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## **Bicyclopentanes**

Much recent research has has been focussed on their pharmaceutical potential of bicyclo[1.1.1]pentanes, in particular into their use as bioisosteres for aromatic groups. Replacement of a fluorophenyl group in the  $\gamma$ -Secretase inhibitor BMS-708,163 with bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane (Fig. 1) was found to improve solubility and passive permeability without compromising the inhibitor properties<sup>1</sup>. BMS-708,163 is currently being investigated as a potential drug which could be used to treat Alzheimer's disease.

Thanks to their rigidity, functionalised bicyclo[1.1.1]pentanes, have also shown promise as alternatives to cycloalkane groups, like cyclohexane, behaving as conformational locks. As they are unable to ring flip, bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane can be used to retain stereochemistry of these molecule. Alternatively they could also be used as isosteres for bulky, conformational locking functional groups, like –<sup>t</sup>Bu groups, or rigid linear groups like alkynes<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>J. Med. Chem., 2012, **55**, 3414 <sup>2</sup>Chem. Med. Chem., **2015**, *10*, 461



Fig. 1: Structure of BMS-708,163 and its bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane isostere



OR312074 Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid 22287-28-1



OR20017 3-(Ethoxycarbonyl)bicyclo [1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid 1823373-90-5



OR312395 4-(Bicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl) benzoic acid 1823331-06-1

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OR312470 2-(Bicyclo[1.1.1] pentan-1-yl)acetic acid 131515-31-6



PC405693 4-(3-Fluorobicyclo[1.1.1] pentan-1-yl)aniline 1936606-29-9



OR312398 4-(Bicyçlo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl) phenol 1823939-03-2



OR312393 3-(Bicyclo[1.1.1] pentan-1-yl)aniline 1823935-84-7

NH-CH3 HCL

OR300175 N-Methylbicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1 -amine hydrochloride 1882089-75-9

OR312450 1-(Bromomethyl)bicyclo[1.1.1] pentane 161043-38-5



NH<sub>2</sub>



OR312133 3-Phenylbicyclo[1.1.1] pentane-1-carboxylic acid 83249-04-1



OR312447 1,3-Diiodobicyclo[1.1.1] pentane 105542-98-1

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