The discovery and evaluation of diaryl ether

heterocyclic sulfonamides as URAT1 inhibitors

for the treatment of gout.

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<u>1. Abbreviations</u> - The following abbreviations and definitions have been used:

br	broad
CDCl ₃	Chloroform-d1
CI	Confidence Intervals (95% unless otherwise stated)
δ	Chemical shift
d	Doublet
DMSO	Dimethylsulfoxide
ELSD	Evaporative Light Scattering Detector
ESI	Electrospray ionisation
EtOAc	Ethyl acetate
Et ₂ O	Diethylether
h	Hour(s)

HPLC	High Performance Liquid chromatography
HRMS	High resolution mass spectrum
LRMS	Low resolution mass spectrum
М	Molarity
m	Multiplet
Me	Methyl
mg	Milligram
min	Minute(s)
MHz	Megahertz
mL	Millilitre
mmol	Millimole
m/z	Mass-to-charge ratio
Ν	Normal concentration
NMR	Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
R _t	Retention time
S	Singlet
t	Triplet
UV-TIC	Ultraviolet-total ion count

2. General Chemistry Experimental Prodecures

¹H Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were in all cases consistent with the proposed structures. Characteristic chemical shifts (δ) are given in parts-per-million downfield from tetramethylsilane using conventional abbreviations for designation of major peaks: *e.g.* s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet; br, broad. The mass spectra (*m/z*) were recorded electrospray ionisation (ESI). The following abbreviations have been used for common solvents: CDCl₃, deuterochloroform; *d*₆-DMSO, deuterodimethylsulphoxide; *d*4-methanol, deuteromethanol. All solvents were reagent grade and, when necessary, were purified and dried by standard methods. Concentration of solutions after reactions and extractions involved the use of a rotary evaporator operating at a reduced pressure of ca. 20 Torr.

LCMS conditions:

System 1

A: 0.1% formic acid in water

B: 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile

Column: C18 phase Phenomenex 20 x 4.0 mm with 3 micron particle size

Gradient: 98-2% or 98-10% A over 1.5 min, 0.3 min hold, 0.2 re-equilibration, 1.8 mL/min flow rate

UV: 210 nm - 450 nm DAD

Temperature: 75 °C

System 2

A: 0.1% formic acid in water

B: 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile

Using either:

Column: Agilent Extend C18 phase 50 x 3mm with 3 micron particle size

Gradient: 95-0% A over 3.5 min, 1 min hold, 0.4 min re-equilibration, 1.2 mL/min flow rate

Or

Column: C18 phase Waters Sunfire 50 x 4.6 mm with 5 micron particle size

Gradient: 95-5% A over 3 min, 1 min hold, 2 min re-equilibration, 1 mL/min flow rate

UV: 210 nm - 450 nm DAD

Temperature: 50 °C

Preparative HPLC:

Where singleton compounds are purified by preparative HPLC, there are two methods used, shown below:

Method 1 acidic conditions

Column Gemini NX C18, 5 µm 21.2 x 100 mm

Temperature Ambient

Detection ELSD-MS

Mobile Phase A 0.1% formic acid in water

Mobile Phase B 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile

Gradient initial 0% B, 1 min – 5% B; 7 min – 98% B; 9 min – 98% B; 9.1 min – 5% B; 10 min – 5% B

Flow rate 18 mL/min

Injection volume 1000uL

Method 2 basic conditions

Column Gemini NX C18, 5um 21.2 x 100mm

Temperature Ambient

Detection ELSD-MS

Mobile Phase A 0.1% diethylamine in water

Mobile Phase B 0.1% diethylamine in acetonitrile

Gradient initial 0% B, 1 min – 5% B; 7 min – 98% B; 9 min – 98% B; 9.1 min – 5% B; 10 min – 5% B

Flow rate 18 mL/min

Injection volume 1000 μ L

3. Chemistry experimental procedures and analytical data for intermediates and test compounds

4-(3-Chloro-4-fluorophenoxy)-3-cyano-N-(5-fluoropyridin-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (10a)



A suspension of 3-cyano-4-fluoro-*N*-(5-fluoropyridin-2-yl) benzene sulfonamide (**28**, 200.0 mg, 0.68 mmol), 3-chloro-4-fluorophenol (**29a**, 148.9 mg, 1.02 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (282 mg, 2.04 mmol) in DMSO (3 mL) was heated at 60 °C for 17 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water (80 mL) and product extracted into EtOAc (3 x 30 mL). The combined organics were concentrated and purified on silica gel using EtOAc:heptanes (1:1) to give the title compound (**10a**, 230 mg, 54%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23-7.40 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.03-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F-NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -117.00, -130.05: HPLC (syst 1, 4.5 min, acid) R_t 3.12 min, ELSD >95% purity; LRMS *m/z* 421.95 & 423.90 [MH]⁺; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₀ClF₂N₃O₃S 422.0172, found 422.0162.

3-Cyano-4-(4-cyanophenoxy)-N-(5-fluoropyridin-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (10b)



A suspension of 3-cyano-4-fluoro-*N*-(4-fluorophenyl) benzenesulfonamide (**28**, 11.8 mg, 0.040 mmol), 4-hydroxybenzonitrile (**29b**, 7.1 mg, 0.060 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) in DMSO (0.6 mL) was heated at 90 °C for 24 h then cooled to rt. The reaction mixture was filtered, concentrated and purified by preparative HPLC to give the title compound as a beige solid (**10b**, 15.4 mg, 97%). HPLC (syst 2, 4.5 min, acid) R_t 3.36 min, ELSD >95% purity; LRMS *m/z* 395 $[M+H]^+$; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₁FN₄O₃S 395.0609, found 395.0606.

3-Cyano-4-(3-cyanophenoxy)-N-(5-fluoropyridin-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (10c)



A suspension of 3-cyano-4-fluoro-*N*-(4-fluorophenyl) benzenesulfonamide (**28**, 11.8 mg, 0.040 mmol), 3-hydroxybenzonitrile (**29c**, 7.1 mg, 0.060 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) in DMSO (0.6 mL) was heated at 90 °C for 24 h then cooled to rt. The reaction mixture was filtered, concentrated and purified by preparative HPLC to give the title compound as a beige solid (**10c**, 11.2 mg, 71%). HPLC (syst 2, 4.5 min, acid) R_t 3.38 min, ELSD >95% purity; LRMS *m/z* 395 $[M+H]^+$; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₁FN₄O₃S 395.0609, found 395.0611.

3-Cyano-4-(3-cyano-4-fluorophenoxy)-N-(4-fluorophenyl)benzenesulfonamide (10d)



A suspension of 3-cyano-4-fluoro-*N*-(4-fluorophenyl) benzenesulfonamide (**28**, 100 mg, 0.339 mmol), 2-fluoro-5-hydroxybenzonitrile (**29d**, 46.4 mg, 0.339 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (117 mg, 0.847 mmol) in DMSO (1.0 mL) was heated at 60 °C for 16 h then cooled to rt. The reaction mixture was filtered, concentrated and purified by preparative HPLC to give the title compound as a beige solid (**10d**, 32 mg, 23%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*6-DMSO) δ 11.19 (bs, 1H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 8.11-8.05 (m, 2H), 7.75-7.79 (m, 1H), 7.73-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 2H); HPLC (syst 2, 4.5 min, acid) R_t2.87 min ELSD >95% purity; LRMS *m/z* 412.92 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₀F₂N₄O₃S 413.0514, found 413.0512.

3-Cyano-4-(4-cyano-3-fluorophenoxy)-N-(5-fluoropyridin-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (10e)



A suspension of 3-cyano-4-fluoro-*N*-(5-fluoropyridin-2-yl)benzene sulfonamide (**28**, 300 mg, 1.02 mmol), 2-fluoro-4-hydroxybenzonitrile (**29e**, 208 mg, 1.52 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (421 mg, 3.06 mmol) in DMSO (5 mL) was heated to 80 °C for 18 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water (80 mL) and product extracted with EtOAc (3 x 30 mL). The combined organics were concentrated

and purified by reverse phase chromatography (60 g C18, MeCN/water, 3:97 to 100:0, formic acid additive) to afford the desired product as a white solid (**10e**, 110 mg, 26%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*4-methanol) δ 8.40 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.50 (td, *J* = 8.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.10 (m, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, *d*4-methanol) δ -115, -136: HPLC (syst 1, 4.5 min, acid) R_t 2.95 min, ELSD >95% purity; LRMS *m/z* 412.96 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₀F₂N₄O₃S 413.0514, found 413.0506.

4-(3-Chloro-4-cyanophenoxy)-3-cyano-N-(5-fluoropyridin-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (10f)



Smaller scale synthesis batch:

A suspension of 3-cyano-4-fluoro-*N*-(5-fluoropyridin-2-yl)benzene sulfonamide (**28**, 10.5 g, 35.6 mmol), 2-chloro-4-hydroxybenzonitrile (**29f**, 8.19 g, 53.3 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (14.74 g, 106.7 mmol) in DMSO (100 mL) was heated to 80 °C for 44 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt then poured into sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (200 mL) and EtOAc (1 L) was added. The organic phase was washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (3 x 200 mL), water (2 x 200 mL) and brine (2 x 200 mL) then dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated to give the crude product which was purified by reverse phase chromatography (400 g, C-18 column, eluting with 0-100% MeCN/water with 0.1% formic acid) to afford the title compound as a colourless solid (**10f**, 6.98 g, 46%).

Scale up synthesis batch:

A mixture of 3-cyano-4-fluoro-*N*-(5-fluoropyridin-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (**28**, 110 g, 0.38 mol), 2-chloro-4-hydroxybenzonitrile (**29f**, 85.8 g, 0.56 mol) and K₂CO₃ (154 g, 1.12 mol) in DMSO (1.1 L) was heated to 80 °C for 32 h, then stirred for an additional 16 h at rt. The reaction mixture was poured in to water (3 L). The combined organic layers were washed with water (1 L), citric acid solution (117 g, in 3.5 L, 3% w/w, 1.5 mol of citric acid for 1 mol of product) and water (1 L). The organic phase was concentrated in vacuo to give crude material (136 g). The compound was crystallised from EtOAc (1.6 L, 12 mL/g) to give material (110 g). This material was combined with 35 g of previously obtained material then partially dissolved in boiling ethyl acetate

(~1.5 mL, 10 mL/g ca.). The mixture was left to cool overnight to room temperature and filtered to afford the title compound as a white solid (**10f**, 113 g, 54%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 11.34 (br. s., 1H), 8.44 (d, *J*=2.34 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J*=2.73 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, *J*=2.30, 9.00 Hz, 1H, partially obscured), 8.13 (d, *J*=8.59 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J*=2.34 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (ddd, *J*=3.10, 8.60, 8.60 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, *J*=2.34, 8.98 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J*=8.98 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J*=3.90, 8.98 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 160.6, 158.6, 155.2 (d, *J* = 248.0 Hz), 148.0, 138.0, 137.2, 137.0, 135.6 (m), 134.6, 134.0, 126.8 (d, *J* = 22.7 Hz), 122.4, 120.4, 119.1, 116.1, 114.8, 114.6 (d, *J* = 4.40 Hz), 109.7, 104.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz *d*₆-DMSO): δ -134.44: HPLC (syst 1, 4.5 min, acid) R_t 3.03 min, ELSD >95% purity; LRMS *m/z* 428.95 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₀ClFN₄O₃S 429.0219, found 429.0221.

4-(2-Chloro-4-cyanophenoxy)-3-cyano-N-(5-fluoropyridin-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (10g)



A suspension of 3-cyano-4-fluoro-*N*-(5-fluoropyridin-2-yl) benzene sulfonamide (**28**, 350 mg, 1.19 mmol), 3-chloro-4-hydroxybenzonitrile (**29g**, 275 mg, 1.79 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (493 mg, 3.57 mmol) in DMSO (5 mL) was heated to 80 °C for 16 h. The reaction was diluted with EtOAc (55 mL) and washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (2 x 60 mL). The combined organics were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated to afford a yellow solid (366 mg). The crude material was purified by flash chromatography (elution: 0-60% EtOAc/heptane, then 10% MeOH/EtOAc) and Biotage SP1 (30 g, C-18 column, eluting with 10-60% MeCN/water with 0.1% formic acid) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (**10g**, 175 mg, 34%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, d₆-DMSO) δ 11.36 (bs, 1H), 8.44 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (dd *J* = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, d6-DMSO) δ -134.57: HPLC (syst 2, 4.5 min, buffer) R₁2.59 min, ELSD >95% purity; LRMS *m/z* 428.88 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₀CIFN₄O₃S 429.0219, found 429.0212.

4-(4-Chloro-3-cyanophenoxy)-3-cyano-N-(5-fluoropyridin-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (10h)



A suspension of 2-chloro-5-hydroxybenzonitrile (**28**, 52 mg, 0.339 mmol), 3-cyano-4-fluoro-*N*-(5-fluoropyridin-2-yl)benzene sulfonamide (**29h**, 100 mg, 0.339 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (117 mg, 0.847 mmol) in DMSO (1 mL) was heated at 60 °C for 17 h. Half of the reaction mixture was submitted to preparative HPLC to give the title compound as cream coloured solid (**10h**, 21 mg, 30%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*6-DMSO) δ 11.25 (br s, 1H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.15 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, *d*6-DMSO) δ -134.5: HPLC (syst 2, 4.5 min, acid) R_t 2.96 min, ELSD >95% purity; LRMS *m*/z 428.95, 430.90 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₀ClFN₄O₃S 429.0219, found 429.0221.

4-(3-Chloro-4-(hydroxymethyl)phenoxy)-3-cyano-*N*-(5-fluoropyridin-2-yl)benzene sulfonamide (10i)



То suspension of 4-(3-chloro-4-formylphenoxy)-3-cyano-N-(5-fluoropyridin-2-yl) а benzenesulfonamide (10j, 276.9 g, 0.64 mol) in methanol (5.5 L) at 0 °C was added NaBH₄ portion-wise over 25 min. The reaction was stirred at rt for 1.5 h, cooled to 0 °C then water (4.8 L) slowly added. The reaction mixture was warmed to rt and 1M HCl (2.5 L) was slowly added resulting in a suspension of the product. The mixture was left to stir at rt for 1 h and then the suspension was filtered and dried for 16 h at 40 °C under vacuum to give crude product. The crude product was dissolved in acetone (2.5 L) and then silica (380 g) was added to the vessel. The mixture was stirred at rt for 20 min and then filtered through a silica pad and washed with acetone (1.5 L). Water (10 L) was slowly added resulting in the precipitation of the product. The mixture was left to stir at rt for 1 h and then the suspension was filtered and the residue dried overnight at 40 °C to 4-(3-chloro-4-(hydroxymethyl)phenoxy)-3-cyano-N-(5-fluoropyridin-2vield vl)benzenesulfonamide as a cream powder (10i, 268.2 g, 96%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, d6-DMSO)

δ 11.31 (br. s., 1H), 8.39 (d, *J*=2.34 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J*=2.73 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dd, *J*=2.34, 8.98 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J*=8.60, 3.10 Hz, 1H, partially obscured), 7.66 (d, *J*=8.59 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J*=2.73 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, *J*=2.34, 8.59 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J*=3.51, 8.98 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J*=8.90 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (t, *J*=5.46 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, *J*=5.07 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101MHz, *d*6-DMSO) δ 162.48, 156.42 (d, *J* = 247 Hz), 152.96, 147.99, 138.19, 135.63 (d, partially obscured), 135.54, 134.66, 133.88, 132.52, 130.17, 126.88 (d, *J*=19.1 Hz), 121.82, 120.02, 117.05, 115.11, 114.54 (d, *J* = 5.14Hz), 102.89, 60.38; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -134.5: HPLC (syst 1, 25 min, acid) R_t 14.09 min, ELSD 98.9% purity; LRMS *m*/*z* 434.02 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for $C_{19}H_{13}CIFN_3O_4S$ 434.0372, found 434.0369.

4-(3-Chloro-4-formylphenoxy)-3-cyano-N-(5-fluoropyridin-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (10j)



A suspension of 3-cyano-4-fluoro-N-(5-fluoropyridin-2-yl) benzene sulfonamide (**28**, 108.2 g, 0.37 mol), K₂HPO₄ (191.3 g, 1.10 mol) and 2-chloro-4-hydroxybenzaldehyde (**29**j, 63.1 g, 0.40 mmol) in DMSO (760 mL) was heated to 100 °C and left to stir for 2.5 h then cooled to rt. The reaction mixture was poured into water (3.0 L) resulting in some precipitation of product. EtOAc (3.0 L) was added and the aq. layer acidified to pH 3 using conc. HCl. The aq. layer was removed and the resulting suspension filtered and solid washed with EtOAc (200 mL) and 1M HCl (20 mL) to give crude product. The organic filtrates were retained and washed with 1M HCl (700 mL) and sat. brine (2 × 700 mL) and dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated to yield more crude product. Both batches of crude product were combined and slurried in EtOAc (2× 100 mL) at reflux for 45 min. The mixture was cooled to rt, filtered and the solid washed with EtOAc (2× 100 mL). The product was died overnight under vacuum at 40 °C to yield 4-(3-chloro-4-formylphenoxy)-3-cyano-N-(5-fluoropyridin-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (**10**j, 121.1 g, 77%) as a cream powder. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*6-DMSO) δ 11.34 (brs, 1H), 10.28 (s, 1H), 8.42 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (dd, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (td, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 3 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.09

(dd, J = 9.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, *d*6-DMSO) δ -134.4; HPLC (syst 1, 4.5 min, acid) R_t 3.58 min, ELSD >95% purity; LRMS *m/z* 432.09 [M+H]⁺.

3-Cyano-4-fluoro-N-(5-fluoropyridin-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (28)



Solid 3-Cyano-4-fluorobenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (**27**, 60.3 g, 274 mmol) was added to a solution of 5-fluoropyridin-2-amine (40.0 g, 357 mmol) and pyridine (67 mL, 823 mmol) in DCM (1 L) at rt then stirred for 3 h. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue stirred in dilute HCl (2N, 850 mL) for 16 h. The precipitate was removed by filtration and the residue washed with water (200 mL) and dried under high vacuum overnight. The crude material was triturated with TBME (500 mL) to give the title compound (**28**, 70.3 g, 87%) as an orange solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*6-DMSO) δ 11.45 (bs, 1H), 8.44 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.26-8.24 (m, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.08 (m, 1H); ¹⁹F-NMR (376 MHz, *d*6-DMSO) δ - 101.50, -134.20: HPLC (syst 2, 4.5 min, acid) R_t2.55 min, ELSD >95% purity; LRMS *m/z* 296.06 [M+H]⁺.

The full syntheses of compounds **11-17** & **23-26** and relevant intermediates can be found in published patent application WO2014170792. The full syntheses of compounds **18-22** and relevant intermediates can be found in published patent application WO2014170793.

4. Selected HPLC, MS and NMR spectra



Meas. R Area Area % Signal Desc.

1 4.724 2.084e6 100.000 MSD1 429, EIC=4







ŧ	Meas	. R	Area	Area %	Signal	Desc.
1	4.	469	3.276e6	5 100.000	MSD1 434	, EIC=4

Column:

Kinetic C18 100mm x 3.0mm 2.6u

Gradient Conditions:

Mobile Phase A: 0.1% Formic Acid in Water Mobile Phase B: 0.1% Formic Acid in Acetonitrile

Time (min)	%A	%B	
0.00	95	5	
0.5	95	5	
4	0	100	
5.4	0	100	
5.5	95	5	

Detection:	215nm
	APCI (+) 175-2000Daltons

Flow: 0.750mL/min



5. Polypharmacology profiles

Compound 10f



Cerep Full Safety Panel (10uM,

Adrenergic Alpha 1a	58	7020	1400
Adrenergic Alpha 2b	50	90600	11800
Adrenergic Beta 1	17		
Adrenergic Beta 2	-4		
Anglotensin 1	35		
Cannabinoid 1	-4		
Dopamine 1	16		
Dopamine 26	0		
Histamine 1	39		
Muscarinic 1	66	4160	489
Muscarinic 2	0		
Muscarinic 3	74	4930	448
Oploid Mu			
CRF1			
MC2R			
TRH1			

Androgen Receptor (Binding Glucocorticold Receptor (Binding

Compound 10i

*Cerep Full Safety Panel (10uM)







Norepinephrine Transporte Dopamine Transporte Serotonin Transporter Choline Transporte GABA Transporter

Enzyme

Angiotensin Converting Enzy n Acety Icholine Esterasi Cy clooxy genase Monoamine Oxidase PDE3B PDE4D2 Kinase

Abl Kinase Aurora A Kinase EGFR Kinase Lok Kinase p38 MAP Kinase Src Kinase VEGFR2 (KDR) Kinas

NHR - Binding

Androgen Receptor (Binding

13 IC50 (nM) KI (nM) % inh % Inh IC50 (nM) 15 % inh IC50 (nM) -22

IC50 (nM)

28

17

47

KI (nM)



IC50 (nM) KI (nM) % Inh Glucocorticold Receptor (Binding

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6. General biology experimental procedures

Biological Assay

a. Generation of a custom clonal cell line for URAT1 transporter activity assay

The nucleotide sequence for the long isoform of URAT1 (NM_144585) was C-terminally fused to that of enhanced green fluorescent protein (eGFP) (hereinafter referred to as URAT1(L)GFP). The combined sequence was codon-optimised and custom synthesized. The synthesized sequence was generated in pDONR221 Gateway entry vector (Invitrogen Life Technologies) prior to cloning in pLenti6.3/V5 Gateway destination vector (Invitrogen Life Technologies). A schematic of the URAT1(L)GFP construct is set forth in Figure 1A. The nucleotide and amino acid sequence of the URAT1(L)GFP construct is set out in Figure 1B, which also shows alignment of the nucleotide sequence with NM 144585.

Lentiviral particles were generated according to ViraPower HiPerform expression system procedure (Invitrogen Life Technologies) and used to transduce CHO cells. Blasticidin selection enabled the generation of a stable clonal pool of cells, confirmed by expression of GFP and V5 epitope. The clonal pools were sorted using fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS) on the basis of GFP expression with the gating set at the top 50% of expression into single cells which were subsequently expanded to generate clonal lines. One clone was identified with the best assay performance as determined by maximal separation between complete inhibition of uric acid transport (with 10 μ M benzbromarone) and no inhibition (DMSO). This cell line was used for all screening activities and is referred to as CHO-URAT1(L)GFP#8 or CHO#8.

b. URAT-1 Inhibitor activity

The potency of the compounds of formula (I) as inhibitors of the URAT-1 transporter was determined as follows.

CHO#8 cells were cultured in cell line maintenance flasks in medium consisting of Dulbecco's modified Eagle medium (DMEM) with high glucose and sodium pyruvate (4.5 g of glucose per litre, Invitrogen Life Technologies), supplemented with heat-inactivated foetal bovine serum (FBC, 10% v/v), 1x NEAA (non-essential amino acids) and blasticidin (10 μ g/ml). Cultures were grown in 175 cm² tissue culture flasks in a humidified incubator at approximately 37 °C in approximately 95% air/5% CO₂. Near confluent CHO#8 cell cultures were harvested by trypsinisation, re-suspended in culture medium and the process was repeated once or twice weekly to provide sufficient cells for use.

Assay ready flasks were generated by the same method, except the cells were not cultured in blasticidin.

Assay ready frozen cells were generated by freezing 40,000,000 cells in 1 mL of FBS (without blasticidin) containing 10% DMSO per vial. One vial was sufficient for 5 assay plates. Each vial was thawed rapidly to 37 °C, washed and re-suspended in pre-warmed culture medium for seeding onto assay plates.

CHO#8 cells were seeded onto CytostarTM 96-well plates at a density of 5 x 10^5 cells per well. The cells were cultured for 1 day at approximately 37 °C in a humidified incubator containing approximately 5% CO₂ in air. After approximately 24 h culture, cells were used for uptake experiments.

On the day of assay, culture medium was removed from the wells and the cells were washed once with 50 μ L of chloride-containing buffer (136.7 mM NaCl, 5.36 mM KCl, 0.952 mM CaCl₂, 0.441 mM KH₂PO₄, 0.812 mM MgSO₄, 5.6 mM D-glucose, 0.383 mM Na₂HPO₄.2H₂O, 10 mM HEPES, pH 7.4 with NaOH). The cells were pre-incubated with another 50 μ L of chloride-containing buffer for one hour at approximately 37 °C in a humidified incubator containing approximately 5% CO₂ in air. Assay compound plates were prepared by diluting the compounds of formula (I) with chloridefree buffer (125 mM Na-gluconate, 4.8 mM K-gluconate, 1.3 mM Ca-gluconate, 1.2 mM KH₂PO₄, 1.2 mM MgSO₄, 5.6 mM D-glucose, 25 mM HEPES, pH 7.4 with NaOH) in 100% DMSO to a final concentration of 1% DMSO. [¹⁴C]-Uric acid working stock was made by addition of radiolabeled compound to a final concentration of 120 nM in chloride-free buffer. In all wells, the final assay concentration of solvent (DMSO) was 0.25%; the final assay concentration of [¹⁴C]-uric acid was 30 nM in chloride-free buffer and the final compound of formula (I) concentrations ranged from 0 to 10 μ M. The vehicle comparator was DMSO (i.e. no inhibition of uric acid transport) and the pharmacological blockade (i.e. 100% inhibition of uric acid transport) was defined by benzbromarone at 10 μ M final assay concentration.

After pre-incubation, cells were washed with 50 μ L of chloride-free buffer and another 50 μ L of chloride-free buffer was added. Thereafter, 25 μ L of compound of formula (I) was added from the prepared compound plate and the cells were pre-incubated for 15 min prior to the addition of 25 mL of [¹⁴C] uric acid. The plate was incubated at room temperature and protected from light for three hours prior to measuring proximity-induced scintillation on a Wallac microbeta at 1 minute/well.

The accumulation of $[^{14}C]$ -uric acid into CHO#8 cells was calculated and the IC₅₀ (μ M) values, defined as the concentration of inhibitor required for 50% inhibition of transport, were determined from a 4 parameter logistic fit to generate sigmoid curves from dose response data.

c. URAT-1 Assay Standards

A number of literature reported compounds were run initially in our uric acid radiolabel uptake assay to help validate the assay. Initial tests revealed good correlation with reported data for these compounds across a range of IC_{50} values (see Table 1 below for values obtained and Figure 2 for

benzbromarone data). A benzbromarone dose response curve was included on every assay plate for every assay run to assess assay reproducibility over time (both between and within assay run variability). For benzbromarone, 5-6 independent IC_{50} determinations provided a geometric mean with less than 2-fold error, based on 95% confidence intervals.

Compound	Structure	Pfizer IC ₅₀	Reported IC₅₀
Benzbromarone	Br	22 nM	26 nM
	O OH Br	n=965	$(+/-3 \text{ nM})^1$
		21-23 nM (95% CI)	
6-OH Benzbromarone	Br	34 nM	138 nM
	O OH	(n= 6)	(+/- 88 nM) ¹
	HO	18-64 nM (95% CI)	
Lesinurad (RDEA-594)		6704 nM	3360 nM ²
		(n= 5)	
) j v	1976-22747 nM (95%	
		CI)	
Verinurad (RDEA-		23 nM	24 nM ³
3170)	S O	(n=46)	
	CN	20-26 nM (95% CI)	

Table 1. URAT1 assay standards

¹M. F. Wempe et al., J. Med. Chem., 2011, 54, 2701-2713. ²J. N. Tan et al., Ardea, Abstracts Arthritis & Rheumatism, 2013, Vol 65. <u>http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/acrmeeting/abstract.asp?MeetingID=799&id=109090</u> ³J. Miner et al., Annals Rheumatic Disease, 2014, 71(Suppl 3):446.

Figure 1A

Schematic showing organization of the URAT1(L)GFP construct (N to C terminal direction).

URAT1(L) eGFP V5

<u>Figure 1</u>B

Sequence alignment of the codon optimized URAT1(L)GFP construct with the wild type human URAT1 sequence deposited as NM_144585.

Alignment row 1 is the sequence from accession NM_144585.

Alignment row 2 is the sequence of the construct in the Gateway destination vector pLenti6.3V5/DEST (encoding URAT1(L)GFP) with the nucleotide alignment indicated with NM_144585 above and the nucleotide numbering below.

Alignment row 3 is the amino acid translation with sequence annotation indicated in italics below.

attB1-5′

URAT1 Initiation codon

GTGGGTGGCCTGGGCAGGTTCCCAGGTTCTCCAGACGATGGCTCTGATGGTCTCCATCATG

GTGGGAGGCCTGGGCAGATTCCAGGTGCTGCAGACCATGGCCCTGATGGTGTCCATCATG

V G G L G R F Q V L Q T M A L M V S I M



W A P L L D N S T A Q A S I L G S L S P

GAGGCCCTCCTGGCTATTTCCATCCCGCCGGGCCCCAACCAGAGGCCCCACCAGTGCCGC

E A L L A I S I P P G P N Q R P H Q C R



ACAATCGTGGCCAAGTGGAACCTCGTGTGTGACTCTCATGCTCTGAAGCCCATGGCCCAG

-----+---+----+----+----+----+480 T I V A K W N L V C D S H A L K P M A Q



GCTGCCTTCGCCCTGCCTTCCCCGTGTACTGCCTGTTCCGCTTCCTGTTGGCCTTTGCC

A A F A P A F P V Y C L F R F L L A F A



GCAGTGGCCTACGGTGTGCGGGACTGGACACTGCTGCAGCTGGTGGTCTCGGTCCCCTTC

A V A Y G V R D W T L L Q L V V S V P F



GCAGTGCAGGACACCCTGACCCCTGAGGTCTTGCTTTCAGCCATGCGGGAGGAGCTGAGC

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GACCTGCAGGCCCTGGGCAGCAACATCTTCCTGCTCCAAATGTTCATTGGTGTCGTGGAC

DLQALGSNIFLLQMFIGVVD

M G A L R S A L A V L G L G G V G A A F

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TCCACACAGTTC

 ${\tt TCCACCCAGTTCATGGTGTCCAAGGGGGGGGGGGAGGAACTGTTTACCGGCGTGGTGCCCATCCTG}$



 ${\tt GACCACATGAAGCAGCACGATTTCTTCAAGTCCGCCATGCCCGAGGGCTACGTGCAGGAA}$



D<u>HMKQHDFFKSAMPEGYVQE</u>











ATCCTGGGCCACAAGCTGGAGTACAACTACAACAGCCACAAGGTGTACATCACCGCCGAC

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I_L_G_H_K_L_E_Y_N_Y_N_S_H_K_V_Y_I_T_A_D_

AAGCAGAAAAACGGCATCAAAGTGAACTTCAAGACCCGGCACAACATCGAGGACGGAAGC

K<u>QKNGIKVNFKTRHNIEDGS</u>

CCTGACAACCACTACCTGAGCACCCAGTCCGCCCTGAGCAAGGACCCCAACGAGAAGCGG

P_D_N_H_Y_L_S_T_Q_S_A_L_S_K_D_P_N_E_K_R_

GACCACATGGTGCTGCTGGAATTCGTGACCGCCGCTGGCATCACACTGGGCATGGACGAG

D H M V L L E F V T A A G I T L G M D E

attB2-3'

 ${\tt CTGTACAAGTACCCAGCTTTCTTGTACAAAGTGGTTGATATCCAGCACAGTGGCGGCCGC$

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L_Y_K_I_P_A_F_L_Y_K_V_N_I_Q_H_S_G_G_R_

End of EGFP

TCGAGTCTAGAGGGCCCGCGGTTCGAAGGTAAGCCTATCCCTAACCCTCTCCTCGGTCTC

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S S L E G P R F E G K P I P N P L L G L

V5 EPITOPE

GATTCTACGCGTACCGGTTAGTAATGA

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STOP

Figure 2 IC₅₀ plot showing benzbromarone-mediated inhibition of [¹⁴C] uric acid uptake by hURAT1 overexpressing cell line. This plot represents the average percentage inhibition of the concentration responsive data for benzbromarone (over 900 data points per concentration). It should be noted that pharmacological blockade of uptake is equivalent to uptake in parental cell lines lacking human URAT1 expression. Error bars are standard deviation.



7. Pharmacokinetic profile of compound 10i in the rat

All experiments involving animals were conducted in our AAALAC-accredited facilities and were reviewed and approved by the Pfizer Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.



8. Proposed Metabolites of compound 10f Identified in Human, Rat, Dog and Cynomolgus Monkey Liver Microsomes and Hepatocytes



Metabolites of 10f in Human, Rat, Dog and Cynomolgus Monkey Liver Microsomes

	,	Abundance compared to unchanged drug (%; MS response)			
M#	m/z	Human	Rat	Dog	Cynomolgus Monkey
10f	429	100	100	100	100
M1	294	2.0	0.4	< 0.1	0.8
M2	591	ND	ND	ND	ND
M3	427	0.9	0.6	0.2	2
M4	605	ND	ND	ND	ND

M5	445	10.2	< 0.1	ND	5	
M6	621	ND	ND	ND	ND	
M7	445	3.6	3.2	2.1	10	
M8	583	ND	ND	ND	ND	
M9	397	ND	ND	ND	ND	
M10	454	ND	ND	ND	ND	_

Not Detected (ND)

Metabolites of 10f Identified in Human, Rat, Dog and Cynomolgus Monkey Hepatocytes

	,	Abundance compared to unchanged drug (%; MS response)			
M#	m/z	Human	Rat	Dog	Cynomolgus Monkey
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M1	294	0.7	0.1	ND	0.6
M2	591	0.2	ND	ND	0.7
M3	427	ND	ND	ND	ND
M4	605	1	ND	0.2	0.4
M5	445	ND	ND	ND	ND
M6	621	ND	1.3	ND	0.4
M7	445	< 0.1	ND	ND	ND
M8	583	2.7	ND	0.1	19
M9	397	0.9	ND	ND	5
M10	454	0.4	ND	ND	2

Not Detected (ND)

<u>9. Proposed Metabolites of compound 10i Identified in Human, Rat, Dog and Cynomolgus</u> <u>Monkey Liver Microsomes and Hepatocytes</u>



Metabolites of 10i Identified in Human, Rat, Dog and Cynomolgus Monkey Liver Microsomes

M#	m/z	Human	Rat	Dog	Cynomolgus Monkey
10i	434	+++	+++	+++	+++
M1	610	ND	ND	ND	ND
M2	610	ND	ND	ND	ND
M3	450	t	t	t	+
M4	448	+	+	t	t

+++ Observed as a major peak in the UV profile

++ Observed as a minor peak in the UV profile

+ Observed as a trace peak in the UV profile

t Detected only by mass spectrometry

ND Not Detected

M#	m/z	Human	Rat	Dog	Cynomolgus Monkey
10i	434	+++	+++	+++	+++
M1	610	t	ND	ND	+
M2	610	t	+++	ND	++
M3	450	ND	ND	ND	ND
M4	448	++	+	t	++

Metabolites of 10i Identified in Human, Rat, Dog and Cynomolgus Monkey Hepatocytes

Observed as a major peak in the UV profile Observed as a minor peak in the UV profile Observed as a trace peak in the UV profile Detected only by mass spectrometry +++

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ND Not Detected