

1 **Identification and characterization of bisbenzimidazole compounds that inhibit human**  
2 **cytomegalovirus replication**

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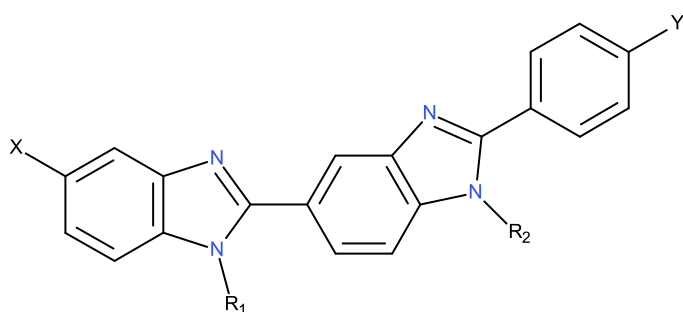
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6 **Supplementary Figure 1 Synthesis of MRT00210 compounds**

7 In order to explore the importance of the various NH functionalities in RO-90-7510 a total of 5  
8 compounds were designed and synthesised by LifeArc (see below).

9 Three these compounds explored the relative importance of the pendant NH<sub>2</sub> groups of RO-  
10 90-7510; compound 423 had both amino groups replaced by hydrogens, compound 424  
11 retained the amino group on the phenyl ring whilst the other NH<sub>2</sub> was replaced with H, and  
12 compound 425 retained the amino group on the terminal benzimidazole portion but had no  
13 NH<sub>2</sub> on the phenyl ring.

14 The other 2 compounds explored the importance of the benzimidazole NH. Based on the  
15 unsubstituted core compound 423, compound 426 had the terminal benzimidazole NH  
16 methylated whilst compound 427 had the central benzimidazole NH methylated.

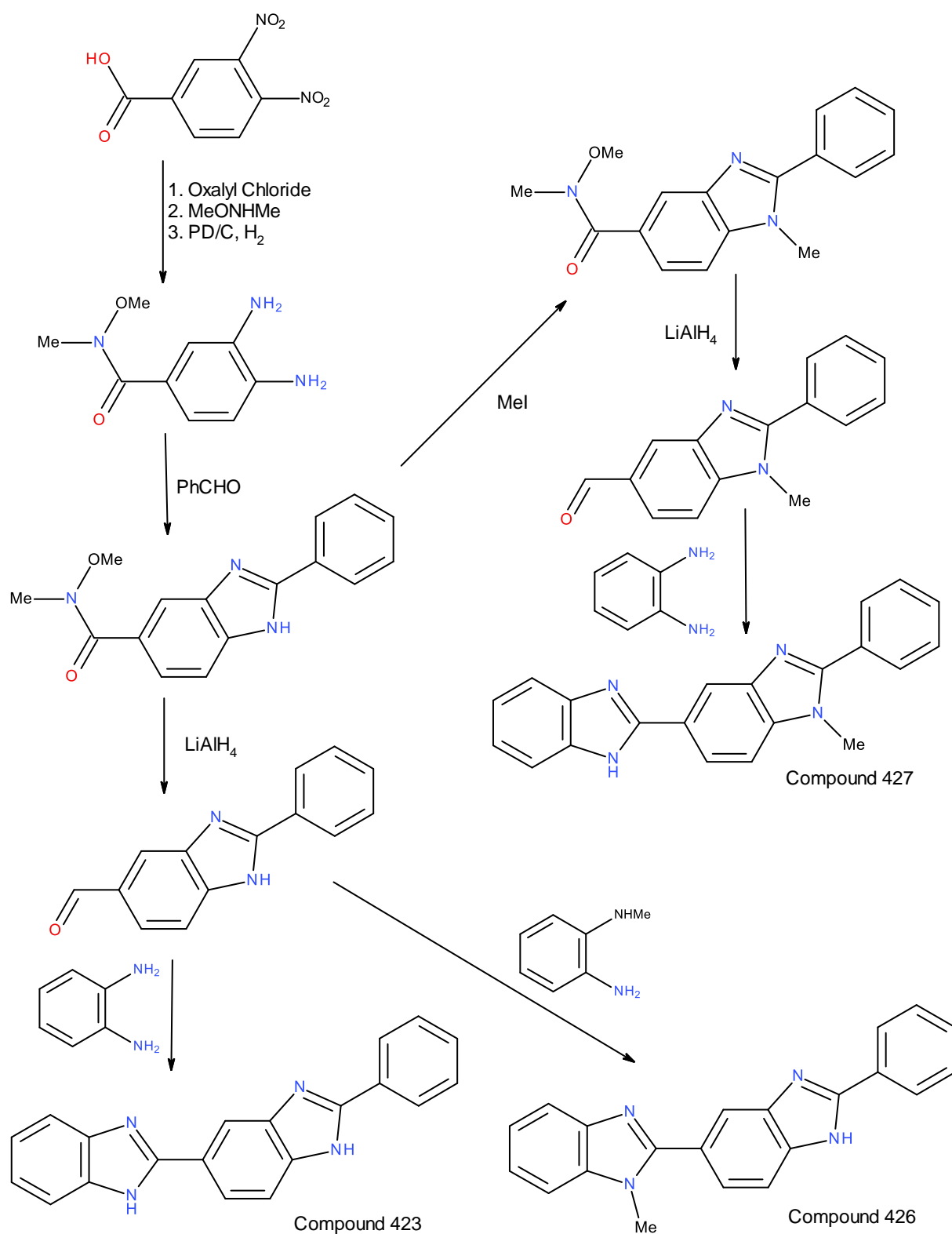
17 A summary schema of the 5 compounds is shown below:



	X	Y	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>
423	H	H	H	H
424	H	NH <sub>2</sub>	H	H
425	NH <sub>2</sub>	H	H	H
426	H	H	Me	H
427	H	H	H	Me

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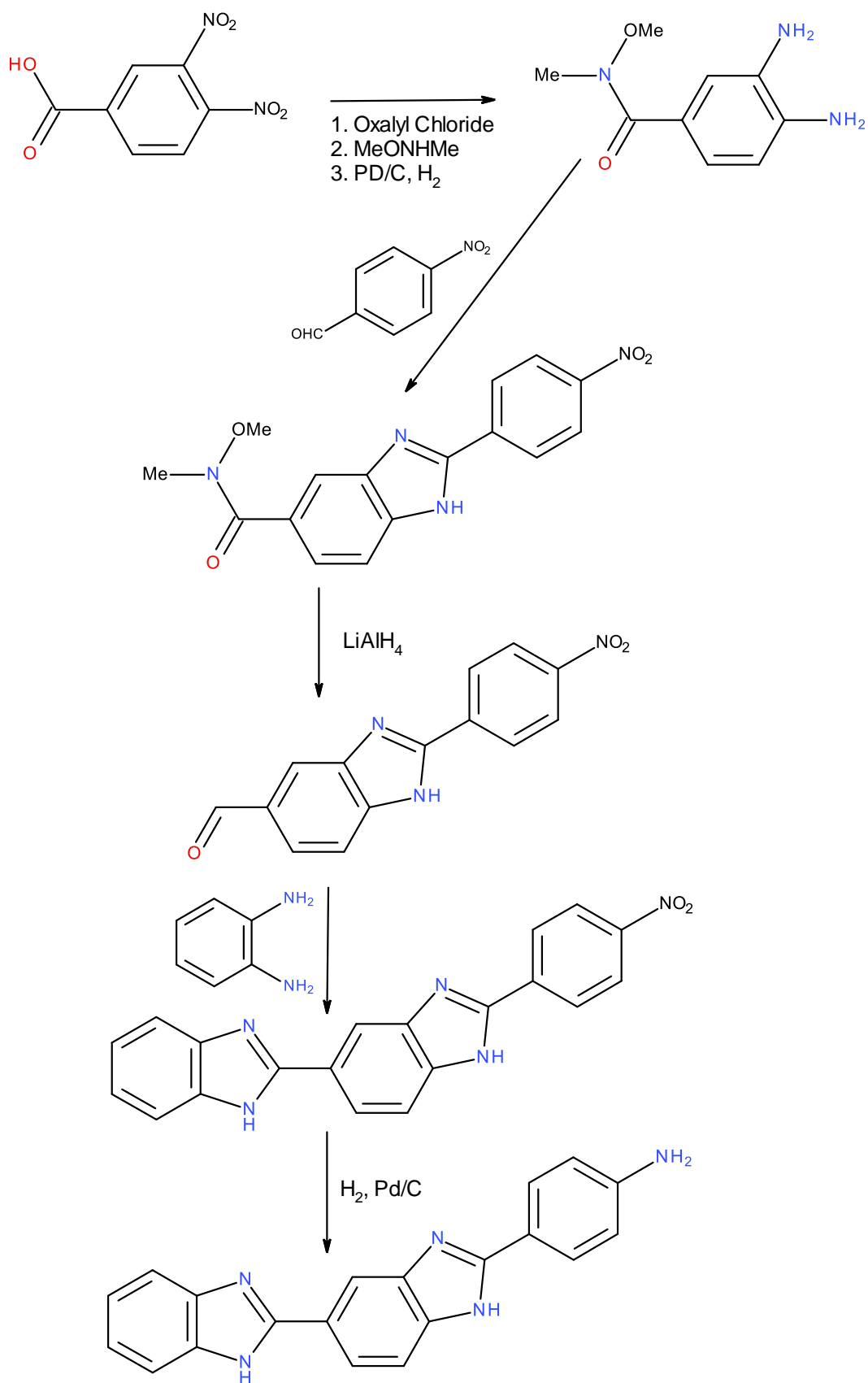
21 Syntheses of compounds 423, 426 and 427:



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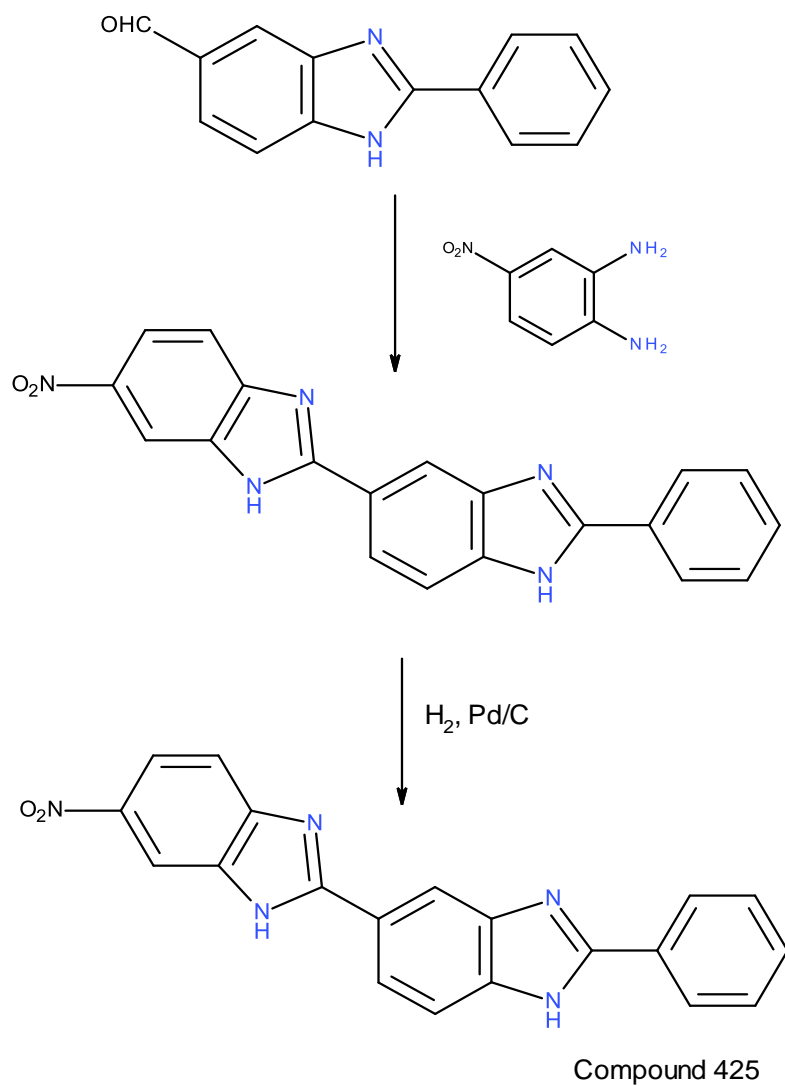
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24 Synthesis of compound 424:



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26 Synthesis of compound 425:



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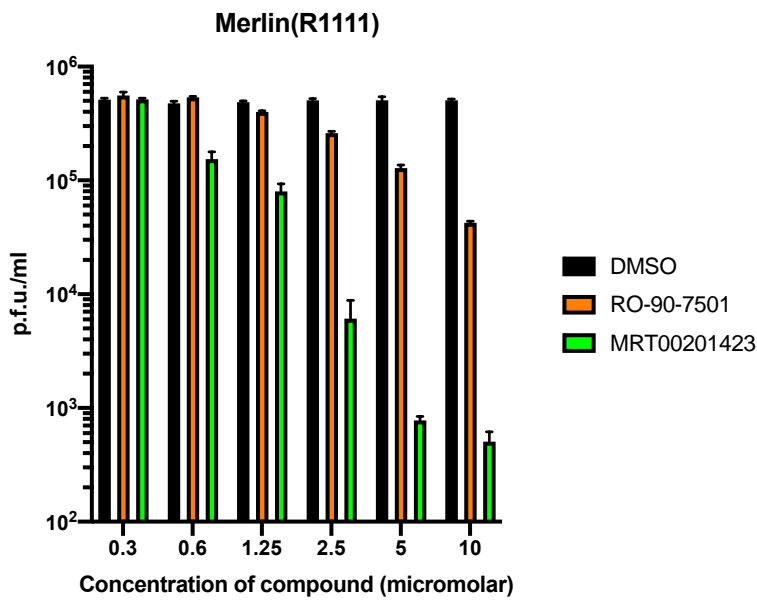
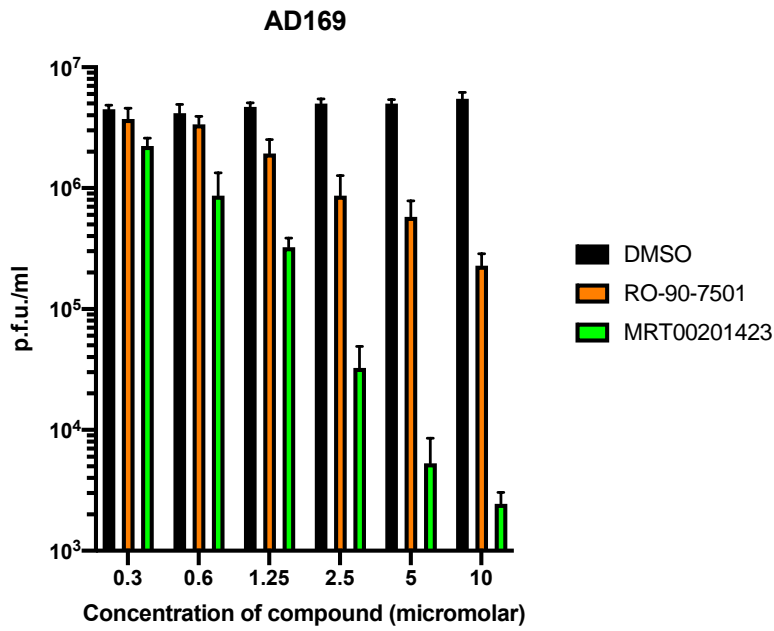
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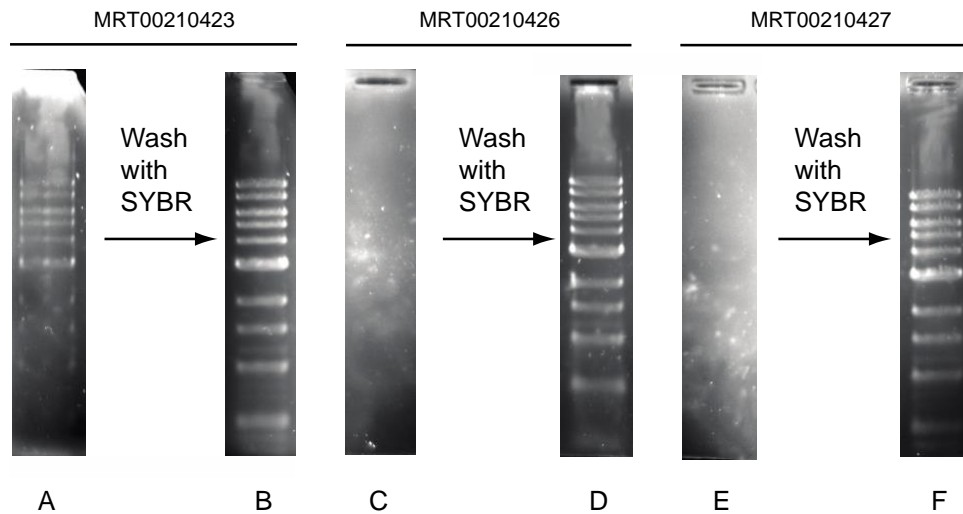
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34 **Supplementary Figure 2 Titre of virus replication in the presence of bisbenzimidazole**  
35 **compounds.** The titre of (A) AD169 and (B) Merlin(R1111) viruses from which the drug  
36 susceptibility data in Figures 4A and 4B, respectively, was derived.

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42 **Supplementary Figure 3 Investigation of MRT00210423 analogues association with**  
43 **DNA.** A molecular weight DNA marker was introduced into agarose gels containing either (A)  
44 MRT00210423, (C) MRT00210426 or (E) MRT00210427 using electrophoresis, which were  
45 then exposed to UV light and photographed. Gels were then washed in SYBR, exposed to UV  
46 light and photographed (panels (B), (D) and (F)).



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