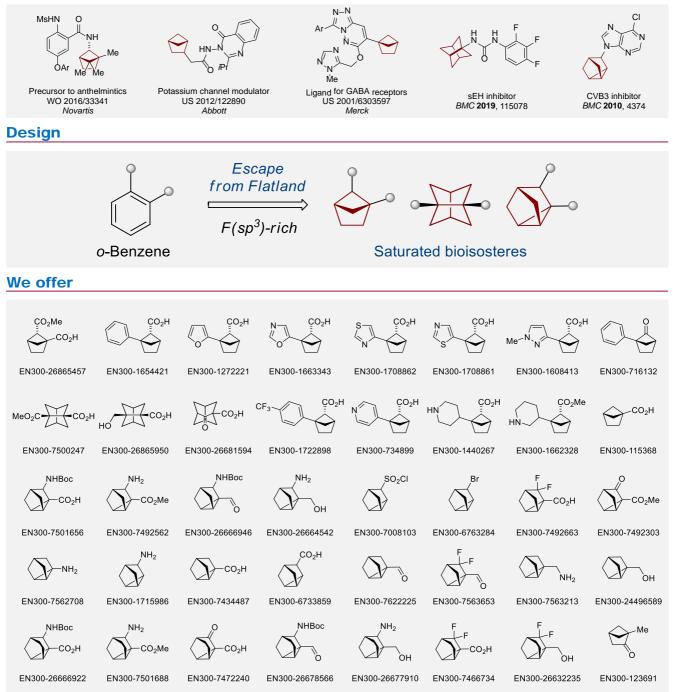
Introduction

The fragment of benzene is the most popular ring in bioactive compounds.¹ In fact, more than 500 drugs and agrochemicals are benzene-containing molecules.² In 2012, chemists at Pfizer replaced the substituted phenyl fragment in a *γ*-secretase inhibitor *Avagacestat* with the bicyclo[1.1.1]pentyl skeleton.³ The obtained analogue showed higher activity, solubility and metabolic stability. Since then, bicyclo[1.1.1]pentanes, bicyclo[2.2.2]octanes and cubanes are used in medicinal chemistry as saturated bioisosteres for *para*-substituted benzenes.^{4,5}Therefore, here we have designed and synthesized saturated mimetics for *ortho*-substituted benzenes.



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