Electronic Supplementary Information

# Fine-tuning thio-pyridazinediones as SMDC scaffolds (with intracellular thiol release *via* a novel self-immolative linker)

Marcos Fernández<sup>a</sup>, André Shamsabadi<sup>a</sup> and Vijay Chudasama<sup>a</sup>

a. Department of Chemistry, University College London, 20 Gordon Street, WC1H 0AJ, London, UK.

### **General Experimental**

All reagents were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, Thermo Fisher and Acros. Compounds and solvents were used as received. Petrol refers to petroleum ether (40-60 °C). All reactions were monitored using thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on pre-coated SIL G/UV254 silica gel plates (254 µm). Detection was by UV (254 nm and 365 nm) or chemical stain (KMnO<sub>4</sub>). The term *in vacuo* refers to solvent removal using Büchi rotary evaporation between 15–60 °C, at approximately 10 mmHg. Flash column chromatography was carried out with preloaded FlashPure flash cartridges on a Biotage Isolera Spektra One flash chromatography system. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were obtained at 600 or 700 MHz and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were obtained at 150 MHz on Bruker NMR instrument Avance III 600 or Bruker NMR instrument Avane Neo 700. All samples were run at the default number of scans and at 21 °C. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR are quoted relative to residual signals of the solvent on a parts per million (ppm) scale. Coupling constants (J values) are reported in Hertz (Hz) and are reported as  $J_{H-H}$ couplings. The multiplicity of each signal is indicated as s-singlet, d-doublet, t-triplet, q-quartet and m-multiplet (i.e. complex peak obtained due to overlap). App. implies apparent. Infrared spectra were obtained on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum 100 FTIR Spectrometer operating in ATR mode with frequencies given in reciprocal centimetres (cm<sup>-1</sup>). Optical rotations were determined from an average of five measurements at 21 °C using a 1 mL, 1 dm cell and were measured using a Perkin-Elmer 343 polarimeter.  $[\alpha]_D$  values are reported in 10<sup>-1</sup> deg cm<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>, c is concentration (g/100 mL). Mass spectra were obtained for synthetic products, from the UCL mass spectroscopy service on either a Thermo Finnigan MAT900Xp (EI and CI) or Waters LCT Premier XE (ES) mass spectrometer. Melting points and decomposition temperatures (d.t.) were measured with a Gallenkamp apparatus and are uncorrected. All bioconjugation reactions were carried out in duplicate.

### **Bioconjugation General Remarks**

Conjugation experiments were carried out in standard polypropylene Eppendorf® safe-lock tubes (2.0 mL) at atmospheric pressure. All buffer solutions were prepared with doubly deionised water and filter-sterilised. Phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) was 10 mM phosphates, 137 mM NaCl and 2.7 mM KCl at pH 7.4. Ultrafiltration was carried out in Amicon® Ultra-4 Centrifugal Filter Units with a molecular weight cut-off (MWCO) of 5 kDa or in Vivaspin® 500 centrifugal concentrators (5 kDa MWCO). Centrifugation was carried out on an Eppendorf 5415R fixed

angle rotor centrifuge operating at 14000 rcf at 21 °C or in an Eppendorf 5810 swing-bucket rotor centrifuge operating at 3220 rcf at 21 °C. FPLC system (GE Healthcare), equilibrated in PBS. Detection was by absorption at 280 nm.

## **Protein LC-MS**

After the 4 h incubations, the samples were diluted to 3  $\mu$ M (0.2 mg/mL) in ammonium acetate buffer (20 mM, pH 7.4) and submitted to the Chemistry Mass Spectrometry Facility at the Chemistry Department, UCL for analysis of unmodified protein on the Agilent 6510 QTOF LC-MS system (Agilent, UK). 10  $\mu$ L of each sample were injected onto a PLRP-S, 1000A, 8  $\mu$ M, 150 mm × 2.1 mm column, which was maintained at 60 °C. The separation was achieved using mobile phase A (95% H<sub>2</sub>O, 5% MeCN, 0.1% formic acid) and B (95% MeCN, 5% H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.1% formic acid) using a gradient elution. Agilent 6510 QTOF mass spectrometer was operated in a positive polarity mode, coupled with an ESI ion source. The ion source parameters were set up with a VCap of 3500 V, a gas temperature at 350 °C, a dry gas flow rate at 10 L/min and a nebulizer of 30 psig. MS TOF was acquired under conditions of a fragmentor at 350 V, a skimmer at 65 V and an acquisition rate at 0.5 spectra/s in a profile mode, within a scan range between 40,000 and 100,000 *m/z* in profile mode. The raw data was converted to zero charge mass spectra using maximum entropy deconvolution algorithm over the *ca*. region 18.5–22.8 min with MassHunter software (version B.07.00).

# **Small Molecule LC-MS**

After 0.05, 1, 2, 4 and 24 h incubations, the samples were analysed on a Waters Acquity uPLC connected to Waters Acquity Single Quad Detector (SQD) and a photodiode array. Flow rate was set at 0.600 mL/min. LC-MS was performed on a ThermoScientific MSQ Plus connected to an Accela 1250 pump and Accela UV-Vis detector, with 10  $\mu$ L of each sample being injected onto an Acquity UPLC BEH C18 (50 × 21 mm) maintained at 50 °C. The separation was achieved using mobile phase A (H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.1% formic acid) and B (MeCN, 0.1% formic acid) using a gradient elution. Mobile phase: 95:5 A:B; gradient over 5 minutes to 5:95 A:B. MS mode ES+; scan range: m/z 100–1000; scan time: 0.25 s. The electrospray source of the MS was operated with a capillary voltage of 3.5 kV and a cone voltage of 20 V were employed. All deconvoluted mass spectra were produced using the software provided by the manufacturer.

# **UV–Vis Spectroscopy**

UV-Vis spectroscopy was used to determine the maximum UV absorption of a given reaction mixture. Measurements were obtained using a Varian Cary 100 Bio UV-Visible spectrophotometer operating at 21 °C. Sample buffer was used as a blank for baseline correction.

# **Fluorescence Emission Spectroscopy**

Fluorescence emission spectroscopy was used to determine the maximum fluorescence emission of a given reaction mixture. Measurements were obtained using a Varian Cary Eclipse Fluorescence spectrophotometer operating at 21 °C. Sample buffer was used as a blank for baseline correction.

# Synthesis of compounds

Di-tert-butyl 1,2-diethylhydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate<sup>1</sup>



To a solution of di-*tert*-butyl hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (3.10 g, 13.4 mmol) and bromoethane (2.34 mL, 31.4 mmol) in DMF (60 mL) was added cesium carbonate (17.4 g, 47.4 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred at 21 °C for 21 h. Following this, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (60 mL) and extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 35$  mL). The organic extracts were combined and subsequently washed with sat. aq. LiCl solution (35 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (0–20% EtOAc/Pet.). The appropriate fractions were then combined and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford di-*tert*-butyl 1,2-diethylhydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (3.70 g, 12.8 mmol, 96%) as a colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rotamers)  $\delta$  3.54–3.38 (m, 4H), 1.50–1.43 (m, 18H), 1.18–1.14 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rotamers)  $\delta$  155.8 (C), 155.1 (C), 154.9 (C), 80.7 (C), 80.6 (C), 80.5 (C), 46.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 44.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (thin film) 2976, 1703 cm<sup>-1</sup>.





Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>CNMR data for di-*tert*-butyl 1,2-diethylhydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate.

#### 4-Bromo-1,2-diethyl-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione<sup>2</sup>



To a solution of bromomaleic anhydride (0.16 mL, 1.7 mmol) in AcOH (5 mL) was added di*tert*-butyl 1,2-diethylhydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (0.50 g, 1.7 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred under reflux for 17 h. Following this, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (15–85% EtOAc/Pet.). The appropriate fractions were then combined and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford 4-bromo-1,2-diethyl-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione (0.40 g, 1.6 mmol, 94%) as a brown solid. m.p 73–76 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.39 (s, 1H), 4.18 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.4 (C), 154.3 (C), 135.9 (CH), 134.0 (C), 42.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 41.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (solid)





Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data for 4-bromo-1,2-diethyl-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione.

# 4,5-Dibromo-1,2-diethyl-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione<sup>1</sup>



To a solution of dibromomaleic acid **19** (1.27 g, 4.64 mmol) in AcOH (6 mL) was added di-*tert*butyl 1,2-diethylhydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (1.10 g, 3.81 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred under reflux for 20 h. Following this, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (15–60% EtOAc/Pet.). The appropriate fractions were then combined and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford 4,5-dibromo-1,2diethyl-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione (1.00 g, 3.07 mmol, 81%) as an orange solid. m.p. 115– 117 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.18 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.3 (C), 136.1 (C), 42.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (solid) 2978, 2937, 1655, 1567 cm<sup>-1</sup>.





Figure **S3**. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data for 4,5-dibromo-1,2-diethyl-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione.

#### 1,2-Diethyl-4-(phenylthio)-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione 2



To a solution of thiophenol (0.05 mL, 0.5 mmol) and triethylamine (0.18 mL, 1.3 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) at 21 °C, was added a solution of 4-bromo-1,2-diethyl-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione (0.11 g, 0.45 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL), and the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 mins. Following this, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) and washed with water (3 × 15 mL) and brine (15 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (15–85% EtOAc/Pet.). The appropriate fractions were then combined and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford 1,2-diethyl-4-(phenylthio)-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione (0.11 g, 0.40 mmol, 89%) as a green solid. m.p. 104–105 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.53–7.46 (m, 5H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.3 (C), 155.7 (C), 151.9 (C), 135.8 (C), 130.7 (CH), 130.5 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 123.0 (CH), 40.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (solid) 2967, 2926, 2854, 1654, 1616, 1573 cm<sup>-1</sup>; LRMS (ES+) 277 (100, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ES+) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 277.1011, observed 277.1011.



Figure **S4**. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data for 1,2-diethyl-4-(phenylthio)-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6dione **2**.

Methyl *N-(tert-*butoxycarbonyl)-*S-*(1,2-diethyl-3,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazin-4-yl)cysteinate 3



To a solution of N-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-L-cysteine methyl ester (0.24 g, 1.02 mmol) and triethylamine (0.40 mL, 2.9 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (8 mL) at 21 °C, was added a solution of 4-bromo-1,2-diethyl-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione (0.24 g, 0.97 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (8 mL), and the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 mins. Following this, the reaction mixture was diluted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (20 mL) and washed with water (3 × 15 mL) and brine (15 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (20-85% EtOAc/Pet.). The appropriate fractions were then combined and concentrated in vacuo to afford methyl N-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-S-(1,2-diethyl-3,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazin-4-yl)cysteinate (0.31 g, 0.77 mmol, 80%) as a white solid.  $[\alpha]_D^{20.0}$ +3.0 (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); m.p. 86–90 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.56 (s, 1H), 5.37 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.68–4.65 (m, 1H), 4.17–4.07 (m, 4H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.31 (dd, J = 13.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, J = 13.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.5 (C), 156.9 (C), 155.6 (C), 155.1 (C), 148.7 (C), 122.6 (CH), 80.7 (C), 53.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.2 (CH), 40.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (solid) 2979, 1746, 1709, 1615 cm<sup>-1</sup>; LRMS (ES+) 402  $(100, [M+H]^+)$ ; HRMS (ES+) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 402.1693, observed 402.1694.



Figure **S5**. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data for methyl *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-*S*-(1,2-diethyl-3,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazin-4-yl)cysteinate **3**.

#### 1,2-Diethyl-4,5-bis(phenylthio)-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione 4



To a solution of thiophenol (0.10 mL, 0.97 mmol) and triethylamine (0.39 mL, 2.80 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) at 21 °C, was added a solution of 4,5-dibromo-1,2-diethyl-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione (0.10 g, 0.31 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL), and the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 mins. Following this, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) and washed with water (3 × 15 mL) and brine (15 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (15–80% EtOAc/Pet.). The appropriate fractions were then combined to afford 1,2-diethyl-4,5-bis(phenylthio)-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione (0.09g, 0.23 mmol, 76%) as a yellow solid. m.p. 126–130 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.28–7.25 (m, 7H), 7.22–7.20 (m, 3H), 4.05 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.0 (C), 141.9 (C), 132.6 (C), 131.0 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 41.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 12.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (solid) 3058, 2967, 2928, 1657, 1574 cm<sup>-1</sup>; LRMS (ES+) 385 (100, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ES+) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 385.1039, observed 385.1040.



Figure **S6**. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data for 1,2-diethyl-4,5-bis(phenylthio)-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione **4**.

Dimethyl 3,3'-((1,2-diethyl-3,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazine-4,5diyl)bis(sulfanediyl))bis(2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)propanoate) 5



To a solution of 4,5-dibromo-1,2-diethyl-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione (0.13 g, 0.40 mmol) and *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-L-cysteine methyl ester (0.47 g, 2.0 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was added triethylamine (0.07 mL, 0.5 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred at 21 °C for 65 h. Following this, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) and washed with water ( $3 \times 20$  mL) and brine (15 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (15–60% EtOAc/Pet.). The appropriate fractions were then combined and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford dimethyl 3,3'-((1,2-diethyl-3,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazine-4,5-diyl)bis(sulfanediyl))bis(2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)propanoate) (0.15 g, 0.24 mmol, 59%) as a yellow oil. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20.0</sup> +60.6 (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.76 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.55–4.53 (m, 2H), 4.09– 3.98 (m, 4H), 3.74–3.68 (m, 3H), 3.68 (s, 6H), 3.65–3.60 (m, 1H) 1.38 (s, 18H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.2 (C), 155.3 (C), 155.3 (C), 141.9 (C), 80.1 (C), 53.9 (CH), 52.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 41.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (thin film) 2978, 1707, 1617 cm<sup>-1</sup>; LRMS (ES+) 635 (100, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ES+) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>43</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 635.2415, observed 635.2411.



Figure **S7**. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data for dimethyl 3,3'-((1,2-diethyl-3,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazine-4,5-diyl)bis(sulfanediyl))bis(2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)propanoate)

# Methyl S-(5-bromo-1,2-diethyl-3,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazin-4-yl)-*N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)cysteinate



To a solution of 4,5-dibromo-1,2-diethyl-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione (0.20 g, 0.61 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) at 21 °C, was added dropwise over 10 mins a solution of N-(tertbutoxycarbonyl)-L-cysteine methyl ester (0.14 g, 0.59 mmol) and triethylamine (0.13 mL, 0.93 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL). Following this, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (12 mL) and washed with water  $(3 \times 15 \text{ mL})$  and brine (15 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated in vacuo and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (0-30% EtOAc/CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The appropriate fractions were then combined and afford methyl S-(5-bromo-1,2-diethyl-3,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6concentrated in vacuo to tetrahydropyridazin-4-yl)-N-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)cysteinate (0.17 g, 0.35 mmol, 60%) as a yellow oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{20.0}$  +17.7 (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.42 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.63-4.59 (m, 1H), 4.22-4.03 (m, 4H), 3.85-3.82 (m, 1H), 3.75 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.30–1.25 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.1 (C), 155.2 (C), 154.6 (C), 153.7 (C), 145.3 (C), 130.9 (C), 80.4 (C), 53.9 (CH), 52.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 42.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 41.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 12.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (thin film) 2977, 2934, 1743, 1708, 1622 cm<sup>-1</sup>; LRMS (ES+) 482 (100,  $[M^{81}Br+H]^+$ ), 480 (96,  $[M^{79}Br+H]^+$ ); HRMS (ES+) calcd for  $C_{17}H_{27}N_3O_6SBr [M^{81}Br+H]^+ 482.0779$ , observed 482.0770.



Figure **S8**. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for methyl *S*-(5-bromo-1,2-diethyl-3,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazin-4-yl)-*N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)cysteinate.

# Methyl *N-(tert-*butoxycarbonyl)-*S-*(1,2-diethyl-3,6-dioxo-5-(phenylthio)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazin-4-yl)cysteinate 6



To a solution of methyl S-(5-bromo-1,2-diethyl-3,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazin-4-yl)-N-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)cysteinate (0.45 g, 0.94 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (8 mL) at 21 °C, was added a solution of thiophenol (0.10 mL, 0.98 mmol) and triethylamine (0.20 mL, 1.4 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (8 mL), and the reaction was stirred for 10 mins. Following this, the reaction mixture was diluted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (16 mL) and washed with water (3 × 15 mL) and brine (15 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated in vacuo and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (0-40% EtOAc/CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The appropriate fractions were then combined and concentrated in vacuo to afford methyl N-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-S-(1,2-diethyl-3,6-dioxo-5-(phenylthio)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazin-4-yl)cysteinate (0.24 g, 0.47 mmol, 50%) as a yellow oil.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20.0} + 26.9$  (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37–7.27 (m, 5H), 5.48 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (m, 1H), 4.15–3.98 (m, 4H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.68 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd, J = 14.0, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (s, 9H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.3 (C), 155.8 (C), 155.3 (C), 155.3 (C), 142.6 (C), 142.1 (C), 132.8 (C), 131.1 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 80.3 (C), 53.8 (CH), 52.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 41.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 41.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 12.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (thin film) 2975, 2932, 1743, 1708, 1614 cm<sup>-</sup> <sup>1</sup>; LRMS (ES+) 510 (100,  $[M+H]^+$ ); HRMS (ES+) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub>  $[M+H]^+$  510.1727, observed 510.1718.



Figure **S9**. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for methyl *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-*S*-(1,2-diethyl-3,6-dioxo-5-(phenylthio)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazin-4-yl)cysteinate **6**.

#### 1,2-Diethyl-4,5-bis(p-tolylthio)-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione 8



To a solution of 4,5-dibromo-1,2-diethyl-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione (1.63 g, 5.00 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) at 21 °C, was added a solution of 4-methylbenzenethiol **23** (1.55 g, 12.5 mmol) and triethylamine (2.27 mL, 16.3 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), and the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 mins. Following this, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) and washed with water ( $3 \times 30$  mL) and brine (30 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (10–60% EtOAc/Pet.). The appropriate fractions were then combined and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford 1,2-diethyl-4,5-bis(*p*-tolylthio)-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione (1.85 g, 4.49 mmol, 90%) as a yellow solid. m.p. 114–116 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.15 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 4.02 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 2.33 (s, 6H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.1 (C), 142.3 (C), 138.1 (C), 131.3 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 129.3 (C), 41.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 12.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (solid) 2980, 2956, 2923, 2868, 1617, 1567 cm<sup>-1</sup>; LRMS (ES+) 413 (100, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ES+) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 413.1352, observed 413.1346.



Figure **S10**. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for 1,2-diethyl-4,5-bis(*p*-tolylthio)-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione **8**.

1,2-Diethyl-4,5-bis((4-(((2-oxo-2*H*-chromen-7-yl)oxy)methyl)phenyl)thio)-1,2dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione 13



To a solution of 1,2-diethyl-4,5-bis(p-tolylthio)-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione 8 (0.11 g, 0.27 mmol) in fluorobenzene (6 mL) was added NBS 9 (0.13 g, 0.73 mmol) and AIBN 10 (0.03 g, 0.2 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred under reflux for 7 h. Following this, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (20 mL) and washed with water (3  $\times$  20 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo to afford the crude 4,5-bis((4-(bromomethyl)phenyl)thio)-1,2-diethyl-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione 11 (0.11 g total). The crude mixture was dissolved in dry THF (4 mL) along with cesium carbonate (0.22 g, 0.68 mmol) and umbelliferone 12 (0.08 g, 0.5 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred under reflux for 21 h. Following this, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 15$  mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by preparative TLC (50% EtOAc/CHCl<sub>3</sub>) to afford 1,2-diethyl-4,5bis((4-(((2-oxo-2H-chromen-7-yl)oxy)methyl)phenyl)thio)-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione (0.02 g, 0.03 mmol, 9%) as a yellow solid. m.p. 179–183 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.62 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 4H),6.89 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 6.26 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 5.10 (s, 4H), 4.05 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)\*  $\delta$  161.8 (C), 161.2 (C), 156.0 (C), 155.8 (C), 143.5 (CH), 141.9 (C), 135.7 (C), 132.7 (C), 131.3 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 113.5 (CH), 113.3 (CH), 113.0 (C), 102.1 (CH), 70.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 41.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 12.9

 $(CH_3); IR (solid) 2919, 2851, 1726, 1608 \text{ cm}^{-1}; LRMS (ES+) 733 (100, [M+H]^+); HRMS (ES+) calcd for C_{40}H_{33}N_2O_8S_2 [M+H]^+ 733.1678, observed 733.1674.$ 





Figure **S11**. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for 1,2-diethyl-4,5-bis((4-(((2-oxo-2*H*-chromen-7-yl)oxy)methyl)phenyl)thio)-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione **13**. \*29.8 (H grease), 1.15 (silicon grease).

#### Tert-butyl 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carboxylate<sup>3</sup>



To a solution of di-*tert*-butyl malonate (0.69 g, 3.2 mmol) and potassium carbonate (1.11 g, 8.03 mmol) in DMF (16 mL), was added 2,4-dihydroxybenzaldehyde (0.22 g, 1.6 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 19 h. Following this, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (16 mL), 0.1 M citric acid (16 mL), and extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 40$  mL). The organic extracts were combined and subsequently washed with sat. aq. LiCl solution (40 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (10–60% EtOAc/Pet.). The appropriate fractions were then combined and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford *tert*-butyl 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (0.05 g, 0.2 mmol, 12%) as a beige solid. m.p. 249–251 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.39 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.5 (C), 162.3 (C), 158.0 (C), 157.3 (C), 148.5 (CH), 131.2 (CH), 115.1 (C) 114.3 (CH), 111.8 (C), 103.2 (CH), 82.6 (C), 28.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (solid) 3314, 2920, 2851, 1743, 1615, 1558 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



Figure **S12**. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for *tert*-butyl 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate.

Di-*tert*-butyl 7,7'-((((((1,2-diethyl-3,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazine-4,5diyl)bis(sulfanediyl))bis(4,1-phenylene))bis(methylene))bis(oxy))bis(2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carboxylate)



To a solution of 1,2-diethyl-4,5-bis(*p*-tolylthio)-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione **8** (0.10 g, 0.24 mmol) in fluorobenzene (7 mL) was added NBS **9** (0.09 g, 0.5 mmol) and AIBN **10** (0.02 g, 0.1 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 21 h. Following this, the reaction mixture was diluted with fluorobenzene (7 mL) and washed with water ( $3 \times 6$  mL) and brine (7 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude 4,5-bis((4-(bromomethyl)phenyl)thio)-1,2-diethyl-1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione **11** (0.11 g total). The crude mixture (0.04 g) was dissolved in dry THF (3 mL) along with cesium carbonate (0.03 g, 0.09 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (0.02 g, 0.08 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred under reflux for 21 h. Following this, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (7 mL) and extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 8$  mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by flash column

chromatography (20–80% EtOAc/Pet.). The appropriate fractions were then combined and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford di-*tert*-butyl 7,7'-(((((((1,2-diethyl-3,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazine-4,5-diyl))bis(sulfanediyl))bis(4,1-

phenylene))bis(methylene))bis(oxy))bis(2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate) (0.02 g, 0.02 mmol, 23%) as a yellow solid. m.p. 83–86 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.37 (s, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 5.12 (s, 4H), 4.05 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 1.59 (s, 18H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)\*  $\delta$  163.7 (C), 162.3 (C), 157.4 (C), 157.3 (C), 155.7 (C), 148.0 (CH), 141.9 (C), 135.3 (C), 132.9 (C), 131.3 (CH), 130.7 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 116.0 (C), 114.1 (CH), 112.1 (C), 101.5 (CH), 82.6 (C), 70.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 41.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 12.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (solid) 2924, 2854, 1748, 1606 cm<sup>-1</sup>; LRMS (ES+) 933 (100, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ES+) calcd for C<sub>50</sub>H<sub>49</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>12</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 933.2727, observed 933.2778.





Figure **S13**. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for di-*tert*-butyl 7,7'-((((((1,2-diethyl-3,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazine-4,5-diyl)bis(sulfanediyl))bis(4,1-

phenylene))bis(methylene))bis(oxy))bis(2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carboxylate). \*29.8 (H grease),

1.15 (silicon grease).

7,7'-((((((1,2-Diethyl-3,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazine-4,5diyl)bis(sulfanediyl))bis(4,1-phenylene))bis(methylene))bis(oxy))bis(2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid) 16



Di-*tert*-butyl 7,7'-((((((1,2-diethyl-3,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazine-4,5-diyl)bis(sulfanediyl))bis(4,1-phenylene))bis(methylene))bis(oxy))bis(2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate) (11 mg, 0.010 mmol) was dissolved in TFA (0.25 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.75 mL), and stirred at 21 °C for 4 h. Following this, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to afford 7,7'-(((((1,2-diethyl-3,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazine-4,5-diyl))bis(sulfanediyl)))bis(4,1-phenylene))bis(methylene))bis(0xy))bis(2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid) (10 mg, 0.010 mmol, quant.) as a yellow solid. d.t. 195–198 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.86 (s, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 5.18 (s, 4H), 4.05 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.1 (C), 164.6 (C), 163.1 (C), 157.0 (C), 155.7 (C), 151.3 (CH), 142.1 (C), 134.8 (C), 133.4 (C), 131.9 (CH), 131.4 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 115.8 (CH), 112.7 (C), 111.4 (C), 102.0 (CH), 70.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 41.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 12.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (solid) 3056, 2926, 2853, 1787, 1717, 1596 cm<sup>-1</sup>; LRMS (ES+) 821 (100, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ES+) calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>12</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 821.1450, observed 821.1475.



Figure **S14**. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for 7,7'-((((((1,2-diethyl-3,6-dioxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridazine-4,5-diyl)bis(sulfanediyl))bis(4,1-

phenylene))bis(methylene))bis(oxy))bis(2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carboxylic acid) 16.

#### Di-tert-butyl 1-(3-(tert-butoxy)-3-oxopropyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate



To a solution of di-*tert*-butyl hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (1.22 g, 5.25 mmol) in EtOH (10 mL), was added fifteen drops of 2 M NaOH, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 21 °C for 10 mins. Following this, *tert*-butyl acrylate (0.91 mL, 6.3 mmol) was added to the solution and the reaction mixture was stirred under reflux for 48 h. Following this, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (0–20% EtOAc/Pet.). The appropriate fractions were then combined and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford di-*tert*-butyl 1-(3-(*tert*-butoxy)-3-oxopropyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (1.11 g, 3.08 mmol, 59%) as a colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rotamers)  $\delta$  6.39 (s, 0.70H), 6.08 (s, 0.20H), 3.71 (app. s, 2H), 2.52 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.46–1.43 (m, 27H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.9 (C), 168.6 (C), 152.4 (C), 79.0 (C), 78.6 (C), 78.1 (C), 44.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 43.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (thin film) 2975, 2931, 1707 cm<sup>-1</sup>; LRMS (ES+) 361 (100, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ES+) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 361.2333, observed 361.2337.



Figure **S15**. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for di-*tert*-butyl 1-(3-(*tert*-butoxy)-3oxopropyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate.
#### 2-(2-(2-Methoxy)ethoxy)ethyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate<sup>4</sup>



To a solution of triethylene glycol monomethyl ether (2.00 g, 12.2 mmol) and triethylamine (2.55 mL, 18.3 mmol) in dry THF (15 mL), was added 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl chloride (2.79 g, 14.6 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred for 21 h at 21 °C. Following this, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (15 mL) and extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 15$  mL). The organic extracts were combined and subsequently washed with brine (25 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (20–80% EtOAc/Pet.). The appropriate fractions were then combined and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford 2-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3.74 g, 11.8 mmol, 96%) as a clear yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.76 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.13–4.12 (m, 2H), 3.66–3.65 (m, 2H), 3.58–3.56 (m, 6H), 3.49 (m, 2H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.9 (C), 133.1 (C), 130.0 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 72.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 69.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 68.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 59.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (thin film) 2877, 1598, 1452 cm<sup>-1</sup>.





Figure **S16**. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for 2-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl 4methylbenzenesulfonate.

#### Tri-tert-butyl 2,5,8-trioxa-11,12-diazatetradecane-11,12,14-tricarboxylate 18



To a solution of di-tert-butyl 1-(3-(tert-butoxy)-3-oxopropyl)hydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (0.77 g, 2.1 mmol) and cesium carbonate (1.04 g, 3.19 mmol) in DMF (8 mL), was added 2-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (1.02 g, 3.21 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred at 21 °C for 72 h. Following this, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (8 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3  $\times$  15 mL). The organic extracts were combined and subsequently washed with sat. aq. LiCl solution (15 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated in vacuo and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (20-50% EtOAc/Pet.). The appropriate fractions were then combined and concentrated in vacuo to afford tri-tert-butyl 2,5,8-trioxa-11,12-diazatetradecane-11,12,14tricarboxylate (0.92 g, 1.8 mmol, 85%) as a colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, rotamers) δ 3.78–3.59 (m, 12H), 3.56–3.53 (m, 2H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 2.61 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.48–1.42 (m, 27H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.4 (C), 171.2 (C), 171.1 (C), 155.8 (C), 155.2 (C), 155.2 (C), 155.0 (C), 154.6 (C), 154.5 (C), 81.6 (C), 81.5 (C), 81.4 (C), 81.4 (C), 81.2 (C), 81.2 (C), 81.1 (C), 80.7 (C), 80.6 (C), 80.4 (C), 72.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 68.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 68.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 59.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 51.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 50.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 50.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 47.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (thin film) 2973, 2928, 2872, 1705 cm<sup>-1</sup>; LRMS (ES+) 507 (100,  $[M+H]^+$ ); HRMS (ES+) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub>  $[M+H]^+$  507.3282, observed 507.3272.



Figure **S17**. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for tri-*tert*-butyl 2,5,8-trioxa-11,12-diazatetradecane-11,12,14-tricarboxylate **18**.

3-(4,5-Dibromo-2-(2-(2-(2-methoxy)ethoxy)ethyl)-3,6-dioxo-3,6-dihydropyridazin-1(2*H*)-yl)propanoic acid 20



To a solution of tri-tert-butyl 2,5,8-trioxa-11,12-diazatetradecane-11,12,14-tricarboxylate 18 (1.54 g, 3.04 mmol) in AcOH (10 mL), was added dibromomaleic acid 19 (1.67 g, 6.10 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred under reflux for 24 h. Following this, the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (0-10% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The appropriate fractions were then combined and concentrated in vacuo to afford 3-(4,5-dibromo-2-(2-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl)-3,6-dioxo-3,6dihydropyridazin-1(2H)-yl)propanoic acid (1.09 g, 2.24 mmol, 74%) as a brown oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.49–4.47 (m, 2H), 4.28–4.27 (m, 2H), 3.77–3.76 (m, 2H), 3.61–3.56 (m, 8H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 2.82–2.80 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.0 (C), 154.1 (C), 153.4 (C), 136.4 (C), 136.0 (C), 72.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 68.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 59.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 49.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 44.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>); IR (thin film) 3452, 2918, 1723, 1628, 1574 cm<sup>-1</sup>; LRMS (ES) 487 (100,  $[M^{79}Br_2+H]^-$ ); HRMS (ES) calcd for  $C_{14}H_{21}N_2O_7Br_2$   $[M^{79}Br_2+H]^-$ 486.9545, observed 486.9545.



## *N*-(3-Azidopropyl)-3-(4,5-dibromo-2-(2-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl)-3,6-dioxo-3,6-dihydropyridazin-1(2*H*)-yl)propanamide 21



To a solution of 3-(4,5-dibromo-2-(2-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl)-3,6-dioxo-3,6dihydropyridazin-1(2H)-yl)propanoic acid 20 (0.15 g, 0.31 mmol) in THF (4 mL) stirring at 0 °C was added DCC (0.08 g, 0.4 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 mins. After this time, 3-azido-1-propanamine (0.04 g, 0.4 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 21 °C for a further 23 h. Following this, the reaction mixture was filtered to remove insolubles and underwent 3 rounds of successive cooling on acetone/dry ice and filtrations before being concentrated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (0-5% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The appropriate fractions were then combined and afford N-(3-azidopropyl)-3-(4,5-dibromo-2-(2-(2-(2concentrated in vacuo to methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl)-3,6-dioxo-3,6-dihydropyridazin-1(2H)-yl)propanamide (0.09 g, 0.2 mmol, 51%) as a clear brown oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.40 (app. s, 1H), 4.46 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.36 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.58–3.56 (m, 6H), 3.53–3.51 (m, 2H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 3.35 (app. d, 2H), 3.31 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.76  $(p, J = 6.7 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (150 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 170.0 (C), 153.8 (C), 153.4 (C), 136.1 (C),$ 136.0 (C), 72.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 67.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 59.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 49.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 45.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>); IR (thin film) 2923, 2874, 2094, 1631 cm<sup>-1</sup>; LRMS (ES+) 571 (100,  $[[M^{81}Br^{79}Br]+H]^+$ ); HRMS (ES+) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>  $[[M^{81}Br^{79}Br]+H]^+$  571.0333, observed 571.0337.



3-(4,5-Dibromo-2-(2-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl)-3,6-dioxo-3,6dihydropyridazin-1(2*H*)-yl)-*N*-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)propanamide 22



To a solution of 3-(4,5-dibromo-2-(2-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl)-3,6-dioxo-3,6dihydropyridazin-1(2H)-yl)propanoic acid 20 (0.10 g, 0.21 mmol) in THF (4 mL) stirring at 0 °C was added DCC (0.05 g, 0.2 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 mins. After this time, propargylamine (15 µL, 0.23 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 21 °C for a further 20 h. Following this, the reaction mixture was filtered to remove insolubles and underwent 3 rounds of successive cooling on acetone/dry ice and filtrations before being concentrated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (0-15% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The appropriate fractions were then combined and concentrated in afford 3-(4,5-dibromo-2-(2-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl)-3,6-dioxo-3,6vacuo to dihydropyridazin-1(2H)-yl)-N-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)propanamide (0.06 g, 0.1 mmol, 55%) as a green oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.78 (app. s, 1H), 4.46 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (dd, J = 5.4, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.59–3.56 (m, 6H), 3.53–3.52 (m, 2H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 2.71 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.8 (C), 153.8 (C), 153.3 (C), 136.2 (C), 136.0 (C), 79.7 (C), 72.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 71.5 (CH), 70.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 68.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 59.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 49.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 45.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>); IR (thin film) 2873, 1629 cm<sup>-1</sup>; LRMS (ES+) 526 (100, [[M<sup>81</sup>Br<sup>79</sup>Br]+H]<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ES+) calcd for  $C_{17}H_{24}N_3O_6Br_2$  [[M<sup>81</sup>Br<sup>79</sup>Br]+H]<sup>+</sup> 526.0006, observed 526.0007.



*N*-(3-Azidopropyl)-3-(2-(2-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl)-3,6-dioxo-4,5-bis(*p*-tolylthio)-3,6-dihydropyridazin-1(2*H*)-yl)propanamide 24



To a solution of 4-methylbenzenethiol 23 (0.03 g, 0.2 mmol) and triethylamine (75 µL, 0.54 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) at 21 °C, was added N-(3-azidopropyl)-3-(4,5-dibromo-2-(2-(2-(2-methoxy)ethoxy)ethyl)-3,6-dioxo-3,6-dihydropyridazin-1(2H)-yl)propanamide 21 (0.05 g, 0.09 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 mins. Following this, the reaction mixture was diluted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (8 mL) and washed with water (3 × 8 mL) and brine (8 mL). The organic phase was then dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated in vacuo and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (0-5% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The appropriate fractions were then combined and concentrated in vacuo to afford N-(3-azidopropyl)-3-(2-(2-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl)-3,6-dioxo-4,5-bis(p-tolylthio)-3,6-dihydropyridazin-1(2H)yl)propanamide (0.05 g, 0.08 mmol, 85%) as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.17– 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.08–7.06 (m, 4H), 6.48 (app. s, 1H), 4.29 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.59–3.56 (m, 6H), 3.52–3.51 (m, 2H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 3.32 (t, J =6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.26 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 6H), 1.73 (p, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.3 (C), 156.9 (C-), 156.4 (C), 142.3 (C), 142.1 (C), 138.1 (C), 138.1 (C), 131.3 (CH), 131.2 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 129.3 (C), 129.1 (C), 72.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 68.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 59.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 49.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 47.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 43.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (thin film) 2921, 2869, 2094, 1621 cm<sup>-1</sup>; LRMS (ES+) 657 (100,  $[M+H]^+$ ); HRMS (ES+) calcd for  $C_{31}H_{41}N_6O_6S_2$   $[M+H]^+$  657.2524, observed 657.2527.



# 3-(2-(2-(2-(2-Methoxy)ethoxy)ethyl)-3,6-dioxo-4,5-bis(*p*-tolylthio)-3,6dihydropyridazin-1(2*H*)-yl)-*N*-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)propanamide 25



To a solution of 4-methylbenzenethiol 23 (0.01 g, 0.08 mmol) and triethylamine methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl)-3,6-dioxo-3,6-dihydropyridazin-1(2H)-yl)-N-(prop-2-yn-1yl)propanamide 22 (0.01 g, 0.02 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 mins. Following this, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (8 mL) and washed with water  $(3 \times 8 \text{ mL})$  and brine (8 mL). The organic phase was then dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated *in* vacuo and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (0-5% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The appropriate fractions were then combined and concentrated in vacuo to afford 3-(2-(2-(2-(2-methoxy)ethoxy)ethyl)-3,6-dioxo-4,5-bis(p-tolylthio)-3,6dihydropyridazin-1(2H)-yl)-N-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)propanamide (0.01 g, 0.02 mmmol, 82%) as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)\* δ 7.18–7.15 (m, 4H), 7.08–7.06 (m, 4H), 6.64 (app. s, 1H), 4.29 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (dd, J = 5.3, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.60–3.57 (m, 6H), 3.53–3.52 (m, 2H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.61 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 6H), 2.18 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.9 (C), 156.9 (C), 156.3 (C), 142.4 (C), 142.3 (C), 138.1 (C), 138.0 (C), 131.3 (CH), 131.3 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 129.4 (C), 129.3 (C), 79.8 (C), 72.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 71.5 (CH), 70.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 68.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 59.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 48.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 44.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (thin film) 2921, 2869, 1621 cm<sup>-1</sup>; LRMS (ES+) 612 (100,  $[M+H]^+$ ); HRMS (ES+) calcd for  $C_{31}H_{38}N_3O_6S_2$   $[M+H]^+$ 612.2197, observed 612.2198.



Figure **S22**. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for 3-(2-(2-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl)-3,6dioxo-4,5-bis(*p*-tolylthio)-3,6-dihydropyridazin-1(2*H*)-yl)-*N*-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)propanamide **25**. \*Mixture of impurities at 1.48–1.25 ppm.

### Incubations involving human serum albumin, maleimide and PDs 2-6

#### Human serum albumin control

0.3 0.2 0.1

800 1000

1200 1400

1600 1800 2000

Human serum albumin (20  $\mu$ L, 3.8 mg/mL, 57  $\mu$ M) in PBS (10 mM phosphate, 137 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, pH 7.4) was incubated at 37 °C for 4 h. The PBS was exchanged with ammonium acetate buffer (20 mM, pH 7.4) by repeated diafiltration (× 3) into VivaSpin sample concentrators (GE Healthcare, 10,000 MWCO). The sample was then analysed by LC-MS. Expected mass: 66,439 Da. Observed mass: 66,438 Da.



pH 7.4, 37 °C, 4 h



2400 2600 2800 Counts (%) vs. Mas 3000 3200 3400 3600 3800 4000 ⊶to-Charge (m/z)

4200 4400 4600 4800 5000



Figure **S23**. (a) TIC, (b) non-deconvoluted and (c) deconvoluted MS data for untreated human serum albumin used in the incubations with PDs **2–6** and maleimide.

#### Incubation of human serum albumin with mono-bromo PD (10 eq.)



Mono-bromo PD (1.1  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in MeCN, 10 eq.) was added to human serum albumin (20  $\mu$ L, 3.8 mg/mL, 57  $\mu$ M) in PBS (10 mM phosphate, 137 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, pH 7.4). The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 4 h. Excess reagents were then removed by repeated diafiltration (× 3) into ammonium acetate buffer (20 mM, pH 7.4) using VivaSpin sample concentrators (GE Healthcare, 10,000 MWCO). The sample was then analysed by LC-MS. Expected mass: 66,605 Da. Observed masses: 66,606 and 66,440 Da.





Figure **S24**. (a) TIC, (b) non-deconvoluted, (c) deconvoluted and (d) zoomed in of deconvolution MS data for human serum albumin incubated with mono-bromo PD (10 eq.).

#### Incubation of human serum albumin with di-bromo PD (10 eq.)



Di-bromo PD (1.1  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in MeCN, 10 eq.) was added to human serum albumin (20  $\mu$ L, 3.8 mg/mL, 57  $\mu$ M) in PBS (10 mM phosphate, 137 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, pH 7.4). The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 4 h. Excess reagents were then removed by repeated diafiltration (× 3) into ammonium acetate buffer (20 mM, pH 7.4) using VivaSpin sample concentrators (GE Healthcare, 10,000 MWCO). The sample was then analysed by LC-MS. Expected mass: 66,685 Da. Observed masses: 66,685 and 66,605 Da.





Figure **S25**. (a) TIC, (b) non-deconvoluted, (c) deconvoluted and (d) zoomed in of deconvolution MS data for human serum albumin incubated with di-bromo PD (10 eq.).

#### Incubation of human serum albumin with maleimide (10 eq.)



Maleimide (1.1  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in MeCN, 10 eq.) was added to human serum albumin (20  $\mu$ L, 3.8 mg/mL, 57  $\mu$ M) in PBS (10 mM phosphate, 137 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, pH 7.4). The reaction was incubated at 37 °C for 4 h. Excess reagents were then removed by repeated diafiltration (× 3) into ammonium acetate buffer (20 mM, pH 7.4) using VivaSpin sample concentrators (GE Healthcare, 10,000 MWCO). The sample was then analysed by LC-MS. Expected mass: 66,536 Da.





Figure **S26**. (a) TIC, (b) non-deconvoluted and (c) deconvoluted MS data for human serum albumin reacted with maleimide (10 eq.).

#### Incubation of human serum albumin with PD 2 (10 eq.)



PD 2 (1.1  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in MeCN, 10 eq.) was added to human serum albumin (20  $\mu$ L, 3.8 mg/mL, 57  $\mu$ M) in PBS (10 mM phosphate, 137 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, pH 7.4). The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 4 h. Excess reagents were then removed by repeated diafiltration (× 3) into ammonium acetate buffer (20 mM, pH 7.4) using VivaSpin sample concentrators (GE Healthcare, 10,000 MWCO). The sample was then analysed by LC-MS. Expected mass: 66,438 Da. Observed mass: 66,439 Da.





Figure **S27**. TIC, (b) non-deconvoluted and (c) deconvoluted MS data for human serum albumin incubated with PD **2** (10 eq.).

#### Incubation of human serum albumin with PD 3 (10 eq.)



PD **3** (1.1  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in MeCN, 10 eq.) was added to human serum albumin (20  $\mu$ L, 3.8 mg/mL, 57  $\mu$ M) in PBS (10 mM phosphate, 137 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, pH 7.4). The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 4 h. Excess reagents were then removed by repeated diafiltration (× 3) into ammonium acetate buffer (20 mM, pH 7.4) using VivaSpin sample concentrators (GE Healthcare, 10,000 MWCO). The sample was then analysed by LC-MS. Expected mass: 66,438 Da.





Figure **S28**. (a) TIC, (b) non-deconvoluted and (c) deconvoluted MS data for human serum albumin incubated with PD **3** (10 eq.).

#### Incubation of human serum albumin with PD 4 (10 eq.)



PD 4 (1.1  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in MeCN, 10 eq.) was added to human serum albumin (20  $\mu$ L, 3.8 mg/mL, 57  $\mu$ M) in PBS (10 mM phosphate, 137 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, pH 7.4). The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 4 h. Excess reagents were then removed by repeated diafiltration (× 3) into ammonium acetate buffer (20 mM, pH 7.4) using VivaSpin sample concentrators (GE Healthcare, 10,000 MWCO). The sample was then analysed by LC-MS. Expected mass: 66,438 Da. Observed mass: 66,440 Da.





Figure **S29**. (a) TIC, (b) non-deconvoluted and (c) deconvoluted MS data for human serum albumin incubated with PD **4** (10 eq.).

#### Incubation of human serum albumin with PD 5 (10 eq.)



PD **5** (1.1  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in MeCN, 10 eq.) was added to human serum albumin (20  $\mu$ L, 3.8 mg/mL, 57  $\mu$ M) in PBS (10 mM phosphate, 137 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, pH 7.4). The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 4 h. Excess reagents were then removed by repeated diafiltration (× 3) into ammonium acetate buffer (20 mM, pH 7.4) using VivaSpin sample concentrators (GE Healthcare, 10,000 MWCO). The sample was then analysed by LC-MS. Expected mass: 66,438 Da. Observed mass: 66,440 Da.





Figure **S30**. (a) TIC, (b) non-deconvoluted and (c) deconvoluted MS data for human serum albumin incubated with PD **5** (10 eq.).

#### Incubation of human serum albumin with PD 6 (10 eq.)



PD **6** (1.1  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in MeCN, 10 eq.) was added to human serum albumin (20  $\mu$ L, 3.8 mg/mL, 57  $\mu$ M) in PBS (10 mM phosphate, 137 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, pH 7.4). The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 4 h. Excess reagents were then removed by repeated diafiltration (× 3) into ammonium acetate buffer (20 mM, pH 7.4) using VivaSpin sample concentrators (GE Healthcare, 10,000 MWCO). The sample was then analysed by LC-MS. Expected mass: 66,438 Da. Observed mass: 66,439 Da.





Figure **S31**. (a) TIC, (b) non-deconvoluted and (c) deconvoluted MS data for human serum albumin incubated with PD **6** (10 eq.).

## Incubations involving GSH and PDs 2-6 at pH 6.5

### Incubation of PD 2 with GSH (10 eq.)



PD 2 (10 µL, 10 mM in MeCN, 1 eq.) was added to GSH 1 (190 µL, 5.3 mM, 10 eq.) in ammonium acetate buffer (50 mM, pH 6.5). The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. The samples were analysed by LC-MS at t = 0.05, 1, 2, 4 and 24 h.

#### LC-MS data for t = 0.05 h







Figure **S32**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 0.05 h, (b) MS data at 0.36 mins in the TIC and (c) MS data at 1.77 mins in the UV for PD **2** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.

### LC-MS data for t = 1 h



(b)





Figure S33. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 1 h, (b) MS data at 0.31 mins in the TIC, (c) MS data at 0.64 mins in the UV and (d) at 1.77 mins in the UV for PD 2 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.
# (a)







Figure **S34**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 2 h, (b) MS data at 0.36 mins in the TIC, (c) MS data at 0.64 mins in the UV and (d) at 1.77 mins in the UV for PD **2** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.

# LC-MS data for t = 4 h

# (a)









Figure S35. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 4 h, (b) MS data at 0.35 mins in the TIC, (c) MS data at 0.64 mins in the UV and (d) at 1.77 mins in the UV for PD 2 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.







Figure **S36**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 24 h, (b) MS data at 0.42 mins in the TIC, (c) MS data at 0.78 mins in the UV and (d) at 1.97 mins in the UV for PD **2** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.

### Incubation of PD 3 with GSH (10 eq.)



PD **3** (10  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in MeCN, 1 eq.) was added to GSH **1** (190  $\mu$ L, 5.3 mM, 10 eq.) in ammonium acetate buffer (50 mM, pH 6.5). The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. The samples were analysed by LC-MS at t = 0.05, 1, 2, 4 and 24 h.

### LC-MS data for t = 0.05 h





Figure **S37**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 0.05 h, (b) MS data at 0.42 mins in the UV and (c) MS data at 1.75 mins in the UV for PD **3** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.









Figure **S38**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 1 h, (b) MS data at 0.42 mins in the UV and (c) MS data at 1.75 mins in the UV for PD **3** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.

### LC-MS data for t = 2 h







Figure **S39**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 2 h, (b) MS data at 0.26–0.44 mins in the UV and (c) MS data at 1.79 mins in the UV for PD **3** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.









Figure S40. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 4 h, (b) MS data at 0.26–0.42 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 0.68 mins in the UV and (d) at 1.75 mins in the UV for PD 3 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.

LC-MS data for t = 24 h



(b)



(a)



(d)



(e)



Figure S41. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 24 h, (b) MS data at 0.26–0.43 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 0.69 mins in the UV, (d) at 1.51 mins in the UV and (e) at 1.77 mins in the UV for PD 3 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.



PD **4** (10  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in MeCN, 1 eq.) was added to GSH **1** (190  $\mu$ L, 5.3 mM, 10 eq.) in ammonium acetate buffer (50 mM, pH 6.5). The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. The samples were analysed by LC-MS at t = 0.05, 1, 2, 4 and 24 h.

### LC-MS data for t = 0.05 h

(a)







(d)



Figure **S42**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 0.05 h, (b) MS data at 0.36 mins in the TIC, (c) MS data at 0.54 mins in the UV, (d) at 1.14 mins in the UV and (e) at 2.49 mins in the UV for PD **4** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.







(a)



Figure S43. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 1 h, (b) MS data at 0.36 mins in the TIC, (c) MS data at 0.53 mins in the UV and (d) at 1.14 mins in the UV for PD 4 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.









Figure S44. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 2 h, (b) MS data at 0.36 mins in the TIC, (c) MS data at 0.52 mins in the UV and (d) at 1.14 mins in the UV for PD 4 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.







(a)



Figure **S45**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 4 h, (b) MS data at 0.35 mins in the TIC and (c) MS data at 0.55 mins in the UV for PD **4** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.

# LC-MS data for t = 24 h

#### (a)





Figure **S46**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 24 h, (b) MS data at 0.42 mins in the TIC and (c) MS data at 0.65 mins in the UV for PD **4** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.



PD 5 (10  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in MeCN, 1 eq.) was added to GSH 1 (190  $\mu$ L, 5.3 mM, 10 eq.) in ammonium acetate buffer (50 mM, pH 6.5). The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. The samples were analysed by LC-MS at t = 0.05, 1, 2, 4 and 24 h.

### LC-MS data for t = 0.05 h

(a)









(d)



Figure S47. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 0.05 h, (b) MS data at 0.43 mins in the TIC, (c) MS data at 1.35 mins in the UV and (d) at 2.53 mins in the UV for PD 5 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.



(b)



(a)



(d)



(e)



Figure **S48**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 1 h, (b) MS data at 0.43 mins in the TIC, (c) MS data at 0.59 mins in the UV, (d) at 1.35 mins in the UV and (e) at 2.53 mins in the UV for PD **5** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.













(e)



Figure **S49**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 2 h, (b) MS data at 0.25–0.44 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 0.58 mins in the UV, (d) at 1.34 mins in the UV and (e) at 2.52 mins in the UV for PD **5** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.








(d)



(e)



Figure **S50**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 4 h, (b) MS data at 0.25–0.44 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 0.58 mins in the UV, (d) at 1.34 mins in the UV and (e) at 2.52 mins in the UV for PD **5** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.









Figure **S51**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 24 h, (b) MS data at 0.24–0.44 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 0.59 mins in the UV and (d) at 1.34 mins in the UV for PD **5** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.



PD **6** (10  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in MeCN, 1 eq.) was added to GSH **1** (190  $\mu$ L, 5.3 mM, 10 eq.) in ammonium acetate buffer (50 mM, pH 6.5). The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. The samples were analysed by LC-MS at t = 0.05, 1, 2, 4 and 24 h.

### LC-MS data for t = 0.05 h

(a)





(d)



(e)



(f)



Figure S52. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 0.05 h, (b) MS data at 0.24–0.44 mins in the UV, (c)
MS data at 0.61 mins in the UV, (d) at 1.20 mins in the UV, (e) at 1.36 mins in the UV and (f) at 2.50 mins in the UV for PD 6 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.







Figure **S53**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 1 h, (b) MS data at 0.24–0.43 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 0.59 mins in the UV and (d) at 1.35 mins in the UV for PD **6** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.







(a)



Figure S54. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 2 h, (b) MS data at 0.24–0.44 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 0.60 mins in the UV and (d) at 1.36 mins in the UV for PD 6 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.

LC-MS data for t = 4 h









Figure S55. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 4 h, (b) MS data at 0.28–0.44 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 0.64 mins in the UV and (d) at 1.41 mins in the UV for PD 6 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.







(a)



651.31

652.25

652.44

650

**بر المراجع** 700

**цинфц** 750

800

550

ilitide i aldenne in more alle

500

975.28

**umik ulei** 950 1000

50 900

850

151.88

0

100

183.12

200

150

232.12

250 300

277 27

l.

.308.39

325.71

B44.11

MUL.

350

390.34

390.84

391.47

400

450

390.15

(e)



Figure **S56**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 24 h, (b) MS data at 0.25–0.44 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 0.61–0.72 mins in the UV, (d) at 0.87 mins in the UV and (e) at 1.38 mins in the UV for PD **6** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.

### Incubation of PD 2 with GSH (10 eq.)



PD 2 (10  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in MeCN, 1 eq.) was added to GSH 1 (190  $\mu$ L, 5.3 mM, 10 eq.) in ammonium acetate buffer (50 mM, pH 5.0). The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. The samples were analysed by LC-MS at t = 0.05, 1, 2, 4 and 24 h.

### LC-MS data for t = 0.05 h





Figure S57. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 0.05 h, (b) MS data at 0.35 mins in the TIC and (c) MS data at 1.80 mins in the UV for PD 2 incubated with GISH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.





Figure **S58**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 1 h, (b) MS data at 0.36 mins in the TIC and (c) MS data at 1.80 mins in the UV for PD **2** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.









Figure **S59**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 2 h, (b) MS data at 0.44 mins in the TIC and (c) MS data at 1.97 mins in the UV for PD **2** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.

# LC-MS data for t = 4 h





Figure **S60**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 4 h, (b) MS data at 0.40 mins in the TIC and (c) MS data at 1.88 mins in the UV for PD **2** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.





Figure S61. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 24 h, (b) MS data at 0.44 mins in the TIC, (c) MS data at 0.69 mins in the UV and (d) at 1.82 mins in the UV for PD 2 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.



UV r.t.: 1.75, 1.86 mins

UV r.t.: 0.67 mins

PD **3** (10  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in MeCN, 1 eq.) was added to GSH **1** (190  $\mu$ L, 5.3 mM, 10 eq.) in ammonium acetate buffer (50 mM, pH 5.0). The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. The samples were analysed by LC-MS at t = 0.05, 1, 2, 4 and 24 h.

### LC-MS data for t = 0.05 h





Figure S62. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 0.05 h, (b) MS data at 0.24–0.42 mins in the UV, and (c) MS data at 1.75 mins in the UV for PD 3 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.









Figure S63. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 1 h, (b) MS data at 0.24–0.42 mins in the UV, and (c) MS data at 1.75 mins in the UV forPD 3 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.









Figure S64. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 2 h, (b) MS data at 0.24–0.42 mins in the UV, and (c) MS data at 1.75 mins in the UV for PD 3 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.

## LC-MS data for t = 4 h

(a)





Figure **S65**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 4 h, (b) MS data at 0.29–0.42 mins in the UV and (c) MS data at 1.86 mins in the UV for PD **3** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.





Figure S66. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 24 h, (b) MS data at 0.25–0.42 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 0.67 mins in the UV and (d) at 1.75 mins in the UV for PD 3 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.

## Incubation of PD 4 with GSH (10 eq.)



UV r.t.: 2.52 mins

UV r.t.: 0.56-0.60 mins

PD 4 (10 µL, 10 mM in MeCN, 1 eq.) was added to GSH 1 (190 µL, 5.3 mM, 10 eq.) in ammonium acetate buffer (50 mM, pH 5.0). The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. The samples were analysed by LC-MS at t = 0.05, 1, 2, 4 and 24 h.

## LC-MS data for t = 0.05 h

(a)








(d)



Figure S67. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 0.05 h, (b) MS data at 0.24–0.42 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 1.17 mins in the UV and (d) at 2.52 mins in the UV for PD 4 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.

## LC-MS data for t = 1 h







Figure S68. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 1 h, (b) MS data at 0.25–0.42 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 0.57 mins in the UV, (d) at 1.17 mins in the UV and (e) at 2.52 mins in the UV for PD 4 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.

### LC-MS data for t = 2 h







(c)





m/z n/z 1000

950

900

0-**04** 

(d)



Figure **S69**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 2 h, (b) MS data at 0.25–0.42 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 0.57 mins in the UV, (d) at 1.17 mins in the UV and (e) at 2.52 mins in the UV for PD **4** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.









Figure **S70**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 4 h, (b) MS data at 0.26–0.42 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 0.60 mins in the UV and (d) at 1.20 mins in the UV for PD **4** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.



(b)



(a)



Figure S71. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 24 h, (b) MS data at 0.24–0.42 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 0.56 mins in the UV and (d) at 1.17 mins in the UV for PD 4 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.

Incubation of PD 5 with GSH (10 eq.)



PD 5 (10  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in MeCN, 1 eq.) was added to GSH 1 (190  $\mu$ L, 5.3 mM, 10 eq.) in ammonium acetate buffer (50 mM, pH 5.0). The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. The samples were analysed by LC-MS at t = 0.05, 1, 2, 4 and 24 h.

# LC-MS data for t = 0.05 h

(a)



(b)



Figure **S72**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 0.05 h, (b) MS data at 0.25–0.42 mins in the UV and (c) MS data at 2.53 mins in the UV for PD **5** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.





(a)



Figure **S73**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 1 h, (b) MS data at 0.25–0.42 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 1.34 mins in the UV and (d) at 2.52 mins in the UV for PD **5** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.



(b)





Figure S74. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 2 h, (b) MS data at 0.26–0.42 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 1.34 mins in the UV and (d) at 2.52 mins in the UV for PD 5 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.







Figure S75. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 4 h, (b) MS data at 0.26–0.42 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 1.34 mins in the UV and (d) at 2.52 mins in the UV for PD 5 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.



(b)



(a)



(d)



(e)



Figure S76. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 24 h, (b) MS data at 0.24–0.42 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 0.58 mins in the UV, (d) at 1.34 mins in the UV and (e) at 2.52 mins in the UV for PD 5 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.



PD **6** (10  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in MeCN, 1 eq.) was added to GSH **1** (190  $\mu$ L, 5.3 mM, 10 eq.) in ammonium acetate buffer (50 mM, pH 5.0). The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. The samples were analysed by LC-MS at t = 0.05, 1, 2, 4 and 24 h.

#### LC-MS data for t = 0.05 h



(b)



Figure **S77**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 0.05 h, (b) MS data at 0.24–0.43 mins in the UV and (c) MS data at 2.49 mins in the UV for PD **6** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.





(c)









Figure **S78**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 1 h, (b) MS data at 0.25–0.43 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 1.19 mins in the UV, (d) at 1.35 mins in the UV and (e) at 2.48 mins in the UV for PD **6** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.

## LC-MS data for t = 2 h





(d)







(f)



Figure **S79**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 2 h, (b) MS data at 0.26–0.43 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 0.60 mins in the UV, (d) at 1.20 mins in the UV, (e) at 1.36 mins in the UV and (f) at 2.50 mins in the UV for PD **6** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.

#### LC-MS data for t = 4 h





(d)





(f)



Figure **S80**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 4 h, (b) MS data at 0.28–0.43 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 0.63 mins in the UV, (d) at 1.25 mins in the UV, (e) at 1.40 mins in the UV and (f) at 2.55 mins in the UV for PD **6** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.

### LC-MS data for t = 24 h







Figure **S81**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 24 h, (b) MS data at 0.26–0.43 mins in the UV, (c) MS data at 0.61 mins in the UV and (d) at 1.38 mins in the UV for PD **6** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 5.0.

Incubation of PD 13 with GSH (10 eq.) at pH 6.5



Pyridazinedione **13** (10  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in THF, 1 eq.) was added to GSH **1** (190  $\mu$ L, 5 mM, 10 eq.) in ammonium acetate buffer (50 mM, pH 6.5). The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. The samples were analysed by LCMS at t = 4 and 24 h.

LC-MS data for t = 4 h




(a)





Figure **S82**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 4 h, (b) MS data at 0.23 mins in the UV, (c) at 0.50 mins in the UV, (d) at 0.99 mins in the UV and (e) at 2.82 mins in the UV for PD **13** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.





(c)



Figure S83. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 24 h, (b) MS data at 0.23 mins in the UV, (c) at 0.50 mins in the UV, (d) at 1.00 mins in the UV and (e) at 2.82 mins in the UV for PD 13 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 6.5.

Incubation of PD 16 with GSH (10 eq.) at pH 6.5



UV r.t.: 2.36 mins

PD 16 (15  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in DMSO, 1 eq.) was added to GSH 1 (285  $\mu$ L, 5.3 mM, 10 eq.) in ammonium acetate buffer (50 mM, pH 6.5). The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. The samples were analysed by LC-MS at t = 0.05, 4 and 24 h.

LC-MS data for t = 0.05 h



(a)



(d)



(f)



Figure **S84**. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 0.05 h, (b) MS data at 0.32 mins in the UV, (c) at 1.50 mins in the UV, (d) at 1.73 mins in the TIC, (e) at 2.03 mins in the TIC, (f) at 2.36 mins in the UV and (g) at 2.52 mins in the UV for PD **16** incubated with GSH **1** (10 eq.) at pH 6.5. Please note that peaks at 1.73 and 2.03 mins in the TIC are minor impurities on the column that could be removed; they are consistently present.

LC-MS data for t = 4 h



(a)



(d)



(f)



(h)





- m/a

(j)



Figure S85. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 4 h, (b) MS data at 0.25 mins in the UV, (c) at 0.53 mins in the UV, (d) at 0.70 mins in the UV, (e) at 0.97 mins in the UV, (f) at 1.49 mins in the TIC, (g) at 1.67 mins in the TIC, (h) at 1.96 mins in the TIC, (i) at 2.60 mins in the UV and (j) at 3.78 mins in the UV for PD 16 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 6.5. Please note that peaks at 1.67 and 1.96 mins in the TIC, and at 3.78 mins in the UV are minor impurities on the column that could be removed; they are consistently present.





(c)



(e)





(g)



Figure S86. (a) TIC and UV trace at t = 24 h, (b) MS data at 0.28 mins in the UV, (c) at 0.57 mins in the UV, (d) at 0.80 mins in the UV, (e) at 1.04 mins in the UV, (f) at 1.74 mins in the TIC, (g) at 2.03 mins in the TIC and (h) at 3.79 mins in the TIC for PD 16 incubated with GSH 1 (10 eq.) at pH 6.5. Please note that peaks at 1.74 and 2.03 mins in the TIC, and at 3.79 mins in the UV are minor impurities on the column that could be removed; they are consistently

present.

# Fluorescence emission spectroscopy of the reaction between PD 16 and GSH (10 eq.) at pH 6.5

UV absorption of 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carboxylic acid 17



7-Hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid **17** (100  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in DMSO) was added to ammonium acetate buffer (1900  $\mu$ L, 50 mM, pH 6.5). The solution was then scanned in the 200–800 nm range using a UV–Vis spectrophotometer in order to obtain 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*chromene-3-carboxylic acid **17**'s maximum UV absorption in the DMSO/buffer mixture.



Figure **S87**. UV absorbance spectrum of 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid **17** in a 5:95 mixture of DMSO/NH<sub>4</sub>OAc buffer (50 mM, pH 6.5). When scanned in the 200–800 nm range, 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid **17**'s maximum UV absorption occurred at 335 nm and  $\varepsilon_{335} = 5462 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

Fluorescence emission of 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carboxylic acid 17



7-Hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid **17** (100  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in DMSO) was added to ammonium acetate buffer (1900  $\mu$ L, 50 mM, pH 6.5). The solution was then excited at 335 nm using a fluorescence spectrophotometer in order to obtain 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid **17**'s maximum fluorescence intensity in the DMSO/buffer mixture.



Figure S88. Fluorescence emission spectrum of

7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid **17** in a 5:95 mixture of DMSO/NH<sub>4</sub>OAc buffer (50 mM, pH 6.5). When excited at 335 nm,

7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid **17**'s maximum fluorescence emission occurred at 447 nm with a maximum intensity of 110.6 a.u.

#### Fluorescence emission of PD 16



PD 16 (100  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in DMSO) was added to ammonium acetate buffer (1900  $\mu$ L, 50 mM, pH 6.5). The solution was incubated at 37 °C for 48 h. The solution was then excited at 335 nm using a fluorescence spectrophotometer in order to obtain PD 16's maximum fluorescence intensity in the DMSO/buffer mixture.



(b)





Figure S89. Fluorescence emission spectrum of PD 16 in a 5:95 mixture of DMSO/NH4OAc buffer (50 mM, pH 6.5). When excited at 335 nm (and performed in triplicate), PD 16's maximum fluorescence emission occurred at 445 nm with a maximum intensity of (a) 14.4 a.u., (b) 18.5 a.u. and (c) 20.0 a.u.

Fluorescence emission spectroscopy of the reaction between PD 16 and GSH (10 eq.) at pH 6.5



Quenched fluorescence

PD 16 (40  $\mu$ L, 10 mM in DMSO, 1 eq.) was added to GSH 1 (760  $\mu$ L, 5.3 mM, 10 eq.) in ammonium acetate buffer (50 mM, pH 6.5). The mixture was incubated at 37 °C for 48 h. The reaction was excited at 335 nm at t = 0.05, 4, 24 and 48 h and the maximum fluorescence absorption was recorded at each time point.

## Fluorescence emission at t = 0.05 h





(b)





Figure **S90**. Fluorescence emission spectrum of the reaction between PD **16** and GSH **1** to release 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid **17** at t = 0.05 h. When excited at 335 nm (and performed in triplicate), maximum fluorescence emission occurred at 446 nm with a maximum intensity of (a) 25.8 a.u., (b) 39.1 a.u. and (c) 31.1 a.u.

## Fluorescence emission at t = 4 h





(b)





Figure S91. Fluorescence emission spectrum of the reaction between PD 16 and GSH 1 to release 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid 17 at t = 4 h. When excited at 335 nm (and performed in triplicate), maximum fluorescence emission occurred at 448 nm with a maximum intensity of (a) 165.1 a.u., (b) 158.5 a.u. and (c) 170.7 a.u.



(b)

(a)



(c)



Figure S92. Fluorescence emission spectrum of the reaction between PD 16 and GSH 1 to release 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid 17 at t = 24 h. When excited at 335 nm (and performed in triplicate), maximum fluorescence emission occurred at 446 nm with a maximum intensity of (a) 199.6 a.u., (b) 205.3 a.u. and (c) 197.8 a.u.

Fluorescence emission at t = 48 h

(a)



(b)



(c)



Figure S93. Fluorescence emission spectrum of the reaction between PD 16 and GSH 1 to release 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid 17 at t = 48 h. When excited at 335 nm (and performed in triplicate), maximum fluorescence emission occurred at 446 nm with a maximum intensity of (a) 201.7 a.u., (b) 222.1 a.u. and (c) 196.6 a.u.



PD 16 + GSH 1, 37 °C, pH 6.5

Figure **S94**. Summary of fluorescence emission data for the reaction between PD **16** and GSH **1** at 37  $^{\circ}$ C and pH 6.5.

### References

- 1 M. T. Lee, A. Maruani, J. R. Baker and S. Caddick, *Chem. Sci.*, 2016, **7**, 799–802.
- V. Chudasama, M. E. B. Smith, F. F. Schumacher, D. Papaioannou, G. Waksman, J. R.
  Baker and S. Caddick, *Chem. Commun.*, 2011, 47, 8781–8783.
- 3 US Pat., 7 456 205, 2008.
- 4 S. Kohmoto, E. Mori and K. Kishikawa, J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2007, **129**, 13364–13365.