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Optimization of a Series of Mu Opioid Receptor (MOR)

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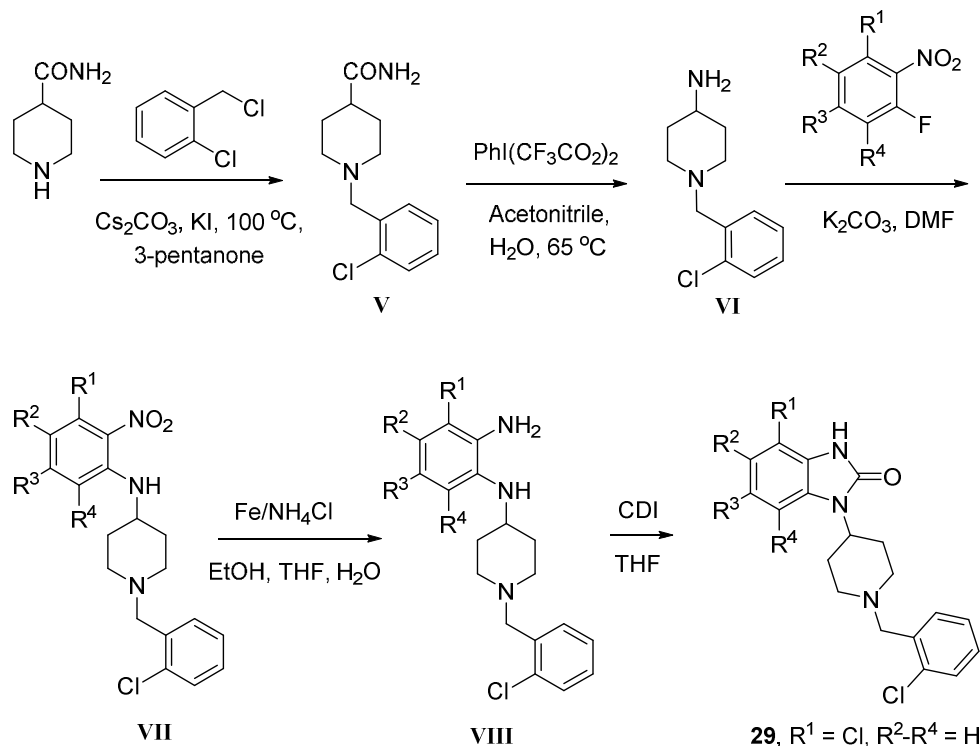
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Scheme S1. Synthetic route for the preparation of 4-chloro-1-(1-(2-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2(3*H*)-one (**29**) from isonipecotamide.



1-(2-Chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-one, (**V**)¹

A mixture of isonipecotamide (5.0 g, 39 mmol), Cs_2CO_3 (8.0 g, 24 mmol), potassium iodide (650 mg, 3.9 mmol), 3-pentanone (25 mL), and 2-chlorobenzyl chloride (6.1 mL, 47 mmol) was stirred for 5 h at $100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. The mixture was filtered hot and the filtercake was washed with acetone. The filtrate was concentrated and the resulting slurry was recrystallized in acetone to afford pure product **V** (7.2 g, 73% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.48 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (td, $J = 6.8, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (td, $J = 7.6, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.59 (d, $J = 41.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 2.96 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.21-2.10 (m, 2H), 1.87 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.78 (qd, $J = 12.4, 3.6$ Hz, 2H); MS(m/z): $[\text{M} + \text{H}]$ calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ is 253.10, found 253.06.

***N*-(3-chloro-2-nitrophenyl)-1-(2-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-amine, (VII)**

A mixture of bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodobenzene (3.6 g, 8.4 mmol), **V** (2.0 g, 7.9 mmol), acetonitrile (20 mL), and water (15 mL) was heated at 65 °C overnight. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was quenched with HCl_(aq) and extracted with diethyl ether. The aqueous layer was then saturated with K₂CO₃ and extracted with CH₂Cl₂; the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to dryness. The crude product, 1-(2-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-amine (**VI**), was used without further purification (1.6 g). MS(*m/z*): [M + H] calc'd for C₁₂H₁₈ClN₂ is 225.11, found 224.89.

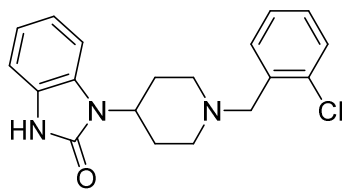
A mixture of **VI** (266 mg, 1.2 mmol), 2-chloro-6-fluoronitrobenzene (176 mg, 1.0 mmol), K₂CO₃ (276 mg, 2.0 mmol), and DMF (5 mL) was stirred at room temperature overnight under argon. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂; the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to dryness. Purification via silica gel chromatography afforded pure product **VII** (392 mg, 87% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.17 (m, 3H), 6.72 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 2H), 3.44-3.42 (m, 1H), 2.87 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 2.03 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 2H), 1.64-1.57 (m, 2H); MS(*m/z*): [M + H] calc'd for C₁₈H₂₀Cl₂N₃O₂ is 380.09, found 379.09.

3-Chloro-*N*'-(1-(2-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)benzene-1,2-diamine, (VIII)

A mixture of **VII** (114 mg, 0.3 mmol), ammonium chloride (16 mg, 0.3 mmol), iron powder (134 mg, 2.4 mmol), EtOH (3 mL), THF (1 mL), and water (0.5 mL) was stirred at 100 °C for 3 h. and

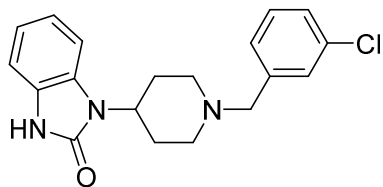
then filtered through a pad of Celite®. The pad was washed with MeOH and the filtrate was concentrated to dryness. Purification via silica gel chromatography afforded pure product **VIII** (70 mg, 67% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (td, *J* = 7.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.82-6.65 (m, 3H), 6.57 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (tt, *J* = 12.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 2.08-2.04 (m, 2H), 1.57 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 10.4 Hz, 2H); MS(*m/z*): [M+H] calc'd for C₁₈H₂₂Cl₂N₃ is 350.11, found 348.11.

1-(1-(2-Chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (2)



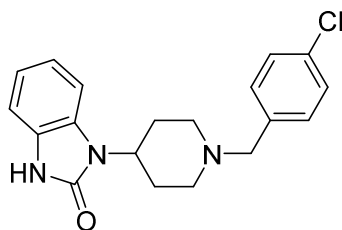
A mixture of 1-(piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (free base, 110 mg, 0.5 mmol), 2-chlorobenzaldehyde (0.2 g, 1.4 mmol), AcOH (drops), NaBH(OAc)₃ (0.3 g, 1.4 mmol), and DCE (5 mL) was stirred at room temperature overnight under argon. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ and then extracted with CH₂Cl₂; the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to dryness. Purification via silica gel chromatography afforded pure product **2** (78 mg, 45% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO) δ 10.83 (s, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.22 (m, 1H), 6.99-6.96 (m, 3H), 4.17 (tt, *J* = 12.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 2.97 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (qd, *J* = 12.2, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 2.22 (t, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 2H), 1.65 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 2.4 Hz, 2H); MS(*m/z*): [M+H] calc'd for C₁₉H₂₁ClN₃O is 342.13, found 342.10; HPLC *t*_R = 3.57 min.

1-(1-(3-Chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (3)



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **2** in 29% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.69 (s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.39-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.09-7.04 (m, 4H), 4.44-4.35 (m, 1H), 3.54 (s, 2H), 3.02 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.48 (q, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.18 (t, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.80 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 2H); MS(m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]$ calc'd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}$ is 342.13, found 342.15; HPLC $t_{\text{R}} = 3.62$ min.

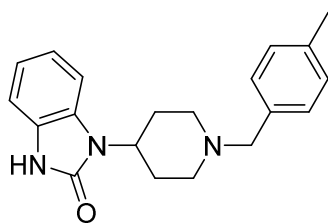
1-(1-(4-Chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (4)²



A mixture of 1-(piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (20 mg, 0.06 mmol), 4-chlorobenzyl bromide (12 mg, 0.06 mmol), K_2CO_3 (28 mg, 0.2 mmol), NaI (9.0 mg, 0.06 mmol), and DMF (0.6 mL) was stirred at 90 °C for 24 h under argon. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and then extracted with EtOAc; the combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to dryness. Purification via silica gel chromatography afforded pure product **4** (8.0 mg, 39% yield), which was dissolved in a solution of methane sulfonic acid in EtOH (0.06 M, 0.4 mL, 0.02 mmol). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in 1:1 water/acetonitrile. The solution was frozen and then subjected to lyophilization overnight giving product **4** in the form of a mesylate salt. ^1H

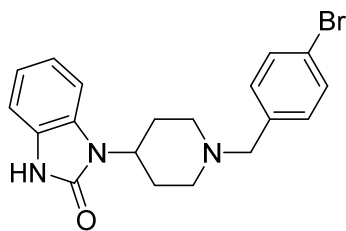
NMR mesylate (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.56-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.07 (m, 3H), 4.56 (tt, $J = 12.4, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 3.66 (dd, $J = 10.6, 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.27-3.23 (m, 2H), 2.80 (qd, $J = 13.4, 3.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 2.09 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 2H); MS(m/z): [M + H] calc'd for C₁₉H₂₀ClN₃O is 341.84, found 342.02; HPLC $t_R = 3.67$ min.

1-(1-(4-Methylbenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (5)



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **2** in 59% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.78 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.11-7.04 (m, 3H), 4.38 (tt, $J = 12.6, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.58 (s, 2H), 3.08 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.53-2.51 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.20 (t, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.81 (dd, $J = 12.0, 2.0$ Hz, 2H); MS(m/z): [M+H] calc'd for C₂₀H₂₄N₃O is 322.18, found 322.03; HPLC $t_R = 3.59$ min.

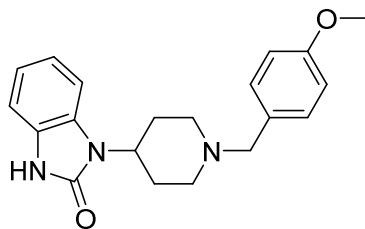
1-(1-(4-Bromobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (6)



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **2** in 56% yield. Methane sulfonic acid (17 μ L, 0.3 mmol) was added to a suspension of the product in EtOH (1 mL). The mixture was heated to 60 °C for 30 min. The solvent was

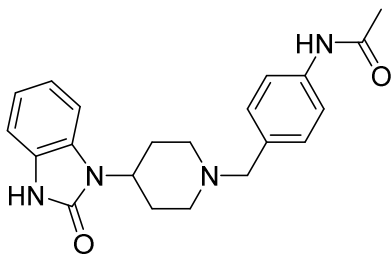
removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in 1:1 water/acetonitrile. The solution was frozen and then subjected to lyophilization overnight giving product **6** in the form of a mesylate salt. ¹H NMR mesylate (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.71 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.07 (m, 3H), 4.55 (tt, *J* = 12.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (s, 2H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 3.26-3.24 (m, 2H), 2.80 (qd, *J* = 13.4, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 2.08 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 2H); MS(*m/z*): [M + H] calc'd for C₁₉H₂₁BrN₃O is 386.08, found 386.01; HPLC *t*_R = 3.72 min.

1-(1-(4-Methoxybenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2(3*H*)-one, (7)³



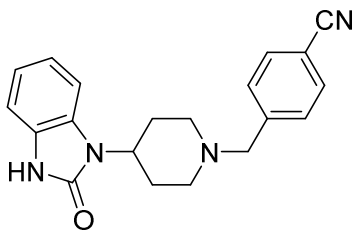
This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **2** in 77% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.76 (s, 1H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.11-7.04 (m, 3H), 6.89 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 4.41-4.35 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.55 (s, 2H), 3.07 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (t, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 1.81 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 1.8 Hz, 2H); MS(*m/z*): [M+H] calc'd for C₂₀H₂₄N₃O₂ is 338.18, found 338.03; HPLC *t*_R = 3.26 min.

***N*-(4-((4-(2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)-piperidin-1-yl)methyl)phenyl)acetamide, (8)**



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **2** in 34% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.42 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.10-7.04 (m, 3H), 4.36 (tt, *J* = 12.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (s, 2H), 3.03 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (q, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 2.16-2.12 (m, 5H), 1.79 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 2H); MS(*m/z*): [M+H] calc'd for C₂₁H₂₅N₄O₂ is 365.19, found 365.06; HPLC *t*_R = 3.09 min.

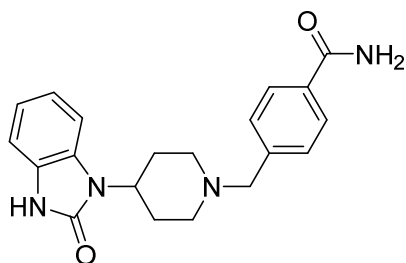
(4-((4-(2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-1-yl)-piperidin-1-yl)methyl)benzyl)benzonitrile, (9)



A mixture of 1-(piperidin-4-yl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2(3*H*)-one (40 mg, 0.1 mmol), 4-cyanobenzyl bromide (24 mg, 0.1 mmol), K₂CO₃ (20 mg, 0.1 mmol), and acetonitrile (1.2 mL) was stirred at 80 °C for 24 h. Upon completion, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification via silica gel chromatography afforded pure product **9** (30 mg, 75% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.18 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.05 (m, 3H), 4.40-4.34 (m, 1H), 3.62 (s, 2H), 3.00 (d, *J*

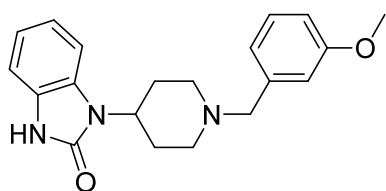
= 9.6 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (q, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.23 (t, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.83 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 2H); MS(m/z): [M+H] calc'd for C₂₀H₂₁N₄O is 333.16, found 333.05; HPLC $t_R = 3.29$ min.

(4-((4-(2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-1-yl)-piperidin-1-yl)methyl)benzamide, (10)



Hydrogen peroxide (50%, 28 μ L, 0.5 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **9** (16 mg, 0.05 mmol) and NaOH (3M, 17 μ L, 0.05 mmol) in EtOH (2.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature and then concentrated to dryness. Purification via silica gel chromatography afforded pure product **10** (5.0 mg, 30% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO) δ 10.96 (s, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.91 (qd, $J = 7.4, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.70 (s, 2H), 4.47 (tt, $J = 12.4, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.68 (t, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.36 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.97 (dd, $J = 12.6, 9.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.75 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 2H); MS(m/z): [M+H] calc'd for C₂₀H₂₃N₄O₂ is 351.17, found 351.07; HPLC $t_R = 2.93$ min.

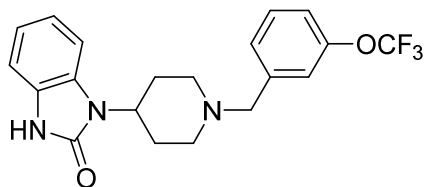
1-(1-(3-Methoxybenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (11)⁴



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **2** in 92% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.04 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 1H), 7.05 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.82 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.6$ Hz, 1H),

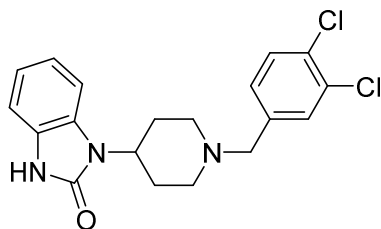
4.39 (tt, $J = 12.4, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 2H), 3.08 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.52 (q, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.21 (t, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.81 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 2H); MS(m/z): [M+H] calc'd for $C_{20}H_{24}N_3O_2$ is 338.18, found 338.08; HPLC $t_R = 3.38$ min.

1-(1-(3-(Trifluoromethoxy)benzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (12)



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **2** in 43% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 10.34 (s, 1H), 7.36 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.06 (m, 2H), 4.40 (tt, $J = 12.4, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 3.04 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.51 (qd, $J = 12.6, 3.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.22 (td, $J = 11.8, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.83 (dd, $J = 12.0, 2.0$ Hz, 2H); MS(m/z): [M+H] calc'd for $C_{20}H_{21}F_3N_3O_2$ is 392.15, found 392.06; HPLC $t_R = 3.99$ min.

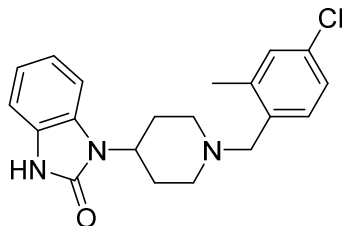
1-(1-(3,4-Dichlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (13)



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **2** in 13% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.89 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, $J = 6.0, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.07 (m, 2H), 4.38 (tt, $J = 12.4, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.51 (s, 2H), 3.01 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz,

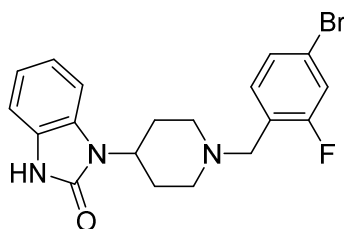
2H), 2.49 (qd, $J = 12.4, 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.20 (td, $J = 11.8, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.82 (dd, $J = 12.0, 2.4$ Hz, 2H); MS(m/z): [M+H] calc'd for $C_{19}H_{20}Cl_2N_3O$ is 376.09, found 376.11; HPLC $t_R = 3.98$ min.

1-(1-(4-Chloro-2-Methylbenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2(3*H*)-one, (14)



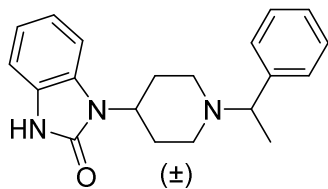
This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **2** in 23% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.42 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.17-7.05 (m, 5H), 4.38 (tt, $J = 12.6, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.47 (s, 2H), 3.01 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.44 (qd, $J = 12.4, 3.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.20 (t, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.80 (dd, $J = 11.0, 2.0$ Hz, 2H); MS(m/z): [M+H] calc'd for $C_{20}H_{23}ClN_3O$ is 356.15, found 356.14; HPLC $t_R = 3.73$ min.

1-(1-(4-Bromo-2-fluorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2(3*H*)-one, (15)



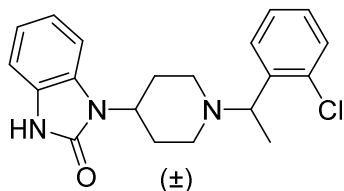
This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **2** in 33% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 7.40-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.06-7.04 (m, 3H), 4.30 (tt, $J = 12.4, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.09 (dd, $J = 9.8, 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.53 (qd, $J = 12.8, 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.29 (td, $J = 12.2, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.76 (dd, $J = 12.0, 2.4$ Hz, 2H); MS(m/z): [M+H] calc'd for $C_{19}H_{19}BrFN_3O$ is 404.07, found 404.23; HPLC $t_R = 3.74$ min.

1-(1-(1-(Phenyl)ethyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2(3*H*)-one, (16)⁵



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **1** in 74% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO) δ 10.80 (s, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 4H), 7.26-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.99-6.95 (m, 3H), 4.05 (tt, *J* = 12.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.45-2.23 (m, 2H), 2.07 (td, *J* = 10.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (td, *J* = 10.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); MS(*m/z*): [M + H] calc'd for C₂₀H₂₄N₃O is 322.18, found 321.96; HPLC *t*_R = 3.52 min.

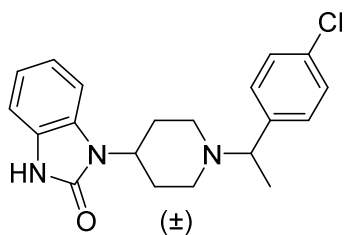
1-(1-(1-(2-Chlorophenyl)ethyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2(3*H*)-one, (17)⁶



A mixture of 1-(piperidin-4-yl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2(3*H*)-one (20 mg, 0.06 mmol), 2'-chloroacetophenone (36 mg, 0.2 mmol), and Ti(O*i*Pr)₄ (0.2 mL, 0.6 mmol) was stirred at 50 °C for 24 h under argon and then was cooled to room temperature. A mixture of NaCNBH₃ (11 mg, 0.2 mmol) in EtOH (0.2 mL) was then added dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. Upon completion, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification via silica gel chromatography afforded pure product **17** (13 mg, 61% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.66 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.26 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.04 (m,

3H), 4.29 (tt, $J = 12.4, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.49 (dt $J = 12.0, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd, $J = 11.6, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.62 (qd, $J = 12.6, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.46 (qd, $J = 12.4, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.37 (td, $J = 12.2, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.26 (td, $J = 12.2, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.84 (dq, $J = 12.8, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.69 (dq, $J = 12.8, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.43 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); MS(m/z): $[M+H]$ calc'd for $C_{20}H_{23}ClN_3O$ is 356.15, found 356.10; HPLC $t_R = 3.57$ min.

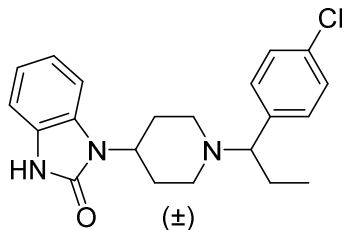
1-(1-(1-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (18)⁷



$Ti(OiPr)_4$ (0.3 mL, 1.0 mmol) was added to a solution of 1-(piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (free base, 0.1 g, 0.5 mmol) and 4'-chloroacetophenone (78 μ L, 0.6 mmol) in THF (5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 5 h under argon and then was cooled to room temperature. $NaBH(OAc)_3$ (0.3 g, 1.5 mmol) was then added and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated $NaHCO_3$ and then was filtered through a pad of Celite®. The filtrate was concentrated to dryness and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 ; the combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to dryness. Purification via silica gel chromatography afforded pure product **18** (31 mg, 19% yield). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.93 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.02 (m, 2H), 4.62-4.54 (m, 1H), 4.21-4.18 (m, 1H), 3.89 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.27 (qd, $J = 11.6, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.78 (q, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H),

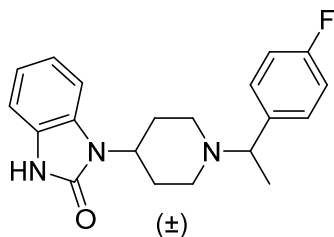
2.65 (q, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.97 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.93-1.89 (m, 2H); MS(m/z): $[M + H]$ calc'd for $C_{20}H_{23}ClN_3O$ is 356.15, found 355.92; HPLC $t_R = 3.76$ min.

1-(1-(1-(4-Chlorophenyl)propyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (19)⁷



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **18** in 10% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $(CD_3)_2SO$) δ 10.79 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (dd, $J = 4.2, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.94 (m, 3H), 4.57-4.45 (m, 1H), 3.97 (t, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dd, $J = 10.8, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.92 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.39-2.24 (m, 2H), 2.18 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.02 (t, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.90-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.57 (m, 2H), 0.74 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); MS(m/z): $[M+H]$ calc'd for $C_{21}H_{25}ClN_3O$ is 370.16, found 370.10; HPLC $t_R = 3.95$ min.

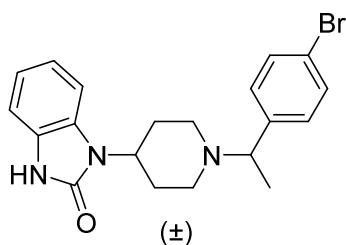
1-(1-(1-(4-Fluorophenyl)ethyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (20)⁷



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **18** in 51% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 10.26 (s, 1H), 7.33 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.01 (m, 5H), 4.31 (tt, $J = 12.6, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.52 (q, $J = 5.8$

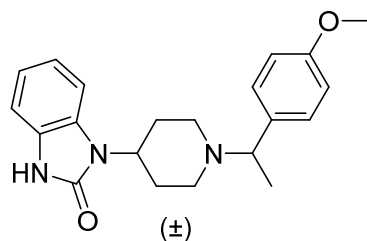
Hz, 1H), 3.20 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.96 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.54-2.37 (m, 2H), 2.18 (t, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.07 (t, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.84 (dd, $J = 12.4, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.75 (dd, $J = 12.4, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H); MS(m/z): [M+H] calc'd for $C_{20}H_{23}FN_3O$ is 340.17, found 339.96; HPLC $t_R = 3.41$ min.

1-(1-(1-(4-Bromophenyl)ethyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (21)



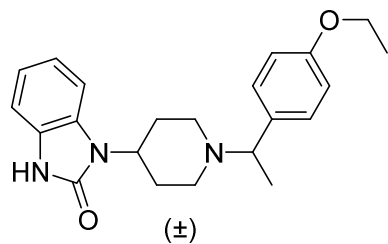
This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **17** in 88% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $(CD_3)_2SO$) δ 10.84 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (dd, $J = 5.6, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.98-6.95 (m, 3H), 4.05 (tt, $J = 12.2, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.54 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.06 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.86 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.33 (qd, $J = 12.2, 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.06 (t, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.97 (t, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.65 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.58 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.30 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); MS(m/z): [M+H] calc'd for $C_{20}H_{23}BrN_3O$ is 400.09, found 400.10; HPLC $t_R = 3.93$ min.

1-(1-(1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)ethyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2(3*H*)-one, (22)



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **18** in 40% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.20-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.00-6.96 (m, 4H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.22-4.16 (m, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.41 (q, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.40-2.28 (m, 2H), 2.08 (t, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (t, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 1.77-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 3H); MS(*m/z*): [M+H] calc'd for C₂₁H₂₆N₃O₂ is 352.19, found 351.98; HPLC *t*_R = 3.56 min.

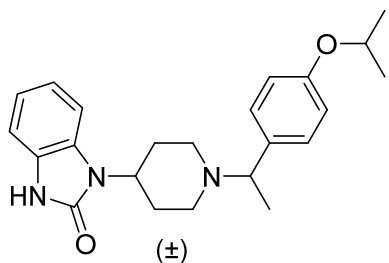
1-(1-(1-(4-Ethoxyphenyl)ethyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2(3*H*)-one, (23)



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **18** in 58% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.89 (s, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 3H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.34 (tt, *J* = 12.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.55 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (qd, *J* = 12.0, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (qd, *J* = 12.0, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (t, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (t, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 1.8 Hz,

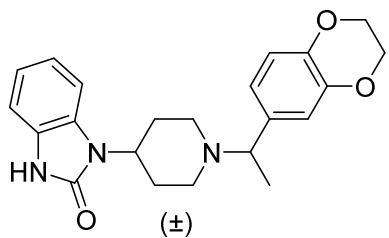
1H), 1.47-1.44 (m, 6H); MS(*m/z*): [M+H] calc'd for C₂₂H₂₈N₃O₂ is 366.21, found 365.96; HPLC *t_R* = 3.64 min.

1-(1-(1-(4-(Isopropoxy)phenyl)ethyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (24)



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **17** in 65% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.06 (m, 3H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.63 (septet, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.40-4.37 (m, 1H), 4.16 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.82-2.60 (m, 4H), 2.01-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.67 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.32 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 6H); MS(*m/z*): [M+H] calc'd for C₂₃H₃₀N₃O₂ is 380.23, found 379.94; HPLC *t_R* = 3.86 min.

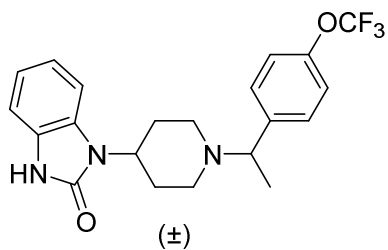
1-(1-(1-(2,3-Dihydrobenzo[*b*][1,4]dioxin-6-yl)ethyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (25)²



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **18** in 56% yield. Methane sulfonic acid (17 μL, 0.3 mmol) was added to a suspension of **25** in EtOH (1 mL). The mixture was heated to 60 °C for 30 min. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in 1:1 water/acetonitrile. The solution was

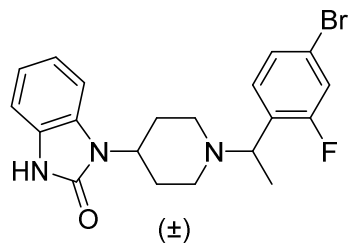
frozen and then subjected to lyophilization overnight giving product **25** in the form of a mesylate salt. ^1H NMR mesylate (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 7.29-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.06 (m, 4H), 7.01 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.51-4.41 (m, 2H), 4.28 (s, 4H), 3.84 (dd, $J = 11.6, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.49 (dd, $J = 11.6, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.14 (td, $J = 13.0, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.04 (td, $J = 13.0, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.88-2.77 (m, 2H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 2.12-2.01 (m, 2H), 1.77 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); MS(m/z): $[\text{M} + \text{H}]$ calc'd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ is 380.19, found 379.87; HPLC $t_{\text{R}} = 4.58$ min.

1-(1-(1-(4-(Trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)ethyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (26)



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **18** in 8% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$) δ 10.82 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.00-6.96 (m, 3H), 4.07 (tt, $J = 12.0, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.60 (q, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.07 (d, $J = 10.4$, 1H), 2.86 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.33 (sextet d, $J = 12.4, 3.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.08 (t, $J = 11.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.00 (t, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.66 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.59 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.32 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); MS(m/z): $[\text{M} + \text{H}]$ calc'd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ is 406.17; found 405.96; HPLC $t_{\text{R}} = 3.96$ min.

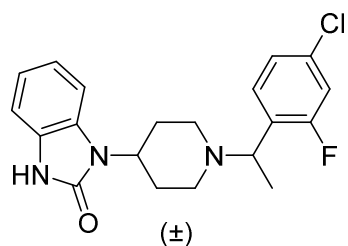
1-(1-(1-(4-Bromo-2-fluorophenyl)ethyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (27)



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **18** in 7% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.73 (s, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.08-7.06 (m, 3H), 4.30-4.23 (m, 1H), 3.91 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (qd, *J* = 12.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (qd, *J* = 12.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (t, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H); MS(*m/z*): [M+H] calc'd for C₂₀H₂₂BrFN₃O is 418.09, found 418.16; HPLC *t*_R = 3.94 min.

1-(1-(1-(4-Chloro-2-fluorophenyl)ethyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one,

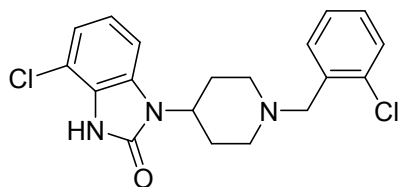
(28)



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **18** in 33% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.15 (s, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.04 (m, 4H), 4.32-4.26 (m, 1H), 3.94 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (t, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (t, *J* = 13.8

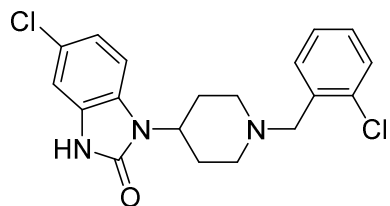
Hz, 1H), 1.76 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.41 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 3H); MS(m/z): [M+H] calc'd for $C_{20}H_{22}ClFN_3O$ is 374.14, found 374.09; HPLC $t_R = 3.71$ min.

4-Chloro-1-(1-(2-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (29)⁸



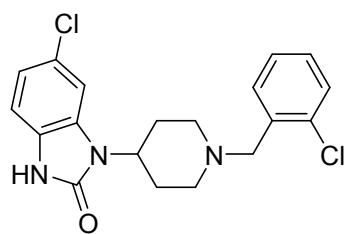
CDI (49 mg, 0.3 mmol) was slowly added to a solution of **VIII** (70 mg, 0.2 mmol) in THF (4 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under argon and then quenched with 10% HCl_(aq). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to dryness. Purification via silica gel chromatography afforded pure product **29** (61 mg, 81% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.71 (dd, $J = 7.4, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.22 (dd, $J = 7.0, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.03 (m, 2H), 4.65-4.55 (m, 3H), 3.73 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.43 (t, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.81 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.09 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 2H); MS(m/z): [M+H] calc'd for $C_{19}H_{20}Cl_2N_3O$ is 376.09, found 376.20; HPLC $t_R = 3.49$ min.

5-Chloro-1-(1-(2-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (30)



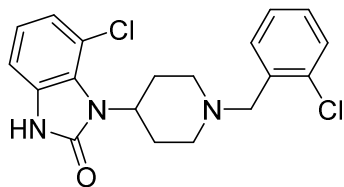
This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **2** in 39% yield from 5-chloro-1-(piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO) δ 11.03 (s, 1H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (td, *J* = 7.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (td, *J* = 9.6, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (tt, *J* = 12.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 2H), 2.96 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (qd, *J* = 12.4, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (t, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 2H), 1.65 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 2.0 Hz, 2H); MS(*m/z*): [*M* + *H*] calc'd for C₁₉H₂₀Cl₂N₃O is 376.09, found 376.00; HPLC *t*_R = 3.87 min.

6-Chloro-1-(1-(2-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (31)



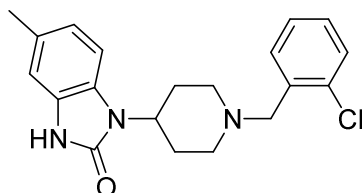
This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **29** in 56% yield from 5-chloro-*N*¹-(1-(2-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)benzene-1,2-diamine. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.70 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (td, *J* = 7.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.61-4.55 (m, 3H), 3.74 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (t, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 2H), 2.78 (q, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 2.09 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 2H); MS(*m/z*): [*M*+*H*] calc'd for C₁₉H₂₀Cl₂N₃O is 376.09, found 376.13; HPLC *t*_R = 3.81 min.

7-Chloro-1-(1-(2-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (32)



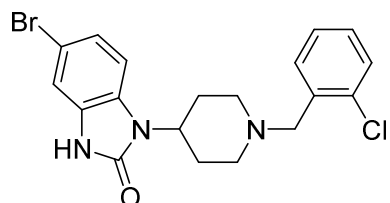
This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **29** in 9% yield from 6-chloro-*N*¹-(1-(2-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)benzene-1,2-diamine. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.00 (m, 4H), 5.23-5.16 (m, 1H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 3.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.30 (t, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 2.06 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H); MS(*m/z*): [M+H] calc'd for C₁₉H₂₀Cl₂N₃O is 376.09, found 376.13; HPLC *t*_R = 3.91 min.

5-Methyl-1-(1-(2-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (33)⁸



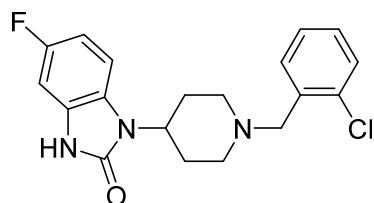
This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **29** in 56% yield from 4-methyl-*N*¹-(1-(2-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)benzene-1,2-diamine. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.89-6.86 (m, 2H), 4.37-4.31 (m, 1H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 3.07 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.29 (t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 2H); MS(*m/z*): [M+H] calc'd for C₂₀H₂₃ClN₃O is 356.15, found 356.13; HPLC *t*_R = 3.74 min.

5-Bromo-1-(1-(2-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (34)



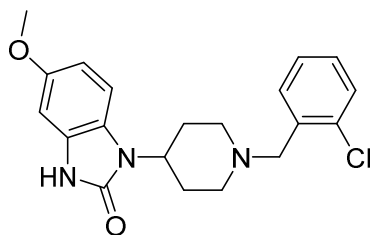
This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **2** in 29% yield from 5-bromo-1-(piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.56 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.33 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.04 (m, 2H), 4.33 (tt, *J* = 12.2, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 3.14 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (qd, *J* = 12.6, 3.8 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (td, *J* = 12.2, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 1.76 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 2.6 Hz, 2H); MS(*m/z*): [M+H] calc'd for C₁₉H₂₀BrClN₃O is 420.04, found 420.02; HPLC *t*_R = 3.91 min.

5-Fluoro-1-(1-(2-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (35)



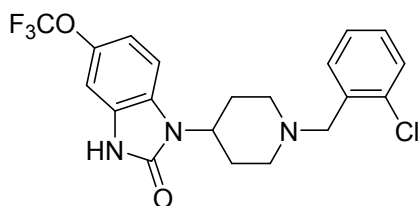
This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **2** in 22% yield from 5-fluoro-1-(piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.55 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.25 (m, 3H), 6.84-6.78 (m, 2H), 4.30 (tt, *J* = 12.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 3.12 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (qd, *J* = 12.6, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (td, *J* = 12.0, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 1.75 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 2.2 Hz, 2H); MS(*m/z*): [M+H] calc'd for C₁₉H₂₀ClFN₃O is 360.12, found 360.10; HPLC *t*_R = 3.88 min.

5-Methoxy-1-(1-(2-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (36)



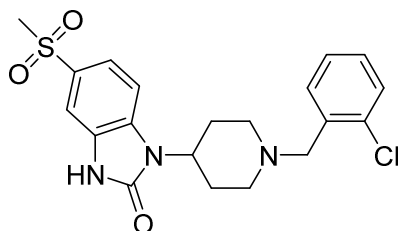
This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **29** in 11% yield from 4-methoxy-*N*¹-(1-(2-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)benzene-1,2-diamine. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.06 (s, 1H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 3H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.68-4.63 (m, 1H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (t, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 1.98 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H); MS(*m/z*): [M+H] calc'd for C₂₀H₂₃ClN₃O₂ is 372.14, found 372.11; HPLC *t*_R = 3.60 min.

5-(Trifluoromethoxy)-1-(1-(2-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (37)



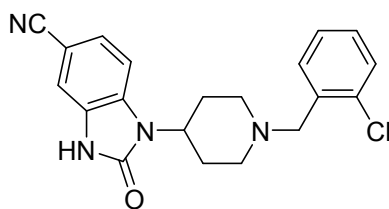
This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **29** in 83% yield from 4-(trifluoromethoxy)-*N*¹-(1-(2-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)benzene-1,2-diamine. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.62 (s, 1H), 7.78 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.40 (m, 4H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 4.73-4.68 (m, 1H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.75 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (t, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (q, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 2.00 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 2H); MS(*m/z*): [M+H] calc'd for C₂₀H₂₀ClF₃N₃O₂ is 426.11, found 426.13; HPLC *t*_R = 4.00 min.

5-(Methylsulfonyl)-1-(1-(2-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (38)



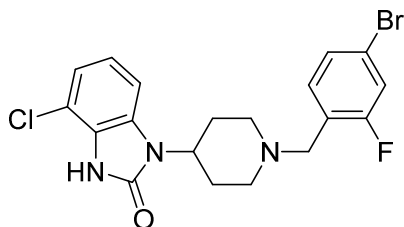
This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **29** in 75% yield from 4-(methylsulfonyl)-*N*¹-(1-(2-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)benzene-1,2-diamine. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.24 (s, 1H), 8.03 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.43 (m, 3H), 4.82-4.75 (m, 1H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 3.19 (t, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (q, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (s, 3H), 2.03 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H); MS(*m/z*): [M+H] calc'd for C₂₀H₂₃ClN₃O₃S is 420.11, found 420.12; HPLC *t*_R = 3.28 min.

1-(1-(2-Chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carbonitrile, (39)



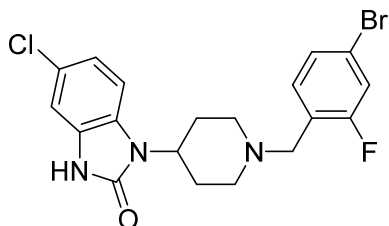
This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **29** in 70% yield from 3-amino-4-((1-(2-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)amino)benzonitrile. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.76 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 2H), 4.41-4.35 (m, 1H), 4.38 (s, 2H), 3.10 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (t, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 1.83 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H); MS(*m/z*): [M+H] calc'd for C₂₀H₂₀ClN₄O is 367.12, found 367.14; HPLC *t*_R = 3.50 min.

4-Chloro-1-(1-(4-bromo-2-fluorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (40)⁸



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **17** in 35% yield from 4-chloro-1-(piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one. Methane sulfonic acid (4.0 μ L, 0.06 mmol) was added to a suspension of **40** in EtOH (1 mL). The mixture was heated to 60 $^{\circ}$ C for 30 min. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in 1:1 water/acetonitrile. The solution was frozen and then subjected to lyophilization overnight giving product **40** in the form of a mesylate salt. 1 H NMR mesylate (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.61 (dd, J = 9.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, J = 3.8, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (dd, J = 6.0, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.07 (m, 2H), 4.54 (tt, J = 12.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 3.71 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 3.36-3.30 (m, 2H), 2.80 (qd, J = 3.4 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 2.10 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 2H); MS(m/z): [M+H] calc'd for C₁₉H₁₉BrClFN₃O is 438.03, found 437.99; HPLC t_R = 4.01 min.

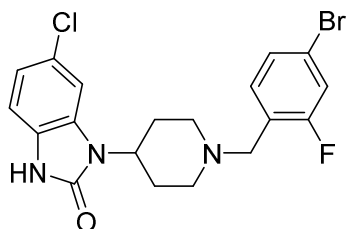
5-Chloro-1-(1-(4-bromo-2-fluorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (41)⁸



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **2** in 63% yield from 5-chloro-1-(piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one. Methane sulfonic acid (65 μ L, 1.0 mmol) was added to a suspension of **41** in EtOH (1 mL). The

mixture was heated to 60 °C for 30 min. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in 1:1 water/acetonitrile. The solution was frozen and then subjected to lyophilization overnight giving product **41** in the form of a mesylate salt. ¹H NMR mesylate (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.61 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (tt, *J* = 12.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 3.36-3.29 (m, 2H), 2.79 (qd, *J* = 13.0, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 2.09 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 2H); MS(*m/z*): [M+H] calc'd for C₁₉H₁₉BrClFN₃O is 438.03, found 438.11; HPLC *t*_R = 3.66 min.

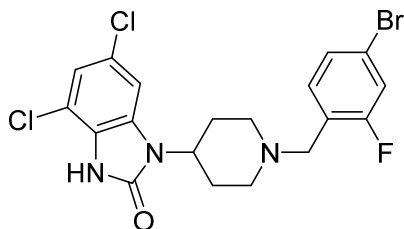
6-Chloro-1-(1-(4-bromo-2-fluorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2(3*H*)-one, (42)⁸



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **17** in 32% yield from 6-chloro-1-(piperidin-4-yl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2(3*H*)-one. Methane sulfonic acid (6.0 μL, 0.1 mmol) was added to a suspension of **42** in EtOH (1 mL). The mixture was heated to 60 °C for 30 min. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in 1:1 water/acetonitrile. The solution was frozen and then subjected to lyophilization overnight giving product **42** in the form of a mesylate salt. ¹H NMR mesylate (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.61 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (tt, *J* = 12.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 3.71 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 3.36-3.32 (m, 2H), 2.77 (qd, *J* = 13.0,

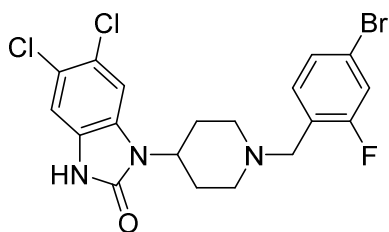
3.6 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 2.10 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 2H); MS(m/z): $[M+H]$ calc'd for $C_{19}H_{19}BrClFN_3O$ is 438.03, found 437.96; HPLC $t_R = 4.08$ min.

4,6-Dichloro-1-(1-(4-bromo-2-fluorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (43)



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **17** in 68% yield from 4,6-dichloro-1-(piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one. A solution of methane sulfonic acid in EtOH (0.06 M, 1.0 mL, 0.06 mmol) was added to **43**. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in 1:1 water/acetonitrile. The solution was frozen and then subjected to lyophilization overnight giving product **43** in the form of a mesylate salt. 1H NMR mesylate (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 7.59-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.34 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.50 (tt, $J = 12.4, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 3.62 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.20 (t, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.79-2.72 (m, 5H), 2.05 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 2H); MS(m/z): $[M + H]$ calc'd for $C_{19}H_{18}BrCl_2FN_3O$ is 471.99, found 472.10; HPLC $t_R = 3.76$ min.

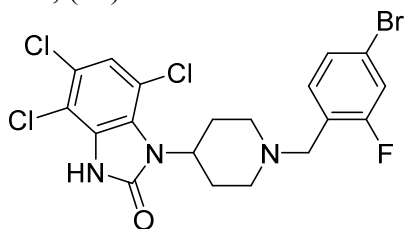
5,6-Dichloro-1-(1-(4-bromo-2-fluorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (44)⁸



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **2** in 31% yield from 5,6-dichloro-1-(piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one.

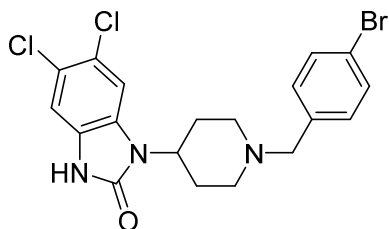
one. Methane sulfonic acid (13 μ L, 0.2 mmol) was added to a suspension of **44** in EtOH (1 mL). The mixture was heated to 60 $^{\circ}$ C for 30 min. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in 1:1 water/acetonitrile. The solution was frozen and then subjected to lyophilization overnight giving product **44** in the form of a mesylate salt. 1 H NMR mesylate (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.61 (dd, J = 9.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, J = 4.0, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 4.53 (tt, J = 12.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 3.70 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 3.35-3.28 (m, 2H), 2.81-2.71 (m, 5H), 2.09 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 2H); MS(m/z): [M+H] calc'd for C₁₉H₁₈BrCl₂FN₃O is 471.99, found 472.18; HPLC t_R = 4.00 min.

4,5,7-Trichloro-1-(1-(4-bromo-2-fluorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (45)



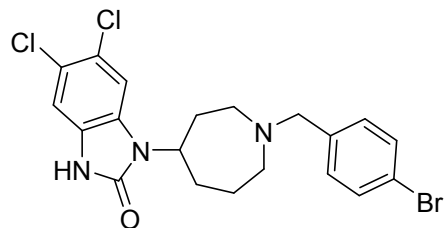
This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **17** in 34% yield from 4,5,7-trichloro-1-(piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one. A solution of methane sulfonic acid in EtOH (0.06 M, 1.0 mL, 0.06 mmol) was added to **45**. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in 1:1 water/acetonitrile. The solution was frozen and then subjected to lyophilization overnight giving product **45** in the form of a mesylate salt. 1 H NMR mesylate (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.57-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 3.79 (tt, J = 11.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (td, J = 13.0, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 2.20 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 2H), 1.87 (qd, J = 13.8, 3.6 Hz, 2H); MS(m/z): [M + H] calc'd for C₁₉H₁₇BrCl₃FN₃O is 505.95, found 505.77; HPLC t_R = 4.51 min.

5,6-Dichloro-1-(1-(4-bromobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2(3*H*)-one, (46)^{2,8}



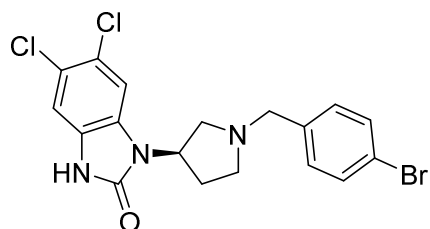
This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **17** in 42% yield from 5,6-dichloro-1-(piperidin-4-yl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2(3*H*)-one. Methane sulfonic acid (13 μ L, 0.2 mmol) was added to a suspension of **46** in EtOH (1 mL). The mixture was heated to 60 $^{\circ}$ C for 30 min. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in 1:1 water/acetonitrile. The solution was frozen and then subjected to lyophilization overnight giving product **46** in the form of a mesylate salt. 1 H NMR mesylate (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.71 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 4.52 (tt, J = 12.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (s, 2H), 3.63 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (td, J = 13.0, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.80-2.69 (m, 5H), 2.08 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 2H); MS(m/z): [M + H] calc'd for C₁₉H₁₉BrCl₂N₃O is 454.00, found 454.23; HPLC t_R = 3.76 min.

5,6-Dichloro-1-(1-(4-bromobenzyl)azepan-4-yl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2(3*H*)-one, (47)



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **4** in 71% yield from 5,6-dichloro-1-(azepan-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one. A solution of methane sulfonic acid in EtOH (0.06 M, 1.0 mL, 0.06 mmol) was added to **47**. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in 1:1 water/acetonitrile. The solution was frozen and then subjected to lyophilization overnight giving product **47** in the form of a mesylate salt. ¹H NMR mesylate (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 4.58-4.51 (m, 1H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 3.66-3.61 (m, 1H), 3.43 (m, 3H), 2.78-2.70 (m, 4H), 2.38-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.09 (m, 3H), 2.04-2.02 (m, 1H); MS(*m/z*): [M+H] calc'd for C₂₀H₂₁BrCl₂N₃O is 468.02, found 468.05; HPLC *t*_R = 3.87 min.

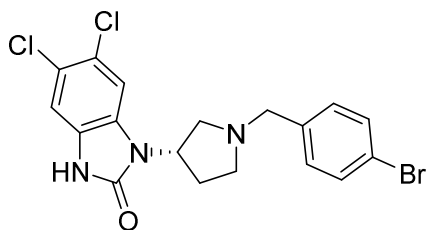
(R)-5,6-dichloro-1-(1-(4-bromobenzyl)pyrrolidin-3-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (48)



This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **9** in 62% yield from (*R*)-5,6-dichloro-1-(pyrrolidin-3-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 5.16-5.12 (m, 1H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (t, *J* =

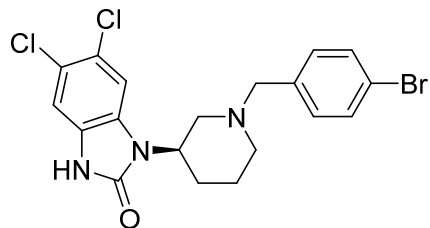
10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.37-2.25 (m, 2H), 2.04 (t, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 1H); MS(m/z): [M+H] calc'd for $C_{18}H_{17}BrCl_2N_3O$ is 439.99, found 439.96; HPLC $t_R = 4.26$ min.

(S)-5,6-dichloro-1-(1-(4-bromobenzyl)pyrrolidin-3-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (49)



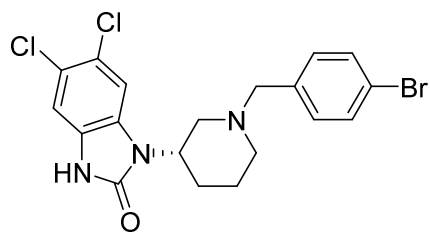
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(R)-1-(1-(4-bromobenzyl)piperidin-3-yl)-5,6-dichloro-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one, (50)



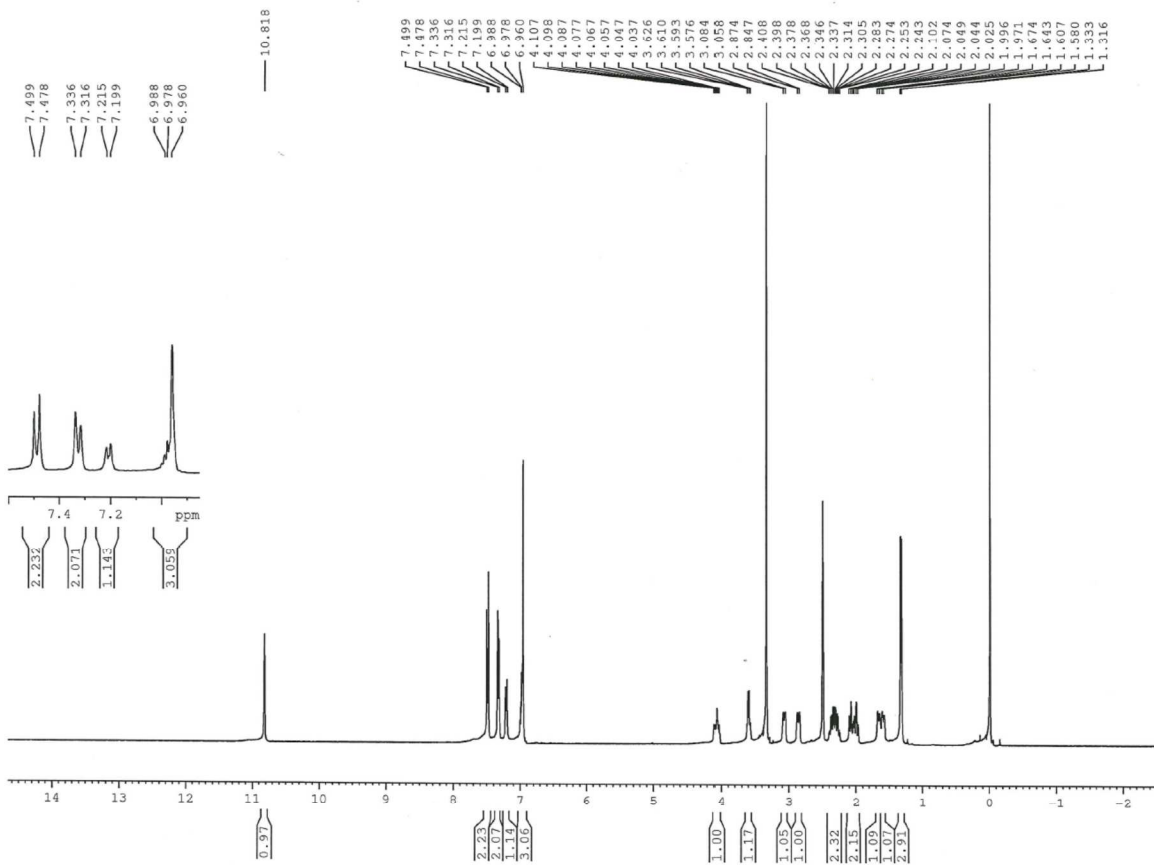
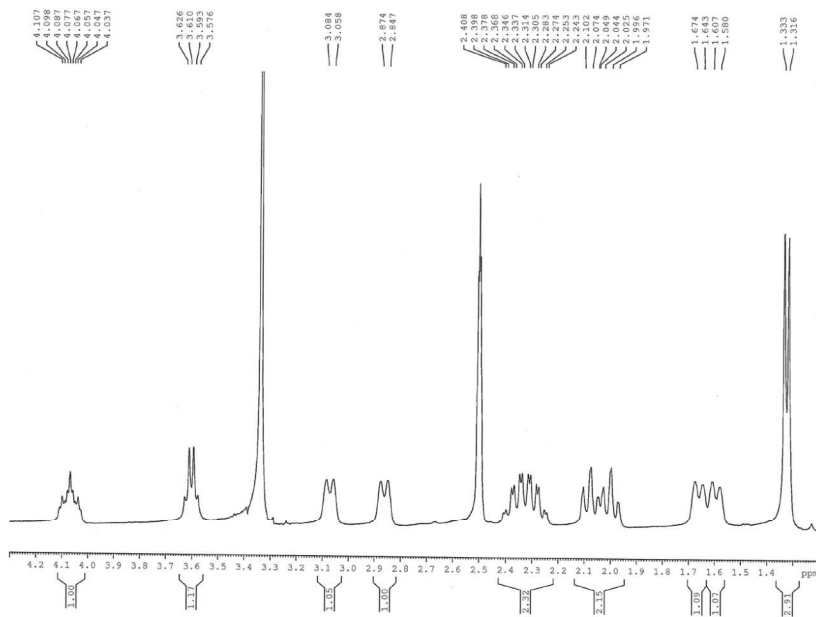
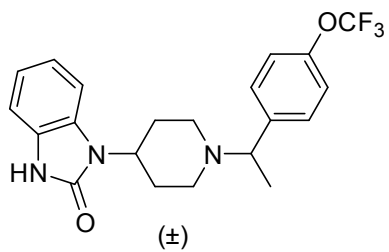
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(*S*)-1-(1-(4-bromobenzyl)piperidin-3-yl)-5,6-dichloro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2(3*H*)-one, (51)

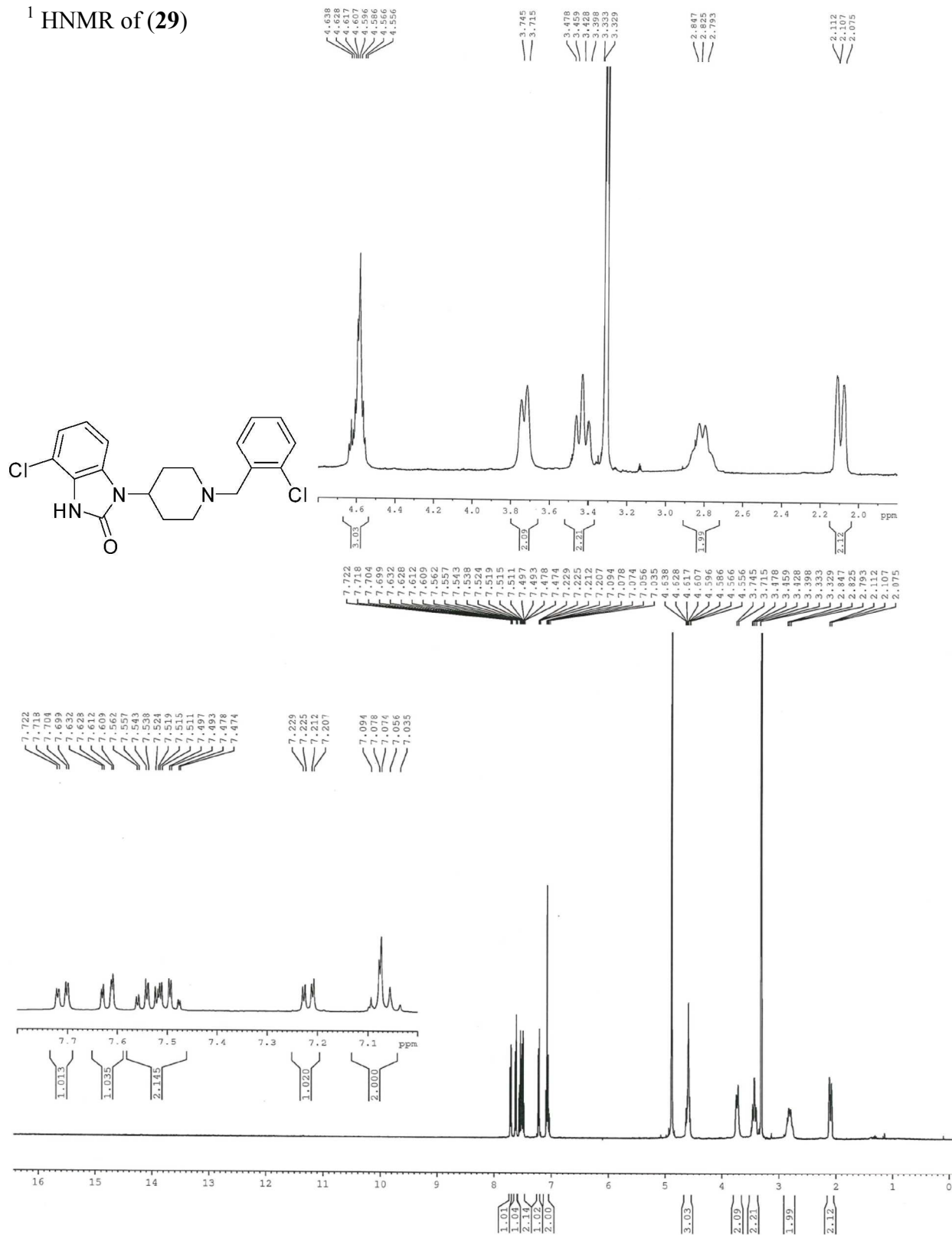


This compound was prepared according to the procedure for compound **9** in 42% yield from (*S*)-5,6-dichloro-1-(piperidin-3-yl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2(3*H*)-one. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 4.38 (tt, *J* = 12.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 2H), 2.90 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.26-2.12 (m, 2H), 1.87 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 1.79-1.69 (m, 1H); MS(*m/z*): [M+H] calc'd for C₁₉H₁₉BrCl₂N₃O is 454.00, found 454.00; HPLC *t*_R = 4.14 min.

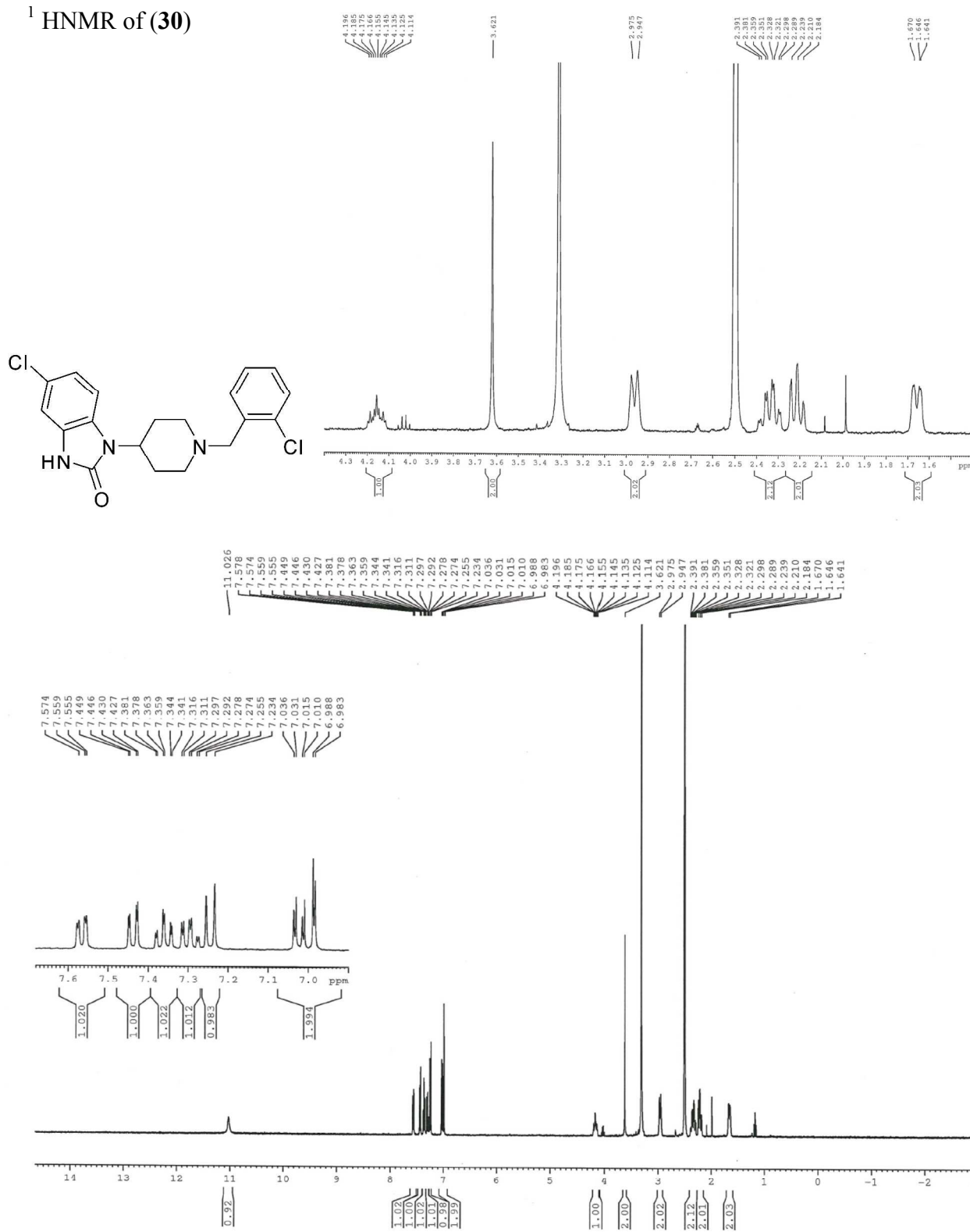
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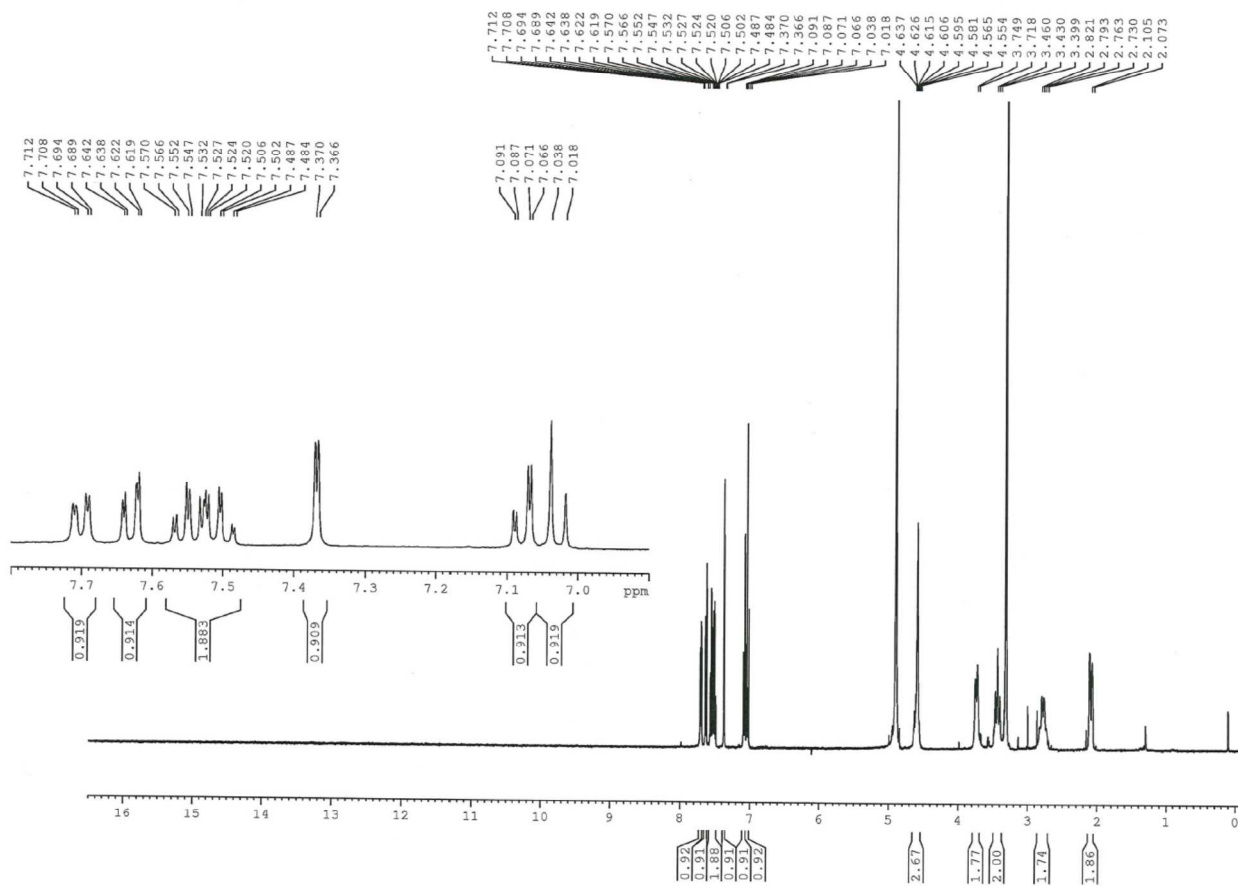
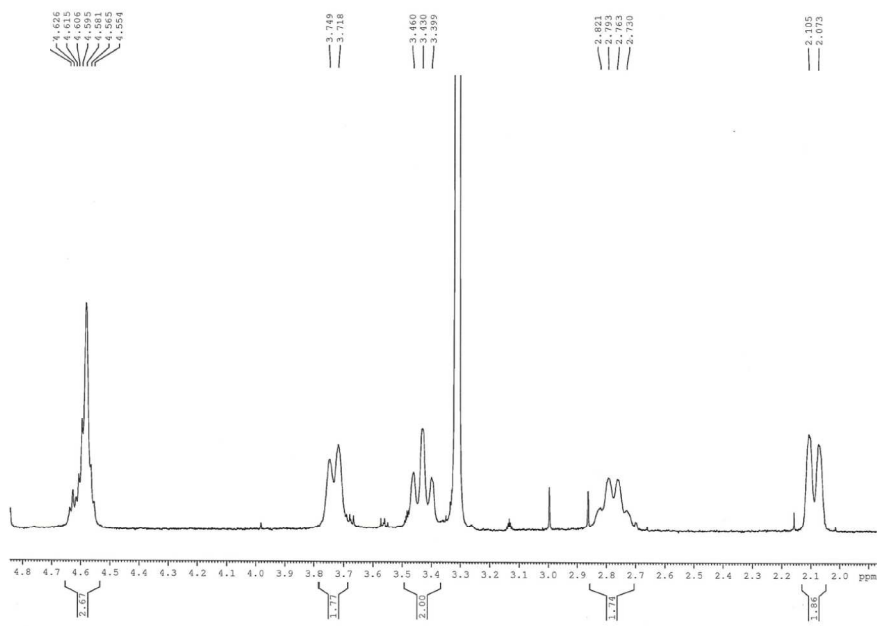
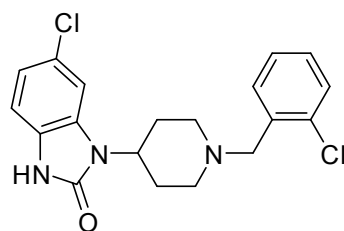
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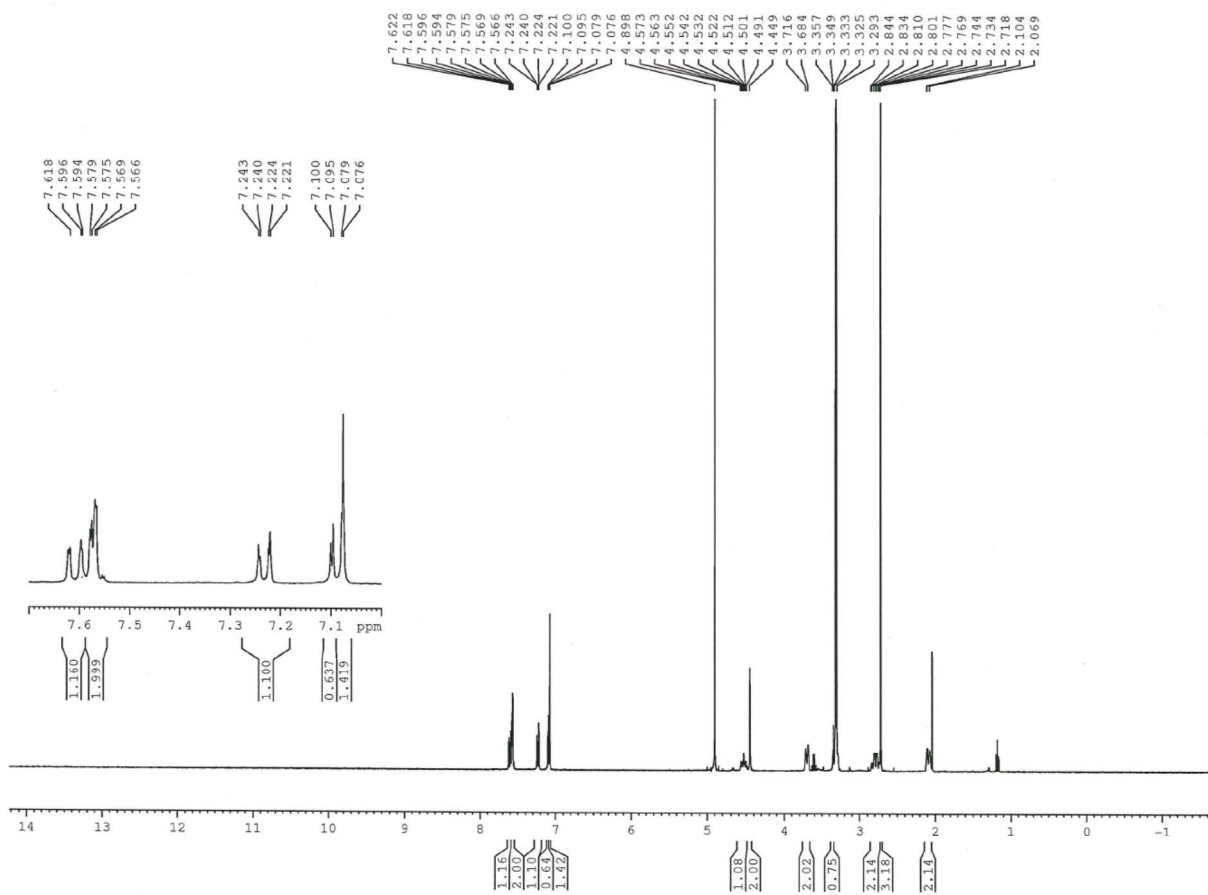
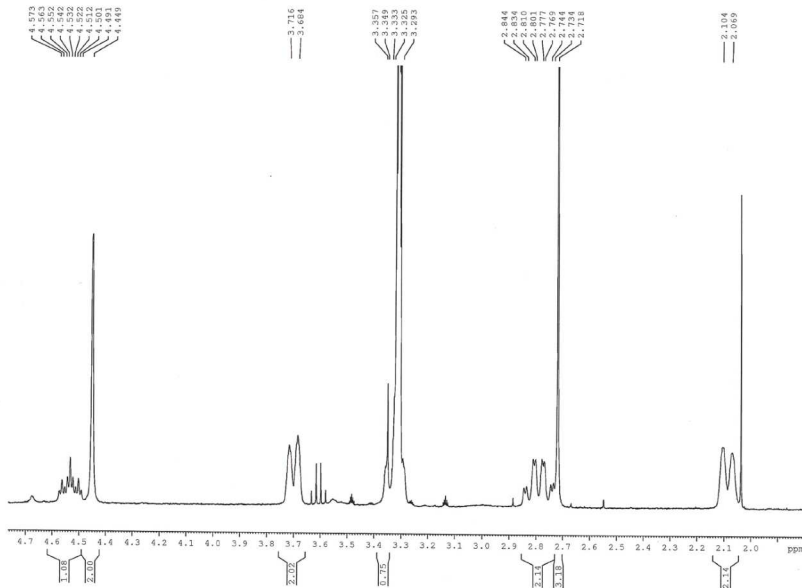
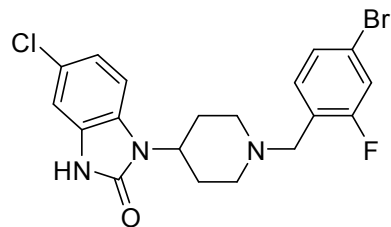
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