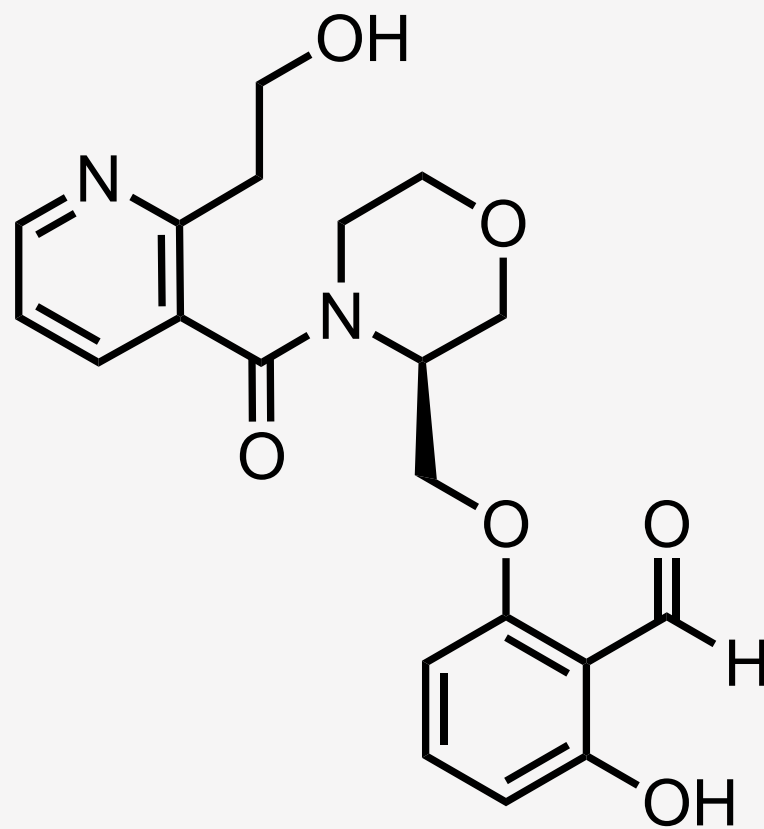


# GBT-601

## (HbS polymerization inhibitor)

Pfizer/Global Blood Therapeutics





GBT-601



# In October 2022, Pfizer acquired Global Blood Therapeutics (GBT)

Boosting its portfolio in the rare hematology space & acquiring compounds to treat sickle cell disease (SCD)

## Pfizer Completes Acquisition of Global Blood Therapeutics

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*Acquisition brings leading sickle cell disease portfolio and pipeline to Pfizer with potential to address critical needs in an underserved patient community*

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Pfizer Inc. (NYSE: PFE) announced today the completion of its acquisition of Global Blood Therapeutics, Inc. (GBT), a biopharmaceutical company dedicated to the discovery, development and delivery of life-changing treatments that provide hope to underserved patient communities starting with sickle cell disease (SCD). The acquisition reinforces Pfizer's commitment to SCD, building on a 30-year legacy in the rare hematology space.

GBT brings a portfolio and pipeline that has the potential to address the full spectrum of critical needs for this underserved community. GBT discovered and developed Oxbryta<sup>®</sup> (voxelotor), a first-in-class medicine that directly targets the root cause of SCD. In addition, GBT's promising pipeline of preclinical and clinical investigational assets focused in SCD includes GBT021601 (GBT601) and inclacumab, both of which have received Orphan Drug and Rare Pediatric Disease designations from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).



Some background:

In 2019, the FDA approved GBT's Oxbryta (**voxelotor**), a first-in-class **HbS polymerization inhibitor** to treat SCD

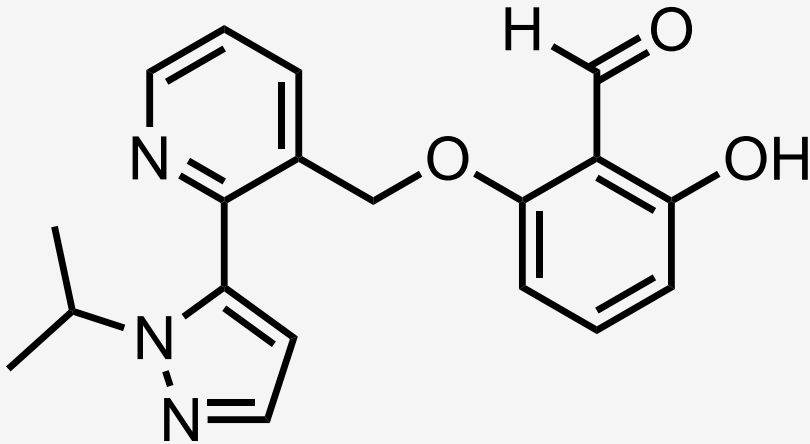


The screenshot shows the FDA website header with the FDA logo, a search bar, and a menu icon. Below the header, there is a section titled "IN THIS SECTION" with a dropdown arrow. A breadcrumb trail reads "← Resources for Information | Approved Drugs". The main heading is "FDA approves voxelotor for sickle cell disease". Below the heading are social sharing buttons for Facebook (Share), Twitter (Tweet), and Email. The main text states: "On November 25, 2019, the Food and Drug Administration granted accelerated approval to voxelotor (Oxbryta, Global Blood Therapeutics) for adults and pediatric patients 12 years of age and older with sickle cell disease." The text continues: "Efficacy was evaluated in 274 patients with sickle cell disease in HOPE (NCT 03036813), a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter trial. Patients were randomized to voxelotor 1500 mg (N=90), 900 mg (N=92), or placebo (N=92). The median age was 24 years (range 12, 64). Approximately 65% of patients were taking hydroxyurea at trial entry. Patients were enrolled if their baseline hemoglobin (Hb)  $\geq 5.5$  to  $\leq 10.5$  g/dL. Patients on stable hydroxyurea doses continued the drug throughout the trial. Randomization was stratified by whether the patient was already receiving hydroxyurea, by geographic region, and by age."

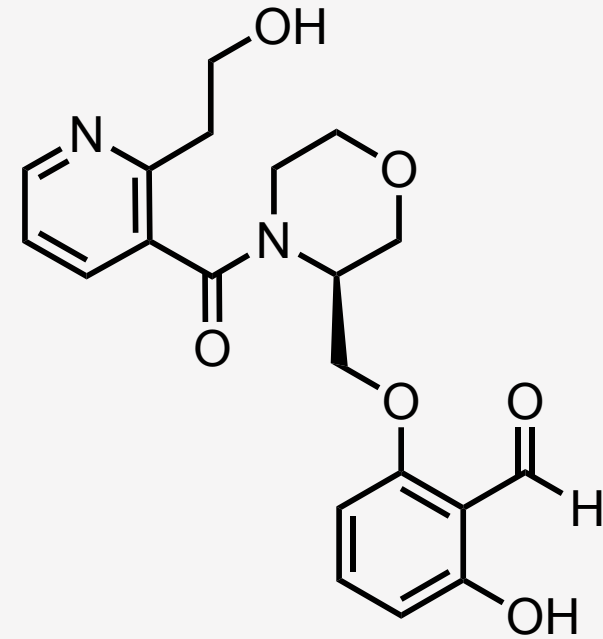


# GBT-601 is a 2<sup>nd</sup> gen HbS polymerization inhibitor that aims to be **best-in-class**

Voxelotor was the first-in-class drug



Voxelotor



GBT-601



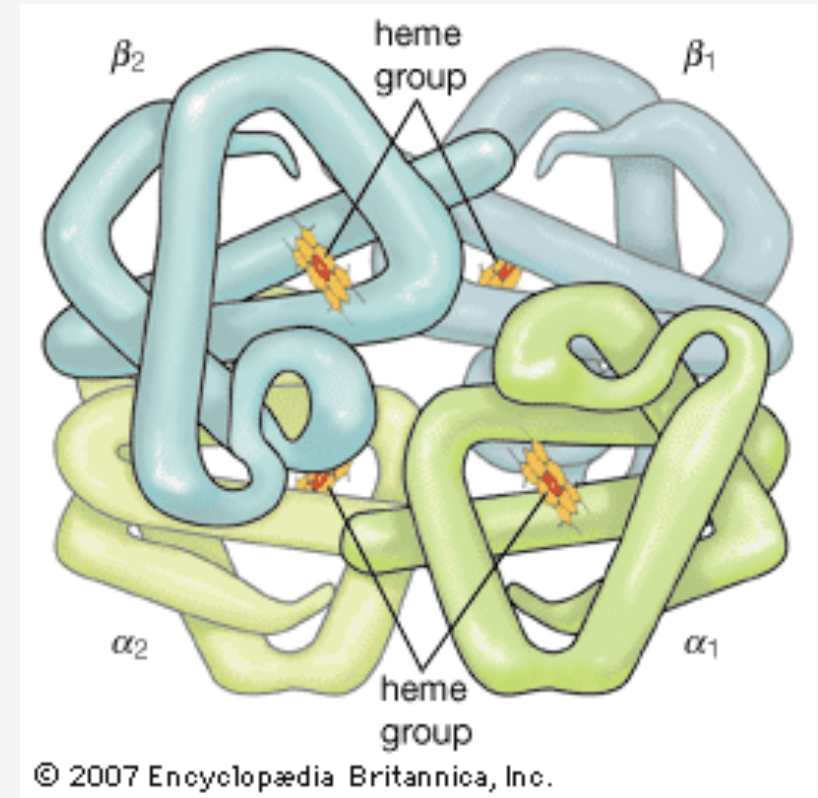
# Brief biology refresh: role of HbS polymerization in SCD

## 3 main isoforms of Hb

- ▶ HbA: major isoform in adults. Consists of 2 alpha and 2 beta chains
- ▶ HbA2: minor isoform in adults. Consists of 2 alpha and 2 delta chains.
- ▶ HbF: predominant isoform in fetuses

HbS is when there is an **E6V SNP** in at least 1 of the beta chains of HbA.

Under **low O<sub>2</sub> conditions**, HbS polymerizes to form **fibrous precipitates**. This can lead to hypoxemia, ischemia, pain, necrosis, etc.



# GBT's HbS patent landscape

1 solid dosage form, 4 composition of matter

No.	Title	Publication No.	Priority	Filing	Publication
1	Modulators of hemoglobin for the treatment of sickle cell disease	WO2020072377A1	Oct. 1, 2018	Sep. 30, 2019	Apr. 9, 2020
2	2-Formyl-3-hydroxyphenyloxymethyl compounds capable of modulating hemoglobin	WO2020106642A8	Nov. 18, 2019	Nov. 18, 2019	May 28, 2020
3	Modulators of hemoglobin	WO2021202284A1	Mar. 31, 2020	Mar. 26, 2021	Oct. 7, 2021
4	Methods of making a modulator of hemoglobin	WO2022241286A1	May 14, 2021	May 13, 2022	Nov. 17, 2022
5	Solid forms of a modulator of hemoglobin	WO2022241278A1	May 14, 2021	May 13, 2022	Nov. 17, 2022



# Huge tip: Solid forms patent ('278)

Includes a structure (Compound 1) but still need to verify that this is indeed GBT-601

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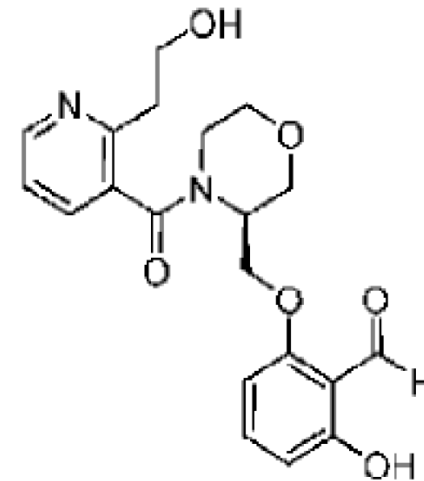
(54) Title: SOLID FORMS OF A MODULATOR OF HEMOGLOBIN

Compound 1

FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: Forms of (S)-2-(2-hydroxy-6-((4-(2-(2-hydroxyethyl)nicotinoyl)morpholin-3-yl)methoxy)benzaldehyde (Compound 1), or salts or solvates thereof, were prepared and characterized in the solid state. Also provided are processes of manufacture and methods of using the forms of Compound 1.

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Compound 1





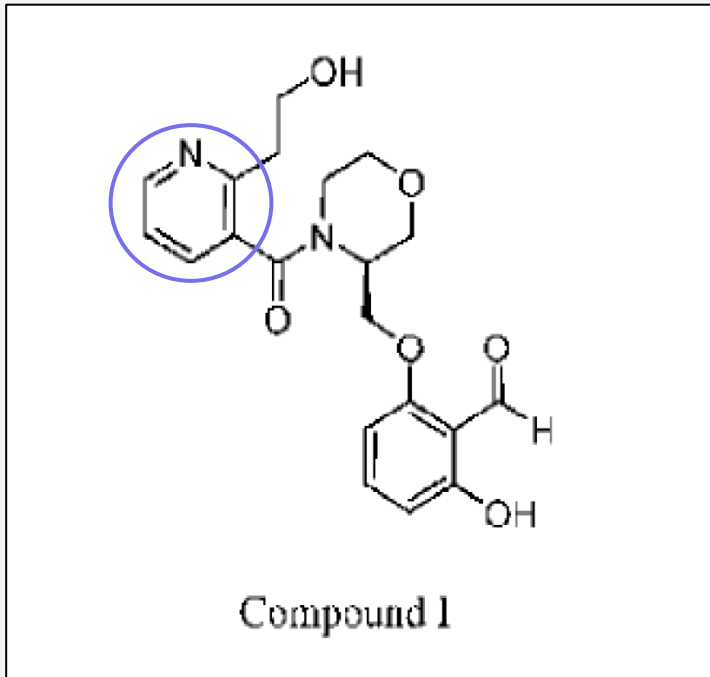
Solid forms ISR cites **example 7** in the composition of matter patent ('643) for more info on "Compound 1"

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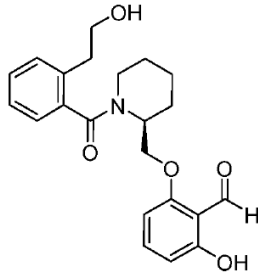
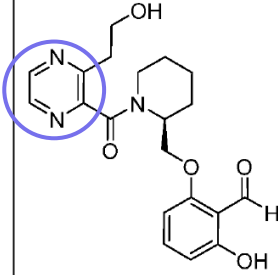
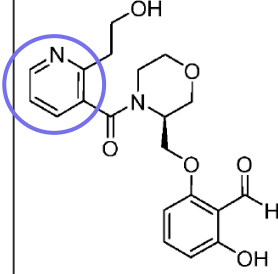


However, ISR is wrong and **example 8** in '642 is actually the same structure as "Compound 1"

Pyradinyl vs. pyrazinyl



Solid forms patent  
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WO 2020/106642		PCT/US2019/062054
Compound Number	Structure	IUPAC name
6		(S)-2-hydroxy-6-((1-(2-(2-hydroxyethyl)benzoyl)piperidin-2-yl)methoxy)benzaldehyde
7		(S)-2-hydroxy-6-((1-(3-(2-hydroxyethyl)pyrazine-2-carbonyl)piperidin-2-yl)methoxy)benzaldehyde
8		(S)-2-hydroxy-6-((4-(2-(2-hydroxyethyl)nicotinoyl)morpholin-3-yl)methoxy)benzaldehyde



# Summary of biology data for **example 8** in the composition of matter ('642) patent.

These are potential clues for verifying whether this is indeed GBT-601

[0453] **Whole blood assay:** Oxygen equilibrium curves (OECs) were collected using a TCS Hemox Analyzer (TCS Scientific Company, New Hope, PA, USA) to **measure changes in the binding affinity of O<sub>2</sub> to Hb**. Whole blood was incubated for 1 h at 37°C with the indicated compounds in an **equimolar ratio of hemoglobin to compound** and diluted into TES (2-[[1,3-dihydroxy-2-(hydroxymethyl)propan-2-yl]amino]ethanesulfonic acid)/saline buffer prior to measurements. For example, for whole blood at 20% hematocrit [Hct], which corresponds to **1 mM Hb**, a compound concentration of **1 mM** was used (for example, for compounds 1-5), and the incubated sample diluted 50- to 100-fold. The concentration for compounds 6-44 (Diastereomers 1 and 2) varied but remained in **equimolar ratio to hemoglobin**. The diluted samples were then oxygenated with compressed air within the Hemox Analyzer and the OECs were collected during deoxygenation as previously described (Guarone *et al.*, *Haematologica*, 1995, 80, 426–430). **p50 (partial pressure of O<sub>2</sub> at which Hb is 50% saturated with O<sub>2</sub>)** values were obtained using a non-linear regression analysis. Percentage change in p50 [ $\Delta p50$  (%)] was calculated as follows:  $\Delta p50$  (%) = [(p50 of control) – p50 with compound] / p50 control] x 100. Resulting data is shown in **Table 4**. Enantiomer 1 and Enantiomer 2 of Compound 13 also exhibit a  $\Delta p50$  of about 61.0% to about 80.6%.

**Table 4**

Compound Number	Delta-p50 (%)
1	77.3
2	84.4
3	85.8
4	75.5
5	81.0
6	74.5
7	62.7
<b>8</b>	<b>79.8</b>
9	62.2

**Table 6**

Compound	CYP (PXR) Flag
Reference Compound A	Y
Reference Compound B	Y
Reference Compound C	Y <sup>1</sup>
1	N <sup>1</sup>
<b>8</b>	<b>N</b>
12	N
Compound 13 (Enantiomer 1)	N

CYP (PXR) Flag based on fold PXR activation (human, at 30  $\mu$ M):  
 Y, PXR activation  $\geq$  2.5-fold;  
 N, PXR activation < 2.5-fold.  
<sup>1</sup> at 25  $\mu$ M.

**Table 7** PK in S-D rats

Compound	T <sub>1/2</sub> (h)	Blood/Plasma ratio
Reference Compound A	29	75
Reference Compound B	29.8	98
1	58	162
<b>8</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>105</b>
10 (Enantiomer 2)	112	212
11	55	126
12	58	131
20	65	45
23	62	59
36	56	115
39	52	52
40 (Enantiomer 2)	117	424
13 (Enantiomer 1)	88	230
35 (Diastereomer 1)	102	493
35 (Diastereomer 2)	89	636

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Now that we have a structure in mind, let's move beyond patents.

First stop: the **Global Substance Registration System (GSRS)**

The GSRS database was created by NCATS and contains registered active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) under clinical investigation. But not all APIs in clinical trials are in this database!



Today, we are lucky!  
GBT-601 is in the GSRS.

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**GBT-601** UK749B4S16

**Overview**

Substance Class **Concept** INCOMPLETE DEFINITION

Record UNII **UK749B4S16**

Record Protection Status **Public record**

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Definitional Access **Public definition**

**Concept Definition**

*This is a non-substance concept*

**Substance Hierarchy**

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**Names And Synonyms**

Search

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# GSRS is helpful because it shows the **other code names** associated with GBT-601.

Here, we find the FDA orphan drug code **877122**.

The screenshot displays the GSRS (Global Substance Reference System) interface. The top navigation bar includes the GSRS logo (Ver. 3.0.3), a menu icon, and search options. The left sidebar lists navigation categories: Overview, Concept Definition (0), Substance Hierarchy, Names And Synonyms (3), Codes - Classifications (1), Codes - Identifiers (1), Relationships: Active Moiety (1), Notes (1), and References (5). The main content area is titled 'Codes - Classifications' and features a search bar and a 'Show Filter' button. Below this is a table with columns for 'Classification Tree', 'Code System', 'Code', and 'References'. The table contains one entry for 'ORPHAN DRUG', which is further categorized into 'Designated' and 'Treatment of Sickle Cell Disease'. The 'Designated' sub-classification is associated with the code '877122' in the 'FDA ORPHAN DRUG' system, and a 'View' button is provided for this code. The bottom of the table includes pagination controls showing 'Items per page: 10' and '1 - 1 of 1'.

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# Clicking on the “877122” hyperlink returns the FDA database for orphan drug designations & approvals.

We can see the [IUPAC name](#) for GBT-601!



The screenshot shows the FDA website's search results page for orphan drug designations and approvals. The page features the FDA logo and navigation menu at the top. The search results are displayed in a table format with the following information:

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<b>Orphan Designation Status:</b>	Designated
<b>FDA Orphan Approval Status:</b>	Not FDA Approved for Orphan Indication
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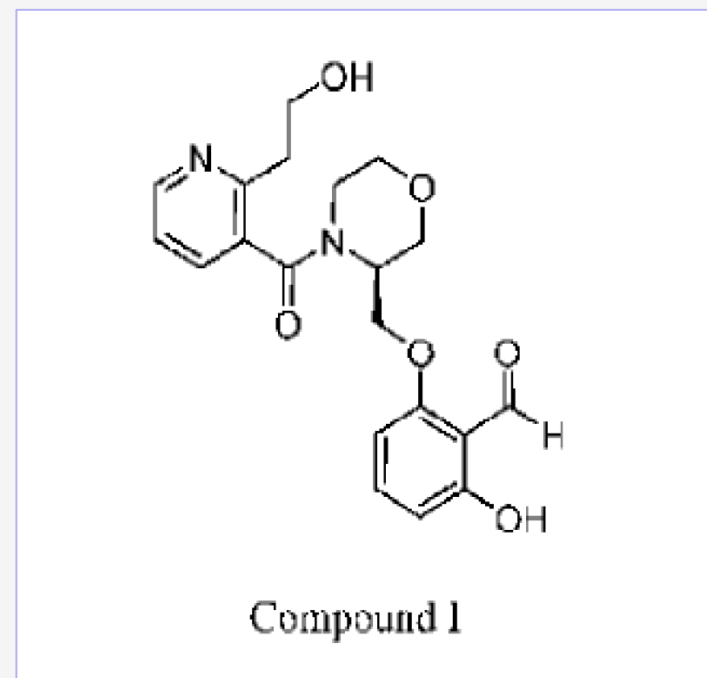
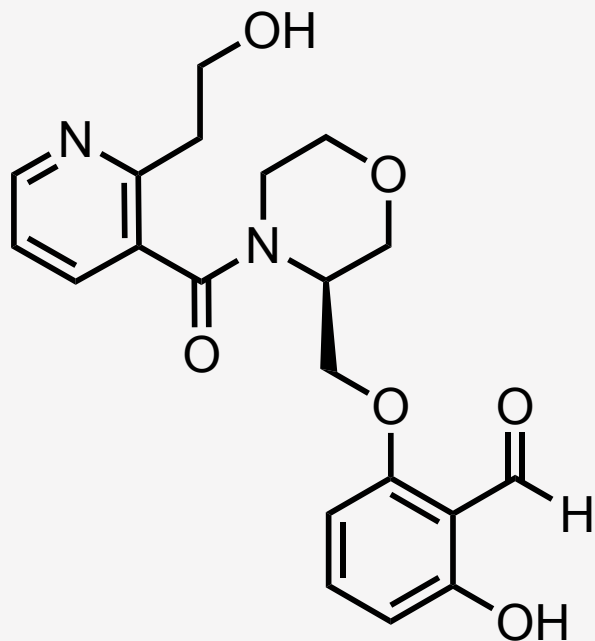
*The sponsor address listed is the last reported by the sponsor to OOPD.*

\*Exclusivity Protected Indications are shown for approvals from Jan. 1, 2013, to the present.



# Plugging the IUPAC name into ChemDraw “Name to Structure” returns the same structure as Compound 1 in the solid forms patent

(S)-2-hydroxy-6-(((4-(2-(2-hydroxyethyl)nicotinoyl)morpholin-3-yl)methoxy)benzaldehyde





# 2x verification: plug in the UNII code into PubChem

UNII code can be found at the top of the GSRs search result. Search "UK749B4S16" as text in PubChem.

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National Center for Biotechnology Information

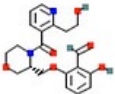
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SEARCH FOR

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Treating this as a text search. Search for **UK749B4S16** as **molecular formula** instead.

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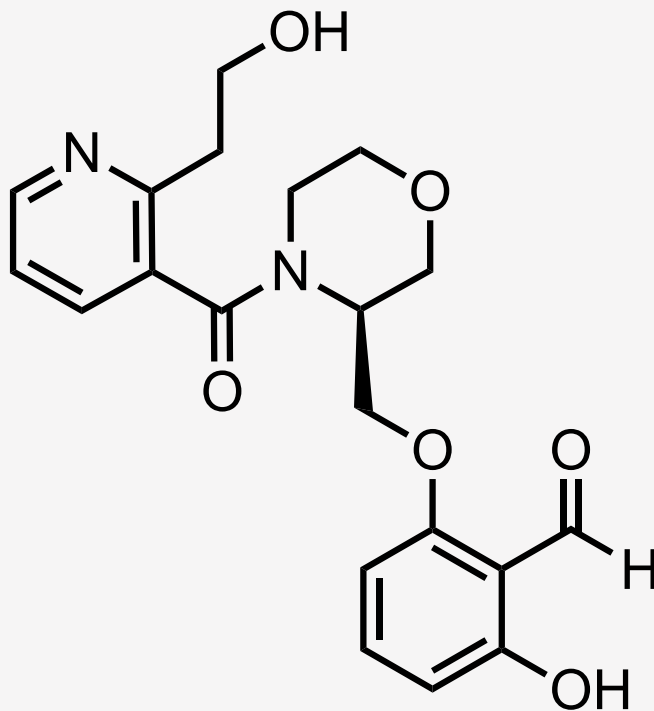
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# Therefore



**Example 8 in '642 = Compound 1 in '278 = GBT-601**

Turns out, the patent work was only somewhat relevant for this case!!



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