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DOSING REGIMEN

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

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The present invention relates to a method for treating mammalian tumors by the administration of a farnesyl protein transferase (FPT) inhibitor using an intermittent dosing schedule. The regimen involves the administration of a FPT inhibitor over an abbreviated one to five day dosing schedule whereby anticancer effects are achieved which continue beyond the period of administration.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Over the last decade cancer research has identified specific genetic lesions which induce malignant transformation and drive tumor growth. It is now recognized that mutations, deletions or alterations in the expression of normal mammalian genes involved in growth control converts these "protooncogenes" into "oncogenes". The ras family of oncogenes consisting of H-ras, K-ras and N-ras oncogenes encode a highly conserved GTP-binding protein or Mr = 21,000 (p21).

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Oncogenes frequently encode components of signal transduction pathways which lead to stimulation of cell growth and mitogenesis. Oncogene expression in cultured cells leads to cellular transformation, characterized by the ability of cells to grow in soft agar and the growth of cells as dense foci lacking the contact inhibition exhibited by non-transformed cells. Mutation and/or overexpression of certain oncogenes is frequently associated with human cancer. In order to acquire transforming potential the precursor of the ras oncoprotein must undergo farnesylation of the cysteine residue located in a carboxyl-terminal tetrapeptide. Inhibitors of the enzyme that catalyzes this modification, farnesyl protein transferase, have therefore been suggested as anticancer agents for tumors in which ras contributes to transformation. Mutated oncogenic forms of ras are frequently found in many human cancers, most notably in more than 50% of colon and pancreatic carcinomas (Kohl *et al.*, Science, vol. 260, 1384 to 1387, 1993).

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The protein products of the ras oncogenes have been the focus of oncology drug discovery efforts because of some unique features of the cellular metabolism of these proteins. To function in signal transduction and cell transformation, ras must attach to the plasma membrane to promote interactions with membrane localization also SH2/SH3 domain adaptor proteins Grb2 and SOS. Ras membrane localization also

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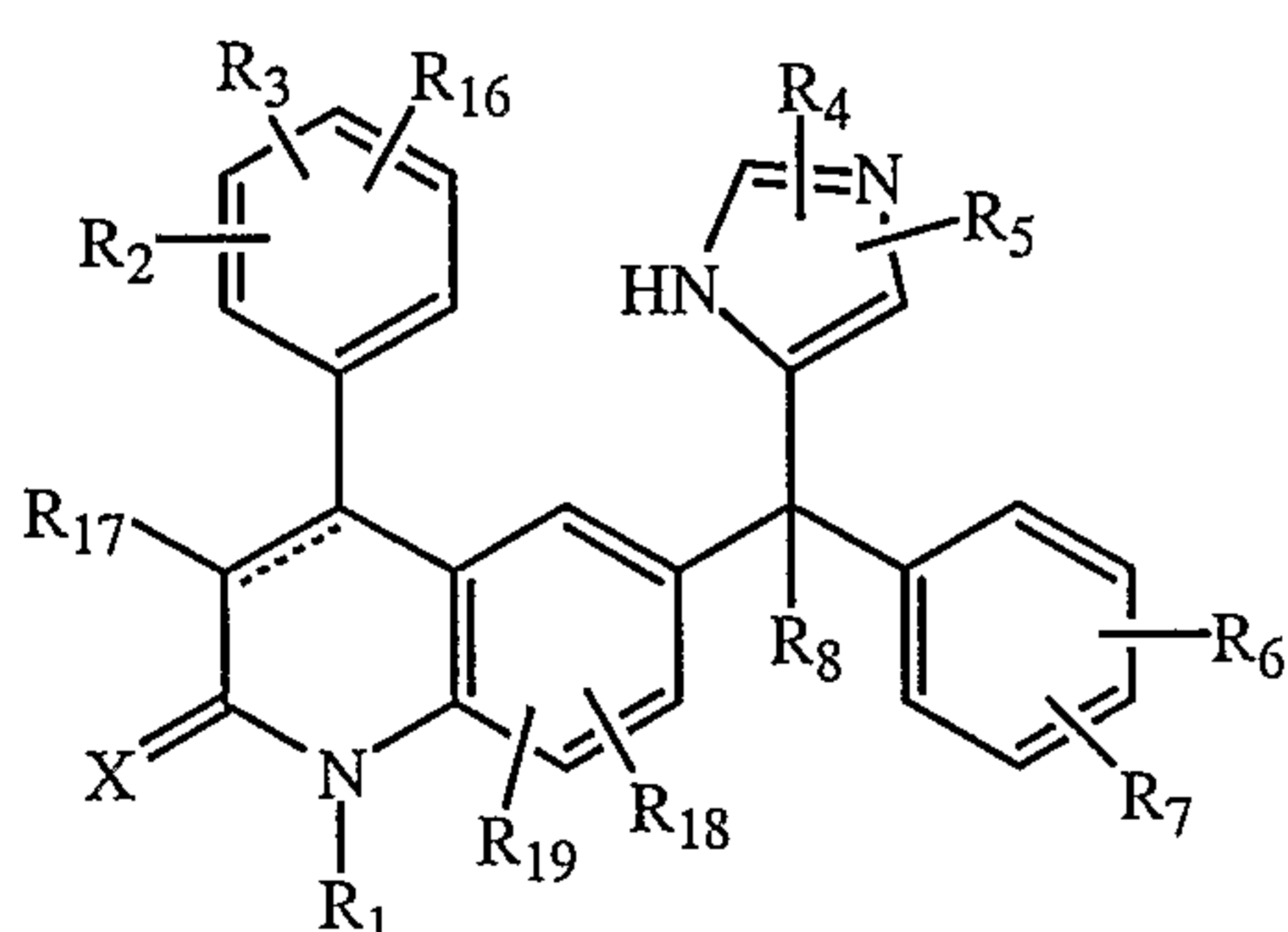
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functions in the activation of downstream effectors such as Raf protein kinase. Newly synthesized Ras proteins must be posttranslationally modified in mammalian cells by farnesylation followed by the proteolytic cleavage of the three terminal amino acids and carboxy-O-methylation to produce the hydrophobicity or recognition sites which allow proper membrane localization. The initial and rate-limiting post-translational modification of Ras involves the covalent attachment of farnesol via a thioether linkage to a single cysteine residue positioned four amino acids from the carboxy terminus of the protein. This reaction is catalyzed by farnesyl protein transferase (FPT). The enzyme requires only the four C-terminal amino acids or CAAX motif for specific binding and catalysis of protein substrates.

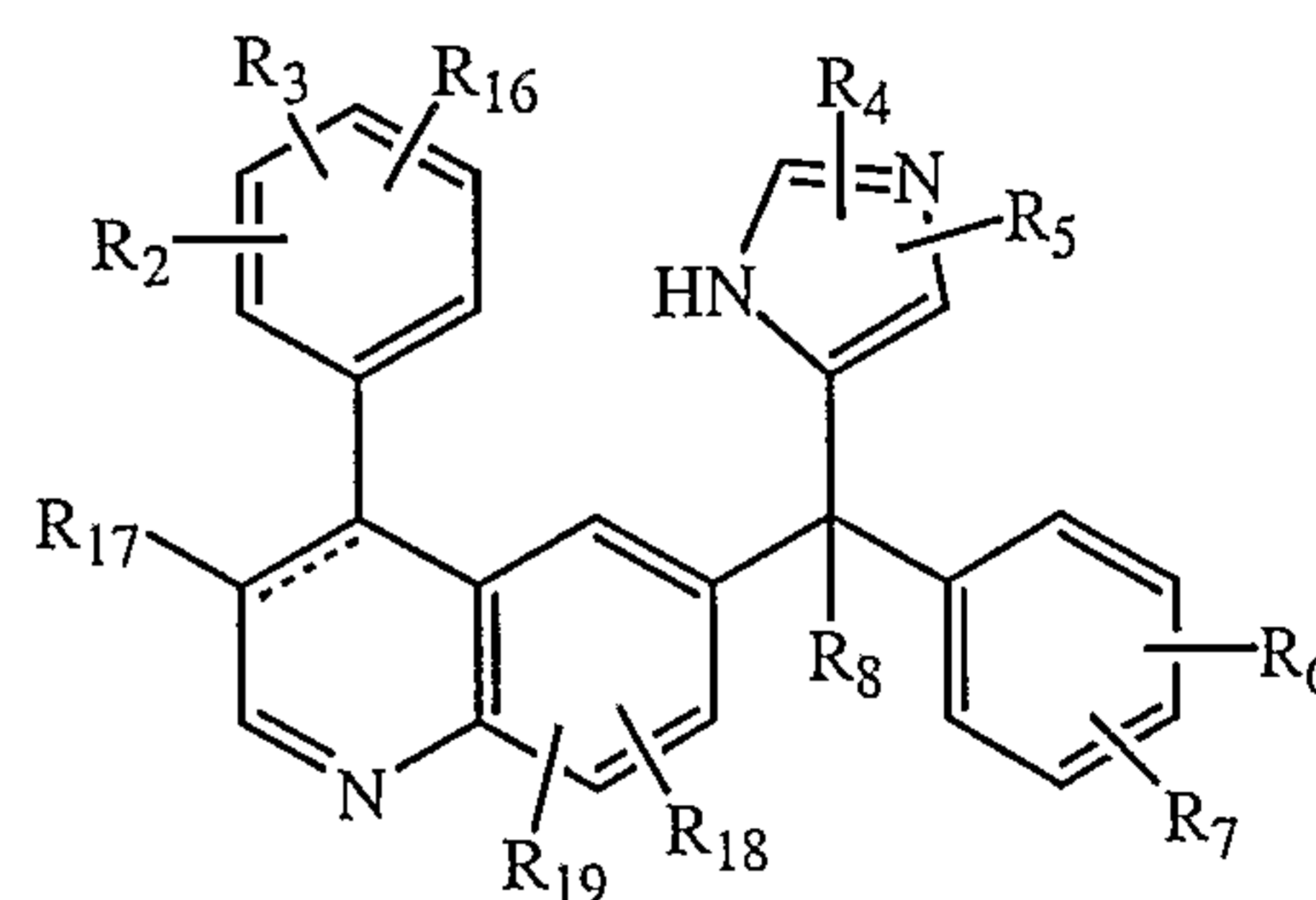
Farnesyl protein transferase inhibitors have been described as being useful in the treatment of mammalian cancers and in particular in the treatment of colon and pancreatic cancers.

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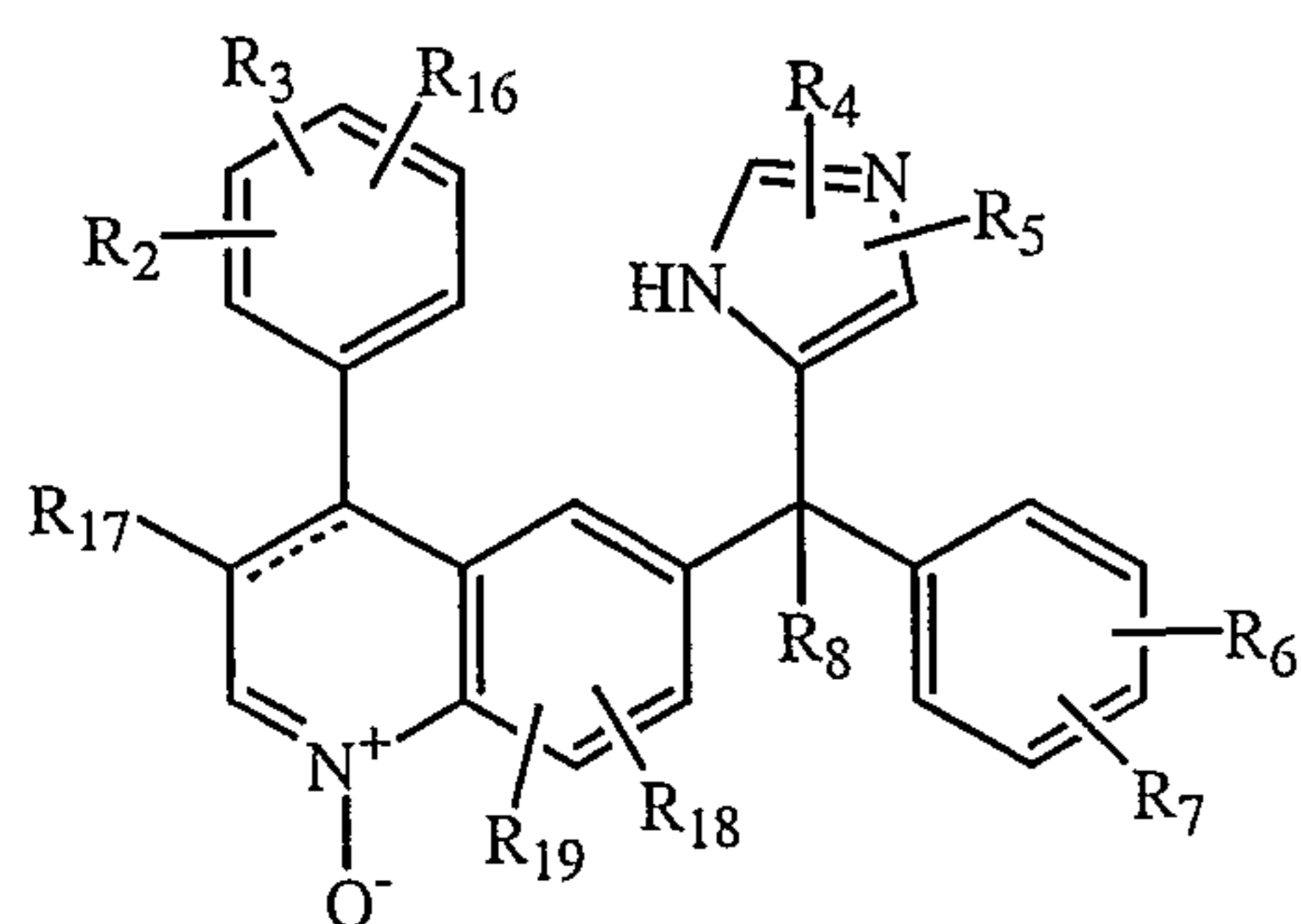
WO-97/21701 describes the preparation, formulation and pharmaceutical properties of farnesyl protein transferase inhibiting (imidazolyl-5-yl)methyl-2-quinolinone derivatives of formulas (I), (II) and (III), as well as intermediates of formula (II) and (III) that are metabolized *in vivo* to the compounds of formula (I). The compounds of formulas (I), (II) and (III) are represented by



(I)



(II)



(III)

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the pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base addition salts and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

the dotted line represents an optional bond;

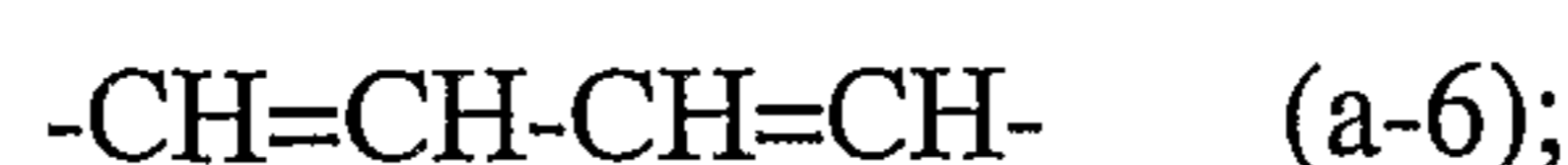
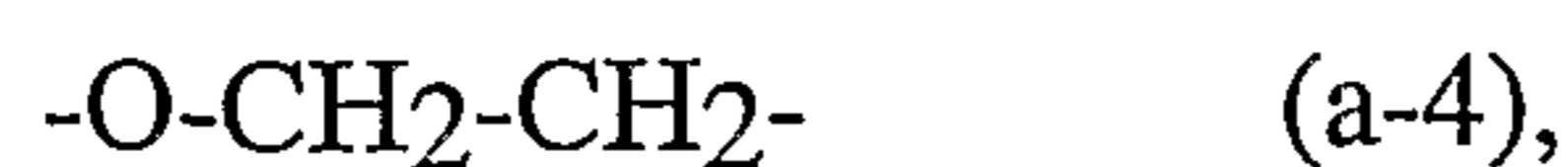
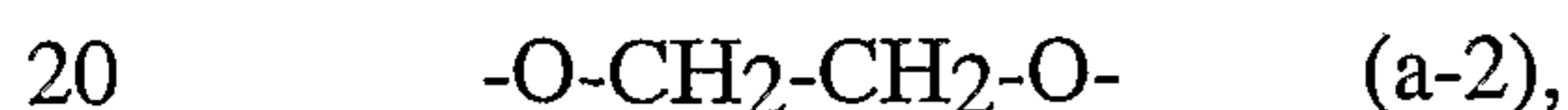
X is oxygen or sulfur;

5 R^1 is hydrogen, C₁₋₁₂alkyl, Ar¹, Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl, quinolinylC₁₋₆alkyl, pyridylC₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, or a radical of formula -Alk¹-C(=O)-R⁹, -Alk¹-S(O)-R⁹ or -Alk¹-S(O)₂-R⁹, wherein Alk¹ is C₁₋₆alkanediyl,

10 R^9 is hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, amino, C₁₋₈alkylamino or C₁₋₈alkylamino substituted with C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl;

R^2 , R^3 and R^{16} each independently are hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy, aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy, Ar¹, Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar²oxy, Ar²C₁₋₆alkyloxy, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy, C₂₋₆alkenyl, 4,4-dimethyloxazolyl; or

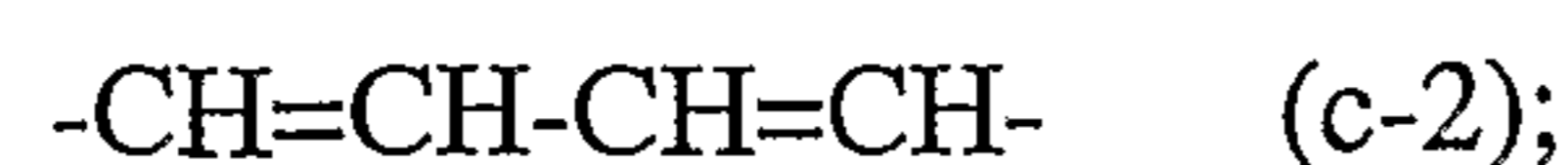
when on adjacent positions R^2 and R^3 taken together may form a bivalent radical of formula



25 R^4 and R^5 each independently are hydrogen, halo, Ar¹, C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkylthio, amino, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkylS(O)C₁₋₆alkyl or C₁₋₆alkylS(O)₂C₁₋₆alkyl;

R^6 and R^7 each independently are hydrogen, halo, cyano, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, Ar²oxy, trihalomethyl, C₁₋₆alkylthio, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, or

30 when on adjacent positions R^6 and R^7 taken together may form a bivalent radical of formula



35 R^8 is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, cyano, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, cyanoC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, carboxyC₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)-

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aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, imidazolyl, haloC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl,
aminocarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, or a radical of formula

-O-R¹⁰ (b-1),

-S-R¹⁰ (b-2),

5 -N-R¹¹R¹² (b-3),

wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, Ar¹, Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl,
C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, or a radical or formula -Alk²-OR¹³
or -Alk²-NR¹⁴R¹⁵;

R¹¹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₁₂alkyl, Ar¹ or Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl;

10 R¹² is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₁₆alkylcarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl,
C₁₋₆alkylaminocarbonyl, Ar¹, Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl-
C₁₋₆alkyl, a natural amino acid, Ar¹carbonyl, Ar²C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl,
aminocarbonylcarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, hydroxy,
C₁₋₆alkyloxy, aminocarbonyl,
15 di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, amino, C₁₋₆alkylamino,
C₁₋₆alkylcarbonylamino, or a radical or formula -Alk²-OR¹³ or -
Alk²-NR¹⁴R¹⁵;

wherein Alk² is C₁₋₆alkanediyl;

20 R¹³ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, hydroxy-
C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar¹ or Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl;

R¹⁴ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar¹ or Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl;

R¹⁵ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, Ar¹ or
Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl;

R¹⁷ is hydrogen, halo, cyano, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, Ar¹;

25 R¹⁸ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or halo;

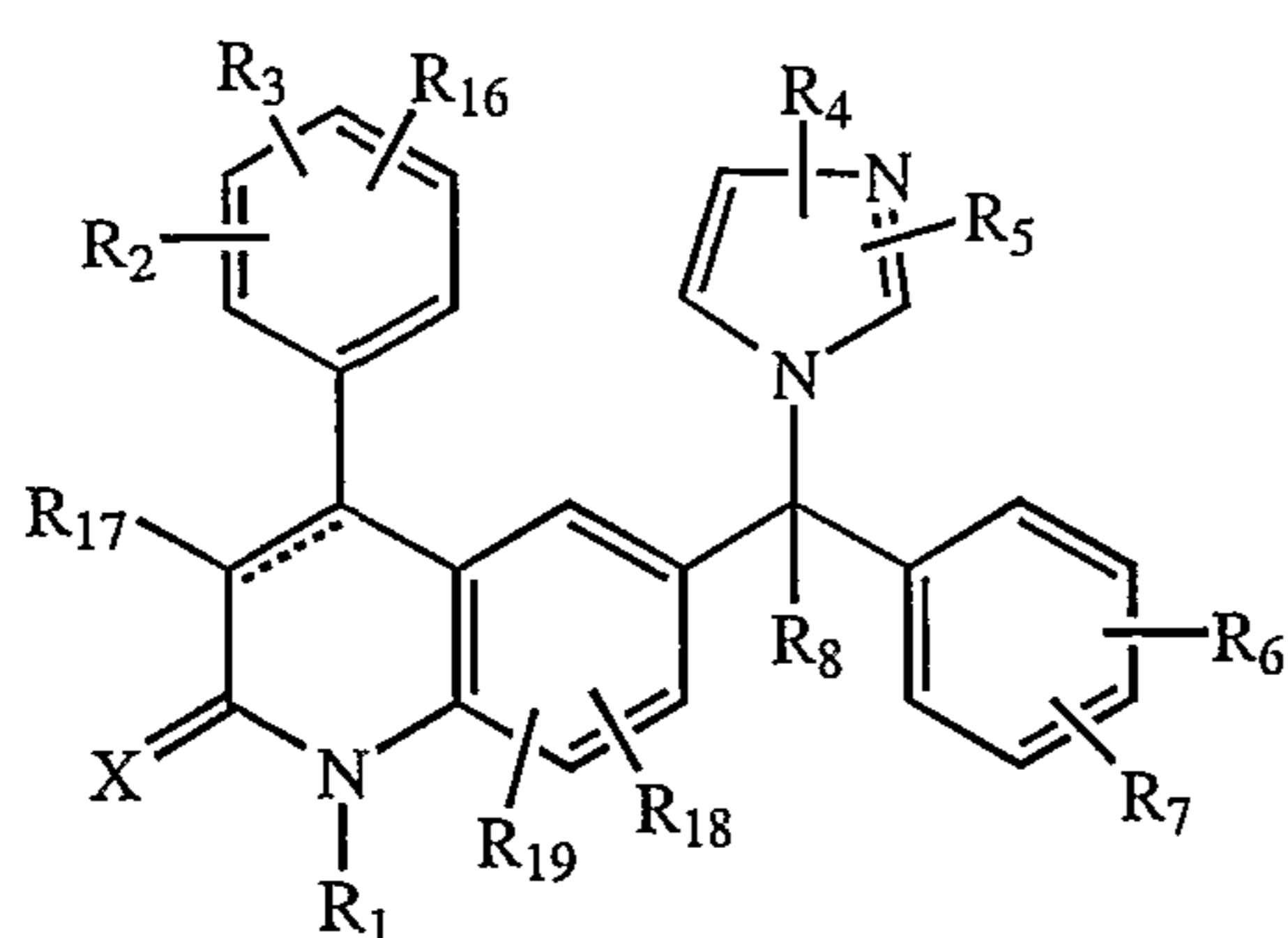
R¹⁹ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl;

Ar¹ is phenyl or phenyl substituted with C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxy, amino, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or
halo; and

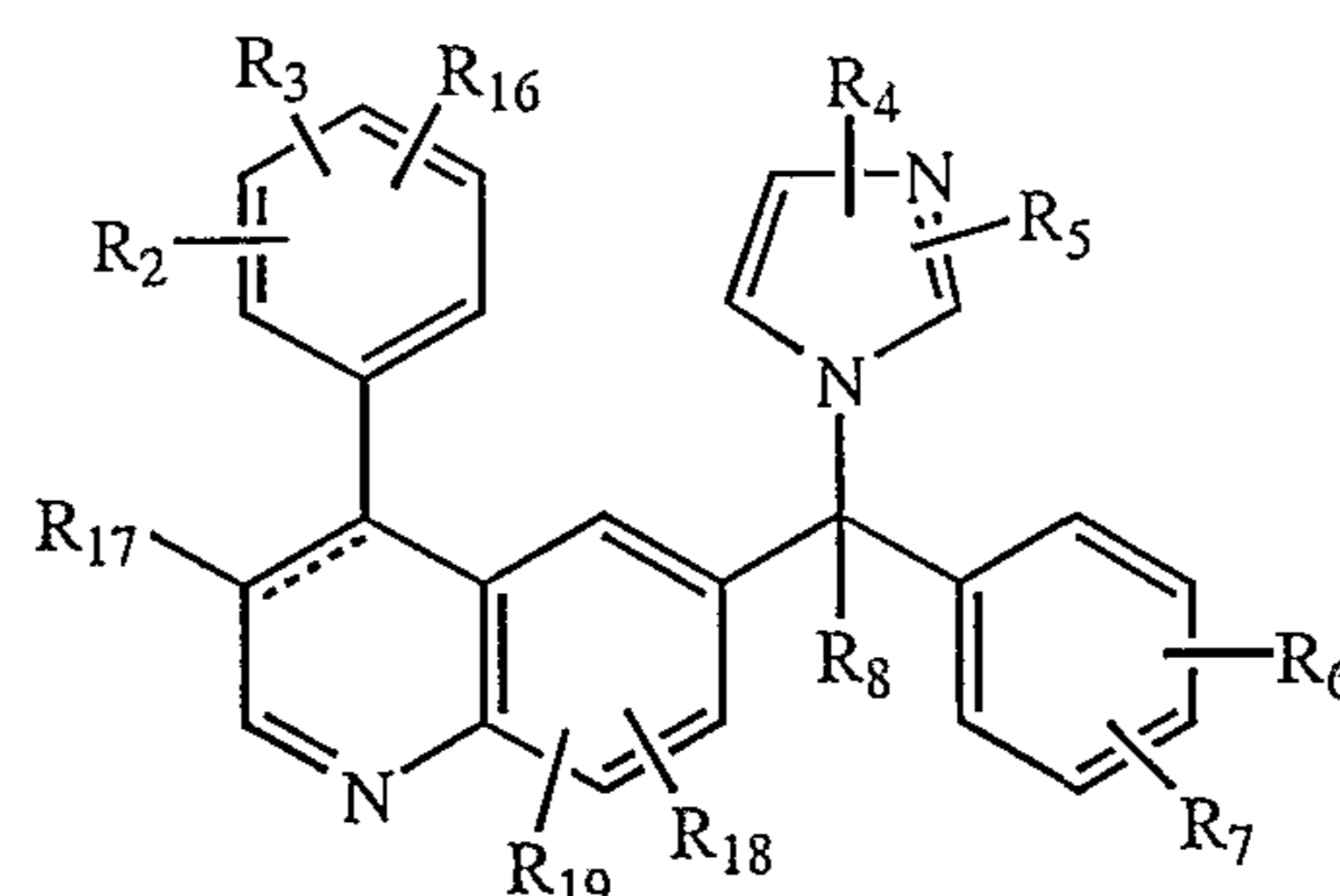
30 Ar² is phenyl or phenyl substituted with C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxy, amino, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or
halo.

WO-97/16443 concerns the preparation, formulation and pharmaceutical properties of
farnesyl protein transferase inhibiting compounds of formula (IV), as well as
intermediates of formula (V) and (VI) that are metabolized *in vivo* to the compounds of
35 formula (IV). The compounds of formulas (IV), (V) and (VI) are represented by

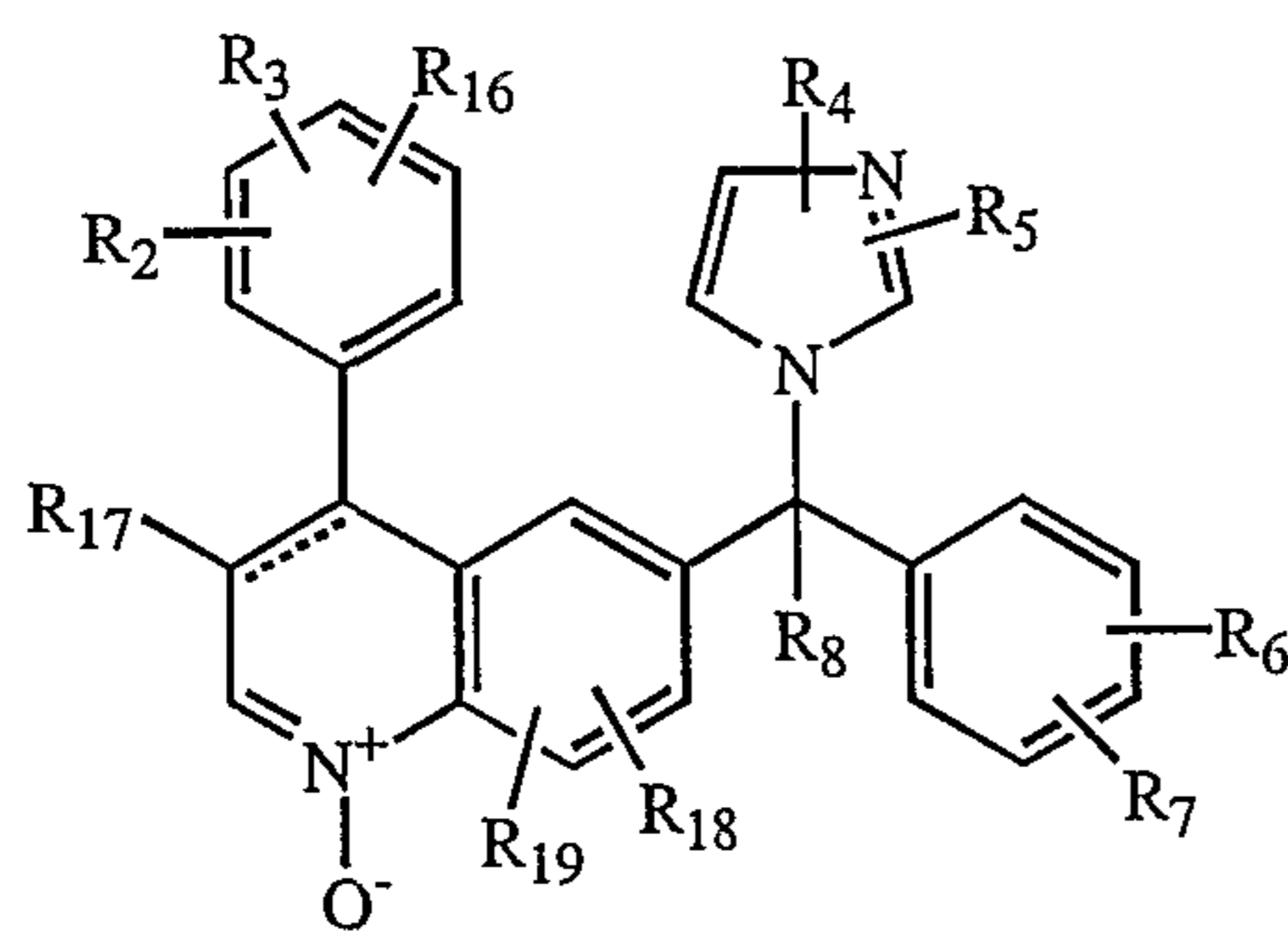
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(IV)



(V)



(VI)

the pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base addition salts and the stereochemically
5 isomeric forms thereof, wherein

the dotted line represents an optional bond;

X is oxygen or sulfur;

R¹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₁₂alkyl, Ar¹, Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl, quinolinyC₁₋₆alkyl, pyridyl-
C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)-
10 aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl,

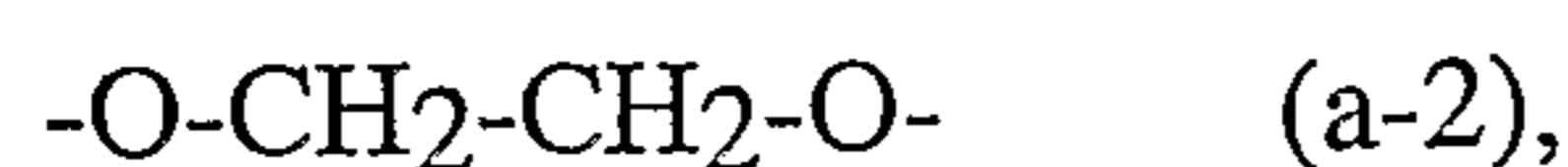
or a radical of formula -Alk¹-C(=O)-R⁹, -Alk¹-S(O)-R⁹ or -Alk¹-S(O)₂-R⁹,

wherein Alk¹ is C₁₋₆alkanediyl,

R⁹ is hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, amino, C₁₋₈alkylamino or
C₁₋₈alkylamino substituted with C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl;

15 R² and R³ each independently are hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, C₁₋₆alkyl,
C₁₋₆alkyloxy, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy, amino-
C₁₋₆alkyloxy, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy, Ar¹, Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl,
Ar²oxy, Ar²C₁₋₆alkyloxy, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl,
trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy, C₂₋₆alkenyl; or

20 when on adjacent positions R² and R³ taken together may form a bivalent radical
of formula



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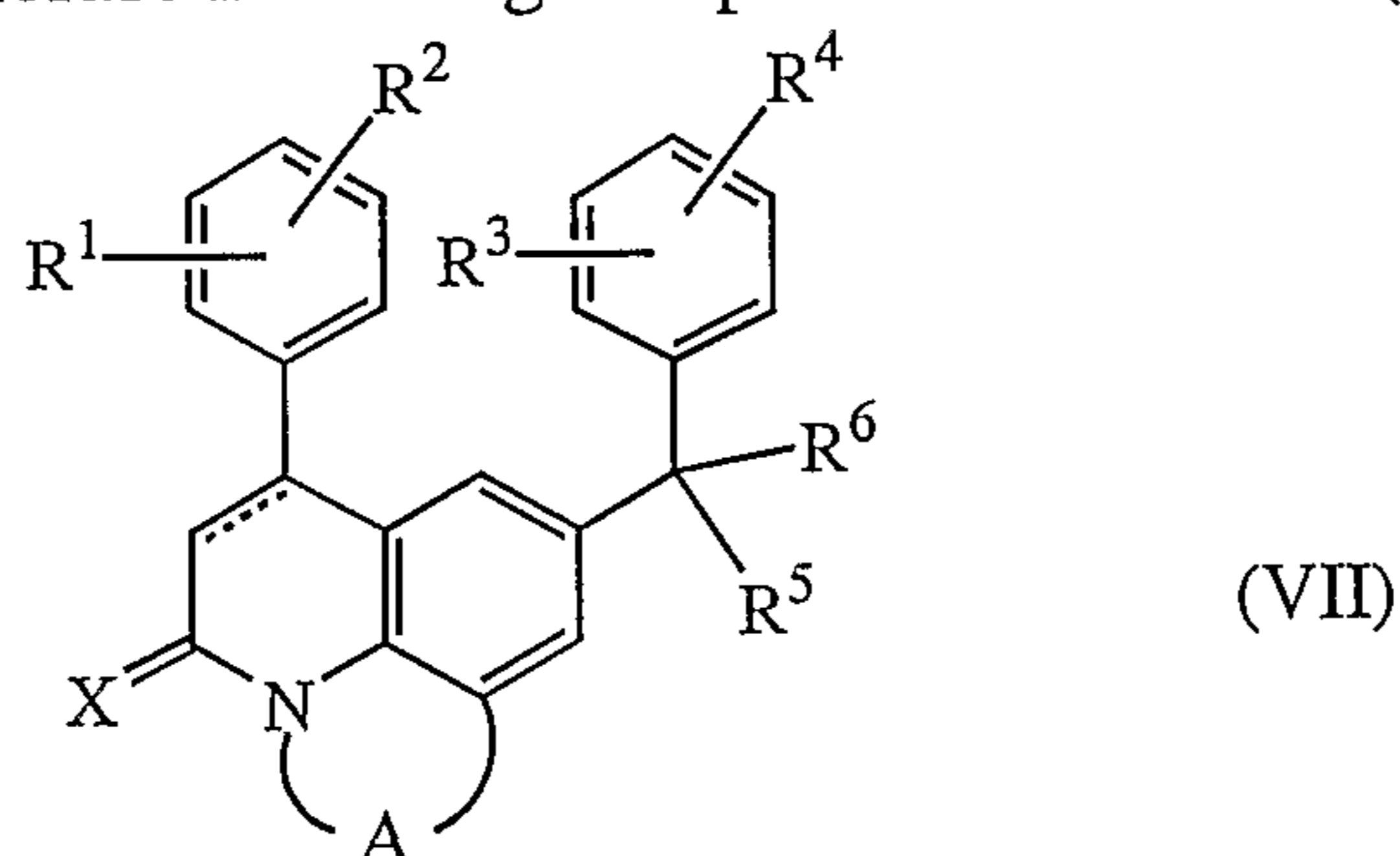
-O-CH₂-CH₂- (a-4),-O-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂- (a-5), or

-CH=CH-CH=CH- (a-6);

R⁴ and R⁵ each independently are hydrogen, Ar¹, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl,5 C₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkylthio, amino, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl,C₁₋₆alkylS(O)C₁₋₆alkyl or C₁₋₆alkylS(O)₂C₁₋₆alkyl;R⁶ and R⁷ each independently are hydrogen, halo, cyano, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or Ar²oxy;R⁸ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, cyano, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyl-10 carbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, cyanoC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxy-carbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)-aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, haloC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl,aminocarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, Ar¹, Ar²C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl,C₁₋₆alkylthioC₁₋₆alkyl;15 R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or halo;R¹¹ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl;Ar¹ is phenyl or phenyl substituted with C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxy, amino, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or halo;Ar² is phenyl or phenyl substituted with C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxy, amino, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or

20 halo.

WO-98/40383 concerns the preparation, formulation and pharmaceutical properties of farnesyl protein transferase inhibiting compounds of formula (VII)



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the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

the dotted line represents an optional bond;

30 X is oxygen or sulfur;

-A- is a bivalent radical of formula

-CH=CH- (a-1),

-CH₂-S- (a-6),

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-CH₂-CH₂- (a-2), -CH₂-CH₂-S- (a-7),
 -CH₂-CH₂-CH₂- (a-3), -CH=N- (a-8),
 -CH₂-O- (a-4), -N=N- (a-9), or
 -CH₂-CH₂-O- (a-5), -CO-NH- (a-10);

5 wherein optionally one hydrogen atom may be replaced by C₁₋₄alkyl or Ar¹;

R¹ and R² each independently are hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, C₁₋₆alkyl, trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy, C₂₋₆alkenyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy, Ar², Ar²-C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar²-oxy,

10 Ar²-C₁₋₆alkyloxy; or when on adjacent positions R¹ and R² taken together may form a bivalent radical of formula

-O-CH₂-O- (b-1),

-O-CH₂-CH₂-O- (b-2),

-O-CH=CH- (b-3),

15 -O-CH₂-CH₂- (b-4),

-O-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂- (b-5), or

-CH=CH-CH=CH- (b-6);

R³ and R⁴ each independently are hydrogen, halo, cyano, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, Ar³-oxy, C₁₋₆alkylthio, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy, or

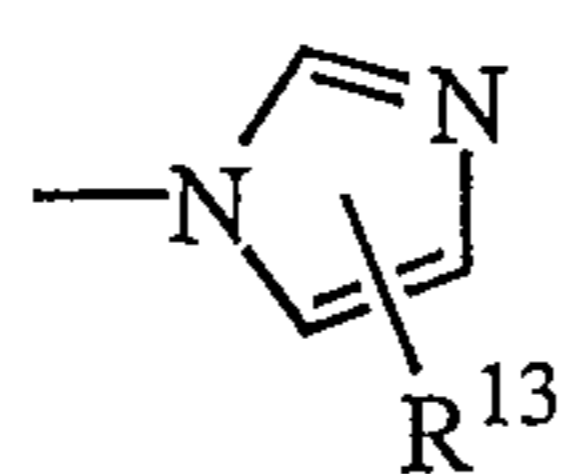
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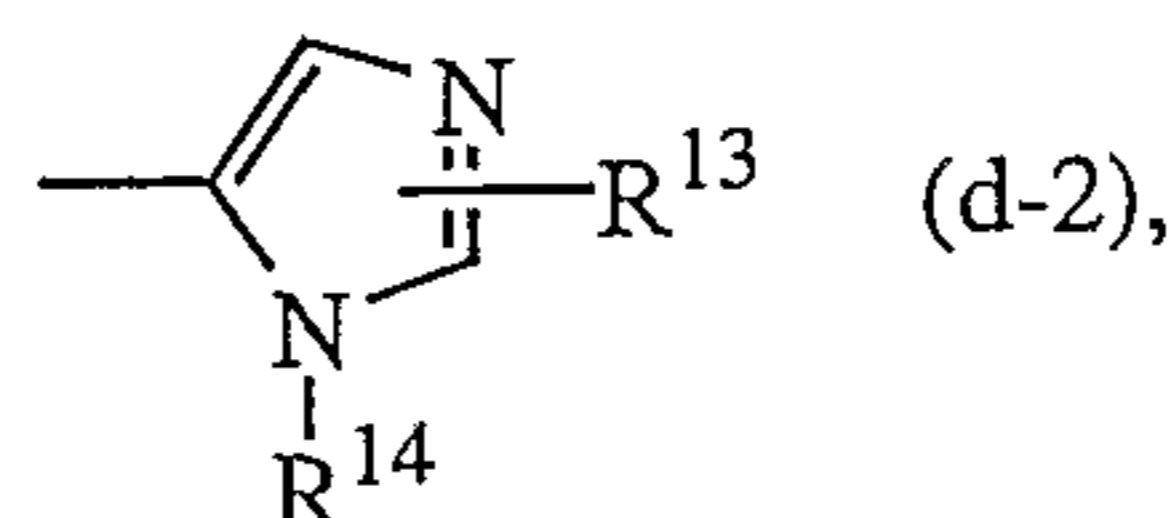
-O-CH₂-CH₂-O- (c-2), or

-CH=CH-CH=CH- (c-3);

25 R⁵ is a radical of formula



(d-1),



(d-2),

wherein R¹³ is hydrogen, halo, Ar⁴, C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkylthio, amino, C₁₋₆alkyloxy-carbonyl, C₁₋₆alkylS(O)C₁₋₆alkyl or C₁₋₆alkylS(O)₂C₁₋₆alkyl;

30 R¹⁴ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl or di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulfonyl;

R⁶ is hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, cyano, haloC₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, cyanoC₁₋₆alkyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl,

C₁₋₆alkylthioC₁₋₆alkyl, aminocarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl,

C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl-C₁₋₆alkyl,

35 C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, Ar⁵,

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Ar⁵-C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl; or a radical of formula

-O-R⁷ (e-1),

-S-R⁷ (e-2),

-N-R⁸R⁹ (e-3),

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wherein R⁷ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, Ar⁶, Ar⁶-C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, or a radical of formula -Alk-OR¹⁰ or -Alk-NR¹¹R¹²;

R⁸ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar⁷ or Ar⁷-C₁₋₆alkyl;

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R⁹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkylaminocarbonyl, Ar⁸, Ar⁸-C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl-C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar⁸-carbonyl, Ar⁸-C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, aminocarbonyl-carbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, aminocarbonyl, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, amino, C₁₋₆alkylamino, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonylamino,

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or a radical or formula -Alk-OR¹⁰ or -Alk-NR¹¹R¹²;

wherein Alk is C₁₋₆alkanediyl;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, hydroxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar⁹ or Ar⁹-C₁₋₆alkyl;

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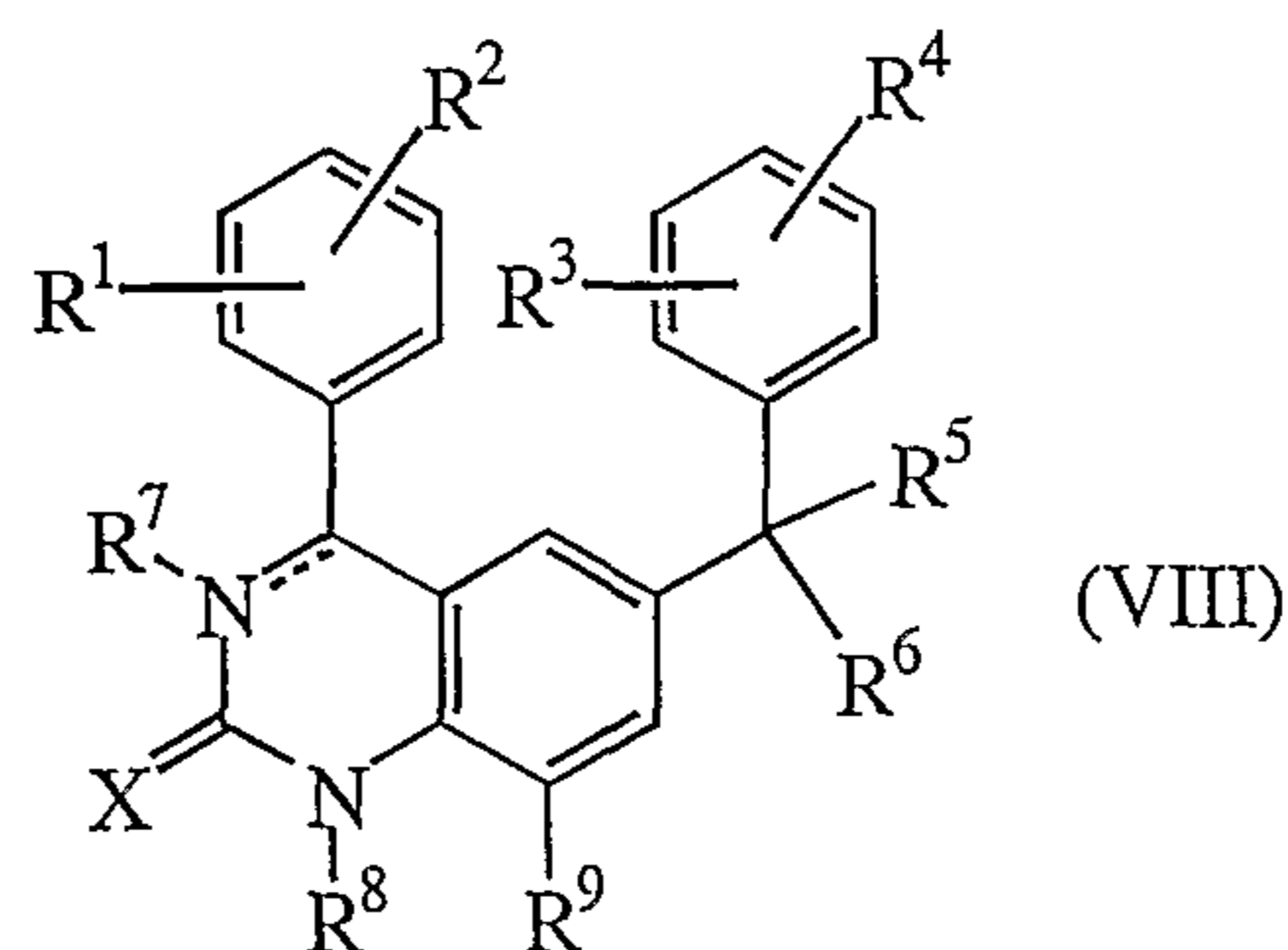
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R¹² is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar¹¹ or Ar¹¹-C₁₋₆alkyl; and

Ar¹ to Ar¹¹ are each independently selected from phenyl; or phenyl substituted with halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl.

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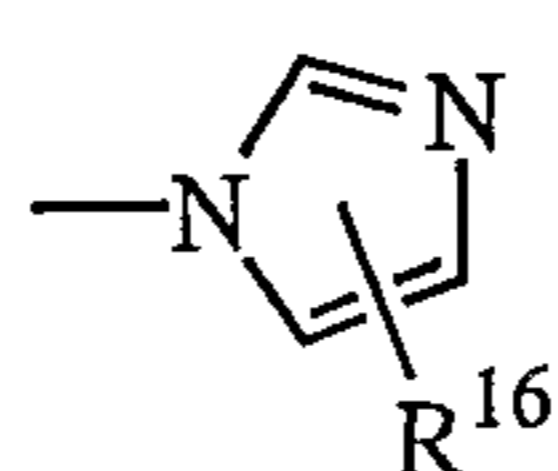


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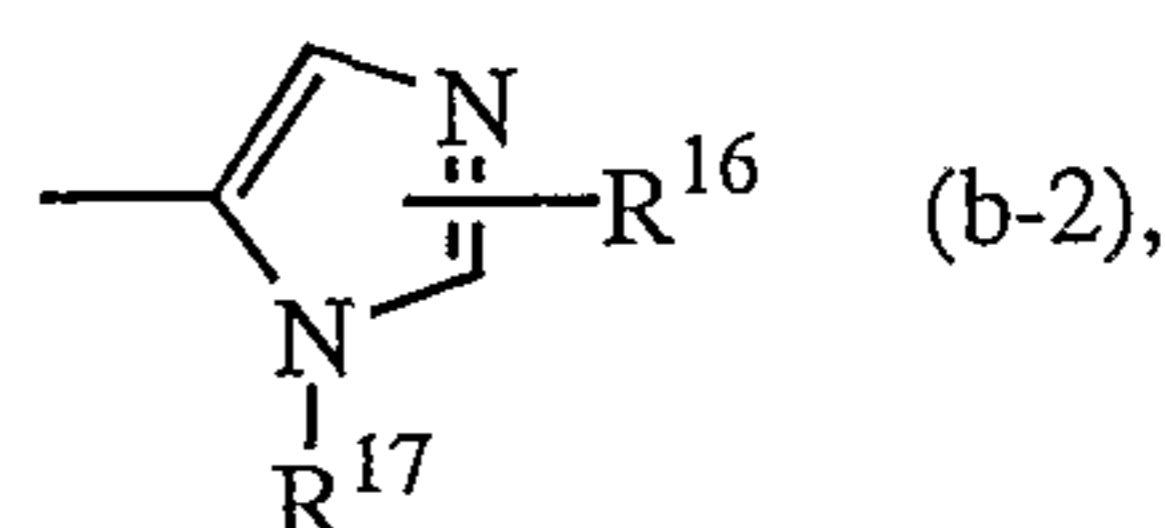
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- X is oxygen or sulfur;
- R¹ and R² each independently are hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, C₁-6alkyl, trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy, C₂-6alkenyl, C₁-6alkyloxy, hydroxyC₁-6alkyloxy, C₁-6alkyloxyC₁-6alkyloxy, C₁-6alkyloxycarbonyl, aminoC₁-6alkyloxy, mono- or di(C₁-6alkyl)aminoC₁-6alkyloxy, Ar¹, Ar¹C₁-6alkyl, Ar¹oxy or Ar¹C₁-6alkyloxy;
- R³ and R⁴ each independently are hydrogen, halo, cyano, C₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkyloxy, Ar¹oxy, C₁-6alkylthio, di(C₁-6alkyl)amino, trihalomethyl or trihalomethoxy;
- R⁵ is hydrogen, halo, C₁-6alkyl, cyano, haloC₁-6alkyl, hydroxyC₁-6alkyl, cyanoC₁-6alkyl, aminoC₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkyloxyC₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkylthioC₁-6alkyl, aminocarbonylC₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkyloxycarbonylC₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkylcarbonyl-C₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkyloxycarbonyl, mono- or di(C₁-6alkyl)aminoC₁-6alkyl, Ar¹, Ar¹C₁-6alkyloxyC₁-6alkyl; or a radical of formula
- O-R¹⁰ (a-1),
- S-R¹⁰ (a-2),
- N-R¹¹R¹² (a-3),
- wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkylcarbonyl, Ar¹, Ar¹C₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkyloxycarbonylC₁-6alkyl, or a radical of formula -Alk-OR¹³ or -Alk-NR¹⁴R¹⁵;
- R¹¹ is hydrogen, C₁-6alkyl, Ar¹ or Ar¹C₁-6alkyl;
- R¹² is hydrogen, C₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkylcarbonyl, C₁-6alkyloxycarbonyl, C₁-6alkylaminocarbonyl, Ar¹, Ar¹C₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkylcarbonyl-C₁-6alkyl, Ar¹carbonyl, Ar¹C₁-6alkylcarbonyl, aminocarbonyl-carbonyl, C₁-6alkyloxyC₁-6alkylcarbonyl, hydroxy, C₁-6alkyloxy, aminocarbonyl, di(C₁-6alkyl)aminoC₁-6alkylcarbonyl, amino, C₁-6alkylamino, C₁-6alkylcarbonylamino, or a radical or formula -Alk-OR¹³ or -Alk-NR¹⁴R¹⁵;
- wherein Alk is C₁-6alkanediyl;
- R¹³ is hydrogen, C₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkylcarbonyl, hydroxy-C₁-6alkyl, Ar¹ or Ar¹C₁-6alkyl;
- R¹⁴ is hydrogen, C₁-6alkyl, Ar¹ or Ar¹C₁-6alkyl;
- R¹⁵ is hydrogen, C₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkylcarbonyl, Ar¹ or Ar¹C₁-6alkyl;
- R⁶ is a radical of formula

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(b-1),



(b-2),

wherein R^{16} is hydrogen, halo, Ar^1 , C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy-
 C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy, C_{1-6} alkylthio, amino,
 C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylthio C_{1-6} alkyl,
 C_{1-6} alkylS(O) C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-6} alkylS(O) $_2$ C_{1-6} alkyl;
 R^{17} is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl or di(C_{1-4} alkyl)aminosulfonyl;

R^7 is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl provided that the dotted line does not represent a bond;

R^8 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl or Ar^2CH_2 or Het^1CH_2 ;

R^9 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy or halo; or

R^8 and R^9 taken together to form a bivalent radical of formula

-CH=CH- (c-1),

-CH₂-CH₂- (c-2),

-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂- (c-3),

-CH₂-O- (c-4), or

-CH₂-CH₂-O- (c-5);

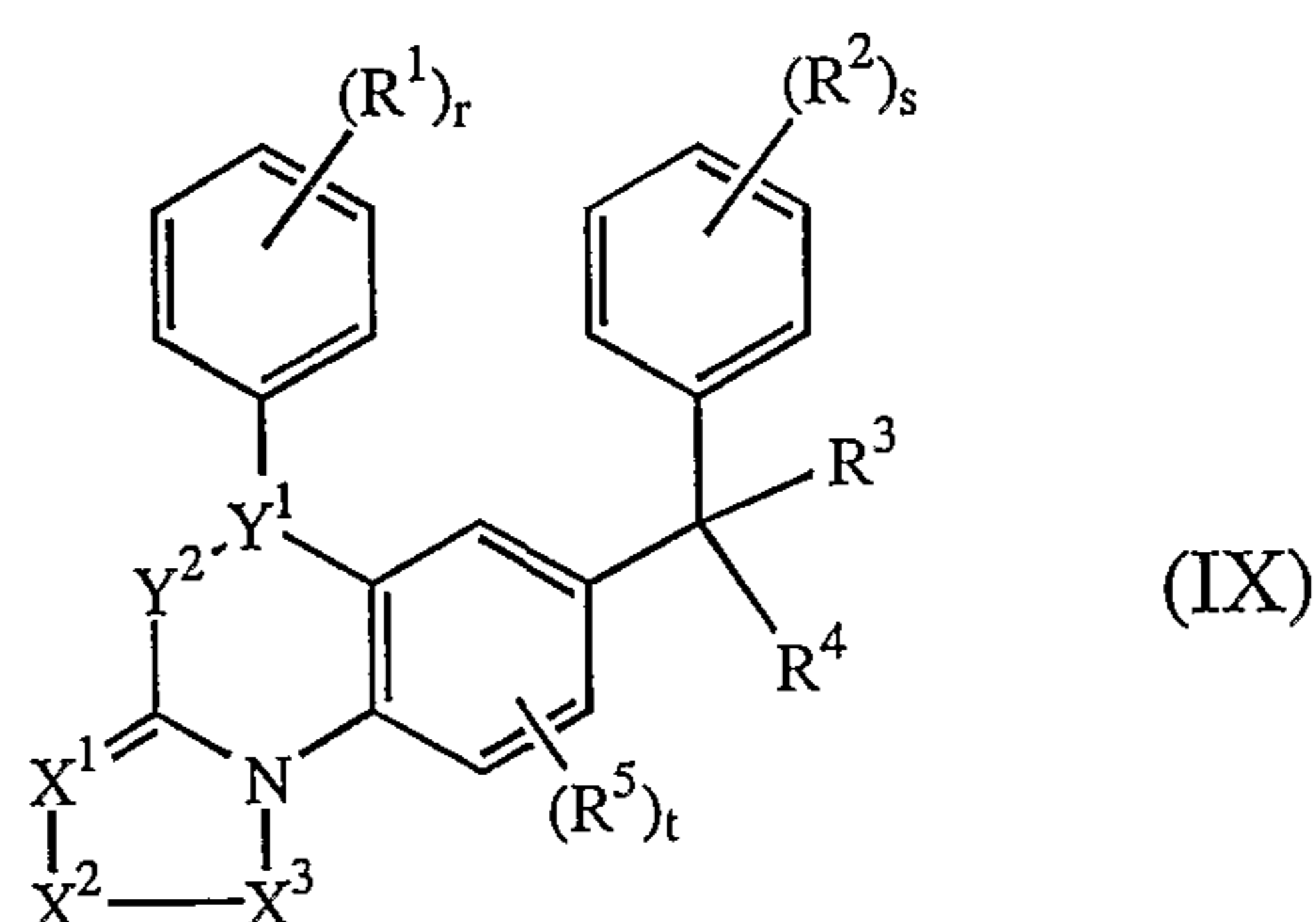
Ar^1 is phenyl; or phenyl substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each independently selected from halo, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl;

Ar^2 is phenyl; or phenyl substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each independently selected from halo, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl; and

Het^1 is pyridinyl; pyridinyl substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each independently selected from halo, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl.

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(IX)

or the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

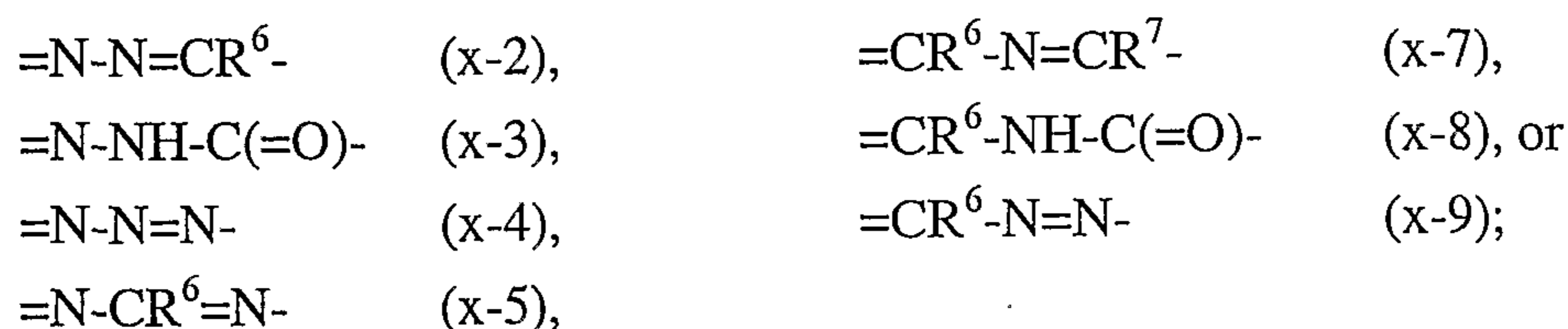
$=X^1-X^2-X^3-$ is a trivalent radical of formula

$=N-CR^6=CR^7-$ (x-1),

$=CR^6-CR^7=CR^8-$ (x-6),

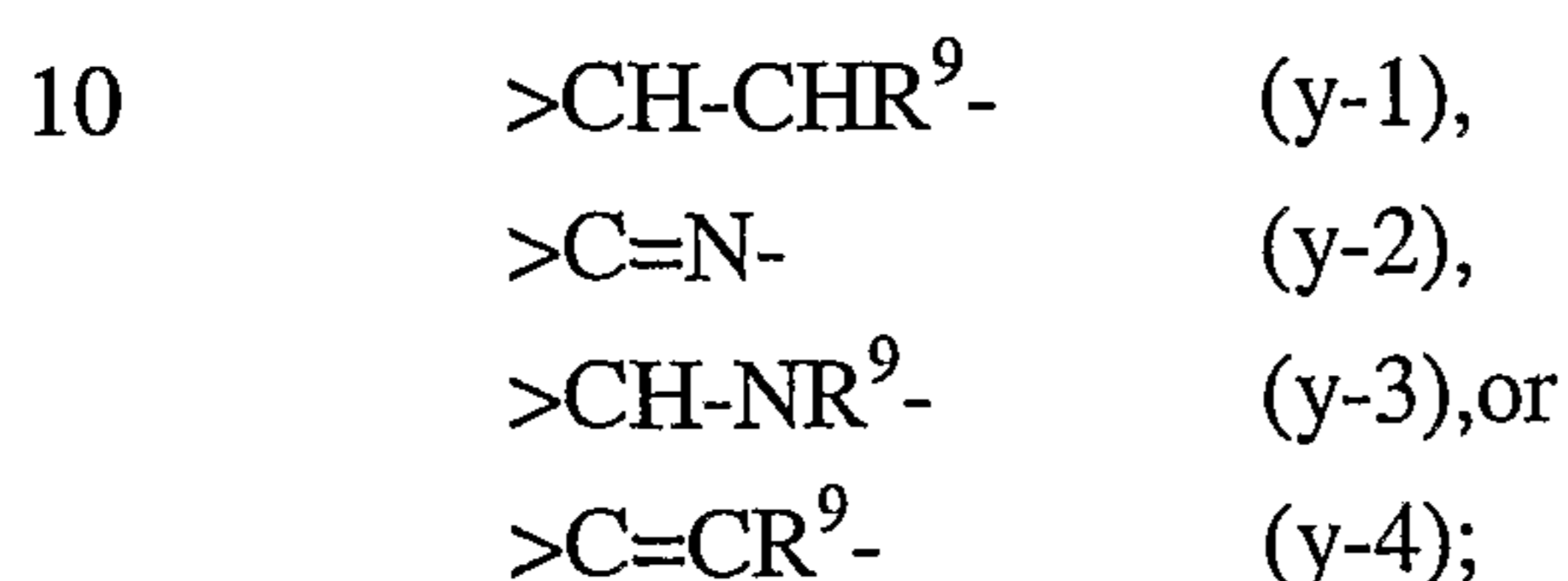
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5 wherein each R^6 , R^7 and R^8 are independently hydrogen, C_{1-4} alkyl, hydroxy, C_{1-4} alkyloxy, aryloxy, C_{1-4} alkyloxycarbonyl, hydroxy C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkyloxy C_{1-4} alkyl, mono- or di(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino C_{1-4} alkyl, cyano, amino, thio, C_{1-4} alkylthio, arylthio or aryl;

$>\text{Y}^1-\text{Y}^2-$ is a trivalent radical of formula



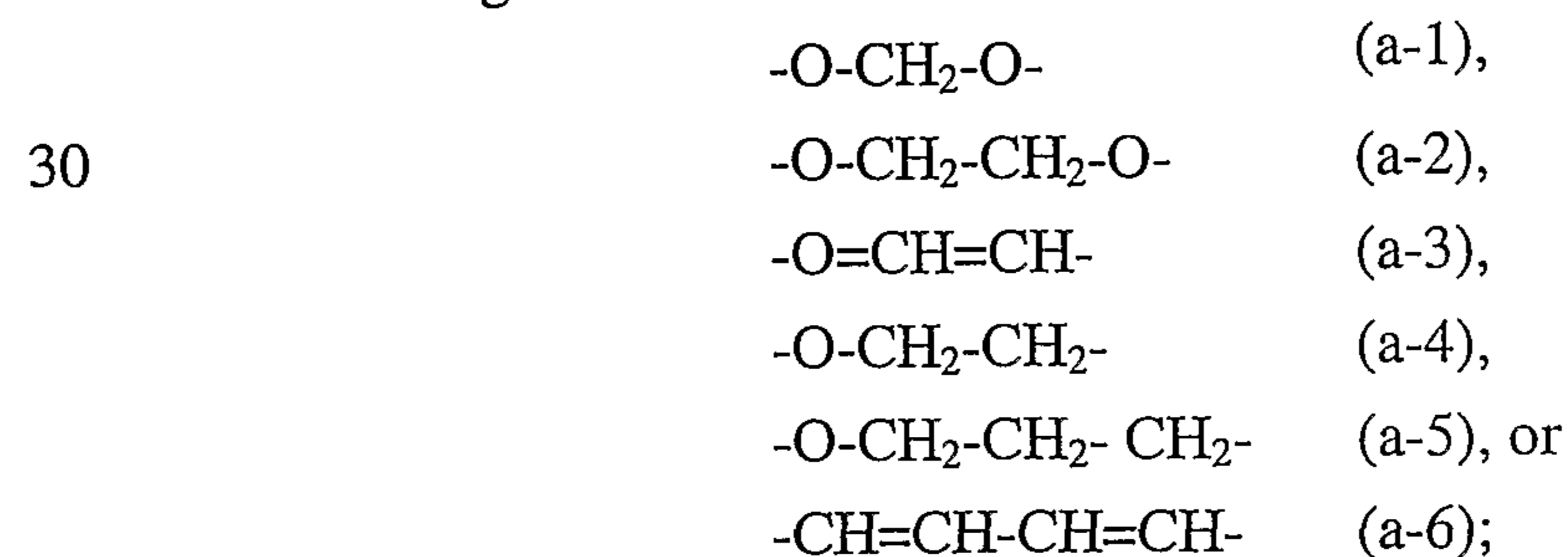
15 wherein each R^9 independently is hydrogen, halo, halocarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, hydroxy C_{1-4} alkyl, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkyloxy, C_{1-4} alkyloxy C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkyloxycarbonyl, mono- or di(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino, mono- or di(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino C_{1-4} alkyl, aryl;

r and s are each independently 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

t is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

20 each R^1 and R^2 are independently hydroxy, halo, cyano, C_{1-6} alkyl, trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy, hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyloxy, C_{1-6} alkylthio, C_{1-6} alkyloxy C_{1-6} alkyloxy, C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl, amino C_{1-6} alkyloxy, mono- or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino, mono- or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino C_{1-6} alkyloxy, aryl, aryl C_{1-6} alkyl, aryloxy or aryl C_{1-6} alkyloxy, hydroxycarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, amino C_{1-6} alkyl, mono- or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino C_{1-6} alkyl; or

two R^1 or R^2 substituents adjacent to one another on the phenyl ring may independently form together a bivalent radical of formula

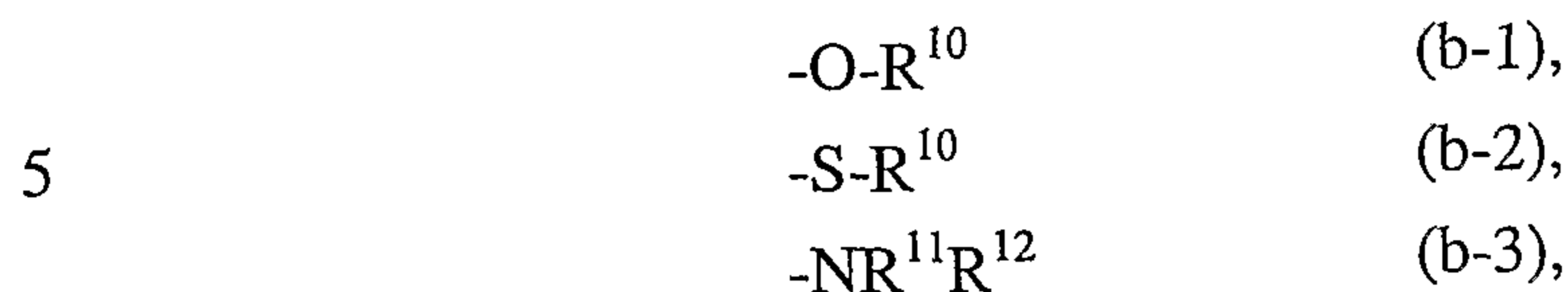


35 R^3 is hydrogen, halo, C_{1-6} alkyl, cyano, halo C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyl, cyano C_{1-6} alkyl, amino C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylthio C_{1-6} alkyl, aminocarbonyl C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxycarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl C_{1-6} alkyl,

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C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, aryl, arylC₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;

or a radical of formula



wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, aryl, arylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, or a radical of formula -Alk-OR¹³ or -Alk-NR¹⁴R¹⁵;

10 R¹¹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, aryl or arylC₁₋₆alkyl;

R¹² is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, aryl, hydroxy, amino, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, arylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonylamino, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, haloC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, arylC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl,

15 C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl,

C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminocarbonyl

wherein the alkyl moiety may optionally be substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from aryl or C₁₋₃alkyloxycarbonyl,

aminocarbonylcarbonyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl,

20 or a radical or formula -Alk-OR¹³ or -Alk-NR¹⁴R¹⁵;

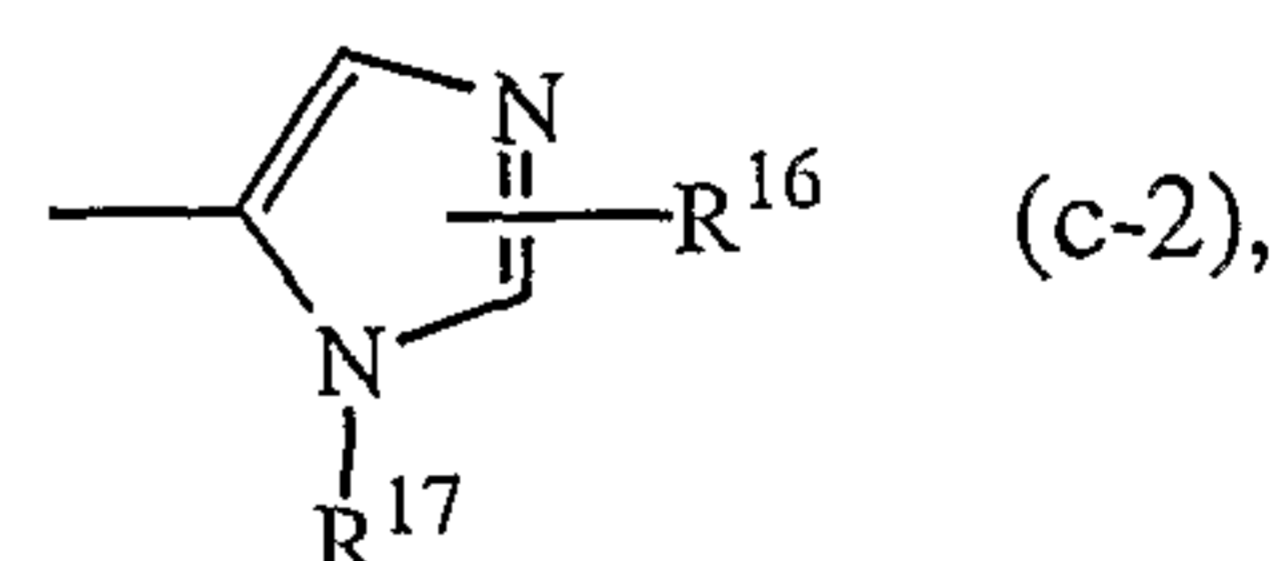
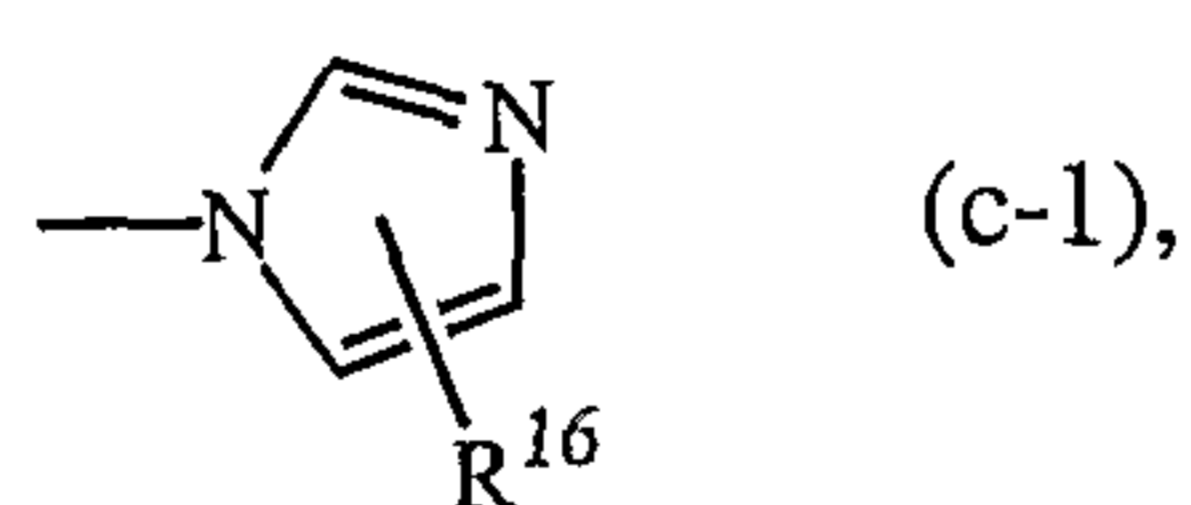
wherein Alk is C₁₋₆alkanediyl;

R¹³ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, aryl or arylC₁₋₆alkyl;

R¹⁴ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, aryl or arylC₁₋₆alkyl;

25 R¹⁵ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, aryl or arylC₁₋₆alkyl;

R⁴ is a radical of formula



wherein R¹⁶ is hydrogen, halo, aryl, C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl,

30 C₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkylthio, amino, mono- or di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkylthioC₁₋₆alkyl,

C₁₋₆alkylS(O)C₁₋₆alkyl or C₁₋₆alkylS(O)₂C₁₋₆alkyl;

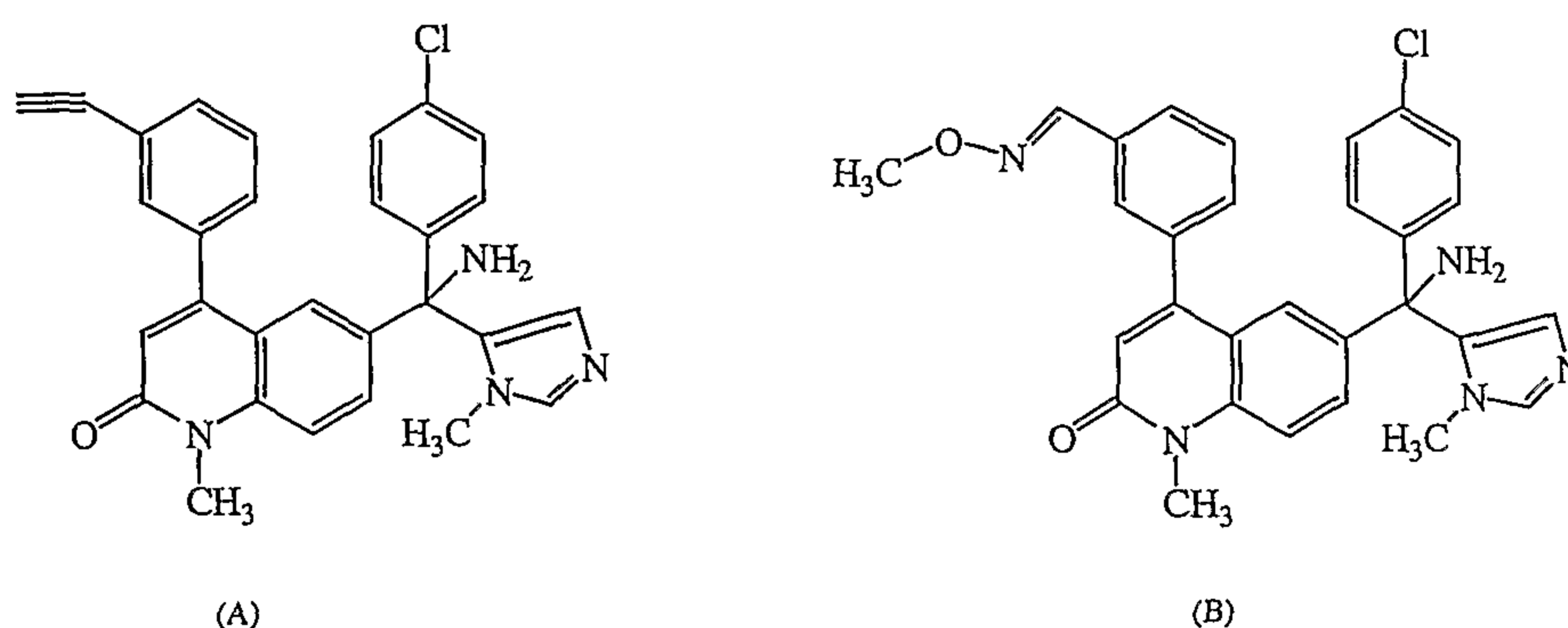
R¹⁶ may also be bound to one of the nitrogen atoms in the imidazole ring of formula (c-1) or (c-2), in which case the meaning of R¹⁶ when bound to the nitrogen is limited to hydrogen, aryl, C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl,

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C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkylS(O)C₁₋₆alkyl or C₁₋₆alkylS(O)₂C₁₋₆alkyl;
 R¹⁷ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, arylC₁₋₆alkyl, trifluoromethyl or di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulfonyl;

- 5 R⁵ is C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or halo;
 aryl is phenyl, naphthalenyl or phenyl substituted with 1 or more substituents each independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl.

Other useful farnesyl protein transferase inhibitors include Arglabin (i.e. 1(R)-10-
 10 epoxy-5(S),7(S)-guaia-3(4),11(13)-dien-6,12-olide described in WO-98/28303 (NuOncology Labs); perrilyl alcohol described in WO-99/45912 (Wisconsin Genetics); SCH-66336, i.e. (+)-(R)-4-[2-[4-(3,10-dibromo-8-chloro-5,6-dihydro-1H-
 benzo[5,6]cyclohepta[1,2-b]pyridin-11-yl)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl]piperidine-1-
 15 carboxamide, described in U.S. Patent No. 5874442 (Schering); L778123, i.e. 1-(3-
 chlorophenyl)-4-[1-(4-cyanobenzyl)-5-imidazolylmethyl]-2-piperazinone, described in WO-00/01691 (Merck); compound 2(S)-[2(S)-[2(R)-amino-3-mercapto]propylamino-
 3(S)-methyl]-pentyloxy-3-phenylpropionyl-methionine sulfone described in WO-
 94/10138 (Merck); and BMS 214662, i.e. (R)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1-(1H-imidazol-4-
 20 ylmethyl)-3-(phenylmethyl)-4-(2-thienylsulphonyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazapine-7-
 carbonitrile, described in WO 97/30992 (Bristol Myers Squibb) and Pfizer compounds (A) and (B) described in WO-00/12498 and WO-00/12499:



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The compounds are generally described as being inhibitors of farnesyl protein transferase useful in the treatment of mammalian tumors. Generally in the treatment of cancerous tumors about 0.01mg/kg to 100mg/kg body weight of a farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is administered at doses of about two, three, four or more sub
 30 doses at appropriate intervals throughout the day. This dosing schedule is predicated

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on the hypothesis that continuous exposure to the active compound and resultant inhibition of FPT were required in order to maintain antitumor effects.

5 Unexpectedly, it has been found that an interrupted dosing regimen of about five days containing a farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor as the active ingredient followed by about two weeks without treatment results in suppression of mammalian tumor growth.

10 It is an object of the present invention to provide a method of treatment and a dosing regimen comprising a discontinuous dosing schedule in which a farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is administered to suppress mammalian tumor growth. The regimen comprises the administration of a single dose of a farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor over a one to five day period followed by at least two weeks without treatment.

15 SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a method of treating mammalian tumors which comprises administering a single dose of a farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor over a one to five day period. The invention also relates to an antitumor dosage regimen in which suppression of tumor growth is achieved by the administration of a farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor over a one to five day period followed by at least two weeks without treatment. The transient one to five day exposure of mammalian tumors to a farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor produces sustained antitumor effects. The inhibition of FPT by a FPT inhibitor under the method and regimen of the present invention produces lasting alterations in the malignant process which recover only very slowly.

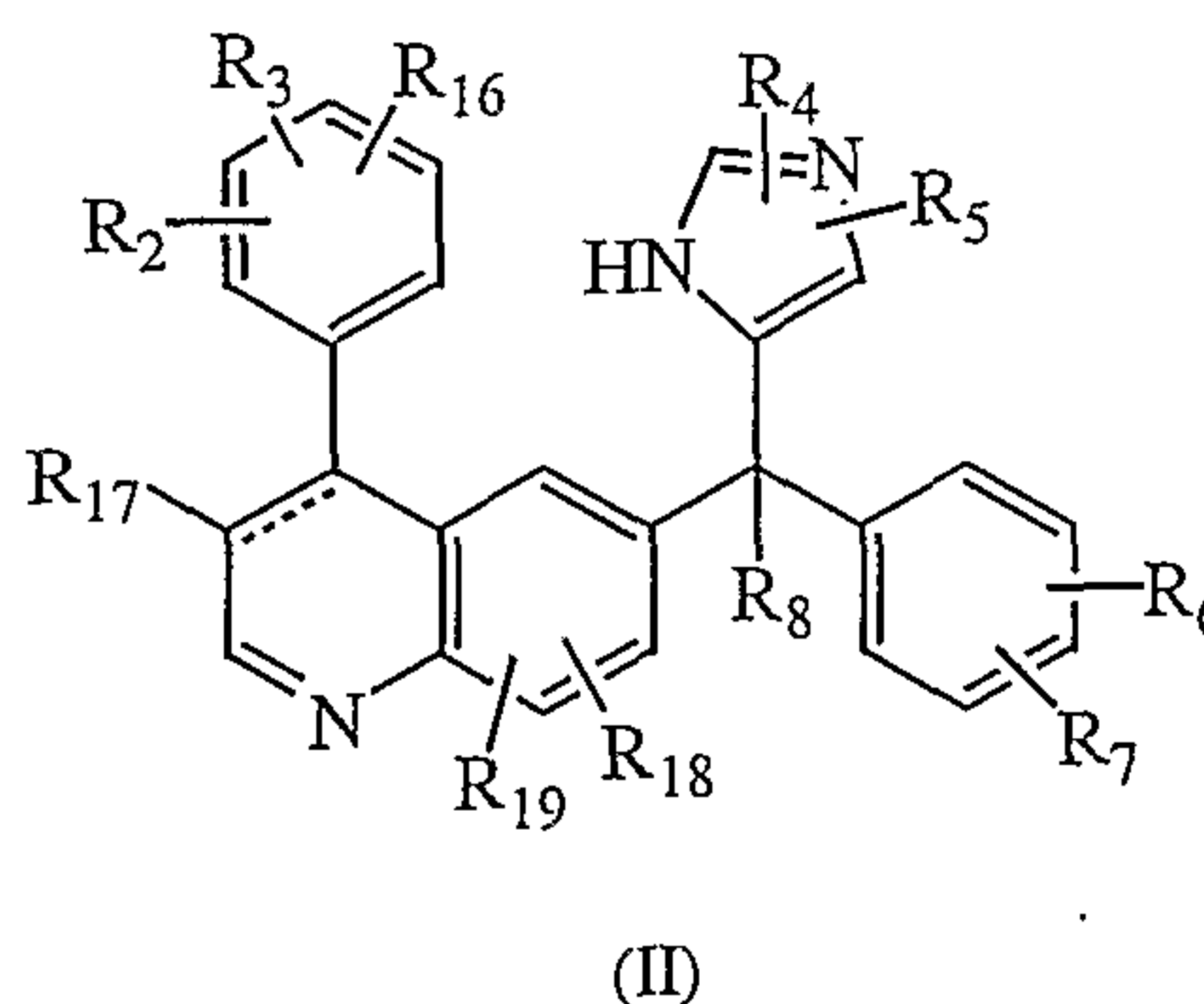
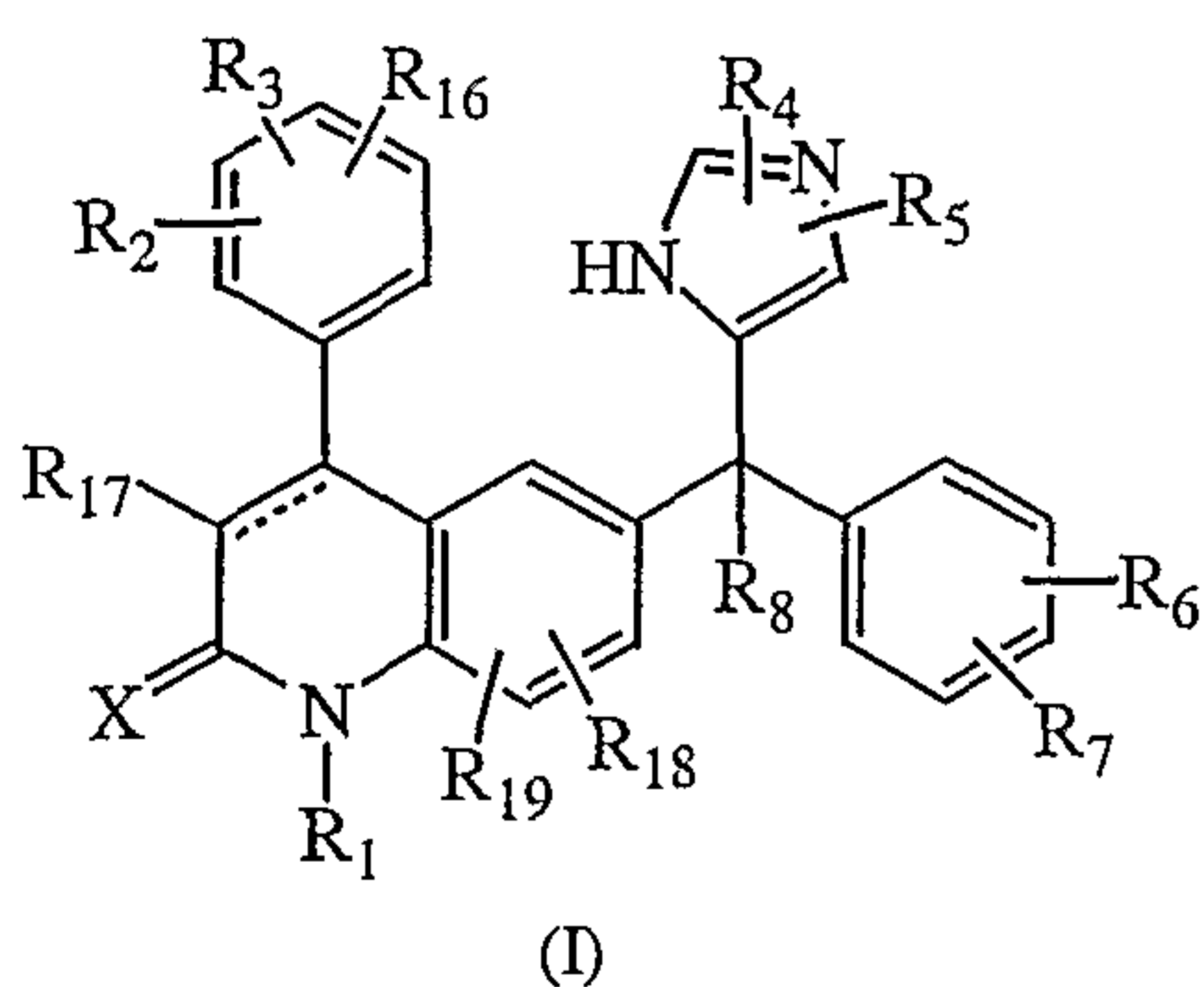
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

30 Inhibitors of farnesyl transferase (FPT) are known to be useful in the treatment of mammalian tumors and in particular colon and pancreatic carcinomas. In previous studies farnesyl protein transferase inhibitors have been shown to inhibit the growth of mammalian tumors when administered as a twice daily dosing schedule. It has been unexpectedly been found that administration of a farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor in a single dose daily for one to five days produced a marked suppression of tumor growth lasting out to at least 21 days. In particular, administration of a farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor at a single dose between 50-1200mg/kg body weight once daily for

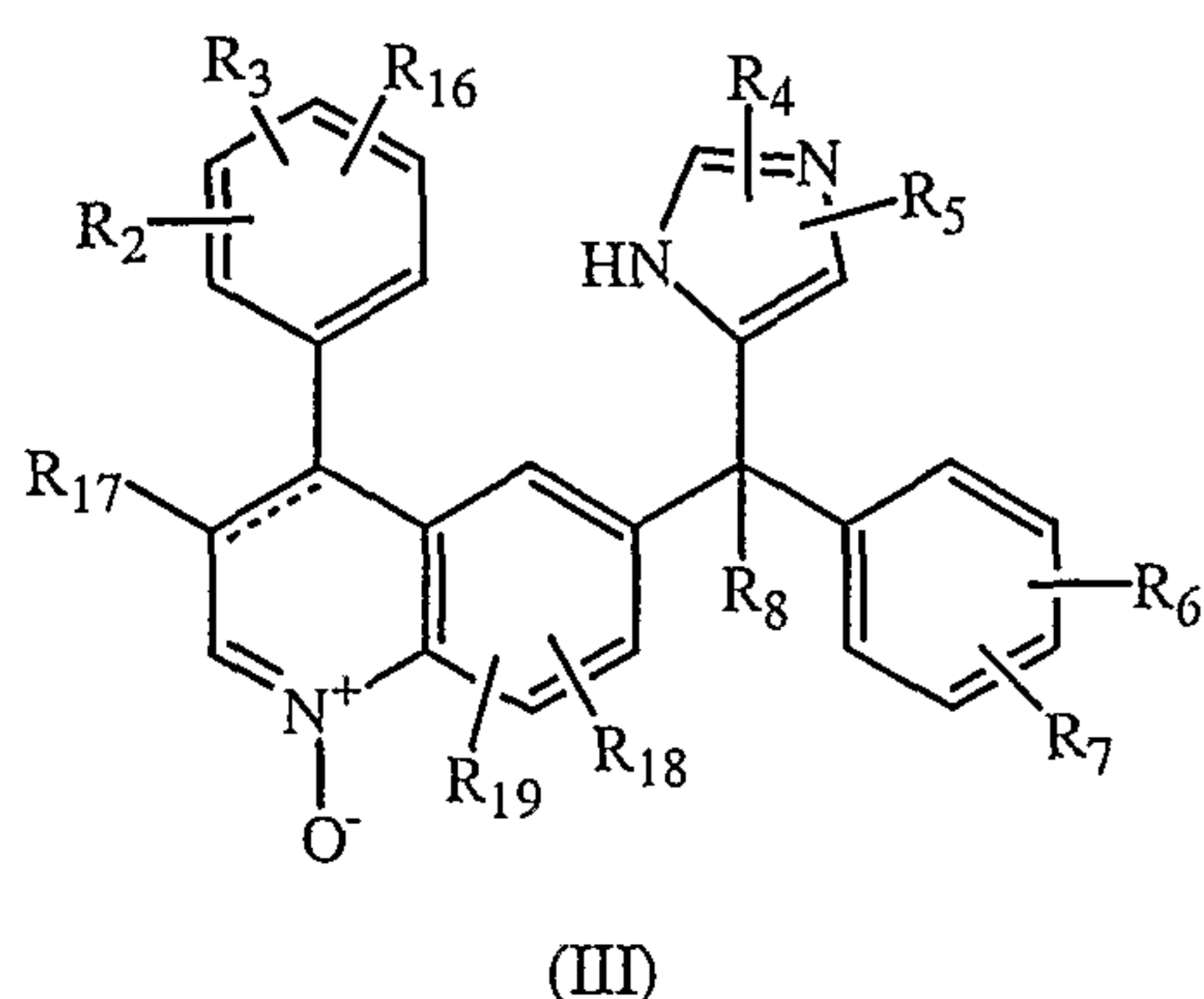
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one to five consecutive days after tumor formation produces a marked suppression of tumor growth lasting out to 21 or more days. The effect is equivalent to administering a farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor continuously at a daily 50mg/kg-100mg/kg dose in the same tumor model. Upon the appearance of growth in tumors treated according to the method and/or regimen of this invention, rechallenge with the FPT inhibitor at day 21 produced growth arrest indicating that tumor growth did not emerge from resistant tumor cells. Suppression of tumor growth was dose-related at doses from 50-1200mg/kg body weight with the five day single dosing schedule. The preferred dosage range is 50-400mg/kg with 200 mg/kg being the most preferred dose. In man based on early Phase 1 data, the preferred dose range of 200 to 2400 mg can be expected. The finding that a persistent suppression of tumor growth can be obtained with only one to five days of treatment with a farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor was unexpected since it has been assumed that farnesyl protein transferase inhibitors as a class would require chronic continuous exposure in order to maintain uninterrupted inhibition of protein farnesylation.

Examples of FTI inhibitors which may be employed in accordance with the present invention include compounds of formula (I), (II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI), (VII), (VIII) or (IX) above, more particularly compounds of formula (I), (II) or (III):



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the pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base addition salts and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

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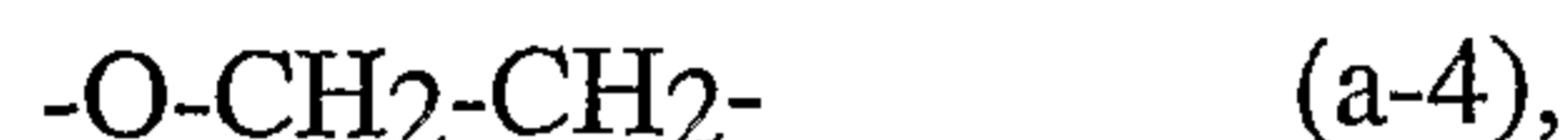
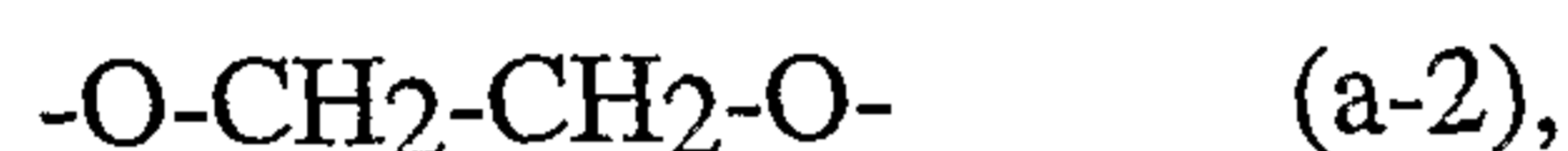
the dotted line represents an optional bond;

X is oxygen or sulfur;

R¹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₁₂alkyl, Ar¹, Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl, quinolinylC₁₋₆alkyl, pyridyl-C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)-
 5 aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl,
 or a radical of formula -Alk¹-C(=O)-R⁹, -Alk¹-S(O)-R⁹ or -Alk¹-S(O)₂-R⁹,
 wherein Alk¹ is C₁₋₆alkanediyl,

R⁹ is hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, amino, C₁₋₈alkylamino or
 C₁₋₈alkylamino substituted with C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl;

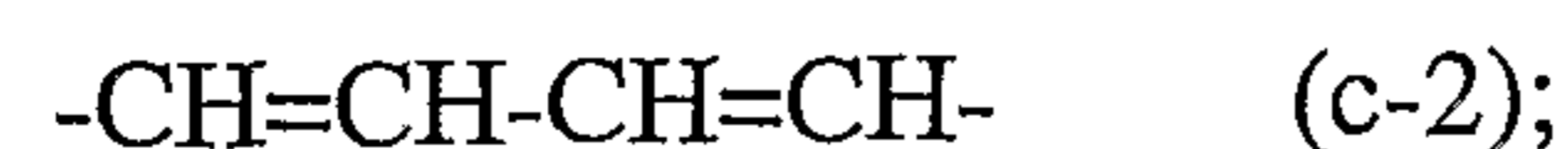
10 R², R³ and R¹⁶ each independently are hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, C₁₋₆alkyl,
 C₁₋₆alkyloxy, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy,
 aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy, Ar¹,
 Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar²oxy, Ar²C₁₋₆alkyloxy, hydroxycarbonyl,
 C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy, C₂₋₆alkenyl, 4,4-
 15 dimethyloxazolyl; or
 when on adjacent positions R² and R³ taken together may form a bivalent radical
 of formula



R⁴ and R⁵ each independently are hydrogen, halo, Ar¹, C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl,
 25 C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkylthio, amino, hydroxycarbonyl,
 C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkylS(O)C₁₋₆alkyl or C₁₋₆alkylS(O)₂C₁₋₆alkyl;

R⁶ and R⁷ each independently are hydrogen, halo, cyano, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy,
 Ar²oxy, trihalomethyl, C₁₋₆alkylthio, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, or

30 when on adjacent positions R⁶ and R⁷ taken together may form a bivalent radical
 of formula



R⁸ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, cyano, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl,
 C₁₋₆alkylcarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, cyanoC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl,
 35 carboxyC₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, mono- or
 di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, imidazolyl, haloC₁₋₆alkyl,
 C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, aminocarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, or a radical of formula

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-O-R¹⁰ (b-1),-S-R¹⁰ (b-2),-N-R¹¹R¹² (b-3),

wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, Ar¹, Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl,
 5 C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, or a radical or formula -Alk²-OR¹³
 or -Alk²-NR¹⁴R¹⁵;

R¹¹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₁₂alkyl, Ar¹ or Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl;

R¹² is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₁₆alkylcarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl,
 C₁₋₆alkylaminocarbonyl, Ar¹, Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl-
 10 C₁₋₆alkyl, a natural amino acid, Ar¹carbonyl, Ar²C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl,
 aminocarbonylcarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, hydroxy,
 C₁₋₆alkyloxy, aminocarbonyl,
 di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, amino, C₁₋₆alkylamino,
 C₁₋₆alkylcarbonylamino,

15 or a radical or formula -Alk²-OR¹³ or -Alk²-NR¹⁴R¹⁵;

wherein Alk² is C₁₋₆alkanediyl;

R¹³ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, hydroxy-
 C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar¹ or Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl;

R¹⁴ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar¹ or Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl;

20 R¹⁵ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, Ar¹ or
 Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl;

R¹⁷ is hydrogen, halo, cyano, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, Ar¹;

R¹⁸ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or halo;

R¹⁹ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl;

25 Ar¹ is phenyl or phenyl substituted with C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxy, amino, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or
 halo; and

Ar² is phenyl or phenyl substituted with C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxy, amino, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or
 halo.

30 In Formulas (I), (II) and (III), R⁴ or R⁵ may also be bound to one of the nitrogen atoms
 in the imidazole ring. In that case the hydrogen on the nitrogen is replaced by R⁴ or R⁵
 and the meaning of R⁴ and R⁵ when bound to the nitrogen is limited to hydrogen, Ar¹,
 C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl,
 C₁₋₆alkylS(O)C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylS(O)₂C₁₋₆alkyl.

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Preferably the substituent R^{18} is situated on the 5 or 7 position of the quinolinone moiety and substituent R^{19} is situated on the 8 position when R^{18} is on the 7-position.

Interesting compounds are these compounds of formula (I) wherein X is oxygen.

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Also interesting compounds are these compounds of formula (I) wherein the dotted line represents a bond, so as to form a double bond.

Another group of interesting compounds are those compounds of formula (I) wherein
10 R^1 is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, or a radical of formula -Alk¹-C(=O)-R⁹, wherein Alk¹ is methylene and R⁹ is C₁₋₈alkyl-amino substituted with C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl.

Still another group of interesting compounds are those compounds of formula (I)
15 wherein R^3 is hydrogen or halo; and R^2 is halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₂₋₆alkenyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, trihalomethoxy or hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy.

A further group of interesting compounds are those compounds of formula (I) wherein
20 R^2 and R^3 are on adjacent positions and taken together to form a bivalent radical of formula (a-1), (a-2) or (a-3).

A still further group of interesting compounds are those compounds of formula (I) wherein R^5 is hydrogen and R^4 is hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl.

25 Yet another group of interesting compounds are those compounds of formula (I) wherein R^7 is hydrogen; and R^6 is C₁₋₆alkyl or halo, preferably chloro, especially 4-chloro.

A particular group of compounds are those compounds of formula (I) wherein R^8 is
30 hydrogen, hydroxy, haloC₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, cyanoC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy-carbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, imidazolyl, or a radical of formula -NR¹¹R¹² wherein R^{11} is hydrogen or C₁₋₁₂alkyl and R^{12} is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, or a radical of formula -Alk²-OR¹³ wherein R^{13} is hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl.

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Preferred compounds are those compounds wherein R^1 is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, or a radical of formula

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-Alk¹-C(=O)-R⁹, wherein Alk¹ is methylene and R⁹ is C₁₋₈alkylamino substituted with C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl; R² is halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₂₋₆alkenyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, trihalomethoxy, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy or Ar¹; R³ is hydrogen; R⁴ is methyl bound to the nitrogen in 3-position of the imidazole; R⁵ is hydrogen; R⁶ is chloro; R⁷ is hydrogen; R⁸ is hydrogen, hydroxy, haloC₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, cyanoC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, imidazolyl, or a radical of formula -NR¹¹R¹² wherein R¹¹ is hydrogen or C₁₋₁₂alkyl and R¹² is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, or a radical of formula -Alk²-OR¹³ wherein R¹³ is C₁₋₆alkyl; R¹⁷ is hydrogen and R¹⁸ is hydrogen.

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Most preferred compounds are

- 4-(3-chlorophenyl)-6-[(4-chlorophenyl)hydroxy(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)methyl]-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-quinolinone,
 6-[amino(4-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-ylmethyl]-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-
 15 1-methyl-2(1*H*)-quinolinone;
 6-[(4-chlorophenyl)hydroxy(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)methyl]-4-(3-ethoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-quinolinone;
 6-[(4-chlorophenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)methyl]-4-(3-ethoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-quinolinone monohydrochloride.monohydrate;
 20 6-[amino(4-chlorophenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)methyl]-4-(3-ethoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-quinolinone,
 6-amino(4-chlorophenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)methyl]-1-methyl-4-(3-propylphenyl)-2(1*H*)-quinolinone; a stereoisomeric form thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base addition salt; and
 25 (+)-6-[amino(4-chlorophenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)methyl]-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-quinolinone (Compound 75 in Table 1 of the Experimental part of WO-97/21701) ; or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof. The latter compound is especially preferred.

30 Further preferred embodiments of the present invention include compounds of formula (IX) wherein one or more of the following restrictions apply:

- =X¹-X²-X³ is a trivalent radical of formula (x-1), (x-2), (x-3), (x-4) or (x-9) wherein each R⁶ independently is hydrogen, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyl, amino or aryl and R⁷ is hydrogen;
- 35 • >Y¹-Y²- is a trivalent radical of formula (y-1), (y-2), (y-3), or (y-4) wherein each R⁹ independently is hydrogen, halo, carboxyl, C₁₋₄alkyl or C₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyl;
- r is 0, 1 or 2;

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- s is 0 or 1;
- t is 0;
- R¹ is halo, C₁₋₆alkyl or two R¹ substituents ortho to one another on the phenyl ring may independently form together a bivalent radical of formula (a-1);
- 5 • R² is halo;
- R³ is halo or a radical of formula (b-1) or (b-3) wherein
R¹⁰ is hydrogen or a radical of formula -Alk-OR¹³.
R¹¹ is hydrogen;
- R¹² is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or mono- or
10 di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl;
Alk is C₁₋₆alkanediyl and R¹³ is hydrogen;
- R⁴ is a radical of formula (c-1) or (c-2) wherein
R¹⁶ is hydrogen, halo or mono- or di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino;
R¹⁷ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl;
- 15 • aryl is phenyl.

A particular group of compounds consists of those compounds of formula (IX) wherein =X¹-X²-X³ is a trivalent radical of formula (x-1), (x-2), (x-3), (x-4) or (x-9), >Y1-Y2 is a trivalent radical of formula (y-2), (y-3) or (y-4), r is 0 or 1, s is 1, t is 0, R¹ is halo,
20 C₍₁₋₄₎alkyl or forms a bivalent radical of formula (a-1), R² is halo or C₁₋₄alkyl, R³ is hydrogen or a radical of formula (b-1) or (b-3), R⁴ is a radical of formula (c-1) or (c-2), R⁶ is hydrogen, C₁₋₄alkyl or phenyl, R⁷ is hydrogen, R⁹ is hydrogen or C₁₋₄alkyl, R¹⁰ is hydrogen or -Alk-OR¹³, R¹¹ is hydrogen and R¹² is hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl and R¹³ is hydrogen;

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Preferred compounds are those compounds of formula (IX) wherein =X¹-X²-X³ is a trivalent radical of formula (x-1) or (x-4), >Y1-Y2 is a trivalent radical of formula (y-4), r is 0 or 1, s is 1, t is 0, R¹ is halo, preferably chloro and most preferably 3-chloro, R² is halo, preferably 4-chloro or 4-fluoro, R³ is hydrogen or a radical of formula (b-1) or (b-3), R⁴ is a radical of formula (c-1) or (c-2), R⁶ is hydrogen, R⁷ is hydrogen, R⁹ is hydrogen, R¹⁰ is hydrogen, R¹¹ is hydrogen and R¹² is hydrogen;

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Other preferred compounds are those compounds of formula (IX) wherein =X¹-X²-X³ is a trivalent radical of formula (x-2), (x-3) or (x-4), >Y1-Y2 is a trivalent radical of formula (y-2), (y-3) or (y-4), r and s are 1, t is 0, R¹ is halo, preferably chloro, and most preferably 3-chloro or R¹ is C₁₋₄alkyl, preferably 3-methyl, R² is halo, preferably chloro, and most preferably 4-chloro, R³ is a radical of formula (b-1) or (b-3), R⁴ is a

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radical of formula (c-2), R⁶ is C₁₋₄alkyl, R⁹ is hydrogen, R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are hydrogen and R¹² is hydrogen or hydroxy.

The most preferred compounds of formula (IX) are

- 5 7-[(4-fluorophenyl)(1*H*-imidazol-1-yl)methyl]-5-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline;
 α -(4-chlorophenyl)- α -(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)-5-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline-7-methanol;
 5-(3-chlorophenyl)- α -(4-chlorophenyl)- α -(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)-imidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline-7-methanol;
 10 5-(3-chlorophenyl)- α -(4-chlorophenyl)- α -(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]quinoline-7-methanamine;
 5-(3-chlorophenyl)- α -(4-chlorophenyl)- α -(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)tetrazolo[1,5-*a*]quinoline-7-methanamine;
 5-(3-chlorophenyl)- α -(4-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl- α -(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)-1,2,4-
 15 triazolo[4,3-*a*]quinoline-7-methanol;
 5-(3-chlorophenyl)- α -(4-chlorophenyl)- α -(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)tetrazolo[1,5-*a*]quinoline-7-methanamine;
 5-(3-chlorophenyl)- α -(4-chlorophenyl)- α -(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)tetrazolo[1,5-*a*]quinazoline-7-methanol;
 20 5-(3-chlorophenyl)- α -(4-chlorophenyl)-4,5-dihydro- α -(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)tetrazolo[1,5-*a*]quinazoline-7-methanol;
 5-(3-chlorophenyl)- α -(4-chlorophenyl)- α -(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)tetrazolo[1,5-*a*]quinazoline-7-methanamine;
 5-(3-chlorophenyl)- α -(4-chlorophenyl)-*N*-hydroxy- α -(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-
 25 yl)tetrahydro[1,5-*a*]quinoline-7-methanamine;
 α -(4-chlorophenyl)- α -(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)-5-(3-methylphenyl)tetrazolo[1,5-*a*]quinoline-7-methanamine; the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof.
- 30 5-(3-chlorophenyl)- α -(4-chlorophenyl)- α -(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)tetrazolo[1,5-*a*]quinazoline-7-methanamine, especially the (-) enantiomer, and its pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts are especially preferred.

35 As used in the foregoing definitions and hereinafter halo defines fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo; C₁₋₆alkyl defines straight and branched chained saturated hydrocarbon radicals having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms such as, for example, methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl, hexyl and the like; C₁₋₈alkyl encompasses the straight and branched

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chained saturated hydrocarbon radicals as defined in C₁₋₆alkyl as well as the higher homologues thereof containing 7 or 8 carbon atoms such as, for example heptyl or octyl; C₁₋₁₂alkyl again encompasses C₁₋₈alkyl and the higher homologues thereof containing 9 to 12 carbon atoms, such as, for example, nonyl, decyl, undecyl, dodecyl; C₁₋₁₆alkyl again encompasses C₁₋₁₂alkyl and the higher homologues thereof containing 13 to 16 carbon atoms, such as, for example, tridecyl, tetradecyl, pentadecyl and hexadecyl; C₂₋₆alkenyl defines straight and branched chain hydrocarbon radicals containing one double bond and having from 2 to 6 carbon atoms such as, for example, ethenyl, 2-propenyl, 3-butenyl, 2-pentenyl, 3-pentenyl, 3-methyl-2-butenyl, and the like; C₁₋₆alkanediyl defines bivalent straight and branched chained saturated hydrocarbon radicals having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, such as, for example, methylene, 1,2-ethanediyl, 1,3-propanediyl, 1,4-butanediyl, 1,5-pentanediyl, 1,6-hexanediyl and the branched isomers thereof. The term "C(=O)" refers to a carbonyl group, "S(O)" refers to a sulfoxide and "S(O)₂" to a sulfon. The term "natural amino acid" refers to a natural amino acid that is bound via a covalent amide linkage formed by loss of a molecule of water between the carboxyl group of the amino acid and the amino group of the remainder of the molecule. Examples of natural amino acids are glycine, alanine, valine, leucine, isoleucine, methionine, proline, phenylalanine, tryptophan, serine, threonine, cysteine, tyrosine, asparagine, glutamine, aspartic acid, glutamic acid, lysine, arginine, histidine.

The pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base addition salts as mentioned hereinabove are meant to comprise the therapeutically active non-toxic acid and non-toxic base addition salt forms which the compounds of formulas (I), (II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI), (VII), (VIII) or (IX) are able to form. The compounds of formulas (I), (II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI), (VII), (VIII) or (IX) which have basic properties can be converted in their pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts by treating said base form with an appropriate acid. Appropriate acids comprise, for example, inorganic acids such as hydrohalic acids, e.g. hydrochloric or hydrobromic acid; sulfuric; nitric; phosphoric and the like acids; or organic acids such as, for example, acetic, propanoic; hydroxyacetic, lactic, pyruvic, oxalic, malonic, succinic (*i.e.* butanedioic acid), maleic, fumaric, malic, tartaric, citric, methanesulfonic, ethanesulfonic, benzenesulfonic, *p*-toluenesulfonic, cyclamic, salicylic, *p*-aminosalicylic, pamoic and the like acids.

The compounds of formulae (I), (II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI), (VII), (VIII) or (IX) which have acidic properties may be converted in their pharmaceutically acceptable base addition salts by treating said acid form with a suitable organic or inorganic base.

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Appropriate base salt forms comprise, for example, the ammonium salts, the alkali and earth alkaline metal salts, e.g. the lithium, sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium salts and the like, salts with organic bases, e.g. the benzathine, *N*-methyl-D-glucamine, hydrabamine salts, and salts with amino acids such as, for example, arginine, lysine and
5 the like.

The terms acid or base addition salt also comprise the hydrates and the solvent addition forms which the compounds of formulae (I), (II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI), (VII), (VIII) or (IX) are able to form. Examples of such forms are e.g. hydrates, alcoholates and the
10 like.

The term stereochemically isomeric forms of compounds of formulae (I), (II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI), (VII), (VIII) or (IX), as used hereinbefore, defines all possible compounds made up of the same atoms bonded by the same sequence of bonds but
15 having different three-dimensional structures which are not interchangeable, which the compounds of formulae (I), (II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI), (VII), (VIII) or (IX) may possess. Unless otherwise mentioned or indicated, the chemical designation of a compound encompasses the mixture of all possible stereochemically isomeric forms which said compound may possess. Said mixture may contain all
20 diastereomers and/or enantiomers of the basic molecular structure of said compound. All stereochemically isomeric forms of the compounds of formulae (I), (II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI), (VII), (VIII) or (IX) both in pure form or in admixture with each other are intended to be embraced within the scope of the present invention.

25 Some of the compounds of formulae (I), (II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI), (VII), (VIII) or (IX) may also exist in their tautomeric forms. Such forms although not explicitly indicated in the above formula are intended to be included within the scope of the present invention.

30 Whenever used hereinafter, the term "compounds of formulae(I), (II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI), (VII), (VIII) or (IX)" is meant to include also the pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base addition salts and all stereoisomeric forms.

Other farnesyl protein transferase inhibitors which can be employed in accordance with
35 the present include Arglabin, perrilyl alcohol, SCH-66336, 2(S)-[2(S)-[2(R)-amino-3-mercapto]propylamino-3(S)-methyl]-pentylloxy-3-phenylpropionyl-methionine sulfone (Merck); L778123, BMS 214662, Pfizer compounds A and B described above. These

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compounds can be prepared, for example, by methods described in the relevant patent specifications identified above which are incorporated herein by reference.

Suitable dosages for the compounds Arglabin (WO98/28303), perrilyl alcohol (WO
5 99/45712), SCH-66336 (US 5,874,442), L778123 (WO 00/01691), 2(S)-[2(S)-[2(R)-
amino-3-mercapto]propylamino-3(S)-methyl]-pentyloxy-3-phenylpropionyl-methionine
sulfone (WO94/10138), BMS 214662 (WO 97/30992), Pfizer compounds A and B
(WO 00/12499 and WO 00/12498) are given in the aforementioned patent specifications
which are incorporated herein by reference or are known to or can be readily determined
10 by a person skilled in the art.

In relation to perrilyl alcohol, the medicament may be administered 1-4g per day per
150lb human patient. Preferably, 1-2 g per day per 150lb human patient. SCH-66336
typically may be administered in a unit dose of about 0.1 mg to 100 mg, more preferably
15 from about 1 mg to 300 mg according to the particular application. Compounds
L778123 and 1-(3-chlorophenyl)-4-[1-(4-cyanobenzyl)-5-imidazolylmethyl]-2-
piperazinone may be administered to a human patient in an amount between about 0.1
mg/kg of body weight to about 20 mg/kg of body weight per day, preferably between
0.5 mg/kg of bodyweight to about 10 mg/kg of body weight per day.

20 Pfizer compounds A and B may be administered in dosages ranging from about 1.0 mg
up to about 500 mg per day, preferably from about 1 to about 100 mg per day in single
or divided (i.e. multiple) doses. Therapeutic compounds will ordinarily be administered
in daily dosages ranging from about 0.01 to about 10 mg per kg body weight per day, in
25 single or divided doses.

BMS 214662 may be administered in a dosage range of about 0.05 to 200 mg/kg/day,
preferably less than 100 mg/kg/day in a single dose or in 2 to 4 divided doses.

30 This invention is especially applicable to the treatment of tumors expressing an
activated ras oncogene. Examples of tumors which may be inhibited include, but are
not limited to, lung cancer (e.g. adenocarcinoma and including non-small cell lung
cancer), pancreatic cancers (e.g. pancreatic carcinoma such as, for example exocrine
pancreatic carcinoma), colon cancers (e.g. colorectal carcinomas, such as, for example,
35 colon adenocarcinoma and colon adenoma), hematopoietic tumors of lymphoid lineage
(e.g. acute lymphocytic leukemia, B-cell lymphoma, Burkitt's lymphoma), myeloid
leukemias (for example, acute myelogenous leukemia (AML)), thyroid follicular

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cancer, myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS), tumors of mesenchymal origin (e.g. fibrosarcomas and rhabdomyosarcomas), melanomas, teratocarcinomas, neuroblastomas, gliomas, benign tumor of the skin (e.g. keratoacanthomas), breast carcinoma (e.g. advanced breast cancer), kidney carcinoma, ovary carcinoma, bladder carcinoma and epidermal carcinoma.

Farnesyl protein transferase inhibitors can be prepared and formulated into pharmaceutical compositions by methods known in the art and in particular according to the methods described in the published patent specifications mentioned herein and incorporated by reference; for the compounds of formulae (I), (II) and (III) suitable examples can be found in WO-97/21701. Compounds of formulae (IV), (V), and (VI) can be prepared and formulated using methods described in WO 97/16443, compounds of formulae (VII) and (VIII) according to methods described in WO 98/40383 and WO 98/49157 and compounds of formula (IX) according to methods described in WO 00/39082 respectively. To prepare the aforementioned pharmaceutical compositions, a therapeutically effective amount of the particular compound, optionally in addition salt form, as the active ingredient is combined in intimate admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, which may take a wide variety of forms depending on the form of preparation desired for administration. These pharmaceutical compositions are desirably in unitary dosage form suitable, preferably, for systemic administration such as oral, percutaneous, or parenteral administration; or topical administration such as via inhalation, a nose spray, eye drops or via a cream, gel, shampoo or the like. For example, in preparing the compositions in oral dosage form, any of the usual pharmaceutical media may be employed, such as, for example, water, glycols, oils, alcohols and the like in the case of oral liquid preparations such as suspensions, syrups, elixirs and solutions; or solid carriers such as starches, sugars, kaolin, lubricants, binders, disintegrating agents and the like in the case of powders, pills, capsules and tablets. Because of their ease in administration, tablets and capsules represent the most advantageous oral dosage unit form, in which case solid pharmaceutical carriers are obviously employed. For parenteral compositions, the carrier will usually comprise sterile water, at least in large part, though other ingredients, for example, to aid solubility, may be included. Injectable solutions, for example, may be prepared in which the carrier comprises saline solution, glucose solution or a mixture of saline and glucose solution. Injectable solutions containing compounds of formula (I) may be formulated in an oil for prolonged action. Appropriate oils for this purpose are, for example, peanut oil, sesame oil, cottonseed oil, corn oil, soy bean oil, synthetic glycerol esters of long chain fatty acids and

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mixtures of these and other oils. Injectable suspensions may also be prepared in which case appropriate liquid carriers, suspending agents and the like may be employed. In the compositions suitable for percutaneous administration, the carrier optionally comprises a penetration enhancing agent and/or a suitable wettable agent, optionally
5 combined with suitable additives of any nature in minor proportions, which additives do not cause any significant deleterious effects on the skin. Said additives may facilitate the administration to the skin and/or may be helpful for preparing the desired compositions. These compositions may be administered in various ways, e.g., as a transdermal patch, as a spot-on or as an ointment. As appropriate compositions for
10 topical application there may be cited all compositions usually employed for topically administering drugs e.g. creams, gellies, dressings, shampoos, tinctures, pastes, ointments, salves, powders and the like. Application of said compositions may be by aerosol, e.g. with a propellant such as nitrogen, carbon dioxide, a freon, or without a propellant such as a pump spray, drops, lotions, or a semisolid such as a thickened
15 composition which can be applied by a swab. In particular, semisolid compositions such as salves, creams, gellies, ointments and the like will conveniently be used.

It is especially advantageous to formulate the aforementioned pharmaceutical compositions in dosage unit form for ease of administration and uniformity of dosage.
20 Dosage unit form as used in the specification and claims herein refers to physically discrete units suitable as unitary dosages, each unit containing a predetermined quantity of active ingredient calculated to produce the desired therapeutic effect in association with the required pharmaceutical carrier. Examples of such dosage unit forms are tablets (including scored or coated tablets), capsules, pills, powder packets, wafers,
25 injectable solutions or suspensions, teaspoonfuls, tablespoonfuls and the like, and segregated multiples thereof.

The above farnesyl transferase inhibitor may be used in combination with one or more other anti-cancer agents such as platinum coordination compounds for example
30 cisplatin or carboplatin, taxane compounds for example paclitaxel or docetaxel, camptothecin compounds for example irinotecan or topotecan, anti-tumor vinca alkaloids for example vinblastine, vincristine or vinorelbine, anti-tumor nucleoside derivatives for example 5-fluorouracil, gemcitabine or capecitabine, nitrogen mustard or nitrosourea alkylating agents for example cyclophosphamide, chlorambucil,
35 carmustine or lomustine, anti-tumor anthracycline derivatives for example daunorubicin, doxorubicin, idarubicin or epirubicin; HER2 antibodies for example trastuzumab; anti-tumor podophyllotoxin derivatives for example etoposide or

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teniposide; and antiestrogen agents including estrogen receptor antagonists or selective estrogen receptor modulators preferably tamoxifen, or alternatively toremifene, droloxifene, faslodex and raloxifene, or aromatase inhibitors such as exemestane, anastrozole, letrozole and vorozole.

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The farnesyl transferase inhibitor and the further anti-cancer agent may be administered simultaneously (e.g. in separate or unitary compositions) or sequentially in either order. In the latter case, the two compounds will be administered within a period and in an amount and manner that is sufficient to ensure that an advantageous or synergistic effect is achieved. It will be appreciated that the preferred method and order of administration and the respective dosage amounts and regimes for each component of the combination will depend on the particular farnesyl transferase inhibitor and further anti-cancer agents being administered, their route of administration, the particular tumor being treated and the particular host being treated. The optimum method and order of administration and the dosage amounts and regime can be readily determined by those skilled in the art using conventional methods and in view of the information set out herein.

20 The FPT inhibitor for use in accordance with the present invention may be prepared in a conventional manner, for example, by the processes described in the above patent specifications

The following examples describe the invention in greater detail and are intended to illustrate but not to limit the invention.

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EXAMPLE 1

MATERIALS AND METHODS

30 Cell Culture: CAPAN-2 human pancreatic carcinoma cells were purchased from the American Type Culture Collection (Rockville, MD). Cells were maintained in McCoy's 5A Medium supplemented with 10% fetal calf serum and penicillin-streptomycin. NIH 3T3 cells transfected with the activated T24 H-ras oncogene (T24 cells) were obtained from, Janssen Research Foundation (For methods see Parada, L.F., Tabin, C.J., Shih, C., and Weinberg, R. Human EJ bladder carcinoma oncogene is homologue of Harvey sarcoma virus *ras* gene. Nature 297: 474-478,

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1982.; Santos, E., Tronick, S.R., Aaronson, S.A., Pulciani, S., and Barbacid, M. T24 human bladder carcinoma oncogene is an activated form of the normal human homologue of BALB-and Harvey-MSV transforming genes. Nature 298: 343-347, 1982.) T24 cells were maintained as monolayer cultures in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium (DMEM) supplemented with 10% Nu-serum Type IV (Collaborative Biomedical Products, Bedford, MA and 40 µg/ml G418 (Geneticin®, GIBCO-BRL, Gaithersburg, MD).

Animals: Female nu/nu immunodeficient nude mice (42 days old) were purchased from Charles River Laboratories (Wilmington, MA). Mice were housed five per cage in microisolator cages placed in laminar flow shelving to maintain sterility. All bedding, food, water and cages were autoclaved. Animals were handled within the sterile confines of a laminar flow cabinet. The mice were otherwise maintained under standard vivarium conditions. Tumor studies were conducted under a protocol approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

Tumor Studies In Nude Mice: Cells growing as monolayers in T150 tissue culture flasks were detached by trypsinization with 10 ml of 0.05 % trypsin plus 0.53 mM EDTA per flask. Tumor cell suspensions were pooled and trypsin was inactivated by the addition of serum containing medium (10 ml per 40 ml of trypsin cell suspension). Cells were collected by centrifugation and resuspended in Hank's Balanced Salt Solution (HBSS) warmed to 37 °C. A 1.0 ml portion of cell suspension was added to 20 ml of diluent and counted on a Coulter particle counter. The cell suspensions were recentrifuged and resuspended at a concentration of 1×10^6 cell per 0.10 ml of HBSS. Mice were inoculated with a single subcutaneous injection of 0.10 ml of tumor cell suspension in the inguinal region. Mice were housed five per cage with 15 mice assigned to each treatment group. Body weight and tumor size as determined by caliper measurements were measured weekly. The caliper measurements of length and width were multiplied to obtain tumor areas. At the end of study, mice were sacrificed by CO₂ asphyxiation.

Three days after tumor inoculation, the five day treatment with (R)-6-[amino(4-chlorophenyl)(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-5yl)methyl]-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2(1H)-quinolinone (compound 1) was initiated. Compound 1 was administered once daily by oral gavage in a 20% beta-cyclodextrin vehicle as a volume of 0.10 ml of solution per 10 gm body weight. Control groups received the same dosage volume of the 20% beta-cyclodextrin vehicle.

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Compounds. Compound 1 was prepared for oral administration by dissolving the compound first as a 2X concentrated stock in 40% hydroxypropyl beta cyclodextrin (lot no. 051-071/1) in 0.1 N HCl. Compound 1 was dissolved by stirring vigorously
5 approximately 30 minutes followed by sonication for 10 min. The compound 1 solutions were brought to a final concentration by diluting 1:1 with 0.1 N HCl. The final drug solutions were sterile filtered immediately and transferred to sterile tubes. Solutions were stored refrigerated and protected from light during the course of the study and sterility was maintained by opening solutions under sterile laminar flow
10 conditions.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Presented in figure 1 are the results of studying intermittent dosing of compound 1.
15 Compound 1 was administered once daily for five days every three weeks to nude mice bearing the T24 H-ras tumors. Vehicle treated animals presented with aggressively growing tumors 14 days after inoculation. This group was sacrificed on day 17 since their tumors exceeded the ethical guideline of a tumor burden no greater than 10% animal body weight. Mice treated with 200 mg/kg compound 1 for five days (days 3 –
20 8 after tumor inoculation) presented with small tumors on day 17. Left untreated, the tumors returned to the rapid control growth rates by day 24. Animals were sacrificed on day 28 again according to ethical guidelines. A separate group of 15 mice received an additional 5-day treatment with 200 mg/kg compound 1. Tumor growth was again arrested but not as dramatically as in the initial treatment.

25 An identical dosing schedule was investigated in CAPAN-2 human pancreatic tumors in nude mice. Administration of compound 1 for five days at a dose of 200 mg/kg significantly reduced the growth of CAPAN-2 tumors out to day 24 (figure 2). Thereafter, tumors receiving no further treatment returned to the growth rate observed
30 for vehicle treated controls. Again, a separate group of 15 animals received an additional five-day treatment with compound 1 on days 21 to 25. Only, a transient growth arrest, which was significant on day 28 of study, was produced. Although the response of the CAPAN-2 tumors was not as dramatic as the T24 tumors, the present results are remarkable when compared to previous studies. In our original evaluation
35 of CAPAN-2 tumors with compound 1 administered twice daily on a continuous schedule for 18 days, doses of 50 mg/kg (100 mg/kg total daily dose) and 100 mg/kg (200 mg/kg) daily dose produced significant reductions of tumor growth. The five-day

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dosing schedule was a marked reduction in drug exposure from this previous study. Yet, an antitumor effect was still maintained.

5 The dose dependency of the abbreviated five-day dosing schedule was explored in T24 tumors at compound 1 doses of 50, 100 and 200 mg/kg. The duration of response was dose-related with the 200 mg dose again producing sustained effects out to day 17 of study (figure 3). The tumor suppressive effects of the lower doses waned by day 14. Significant, dose-related reductions of tumor growth measured as final tumor area (figure 4) and final tumor weights (figure 5) were still observed on day 17 of study for
10 all compound 1 treatment groups. The highest tested dose of 200 mg/kg was substantially more effective than the lower doses with a 90% reduction of final tumor weights observed.

15 Finally, to address the minimum duration of FPT inhibitor exposure required to elicit an antitumor effect, animals were treated with a single administration of compound 1. As shown in figure 6, a single 200 mg/kg or 400 mg/kg dose of compound 1 given three days after tumor inoculation produced a sustained inhibition of tumor growth lasting out to 15 days.

20 The present studies demonstrate that abbreviated five-day exposures to compound 1 can produce antitumor effects which persist for an additional two weeks or greater beyond the treatment.

25 Figure 1. Inhibition of the growth of T24 H-ras transformed NIH3T3 cell tumors by compound 1 administered as five-day intermittent treatments. Nude mice were inoculated with 1×10^6 T24 cells subcutaneously on day 0. After three days, oral dosing with beta-cyclodextrin vehicle (100 μ l per 10 gm body weight) or compound 1 (200 mg/kg) was initiated. One treatment group was treated for an additional five days starting on day 21. Tumor size is expressed as tumor area (length x width). Values are means (\pm SEM) for N = 14-15 animals per treatment group. For figure clarity, values
30 significantly ($p < 0.05$ by ANOVA) different from the vehicle treatment group are indicated (*) for day 21 only. Significant effects for the second treatment cycle with compound 1 are indicated for day 28 (**).

35 Figure 2. Inhibition of tumor growth in CAPAN-2 human pancreatic tumors produced by intermittent five day treatments with compound 1 (200 mg/kg, p.o.) Nude mice were inoculated with 1×10^6 CAPAN-2 cells subcutaneously. After three days, oral dosing

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with beta-cyclodextrin vehicle (100 μ l per 10 gm body weight) or compound 1 (200 mg/kg) was initiated. One treatment group was treated for an additional five days starting on day 21. Tumor size is expressed as tumor area (length x width). Values are means (\pm SEM) for N = 14-15 animals per treatment group. For figure clarity, values significantly ($p < 0.05$ by ANOVA) different from the vehicle treatment group are indicated (*) for day 24. Significant effects for the second treatment cycle with compound 1 are indicated for day 28 (**).

Figure 3 . Time course for inhibition of the growth of T24 H-ras transformed NIH3T3 cell tumors by compound 1 administered as a single five-day treatment. Nude mice were inoculated with 1×10^6 T24 cells subcutaneously on day 0. After three days, daily oral dosing with beta-cyclodextrin vehicle (100 μ l per 10 gm body weight) or the indicated doses of compound 1 was initiated by oral gavage. Tumor size is expressed as tumor area (length x width). Values are means for N = 14-15 animals per treatment group. Statistical analyses for tumor measurements collected at termination of study at day 17 are presented in figures 4 and 5.

Figure 4. Inhibition of the growth of T24 H-ras transformed NIH3T3 cell tumors by compound 1 administered as a single five-day treatment. Nude mice were inoculated with 1×10^6 T24 cells subcutaneously on day 0. After three days, oral dosing with beta-cyclodextrin vehicle (100 μ l per 10 gm body weight) or the indicated doses of compound 1 was initiated by oral gavage. Tumor size is expressed as tumor area (length x width). Values are means (\pm SEM) for N = 14-15 animals per treatment group. Values with the same letter are not significantly different ($p < 0.05$ by ANOVA). The per cent reduction in tumor size is presented over each histogram bar.

Figure 5. Inhibition of the growth of T24 H-ras transformed NIH3T3 cell tumors by compound 1 administered as a single five-day treatment. Nude mice were inoculated with 1×10^6 T24 cells subcutaneously on day 0. After three days, oral dosing with beta-cyclodextrin vehicle (100 μ l per 10 gm body weight) or the indicated doses of compound 1 was initiated by oral gavage. Tumor size is expressed as post mortem tumor weight (g). Values are means (\pm SEM) for N = 14-15 animals per treatment group. Values with the same letter are not significantly different ($p < 0.05$ by ANOVA). The per cent reduction in tumor weight is indicated over each histogram bar.

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Figure 6. Time course for inhibition of the growth of T24 H-ras transformed NIH3T3 cell tumors by compound 1 administered as a single -treatment. Nude mice were inoculated with 1×10^6 T24 cells subcutaneously on day 0. After three days, daily oral dosing with beta-cyclodextrin vehicle (100 μ l per 10 gm body weight) or the indicated
5 doses of compound 1 was initiated by oral gavage. Tumor size is expressed as tumor area (length x width). Values are means for N = 14-15 animals per treatment group.

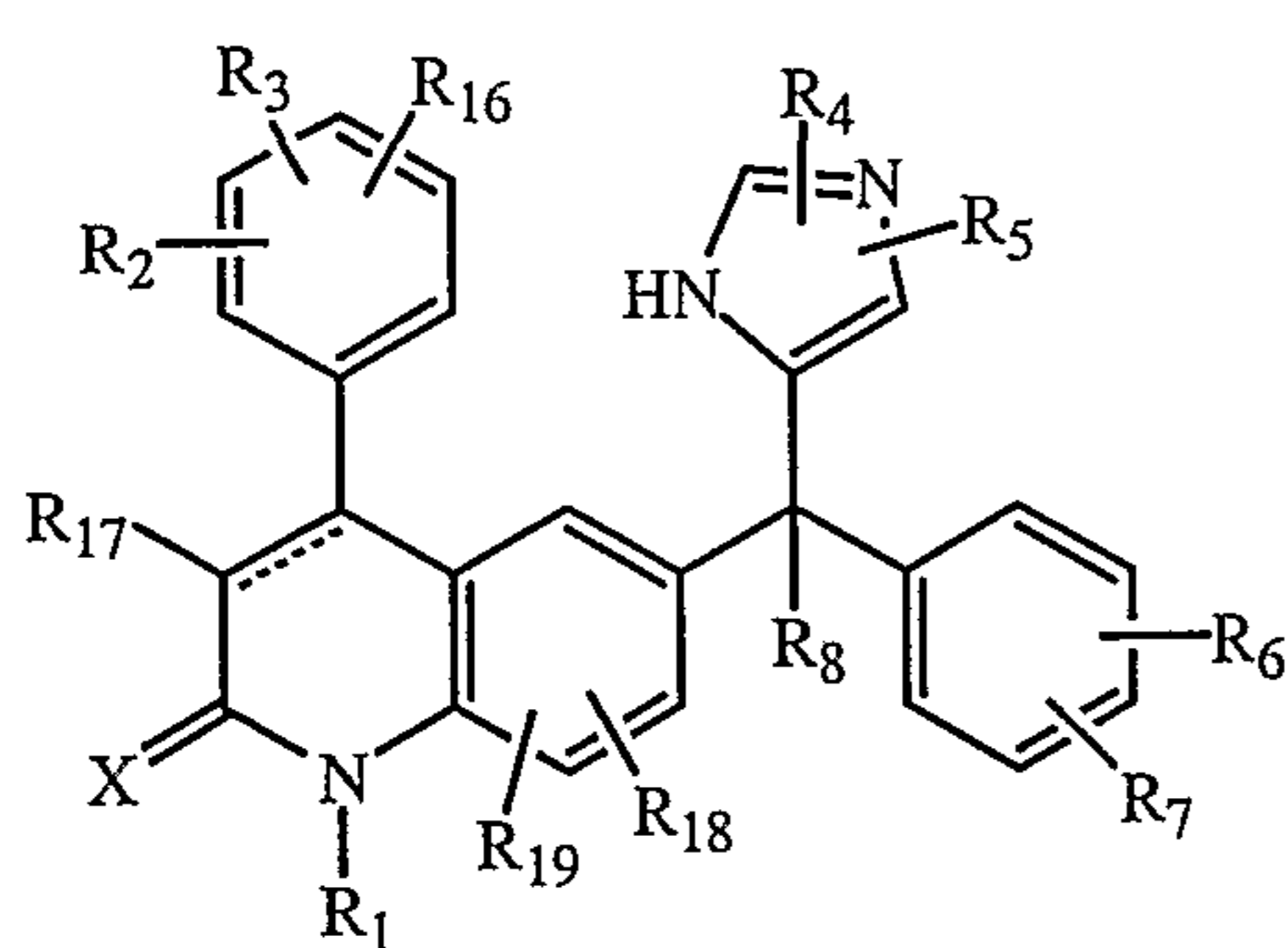
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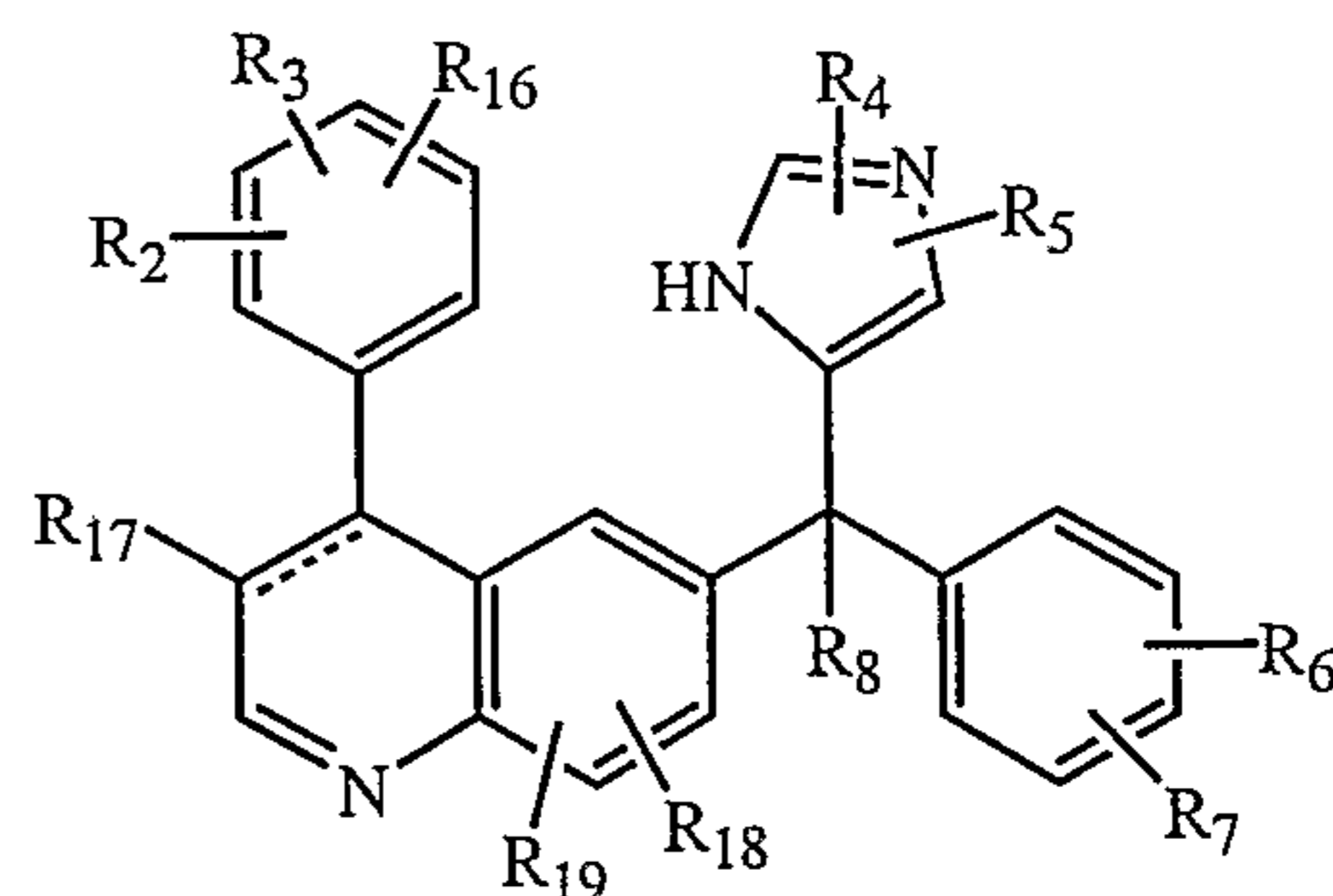
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for the treatment of cancer in mammals which comprises administering a farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor once daily over a period of one to
5 five days.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is administered at a dose of 50-1200mg/kg body weight.
- 10 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is administered at a dose of 50-400mg/kg body weight.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein the farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is administered at a dose of 50-200mg/kg body weight.
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5. The method of claim 1 wherein the farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is administered for one day.
6. The method of claim 1 wherein the farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is
20 administered for five days.
7. The method of claim 1 wherein the farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is selected from compounds of formulae (I), (II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI), (VII), (VIII) and (IX) below:

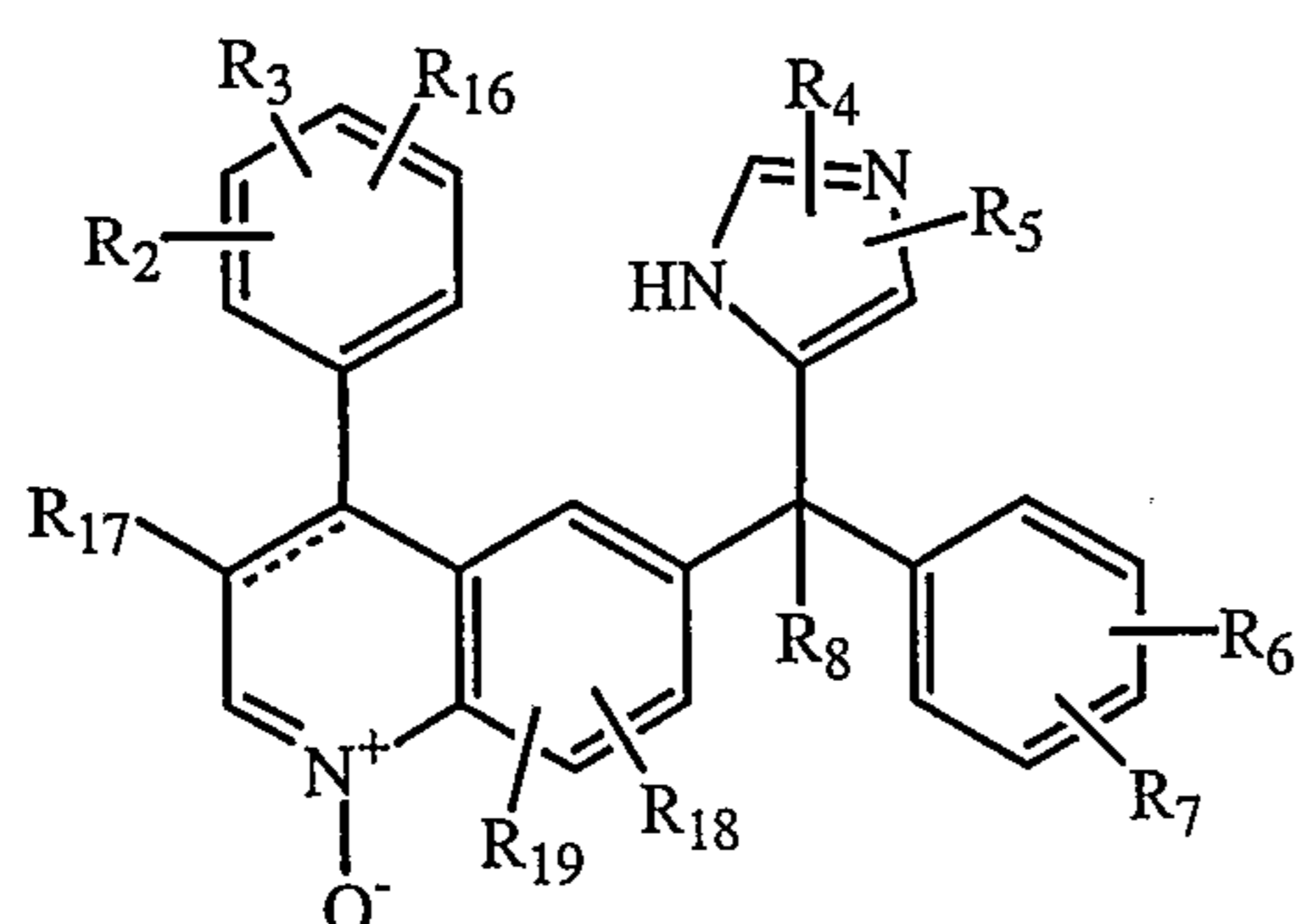
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(III)

a stereoisomeric form thereof, a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base addition salt thereof, wherein

the dotted line represents an optional bond;

5 X is oxygen or sulfur;

R¹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₁₂alkyl, Ar¹, Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl, quinolinylC₁₋₆alkyl, pyridyl-C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, or a radical of formula -Alk¹-C(=O)-R⁹, -Alk¹-S(O)-R⁹ or -Alk¹-S(O)₂-R⁹,
 10 wherein Alk¹ is C₁₋₆alkanediyl,

R⁹ is hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, amino, C₁₋₈alkylamino or C₁₋₈alkylamino substituted with C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl;

R², R³ and R¹⁶ each independently are hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy, aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy, Ar¹,
 15 Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar²oxy, Ar²C₁₋₆alkyloxy, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy, C₂₋₆alkenyl, 4,4-dimethyloxazolyl; or

when on adjacent positions R² and R³ taken together may form a bivalent radical of formula

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-O-CH₂-CH₂-O- (a-2),

-O-CH=CH- (a-3),

-O-CH₂-CH₂- (a-4),-O-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂- (a-5), or

5 -CH=CH-CH=CH- (a-6);

R⁴ and R⁵ each independently are hydrogen, halo, Ar¹, C₁-6alkyl, hydroxy-C₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkyloxyC₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkyloxy, C₁-6alkylthio, amino, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-6alkyloxycarbonyl, C₁-6alkylS(O)C₁-6alkyl or C₁-6alkylS(O)₂C₁-6alkyl;

10 R⁶ and R⁷ each independently are hydrogen, halo, cyano, C₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkyloxy, Ar²oxy, trihalomethyl, C₁-6alkylthio, di(C₁-6alkyl)amino, or

when on adjacent positions R⁶ and R⁷ taken together may form a bivalent radical of formula

-O-CH₂-O- (c-1), or

15 -CH=CH-CH=CH- (c-2);

R⁸ is hydrogen, C₁-6alkyl, cyano, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-6alkyloxycarbonyl, C₁-6alkylcarbonylC₁-6alkyl, cyanoC₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkyloxycarbonylC₁-6alkyl, carboxyC₁-6alkyl, hydroxyC₁-6alkyl, aminoC₁-6alkyl, mono- or di(C₁-6alkyl)aminoC₁-6alkyl, imidazolyl, haloC₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkyloxyC₁-6alkyl, aminocarbonylC₁-6alkyl, or a radical of formula

-O-R¹⁰ (b-1),-S-R¹⁰ (b-2),-N-R¹¹R¹² (b-3),

25 wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkylcarbonyl, Ar¹, Ar²C₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkyloxycarbonylC₁-6alkyl, a radical or formula

-Alk²-OR¹³ or -Alk²-NR¹⁴R¹⁵;R¹¹ is hydrogen, C₁-12alkyl, Ar¹ or Ar²C₁-6alkyl;

30 R¹² is hydrogen, C₁-6alkyl, C₁-16alkylcarbonyl, C₁-6alkyloxy-carbonyl, C₁-6alkylaminocarbonyl, Ar¹, Ar²C₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkylcarbonylC₁-6alkyl, a natural amino acid, Ar¹carbonyl, Ar²C₁-6alkylcarbonyl, aminocarbonylcarbonyl, C₁-6alkyloxy-C₁-6alkylcarbonyl, hydroxy, C₁-6alkyloxy, aminocarbonyl, di(C₁-6alkyl)aminoC₁-6alkylcarbonyl, amino, C₁-6alkylamino, C₁-6alkylcarbonylamino,

35 or a radical of formula -Alk²-OR¹³ or -Alk²-NR¹⁴R¹⁵;
wherein Alk² is C₁-6alkanediyl;

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R¹³ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, Ar¹ or Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl;

R¹⁴ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar¹ or Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl;

R¹⁵ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, Ar¹ or Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl;

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R¹⁷ is hydrogen, halo, cyano, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, Ar¹;

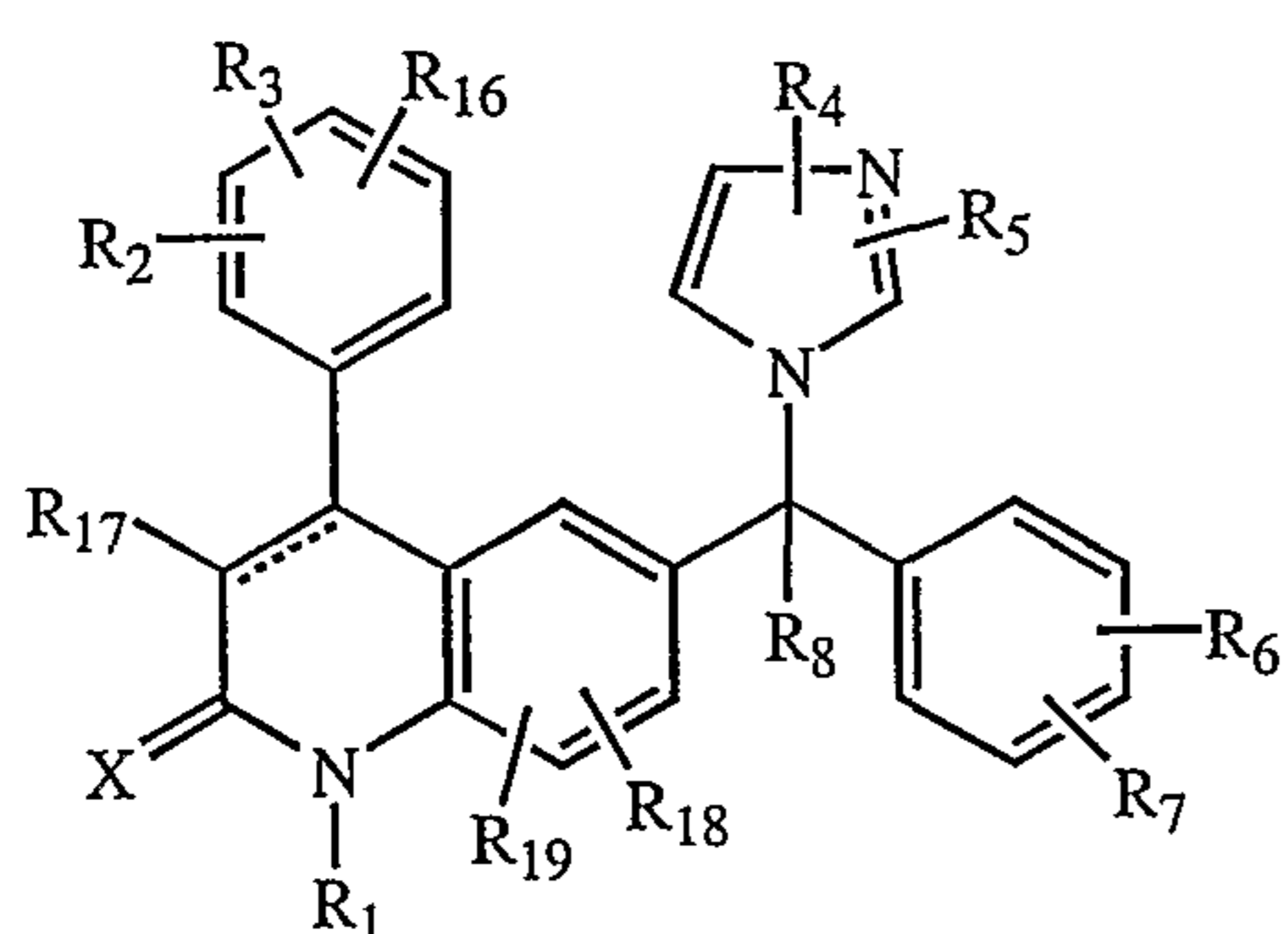
R¹⁸ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or halo;

R¹⁹ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl;

Ar¹ is phenyl or phenyl substituted with C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxy, amino, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or halo; and

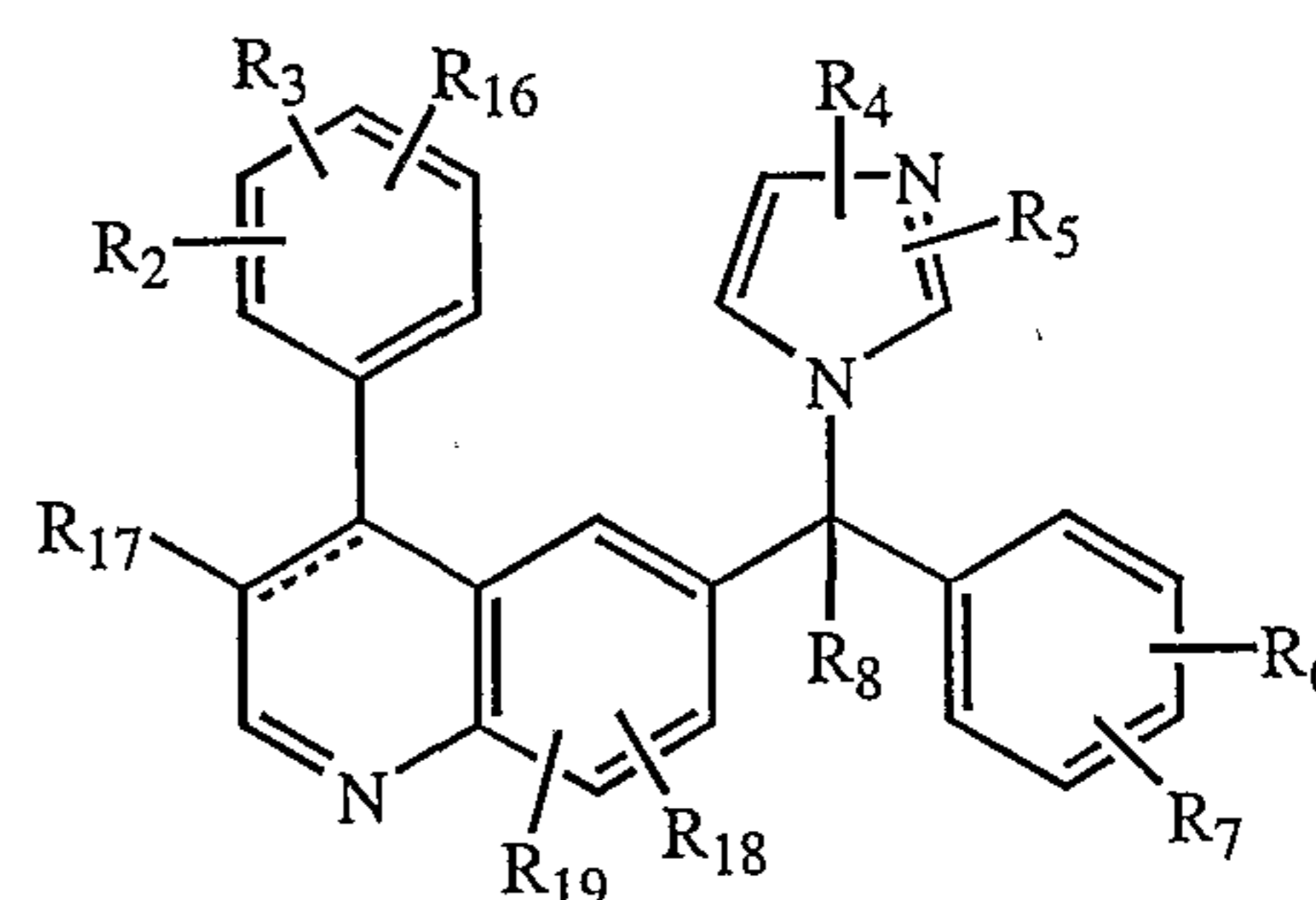
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Ar² is phenyl or phenyl substituted with C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxy, amino, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or halo;

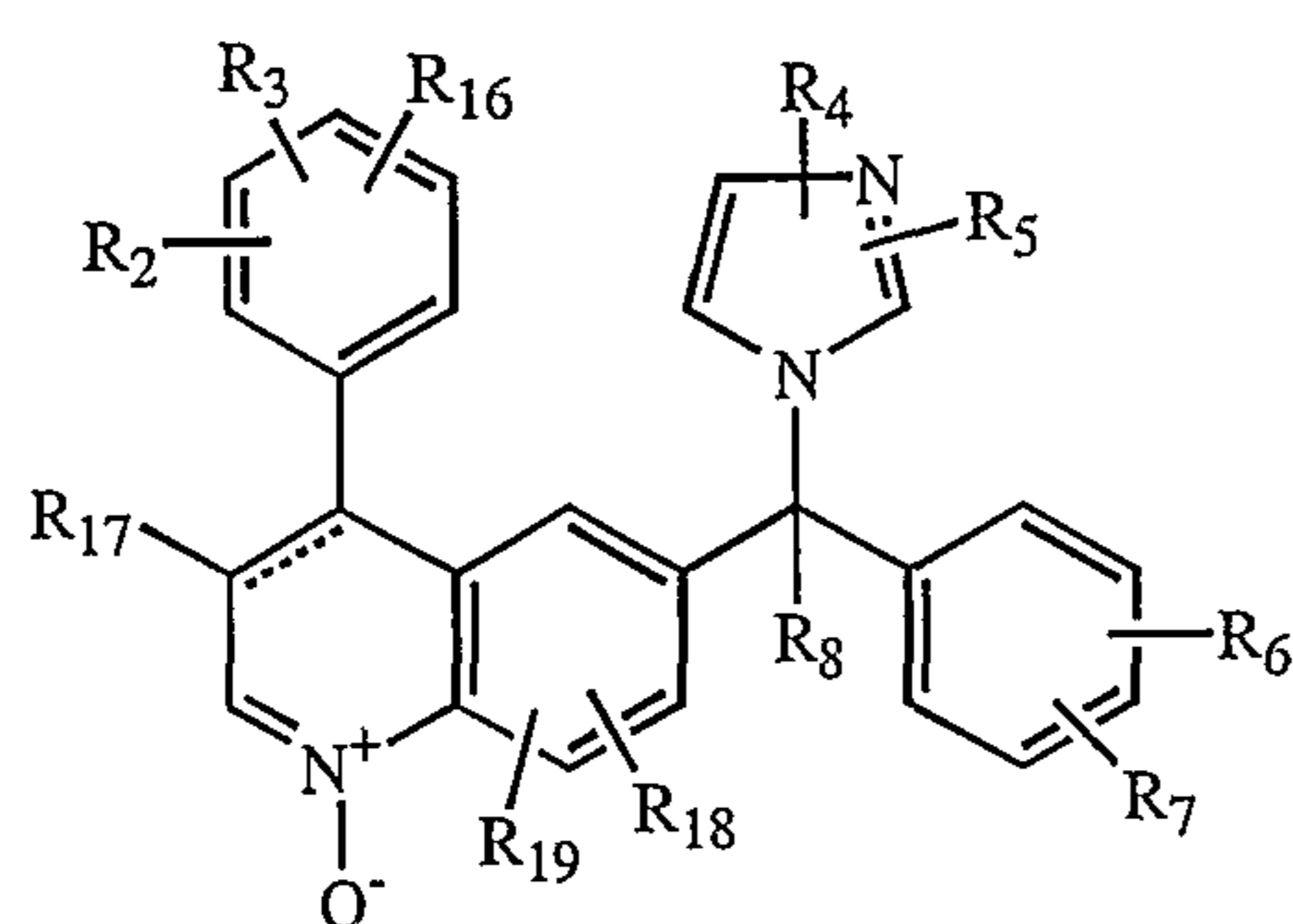


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(V)



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the pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base addition salts and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

20 the dotted line represents an optional bond;

X is oxygen or sulfur;

R¹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₁₂alkyl, Ar¹, Ar²C₁₋₆alkyl, quinolinylC₁₋₆alkyl, pyridyl-C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)-aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl,

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or a radical of formula $-\text{Alk}^1-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{R}^9$, $-\text{Alk}^1-\text{S}(\text{O})-\text{R}^9$ or $-\text{Alk}^1-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-\text{R}^9$,
 wherein Alk^1 is C_{1-6} alkanediyl,

R^9 is hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy, amino, C_{1-8} alkylamino or
 C_{1-8} alkylamino substituted with C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl;

5 R^2 and R^3 each independently are hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, C_{1-6} alkyl,
 C_{1-6} alkyloxy, hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyloxy, C_{1-6} alkyloxy C_{1-6} alkyloxy, amino-
 C_{1-6} alkyloxy, mono- or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino C_{1-6} alkyloxy, Ar^1 , $\text{Ar}^2\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl,
 Ar^2oxy , $\text{Ar}^2\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyloxy, hydroxycarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl,
 trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy, C_{2-6} alkenyl; or

10 when on adjacent positions R^2 and R^3 taken together may form a bivalent radical
 of formula

$-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-$ (a-1),

$-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-$ (a-2),

$-\text{O}-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ (a-3),

15 $-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$ (a-4),

$-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$ (a-5), or

$-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ (a-6);

R^4 and R^5 each independently are hydrogen, Ar^1 , C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy C_{1-6} alkyl,
 C_{1-6} alkyloxy, C_{1-6} alkylthio, amino, hydroxycarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl,
 20 C_{1-6} alkyl $\text{S}(\text{O})\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl or C_{1-6} alkyl $\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;

R^6 and R^7 each independently are hydrogen, halo, cyano, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy or
 Ar^2oxy ;

R^8 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, cyano, hydroxycarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkyl-
 carbonyl C_{1-6} alkyl, cyano C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxy-
 25 carbonyl C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyl, amino C_{1-6} alkyl, mono- or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)-
 amino C_{1-6} alkyl, halo C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy C_{1-6} alkyl,
 aminocarbonyl C_{1-6} alkyl, Ar^1 , $\text{Ar}^2\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyloxy C_{1-6} alkyl,
 C_{1-6} alkylthio C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^{10} is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy or halo;

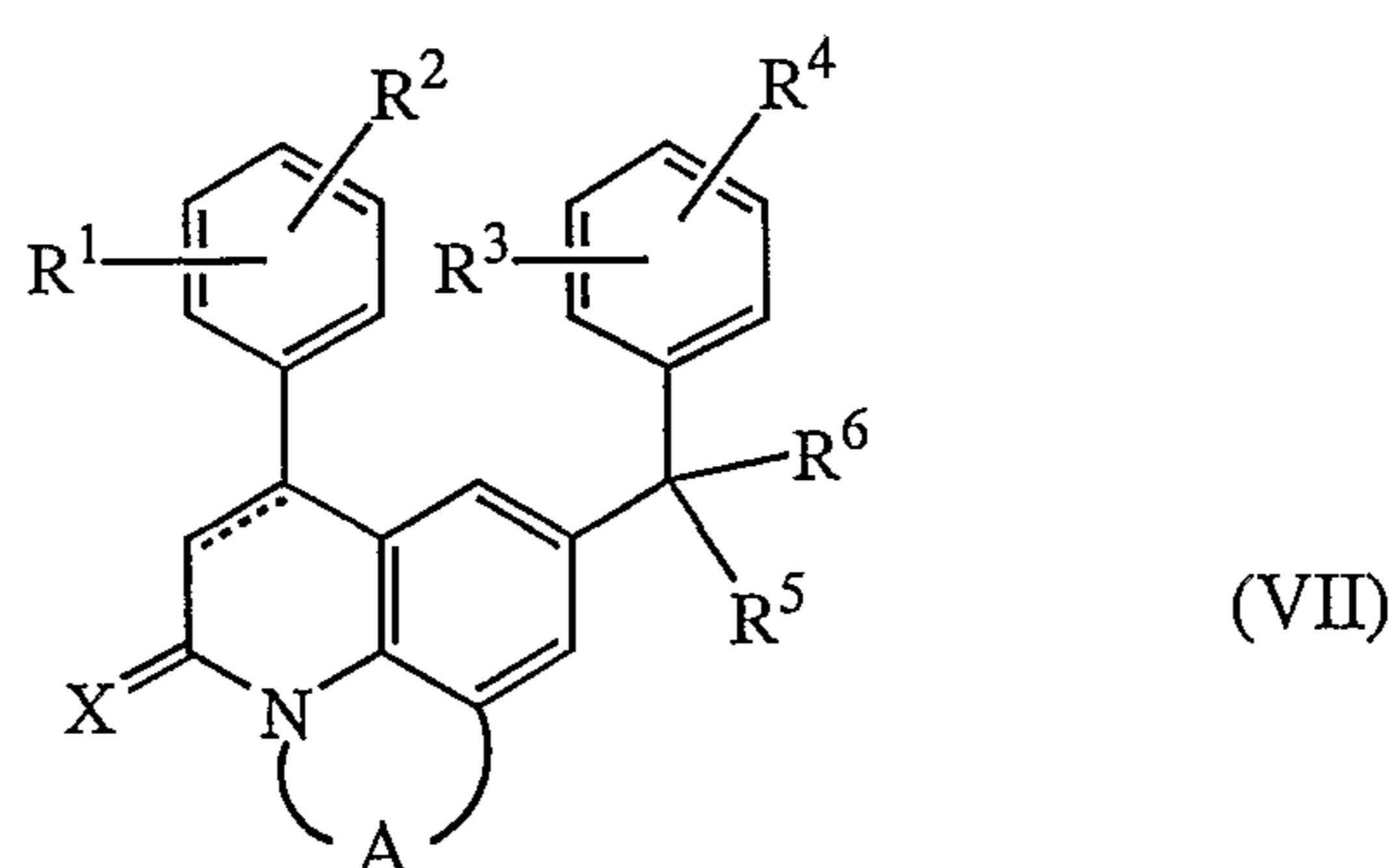
30 R^{11} is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;

Ar^1 is phenyl or phenyl substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxy, amino, C_{1-6} alkyloxy or
 halo;

Ar^2 is phenyl or phenyl substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxy, amino, C_{1-6} alkyloxy or
 halo.

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the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

5 the dotted line represents an optional bond;

X is oxygen or sulfur;

-A- is a bivalent radical of formula

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| | -CH=CH- | (a-1), | -CH ₂ -S- | (a-6), |
| | -CH ₂ -CH ₂ - | (a-2), | -CH ₂ -CH ₂ -S- | (a-7), |
| 10 | -CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₂ - | (a-3), | -CH=N- | (a-8), |
| | -CH ₂ -O- | (a-4), | -N=N- | (a-9), or |
| | -CH ₂ -CH ₂ -O- | (a-5), | -CO-NH- | (a-10); |

wherein optionally one hydrogen atom may be replaced by C₁₋₄alkyl or Ar¹;

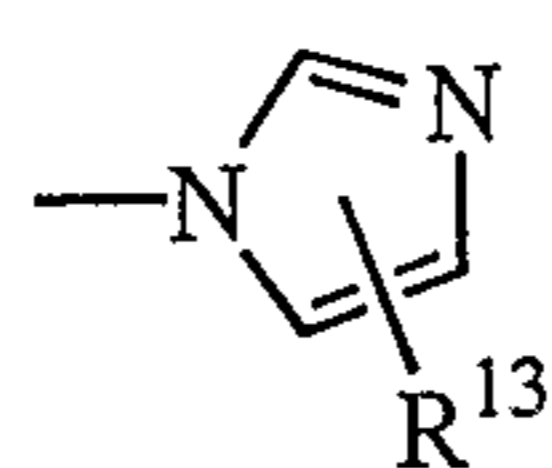
15 R¹ and R² each independently are hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, C₁₋₆alkyl, trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy, C₂₋₆alkenyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy, Ar², Ar²-C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar²-oxy, Ar²-C₁₋₆alkyloxy; or when on adjacent positions R¹ and R² taken together may form a bivalent radical of formula

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| 20 | -O-CH ₂ -O- | (b-1), |
| | -O-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -O- | (b-2), |
| | -O-CH=CH- | (b-3), |
| | -O-CH ₂ -CH ₂ - | (b-4), |
| | -O-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₂ - | (b-5), or |
| 25 | -CH=CH-CH=CH- | (b-6); |

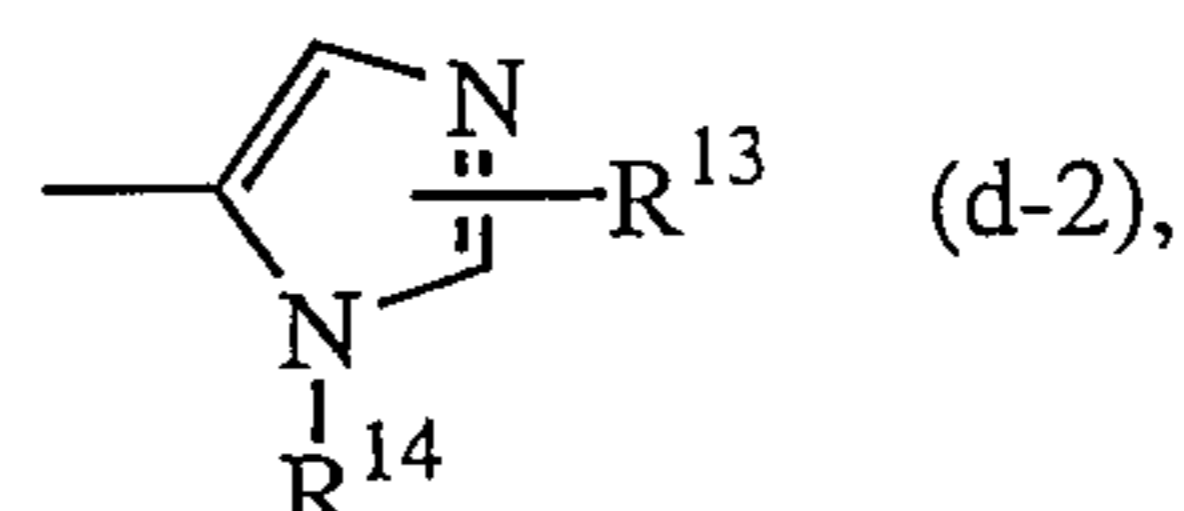
R³ and R⁴ each independently are hydrogen, halo, cyano, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, Ar³-oxy, C₁₋₆alkylthio, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy, or when on adjacent positions R³ and R⁴ taken together may form a bivalent radical of formula

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| 30 | -O-CH ₂ -O- | (c-1), |
| | -O-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -O- | (c-2), or |
| | -CH=CH-CH=CH- | (c-3); |

R⁵ is a radical of formula



(d-1),



(d-2),

wherein R¹³ is hydrogen, halo, Ar⁴, C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkylthio, amino, C₁₋₆alkyloxy-carbonyl, C₁₋₆alkylS(O)C₁₋₆alkyl or C₁₋₆alkylS(O)₂C₁₋₆alkyl;

R¹⁴ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl or di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulfonyl;

R⁶ is hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, cyano, haloC₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, cyanoC₁₋₆alkyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylthioC₁₋₆alkyl, aminocarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl-C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, Ar⁵, Ar⁵-C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl; or a radical of formula

-O-R⁷ (e-1),

-S-R⁷ (e-2),

-N-R⁸R⁹ (e-3),

wherein R⁷ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, Ar⁶, Ar⁶-C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, or a radical of formula -Alk-OR¹⁰ or -Alk-NR¹¹R¹²;

R⁸ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar⁷ or Ar⁷-C₁₋₆alkyl;

R⁹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkylaminocarbonyl, Ar⁸, Ar⁸-C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl-C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar⁸-carbonyl, Ar⁸-C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, aminocarbonyl-carbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, aminocarbonyl, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, amino, C₁₋₆alkylamino, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonylamino, or a radical or formula -Alk-OR¹⁰ or -Alk-NR¹¹R¹²;

wherein Alk is C₁₋₆alkanediyl;

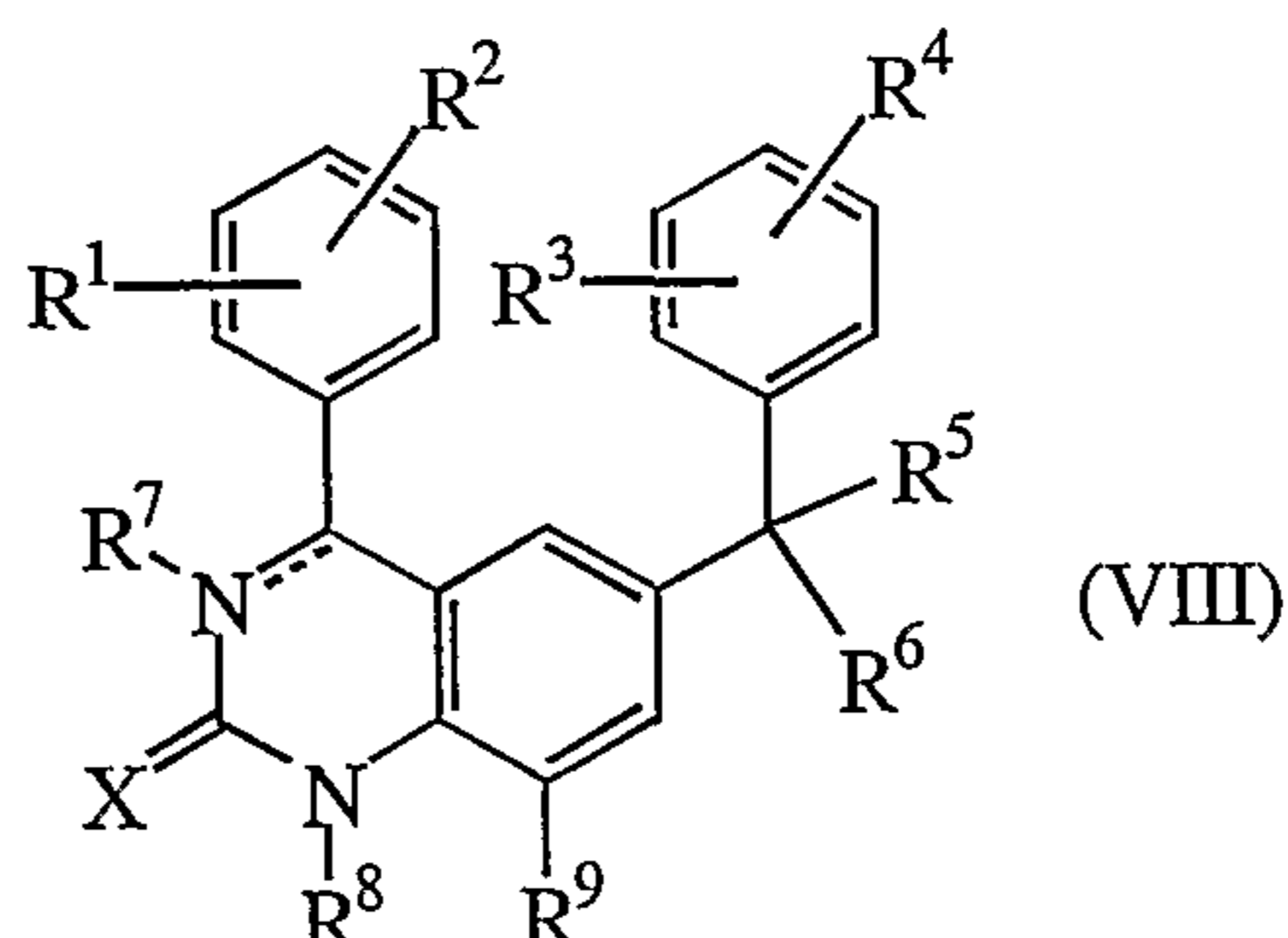
R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, hydroxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar⁹ or Ar⁹-C₁₋₆alkyl;

R¹¹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, Ar¹⁰ or Ar¹⁰-C₁₋₆alkyl;

R¹² is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar¹¹ or Ar¹¹-C₁₋₆alkyl; and

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Ar¹ to Ar¹¹ are each independently selected from phenyl; or phenyl substituted with halo, C₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl.



- 5 the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein
the dotted line represents an optional bond;
X is oxygen or sulfur;
R¹ and R² each independently are hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, C₁-6alkyl,
10 trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy, C₂-6alkenyl, C₁-6alkyloxy, hydroxyC₁-6alkyloxy, C₁-6alkyloxyC₁-6alkyloxy, C₁-6alkyloxycarbonyl, aminoC₁-6alkyloxy, mono- or di(C₁-6alkyl)aminoC₁-6alkyloxy, Ar¹, Ar¹C₁-6alkyl, Ar¹oxy or Ar¹C₁-6alkyloxy;
R³ and R⁴ each independently are hydrogen, halo, cyano, C₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkyloxy,
15 Ar¹oxy, C₁-6alkylthio, di(C₁-6alkyl)amino, trihalomethyl or trihalomethoxy;
R⁵ is hydrogen, halo, C₁-6alkyl, cyano, haloC₁-6alkyl, hydroxyC₁-6alkyl, cyanoC₁-6alkyl, aminoC₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkyloxyC₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkylthioC₁-6alkyl, aminocarbonylC₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkyloxycarbonylC₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkylcarbonyl-C₁-6alkyl,
20 C₁-6alkyloxycarbonyl, mono- or di(C₁-6alkyl)aminoC₁-6alkyl, Ar¹, Ar¹C₁-6alkyloxyC₁-6alkyl; or a radical of formula
- O-R¹⁰ (a-1),
-S-R¹⁰ (a-2),
-N-R¹¹R¹² (a-3),
- 25 wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkylcarbonyl, Ar¹, Ar¹C₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkyloxycarbonylC₁-6alkyl, or a radical of formula -Alk-OR¹³ or -Alk-NR¹⁴R¹⁵;
R¹¹ is hydrogen, C₁-6alkyl, Ar¹ or Ar¹C₁-6alkyl;
R¹² is hydrogen, C₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkylcarbonyl, C₁-6alkyloxycarbonyl,
30 C₁-6alkylaminocarbonyl, Ar¹, Ar¹C₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkylcarbonyl-C₁-6alkyl, Ar¹carbonyl, Ar¹C₁-6alkylcarbonyl, aminocarbonyl-

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carbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, aminocarbonyl, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, amino, C₁₋₆alkylamino, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonylamino,

or a radical or formula -Alk-OR¹³ or -Alk-NR¹⁴R¹⁵;

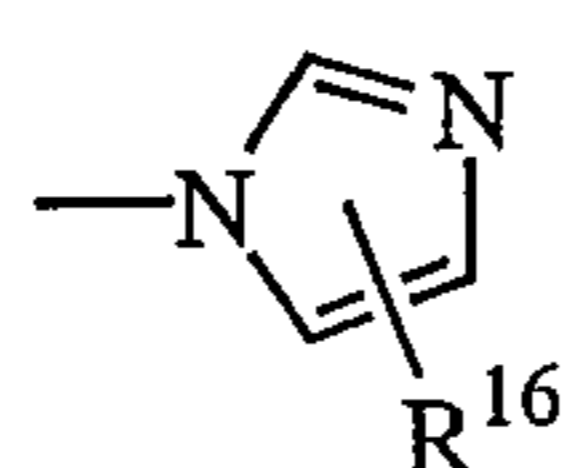
5 wherein Alk is C₁₋₆alkanediyl;

R¹³ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, hydroxy-C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar¹ or Ar¹C₁₋₆alkyl;

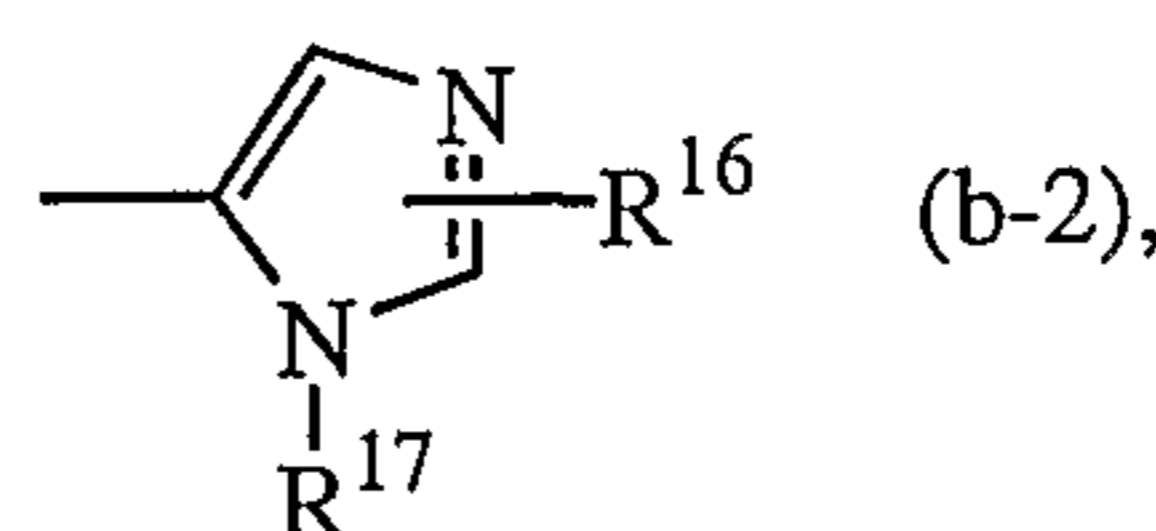
R¹⁴ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar¹ or Ar¹C₁₋₆alkyl;

10 R¹⁵ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, Ar¹ or Ar¹C₁₋₆alkyl;

R⁶ is a radical of formula



(b-1),



(b-2),

wherein R¹⁶ is hydrogen, halo, Ar¹, C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy-

C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkylthio, amino,

15 C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkylthioC₁₋₆alkyl,

C₁₋₆alkylS(O)C₁₋₆alkyl or C₁₋₆alkylS(O)₂C₁₋₆alkyl;

R¹⁷ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl or di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulfonyl;

R⁷ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl provided that the dotted line does not represent a bond;

R⁸ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl or Ar²CH₂ or Het¹CH₂;

20 R⁹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or halo; or

R⁸ and R⁹ taken together to form a bivalent radical of formula

-CH=CH- (c-1),

-CH₂-CH₂- (c-2),

-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂- (c-3),

25 -CH₂-O- (c-4), or

-CH₂-CH₂-O- (c-5);

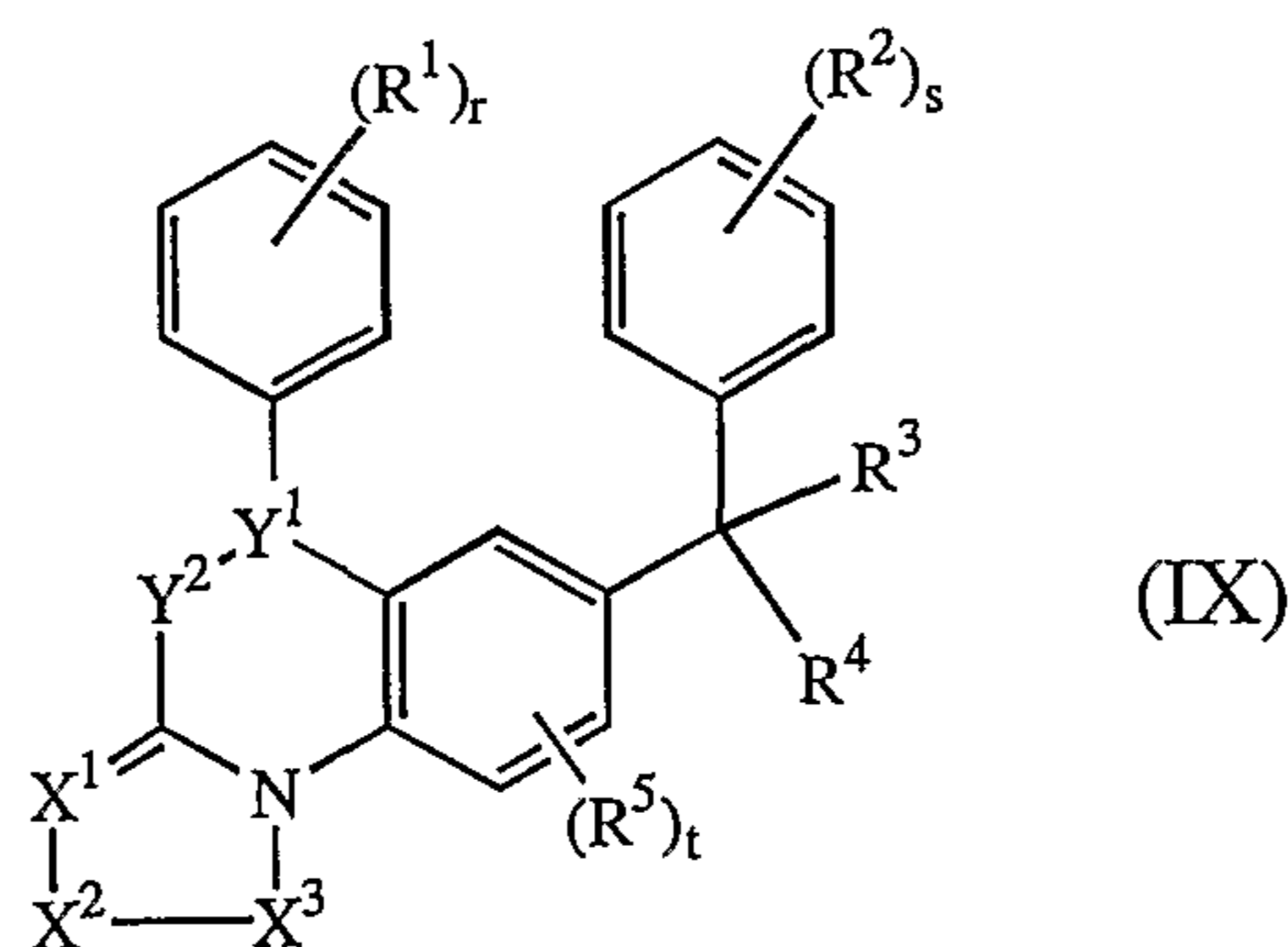
Ar¹ is phenyl; or phenyl substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl;

30 Ar² is phenyl; or phenyl substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl; and

Het¹ is pyridinyl; pyridinyl substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl

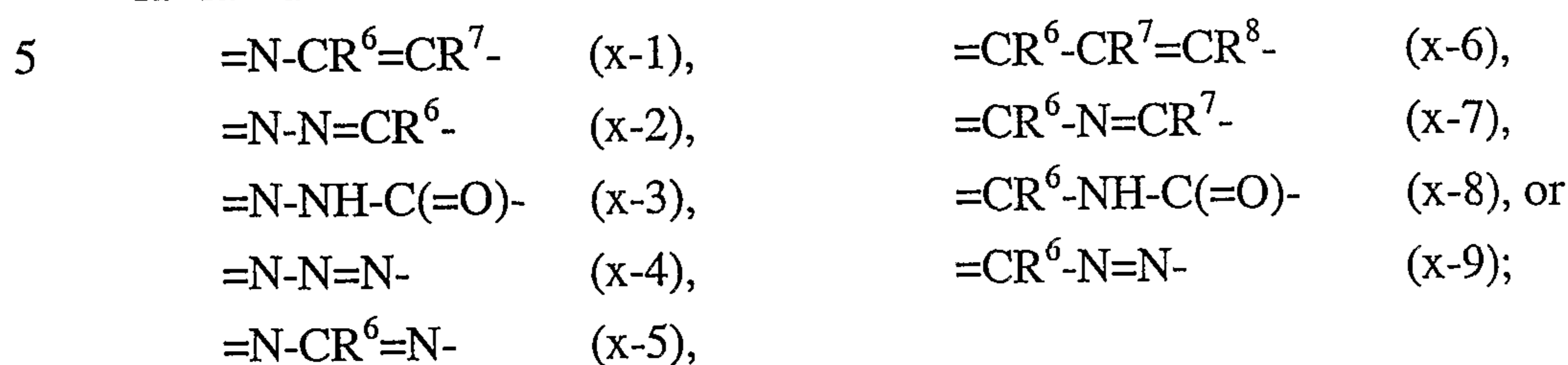
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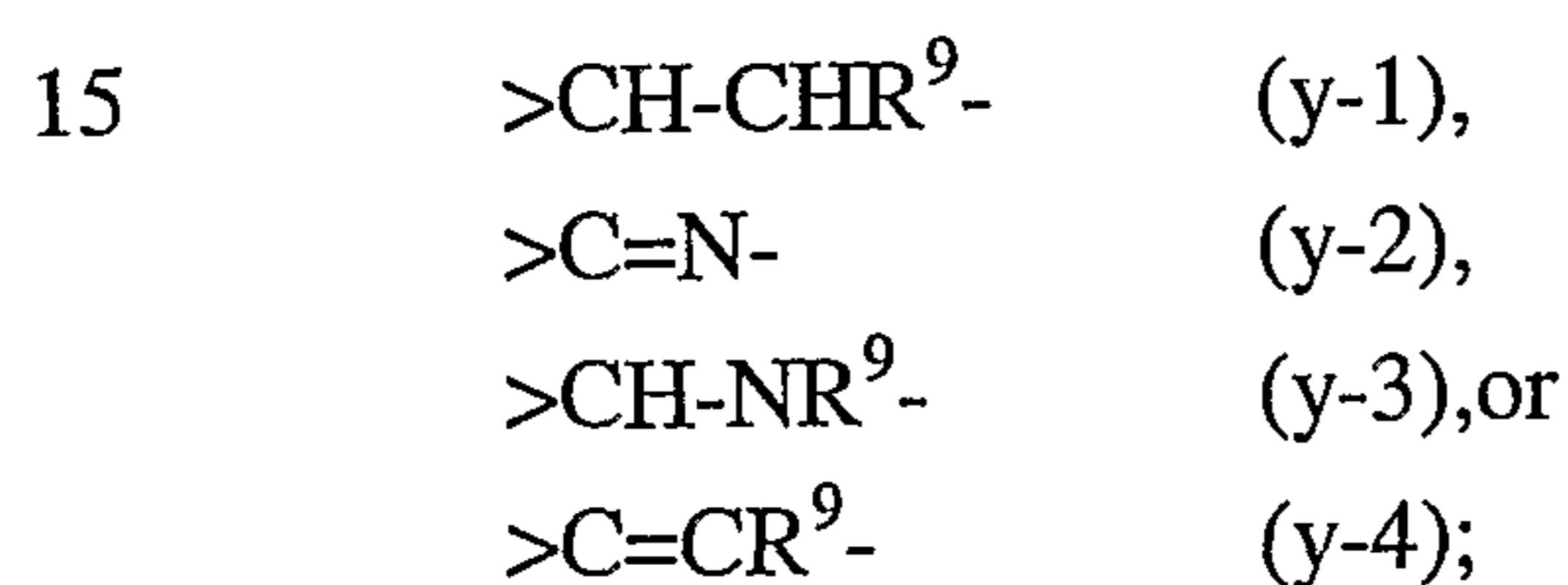
or the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

$=X^1-X^2-X^3-$ is a trivalent radical of formula



10 wherein each R^6 , R^7 and R^8 are independently hydrogen, C_{1-4} alkyl, hydroxy, C_{1-4} alkyloxy, aryloxy, C_{1-4} alkyloxycarbonyl, hydroxy C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkyloxy C_{1-4} alkyl, mono- or di(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino C_{1-4} alkyl, cyano, amino, thio, C_{1-4} alkylthio, arylthio or aryl;

$>Y^1-Y^2-$ is a trivalent radical of formula



20 wherein each R^9 independently is hydrogen, halo, halocarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, hydroxy C_{1-4} alkyl, cyano, carboxyl, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkyloxy, C_{1-4} alkyloxy C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkyloxycarbonyl, mono- or di(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino, mono- or di(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino C_{1-4} alkyl, aryl;

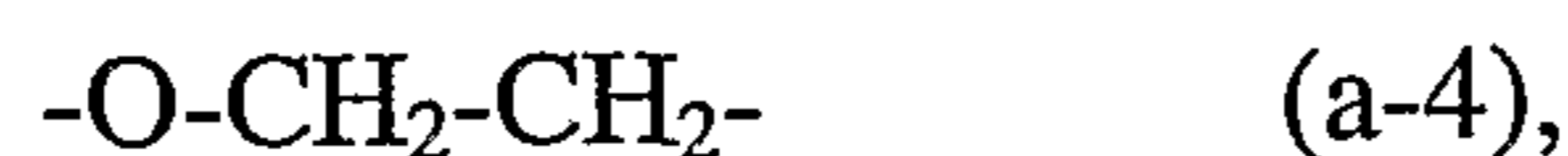
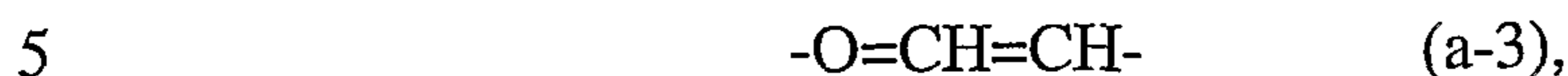
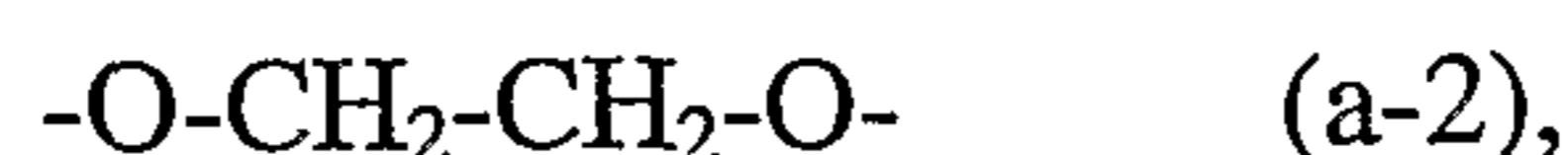
r and s are each independently 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

t is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

25 each R^1 and R^2 are independently hydroxy, halo, cyano, C_{1-6} alkyl, trihalomethyl, trihalomethoxy, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy, hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyloxy, C_{1-6} alkylthio, C_{1-6} alkyloxy C_{1-6} alkyloxy, C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl, amino C_{1-6} alkyloxy, mono- or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino, mono- or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino C_{1-6} alkyloxy, aryl, aryl C_{1-6} alkyl, aryloxy or aryl C_{1-6} alkyloxy, hydroxycarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl,
 30 aminocarbonyl, amino C_{1-6} alkyl, mono- or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino C_{1-6} alkyl; or

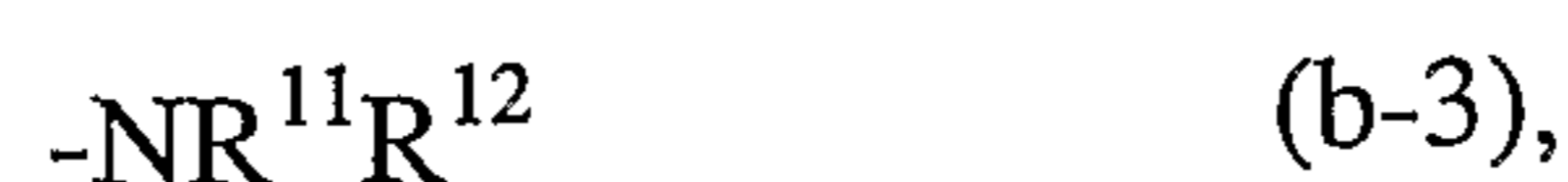
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two R¹ or R² substituents adjacent to one another on the phenyl ring may independently form together a bivalent radical of formula



R³ is hydrogen, halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, cyano, haloC₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, cyanoC₁₋₆alkyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylthioC₁₋₆alkyl, aminocarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxycarbonyl, hydroxycarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, aryl, arylC₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;

or a radical of formula



wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, aryl, arylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, or a radical of formula -Alk-OR¹³ or -Alk-NR¹⁴R¹⁵;

R¹¹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, aryl or arylC₁₋₆alkyl;

R¹² is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, aryl, hydroxy, amino, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, arylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonylamino, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, haloC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, arylC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl,

C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminocarbonyl wherein the alkyl moiety may optionally be substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from aryl or C₁₋₃alkyloxycarbonyl, aminocarbonylcarbonyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, or a radical or formula -Alk-OR¹³ or -Alk-NR¹⁴R¹⁵;

wherein Alk is C₁₋₆alkanediyl;

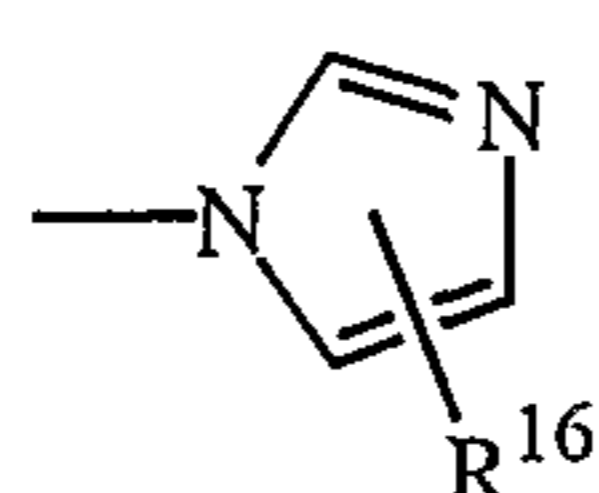
R¹³ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, aryl or arylC₁₋₆alkyl;

R¹⁴ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, aryl or arylC₁₋₆alkyl;

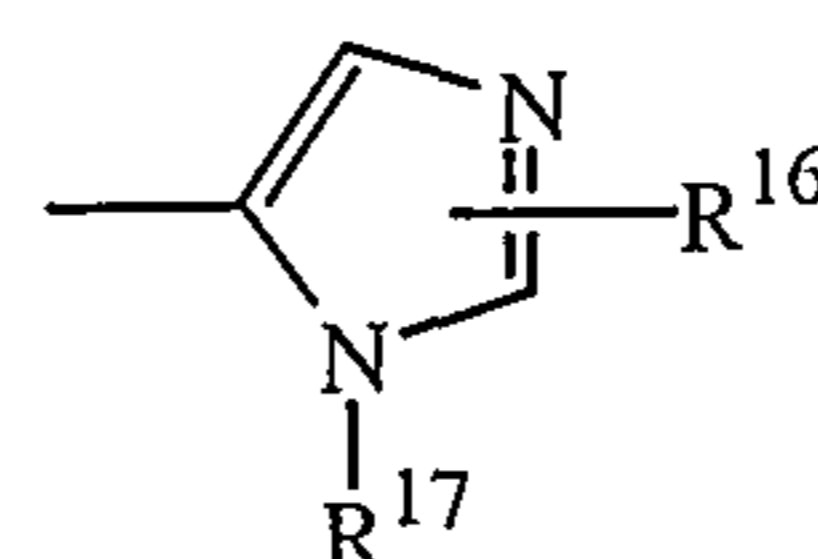
R¹⁵ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, aryl or arylC₁₋₆alkyl;

R⁴ is a radical of formula

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(c-1),



(c-2),

wherein R^{16} is hydrogen, halo, aryl, C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy, C_{1-6} alkylthio, amino, mono- or di(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino, hydroxycarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylthio C_{1-6} alkyl,

5 C_{1-6} alkylS(O) C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-6} alkylS(O) $_2$ C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^{16} may also be bound to one of the nitrogen atoms in the imidazole ring of formula (c-1) or (c-2), in which case the meaning of R^{16} when bound to the nitrogen is limited to hydrogen, aryl, C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyl,

10 C_{1-6} alkyloxy C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylS(O) C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-6} alkylS(O) $_2$ C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^{17} is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy C_{1-6} alkyl, aryl C_{1-6} alkyl, trifluoromethyl or di(C_{1-4} alkyl)aminosulfonyl;

R^5 is C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy or halo;

15 aryl is phenyl, naphthalenyl or phenyl substituted with 1 or more substituents each independently selected from halo, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein said farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is a compound of formula (I) wherein X is oxygen and the dotted line represents a bond.

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9. The method of claim 7 or claim 8 wherein said farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is a compound of formula (I) wherein R^1 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy- C_{1-6} alkyl or mono- or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino C_{1-6} alkyl, R^3 is hydrogen and R^2 is halo, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy, trihalomethoxy or

25 hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyloxy.

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10. The method of any of claims 7 to 9 wherein said farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is a compound of formula (I) wherein R^8 is hydrogen, hydroxy, halo C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyl, cyano C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl C_{1-6} alkyl, imidazolyl, or a radical of formula $-NR^{11}R^{12}$ wherein R^{11} is hydrogen or C_{1-12} alkyl and R^{12} is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy, C_{1-6} alkyloxy C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, hydroxy, or a radical of formula $-Alk^2-OR^{13}$ wherein R^{13} is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl.

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35 11. The method of claim 7 wherein the farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is

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- 4-(3-chlorophenyl)-6-[(4-chlorophenyl)hydroxy(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)-methyl]-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-quinolinone,
 6-[amino(4-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-ylmethyl]-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-quinolinone;
 5 6-[(4-chlorophenyl)hydroxy(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)methyl]-4-(3-ethoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-quinolinone;
 6-[(4-chlorophenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)methyl]-4-(3-ethoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-quinolinone monohydrochloride.monohydrate;
 10 6-[amino(4-chlorophenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)methyl]-4-(3-ethoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-quinolinone, and
 6-amino(4-chlorophenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)methyl]-1-methyl-4-(3-propylphenyl)-2(1*H*)-quinolinone; a stereoisomeric form thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base addition salts thereof.
- 15 12. The method of claim 7 wherein the farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is (+)-6-[amino(4-chlorophenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)methyl]-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-quinolinone; or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof.
- 20 13. The method of claim 7 wherein the farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is a compound of formula (IX) wherein $=X^1-X^2-X^3$ is a trivalent radical of formula (x-2) or (x-3) or (x-4), $>Y^1-Y^2$ is a trivalent radical of formula (y-2), (y-3) or (y-4), r and s are 1, t is 0, R^1 is halo, preferably chloro, and most preferably 3-chloro or R^1 is C_{1-4} alkyl, preferably 3-methyl, R^2 is halo, preferably chloro, and most preferably 4-chloro, R^3 is a radical of formula (b-1) or (b-3), R^4 is a radical of formula (c-2), R^6 is C_{1-4} alkyl, R^9 is hydrogen, R^{10} and R^{11} are hydrogen and R^{12} is hydrogen or hydroxy.
- 25 14. The method of claim 7 wherein the farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is 5-(3-chlorophenyl)- α -(4-chlorophenyl)- α -(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)tetrazolo[1,5-a]quinazoline-7-methanamine or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof.
- 30 15. A dosage regimen for the treatment of mammalian cancers which comprises administering 50-1200mg/kg body weight of a farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor once daily over a period of one to five days followed by two weeks without treatment.
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16. The dosage regimen of claim 15 wherein the farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is administered at a dose of 50-1200mg/kg body weight.
- 5 17. The regimen of claim 15 wherein the farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is administered at a dose of 50-400mg/kg body weight.
18. The dosage regimen of claim 15 wherein the farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is administered at a dose of 50-200mg/kg body weight.
- 10 19. The dosage regimen of claim 15 wherein the farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is administered for one day.
- 15 20. The dosage regimen of claim 15 wherein the farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is administered for five days.
21. The dosage regimen of claim 15 wherein the farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is selected from compounds of formulae (I), (II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI), (VII), (VIII) and (IX) (as defined in claim 7).
- 20 22. The dosage regimen of claim 21 wherein said farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is a compound of formula (I) wherein X is oxygen and the dotted line represents a bond.
- 25 23. The dosage regimen of claim 21 or claim 22 wherein said farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is a compound of formula (I) wherein R^1 is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl or mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, R^3 is hydrogen and R^2 is halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₂₋₆alkenyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, trihalomethoxy or hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy.
- 30 24. The dosage regimen of claims 21 to 23 wherein said farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is a compound of formula (I) wherein R^8 is hydrogen, hydroxy, haloC₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, cyanoC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, imidazolyl, or a radical of formula $-NR^{11}R^{12}$ wherein R^{11} is hydrogen or C₁₋₁₂alkyl and R^{12} is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl, hydroxy, or a radical of formula $-Alk^2-OR^{13}$ wherein R^{13} is hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl.
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25. The dosage regimen of claim 21 wherein said farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is
- 4-(3-chlorophenyl)-6-[(4-chlorophenyl)hydroxy(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)-methyl]-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-quinolinone,
- 5 6-[amino(4-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-ylmethyl]-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-quinolinone;
- 6-[(4-chlorophenyl)hydroxy(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)methyl]-4-(3-ethoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-quinolinone;
- 10 6-[(4-chlorophenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)methyl]-4-(3-ethoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-quinolinone monohydrochloride.monohydrate;
- 6-[amino(4-chlorophenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)methyl]-4-(3-ethoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-quinolinone, and
- 6-amino(4-chlorophenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)methyl]-1-methyl-4-(3-propylphenyl)-2(1*H*)-quinolinone; a stereoisomeric form thereof or a
- 15 pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base addition salts thereof.
26. The dosage regimen of claim 21 wherein the farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is (+)-6-[amino(4-chlorophenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)methyl]-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2(1*H*)-quinolinone; or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid
- 20 addition salt thereof.
27. The dosage regimen of claim 21 wherein the farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is a compound of formula (IX) wherein $=X^1-X^2-X^3$ is a trivalent radical of formula (x-2), (x-3) or (x-4), $>Y^1-Y^2$ is a trivalent radical of formula (y-2), (y-3) or (y-4), r and s are 1, t is 0, R^1 is halo, preferably chloro, and most preferably 3-chloro or R^1 is C_{1-4} alkyl, preferably 3-methyl, R^2 is halo, preferably chloro, and most preferably 4-chloro, R^3 is a radical of formula (b-1) or (b-3), R^4 is a radical of formula (c-2), R^6 is C_{1-4} alkyl, R^9 is hydrogen, R^{10} and R^{11} are hydrogen and R^{12} is hydrogen or
- 25 hydroxy.
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28. The dosage regimen of claim 21 wherein the farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is 5-(3-chlorophenyl)- α -(4-chlorophenyl)- α -(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)tetrazolo[1,5-a]quinazoline-7-methanamine or a pharmaceutically acceptable
- 35 acid addition salt thereof.

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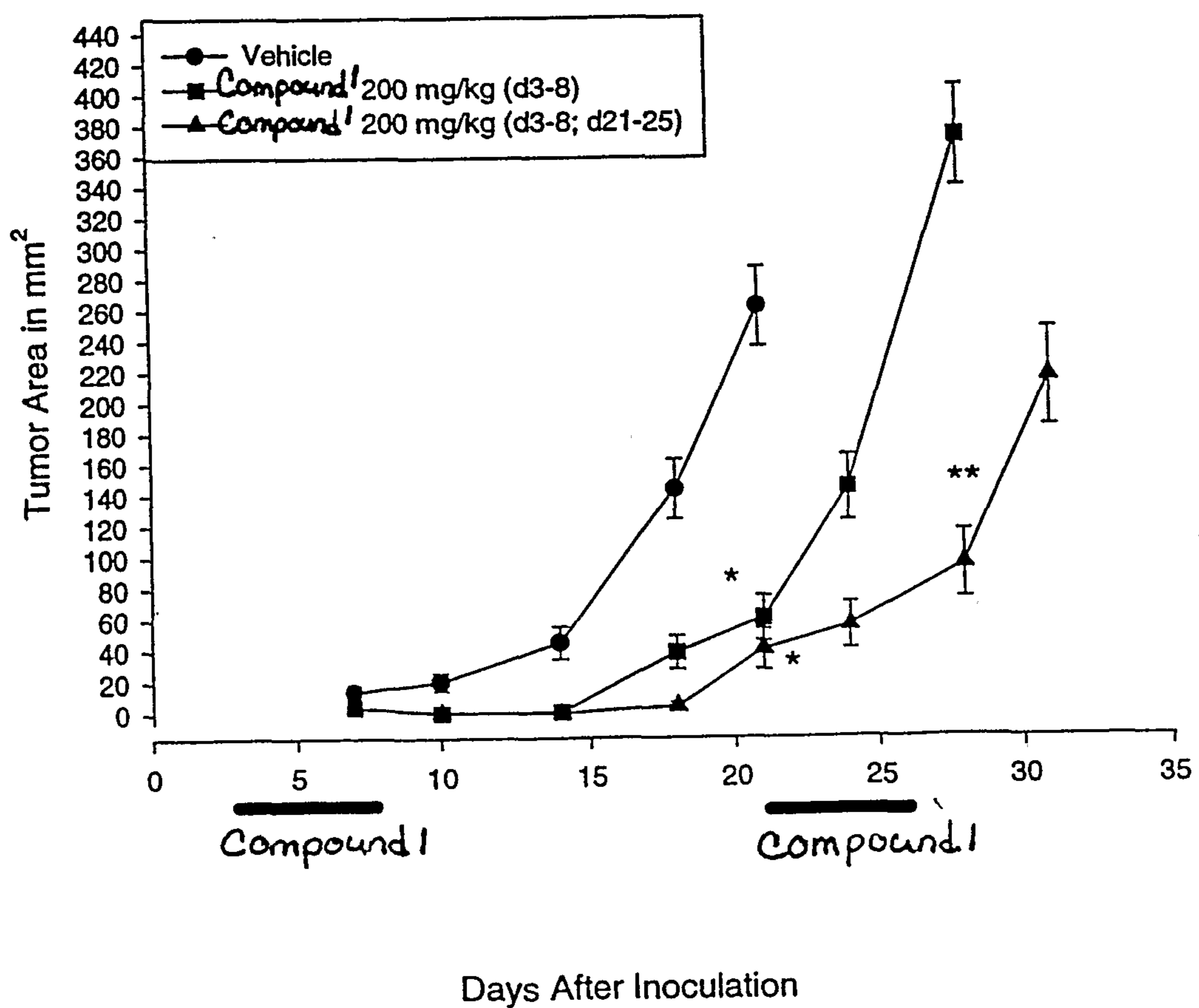
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29. Use of a farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of cancer in mammals in which the farnesyl protein transferase inhibitor is administered once daily over a period of one to five days.

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FIGURE 1



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FIGURE 2

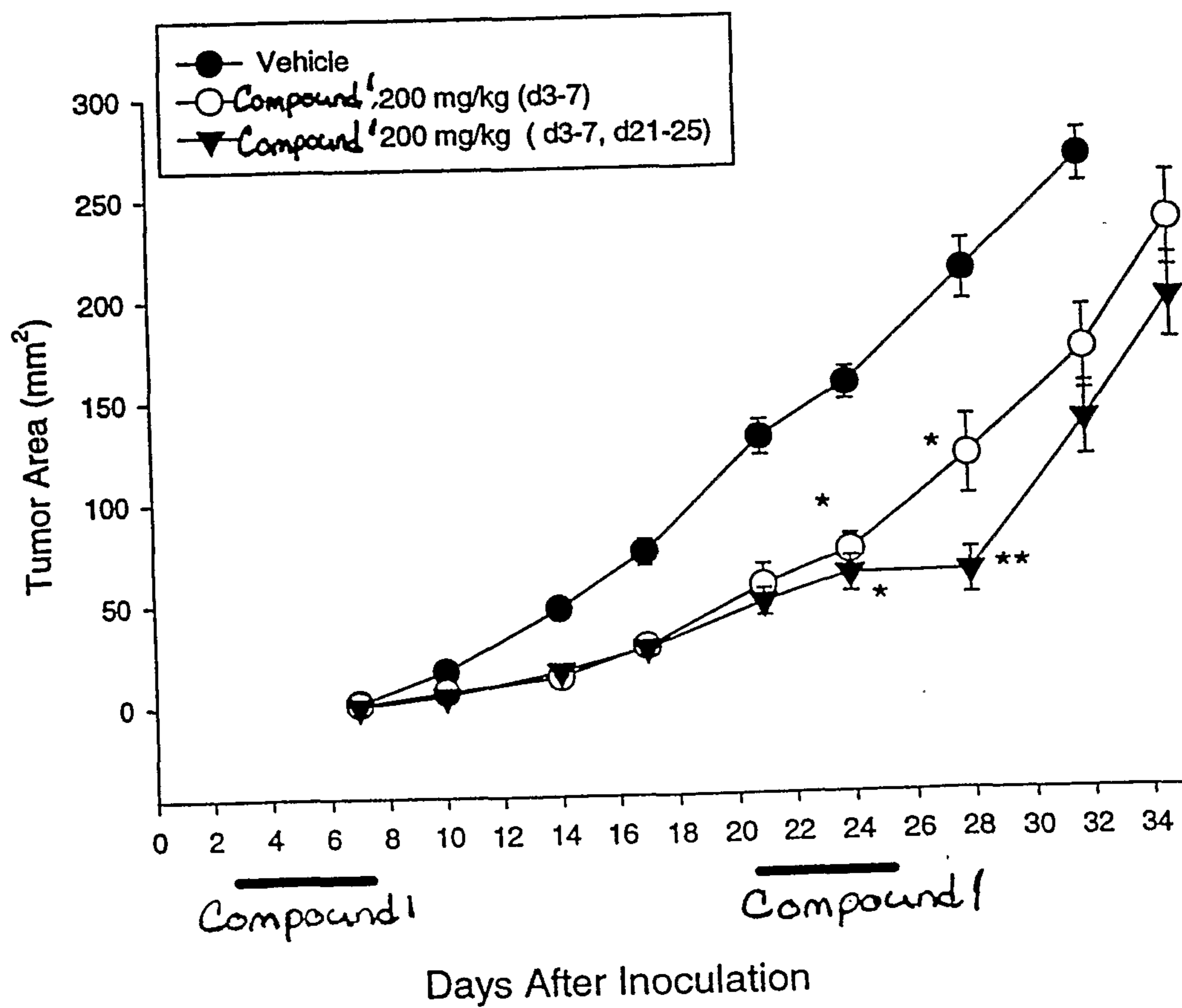
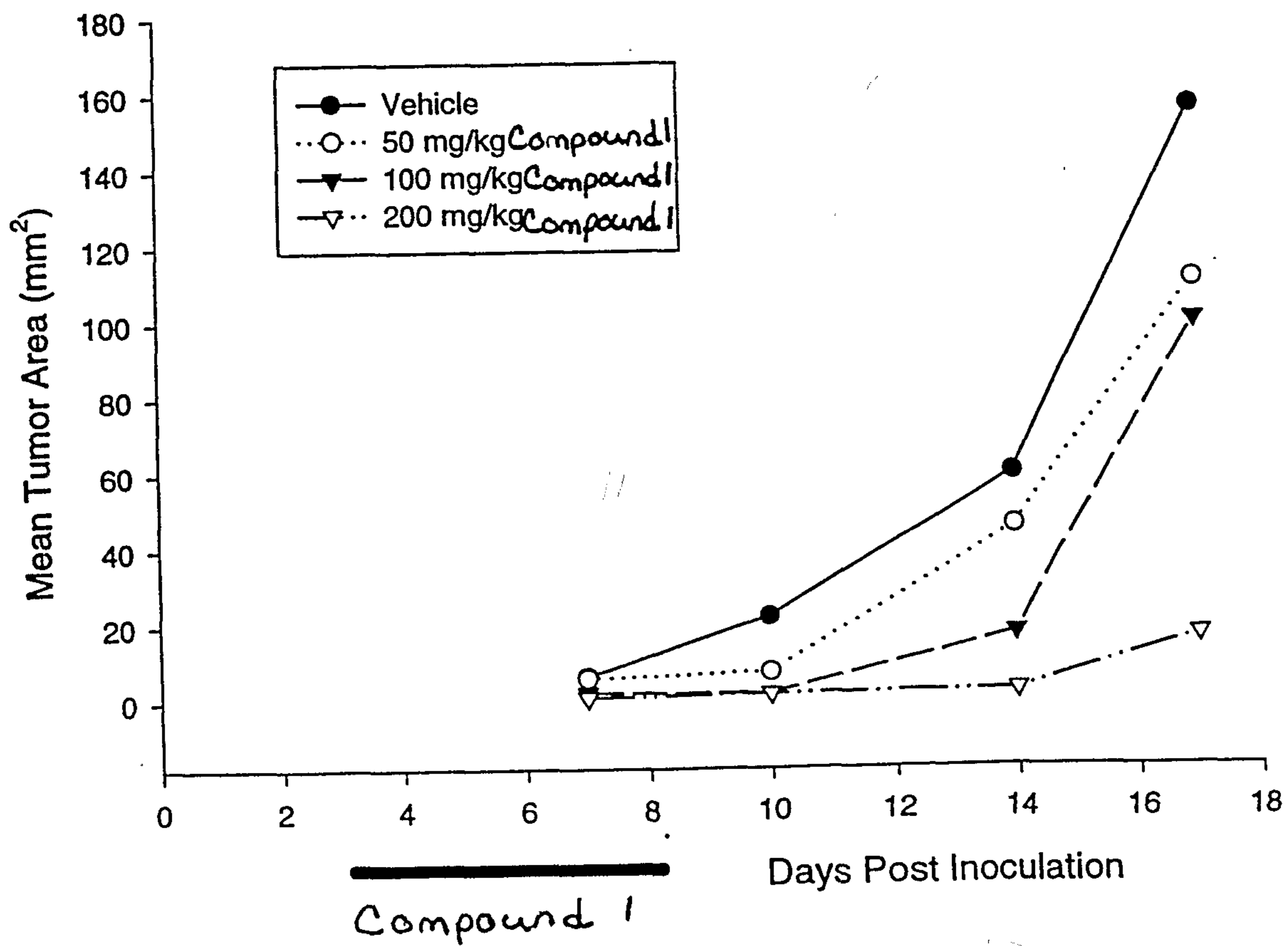
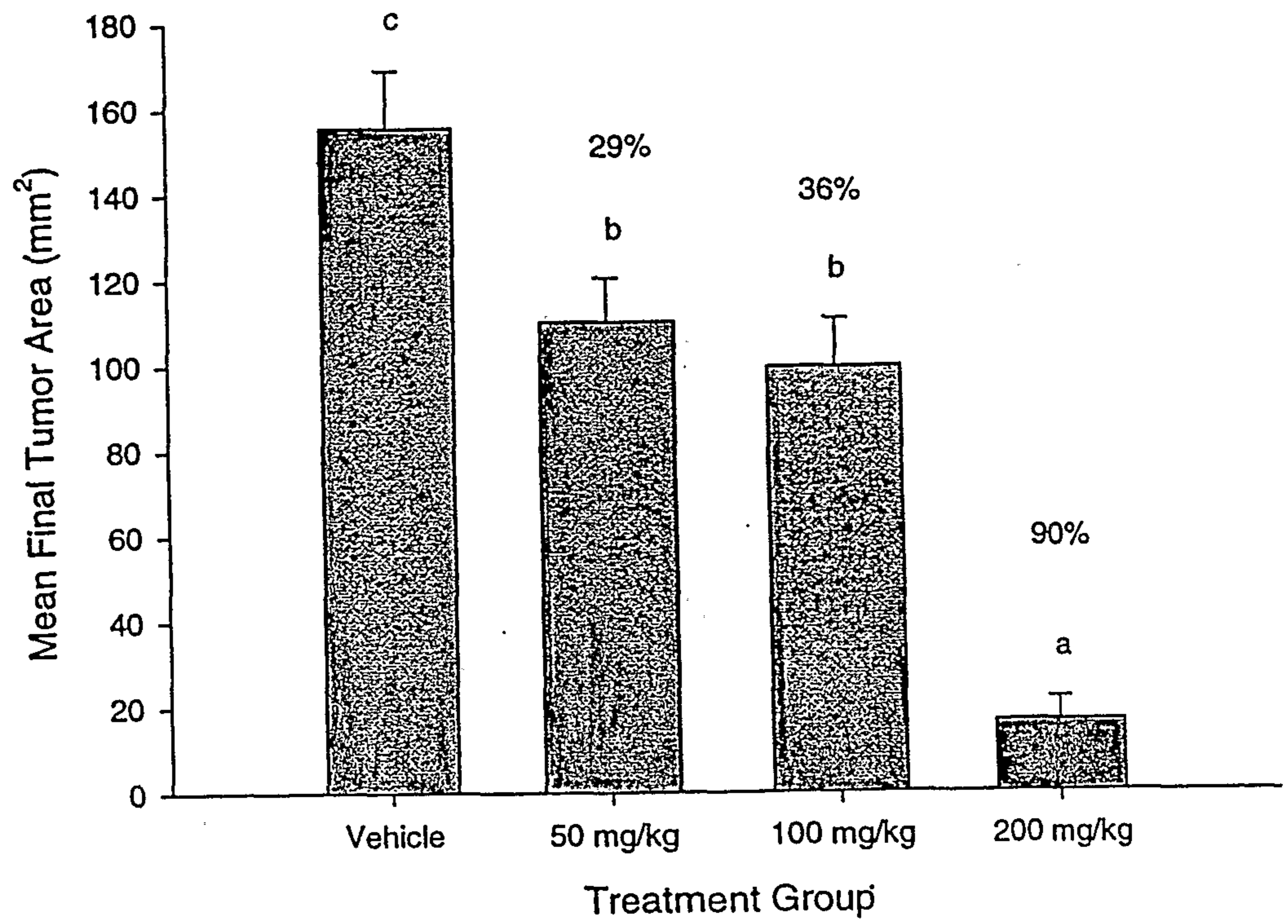


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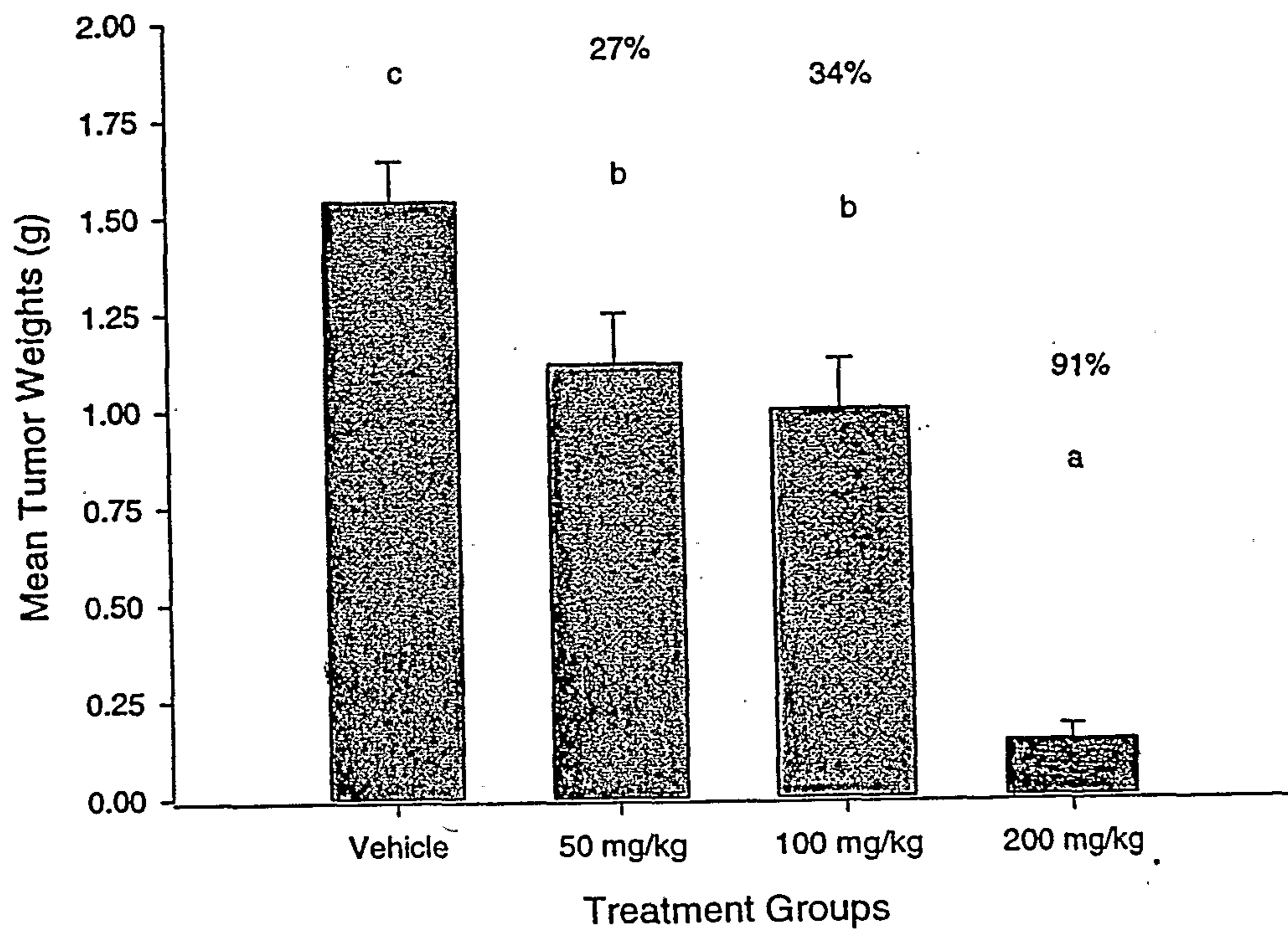


FIGURE 6

