, or 8-cinnolinyl, 2-, 4-, 6-, or 7-pteridinyl, 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7-, or 8-4aH carbazolyl, 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7-, or 8-carbzaolyl, 1-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7-, 8-, or 9-carbolinyl, 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 6-, 7-, 8-, 9-, or 10-phenanthridinyl, 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-

, 5-, 6-, 7-, 8-, or 9-acridinyl, 1-, 2-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7-, 8-, or 9-perimidinyl, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 8-, 9-, or 10-phenathrolinyl, 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 6-, 7-, 8-, or 9-phenazinyl, 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 6-, 7-, 8-, 9-, or 10-phenothiazinyl, 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 6-, 7-, 8-, 9-, or 10-phenoxyazinyl, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, or 1-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7-, 8-, 9-, or 10-benzisoquinolinyl, 2-, 3-, 4-, or thieno[2,3-b]furanyl, 2-, 3-, 5-, 6-, 7-, 8-, 9-, 10-, or 11-7H-pyrazino[2,3-c]carbazolyl, 2-, 3-, 5-, 6-, or 7-2H-furo[3,2-b]-pyranyl, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 7-, or 8-5H-pyrido[2,3-d]-o-oxazinyl, 1-, 3-, or 5-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]-oxazolyl, 2-, 4-, or 54H-imidazo[4,5-d]thiazolyl, 3-, 5-, or 8-pyrazino[2,3-d]pyridazinyl, 2-, 3-, 5-, or 6-imidazo[2,1-b]thiazolyl, 1-, 3-, 6-, 7-, 8-, or 9-furo[3,4-c]cinnolinyl, 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 8-, 9-, 10, or 11-4H-pyrido[2,3-c]carbazolyl, 2-, 3-, 6-, or 7-imidazo[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazinyl, 7-benzo[b]thienyl, 2-, 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-benzoxazolyl, 2-, 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-benzimidazolyl, 2-, 4-, 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-benzothiazolyl, 1-, 2-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7-, 8-, or 9-benzoxapinyl, 2-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7-, or 8-benzoxazinyl, 1-, 2-, 3-, 5-, 6-, 7-, 8-, 9-, 10-, or 11-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-b][2]benzazapinyl. Typical fused heteroary groups include, but are not limited to 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7-, or 8-quinolinyl, 1-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7-, or 8-isoquinolinyl, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-indolyl, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-benzo[b]thienyl, 2-, 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-benzoxazolyl, 2-, 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-benzimidazolyl, and 2-, 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-benzothiazolyl.

A heteroaryl group may be substituted with 1 to 5 substituents independently selected from the groups consisting of the following:

- (a) alkyl;
- (b) hydroxy (or protected hydroxy);
- (c) halo;
- (d) oxo, i.e., =O;
- (e) amino, alkylamino or dialkylamino;
- (f) alkoxy;
- (g) cycloalkyl;
- (h) carboxyl;
- (i) heterocycloxy, wherein heterocycloxy denotes a heterocyclic group bonded through an oxygen bridge;
- (j) alkyl-O-C(O)-;
- (k) mercapto;
- (l) nitro;
- (m) cyano;
- (n) sulfamoyl or sulfonamido;
- (o) aryl;
- (p) alkyl-C(O)-O-;
- (q) aryl-C(O)-O-;
- (r) aryl-S-;
- (s) aryloxy;

- (t) alkyl-S-;
- (u) formyl, i.e., HC(O)-;
- (v) carbamoyl;
- (w) aryl-alkyl-; and
- (x) aryl substituted with alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, alkyl-C(O)-NH-, alkylamino, dialkylamino or halogen.

As used herein, the term "halogen" or "halo" refers to fluoro, chloro, bromo, and iodo.

As used herein, the term "optionally substituted" unless otherwise specified refers to a group that is unsubstituted or is substituted by one or more, typically 1, 2, 3 or 4, suitable non-hydrogen substituents, each of which is independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) alkyl;
- (b) hydroxy (or protected hydroxy);
- (c) halo;
- (d) oxo, i.e., =O;
- (e) amino, alkylamino or dialkylamino;
- (f) alkoxy;
- (g) cycloalkyl;
- (h) carboxyl;
- (i) heterocycloxy, wherein heterocycloxy denotes a heterocyclic group bonded through an oxygen bridge;
- (j) alkyl-O-C(O)-;
- (k) mercapto;
- (l) nitro;
- (m) cyano;
- (n) sulfamoyl or sulfonamido;
- (o) aryl;
- (p) alkyl-C(O)-O-;
- (q) aryl-C(O)-O-;
- (r) aryl-S-;
- (s) aryloxy;
- (t) alkyl-S-;
- (u) formyl, i.e., HC(O)-;
- (v) carbamoyl;
- (w) aryl-alkyl-; and
- (x) aryl substituted with alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, alkyl-C(O)-NH-, alkylamino, dialkylamino or halogen.

As used herein, the term "isomers" refers to different compounds that have the same molecular formula but differ in arrangement and configuration of the atoms. Also as used herein, the term "an optical isomer" or "a stereoisomer" refers to any of the various stereo isomeric configurations which may exist for a given compound of the present invention and includes geometric isomers. It is understood that a substituent may be attached at a chiral center of a carbon atom. Therefore, the invention includes enantiomers, diastereomers or racemates of the compound. "Enantiomers" are a pair of stereoisomers that are non-superimposable mirror images of each other. A 1:1 mixture of a pair of enantiomers is a "racemic" mixture. The term is used to designate a racemic mixture where appropriate. The asterisk (*) indicated in the name of a compound designate a racemic mixture. "Diastereoisomers" or "diastereomers" are stereoisomers that have at least two asymmetric atoms, but which are not mirror-images of each other. The absolute stereochemistry is specified according to the Cahn- Ingold- Prelog R-S system. When a compound is a pure enantiomer the stereochemistry at each chiral carbon may be specified by either *R* or *S*. Resolved compounds whose absolute configuration is unknown can be designated (+) or (-) depending on the direction (dextro- or levorotatory) which they rotate plane polarized light at the wavelength of the sodium D line. Certain of the compounds described herein contain one or more asymmetric centers or axes and may thus give rise to enantiomers, diastereomers, and other stereoisomeric forms that may be defined, in terms of absolute stereochemistry, as (*R*)- or (*S*)-. The present invention is meant to include all such possible isomers, including racemic mixtures, optically pure forms and intermediate mixtures. Optically active (*R*)- and (*S*)- isomers may be prepared using chiral synthons or chiral reagents, or resolved using conventional techniques. If the compound contains a double bond, the substituent may be E or Z configuration. If the compound contains a disubstituted cycloalkyl, the cycloalkyl substituent may have a cis- or trans-configuration. All tautomeric forms are also intended to be included.

As used herein, the term "pharmaceutically acceptable salts" refers to salts that retain the biological effectiveness and properties of the compounds of this invention and, which typically are not biologically or otherwise undesirable. In many cases, the compounds of the present invention are capable of forming acid and/or base salts by virtue of the presence of amino and/or carboxyl groups or groups similar thereto.

Pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts can be formed with inorganic acids and organic acids, e.g., acetate, aspartate, benzoate, besylate, bromide/hydrobromide, bicarbonate/carbonate, bisulfate/sulfate, camphorsulfonate, chloride/hydrochloride, chlortheophyllonate, citrate, ethandisulfonate, fumarate, gluceptate, gluconate, glucuronate, hippurate, hydroiodide/iodide, isethionate, lactate, lactobionate, laurylsulfate, malate, maleate, malonate, mandelate, mesylate, methylsulphate, naphthoate, napsylate, nicotinate, nitrate, octadecanoate, oleate, oxalate, palmitate, pamoate, phosphate/hydrogen phosphate/dihydrogen

phosphate, polygalacturonate, propionate, stearate, succinate, sulfosalicylate, tartrate, tosylate and trifluoroacetate salts. Inorganic acids from which salts can be derived include, for example, hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, sulfuric acid, nitric acid, and phosphoric acid. Organic acids from which salts can be derived include, for example, acetic acid, propionic acid, glycolic acid, oxalic acid, maleic acid, malonic acid, succinic acid, fumaric acid, tartaric acid, citric acid, benzoic acid, mandelic acid, methanesulfonic acid, ethanesulfonic acid, toluenesulfonic acid, sulfosalicylic acid, and the like.

Pharmaceutically acceptable base addition salts can be formed with inorganic and organic bases. Inorganic bases from which salts can be derived include, for example, ammonium salts and metals from columns I to XII of the periodic table. In certain embodiments, the salts are derived from sodium, potassium, ammonium, calcium, magnesium, iron, silver, zinc, and copper; particularly suitable salts include ammonium, potassium, sodium, calcium and magnesium salts. Organic bases from which salts can be derived include, for example, primary, secondary, and tertiary amines, substituted amines including naturally occurring substituted amines, cyclic amines, basic ion exchange resins, and the like. Certain organic amines include isopropylamine, benzathine, choline, diethanolamine, diethylamine, lysine, meglumine, piperazine and tromethamine.

The pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the present invention can be synthesized from a parent compound, a basic or acidic moiety, by conventional chemical methods. Generally, such salts can be prepared by reacting free acid forms of these compounds with a stoichiometric amount of the appropriate base (such as Na, Ca, Mg, or K hydroxide, carbonate, bicarbonate or the like), or by reacting free base forms of these compounds with a stoichiometric amount of the appropriate acid. Such reactions are typically carried out in water or in an organic solvent, or in a mixture of the two. Generally, use of non-aqueous media like ether, ethyl acetate, ethanol, isopropanol, or acetonitrile is desirable, where practicable. Lists of additional suitable salts can be found, e.g., in "Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences", 20th ed., Mack Publishing Company, Easton, Pa., (1985); and in "Handbook of Pharmaceutical Salts: Properties, Selection, and Use" by Stahl and Wermuth (Wiley-VCH, Weinheim, Germany, 2002).

Any formula given herein is also intended to represent unlabeled forms as well as isotopically labeled forms of the compounds. Isotopically labeled compounds have structures depicted by the formulas given herein except that one or more atoms are replaced by an atom having a selected atomic mass or mass number. Examples of isotopes that can be incorporated into compounds of the invention include isotopes of hydrogen, carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorous, fluorine, and chlorine, such as ^2H , ^3H , ^{11}C , ^{13}C , ^{14}C , ^{15}N , ^{18}F , ^{31}P , ^{32}P , ^{35}S , ^{36}Cl , ^{125}I , respectively. The invention includes various isotopically labeled compounds as defined herein, for example those into which radioactive isotopes, such as ^3H , ^{13}C , and ^{14}C , are present. Such isotopically labelled compounds are useful in metabolic studies (with ^{14}C), reaction kinetic studies (with, for example ^2H or ^3H), detection or imaging techniques, such as positron emission

tomography (PET) or single-photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) including drug or substrate tissue distribution assays, or in radioactive treatment of patients. In particular, an ¹⁸F or labeled compound may be particularly desirable for PET or SPECT studies. Isotopically labeled compounds of this invention and prodrugs thereof can generally be prepared by carrying out the procedures disclosed in the schemes or in the examples and preparations described below by substituting a readily available isotopically labeled reagent for a non-isotopically labeled reagent.

Further, substitution with heavier isotopes, particularly deuterium (i.e., ²H or D) may afford certain therapeutic advantages resulting from greater metabolic stability, for example increased *in vivo* half-life or reduced dosage requirements or an improvement in therapeutic index. It is understood that deuterium in this context is regarded as a substituent of a compound of the formula (I). The concentration of such a heavier isotope, specifically deuterium, may be defined by the isotopic enrichment factor. The term "isotopic enrichment factor" as used herein means the ratio between the isotopic abundance and the natural abundance of a specified isotope. If a substituent in a compound of this invention is denoted deuterium, such compound has an isotopic enrichment factor for each designated deuterium atom of at least 3500 (52.5% deuterium incorporation at each designated deuterium atom), at least 4000 (60% deuterium incorporation), at least 4500 (67.5% deuterium incorporation), at least 5000 (75% deuterium incorporation), at least 5500 (82.5% deuterium incorporation), at least 6000 (90% deuterium incorporation), at least 6333.3 (95% deuterium incorporation), at least 6466.7 (97% deuterium incorporation), at least 6600 (99% deuterium incorporation), or at least 6633.3 (99.5% deuterium incorporation).

In certain embodiments, selective deuteration of compounds of Formula (I) or formula (II) include deuteration of R⁵, when R⁵ is alkanoyl, e.g., C(O)CD₃. In other embodiments, certain substituents on the proline ring are selectively deuterated. For example, when any of R⁸ or R⁹ are methyl or methoxy, the alkyl residue is preferably deuterated, e.g., CD₃ or OCD₃. In certain other compounds, when two substituents of the proline ring are combined to form a cyclopropyl ring, the unsubstituted methylene carbon is selectively deuterated. In certain other compounds of Formulae (I), (II), (III) or (IV), R¹⁰, R¹¹ and/or R¹² is deuterated alkyl, preferably CD₃.

Isotopically-labeled compounds of formula (I) can generally be prepared by conventional techniques known to those skilled in the art or by processes analogous to those described in the accompanying Examples and Preparations using an appropriate isotopically-labeled reagents in place of the non-labeled reagent previously employed.

The compounds of the present invention may inherently or by design form solvates with solvents (including water). Therefore, it is intended that the invention embrace both solvated and unsolvated forms. The term "solvate" refers to a molecular complex of a compound of the present invention (including salts thereof) with one or more solvent molecules. Such solvent molecules are those commonly used in the pharmaceutical art, which are known to be

innocuous to a recipient, e.g., water, ethanol, dimethylsulfoxide, acetone and other common organic solvents. The term "hydrate" refers to a molecular complex comprising a compound of the invention and water. Pharmaceutically acceptable solvates in accordance with the invention include those wherein the solvent of crystallization may be isotopically substituted, e.g. D₂O, d₆-acetone, d₆-DMSO.

Compounds of the invention, i.e. compounds of formula (I) that contain groups capable of acting as donors and/or acceptors for hydrogen bonds may be capable of forming co-crystals with suitable co-crystal formers. These co-crystals may be prepared from compounds of formula (I) by known co-crystal forming procedures. Such procedures include grinding, heating, co-subliming, co-melting, or contacting in solution compounds of formula (I) with the co-crystal former under crystallization conditions and isolating co-crystals thereby formed. Suitable co-crystal formers include those described in WO 2004/078163. Hence the invention further provides co-crystals comprising a compound of formula (I).

As used herein, the term "pharmaceutically acceptable carrier" includes any and all solvents, dispersion media, coatings, surfactants, antioxidants, preservatives (e.g., antibacterial agents, antifungal agents), isotonic agents, absorption delaying agents, salts, preservatives, drugs, drug stabilizers, binders, excipients, disintegration agents, lubricants, sweetening agents, flavoring agents, dyes, and the like and combinations thereof, as would be known to those skilled in the art (see, for example, Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, 18th Ed. Mack Printing Company, 1990, pp. 1289- 1329). Except insofar as any conventional carrier is incompatible with the active ingredient, its use in the therapeutic or pharmaceutical compositions is contemplated.

The term "a therapeutically effective amount" of a compound of the present invention refers to an amount of the compound of the present invention that will elicit the biological or medical response of a subject, for example, reduction or inhibition of an enzyme or a protein activity, or ameliorate symptoms, alleviate conditions, slow or delay disease progression, or prevent a disease, etc. In one non-limiting embodiment, the term "a therapeutically effective amount" refers to the amount of the compound of the present invention that, when administered to a subject, is effective to (1) at least partially alleviating, inhibiting, preventing and/or ameliorating a condition, or a disorder, or a disease or biological process (e.g., tissue regeneration and reproduction) (i) mediated by Factor D, or (ii) associated with Factor D activity, or (iii) characterized by activity (normal or abnormal) of the complement alternative pathway; or (2) reducing or inhibiting the activity of Factor D; or (3) reducing or inhibiting the expression of Factor D; or (4) reducing or inhibiting activation of the complement system and particularly reducing or inhibiting generation of C3a, iC3b, C5a or the membrane attack complex generated by activation of the complement alternative pathway. In another non-limiting embodiment, the term "a therapeutically effective amount" refers to the amount of the compound of the present

invention that, when administered to a cell, or a tissue, or a non-cellular biological material, or a medium, is effective to at least partially reducing or inhibiting the activity of Factor D and/or the complement alternative pathway; or at least partially reducing or inhibiting the expression of Factor D and/or the complement alternative pathway. The meaning of the term "a therapeutically effective amount" as illustrated in the above embodiment for Factor D and/or the complement alternative pathway.

As used herein, the term "subject" refers to an animal. Typically the animal is a mammal. A subject also refers to for example, primates (e.g., humans), cows, sheep, goats, horses, dogs, cats, rabbits, rats, mice, fish, birds and the like. In certain embodiments, the subject is a primate. In yet other embodiments, the subject is a human.

As used herein, the term "inhibit", "inhibition" or "inhibiting" refers to the reduction or suppression of a given condition, symptom, or disorder, or disease, or a significant decrease in the baseline activity of a biological activity or process.

As used herein, the term "treat", "treating" or "treatment" of any disease or disorder refers in one embodiment, to ameliorating the disease or disorder (i.e., slowing or arresting or reducing the development of the disease or at least one of the clinical symptoms thereof). In another embodiment "treat", "treating" or "treatment" refers to alleviating or ameliorating at least one physical parameter including those which may not be discernible by the patient. In yet another embodiment, "treat", "treating" or "treatment" refers to modulating the disease or disorder, either physically, (e.g., stabilization of a discernible symptom), physiologically, (e.g., stabilization of a physical parameter), or both. In yet another embodiment, "treat", "treating" or "treatment" refers to preventing or delaying the onset or development or progression of the disease or disorder.

As used herein, a subject is "in need of" a treatment if such subject would benefit biologically, medically or in quality of life from such treatment.

As used herein, the term "a," "an," "the" and similar terms used in the context of the present invention (especially in the context of the claims) are to be construed to cover both the singular and plural unless otherwise indicated herein or clearly contradicted by the context.

All methods described herein can be performed in any suitable order unless otherwise indicated herein or otherwise clearly contradicted by context. The use of any and all examples, or exemplary language (e.g. "such as") provided herein is intended merely to better illuminate the invention and does not pose a limitation on the scope of the invention otherwise claimed.

Any asymmetric atom (e.g., carbon or the like) of the compound(s) of the present invention can be present in racemic or enantiomerically enriched, for example the (*R*)-, (*S*)- or (*R,S*)- configuration. In certain embodiments, each asymmetric atom has at least 50 % enantiomeric excess, at least 60 % enantiomeric excess, at least 70 % enantiomeric excess, at least 80 % enantiomeric excess, at least 90 % enantiomeric excess, at least 95 % enantiomeric excess, or at least 99 % enantiomeric excess in the (*R*)- or (*S*)- configuration. Substituents at atoms with unsaturated bonds may, if possible, be present in *cis*- (*Z*)- or *trans*- (*E*)- form.

Accordingly, as used herein a compound of the present invention can be in the form of one of the possible isomers, rotamers, atropisomers, tautomers or mixtures thereof, for example, as substantially pure geometric (*cis* or *trans*) isomers, diastereomers, optical isomers (antipodes), racemates or mixtures thereof.

Any resulting mixtures of isomers can be separated on the basis of the physicochemical differences of the constituents, into the pure or substantially pure geometric or optical isomers, diastereomers, racemates, for example, by chromatography and/or fractional crystallization.

Any resulting racemates of final products or intermediates can be resolved into the optical antipodes by known methods, e.g., by separation of the diastereomeric salts thereof, obtained with an optically active acid or base, and liberating the optically active acidic or basic compound. In particular, a basic moiety may thus be employed to resolve the compounds of the present invention into their optical antipodes, e.g., by fractional crystallization of a salt formed with an optically active acid, e.g., tartaric acid, dibenzoyl tartaric acid, diacetyl tartaric acid, di-O,O'-*p*-toluoyl tartaric acid, mandelic acid, malic acid or camphor-10-sulfonic acid. Racemic products can also be resolved by chiral chromatography, e.g., high pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC) using a chiral adsorbent.

Compounds of the present invention are either obtained in the free form, as a salt thereof, or as prodrug derivatives thereof.

When both a basic group and an acid group are present in the same molecule, the compounds of the present invention may also form internal salts, e.g., zwitterionic molecules.

The present invention also provides pro-drugs of the compounds of the present invention that converts *in vivo* to the compounds of the present invention. A pro-drug is an active or inactive compound that is modified chemically through *in vivo* physiological action, such as hydrolysis, metabolism and the like, into a compound of this invention following administration of the prodrug to a subject. The suitability and techniques involved in making and using pro-drugs are well known by those skilled in the art. Prodrugs can be conceptually divided into two non-exclusive categories, bioprecursor prodrugs and carrier prodrugs. See *The Practice of*

Medicinal Chemistry, Ch. 31-32 (Ed. Wermuth, Academic Press, San Diego, Calif., 2001). Generally, bioprecursor prodrugs are compounds, which are inactive or have low activity compared to the corresponding active drug compound, that contain one or more protective groups and are converted to an active form by metabolism or solvolysis. Both the active drug form and any released metabolic products should have acceptably low toxicity.

Carrier prodrugs are drug compounds that contain a transport moiety, e.g., that improve uptake and/or localized delivery to a site(s) of action. Desirably for such a carrier prodrug, the linkage between the drug moiety and the transport moiety is a covalent bond, the prodrug is inactive or less active than the drug compound, and any released transport moiety is acceptably non-toxic. For prodrugs where the transport moiety is intended to enhance uptake, typically the release of the transport moiety should be rapid. In other cases, it is desirable to utilize a moiety that provides slow release, e.g., certain polymers or other moieties, such as cyclodextrins. Carrier prodrugs can, for example, be used to improve one or more of the following properties: increased lipophilicity, increased duration of pharmacological effects, increased site-specificity, decreased toxicity and adverse reactions, and/or improvement in drug formulation (e.g., stability, water solubility, suppression of an undesirable organoleptic or physiochemical property). For example, lipophilicity can be increased by esterification of (a) hydroxyl groups with lipophilic carboxylic acids (e.g., a carboxylic acid having at least one lipophilic moiety), or (b) carboxylic acid groups with lipophilic alcohols (e.g., an alcohol having at least one lipophilic moiety, for example aliphatic alcohols).

Exemplary prodrugs are, e.g., esters of free carboxylic acids and S-acyl derivatives of thiols and O-acyl derivatives of alcohols or phenols, wherein acyl has a meaning as defined herein. Suitable prodrugs are often pharmaceutically acceptable ester derivatives convertible by solvolysis under physiological conditions to the parent carboxylic acid, e.g., lower alkyl esters, cycloalkyl esters, lower alkenyl esters, benzyl esters, mono- or di-substituted lower alkyl esters, such as the ω -(amino, mono- or di-lower alkylamino, carboxy, lower alkoxy carbonyl)-lower alkyl esters, the α -(lower alkanoyloxy, lower alkoxy carbonyl or di-lower alkylaminocarbonyl)-lower alkyl esters, such as the pivaloyloxymethyl ester and the like conventionally used in the art. In addition, amines have been masked as arylcarboxyloxymethyl substituted derivatives which are cleaved by esterases *in vivo* releasing the free drug and formaldehyde (Bundgaard, *J. Med. Chem.* 2503 (1989)). Moreover, drugs containing an acidic NH group, such as imidazole, imide, indole and the like, have been masked with N-acyloxymethyl groups (Bundgaard, *Design of Prodrugs*, Elsevier (1985)). Hydroxy groups have been masked as esters and ethers. EP 039,051 (Sloan and Little) discloses Mannich-base hydroxamic acid prodrugs, their preparation and use.

Furthermore, the compounds of the present invention, including their salts, can also be obtained in the form of their hydrates, or include other solvents used for their crystallization.

Within the scope of this text, only a readily removable group that is not a constituent of the particular desired end product of the compounds of the present invention is designated a "protecting group", unless the context indicates otherwise. The protection of functional groups by such protecting groups, the protecting groups themselves, and their cleavage reactions are described for example in standard reference works, such as J. F. W. McOmie, "Protective Groups in Organic Chemistry", Plenum Press, London and New York 1973, in T. W. Greene and P. G. M. Wuts, "Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis", Third edition, Wiley, New York 1999, in "The Peptides"; Volume 3 (editors: E. Gross and J. Meienhofer), Academic Press, London and New York 1981, in "Methoden der organischen Chemie" (Methods of Organic Chemistry), Houben Weyl, 4th edition, Volume 15/I, Georg Thieme Verlag, Stuttgart 1974, in H.-D. Jakubke and H. Jeschkeit, "Aminosäuren, Peptide, Proteine" (Amino acids, Peptides, Proteins), Verlag Chemie, Weinheim, Deerfield Beach, and Basel 1982, and in Jochen Lehmann, "Chemie der Kohlenhydrate: Monosaccharide und Derivate" (Chemistry of Carbohydrates: Monosaccharides and Derivatives), Georg Thieme Verlag, Stuttgart 1974. A characteristic of protecting groups is that they can be removed readily (i.e. without the occurrence of undesired secondary reactions) for example by solvolysis, reduction, photolysis or alternatively under physiological conditions (e.g. by enzymatic cleavage).

Salts of compounds of the present invention having at least one salt-forming group may be prepared in a manner known to those skilled in the art. For example, salts of compounds of the present invention having acid groups may be formed, for example, by treating the compounds with metal compounds, such as alkali metal salts of suitable organic carboxylic acids, e.g. the sodium salt of 2-ethylhexanoic acid, with organic alkali metal or alkaline earth metal compounds, such as the corresponding hydroxides, carbonates or hydrogen carbonates, such as sodium or potassium hydroxide, carbonate or hydrogen carbonate, with corresponding calcium compounds or with ammonia or a suitable organic amine, stoichiometric amounts or only a small excess of the salt-forming agent preferably being used. Acid addition salts of compounds of the present invention are obtained in customary manner, e.g. by treating the compounds with an acid or a suitable anion exchange reagent. Internal salts of compounds of the present invention containing acid and basic salt-forming groups, e.g. a free carboxy group and a free amino group, may be formed, e.g. by the neutralisation of salts, such as acid addition salts, to the isoelectric point, e.g. with weak bases, or by treatment with ion exchangers.

Salts can be converted into the free compounds in accordance with methods known to those skilled in the art. Metal and ammonium salts can be converted, for example, by treatment

with suitable acids, and acid addition salts, for example, by treatment with a suitable basic agent.

Mixtures of isomers obtainable according to the invention can be separated in a manner known to those skilled in the art into the individual isomers; diastereoisomers can be separated, for example, by partitioning between polyphasic solvent mixtures, recrystallisation and/or chromatographic separation, for example over silica gel or by e.g. medium pressure liquid chromatography over a reversed phase column, and racemates can be separated, for example, by the formation of salts with optically pure salt-forming reagents and separation of the mixture of diastereoisomers so obtainable, for example by means of fractional crystallisation, or by chromatography over optically active column materials.

Intermediates and final products can be worked up and/or purified according to standard methods, e.g. using chromatographic methods, distribution methods, (re-) crystallization, and the like.

The following applies in general to all processes mentioned herein before and hereinafter.

All the above-mentioned process steps can be carried out under reaction conditions that are known to those skilled in the art, including those mentioned specifically, in the absence or, customarily, in the presence of solvents or diluents, including, for example, solvents or diluents that are inert towards the reagents used and dissolve them, in the absence or presence of catalysts, condensation or neutralizing agents, for example ion exchangers, such as cation exchangers, e.g. in the H⁺ form, depending on the nature of the reaction and/or of the reactants at reduced, normal or elevated temperature, for example in a temperature range of from about -100 °C to about 190 °C, including, for example, from approximately -80 °C to approximately 150 °C, for example at from -80 to -60 °C, at room temperature, at from -20 to 40 °C or at reflux temperature, under atmospheric pressure or in a closed vessel, where appropriate under pressure, and/or in an inert atmosphere, for example under an argon or nitrogen atmosphere.

At all stages of the reactions, mixtures of isomers that are formed can be separated into the individual isomers, for example diastereoisomers or enantiomers, or into any desired mixtures of isomers, for example racemates or mixtures of diastereoisomers, for example analogously to the methods described under "Additional process steps".

The solvents from which those solvents that are suitable for any particular reaction may be selected include those mentioned specifically or, for example, water, esters, such as lower alkyl-lower alkanoates, for example ethyl acetate, ethers, such as aliphatic ethers, for example diethyl ether, or cyclic ethers, for example tetrahydrofuran or dioxane, liquid aromatic

hydrocarbons, such as benzene or toluene, alcohols, such as methanol, ethanol or 1- or 2-propanol, nitriles, such as acetonitrile, halogenated hydrocarbons, such as methylene chloride or chloroform, acid amides, such as dimethylformamide or dimethyl acetamide, bases, such as heterocyclic nitrogen bases, for example pyridine or *N*-methylpyrrolidin-2-one, carboxylic acid anhydrides, such as lower alkanoic acid anhydrides, for example acetic anhydride, cyclic, linear or branched hydrocarbons, such as cyclohexane, hexane or isopentane, methycyclohexane, or mixtures of those solvents, for example aqueous solutions, unless otherwise indicated in the description of the processes. Such solvent mixtures may also be used in working up, for example by chromatography or partitioning.

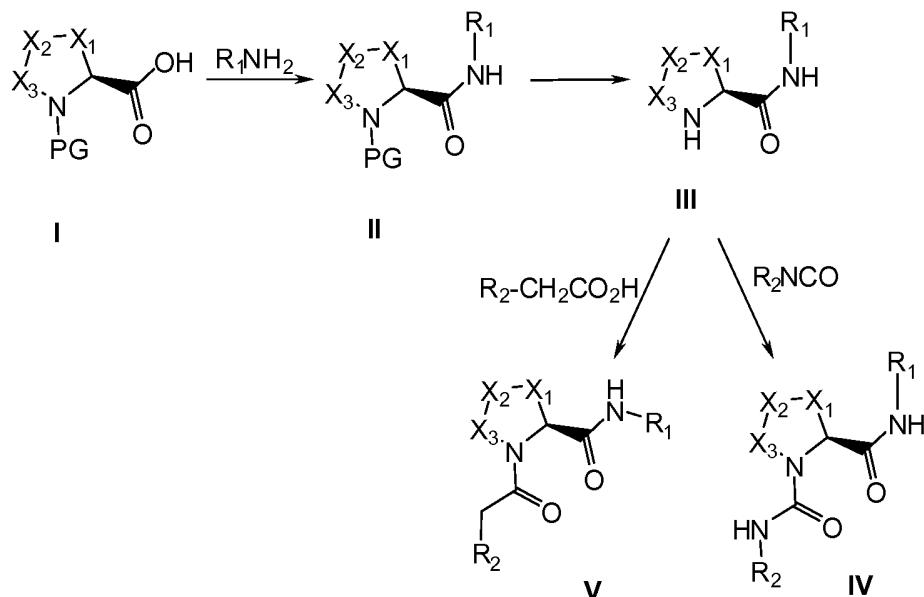
The compounds, including their salts, may also be obtained in the form of hydrates, or their crystals may, for example, include the solvent used for crystallization. Different crystalline forms may be present.

The invention relates also to those forms of the process in which a compound obtainable as an intermediate at any stage of the process is used as starting material and the remaining process steps are carried out, or in which a starting material is formed under the reaction conditions or is used in the form of a derivative, for example in a protected form or in the form of a salt, or a compound obtainable by the process according to the invention is produced under the process conditions and processed further *in situ*.

All starting materials, building blocks, reagents, acids, bases, dehydrating agents, solvents and catalysts utilized to synthesize the compounds of the present invention are either commercially available or can be produced by organic synthesis methods known to one of ordinary skill in the art (Houben-Weyl 4th Ed. 1952, Methods of Organic Synthesis, Thieme, Volume 21).

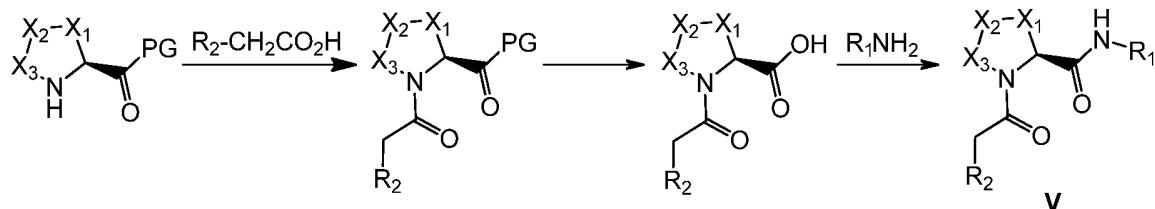
Typically, the compounds of formula (I) can be prepared according to the Schemes provided *infra*.

A compound of the formula IV or V can, for example, be prepared from a corresponding N-protected aminoacid as described below:



By reacting an N-protected aminoacid I wherein PG is a protecting group or a reactive derivative thereof with an amino compound, under condensation conditions to obtain a compound of the formula II. Removing the protecting group and reacting the compound of the formula III with an isocyanate to obtain a compound of the formula IV or with an acid or a reactive derivative thereof under condensation conditions to obtain a compound of the formula V.

A compound of the formula IV or V can, for example, be prepared from a corresponding protected aminoacid as described below:



The invention further includes any variant of the present processes, in which an intermediate product obtainable at any stage thereof is used as starting material and the remaining steps are carried out, or in which the starting materials are formed *in situ* under the reaction conditions, or in which the reaction components are used in the form of their salts or optically pure materials.

Compounds of the invention and intermediates can also be converted into each other according to methods generally known *to those skilled in the art.*

In another aspect, the present invention provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of the present invention and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. The pharmaceutical composition can be formulated for particular routes of administration such as oral administration, parenteral administration, and ophthalmic administration, etc. In addition, the pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention can be made up in a solid form (including without limitation capsules, tablets, pills, granules, powders or suppositories), or in a liquid form (including without limitation solutions, suspensions, emulsions, each of which may be suitable for ophthalmic administration). The pharmaceutical compositions can be subjected to conventional pharmaceutical operations such as sterilization and/or can contain conventional inert diluents, lubricating agents, or buffering agents, as well as adjuvants, such as preservatives, stabilizers, wetting agents, emulsifiers and buffers, etc.

Typically, the pharmaceutical compositions are tablets or gelatin capsules comprising the active ingredient together with

- a) diluents, e.g., lactose, dextrose, sucrose, mannitol, sorbitol, cellulose and/or glycine;
- b) lubricants, e.g., silica, talcum, stearic acid, its magnesium or calcium salt and/or polyethyleneglycol; for tablets also
- c) binders, e.g., magnesium aluminum silicate, starch paste, gelatin, tragacanth, methylcellulose, sodium carboxymethylcellulose and/or polyvinylpyrrolidone; if desired
- d) disintegrants, e.g., starches, agar, alginic acid or its sodium salt, or effervescent mixtures; and/or
- e) absorbents, colorants, flavors and sweeteners.

Tablets may be either film coated or enteric coated according to methods known in the art.

Suitable compositions for oral administration include an effective amount of a compound of the invention in the form of tablets, lozenges, aqueous or oily suspensions, dispersible powders or granules, emulsion, hard or soft capsules, or syrups or elixirs. Compositions intended for oral use are prepared according to any method known in the art for the manufacture of pharmaceutical compositions and such compositions can contain one or more agents selected from the group consisting of sweetening agents, flavoring agents, coloring agents and preserving agents in order to provide pharmaceutically elegant and palatable preparations. Tablets may contain the active ingredient in admixture with nontoxic pharmaceutically acceptable excipients which are suitable for the manufacture of tablets. These excipients are,

for example, inert diluents, such as calcium carbonate, sodium carbonate, lactose, calcium phosphate or sodium phosphate; granulating and disintegrating agents, for example, corn starch, or alginic acid; binding agents, for example, starch, gelatin or acacia; and lubricating agents, for example magnesium stearate, stearic acid or talc. The tablets are uncoated or coated by known techniques to delay disintegration and absorption in the gastrointestinal tract and thereby provide a sustained action over a longer period. For example, a time delay material such as glyceryl monostearate or glyceryl distearate can be employed. Formulations for oral use can be presented as hard gelatin capsules wherein the active ingredient is mixed with an inert solid diluent, for example, calcium carbonate, calcium phosphate or kaolin, or as soft gelatin capsules wherein the active ingredient is mixed with water or an oil medium, for example, peanut oil, liquid paraffin or olive oil.

Certain injectable compositions are aqueous isotonic solutions or suspensions, and suppositories are advantageously prepared from fatty emulsions or suspensions. Said compositions may be sterilized and/or contain adjuvants, such as preserving, stabilizing, wetting or emulsifying agents, solution promoters, salts for regulating the osmotic pressure and/or buffers. In addition, they may also contain other therapeutically valuable substances. Said compositions are prepared according to conventional mixing, granulating or coating methods, respectively, and contain about 0.1-75%, or contain about 1-50%, of the active ingredient.

Suitable compositions for transdermal application include an effective amount of a compound of the invention with a suitable carrier. Carriers suitable for transdermal delivery include absorbable pharmacologically acceptable solvents to assist passage through the skin of the host. For example, transdermal devices are in the form of a bandage comprising a backing member, a reservoir containing the compound optionally with carriers, optionally a rate controlling barrier to deliver the compound of the skin of the host at a controlled and predetermined rate over a prolonged period of time, and means to secure the device to the skin.

Suitable compositions for topical application, e.g., to the skin and eyes, include aqueous solutions, suspensions, ointments, creams, gels or sprayable formulations, e.g., for delivery by aerosol or the like. Such topical delivery systems will in particular be appropriate for ophthalmic application, e.g., for the treatment of eye diseases e.g., for therapeutic or prophylactic use in treating age related macular degeneration and other complement mediated ophthalmic disorders. Such may contain solubilizers, stabilizers, tonicity enhancing agents, buffers and preservatives.

As used herein a topical application may also pertain to an inhalation or to an intranasal application. They may be conveniently delivered in the form of a dry powder (either alone, as a mixture, for example a dry blend with lactose, or a mixed component particle, for example with

phospholipids) from a dry powder inhaler or an aerosol spray presentation from a pressurised container, pump, spray, atomizer or nebuliser, with or without the use of a suitable propellant.

Dosage forms for the topical or transdermal administration of a compound of this invention include powders, sprays, ointments, pastes, creams, lotions, gels, solutions, patches and inhalants. The active compound may be mixed under sterile conditions with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, and with any preservatives, buffers, or propellants that may be desirable.

The ointments, pastes, creams and gels may contain, in addition to an active compound of this invention, excipients, such as animal and vegetable fats, oils, waxes, paraffins, starch, tragacanth, cellulose derivatives, polyethylene glycols, silicones, bentonites, silicic acid, talc and zinc oxide, or mixtures thereof.

Powders and sprays can contain, in addition to a compound of this invention, excipients such as lactose, talc, silicic acid, aluminum hydroxide, calcium silicates and polyamide powder, or mixtures of these substances. Sprays can additionally contain customary propellants, such as chlorofluorohydrocarbons and volatile unsubstituted hydrocarbons, such as butane and propane.

Transdermal patches have the added advantage of providing controlled delivery of a compound of the present invention to the body. Such dosage forms can be made by dissolving or dispersing the compound in the proper medium. Absorption enhancers can also be used to increase the flux of the compound across the skin. The rate of such flux can be controlled by either providing a rate controlling membrane or dispersing the active compound in a polymer matrix or gel.

Ophthalmic formulations, eye ointments, powders, solutions and the like, are also contemplated as being within the scope of this invention.

The present invention further provides anhydrous pharmaceutical compositions and dosage forms comprising the compounds of the present invention as active ingredients, since water may facilitate the degradation of certain compounds.

Anhydrous pharmaceutical compositions and dosage forms of the invention can be prepared using anhydrous or low moisture containing ingredients and low moisture or low humidity conditions. An anhydrous pharmaceutical composition may be prepared and stored such that its anhydrous nature is maintained. Accordingly, anhydrous compositions are packaged using materials known to prevent exposure to water such that they can be included in suitable formulary kits. Examples of suitable packaging include, but are not limited to, hermetically sealed foils, plastics, unit dose containers (e. g., vials), blister packs, and strip packs.

The invention further provides pharmaceutical compositions and dosage forms that comprise one or more agents that reduce the rate by which the compound of the present invention as an active ingredient will decompose. Such agents, which are referred to herein as "stabilizers," include, but are not limited to, antioxidants such as ascorbic acid, pH buffers, or salt buffers, etc.

Prophylactic and Therapeutic Uses

The compounds of formula I in free form or in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form, exhibit valuable pharmacological properties, e.g. Factor D modulating properties, complement pathway modulating properties and modulation of the complement alternative pathway properties, e.g. as indicated in *in vitro* and *in vivo* tests as provided in the next sections and are therefore indicated for therapy.

The present invention provides methods of treating a disease or disorder associated with increased complement activity by administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of the compounds of Formula (I) of the invention. In certain aspects, methods are provided for the treatment of diseases associated with increased activity of the C3 amplification loop of the complement pathway. In certain embodiments, methods of treating or preventing complement mediated diseases are provided in which the complement activation is induced by antibody-antigen interactions, by a component of an autoimmune disease, or by ischemic damage.

In a specific embodiment, the present invention provides a method of treating or preventing age-related macular degeneration (AMD) by administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of the compound of Formula (I) of the invention. In certain embodiments, patients who are currently asymptomatic but are at risk of developing a symptomatic macular degeneration related disorder are suitable for administration with a compound of the invention. The methods of treating or preventing AMD include, but are not limited to, methods of treating or preventing one or more symptoms or aspects of AMD selected from formation of ocular drusen, inflammation of the eye or eye tissue, loss of photoreceptor cells, loss of vision (including loss of visual acuity or visual field), neovascularization (including CNV), retinal detachment, photoreceptor degeneration, RPE degeneration, retinal degeneration, chorioretinal degeneration, cone degeneration, retinal dysfunction, retinal damage in response to light exposure, damage of the Bruch's membrane, and/ or loss of RPE function.

The compound of Formula (I) of the invention can be used, *inter alia*, to prevent the onset of AMD, to prevent the progression of early AMD to advanced forms of AMD including neovascular AMD or geographic atrophy, to slow and/or prevent progression of geographic atrophy, to treat or prevent macular edema from AMD or other conditions (such as diabetic retinopathy, uveitis, or post surgical or non-surgical trauma), to prevent or reduce the loss of

vision from AMD, and to improve vision lost due to pre-existing early or advanced AMD. It can also be used in combination with anti-VEGF therapies for the treatment of neovascular AMD patients or for the prevention of neovascular AMD. The present invention further provides methods of treating a complement related disease or disorder by administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of the compound(s) of the invention, wherein said disease or disorder is selected from uveitis, adult macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, retinitis pigmentosa, macular edema, Behcet's uveitis, multifocal choroiditis, Vogt-Koyangi-Harada syndrome, intermediate uveitis, birdshot retino-chorioiditis, sympathetic ophthalmia, ocular cicatricial pemphigoid, ocular pemphigus, nonarteritic ischemic optic neuropathy, post-operative inflammation, and retinal vein occlusion.

In some embodiments, the present invention provides methods of treating a complement related disease or disorder by administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of the compounds of the invention. Examples of known complement related diseases or disorders include: neurological disorders, multiple sclerosis, stroke, Guillain Barre Syndrome, traumatic brain injury, Parkinson's disease, disorders of inappropriate or undesirable complement activation, hemodialysis complications, hyperacute allograft rejection, xenograft rejection, interleukin-2 induced toxicity during IL-2 therapy, inflammatory disorders, inflammation of autoimmune diseases, Crohn's disease, adult respiratory distress syndrome, thermal injury including burns or frostbite, myocarditis, post-ischemic reperfusion conditions, myocardial infarction, balloon angioplasty, post-pump syndrome in cardiopulmonary bypass or renal bypass, atherosclerosis, hemodialysis, renal ischemia, mesenteric artery reperfusion after aortic reconstruction, infectious disease or sepsis, immune complex disorders and autoimmune diseases, rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), SLE nephritis, proliferative nephritis, liver fibrosis, hemolytic anemia, myasthenia gravis, tissue regeneration and neural regeneration. In addition, other known complement related disease are lung disease and disorders such as dyspnea, hemoptysis, ARDS, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema, pulmonary embolisms and infarcts, pneumonia, fibrogenic dust diseases, inert dusts and minerals (e.g., silicon, coal dust, beryllium, and asbestos), pulmonary fibrosis, organic dust diseases, chemical injury (due to irritant gases and chemicals, e.g., chlorine, phosgene, sulfur dioxide, hydrogen sulfide, nitrogen dioxide, ammonia, and hydrochloric acid), smoke injury, thermal injury (e.g., burn, freeze), asthma, allergy, bronchoconstriction, hypersensitivity pneumonitis, parasitic diseases, Goodpasture's Syndrome, pulmonary vasculitis, Pauci-immune vasculitis, immune complex-associated inflammation, uveitis (including Behcet's disease and other sub-types of uveitis), antiphospholipid syndrome.

In a specific embodiment, the present invention provides methods of treating a complement related disease or disorder by administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of the compounds of the invention, wherein said disease or disorder is asthma,

arthritis (e.g., rheumatoid arthritis), autoimmune heart disease, multiple sclerosis, inflammatory bowel disease, ischemia-reperfusion injuries, Barraquer-Simons Syndrome, hemodialysis, systemic lupus, lupus erythematosus, psoriasis, multiple sclerosis, transplantation, diseases of the central nervous system such as Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative conditions, atypically hemolytic uremic syndrome (aHUS), glomerulonephritis (including membrane proliferative glomerulonephritis), blistering cutaneous diseases (including bullous pemphigoid, pemphigus, and epidermolysis bullosa), ocular cicatrical pemphigoid or MPGN II.

In a specific embodiment, the present invention provides methods of treating glomerulonephritis by administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a composition comprising a compound of the present invention. Symptoms of glomerulonephritis include, but not limited to, proteinuria; reduced glomerular filtration rate (GFR); serum electrolyte changes including azotemia (uremia, excessive blood urea nitrogen--BUN) and salt retention, leading to water retention resulting in hypertension and edema; hematuria and abnormal urinary sediments including red cell casts; hypoalbuminemia; hyperlipidemia; and lipiduria. In a specific embodiment, the present invention provides methods of treating paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH) by administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a composition comprising an compound of the present invention with or without concomitant administration of a complement C5 inhibitor or C5 convertase inhibitor such as Soliris.

In a specific embodiment, the present invention provides methods of reducing the dysfunction of the immune and/or hemostatic systems associated with extracorporeal circulation by administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a composition comprising an compound of the present invention. The compounds of the present invention can be used in any procedure which involves circulating the patient's blood from a blood vessel of the patient, through a conduit, and back to a blood vessel of the patient, the conduit having a luminal surface comprising a material capable of causing at least one of complement activation, platelet activation, leukocyte activation, or platelet-leukocyte adhesion. Such procedures include, but are not limited to, all forms of ECC, as well as procedures involving the introduction of an artificial or foreign organ, tissue, or vessel into the blood circuit of a patient. More particularly, such procedures include, but are not limited to, transplantation procedures including kidney, liver, lung or heart transplant procedures and islet cell transplant procedures.

In other embodiments, the compounds of the invention are suitable for use in the treatment of diseases and disorders associated with fatty acid metabolism, including obesity and other metabolic disorders.

In another embodiment, the compounds of the invention may be used in blood ampules, diagnostic kits and other equipment used in the collection and sampling of blood. The use of the

compounds of the invention in such diagnostic kits may inhibit the ex vivo activation of the complement pathway associated with blood sampling.

The pharmaceutical composition or combination of the present invention can be in unit dosage of about 1-1000 mg of active ingredient(s) for a subject of about 50-70 kg, or about 1-500 mg or about 1-250 mg or about 1-150 mg or about 0.5-100 mg, or about 1-50 mg of active ingredients. The therapeutically effective dosage of a compound, the pharmaceutical composition, or the combinations thereof, is dependent on the species of the subject, the body weight, age and individual condition, the disorder or disease or the severity thereof being treated. A physician, clinician or veterinarian of ordinary skill can readily determine the effective amount of each of the active ingredients necessary to prevent, treat or inhibit the progress of the disorder or disease.

The above-cited dosage properties are demonstrable *in vitro* and *in vivo* tests using advantageously mammals, e.g., mice, rats, dogs, monkeys or isolated organs, tissues and preparations thereof. The compounds of the present invention can be applied *in vitro* in the form of solutions, e.g., aqueous solutions, and *in vivo* either enterally, parenterally, advantageously intravenously, e.g., as a suspension or in aqueous solution. The dosage *in vitro* may range between about 10⁻³ molar and 10⁻⁹ molar concentrations. A therapeutically effective amount *in vivo* may range depending on the route of administration, between about 0.1-500 mg/kg, or between about 1-100 mg/kg.

The activity of a compound according to the present invention can be assessed by the following *in vitro* & *in vivo* methods.

The compound of the present invention may be administered either simultaneously with, or before or after, one or more other therapeutic agent. The compound of the present invention may be administered separately, by the same or different route of administration, or together in the same pharmaceutical composition as the other agents.

In one embodiment, the invention provides a product comprising a compound of formula (I) and at least one other therapeutic agent as a combined preparation for simultaneous, separate or sequential use in therapy. In one embodiment, the therapy is the treatment of a disease or condition mediated by alternative complement pathway. Products provided as a combined preparation include a composition comprising the compound of formula (I) and the other therapeutic agent(s) together in the same pharmaceutical composition, or the compound of formula (I) and the other therapeutic agent(s) in separate form, e.g. in the form of a kit.

In one embodiment, the invention provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) and another therapeutic agent(s). Optionally, the pharmaceutical composition may comprise a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, as described above.

In one embodiment, the invention provides a kit comprising two or more separate pharmaceutical compositions, at least one of which contains a compound of formula (I). In one embodiment, the kit comprises means for separately retaining said compositions, such as a container, divided bottle, or divided foil packet. An example of such a kit is a blister pack, as typically used for the packaging of tablets, capsules and the like.

The kit of the invention may be used for administering different dosage forms, for example, oral and parenteral, for administering the separate compositions at different dosage intervals, or for titrating the separate compositions against one another. To assist compliance, the kit of the invention typically comprises directions for administration.

In the combination therapies of the invention, the compound of the invention and the other therapeutic agent may be manufactured and/or formulated by the same or different manufacturers. Moreover, the compound of the invention and the other therapeutic may be brought together into a combination therapy: (i) prior to release of the combination product to physicians (e.g. in the case of a kit comprising the compound of the invention and the other therapeutic agent); (ii) by the physician themselves (or under the guidance of the physician) shortly before administration; (iii) in the patient themselves, e.g. during sequential administration of the compound of the invention and the other therapeutic agent.

Accordingly, the invention provides the use of a compound of formula (I) for treating a disease or condition mediated by the complement alternative pathway, wherein the medicament is prepared for administration with another therapeutic agent. The invention also provides the use of another therapeutic agent for treating a disease or condition mediated by the complement alternative pathway, wherein the medicament is administered with a compound of formula (I).

The invention also provides a compound of formula (I) for use in a method of treating a disease or condition mediated by the complement alternative pathway, wherein the compound of formula (I) is prepared for administration with another therapeutic agent. The invention also provides another therapeutic agent for use in a method of treating a disease or condition mediated by the complement alternative pathway and/or Factor D, wherein the other therapeutic agent is prepared for administration with a compound of formula (I). The invention also provides a compound of formula (I) for use in a method of treating a disease or condition mediated by the complement alternative pathway and/or Factor D, wherein the compound of formula (I) is administered with another therapeutic agent. The invention also provides another therapeutic agent for use in a method of treating a disease or condition mediated by the complement

alternative pathway and/or Factor D, wherein the other therapeutic agent is administered with a compound of formula (I).

The invention also provides the use of a compound of formula (I) for treating a disease or condition mediated by the complement alternative pathway and/or Factor D, wherein the patient has previously (e.g. within 24 hours) been treated with another therapeutic agent. The invention also provides the use of another therapeutic agent for treating a disease or condition mediated by the complement alternative pathway and/or Factor D wherein the patient has previously (e.g. within 24 hours) been treated with a compound of formula (I).

The pharmaceutical compositions can be administered alone or in combination with other molecules known to have a beneficial effect on retinal attachment or damaged retinal tissue, including molecules capable of tissue repair and regeneration and/or inhibiting inflammation. Examples of useful, cofactors include anti-VEGF agents (such as an antibody or FAB against VEGF, e.g., Lucentis or Avastin), basic fibroblast growth factor (bFGF), ciliary neurotrophic factor (CNTF), axokine (a mutein of CNTF), leukemia inhibitory factor (LIF), neutrotrophin 3 (NT-3), neutrotrophin-4 (NT-4), nerve growth factor (NGF), insulin-like growth factor II, prostaglandin E2, 30 kD survival factor, taurine, and vitamin A. Other useful cofactors include symptom-alleviating cofactors, including antiseptics, antibiotics, antiviral and antifungal agents and analgesics and anestheticsSuitable agents for combination treatment with the compounds of the invention include agents known in the art that are able to modulate the activities of complement components.

A combination therapy regimen may be additive, or it may produce synergistic results (e.g., reductions in complement pathway activity more than expected for the combined use of the two agents). In some embodiments, the present invention provide a combination therapy for preventing and/or treating AMD or another complement related ocular disease as described above with a compound of the invention and an anti-angiogenic, such as anti-VEGF agent (including Lucentis and Avastin) or photodynamic therapy (such as verteporfin).

In some embodiments, the present invention provide a combination therapy for preventing and/or treating autoimmune disease as described above with a compound of the invention and a B-Cell or T-Cell modulating agent (for example cyclosporine or analogs thereof, rapamycin, RAD001 or analogs thereof, and the like). In particular, for multiple sclerosis therapy may include the combination of a compound of the invention and a second MS agent selected from fingolimod, cladribine, tysabri, laquinimod, rebif, avonex and th elike.

In one embodiment, the invention provides a method of modulating activity of the complement alternative pathway in a subject, wherein the method comprises administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the compound according to the definition of

formula (I). The invention further provides methods of modulating the activity of the complement alternative pathway in a subject by modulating the activity of Factor D, wherein the method comprises administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the compound according to the definition of Formula (I).

In one embodiment, the invention provides a compound according to the definition of formula (I), (Ia), (VII) or any subformulae thereof, for use as a medicament.

In one embodiment, the invention provides the use of a compound according to the definition of formula (I), (Ia), (VII) or any subformulae thereof, for the treatment of a disorder or disease in a subject mediated by complement activation. In particular, the invention provides the use of a compound according to the definition of formula (I), (Ia), (VII) or any subformulae thereof, for the treatment of a disorder or disease mediated by activation of the complement alternative pathway.

In one embodiment, the invention provides the use of a compound according to the definition of formula (I), (Ia), in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a disorder or disease in a subject characterized by activation of the complement system. More particularly in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a disease or disorder in a subject characterized by over activation of the complement alternative pathway.

In one embodiment, the invention provides the use of a compound according to the definition of formula (I), (Ia), or subformulae thereof for the treatment of a disorder or disease in a subject characterized by activation of the complement system. More particularly, the invention provides uses of the compounds provided herein in the treatment of a disease or disorder characterized by over activation of the complement alternative pathway or the C3 amplification loop of the alternative pathway. In certain embodiments, the use is in the treatment of a disease or disorder selected from retinal diseases (such as age-related macular degeneration).

The present invention provides use of the compounds of the invention for treating a disease or disorder associated with increased complement activity by administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of the compounds of Formula (I) of the invention. In certain aspects, uses are provided for the treatment of diseases associated with increased activity of the C3 amplification loop of the complement pathway. In certain embodiments, uses of treating or preventing complement mediated diseases are provided in which the complement activation is induced by antibody-antigen interactions, by a component of an autoimmune disease, or by ischemic damage.

In a specific embodiment, the present invention provides use of the compounds of the invention for treating or preventing age-related macular degeneration (AMD). In certain

embodiments, patients who are currently asymptomatic but are at risk of developing a symptomatic macular degeneration related disorder are suitable for administration with a compound of the invention. The use in treating or preventing AMD include, but are not limited to, uses in treating or preventing one or more symptoms or aspects of AMD selected from formation of ocular drusen, inflammation of the eye or eye tissue, loss of photoreceptor cells, loss of vision (including loss of visual acuity or visual field), neovascularization (including CNV), retinal detachment, photoreceptor degeneration, RPE degeneration, retinal degeneration, chorioretinal degeneration, cone degeneration, retinal dysfunction, retinal damage in response to light exposure, damage of the Bruch's membrane, and/ or loss of RPE function.

The compound of Formula (I) of the invention can be used, *inter alia*, to prevent the onset of AMD, to prevent the progression of early AMD to advanced forms of AMD including neovascular AMD or geographic atrophy, to slow and/or prevent progression of geographic atrophy, to treat or prevent macular edema from AMD or other conditions (such as diabetic retinopathy, uveitis, or post surgical or non-surgical trauma), to prevent or reduce the loss of vision from AMD, and to improve vision lost due to pre-existing early or advanced AMD. It can also be used in combination with anti-VEGF therapies for the treatment of neovascular AMD patients or for the prevention of neovascular AMD. The present invention further provides methods of treating a complement related disease or disorder by administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of the compound(s) of the invention, wherein said disease or disorder is selected from uveitis, adult macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, retinitis pigmentosa, macular edema, Behcet's uveitis, multifocal choroiditis, Vogt-Koyangi-Harada syndrome, intermediate uveitis, birdshot retino-chorioiditis, sympathetic ophthalmia, ocular cicatricial pemphigoid, ocular pemphigus, nonarteritic ischemic optic neuropathy, post-operative inflammation, and retinal vein occlusion.

In some embodiments, the present invention provides uses for treating a complement related disease or disorder. Examples of known complement related diseases or disorders include: neurological disorders, multiple sclerosis, stroke, Guillain Barre Syndrome, traumatic brain injury, Parkinson's disease, disorders of inappropriate or undesirable complement activation, hemodialysis complications, hyperacute allograft rejection, xenograft rejection, interleukin-2 induced toxicity during IL-2 therapy, inflammatory disorders, inflammation of autoimmune diseases, Crohn's disease, adult respiratory distress syndrome, thermal injury including burns or frostbite, myocarditis, post-ischemic reperfusion conditions, myocardial infarction, balloon angioplasty, post-pump syndrome in cardiopulmonary bypass or renal bypass, atherosclerosis, hemodialysis, renal ischemia, mesenteric artery reperfusion after aortic reconstruction, infectious disease or sepsis, immune complex disorders and autoimmune diseases, rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), SLE nephritis, proliferative nephritis, liver fibrosis, hemolytic anemia, myasthenia gravis, tissue regeneration and neural

regeneration. In addition, other known complement related disease are lung disease and disorders such as dyspnea, hemoptysis, ARDS, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema, pulmonary embolisms and infarcts, pneumonia, fibrogenic dust diseases, inert dusts and minerals (e.g., silicon, coal dust, beryllium, and asbestos), pulmonary fibrosis, organic dust diseases, chemical injury (due to irritant gases and chemicals, e.g., chlorine, phosgene, sulfur dioxide, hydrogen sulfide, nitrogen dioxide, ammonia, and hydrochloric acid), smoke injury, thermal injury (e.g., burn, freeze), asthma, allergy, bronchoconstriction, hypersensitivity pneumonitis, parasitic diseases, Goodpasture's Syndrome, pulmonary vasculitis, Pauci-immune vasculitis, immune complex-associated inflammation, uveitis (including Behcet's disease and other sub-types of uveitis), antiphospholipid syndrome.

In a specific embodiment, the present invention provides use of the compounds of the invention for treating a complement related disease or disorder, wherein said disease or disorder is asthma, arthritis (e.g., rheumatoid arthritis), autoimmune heart disease, multiple sclerosis, inflammatory bowel disease, ischemia-reperfusion injuries, Barraquer-Simons Syndrome, hemodialysis, systemic lupus, lupus erythematosus, psoriasis, multiple sclerosis, transplantation, diseases of the central nervous system such as Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative conditions, atypically hemolytic uremic syndrome (aHUS), glomerulonephritis (including membrane proliferative glomerulonephritis), blistering cutaneous diseases (including bullous pemphigoid, pemphigus, and epidermolysis bullosa), ocular cicatrical pemphigoid or MPGN II.

In a specific embodiment, the present invention provides use of the compounds of the invention for treating glomerulonephritis. Symptoms of glomerulonephritis include, but not limited to, proteinuria; reduced glomerular filtration rate (GFR); serum electrolyte changes including azotemia (uremia, excessive blood urea nitrogen--BUN) and salt retention, leading to water retention resulting in hypertension and edema; hematuria and abnormal urinary sediments including red cell casts; hypoalbuminemia; hyperlipidemia; and lipiduria. In a specific embodiment, the present invention provides methods of treating paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH) by administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a composition comprising an compound of the present invention with or without concomitant administration of a complement C5 inhibitor or C5 convertase inhibitor such as Soliris.

In a specific embodiment, the present invention provides use of the compounds of the invention for reducing the dysfunction of the immune and/or hemostatic systems associated with extracorporeal circulation. The compounds of the present invention can be used in any procedure which involves circulating the patient's blood from a blood vessel of the patient, through a conduit, and back to a blood vessel of the patient, the conduit having a luminal surface comprising a material capable of causing at least one of complement activation, platelet

activation, leukocyte activation, or platelet-leukocyte adhesion. Such procedures include, but are not limited to, all forms of ECC, as well as procedures involving the introduction of an artificial or foreign organ, tissue, or vessel into the blood circuit of a patient. More particularly, such procedures include, but are not limited to, transplantation procedures including kidney, liver, lung or heart transplant procedures and islet cell transplant procedures.

The following examples are intended to illustrate the invention and are not to be construed as being limitations thereon. Temperatures are given in degrees centigrade (°C). If not mentioned otherwise, all evaporation are performed under reduced pressure, typically between about 15 mm Hg and 100 mm Hg (= 20-133 mbar). The structure of final products, intermediates and starting materials is confirmed by standard analytical methods, e.g., microanalysis and spectroscopic characteristics, e.g., MS, IR, NMR. Abbreviations used are those conventional in the art.

All starting materials, building blocks, reagents, acids, bases, dehydrating agents, solvents, and catalysts utilized to synthesis the compounds of the present invention are either commercially available or can be produced by organic synthesis methods known to one of ordinary skill in the art (Houben-Weyl 4th Ed. 1952, Methods of Organic Synthesis, Thieme, Volume 21). Further, the compounds of the present invention can be produced by organic synthesis methods known to one of ordinary skill in the art as shown in the following examples.

Inter Alia the following *in vitro* tests may be used

Human complement factor D assay: Method 1

Recombinant human factor D (expressed in *E. coli* and purified using standard methods) at 10 nM concentration is incubated with test compound at various concentrations for 1 hour at room temperature in 0.1 M Hepes buffer, pH 7.5, containing 1 mM MgCl₂, 1 M NaCl and 0.05 % CHAPS. A synthetic substrate Z-Lys-thiobenzyl and 2,4-dinitrobenzenesulfonyl-fluoresceine are added to final concentrations of 200 μM and 25 μM, respectively. The increase in fluorescence is recorded at excitation of 485 nm and emission at 535 nm in a microplate spectrofluorimeter. IC₅₀ values are calculated from percentage of inhibition of complement factor D-activity as a function of test compound concentration.

Human complement factor D assay: Method 2

Recombinant human factor D (expressed in *E. coli* and purified using standard methods) at a 10 nM concentration is incubated with test compound at various concentrations for 1 hour at room temperature in 0.1 M PBS pH 7.4 containing 7.5 mM MgCl₂ and 0.075% (w/v) CHAPS. Cobra venom factor and human complement factor B substrate complex is added to a final concentration of 200 nM. After 1 hour incubation at room temperature, the enzyme reaction was stopped by

addition of 0.1 M sodium carbonate buffer pH 9.0 containing 0.15 M NaCl and 40 mM EDTA. The product of the reaction, Ba, was quantified by means of an enzyme-linked-immunosorbent assay. IC₅₀ values are calculated from percentage of inhibition of factor D-activity as a function of test compound concentration.

The following Examples, while representing preferred embodiments of the invention, serve to illustrate the invention without limiting its scope.

Abbreviations:

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| AcOH | acetic acid |
| aq. | aqueous |
| c-hexane | cyclohexane |
| DAST | diethylaminosulfur trifluoride |
| DIPEA | N,N-diisopropylethylamine |
| DIBALH | diisobutylaluminium hydride |
| DMAP | 4-dimethylaminopyridine |
| DME | dimethoxy ethane |
| DMF | dimethylformamide |
| DMSO | dimethylsulfoxide |
| DPPA | diphenylphosphoryl azide |
| EDCI | 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride |
| Ether/ Et ₂ O | diethylether |
| Et ₃ N | triethylamine |
| EtOAc | ethyl acetate |
| EtOH | ethanol |
| Flow | flow rate |
| h | hour(s) |
| HBTU | 2-(1H-benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium tetrafluoroborate |
| HPLC | High Performance Liquid Chromatography |
| iPrOH | isopropanol |
| L | liter(s) |
| LC-MS | Liquid Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry |
| Mel | methyl iodide |
| MeOH | methanol |
| MesCl | Mesyl Chloride |
| min | minute(s) |

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| mL | milliliter |
| MS | Mass Spectrometry |
| NaH | sodium hydride |
| NMR | Nuclear Magnetic Resonance |
| Pd/C | palladium on charcoal |
| Prep. | Preparative |
| Rf | retention factor |
| RP | reverse phase |
| RT | room temperature |
| sat. | saturated |
| TBAF | tetra-butylammonium fluoride |
| TFA | trifluoroacetic acid |
| THF | tetrahydrofurane |
| TLC | Thin Layer Chromatography |
| T ₃ P | Propylphosphonic anhydride |
| t _r | retention time |
| UPLC | ultra performance liquid chromatography |

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| Celite | = Celite® (The Celite Corporation) = filtering aid based on diatomaceous earth |
| Nucleosil | = Nucleosil®, trademark of Machery & Nagel, Düren, FRG for HPLC materials |
| PL Thiol Cartridge | = Stratosphere® SPE, PL-Thiol MP SPE+, 500mg per 6 mL tube, 1.5 mmol (nominal) |

Temperatures are measured in degrees Celsius. Unless otherwise indicated, the reactions were performed RT.

Phase separator: Biotage - Isolute Phase separator (Part Nr: 120-1908-F for 70 mL and Part Nr: 120-1909-J for 150 mL)

TLC conditions: R_f values for TLC are measured on 5 x 10 cm TLC plates, silica gel F₂₅₄, Merck, Darmstadt, Germany.

HPLC conditions:

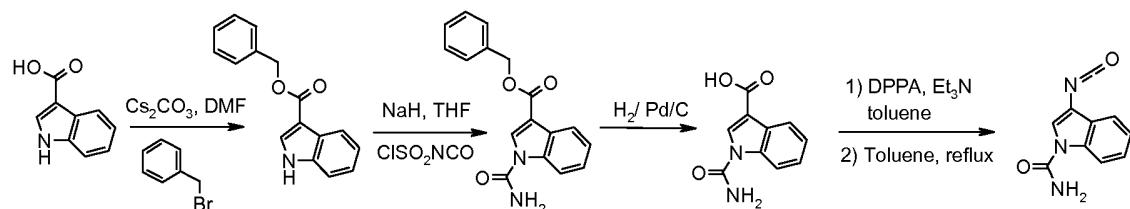
HPLC were performed using an Agilent 1100 or 1200 series instrument. Mass spectra and LC/MS were determined using an Agilent 1100 series instrument.

a: Waters Symmetry C18, 3.5 µm, 2.1x50mm, 20-95% CH₃CN/H₂O/3.5 min, 95% CH₃CN/2 min, CH₃CN and H₂O containing 0.1% TFA, flow: 0.6 mL/min

- b: Waters Sunfire C18, 2.5 μm , 3x30mm, 0-10% in 0.5 min, 10-98% CH₃CN in H₂O in 2.5 min, 98% CH₃CN in H₂O for 0.7 min, CH₃CN and H₂O containing 0.1% TFA, flow: 1.4 mL/min
- c: Agilent Eclipse XDB-C18; 1.8 μm ; 2.1x30mm 20-100% CH₃CN/H₂O/3 min, 100% CH₃CN/0.75 min, CH₃CN and H₂O containing 0.1% of TFA, flow: 0.6 mL/min
- d: Agilent Eclipse XDB-C18; 1.8 μm ; 2.1x30mm 5-100% CH₃CN/H₂O/3 min, 100% CH₃CN/0.75 min, CH₃CN and H₂O containing 0.1% of TFA, flow: 0.6 mL/min
- e: Agilent Eclipse XDB-C18, 1.8 μm , 4.6x50mm, 5-100% CH₃CN/H₂O/6 min, 100% CH₃CN/1.5 min, CH₃CN and H₂O containing 0.1% TFA, flow: 1 mL/min
- f: Waters X-Bridge C18, 2.5 μm , 3x50mm, 10-98% CH₃CN/H₂O/8.6 min, 98% CH₃CN/H₂O/1.4 min, CH₃CN and H₂O both containing 0.73 mM NH₄OH, flow: 1 mL/min, T = 30°C

Part A: Synthesis of substituted aromatic or heteroromatic building blocks:

Scheme A1: Preparation of 3-isocyanato-indole-1-carboxylic acid amide



A. 1H-Indole-3-carboxylic acid benzyl ester

To a solution of 1H-indole-3-carboxylic acid (5 g, 31 mmol) in DMF (70 mL) under a nitrogen atmosphere at 0°C was added cesium carbonate (11 g, 31 mmol) and benzyl bromide (4.05 mL, 34.1 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 48 h and poured into water. EtOAc was added and the layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (x3). The combined organic layers were washed with water, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The residue was taken up in Et₂O and the resulting precipitate was filtered-off to give the title compound. TLC, R_f (c-hexane/EtOAc 1:1) = 0.55; MS (LC-MS): 252.1 [M+H]⁺, 274.0 [M+Na]⁺, 525.1 [2M+Na]⁺, 250.1 [M-H]⁻; t_R (HPLC conditions a) 3.77 min.

B. 1-Carbamoyl-1H-indole-3-carboxylic acid benzyl ester

To a solution of 1H-indole-3-carboxylic acid benzyl ester (3.5 g, 13.9 mmol) in THF (70 mL) at 5°C, was added NaH (60 % in mineral oil, 557 mg, 13.9 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 5°C for 30 min before slow dropwise addition of chlorosulfonyl isocyanate (2.42 mL, 27.9 mmol) maintaining the temperature between 5°C and 10°C. The pale yellow solution was further stirred at RT for 3.5 h. Acetic acid (22.5 mL) was added (exothermic), and the resulting solution was stirred at RT for 1.5 h before addition of ice and water (100 mL). The white thick suspension was

stirred at RT for 30 min and the precipitate was filtered-off, taken up in MeOH and filtered-off again to afford the desired compound. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, DMSO): δ (ppm) 8.64 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, 1H), 8.04 (d, 1H), 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.50 (d, 2H), 7.42 (t, 2H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 3H), 5.38 (s, 2H).

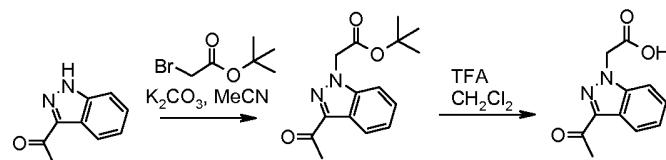
C. 1-carbamoyl-1H-indole-3-carboxylic acid

1-Carbamoyl-1H-indole-3-carboxylic acid benzyl ester (1.33 g, 4.52 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of DMF/THF 1:1 (28 mL), Pd/C (10 %, 250 mg) was added and the solution was degassed 3 times replacing air with nitrogen then nitrogen with hydrogen. The reaction mixture was further stirred under hydrogen atmosphere overnight and the catalyst was removed through a pad of Celite and washed with THF. The solvents were concentrated under high vacuum to give a yellow solid which was taken up in Et_2O and filtered-off to afford the title compound. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, DMSO): δ (ppm) 12.6 (m, 1H), 8.54 (bs, 1H), 8.28 (d, 1H), 8.05 (d, 1H), 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 2H).

D. 3-isocyanato-indole-1-carboxylic acid amide

To a suspension of 1-carbamoyl-1H-indole-3-carboxylic acid (1.31 g, 6.42 mmol) in toluene (30 mL, CH_2Cl_2 can also be used instead of toluene) under a nitrogen atmosphere was added Et_3N (893 μl , 6.42 mmol). After 15 min DPPA (1.54 mL, 6.42 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was further stirred at RT overnight. The solvent was evaporated, the residue was taken up in CH_2Cl_2 and the precipitate was filtered-off to give the acyl azide intermediate (565 mg). Toluene (20 mL) was added and the suspension refluxed for 1.5 h under disappearance of the acyl azide observed by TLC. Toluene was evaporated under vacuum and the desired isocyanate was directly used in the next step without further purification. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 8.18 (d, 1H), 7.61 (d, 1H), 7.44 (t, 1H), 7.35 (t, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 5.39 (bs, 2H).

Scheme A2 : Preparation of 2-(3-acetyl-1H-indazol-1-yl)acetic acid



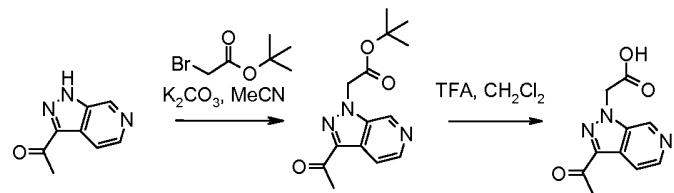
A. Tert-butyl 2-(3-acetyl-1H-indazol-1-yl)acetate

To a solution of 1-(1H-indazol-3-yl)ethanone [4498-72-0] (2 g, 12.46 mmol) in CH_3CN (50 mL) was added K_2CO_3 (3.97 g, 28.7 mmol) and tert-butyl 2-bromoacetate (2.58 mL, 17.48 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 90°C overnight. The reaction mixture was filtered, the residue was washed with CH_3CN and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The material thus obtained was used directly in the next step without further purification. MS: 275 [M+H]⁺; t_{R} (HPLC conditions d): 3.78 min.

B. 2-(3-Acetyl-1H-indazol-1-yl)acetic acid

To a solution of tert-butyl 2-(3-acetyl-1H-indazol-1-yl)acetate (4 g, 12.4 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (45 mL) was added TFA (15 mL, 195.0 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred at RT overnight. Then was then diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and MeOH, and volatiles were evaporated under reduced pressure to afford the title compound : MS: 219 [M+H]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions d): 2.78 min.

Scheme A3: Preparation of (3-acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)-acetic acid trifluoroacetate



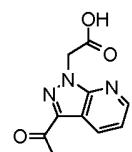
A. (3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)-acetic acid tert-butyl ester

To a solution of 1-(1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-3-yl)-ethanone (Sphinx Scientific laboratory LLC, catalog number: PPY-1-CS01) (2.45 g 14.44 mmol) in CH₃CN (50 mL) were added potassium carbonate (3.99 g, 28.9 mmol) and tert-butyl bromoacetate (2.34 mL, 15.88 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT overnight. The crude mixture was poured into water and extracted with EtOAc (x3). The combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (c-hexane/EtOAc 1:0 to 0:1) to give the title compound. TLC, R_f (EtOAc) = 0.7; MS: 276 [M+H]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions c): 2.06 min.

B. (3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)-acetic acid trifluoroacetate

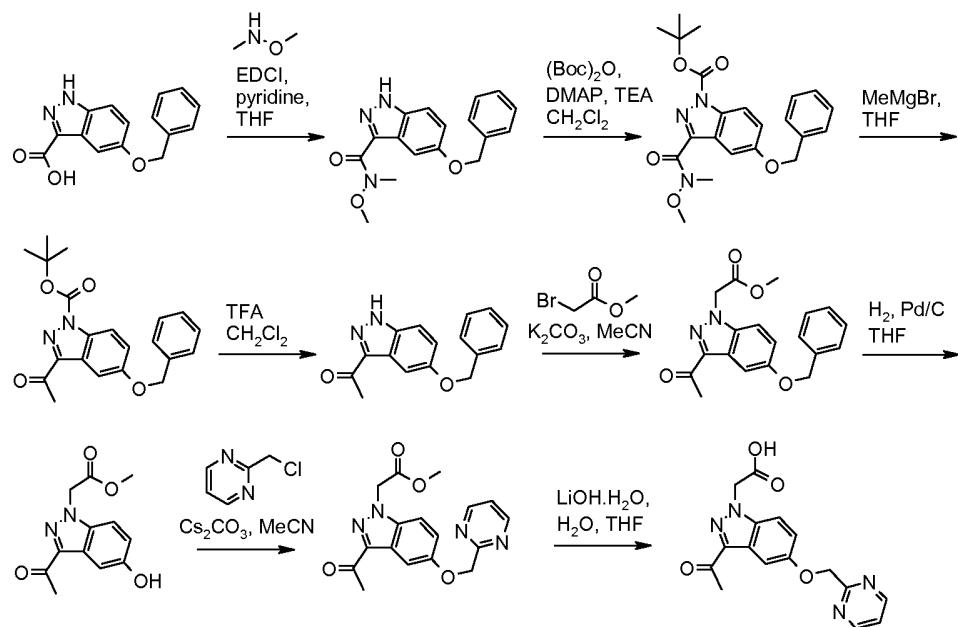
The title compound was prepared from (3-acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)-acetic acid tert-butyl ester in a similar manner as described in step B Scheme A2 for the preparation of 2-(3-acetyl-1H-indazol-1-yl)acetic acid. MS : 220 [M+H]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions c): 0.69 min.

(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-1-yl)-acetic acid trifluoroacetate



was prepared using similar procedures as described for the synthesis of (3-acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)-acetic acid trifluoroacetate from 1-(1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-3-yl)-ethanone (Sphinx Scientific laboratory LLC, [889451-31-4], PYP-3-0043). MS (UPLC/MS): 220 [M+H]⁺, 218.2 [M-H]⁻; t_R (HPLC conditions d): 2.51 min.

Scheme A4: Preparation of 2-(3-acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-1H-indazol-1-yl)acetic acid



A. 5-(BenzylOxy)-N-methoxy-N-methyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide

The title compound was prepared in a similar manner as described by F. Crestey *et al.*, *Tetrahedron* **2007**, 63, 419-428. To 5-(benzyloxy)-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid [177941-16-1] (3.50 g, 13.1 mmol) in THF (70 mL) was added N,O-dimethylhydroxylamine (1.40 g, 14.4 mmol). The mixture was cooled to 0°C before the addition of pyridine (2.30 mL, 28.7 mmol). The solution was stirred at 0°C for 1.5 h, and then at RT for 1 h. Pyridine (2.10 mL, 26.1 mmol) and EDCI (5.00 g, 26.1 mmol) were added and the mixture was stirred at RT overnight. Water was added to the reaction mixture followed by extraction (x3) with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organics were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution, dried (Phase separator) and concentrated to give the title compound. MS (LC/MS): 312.0 [M+H]⁺, 334.0 [M+Na]⁺, 645.1 [2M+Na]⁺, 310.0 [M-H]⁻; t_R (HPLC conditions e): 4.44 min.

B. Tert-butyl 5-(benzyloxy)-3-(methoxy(methyl)carbamoyl)-1H-indazole-1-carboxylate

The title compound was prepared in a similar manner as described by F. Crestey *et al.*, *Tetrahedron* **2007**, 63, 419-428. To a solution of 5-(benzyloxy)-N-methoxy-N-methyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide (3.40 g, 10.9 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (70 mL) was added DMAP (0.13 g, 1.09 mmol), Et₃N (1.67 mL, 12.0 mmol) and Boc-anhydride (3.80 mL, 16.4 mmol) at 0°C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C for 1 h and allowed to return to RT overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and washed with 50 mL of 0.1 M aqueous HCl solution and water. The organic phase was dried (Phase separator) and concentrated to give the title compound. MS (LC/MS): 434.0 [M+Na]⁺, 845.0 [2M+Na]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions e): 5.79 min.

C. Tert-butyl 3-acetyl-5-(benzyloxy)-1H-indazole-1-carboxylate and 1-(5-(benzyloxy)-1H-indazol-3-yl)ethanone

The title compound was prepared in a similar manner as described by F. Crestey *et al.*, *Tetrahedron* **2007**, 63, 419-428. To tert-butyl 5-(benzyloxy)-3-(methoxy(methyl)carbamoyl)-1H-indazole-1-carboxylate (4.70 g, 11.4 mmol) in THF (60 mL), cooled to -78°C, was added MeMgBr (3 M solution in Et₂O, 22.9 mL, 68.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at -78°C for 1 h. A saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution was added to the reaction mixture and temperature was allowed to raise to RT. The mixture was extracted twice with CH₂Cl₂, the combined organics were dried (Phase separator) and concentrated to give the title mixture which was used without purification in the next step. 1-(5-(BenzylOxy)-1H-indazol-3-yl)ethanone: MS (LC/MS): 267.0 [M+H]⁺, 289.0 [M+Na]⁺, 265.1 [M-H]⁻; t_R (HPLC conditions e): 4.72 min. Tert-butyl 3-acetyl-5-(benzyloxy)-1H-indazole-1-carboxylate: MS (LC/MS): 389.0 [M+Na]⁺, 310.9 [M-tBu]⁺, 267.1 [M-Boc]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions e): 6.12 min.

D. 1-(5-(BenzylOxy)-1H-indazol-3-yl)ethanone

To the mixture of tert-butyl 3-acetyl-5-(benzyloxy)-1H-indazole-1-carboxylate and 1-(5-(benzyloxy)-1H-indazol-3-yl)ethanone (3.80 g, 10.4 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) was added TFA (7.99 mL, 104 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT overnight, then was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and washed with 100 mL of 2N aqueous NaOH solution. The aqueous layer was extracted twice with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic phases were dried (Phase separator) and concentrated to give the title compound. MS (LC/MS): 267.0 [M+H]⁺, 289.0 [M+Na]⁺, 265.1 [M-H]⁻; t_R (HPLC conditions e): 4.71 min.

E. Methyl 2-(3-acetyl-5-(benzyloxy)-1H-indazol-1-yl)acetate

To 1-(5-(benzyloxy)-1H-indazol-3-yl)ethanone (3.50 g, 13.1 mmol) in CH₃CN (100 mL) was added K₂CO₃ (4.54 g, 32.9 mmol) and methyl 2-bromoacetate (1.33 mL, 14.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 90°C for 90 min. Then was filtered and the residue was washed with CH₃CN. Volatiles were evaporated and the crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (c-hexane/EtOAc 1:1 to 1:3). TLC, R_f (c-hexane/EtOAc 1:3) = 0.64; MS (LC/MS): 339.0 [M+H]⁺, 361.0 [M+Na]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions e): 5.09 min.

F. Methyl 2-(3-acetyl-5-hydroxy-1H-indazol-1-yl)acetate

To methyl 2-(3-acetyl-5-(benzyloxy)-1H-indazol-1-yl)acetate (3.70 g, 10.9 mmol) in THF (80 mL) was added Pd/C (10%, 400 mg). The reaction mixture was stirred at 50°C overnight under a H₂ atmosphere. Then was filtered over a pad of Celite and the residue washed with CH₂Cl₂. Solvents were removed under reduced pressure to give the title compound. MS (LC/MS): 248.9 [M+H]⁺, 271.0 [M+Na]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions e): 3.36 min.

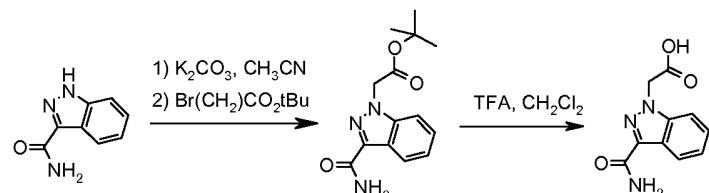
G. Methyl 2-(3-acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-1H-indazol-1-yl)acetate

To methyl 2-(3-acetyl-5-hydroxy-1H-indazol-1-yl)acetate (1.80 g, 7.25 mmol) in CH₃CN (75 mL) was added 2-(chloromethyl)pyrimidine hydrochloride (1.32 g, 7.98 mmol) and Cs₂CO₃ (5.91 g, 18.13 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 70°C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was filtered and washed with CH₃CN. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (c-hexane/EtOAc 1:1 to 1:3). TLC, R_f (c-hexane/EtOAc 1:3) = 0.35; MS (LC/MS): 340.9 [M+H]⁺, 363.0 [M+Na]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions e): 3.64 min.

H. 2-(3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-1H-indazol-1-yl)acetic acid

To methyl 2-(3-acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-1H-indazol-1-yl)acetate (1.93 g, 5.67 mmol) in THF (15 mL) and water (15 mL) was added LiOH·H₂O (0.25 g, 5.95 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 1.5 h. Volatiles were evaporated and the residue was freeze-dried overnight to give the title compound as a lithium salt. MS (LC/MS): 327.0 [M+H]⁺, 325.1 [M+H]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions e): 3.24 min.

Scheme A5: Preparation of (3-carbamoyl-indazol-1-yl)-acetic acid

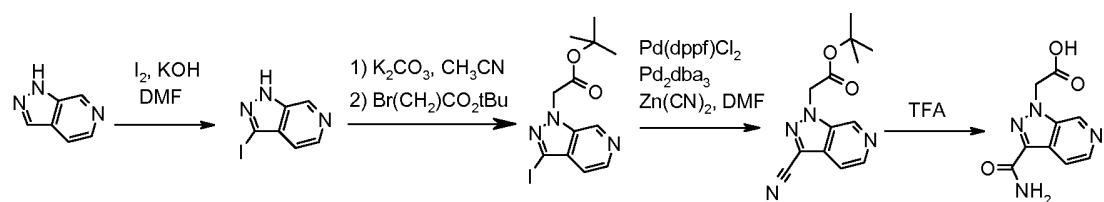


A. Tert-butyl 2-(3-carbamoyl-1H-indazol-1-yl)acetate

To a suspension of 1H-indazole-3-carboxamide [90004-04-9] (2.00 g, 12.4 mmol) and potassium carbonate (4.12 g, 29.8 mmol) in CH₃CN (60 mL) was added tert-butyl bromoacetate (2.20 mL, 14.9 mmol) dropwise at RT, and the resulting mixture was refluxed for 16 h. The mixture was then cooled to RT and filtered, the solid was washed with CH₃CN and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residual oil was used directly in the next step without further purification. MS (LC/MS): 276.0 [M+H]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions d): 3.22 min.

B. (3-Carbamoyl-indazol-1-yl)-acetic acid

To a solution of tert-butyl 2-(3-carbamoyl-1H-indazol-1-yl)acetate (3.42 g, 12.4 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was added TFA (10 mL, 130 mmol) and the resulting mixture was stirred at RT for 16 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo, the residual solid was suspended in MeOH and concentrated again in vacuo to give the title compound. MS (LC/MS): 220 [M+H]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions d): 1.79 min.

Scheme A6: Preparation of 2-(3-carbamoyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)acetic acid**A. 3-Iodo-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridine**

To a solution of 1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridine [271-47-6] (4.00 g, 33.6 mmol) in DMF (50 mL) were added iodine (12.8 g, 50.4 mmol) and potassium hydroxide (4.70 g, 84.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 16 h. The mixture was diluted with 10% sodium thiosulfate and water, then extracted (3x) with EtOAc. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried (Phase separator) and concentrated under vacuum. MS (LC/MS): 246.0 [M+H]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions d): 0.48 min.

B. Tert-butyl 2-(3-iodo-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)acetate

To a suspension of 3-iodo-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridine (6.24 g, 22.9 mmol) and potassium carbonate (7.29 g, 52.7 mmol) in CH₃CN (50 mL) was added tert-butyl bromoacetate (4.06 mL, 27.5 mmol) dropwise at RT and the resulting mixture was heated to reflux for 2 h. The mixture was cooled to RT and filtered, the solid was washed with CH₃CN and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residual oil was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/c-hexane 1:4, to 1:2, to 1:1) to give the title compound. MS (LC/MS): 360.0 [M+H]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions d): 2.93 min.

C. Tert-butyl 2-(3-cyano-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)acetate

A mixture of tert-butyl 2-(3-iodo-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)acetate (3.76 g, 10.5 mmol), Zn(CN)₂ (1.35 g, 11.5 mmol), Pd(dppf)Cl₂ (855 mg, 1.05 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (959 mg, 1.05 mmol), water (4 mL) and DMF (30 mL) was stirred at 100°C for 16 h under argon. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and then was successively washed with water, sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (2x) and brine, dried (Phase separator) and concentrated under vacuum. The residual oil was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/c-hexane 1:1 then 100% EtOAc). MS (LC/MS): 259.0 [M+H]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions k): 3.10 min. Further elution of the column with CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 8:2 and subsequent purification by preparative HPLC (Macherey-Nagel Nucleosil 100-10 C18, 5 µm, 40x250 mm, flow: 40 mL/min, eluent: 5-100% CH₃CN/H₂O/20 min, 100% CH₃CN/2 min, CH₃CN and H₂O containing 0.1% TFA) afforded tert-butyl 2-(3-carbamoyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)acetate as a side-product. MS (LC/MS): 277.0 [M+H]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions d): 2.39 min.

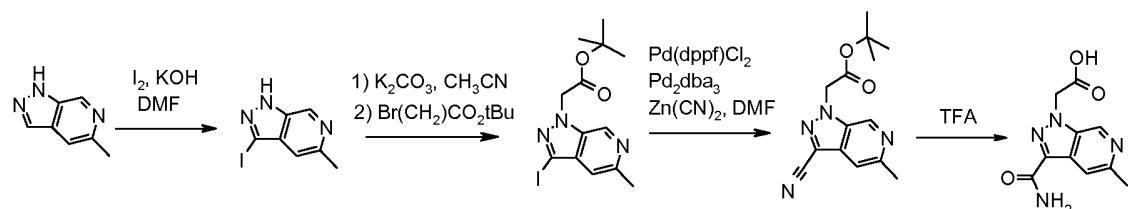
D. 2-(3-Carbamoyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)acetic acid

A solution of tert-butyl 2-(3-cyano-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)acetate (663 mg, 2.40 mmol) in TFA (6 mL) was subjected to microwave irradiation at 140°C for 90 min. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo, the residual solid was suspended in MeOH and volatiles were removed again in vacuo. MS: 221.0 [M+H]+; t_R (HPLC conditions d): 0.23 min.

From tert-butyl 2-(3-carbamoyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)acetate:

To a solution of tert-butyl 2-(3-carbamoyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)acetate (663 mg, 2.40 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was added TFA (10 mL, 130 mmol), and the resulting mixture was stirred at RT for 6 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo, the residual solid was suspended in MeOH and volatiles were removed again in vacuo to give the title compound.

Scheme A7: Preparation of (3-carbamoyl-5-methyl-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)-acetic acid



A. 3-Iodo-5-methyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridine

To a solution of 5-methyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridine [76006-06-9] (1.00 g, 7.51 mmol) in DMF (15 mL) were added iodine (2.86 g, 11.3 mmol) and potassium hydroxide (1.05 g, 18.8 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 60 h. The mixture was diluted with 10% sodium thiosulfate and water, the resulting suspension was filtered. The solid was washed with water and dried under vacuum. MS (LC/MS): 260.0 [M+H]+; t_R (HPLC conditions d): 0.28 min.

B. Tert-butyl 2-(3-iodo-5-methyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)acetate

To a suspension of 3-iodo-5-methyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridine (1.00 g, 3.86 mmol), and potassium carbonate (1.28 g, 9.26 mmol) in CH₃CN (40 mL) was added tert-butyl bromoacetate (0.685 mL, 4.63 mmol) dropwise at RT and the resulting mixture was refluxed for 16 h. The mixture was cooled to RT and filtered, the solid was washed with CH₃CN and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residual oil was used directly in the next step without further purification. MS (LC/MS): 374.0 [M+H]+; t_R (HPLC conditions d): 2.96 min.

C. Tert-butyl 2-(3-cyano-5-methyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)acetate

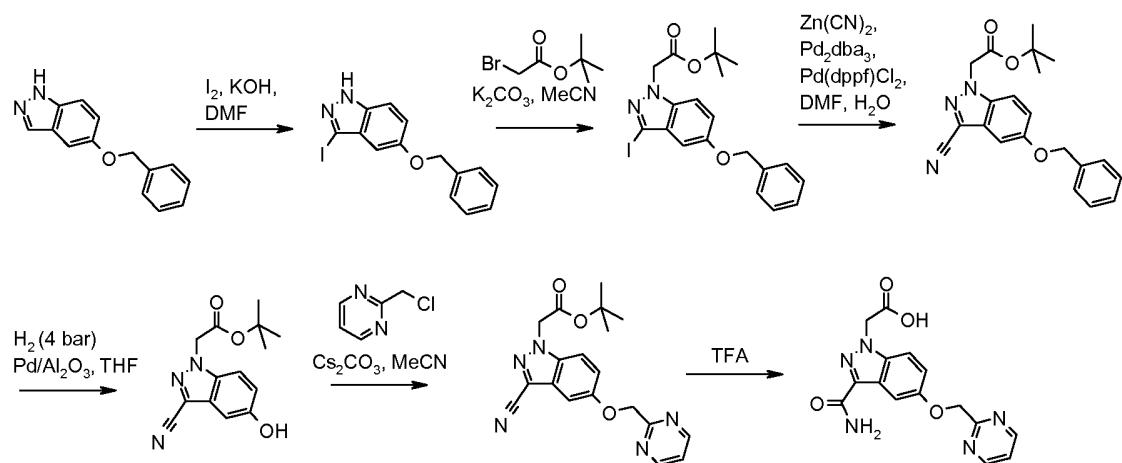
A mixture of tert-butyl 2-(3-iodo-5-methyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)acetate (1.00 g, 2.55 mmol), Zn(CN)₂ (329 mg, 2.55 mmol), Pd(dppf)Cl₂ (208 mg, 0.25 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (233 mg, 0.25 mmol), water (2.7 mL) and DMF (20 mL) was subjected to microwave irradiation at 120°C for 30 min under argon. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and the filtrate was

diluted with water and EtOAc. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried (Phase separator) and concentrated under vacuum. The residual oil was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/c-hexane 1:2 then 1:1) to give the title compound. MS (LC/MS): 273.0 [M+H]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions d): 3.04 min.

D. (3-Carbamoyl-5-methyl-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)-acetic acid

A solution of tert-butyl 2-(3-cyano-5-methyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)acetate (250 mg, 0.92 mmol) in TFA (4 mL) was subjected to microwave irradiation at 140°C for 90 min. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo, the residual solid was suspended in MeOH and concentrated again in vacuo. MS: 235.0 [M+H]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions d): 0.24 min.

Scheme A8: Preparation of [3-Carbamoyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetic acid



A. Tert-butyl 2-(5-(benzyloxy)-3-cyano-1H-indazol-1-yl)acetate

The title compound was prepared from 5-(benzyloxy)-1H-indazole [78299-75-9] in a similar manner as described in steps A to C of Scheme A6 for the preparation of tert-butyl 2-(3-cyano-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)acetate. MS (LC-MS): 307.9 [M-tBu]⁺, 749.0 [2M+Na]⁺, t_R (HPLC conditions e): 5.75 min.

B. Tert-butyl 2-(3-cyano-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-1H-indazol-1-yl)acetate

To a solution of (5-benzyloxy-3-cyano-indazol-1-yl)-acetic acid tert-butyl ester (4 g, 11.01 mmol) in THF (400 mL) was added Pd/Al₂O₃ (5%) (4.10 g, 38.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 40°C for 16 h under H₂ atmosphere (4 bars). The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite, which was then washed with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organics were concentrated under vacuum to give the title compound as a yellow solid. MS (LC/MS): 296.0 [M+Na]⁺; t_R (conditions e): 4.46 min.

C. Tert-butyl 2-(3-cyano-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-1H-indazol-1-yl)acetate

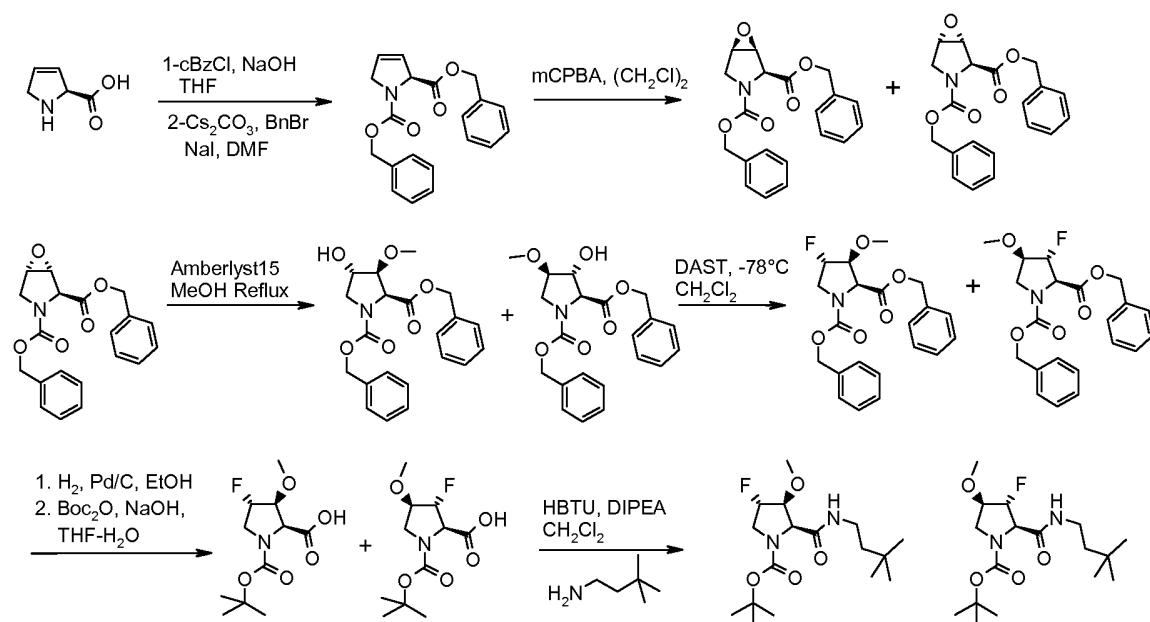
The title compound was prepared from tert-butyl (3-cyano-5-hydroxy-indazol-1-yl)-acetic acid tert-butyl ester in a similar manner as described in step G of Scheme A4 for the preparation of methyl 2-(3-acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-1H-indazol-1-yl)acetate. MS (LC-MS): 366.0 [M+H]⁺, t_R (HPLC conditions e): 4.63 min.

D. 2-(3-Carbamoyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-1H-indazol-1-yl)acetic acid

The title compound was prepared from tert-butyl 2-(3-cyano-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-1H-indazol-1-yl)acetate in a similar manner as described in step D of Scheme A6 for the preparation of 2-(3-carbamoyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)acetic acid. MS (LC-MS): 328.2 [M+H]⁺, 326.3 [M-H]⁻, t_R (HPLC conditions e): 2.77 min.

Part B: Synthesis of substituted proline building blocks :

Scheme B1: Preparation of (2S,3S,4S)-2-(3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-4-fluoro-3-methoxy-pyrrolidine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester



A. (S)-2,5-Dihydro-pyrrole-1,2-dicarboxylic acid 1-benzyl ester

To a solution of (S)-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (15 g, 133 mmol) and sodium hydroxide (10.6 g, 265 mmol) in THF (150 mL) cooled at 0°C was added benzylchloroformate (32.0 mL, 166 mmol). The mixture was allowed to reach RT overnight. The reaction mixture was concentrated, water was added and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (2 x 200 mL), acidified (6N HCl) and extracted with AcOEt (2 x 200 mL). The combined organic extracts were

dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and concentrated. The crude residue was used in the next step without purification. MS (UPLC/MS): 248 [M+H]⁺; t_{R} (HPLC conditions b): 1.66 min.

B. (S)-2,5-Dihydro-pyrrole-1,2-dicarboxylic acid dibenzyl ester

To a solution of (S)-2,5-dihydro-pyrrole-1,2-dicarboxylic acid 1-benzyl ester (29.6 g, 120 mmol) in DMF (250 mL) were added cesium carbonate (42.9 g, 132 mmol) followed by benzyl bromide (17.09 mL, 144 mmol) and sodium iodide (2.15 g, 14.37 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at RT for 48 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with water (500 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 200 mL). The organic extracts were combined and washed with brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (c-hexane/EtOAc 4:1) to give the desired material. MS (UPLC/MS): 338 [MH-Boc]⁺; t_{R} (HPLC conditions b): 2.31 min.

C. (1S,2S,5R)-6-Oxa-3-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid dibenzyl ester and (1R,2S,5S)-6-Oxa-3-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid dibenzyl ester

Were prepared according to the procedure described in *Tetrahedron*, 1998, 54, 981-986 from (S)-2,5-dihydro-pyrrole-1,2-dicarboxylic acid dibenzyl ester. To a solution of (S)-2,5-dihydro-pyrrole-1,2-dicarboxylic acid dibenzyl ester (7.5 g, 22.23 mmol) in DCE (80 mL) were added mCPBA (7.67 g, 44.5 mmol) and 4,4'-thiobis(6-tert-butyl-m-cresol) (0.797 g, 2.22 mmol). The reaction mixture was then heated to 90°C overnight. Then was concentrated. The crude residue was diluted in CH_2Cl_2 (200 mL) and washed with an aq. solution of $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_5$ 5% and with a sat. aq. solution of NaHCO_3 . The organic layer was dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (c-hexane/EtOAc 10:0 to 8:2) give (1S,2S,5S)-6-oxa-3-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid dibenzyl ester: MS (UPLC/MS): 354 [M+H]⁺, t_{R} (HPLC conditions b): 2.24 min and (1S,2S,5R)-6-oxa-3-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid dibenzyl ester: MS (UPLC/MS): 354 [M+H]⁺, t_{R} (HPLC conditions b): 2.15 min.

D. (2S,3S,4S)-4-Hydroxy-3-methoxy-pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylic acid dibenzyl ester and (2S,3R,4R)-3-hydroxy-4-methoxy-pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylic acid dibenzyl ester

To a solution of (1R,2S,5S)-6-oxa-3-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid dibenzyl ester (30 g, 85 mmol) in MeOH (150 mL) was added Amberlyst 15 (30 g). The reaction mixture was heated overnight at 65°C, then allowed to cool to RT and filtered. Amberlyst 15 residue was washed with MeOH. The combined filtrates concentrated and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (c-hexane 100% to EtOAc 100%) to give a mixture of the 2 regioisomers as a yellow oil. R_f , TLC (c-hexane/EtOAc 1:1) = 0.5; MS (UPLC/MS): 386.2 [M+H]⁺, 430.2 [M+HCOO]⁻; t_{R} (HPLC conditions a): 1.93 min.

E. (2S,3S,4S)-4-Fluoro-3-methoxy-pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylic acid dibenzyl ester and (2R,3R,4R)-3-fluoro-4-methoxy-pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylic acid dibenzyl ester

A solution of (2S,3S,4S)-4-hydroxy-3-methoxy-pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylic acid dibenzyl ester and (2S,3R,4R)-3-hydroxy-4-methoxy-pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylic acid dibenzyl ester (17.8 g, 46.2 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (250 mL) was cooled under Argon at -78°C and DAST (12.2 mL, 92 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to reach RT and further stirred for 16 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and carefully quenched with a sat. aq. solution of NaHCO₃. The layers were separated, the aqueous layer extracted twice with CH₂Cl₂, the combined organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (c-hexane/EtOAc 10:0 to 0:10) gave a mixture of the 2 regioisomers as a yellow solid. R_f, TLC (EtOAc) = 0.5; MS (UPLC/MS): 388.3 [M+H]⁺, 405.3 [M+NH₄]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions b): 2.15 min.

F. (2S,3S,4S)-4-Fluoro-3-methoxy-pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylic acid 1-tert-butyl ester and (2R,3R,4R)-3-Fluoro-4-methoxy-pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylic acid 1-tert-butyl ester

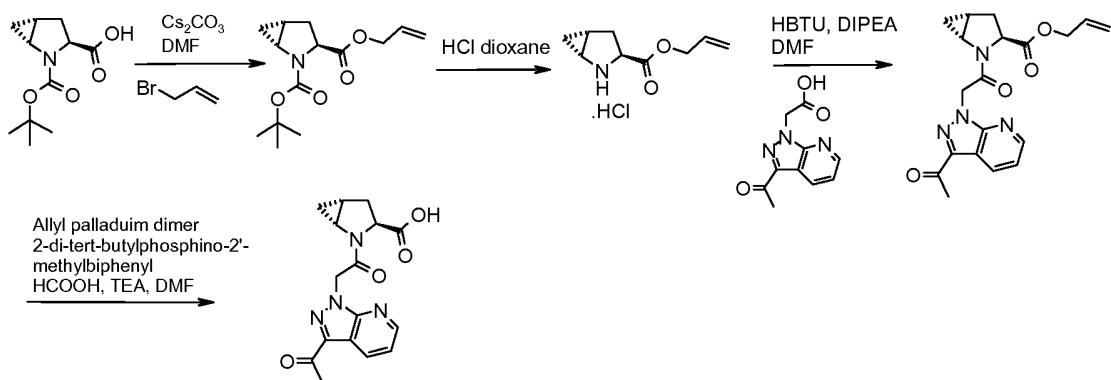
To a solution of (2S,3S,4S)-4-fluoro-3-methoxy-pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylic acid dibenzyl ester and (2R,3R,4R)-3-fluoro-4-methoxy-pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylic acid dibenzyl ester (13.6 g, 35.1 mmol) in MeOH (110 mL) was added Pd/C 10% (1.3 g). The reaction was placed under hydrogen atmosphere (by degassing 3 times replacing air with nitrogen then nitrogen with hydrogen) and was stirred for 16 h. The mixture was placed under a nitrogen atmosphere and the catalyst was removed through a pad of Celite and washed with MeOH. After concentration, the residue was dissolved in a mixture of THF (110 mL) and water (55 mL) then aq. 1N NaOH (70.2 mL) and Boc anhydride (16.3 mL, 70.2 mmol) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 72 h. After concentration, the crude residue was dissolved in water and extracted twice with Et₂O. The aqueous layer was acidified to pH = 1 by addition of HCl 2N and extracted twice with EtOAc. The combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated to give the desired mixture of regioisomers which was used without further purification in the next step. R_f, TLC (EtOAc) = 0.1; MS (UPLC/MS): 264 [M+H]⁺.

G. (2S,3S,4S)-2-(3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-4-fluoro-3-methoxy-pyrrolidine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester and (2R,3R,4R)-2-(3,3-Dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-3-fluoro-4-methoxy-pyrrolidine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester

To a solution of (2S,3S,4S)-4-fluoro-3-methoxy-pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylic acid 1-tert-butyl ester and (2R,3R,4R)-3-fluoro-4-methoxy-pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylic acid 1-tert-butyl ester (300 mg, 1.14 mmol), 3,3-dimethylbutylamine (115 mg, 1.14 mmol) and HBTU (648 mg, 1.71 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (7 mL) was added DIPEA (0.60 mL, 3.42 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT under nitrogen atmosphere overnight and concentrated. The crude residue was taken-up in EtOAc, washed with 0.1 N HCl (x2), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated. The crude

residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (c-hexane to c-hexane/EtOAc 6:4 in 40 min) to give (2S,3S,4S)-2-(3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-4-fluoro-3-methoxy-pyrrolidine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester: R_f, TLC (EtOAc) = 0.5; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 7.92 (m, 1H), 5.16 (dq, 1H), 4.29 -4.37 (m, 1H), 4.15 (m, 1H), 3.72 (m, 1H), 3.39 (m, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.08 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.40 (m, 11H), 0.90 (s, 9H) and (2R,3R,4R)-2-(3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-3-fluoro-4-methoxy-pyrrolidine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester: R_f, TLC (EtOAc) = 0.6; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 7.90 (m, 1H), 5.05 (m, 1H), 4.20 (t, 1H), 4.02 (m, 1H), 3.70 (m, 1H), 3.39 (m, 1H), 3.33 (overlap with DMSO, m, 1H); 3.27 (s, 3H), 3.06 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.43 (m, 11H), 0.89 (s, 9H)

Scheme B2: Preparation of (1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]- hexane-3-carboxylic acid



A. (1R,3S,5R)-2-Azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-allyl ester 2-tert-butyl ester

To a solution of (1R,3S,5R)-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-tert-butyl ester (1.5 g, 3.6 mmol) and Cs₂CO₃ (2.26 g, 6.9 mmol) in DMF (20 mL), allyl bromide (0.6 mL, 3.9 mmol) was added under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred for 40 h at RT. DMF was evaporated. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc and washed with aq. HCl 1N, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (c-hexane to c-hexane/EtOAc 4:6) to give the title compound. MS (LCMS): 167.9 [MH-Boc]⁺, 290.0 [M+Na]⁺.

B. (1R,3S,5R)-2-Azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid allyl ester hydrochloride

To (1R,3S,5R)-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-allyl ester 2-tert-butyl ester (1.69 g, 6.32 mmol) was added HCl 4N in dioxane (15.8 mL, 63.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 6 h at RT and subsequently lyophilized to afford the desired material. MS: 168.0 [M+H]⁺.

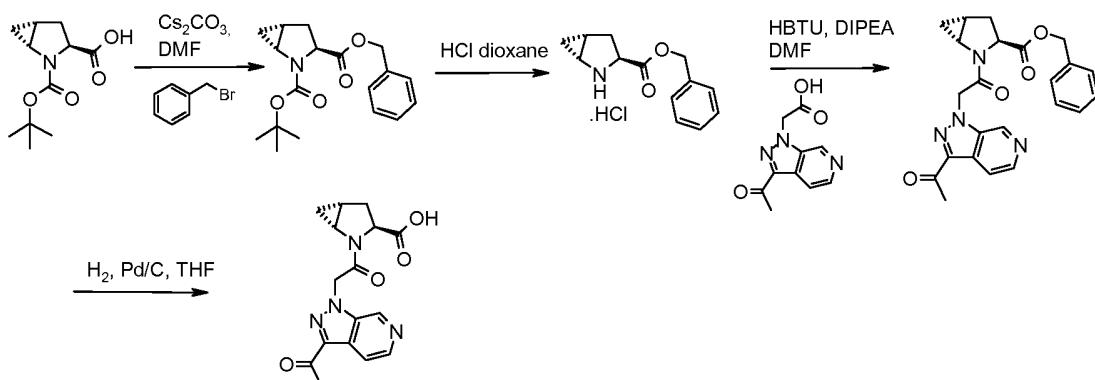
C. (1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid allyl ester

To a solution of (1R,3S,5R)-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-allyl ester hydrochloride (1.03 g, 6.43 mmol), (3-acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-1-yl)-acetic acid (prepared as described in Part A, 1.3 g, 5.93 mmol) and HBTU (2.70 g, 7.12 mmol) in DMF (19.7 mL) was added DIPEA (3.11 mL, 17.8 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h at RT. DMF was evaporated. The residue was poured into NH₄Cl (sat. aq. solution) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (c-hexane to c-hexane/EtOAc 0:10) to give the title compound. R_f, TLC (EtOAc) = 0.6; MS (LCMS): 369.0 [M+H]⁺, 391.0 [MH+Na]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions d): 2.78 min.

D. (1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid

Allyl palladium chloride dimer (0.084 g, 0.231 mmol) and 2-di-tert-butylphosphino-2'-methylbiphenyl (0.288 g, 0.923 mmol) were dissolved in DMF (7.69 mL) under an argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 10 min. After cooling the reaction mixture to 10°C, formic acid (0.513 mL, 13.38 mmol) was added followed by Et₃N (1.86 mL, 13.38 mmol) and a solution of (1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-1-yl)acetyl]-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid allyl ester (1 g, 2.3 mmol) in DMF (15.4 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 10°C for 1 h. DMF was evaporated. The residue was poured into NH₄Cl (sat. aq. solution) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in MeOH and filtered over a PL-Thiol cartridge. The filtrate was concentrated and the crude residue was purified by preparative HPLC (Waters Sunfire C18-OBD, 5 µm, 30x100mm, flow: 40 mL/min, eluent: 5% to 80% CH₃CN in H₂O in 20 min, CH₃CN and H₂O containing 0.1% TFA) and the pure fractions were combined and lyophilized. White solid. MS (LCMS): 328.9 [M+H]⁺, 351.0 [MH+Na]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions c): 1.84 min. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (ppm) 8.66 (dd, J=4.52, 1.59 Hz, 1 H), 8.58 (m, J=6.36 Hz, 1 H), 7.35 - 7.50 (m, 1 H), 8.54 - 8.61 (m, 1 H), 5.88 (d, J=16.87 Hz, 1 H), 5.55 (d, J=17.12 Hz, 1 H), 4.14 - 4.24 (m, 1 H), 3.75 - 3.83 (m, 1 H), 2.64 (s, 3 H), 2.26 - 2.36 (m, 1 H), 2.10 - 2.23 (m, 1 H), 1.80 - 1.95 (m, 1 H), 0.95 - 1.07 (m, 1 H), 0.67 - 0.81 (m, 1 H).

Scheme B3: Preparation of (1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid



A. (1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-benzyl ester 2-tert-butyl ester

To a solution of (1R,3S,5R)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-tert-butyl ester (2 g, 8.8 mmol) cooled at 0°C was added a solution of Cs₂CO₃ (2.87 g, 8.8 mmol) in water (12.3 mL). After 30 min stirring, the resulting mixture was concentrated and the residue was suspended in DMF (41 mL). The suspension was cooled to 0°C and benzylbromide (1.045 mL, 8.8 mmol) was added under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 16 h. DMF was evaporated, the residue was poured in water and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (Phase separator) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residual oil was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (c-hexane/EtOAc 10:0 to 8:2) to give the title compound. TLC, R_f (c-hexane/EtOAc 8:2) = 0.45; MS (UPLC-MS): 318 [M+H]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions d): 3.89 min.

B. (1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid benzyl ester hydrochloride

To a solution of (1R,3S,5R)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-benzyl ester 2-tert-butyl ester (2.69 g, 8.48 mmol) in dioxane was added HCl (4N in dioxane, 10.6 mL, 42.4 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT overnight and subsequently lyophilized. MS (LC/MS): 218 [M+H]⁺.

C. (1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid benzyl ester

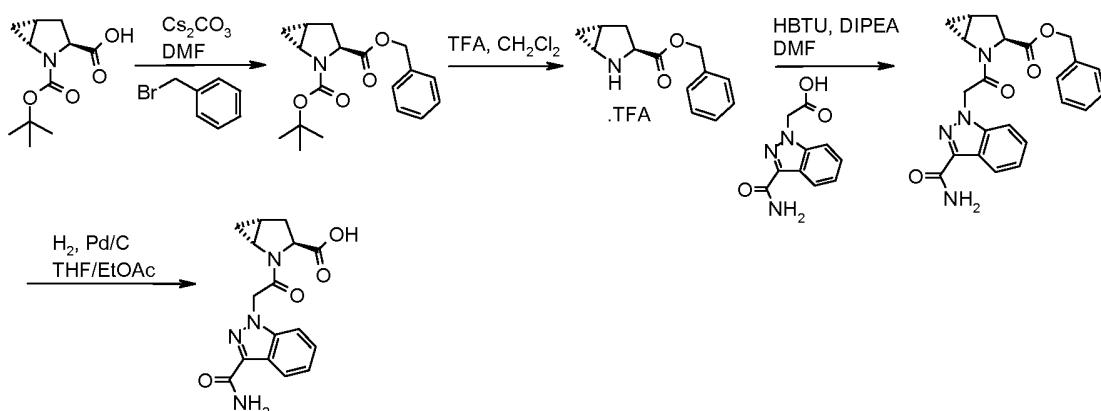
To a solution of (1R,3S,5R)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid benzyl ester hydrochloride (2.98 g, 9.06 mmol), (3-acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)-acetic acid (prepared as described in Part A, 3.2 g, 9.06 mmol) and HBTU (5.15 g, 13.59 mmol) in DMF (30.2 mL) was added DIPEA (4.75 mL, 27.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h at RT under a nitrogen atmosphere. DMF was evaporated. The residue was diluted in EtOAc and washed with aq. HCl 1N then with NaHCO₃ (5% in water). The organic layer was dried (Phase separator) and concentrated. The residual oil was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (c-

hexane/EtOAc 10:0 to 0:10) to give the title compound. TLC, R_f (EtOAc) = 0.33; MS (UPLC-MS): 419 [M+H]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions d): 2.97 min.

D. (1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid

To a solution of (1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid benzyl ester (2.26 g, 5.4 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added Pd/C 10% (60 mg). The reaction was placed under hydrogen atmosphere and was stirred for 72 h. The catalyst was removed by filtration through a pad of Celite and washed with MeOH. Solvents were concentrated to give the title compound. MS (UPLC-MS): 329 [M+H]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions d): 2.29 min.

Scheme B4: Preparation of (1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-carbamoyl-indazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid



A. (1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-benzyl ester 2-tert-butyl ester

To a solution of (1R,3S,5R)-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-tert-butyl ester (2.5 g, 11.0 mmol) and Cs_2CO_3 (3.94 g, 12.1 mmol) in DMF (50 mL) at 0°C benzylbromide (2.26 g, 13.2 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at RT under a nitrogen atmosphere. DMF was evaporated. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc and washed with a sat. aq. solution of NaHCO_3 , the layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (x2). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (c-hexane/EtOAc 100:0 to 0:100) to give the desired material as a colorless oil. MS (LCMS): 318.2 [M+H]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions b): 2.23 min.

B. (1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid benzyl ester trifluoroacetate

To (1R,3S,5R)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-benzyl ester 2-tert-butyl ester (3.27 g, 9.79 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) was added TFA (7.54 mL, 98 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at RT and subsequently concentrated under reduced pressure to give the desired material as a yellow oil. MS (UPLC): 218.1 [M+H]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions b): 1.24 min.

C. (1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Carbamoyl-indazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid benzyl ester

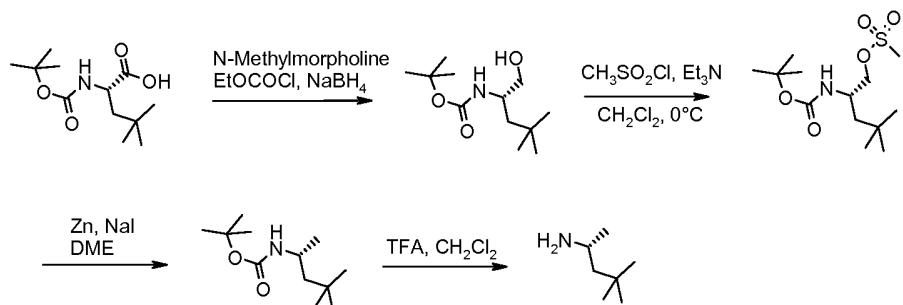
To a solution of (1R,3S,5R)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid benzyl ester trifluoroacetate (3.9 g, 9.77 mmol), (3-carbamoyl-indazol-1-yl)-acetic acid (prepared as described in Part A, 2.26 g, 9.77 mmol), HBTU (5.56 g, 14.66 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (60 mL) was added DIPEA (5.12 mL, 29.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 48 h at RT under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (x3). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (c-hexane/EtOAc 10:0 to 0:10) to afford the title compound. R_f, TLC (EtOAc) = 0.85; MS (UPLC): 436.3 [M+NH₄]⁺, 463.2 [M+HCOO]⁻; t_R (HPLC conditions b): 1.82 min.

D. (1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Carbamoyl-indazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid

(1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-carbamoyl-indazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid benzyl ester (3.9 g, 8.85 mmol) was dissolved in THF (120 mL) and EtOAc (120 mL). Air was removed from the flask and replaced with nitrogen three times. Pd/C 10 % (390 mg) was added to the solution which was again degassed, placed under a hydrogen atmosphere, and stirred at RT for 4 h. The catalyst was removed through a pad of Celite and washed with EtOAc. Solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the foam thus obtained was used without further purification in the next step. MS (LCMS): 346.2 [M+NH₄]⁺, 327.1 [M-H]⁻; t_R (HPLC conditions b): 1.12 min.

Part C: Synthesis of substituted alkyl amine building blocks :

Preparation of (R)-1,3,3-trimethyl-butylamine trifluoroacetate



A. ((S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,3-dimethyl-butyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester

To a solution of (S)-2-tert-butoxycarbonylaminoo-4,4-dimethyl-pentanoic acid (500 mg, 2.04 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at -10°C under a nitrogen atmosphere was added N-methylmorpholine (0.224 mL, 2.04 mmol), followed by ethylchloroformate (0.196 mL, 2.04 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 10 min at 0°C before addition of NaBH₄ (231 mg, 6.11 mmol) followed by dropwise addition of MeOH (20 mL) over a period of 20 min. (Gaz evolution and exothermic) The solution was stirred for 30 min at 0°C and neutralized with HCl (1N, 4 mL, 4.00 mmol). The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was extracted with EtOAc (3x). The combined organic extracts were washed with aq. HCl 1N, water (2x), sat. aq. NaHCO₃ and water, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (c-hexane to c-hexane/EtOAc 1:1) to give the desired material as a colorless oil. TLC, R_f (EtOAc): 0.50; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm): 6.45 (d, 1H), 4.59 (t, 1H), 3.47 (m, 1H), 3.22 (m, 1H), 3.08 (m, 1H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.17-1.25 (m, 2H), 0.88 (s, 9H).

B. Methanesulfonic acid (S)-2-tert-butoxycarbonylaminoo-4,4-dimethyl-pentyl ester

To a solution of ((S)-1-hydroxymethyl-3,3-dimethyl-butyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester (250 mg, 0.756 mmol) and triethylamine (0.116 mL, 0.832 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) cooled at -10°C was added under nitrogen atmosphere mesylchloride (0.065 mL, 0.832 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C for 1.5 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with ice and water then extracted twice with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with water, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated. The crude material (colorless oil) was used without purification in the next step. TLC, R_f (c-hexane/EtOAc 1:1): 0.46.

C. ((R)-1,3,3-Trimethyl-butyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester

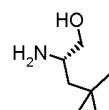
To a solution of methanesulfonic acid (S)-2-tert-butoxycarbonylaminoo-4,4-dimethyl-pentyl ester (250 mg, 0.380 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere in DME (4 mL) were added successively sodium iodide (569 mg, 3.80 mmol) and zinc powder (248 mg, 3.80 mmol). The dark mixture was stirred at RT overnight. After completion of the reaction a saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl (3 mL) was slowly added, followed by CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) and the resulting biphasic mixture

was stirred at RT for 30 min. Few crystals of Na₂S were added and the mixture was further stirred for 1 h. The mixture was filtered through a pad of celite, the organic layer was separated, washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (c-hexane to c-hexane/EtOAc 8:2) the desired material as a white powder. TLC, R_f (c-hexane/EtOAc 1:1): 0.50; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm): 6.60 (d, 1H), 3.61 (m, 1H), 1.42 (dd, 1H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.15 (dd, 1H), 1.00 (d, 3H), 0.88 (s, 9H).

D. (R)-1,3,3-Trimethyl-butylamine trifluoroacetate

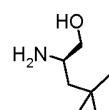
To a solution of ((R)-1,3,3-trimethyl-butyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester (35 mg, 0.163 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was added TFA (0.125 mL, 1.625 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 2 h and concentrated to give the desired material which was used without further purification in the next step. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm): 7.66 (bs, 3H), 3.25 (m, 1H), 1.50 (dd, 1H), 1.38 (dd, 1H), 1.23 (d, 3H), 0.93 (s, 9H).

(S)-2-Amino-4,4-dimethyl-pentan-1-ol hydrochloride



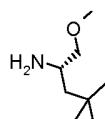
To a solution of ((S)-1-hydroxymethyl-3,3-dimethyl-butyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester (200 mg, 0.605 mmol) in dioxane (4 mL) was added HCl (4N in dioxane, 6.05 mL, 24.21 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT overnight and concentrated to give the desired material as a white powder which was used without further purification in the next. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm): 7.79 (bs, 3H), 5.37 (m, 1H), 3.60 (m, 1H), 3.40 (overlap with water, m, 1H), 3.09 (m, 1H), 1.47 (dd, 1H), 1.33 (dd, 1H), 0.92 (s, 9H).

(R)-2-Amino-4,4-dimethyl-pentan-1-ol hydrochloride



The title compound was obtained from (R)-2-tert-tutoxycarbonylamo-4,4-dimethyl-pentanoic acid using the same protocols as described for the preparation of (S)-2-Amino-4,4-dimethyl-pentan-1-ol hydrochloride. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm): 7.79 (bs, 3H), 5.37 (m, 1H), 3.60 (m, 1H), 3.40 (overlap with water, m, 1H), 3.09 (m, 1H), 1.47 (dd, 1H), 1.33 (dd, 1H), 0.92 (s, 9H).

(S)-1-Methoxymethyl-3,3-dimethyl-butylamine trifluoroacetate



To a solution of ((S)-1-methoxymethyl-3,3-dimethyl-butyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester (193 mg, 0.787 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL) was added TFA (0.606 mL, 7.87 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 2 h and concentrated to give the desired material which was used without further purification in the next step. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm): 7.83 (bs, 3H), 3.50 (m, 1H), 3.35 (m, 1H), 3.35 8s, 3H), 3.28 (m, 1H), 1.48 (dd, 1H), 1.36 (dd, 1H), 0.92 (s, 9H).

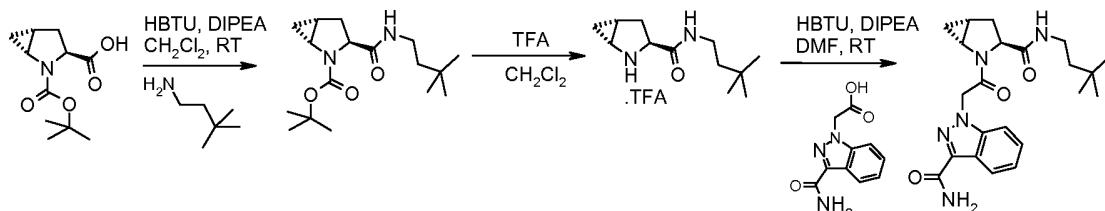
((S)-1-Methoxymethyl-3,3-dimethyl-butyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester

To a suspension of NaH (51.3 mg, 1.284 mmol) in THF (10 mL) cooled at 0°C under Argon atmosphere was slowly added ((S)-1-hydroxymethyl-3,3-dimethyl-butyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester (300 mg, 1.167 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 0°C for 30 min and iodomethane (0.095 ml, 1.517 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to reach RT and further stirred overnight. To complete the reaction, NaH (24 mg, 0.584 mmol) was again added at 0°C followed 30 min later by the addition of iodomethane (36 μL, 0.584 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 6 h, then poured into a sat. aq. solution of NaHCO₃ and extracted twice with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (c-hexane to c-hexane/EtOAc 8:2) to give the desired material as a white powder. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm): 6.60 (m, 1H), 3.66 (m, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 3.14 (m, 1H), 3.05 (m, 1H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.88 (s, 9H).

Part D: Synthesis of examples 1 to 44

¹H NMR data for selected compounds can be found at the end of Part D.

Scheme D1: preparation of Example 1: 1-[2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl]-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide



A. (1R,3S,5R)-3-(3,3-Dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane 2-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester

To a solution of (1R,3S,5R)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-tert-butyl ester (300 mg, 1.32 mmol), 3,3-dimethyl-butylamine (134 mg, 1.32 mmol) and HBTU (751 mg, 1.98 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (9 mL) under a nitrogen atmosphere was added DIPEA (0.922 mL, 5.28 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 16 h. CH₂Cl₂ and water were added, the phases were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (x2). The combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residual material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (c-hexane/ AcOEt 1-0 to 0-1) to give the title compound. TLC, R_f (EtOAc) = 0.85.

DMF can also be used instead of Dichloromethane.

B. (1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3,3-dimethyl-butyl)-amide trifluoroacetate

To a solution of (1R,3S,5R)-3-(3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane 2-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (310 mg, 1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL) was added TFA (0.769 mL, 10 mmol) and the solution was stirred at RT for 2 h. The crude reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum and was used without further purification in the next step. UPLC/MS : 211.3 [M+H]⁺; t_R (HPLC conditions b): 1.07 min.

C. Example 1: 1-[2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(3,3-Dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl]-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide

To a solution of (3-carbamoyl-indazol-1-yl)-acetic acid (prepared as described in part A, 25.3 mg, 0.116 mmol), (1R,3S,5R)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3,3-dimethyl-butyl)-amide trifluoroacetate (50 mg, 0.116 mmol) and HBTU (65.8 mg, 0.173 mmol) in DMF (0.5 mL) under a nitrogen atmosphere was added DIPEA (0.081 ml, 0.462 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 2 h and poured into water. EtOAc was added, the layers were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with EtOAc (x2). The combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residual material was purified by preparative HPLC (Waters Sunfire C18-ODB, 5 μm, 30x100 mm, eluent: 5% to 100% CH₃CN in H₂O in 25 min, CH₃CN and H₂O containing 0.1% TFA, flow: 40 mL/min). The pure HPLC fractions were neutralized with an aqueous saturated solution of Na₂CO₃, extracted with EtOAc (x2), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated to give the desired material. TLC, R_f (EtOAc) = 0.2; UPLC/MS (LC/MS): 412.4 [M+H]⁺, 429.3 [M+18]⁺, 456.3 [M+HCOO]⁻; t_R (HPLC conditions b): 1.61 min.

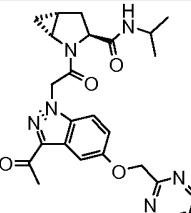
The examples below were prepared according to the general procedure described in Scheme D1 for the preparation of Example 1 from building blocks described in Part A, B and C or commercially available :

Table 1:

| Example | Structure | Name | Characterization (end-table notes), TLC, R _f (eluent); MS (LC/MS); t _R (HPLC conditions) |
|---------|-----------|---|--|
| 2 | | (1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-indazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3-trifluoromethoxy-propyl)-amide | (1) 453 [M+H] ⁺ , 470 [M+18] ⁺ ; t _R (d): 3.43 min. |
| 3 | | 1-{2-[(2S,3S,4S)-2-(3,3-Dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-4-fluoro-3-methoxy-pyrrolidin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide | R _f (EtOAc) = 0.3; 448.3 [M+H] ⁺ , 465.3 [M+18] ⁺ , 492.3 [M+HCOO] ⁻ ; t _R (a): 2.48 min. |
| 4 | | 1-{2-[(2S,3S,4S)-2-(3,3-Dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-4-fluoro-3-methoxy-pyrrolidin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-5-methyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridine-3-carboxylic acid amide | R _f (EtOAc) = 0.05; 463.3 [M+H] ⁺ , 507.3 [M+HCOO] ⁻ ; t _R (a): 1.72 min. |
| 5 | | (2S,3S,4S)-1-[2-(3-Acetyl-indazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-4-fluoro-3-methoxy-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid (3,3-dimethyl-butyl)-amide | R _f (EtOAc) = 0.7; 447.3 [M+H] ⁺ , 464.3 [M+18] ⁺ , 491.3 [M+HCOO] ⁻ ; t _R (a): 2.92 min. |
| 6 | | 1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(3,3-Dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridine-3-carboxylic acid amide | R _f (EtOAc) = 0.05; 413.3 [M+H] ⁺ , 457.4 [M+HCOO] ⁻ ; t _R (a): 1.63 min. |
| 7 | | (1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3,3-dimethyl-butyl)-amide | R _f (EtOAc) = 0.10; 412.3 [M+H] ⁺ , 434.3 [M+Na] ⁺ , 556.3 [M+HCOO] ⁻ |

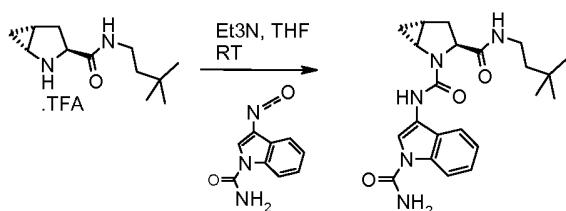
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| | | dimethyl-butyl)-amide | t_R (f): 2.68 min. |
| 8 | | (1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3,3-dimethylbutyl)-amide 519.4 [M+H]+, 536.4 [M+18]+, 563.4 [M+HCOO]-; t_R (f): 1.77 min. | |
| 9 | | 1-{2-Oxo-2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(2-trimethylsilyl-ethylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-ethyl}-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridine-3-carboxylic acid amide R_f (EtOAc) = 0.05; 429.2 [M+H]+, 473.2 [M+HCOO]-; t_R (f): 2.56 min. | R_f (EtOAc) = 0.05; 429.2 [M+H]+, 473.2 [M+HCOO]-; t_R (f): 2.56 min. |
| 10 | | 1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(3-Hydroxy-3-methyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridine-3-carboxylic acid amide trifluoroacetate (2) 415.3 [M+H]+, t_R (b): 1.64 min. | (2) 415.3 [M+H]+, t_R (b): 1.64 min. |
| 11 | | 1-{2-[(2R,3R,4R)-2-(3,3-Dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-3-fluoro-4-methoxy-pyrrolidin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide R_f (EtOAc) = 0.4; 448.3 [M+H]+, 465.3 [M+18]+, 492.3 [M+HCOO]-; t_R (a): 2.57 min. | R_f (EtOAc) = 0.4; 448.3 [M+H]+, 465.3 [M+18]+, 492.3 [M+HCOO]-; t_R (a): 2.57 min. |
| 12 | | 1-[2-((1R,3S,5R)-3-Ethyl carbamoyl-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl)-2-oxo-ethyl]-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridine-3-carboxylic acid amide 357.1 [M+H]+; t_R (e): 1.99 min. | 357.1 [M+H]+; t_R (e): 1.99 min. |
| 13 | | (1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid ethylamide (3) 485.2 [M+Na]+; t_R (e): 3.47 min. | (3) 485.2 [M+Na]+; t_R (e): 3.47 min. |

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| 14 | | (1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3-trifluoro methoxy-propyl)-amide | (1) 561.2 [M+H] ⁺ , 583.1 [M+Na] ⁺ ; t _R (f): 3.43 min. |
| 15 | | (1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (2-trifluoro methoxy-ethyl)-amide | (1) 569.3 [M+Na] ⁺ , 591.2 [M+HCOO] ⁻ ; t _R (f): 3.25 min. |
| 16 | | (1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (2-penta fluoroethoxy-ethyl)-amide | (1) 597.2 [M+H] ⁺ , 619.2 [M+Na] ⁺ ; t _R (f): 3.84 min. |
| 17 | | (1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid ((R)-sec-butyl)-amide | 491 [M+H] ⁺ ; t _R (f): 2.97 min. |
| 18 | | 1-[2-((1R,3S,5R)-3-Ethylcarbamoyl-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl)-2-oxo-ethyl]-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide | 464.2 [M+H] ⁺ , 486.1 [M+Na] ⁺ ; t _R (f): 1.77 min. |
| 19 | | (1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid ((S)-sec-butyl)-amide | 491 [M+H] ⁺ ; t _R (f): 2.93 min. |

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| 20 |  | (1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid isopropyl amide | 477 [M+H] ⁺ ; t _R (f): 2.64 min. |
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(1) Step A was performed in DMF instead of CH₂Cl₂; (2) T₃P was used instead of HBTU in step A and C and the reactions were performed in DMF; (3) Step C was performed in THF instead of DMF.

Scheme D2: general protocol described for the preparation of Example 21: (1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-[{(1-carbamoyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-amide} 3-[3,3-dimethyl-butyl]-amide]



To a solution of (1R,3S,5R)-2-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3,3-dimethylbutyl) amide trifluoroacetate (prepared as described in Scheme D1 steps A and B, 35 mg, 0.08 mmol) and Et₃N (45 µl, 0.32 mmol) in THF (0.4 mL) was added a suspension of 3-isocyanato-indole-1-carboxylic acid amide (25.5 mg, 0.08 mmol, prepared as described in Part A) in THF (0.8 mL). The resulting solution was stirred at RT under a nitrogen atmosphere for 3 h, poured into brine and the mixture was extracted twice with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by preparative HPLC (Waters SunFire C18-ODB, 5 µm, 30x100 mm, 20% to 100 % CH₃CN in H₂O in 25 min, CH₃CN and H₂O containing 0.1 % TFA, flow: 40 mL/min). The pure HPLC fractions were neutralized with an aqueous saturated solution of Na₂CO₃, extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (x2), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated to give the desired material. TLC, R_f (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH) = 0.5; UPLC/MS: 412.3 [M+H]⁺, 823.6 [2M+H]⁺, 456.3 [M+HCOO]⁻; t_R (HPLC conditions b): 1.80 min.

The examples below were prepared according to the general procedure described in Scheme D2 for the preparation of Example 21 from commercially available building blocks:

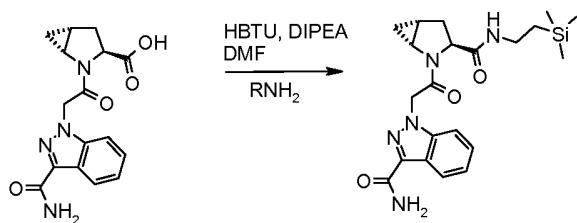
Table 2:

| Example | Structure | Name | Characterization (end-table notes), TLC, R _f (eluent); MS (LC/MS); |
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| | | | t _R (HPLC conditions): |
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| 22 | | (1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-[(1-carbamoyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-amide] 3-[(2-trimethylsilyl-ethyl)-amide] | (1) R _f (EtOAc) = 0.3; 428.3 [M+H] ⁺ , 426.1 [M-H] ⁻ ; t _R (e): 3.34 min. |
| 23 | | (1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-[(1-carbamoyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-amide] 3-[(2-trifluoromethoxy-ethyl)-amide] | (2) 440 [M+H] ⁺ ; t _R (d): 3.10 min. |
| 24 | | (1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-[(1-carbamoyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-amide] 3-ethylamide | (1) 356.0 [M+H] ⁺ , 354.1 [M-H] ⁻ ; t _R (f): 2.20 min. |
| 25 | | (1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-[(1-carbamoyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-amide] 3-[(3-trifluoromethoxy-propyl)-amide] | (2) 454 [M+H] ⁺ ; t _R (d): 3.57 min. |
| 26 | | (1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-[(1-carbamoyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-amide] 3-[(4-trifluoromethoxy-butyl)-amide] | (1) 468 [M+H] ⁺ , 467.2 [M-H] ⁻ ; t _R (e): 4.33 min. |
| 27 | | (1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-di arboxylic acid 2-[(1-carbamoyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-amide] 3-[(2-pentafluoroethoxy-ethyl)-amide] | (2) 490 [M+H] ⁺ ; t _R (d): 3.30 min. |

(1) The starting material was prepared according to Scheme D1 step A and B. (2) The starting material was prepared according to Scheme D1 step A and B, using DMF in step A.

Scheme D3: Preparation of example 28: 1-{2-oxo-2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(2-trimethylsilyl-ethylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide



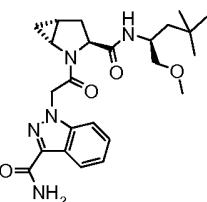
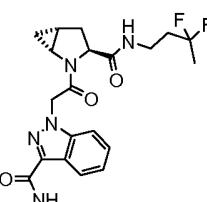
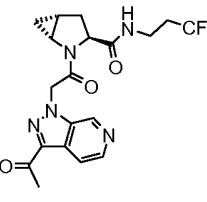
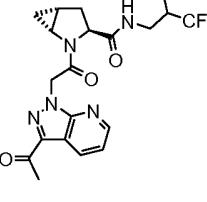
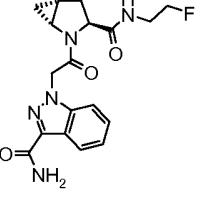
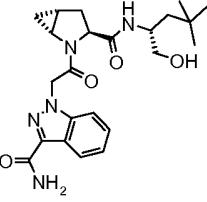
To a mixture of (1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-carbamoyl-indazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (40 mg, 0.117 mmol, prepared as described in Part B), 2-trimethylsilanyl-ethylamine hydrochloride (Rarechem AL BW 0194, 17.98 mg, 0.117 mmol), and HBTU (66.5 mg, 0.175 mmol) in DMF (0.8 mL) DIPEA (82 μ L, 0.462 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 25°C for 2 h. After completion of the reaction, water was added and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (x2). The combined organic extracts were dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and concentrated. The crude material was purified by preparative HPLC (Waters Sunfire C18-ODB, 5um, 30x100mm, flow: 40 mL/min, gradient: 0-0.5 min 5% CH_3CN , 0.5-18.5 min 5 to 100% CH_3CN , 18.5-20 min 100% CH_3CN , H_2O and CH_3CN containing 0.1%TFA). The pure HPLC fractions were neutralized with an aq. sat. solution of Na_2CO_3 , extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (x2), dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and concentrated to give the desired material. TLC, R_f (EtOAc): 0.25; UPLC/MS: 428.3 [M+H] $^+$, 445.3 [M+18] $^+$, 472.2 [M+HCOO] $^-$; t_R (HPLC conditions a): 2.63 min.

The examples below were prepared according to the general procedure described in Scheme D3 for Example 28 using building blocks prepared in part B, C or commercially available:

Table 3:

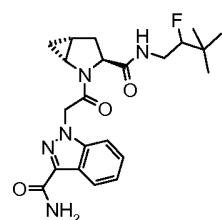
| Example | Structure | Name | Characterization TLC, R_f (eluent); MS (LC/MS); t_R (HPLC conditions) |
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| 29 | | (1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3,3-dimethyl-butyl)-amide | R_f (EtOAc) = 0.4; 412.4 [M+H] $^+$, 456.4 [M+HCOO] $^-$; t_R (a): 3.20 min. |
| 30 | | (1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3-methyl-butyl)-amide | R_f (EtOAc) = 0.5; 398.3 [M+H] $^+$, 442.4 [M+HCOO] $^-$; t_R (a): 3.30 min. |

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| 31 | | (1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (4,4,4-trifluoro-butyl)-amide | R _f (EtOAc) = 0.2; 338.3 [M+H] ⁺ , 482.4 [M+HCOO] ⁻ ; t _R (a): 2.47 min. |
| 32 | | 1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(2,2-Difluoro-ethylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide | R _f (EtOAc) = 0.15; 392.2 [M+H] ⁺ , 390.4 [M-H] ⁻ , 436.2 [M+HCOO] ⁻ ; t _R (a): 1.63 min. |
| 33 | | 1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(2-Hydroxy-3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide | R _f (EtOAc) = 0.10; 428.3 [M+H] ⁺ , 445.3 [M+18] ⁺ , 472.2 [M+HCOO] ⁻ ; t _R (a): 2.02 min. |
| 34 | | 1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(3,3-Dimethyl-2-oxo-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide | R _f (EtOAc) = 0.25; 426.2 [M+H] ⁺ , 443.3 [M+18] ⁺ , 470.3 [M+HCOO] ⁻ ; t _R (a): 2.16 min. |
| 35 | | 1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-((S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide | R _f (EtOAc) = 0.05; 442.3 [M+H] ⁺ , 459.3 [M+18] ⁺ , 486.2 [M+HCOO] ⁻ ; t _R (f): 2.72 min. |
| 36 | | 1-{2-Oxo-2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-((R)-1,3,3-trimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide | R _f (EtOAc) = 0.20; 426.3 [M+H] ⁺ , 443.3 [M+18] ⁺ , 470.3 [M+HCOO] ⁻ ; t _R (f): 3.46 min. |

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| 37 |  | 1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-((S)-1-Methoxymethyl-3,3-dimethylbutylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide | R_f (EtOAc) = 0.15; 456.3 [M+H] ⁺ , 473.3 [M+18] ⁺ , 500.3 [M+HCOO] ⁻ ; t_R (f): 3.32 min. |
| 38 |  | 1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(3,3-Difluoro-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide | R_f (EtOAc) = 0.25; 406.2 [M+H] ⁺ , 404.3 [M-H] ⁻ , 423.2 [M+18] ⁺ , 450.2 [M+HCOO] ⁻ ; t_R (a): 1.85 min. |
| 39 |  | (1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3,3,3-trifluoro-propyl)-amide | 424.0 [M+H] ⁺ , 445.9 [M+Na] ⁺ ; t_R (d): 2.59 min. |
| 40 |  | (1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3,3,3-trifluoro-2-hydroxy-propyl)-amide | 440.1 [M+H] ⁺ , 462.1 [M+Na] ⁺ , 484.0 [M+HCOO] ⁻ . |
| 41 |  | 1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(2-Fluoro-ethylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide | R_f (EtOAc) = 0.10; 391.2 [M+18] ⁺ , 418.2 [M+HCOO] ⁻ ; t_R (a): 1.25 min. |
| 42 |  | 1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-((R)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,3-dimethylbutylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide | R_f (EtOAc) = 0.05; 442.3 [M+H] ⁺ 459.3 [M+18] ⁺ 486.3 [M+HCOO] ⁻ ; t_R (f): 2.69 min. |

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| 43 | | (1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (2-trimethylsilanyl-ethyl)-amide | R_f (EtOAc) = 0.15; 428.2 [M+H] ⁺ , 472.2 [M+HCOO] ⁻ ; t_R (f): 3.10 min. |
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Example 44: 1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(2-Fluoro-3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide



To a solution of 1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(2-hydroxy-3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide **Example 33** (40 mg, 0.094 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) at -78°C under a nitrogen atmosphere was added DAST (27 µL, 0.187 mmol) and the solution was allowed to reach RT and stirred for 3 h. The reaction mixture was poured into an aqueous saturated solution of NaHCO₃ and extracted twice with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by preparative HPLC (Waters Sunfire C18-ODB, 5µm, 30x100mm, gradient: 0-0.5 min 5% CH₃CN in H₂O flow: 5mL/min, 0.5-18.5 min 5 to 100% CH₃CN in H₂O flow: 40mL/min, 18.5-20 min 100% CH₃CN, CH₃CN and H₂O containing 0.1% TFA). The pure HPLC fractions were neutralized with an aqueous saturated solution of Na₂CO₃, extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (x2), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated to give the desired material. TLC, R_f (EtOAc): 0.10; UPLC/MS: 430.5 [M+H]⁺, 447.5 [M+18]⁺, 474.4 [M+HCOO]⁻; t_R (HPLC conditions a): 2.27 min.

¹H NMR data for selected compounds:

Example 1: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (ppm): 8.19 (d, 1H), 7.74 (t, 1H), 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.44 (t, 1H), 7.39 (bs, 1H), 7.28 (t, 1H), 5.74 (d, 1H), 5.45 (d, 1H), 4.17 (dd, 1H), 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.11-2.98 (m, 2H), 2.19 (m, 1H), 2.13 (m, 1H), 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.29 (m, 2H), 1.02 (m, 1H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.70 (m, 1H).

Example 4: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 0.75:0.25 mixture of rotamers δ (ppm): 9.01 (s, 0.75H), 8.97 (s, 0.25H), 8.36 (m, 0.25H), 7.95 (m, 0.75H), 7.89 (bs, 1H), 7.81 (m, 0.25H), 7.78 (m, 0.75H), 7.50 (bs, 1H), 5.68 (d, 0.75H), 5.63 (d, 0.25H),

5.55 (d, 0.75H), 5.45-5.22 (m, 1H), 5.06 (m, 0.25H), 4.97 (d, 0.25H), 4.56 (d, 0.75H), 4.38-4.32 (m, 0.25H), 4.22-4.12 (m, 1.5H), 4.00-3.91 (m, 0.75H), 3.75-3.67 (m, 0.5H), 3.43 (s, 0.75H), 3.39 (s, 2.25H), 3.28-2.92 (m, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 1.41 (t, 0.5H), 1.27 (t, 1.5H), 0.92 (s, 2.25H), 0.87 (s, 6.75H).

Example 8: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 8.85 (d, 2H), 7.74 (t, 1H), 7.63 (d, 1H), 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.47 (t, 1H), 7.22 (dd, 1H), 5.79 (d, 1H), 5.49 (d, 1H), 5.36 (s, 2H), 4.18 (dd, 1H), 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.05 (m, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.23-2.09 (m, 2H), 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.29 (m, 2H), 1.02 (m, 1H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.77 (m, 1H).

Example 16: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 8.85 (d, 2H), 8.13 (t, 1H), 7.62 (ds, 1H), 7.56 (d, 1H), 7.48 (t, 1H), 7.23 (dd, 1H), 5.79 (d, 1H), 5.50 (d, 1H), 5.36 (s, 2H), 4.23 (dd, 1H), 4.12 (t, 2H), 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.38 (m, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.11 (m, 1H), 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.02 (m, 1H), 0.80 (m, 1H).

Example 21: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ (ppm): 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.28 (d, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, 1H), 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.27 (t, 1H), 7.19 (t, 1H), 4.09 (m, 1H), 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.07 (m, 2H), 2.25 (dd, 1H), 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.33 (m, 2H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.85 (m, 1H), 0.50 (m, 1H).

Example 22: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ (ppm): 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.28 (d, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, 1H), 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.27 (t, 1H), 7.19 (t, 1H), 4.09 (m, 1H), 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.11 (m, 2H), 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.11 (m, 1H), 1.74 (m, 1H), 0.84 (m, 1H), 0.76 (m, 2H), 0.50 (m, 1H), 0.01 (s, 9H).

Example 31: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ (ppm): 8.66 (dd, 1H), 8.59 (dd, 1H), 7.95 (bt, 1H), 7.47 (dd, 1H), 5.85 (d, 1H), 5.60 (d, 1H), 4.15 (dd, 1H), 3.74 (m, 1H), 3.11 (m, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.25-2.11 (m, 4H), 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.05 (m, 1H), 0.70 (m, 1H).

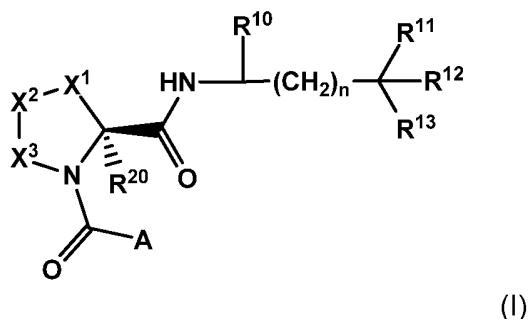
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Factor D inhibition data using Method 1 to determine the IC₅₀ s.

| Example | IC ₅₀ (μM) | Example | IC ₅₀ (μM) |
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| 1 | 0.061 | 30 | 0.324 |
| 2 | 0.605 | 31 | 1.144 |
| 3 | 0.103 | 32 | 0.874 |
| 4 | 0.161 | 33 | 0.271 |
| 5 | 0.088 | 34 | 0.192 |
| 6 | 0.168 | 35 | 0.593 |
| 7 | 0.068 | 36 | 0.113 |
| 8 | 0.009 | 37 | 0.443 |
| 9 | 0.153 | 38 | 1.046 |
| 10 | 5.674 | 39 | 5.319 |
| 11 | 14.635 | 40 | 10.791 |
| 12 | 7.216 | 41 | 1.352 |
| 13 | 0.504 | 42 | 5.357 |
| 14 | 0.127 | 43 | 0.323 |
| 15 | 0.021 | 44 | 0.384 |
| 16 | 0.152 | | |
| 17 | 0.333 | | |
| 18 | 2.893 | | |
| 19 | 0.929 | | |
| 20 | 0.328 | | |
| 21 | 0.058 | | |
| 22 | 0.057 | | |
| 23 | 0.427 | | |
| 24 | 1.750 | | |
| 25 | 0.912 | | |
| 26 | 1.387 | | |
| 27 | 1.967 | | |
| 28 | 0.065 | | |
| 29 | 0.227 | | |

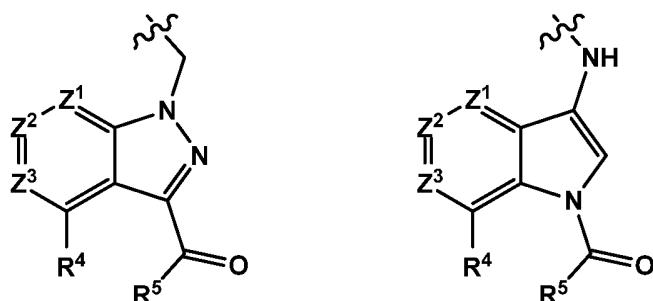
What is claimed is

1. A compound, or a salt thereof, according to the formula (I):



Wherein

A is a group selected from:



and ;

Z^1 is $C(R^1)$ or N ;

Z^2 is $C(R^2)$ or N ;

Z^3 is $C(R^3)$ or N , wherein at least one of Z^1 , Z^2 or Z^3 is not N ;

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, halo C - C_6 alkyl, halo C - C_6 alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, CO_2H and $C(O)NR^A R^B$;

R^2 and R^3 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, $NR^C R^D$, cyano, CO_2H , $CONR^A R^B$, $SO_2 C_1$ - C_6 alkyl, and $SO_2 NH_2$, $SO_2 NR^A R^B$, C_1 - C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, $-C(NR^A)NR^C R^D$, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, halo C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, halo C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_2 - C_6 alkenyloxy, wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy and alkenyloxy is unsubstituted or substituted with up to 4 substituents independently selected from halogen, hydroxy, cyano, tetrazole, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 haloalkoxy, CO_2H , C_1 - C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, $C(O)NR^A R^B$, $NR^C R^D$, optionally substituted phenyl, heterocycle having 4 to 7 ring atoms and 1, 2, or 3 ring heteroatoms selected from N, O or S, optionally substituted heteroaryl having 5 or 6 ring atoms and 1 or 2 or 3 ring heteroatoms selected from N, O or S, and wherein optional phenyl and heteroaryl substituents are selected from halogen, hydroxy, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy and CO_2H ;

R^4 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, and C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

R^5 is $C_1\text{-}C_4\text{alkyl}$, $\text{hydroxy}C_1\text{-}C_4\text{alkyl}$, $C_1\text{-}C_4\text{alkoxy}C_1\text{-}C_4\text{alkyl}$, $\text{halo}C_1\text{-}C_4\text{alkyl}$ amino, methylamino

X^1 is CR^9R^{22} or sulfur;

X^2 is CR^7R^8 , oxygen, sulfur, $N(H)$ or $N(C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkyl})$, wherein at least one of X^1 and X^2 is carbon; or

X^1 and X^2 , in combination, forms an olefin of the formula $-C(R^7)=C(H)-$ or $-C(R^7)=C(C_1\text{-}C_4\text{alkyl})-$, wherein the $C(R^7)$ is attached to X^3 ;

X^3 is $(CR^6R^{21})_q$ or $N(H)$ wherein q is 0, 1 or 2, wherein X^3 is CR^6R^{21} or $(CR^6R^{21})_2$ when either X^1 or X^2 is sulfur or X^2 is oxygen; or

X^2 and X^3 , taken in combination, are $-N=C(H)-$ or $-N=C(C_1\text{-}C_4\text{alkyl})-$ in which the $C(H)$ or $C(C_1\text{-}C_4\text{alkyl})$ is attached to X^1 ;

R^6 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, and $C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkyl}$,

R^7 is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, $C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkyl}$, $C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkoxy}$, $\text{hydroxy}C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkyl}$, $C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkoxy}C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkyl}$, $\text{halo}C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkyl}$, or $C_1\text{-}C_6\text{haloalkoxy}$;

R^8 is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, azide, cyano, COOH , $C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkoxycarbonyl}$, $C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkyl}$, $C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkoxy}$, $C_1\text{-}C_6\text{haloalkyl}$, $C_1\text{-}C_6\text{haloalkoxy}$, $NR^A R^B$, $N(H)C(O)C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkyl}$, $\text{hydroxy}C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkyl}$, $C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkoxy}C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkyl}$, or $C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkyl}$ substituted with $NR^A R^B$, $N(H)C(O)H$ or $N(H)C(O)(C_1\text{-}C_4\text{alkyl})$;

R^9 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen, $C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkyl}$, $\text{halo}C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkyl}$, $C_2\text{-}C_6\text{alkenyl}$, $C_2\text{-}C_6\text{alkynyl}$, $C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkoxy}$, $\text{halo}C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkoxy}$, $NR^A R^B$, $N(H)C(O)C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkyl}$, $N(H)C(O)OC_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkyl}$ and $OC(O)NR^C R^D$ each of alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl, and alkynyl substituents may be substituted with 0, 1, or 2 groups independently selected at each occurrence from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy, $C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkyl}$, $C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkoxy}$, and $NR^A R^B$;

R^{20} is hydrogen or $C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkyl}$;

R^{21} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, phenyl and $C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkyl}$, which alkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted with hydroxy, amino, azide, and $NHC(O)C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkyl}$;

R^{22} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, amino and $C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkyl}$;

CR^7R^8 , taken in combination forms a spirocyclic 3 to 6 membered carbocycle which is substituted with 0, 1, or 2 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen and methyl; or

R^7 and R^8 , taken in combination, form an exocyclic methylen ($=CH_2$);

R^7 and R^{22} or R^8 and R^9 , taken in combination form an epoxide ring or a 3 to 6 membered carbocyclic ring system which carbocyclic ring is substituted with 0, 1, or 2 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, methyl, ethyl, $\text{hydroxy}C_1\text{-}C_4\text{alkyl}$, $C_1\text{-}C_6\text{alkoxy}C_1\text{-}C_4\text{alkyl}$, $C_1\text{-}C_4\text{alkoxycarbonyl}$, CO_2H , and $C_1\text{-}C_4\text{alkyl}$ substituted with $NR^A R^B$;

R^6 and R^7 or R^8 and R^{21} , taken in combination, form a fused 3 membered carbocyclic ring system which is substituted with 0, 1, or 2 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, methyl, ethyl, hydroxyC₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxyC₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxycarbonyl, CO₂H, and C₁-C₄alkyl substituted with NR^AR^B; or

R^{20} and R^{22} taken in combination form a fused 3 carbocyclic ring system;

R^9 and R^{21} taken in combination form a 1 to 3 carbon alkylene linker;

R^7 and R^{20} taken in combination form 1 to 3 carbon alkylene linker;

R^A and R^B are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, and C₁-C₆alkyl, haloC₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxyC₁-C₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁-C₆alkyl, or NR^AR^B, taken in combination, form a heterocycle having 4 to 7 ring atoms and 0 or 1 additional ring N, O or S atoms, which heterocycle is substituted with 0, 1, or 2 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₄alkyl, halogen, hydroxy, C₁-C₄alkoxy;

R^C and R^D , are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁-C₆alkyl, haloC₁-C₆alkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxyC₁-C₆alkyl, or hydroxyC₁-C₆alkyl;

n is an integer selected from 0-4;

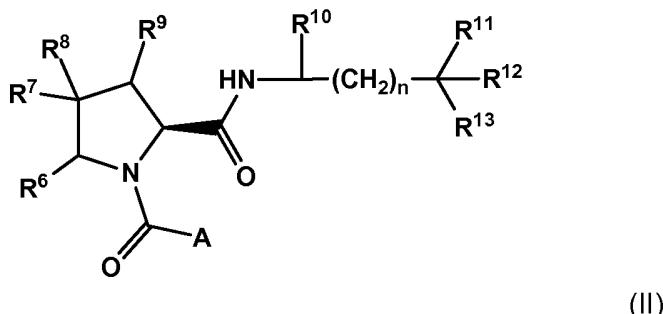
R^{10} is hydrogen, C₁-C₄alkyl, haloC₁-C₄alkyl, hydroxyC₁-C₄alkyl or C₁-C₄alkoxyC₁-C₄alkyl;

R^{11} is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, oxo or C₁-C₄alkyl;

R^{12} is absent, hydrogen, halogen or C₁-C₄alkyl; and

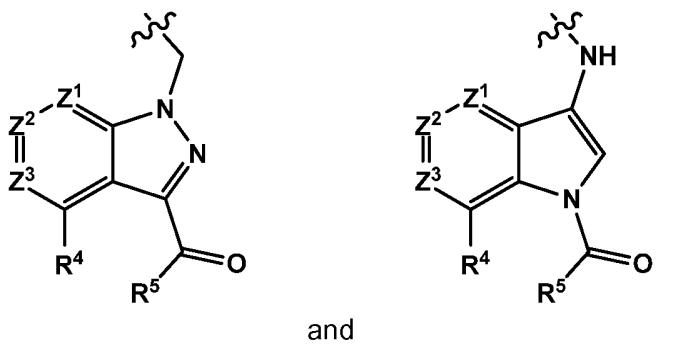
R^{13} is hydrogen, C₁-C₄alkyl, haloC₁-C₄alkyl, hydroxyC₁-C₄alkyl, haloC₁-C₄alkoxy, and tri-C₁-C₄alkylsilyl.

2. A compound, or a salt thereof, according to formula (II):



Wherein

A is a group selected from:



Z^1 is $C(R^1)$ or N ;

Z^2 is $C(R^2)$ or N ;

Z^3 is $C(R^3)$ or N , wherein at least one of Z^1 , Z^2 or Z^3 is not N ;

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, halo C - C_6 alkyl, halo C - C_6 alkoxy C_1 - C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, CO_2H and $C(O)NR^A R^B$;

R^2 and R^3 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, $NR^C R^D$, cyano, CO_2H , $CONR^A R^B$, SO_2C_1 - C_6 alkyl, and SO_2NH_2 , $SO_2NR^A R^B$, C_1 - C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, $-C(NR^A)NR^C R^D$, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, halo C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, halo C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_2 - C_6 alkenyloxy, wherein each alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy and alkenyloxy is unsubstituted or substituted with up to 4 substituents independently selected from halogen, hydroxy, cyano, tetrazole, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 haloalkoxy, CO_2H , C_1 - C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, $C(O)NR^A R^B$, $NR^C R^D$, optionally substituted phenyl, heterocycle having 4 to 7 ring atoms and 1, 2, or 3 ring heteroatoms selected from N , O or S , optionally substituted heteroaryl having 5 or 6 ring atoms and 1 or 2 or 3 ring heteroatoms selected from N , O or S , and wherein optional phenyl and heteroaryl substituents are selected from halogen, hydroxy, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy and CO_2H ;

R^4 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, and C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

R^5 is C_1 - C_4 alkyl, hydroxy C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy C_1 - C_4 alkyl, halo C_1 - C_4 alkyl, amino, methylamino;

R^6 is hydrogen;

R^7 is hydrogen or fluoro;

R^8 is hydrogen, methyl or hydroxymethyl;

R^9 is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, or C_1 - C_4 alkoxy; or

R^6 and R^7 , taken in combination, form a cyclopropane ring; or

R^8 and R^9 , taken in combination, form a cyclopropane ring;

n is an integer selected from 0-4;

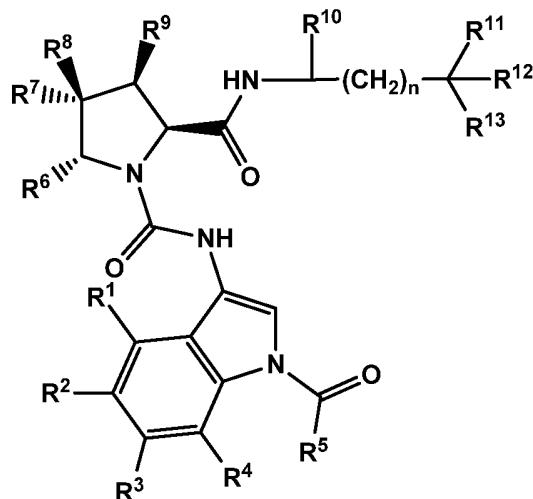
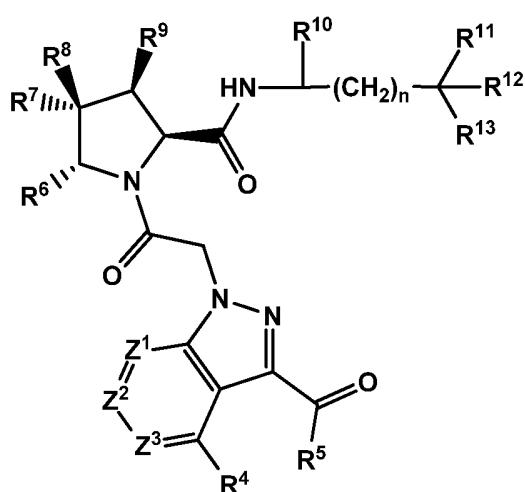
R^{10} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, hydroxymethyl or methoxymethyl;

R^{11} is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, oxo or C_1 - C_4 alkyl;

R^{12} is absent, hydrogen, halogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl; and

R^{13} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, halo C_1 - C_4 alkyl, halo C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, and tri- C_1 - C_4 alkylsilyl.

3. The compound of claim 1 or claim 2, or a salt thereof, according to formula (III) or (IV):



or

(III)

(IV).

4. The compound of any one of claims 1-3, or a salt thereof, wherein at least two of Z^1 , Z^2 and Z^3 are not N.

5. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 4, or a salt thereof, wherein n is 0 or 1.

6. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 5, or a salt thereof, wherein Z^3 is CR^3 ; R^1 is hydrogen, halogen or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

R^2 and R^3 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, CO_2H , C_1-C_4 alkyl and C_1-C_4 alkoxy; wherein alkoxy is unsubstituted or substituted with optionally substituted heteroaryl having 5 or 6 ring atoms and 1, 2 or 3 ring heteroatoms selected from N, O or S, and wherein the heteroaryl is optionally substituted with 1 or 2 halogen or C_1-C_4 alkyl groups;

R^4 is hydrogen; and

R^5 is amino or C_1-C_4 alkyl.

7. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 6, or a salt thereof, wherein

R^6 and R^7 taken in combination form a cyclopropane ring;

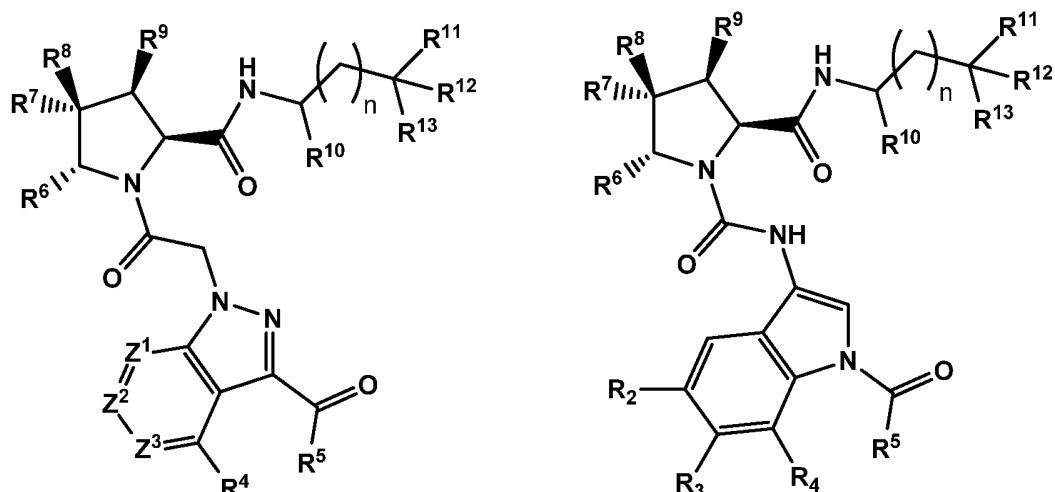
R^8 is hydrogen, methyl or hydroxymethyl; and

R^9 is hydrogen.

8. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 7, or a salt thereof, wherein R⁶ and R⁷ are hydrogen; and R⁸ and R⁹ taken in combination form a cyclopropane ring;

9. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 8, or a salt thereof, wherein R⁶ and R⁸ are hydrogen; R⁷ is fluoro; and R⁹ is hydrogen or methoxy.

10. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 9, or a salt thereof, according to formula (V) or (VI):



or

Wherein

n is 0, 1 or 2;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen or methyl;

R¹¹ and R¹² are hydrogen;

R¹³ is C₁-C₄alkyl, haloC₁-C₄alkoxy or tri-C₁-C₄alkylsilyl.

11. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 10, or a salt thereof, wherein R¹³ is *tert*-butyl, trifluoromethoxy, pentafluoroethoxy or trimethylsilyl.

12. The compound of any one of claims 1 to 11, or a salt thereof, wherein

n is 0 or 1;

R¹⁰, R¹¹, and R¹², are hydrogen; and

R¹³ is *tert*-butyl, trifluoromethoxy, pentafluoroethoxy or trimethylsilyl.

13. The compound of claim 2, or a salt thereof, selected from the group consisting of
1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-
ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;
(1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-indazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic
acid (3-trifluoromethoxy-propyl)-amide;
1-{2-[(2S,3S,4S)-2-(3,3-Dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-4-fluoro-3-methoxy-pyrrolidin-1-yl]-2-
oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;
1-{2-[(2S,3S,4S)-2-(3,3-Dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-4-fluoro-3-methoxy-pyrrolidin-1-yl]-2-
oxo-ethyl}-5-methyl-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridine-3-carboxylic acid amide;
(2S,3S,4S)-1-[2-(3-Acetyl-indazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-4-fluoro-3-methoxy-pyrrolidine-2-
carboxylic acid (3,3-dimethyl-butyl)-amide;
1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(3,3-Dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-
ethyl}-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c] pyridine-3-carboxylic acid amide;
(1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-
3-carboxylic acid (3,3-dimethyl-butyl)-amide;
(1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-
bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3,3-dimethyl-butyl)-amide;
1-{2-Oxo-2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(2-trimethylsilanyl-ethylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-
yl]-ethyl}-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridine-3-carboxylic acid amide;
1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(3-Hydroxy-3-methyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-
oxo-ethyl}-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-c] pyridine-3-carboxylic acid amide trifluoroacetate;
1-{2-[(2R,3R,4R)-2-(3,3-Dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-3-fluoro-4-methoxy-pyrrolidin-1-yl]-2-
oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;
1-[2-((1R,3S,5R)-3-Ethyl carbamoyl-2-aza-bicyclo [3.1.0]hex-2-yl)-2-oxo-ethyl]-1H-
pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridine-3-carboxylic acid amide;
(1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-
bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid ethylamide;
(1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-
bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3-trifluoro methoxy-propyl)-amide;
(1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-
bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid (2-trifluoro methoxy-ethyl)-amide;
(1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-
bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid (2-penta fluoroethoxy-ethyl)-amide;
(1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-
bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid ((R)-sec-butyl)-amide;
1-[2-((1R,3S,5R)-3-Ethylcarbamoyl-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl)-2-oxo-ethyl]-5-
(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid ((S)-sec-butyl)-amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-{2-[3-Acetyl-5-(pyrimidin-2-ylmethoxy)-indazol-1-yl]-acetyl}-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid isopropyl amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-[(1-carbamoyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-amide] 3-[(3,3-dimethyl-butyl)-amide];

(1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo [3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-[(1-carbamoyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-amide] 3-[(2-trimethylsilanyl-ethyl)-amide];

(1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo [3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-[(1-carbamoyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-amide] 3-[(2-trifluoromethoxy-ethyl)-amide];

(1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo [3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-[(1-carbamoyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-amide] 3-ethylamide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo [3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-[(1-carbamoyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-amide] 3-[(3-trifluoromethoxy-propyl)-amide];

(1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo [3.1.0]hexane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid 2-[(1-carbamoyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-amide] 3-[(4-trifluoromethoxy-butyl)-amide];

(1R,3S,5R)-2-Aza-bicyclo [3.1.0]hexane-2,3-di arboxylic acid 2-[(1-carbamoyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-amide] 3-[(2-pentafluoroethoxy-ethyl)-amide];

1-{2-oxo-2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(2-trimethylsilanyl-ethylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3,3-dimethyl-butyl)-amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3-methyl-butyl)-amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hexane-3-carboxylic acid (4,4,4-trifluoro-butyl)-amide;

1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(2,2-Difluoro-ethylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(2-Hydroxy-3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(3,3-Dimethyl-2-oxo-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-((S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

1-{2-Oxo-2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-((R)-1,3,3-trimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-((S)-1-Methoxymethyl-3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(3,3-Difluoro-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3,3,3-trifluoro-propyl)-amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (3,3,3-trifluoro-2-hydroxy-propyl)-amide;

1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(2-Fluoro-ethylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-((R)-1-Hydroxymethyl-3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0] hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide;

(1R,3S,5R)-2-[2-(3-Acetyl-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-1-yl)-acetyl]-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-3-carboxylic acid (2-trimethylsilanyl-ethyl)-amide; and

1-{2-[(1R,3S,5R)-3-(2-Fluoro-3,3-dimethyl-butylcarbamoyl)-2-aza-bicyclo[3.1.0]hex-2-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-indazole-3-carboxylic acid amide.

14. A pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1-13.

15. A combination, in particular a pharmaceutical combination, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of the compound according to any one of claims 1-13 and a second therapeutically active agent.

16. A method of modulating complement alternative pathway activity in a subject, wherein the method comprises administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the compound according to any one of claims 1-13.

17. A method of treating a disorder or a disease in a subject mediated by complement activation, in particular mediated by activation of the complement alternative pathway, wherein the method comprises administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the compound according to any one of claims 1-13.

18. The method of claim 16, in which the disease or disorder is selected from the group consisting of age-related macular degeneration, geographic atrophy, diabetic retinopathy, uveitis, retinitis pigmentosa, macular edema, Behcet's uveitis, multifocal choroiditis, Vogt-Koyangi-Harada syndrome, intermediate uveitis, birdshot retino-chorioiditis, sympathetic ophthalmia, ocular cicatricial pemphigoid, ocular pemphigus, nonarteritic ischemic optic neuropathy, post-operative inflammation, retinal vein occlusion, neurological disorders, multiple sclerosis, stroke, Guillain Barre Syndrome, traumatic brain injury, Parkinson's disease, disorders

of inappropriate or undesirable complement activation, hemodialysis complications, hyperacute allograft rejection, xenograft rejection, interleukin-2 induced toxicity during IL-2 therapy, inflammatory disorders, inflammation of autoimmune diseases, Crohn's disease, adult respiratory distress syndrome, myocarditis, post-ischemic reperfusion conditions, myocardial infarction, balloon angioplasty, post-pump syndrome in cardiopulmonary bypass or renal bypass, atherosclerosis, hemodialysis, renal ischemia, mesenteric artery reperfusion after aortic reconstruction, infectious disease or sepsis, immune complex disorders and autoimmune diseases, rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), SLE nephritis, proliferative nephritis, liver fibrosis, hemolytic anemia, myasthenia gravis, tissue regeneration, neural regeneration, dyspnea, hemoptysis, ARDS, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema, pulmonary embolisms and infarcts, pneumonia, fibrogenic dust diseases, pulmonary fibrosis, asthma, allergy, bronchoconstriction, hypersensitivity pneumonitis, parasitic diseases, Goodpasture's Syndrome, pulmonary vasculitis, Pauci-immune vasculitis, immune complex-associated inflammation, antiphospholipid syndrome, glomerulonephritis and obesity.

19. A method of treating age related macular degeneration comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a composition comprising a compound of any one of claims 1-13.

20. A compound according to any one of claims 1-13, for use as a medicament.

21. Use of a compound according to any one of claims 1-13 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a disorder or disease in a subject mediated by complement activation or activation of the complement alternative pathway.

22. Use of a compound according to any one of claims 1-13, for the treatment of age-related macular degeneration.

23. A compound according to any one of claims 1-13 for use in the treatment of a disorder or disease in a subject mediated by complement activation or activation of the complement alternative pathway.

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