Supporting Information

Fluorescent Mimics of Cholesterol that Rapidly Bind Surfaces of Living Mammalian Cells

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Scheme S1. Synthesis of compounds 4-7.



Reagents and conditions: (a) Piperidine, DMF (1:4), 30 min; (b) 4-Carboxy-Pennsylvania Green NHS Ester, DIEA, DMF, 16 h; (c) H_2NNH_2 , EtOH, 50 °C, 4 h; (d) EDC, HOBt, Fmoc-Glu(O*t*-Bu)-OH, 4 °C to 22 °C, 12 h; (e) EDC, HOBt, **21**, DMF, 12 h; (f) TFA, CH₂Cl₂ (1:1), 2 h; (g) EDC, HOBt, Fmoc- β -Ala-OH, 4 °C to 22 °C, 12 h; (h) EDC, HOBt, Fmoc-Gly-OH, 4 °C to 22 °C, 12 h; (i) TFA, CH₂Cl₂ (1.5:8.5), 12 h.

Scheme S2. Synthesis of compounds 8-13.



Reagents and conditions: (a) MsCl, TEA, CH_2Cl_2 , 4 °C to 22 °C, 16 h; (b) TMS-N₃, BF₃-OEt₂, CH₂Cl₂, 16 h; (c) LiAlH₄, Et₂O, CH₂Cl₂, 4 °C to 22 °C, 2 h; (d) *N*-3-bromopropylphthalimide, K₂CO₃, DMF, 60 °C, 24 h; (e) (Boc)₂O, DIEA, CH₂Cl₂, 4 h; (f) H₂NNH₂, EtOH, 50 °C, 4 h; (g) EDC, HOBt, Fmoc- β -Ala-OH, 4 °C to 22 °C, 12 h; (h) piperidine, DMF (1:4), 30 min; (i) EDC, HOBt, **21**, DMF, 12 h; (j) TFA, CH₂Cl₂ (1:1), 2 h; (k) DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, 30 min; (l) excess ethylene diamine, CH₂Cl₂, 2 h; (m) EDC, HOBt, Fmoc-Gly-OH, 4 °C to 22 °C, 12 h; (n) EDC, HOBt, Fmoc-Glu(O*t*-Bu)-OH, 4 °C to 22 °C, 12 h.



Figure S1. Micrographs of Jurkat cells treated with green fluorescent 4 and red fluorescent transferrin, Alexa Fluor 633 conjugate. Cells were treated with 4 (2 μ M) for 1 h to allow trafficking to endosomes followed by addition of transferrin-AF633 (1 μ M) for 10 min. Cells were washed with media and imaged by differential interference contrast (DIC) and confocal laser scanning microscopy. Colocalization of red and green fluorescence in early/recycling endosomes, shown as yellow in the overlay image, can be observed. Scale Bar: 7.5 microns.



Figure S2. Ezetimibe glucuronide is not a competitive inhibitor of binding of **4** to cell surfaces, providing evidence that NPC1L1 is not a target. Jurkat cells (300,000 cells/mL in RPMI-1640 / 10% FBS) were pre-treated for 30 min with and without ezetimibe glucuronide (200 μ M; diluted 1:1000 from a 200 mM DMSO stock, using serial 10-fold dilutions). Cells were incubated with **4** (1 μ M) at 37 °C for 5 min, washed once with RPMI-1640 containing 0.5% FBS (to minimize efflux of the probe) and propidium iodide (PI, 3 μ M). The green fluorescence of living cells was immediately analyzed by flow cytometry.



Figure S3. Total and non-specific binding of compounds **4–13** to plasma membranes of living Jurkat lymphocytes at 37 °C. Non-specific binding curves were generated by preincubation of cells with ezetimibe (**3**, 200 μ M, 0.2% DMSO) for 30 min at 37 °C. Compounds **4–13** were added for 5 min to cells with and without ezetimibe (200 μ M), cells were washed with fresh media (containing PI (3 μ M)), and the green fluorescence of **4-13** bound to living cell surfaces was analyzed by flow cytometry. This data was used to calculate the specific binding curves shown in Figure 2 of the main text of the manuscript.

Experimental section

General. Chemical reagents were purchased from Apptec, Acros, Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, EMD Biosciences, or TCI America, and were used without further purification. Solvents were from Aldrich or Fisher Scientific. Ezetimibe (Zetia®), obtained from a local pharmacy, was isolated in pure form by extraction of crushed tablets with CH₂Cl₂/ddw, drying the organic layer over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and removal of solvent under reduced pressure. Cell culture reagents were from Sigma, Mediatech, BD Biosciences, 3β -Amino-5-cholestene (**31**),¹ cholesteryloxypropan-1-amine Gibco, and Invitrogen. $(28)^{2}$ 4-Carboxy-Pennsylvania Green NHS ester,^{3, 4} 14,⁵ and 19⁵ were synthesized by previously reported methods. Anhydrous solvents were obtained after passage through a drying column of a solvent purification system from GlassContour/SG Waters (Nashua, NH). All reactions were performed under an atmosphere of dry argon or nitrogen. Reactions were monitored by analytical thin-layer chromatography on plates coated with 0.25 mm silica gel 60 F254 (EM Science). TLC plates were visualized by UV irradiation (254 nm) or stained with either phosphomolybdic acid (20%) in ethanol or ninhydrin in ethanol. Column chromatography employed silica gel as a stationary phase (Dynamic Adsorbents, 40-63 μ m). Preparative HPLC employed an Agilent 1200 Series preparative pump / gradient extension with a Hamilton PRP-1 (polystyrene-divinylbenzene) reverse-phase preparative column (10-25 μ m particle size, 21.5 mm x 25 cm) with a flow rate of 25.0 mL/min. Analytical HPLC traces were acquired using an Agilent 1100 quaternary pump and a Hamilton PRP-1 (polystyrene-divinylbenzene) reverse phase analytical column (7 µm particle size, 4 mm x 25 cm) with UV detection at 254 nm, and elution was achieved with gradients of H₂O / CH₃CN (90:10 to 0:100 containing 0.1% TFA) over 25 min. Melting points were measured with a Thomas Hoover capillary melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Infrared spectra were obtained with a Perkin Elmer Spectrum 100 FTIR. NMR spectra were obtained with a Bruker Avance-400 or DRX-500 instrument with chemical shifts reported in parts per million (ppm, δ) referenced to either CDCl₃ (¹H, 7.26 ppm; ¹³C, 77.16 ppm), CD₃OD (¹H, 3.34 ppm; ¹³C, 49.00 ppm), or (CD₃)₂S=O (¹H, 2.50 ppm; ¹³C, 128.06 ppm). High-resolution mass spectra were obtained at the University of Kansas Mass Spectrometry Facility (ESI and EI). Peaks are reported as m/z. Basic compounds purified by reverse-phase HPLC were isolated as trifluoroacetic acid salts. Concentrations of all compounds analyzed in bioassays were standardized by absorbance measurements using a Molecular Devices SpectraMax 340PC 96-well plate reader or Agilent 8453 UV/Visible spectrophotometer.

Synthetic procedures and compound characterization data



9*H*-Fluoren-9-ylmethyl{3-[(3-{(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)[3β-cholest-5-en-3-yl]amino}propyl)amino]-3-ox opropyl} carbamate (15). To a solution of 14⁵ (1.41 g, 2.1 mmol) in absolute ethanol (50 mL) was added anhydrous hydrazine (350 μ L, 11 mmol). The solution was heated to 50 °C and stirred for 4 h. The reaction was cooled to 22 °C, and a white precipitate was removed by filtration. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in CHCl₃ (100 mL). After insoluble material was removed by filtration, concentration of the filtrate under reduced pressure afforded the phthalimide-deprotected primary amine (1.13 g, 99%), a white solid that was carried forward without further purification. To Fmoc-β-Ala-OH (715 mg, 2.3 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) at 4 °C was added hydroxybenzotriazole (HOBt, 340 mg, 2.5 mmol) and 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl) carbodiimide (EDC, 480 mg, 2.5 mmol). This mixture was stirred at 4 °C for 30 min. The phthalimide-deprotected primary amine in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL) was added dropwise, the reaction was allowed to warm to 22 °C and was further stirred for 12 h. The solution was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL) and washed with aqueous NaOH (0.1 M, 100 mL) followed by saturated aqueous NaCl (100 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Flash column chromatography (hexanes, ethyl acetate, 2:1) afforded **15** (1.62 g, 93%) as a glassy solid, mp 84-86 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.05 (br, 1H), 5.82 (br, 1H), 5.33 (s, 1H), 4.34 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.51-3.24 (m, 6H), 2.60-0.86 (m, 54H), 0.67 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.0, 156.5, 144.0, 143.9, 141.2, 127.6, 127.6, 127.0, 125.1, 125.0, 121.4, 119.9, 77.1, 66.7, 56.7, 56.1, 50.0, 47.2, 42.3, 39.7, 39.5, 37.2, 36.8, 36.5, 36.1, 35.9, 35.7, 31.8, 28.5, 28.2, 27.9, 26.8, 24.2, 23.8, 22.8, 22.5, 20.9, 19.4, 18.7, 11.8 ; IR (film) v max 3323, 2949, 1717, 1668, 1539, 1449, 1412, 1366, 1251, 1169, 1081, 908, 737 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) m/z 835.5819 (MNa⁺, C₅₃H₇₇N₃O₅Na requires 858.5755).



tert-Butyl-(15S)-5-[3_β-cholest-5-en-3-yl]-15-{[(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxy)carbonyl]amino}-2,2-dimeth yl-4,10,14-trioxo-3-oxa-5,9,13-triazaoctadecan-18-oate(16). Compound 15 (303 mg, 0.36 mmol) was added to DMF (2 mL) containing piperidine (20%) and stirred for 30 min at 22 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude primary amine. To a solution of Fmoc-Glu (O-t-Bu)-OH (157 mg, 0.37 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) at 4 °C were added HOBt (55 mg, 0.41 mmol) and EDC (79 mg, 0.41 mmol) and the solution was stirred for 30 min. To this solution was added the crude primary amine derived from 15 dissolved in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). The reaction was allowed to warm to 22 °C and stirred for 12 h. This solution was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and washed with aqueous NaOH (0.1 M, 30 mL) followed by saturated aqueous NaCl (30 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂, MeOH, 50:1) afforded **16** (361 mg, 98%) as a white solid, mp 120-122 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$ δ 7.76 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (br, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.5 J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (br, 1H), 5.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.57-3.16 (m, 6H), 2.60-0.85 (m, 67H), 0.66 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.7, 171.4, 171.4, 156.2, 143.9, 143.8, 141.3, 127.7, 127.9, 125.2, 121.4, 119.9, 80.9, 79.9, 67.1, 56.7, 56.1, 54.6, 50.1, 47.2, 42.3, 39.7, 39.8, 39.6, 38.4, 37.1, 36.7, 36.2, 36.0, 35.8, 31.9, 31.5, 28.6, 28.2, 28.1, 28.0, 27.9, 27.0, 24.3, 23.8, 22.8, 22.6, 21.0, 19.5, 18.7, 11.8; IR (film) v max 3295, 3066, 3005, 2935, 2863, 1726, 1652, 1540, 1465, 1451, 1415, 1366, 12523, 1163, 1046, 849, 757, 666 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) m/z 1043.6853 (MNa⁺, C₆₂H₉₂N₄O₈Na requires 1043.6813).



(4S)-5-{[3-({3-[3B-Cholest-5-en-3-ylamino]propyl}amino)-3-oxopropyl]amino}-4-{[4-(2,7-difluoro-6hydroxy-3-oxo-3H-xanthen-9-yl)-3-methylbenzoyl]amino}-5-oxopentanoic acid (4). Compound 16 (75 mg, 0.074 mmol) was added to DMF (1 mL) containing piperidine (20%) and stirred for 30 min at 22 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude primary amine. The resulting residue was dissolved in anhydrous DMF (5 mL), 4-carboxy-Pennsylvania Green succinimidyl ester³ (30 mg, 0.062 mmol) was added, followed by diisopropylethylamine (DIEA, 50 µL, 0.24 mmol). The reaction was stirred at 22 °C for 12 h and concentrated under reduced pressure. To the resulting orange residue was added CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) containing TFA (15%) and the solution was stirred at 22 °C for 12 h. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure, the crude product was dissolved in methanol (2 mL), and the product was purified by preparative reverse-phase HPLC (gradient: 90% H₂O, 9.9% MeCN, and 0.1% TFA to 99.9% MeCN and 0.1% TFA over 20 min; retention time = 15.4 min (495 nm) to afford 4 (23 mg, 36.4%) as an orange solid (TFA salt), mp 196-198 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.76-8.72 (m, 3H), 8.19 (s, 2H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 2H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 4.53 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (m, 2H), 3.14 (m, 2H), 3.01 (m, 3H), 2.46-0.92(m, 51H), 0.72 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.0, 172.7, 171.2, 170.8, 165.9, 158.0, 149.3, 138.6, 135.9, 135.2, 134.5, 129.8, 129.0, 125.5, 122.4, 105.2, 56.6, 56.1, 55.5, 53.1, 49.3, 41.8, 41.6, 36.4, 36.2, 35.6, 35.3, 35.2, 34.3, 31.2, 30.5, 27.7, 27.4, 26.9, 26.2, 24.3, 23.8, 23.2, 22.6, 22.4, 20.5, 19.2, 18.7, 18.5, 11.6; IR (film) v max 3324, 3071, 2950, 2863, 1671, 1646, 1610, 1539, 1503, 1465, 1373, 1310, 1193, 1136, 836, 759 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) m/z 1007.5679 (MH⁺, C₅₀H₇₇F₂N₄O₈Na requires 1007.5704).



Figure S4. Analytical RP-HPLC profile of **4** after preparative RP-HPLC. Retention time = 16.6 min. Purity > 95%.



tert-Butyl-(15S,18S)-15-(3-tert-butoxy-3-oxopropyl)-5-[3\beta-cholest-5-en-3-yl]-18-{[(9H-fluoren-9-ylme thoxy)carbonyl] amino}-2,2-dimethyl-4,10,14,17-tetraoxo-3-oxa-5,9,13,16-tetraazahenicosan-21-oate (17). Compound 16 (150 mg, 0.15 mmol) was added to DMF (2 mL) containing piperidine (20%) and stirred for 30 min at 22 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude primary amine. To Fmoc-Glu(O-t-Bu)-OH (70 mg, 0.16 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) at 4 °C was added HOBt (24 mg, 0.18 mmol) and EDC (35 mg, 0.18 mmol) and the solution was stirred for 30 min. The crude primary amine derived from 16 in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added. The reaction was allowed to warm to 22 °C and stirred for 12 h. This solution was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and washed with aqueous NaOH (0.1 M, 30 mL) followed by saturated aqueous NaCl (30 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂, MeOH, 30:1) afforded **17** (162 mg, 92%) as a white solid, mp 138-144 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 87.78 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (br, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (br, 1H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (br, 1H), 5.92 (br, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H)3H), 4.24 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.58-3.20 (br, 7H), 2.60-0.86 (m, 79H), 0.67 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$ δ 172.9, 172.8, 171.4, 171.1, 156.3, 156.3, 143.9, 143.7, 141.2, 127.7, 127.1, 125.2, 121.3, 120.0, 81.0, 80.9, 77.2, 67.2, 56.7, 56.2, 53.1, 50.1, 47.1, 42.3, 39.8, 39.5, 38.4, 36.7, 36.2, 35.8, 31.9, 28.6, 28.2, 28.0, 27.9, 24.3, 23.8, 22.8, 22.6, 21.0, 19.5, 18.7, 11.8; IR (film) v max 3289, 3066, 3005, 2934, 2868, 1729, 1693, 1679, 1636, 1539, 1450, 1413, 1388, 1367, 1281, 1254, 1158, 1044, 757, 667 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) m/z 1206.8032 (MH⁺, C₇₁H₁₀₈N₅O₁₁ requires 1206.8040).



PG-Glu-Glu- β Ala-Cholesteryl amine (5)

(4*S*)-5-{[(1*S*)-3-Carboxy-1-({[3-({3-[3β-cholest-5-en-3-ylamino]propyl}amino)-3-oxopropyl]amino}ca rbonyl)propyl]amino}-4-{[4-(2,7-difluoro-6-hydroxy-3-oxo-3H-xanthen-9-yl)-3-methylbenzoyl]amin o}-5-oxopentanoic acid (5). Compound 17 (30 mg, 0.025 mmol) was added to DMF (1 mL) containing piperidine (20%) and stirred for 30 min at 22°C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude primary amine. To the resulting residue in dry DMF (2 mL) was added 4-carboxy-Pennsylvania Green succinimidyl ester³ (13 mg, 0.027 mmol) followed by DIEA (50 μL, 0.24 mmol). The reaction was stirred at 22 °C for 12 h and concentrated under reduced pressure. The orange residue was treated with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) containing TFA (15%) and stirred at 22 °C for 12 h. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the crude product was dissolved in methanol (2 mL) and purified by preparative reverse-phase HPLC (gradient: 90% H₂O, 9.9% MeCN, and 0.1% TFA to 99.9% MeCN and 0.1% TFA over 15 min; retention time = 13.5 min (495 nm) to afford **5** (6.2 mg, 22%) as an orange solid (TFA salt), mp 145-148 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.65 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (s, 2H), 8.07-7.92 (m, 4H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 4.46 (m, 1H), 4.21 (m, 1H), 3.29-3.20 (m, 4H), 2.90 (m, 3H), 2.46-0.92 (m, 55H), 0.63 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 174.4, 172.6, 171.8, 171.7, 129.8, 129.0, 125.5, 122.4, 105.2, 57.0, 56.5, 56.0, 49.8, 42.3, 42.1, 39.3, 39.2, 39.1, 36.8, 36.6, 36.1, 36.0, 35.8, 35.6, 33.8, 31.7, 31.0, 30.6, 27.9, 25.8, 24.9, 24.8, 24.3, 23.6, 23.1, 22.8, 19.5, 19.2, 19.0, 12.1; IR (film) v max 3419, 2951, 1682, 1643, 1540, 1438, 1375, 1310, 1205, 1142, 1015, 801, 721.6 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) m/z 1136.6179 (MH⁺, C₆₄H₈₄F₂N₅O₁₁ requires 1136.6130).



Figure S5. Analytical RP-HPLC profile of **5** after preparative RP-HPLC. Retention time = 15.8 min. Purity > 95%.



tert-Butyl-3\beta-cholest-5-en-3-yl[14-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-5,9,12-trioxo-13-oxa-4,8,11-triazatetradec-1-yl]c arbamate (18). Compound 15 (150 mg, 0.18 mmol) was added to DMF (2 mL) containing piperidine (20%) and stirred for 30 min at 22 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude primary amine. To a solution of Fmoc-Gly-OH (60 mg, 0.20 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) at 4 °C were added HOBt (30 mg, 0.22 mmol) and EDC (42 mg, 0.22 mmol) and the solution was stirred for 30 min. The primary amine derived from 15 in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added. The reaction was allowed to warm to 22 °C and stirred for 12 h. This solution was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and washed with aqueous NaOH (0.1 M, 30 mL) followed by saturated aqueous NaCl (30 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂, MeOH, 20:1) afforded **18** (153 mg, 97%) as a white solid, mp 112-114 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.75 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.3 2H), 6.99 (br, 1H), 5.78 (br, 1H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 4.38 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 2H, 3.56 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.22 (m, 2H), 2.52-0.86 (m, 56H), 0.67 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.5, 169.0, 156.5, 148.3, 143.8, 141.2, 127.7, 127.0, 125.1, 121.4, 119.9, 80.0, 67.1, 56.7, 56.1, 50.0, 47.1, 44.3, 42.3, 41.5, 39.7, 39.5, 38.4, 37.1, 36.7, 36.1, 35.9, 35.7, 31.8, 28.5, 28.2, 27.9, 26.8, 24.2, 23.8, 22.8, 22.5, 20.9, 19.4, 18.7, 11.8; IR (film) v max 3311, 2936, 2868, 1717, 1667, 1543, 1465, 1450, 1413, 1365, 1249, 1168, 1048, 758 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) m/z 893.6122 (MH⁺, $C_{55}H_{81}N_4O_6$ requires 893.6151).



N-(2-{[3-({3-[3β-Cholest-5-en-3-ylamino]propyl}amino)-3-oxopropyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-4-(2,7-diflu oro-6-hydroxy-3-oxo-3H-xanthen-9-yl)-3-methylbenzamide (6). Compound 18 (25 mg, 0.028 mmol) was added to DMF (1 mL) containing piperidine (20%) and stirred for 30 min at 22 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude primary amine. Dry DMF (2 mL) and 4-carboxy-Pennsylvania Green succinimidyl ester³ (11 mg, 0.023 mmol) were added followed by DIEA (50 µL, 0.24 mmol). The reaction was stirred at 22 °C for 12 h, and solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The orange residue was treated with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) containing TFA (15%) and stirred at 22 °C for 12 h. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude product was dissolved in methanol (2 mL), and purified by preparative reverse-phase HPLC (gradient: 90% H₂O, 9.9% MeCN, and 0.1% TFA to 99.9% MeCN and 0.1% TFA over 15 min; retention time = 13.0 min (495 nm) to afford 6 (18 mg, 82%) as an orange solid (TFA salt), mp 200-203 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 8.91 (s, 1H), 8.56 (s, 2H), 8.0-7.91 (m, 4H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (s, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 2H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 3.87 (m, 2H), 3.14 (m, 4H), 2.93 (m, 3H), 2.30-0.85 (m, 47H), 0.61 (s, 3H); 13 C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 170.9, 168.8, 166.0, 149.0, 138.5, 136.0, 135.2, 134.8, 129.9, 129.0, 125.3, 122.6, 105.0, 56.5, 56.1, 55.5, 49.3, 42.7, 41.7, 41.5, 36.1, 35.9, 35.6, 35.4, 35.2, 34.2, 31.2, 27.7, 27.4, 26.2, 26.1, 24.4, 23.2, 22.7, 22.4, 20.5, 19.2, 18.7, 18.5, 11.6; IR (film) v max 3419, 2950, 2115, 1646, 1540, 1465, 1374, 1310, 1194, 1147, 1016, 875 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) m/z 957.5350 (MNa⁺, C₅₆H₇₂F₂N₄O₆Na requires 957.5312).



Figure S6. Analytical RP-HPLC profile of **6** after preparative RP-HPLC. Retention time = 16.9 min. Purity > 95%.



5-(tert-butoxy)-2-(4-(2,7-difluoro-6-hydroxy-3-oxo-3H-xanthen-9-yl)-3-methylbenzamido)-5-oxopent anoic acid (21) Fmoc-Glu(O-*t*-Bu)-OH (**20**, 67mg, 0.156 mmol) was treated with piperidine (20%) in DMF (1 mL) for 30 min. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude primary amine. 4-Carboxy-Pennsylvania Green succinimidyl ester³ (25 mg, 0.052 mmol) in DMF (1 mL) was added to the crude primary amine in DMF (1 mL) followed by DIEA (0.25 mL). The reaction was stirred at 22 °C for 16 h, dried under reduced pressure, and purified by flash column chromatography (MeOH, CH₂Cl₂, AcOH, 5:94.9:0.1) to afford **21** (27 mg, 90%) as an orange residue, mp 134-138 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.94 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 6.81 – 6.77 (m, 2H), 4.70 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.39 – 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.14 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 174.95, 173.97, 169.66, 156.19, 138.02, 137.15, 136.55, 131.01, 130.47, 126.62, 112.98, 112.76, 106.32, 81.94, 53.70, 32.95, 28.35 (t), 27.66, 19.60 ; IR (film) v max 2929, 1678, 1607, 1536, 1371, 1302, 1190, 1139, 953, 842, 801, 750, 724 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) m/z 568.1779 (MH⁺, C₃₀H₂₈F₂NO₈, requires 568.1777).



PG-GluGlu-Cholesteryl amine (7)

(4S)-5-(((2S)-4-carboxy-1-((3-[3β-cholest-5-en-3-ylamino]propyl)amino)-1-oxobutan-2-yl)amino)-4-(4-(2,7-difluoro-6-hydroxy-3-oxo-3H-xanthen-9-yl)-3-methylbenzamido)-5-oxopentanoic acid (7). Compound **19**, synthesized by a previously reported method,⁵ (26.8 mg, 0.028 mmol) was added to DMF (0.5 mL) containing piperidine (20%) and stirred for 30 min at 22 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude primary amine. To a solution of 21 (8.0 mg, 0.014 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (2 mL) at 4 °C was added HOBt (4.0 mg, 0.028 mmol) and EDC (5.4 mg, 0.028 mmol) and the solution was stirred at 22 °C for 30 min. The primary amine derived from 19 in anhydrous DMF (1 mL) was added at 4 °C. The reaction was allowed to warm to 22 °C and stirred for 12 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was re-dissolved in TFA/CH₂Cl₂ (1:1, 2 mL) and stirred at 22 °C for 2 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude product was dissolved in DMSO (2 mL), and purified by preparative reverse-phase HPLC (gradient: 90% H₂O, 9.9% MeCN, and 0.1% TFA to 99.9% MeCN and 0.1% TFA over 20 min; retention time = 16.5 min (495 nm) to afford 7 (13.1 mg, 87%) as a orange solid (TFA salt), mp 175-178 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.87 - 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87 - 6.75 (m, 2H), 6.72 - 6.58 (m, 2H), 5.39(d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (m, 1H), 4.19 (m, 1H), 3.37 - 3.28 (m, 2H), 3.28 - 3.23 (m, 2H), 3.03 - 2.94 (m, 2H), 3.94 (m, 2H),2H), 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.54 – 0.69 (m, 52H), 0.59 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 176.85, 176.47, 174.94, 174.34, 169.92, 156.15, 146.38, 140.74, 139.53, 138.09, 136.70, 131.60, 131.47, 131.15, 130.50, 130.09, 126.78 (d, J = 13.6 Hz), 124.85 (d, J = 4.8 Hz), 122.22, 115.64, 113.74, 106.42, 59.41, 58.03, 57.51, 55.76, 55.01, 51.42, 43.35 (d, *J* = 22.4 Hz), 40.99, 40.69, 38.22, 37.82, 37.35, 37.10, 36.92, 36.38, 32.99 (d, J = 14.1 Hz), 31.55, 31.23, 29.22 (d, J = 14.1 Hz), 27.82, 27.67, 27.58, 26.27, 25.98, 25.24, 24.96, 23.08 (d, J = 31.7 Hz), 22.06, 19.64 (d, J = 10.6 Hz), 19.22, 12.27 ; IR (film) v max 3387, 2323, 1675, 1541, 1439, 1202, 1135, 842, 802, 724 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-) m/z 1063.5757 (M⁻, C₆₁H₇₇F₂N₄O₁₀ requires 1063.5613).



Figure S7. Analytical RP-HPLC profile of **7** after preparative RP-HPLC. Retention time = 16.8 min. Purity > 95%.



Sitost-5-en-3β-ol, methanesulfonate (23). To a solution of β-sitosterol (**22**, 5.0 g, 12.0 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL) at 4 °C was added freshly distilled triethylamine (2.7 mL, 18.1 mmol) followed by a dropwise solution of methanesulfonyl chloride (1.03 mL, 13.25 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). The reaction was maintained at 4 °C for 30 min, warmed to 22 °C, and stirred for 16 h. The solvent was removed reduced pressure, and the resulting residue was purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate, hexane, 1:4) to give **23** (4.1 g, 69%) as a white solid, mp 97-100 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.45 – 5.38 (m, 1H), 4.52 (dt, J = 11.9, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (s, 3H), 2.51 (ddd, *J* = 7.2, 4.9, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 2.09 – 0.75 (m, 42H), 0.68 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.57, 123.61, 81.82, 56.52, 55.96, 49.86, 45.76, 42.19, 39.55, 39.04, 38.62, 36.79, 36.25, 35.97, 33.84, 31.71 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 29.12, 28.85, 28.04, 26.09, 24.11, 22.98, 20.89, 19.62, 18.96 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 18.63, 11.75 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz); IR (film) v max 2958, 2931, 2867, 1465, 1350, 1326, 1168, 946, 865, 802 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) m/z 492.9897 (M⁺, C₃₀H₅₂O₃S requires 492.3637).



3β-Azido-5-sitostene (24). To a solution of compound **23** (1.7 g, 3.45 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) was added TMS-N₃ (0.68 mL, 5.20 mmol), followed by BF₃·Et₂O (0.86 mL, 6.90 mmol). The reaction was stirred at 22 °C for 16 h. The reaction was slowly poured into aqueous NaOH (1.0 M, 30 mL) and stirred for 5 min. The organic phase was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with saturated NaCl solution (500 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give the crude product as light yellow oil. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate, hexane, 2:98) to afforded **24** (800 mg, 53%) as a white solid, mp 74-78 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.42 – 5.35 (m, 1H), 3.20 (tdd, *J* = 11.5, 7.8, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.05 – 0.75 (m, 42H), 0.68 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.84, 122.55, 61.17, 56.73, 56.07, 50.11, 45.84, 42.32, 39.72, 38.17, 37.59, 36.62, 36.16, 33.95, 31.85 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 29.16, 28.25, 27.96, 26.08, 24.29, 23.08, 21.01, 19.84, 19.29, 19.05, 18.80, 11.93 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz); IR (film) v max 2935, 2867, 2090, 1463, 1377, 1259, 750 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) m/z 411.3872 (M-N₂, C₂₉H₄₉N requires 411.3865).



3β-**Amino-5-sitostene (25).** To a solution of **24** (180 mg, 0.44 mmol) in anhydrous diethyl ether (5 mL) at 4 °C was added LiAlH₄ powder (25 mg, 0.66 mol) in two equal portions. The reaction was maintained at 4 °C for 30 min, warmed to 22 °C, and stirred for 2 h. The reaction was cooled to 4 °C and carefully quenched by slow dropwise addition of ice-cold water. When evolution of H₂ gas ceased, the solution was poured into water (10 mL). The organic phase was separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL × 2). The combined organic extracts were washed with saturated NaCl solution (10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting solid was dissolved in CHCl₃ (10 mL) and residual inorganic salts were removed by filtration. Concentration of the filtrate afforded **25** (140 mg, 77%) as a white solid, mp 122-125 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.39 – 5.27 (m, 1H), 2.75 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 2H), 2.21 – 0.74 (m, 42H), 0.67 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.54, 120.89, 56.80, 56.06, 51.90, 50.23, 45.74 (d, *J* = 19.1 Hz), 42.74, 42.32, 39.80, 38.11, 36.56, 36.16, 33.95, 32.14, 31.90, 29.15, 28.26, 26.07, 24.31, 23.07, 21.02, 19.83, 19.45, 19.04, 18.79, 11.93 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz); IR (film) v max 3360, 3280, 3160, 2926, 2852, 1587, 1462, 1381, 1022, 957, 836, 799, 738 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) m/z 414.4074 (MH⁺, C₂₉H₃₂N requires 414.4094).



tert-Butyl-3β-sitost-5-en-3-yl[3-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-isoindol-2-yl)propyl]carbamate (26). To DMF (8 mL) was added compound 25 (130 mg, 0.31 mmol), *N*-(3-bromopropyl)phthalimide (103 mg, 0.38 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (108 mg, 0.78 mmol). The solution was heated to 60 °C and stirred for 24 h. The reaction was cooled to 22 °C, and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. To the resulting residue was added CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). The insoluble material was removed by filtration and washed with CH₂Cl₂(2 × 5 mL). To the combined filtrate and wash solutions containing the crude secondary amine product was added (Boc)₂O (135 mg, 0.62 mmol) and DIEA (0.17 mL, 1.24 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 4 h at 22 °C and concentrated under reduced pressure. Flash column chromatography (hexane, ethyl acetate, 85:15) afforded **26** (90 mg, 42% over 2 steps) as a white solid, mp 122-124 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.72 (m, 2H), 5.37 – 5.25 (m, 1H), 3.85 (td, *J* = 6.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.15 (br, 2H), 2.06 – 0.73 (m, 56H), 0.66 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.34, 134.07, 133.94, 132.11, 123.35, 123.21, 79.42, 56.71, 56.04, 50.12, 45.83, 42.31, 39.75, 36.17, 35.96, 33.94, 31.88, 29.14, 28.47, 28.26, 26.07, 24.29, 23.06, 20.99, 19.83, 19.41, 19.04, 18.78, 11.93 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz); IR (film) v max 3340, 2935, 2869, 1713, 1676, 1466, 1365, 1249, 1169, 1143, 907, 730 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) m/z 723.4980 (MNa⁺, C4₅H₆₈N₂O₄Na, requires 723.5071).



9H-Fluoren-9-ylmethyl{3-[(3-{(tert-butoxycarbonyl)[3β-sitost-5-en-3-yl]amino}propyl)amino]-3-oxo propyl}carbamate (27). To a solution of 26 (80 mg, 0.11 mmol) in absolute ethanol (3 mL) was added anhydrous hydrazine (17 μ L, 0.55 mmol). The solution was heated to 50 °C and stirred for 4 h. The reaction was cooled to 22 °C, and a white precipitate was removed by filtration. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in CHCl₃ (6 mL). After insoluble material was removed by filtration, concentration of the filtrate under reduced pressure afforded the phthalimide-deprotected primary amine, a white solid that was carried forward without further purification. To Fmoc-β-Ala-OH (69 mg, 0.22 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) at 4 °C were added HOBt (30 mg, 0.22 mmol) and EDC (42 mg, 0.22 mmol) followed by stirring at 4 °C for 30 min. To this solution was added dropwise the phthalimide-deprotected primary amine in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL). The reaction was allowed to warm to 22 °C and stirred for 12 h. The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure, and flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂, MeOH, 99:1) afforded 27 (56 mg, 60% over two steps) as a white solid, mp 86-90 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (br, 1H), 5.79 (br, 1H), 5.33 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.56 – 3.46 (m, 2H), 3.25 (m, 4H), 2.44 (m, 2H), 2.07 – 0.73 (m, 56H), 0.67 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.50, 144.04, 141.29, 127.64, 127.03, 125.19, 121.47, 119.94, 66.71, 56.75, 56.06, 50.10, 47.27, 45.84, 42.32, 39.75, 38.45, 36.74, 36.16, 35.98, 33.95, 31.88, 29.15, 28.55, 28.26, 26.08, 24.30, 23.07, 21.01, 19.84, 19.47, 19.04, 18.79, 11.93 (d, J = 12.7 Hz); IR (film) v max 3320, 2934, 2869, 1665, 1541, 1450, 1365, 1249, 1167, 1141, 908, 732 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) m/z 886.5963 (MNa⁺, C₅₅H₈₁N₃O₅Na, requires 668.6068).



(4*S*)-5-{[3-([3-[3β-Sitost-5-en-3-ylamino]propyl]amino)-3-oxopropyl]amino}-4-{[4-(2,7-difluoro-6-hy droxy-3-oxo-3*H*-xanthen-9-yl)-3-methylbenzoyl]amino}-5-oxopentanoic acid (8). Compound 27 (24.4 mg, 0.028 mmol) was added to DMF (0.5 mL) containing piperidine (20%) and stirred for 30 min at 22 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude primary amine. To a solution of 21 (8.0 mg, 0.014 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (2 mL) at 4 °C was added HOBt (4.0 mg, 0.028 mmol) and EDC (5.4 mg, 0.028 mmol), and the solution was stirred for 30 min. The primary amine derived from 27 in anhydrous DMF (1 mL) was added. The reaction was allowed to warm to 22 °C and stirred for 12 h. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure, TFA/CH₂Cl₂ (1:1, 2 mL) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 2 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was dissolved in DMSO (2 mL). Purification by preparative reverse-phase HPLC (gradient: 90% H₂O, 9.9% MeCN, and 0.1% TFA to 99.9% MeCN and 0.1% TFA over 20 min; retention time = 17.5 min (495 nm) afforded 8 (11.4 mg, 79%) as an orange solid (TFA salt), mp 192-195 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.86 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 6.73 – 6.57 (m, 2H), 5.37 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H),

2.89 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 2.48 – 0.66 (m, 57H), 0.60 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD) & 176.70, 175.01, 174.05, 169.61, 156.14, 139.52, 138.29 – 137.87 (m), 136.96, 136.67, 131.10, 130.51, 126.76, 124.79, 112.74 (d, J = 22.9 Hz), 106.43, 59.30, 58.05, 57.41, 55.45, 51.45, 49.52, 49.35, 49.18, 49.07, 49.07 – 48.88 (m), 48.84, 48.58 (d, J = 21.4 Hz), 47.26, 43.40 (d, J = 8.9 Hz), 40.99, 38.24, 37.81, 37.41, 37.19 – 36.60 (m), 36.34, 35.07, 32.98 (d, J = 13.5 Hz), 31.52, 30.37, 29.32, 27.97 (d, J = 9.4 Hz), 27.15, 26.33, 25.24, 24.14, 22.05, 20.21, 19.69, 19.62 – 19.17 (m), 12.32 (d, J = 9.0 Hz); IR (film) v max 3306, 2956, 2869, 1671, 1541, 1302, 1201, 1135, 841, 801, 724 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-) m/z 1033.5874 (M-H⁺, C₆₁H₇₉F₂N₄O₈ requires 1033.5871).



Figure S8. Analytical RP-HPLC profile of **8** after preparative RP-HPLC. Retention time = 16.8 min. Purity > 95%.



9H-fluoren-9-ylmethyl{3-[(3-{[3\beta-cholest-5-en--3-yl]oxy}propyl)amino]-3-oxopropyl}carbamate (29). To Fmoc-β-Ala-OH (380 mg, 1.22 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) at 4 °C was added HOBt (165 mg, 1.22 mmol) and EDC (234 mg, 1.22 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at 4 °C for 30 min. To this solution was added compound 28 (350 mg, 0.81 mmol), synthesized as previously reported,² in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). The reaction was allowed to warm to 22 °C and was stirred for 12 h. The solution was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (10 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (10 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 99:1) afforded 29 (515 mg, 87%) as a glassy solid, mp 148-150 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.34 (br, 1H), 5.58 (br, 1H), 5.34 - 5.26 (m, 1H), 4.35 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.61 – 3.44 (m, 4H), 3.38 (dt, J = 11.4, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.16 – 3.04 (m, 1H), 2.46 – 0.79 (m, 44H), 0.69 – 0.63 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.19, 156.62, 144.12, 141.42, 140.64, 127.79, 127.17, 125.29, 122.02, 120.09, 79.46, 67.37, 66.90, 56.87, 56.29, 50.27, 47.35, 42.44, 39.89, 39.65, 39.23, 38.86, 37.24, 36.96, 36.33, 35.99 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 32.00 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 29.24, 28.61, 28.36, 28.15, 24.40, 23.96, 22.96, 22.70, 21.17, 19.49, 18.86, 11.99; IR (film) v max 3306, 2934, 2867, 1682, 1639, 1537, 1448, 1376, 1342, 1268, 1240, 1103, 1018, 908, 735 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) m/z 775.4972 (M+K⁺, C₄₈H₆₈N₂O₄K requires 775.4811).



(4S)-5-{[3-({3-[3β-Cholest-5-en-3-yloxy]propyl}amino)-3-oxopropyl]amino}-4-{[4-(2,7-difluoro-6-hy droxy-3-oxo-3H-xanthen-9-yl)-3-methylbenzoyl]amino}-5-oxopentanoic acid (9). Compound 29 (15.0 mg, 0.020 mmol) was added to DMF (0.5 mL) containing piperidine (20%) and stirred for 30 min at 22 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude primary amine. To a solution of 21 (11.3 mg, 0.020 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (2 mL) at 4 °C was added HOBt (5.5 mg, 0.040 mmol) and EDC (8.0 mg, 0.040 mmol) and the solution was stirred for 30 min. The primary amine derived from **29** in anhydrous DMF (1 mL) was added. The reaction was allowed to warm to 22 °C and was stirred for 12 h. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure, TFA/CH₂Cl₂ (1:1, 2 mL) was added, and the solution stirred at 22 °C for 2 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was dissolved in DMSO (2 mL). Purification by preparative reverse-phase HPLC (gradient: 90% H₂O, 9.9% MeCN, and 0.1% TFA to 99.9% MeCN and 0.1% TFA over 20 min; retention time = 16.5 min (495 nm) afforded **9** (13.1 mg, 87%) as an orange solid, mp 192-194 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 6.82 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 5.32 – 5.26 (m, 1H), 4.60 - 4.54 (m, 1H), 3.56 - 3.45 (m, 4H), 3.45 - 3.36 (m, 2H), 3.28 - 3.22 (m, 4H), 3.17 - 3.04(m, 2H), 2.62 – 0.81 (m, 46H), 0.67 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 190.52, 183.25, 180.16, 173.46, 171.19, 161.26, 155.36, 150.34, 141.55, 136.58, 133.73, 130.91, 126.48, 122.52, 106.27, 80.31, 67.05, 66.56, 57.81, 57.19, 51.31, 43.21, 40.79, 40.41, 39.93, 38.54, 38.11, 37.76 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 37.08, 36.94, 36.78, 36.34, 32.82 (d, J = 11.2 Hz), 31.33, 30.49, 29.14 (d, J = 15.5 Hz), 28.87, 27.88, 25.06, 24.68, 23.15, 22.89, 21.91, 19.81 (d, J = 5.1 Hz), 19.17, 12.28. IR (film) v max 3369, 2925, 2853, 2076, 1646, 1543, 1464, 1375, 1314, 1193, 1117, 971, 735 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-) m/z 1006.5441 (M-H⁺, $C_{59}H_{74}F_2N_3O_9$ requires 1006.5399).



Figure S9. Analytical RP-HPLC profile of **9** after preparative RP-HPLC. Retention time = 21 min. Purity > 95%.



(9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl(3-{[3\beta-cholest-5-en-3-yl]amino}-3-oxopropyl)carbamate (32). Fmoc- β -Ala-Cl (**30**, 170 mg, 0.54 mmol, prepared by treatment of Fmoc- β -Ala-OH with excess SOCl₂ for 1 h followed by removal of SOCl₂ under reduced pressure) was dissolved in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). A solution of 3β-amino-5-cholestene (**31**, 250 mg, 0.65 mmol) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP, 15 mg, 0.10 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ was slowly added and the solution was stirred at 22 °C for 30 min. The reaction was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (25 mL) and filtered to remove precipitated solids. The resulting filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂, MeOH, 99:1) to afford **32** (128 mg, 35%) as a white solid, mp 124-128 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 5.54 (br, 1H), 5.41 - 5.32 (m, 2H), 4.36 (m, 2H), 4.20 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (m, 1H), 3.48 (m, 2H), 2.39 (m, 2H),2H), 2.29 (dd, J = 13.2, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.14 – 0.82 (m, 39H), 0.69 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.28, 156.57, 144.00, 141.33, 140.12, 127.65, 127.04, 125.07, 122.07, 119.93, 77.32, 77.00, 76.68, 66.78, 56.74, 56.23, 50.16, 49.86, 47.30, 42.34, 39.78, 39.54, 39.31, 37.86, 37.22, 36.57, 36.22, 35.79, 31.87 (d, J = 4.6 Hz), 29.18, 28.20, 27.99, 24.27, 23.86, 22.77, 22.53, 20.99, 19.31, 18.73, 11.86 ; IR (film) v max 3313, 2933, 2867, 1686, 1636, 1534, 1449, 1267, 1148, 1023, 992, 735 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) m/z 701.4615 (M+Na⁺, C₄₅H₆₂N₂O₃Na, requires 701.4658).



mate (33). Compound 32 (30.0 mg, 0.045 mmol) was added to DMF (0.5 mL) containing piperidine (20%) and stirred for 30 min at 22 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude primary amine. To a solution of Fmoc-β-Ala-OH (27.5 mg, 0.090 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (2 mL) at 4 °C were added HOBt (12.0 mg, 0.090 mmol) and EDC (17.0 mg, 0.090 mmol) and the solution was stirred for 30 min. The primary amine derived from 32 in anhydrous DMF (1 mL) was added. The reaction was allowed to warm to 22 °C and stirred for 12 h. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure, and flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 98/2) afforded 33 (23.8 mg, 71%) as a white solid, mp 178-180 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (br, 1H), 5.66 – 5.49 (m, 2H), 5.31 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (m, 1H), 3.58 – 3.42 (m, 4H), 2.39 (m, 4H), 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.12 – 0.78 (m, 39H), 0.66 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.64, 156.46, 143.99, 141.30, 139.96, 127.68, 127.05, 125.17, 122.18, 119.97, 66.76, 56.67, 56.13, 49.97 (d, J = 13.5 Hz), 47.25, 42.29, 39.62 (d, J = 19.0 Hz), 39.21, 37.77, 36.51, 36.19, 35.98, 35.80, 35.54 (d, J = 12.7 Hz), 31.80, 35.9429.08, 28.13 (d, J = 20.8 Hz), 28.01 - 27.92 (m), 24.27, 23.84, 22.83, 22.57, 20.94, 19.30, 18.72, 11.86; IR (film) v max 3310, 2932, 2867, 1687, 1637, 1536, 1450, 1367, 1273, 1148, 1105, 1025, 739 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) m/z 772.4980 (M+Na⁺, C₄₈H₆₇N₃O₄Na, requires 772.5024).



(4S)-4-(4-(2,7-difluoro-6-hydroxy-3-oxo-3H-xanthen-9-yl)-3-methylbenzamido)-5-((3-((3-{[3\beta-cholest -5-en-3-yl]amino}-3-oxopropyl)amino)-3-oxopropyl)amino)-5-oxopentanoic acid (10). Compound 33 (21.0 mg, 0.028 mmol) was added to DMF (0.5 mL) containing piperidine (20%) and stirred for 30 min at 22 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude primary amine. To a solution of 21 (8.0 mg, 0.014 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (2 mL) at 4 °C was added HOBt (4.0 mg, 0.028 mmol) and EDC (5.4 mg, 0.028 mmol) and the solution was stirred for 30 min. The primary amine derived from 33 in anhydrous DMF (1 mL) was added. The reaction was allowed to warm to 22 °C and stirred for 12 h. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure. TFA/CH₂Cl₂ (1:1, 2 mL) was added and the solution was stirred for 2 h at 22 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude product was dissolved in DMSO (2 mL). Purification by preparative reverse-phase HPLC (gradient: 90% H₂O, 9.9% MeCN, and 0.1% TFA to 99.9% MeCN and 0.1% TFA over 20 min; retention time = 19.0 min (495 nm) afforded **10** (10.2 mg, 71%) as a orange solid, mp 192-194 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (m, 2H), 6.66 (m, 2H), 5.32 (m, 1H), 3.64 - 3.52 (m, 2H), 3.52 - 3.44 (m, 2H), 2.58 - 0.81 (m, 53H), 0.69 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 175.61, 173.36, 168.58, 163.08, 155.99, 141.21, 137.35, 136.58, 135.94, 130.61, 130.43, 129.83, 126.05, 122.33, 113.29, 111.80, 106.20, 57.46, 56.87, 50.95, 50.55, 43.30, 42.94, 40.46, 40.17, 39.35, 38.62, 37.24, 36.83, 36.51, 32.51 (d, J = 10.1 Hz), 29.19, 28.85, 28.63, 24.84, 24.45, 23.09, 22.83, 21.59, 19.83, 19.64, 19.07, 12.21; IR (film) v max 3305, 2932, 2871, 1646, 1541, 1371, 1306, 1188, 952, 750 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-) m/z 1019.5361 (M-H⁺, C₅₉H₇₃₄F₂N₄O₉ requires 1019.5351).



Figure S10. Analytical RP-HPLC profile of **10** after preparative RP-HPLC. Retention time = 21 min. Purity > 95%.



Cholesteryl 3-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)propanoate (34). A solution of cholesterol (1, 681 mg, 1.76 mmol) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (60 mg, 0.50 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was slowly added to Fmoc-β-Ala-Cl (**30**, 500 mg, 1.60 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) and the solution was stirred at 22 °C for 12 h. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL) and filtered to remove precipitated solids. The resulting filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash column chromatography (hexane, ethyl acetate, 7:3) to provide **34** (590 mg, 55%) as a white foam, mp 102-104 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.39 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 5.39-5.33 (m, 1H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.50 – 3.45 (m, 2H), 2.54 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.07 – 0.80 (m, 38H), 0.69 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.86, 156.32, 143.95, 141.32, 139.48, 127.70, 127.05, 125.09, 122.87, 119.99, 74.52, 66.76, 56.70, 56.15, 50.03, 47.25, 42.33, 39.64 (d, *J* = 19.9 Hz), 38.14, 36.97, 36.60, 36.20, 35.81, 34.72, 31.89 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 28.25, 28.04, 27.82, 24.30, 23.85, 22.85, 22.59, 21.05, 19.33, 18.74, 11.88 ; IR (film) v max 3356, 2946, 2868, 1721, 1512, 1450, 1376, 1263, 1189, 1006, 735 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) m/z 702.4473 (M+Na⁺, C₄₅H₆₁NO₄Na, requires 702.4493).



3-(3-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)propanamido) Cholesteryl propanoate (35). Compound 34 (200 mg, 0.30 mmol) was added to DMF (1.0 mL) containing piperidine (20%) and stirred for 30 min at 22 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude primary amine. To a solution of Fmoc-β-Ala-OH (102 mg, 0.33 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (3 mL) at 4 °C were added HOBt (45 mg, 0.33 mmol) and EDC (64 mg, 0.33 mmol) and the solution was stirred for 30 min. The primary amine derived from 34 in anhydrous DMF (3 mL) was added. The reaction was allowed to warm to 22 °C and stirred for 12 h. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure, and flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 98/2) afforded **35** (150 mg, 52%) as a white foam, mp 158-160 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.24 (br, 1H), 5.60 (br, 1H), 5.35 (m, 1H), 4.62 (m, 1H), 4.35 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.61 - 3.45 (m, 4H), 2.50 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.45 - 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.29 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.45 - 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.29 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.45 - 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.29 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.45 - 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.29 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.45 - 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.29 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.45 - 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.29 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.45 - 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.45 - 2.35 (m, 2H), 2.45 (m, 2H), 2.45 (m, 2H), 2.7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.04 – 0.78 (m, 39H), 0.67 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.09, 171.42, 156.61, 144.07, 141.39, 139.49, 127.77, 127.15, 125.25, 122.98, 120.05, 74.71, 66.83, 56.76, 56.23, 50.07, 47.34, 42.39, 39.71 (d, J = 18.3 Hz), 38.19, 37.19, 37.00, 36.64, 36.29, 35.97 (d, J = 15.7 Hz), 35.03, 34.37, 31.93 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 28.33, 28.12, 27.87, 24.37, 23.94, 22.94, 22.68, 21.11, 19.38, 18.82, 11.95; IR (film) v max 3314, 2937, 1729, 1687, 1640, 1544, 1449, 1377, 1269, 1186, 1027, 739 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) m/z 773.4793 (MNa⁺, C₄₈H₆₆N₃O₄Na, requires 773.4864).



(4S)-4-(4-(2,7-difluoro-6-hydroxy-3-oxo-3H-xanthen-9-yl)-3-methylbenzamido)-5-((3-((3-{[3-choleste r-3-ylloxy} 3-oxopropyl)amino)-3-oxopropyl)amino)-5-oxopentanoic acid (11). Compound 35 (21.0 mg, 0.028 mmol) in DMF (0.5 mL) containing piperidine (20%) was stirred for 30 min at 22 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude primary amine. To a solution of 21 (8.0 mg, 0.014 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (2 mL) at 4 °C was added HOBt (4.0 mg, 0.028 mmol) and EDC (5.4 mg, 0.028 mmol) and the solution was stirred for 30 min. The primary amine derived from 35 in anhydrous DMF (1 mL) was added. The reaction was warmed to 22 °C and stirred for 12 h. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure. TFA/CH₂Cl₂ (1:1, 2 mL) was added and the solution was stirred at 22 °C for 2 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was dissolved in DMSO (2 mL). Purification by preparative reverse-phase HPLC (gradient: 90% H₂O, 9.9% MeCN, and 0.1% TFA to 99.9% MeCN and 0.1% TFA over 20 min; retention time = 17.0 min (495 nm) afforded 11 (10.5 mg, 73%) as an orange solid, mp 180-184 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.76 (m, 2H), 5.32 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (m, 2H), 3.59 - 3.39 (m, 4H), 2.58 - 2.48 (m, 4H), 2.43 (dd, J = 10.6, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.06 – 0.78 (m, 40H), 0.69 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 174.83, 171.84, 171.03, 167.27, 148.36, 141.22, 139.66, 138.91 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 135.96, 134.86, 134.59, 131.93, 129.58 – 129.33 (m), 129.20 (d, J = 21.2 Hz), 128.73, 128.43, 126.53, 125.57 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 124.73 (d, J = 14.4 Hz), 123.97, 122.66, 121.83, 119.23, 118.47, 113.50, 112.21, 104.60, 73.79, 56.06, 55.49, 53.34, 49.49, 46.96, 43.56, 41.51, 39.05, 38.74, 37.21, 36.23, 35.77, 35.40, 35.11, 34.63 (d, J = 15.8 Hz), 33.33, 31.09 (d, J = 12.1 Hz), 29.65, 29.06, 27.39, 27.20, 26.85, 26.11, 23.37, 23.00, 21.47, 21.21, 20.19, 18.07 (d, J = 16.6 Hz), 17.48, 10.58; IR (film) v max 3298, 2930, 2868, 1725, 1643, 1610, 1534, 1456, 1374, 1295, 1188, 1024, 952, 838, 732 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-) m/z 1020.5208 (M-H⁺, C₅₉H₇₃F₂N₃O₁₀ requires 1020.5191).



Figure S11. Analytical RP-HPLC profile of **11** after preparative RP-HPLC. Retention time = 21.6 min. Purity > 95%.

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9H-fluoren-9-ylmethyl(3-((({[cholester-3-yl]oxy}carbonyl)amino)ethyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)amino) carbamate (37). A solution of cholesteryl chloroformate (36, 500 mg, 1.11 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was very slowly added to a solution of ethylenediamine (1.50 mL, 22.26 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). The reaction was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 2 h. The excess diamine was removed under reduced pressure, the resulting solid was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), and the organic layer was washed with aqueous NaOH (1 M, 10 mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and solvent was removed under reduced pressure to provide the primary amine product, which was used without further purification. To a solution of Fmoc-Gly-OH (104 mg, 0.35 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) at 4 °C was added HOBt (47 mg, 0.35 mmol) and EDC (67 mg, 0.35 mmol) and the solution was stirred for 30 min. The primary amine derived from 36 (150 mg, 0.32 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) was added. The reaction was allowed to warm to 22 °C and stirred for 12 h. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 98/2) to afford **37** (130 mg, 56%) as a white foam, mp 82-84 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (td, J = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (br, 1H), 5.46 (br, 1H), 5.31 (m, 1H), 5.04 (br, 1H), 4.43 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (m, 1H), 3.39 (m, 2H), 3.32 (m, 2H), 2.92 (d, J = 32.0 Hz, 2H), 2.38 – 0.73 (m, 40H), 0.65 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.08, 162.84, 156.80, 143.88, 141.40, 139.71, 127.87, 127.22, 125.23, 122.75, 120.12, 74.93, 67.38, 56.72, 56.27, 49.99, 47.24, 44.59, 42.39, 39.72 (d, J = 18.3 Hz), 38.59, 36.98, 36.66 (d, J = 19.2 Hz), 36.31, 35.91, 31.78 (d, J = 19.0 Hz), 28.53 – 28.02 (m), 24.35, 23.97, 22.94, 22.68, 21.11, 19.39, 18.83, 11.95; IR (film) v max 3319, 2937, 2867, 1665, 1527, 1450, 1382, 1252, 1153, 1031, 1009, 737 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-) m/z 786.4638 (M+Cl⁻, $C_{47}H_{65}N_3O_5Cl$ requires 786.4618).



(4S)-4-(4-(2,7-difluoro-6-hydroxy-3-oxo-3H-xanthen-9-yl)-3-methylbenzamido)-5-(3-((({[[3-choles ter-3-y]oxy}carbonyl)amino)ethyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)amino)-5-oxopentanoic acid (12). Compound 37 (21.0 mg, 0.028 mmol) was added to DMF (0.5 mL) containing piperidine (20%) and stirred for 30 min at 22 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude primary amine. To a solution of 21 (8.0 mg, 0.014 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (2 mL) at 4 °C was added HOBt (4.0 mg, 0.028 mmol) and EDC (5.4 mg, 0.028 mmol) and the solution was stirred for 30 min. The primary amine derived from 37 in anhydrous DMF (1 mL) was added. The reaction was allowed to warm to 22 °C and stirred for 12 h. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure. TFA/CH₂Cl₂ (1:1, 2 mL) was added and the solution was stirred at 22 °C for 2 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was dissolved in DMSO (2 mL). Purification by preparative reverse-phase HPLC (gradient: 90% H₂O, 9.9% MeCN, and 0.1% TFA to 99.9% MeCN and 0.1% TFA over 20 min; retention time = 17.0 min (495 nm) afforded 12 (9.0 mg, 63%) as an orange solid, mp 186-190 °C; ¹H NMR (500

MHz, CD₃OD) & 8.06 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.90 – 6.69 (m, 2H), 5.30 – 5.24 (m, 1H), 4.57 – 4.48 (m, 1H), 4.42 – 4.32 (m, 2H), 4.18 (s, 1H), 3.91 (dd, J = 116.3, 16.9 Hz, 2H), 3.41 – 3.33 (m, 2H), 3.31 – 3.25 (m, 2H), 2.62 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 2.40 – 0.78 (m, 43H), 0.68 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD) & 176.93, 174.60, 171.87, 169.77, 158.73, 150.37, 141.11, 130.75, 128.54, 127.59, 125.98, 124.67, 123.60, 121.25, 120.48, 114.22, 106.58, 75.79, 58.06, 57.50, 51.48, 43.90, 43.52, 41.54 – 41.39 (m), 41.54 – 41.34 (m), 40.98 (dd, J = 42.1, 18.4 Hz), 39.75, 38.26, 37.75, 37.42, 37.13, 33.10 (d, J = 15.4 Hz), 31.59, 29.56 – 29.12 (m), 27.36, 25.38, 25.01, 23.47, 23.22, 22.20, 20.09 (d, J = 17.0 Hz), 19.48, 12.59 ; IR (film) v max 3312, 2931, 2867, 1644, 1610, 1526, 1463, 1373, 1266, 1188, 1161, 1026, 952, 874, 733 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-) m/z 1021.5169 (M-H⁺, C₅₈H₇₁F₂N₄O₁₀ requires 1021.5144).



Figure S12. Analytical RP-HPLC profile of **12** after preparative RP-HPLC. Retention time = 19 min. Purity > 95%.



tert-butyl(S)-4-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)-5-((2-(((((Cholester-3-yl)oxy)carbon yl)amino)ethyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)amino)-5-oxopentanoate (38). Compound 37 (100 mg, 0.136 mmol) was added to DMF (2 mL) containing piperidine (20%) and stirred for 30 min at 22 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude primary amine. To a solution of Fmoc-Glu(O-t-Bu)-OH (115 mg, 0.272 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) at 4 °C was added HOBt (37 mg, 0.272 mmol) and EDC (52 mg, 0.272 mmol) and the solution was stirred for 30 min. The crude primary amine derived from 37 was added in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), and the reaction was warmed to 22 °C and stirred for 12 h. This solution was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and washed with aqueous NaOH (0.1 M, 30 mL) followed by saturated aqueous NaCl (30 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. Flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 50:1) afforded **38** (87 mg, 70%) as a white solid, mp 88-92 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.74 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.5 2H), 7.09 (br, 2H), 6.26 (br, 1H), 5.49 (br, 1H), 5.35 - 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.39 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2.6 H 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.19 - 4.11 (m, 1H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 3.70 - 3.64 (m, 1H), 3.37 - 3.30 (m, 2H), 3.28 - 3.21 (m, 2H), 2.60 – 0.77 (m, 53H), 0.65 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.96, 172.01, 169.39, 156.84, 143.70, 141.29, 139.74, 127.77, 127.13, 125.08, 122.48, 120.00, 81.29, 74.57, 67.24, 56.66, 56.15, 55.35, 49.98, 47.12, 43.16, 42.30, 39.72, 39.52, 38.51, 36.94, 36.50, 36.20, 35.79, 31.83, 28.22, 28.08, 28.01, 24.26, 23.85, 22.82, 22.57, 21.02, 19.30, 18.72, 11.85; IR (film) v_{max} 3319, 2942, 1681, 1525, 1450, 1367, 1250, 1152, 1032, 843, 735, 702 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) m/z 959.5876 (M+Na⁺, C₅₆H₈₀N₄O₈Na⁺ requires 959.5868).



PG-Glu-Glu-Gly-Cholesteryl carbamate (13)

(10S,13S)-10-(2-carboxylatoethyl)-13-(4-(2,7-difluoro-6-oxido-3-oxo-3H-xanthen-9-yl)-3-methylbenz amido)-1-((Cholester-3-yl)oxy)-1,6,9,12-tetraoxo-2,5,8,11-tetraozahexadecan-16-oate (13). Compound **38** (30 mg, 0.027 mmol) was added to DMF (0.5 mL) containing piperidine (20%) and stirred for 30 min at 22 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the crude primary amine. To a solution of 21 (23 mg, 0.040 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (2 mL) at 4 °C was added HOBt (5 mg, 0.040 mmol) and EDC (8 mg, 0.040 mmol) and the solution was stirred for 30 min. The primary amine derived from 38 in anhydrous DMF (1 mL) was added, and the reaction was warmed to 22 °C and stirred for 12 h. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure, CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) containing TFA (30%) was added, and the solution was stirred at 22 °C for 2 h. The solvent was removed under under reduced pressure and the crude product was dissolved in DMSO (2 mL). Purification by preparative reverse-phase HPLC (gradient: 90% H₂O, 9.9% MeCN and 0.1% TFA to 99.9% MeCN and 0.1% TFA over 20 min; retention time = 19 min (495 nm)) afforded 13 (10 mg, 33%) as an orange solid, mp 182-186 °C; ¹H NMR $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CD}_3\text{OD})$ δ 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.97 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 6.81 - 6.63 (m, 2H), 5.35 - 5.29 (m, 1H), 4.65 - 4.57 (m, 1H), 4.40 - 4.34 (m, 1H), 4.31 - 4.24 (m, 1H), 4.10 - 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.33 - 3.18 (m, 4H), 2.58 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 2.53 - 0.80 (m, 48H), 0.68 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 176.76, 176.34, 174.80, 174.43, 171.80, 169.87, 158.62, 156.09, 153.56, 141.21, 138.02, 136.81, 136.61, 131.33, 130.56, 126.75, 123.53, 115.90, 112.90, 112.74, 106.49, 75.58, 58.05, 57.53, 55.42, 55.23, 51.66, 43.70, 43.43, 41.04, 40.70, 40.50, 39.70, 38.19, 37.64, 37.37, 37.13, 33.06, 32.92, 31.49, 31.13, 30.77, 29.29, 29.18, 28.02, 27.13, 25.24, 24.99, 23.21, 22.96, 22.07, 19.75, 19.69, 19.25, 12.26; IR (film) v_{max} 3317, 2941, 1644, 1611, 1536, 1465, 1372, 1336, 1307, 1191, 1032, 952, 875, 833 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) m/z 1174.5601 (M+Na⁺, $C_{63}H_{79}F_2N_5O_{13}Na^+$ requires 1174.5535).



Figure S13. Analytical RP-HPLC profile of **13** after preparative RP-HPLC. Retention time = 19 min. Purity > 95%.

Biological assays and protocols

Cell culture. Jurkat lymphocytes (human acute leukemia, ATCC #TIB-152) were cultivated in Roswell Park Memorial Institute (RPMI) 1640 medium supplemented with Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS, 10%), penicillin (100 units/mL), and streptomycin (100 μ g/mL). HeLa cells (human cervical adenocarcinoma, ATCC #CCL-2) and HEK293T cells (human embryonic kidney, ATCC #CRL-3216) were cultivated in DMEM supplemented with FBS (10%), penicillin (100 units/mL), and streptomycin (100 μ g/mL). All cell lines were grown in a humidified 5% CO₂ incubator at 37 °C. Media used for cell culture and all wash steps contained antibiotics and 10% FBS unless otherwise noted.

Microscopy. An inverted Leica TCS SPE confocal laser-scanning microscope fitted with a Leica 63X oil-immersion objective was employed for imaging. Fluorescent probes were excited with a 488 nm solid-state laser and emitted photons were collected from 495-600 nm. Propidium iodide, used to counterstain dead cells red fluorescent, was excited with a 532 nm solid-state laser and emitted photons were collected from 650-800 nm. To image living cells, 50 μ L of cells in media was pipetted to form a small droplet in the center of a coverslip fitted with a press-to-seal silicone isolator (Invitrogen). A microscope slide was added to the top of the coverslip to create a column of media containing living cells. To allow accurate comparisons of differences in cellular fluorescence, laser power and PMT gain settings were identical for all samples shown in a given figure.

Flow Cytometry. Populations of 10,000 cells were analyzed for each sample using either an Accuri C6 or a BD FACSCalibur flow cytometer equipped with 488 nm and 640 nm solid-state lasers. Live cells were gated using both forward scattering (FSC) and side scattering (SSC) dot plots to identify cellular physical properties of size and granularity. For indicated experiments, staining with propidium iodide (3 μ M, excitation: 488 nm; emission: 670 nm LP) was used to identify cells with compromised membranes.

Saturation binding studies of fluorescent probes. DMSO was added to fluorescent probes as dry powders to generate 10 mM stock solutions. A 10 mM DMSO stock solution of 4-carboxy-Pennsylvania Green methyl ester ($\epsilon = 60,427 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ at 520 nm in 1:4 PBS:DMSO) was used to standardize the concentrations of other Pennsylvania Green derivatives. Compound concentrations were calculated from absorbance (520 nm) of stock solutions diluted in triplicate to 20 μ M (1:500) in a solution of 1:4 PBS (pH 7.4):DMSO and analyzed on a 96-well plate. Jurkat cells were suspended at 300,000 cells/mL in RPMI media containing 10% FBS. Ezetimibe (200 μ M; diluted 1:1000 into media, using serial 10-fold dilutions, from a 200 mM stock solution in DMSO; 0.2% final DMSO concentration) or vehicle control (DMSO at (0.2%) was added in competition/total binding experiments. Cell suspensions containing the competitor or vehicle control were prepared as 1 mL aliquots in 1.5 mL eppendorf tubes. Fluorescent probes were added at concentrations ranging from $0 \,\mu$ M to 2.5 μ M (diluted 1:1000 into media, using serial 10-fold dilutions, from stocks in DMSO). Once the probe was added and mixed well, the samples were split into three tubes each containing 330 µL. Cells were incubated at 37 °C for 5 minutes to limit endocytosis. After this incubation, the samples were washed once with RPMI 1640 containing 0.5% FBS (to minimize efflux of the probe from the cell surface) and propidium iodide (3 μ M). Samples were immediately analyzed by flow cytometry or confocal laser-scanning microscopy. Immediately after the incubation at 37 °C, and during the analysis, all samples were continuously maintained at 16 °C to minimize endocytosis and compound efflux from the cell surface. Fluorescence values, converted to molecular equivalents of fluorescein (MEFL) by comparison with fluorescent bead standards from Spherotech, were analyzed as total binding (no competitor added) and a linear non-specific binding component (with added competitor) to calculate specific binding curves. Using GraphPad Prism 6.0 software, these curves were analyzed with a 'One site with hill slope' saturation binding model to determine the relative apparent K_d and B_{max} values.

Kinetic analysis of cellular uptake of fluorescent probes. Jurkat cells were suspended at 300,000 cells/mL in RPMI-1640 media containing 10% FBS. Fluorescent probes were added at concentrations ranging from 0 to 2.5 μ M (diluted 1:1000 into media, using serial 10-fold dilutions, from DMSO stocks). Cells were incubated at 22 °C for time points ranging from 1 – 12.5 minutes. After this incubation, the samples were washed once with RPMI-1640 containing 0.5% FBS (to minimize efflux of the probe from the cell surface). Samples were immediately analyzed by flow cytometry. Each probe was analyzed at 6 concentrations over 5 time points. Fluorescence values were converted to MEFL and plotted versus time for each of the 6 concentrations. Linear regression was used to fit the data, and the slope of each line (MEFL/min) was plotted versus concentration. Each assay was performed three times to give average MEFL/min values and SEM for each concentration. These plots were analyzed by non-linear regression using the Michaelis-Menten model in GraphPad Prism 6.0 to generate values for K_M and V_{MAX}.

Analysis of cellular uptake of fluorescent compounds by different cell lines. Jurkat cells were suspended at 300,000 cells/mL in RPMI-1640 media containing 10% FBS with and without ezetimibe (200 μ M). HeLa and HEK-293T cells were trypsinized from culture flasks using 0.5% trypsin/EDTA, pelleted by centrifugation, and resuspended at 300,000 cells/mL in DMEM containing 10% FBS with and without ezetimibe (200 μ M). Each cell line was allowed to pre-incubate with or without ezetimibe (200 μ M) for 30 minutes at 22 °C. Fluorescent probes 4, 5, 8, or 13 were diluted into media to generate 10 × stock solutions (1% DMSO). Each 10 × stock solution was then diluted 1:10 into media containing suspended cells to 0 μ M and 2 μ M (final DMSO concentration of 0.1%) concentrations. Cells were incubated at 22 °C for 5 min. The cells were then washed once in their respective medias containing 0.5% FBS and analyzed immediately by flow cytometry. Fluorescence values were converted to MEFL by comparison with fluorescent bead standards. Measurements were performed in triplicate and plotted as average background-subtracted fluorescence (MEFL ± SEM).

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