

Astinova AI Platform — Retrosynthesis Report

Compound: **Montelukast (design-around route)** — Compound (C₃₅H₃₆ClNO₃S, MW 586.20 Da) | leukotriene antagonist — patent non-infringing process route

Generated: 2026-07-16 15:28 | 194 routes returned | 0 / 194 fully solved | Best score: 0.7259 | Best route: 5 steps, 3/4 precursors in stock | Route policy: curated reaction templates

Property	Value
SMILES	<chem>CC(C)(O)c1ccccc1CCC(SCC1(CC(=O)O)CC1)c1cccc(/C=C/c2ccc3ccc(Cl)cc3n2)c1</chem>
InChIKey	UCHDWCPVSPXUMX-XNTDXEJSSA-N
Formula	C ₃₅ H ₃₆ ClNO ₃ S
MW	586.20 Da
LogP (Crippen)	8.95
TPSA	70.4 Å ²
HBD / HBA	2 / 4
Rotatable bonds	12
Rings (aromatic)	5 (4)
Chiral centres	0
Fluorines	0 — see SMILES
Routes returned	194
Solved routes	0 / 194
Top score	0.7259
Best route steps	5
Precursors (in stock)	4 (3 in stock)
Search engine	Astinova AI Platform

Montelukast (design-around route) (C₃₅H₃₆ClNO₃S, MW 586.20 Da) is a novel leukotriene antagonist — patent non-infringing process route analogue. The Astinova AI Platform returned 194 partial trees (0 fully closed within budget); the best two routes by state score are detailed below with reagents, conditions, intermediates, and reaction template provenance for each step.

Scaffold Comparison — Montelukast (design-around route) vs originator process patent vs Astinova design-around process

Property	Montelukast (design-around route)	originator process patent	Astinova design-around process
Formula	C35H36ClNO3S	—	—
MW (Da)	586.20	—	—
Fluorines	0	—	—
LogP	8.95	—	—
TPSA (Å²)	70.4	—	—
Aromatic rings	4	—	—
Warhead	see fragment analysis	—	—
Core	see fragment analysis	—	—
C4 amine fragment	—	—	—
C2 ether fragment	—	—	—
Lit. similarity	—	literature reference	—
Key new C–C bond	—	—	—
Route score	0.7259 (partial)	—	—

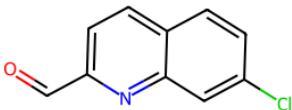
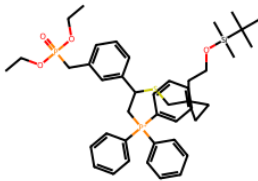
Note: Reference-compound columns are populated during expert review.

Key Retrosynthetic Disconnections

(No named-reaction disconnections recognised; templates were predominantly literature-derived without classifier hits.)

Route 1 / 2 · State score: 0.7259 · Reactions: 5 · Precursors: 4 · In stock: 3

Reactants → Step 1

 ■ In stock	 ■ Not in stock	C43H55
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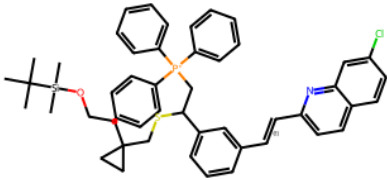
Step 1: Reaction (template-defined)

Reaction class	Not assigned — reaction template SMARTS does not match a high-confidence rule
Reagents	Not assigned — consult literature for this transformation
Solvent / Temp	Not assigned — substrate-specific optimisation required
Route policy	Astinova AI Platform · p = 0.0074

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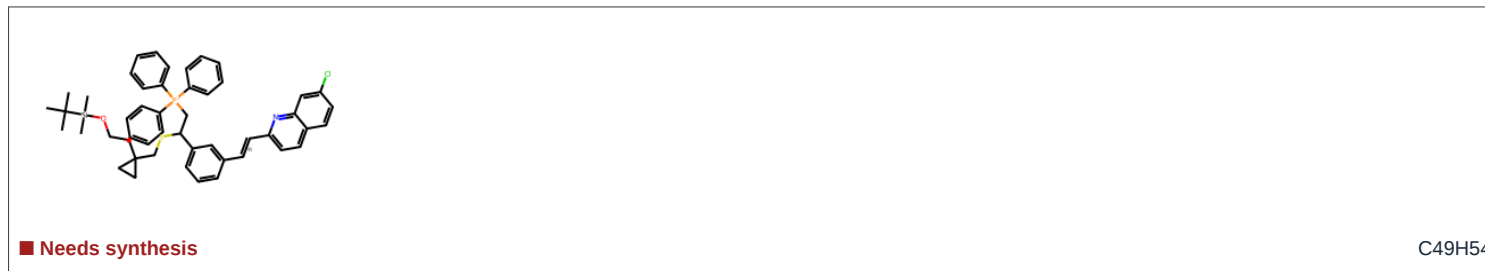
Intermediate (Step 1 product)

	C49H54ClNOPSi+ · MW 799.6 Da <chem>CC(C)(C)[Si](C)(C)OCC1(CSC(C[P+](c2ccccc2)(c2ccccc2)c2ccccc2)c2ccc(/C=C/c3ccc4ccc(Cl)cc4n3)c2)CC1</chem>
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Reaction template: [c:4]/[CH;D2;+0:3]=[CH;D2;+0:1]/[c:2]>>C-C-O-P(=O)(-O-C-C)-[CH2;D2;+0:1]-[c:2].0=[CH;D2;+0:3]-[c:4]

Route 1 / 2 · State score: 0.7259 · Reactions: 5 · Precursors: 4 · In stock: 3

Reactants → Step 2



Step 2: Reaction (template-defined)

Reaction class	Not assigned — reaction template SMARTS does not match a high-confidence rule
Reagents	Not assigned — consult literature for this transformation
Solvent / Temp	Not assigned — substrate-specific optimisation required
Route policy	Astinova AI Platform · p = 0.1326

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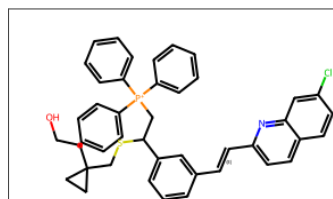
Intermediate (Step 2 product)



Reaction template: [C:2]-[OH;D1;+0:1]>>C-C(-C)(-C)-[Si](-C)(-C)-[O;H0;D2;+0:1]-[C:2]

Route 1 / 2 · State score: 0.7259 · Reactions: 5 · Precursors: 4 · In stock: 3

Reactants → Step 3



■ Needs synthesis

C43H40

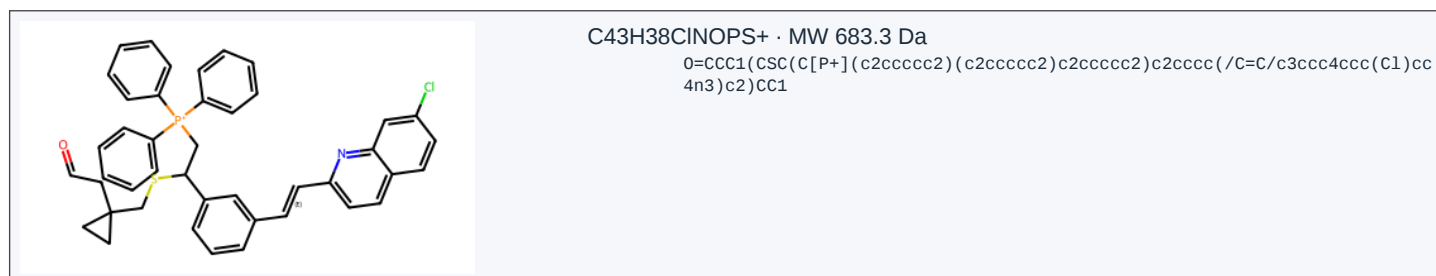
Step 3: Reaction (template-defined)

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Reagents	Not assigned — consult literature for this transformation
Solvent / Temp	Not assigned — substrate-specific optimisation required
Route policy	Astinova AI Platform · p = 0.6796

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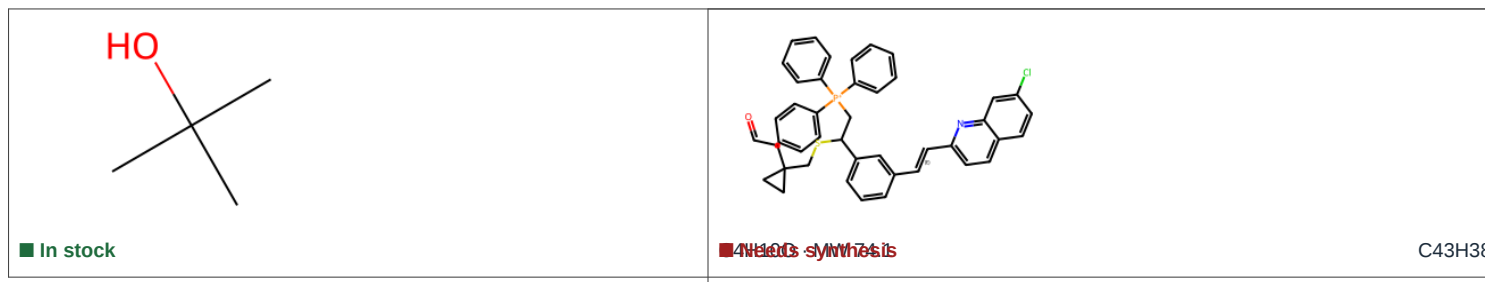
Intermediate (Step 3 product)



Reaction template: [C:1]-[CH;D2;+0:2]=[O;H0;D1;+0:3]>>[C:1]-[CH2;D2;+0:2]-[OH;D1;+0:3]

Route 1 / 2 · State score: 0.7259 · Reactions: 5 · Precursors: 4 · In stock: 3

Reactants → Step 4



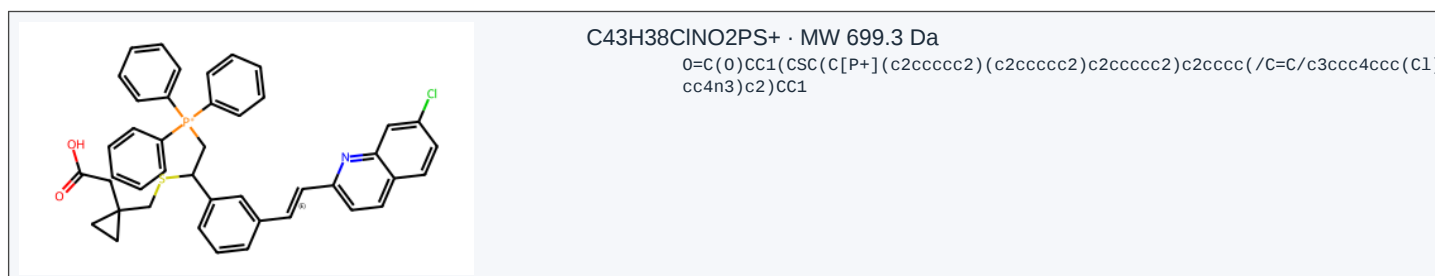
Step 4: Reaction (template-defined)

Reaction class	Not assigned — reaction template SMARTS does not match a high-confidence rule
Reagents	Not assigned — consult literature for this transformation
Solvent / Temp	Not assigned — substrate-specific optimisation required
Route policy	Astinova AI Platform · p = 0.0051

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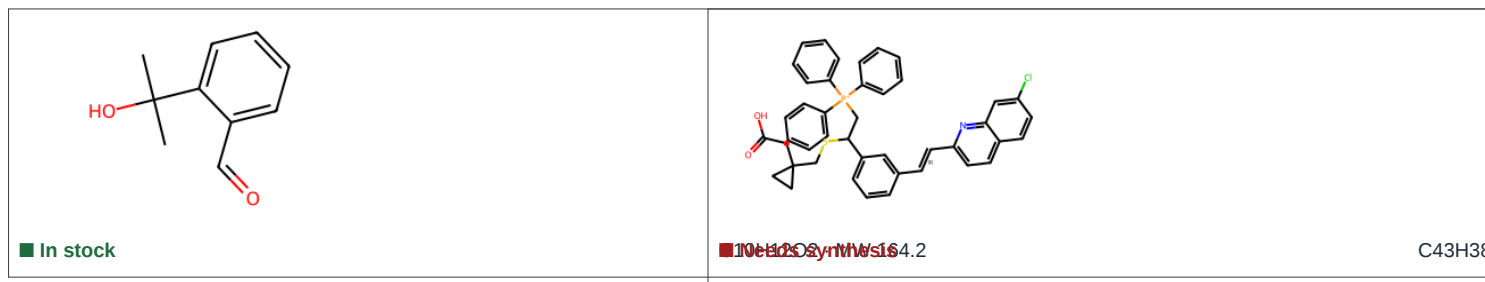
Intermediate (Step 4 product)



Reaction template: [C:2]-[C;H0;D3;+0:3](=[O;D1;H0:4])-[OH;D1;+0:1]>>C-C(-C)(-C)-[OH;D1;+0:1].[C:2]-[CH;D2;+0:3]=[O;D1;H0:4]

Route 1 / 2 · State score: 0.7259 · Reactions: 5 · Precursors: 4 · In stock: 3

Reactants → Step 5



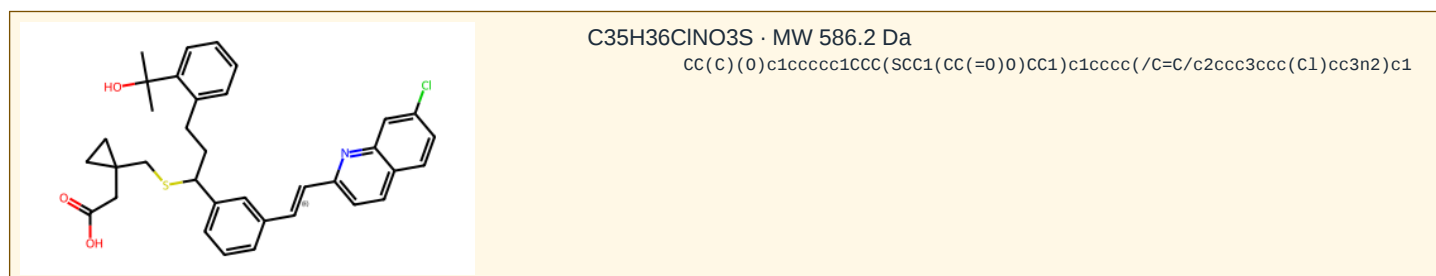
Step 5: Reaction (template-defined) — TARGET

Reaction class	Not assigned — reaction template SMARTS does not match a high-confidence rule
Reagents	Not assigned — consult literature for this transformation
Solvent / Temp	Not assigned — substrate-specific optimisation required
Route policy	Astinova AI Platform · p = 0.0001

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TARGET — Montelukast (design-around route)



Reaction template: [C:3]-[CH2;D2;+0:4]-[CH2;D2;+0:1]-[c:2]>>O=[CH;D2;+0:1]-[c:2].[C:3]-[CH2;D2;+0:4]-[P+](c1:c:c:c:c:1)(c1:c:c:c:c:1)-c1:c:c:c:c:1

Route 2 / 2 · State score: 0.7185 · Reactions: 6 · Precursors: 4 · In stock: 3

Reactants → Step 1

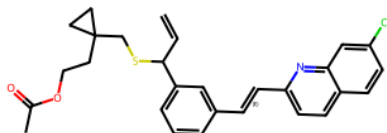
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Reaction class	Not assigned — reaction template SMARTS does not match a high-confidence rule
Reagents	Not assigned — consult literature for this transformation
Solvent / Temp	Not assigned — substrate-specific optimisation required
Route policy	Astinova AI Platform · p = 0.6321

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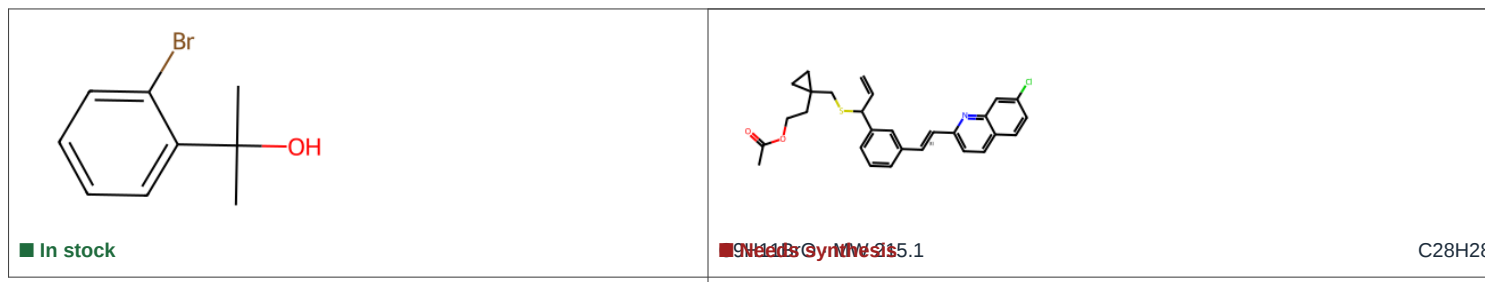
Intermediate (Step 1 product)

C=CC(SCC1(CCOC(C)=O)CC1)c1cccc(/C=C/c2ccc3ccc(C1)cc3n2)c1

Reaction template: $[C:4] - [O;H0;D2;+0:5] - [C;H0;D3;+0:1] (- [C;D1;H3:2]) = [O;D1;H0:3] >> C - C (=O) - O - [C;H0;D3;+0:1] (- [C;D1;H3:2]) = [O;D1;H0:3]. [C:4] - [OH;D1;+0:5]$

Route 2 / 2 · State score: 0.7185 · Reactions: 6 · Precursors: 4 · In stock: 3

Reactants → Step 2



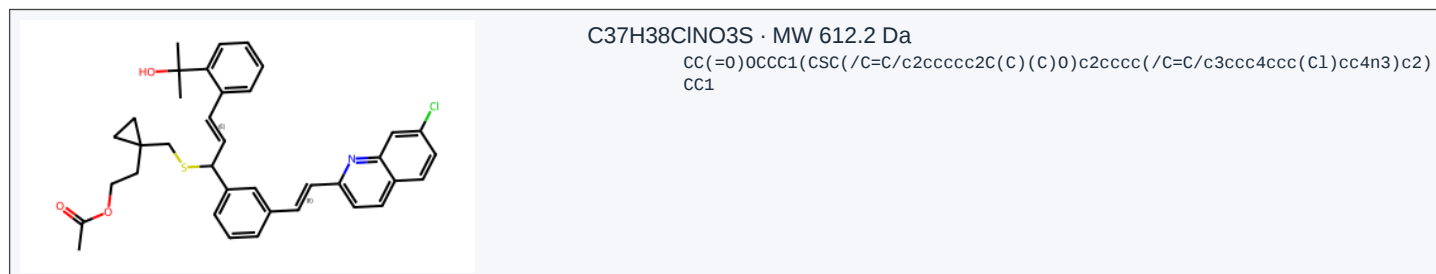
Step 2: Reaction (template-defined)

Reaction class	Not assigned — reaction template SMARTS does not match a high-confidence rule
Reagents	Not assigned — consult literature for this transformation
Solvent / Temp	Not assigned — substrate-specific optimisation required
Route policy	Astinova AI Platform · p = 0.0188

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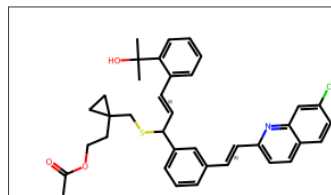
Intermediate (Step 2 product)



Reaction template: [C:4]=[CH;D2;+0:5]-[c;H0;D3;+0:1](:[c:2]):[c:3]>>Br-[c;H0;D3;+0:1](:[c:2]):[c:3].[C:4]=[CH2;D1;+0:5]

Route 2 / 2 · State score: 0.7185 · Reactions: 6 · Precursors: 4 · In stock: 3

Reactants → Step 3



■ Needs synthesis

C37H38

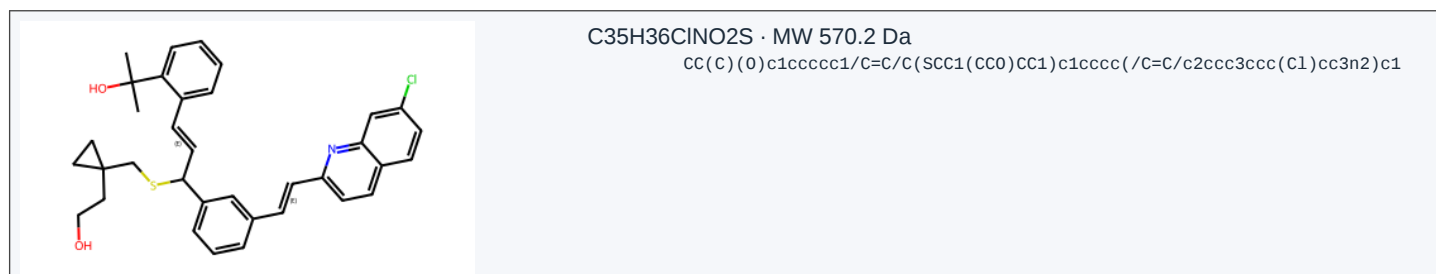
Step 3: Reaction (template-defined)

Reaction class	Not assigned — reaction template SMARTS does not match a high-confidence rule
Reagents	Not assigned — consult literature for this transformation
Solvent / Temp	Not assigned — substrate-specific optimisation required
Route policy	Astinova AI Platform · p = 0.1059

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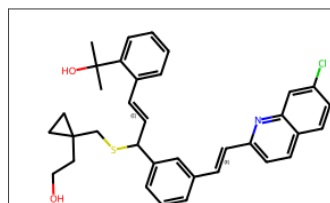
Intermediate (Step 3 product)



Reaction template: [C:3]-[C:2]-[OH;D1;+0:1]>>C-C(=O)-[O;H0;D2;+0:1]-[C:2]-[C:3]

Route 2 / 2 · State score: 0.7185 · Reactions: 6 · Precursors: 4 · In stock: 3

Reactants → Step 4



■ Needs synthesis

C35H36

Step 4: Reaction (template-defined)

Reaction class	Not assigned — reaction template SMARTS does not match a high-confidence rule
Reagents	Not assigned — consult literature for this transformation
Solvent / Temp	Not assigned — substrate-specific optimisation required
Route policy	Astinova AI Platform · p = 0.5023

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Intermediate (Step 4 product)

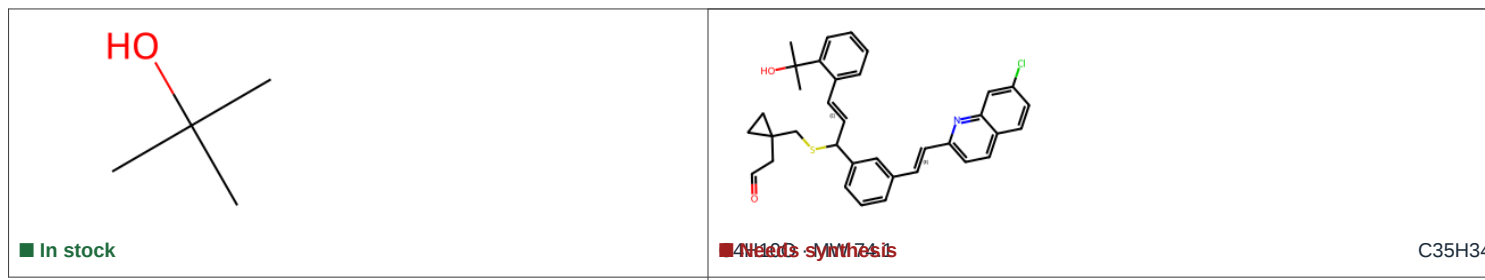
C35H34ClNO2S · MW 568.2 Da

CC(C)(O)c1ccccc1/C=C/C(SCC1(CC=O)CC1)c1cccc(/C=C/c2ccc3ccc(Cl)cc3n2)c1

Reaction template: [C:1] - [CH;D2;+0:2]=[O;H0;D1;+0:3]>>[C:1] - [CH2;D2;+0:2] - [OH;D1;+0:3]

Route 2 / 2 · State score: 0.7185 · Reactions: 6 · Precursors: 4 · In stock: 3

Reactants → Step 5



Step 5: Reaction (template-defined)

Reaction class	Not assigned — reaction template SMARTS does not match a high-confidence rule
Reagents	Not assigned — consult literature for this transformation
Solvent / Temp	Not assigned — substrate-specific optimisation required
Route policy	Astinova AI Platform · p = 0.0089

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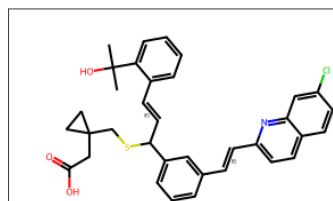
Intermediate (Step 5 product)



Reaction template: [C:2]-[C;H0;D3;+0:3](=[O;D1;H0:4])-[OH;D1;+0:1]>>C-C(-C)(-C)-[OH;D1;+0:1].[C:2]-[CH;D2;+0:3]=[O;D1;H0:4]

Route 2 / 2 · State score: 0.7185 · Reactions: 6 · Precursors: 4 · In stock: 3

Reactants → Step 6



■ Needs synthesis

C35H36ClNO3S

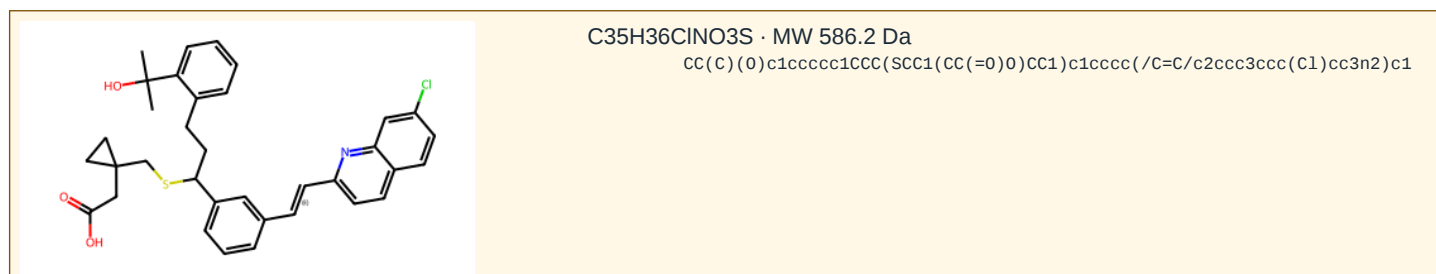
Step 6: Reaction (template-defined) — TARGET

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Reagents	Not assigned — consult literature for this transformation
Solvent / Temp	Not assigned — substrate-specific optimisation required
Route policy	Astinova AI Platform · p = 0.0002

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TARGET — Montelukast (design-around route)



Reaction template: [C:1]-[CH2;D2;+0:2]-[CH2;D2;+0:3]-[c:4]>>[C:1]/[CH;D2;+0:2]=[CH;D2;+0:3]/[c:4]

Synthesis Notes & Disclaimers

Provenance: Routes generated by the Astinova AI Platform retrosynthesis engine using a curated reaction-template set and building-block stock. 194 trees returned, 0 fully solved within the configured budget. Top score 0.7259; routes ranked by state_score (compound score combining solve quality, reaction count, and in-stock fraction).

Reaction-condition policy (STRICT, per chemist directive 2026-05-09): Reagents / solvent / temperature are shown ONLY when both (a) the reaction template SMARTS contains a specific reagent fragment our high-confidence rules recognise (POCl₃, boronate, silyl, Cbz, Boc, HATU, etc.) AND (b) a validated curated entry exists in NAMED_REACTION_CONDITIONS (build_book_rag.py). When uncertain, conditions are explicitly left blank (*'Not assigned — consult literature'*) rather than guessed. The textbook excerpts from BookRAG (12,254 chunks: Clayden / Greeves / Warren / Wothers, Carey, March, *Strategic Applications of Named Reactions in Organic Synthesis*) are shown only when relevance ≥ 0.55 , and are flagged '*contextual only*' — they orient a reader to the chemistry family but are NOT the authoritative procedure for this exact substrate. the platform template tags internal template tags) are not used to assign conditions — those tags identify the model's training corpus, not a named reaction.

Recommended convergent sequence: The the platform depth-first ordering is not necessarily the chemist's preferred build order. For convergent assembly, build the bicyclic core first, then layer the C4 amine (most activated SNAr site), then C2 ether, then perform any cross-coupling (Suzuki / Sonogashira) on the assembled core. Global deprotection (TBAF for silyl/alkyne, TFA for Boc, H₂/Pd-C for Cbz) at the end.

Stereochemistry caveat: Any chiral-pool fragments must be sourced as the correct stereoisomer. Confirm by chiral-HPLC at each stage; do not attempt asymmetric induction on the assembled molecule without dedicated optimisation.

Protecting-group strategy: Every nucleophilic OH, NH, or alkyne should be protected before any transition-metal cross-coupling step. Default choice: TBS for phenols, Boc for primary amines, TES/TMS for terminal alkynes. Deprotect in reverse order at the end.

Druglikeness flags: Compound MW 586 Da, LogP 8.95, TPSA 70 Å², HBD/HBA 2/4, 0 chiral centres. Borderline Lipinski Ro5 considerations apply. Recommend early CYP3A4/2C9 inhibition and hERG screening once the racemate is in hand.

IP / patent freedom: Scaffolds in actively researched target classes are frequently densely patented. A formal freedom-to-operate opinion is recommended before candidate nomination. Where prior-art claims exist, differentiate via core saturation, bioisosteric replacement, or substitution patterns outside the claimed scope.

Stock-gap closure: Leaf precursors marked '**Needs synthesis**' in the per-step pages must be assembled before route execution. They typically add 2-4 steps each from commercial building blocks (Combi-Blocks, Enamine, Sigma-Aldrich, FCH Group).

Generated: Astinova AI Platform | Top-3 routes per state_score, walk-order reversed to forward synthesis sequence.