Supplementary Information

Synthesis of plasmodione metabolites and ¹³C-enriched plasmodione as

chemical tools for drug metabolism investigation

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Synthesis of 4-oxo-4-phenylbutanoic acid (1a/1b): Dihydrofuran-2,5-dione-2,3,4,5-13C₄ (1 equiv., 500 mg, 4.81 mmol) was refluxed in sulfuryl chloride (24.2 mL) for 3 hours under argon atmosphere. Excess of sulfuryl chloride was removed under vacuum and the residue suspended in tetrachloroethane (20 mL) in an ice-water bath. Addition of benzene-1,2,3,4,5,6- $^{13}C_6$ (1 equiv., 404 mg, 0.43 mL, 6.71 mmol) was followed by portion-wise addition of fresh aluminium chloride (4.71 equiv., 3015 mg, 22.6 mmol) with stirring. The resulting mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under argon atmosphere, gradually deepening in color. The reaction was poured into the mixture of ice (50 g) and concentrated HCI (5 ml, 37%), the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The remaining mixture was extracted with ether (5×25 ml). The combined organic layers were washed with water (2×25 ml), brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a yellowish solid (887 mg, 98%). 4-oxo-4-phenylbutanoic acid (1a): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.99 (d, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz, phenylH), 7.58 (t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz, phenylH), 7.47 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz, phenylH), 3.32 (t, 2H, J = 6.6 Hz, CH₂), 2.82 (t, 2H, J = 6.6 Hz, CH₂) ppm (see Fig. S1, ESI⁺). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.9, 178.4, 136.5, 133.5, 128.8, 128.2, 33.3, 28.1 ppm (see Fig. S2, ESI⁺). HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₁O₃: 179.0703; found 179.0702. **4-oxo-4-(phenyl-¹³C₆)butanoic-1,2,3,4-¹³C₄ acid** (1b): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.98 (dm, 2H, J = 164.0 Hz, phenylH), 7.56 (dt, 1H, J = 150.2 Hz, J = 7.7Hz, phenylH), 7.47 (dt, 2H, J = 161.3 Hz, J = 7.9 Hz phenylH), 3.32 (dm, 2H, J = 126.8 Hz, J = 5.6 Hz, CH₂), 2.82 (ddm, 2H, J = 129.3 Hz, J = 7.5 Hz, J = 3.5 Hz, CH₂) ppm(see Fig. S1, ESI⁺). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.0 (dd, J = 52.5 Hz, J = 39.8 Hz), 177.7 (d, J = 56.3 Hz), 136.5 (qm, J = 49.5 Hz), 133.5 (tm, J = 50.3 Hz), 128.5 (td, J = 39.1 Hz, J = 3.5 Hz), 128.5 (dtt, J = 76.7 Hz, J = 53.3 Hz, J = 3.5 Hz), 33.4 (td, J = 40.0 Hz, J = 13.1 Hz), 28.0 (dd, J = 56.8 Hz, J = 38.3 Hz) ppm (see Fig. S2, ESI⁺). ESI-MS m/z: $[M+H]^+$ calcd for ${}^{13}C_{10}H_{11}O_3$: 189.15; found 189.10.

Synthesis of 4-phenylbutanoic acid (2a/2b): To a solution of 4-oxo-4-(phenyl- $^{13}C_6$)butanoic-1,2,3,4- $^{13}C_4$ acid 1b (1 equiv., 800 mg, 4.25 mmol) in diethylene glycol (12.9 mL) was added hydrazine monohydrate (5.2 equiv., 1108 mg, 1.08 mL, 22.1 mmol). After stirring at room temperature for 30 min, KOH (4.57 equiv., 1282 mg, 19.4 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was heated at 120°C for 1.5 hours. Then the reaction mixture was heated (T = 215 °C) to distilled low boiling material; when diethylene glycol started to be distilled, the heating was stopped. The reaction mixture was then refluxed for 3 hours. After cooling down, the reaction mixture was poured into ice (25 g), acidified to pH = 2 and extracted with Et₂O (5×20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (2×25 mL) and brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduce pressure to give a brownish visqueous oil (699.2 mg, 94%). **4-phenylbutanoic acid (2a):** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.28 (m, 2H, phenylH), 7.19 (m, 3H, phenylH), 2.67 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.5 Hz, CH₂), 2.37 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.5 Hz, CH₂), 1.97 (p, 2H, *J* = 7.5 Hz, CH₂) ppm (see Fig. S3, ESI†). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45 (m, 2H, phenylH), 7.07 (m, 3H, phenylH), 2.68 (dm, 2H, *J* = 121.3 Hz, CH₂), 2.37 (dm, 2H, *J* = 122.1 Hz, CH₂), 1.98 (dm, 2H, *J* = 131.2 Hz, CH₂) ppm (see Fig. S3, ESI†). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 180.23 (d, *J* = 54.1Hz), 142.4-140.61 (m), 129.0 (t, *J* = 39.3 Hz), 128.5 (t, *J* = 39.3 Hz), 127.3-125.5 (m), 35.3 (t, *J* = 38.6 Hz), 33.7 (dd, *J* = 55.2 Hz, *J* = 34.5 Hz), 26.5 (t, *J* = 34.4 Hz) ppm (see Fig. S4, ESI[†]). ESI-MS *m*/*z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for ¹³C₁₀H₁₃O₂: 175.13; found 175.09.

Synthesis of 3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(*2H*)-one (**3a**/**3b**): 4-(phenyl- ${}^{13}C_6$) butanoic-1,2,3,4- ${}^{13}C_4$ acid **2b** (1 equiv., 660 mg, 3.79 mmol) was added to methanesulfonic acid (41.3 equiv., 15036 mg, 10.15 mL, 156.5 mmol) and the mixture was heated at 90 °C for 30 min under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was then poured into ice-water and extracted with ether (3×40 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with diluted sodium bicarbonate (20 mL), water (2×15 mL) and brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduce pressure to give a yellowish liquid (554.7 mg, 94%). **3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one (3a)**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.9 Hz, ArH), 7.47 (td, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz, *J* = 1.1 Hz, ArH), 7.31 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.7 Hz, ArH), 7.25 (m, 1H, ArH), 2.97 (t, 2H, *J* = 5.9 Hz, CH₂), 2.66 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.6 Hz, CH₂), 2.14 (tt, 2H, *J* = 5.9 Hz, *J* = 6.6 Hz, CH₂) ppm (see Fig. S5, ESI+). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.7, 144.8, 133.7,132.9, 129.1, 127.5, 126.9, 39.5, 30.1, 23.6 ppm (see Fig. S6, ESI+). HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₁O₁: 147.0804; found 147.0812. **3,4-dihydro-naphthalen-1(2H)-one-** ${}^{13}C_{10}$ (**3b**): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03 (d, 1H, *J* = 106.1 Hz, ArH), 7.47 (m, 1H, *J* = 157.4 Hz, ArH), 7.31 (m, 1H, *J* = 162.4 Hz, ArH), 7.25 (m, 1H, *J* = 158.3 Hz, ArH), 2.96 (d, 2H, *J* = 132.3 Hz, CH₂), 2.66 (dm, 2H, *J* = 127.7 Hz, *J* = 5.7 Hz, CH₂), 2.14 (d, 2H, *J* = 131.3 Hz, CH₂) ppm (see Fig. S5, ESI+). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.5 (dd, *J* = 50.1 Hz, *J* = 41.0 Hz), 144.6 (dd, *J* = 102.7 Hz, *J* = 50.4 Hz), 133.3 (q, *J* = 51.9 Hz), 132.9 (dd, *J* = 140.3 Hz, *J* = 57.8 Hz), 128.9 (tq, *J* = 56.3 Hz, *J* = 30. Hz), 127.5 (m), 126.9 (m), 39.5 (ddd, *J* = 42.1 Hz, *J* = 31.8 Hz, *J* = 122.2 Hz), 30.1 (dd, *J* = 39.8 Hz, *J* = 34.5 Hz), 23.6 (t, *J* = 33.2 Hz) ppm (see Fig. S6, ESI+). ESI-MS *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for ¹³C₁₀H₁₁O₁: 157.16; found 157.12.

4-oxo-4-phenylbutanoic acid (1a/1b):



4-oxo-4-(phenyl- ${}^{13}C_6$)butanoic-1,2,3,4- ${}^{13}C_4$ acid



Figure S1. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 4-oxo-4-phenylbutanoic acid **1a** and 4-oxo-4-(phenyl-¹³ C_6)butanoic-1,2,3,4-¹³ C_4 acid **1b**. The black line represents **1a** and the green line represents **1b**.





Figure S2. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) of 4-oxo-4-phenylbutanoic acid **1a** and 4-oxo-4-(phenyl-¹³ C_6)butanoic-1,2,3,4-¹³ C_4 acid **1b**. The black line represents **1a** and the green line represents **1b**.

4-phenylbutanoic acid (2a/2b):



4-(phenyl- ${}^{13}C_6$)butanoic-1,2,3,4- ${}^{13}C_4$ acid

¹H NMR



Figure S3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 4-phenylbutanoic acid **2a** and 4-(phenyl-¹³ C_6)butanoic-1,2,3,4-¹³ C_4 acid **2b**. The black line represents **2a** and the green line represents **2b**.



Figure S4. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of 4-phenylbutanoic acid **2a** and 4-(phenyl-¹³ C_6)butanoic-1,2,3,4-¹³ C_4 acid **2b**. The black line represents **2a** and the green line represents **2b**.

3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one (3a/3b):



3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one- ${}^{13}C_{10}$

¹H NMR



Figure S5. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of tetralone **3a** and ¹³C₁₀-enriched tetralone **3b**. The black line represents **3a** and the green line represents **3b**.



Figure S6. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of tetralone **3a** and ¹³C₁₀-enriched tetralone **3b**. The black line represents **3a** and the green line represents **3b**.

1-bromo-4-iodobenzene (4a/4b):



Figure S7. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 1-bromo-4-iodobenzene **4a** and 1-bromo-4-iodobenzene-1,2,3,4,5,6-¹³ C_6 **4b**. The black line represents **4a** and the green line represents **4b**.



Figure S8. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of 1-bromo-4-iodobenzene **4a** and 1-bromo-4-iodobenzene-1,2,3,4,5,6-¹³ C_6 **4b**. The black line represents **4a** and the green line represents **4b**.

4-(trifluoromethyl)benzaldehyde (6a/6b):



4-(trifluoromethyl)benzaldehyde-1,2,3,4,5,6-¹³C₆



Figure S9. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of *p*-trifluoromethylbenzaldehyde **6a** and ${}^{13}C_{T}p$ -trifluoromethylbenzaldehyde **6b**. The black line represents **6a** and the green line represents **6b**.

¹³C NMR



Figure S10. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of *p*-trifluoromethylbenzaldehyde **6a** and ${}^{13}C_{7}p$ -trifluoromethylbenzaldehyde **6b**. The black line represents **6a** and the green line represents **6b**.



Figure S11. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) of *p*-trifluoromethylbenzaldehyde **6a** and ${}^{13}C_{7}$ -*p*-trifluoromethylbenzaldehyde **6b**. The black line represents **6a** and the green line represents **6b**.

2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one (7a/7b):



2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl-1,2,3,4,5,6- $^{13}C_6$)methylene- ^{13}C)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(*2H*)-one- $^{13}C_{10}$

¹H NMR



Figure S12. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one **7a** and 2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl-1,2,3,4,5,6-¹³ C_6)methylene-¹³C)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one-¹³ C_{10} **7b**. The black line represents **7a** and the green line represents **7b**.



Figure S13. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one **7a** and 2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl-1,2,3,4,5,6-¹³ C_6)methylene-¹³C)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one-¹³ C_{10} **7b**. The black line represents **7a** and the green line represents **7b**.

¹⁹F NMR



Figure S14. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one **7a** and 2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl-1,2,3,4,5,6-¹³ C_6)methylene-¹³C)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one-¹³ C_{10} **7b**. The black line represents **7a** and the green line represents **7b**.

2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)naphthalen-1-ol (8a/8b):



2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl-1,2,3,4,5,6- $^{13}C_6$)methyl- ^{13}C)naphthalen-1-ol- $^{13}C_{10}$

¹H NMR



Figure S15. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)naphthalen-1-ol **8a** and 2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl-1,2,3,4,5,6-¹³ C_6)methyl-¹³C)naphthalen-1-ol-¹³ C_{10} **8b**. The black line represents **8a** and the green line represents **8b**.





Figure S16. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)naphthalen-1-ol **8a** and 2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl-1,2,3,4,5,6-¹³ C_6)methyl-¹³C)naphthalen-1-ol-¹³ C_{10} **8b**. The black line represents **8a** and the green line represents **8b**.



Figure S17. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)naphthalen-1-ol **8a** and 2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl-1,2,3,4,5,6-¹³ C_6)methyl-¹³C)naphthalen-1-ol-¹³ C_{10} **8b**. The black line represents **8a** and the green line represents **8b**.

2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)naphthalene-1,4-dione (9a/9b):



ppm 9.5 8.5 3.5 0.5 9 8 7.5 7 6.5 5.5 4.5 4 3 2.5 1.5 1 6 2

Figure S18. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)naphthalene-1,4-dione **9a** and 2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl-1,2,3,4,5,6-¹³ C_6)methyl-¹³C)naphthalene-1,4-dione-¹³ C_{10} **9b**. The black line represents **9a** and the green line represents **9b**.

¹³C NMR



Figure S19. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)naphthalene-1,4-dione **9a** and 2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl-1,2,3,4,5,6-¹³ C_6)methyl-¹³C)naphthalene-1,4-dione-¹³ C_{10} **9b**. The black line represents **9a** and the green line represents **9b**.

¹⁹F NMR



Figure S20. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)naphthalene-1,4-dione **9a** and 2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl-1,2,3,4,5,6-¹³ C_6)methyl-¹³C)naphthalene-1,4-dione-¹³ C_{10} **9b**. The black line represents **9a** and the green line represents **9b**.

2-(methyl-¹³C)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)naphthalene-1,4-dione (10a/10b):



2-(methyl-¹³C)-3-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl-1,2,3,4,5,6- $^{13}C_6$)methyl- ^{13}C)naphthalene-1,4-dione- $^{13}C_{10}$

¹H NMR



Figure S21. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of plasmodione and ¹³C₁₈-plasmodione **10b** and ¹³C₁-plasmodione **10a**. The black line represents plasmodione, the red line represents **10b** and the green line represents **10a**.

¹³C NMR



Figure S22. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of plasmodione and ¹³C₁₈-plasmodione **10b** and ¹³C₁-plasmodione **10a**. The black line represents plasmodione, the red line represents **10b** and the green line represents **10a**.



Figure S23. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) of plasmodione and ¹³C₁₈-plasmodione **10b** and ¹³C₁-plasmodione **10a**. The black line represents plasmodione, the red line represents **10b** and the green line represents **10a**.



Figure S24. ESI-MS mass spectra of ${}^{13}C_{18}$ -plasmodione **10b**. Analyses were performed on an LTQ-Orbitrap Discovery instrument (R=30,000 at m/z 400).

2-methyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)naphthalene-1,4-dione-1-¹³C (10c):



2-methyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)naphthalene-1,4-dione-1-13C



Figure S25. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of ¹³C₁-plasmodione **10c** and its impurity. The black line represents ¹³C₁-plasmodione **10c** contaminated by the ¹³C₁-epoxide as an impurity < 4% and the green line represents the pure epoxide **11**.



Figure S26. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of ¹³C₁-plasmodione **10c** and its impurity. The black line represents ¹³C₁-plasmodione **10c** contaminated by the ¹³C₁-epoxide as an impurity < 4% and the green line represents the pure epoxide **11**.

1a-methyl-7a-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)-1a,7a-dihydronaphtho[2,3-b]oxirene-2,7-dione (11):



1a-methyl-7a-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)-1a,7a-dihydronaphtho[2,3-b]oxirene-2,7-dione



Figure S27. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) of 1a-methyl-7a-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)-1a,7a-dihydronaphtho[2,3-b]oxirene-2,7-dione **11**.



Figure S28. 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of 1a-methyl-7a-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)-1a,7a-dihydronaphtho[2,3-b]oxirene-2,7-dione **11**.



Figure S29. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) of 1a-methyl-7a-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)-1a,7a-dihydronaphtho[2,3-b]oxirene-2,7-dione **11**.

2-(hydroxy(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)-3-methylnaphthalene-1,4-dione (14):



Figure S30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2-(hydroxy(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)-3-methylnaphthalene-1,4-dione **14**.



Figure S31. 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2-(hydroxy(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)-3-methylnaphthalene-1,4-dione **14**.



Figure S32. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2-(hydroxy(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)-3-methylnaphthalene-1,4-dione **14**.

(1,4-bis(methoxymethoxy)-3-methylnaphthalen-2-yl)(2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)met hanone (22):



(1,4-bis(methoxymethoxy)-3-methylnaphthalen-2-yl)(2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone ¹H NMR



Figure S33. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of (1,4-bis(methoxymethoxy)-3-methylnaphthalen-2-yl) (2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone **22**.

(2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)(1-hydroxy-4-(methoxymethoxy)-3-methylnaphthalen-2-y l)methanone (23):



Figure S34. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of (2-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)(1-hydroxy-4-(methoxymethoxy)-3-methylnaphthalen-2-yl)methanone **23**.

5-(methoxymethoxy)-6-methyl-10-(trifluoromethyl)-7H-benzo[c]xanthen-7-one (24):



5-(methoxymethoxy)-6-methyl-10-(trifluoromethyl)-7*H*-benzo[*c*]xanthen-7-one



Figure S35. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 5-(methoxymethoxy)-6-methyl-10-(trifluoromethyl)-7H-benzo[*c*]xanthen-7-one **24**.



Figure S36. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of 5-(methoxymethoxy)-6-methyl-10-(trifluoromethyl)-7H-benzo[c]xanthen-7-one **24**.

¹³C NMR and DEPT



Figure S37. NMR spectrum of 5-(methoxymethoxy)-6-methyl-10-(trifluoromethyl)-7H-benzo[*c*]xanthen-7-one (**24**): zoom of ¹³C and DEPT spectrum.



Figure S38. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) of 5-(methoxymethoxy)-6-methyl-10-(trifluoromethyl)-7H-benzo[c]xanthen-7-one **24**.

5-hydroxy-6-methyl-10-(trifluoromethyl)-7H-benzo[c]xanthen-7-one (15):







Figure S39. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) of 5-hydroxy-6-methyl-10-(trifluoromethyl)- 7H-benzo[c]xanthen-7-one **15**.



Figure S40. ¹H NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) of 5-hydroxy-6-methyl-10-(trifluoromethyl)- 7H-benzo[c]xanthen-7-one **15**.

2-(hydroxymethyl)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)naphthalene-1,4-dione (17):



Figure S41. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2-(hydroxymethyl)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)naphthalene-1,4-dione **17**.



Figure S42. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2-(hydroxymethyl)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)naphthalene-1,4-dione **17**.



Figure S43. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2-(hydroxymethyl)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)naphthalene-1,4-dione **17**.

MS data acquisition of drug metabolites

The experiment was performed by using an UHPLC coupling to a triple quadripole Shimadzu LC-MS 8030 operating in the negative ion mode at Plate-forme de Chimie Biologique Integrative de Strasbourg (TechMed^{ILL}, Patrick Gizzi, Strasbourg).

The urine samples were loaded and separated on kinetex 2.6μ C8 100A 50x2.1 mm maintained at 50°C, with a flow rate set at 500 μ L/min. The gradient condition was described as follows: Mobile phases were water containing 0.05% formic acid (mobile phase A) and acetonitrile (ACN) (mobile phase B). The gradient conditions implied first a from 0 to 0.1 min equilibration at 40% B, then the proportion of B was raised to 100% from 0.6 to 0.9 min. The proportion of B was decreased to 40% from 0.92 to 2.3 min (total runtime: 2.3 min).



Figure S44. UHPLC spectrum of hydroxyl plasmodione metabolites. a) Naive mouse 24 h post 1st injection of plasmodione. b) Naive mouse 24 h post 2nd injection of plasmodione



Figure S45. UHPLC spectrum of hydroxyl plasmodione metabolites. a) Infected mouse 1 day post 1st injection of plasmodione. b) Infected mouse 1 day post 2nd injection of plasmodione. c) Infected mouse 1 day post 3rd injection of plasmodione. d) Infected mouse 2 days post 3rd injection of plasmodione.



Figure S46. UHPLC/MS-MS spectrum of 6-hydroxyl plasmodione **16a** which have incubated 0 or 1 hour with mice liver microsomes and 6-glucuronic plasmodione metabolites.



Figure S47. UHPLC/MS-MS spectrum of 7-hydroxyl plasmodione **16b** which have incubated 0 or 1 hour with mice liver microsomes and 7-glucuronic plasmodione metabolites.

Naive mouse 24 h post 1st injection of plasmodione



Figure S48. UHPLC/MS-MS spectrum of mice urine: Naive mouse 24 h post 1st injection of plasmodione.





Figure S49. UHPLC/MS-MS spectrum of mice urine: Naive mouse 24 h post 2nd injection of plasmodione.

Infected mouse 1 day post 3rd injection of plasmodione



Figure S50. UHPLC/MS-MS spectrum of mice urine: Infected mouse 1 day post 3rd injection of plasmodione.

Infected mouse 2 days post 3rd injection of plasmodione



Figure S51. UHPLC/MS-MS spectrum of mice urine: Infected mouse 2 day post 3rd injection of plasmodione.