# **Supporting Information**

Synthesis and Evaluation of Donepezil-Ferulic Acid Hybrids as Multi-Target-

Directed Ligands against Alzheimer's Disease

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#### EXPERIMENTAL

# Chemistry

The structural characterization of compounds was performed by NMR and highresolution mass spectrometry (HRMS). NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE III-500 spectrometer with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard, and chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  (ppm). HRESIMS were collected using an Agilent 6520B UPLC-Q-TOF mass spectrometer (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA, USA). IR spectra (KBr disks, in cm<sup>-1</sup>) were recorded on a Bruker Tensor 27 spectrometer (Bruker, Karlsruhe, Germany). The purity of target compounds was determined by HPLC (Agilent 1100 infinity HPLC system). All reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC), which was performed on precoated silica gel GF254 plates (Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Plant, Qingdao, China). Detection was done by iodine vapor staining and UV light irradiation (UV lamp). Column chromatography was performed with silica gel silica gel (100-200 mesh and 200-300 mesh; Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Co., Ltd., Qingdao, China). Melting points were determined on an X4-type apparatus and were uncorrected. Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were purchased from commercial sources. If necessary, they were purified and dried by standard methods.

# General procedure for the preparation of acetophenone derivatives (4a-4i and 5a-5n)<sup>1</sup>

EDCI (1.1 equiv) and HOBt (1.1 equiv) were added at 0 °C to a solution of the appropriate phenylpropenoid derivitives (1 equiv) in the mixture of DCM and DMF.

The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The mixture was cooled again to 0 °C and (1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)amine (**3a**) or 4-(2-amide)-1-benzylpiperidine (**3b**) (1equiv) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature until TLC analysis indicated that there was no **3a** or **3b** left. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the resulting residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and washed with diluted hydrochloric acid, saturated sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO<sub>3</sub>) solution and brine. After drying over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, evaporating the solvent, the residue was purified by chromatography (PE/EA/Et<sub>3</sub>N) on silica gel to obtain **4a-4i** and **5a-5n**.

(*E*)-*N*-(*1*-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)-3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)acrylmide (4a): Yield 76%, colorless oil, IR (KBr) v 3419, 3273, 2926, 1659, 1594, 1552, 1515, 1454, 1279, 1125, 1031, 748, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.88 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.27 (m, 5H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.64 (br s, 1H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 2.75 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 2H), 2.03 (t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 1.75 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 2H), 1.47–1.37 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ 164.5 (Cq), 160.1 (Cq), 148.2 (Cq), 147.8 (Cq), 138.7 (CH), 138.5 (Cq), 128.7 (2×CH), 128.1 (2×CH), 126.8 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 119.2 (CH), 115.6 (CH), 110.6 (CH), 62.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.5(CH<sub>3</sub>), 51.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 51.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 45.9 (CH), 31.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 367.2014 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 367.2016, C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). HPLC purity of 95.02%.

(*E*)-*N*-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)-3-(4-ethoxy-3-methoxyphenyl)acrylamide (4b): Yield 88%, white solid, m.p. 117–119°C; IR (KBr) v 3235, 2838, 1766, 1611, 2560, 1512,

1370, 1263, 1216, 1161, 1120, 1032, 972, 905, 700. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.03 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.27 (m, 5H), 7.24 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (q, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.67 (br s, 1H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 2.76 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (t, J = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 1.77 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (dd, J = 20.7, 10.6 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  168.3 (Cq), 164.0 (Cq), 151.0 (Cq), 140.1 (Cq), 138.6 (Cq), 137.8 (CH), 133.9 (Cq), 128.7 (2×CH), 128.1 (2×CH), 126.8 (CH), 123.2 (CH), 122.7 (CH), 120.0 (CH), 111.3 (CH), 62.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 51.8 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.0 (CH), 31.6 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 409.2120 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 409.2122, C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>). HPLC purity of 99.42%.

*(E)-N-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)acrylamide (4c)*<sup>2</sup>: Yield 90%, light yellow solid, m.p. 117–119°C; IR (KBr) v 3421, 2921, 1612, 1582, 1536, 1508, 1455, 1418, 1326, 1286, 1240, 1127, 993, 882, 697. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.97 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.27 (m, 5H), 7.25 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 2H), 6.56 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 6H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.67–3.63 (m, 1H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 2.75 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (t, J = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 1.76 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (td, J = 14.3, 3.5 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  164.1 (Cq), 153.0 (2×Cq), 138.59 (Cq), 138.57 (Cq), 138.5 (Cq), 130.6 (CH), 128.7 (2×CH), 128.1 (2×CH), 126.8 (CH), 121.9 (CH), 104.9 (2×CH), 62.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.8 (2×CH<sub>3</sub>), 51.8 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.0 (CH), 31.6 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 411.2277 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 411.2278, C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>). HPLC purity of 95.63%.

# (E)-N-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)-3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)acrylamide (4d)<sup>3</sup>: Yield 50%,

deep green solid, m.p. 91–94 °C; IR (KBr) v 3214, 2714, 1710, 1658, 1559, 1412, 1264, 1163, 1119, 1046, 1013, 983, 815, 750, 701, 656. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSOd<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.97 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.27 (m, 5H), 7.25 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 2H), 6.56 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 6H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.67–3.63 (m, 1H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 2.75 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (t, J = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 1.76 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (td, J = 14.3, 3.5 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  164.6 (Cq), 145.8 (Cq), 147.6 (Cq), 139.0 (Cq), 138.6 (Cq), 128.6 (2×CH), 128.1 (2×CH), 126.7 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 120.1 (CH), 118.5 (CH), 115.9 (CH), 114.0 (CH), 62.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 51.9 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 45.9 (CH), 31.7 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 353.1861 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 353.1860, C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). HPLC purity of 97.62%.

(*E*)-*N*-(*1*-*benzylpiperidin-4-yl*)-*3*-(*4*-*hydroxyphenyl*)*acrylamide* (*4e*): Yield 79%, yellow solid, m.p. 125–128 °C; IR (KBr) *v* 3273, 3064, 2934, 1656, 1584, 1515, 1451, 1284, 1220, 1171, 1140, 987, 835, 748, 699. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) *δ* 8.05–7.97 (m, 1H), 7.65–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.27 (m, 4H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 5.5 Hz, 3H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.72–3.60 (m, 2H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 2.76 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (t, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 2H), 1.77 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 1.49-1.38 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) *δ* 164.6 (Cq), 159.2 (Cq), 138.6 (Cq), 138.5 (Cq), 129.0 (2×CH), 128.6 (2×CH), 128.0 (2×CH), 126.7 (CH), 125.6 (CH), 118.7 (CH), 115.8 (2×CH), 62.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 51.9 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 45.0 (CH), 31.7 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 337.1909 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 337.1911, C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>). HPLC purity of 97.91%.

(E)-N-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)acrylamide (4f): Yield 83%,

yellow oil; IR (KBr) v 3299, 3061, 2940, 1658, 1621, 1555, 1509, 1350, 1222, 1158, 1136, 1028, 988, 830, 700. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.05–7.97 (m, 1H), 7.65–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.27 (m, 4H), 7.24 (dd, J = 10.8, 5.5 Hz, 3H), 6.57 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.72–3.60 (m, 2H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 2.76 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (t, J = 10.7 Hz, 2H), 1.77 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 1.49–1.38 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  164.0 (Cq), 138.5 (Cq), 137.2 (Cq), 129.54 (2×CH), 129.47 (CH), 128.7 (2×CH), 128.1 (2×CH), 126.8 (CH), 122.4 (Cq), 115.9 (2×CH), 115.7 (CH), 62.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 51.8 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.1 (CH), 31.6 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 339.1866 [M + H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 339.1867, C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O). HPLC purity of 97.82%.

*(E)-N-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)acrylamide (4g):* Yield 83%, yellow oil; IR (KBr) v 3285, 3063, 2932, 2799, 1655, 1621, 1546, 1492, 1219, 1143, 1091, 972, 821, 730, 699, 665. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.05–7.97 (m, 1H), 7.65–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.27 (m, 4H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 5.5 Hz, 3H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.72–3.60 (m, 2H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 2.76 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (t, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 2H), 1.77 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 1.49–1.38 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  163.9 (Cq), 138.6 (Cq), 137.0 (Cq), 133.9 (Cq), 133.7 (CH), 129.1 (2×CH), 128.9 (2×CH), 128.6 (2×CH), 128.1 (2×CH), 126.8 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 62.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 51.8 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.1 (CH), 31.6 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 355.1571 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 355.1572, C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O). HPLC purity of 99.32%.

*(E)-N-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)acrylamide (4h):* Yield 70%, yellow oil; IR (KBr) v 3264, 2930, 1666, 1521, 1345, 1112, 986, 848, 749, 703. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR

(500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.05 – 7.97 (m, 1H), 7.65 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.27 (m, 4H), 7.24 (dd, J = 10.8, 5.5 Hz, 3H), 6.57 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.72–3.60 (m, 2H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 2.76 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (t, J = 10.7 Hz, 2H), 1.77 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 1.49–1.38 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  163.4 (Cq), 147.4 (Cq), 141.6 (Cq), 136.1 (CH), 128.7 (2×CH), 128.4 (2×CH), 128.1 (2×CH), 126.9 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 124.0 (2×CH), 62.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 51.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 51.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.1 (CH), 31.4 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* 366.1812 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 366.1814, C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). HPLC purity of 96.32%.

(*E*)-*N*-(*1*-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)-3-(4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)acrylamide (4i): Yield 71%, yellow solid, m.p. 123–127 °C; IR (KBr) v 3255, 1561, 1516, 1455, 1327, 1260, 1211, 1155, 1117, 951, 827, 757. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.87 (d, J =7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.27 (m, 5H), 7.24 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 2H), 6.47 (d, J =15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.70–3.61 (m, 2H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 2.75 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 2H), 2.03 (t, J = 10.7 Hz, 2H), 1.75 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 2H), 1.48–1.36 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  164.5 (Cq), 148.0 (2×Cq), 139.0 (Cq), 138.6 (Cq), 128.7 (2×CH), 128.1 (2×CH), 126.8 (CH), 125.3 (CH), 119.62 (Cq), 119.60 (CH), 105.2 (2×CH), 62.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.9 (2×CH<sub>3</sub>), 51.8 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 45.9 (CH), 31.6 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 397.2120 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 397.2122, C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>). HPLC purity of 95.88%.

(E)-N-(2-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl)-3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)acrylamide
(5a): Yield 75%, colorless oil; IR (KBr) v 3264, 2933, 1658, 1516, 1407, 1255, 1160, 1126, 1032, 983, 848, 819, 750, 702. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.93 (t, J =

5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.28 (m, , 5H), 7.22 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (br s, 1H), 6.96 (br d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.41 (s, 2H), 3.20–3.16 (m, 2H), 2.80–2.71 (m,2H), 1.87 (t, J = 11.5 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (d, J = 11.8 Hz,2H), 1.37 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.26(br s, 1H), 1.12 (dd, J = 21.3, 11.3 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  165.2 (Cq), 155.1 (Cq), 147.8 (Cq), 144.2 (Cq), 138.7 (CH), 138.6 (Cq), 128.7 (2×CH), 128.0 (2×CH), 126.7 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 119.0 (CH), 115.7 (CH), 110.7 (CH), 62.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.2 (CH), 35.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 395.2327 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 395.2327, C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). HPLC purity of 98.55%.

### (E)-N-(2-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl)-3-(3-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)acrylamide

(5b): Yield 72%, colorless oil, IR (KBr) v 3422, 2925, 1677, 1512, 1439, 1270, 1202, 1131, 1026, 981, 801, 750, 721, 702. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.00 (t, J =5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 6.9, 3.6 Hz, 6H), 7.25 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, J = 11.4Hz, 3H), 6.35 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 4H), 3.54 (s, 7H), 3.35 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 3.19 (dd, J = 13.3, 7.1 Hz, 3H), 2.89 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 2H), 1.90 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 2H), 1.55 (d, J = 23.1 Hz, 1H), 1.41–1.36 (m, 2H), 1.33 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  165.1 (Cq), 149.1 (Cq), 146.7 (Cq), 138.6 (Cq), 131.2 (2×CH), 129.6 (Cq), 129.5 (CH), 128.8 (2×CH), 127.8 (CH), 120.0 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 113.4 (CH), 112.1 (CH), 59.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 51.6 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.7(CH), 35.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.6 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* 395.2326 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 395.2329, C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). HPLC purity of 98.27%.

# (E)-N-(2-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl)-3-(4-hydroxy-3,5-

*dimethoxyphenyl)acrylamide (5c):* Yield 80%, yellow solid, m.p. 101–102 °C; IR (KBr) v 3368, 2932, 1658, 1590, 1514, 1454, 1325, 1286, 1214, 1157, 1117, 980, 831, 748, 702. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.89 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dt, *J* = 11.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 1H), 3.42 (s, 1H), 3.18 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (t, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.31–1.24 (m, 1H), 1.19–1.07 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  165.1 (Cq), 148.1 (2×Cq), 138.9 (Cq), 138.6 (Cq), 128.6 (2×CH), 128.0 (2×CH), 126.7 (CH), 119.4 (CH), 105.2 (2×CH), 99.4 (CH), 62.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.2 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.1 (CH), 35.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 425.2437 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 425.2435, C<sub>2</sub>5H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>). HPLC purity of 97.35%.

(*E*)-*N*-(2-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl)-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)acrylamide (5d): Yield 88%, yellow solid, m.p. 123–125 °C; IR (KBr) v 3273, 2933, 1654, 1584, 1514, 1454, 1407, 1283, 1225, 1172, 994, 944, 839, 751, 699. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.91 (s, 1H), 7.33–7.25 (m, 4H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 2H), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 2H), 1.88 (t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.18–1.08 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  165.2 (Cq), 158.9 (Cq), 138.6 (Cq), 138.4 (Cq), 129.0 (2×CH), 128.6 (2×CH), 128.0 (2×CH), 126.7 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 118.7 (CH), 115.7 (2×CH), 62.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.2 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.2 (CH), 35.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI)

*m*/*z* 365.2222 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 365.2224, C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>). HPLC purity of 97.18%.

(*E*)-*N*-(2-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl)-3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)acrylamide (5e): Yield 69%, yellow solid, m.p. 112–115 °C; IR (KBr) v 3434, 3279, 1646, 1565, 1411, 1335, 1302, 1275, 1211, 1117, 1020, 987, 924, 857, 811, 751, 701. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.91 (br s, 1H), 7.33–7.25 (m, 4H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 2H), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 2H), 1.88 (t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.18–1.08 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  165.3 (Cq), 148.0 (Cq), 146.0 (Cq), 138.9 (Cq), 138.6 (Cq), 128.6 (2×CH), 128.0 (2×CH), 126.7 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 120.1 (CH), 118.3 (CH), 116.1 (CH), 114.3 (CH), 62.5, 53.1(2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.1 (CH), 35.9(CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.8(CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8(2×CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 381.2171 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 381.2173, C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). HPLC purity of 98.56%.

(E)-N-(2-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl)-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)acrylamide (5f): Yield
72%, colorless oil, IR (KBr) v 3395, 2923, 1710, 1653, 1604, 1455, 1407, 1340, 1295,
1255, 1156, 1114, 1095, 990, 752, 701. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.97 (t, J =
5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.25 (m,
4H), 7.22 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.13 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, J =
7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 3.21–3.15 (m, 3H), 2.77 (d, J =
11.3 Hz, 2H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.63 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (dd, J = 13.9, 6.9 Hz, 2H),
1.28 (dd, J = 7.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.19–1.08 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ

165.4 (Cq), 156.2 (Cq), 138.6 (Cq), 134.2 (CH), 130.2 (Cq), 128.7 (2×CH), 128.1 (CH), 128.0 (2×CH), 126.7 (CH), 121.8 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 119.2 (CH), 116.1 (CH), 62.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.2 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.2 (CH), 35.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 365.2222 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 365.2224, C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>). HPLC purity of 99.67%.

*(E)-N-(2-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl)cinnamamide (5g)*<sup>4</sup>: Yield 91%, yellow solid, m.p. 69–71 °C; IR (KBr) *v* 3430, 3297, 3063, 2928, 1659, 1622, 1562, 1348, 1229, 1075, 982, 793, 767, 741, 700. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.91 (s, 1H), 7.33– 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 2H), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 2H), 1.88 (t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.18–1.08 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  164.7 (Cq), 138.6 (Cq), 138.3 (Cq), 134.9 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.6 (2×CH), 128.0 (2×CH), 127.4 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 122.4 (CH), 62.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.2 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.2 (CH), 35.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 349.2275 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 349.2274, C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O). HPLC purity of 98.67%.

# (E)-N-(2-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl)-3-(4-ethoxy-3-methoxyphenyl)acrylamide

(5h): Yield 82%, yellow solid, m.p.94–95 °C; IR (KBr) v 3294, 2930, 1763, 1656, 1619, 1544, 1511, 1370, 1259, 1217, 1162, 1120, 1033, 974, 906, 703. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.03 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.25 (m, 5H), 7.23 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 18.3, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H)

1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.42 (s, 2H), 3.20 (dd, J = 12.9, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.89 (t, J = 11.2 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (dd, J = 13.8, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (s, 1H), 1.14 (dd, J = 21.1, 11.4 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  168.3 (Cq), 164.6 (Cq), 151.0 (Cq), 138.6 (Cq), 137.7 (Cq), 133.9 (CH), 128.6 (2×CH), 128.0 (2×CH), 126.7 (CH), 123.1 (CH), 122.6 (CH), 120.0 (CH), 111.4 (CH), 62.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.2 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.2 (CH), 35.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 437.2433 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 437.2435, C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>). HPLC purity of 96.20%.

(*E*)-*N*-(2-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl)-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)acrylmide (5i): Yield 87%, yellow solid, m.p. 81–83 °C; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3426, 3325, 2928, 1653, 1621, 1538, 1452, 1261, 1215, 1139, 1026, 971, 846, 799, 740, 699. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.02 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.25 (m, 6H), 7.22 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 6.94 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.3Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.42 (s, 2H), 3.20 (dd, J = 13.0, 6.7Hz, 2H), 2.77 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 2H), 1.88 (t, J = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.33–1.24 (m, 2H), 1.14 (qd, J = 12.3, 3.5 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  165.0 (Cq), 150.0 (Cq), 148.9 (Cq), 138.3 (Cq), 128.7 (2×CH), 128.0 (2×CH), 127.8 (Cq), 126.7 (CH), 121.2 (CH), 120.1 (CH), 111.8 (CH), 110.0 (CH), 62.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.2 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.2 (CH), 35.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m*/z 409.2482 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 409.2486, C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). HPLC purity of 98.88%.

# (E)-N-(2-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)acrylamide (5j): Yield

78%, yellow solid, m.p. 62 – 64 °C; IR (KBr) *v* 3293, 3059, 2920, 1657, 1622, 1553, 1493, 1451, 1293, 1168, 1034, 981, 851, 787, 741, 701. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.02 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 6H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 6.94 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.42 (s, 2H), 3.20 (dd, *J* = 13.0, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 2H), 1.88 (t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.33–1.24 (m, 2H), 1.14 (qd, *J* = 12.3, 3.5 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 164.7 (Cq), 159.5 (Cq), 138.6 (Cq), 138.2 (CH), 136.4 (Cq), 129.9 (CH), 128.7 (2×CH), 128.0 (2×CH), 126.7 (CH), 122.7 (CH), 119.8 (CH), 115.1 (CH), 112.5 (CH), 62.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.2 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.2 (CH), 35.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m*/z 379.2378 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 379.2380, C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>). HPLC purity of 98.33%.

(*E*)-*N*-(2-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl)-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)acrylamide (5k): Yield 72%, yellow oil, IR (KBr) v 3369, 3281, 2929, 1660, 1621, 1583, 1505, 1454, 1419, 1279, 1126, 1003, 828, 743, 700. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.99 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 6.9 Hz, 4H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 2H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 6H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.42 (s, 2H), 3.19 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 2H), 1.87 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.33–1.23 (m, 1H), 1.19–1.08 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  164.8 (Cq), 153.0 (Cq), 138.62 (Cq), 138.60 (Cq), 138.5 (Cq), 130.6 (CH), 128.7 (2×CH), 128.0 (2×CH), 126.7 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 104.9 (2×CH), 62.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.2 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.2 (CH), 35.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 439.2594 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 439.2591, C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>35</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>). HPLC purity of 96.39%.

(*E*)-*N*-(2-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)acrylamide (5l): Yield 82%, yellow oil, IR (KBr) v 3423, 3278, 2927, 1661, 1620, 1600, 1555, 1451, 1414, 1342, 1226, 1159, 982, 832, 745, 701. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.04 (s, 1H), 7.65–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (ddd, *J* = 20.9, 14.8, 6.9 Hz, 7H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 2H), 3.19 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 3H), 1.63 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (s, 1H), 1.14 (dd, *J* = 22.0, 10.6 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  164.6 (Cq), 138.6 (Cq), 137.1 (Cq), 131.6 (CH), 129.54 (CH), 129.47 (Cq), 128.7 (2×CH), 128.0 (2×CH), 126.7 (CH), 122.3 (CH), 115.9 (CH), 115.7 (CH), 62.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.2 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.2 (CH), 35.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 367.2182 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 367.2180, C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O). HPLC purity of 99.52%.

*(E)-N-(2-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)acrylamide* (5*m*)<sup>4</sup>: Yield 84%, yellow solid, m.p. 104–106 °C; IR (KBr) *v* 3432, 3307, 2931, 1656, 1621, 1546, 1452, 1344, 1222, 1150, 1030, 937, 855, 732. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.05 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 1H), 3.19 (dd, *J* = 13.0, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (t, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.33–1.25 (m, 1H), 1.19–1.08 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  164.5 (Cq), 138.6 (Cq), 136.9 (Cq), 133.9

(Cq), 133.7 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.6 (2×CH), 128.0 (2×CH), 126.7 (CH), 123.2 (CH), 62.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.2 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.2 (CH), 35.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 383.1884 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 383.1885, C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O). HPLC purity of 98.62%.

(*E*)-*N*-(2-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)acrylamide (5n)<sup>4</sup>: Yield 84%, yellow solid, m.p. 101–103 °C; IR (KBr) v 3407, 3063, 2925, 1663, 1621, 1597, 1555, 1519, 1451, 1413, 1343, 1226, 1109, 981, 846, 74, 701. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.25 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.22 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J= 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 1H), 3.21 (dd, J = 13.0, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 3H), 1.64 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.34–1.24 (m, 1H), 1.14 (qd, J = 12.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ 164.0 (Cq), 147.4 (Cq), 141.6 (Cq), 138.6 (Cq), 136.0 (CH), 128.6 (2×CH), 128.4 (2×CH), 128.0 (2×CH), 126.7 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 124.0 (2×CH), 62.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.2 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.3 (CH), 35.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) m/z394.2127 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 394.2125, C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). HPLC purity of 98.48%.

#### *N-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)-3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)propanamide* (6):

Compound **4a** was dissolved in MeOH under N<sub>2</sub>. To this Pd/C (10%) was added. The solution was then stirred under H<sub>2</sub> at normal pressure overnight. The solution was then filtered to remove Pd/C, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: 2/98) to give **6**. Yield 68%, colorless oil; IR (KBr) v 3400, 2925, 2850, 1676, 1519, 1455, 1276, 1202,

1128, 1034, 946, 832, 800, 751, 721, 701. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.89 (s, 1H), 7.46 (s, 5H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.17 (s, 1H), 3.02 (s, 2H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 2H), 1.88 (s, 2H), 1.54 (s, 2H), 1.23 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  171.1 (Cq), 147.3 (Cq), 144.6 (Cq), 132.0 (Cq), 131.2 (2×CH), 129.6 (Cq), 128.80 (Cq), 128.79 (2×CH), 120.3 (CH), 115.2 (CH), 112.4 (CH), 55.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 50.8 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.7 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 369.2171 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 369.2173, C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). HPLC purity of 97.94%.

*N-(2-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl)-3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)propanamide (7):* Procedure for synthesis compound 7 was following above. Yield 74%, colorless oil; IR (KBr) v 3366, 2927, 1678, 1519, 1455, 1277, 1201 1127, 1127, 1034, 945, 831, 800, 750, 720, 702. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.55 (s, 1H), 7.74 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.45 (m, 6H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 4.25–4.23 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 4H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 3.32 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 6.1 Hz, 3H), 2.76 (dd, *J* = 21.4, 10.7 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 3H), 1.33–1.18 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  171.2 (Cq), 147.2 (Cq), 144.5 (Cq), 138.1 (Cq), 132.0 (Cq), 131.2 (2×CH), 129.5 (CH), 128.8 (2×CH), 120.3 (CH), 115.2 (CH), 112.5 (CH), 59.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 51.6 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.1 (CH), 35.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.7 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 397.2485 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 397.2486, C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). HPLC purity of 97.70%. *Ethyl* 3-oxo-4-(*triphenylphosphoranylidene*)*butanoate* (9)<sup>5</sup>: Triphenylphosphine (76.2 mmol, 20 g) and 4-chloroacetoacetate (84.5 mmol, 11.42 mL) in 50 mL toluene were stirred for 24 h at 50 °C. The solid product was washed with toluene and then distilled water was added until the solid was dissolved. The mixture was extracted with three portions of diethyl ether followed by adding saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> to the aqueous phase until pH 8. The solid product was filtrated through a Buchner funnel, washed twice with distilled water and twice with diethyl ether and evaporated to dryness (22 g, 90%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72–7.60 (m, 6H), 7.60–7.50 (m, 3H), 7.45 (m, 6H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.13 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (m, 1H), 3.35 (s, 2H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.13 Hz, 3H).

# General procedure for the preparation of acetophenone derivatives (10a-10b)<sup>6</sup>

Compound 9 (1.0 equiv) and relevant amine (3 or 4) (1.1 equiv) were added together in xylene, and the solution was heated to reflux for 3 h. The solution was then cooled to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: 1/30).

#### N-(2-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl)-3-oxo-4-

(*triphenylphosphoranylidene*)*butanamide* (10*a*): Yield 64%, off-white solid, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.12 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65–7.59 (m, 6H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 6.7 Hz, 3H), 7.47 (td, *J* = 7.7, 2.8 Hz, 6H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 5.2 Hz, 4H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.83–3.76 (m, 1H), 3.50 (s, 2H), 3.25 (s, 2H), 2.76 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 2H), 1.85 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 3H), 1.48 (dd, *J* = 20.2, 10.0 Hz, 3H).

#### *N-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)-3-oxo-4-(triphenylphosphoranylidene)butanamide (10b):*

Yield 58%, off-white solid, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.00 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 10.0, 4.2 Hz, 3H), 7.62–7.52 (m, 12H), 7.32–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23 (dd, J =16.7, 7.5 Hz, 3H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 3.08 (dd, J = 12.7, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (s, 2H), 2.69 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 2H), 1.77 (t, J = 10.9 Hz, 3H), 1.56 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 3H), 1.30 (dd, J =13.6, 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (s, 2H), 1.08 (dd, J = 11.7, 9.1 Hz, 3H).

#### General procedure for the preparation of acetophenone derivatives (11a-11c)<sup>6</sup>

Compound **10** (0.93 mmol) was added to a solution of NaH (0.112 g, 2.81 mmol) in THF (10 mL) and cooled to 0 °C for 30 min. Then relvent benzaldehyde (1.12 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL) was added dropwise. The solution was then cooled to room temperature and stirred overnight following heating the solution to 40°C for 3 h. The reaction was then quenched using NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (1.0 mL). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residual oil was purified by flash chromatography.

# (E)-7-((1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)amino)-1-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)hept-1-ene-

*3,5-dione (11a):* Yield 67%, colorless oil; IR (KBr) *v* 3441, 2851, 251, 2312, 1679, 1516, 1455, 1294, 1201, 1130, 800, 751, 720, 702, 420. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.76 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.47 (m, 6H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (br d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 1H), 3.27 (s, 1H), 3.23–3.18 (m, 1H), 2.82 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 1H), 1.86 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (s, 1H), 1.38 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 190.9 (Cq), 167.3 (Cq), 153.0 (Cq), 149.3 (Cq), 147.4 (Cq), 139.3 (Cq), 135.1 (CH), 131.2 (2×CH), 129.6 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 128.8 (2×CH), 124.6 (CH), 115.5 (CH), 115.4 (CH), 59.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 51.7 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.5 (CH), 35.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.6 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 437.2436 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 437.2435, C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>). HPLC purity of 97.50%.

# $(E) \hbox{-} N-(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl) \hbox{-} 5-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl) \hbox{-} 3-oxopent-4-enaminal and the second second$

*e* (11b): Yield 84%, colorless oil; IR (KBr) *v* 3436, 2925, 2848, 2340, 2310, 1676, 1589, 1517, 1292, 1202, 1131, 1031, 947, 800, 753, 721, 701, 419. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.93 (s, 1H), 10.65 (s, 1H), 9.75 (s, 1H), 8.48 (br s, 1H), 7.61– 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.41 (m, 4H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (br s, 2H), 3.92 (br s, 1H), 3.03 (br s, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.96 (br s, 2H), 182–1.78 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 195.5 (Cq), 171.9 (Cq), 149.4 (Cq), 147.5 (Cq), 139.4 (Cq), 139.3 (Cq), 134.7 (CH), 131.3 (CH), 131.2 (2×CH), 128.7 (2×CH), 124.57 (CH), 124.53 (CH), 115.6 (CH), 114.0 (CH), 55.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 50.5 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 50.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.0 (CH), 36.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 409.2120 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 409.2122, C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>). HPLC purity of 97.37%.

(*E*)-*N*-(*1*-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)-5-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-oxopent-4-enamide (11c): Yield 79%, colorless oil; IR (KBr) v 3438, 2922, 2851, 2318, 1677, 1513, 1455, 1258, 1204, 1176, 1131, 837, 420. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.66 (s, 1H), 8.43 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.6–7.34 (m, 7H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.28 (s, 1H), 3.98–3.92 (m, 1H), 3.38 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, J = 21.9, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 1H), 2.02 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (dd, J = 24.4, 11.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  195.4 (Cq), 167.0 (Cq), 159.8 (Cq), 139.0 (Cq), 134.5 (Cq), 132.2 (2×CH), 131.2 (2×CH), 129.5 (CH), 128.8 (2×CH), 124.0 (CH), 115.8 (CH), 115.6 (2×CH),
59.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 50.7 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 43.8 (CH), 28.1 (2×CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>). HRMS (ESI) *m/z*379.2014 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for 379.2016, C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). HPLC purity of 97.00%.

# Bioactivity

#### In vitro inhibition studies on eeChEs and hChEs.

Acetylcholinesterase (AChE, E.C. 3.1.1.7) from electric eel and human erythrocytes, butyrylcholinesterase (BuChE, E.C. 3.1.1.8) from equine serum and human serum, S-butyrylthiocholine iodide (BTCI), acetylthiocholine iodide (ATCI), 5, 5'-dithiobis-(2-nitrobenzoic acid) (Ellman's reagent, DTNB) and donepezil hydrochloride were purchased from Sigma Aldrich (St. Louis, MO, USA). The inhibitory activities of test compounds was evaluated by Ellman's method.<sup>7</sup> The compounds were dissolved in DMSO and diluted with the buffer solution (50 mM Tris-HCl, pH = 8.0, 0.1 M NaCl, 0.02 M MgCl<sub>2</sub>•6H<sub>2</sub>O) to yield corresponding test concentrations (DMSO less than 0.01%). In each well of the plate, 160mL of 1.5 mM DTNB, 50 mL of AChE (0.22 U/mL eeAChE or 0.05 U/mL hAChE) or 50mL of BuChE (0.12 U/mL eqBuChE or 0.024 U/mL hBuChE) were incubated with 10mL of different concentrations of test compounds (0.001-200mM) at 37 °C for 5 min. After this period, acetylthiocholine iodide (15 mM) or S-butyrylthiocholine iodide (15 mM) as the substrate (30 mL) was added and the absorbance was measured with a wavelength of 405 nm at different time intervals (0, 60, 120, and 180 s). IC<sub>50</sub> values were calculated as concentration of compound that produces 50% enzyme activity inhibition, using the Graph Pad Prism 4.03 software (San Diego, CA, USA). Results

are expressed as the mean  $\pm$  SD of at least three different experiments performed in triplicate.

#### In vitro antioxidant activity assays

ABTS radical cation scavenging method<sup>8</sup>: ABTS scavenging activity was accessed using the method as described in the literature. ABTS radical cation (ABTS<sup>++</sup>) was generated by reacting 7 mM ABTS stock solution with 2.45 mM potassium persulfate (final concentration) and allowing the mixture to stand in the dark at room temperature for 16 h before use. The ABTS stock solution was serially diluted with sodium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.4) to 100  $\mu$ M. Trolox and all target compounds at different concentrations (total volume of 50  $\mu$ L) were added to 150  $\mu$ L of 100  $\mu$ M ABTS solution, respectively. After the addition of either trolox or another antioxidant to the ABTS solution, complete mixing of reactants was achieved by bubbling three to four times using plastic pipettes. The optical absorbance of ABTS at 734 nm was measured at 6 min after addition and equilibrated at 23 °C. Each individual treatment was repeated for three times and the results of the experiments were compared.

DPPH radical scavenging method<sup>9</sup>: DPPH is one of the few stable and commercially available organic nitrogen radicals and has a UV-vis absorption maximum at 517 nm. Upon reduction, the solution color fades; the reaction progress is conveniently monitored by a spectrophotometer. To test free radicals cavenging effects, all target and reference compounds were adjusted with 80% ethanol solution to final concentrations of 0–200 mM. 80% ethanol DPPH (150 mM) was used in the

reaction mixture. Serial dilutions of the test sample (20  $\mu$ L) were combined with the DPPH (180  $\mu$ L, 150 mM) solution in a 96-well microtitre plate. 80% ethanol was used as a negative control and ferulic acid was used as positive control. The reaction mixtures were incubated for 30 min at 37 °C in the dark and the change in absorbance at 517 nm was measured. Mean values were obtained from triplicate experiments. Inhibition percent was calculated using the equation: DPPH radical-scavenging rate<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> [1 – (A – C)/B] ×100%, where A is the absorbance of the sample (DPPH + compounds), B is the absorbance of the DPPH radical–80% ethanol solution, and C is the absorbance of the sample (compounds) alone. Percent inhibition was plotted against concentration, and the equation for the line was used to obtain the IC<sub>50</sub> value. The IC<sub>50</sub> of synthesized compounds, the better it is as an antioxidant.

#### **Kinetic Analysis of ChEs Inhibition**

Kinetic characterization of ChEs was performed using Ellman's method with three different concentrations (0.2, 0.4 and 0.8  $\mu$ M for AChE and 0.5, 1.0 and 2.0  $\mu$ M for BuChE) of Compound **5c**.<sup>10</sup> Lineweaver-Burk reciprocal plots were constructed by plotting 1/velocity against 1/[substrate] at varying concentrations of the substrate ATCI or BTCI, respectively (0.05-0.5 mM). The plots were assessed by a weighted least-squares analysis that assumed the variance of velocity (*v*) to be a constant percentage of *v* for the entire data set. Data analysis was performed with Graph Pad Prism 4.03 software (San Diego, CA, USA).

#### Molecular docking study with AChE

Molecular docking studies were performed using Molecular Operating Environment (MOE) software version 2008.10 (Chemical Compouting Group, Montreal, Canada).<sup>11, 12</sup> The X-ray crystal structure of recombinant human acetylcholinesterase in complex with donepezil (hAChE, PDB code 1EVE) was obtained from the Protein Data Base (PDB). Hydrogens and partial charges were added using protonate 3D application in MOE. The compound **5c** was constructed using the MOE builder module and energy minimized using Merck Molecular forcefield (MMFF94x, RMSD gradient: 0.05 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> Å<sup>-1</sup>). The MOE Dock application was used for docking6dinto the active site of the protein. The poses were generated by the Triangle Matcher placement method and then were rescored using ASE scoring function. The Force filed was selected as the refinement method. The retained best poses were visually inspected and the interactions with binding pocket residues were analyzed.

#### Cell culture and measurement of cell viability

PC12 cells was obtained from the Shanghai Institute of Cell Biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences and grown in RPMI-1640 medium containing 10% (v/v) foetal bovine serum, 100 U penicillin/mL and 100 mg streptomycin/mL under 5% CO<sub>2</sub> at 37 °C. The culture media were changed every other day. The cells were plated in 96-well microplates at a density of  $1 \times 10^5$  cells mL<sup>-1</sup> (100  $\mu$ L per well). After attachment, the cells were pretreated with different concentrations of test compounds (1.0–20  $\mu$ M) for 4 h. Then, 10  $\mu$ L of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (diluted with medium to a final concentration of 100  $\mu$ M) solution was added. The cell viability was measured by MTT assay after 20 h.<sup>13</sup>

Briefly, 10  $\mu$ L of 5 mg/ml MTT was added to each well and incubated for 4 h at 37 °C. Then, 200  $\mu$ L of dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) was added to dissolve the dark blue formazan crystals formed in intact cells, and the absorbance at 570 nm was detected by a microplate reader. PC 12 cells were cultured without test compound and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> as control group and the results were expressed by percentage of control.

#### **Metal Chelation**

The study of metal chelation was performed in methanol at 298 K using UV-vis spectrophotometer (SHIMADZU UV-2450PC) with wavelength ranging from 200 to 400 nm.<sup>14, 15</sup> The absorption spectra of compound **5c** (75  $\mu$ M, final concentration) alone or in the presence of CuSO<sub>4</sub>, FeSO<sub>4</sub>, FeCl<sub>3</sub>, or ZnCl<sub>2</sub> (150  $\mu$ M, final concentration) for 30min in methanol were recorded 1 cm-quartz cells.

### In vitro blood-brain barrier permeation assay

The ability of test compounds that penetrate into brain was evaluated using a parallel artificial membrane permeation assay (PAMPA) for blood–brain barrier according to the method established by Di *et al.*.<sup>16</sup> Commercial drugs were purchased from Sigma and Aladdin. Porcine brain lipid (PBL) was acquired from Avanti Polar Lipids. The donor microplate (96-wellfilter plate, PVDF membrane, pore size is 0.45mm) and the acceptor microplate (indented 96-well plate) were both from Millipore. The 96-well UV plate (COSTAR) was obtained from Corning Inc. The 96-well UV plate (COSTAR) was from Corning Incorporated. The acceptor 96-well microplate was filled with 300  $\mu$ L of PBS/EtOH (7 : 3), and the filter membrane was impregnated with 10mL of PBL in dodecane (20 mg/mL). The compound was firstly

dissolved in DMSO at a concentration of 5 mg/mL followed diluting 50-fold with a mixture of PBS/EtOH (70 : 30) to give a final concentration of 100  $\mu$ g/mL. After that, 200  $\mu$ L of diluted solution and 300  $\mu$ L of PBS/EtOH (70 : 30) were added to the donor wells. The donor filter plate was carefully placed on the acceptor plate to make the underside of filter membrane can contact with buffer solution. After leaving this sandwich assembly undisturbedly for 16 h at 25 °C, the donor plate was carefully removed, and the concentrations of test compound in the acceptor, donor and reference wells were measured with a UV plate reader (SpectraMax Plus 384, Molecular Devices, Sunnyvale, CA, USA). Each sample was analyzed at least three independent runs in four wells, and the results are given as the means  $\pm$  SD. A plot of the experimental Pevalues of 9 standard drugs versus their bibliographic values provided a good linear correlation,  $P_e(\exp) = 1.0416 P_e(\text{Bibl.}) - 0.8567$  (R<sup>2</sup> = 0.9443)

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# Legends

Figure S1-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 4g (DMSO, 500 MHz).

Figure S1-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 4g (DMSO, 125 MHz).

Figure S1-3. HRMS (ESI) spectrum of compound 4g.

Figure S2-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 4i (DMSO, 500 MHz).

Figure S2-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 4i (DMSO, 125 MHz).

Figure S2-3. HRMS (ESI) spectrum of compound 4i.

Figure S3-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 5c (DMSO, 500 MHz).

Figure S3-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 5c (DMSO, 125 MHz).

Figure S3-3. HRMS (ESI) spectrum of compound 5c.

Figure S4-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 5g (DMSO, 500 MHz).

Figure S4-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 5g (DMSO, 125 MHz).

Figure S4-3. HRMS (ESI) spectrum of compound 5g.

Figure S5-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 5h (DMSO, 500 MHz).

Figure S5-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 5h (DMSO, 125 MHz).

Figure S5-3. HRMS (ESI) spectrum of compound 5h.

Figure S6-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 5m (DMSO, 500 MHz).

Figure S6-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 5m (DMSO, 125 MHz).

Figure S6-3. HRMS (ESI) spectrum of compound 5m.

Figure S7-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 6 (DMSO, 500 MHz).

Figure S7-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 6 (DMSO, 125 MHz).

Figure S7-3. HRMS (ESI) spectrum of compound 6.

Figure S8-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 11b (DMSO, 500 MHz).

Figure S8-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 11b (DMSO, 125 MHz).

Figure S8-3. HRMS (ESI) spectrum of compound 11b.

Figure S9. HPLC spectrum of compound 4a.

Figure S10. HPLC spectrum of compound 4b.

Figure S11. HPLC spectrum of compound 4c.

Figure S12. HPLC spectrum of compound 4d.

Figure S13. HPLC spectrum of compound 4e. Figure S14. HPLC spectrum of compound 4f. Figure S15. HPLC spectrum of compound 4g. Figure S16. HPLC spectrum of compound 4h. Figure S17. HPLC spectrum of compound 4i. Figure S18. HPLC spectrum of compound 5a. Figure S19. HPLC spectrum of compound 5b. Figure S20. HPLC spectrum of compound 5c. Figure S21. HPLC spectrum of compound 5d. Figure S22. HPLC spectrum of compound 5e. Figure S23. HPLC spectrum of compound 5f. Figure S24. HPLC spectrum of compound 5g. Figure S25. HPLC spectrum of compound 5h. Figure S26. HPLC spectrum of compound 5i. Figure S27. HPLC spectrum of compound 5j. Figure S28. HPLC spectrum of compound 5k. Figure S29. HPLC spectrum of compound 51. Figure S30. HPLC spectrum of compound 5m. Figure S31. HPLC spectrum of compound 5n. Figure S32. HPLC spectrum of compound 6. Figure S33. HPLC spectrum of compound 7. Figure S34. HPLC spectrum of compound 11a. Figure S35. HPLC spectrum of compound 11b. Figure S36. HPLC spectrum of compound 11c. Spectra of some selected compounds



Figure S1-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 4g.



Figure S1-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 4g.



<b>Target m/z:</b> 355.1571		Result type:         Positive ions         Species:         [M+H] <sup>+</sup>				
Elem	ents:	C (0-80); H (0-120); O (0-30); N(0-10); Cl (0-5)				
Ion Formula		Ci	alcalated m/z	PPM Error		
C21H24	CIN2O		355.1572	0.1		

Figure S1-3. HRMS (ESI) spectrum of compound 4g.



Figure S2-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 4i.



Figure S2-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 4i.



Figure S2-3. HRMS (ESI) spectrum of compound 4i.



Figure S3-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 5c.



Figure S3-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 5c.



Figure S3-3. HRMS (ESI) spectrum of compound 5c.



Figure S4-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 5g.



Figure S4-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 5g.



Figure S4-3. HRMS (ESI) spectrum of compound 5g.



Figure S5-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 5h.



Figure S5-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 5h.



Elements:	С (0-80); Н (0-120); О (0-30);	N(0-10); Na (0-5)	
Ion Formula	Calcalated m/z	PPM Error	
C26H33N2O4	437.2435	0.49	

Figure S5-3. HRMS (ESI) spectrum of compound 5h.



Figure S6-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 5m.



Figure S6-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 5m.



8CIN2O	383.1885	0
Figure S	6-3. HRMS (ESI) spectrum of com	pound <b>5m</b> .

0.12

C23H28CIN2O



Figure S7-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 6.



Figure S7-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 6.



**Elemental Composition Calculator** 

Target m/z:	369.2171	Result type:	Positive ions	Species:	$[M+H]^+$		
Elem	ents:	С	C (0-80); H (0-120); O (0-30); N(0-10); Na(0-6);				
Ion Fo	Ion Formula		Calcalated m/z PPM				
C22H29	9N2O3		369.2173	0.53			

Figure S7-3. HRMS (ESI) spectrum of compound 6.



Figure S8-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 11b.



Figure S8-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 11b.



### **Elemental Composition Calculator**

Target m/z:	409.2120	Result type:	Positive ions	Species:	$[M+H]^+$		
Eleme	ents:	C (0-80); H (0-120); O (0-30); N(0-10); Na(0-6);					
Ion Formula		Ca	lcalated m/z	PPM Error			
C24H29N2O4			409.2122	0.46			

Figure S8-3. HRMS (ESI) spectrum of compound 11b.



Figure S9. HPLC spectrum of compound 4a.



篇号	时间	峰面积	峰高	峰宽	对称因子	峰面积 %
1	17.809	8522.6	550.9	0.2405	0.443	99.423
2	18.961	13.3	1.1	0.1563	1.086	0.155
3	21.729	17.1	1.7	0.1429	0.804	0.200
4	24.77	19	2.2	0.1293	0.86	0.222

Figure S10. HPLC spectrum of compound 4b.



ĩ	号	时间	峰面积	峰高	峰宽	对称因子	峰面积 %
Г	1	15.655	9.6	1.3	0.1122	1.004	0.264
	2	17.002	3489.7	459.7	0.1166	0.765	95.626
	3	17.903	57.3	7.6	0.1159	1.038	1.570
	4	19.116	10.6	1.4	0.1141	0.807	0.289
	5	20.233	21.3	1.8	0.1856	1.235	0.584
	6	20.522	60.8	4.3	0.2198	0.797	1.667

Figure S11. HPLC spectrum of compound 4c.



Figure S12. HPLC spectrum of compound 4d.

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論号	时间	峰面积	峰高	峰宽	对称因子	峰面积 %			
1	15.676	8971.5	535.1	0.2536	0.391	97.909			
2	16.755	152.8	14.2	0.1617	1.091	1.667			
3	18.134	13.4	1.3	0.1476	1.022	0.146			
4	24.187	25.5	2.4	0.1568	0.849	0.278			

Figure S13. HPLC spectrum of compound 4e.



Figure S14. HPLC spectrum of compound 4f.



Figure S15. HPLC spectrum of compound 4g.



Figure S16. HPLC spectrum of compound 4h.



Figure S17. HPLC spectrum of compound 4i.



Figure S18. HPLC spectrum of compound 5a.



Figure S19. HPLC spectrum of compound 5b.



Figure S20. HPLC spectrum of compound 5c.



	1	10.697	13.1	1.8	0.113	0.969	0.220
Γ	2	14.02	19.5	2.1	0.1335	1.446	0.328
Γ	3	14.754	32.6	2.8	0.1615	1.887	0.548
Γ	4	15.093	5782.3	674.3	0.128	0.996	97.177
Γ	5	16.183	10.7	1.4	0.1191	1.147	0.180
Γ	6	16.466	21	2.6	0.1219	1.144	0.353
Γ	7	20.525	46.1	2.1	0.315	1.413	0.776
	8	20.925	24.9	3	0.1225	0.844	0.418

Figure S21. HPLC spectrum of compound 5d.



Figure S22. HPLC spectrum of compound 5e.

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编号	时间	峰面积	峰高	峰宽	对称因子	峰面积 %				
1	15.314	28.9	2.1	0.1899	0.922	0.113				
2	15.923	25451.3	1480.7	0.2605	0.384	99.671				

3	17.69	40.7	4	0.1525	1.048	0.159
4	22.447	14.4	1.7	0.1352	0.844	0.056

Figure S23. HPLC spectrum of compound 5f.



Figure S24. HPLC spectrum of compound 5g.



Figure S25. HPLC spectrum of compound 5h.







偏号	时间	峰面积	峰高	峰宽	对称因子	峰面积 %
1	12.815	12.1	1.1	0.1564	1.13	0.023
2	15.008	11.9	1.8	0.0999	1.118	0.023
3	15.373	52776.1	1523.8	0.4501	0.127	99.520
4	17.263	89.2	12.8	0.1074	0.857	0.168
5	17.417	41.7	6.3	0.0987	0.753	0.079
6	18.22	15.3	2	0.1184	0.716	0.029
7	19.171	14.2	1.9	0.116	0.767	0.027
8	19.883	37	3.5	0.1467	0.432	0.070
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Figure S29. HPLC spectrum of compound 5l.



Figure S30. HPLC spectrum of compound 5m.



Figure S31. HPLC spectrum of compound 5n.





Figure S32. HPLC spectrum of compound 6.



Figure S33. HPLC spectrum of compound 7.



Figure S34. HPLC spectrum of compound 11a.



Figure S35. HPLC spectrum of compound 11b.



Figure S36. HPLC spectrum of compound 11c.