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Table S1 In vitro	binding affinity	and half-time	of JDTic and	LY2456302 at	human <i>k</i> -OR ^[1-3]
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	Receptor binding affinity		$t_{\rm res}$ (b) in plasma	
	Ki (nM)	$\Delta G_{\mathrm{binding}^a}^{\mathrm{exp}}$ (kcal/mol)	(PO)	<i>ratio</i> _{RT(LY2./JDTic)}
JDTic	0.031	-14.90	About 1.5	2.52
LY2456302	0.807	-12.90	3.8	2.55

 ${}_{a}\Delta G_{\text{binding}}^{\text{exp}}$: calculated from the experimental data via $\Delta G_{\text{binding}}^{\text{exp}} \approx RT \ln K$ at T = 310 K. The binding energies were calculated based on *K* i values.

Table S2 Percentage and average RMSD in angstroms of JDTic/LY2456302 that compose the clusters in the metadynamics simulation.

	JDTic		LY2456302 (60 ns system)	
	Percentage	RMSD	Percentage	RMSD
cluster A	48.6	0.41	35.7	0.61
cluster B	41.4	1.39	36.8	1.53
cluster C	6.2	1.41	2.9	2.14
cluster D			3.6	3.14
Total	96.2		79.0	

Table S3. The relationship between the LY2456302/JDTic conformations at min/min0/max states and the corresponding cluster these ligands were affiliated in the metadynamics simulation.

	min state	min0 state	max state
LY2456302 system	cluster A1	cluster A4	cluster D
JDTic system	cluster A1	cluster B2	cluster C

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