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**Description**

**[0001]** The present invention relates to protein kinase inhibitors, in particular receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitors, and their use for the treatment of diseases involving a protein kinase such as hyperproliferative disorders e.g. cancer.

Background Art

**[0002]** US2003/0199525 discloses certain pyrazolo-pyrimidines and their use as kinase inhibitors; US 2003/0018032 discloses certain imidazo-3yl-amines and their use as analgetics.

**[0003]** Protein kinases, in particular receptor protein tyrosine kinases (RTK), are key regulators of intercellular communication that controls cell growth, proliferation, differentiation, survival and metabolism. About 20 different RTK families have been identified that share a similar structure, namely an extracellular binding site for ligands, a transmembrane region and an intracellular tyrosine kinase domain. Extracellular ligand binding induces or stabilizes receptor dimerization leading to increased RTK kinase activity. The intracellular catalytic domain displays the highest level of conservation among RTKs and includes the ATP-binding site that catalyzes protein phosphorylation of e.g. cytoplasmic tyrosine residues, which serve as docking sites for Src homology 2 (SH2)- and phosphotyrosine-binding (PTB) domain-containing proteins such as Grb2, Shc, Src, Cbl or phospholipase C  $\gamma$ . These proteins subsequently recruit additional effectors containing SH2, SH3, PTB and pleckstrin-homology (PH) domains to the activated receptor, which results in the assembly of signaling complexes at the membrane and the activation of a cascade of intracellular biochemical signals. The most important downstream signaling cascades activated by RTKs include the Ras-extracellular regulated kinase (ERK)-mitogen activated (MAP) kinase pathway, the phosphoinositide 3-kinase (PI 3-kinase)-Akt and the JAK/STAT pathway. The complex signaling network triggered by RTKs eventually leads either to activation or repression of various subsets of genes and thus defines the biological response to a given signal.

**[0004]** The activity of RTKs and their mediated cellular signaling is precisely coordinated and tightly controlled in normal cells. Deregulation of the RTK signaling system, either by stimulation through growth factor and/or through genetic alteration, result in deregulated tyrosine kinase activity. These aberrations generally result in RTKs with constitutive or strongly enhanced kinase activity and subsequent signaling capacity, which leads to malignant transformation. Therefore, they are frequently linked to human cancer and also to other hyperproliferative diseases such as psoriasis. The most important mechanisms leading to constitutive RTK signaling include overexpression and/or gene amplification of RTKs, genetic alterations such as deletions and mutations within the extracellular domain as well as alterations of the catalytic site, or autocrine-paracrine stimulation through aberrant growth factor loops.

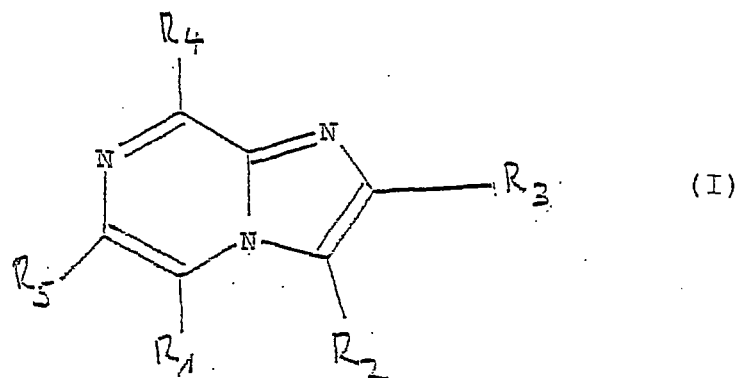
**[0005]** For example, in many human cancers, gene amplification and/or overexpression of RTKs occurs, which might increase the response of cancer cells to normal growth factor levels. Additionally, overexpression of a specific RTK on the cell surface increases the incidence of receptor dimerization even in the absence of an activating ligand. In many cases this results in constitutive activation of the RTK leading to aberrant and uncontrolled cell proliferation and tumor formation. An important example for such a scenario is HER2, also known as ErbB2, that belongs to the epidermal growth factor (EGF) receptor family of RTKs. Overexpression of HER2 was found in various types of human cancers, especially in human breast and ovarian carcinomas. Most importantly, aberrantly elevated levels of HER2 correlate with more aggressive progression of disease and reduced patient survival time. EGFR, which was the first receptor tyrosine kinase to be molecularly cloned, also plays a fundamental role in tumorigenesis. EGFR is frequently overexpressed in non-small-cell lung, bladder, cervical, ovarian, kidney and pancreatic cancer and in squamous-cell carcinomas of the head and neck. The predominant mechanism leading to EGFR overexpression is gene amplification with up to 60 copies per cell reported in certain tumors. In general, elevated levels of EGFR expression are associated with high metastatic rate and increased tumor proliferation.

**[0006]** Since protein kinases, in particular tyrosine kinases, have been implicated in a variety of cancer indications, RTKs and the activated signaling cascades represent promising areas for the development of target-selective anticancer drugs. One approach to inhibit aberrant RTK signaling is the development of small-molecule drugs that selectively interfere with their intrinsic tyrosine kinase activity and thereby block receptor autophosphorylation and activation of downstream signal transducers.

Disclosure of the invention

**[0007]** Hence, it is a general object of the present invention to provide compounds having a protein kinase inhibitory activity which can be used for the treatment of disorders involving a protein kinase such as hyperproliferative diseases.

**[0008]** Now, in order to implant this and still further objects of the invention, which become more readily apparent as the description proceeds, said protein kinase inhibitory activity is provided by a compound being used for the treatment of disorders involving a protein kinase, in particular a tyrosine kinase, of formula I,



wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_4$  are independently selected from hydrogen, optionally substituted  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl, optionally substituted  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl,  $NR_6R_7$ ,  $OR_6$ ,  $SR_6$ ,  $(CH)_mR_6R_7$ , wherein  $R_6$  and  $R_7$  are independently selected from hydrogen, optionally substituted  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted 5- or 6- membered heterocycle,  $(CH_2)_nCO(O)R_8$ ,  $(CH_2)_mR'$  where  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$  and wherein  $R_8$  is hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkoxy, optionally substituted  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl, optionally substituted aryl and wherein  $R'$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkoxy, optionally substituted  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl, optionally substituted aryl, halogen, hydroxyl,  $NO_2$ ,  $NH_2$ ,  $SO_2NH_2$ , cyano and  $m$  is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4;

$R_3$  is hydroxyl, halogen,  $NH_2$ ,  $NO_2$ , cyano, SH, optionally substituted  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl, optionally substituted  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocycle,

$R_5$  is selected from  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl, hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkoxy,  $NH_2$ , halogen, cyano, alkene,  $COOR''$  wherein  $R''$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl,

Preferred compounds of formula I are those where  $R_1$  is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl, cyclopropyl,  $NH_2$ , SH and  $R_2$  is  $NR_6R_7$  wherein  $R_6$  is hydrogen,  $R_7$  is selected from  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl, optionally substituted phenyl,  $(CH_2)_nCO(O)R_8$  where  $n = 1$ , and wherein  $R_8$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkoxy,  $R_3$  is optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocycle, cyano;

$R_4$  is hydrogen,  $NH(CH_2)_mR'$ ,  $O(CH_2)_mR'$ ,  $S(CH_2)_mR'$  wherein  $R'$  is selected from optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl and  $m = 1, 2$ ,

$R_5$  is methyl, hydrogen, hydroxyl.

**[0009]** Preferred compounds of formula I are those where  $R_1$  is hydrogen,

$R_2$  is  $NHR_7$  wherein  $R_7$  is selected from  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl, phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkoxy, halogen, hydroxyl,  $NH_2$ ,  $SO_2NH_2$ ;  $(CH_2)_nCO(O)R_8$  where  $n = 1$ , and wherein  $R_8$  is methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl,

$R_3$  is phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkoxy, halogen, hydroxyl,  $NO_2$  optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocycle, cyano,  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  are hydrogen, or those where

$R_1$  is hydrogen,

$R_2$  is  $NR_6R_7$  wherein  $R_6$  is hydrogen,  $R_7$  is optionally substituted phenyl,

$R_3$  is optionally substituted phenyl or optionally substituted, preferably unsubstituted, furyl,

$R_4$  is hydrogen, methyl or  $NR_6R_7$  wherein  $R_6$  and  $R_7$  are independently from each other, selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_2$  alkyl, optionally substituted by phenyl, and

$R_5$  is hydrogen.

**[0010]** Even more preferred compounds of formula I are those where

$R_1$  is hydrogen,

$R_2$  is  $NHR_7$  wherein  $R_7$  is selected from phenyl

optionally substituted with a radical selected from methyl, ethyl, propyl, halogen, methoxy, hydroxyl,

$R_3$  is phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from methoxy, bromo, chloro, fluoro, hydroxyl,  $NO_2$ ,  $NH_2$ ,  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  are hydrogen, or those where

$R_1$  is hydrogen,

$R_2$  is  $-NR_6R_7$  wherein  $R_6$  is hydrogen and  $R_7$  is unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted in 3 and/or 4 position by one or two substituents independently selected from halogen,  $C_1$ - $C_2$  alkoxy, in particular methoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_2$  alkyl, in particular methyl,  $CF_3$ ,  $NO_2$ ,  $NH_2$ ,  $NHCH_3$ ,  $N(CH_3)_2$ ,

$R_3$  is unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted in 3 and/or 4 position by a substituent independently selected from  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy, or hydroxy, or amino, or the substituents in 3- and 4-position form together a 5- or 6-membered heterocycle,

R<sub>4</sub> is hydrogen or methyl and

R<sub>5</sub> is hydrogen.

**[0011]** Especially preferred compounds of formula I are those where R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen, R<sub>2</sub> is NHR<sub>7</sub> wherein R<sub>7</sub> is phenyl, R<sub>3</sub> is phenyl and R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are hydrogen; and where

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen, R<sub>2</sub> is NHR<sub>7</sub> wherein R<sub>7</sub> is phenyl, R<sub>3</sub> is phenyl substituted with hydroxyl and R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are hydrogen, or those where

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen,

R<sub>2</sub> is -NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub> wherein R<sub>6</sub> is hydrogen and R<sub>7</sub> is

unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted in 3 and/or 4 position by one or two substituents independently selected from halogen and CF<sub>3</sub>, in particular an unsubstituted phenyl or a phenyl substituted in 3 or 4 position,

R<sub>3</sub> is unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted in 3 and/or 4 position by methoxy or hydroxy, in particular an unsubstituted phenyl or a phenyl substituted in 3- or 4-position,

R<sub>4</sub> is hydrogen or methyl, and

R<sub>5</sub> is hydrogen.

**[0012]** A presently especially preferred compound is a compound of formula I (see also Example 1) where

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen,

R<sub>2</sub> is -NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub> wherein R<sub>6</sub> is hydrogen and R<sub>7</sub> is phenyl substituted with halogen in 3-position,

R<sub>3</sub> is unsubstituted phenyl,

R<sub>4</sub> is methyl, and

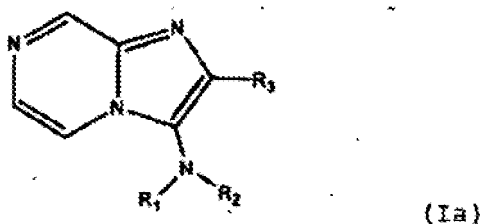
R<sub>5</sub> is hydrogen.

**[0013]** The compounds of the present invention are preferably used for the treatment of a disease which involves a tyrosine kinase, preferably a receptor tyrosine kinase.

**[0014]** The compounds of the present invention are particularly suitable for the treatment of a disease involving a member of the eph family of receptor tyrosine kinases. A preferred member of the eph family is ephrin B4.

**[0015]** The compounds of the present invention can be used for the treatment of many diseases involving a protein kinase such as hyperproliferative diseases, in particular cancer.

**[0016]** In a second aspect the present invention relates to the use of a compound of formula Ia:



wherein R<sub>1</sub> is C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> cycloalkyl, phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy; (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CO(O)R<sub>4</sub> where n = 1, 2, 3, 4 and wherein R<sub>4</sub> is hydrogen, optionally substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, optionally substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> cycloalkyl, optionally substituted aryl,

R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl and

R<sub>3</sub> is phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, hydroxyl, NO<sub>2</sub> for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a hyperproliferative disease or a malignant transformation involving a protein kinase.

**[0017]** Preferred compounds of formula Ia are those where

R<sub>1</sub> is cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from methyl, ethyl, propyl; (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CO(O)R<sub>4</sub> where n = 1 and wherein R<sub>4</sub> is methyl, ethyl, propyl,

R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen and

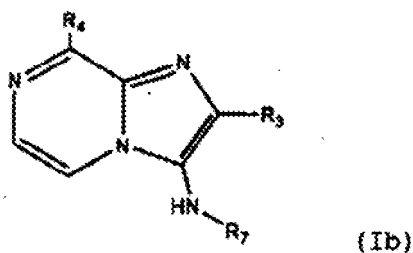
R<sub>3</sub> is phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from methoxy, ethoxy, hydroxyl, NO<sub>2</sub>, bromine, fluorine, chlorine.

**[0018]** Even more preferred compounds of formula Ia are those where

R<sub>1</sub> is phenyl, R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen and R<sub>3</sub> is phenyl substituted with hydroxyl and

R<sub>1</sub> is phenyl, R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen and R<sub>3</sub> is phenyl.

**[0019]** In a third aspect, the present invention provides a compound of formula Ib as medicament



wherein  $R_7$  is optionally substituted phenyl,  $R_3$  is optionally substituted phenyl or optionally substituted, preferably unsubstituted, furyl, and  $R_4$  is methyl or  $NR_6R_7$  wherein  $R_6$  and  $R_7$  are independently from each other selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_2$  alkyl, optionally substituted by phenyl.

15 **[0020]** Preferred compounds of formula Ib are those where  $R_7$  is unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted in 3 and/or 4 position by one or two substituents independently selected from halogen,  $C_1$ - $C_2$  alkoxy, in particular methoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_2$  alkyl, in particular methyl,  $CF_3$ ,  $NO_2$ ,  $NH_2$ ,  $NHCH_3$ ,  $N(CH_3)_2$ ;  $R_3$  is unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted in 3 and/or 4 position by a substituent independently selected from  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy, or hydroxy, or amino, or the substituents in 3- and 4-position form together a 5- or 6-membered heterocycle, and  $R_4$  is methyl.

20 **[0021]** Even more preferred compounds are those compounds of formula Ib where  $R_7$  is unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted in 3 and/or 4 position by one or two substituents independently selected from halogen, and  $CF_3$ , in particular an unsubstituted phenyl or a phenyl substituted in 3 or 4 position;  $R_3$  is unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted in 3 and/or 4 position by methoxy or hydroxy, in particular an unsubstituted phenyl or a phenyl substituted in 3- or 4-position, and  $R_4$  is methyl.

25 **[0022]** Even more preferred compounds are those compounds of formula Ib where  $R_7$  is phenyl substituted with halogen in 3-position;  $R_3$  is unsubstituted phenyl, and  $R_4$  is methyl.

**[0023]** Preferably said disorder is a hyperproliferative disorder, in particular a cancer.

**[0024]** The compounds of the present invention can as well be used as research tools in functional genomics, drug discovery, target validation and *ex vivo* diagnostics.

30 Modes for carrying out the invention

**[0025]** In the context of the present invention it has been surprisingly found that the compounds of formula I have besides their known analgetic activity as well a protein kinase modulating activity, in particular a tyrosine kinase inhibiting activity.

35 **[0026]** The compounds of the present invention are preferably used for the treatment of a hyperproliferative disease, in particular cancer. The compounds of the present invention are particularly suitable for the treatment of a hyperproliferative disorder involving a receptor tyrosine kinase of the eph family, preferably eph B4, or a tumor involving the cytoplasmic tyrosine kinase src. The src non-receptor tyrosine kinase is known to be involved in the development of various cancers. For a review see the publication of Warmuth et al., *Curr. Pharm. Des.* 2003: 9(25):2043-59.

40 **[0027]** There exists evidence that receptor tyrosine kinases of the eph family are involved in the development of tumors such as breast cancer, liver cancer, gastrointestinal cancer, neuroblastomas, leukemias and lymphomas, prostate cancer, pancreatic cancer, lung cancer, melanoma, ovarian cancer, thyroid cancers, sarcomas, renal carcinomas and epidermoid cancer (M. Nakamoto et al, *Microscopy Research and technique* 59:58-62 (2002)). Therefore, the compounds of the present invention can preferably be used for the treatment of the above mentioned types of tumors.

45 **[0028]** The term "protein kinase" as used herein encompasses all types of protein kinases such as serine/threonine kinases, tyrosine kinases, receptor tyrosine kinases and non-receptor tyrosine kinases.

**[0029]** The compounds of the present invention having formula I can be prepared by methods described e.g. in WO 01/27111 or in WO 03/031447. The compounds of the present invention having formula II can be prepared by methods described e.g. in US 2003/0225098.

50 **[0030]** The compounds of the invention can be administered in a variety of dosage forms, e.g. orally, in the form of tablets, capsules, sugar- or film-coated tablets, liquid solutions or suspensions; rectally, in the form of suppositories; parenterally, e.g. intramuscularly, or by intravenous injection of infusion; or topically. The dosage depends on the age, weight, condition of the patient and administration route.

55 **[0031]** The pharmaceutical compositions containing the compounds of the invention are usually prepared following conventional methods and are administered in a pharmaceutically suitable form.

**[0032]** For example, the solid oral forms may contain, together with the active compound, diluents, e.g. lactose, dextrose, saccharose, cellulose, corn starch or potato starch; lubricants, e.g. silica, talc, stearic acid, magnesium or

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calcium stearate, and/or polyethylene glycols; binding agents, e.g. starches, arabic gums, gelatin, methylcellulose, carboxymethylcellulose or polyvinyl pyrrolidone; disaggregating agents, e.g. a starch, alginic acid, alginates or sodium starch glycolate, effervescing mixtures; dyestuffs; sweeteners; wetting agents, such as lecithin, polysorbates, laurylsulphates; and, in general, non-toxic and pharmacologically inactive substances used in pharmaceutical formulations. Said pharmaceutical preparations may be manufactured in known manner, for example by means of mixing, granulating, 5 tableting, sugar-coating or filmcoating processes.

**[0033]** The liquid dispersion for oral administration may be, e.g., syrups, emulsions and suspensions.

**[0034]** The syrup may contain as carrier, for example, saccharose or saccharose with glycerin and/or mannitol and/or sorbitol.

10 **[0035]** The suspensions and the emulsions may contain as carrier, for example, a natural gum, agar, sodium alginate, pectin, methylcellulose, carboxymethylcellulose or polyvinyl alcohol. The suspensions or solutions for intramuscular injections may contain, together with the active compound, a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, e.g. sterile water, olive oil, ethyl oleate, glycols, e.g. propylene glycol, and, if desired, a suitable amount of lidocaine hydrochloride.

15 **[0036]** The solutions for intravenous injections or infusion may contain as carrier, for example, sterile water or, preferably, they may be in the form of sterile aqueous, isotonic saline solutions.

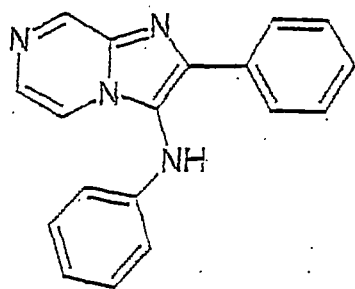
**[0037]** The suppositories may contain, together with the active compound, a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, e.g. cocoa-butter, polyethylene glycol, a polyoxyethylene sorbitan fatty acid ester surfactant or lecithin.

**[0038]** Compositions for topical application, e.g. creams, lotions or pastes, can be prepared by admixing the active ingredient with a conventional oleaginous or emulsifying excipient.

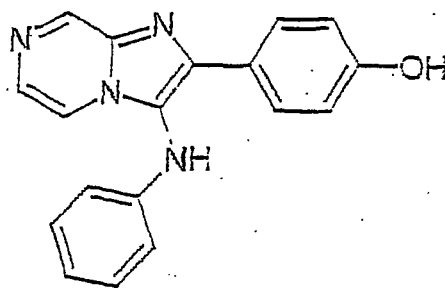
20 **[0039]** The compounds of the present invention may be administered to a patient in form of pharmaceutically acceptable salts. Suitable pharmaceutically-acceptable salts include acid addition salts such as methanesulfonate, fumarate, hydrochloride, citrate, maleate, tartrate and hydrobromide. Also suitable are salts formed with phosphoric and sulfuric acid. Further suitable salts are base salts such as an alkali metal salt for example sodium, an alkaline earth metal salt for example calcium or magnesium, an organic amine salt for example triethylamine, morpholine, N-methylpiperidine, N-ethylpiperidine, procaine, dibenzylamine, N,N-dibenzylethylamine, tris-(2-hydroxyethyl) amine, N-methyl d-glucamine 25 and amino acids such as lysine. There may be more than one cation or anion depending on the number of charged functions and the valency of the cations or anions.

30 **[0040]** The compounds of the present invention may be administered in the form of a pro-drug which is broken down in the human or animal body to give a compound of the present invention. A prodrug may be used to alter or improve the physical and/or pharmacokinetic profile of the parent compound and can be formed when the parent compound contains a suitable group or substituent which can be derivatised to form a prodrug. Examples of prodrugs include in-vivo hydrolysable esters of a compound of the present invention or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

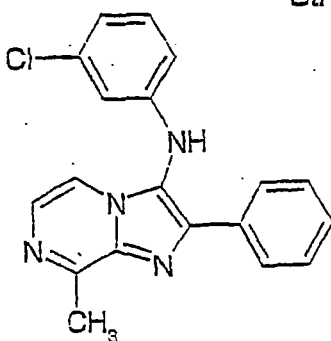
**[0041]** Below are shown three preferred compounds of the present invention:



Structure I



Structure II



Structure III

## EXAMPLES

**[0042]** The invention is further illustrated by the following preparations and examples which should not be construed to limit the scope of the disclosure. Alternative pathways and analogous structures will be apparent to those skilled in the art.

**[0043]** The following abbreviations are used in the following examples:

rt = room temperature (ca. 25°C)

Rt = Retention time

AcOH = acetic acid

EtOAc = ethyl acetate

EtOH = ethanol

MeOH = methanol

TFA = trifluoro acetic acid

NMR = nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy

HPLC = high pressure liquid chromatography

LC/MS = liquid chromatography mass spectrometry

RP = reverse phase

**[0044]** The following purification methods were applied to obtain pure samples: Crystallization from typical organic solvents, flash chromatography on silica gel, preparative HPLC on RP-silica gel and any combinations thereof.

**[0045]** For preparative HPLC, an Agilent Series 1100 Instrument with a Zorbax SB-C18 column, 21.2 x 250 mm, 7  $\mu$ , was used; solvents CH<sub>3</sub>CN - water (0.1 % TFA each).

**[0046]** Where HPLC data are presented, analysis was done on a Agilent Series 1100 Instrument with a Supelco Discovery C18 column (4.6 x 50 mm, 5  $\mu$ , detecting at 254 nm and 220 nm; gradient 10 % to 99 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN within 4 minutes, 1 min. at 99 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN using CH<sub>3</sub>CN - water (0.1 % TFA each) solvent system with a flow rate of 2.0 mL / min. The retention times in minutes are given.

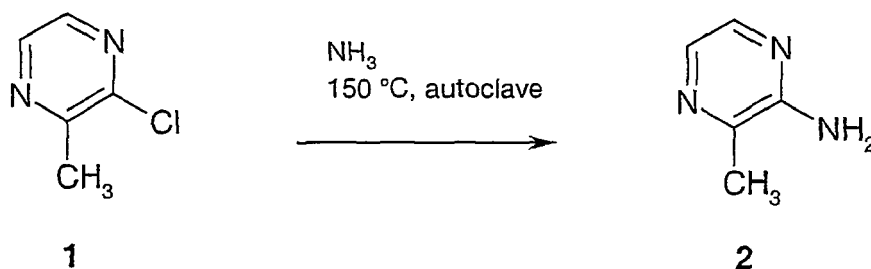
**[0047]** Where NMR Data are presented, <sup>1</sup>H spectra were obtained on a Bruker DPX 300 (300.13 MHz) and are reported as ppm down field from tetramethylsilane with the number of protons.

**[0048]** Where LC/MS data are presented, analysis was performed using a Micromass ZQ, (150-1000 u), ESI-positive

spectrometer and Agilent Series 1100 Instrument, with a YMC-Pack ProC 18 (3  $\mu$ m), 33x3 mm column; gradient flow 5 % CH<sub>3</sub>CN /methanol/ 95% water/ 0.05% formic acid to 100% CH<sub>3</sub>CN /methanol/ 0% water/ 0.05% formic acid within 3 minutes using CH<sub>3</sub>CN /methanol (80:20) - water (0.05% HCOOH) as solvent system with a flow rate of 1.7 mL/min. The retention times in minutes and observed parent ion are given.

INTERMEDIATE 1. 3-Methyl-pyrazin-2-ylamine

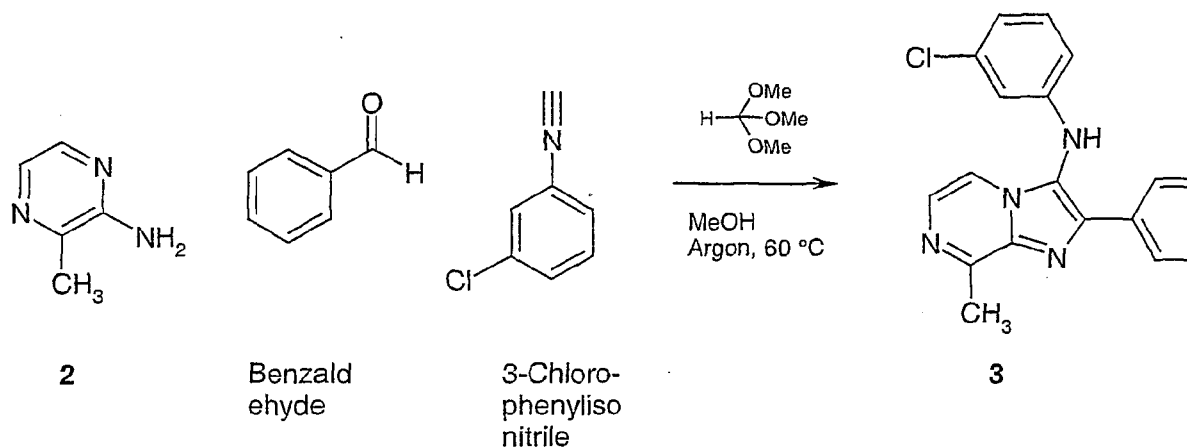
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[0050] In an autoclave, 2-chloro-3-methyl-pyrazine (1) (10.0 g, 77.8 mmol) was dissolved in dry methanol (30 mL). Ammonia gas (60 g) was added. The mixture was heated to 150 °C for 8 hours. (start pressure: 10 bar, end pressure: 90 bar). After cooling to rt, the mixture was evaporated to a brown solid, which was dissolved in 1N hydrochloric acid (100 mL) and washed with dichloromethane. The aqueous layer was slowly poured on cold saturated aqueous ammonia (150 mL), then extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and evaporated. The product was extracted from the residual solid with hot acetone (200 mL). Evaporation yielded 36 % of 3-methyl-pyrazin-2-ylamine (2) as a yellow solid.

EXAMPLE 1: (3-Chloro-phenyl)-(8-methyl-2-phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-amine (3)

[0051]



(General method A)

[0052] 3-Methyl-pyrazin-2-ylamine (2) (109 mg, 1.0 mmol), benzaldehyde (106 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 3-chlorophenylisocyanide (138 mg, 1.0 mmol) were dissolved in a mixture of dry methanol (2.0 mL) and trimethyl orthoformate (2.0 mL) under argon. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 3 hours, then cooled to rt. An analytically pure sample of 3 was obtained from the crude product using preparative HPLC.

EXAMPLE 2: (3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-(2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-amine (**29**)

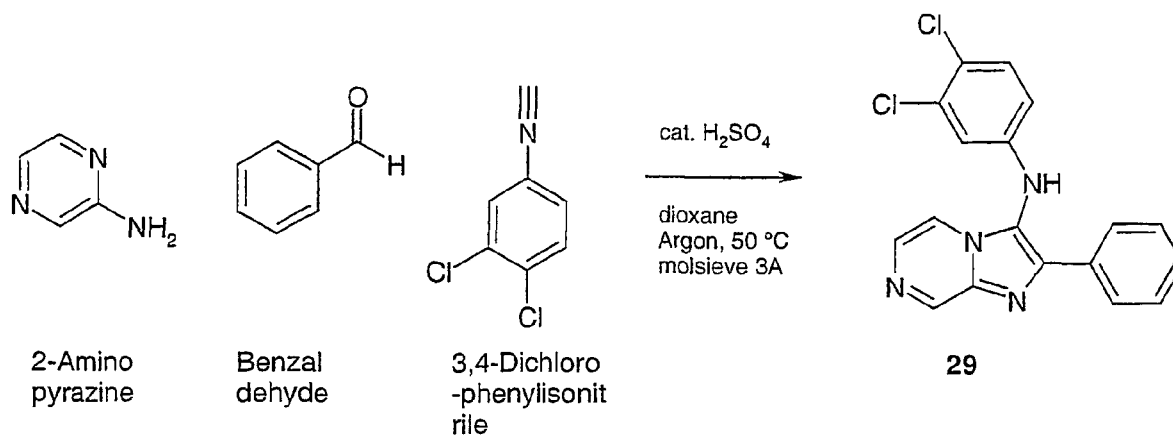
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(General method B)

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[0054] 2-Amino-pyrazine (95 mg, 1.0 mmol) and benzaldehyde (106 mg, 1.0 mmol) were dissolved in dry dioxane (2.0 mL) containing molecular sieves (3Å) under argon. After 5 minutes sulfuric acid (20μL) and 3,4-dichloro-phenylisonitrile (172 mg, 1.0 mmol) were added. The mixture was then stirred at 50 °C for 3 hours, cooled to rt and filtered. The product **29** was obtained by crystallization from acetonitrile.

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EXAMPLE 3: N'8-Benzyl-N'3-(3-chloro-phenyl)-2-phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazine-3,8-diamine (**22**)

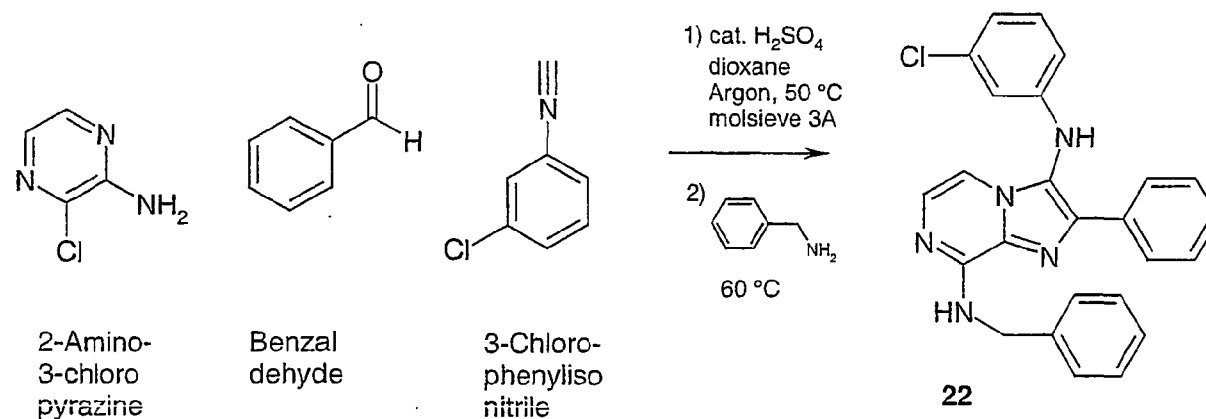
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(General method C for aminosubstituted derivatives)

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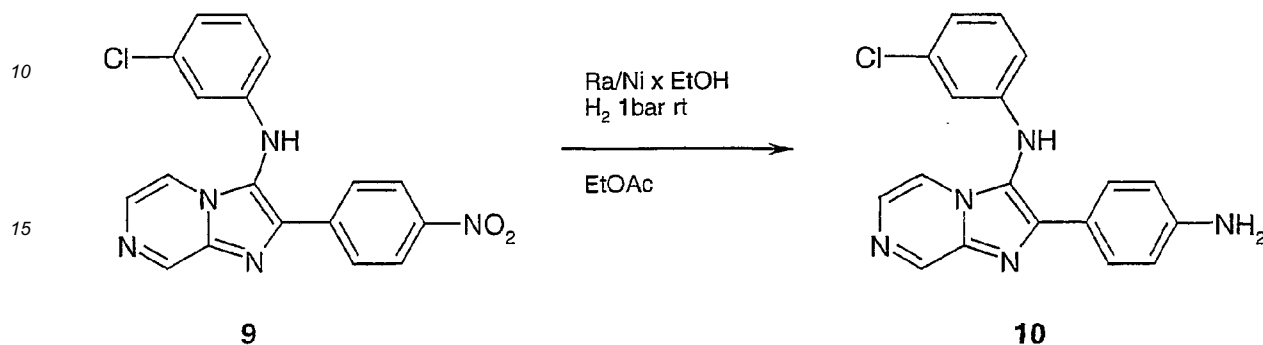
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[0057] Benzylamine (536 mg, 5.0 mmol) was added to the filtrate and the mixture was heated to 60 °C for 20 h. After cooling to rt, filtration and evaporation to dryness, an analytically pure sample of **22** was obtained from the crude product

using preparative HPLC.

EXAMPLE 4: [2-(4-Amino-phenyl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl]-(3-chloro-phenyl)-amine (**10**)

5 **[0058]**



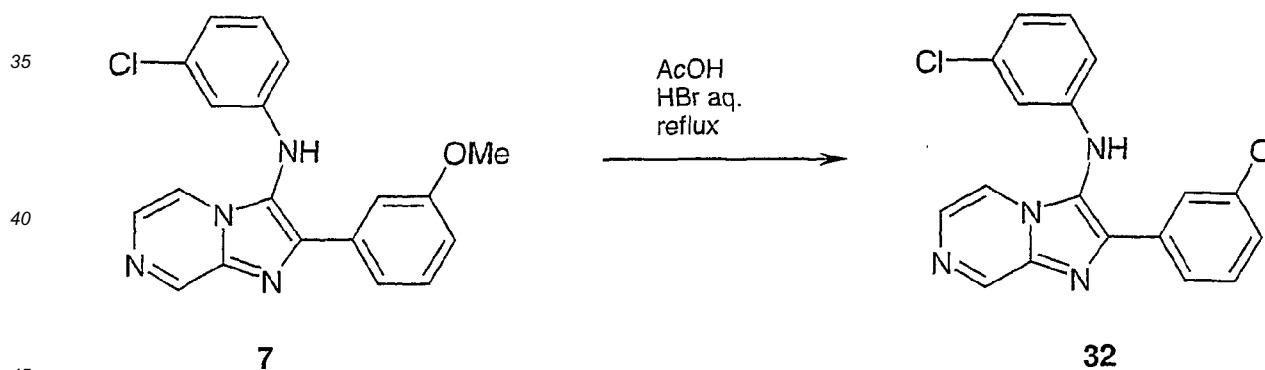
(General method **D** for amino-derivatives via catalytic reduction of their nitro-precursors)

25 **[0059]** **9** (82 mg, 0.22 mmol) was dissolved in ethyl acetate (20 mL). 50 mg of Ra/Ni x EtOH were added and the mixture was hydrogenated (1 bar) at rt for 40 hours. The catalyst was filtered off, washed with ethyl acetate and the filtrate was evaporated to yield product **10** as a yellow solid. Pure **10** was obtained by crystallization from acetonitrile.

**[0060]** **9** was prepared in analogy to General Method **A** using 4-nitrobenzaldehyde.

30 EXAMPLE 5: 3-[3-(3-Chloro-phenylamino)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-2-yl]-phenol (**32**)

35 **[0061]**



Synthesis of **32** via methyl ether cleavage of **7**

50 **[0062]** **7** was prepared in analogy to General Method **A** using 3-methoxybenzaldehyd. Pure **7** was obtained by crystallization from ethyl acetate / heptane.

**[0063]** **7** (50 mg, 0.14 mmol) were refluxed in a mixture of glacial acetic acid (0.5 mL) and aqueous hydrobromic acid (5 mL) for 20 hours. After cooling to rt, it was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water, saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and water, then dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and evaporated. **32** was obtained as a slight yellow solid.

55 EXAMPLE 6: Additional compounds

**[0064]** The following compounds shown in TABLE 1, TABLE 2, TABLE 3 and TABLE 4 were prepared in accordance

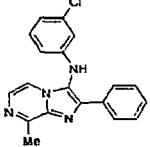
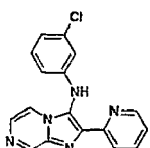
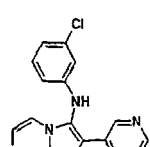
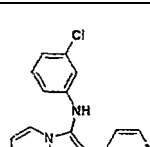
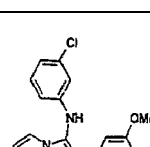
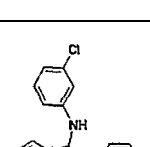
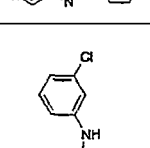
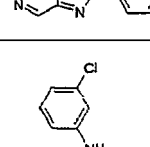
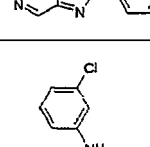
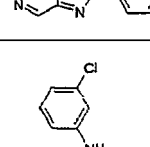
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with the methods provided in Examples 1 to 4. Those of ordinary skill in the art of organic synthesis will recognize when starting materials or reaction conditions should be varied to obtain the desired compound.

[0065] The analytical data of the compounds is summarized in TABLE 5

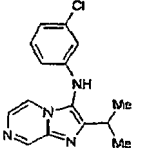
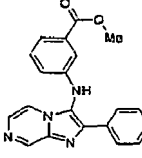
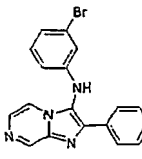
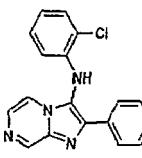
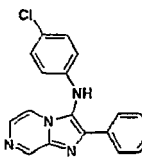
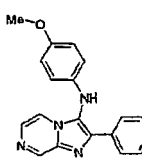
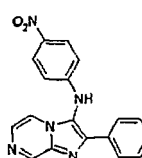
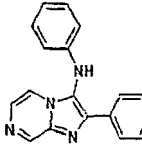
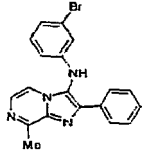
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TABLE 1, compounds synthesized according to General Procedure A

Structure cpd		Pyrazine	Aldehyde	Isonitrile
10 	3	2	Benzaldehyde	3- Chlorophenylisonitrile
15 	4	2- Amino- pyrazine	Pyridine- 2- carbaldehyde	3- Chlorophenylisonitrile
20 	5	2- Amino- pyrazine	Pyridine- 3- carbaldehyde	3- Chlorophenylisonitrile
25 	6	2- Amino- pyrazine	Pyridine- 4- carbaldehyde	3- Chlorophenylisonitrile
30 	7	2- Amino- pyrazine	3- Methoxybenzaldehyde	3- Chlorophenylisonitrile
35 	8	2- Amino- pyrazine	N-(4-Formylphenyl)-acetamide	3- Chlorophenylisonitrile
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	Structure cpd		Pyrazine	Aldehyde	Isonitrile
5		12	2- Amino- pyrazine	2- Methylpropionaldehyde	3- Chlorophenylisonitrile
10		13	2- Amino- pyrazine	Benzaldehyde	3-Isocyano-benzoic acid methyl ester
15		14	2- Amino- pyrazine	Benzaldehyde	3- Bromophenylisonitrile
20		15	2- Amino- pyrazine	Benzaldehyde	2- Chlorophenylisonitrile
25		16	2- Amino- pyrazine	Benzaldehyde	4- Chlorophenylisonitrile
30		17	2- Amino- pyrazine	Benzaldehyde	4- Methoxyphenylisonitrile
35		18	2- Amino- pyrazine	Benzaldehyde	4- Nitrophenylisonitrile
40		23	2- Amino- pyrazine	Benzaldehyde	Isocyanobenzene
45		24	2	N-(4-Formylphenyl)-acetamide	3- Bromophenylisonitrile

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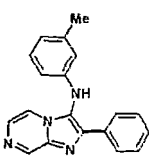
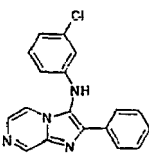
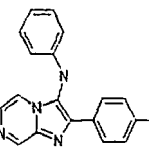
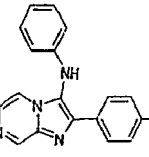
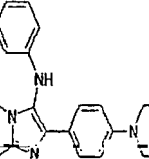
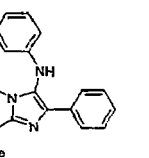
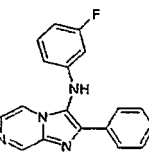
	Structure cpd		Pyrazine	Aldehyde	Isonitrile
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10		<b>35</b>	2- Amino- pyrazine	Benzaldehyde	3- Chlorophenylisonitrile
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20		<b>36</b>	2- Amino- pyrazine	4- Methoxybenzaldehyde	Isocyanobenzene
25		<b>37</b>	2- Amino- pyrazine	4- Chlorobenzaldehyde	Isocyanobenzene
30		<b>38</b>	2- Amino- pyrazine	4- Morpholino-benzaldehyde	Isocyanobenzene
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40		<b>39</b>	<b>2</b>	Benzaldehyde	Isocyanobenzene

TABLE 2, compounds synthesized according to General Procedure B

	Structure	cpd	Pyrazine	Aldehyde	Isonitrile
45		<b>25</b>	2-Amino-pyrazine	Benzaldehyde	3-Nitro-phenylisonitrile
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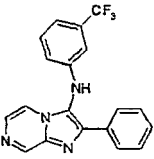
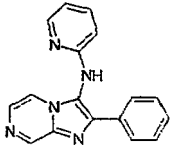
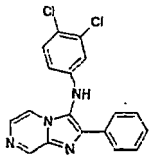
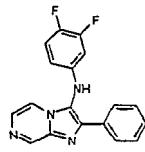
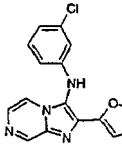
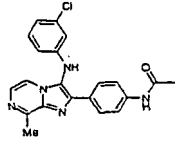
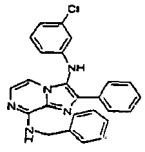
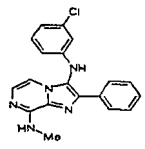
	Structure	cpd	Pyrazine	Aldehyde	Isonitrile
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10		<b>28</b>	2-Amino-pyrazine	Benzaldehyde	2-Isocyano-pyridine
15		<b>29</b>	2-Amino-pyrazine	Benzaldehyde	3,4-Di-chloro-phenylisonitrile
20		<b>30</b>	2-Amino-pyrazine	Benzaldehyde	3,4-Di-fluorophenylisonitrile
25		<b>31</b>	2-Amino-pyrazine	Furfuraldehyde	3-Chlorophenylisonitrile
30		<b>33</b>	<b>3</b>	N-(4-Formylphenyl)-acetamide	3-Chlorophenylisonitrile
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TABLE 3, compounds synthesized according to General Procedure C

	Structure	cpd	Pyrazine	Aldehyde	Isonitrile	Amine
45		<b>22</b>	2-Amino-3-chloropyrazine	Benzaldehyde	3-Chlorophenylisonitrile	Benzylamine
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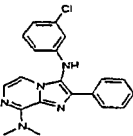
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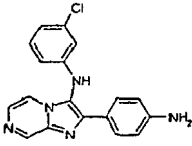
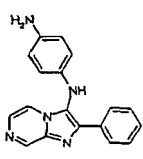
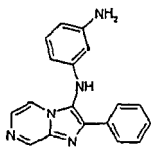
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TABLE 5, analytical data

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3	(3-Chloro-phenyl)-(8-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-amine	2.70	1.97	335	8.76, br, 1H; 7.82, d, 4.7 Hz, 1H; 2.87, s, 3H
4	(3-Chloro-phenyl)-(2-pyridin-2-yl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-amine	2.02	1.72	322	9.14, d, 1.5 Hz; 8.75, s, 1H; 8.61, m, 1H
5	3-Chloro-phenyl)-(2-pyridin-3-yl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-amine	1.69	1.48	322	9.19, m, 2H; 8.73, s, 1H; 8.56, m, 1H
6	(3-Chloro-phenyl)-(2-pyridin-4-yl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-amine	1.79	1.25	322	9.17, d, 1.4 Hz, 1H; 8.85, br, 1H; 6.80, m, 2H
7	(3-Chloro-phenyl)-[2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl]-amine	2.68	1.92	351	9.13, d, 1.5 Hz, 1H; 8.67, s, 1H; 3.73, s, 3H

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Cpd	Name	Rt (HPLC) min.	Rt (LC-MS) min.	m/z [M+H] <sup>+</sup>	<sup>1</sup> H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) characteristic signals [ppm]
8	N-{4-[3-(3-Chlorophenylamino)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-2-yl]-phenyl}-acetamide	2.24	1.63	378	10.1, br, 1H; 9.24, d, 1.4 Hz, 1H; 8.76, br, 1H; 2.06, s, 3H
9	(3-Chloro-phenyl)-[2-(4-nitro-phenyl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl]-amine	2.90	1.99	366	9.19, br, 1H; 8.82, br, 1H; 6.67, br, 1H
10	[2-(4-Amino-phenyl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl]-(3-chloro-phenyl)-amine	1.89	0.85	336	9.00, br, 1H; 8.51, br, 1H; 8.00, m, br, 1H
11	(3-Chloro-phenyl)-(2-methyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-amine	2.04	1.51	259	9.20, d, 1.1 Hz, 1 H; 8.60, br, 1H; 2.36, s, 3H
12	(3-Chloro-phenyl)-(2-isopropyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-amine	2.38	1.77	287	9.33, d, 0.8 Hz, 1H; 8.63, br, 1H; 1.34, d, 6.9 Hz, 6H
13	3-(2-Phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-ylamino)-benzoic acid methyl ester	2.46	1.74	345	9.18, br, 1H; 8.76, br, 1H; 3.82, s, 3H
14	(3-Bromo-phenyl)-(2-phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-amine	2.81	1.94	365	9.22, d, 0.9 Hz; 8.74, br, 1H; 6.48, m, 1H
15	(2-Chloro-phenyl)-(2-phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-amine	2.79	1.94	321	9.14, d, 1.5 Hz, 1 H; 8.15, s, 1H; 6.08, m, 1H
16	(4-Chloro-phenyl)-(2-phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-amine	2.80	1.93	321	9.11, d, 1.4 Hz, 1H; 8.57, s, 1H; 6.54, m, 1H
17	(4-Methoxy-phenyl)-(2-phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-amine	2.41	1.70	317	9.09, d, 1.5 Hz, 1H; 5.76, s, 1H; 3.64, s, 3H
18	(4-Nitro-phenyl)-(2-phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-amine	2.34	1.72	332	9.54, br, 1H; 9.19, br, 1H; 6.71, m, 2H
19	N-(2-Phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-benzene-1,4-diamine		0.79	302	
20	N'3-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-N'8-methyl-2-phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazine-3,8-diamine	2.49	1.64	350	8.44, br, 1H; 7.90, m, 2H; 2.92, d, 4.8 Hz, 3H
21	N'3-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-N'8,N'8-dimethyl-2-phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazine-3,8-diamine		1.66	364	

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Cpd	Name	Rt (HPLC) min.	Rt (LC-MS) min.	m/z [M+H] <sup>+</sup>	<sup>1</sup> H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) characteristic signals [ppm]
22	N'8-Benzyl-N'3-(3-chloro-phenyl)-2-phenyl-imidazo [1,2-a]pyrazine-3,8-diamine x HCl	2.93	2.22	426	8.95, br, 1H; 7.99, m, 2H; 4.95, m, 2H
23	Phenyl-(2-phenyl-imidazo [1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-amine	2.36	1.75	287	9.11, d, 1.4 Hz, 1 H; 8.41, br, 1H; 6.52, m, 2H
24	N-{4-[3-(3-Bromo-phenylamino)-8-methyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-2-yl]-phenyl}-acetamide	2.08	1.68	436	10.0, br, 1H; 8.59, br, 1H; 2.05, s, 3H
25	(3-Nitro-phenyl)-(2-phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-amine	2.35	1.75	332	9.15, d, 1.5 Hz, 1H; 9.03, s, 1H; 8.85, m, 1H:
26	(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-(2-phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-amine	2.36	1.81	305	9.23, d, 1.3 Hz, 1H; 8.76, br, 1H; 6.31, m, 2H
27	(2-Phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-amine	2.65	1.97	355	9.18, d, 1.5 Hz, 1H; 8.88, s, 1H; 6.71, m, 1H
28	(2-Phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-pyridin-2-yl-amine	1.41	1.29	288	9.11, d, 1.4 Hz, 1 H; 8.06, m, 1H; 8.80, m, 2H
29	(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-(2-phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-amine	2.76	2.03	355	9.15, d, 1.4 Hz, 1 H; 8.81, s, 1H; 6.50, m, 1 H
30	(3,4-Difluoro-phenyl)-(2-phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-amine	2.43	1.85	323	9.11, d, 1.5 Hz, 1H; 8.58, s, 1H; 6.58, m, 1H
31	(3-Chloro-phenyl)-(2-furan-2-yl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-amine	2.31	1.74	311	9.08, d, 1.5 Hz, 1H; 8.58, s, 1H; 6.43, m, 1H
32	3-[3-(3-Chloro-phenylamino)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-2-yl]-phenol	2.22	1.70	337	9.32, br, 1H; 8.86, br, 1H; 6.50, m, 1H
33	N-{4-[3-(3-Chloro-phenylamino)-8-methyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-2-yl]-phenyl}-acetamide		1.69	392	
34	(2-Phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-m-tolyl-amine		1.89	301	9.11, d, 1.5 Hz, 1H; 8.33, s, 1H; 2.16, s, 3H
35	(3-Chloro-phenyl)-(2-phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-amine		1.92	321	9.12, d, 1.4 Hz, 1 H; 8.67, br, 1H; 6.42, m, 2H

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Cpd	Name	Rt (HPLC) min.	Rt (LC-MS) min.	m/z [M+H] <sup>+</sup>	<sup>1</sup> H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) characteristic signals [ppm]
36	[2-(4-Methoxy-phenyl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl]-phenyl-amine		1.76	317	9.06, d, 1.5 Hz; 8.34, s, 1 H; 3.77, s, 3H
37	[2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl]-phenyl-amine		1.96	321	9.11, d, 1.4 Hz, 1H; 8.42, s, 1H; 6.51, d, 7.6 Hz, 2H
38	[2-(4-Morpholin-4-yl-phenyl)-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl]-phenyl-amine		1.69	372	9.03, d, 1.5Hz, 1H; 3.72, m, 2H; 3.15, m, 2H
39	(8-Methyl-2-phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-phenyl-amine		1.80	301	8.31, br, 1H; 8.00, m, 2H; 2.74, s, 3H
40	N-(2-Phenyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-benzene-1,3-diamine		1.24	302	

EXAMPLE 7: Assay for EPHB4 kinase activity

Kinase assay protocol

**[0066]** The kinase inhibition activity of the compounds was measured in an in vitro kinase assay.

**[0067]** Briefly, in a final reaction volume of 25  $\mu$ L, human EphB4 (N-terminal His6-tagged, recombinant, amino acids 561-end, expressed by baculovirus in Sf21 insect cells; 5-10 mU) was incubated with 8 mM MOPS pH 7.0, 0.2 mM EDTA, 10 mM MnCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.1 mg/mL poly(Glu, Tyr) 4:1, 10 mM MgAcetate and [ $\gamma$ -<sup>33</sup>P-ATP] (specific activity approx. 500 cpm/pmol, concentration as required). The reaction was initiated by the addition of the MgATP mix. After incubation for 40 min at rt, the reaction was stopped by the addition of 5  $\mu$ L of a 3% phosphoric acid solution. 10  $\mu$ L of the reaction was then spotted onto a Filtermat A and washed three times for 5 min in 75 mM phosphoric acid and once in methanol prior to drying and scintillation counting.

EXAMPLE 8: Test results

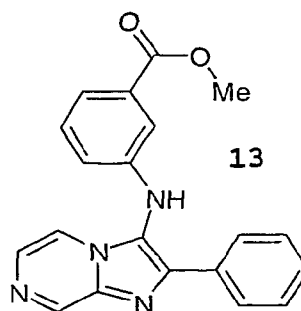
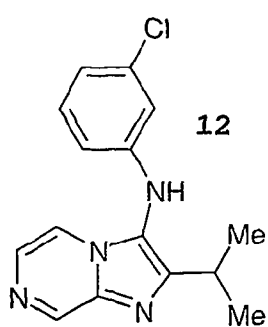
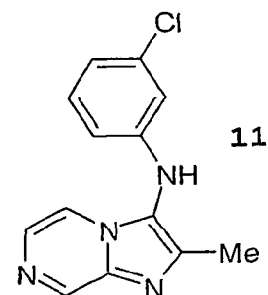
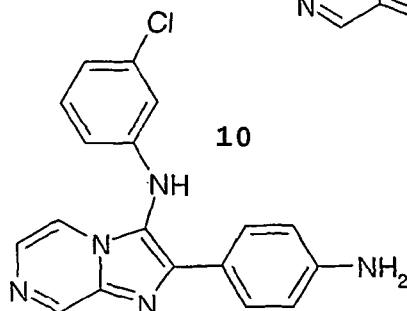
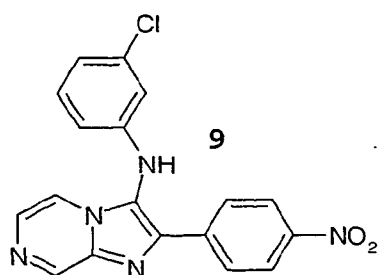
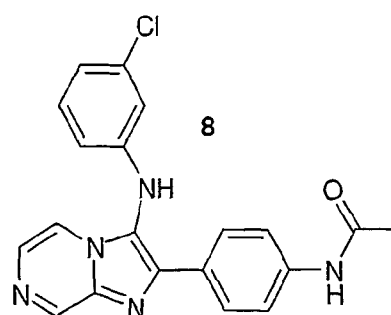
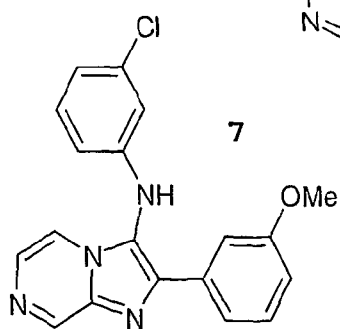
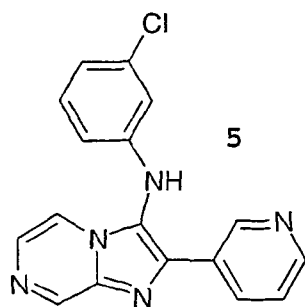
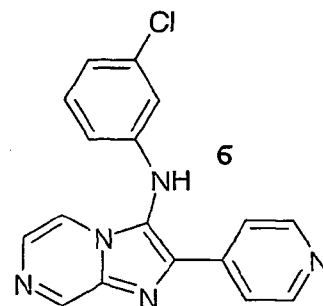
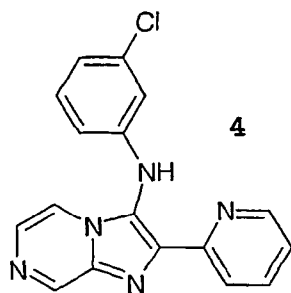
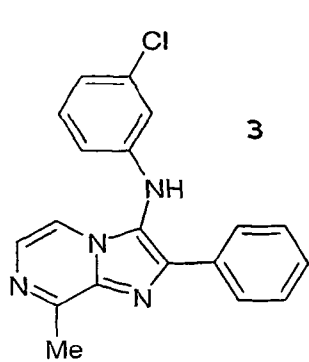
**[0068]** All compounds described in Example 1 to 6 were tested in the assay for EPHB4 activity described in Example 7 and found to exhibit an IC<sub>50</sub> of 6  $\mu$ M or less. Certain compounds disclosed in Example 1 to 6 exhibited an IC<sub>50</sub> of 500 nM or less in this assay. A subset of those compounds even exhibited an IC<sub>50</sub> of 150 nM or less.

**[0069]** While certain embodiments have been shown and described, numerous modifications and substitutions may be made without departing from the scope of the invention. Therefore, present invention has been described by way of examples and they have to be understood in an illustrative sense only and are not to be interpreted as limiting this invention in any manner.

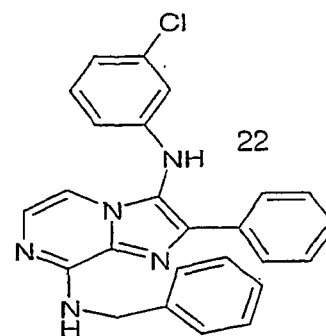
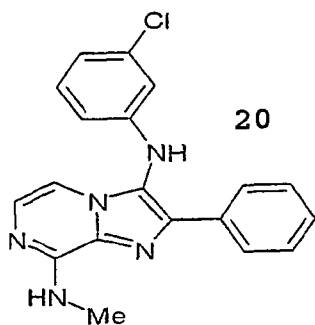
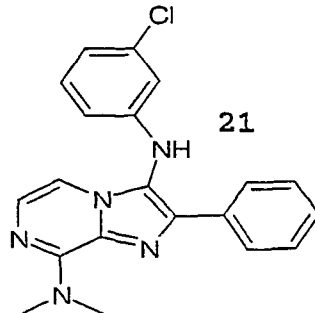
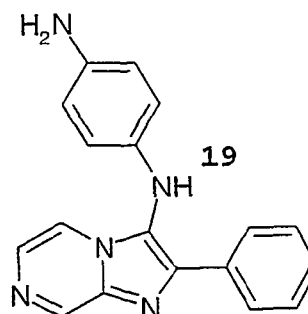
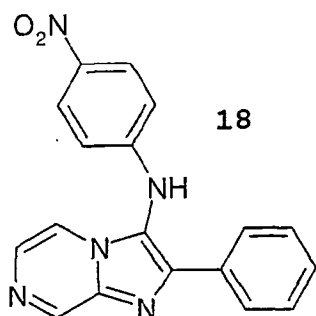
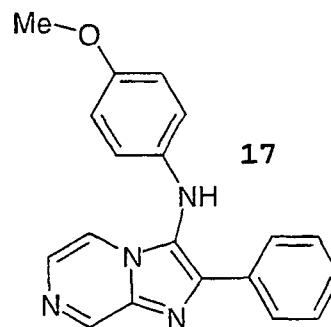
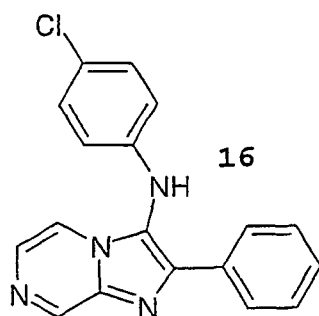
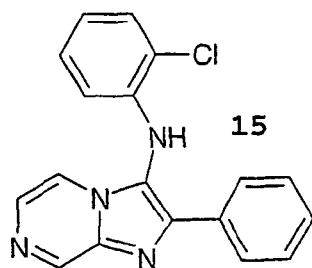
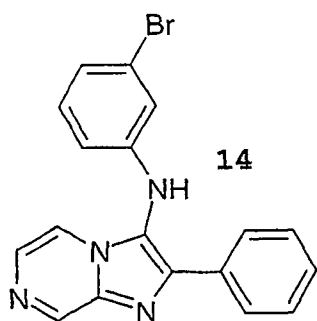
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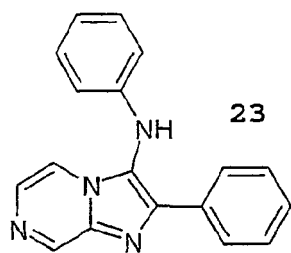
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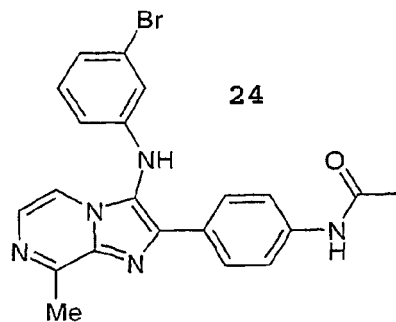
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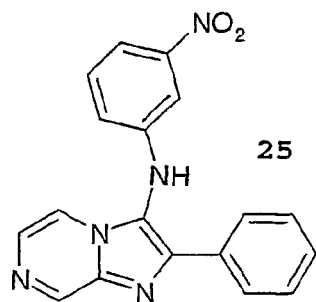
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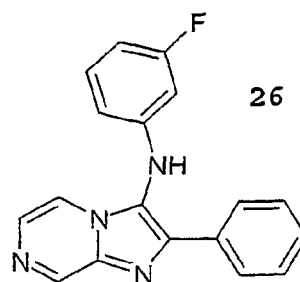
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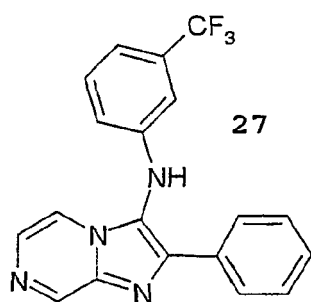
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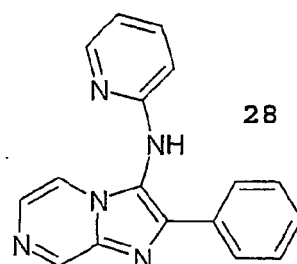
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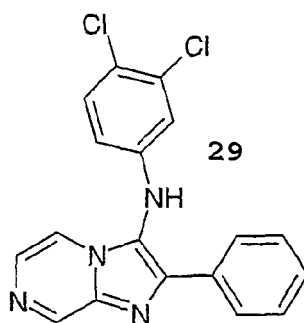


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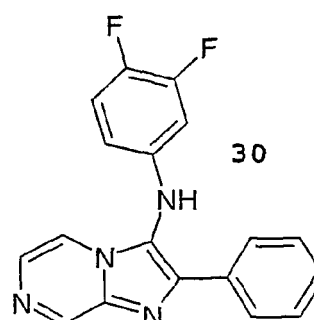


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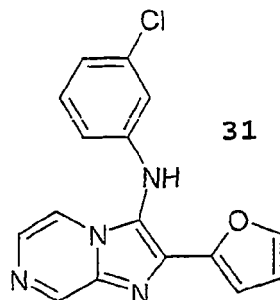
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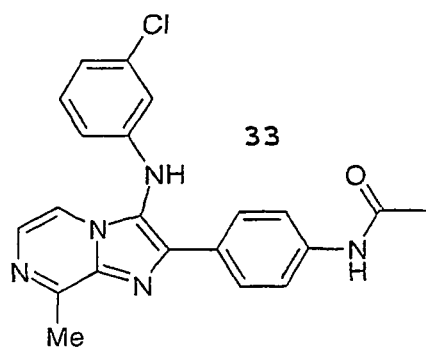


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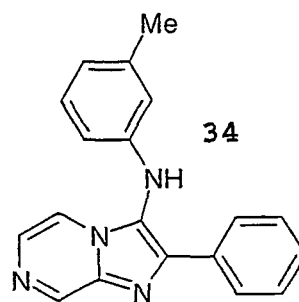
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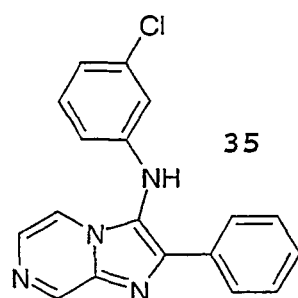
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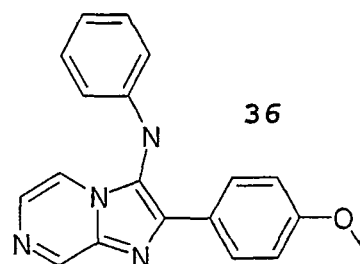


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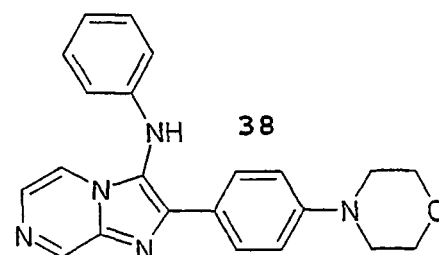
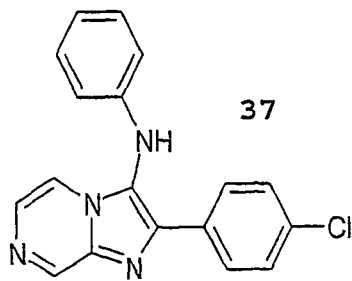


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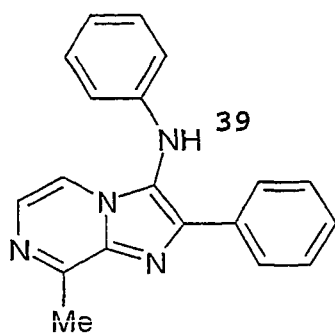
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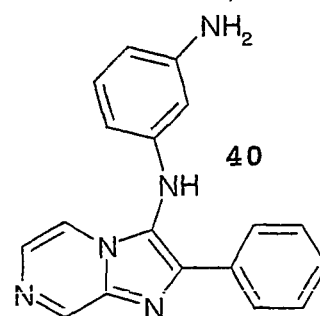


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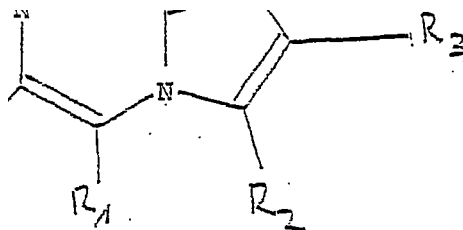


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## Claims

1. Use of a compound of formula I



wherein

$R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_4$  are independently selected from hydrogen, optionally substituted  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl, optionally substituted  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl,  $NR_6R_7$ ,  $OR_6$ ,  $SR_6$ ,  $(CH)_mR_6R_7$ , wherein  $R_6$  and  $R_7$  are independently selected from hydrogen, optionally substituted  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocycle,  $(CH_2)_nCO(O)R_8$ ,  $(CH_2)_mR'$  where  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$  and wherein  $R_8$  is hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl, optionally substituted  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl, optionally substituted aryl and wherein  $R'$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkoxy, optionally substituted  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl, optionally substituted aryl, halogen, hydroxyl,  $NO_2$ ,  $NH_2$ ,  $SO_2NH_2$  cyano and  $m$  is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4;

$R_3$  is hydroxyl, halogen,  $NH_2$ ,  $NO_2$ , cyano, SH, optionally substituted  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl, optionally substituted  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocycle,

$R_5$  is selected from  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl, hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkoxy,  $NH_2$ , halogen, cyano, alkine,  $COOR''$  wherein  $R''$  is selected from hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl;

for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a hyperproliferative disease or a malignant transformation involving a protein kinase.

2. The use of claim 1 wherein

$R_1$  is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl, cyclopropyl,  $NH_2$ , SH and

$R_2$  is  $NR_6R_7$  wherein  $R_6$  is hydrogen,

$R_7$  is selected from  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl, optionally substituted phenyl,  $(CH_2)_nCO(O)R_8$  where  $n = 1$ , and wherein  $R_8$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkoxy,

$R_3$  is optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocycle, cyano;

$R_4$  is hydrogen,  $NH(CH_2)_mR'$ ,  $O(CH_2)_mR'$ ,  $S(CH_2)_mR'$  wherein  $R'$  is selected from optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl and  $m = 1, 2$ ,

$R_5$  is methyl, hydrogen, hydroxyl.

3. The use of claim 1 or 2 wherein

$R_1$  is hydrogen,

$R_2$  is  $NHR_7$  wherein  $R_7$  is selected from  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl, phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkoxy, halogen,  $SO_2NH_2$ , hydroxyl;  $(CH_2)_nCO(O)R_8$  where  $n = 1$ , and wherein  $R_8$  is methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl,

$R_3$  is phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkoxy, halogen, hydroxyl,  $NO_2$ ,  $NH_2$ , optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocycle, cyano,

$R_4$  and  $R_5$  are hydrogen.

4. The use of claims 1 to 3, wherein

$R_1$  is hydrogen,

$R_2$  is  $NHR_7$  wherein  $R_7$  is selected from phenyl optionally substituted with a radical selected from methyl, ethyl, propyl, halogen, methoxy, hydroxyl,

R<sub>3</sub> is phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from methoxy, bromo, chloro, fluoro, hydroxyl, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, cyano, R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are hydrogen.

5. The use of claims 1-4, wherein

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 R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen,  
 R<sub>2</sub> is NHR<sub>7</sub> wherein R<sub>7</sub> is phenyl,  
 R<sub>3</sub> is phenyl and  
 R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are hydrogen; and where  
 10 R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen,  
 R<sub>2</sub> is NHR<sub>7</sub> wherein R<sub>7</sub> is phenyl,  
 R<sub>3</sub> is phenyl substituted with hydroxyl and  
 R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are hydrogen.

15 6. The use of claim 1, wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen,  
 R<sub>2</sub> is NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub> wherein R<sub>6</sub> is hydrogen, R<sub>7</sub> is optionally substituted phenyl,  
 R<sub>3</sub> is optionally substituted phenyl or optionally substituted, preferably unsubstituted, furyl  
 20 R<sub>4</sub> is hydrogen, methyl or NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub> wherein R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> are independently from each other selected from hydrogen,  
 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> alkyl, optionally substituted by phenyl, and  
 R<sub>5</sub> is hydrogen.

25 7. The use of claim 6, wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen,  
 R<sub>2</sub> is -NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub> wherein R<sub>6</sub> is hydrogen and R<sub>7</sub> is unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted in 3 and/or 4 position  
 by one or two substituents independently selected from halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> alkoxy, in particular methoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>  
 30 alkyl, in particular methyl, CF<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NHCH<sub>3</sub>, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>,  
 R<sub>3</sub> is unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted in 3 and/or 4 position by a substituent independently selected  
 from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, or hydroxy, or amino, or the substituents in 3- and 4-position form together a 5- or 6-  
 membered heterocycle,  
 R<sub>4</sub> is hydrogen or methyl and  
 R<sub>5</sub> is hydrogen.

35 8. The use of claim 7, wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen,  
 R<sub>2</sub> is -NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub> wherein R<sub>6</sub> is hydrogen and R<sub>7</sub> is unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted in 3 and/or 4 position  
 40 by one or two substituents independently selected from halogen and CF<sub>3</sub>, in particular an unsubstituted phenyl  
 or a phenyl substituted in 3 or 4 position,  
 R<sub>3</sub> is unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted in 3 and/or 4 position by methoxy or hydroxy, in particular an  
 unsubstituted phenyl or a phenyl substituted in 3-or 4-position,  
 R<sub>4</sub> is hydrogen or methyl, and  
 45 R<sub>5</sub> is hydrogen.

9. The use of claim 8, wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen,  
 50 R<sub>2</sub> is -NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub> wherein R<sub>6</sub> is hydrogen and R<sub>7</sub> is phenyl substituted with halogen in 3-position,  
 R<sub>3</sub> is unsubstituted phenyl,  
 R<sub>4</sub> is methyl, and  
 R<sub>5</sub> is hydrogen.

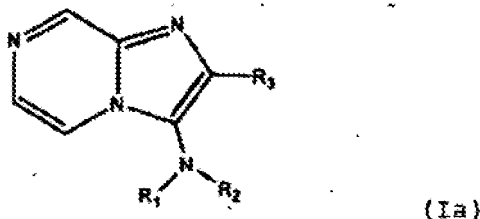
55 10. The use of claims 1 to 9, wherein said disease is cancer.

11. The use of claim 10, wherein said disease is selected from the group consisting of breast cancer, liver cancer,  
 gastrointestinal cancer, neuroblastomas, leukemias and lymphomas, prostate cancer, pancreatic cancer, lung can-

cer, melanoma, ovarian cancer, thyroid cancers, sarcomas, renal carcinomas and epidermoid cancer.

12. The use of claims 1 to 11, wherein the disease is melanoma.

5 13. Use of a compound of formula Ia



wherein

20 R<sub>1</sub> is C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> cycloalkyl, phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy; (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CO(O)R<sub>4</sub> where n = 1, 2, 3, 4 and wherein R<sub>4</sub> is hydrogen, optionally substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, optionally substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> cycloalkyl, optionally substituted aryl,  
 R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl and  
 R<sub>3</sub> is phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, hydroxyl,  
 25 NO<sub>2</sub>

for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a hyperproliferative disease or a malignant transformation involving a protein kinase.

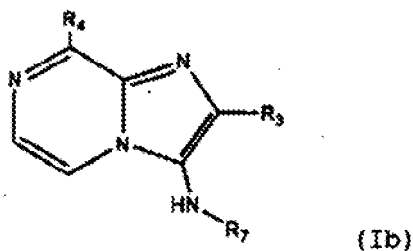
14. The use of claim 13 wherein

30 R<sub>1</sub> is cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from methyl, ethyl, propyl; (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CO(O)R<sub>4</sub> where n = 1 and wherein R<sub>4</sub> is methyl, ethyl, propyl,  
 R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen and  
 R<sub>3</sub> is phenyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from methoxy, ethoxy, hydroxyl, NO<sub>2</sub>, bromine,  
 35 fluorine, chlorine.

15. The use of claim 13 or 14, wherein

40 R<sub>1</sub> is phenyl, R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen and R<sub>3</sub> is phenyl substituted with hydroxyl and  
 R<sub>1</sub> is phenyl, R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen and R<sub>3</sub> is phenyl.

16. A compound of formula Ib as medicament



55 R<sub>7</sub> is optionally substituted phenyl,  
 R<sub>3</sub> is optionally substituted phenyl or optionally substituted, preferably unsubstituted, furyl, and  
 R<sub>4</sub> is methyl or NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub> wherein R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> are independently from each other selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> alkyl, optionally substituted by phenyl.

17. The compound of claim 16, wherein

$R_7$  is unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted in 3 and/or 4 position by one or two substituents independently selected from halogen,  $C_1$ - $C_2$  alkoxy, in particular methoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_2$  alkyl, in particular methyl,  $CF_3$ ,  $NO_2$ ,  $NH_2$ ,  $NHCH_3$ ,  $N(CH_3)_2$ ,

$R_3$  is unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted in 3 and/or 4 position by a substituent independently selected from  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy, or hydroxy, or amino, or the substituents in 3- and 4-position form together a 5- or 6-membered heterocycle, and

$R_4$  is methyl.

18. The compound of claim 17, wherein

$R_7$  is unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted in 3 and/or 4 position by one or two substituents independently selected from halogen, and  $CF_3$ , in particular an unsubstituted phenyl or a phenyl substituted in 3 or 4 position,

$R_3$  is unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl substituted in 3 and/or 4 position by methoxy or hydroxy, in particular an unsubstituted phenyl or a phenyl substituted in 3-or 4-position, and

$R_4$  is methyl.

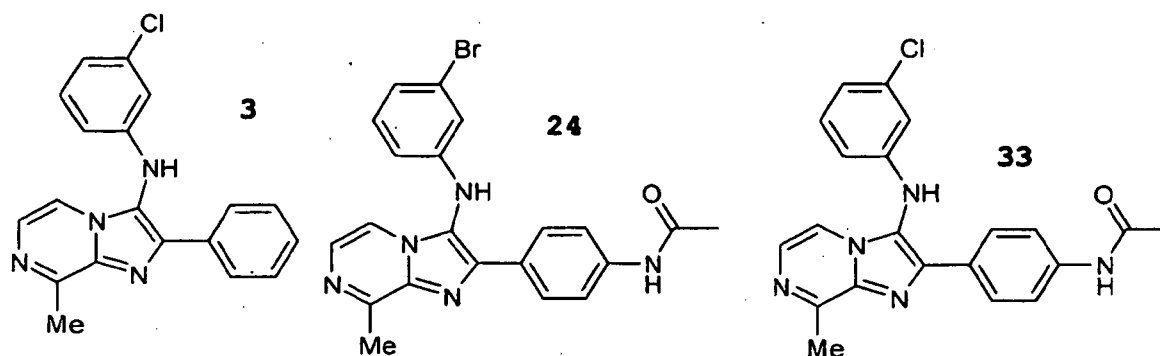
19. The compound of claim 18, wherein

$R_7$  is phenyl substituted with halogen in 3-position,

$R_3$  is unsubstituted phenyl, and

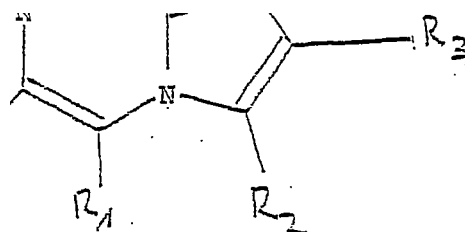
$R_4$  is methyl.

20. A compound of the formula 3, 24, 33.



### Patentansprüche

1. Verwendung einer Verbindung der Formel (I)



worin

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R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> und R<sub>4</sub> unabhängig voneinander ausgewählt sind aus Wasserstoff, gegebenenfalls substituiertem C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> Alkyl, gegebenenfalls substituiertem C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> Cycloalkyl, NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, OR<sub>6</sub>, SR<sub>6</sub>, (CH)<sub>m</sub>R<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CO(O)R<sub>8</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>R' worin

5 R<sub>6</sub> und R<sub>7</sub> unabhängig voneinander ausgewählt sind aus Wasserstoff, gegebenenfalls substituiertem C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> Cycloalkyl, gegebenenfalls substituiertem Aryl, gegebenenfalls substituiertem 5- oder 6-gliedrigem Heterocyclus,

R<sub>8</sub> Wasserstoff, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> Alkyl, gegebenenfalls substituiertem C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> Cycloalkyl, gegebenenfalls substituiertem Aryl ist,

10 R' ausgewählt ist aus Wasserstoff, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> Alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> Alkoxy, gegebenenfalls substituiertem C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> Cycloalkyl, gegebenenfalls substituiertem Aryl, Halogen, Hydroxyl, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, Cyano,

m = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 ist, und

n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 ist;

15 R<sub>3</sub> Hydroxyl, Halogen, NH<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, Cyano, SH, gegebenenfalls substituiertes C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> Alkyl, gegebenenfalls substituiertes C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> Cycloalkyl, gegebenenfalls substituiertes Aryl, gegebenenfalls substituiertes 5- oder 6-gliedriger Heterocyclus ist;

R<sub>5</sub> ausgewählt ist aus C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> Alkyl, Wasserstoff, Hydroxyl, Alkoxy, NH<sub>2</sub>, Halogen, Cyano, Alkin, COOR" worin

R" ausgewählt ist aus Wasserstoff, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> Alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> Cycloalkyl;

20 zur Herstellung eines Medikamentes zur Behandlung einer hyperproliferativen Erkrankung oder einer krankhaften Veränderung welche mit einer Proteinkinase verknüpft ist.

### 2. Die Verwendung von Anspruch 1 worin

25 R<sub>1</sub> Wasserstoff, Methyl, Ethyl, Propyl, Cyclopropyl, NH<sub>2</sub>, SH ist;  
R<sub>2</sub> NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub> ist, worin

R<sub>6</sub> Wasserstoff ist,

30 R<sub>7</sub> ausgewählt ist aus C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> Cycloalkyl, gegebenenfalls substituiertes Phenyl, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CO(O)R<sub>8</sub> worin n = 1 und worin R<sub>8</sub> C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> Alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> Alkoxy ist;

R<sub>3</sub> gegebenenfalls substituiertes Phenyl, gegebenenfalls substituiertes 5- oder 6-gliedriger Heterocyclus, Cyano ist;

35 R<sub>4</sub> Wasserstoff, NH(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>R', O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>R', S(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>R' ist, worin R' ausgewählt ist aus gegebenenfalls substituiertes Phenyl, gegebenenfalls substituiertes C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> Cycloalkyl und m = 1, 2 ist;

R<sub>5</sub> Methyl, Wasserstoff, Hydroxyl ist.

### 3. Die Verwendung gemäss Anspruch 1 oder 2 worin

40 R<sub>1</sub> Wasserstoff ist;  
R<sub>2</sub> NHR<sub>7</sub> ist, worin R<sub>7</sub> ausgewählt ist aus C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> Cycloalkyl; Phenyl gegebenenfalls substituiert durch einen Substituenten ausgewählt aus C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> Alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> Alkoxy, Halogen, SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, Hydroxyl; (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CO(O)R<sub>8</sub> worin n = 1 und R<sub>8</sub> Methyl, Ethyl, Propyl, Butyl ist;

45 R<sub>3</sub> Phenyl ist, welches gegebenenfalls substituiert ist durch einen Substituenten ausgewählt aus C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> Alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> Alkoxy, Halogen, Hydroxyl, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, gegebenenfalls substituiertes 5- oder 6-gliedriger Heterocyclus, Cyano;

R<sub>4</sub> und R<sub>5</sub> Wasserstoff sind.

### 4. Die Verwendung gemäss der Ansprüche 1 bis 3, worin

R<sub>1</sub> Wasserstoff ist;

R<sub>2</sub> NHR<sub>7</sub> ist, worin R<sub>7</sub> ausgewählt ist aus Phenyl gegebenenfalls substituiert durch ein Radikal ausgewählt aus Methyl, Ethyl, Propyl, Halogen, Methoxy, Hydroxyl;

55 R<sub>3</sub> Phenyl ist, gegebenenfalls substituiert durch einen Substituenten ausgewählt aus Methoxy, Bromo, Chloro, Fluoro, Hydroxyl, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, Cyano;

R<sub>4</sub> und R<sub>5</sub> Wasserstoff sind.

5. Die Verwendung gemäss der Ansprüche 1 bis 4, worin

R<sub>1</sub> Wasserstoff ist;  
 R<sub>2</sub> NHR<sub>7</sub> ist, worin R<sub>7</sub> Phenyl ist;  
 R<sub>3</sub> Phenyl ist und  
 R<sub>4</sub> und R<sub>5</sub> Wasserstoff sind;

und worin

R<sub>1</sub> Wasserstoff ist;  
 R<sub>2</sub> NHR<sub>7</sub> ist, worin R<sub>7</sub> Phenyl ist;  
 R<sub>3</sub> Phenyl ist welches durch Hydroxyl substituiert ist und  
 R<sub>4</sub> und R<sub>5</sub> Wasserstoff sind.

6. Die Verwendung gemäss Anspruch 1, worin

R<sub>1</sub> Wasserstoff ist;  
 R<sub>2</sub> NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub> ist, worin R<sub>6</sub> Wasserstoff ist, R<sub>7</sub> gegebenenfalls substituiertes Phenyl ist;  
 R<sub>3</sub> gegebenenfalls substituiertes Phenyl oder gegebenenfalls substituiertes, bevorzugt unsubstituiertes, Furyl ist;  
 R<sub>4</sub> Wasserstoff, Methyl oder NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub> ist, worin R<sub>6</sub> und R<sub>7</sub> unabhängig voneinander ausgewählt sind aus Wasserstoff, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> Alkyl, gegebenenfalls substituiert durch Phenyl und  
 R<sub>5</sub> Wasserstoff ist.

7. Die Verwendung gemäss Anspruch 6, worin

R<sub>1</sub> Wasserstoff ist;  
 R<sub>2</sub> -NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub> ist, worin R<sub>6</sub> Wasserstoff ist und R<sub>7</sub> unsubstituiertes Phenyl ist oder substituiertes Phenyl ist welches in 3 und/oder 4 Position durch einen oder zwei Substituenten unabhängig voneinander ausgewählt aus Halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> Alkoxy (insbesondere Methoxy) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> Alkyl (insbesondere Methyl) CF<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NHCH<sub>3</sub>, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> substituiert ist;  
 R<sub>3</sub> unsubstituiertes Phenyl ist oder substituiertes Phenyl ist welches in 3 und/oder 4 Position durch einen Substituenten unabhängig voneinander ausgewählt aus C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> Alkoxy oder Hydroxy oder Amino oder die Substituenten in 3- und 4-Position bilden gemeinsam einen 5- oder 6-gliedrigen Heterocyclus;  
 R<sub>4</sub> Wasserstoff oder Methyl ist;  
 R<sub>5</sub> Wasserstoff ist.

8. Die Verwendung gemäss Anspruch 7, worin

R<sub>1</sub> Wasserstoff ist;  
 R<sub>2</sub> -NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub> ist, worin R<sub>6</sub> Wasserstoff ist und R<sub>7</sub> unsubstituiertes Phenyl ist oder substituiertes Phenyl ist, welches in 3 und/oder 4 Position durch einen oder zwei Substituenten unabhängig voneinander ausgewählt aus Halogen und CF<sub>3</sub> ist, insbesondere unsubstituiertes Phenyl oder Phenyl substituiert in 3 oder 4 Position;  
 R<sub>3</sub> unsubstituiertes Phenyl ist oder substituiertes Phenyl ist welches in 3 und/oder 4 Position durch Methoxy oder Hydroxy substituiert ist, insbesondere unsubstituiertes Phenyl oder Phenyl substituiert in 3- oder 4-Position;  
 R<sub>4</sub> Wasserstoff oder Methyl ist und  
 R<sub>5</sub> Wasserstoff ist.

9. Die Verwendung gemäss Anspruch 8, worin

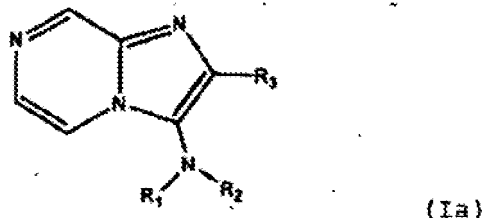
R<sub>1</sub> Wasserstoff ist;  
 R<sub>2</sub> -NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub> ist, worin R<sub>6</sub> Wasserstoff ist und R<sub>7</sub> in 3-Position durch Halogen substituiertes Phenyl ist;  
 R<sub>3</sub> unsubstituiertes Phenyl ist;  
 R<sub>4</sub> Methyl ist und  
 R<sub>5</sub> Wasserstoff ist.

10. Die Verwendung gemäss Ansprüchen 1 bis 9, wobei besagte Krankheit Krebs ist.

11. Die Verwendung gemäss Anspruch 10, wobei besagte Krankheit ausgewählt ist aus der Gruppe umfassend Brustkrebs, Leberkrebs, Magen-Darm-Krebs, Neuroblastom, Leukämie und Lymphoma, Prostata Krebs, Bauchspeicheldrüsenkrebs, Lungenkrebs, Melanoma, Eierstock-Krebs, Schilddrüsen-Krebs, Sarcoma, Krebsgeschwüren der Niere und epidermoider Krebs.

12. Die Verwendung gemäss Ansprüchen 1 bis 11, wobei die Krankheit ein Melanom ist.

13. Die Verwendung einer Verbindung der Formel (Ia)



worin

R<sub>1</sub> C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> Cycloalkyl, Phenyl gegebenenfalls substituiert durch einen Substituenten ausgewählt aus C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> Alkyl, SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, Halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> Alkoxy; (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CO(O)R<sub>4</sub> worin n = 1, 2, 3, 4 und R<sub>4</sub> Wasserstoff ist, gegebenenfalls substituiertes C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> Alkyl, gegebenenfalls substituiertes C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> Cycloalkyl, gegebenenfalls substituiertes Aryl ist; R<sub>2</sub> Wasserstoff, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> Alkyl ist und R<sub>3</sub> Phenyl ist, gegebenenfalls substituiert durch einen Substituenten ausgewählt aus C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> Alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> Alkoxy, Halogen, Hydroxyl, NO<sub>2</sub>;

zur Herstellung eines Medikamentes zur Behandlung einer hyperproliferativen Erkrankung oder einer krankhaften Veränderung welche mit einer Proteinkinase verknüpft ist.

14. Die Verwendung gemäss Anspruch 13 worin

R<sub>1</sub> Cyclopentyl, Cyclohexyl, Phenyl gegebenenfalls substituiert durch einen Substituenten ausgewählt aus Methyl, Ethyl, Propyl; (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CO(O)R<sub>4</sub> worin n für 1 und R<sub>4</sub> für Methyl, Ethyl, Propyl steht, ist; R<sub>2</sub> Wasserstoff ist und R<sub>3</sub> Phenyl, welches gegebenenfalls substituiert ist durch einen Substituent ausgewählt aus Methoxy, Ethoxy, Hydroxyl, NO<sub>2</sub> Bromo, Fluoro, Chloro, ist.

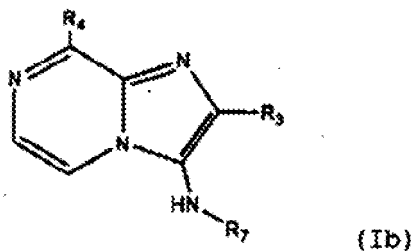
15. Die Verwendung gemäss Anspruch 13 oder 14 worin

R<sub>1</sub> Phenyl ist,  
R<sub>2</sub> Wasserstoff ist und  
R<sub>3</sub> Phenyl substituiert mit Hydroxyl ist

und

R<sub>1</sub> Phenyl ist,  
R<sub>2</sub> Wasserstoff ist und  
R<sub>3</sub> Phenyl ist.

16. Eine Verbindung der Formel (Ib) als Medikament



worin

15 R<sub>7</sub> gegebenenfalls substituiertes Phenyl ist,

R<sub>3</sub> gegebenenfalls substituiertes Phenyl oder gegebenenfalls substituiertes, bevorzugt unsubstituiertes, Furyl ist und

R<sub>4</sub> Methyl oder NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub> ist, worin R<sub>6</sub> und R<sub>7</sub> unabhängig voneinander ausgewählt sind aus Wasserstoff, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> Alkyl, gegebenenfalls substituiert durch Phenyl.

20 17. Die Verbindung gemäss Anspruch 16, worin

R<sub>7</sub> unsubstituiertes Phenyl ist oder Phenyl ist substituiert in 3 und/oder 4 Position durch einen oder zwei Substituenten unabhängig ausgewählt aus Halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> Alkoxy (insbesondere Methoxy), C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> Alkyl (insbesondere Methyl) CF<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NHCH<sub>3</sub>, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>;

25 R<sub>3</sub> unsubstituiertes Phenyl ist oder Phenyl ist substituiert in 3 und/oder 4 Position durch einen Substituenten unabhängig ausgewählt aus C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> Alkoxy, oder Hydroxy, oder Amino, oder die Substituenten in 3- und 4-Position bilden gemeinsam einen 5- oder 6-gliedrigen Heterocyclus, und R<sub>4</sub> Methyl ist.

30 18. Die Verbindung gemäss Anspruch 17, worin

R<sub>7</sub> unsubstituiertes Phenyl ist oder Phenyl ist substituiert in 3 und/oder 4 Position durch einen oder zwei Substituenten unabhängig ausgewählt aus Halogen und CF<sub>3</sub>, insbesondere ein unsubstituiertes Phenyl oder ein Phenyl substituiert in 3 oder 4 Position;

35 R<sub>3</sub> unsubstituiertes Phenyl ist oder Phenyl ist substituiert in 3 und/oder 4 Position durch Methoxy oder Hydroxy, insbesondere ein unsubstituiertes Phenyl oder ein Phenyl substituiert in 3- oder 4-Position, und R<sub>4</sub> Methyl ist.

40 19. Die Verbindung gemäss Anspruch 18, worin

R<sub>7</sub> durch Halogen in 3-Position substituiertes Phenyl ist;

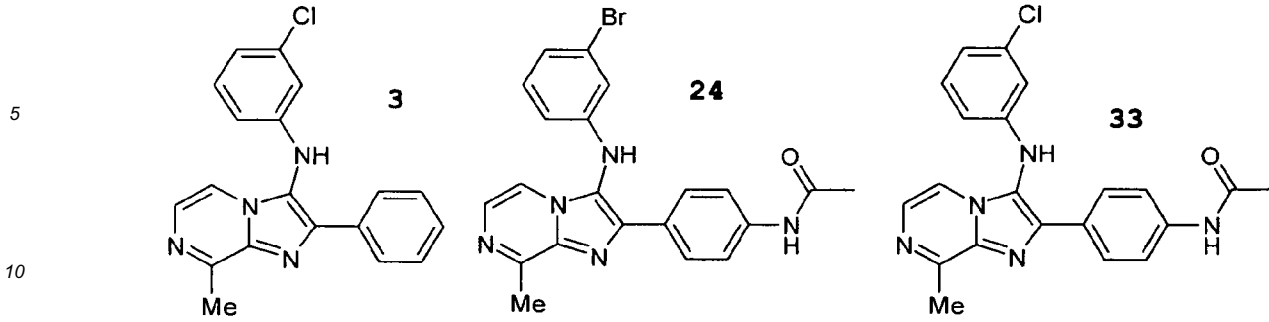
R<sub>3</sub> unsubstituiertes Phenyl ist und

R<sub>4</sub> Methyl ist.

45 20. Eine Verbindung der Formel 3, 24, 33:

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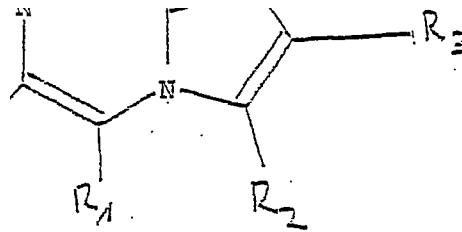
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**Revendications**

1. Utilisation d'un composé de formule I



dans laquelle

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$R_1$ ,  $R_2$  et  $R_4$  sont choisis indépendamment parmi hydrogène, alcoyle ayant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone, éventuellement substitué, cycloalcoyle ayant de 3 à 8 atomes de carbone, éventuellement substitué,  $NR_6R_7$ ,  $OR_6$ ,  $SR_6$ ,  $(CH)_mR_6R_7$ , dans laquelle  $R_6$  et  $R_7$  sont choisis indépendamment parmi hydrogène, cycloalcoyle ayant de 3 à 8 atomes de carbone, éventuellement substitué, aryle éventuellement substitué, hétérocycle à 5 ou 6 chaînons, éventuellement substitué,  $(CH_2)_nCO(O)R_8$ ,  $(CH_2)_mR'$  dans lesquelles  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$  et dans lesquelles  $R_8$  est hydrogène, alcoyle ayant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone, cycloalcoyle ayant de 3 à 8 atomes de carbone, éventuellement substitué, aryle, éventuellement substitué, et dans lesquelles  $R'$  est choisi parmi hydrogène, alcoyle ayant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone, alkoxy ayant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone, cycloalcoyle ayant de 3 à 8 atomes de carbone, éventuellement substitué, aryle, éventuellement substitué, halogène, hydroxyle,  $NO_2$ ,  $NH_2$ ,  $SO_2NH_2$ , cyano et  $m$  est 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 ;

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$R_3$  est hydroxyle, halogène,  $NH_2$ ,  $NO_2$ , cyano, SH, alcoyle ayant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone, éventuellement substitué, cycloalcoyle ayant de 3 à 8 atomes de carbone, éventuellement substitué, aryle, éventuellement substitué, hétérocycle à 5 ou 6 chaînons éventuellement substitué,

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$R_5$  est choisi parmi alcoyle ayant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone, hydrogène, hydroxyle, alcoxy,  $NH_2$ , halogène, cyano, alcyne,  $COOR''$ ,  $R''$  étant choisi parmi l'hydrogène, alcoyle ayant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone, cycloalcoyle ayant de 3 à 8 atomes de carbone ;

pour la fabrication d'un médicament pour le traitement d'une maladie hyperproliférative ou d'une transformation maligne impliquant une protéine kinase.

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2. Utilisation suivant la revendication 1, dans laquelle

$R_1$  est hydrogène, méthyle, éthyle, propyle, cyclopropyle,  $NH_2$ , SH et

$R_2$  est  $NR_6R_7$  dans laquelle  $R_6$  est hydrogène,

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$R_7$  est choisi parmi cycloalcoyle ayant de 3 à 8 atomes de carbone, phényle éventuellement substitué,  $(CH_2)_nCO(O)R_8$  dans laquelle  $n = 1$ , et dans laquelle  $R_8$  est alcoyle ayant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone, alkoxy ayant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone,

$R_3$  est phényle, éventuellement substitué, hétérocycle à 5 ou 6 chaînons, éventuellement substitué, cyano ;

$R_4$  est hydrogène,  $NH(CH_2)_mR'$ ,  $O(CH_2)_mR'$ ,  $S(CH_2)_mR'$ , dans lesquelles  $R'$  est choisi parmi phényle éventuellement

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substitué, cycloalcoyle ayant de 3 à 8 atomes de carbone, éventuellement substitué et  $m = 1, 2$ ,  
 $R_5$  est méthyle, hydrogène, hydroxyle.

3. Utilisation selon la revendication 1 ou 2, dans laquelle  
5  $R_1$  est hydrogène,  
 $R_2$  est  $NHR_7$  dans laquelle  $R_7$  est choisi parmi cycloalcoyle ayant de 3 à 8 atomes de carbone, phényle, éventuellement substitué par un substituant choisi parmi alcoyle ayant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone, alcoxy ayant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone halogène,  $SO_2NH_2$ , hydroxyle;  $(CH_2)_nCO(O)R_8$  dans laquelle  $n = 1$ , et dans laquelle  $R_8$  est méthyle, éthyle, propyle, butyle,  
10  $R_3$  est phényle, éventuellement substitué par un substituant choisi parmi alcoyle ayant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone, alcoxy ayant de  $C_1-C_6$  atome de carbone, halogène, hydroxyle,  $NO_2$ ,  $NH_2$ , hétérocycle à 5 ou 6 chaînons, éventuellement substitué, cyano,  
 $R_4$  et  $R_5$  sont hydrogène.
- 15 4. Utilisation selon les revendications 1 à 3, dans laquelle  
 $R_1$  est hydrogène,  
 $R_2$  est  $NHR_7$  dans laquelle  $R_7$  est choisi parmi phényle, éventuellement substitué par un radical choisi parmi méthyle, éthyle, propyle, halogène, méthoxy, hydroxyle,  
20  $R_3$  est phényle, éventuellement substitué par un substituant choisi parmi méthoxy, bromo, chloro, fluoro, hydroxyle,  
 $NO_2$ ,  $NH_2$ , cyano,  $R_4$  et  $R_5$  sont hydrogène.
5. Utilisation selon les revendications 1 à 4, dans laquelle  
 $R_1$  est hydrogène,  
 $R_2$  est  $NHR_7$  dans laquelle  $R_7$  est phényle,  
25  $R_3$  est phényle et  
 $R_4$  et  $R_5$  sont hydrogène; et dans laquelle  
 $R_1$  est hydrogène,  
 $R_2$  est  $NHR_7$  dans laquelle  $R_7$  est phényle,  
 $R_3$  est phényle substitué par hydroxyle et  
30  $R_4$  et  $R_5$  sont hydrogène.
6. Utilisation selon la revendication 1, dans laquelle  
 $R_1$  est hydrogène,  
 $R_2$  est  $NR_6R_7$  dans laquelle  $R_6$  est hydrogène,  $R_7$  est phényle, éventuellement substitué,  
35  $R_3$  est phényle éventuellement substitué, ou furyle, éventuellement substitué, de préférence non substitué  
 $R_4$  est hydrogène, méthyle ou  $NR_6R_7$  dans laquelle  $R_6$  et  $R_7$  sont indépendamment l'un de l'autre choisis parmi hydrogène, alcoyle ayant 1 ou 2 atome de carbone, phényle, éventuellement substitué, et  
 $R_5$  est hydrogène.
- 40 7. Utilisation selon la revendication 6, dans laquelle  
 $R_1$  est hydrogène,  
 $R_2$  est  $NR_6R_7$  dans laquelle  $R_6$  est hydrogène,  $R_7$  est phényle non substitué ou phényle substitué en la position 3 et/ou en la position 4 par un ou par deux substituants choisi indépendamment parmi halogène, alcoxy ayant 1 ou 2 atome de carbone, en particulier méthoxy, alcoxy ayant 1 à 2 atome de carbone, en particulier méthyle,  $CF_3$ ,  
45  $NO_2$ ,  $NH_2$ ,  $NHCH_3$ ,  $N(CH_3)_2$ ,  
 $R_3$  est phényle non substitué ou phényle substitué en la position 3 et/ou en la position 4 par un substituant choisi indépendamment parmi alcoxy ayant de 1 à 4 atomes de carbone, ou hydroxy, ou amino, ou les substituants en les positions 3 et 4 forment ensemble un hétérocycle à 5 ou 6 chaînons,  
 $R_4$  est hydrogène ou méthyle et  
50  $R_5$  est hydrogène.
8. Utilisation selon la revendication 7 dans laquelle  
 $R_1$  est hydrogène,  
 $R_2$  est  $NR_6R_7$  dans laquelle  $R_6$  est hydrogène et  $R_7$  est phényle non substitué ou phényle substitué en la position 3 et/ou en la position 4 par un ou par deux substituants choisi indépendamment parmi halogène et  $CF_3$ , en particulier un phényle non substitué ou un phényle substitué en la position 3 ou 4,  
55  $R_3$  est phényle non substitué ou phényle substitué en la position 3 et/ou en la position 4 par méthoxy ou hydroxy, en particulier un phényle non substitué ou un phényle substitué en la position 3 ou en la position 4,

R<sub>4</sub> est hydrogène ou méthyle et  
R<sub>5</sub> est hydrogène.

9. Utilisation selon la revendication 9 dans laquelle

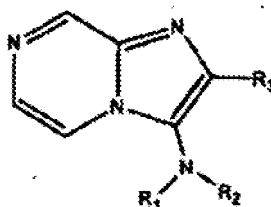
R<sub>1</sub> est hydrogène,  
R<sub>2</sub> est NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub> dans laquelle R<sub>6</sub> est hydrogène et R<sub>7</sub> est phényle substitué par halogène en la position 3,  
R<sub>3</sub> est phényle non substitué,  
R<sub>4</sub> est méthyle, et  
R<sub>5</sub> est hydrogène.

10. Utilisation suivant les revendications 1 à 9, dans laquelle la maladie est le cancer.

11. Utilisation suivant la revendication 10, dans lequel le cancer est choisi dans le groupe constituant en le cancer du sein, le cancer du foie, le cancer gastro-intestinal, les neuroblastomes, les leucémies et les lymphomes, le cancer de la prostate, le cancer du pancréas, le cancer du poumon, les mélanomes, le cancer de l'ovaire, les cancers de la thyroïde, les sarcomes, les carcinomes rénaux et le cancer épidermoïde.

12. Utilisation suivant les revendications 1 à 11, dans laquelle la maladie est un mélanome.

13. Utilisation d'un composé de formule la



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dans laquelle

R<sub>1</sub> est cycloalcoyle ayant de 1 à 8 atomes de carbone, phényle, éventuellement substitué par un substituant choisi parmi alcoyle ayant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone, SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, halogène, alcoxy ayant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone ; (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CO(O)R<sub>4</sub> dans laquelle n = 1, 2, 3, 4 et dans laquelle R<sub>4</sub> est hydrogène, alcoyle ayant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone, éventuellement substitué, cycloalcoyle ayant de 3 à 8 atomes de carbone, éventuellement substitué, aryle, éventuellement substitué,

R<sub>2</sub> est hydrogène, alcoyle ayant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone et

R<sub>3</sub> est phényle, éventuellement substitué par un substituant choisi parmi alcoyle ayant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone, alcoxy ayant de 1 à 6 atomes de carbone, halogène, hydroxyle, NO<sub>2</sub>

pour la fabrication d'un médicament pour le traitement d'une maladie hyperproliférative ou d'une transformation maligne impliquant une protéine kinase.

14. Utilisation suivant la revendication 13, dans laquelle

R<sub>1</sub> est cyclopentyle, cyclohexyle, phényle, éventuellement substitué par un substituant choisi parmi méthyle, éthyle, propyle ; (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CO(O)R<sub>4</sub> dans laquelle n = 1 et dans laquelle R<sub>4</sub> est méthyle, éthyle, propyle,

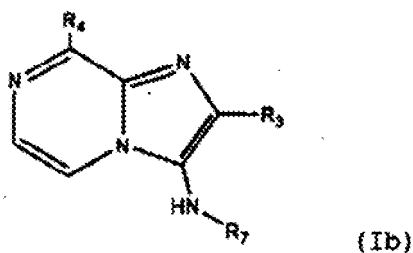
R<sub>2</sub> est hydrogène et

R<sub>3</sub> est phényle, éventuellement substitué par un substituant choisi parmi méthoxy, éthoxy, hydroxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, brome, fluor, chlore.

15. Utilisation selon la revendication 13 ou 14, dans laquelle

R<sub>1</sub> est phényle, R<sub>2</sub> est hydrogène et R<sub>3</sub> est phényle substitué par hydroxyle et  
R<sub>1</sub> est phényle, R<sub>2</sub> est hydrogène et R<sub>3</sub> est phényle.

16. Composé de formule Ib en tant que médicament



R<sub>7</sub> est phényle, éventuellement substitué,  
 R<sub>3</sub> est phényle, éventuellement substitué ou furyle éventuellement substitué de préférence non substitué, et  
 R<sub>4</sub> est méthyle ou NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub> dans laquelle R<sub>6</sub> et R<sub>7</sub> sont choisis indépendamment l'un de l'autre parmi l'hydrogène,  
 alcoyle ayant 1 ou 2 atome de carbone, éventuellement substitué par phényle.

**17.** Composé selon la revendication 16, dans lequel

R<sub>7</sub> est phényle non substitué ou phényle substitué en la position 3 et/ou en la position 4 par un ou par deux substituants choisis indépendamment parmi halogène, alcoxy ayant 1 ou 2 atome de carbone, en particulier méthoxy, alcoyle ayant 1 ou 2 atome de carbone, en particulier méthyle, CF<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NHCH<sub>3</sub>, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>,  
 R<sub>3</sub> est phényle non substitué ou phényle substitué en la position 3 et/ou en la position 4 par un substituant choisi indépendamment parmi alcoxy ayant de 1 à 4 atomes de carbone, ou hydroxy, ou amino, ou les substituants en la position 3 et 4 forment ensemble un hétérocycle à 5 ou 6 chaînons, et  
 R<sub>4</sub> est méthyle.

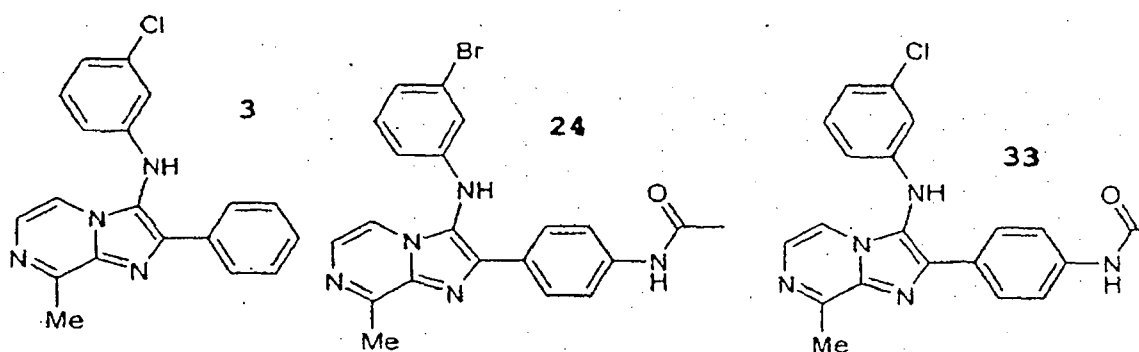
**18.** Composé suivant la revendication 17, dans lequel

R<sub>7</sub> est phényle non substitué ou phényle substitué en la position 3 et/ou en la position 4 par un ou par deux substituants choisis indépendamment parmi halogène, et CF<sub>3</sub>, en particulier phényle non substitué ou phényle substitué en la position 3 ou en la position 4,  
 R<sub>3</sub> est phényle non substitué ou phényle substitué en la position 3 et/ou en la position 4 par méthoxy ou hydroxy, en particulier phényle non substitué ou phényle substitué en la position 3 ou en la position 4,  
 R<sub>4</sub> est méthyle.

**19.** Composé suivant la revendication 18, dans lequel

R<sub>7</sub> est phényle substitué par halogène en la position 3,  
 R<sub>3</sub> est phényle non substitué, et  
 R<sub>4</sub> est méthyle.

**20.** Composé de formule 3, 24, 33



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