# Hit-optimization using target-directed dynamic combinatorial chemistry: Development of inhibitors of the anti-infective target 1-deoxy-D-xylulose-5-phosphate synthase

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## SUPPLEMENTARY METHODS

## **General information**

All reactions using oxygen- and/or moisture-sensitive materials were carried out in dry solvents (*vide infra*) under a nitrogen atmosphere using oven-dried glassware. Reactions were monitored by a Liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) system equipped with Dionex UltiMate 3000 pump, autosampler, column compartment, detector, and ESI quadrupole MS (MSQ Plus or ISQ EC) from Thermo Fisher Scientific, Dreieich, Germany. Purification of the final products, when necessary, was performed using preparative HPLC (Dionex UltiMate 3000 UHPLC+ focused, Thermo Scientific) on a reversed-phase column (C18 column, 5  $\mu$ M, Macherey-Nagel, Germany). The solvents used for the chromatography were water (0.1% formic acid) and MeCN (0.1% formic acid). High-resolution mass (HRMS) of final products was determined by LCMS/MS using a Thermo Scientific Q Exactive Focus Orbitrap LC-MS/MS system. NMR data were collected on a Bruker Avance Neo 500 MHz (<sup>1</sup>H at 500.0 MHz; <sup>13</sup>C at 126.0 MHz; <sup>19</sup>F NMR at 470 MHz), equipped with a Prodigy Cryo-probe. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to residual solvent peak (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, <sup>1</sup>H: 2.54 ppm; <sup>13</sup>C: 39.9 ppm). Coupling constants are reported in Hertz (Hz). Multiplicity is reported with the usual abbreviations (s: singlet, br s: broad singlet, d: doublet, dd: doublet of doublets, dd: doublet of doublets, t: triplet, dt: doublet of triplets, q: quartet, p: pentet, dp: doublet of pentets, m: multiplet).

The periodic progress and analysis of DCC were monitored by UPLC-MS (ThermoScientific Dionex Ultimate 3000 UHPLC System coupled to a ThermoScientific Q Exactive Focus with an electrospray ion source) using an Acquity Waters Column (BEH, C8 1.7  $\mu$ m, 2.1 × 150 mm, Waters, Germany) at a flow rate of 0.250 mL/min with detection set at 210, 254, 290, and 310 nm, and the mass spectrum recorded in a positive mode in the range of 100–700 m/z. The solvent system was 0.1% formic acid in H<sub>2</sub>O (Solvent-A) and 0.1% formic acid in MeCN (Solvent-B). The gradient program began with 5% of Solvent-B for 1 min and was then increased to 95% of Solvent-B over 17 min and held for 2 min, followed by a decrease of Solvent-B to 5% over 0.1 min, where it was held for 2 min.

## Chemicals

Unless indicated otherwise, reagents and substrates were purchased from commercial sources and used as received. Solvents not required to be dry were purchased as technical grade and used as received. Dry solvents were purchased from commercial sources in Sure/Seal<sup>TM</sup> bottles and used as received and stored under a dry inert gas (N<sub>2</sub> or Ar). Inert atmosphere experiments were performed with standard Schlenk techniques with dried (P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) nitrogen gas. Unless indicated otherwise, the acylhydrazone products were purified by precipitation of the product at lower temperature followed by filtration and successive washing with cold solvents to remove soluble impurities (for details, see purification method-1). All reported compounds were characterized by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR and compared with literature data. All new compounds were fully characterized by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR and HRMS techniques. The purity of the final products was determined by LC-MS and found to be >95%.

## **General procedure for DCC experiments**

**DCL preparation (GP-1)**: To a 1.5 mL Eppendorf Tube<sup>®</sup> containing phosphate buffer (pH 6.25 or 7.04), were added hydrazides (300–2000  $\mu$ M each, in DMSO), aldehydes (100  $\mu$ M each, in DMSO), aniline (10 mM, in DMSO), and an additional amount of DMSO to reach a final concentration of 5% in the DCL with 1 mL of end-volume. The DCL was allowed to gently mix on a rotating wheel (7 rpm) at room temperature and was frequently monitored via UPLC-MS. For analysis, 10  $\mu$ L of the corresponding library was mixed with 90  $\mu$ L acetonitrile and 2  $\mu$ L of NaOH (2 M), the mixture was centrifuged, and the supernatant was used for the analysis.

**Protein-templated DCL preparation (GP-2)**: To a 1.5 mL Eppendorf Tube<sup>®</sup> containing phosphate buffer (pH 6.25 or 7.04), were added hydrazides (300–2000  $\mu$ M each, in DMSO), aldehydes (100  $\mu$ M each, in DMSO), aniline (10 mM, in DMSO), the protein drDXPS (20–40  $\mu$ M in phosphate buffer at pH 6.25 or 7.04), and an additional amount of DMSO to reach a final concentration of 5% in the DCL with 1 mL of end-volume. The DCL with the protein was allowed to gently mix on a rotating wheel (7 rpm) at room temperature and was frequently monitored via UPLC-MS, and the traces were compared with the blank composition. For analysis, 10  $\mu$ L of the corresponding library were mixed with 90  $\mu$ L acetonitrile and 2  $\mu$ L of NaOH (2 M), the mixture was centrifuged and the supernatant was used for the analysis.

Note: The protein-templated DCL-2 and -3 were run as duplicate.

DCL preparation (pre-equilibrated) (GP-3): To a 1.5 mL Eppendorf Tube<sup>®</sup> containing phosphate buffer (pH 6.25, 512.5  $\mu$ L), were added hydrazides (300  $\mu$ M each, in DMSO), aldehydes (100  $\mu$ M each, in DMSO), aniline (10 mM, in DMSO), and an additional amount of DMSO to reach a final concentration of 5% in the DCL. The DCL was allowed to gently mix on a rotating wheel (7 rpm) at room temperature for six hours and was frequently monitored via UPLC-MS. The additional amount of phosphate buffer (pH 6.25, 437.5  $\mu$ L) was added after six hours to reach 1 mL of end-volume. For analysis, 10  $\mu$ L of the corresponding library was mixed with 90  $\mu$ L acetonitrile and 2  $\mu$ L of NaOH (2 M), the mixture was centrifuged, and the supernatant was used for the analysis.

**Protein-templated DCL preparation (pre-equilibrated) (GP-4)**: To a 1.5 mL Eppendorf Tube<sup>®</sup> containing phosphate buffer (pH 6.25, 512.5 µL), were added hydrazides (300 µM each, in DMSO), aldehydes (100 µM each, in DMSO), aniline (10 mM, in DMSO), and an additional amount of DMSO to reach a final concentration of 5% in the DCL. The DCL was allowed to gently mix on a rotating wheel (7 rpm) at room temperature for six hours and was frequently monitored via UPLC-MS. After six hours, the protein drDXPS (437.5 µL, 20 µM in phosphate buffer at pH 6.25) was added to the pre-equilibrated library. The DCL with the protein was allowed to gently mix on a rotating wheel (7 rpm) at room temperature for the next 6 h via UPLC-MS and the traces were compared with the blank composition. For analysis, 10 µL of the corresponding library was mixed with 90 µL acetonitrile and 2 µL of NaOH (2 M), the mixture was centrifuged, and the supernatant was used for the analysis.

**Protein-templated DCL preparation for competition experiment with ThDP (GP-5):** To a 1.5 mL Eppendorf Tube<sup>®</sup> containing phosphate buffer (pH 6.25), were added hydrazides (300  $\mu$ M each, in DMSO), aldehydes (100  $\mu$ M each, in DMSO), aniline (10 mM, in DMSO), an additional amount of DMSO to reach a final concentration of 5%, and a pre-incubated mixture of drDXPS protein (40  $\mu$ M in phosphate buffer at pH 6.25), ThDP (100  $\mu$ M in water), and MgCl<sub>2</sub> (100  $\mu$ M in water) in the DCL with 1 mL of end-volume. The DCL with the protein was allowed to gently mix on a rotating wheel (7 rpm) at room temperature and was frequently monitored via UPLC-MS, and the traces were compared with the blank composition. For analysis, 10  $\mu$ L of the corresponding library was mixed with 90  $\mu$ L acetonitrile and 2  $\mu$ L of NaOH (2 M), the mixture was centrifuged, and the supernatant was used for the analysis.

*Note*: The blank-DCL composition for competition experiments was similar except for the added protein. The protein- templated DCL was run as duplicate.

**Protein-templated DCL preparation for competition experiment with ThDP and BAP (GP-6):** To a 1.5 mL Eppendorf Tube<sup>®</sup> containing phosphate buffer (pH 6.25), were added hydrazides (300 μM each, in DMSO), aldehydes (100 μM each, in DMSO), aniline (10 mM, in DMSO), an additional amount of DMSO to reach a final

concentration of 5%, and a pre-incubated mixture of drDXPS protein (40  $\mu$ M in phosphate buffer at pH 6.25), ThDP (100  $\mu$ M in water), MgCl<sub>2</sub> (100  $\mu$ M in water), and BAP (100  $\mu$ M in water) in the DCL with 1 mL of end-volume. The DCL with the protein was allowed to gently mix on a rotating wheel (7 rpm) at room temperature and was frequently monitored via UPLC-MS, and the traces were compared with the blank composition. For analysis, 10  $\mu$ L of the corresponding library was mixed with 90  $\mu$ L acetonitrile and 2  $\mu$ L of NaOH (2 M) to raise pH > 8. The mixture was centrifuged, and the supernatant was used for the analysis.

*Note*: The blank-DCL composition for the competition experiments was the same except for the added protein. The protein-templated DCL was run as duplicate.

**Assessment of DCL composition:** The library composition was assessed after the equilibrium of acylhydrazone formation was reached as reported in the literature.<sup>1,2</sup> All the DCLs in this study reached an equilibrium between four to six hours. The "amplification factor" was determined with the relative peak area (RPA), which is the percent of each peak when the sum of all peak areas was set to 100%. The "normalized RPA" was used for the final assessment of amplification of the acylhydrazone products in the DCL.

 $amplification \ factor \ = \frac{RPA_{(templated)}}{RPA_{(blank)}}$  $normalized \ change \ of \ RPA \ = \frac{(RPA_{(templated)} - RPA_{(blank)})}{RPA_{(blank)}}$ 

## General procedure for molecular docking studies (GP-7):

The X-ray crystal structure of *Deinococcus radiodurans* (drDXPS) (PDB code: 201X) was used for our docking studies.<sup>3</sup> The binding site of drDXPS was defined to include residues within a 6.5 Å radius around the cofactor thiaminediphosphate in the LeadIT program. The binding site includes 43 amino acid residues and a magnesium ion. All 21 possible acylhydrazones products from DCL-1 were used as ligands for docking using the FlexX docking module in the LeadIT suite v2.3.2.<sup>4</sup> Top-30 (FlexX)-scored solutions were retained and subsequently post-scored with the HYDE module in LeadIT v2.3.2. After careful visualization to exclude poses with significant inter- or intramolecular clash terms or unfavorable conformations, the resulting solutions were subsequently ranked according to their binding energies. The top-ranked pose from each compound was chosen and used for the comparison. The 2D-figures were generated with Pose View<sup>5</sup> as implemented in the LeadIT suite. The program SeeSAR 10.0 was used to visualize the acylhydrazone hits from the DCL-1 inside the active site of enzyme drDXPS and to generate the figures.<sup>6</sup>

## General procedure for acylhydrazone formation (GP-8):

To a heat-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, the hydrazide (1–1.2 equiv.) and the corresponding aldehyde (1 equiv.) were dissolved/suspended in MeOH under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 65 °C until completion. After cooling the reaction to room temperature, the reaction mixture was precipitated by cooling the Schlenk tube to 0 °C in an ice bath. The resulting crude was purified either by filtration and washing sequences (Purification method-1) or by preparative HPLC, affording the corresponding acylhydrazone products in 21–94% isolated yields.

**Purification method-1:** The precipitated reaction mixture was transferred to an Eppendorf Tube<sup>®</sup> and centrifuged for 2 min, the supernatant liquid was removed, and 1 mL ice-cold MeOH was added to the residue, which was resuspended by vigorous agitation by a vortex mixer. The cold suspension was centrifuged again for 2 min, followed by removal of supernatant liquid. This process was repeated at least three times or until the sufficiently pure product (residue) was isolated, which was monitored on LC-MS. The solvents were removed from the final residue under reduced pressure to obtain the pure acylhydrazone product.

**Purification method-2**: After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by preparative HPLC on a reversed-phase column (C18 column, 5  $\mu$ M, Macherey-Nagel, Germany), using 15–100% gradient (MeCN (0.1% formic acid) in water (0.1% formic acid)). After removing water and acetonitrile from the pure fractions *in vacuo* followed by lyophilization, the pure acylhydrazone products were obtained.

## General procedure for amide bioisostere formation (GP-9):



Step 1: To a 50 mL round-bottomed flask were added aldehyde (1 equiv.), nitromethane (1 equiv.) and MeOH (2 mL). The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and an aqueous solution of NaOH (1.2 equiv. In 1.5 mL water) was added. The reaction was kept stirring for 2.5 hours while slowly warming to rt. After, the reaction mixture was poured into an aqueous solution of HCI (0.6 mL in 1 mL of water) and kept stirring at rt for an additional 45 minutes. The reaction progress was monitored on LCMS. After full conversion, water (5 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and extracted with DCM (3  $\times$  20 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and volatiles were removed on a rotary evaporator. The crude nitrostyrene derivative obtained was used in the next step without further purification.

Step 2: The crude nitrostyrene derivative (approx, 1 mmol) from the first step was added to a two-necked round-bottomed flask, and the flask was purged using vacuum-argon cycles. The dry-THF (16 mL) was added to the reaction flask followed by portion-wise addition of LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (4 equiv.), and the reaction mixture was kept stirring at rt for one hour. After the disappearance of starting material by LCMS, 1 M NaOH (10 mL) was slowly added to the reaction flask, and the resulting reaction mixture was filtered through Celite. The Celite pad was washed with EtOAc ( $3 \times 20$  mL), and the organic phase was separated, the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc and combined organic phases were treated with brine. After separation, the organic phases were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and volatiles were removed on a rotary evaporator. The crude ethylamine derivative obtained was used in the next step without further purification.

Step 3: To a 50 mL round-bottomed flask, were added ethanamine (1equiv.), carboxylic acid (1.1 equiv.), HOBt.H<sub>2</sub>O (2 equiv.), and 2 mL DMF. To the resulting solution were added EDC·HCl (2 equiv.), and DIPEA (2.5 equiv.). The reaction was kept stirring at rt for 18 hours before treating it with water (5 mL) and extracting it with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and volatiles were removed on a rotary evaporator. The crude obtained was purified by preparative HPLC (H<sub>2</sub>O:MeCN + 0.1% formic acid, gradient 5% to 100% MeCN) to afford the amide product.

## General procedure for oxadiazole bioisostere formation (GP-10):

Oxadiazole compounds were prepared according to the reported procedure of Farshori *et al.* (2017) under microwave conditions.<sup>7</sup> The original procedure was adapted as follows:

The hydrazide (1 equiv.), corresponding carboxylic acid (1 equiv.), and neutral active aluminum oxide (100 mg / 50 mg of hydrazide) were ground to a fine powder in a mortar. This powder was transferred into a microwave (MW) glass tube and phosphorous oxytrichloride was added in excess (14 equiv.). The MW reaction tube was capped under air, and the reaction mixture was heated in a laboratory microwave oven at 90 °C for 30 min. For purification, the crude was washed with ice-cold distilled water and ice-cold concentrated sodium bicarbonate solution. The residue was further washed with cold MeOH to provide the final pure product. Further purification by preparative HPLC was needed for compound **41**.

## **DCC-experiments**

#### DCC-1:

This experiment library consists of three aldehydes (A1-A3) and seven hydrazides (H1-H7).

**DCL-1 (40 mol% protein):** The DCC-experiment was carried out according to the GP-1 (blank) and GP-2 (protein-templated) in phosphate buffer at pH 6.25 and 5% DMSO.

Entry		Blank	Proteir	Protein-templated (I)		Protein-templated (II)	
	amount	Final conc.	amount	Final conc.	amount	Final conc. in	
		in DCL		in DCL		DCL	
Phosphate buffer	950 μL	-	76 μL	-	15.2 μL	-	
Hydrazide (100 mм)	7 × 3 μL	(7 × 300 µм)	7 × 3 μL	(7 × 300 µм)	7 × 0.6 μLª	(7 × 300 µм)	
	(21 μL)		(21 μL)		(4.2 μL)		
Aldehyde (100 mм)	3×1μL	(3 × 100 µм)	3×1μL	(3 × 100 µм)	7 × 0.2 μL <sup>b</sup>	(3 × 100 µм)	
	(3 μL)		(3 µL)		(0.6 µL)		
Aniline (1 м)	10 µL	10 mM	10 µL	10 mм	2 μL	10 mM	
DMSO	16 µL	-	16 µL	-	3.2 μL	-	
drDXPS (45.7 µм)*	0	-	874 μL	40 µM	174.8 μL	40 µM	

The DCL-composition is as below:

\*drDXPS, 45.7  $\mu$ M in phosphate buffer at pH 6.25. <sup>a</sup> to minimize the error, the 21  $\mu$ L stock solution was prepared by mixing 3  $\mu$ L of each hydrazide from the initial 100 mM stock, and 4.2  $\mu$ L were taken from this stock. <sup>b</sup> to minimize the error, the 6  $\mu$ L stock solution was prepared by mixing 2  $\mu$ L of each aldehyde from the initial 100 mM stock, and 0.6  $\mu$ L were taken from this stock.

**DCL-1 (20 mol% protein):** The DCC-experiment was carried out according to the GP-1 (blank), GP-2 (protein-templated) in phosphate buffer at pH 6.25 and 5% DMSO.

Entry	Blank		Protein-templated (I)		Protein-templated (II)	
	amount	Final conc.	amount	Final conc.	amount	Final conc.
		in DCL		in DCL		in DCL
Phosphate buffer	950 μL	-	512.5 μL	-	102.5 μL	-
Hydrazide (100 mм)	7 × 3 μL	(7 × 300 µм)	7 × 3 μL	(7 × 300 µм)	7 × 0.6 μLª	(7 × 300 µм)
	(21 μL)		(21 μL)		(4.2 μL)	
Aldehyde (100 mM)	3 × 1 μL	(3 × 100 µм)	3×1μL	(3 × 100 µм)	7 × 0.2 μL <sup>ь</sup>	(3 × 100 µм)
	(3 μL)		(3 μL)		(0.6 μL)	
Aniline (1 м)	10 µL	10 mM	10 µL	10 mM	2 μL	10 mM
DMSO	16 µL	-	16 µL	-	3.2 μL	-
drDXPS (45.7 µм)*	0	-	437.5 μL	20 µм	87.5 μL	20 µM

The DCL-composition is as below:

\* drDXPS, 45.7  $\mu$ M in phosphate buffer at pH 6.25. <sup>a</sup> to minimize the error, the 21  $\mu$ L stock solution was prepared by mixing 3  $\mu$ L of each hydrazide from the initial 100 mM stock, and 4.2  $\mu$ L were taken from this stock. <sup>b</sup> to minimize the error, the 6  $\mu$ L stock solution was prepared by mixing 2  $\mu$ L of each aldehyde from the initial 100 mM stock, and 0.6  $\mu$ L were taken from this stock.

**DCL-1 (20 mol% protein 'pre-equilibrated'):** The DCC-experiment was carried out according to GP-3 (blank) and GP-4 (protein-templated) in phosphate buffer at pH 6.25 and 5% DMSO.

	Blank		Protein-templated		
Entry	amount	Final conc.	amount	Final conc.	
	amount	in DCL	amount	in DCL	
Phosphate buffer	512.5 + 437.5 μL	-	512.5 μL	-	
Hydrazide (100 mм)	7 × 3 μL (21 μL)	(7 × 300 µм)	7 × 3 μL (21 μL)	(7 × 300 µм)	
Aldehyde (100 mM)	3 × 1 μL (3 μL)	(3 × 100 µм)	3 × 1 μL (3 μL)	(3 × 100 µм)	
Aniline (1 м)	10 µL	10 mм	10 µL	10 mM	
DMSO	16 µL	-	16 µL	-	
drDXPS (45.7 µм)*	0	-	437.5 μL	20 µм	

The DCL-composition is as below:

\* drDXPS, 45.7  $\mu$ M in phosphate buffer at pH 6.25

#### DCC-2:

This experiment's library consists of three aldehydes (A4–A6) and seven hydrazides (H2, H5, H6, H8–H11).

This DCC-experiment was carried out according to the GP-1 (blank) and GP-2 (protein-templated) in phosphate buffer at pH 7.04 and 5% DMSO.

The DCL-composition is as below:

	Blank		Protein-templated (I)		Protein-templated (II)	
Entry	amount	Final conc. in DCL	amount	Final conc. in DCL	amount	Final conc. in DCL
Phosphate buffer	950	-	524.5 μL	-	524.5 μL	-
Hydrazide (100 mм)	7 × 3 μL (21 μL)	(7 × 300 µм)	7 × 3 μL (21 μL)	(7 × 300 µм)	7 × 3 μL (21 μL)	(7 × 300 µм)
Aldehyde (100 mм)	3 × 1 μL (3 μL)	(3 × 100 µм)	3 × 1 μL (3 μL)	(3 × 100 µм)	3 × 1 μL (3 μL)	(3 × 100 µм)
Aniline (1 м)	10 µL	10 mM	10 µL	10 mM	10 µL	10 mM
DMSO	16 μL	-	16 µL	-	16 µL	-
drDXPS (94 µм)*	0	-	425.5 μL	40 µM	425.5 μL	40 µM

\* drDXPS, 94 μM in phosphate buffer at pH 7.04

#### DCC-3:

DCC-3a: This experiment's library consists of eleven aldehydes (A1, A2, A7–A15) and two hydrazides (H11 and H12).

This DCC-experiment was carried out according to the GP-1 (blank) and GP-2 (Protein-templated) in phosphate buffer at pH 7.04 and 5% DMSO.

The DCL-composition is as below:

	Blank		Protein-templated (I)		Protein-templated (II)	
Entry	amount	Final conc. in DCL	amount	Final conc. in DCL	amount	Final conc. in DCL
Phosphate buffer	950	-	590 μL	-	590 μL	-
Hydrazide (200 mм)	2 × 10 μL (20 μL)	(2 × 2000 µм)	2 × 10 μL (20 μL)	(2 × 2000 µм)	2 × 10 μL (20 μL)	(2 × 2000 µм)
Aldehyde (100 mM)	11 × 1 μL (11 μL)	(11 × 100 µм)	11 × 1 μL (11 μL)	(11 × 100 µм)	11 × 1 μL (11 μL)	(11 × 100 µм)
Aniline (1 м)	10 µL	10 mм	10 µL	10 mм	10 µL	10 mм
DMSO	9 μL	-	9 μL	-	9 μL	-
drDXPS (111 μм)*	0	-	360 μL	40 μM	360 µL	40 µM

\* drDXPS, 111 μM in phosphate buffer at pH 7.04

**DCC-3b:** This experiment library consists of eleven aldehydes (A16 –A26) and two hydrazides (H11 and H12). This DCC-experiment was carried out according to the GP-1 (blank) and GP-2 (Protein-templated) in phosphate buffer at pH 7.04 and 5% DMSO.

	Blank		Protein-templated (I)		Protein-templated (II)	
Entry	amount	Final conc.	amount	Final conc.	amount	Final conc.
	umount	in DCL		in DCL	uniouni	in DCL
Phosphate buffer	950 μL	-	590 μL	-	590 μL	-
Hydrazide	2 × 10 μL	$(2 \times 2000 \text{ mm})$	2 × 10 μL	$(2 \times 2000 \text{ mm})$	2 × 10 μL	$(2 \times 2000 \text{ mm})$
(200 mм)	(20 µL)	(2 × 2000 µW)	(20 µL)	) (2 × 2000 μM)	(20 µL)	(2 × 2000 µM)
Aldobudo (100 mu)	11 × 1 μL	(11 × 100 µм)	11 × 1 μL	$(11 \times 100 \text{ mM})$	11 × 1 μL	(11 x 100 µM)
Aldenyde (100 mm)	(11 µL)		(11 µL)	(11 × 100 µm)	(11 µL)	(11 × 100 µm)
Aniline (1 м)	10 µL	10 mM	10 µL	10 mM	10 µL	10 mM
DMSO	9 μL	-	9 μL	-	9 μL	-
drDXPS (111 μм)*	0	-	360 μL	40 µм	360 μL	40 μM

The DCL-composition is as below:

\* drDXPS, 111 μM in phosphate buffer at pH 7.04

#### DCC-4

This DCC-experiment was carried out according to the GP-1 (blank) and GP-2 (Protein-templated) in phosphate buffer at pH 7.04 and 5% DMSO.

#### The DCL-composition is as below:

Entry	Blank		Protein-templated (I)		Protein-templated (II)	
	amount	Final conc. in DCL	amount	Final conc. in DCL	amount	Final conc. in DCL
Phosphate buffer	950	-	590 μL	-	590 μL	-
Hydrazide	7 × 3 μL	(7 × 300 µм)	7 × 3 μL	(7 × 300 µм)	7 × 3 μL	(7 × 300 µм)
(100 mм)	(21 µL)		(21 µL)		(21 µL)	
Aldehyde (100 mM)	3×1μL	(11 × 100 µм)	3×1μL	(11 × 100 µм)	3×1μL	(11 × 100 µм)
	(3 μL)		(3 μL)		(3 μL)	
Aniline (1 м)	10 µL	10 mM	10 µL	10 mM	10 µL	10 mм
DMSO	9 μL	-	16 µL	-	9 μL	-
drDXPS (111 µм)*	0	-	360 μL	40 µM	360 μL	40 μM

\* drDXPS, 111  $\mu$ M in phosphate buffer at pH 7.04

#### DCC-5 (Competition experiment with ThDP):

This DCC-experiment was carried out according to the GP-5 (blank and protein-templated) in phosphate buffer at pH 6.25 and 5% DMSO using the DCL-1. The DCL-composition is as below:

· ·	Blank		Protein-templated (I)		Protein-templated (II)	
Entry	amount	Final conc.	amount	Final conc.	amount	Final conc.
	umount	in DCL	umount	in DCL	umbunt	in DCL
Phosphate buffer	948 μL	-	587.6µL	-	587.6µL	-
Hudrazida (100 mm)	7 × 3 μL	(7 × 200 mA)	7 × 3 μL	(7 × 200 μm)	7 × 3 μL	
	(21 μL)	(7 × 500 μm)	(21 μL)	(7 × 500 µm)	(21 μL)	(7 × 500 μM)
	3 × 1 μL	(2 × 100 ·····)	3×1μL	(2 × 100 µm)	3 × 1 μL	(2 × 100 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Aldenyde (100 milli)	(3 μL)	(5 × 100 μm)	(3 μL)	(5 × 100 µivi)	(3 μL)	(5 × 100 µM)
Aniline (1 м)	10 µL	10 mM	10 µL	10 mM	10 µL	10 mM
DMSO	16 µL	-	16 µL	-	16 µL	-
ThDP (100 mм)	1 μL	100 µм	1 μL	100 μM	1 μL	100 µм
MgCl <sub>2</sub> (100 mм)	1 μL	100 μM	1 μL	100 µм	1 μL	100 µм
drDXPS (111 µм)*	0	-	360.4 μL	40 µм	360.4 μL	40 µM

\* drDXPS, 111  $\mu$ M in phosphate buffer at pH 6.25, ThDP = Thiamine diphosphate.

#### DCC-6 (Competition experiment with ThDP and BAP):

This DCC-experiment was carried out according to the GP-6 (blank and protein-templated) in phosphate buffer at pH 6.25 and 5% DMSO using the DCL-1.

	Blank		Protein-templated (I)		Protein-templated (II)	
Entry	amount	Final conc.	amount	Final conc.	amount	Final conc.
	umount	in DCL	umount	in DCL	umount	in DCL
Phosphate buffer	947µL	-	586.6µL	-	586.6µL	-
Hydrozido (100 my)	7 × 3 μL	(7 ~ 200	7 × 3 μL	7 × 3 μL (7 × 200 ·····)		(7 × 200 ·····A)
	(21 µL)	(7 × 500 µM)	(21 µL)	(7 × 500 µW)	(21 μL)	(7 × 500 µW)
Aldebyde (100 mM)	3×1μL	$(2 \times 100 \dots 4)$	3×1μL	(2 × 100 ·····4)	3×1μL	(2 × 100 ·····4)
Aldenyde (100 mill)	(3 µL)	(3 × 100 µM)	(3 μL)	(3 × 100 µm)	(3 μL)	(3 × 100 µW)
Aniline (1 м)	10 µL	10 mM	10 µL	10 mM	10 µL	10 mм
DMSO	16 µL	-	16 µL	-	16 µL	-
ThDP (100 mм)	1 μL	100 µM	1 μL	100 μM	1 μL	100 µM
MgCl <sub>2</sub> (100 mм)	1 μL	100 µM	1 μL	100 μM	1 μL	100 µM
BAP	1 μL	100 µM	1 μL	100 µM	1 μL	100 µM
drDXPS ((111 μм)*	0	-	360.4 μL	40 µM	360.4 μL	40 μΜ

The DCL-composition is as below:

\* drDXPS, 111  $\mu$ M in phosphate buffer at pH 6.25, ThDP = Thiamine diphosphate, BAP = butylacetylphosphonate

## Characterization of acylhydrazones

#### Identification of different conformers of acylhydrazone

Analysis of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of acylhydrazone products reported in this study gave two sets of signals. The two-dimensional Nuclear Overhauser Effect Spectroscopy (2D NOESY) experiments revealed (See Figure 21) that acylhydrazone **24** presents the relative configuration *E* of imine double bond (C=N) and the splitting of signals can be attributed to the existence of *cis/trans*-amide conformers.

## *(E)-N*'-((6-(Trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)methylene)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[*b*]thiophene-2-carbohydrazide (1):

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Compound **1** was synthesized according to GP-8, starting with aldehyde **A3** (87.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) and hydrazide **H1** (100 mg, 0.51 mmol). The crude was purified by using purification method-1 to afford **1** as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* conformers of amide (*cis:trans* = 50:50) as a pale yellow solid (133.7 mg, 0.38 mmol, 75.7%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.10 (s, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 9.08 (d, *J* = 36.6 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 8.51 (s, 1H, *trans*), 8.40 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 8.19 (s, 1H, *cis*), 8.01 (br s, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.69 (d, *J* = 38.2 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 2.79 (br s, 4H, 2*trans* and 2*cis*), 2.62 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 4H, 2*trans* and 2*cis*), 1.95 – 1.66 (m, 8H, 4*trans* and 4*cis*).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 162.1, 158.5, 149.2, 147.1, 145.8, 143.0, 139.9, 136.4, 136.0, 135.3, 134.1, 130.5, 128.6, 125.32 123.1, 121.5, 121.0, 118.8, 25.1, 23.2, 22.6.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO) δ –66.4.

HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for  $C_{16}H_{15}F_3N_3OS$  ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 354.08879, measured 354.08773.

#### (E)-N'-((2-Methylpyrimidin-5-yl)methylene)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophene-2-carbohydrazide (2):



Compound **2** was synthesized according to GP-8, starting with aldehyde **A1** (61.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) and hydrazide **H1** (100 mg, 0.51 mmol). The crude was purified by using purification method-1 to afford **1** as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* conformers of amide (*cis:trans* = 50:50) as a pale yellow solid (79.0 mg, 0.38 mmol, 52.6%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.98 (s, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 9.00 (d, *J* = 28.0 Hz, 4H, 2*trans* and 2*cis*), 8.40 (s, 1H,*trans*), 8.07 (s, 1H, *cis*), 7.67 (d, *J* = 45.9 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 2.78 (br s, 4H, 2*trans* and 2*cis*, 2.66 (s, 6H, 3trans and 3*cis*), 2.61 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 4H, 2*trans* and 2*cis*), 1.85 – 1.69 (m, 8H, 4trans and 4*cis*).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 168.3, 168.1, 162.0, 158.4, 155.6, 145.6, 142.6, 142.2, 138.7, 136.6, 136.2, 135.2, 134.0, 130.3, 128.7, 125.9, 26.1, 25.4, 25.2, 25.0, 23.2, 22.7.

HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 301.11231, measured 301.11126.

#### (E)-N'-((2-Aminopyrimidin-5-yl)methylene)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophene-2-carbohydrazide (3):



Compound **3** was synthesized according to GP-8, starting with aldehyde **A2** (61.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and hydrazide **H1** (100 mg, 0.51 mmol). The crude was purified by using purification method-1 to afford **3** as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* conformers of amide (*cis:trans* = 50:50) as a pale yellow solid (136.1 mg, 0.45 mmol, 90.1%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.61 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 8.56 (d, J = 29.9 Hz, 4H, 2trans and 2cis), 8.21 (s, 1H,trans), 7.88 (s, 1H, cis), 7.68 (s, 1H,trans), 7.56 (s, 1H, cis), 7.17 (s, 4H, 2trans and 2cis), 2.84 – 2.67 (m, 4H, 2trans and 2cis), 2.58 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 4H, 2trans and 2cis), 1.88 – 1.58 (m, 8H, 4trans and 4cis). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  164.2, 164.0, 161.6, 158.1, 157.6, 157.5, 145.2, 143.8, 141.9, 140.1, 136.5,

135.7, 135.0, 134.5, 129.7, 129.2, 117.6, 25.4, 25.1, 24.9, 23.3, 22.7, 22.6.

HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 302.10756, measured 302.10656.

#### (E)-2-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-N'-((6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)methylene)acetohydrazide (4):



Compound **4** was synthesized according to GP-8, starting with aldehyde **A3** (92.63 mg, 0.53 mmol) and hydrazide **H7** (100 mg, 0.53 mmol). The crude was purified by using purification method-1 to afford **4** as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* conformers of amide (*cis:trans* = 59:41) as a white solid (71.9 mg, 0.21 mmol, 40.0 %).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.91 (br s, 1H, *trans*), 11.69 (br s,1H, *cis*), 10.97 (s, 1H,*trans*), 10.91 (s, 1H, *cis*), 9.07 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, *cis*), 9.00 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, *trans*), 8.41 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H, *cis*), 8.37 (s, 1H, *trans*), 8.34 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H, *trans*), 8.10 (s, 1H, *cis*), 7.96 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.59 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.27 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.4 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.14 – 7.03 (m, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.03 – 6.93 (m, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 4.11 (s, 2H, *cis*), 3.69 (s, 2H, *trans*). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  173.6, 168.1, 149.2, 149.0, 147.1, 147.1, 146.8, 146.8, 146.6, 146.5, 146.3, 142.3, 138.6, 136.6, 136.5, 135.9, 135.8, 134.15, 134.1, 127.8, 127.6, 125.4, 125.3, 123.2, 123.15, 121.0, 121.0, 118.8, 111.9, 111.8, 108.3, 32.2, 29.7.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO) δ –66.4, –66.4.

HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for  $C_{17}H_{14}F_3N_4O$  ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 347.11197, measured 347.11080.

#### (E)-N'-((2-Aminopyrimidin-5-yl)methylene)-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)acetohydrazide (5):



Compound **5** was synthesized according to GP-8, starting with aldehyde **A2** (135.34 mg, 1.1 mmol) and hydrazide **H7** (228.1 mg, 1.2 mmol). The crude was purified by using purification method-1 to afford **5** as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* conformers of amide (*cis:trans* = 53:47) as a white solid (132.0 mg, 0.45 mmol, 40.8%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.42 (s, 1H, trans), 11.17 (s, 1H, cis), 10.91 (s, 1H, trans), 10.86 (s, 1H, cis), 8.55 (s, 2H, cis), 8.49 (s, 2H, trans), 8.04 (s, 1H, trans), 7.80 (s, 1H, cis), 7.56 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 7.33 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 7.21 (dd, J = 12.3, 2.4 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 7.12 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 4H, 2trans and 2cis), 7.10 – 7.00 (m, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 7.00 – 6.91 (m, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 4.00 (s, 2H, cis), 3.59 (s, 2H, trans).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 162.2, 158.5, 149.2, 147.1, 146.6, 145.8, 142.9, 139.9, 136.7, 136.4, 136.0, 135.3, 134.1, 133.9, 130.5, 128.6, 125.3, 123.2, 121.5, 121.0, 118.8, 25.2, 23.2, 22.6.

HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 295.13073, measured 295.12972.

(E)-2-(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy)-N'-((4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)methylene)acetohydrazide (6):



Compound **6** was synthesized according to GP-8, starting with aldehyde **A4** (25.5 mg, 0.15 mmol) and hydrazide **H9** (30.0 mg, 0.13 mmol). The crude was purified by using purification method-1 to afford **6** as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* conformers of amide (*cis:trans* = 40:60) as a pale yellow solid (40.0 mg, 0.10 mmol, 80.0%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.52 (d, J = 32.5 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 8.35 (s, 1H, *trans*), 8.07 (s, 1H, *cis*), 7.61 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H, *trans*), 7.57 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H, *cis*), 7.38 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H, *trans*), 7.32 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H, *cis*), 7.22 – 6.94 (m, 4H, 2*trans* and 2*cis*), 5.15 (s, 2H, *cis*), 4.75 (s, 2H, *trans*), 2.78 – 2.65 (m, 4H, 2*trans* and 2*cis*), 2.59 – 2.50 (m, 4H, 2*trans* and 2*cis*), 1.84 – 1.61 (m, 8H, 4trans and 4*cis*).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 167.7, 163.1, 152.8, 152.6, 143.2, 139.5, 138.9, 138.4, 135.7, 134.7, 134.6, 132.2, 131.4, 129.4, 129.3, 128.1, 127.9, 125.1, 124.5, 122.5, 122.2, 115.4, 115.1, 67.1, 65.4, 24.84, 24.79, 24.7, 22.8, 22.2.

HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 383.03878, measured 383.03655.

(E)-N'-((4,5,6,7-Tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)methylene)thiophene-2-carbohydrazide (7):



Compound **7** was synthesized according to GP-8, starting with aldehyde **A4** (42.0 mg, 0.25 mmol) and hydrazide **H11** (30.0 mg, 0.21 mmol). The crude was purified by using purification method-1 to afford **7** as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* conformers of amide (*cis:trans* = 54:46) as a pale yellow solid (25.0 mg, 0.086 mmol, 41.0%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.72 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 8.53 (s, 1H, trans), 8.17 (s, 1H, cis), 8.02 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H, trans), 7.95 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H, trans), 7.85 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 7.20 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 7.14 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 2.80 – 2.68 (m, 4H, 2trans and 2cis), 2.59 – 2.51 (m, 4H, 2trans and 2cis), 1.87 – 1.61 (m, 8H, 4trans and 4cis).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 160.9, 157.5, 143.0, 138.8, 138.3, 135.8, 135.7, 135.0, 134.9, 134.5, 133.4, 132.0, 131.7, 128.7, 128.1, 126.6, 24.9, 24.8, 22.9, 22.2.

HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 291.06258, measured 291.06025.

(E)-2-((1H-Benzo[d]imidazole-2-yl)thio)-N'-((4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)methylene)acetohy drazide (8):



Compound **8** was synthesized according to GP-8, starting with aldehyde **A4** (26.0 mg, 0.16 mmol) and hydrazide **H6** (30.0 mg, 0.13 mmol). The crude was purified by using purification method-1 to afford **8** as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* conformers of amide (*cis:trans* = 54:46) as a white solid (16.0 mg, 0.04 mmol, 33.2%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.64 (br s, 1H,*trans*), 12.57 (br s, 1H, *cis*), 11.70 (s, 1H,*trans*), 11.52 (s, 1H, *cis*), 8.30 (s, 1H,*trans*), 8.09 (s, 1H, *cis*), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.37 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.19 – 7.03 (m, 6H, 3*trans* and 3*cis*), 4.46 (s, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 4.12 (s, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 2.70 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 4H, 2*trans* and 2*cis*), 2.54 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 4H, 2*trans* and 2*cis*), 1.84 – 1.63 (m, 8H, 4*trans* and 4*cis*). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  169.0, 164.0, 150.4, 150.1, 142.9, 139.5, 139.3, 138.8, 136.2, 135.2, 132.6, 131.8, 121.9, 117.8, 110.6, 34.7, 34.0, 25.3, 25.3, 25.24, 25.19, 23.3, 22.7, 22.6. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OS<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 371.10003, measured 371.09790.

(E)-N'-((1H-Indol-3-yl)methylene)-2-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)acetohydrazide (9):



Cl Compound **9** was synthesized according to GP-8, starting with aldehyde **A5** (22.1 mg, 0.15 mmol) and hydrazide **H9** (30.0 mg, 0.13 mmol). The crude was purified by using purification method-1 to afford **9** as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* conformers of amide (*cis:trans* = 76:24) as a white solid (20.0 mg, 0.055 mmol, 42.5%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.69 – 11.47 (m, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 11.33 (d, J = 49.8 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 8.42 (s, 1H, *trans*), 8.21 (s, 1H, *trans*), 8.20 (s, 1H, *cis*), 8.11 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, *cis*), 7.82 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.63 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H, *trans*), 7.60 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H, *cis*), 7.44 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.40 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H, *trans*), 7.35 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H, *cis*), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.17 – 7.02 (m, 4H, 2*trans* and 2*cis*), 5.35 (s, 4H, *trans*), 4.78 (s, 4H, *cis*).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 167.8, 163.0, 153.4, 153.2, 145.4, 142.0, 137.5, 131.2, 129.9, 129.7, 128.6, 128.4, 125.5, 124.8, 124.7, 124.5, 123.1, 123.0, 122.6, 122.4, 122.3, 121.1, 120.9, 115.9, 115.5, 112.3, 111.8, 111.7, 67.8, 66.3.

HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 362.04631, measured 362.04400.

(E)-N'-((5-Bromopyridin-2-yl)methylene)-2-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)acetohydrazide (10):



Compound **10** was synthesized according to GP-8, starting with aldehyde **A6** (22.1 mg, 0.15 mmol) and hydrazide **H9** (30.0 mg, 0.13 mmol). The crude was purified by using purification method-1 to afford **10** as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* conformers of amide (*cis:trans* = 77:23) as a white solid (33.0 mg, 0.08 mmol, 63.0%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.94 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 8.81 – 8.66 (m, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 8.24 (s, 1H, trans), 8.17 – 8.09 (m, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 8.00 (s, 1H, cis), 7.95 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, cis), 7.86 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, trans), 7.62 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H, trans), 7.58 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H, cis), 7.38 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H, cis), 7.11 (dd, J = 8.9, 4.1 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 5.34 (s, 2H, cis), 4.84 (s, 2H, trans).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 168.6, 164.0, 152.8, 152.6, 151.8, 151.6, 150.3, 146.8, 143.2, 139.7, 139.5, 129.5, 129.3, 128.1, 127.9, 125.2, 124.6, 122.5, 122.2, 121.6, 121.5, 121.0, 120.8, 115.4, 115.2, 67.1, 65.7. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrCl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 401.94117, measured 401.93877

#### (E)-N'-((1H-Imidazol-2-yl)methylene)thiophene-2-carbohydrazide (11)

Compound **11** was synthesized according to GP-8, starting with aldehyde **A12** (50.0 mg, 0.52 mmol) and hydrazide **H11** (73.98 mg, 0.52 mmol). The crude was purified by using purification method-2 (Prep-HPLC) to afford **11** as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* conformers of amide (*cis:trans* = 28:72) as a white solid (25 mg, 0.11 mmol, 21.8%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  14.60 (br s, 1H, *trans*), 13.57 (br s, 1H, *cis*), 13.09 (s, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 8.12 (br s, 1H, *cis*), 7.95 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.78 (br s, 1H, *trans*), 7.66 – 7.31 (m, 6H, 3*trans* and 3*cis*), 7.33 – 7.18 (m, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 162.2, 158.3, 141.9, 141.4, 138.3, 135.6, 133.1, 132.8, 130.1, 130.0, 129.3, 129.0, 127.4, 127.0 119.4.

HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 221.04971, measured 221.04888.

(E)-N'-((1H-Imidazol-2-yl)methylene)-4-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)butanehydrazide (12):



Cl Compound **12** was synthesized according to GP-8, starting with aldehyde **A12** (54.8 mg, 0.21 mmol) and hydrazide **H12** (20 mg, 0.21 mmol). The crude was purified by using purification method-1 (Prep-HPLC) to afford **12** as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* conformers of amide (*cis:trans* = 56:44) as a white solid (53.9 mg, 0.16 mmol, 76.2%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.76 (br s, 1H, *trans*), 12.51 (br s, 1H, *cis*), 11.45 (s, 1H, *trans*), 11.32 (s, 1H, *cis*), 8.06 (s, 1H, *trans*), 7.88 (s, 1H, *cis*), 7.64 – 7.50 (m, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.24 (br s, 1H, *trans*), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.04 (br s, 1H, *cis*), 4.12 (dt, J = 13.6, 6.3 Hz, 4H, 2*trans* and 2*cis*), 2.83 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H, *cis*), 2.43 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H, *trans*), 2.05 (dp, J = 13.7, 6.8, 6.4 Hz, 4H, 2*trans* and 2*cis*).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 174.2, 168.4, 153.4, 143.0, 142.9, 138.3, 134.8, 130.3, 130.1, 129.8, 128.6, 124.9, 124.78, 122.83, 119.8, 119.3, 115.5, 115.4, 68.9, 30.9, 28.6, 24.7, 24.1.

HRMS (LC-MS/MS): m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 341.05721, measured 341.05618.

(E)-4-(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy)-N'-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)butanehydrazide (16):



CI Compound **16** was synthesized according to GP-8, starting with aldehyde **A7** (54.8 mg, 0.21 mmol) and hydrazide **H12** (23.3 mg, 0.21 mmol). The crude was purified by using purification method-1 to afford **16** as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* conformers of amide (*cis:trans* = 58:42) as a white solid (51.9 mg, 0.14 mmol, 69.4 %).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.39 (s, 1H, trans), 11.30 (s, 1H, cis), 8.37 (s, 1H, trans), 8.15 (s, 1H, cis), 7.64 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H, trans), 7.60 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H, cis), 7.57 (dd, J = 4.5, 2.6 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 7.47 – 7.31 (m, 4H, 2trans and 2cis), 7.19 (dd, J = 8.9, 1.5 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 7.15 – 7.06 (m, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 4.12 (dt, J = 15.4, 6.3 Hz, 4H, 2trans and 2cis), 2.76 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 2.40 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 2.12 – 1.91 (m, 4H, 2trans and 2cis).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 173.9, 168.3, 153.4, 141.5, 139.6, 139.5, 138.3, 131.1, 130.6, 129.7, 129.1, 128.6, 128.6, 128.3, 128.3, 124.8, 124.8, 122.9, 122.8, 115.5, 68.8, 68.8, 30.8, 28.6, 24.7, 24.0. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. For C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 357.02313, measured 357.02189.

#### (E)-N'-(4-(Diethylamino)-2-hydroxybenzylidene)thiophene-2-carbohydrazide (21):

N(Et)<sub>2</sub>

Compound **21** was synthesized according to GP-8, starting with aldehyde **A25** (135.8 mg, 0.70 mmol) and hydrazide **H11** (100.0 mg, 0.70 mmol). The crude was purified by using purification

method-1 to afford **21** as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* conformers of amide (*cis:trans* = 81:19) as a white solid (115.3mg, 0.36 mmol, 51.9%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.85 (s, 1H, *trans*), 11.47 (s, 1H, *cis*), 11.30 (s, 1H, *trans*), 9.72 (s, 1H, *cis*), 8.41 (s, 1H, *trans*), 8.26 (s, 1H, *cis*), 8.00 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H, *cis*), 7.92 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H, *cis*), 7.90 – 7.82 (m, 2H, 1*trans*, 1*trans*), 7.67 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H, *cis*), 7.29 – 7.13 (m, 3H, 1*trans*; 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 6.36 – 6.23 (m, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 6.13 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 3.42 – 3.30 (m, 8H, 4*trans* and 4*cis*), 1.11 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 12H, 6*trans* and 6*cis*).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 161.0, 160.1, 158.6, 157.4, 150.64, 150.29, 150.0, 142.6, 138.6, 134.8, 134.5, 134.1, 132.1, 131.9, 129.1, 128.6, 128.2, 127.0, 108.3, 106.9, 104.8, 104.1, 97.9, 97.6, 44.34, 44.28, 13.0. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. For C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 318.1276, measured 318.12665.

(E)-N'-((1H-Indazol-4-yl)methylene)-4-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)butanehydrazide (22):



Compound **22** was synthesized according to GP-8, starting with aldehyde **A22** (6.8 mg, 0.046 mmol) and hydrazide **H12** (12.2 mg, 0.046 mmol). The crude was purified by using purification method-1 to afford **22** as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* conformers of amide (*cis:trans* = 71:29) as a white solid (7.6 mg, 0.0019 mmol, 41.9%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  13.31 (s, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 11.59 (s, 1H, *trans*), 11.43 (s, 1H, *cis*), 8.60 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H, *trans*), 8.49 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H, *cis*), 8.35 (s, 1H, *trans*), 8.21 (s, 1H, *cis*), 7.61 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.59 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H, *trans*), 7.56 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H, *cis*), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 4H, 2*trans* and 2*cis*), 7.30 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H, *trans*), 7.25 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H, 1*cis*), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 4.20 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 2.97 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 2.47 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 2.10 (dt, J = 12.2, 6.8 Hz, 4H, 2*trans* and 2*cis*).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 174.1, 168.6, 153.5, 146.1, 143.9, 140.7, 135.0, 134.4, 129.7, 128.6, 128.6, 128.0, 127.6, 126.4, 126.3, 124.8, 124.8, 123.7, 123.4, 123.0, 122.8, 119.0, 118.6, 115.6, 112.6, 68.9, 68.8, 30.8, 28.8, 24.7, 23.9.

HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. For C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 391.07286, measured 391.07179.

(E)-4-(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy)-N'-(2-fluoro-4-hydroxybenzylidene)butanehydrazide (23):



Compound **23** was synthesized according to GP-8, starting with aldehyde **A26** (35.0 mg, 0.25 mmol) and hydrazide **H12** (65.8 mg, 0.25 mmol). The crude was purified by using purification method-1 to afford **23** as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* conformers of amide (*cis:trans* = 65:35) as a white solid (50.3 mg, 0.13 mmol, 55.2%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.36 (s, 1H, trans), 11.24 (s, 1H, cis), 10.41 (br s, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 8.26 (s, 1H, trans), 8.07 (s, 1H, cis), 7.67 (dt, J = 15.7, 8.7 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 7.57 (dd, J = 4.1, 2.6 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 7.36 (ddd, J = 8.8, 7.5, 2.6 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 7.19 (dd, J = 8.9, 1.8 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 6.70 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H, trans), 6.66 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H, cis), 6.60 (ddd, J = 12.7, 4.9, 2.3 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 4.12 (dt, J = 15.5, 6.3 Hz, 4H, 2trans and 2cis), 2.80 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H, cis), 2.39 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H, trans), 2.11 – 1.96 (m, 4H, 2trans and 2cis).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 174.0, 168.2, 163.2, 163.0, 161.3, 161.2, 161.1, 161.1, 161.0, 153.4, 139.5, 139.5, 136.4, 136.4, 129.7, 128.6, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 124.8, 124.7, 122.8, 115.5, 115.4, 113.2, 113.1, 103.06, 102.9, 68.8, 30.8, 28.8, 24.7, 24.2.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO) δ -119.91, -119.99.

HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 385.05220, measured 385.05120.

(E)-N'-((1H-|Pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-4-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)butanehydrazide (24):



Cl Compound **24** was synthesized according to GP-8, starting with aldehyde **A20** (19.8 mg, 0.21 mmol) and hydrazide **H12** (54.8 mg, 0.21 mmol). The crude was purified by using purification method-1 to afford **24** as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* conformers of amide (*cis:trans* = 53:47) as a white solid (52.5 mg, 0.15 mmol, 73.7%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.43 (s, 1H, *trans*), 11.24 (s, 1H, *cis*), 11.07 (s, 1H, *trans*), 10.97 (s, 1H, *cis*), 8.00 (s, 1H, *trans*), 7.82 (s, 1H, *cis*), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 2.5 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.36 (ddd, *J* = 9.5, 7.2, 2.6 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 6.88 (dq, *J* = 9.8, 2.3 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 6.47 – 6.35 (m, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 6.18 – 6.03 (m, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 4.14 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H, *cis*), 4.10 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H, *trans*), 2.78 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H, *cis*), 2.38 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H, *trans*), 2.09 – 1.97 (m, 4H, 2*trans* and 2*cis*).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 173.7, 167.8, 153.5, 139.6, 136.1, 129.7, 128.6, 127.7, 127.5, 124.9, 124.8, 122.9, 122.7, 122.1, 115.6, 115.5, 113.4, 112.3, 109.6, 69.0, 68.9, 30.8, 28.7, 24.9, 24.2. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 340.06196, measured 340.06112.

(E)-4-(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy)-N'-(2-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzylidene)butanehydrazide (25):



Compound **25** was synthesized according to GP-8, starting with aldehyde **A24** (38.0 mg, 0.25 mmol) and hydrazide **H12** (65.8 mg, 0.25 mmol). The crude was purified by using purification method-1 to afford **25** as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* conformers of amide (*cis:trans* = 45:55) as a white solid (49.4 mg, 0.12 mmol, 49.7%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.64 (s, 1H, trans), 11.28 (s, 1H, cis), 10.90 (s, 1H, trans), 9.45 (s, 1H, cis), 8.35 (s, 1H, trans), 8.29 (s, 1H, cis), 7.57 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 7.36 (td, J = 8.6, 2.6 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 7.22 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H, cis), 7.20 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 7.10 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H, trans), 7.01 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H, trans), 6.98 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H, cis), 6.84 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, trans), 6.79 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, cis), 4.13 (dt, J = 12.2, 6.3 Hz, 4H, 2trans and 2cis), 3.81 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 6H, 3trans and 3cis), 2.79 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H, cis), 2.44 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H, trans), 2.16 - 1.95 (m, 4H, 2trans and 2cis).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 173.9, 168.3, 153.44, 148.4, 148.3, 147.4, 146.8, 146.3, 140.9, 129.7, 128.6, 124.8, 124.75, 122.8, 121.2, 121.0, 119.6, 119.4, 119.3, 118.2, 115.5, 115.5, 114.0, 113.2, 68.8, 56.3, 56.2, 30.7, 28.8, 24.6, 24.1.

HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 397.07219, measured 397.07097.

(E)-N'-((1H-Indol-6-yl)methylene)-4-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)butanehydrazide (26):



Compound **26** was synthesized according to GP-8, starting with aldehyde **A23** (36.3 mg, 0.25 mmol) and hydrazide **H12** (65.8 mg, 0.25 mmol). The crude was purified by using purification method-1 to afford **26** as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* conformers of amide (*cis:trans* = 62:38) as a white solid (40.3 mg, 0.10 mmol, 41.3%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.29 (br s, 1H, trans), 11.27 (s, 1H, trans), 11.25 (br s, 1H, cis), 11.15 (s, 1H, cis), 8.22 (s, 1H, trans), 8.06 (s, 1H, cis), 7.69 (s, 1H, trans), 7.61 (s, 1H, cis), 7.59 – 7.51 (m, 4H, 2trans and 2cis), 7.46 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H, trans), 7.44 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H, cis), 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 4H, 2trans and 2cis), 7.20 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.3 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 6.46 (q, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 4.16 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H, cis), 4.12 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H, trans), 2.85 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H, cis), 2.42 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H, trans), 2.14 – 2.00 (m, 4H, 2trans and 2cis).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 173.9, 168.1, 153.5, 148.0, 144.9, 136.3, 136.22, 129.7, 129.5, 128.6, 127.9, 127.8, 124.8, 124.8, 122.9, 120.8, 120.7, 118.4, 117.6, 115.5, 115.47, 111.49, 111.28, 102.0, 102.0, 68.8, 30.8, 28.8, 24.8, 24.1.

HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{18}Cl_2N_3O_2$  ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 390.07761, measured 390.07634.

#### (E)-N'-((1H-Indol-6-yl)methylene)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophene-2-carbohydrazide (35):



Compound **35** was synthesized according to GP-8, starting with aldehyde **A23** (37.0 mg, 0.25 mmol) and hydrazide **H1** (50 mg, 0.25 mmol). The crude was purified by using purification method-1 to afford **35** as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* conformers of amide (*cis:trans s* = 49:51) as a white solid (76.7 mg, 0.24 mmol, 94.9%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.59 (d, J = 32.2 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 11.35 (d, J = 24.0 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 8.46 (s, 1H, trans), 8.15 (s, 1H, cis), 7.74 (br s, 3H, 1trans; 1trans and 1cis), 7.68 – 7.55 (m, 3H, 1cis; 1trans and 1cis), 7.51 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H, trans), 7.48 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 7.40 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H, cis), 6.48 (br s, 2H, 1trans and 1cis), 2.80 (dt, J = 31.7, 6.0 Hz, 4H, 2trans and 2cis), 2.62 (q, J = 6.5, 5.9 Hz, 4H, 2trans and 2cis), 1.97 – 1.56 (m, 8H, 4trans and 4cis).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 161.7, 158.4, 149.2, 146.0, 145.1, 141.8, 136.48, 136.3, 135.6, 135.0, 134.7, 129.8, 129.7, 129.5, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 121.0, 120.8, 118.6, 118.2, 112.0, 111.3, 102.1, 102.0, 25.4, 25.2, 25.1, 23.3, 23.3, 22.8, 22.6.

HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 324.11706, measured 324.11588.

#### (*S,E*)-tert-butyl (1-(2-((1H-indol-6-yl)methylene)hydrazinyl)-1-oxo-3-phenylpropan-2-yl)carbamate (37):



Ph<sup>-</sup> Compound **37** was synthesized according to GP-8, starting with aldehyde **A23** (30.19 mg, 0.21 mmol) and hydrazide **H14** (58.1 mg, 0.21 mmol). The crude was purified by using purification method-1 to afford **37** as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* conformers of amide (*cis:trans* = 53:47) as a white solid (34.1 mg, 0.08 mmol, 39.9%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  11.43 (s, 1H, *trans*), 11.37 (s, 1H, *cis*), 11.34 (s, 1H, *trans*), 11.25 (s, 1H, *cis*), 8.25 (s, 1H, *trans*), 8.09 (s, 1H, *cis*), 7.71 (s, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.60 (dd, *J* = 16.9, 8.3 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.48 (q, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H, *trans*), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H, *cis*), 7.37 – 7.26 (m, 8H, 4*trans* and 4*cis*), 7.26 – 7.16 (m, 3H, 1*trans*; 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H, *cis*), 6.48 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 2.4 Hz, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 5.11 (ddd, *J* = 10.5, 8.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H, *cis*), 4.22 (ddd, *J* = 10.1, 8.3, 4.8 Hz, 1H, *trans*), 3.09 – 2.91 (m, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 2.90 – 2.71 (m, 2H, 1*trans* and 1*cis*), 1.32 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 18H, 9*trans* and 9*cis*).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 173.4, 168.6, 156.0, 155.9, 149.0, 145.7, 139.1, 138.5, 136.3, 129.8, 129.7, 129.7, 129.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 126.8, 126.7, 120.9, 120.8, 118.4, 117.9, 111.5, 111.4, 102.1, 102.0, 78.5, 78.4, 55.6, 53.6, 37.8, 36.9, 28.6, 28.3.

HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 407.20832, measured 407.20696.

#### N-(2-(6-(Trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)ethyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxamide (38):



Compound **38** was synthesized according to GP-9. The first step product (*E*)-5-(2-nitrovinyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine was prepared by starting with 6-(trifluoromethyl)nicotinaldehyde (175.1 mg, 1 mmol, 1 equiv.), nitromethane (61.1 mg, 1 mmol, 1 equiv.), and MeOH (2 mL) followed by treating with HCl (0.6 mL in 1 mL of water). After workup, the obtained crude was treated with LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (151.8 mg, 4 mmol) in dry-THF (16 mL) to afford the second step product 2-(6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3yl)ethanamine. This crude (127.5 mg, aprrox. 0.67 mmol, 1 equiv.) was reacted with 4,5,6,7tetrahydrobenzo[*b*]thiophene-2-carboxylic acid (133.8 mg, 0.74 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), HOBt.H<sub>2</sub>O (204.7 mg, 1.34 mmol, 2 equiv.), EDC·HCl (256.27 mg, 1.34 mmol, 2 equiv.), and DIPEA (279.4 uL, 1.67 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) in DMF (2 mL). The crude obtained after the workup was purified by preparative HPLC (H<sub>2</sub>O:MeCN + 0.1% formic acid, gradient 5% to 100% MeCN) to afford **38** as a pale yellow solid (75 mg, 0.21 mmol, 21%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.51 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 5.97 (bs, 1H), 3.60 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.95 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (td, *J* = 5.9, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 2.54 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.67 (m, 4H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.5, 150.4, 146.6 (q, *J* = 34.8 Hz), 141.7, 138.0, 137.7, 136.4, 133.6, 129.4, 121.6 (q, *J* = 273.6 Hz), 120.4, 40.6, 32.9, 25.4, 25.3, 23.2, 22.6.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ –67.73.

HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 355.10919, measured 355.10776

#### 4-(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy)-N-(2-fluoro-4-hydroxyphenethyl)butanamide (39):



Compound **39** was synthesized according to GP-9. The first step product (*E*)-3-fluoro-4-(2-nitrovinyl)phenol was prepared by starting with 2-fluoro-4-hydroxybenzaldehyde (140.1 mg, 1 mmol, 1 equiv.), nitromethane (61.1 mg, 1 mmol, 1 equiv.), and MeOH (2 mL) followed by treating with HCl (0.6 mL in 1 mL of water). After workup, the obtained crude was treated with LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (151.8 mg, 4 mmol) in dry-THF (16 mL) to afford the second step product 4-(2-aminoethyl)-3-fluorophenol. This crude (78 mg, aprrox. 0.5 mmol, 1equiv.) was reacted with 4-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)butanoic acid (73 mg, 0.55 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), HOBt.H<sub>2</sub>O (168.5 mg, 1.1 mmol, 2 equiv.), EDC·HCl (210.9 mg, 1.1 mmol, 2 equiv.), and DIPEA (239 uL, 1.37 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) in DMF (2 mL). The crude obtained after the workup was purified by preparative HPLC (H<sub>2</sub>O:MeCN + 0.1% formic acid, gradient 5% to 100% MeCN) to afford **39** as a pale yellow solid (35 mg, 0.09 mmol, 9%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.26 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.50 – 6.42 (m, 2H), 5.83 (bt, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.41 (q, J = 6.6, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (p, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H).

 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.2, 162.6, 160.6, 156.8, 156.7, 153.0, 131.2, 131.2, 129.9, 127.7, 125.8, 123.5, 116.3, 116.2, 114.1, 111.4, 111.4, 103.3, 103.1, 68.0, 40.0, 32.8, 28.5, 24.9.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -116.90.

HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for Chemical Formula: C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 386.07260, measured 386.07151

#### 2-(4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-5-(6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (40):



Compound **40** was synthesized according to GP-10, starting with 6-(trifluoromethyl)nicotinic acid (101.5 mg, 0.53 mmol, 1 equiv.), 4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophene-2carbohydrazide (104.1 mg, 0.53 mmol, 1 equiv.), aluminum oxide (200 mg), and phosphorous oxytrichloride (1.14 g, 7.44 mmol, 14 equiv.). The crude purified by washing with ice-cold distilled water and ice-cold concentrated sodium bicarbonate solution. The residue was further washed with cold MeOH to provide the **40** as a white solid (115.5 mg, 0.33 mmol, 62%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.34 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 2.79 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.81-1.70 (m, 4H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.2, 160.5, 150.1 (q, *J* = 35.7 Hz), 147.8, 143.2, 137.2, 135.5, 131.49, 123.0, 120.8, 121.1 (q, *J* = 270.1 Hz) 120.8, 120.0, 25.4, 25.4, 23.1, 22.5.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ –68.1.

HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for Chemical Formula: C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 352.07314, measured 352.07090

#### 4-(5-(3-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)propyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)-3-fluorophenol (41):



Compound **41** was synthesized according to GP-10, starting with 2fluoro-4-hydroxybenzoic acid (32.4 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1 mmol), 4-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)butanehydrazide (32.4 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1 equiv.), aluminum oxide (121 mg), and phosphorous oxytrichloride (408 mg, 2.66 mmol, 14 equiv.). The crude purified by washing with ice-cold distilled water and ice-cold concentrated sodium bicarbonate solution. The residue was further washed with cold MeOH and the crude was purified by preparative HPLC ( $H_2O:MeCN + 0.1\%$  formic acid, gradient 20% to 100% MeCN) to afford **41** as a white solid (9.1 mg, 0.024 mmol, 12.5%).

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  7.76 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.34 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 7.24 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2.4 Hz), 7.06 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 6.75 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2.2 Hz), 6.69 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 2.4 Hz), 4.20 (t, 2H, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 3.20 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 2.38 (m, 2H).

 $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (500 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  167.8, 164.3, 164.2, 163.8, 163.4, 161.8, 154.6, 131.6, 130.7, 123.0, 126.8, 124.6, 115.5, 113.5, 104.8, 104.6, 104.1, 104.0, 69.2, 27.0, 23.2.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, MeOD) δ –108.62.

HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for Chemical Formula: C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 383.03655, measured 383.03428

### Determination of IC<sub>50</sub> values

The inhibition of the DXPS enzyme was analyzed in a previously reported photometric assay using the NADPH consumption of the downstream enzyme IspC as readout with minor modifications.<sup>9,10</sup> The assay was conducted in transparent, flat bottom 384 well-plates (Greiner BioOne) and the absorbance measured using a microplate reader (PHERAstar, BMG Labtech). The assay mixture contained 100 mM Tris-HCl with a pH of 7.6, 2 mM dithiotreithol (DTT), 5 mM MnCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.5 mM NADPH, and 1.5  $\mu$ M IspC (*E. coli*, expressed and purified in-house according to literature report).<sup>9</sup> The amount of DXPS used in the assays was determined experimentally by a dilution series of the enzyme. The concentration, which showed a reaction velocity in the range of -0.1 to -0.2 OD over a time range of 10 mins was chosen for further experiments. For compounds that were known aggregators, 0.01% v/v of Triton X-100 detergent was added to the assay.

The assay was prepared using two buffers, buffer A containing Tris-HCl and most of the components of the reaction in 2x the final concentration and buffer B, consisting of only 100 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.6 and the substrates, 0.5 mM pyruvate and 0.5 mM D/L glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate. After the addition of 60  $\mu$ L of buffer A to the plate with a pre-made inhibitor dilution series in 6  $\mu$ L DMSO the reaction was started by the addition of 60  $\mu$ L buffer B. The plate was centrifuged for 1 min at 2000 rpm and 25 °C to remove possible air bubbles. The plate was then immediately supplied to the microplate reader and the absorbance measured at 340 nm using the mode slow kinetics with a cycle time of 30 sec and 60 cycles at RT.

Blank correction and linear fitting of the raw data was performed using the program Origin2019. The obtained initial velocities were converted to percent inhibition and plotted against the inhibitor concentration. The  $IC_{50}$  values were determined by nonlinear curve fitting using Origin2019.

## **Determination of antibacterial activity**

Experiments to determine the minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) have been carried out as described recently.<sup>10</sup> Briefly, our studies were performed with the efflux-pump deficient *E. coli* knockout strain  $\Delta$ tolC. In case MIC values could not be measured for activity reasons, the percentage (%) inhibition was determined at 100  $\mu$ M (or lower, depending on the solubility of the compounds).

## **DLS** measurements

Compounds were analyzed for aggregate formation using dynamic light scattering (DLS) on a Zetasizer Nano ZS90 (Malvern Instruments Ltd, Worcestershire, UK). Disposable cuvettes (3.2 mL, 67.758, Sarstedt AG & Co, Nümbrecht, Germany) were filled with a total sample volume of 50  $\mu$ L and equilibrated to 25 °C for 60 sec prior to the experiments. Analyses were performed in the absence or presence of compounds using 7H9 medium supplemented with 10% OADC and 1% DMSO. Count rate data for all samples were determined from three measurements of at least three cycles of 10 sec each. The count rate at high scattering intensities is reduced by an automatic attenuator, so the derived count rate, which is corrected with the attenuation factor, was used as a measure for the degree of aggregate formation. Derived count rate values of the compounds were compared with the derived count rate of the medium at the concentrations as indicated. This allowed the determination of the highest sample concentration at which the respective compound was not yet present with an increased degree of aggregate formation.

## Mycobacterium tuberculosis growth analysis in liquid culture

#### Bacteria

*M. tuberculosis* (Mtb) strain H37Rv (ATCC 25618) carrying a mCherry-expressing plasmid (pCherry10)<sup>11</sup> was cultured in 7H9 complete medium (BD Difco; Becton Dickinson) supplemented with oleic acid-albumin-dextrose-catalase (OADC, 10%; BD), 0.2% glycerol, and 0.05% Tween80 as previously described.<sup>12</sup> At mid-log phase (OD<sub>600</sub> = 0.4) cultures were harvested and frozen in aliquots at -80 °C.

Frozen aliquots of mCherry-Mtb H37Rv were thawed and centrifuged (3700 × g, 10 min). Supernatants were discarded and bacteria were thoroughly resuspended in 7H9 medium (10% OADC) in the absence of glycerol and Tween80 by use of a syringe and a 26-gauge syringe needle. The bacterial suspension was passed in and out of the syringe about 10 times. Non-precipitating compounds - identified and determined by DLS - were tested in triplicates (2 × 10e5 bacteria, volume 100 µL) for their anti-tubercular activity in 2-fold serial dilutions starting from 64 µM using 96-well flat clear bottom black polystyrene microplates (Corning<sup>®</sup> CellBIND<sup>®</sup>, New York, USA). Each plate was prepared with rifampicin (National Reference Center, Borstel) as a reference compound. Plates were sealed with an air-permeable membrane (Porvair Sciences, Wrexham, UK) in a 37 °C incubator with mild agitation (TiMix5, Edmund Bühler, Germany), as previously described.<sup>13</sup> Bacterial growth was measured as relative light units (RLU) from the fluorescence intensity obtained at an excitation wavelength of 575 nm and an emission wavelength of 635 nm (microplate reader, Synergy 2, BioTek Instruments, Vermont, USA) after 9 days (Figure 9, in the main text) and 10 days of culture (Supplementary Figures 164 and 165). Obtained values were normalized to RLU values of the solvent control (1% DMSO-treated bacteria set to 100%).

## Binding affinity (K<sub>D</sub>) determinations by surface plasmon resonance (SPR)

The SPR binding studies were performed using a Reichert SR7500DC surface plasmon resonance spectrometer (Reichert Technologies, Depew, NY, USA), and medium density carboxymethyl dextran hydrogel CMD500M sensor chips (XanTec Bioanalytics, Düsseldorf, Germany). Milli-Q water was used as the running buffer for immobilization. The *Deinococcus radiodurans* DXPS (drDXPS, 69.96 kDa) or truncated *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* DXPS ( $\Delta$ mtDXPS, 66.61 kDa) was immobilized in one of the two flow cells according to reported amine-coupling protocols.<sup>14-16</sup> The other flow cell was left blank to serve as a reference. The system was initially primed with borate buffer 100 mM (pH 9.0), then the carboxymethyldextran matrix was activated by a 1:1 mixture of *N*-ethyl-*N*'-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC)

100 mM and N-hydroxysuccinimide (NHS) 100 mM at a flow rate of 10  $\mu$ L/min for 7 min. The drDXPS or  $\Delta$ mtDXPS was diluted to a final concentration of 70 µg/mL in 10 mM sodium acetate buffer (pH 5.5 or 5.0), respectively, and was injected at a flow rate of 5 µL/min for 10 min. The non-reacted surface was quenched by 1 M ethanolamine hydrochloride (pH 8.5) at a flow rate of 25  $\mu$ L/min for 3 min. A series of 10 buffer injections was run initially on both reference and active surfaces to equilibrate the system resulting in a stable immobilization level of approximately 5000 (13000 for  $\Delta$ mtDXPS)  $\mu$  refractive index unit ( $\mu$ RIU) (Supplementary Figures 109 and 127), respectively. Phosphate buffered saline (PBS) buffer (10 mM Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, 1.8 mm KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 137 mm NaCl, 2.7 mm KCl, 0.05% v/v Tween 20, pH 7.4) or HEPES buffer (50 mm HEPES, 150 mM NaCl, 0.05% v/v Tween 20, 1 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, pH 8.0) containing 5% v/v DMSO was used as the running buffer for binding studies with drDXPS and  $\Delta$ mtDXPS, respectively. All running buffers were filtered and degassed prior to use. Binding experiments were performed at 20 °C. Compounds dissolved in DMSO were diluted with the running buffer (final DMSO concentration of 5% v/v) and were injected at a flow rate of 30 μL/min. Singlecycle kinetics were applied for  $K_D$  determination. The association time was set to 60 s, and the dissociation phase was recorded for 120 sec. Ethylene glycol 80% in the running buffer was used for regeneration of the surface. Differences in the bulk refractive index due to DMSO were corrected by a calibration curve (nine concentrations: 3-7% v/v DMSO in the running buffer). Data processing and analysis were performed by Scrubber software (Version 2.0c, 2008, BioLogic Software). Sensorgrams were calculated by sequential subtractions of the corresponding curves obtained from the reference flow cell and the running buffer (blank). SPR responses are expressed in the resonance unit (RU). The  $K_{\rm D}$  values were calculated by the fitting of the steady-state binding responses to a 1:1 Langmuir interaction model (Hill equation was used for compound 3).

## Mode-of-inhibition (MOI) study

MOI study followed a previously reported protocol and was performed against *D. radiodurans* DXPS.<sup>17</sup> The experiments were performed in duplicates.

Inhibitor competition with ThDP: The Michaelis–Menten constant  $K_m^{ThDP}$  was determined with an assay mixture containing 100 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.6), 2.0 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 2.0 mM DTT, 0.5 mM NADPH, 0.5 mM sodium pyruvate, 0.5 mM D-GAP, 8.3  $\mu$ M *E. coli* lspC, 0.4  $\mu$ M *D. radiodurans* DXPS and 5% DMSO. Buffer A contained 100 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.6), 4.0 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 4.0 mM DTT, 1.0 mM NADPH, 16.6  $\mu$ M *E. coli* lspC, 0.8  $\mu$ M *D. radiodurans* DXPS. Buffer B contained 100 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.6), 1.0 mM sodium pyruvate, and 1.0 mM D-GAP. ThDP was titrated in the 0.1–200  $\mu$ M range, and  $K_m^{ThDP}$  was calculated using the program Dynafit.<sup>18</sup> Four ThDP concentrations were taken for IC<sub>50</sub> determination, spanning from 1x  $K_m^{ThDP}$  to 16x  $K_m^{ThDP}$ . Assay mixtures contained ThDP concentrations 0.3  $\mu$ M, 1  $\mu$ M, 2  $\mu$ M, and 5  $\mu$ M, respectively. Buffer A1–A4 contained ThDP concentrations.

Inhibitor competition with pyruvate: The Michaelis-Menten constant  $K_m^{pyruvate}$  was determined with assay mixture containing 100 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.6), 2.0 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 2.0 mM DTT, 0.5 mM NADPH, 100  $\mu$ M ThDP, 0.5 mM D-GAP, 8.3  $\mu$ M *E. coli* IspC, 0.4  $\mu$ M *D. radiodurans* DXPS and 5% DMSO. Buffer A contained 100 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.6), 4.0 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 4.0 mM DTT, 1.0 mM NADPH, 200  $\mu$ M ThDP, 16.6  $\mu$ M *E. coli* IspC, 0.8  $\mu$ M *D. radiodurans* DXPS. Buffer B contained 100 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.6) and 1.0 mM D-GAP. Pyruvate was titrated in 1–500  $\mu$ M range, and  $K_m^{pyruvate}$  was calculated using the program Dynafit. Four pyruvate concentrations were taken for IC<sub>50</sub> determination, spanning from 1x  $K_m^{pyruvate}$  to 5x  $K_m^{pyruvate}$ . Assay mixtures contained pyruvate concentrations 0.1 mM, 0.2 mM, 0.4 mM, and 0.6 mM respectively. Buffer B1–B4 contained pyruvate concentrations 0.2 mM, 0.4 mM, 0.8 mM, and 1.2 mM, respectively. The rest of the procedure followed the protocol of IC<sub>50</sub> determination.

Inhibitor competition with D-GAP: The Michaelis–Menten constant  $K_m^{D-GAP}$  was determined with assay mixture containing 100 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.6), 2.0 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 2.0 mM DTT, 0.5 mM NADPH, 100  $\mu$ M ThDP, 0.2 mM sodium pyruvate, 8.3  $\mu$ M *E. coli* IspC, 0.4  $\mu$ M *D. radiodurans* DXPS and 5% DMSO. Buffer A contained 100 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.6), 4.0 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 4.0 mM DTT, 1.0 mM NADPH, 200  $\mu$ M ThDP, 16.6  $\mu$ M *E. coli* IspC, 0.8  $\mu$ M *D. radiodurans* DXPS. Buffer B contained 100 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.6) and 0.4 mM sodium pyruvate. D-GAP

was titrated in 0.1–0.8 mM range, and  $K_m^{D-GAP}$  was calculated using the program Dynafit. Four D-GAP concentrations were taken for IC<sub>50</sub> determination, spanning from 1 x  $K_m^{D-GAP}$  to 7 x  $K_m^{D-GAP}$ . Assay mixtures contained D-GAP concentration 0.1 mM, 0.2 mM, 0.4 mM, and 0.8 mM, respectively. Buffer B1–B4 contained D-GAP concentration 0.2 mM, 0.4 mM, 0.8 mM, and 1.6 mM, respectively, without significant substrate inhibition. The rest of the procedure followed the protocol of IC<sub>50</sub> determination.

## Protein stability study by thermal shift assay

Analysis was performed using an ABI StepOneplus real-time PCR instrument. The protein samples were measured in white 96-well plates and denatured using a continuous heating rate of  $0.5^{\circ}$ C /min from 25°C up to 95 °C. The total sample volume was 25 µL of which 20 µL were buffer (100 mM phosphate buffer of pH ranges 5.8, 6.2, 7.0, and 7.5), 2.5 µL protein (2 µg), and 2.5 µL dye (Sypro Orange 50x). The melting curves were analyzed using Protein Thermal Shift 1.3 software. The most stabilizing buffer pH for drDXS, which showed the highest Tm was then used in our following experiments.

Time/hr	Melting temperature of drDXS (°C)						
	pH 7.5	рН 7.0	pH 6.2	pH 5.8			
0	51.2	51.8	48.4	41.4			
3	51.5	51.8	48.4	42.3			
6	51.7	51.8	48.4	45.2			
24	51.5	51.7	48.4	44.9			

Supplementary Table 1 Melting temperature of drDXS protein at different pH over time

## SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES



**Supplementary Figure 1** a) Binding mode of compound **1** (cyan) compared to the ThDP (pink) in the active site of drDXPS, b) Interaction of compound **1** with the residues in the active site of drDXPS.



**Supplementary Figure 2** a) Binding mode of compound **2** (cyan) compared to the ThDP (pink) in the active site of drDXPS, b) Interaction of compound **2** with the residues in the active site of drDXPS.



**Supplementary Figure 3** a) Binding mode of compound **3** (cyan) compared to the ThDP (pink) in the active site of drDXPS, b) Interaction of compound **3** with the residues in the active site of drDXPS.



**Supplementary Figure 4** a) Binding mode of compound **4** (cyan) compared to the ThDP (pink) in the active site of drDXPS, b) Interaction of compound **4** with the residues in the active site of drDXPS.



**Supplementary Figure 5** a) Binding mode of compound **5** (cyan) compared to the ThDP (pink) in the active site of drDXPS, b) Interaction of compound **5** with the residues in the active site of drDXPS.



**Supplementary Figure 6** Binding mode comparison of other 16 possible acylhydrazones to the ThDP in the active site of drDXPS



**Supplementary Figure 7** Evaluation of the equilibrium state of acylhydrazone formation in blank **DCL-1** by comparing relative peak areas of products formed over time.



**Supplementary Figure 8** a) Comparison between blank and protein-templated **DCC-1 (40 mol% protein)** at 6 h, b) amplification factor and normalized change of RPA of products, c) amplified acylhydrazone products in protein-templated DCC.



**Supplementary Figure 8 d)** Different acylhydrazones formed in DCC-1, their retention times, and observed mass.



**Supplementary Figure 8 e)** Different acylhydrazones formed in DCC-1, their retention times, and observed mass.



**Supplementary Figure 9** a) Comparison between blank and protein-templated **DCC-1 (20 mol% protein)** at 6 h, b) amplification factor and normalized change of RPA of products, c) amplified acylhydrazone products in protein-templated DCC.



**Supplementary Figure 10** a) Comparison between blank and protein-templated **DCC-1** (20 mol% protein pre-equilibrated) at 6 h, b) amplification factor and normalized change of RPA of products, c) amplified acylhydrazone products in protein-templated DCC.



**Supplementary Figure 11** Evaluation of the equilibrium state of acylhydrazone formation in blank **DCL-2** by comparing relative peak areas of products formed over time. Lines represent the formation of acylhydrazone products over time.



**Supplementary Figure 12** a) Comparison between blank and protein-templated **DCC-2** at 24 h, b) amplification factor and normalized change of RPA of products, c) amplified acylhydrazone products in protein-templated DCC.



**Supplementary Figure 12 d)** Different acylhydrazones formed in DCC-2, their retention times, and observed mass.



**Supplementary Figure 12 e)** Different acylhydrazones formed in DCC-2, their retention times, and observed mass.



**Supplementary Figure 13** Evaluation of the equilibrium state in a blank **DCL-3a** by comparing peak areas of products formed over time. Lines represent the formation of acylhydrazone products over time.



**Supplementary Figure 14** a) Comparison between blank and protein-templated **DCC-3a** at 24 h, b) amplification factor and normalized change of RPA of products, c) amplified acylhydrazone products in protein-templated DCC.



**Supplementary Figure 14 d)** Different acylhydrazones formed in DCC-3a, their retention times, and observed mass.



**Supplementary Figure 14 e)** Different acylhydrazones formed in DCC-3a, their retention times, and observed mass.



**Supplementary Figure 15** Evaluation of the equilibrium state in a blank **DCL-3b** by comparing peak areas of products formed over time. Lines represent the formation of acylhydrazone products over time.



**Supplementary Figure 16** a) Comparison between blank and protein-templated **DCC-3b** at 24 h, b) amplification factor and normalized change of RPA of products, c) amplified acylhydrazone products in protein-templated DCC.


**Supplementary Figure 16 d)** Different acylhydrazones formed in DCC-3b, their retention times, and observed mass.



**Supplementary Figure 16 e)** Different acylhydrazones formed in DCC-3b, their retention times, and observed mass.



**Supplementary Figure 17** Evaluation of the equilibrium state in a blank **DCL-4** by comparing peak areas of products formed over time. Lines represent the formation of acylhydrazone products over time.



**Supplementary Figure 18** a) Comparison between blank and protein-templated **DCC-4** at 6 h, b) amplified acylhydrazone products in protein-templated DCC.



**Supplementary Figure 18 e)** Different acylhydrazones formed in DCC-3b, their retention times, and observed mass.



**Supplementary Figure 18 f)** Different acylhydrazones formed in DCC-3b, their retention times, and observed mass.



**Supplementary Figure 18 g)** Different acylhydrazones formed in DCC-3b, their retention times, and observed mass.



**Supplementary Figure 19** a) Comparison between blank and protein-templated **DCC-5 (ThDP)** at 6 h, b) amplification factor and normalized change of RPA of products, c) amplified acylhydrazone products in protein-templated DCC.



**Supplementary Figure 20** a) Comparison between blank and protein-templated DCC-6 at 6 h, b) amplification factor and normalized change of RPA of products, c) amplified acylhydrazone products in protein-templated DCC.



Supplementary Figure 21 NOESY NMR spectra of compound 24.



15.0 14.5 14.0 13.5 13.0 12.5 12.0 11.5 11.0 10.5 10.0 9.5 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 -c Supplementary Figure 22 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1**.



Supplementary Figure 23 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1.



20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -150 -170 -210 -22 -130 -140 -160 -180 -190 -200

Supplementary Figure 24 <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 1.



Supplementary Figure 25 HPLC purity analysis of 1.



Supplementary Figure 27 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2.



Supplementary Figure 28 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2.



Supplementary Figure 29 HPLC purity analysis of 2.



Supplementary Figure 30 HRMS of 2.



Supplementary Figure 31 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3.



Supplementary Figure 32 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 3.



Supplementary Figure 33 HPLC purity analysis of 3.



Supplementary Figure 34 HRMS of 3.



Supplementary Figure 35 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4.





<sup>20</sup> <sup>10</sup> <sup>0</sup> <sup>-10</sup> <sup>-20</sup> <sup>-30</sup> <sup>-40</sup> <sup>-50</sup> <sup>-60</sup> <sup>-70</sup> <sup>-80</sup> <sup>-90</sup> <sup>-100</sup> <sup>-110</sup> <sup>-120</sup> <sup>-130</sup> <sup>-140</sup> <sup>-150</sup> <sup>-160</sup> <sup>-170</sup> <sup>-180</sup> <sup>-190</sup> <sup>-200</sup> <sup>-210</sup> <sup>-2</sup>: **Supplementary Figure 37** <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of **4.** 



Supplementary Figure 38 HPLC purity analysis of 4.



Supplementary Figure 39 HRMS of 4.



Supplementary Figure 41 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 5.



Supplementary Figure 42 HPLC purity analysis of 5.



Supplementary Figure 43 HRMS of 5.



10 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -: Supplementary Figure 45 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 6.



Supplementary Figure 46 HPLC purity analysis of 6.



Supplementary Figure 47 HRMS of 6.



<sup>5.0 14.5 14.0 13.5 13.0 12.5 12.0 11.5 11.0 10.5 10.0 9.5 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 -</sup>C Supplementary Figure 48 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **7.** 



10 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -: Supplementary Figure 49 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **7**.



Supplementary Figure 50 HPLC purity analysis of 7.



Supplementary Figure 51 HRMS of 7.



Supplementary Figure 52  $^{1}$ H NMR spectrum of 8.



<sup>210</sup> 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 Supplementary Figure 53 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **8**.



Supplementary Figure 54 HPLC purity analysis of 8.



Supplementary Figure 55 HRMS of 8.



10 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -: Supplementary Figure 57 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 9.



Supplementary Figure 58 HPLC purity analysis of 9.



Supplementary Figure 59 HRMS of 9.









Supplementary Figure 62 HPLC purity analysis of 10.



Supplementary Figure 63 HRMS of 10.



Supplementary Figure 65 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 11.



Supplementary Figure 66 HPLC purity analysis of 11.



Supplementary Figure 67 HRMS of 11.





Supplementary Figure 70HPLC purity analysis of 12.



Supplementary Figure 71 HRMS of 12.



<sup>5.0 14.5 14.0 13.5 13.0 12.5 12.0 11.5 11.0 10.5 10.0 9.5 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 -</sup>C Supplementary Figure 72 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 16.



Supplementary Figure 73 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 16.



Supplementary Figure 74 HPLC purity analysis of 16.



Supplementary Figure 75 HRMS of 16.


10 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -: Supplementary Figure 77 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **21**.







Supplementary Figure 79 HRMS of 21.



5.0 14.5 14.0 13.5 13.0 12.5 12.0 11.5 11.0 10.5 10.0 9.5 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 -C Supplementary Figure 80 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **22.** 



Supplementary Figure 81 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 22.



Supplementary Figure 82 HPLC purity analysis of 22.



Supplementary Figure 83 HRMS of 22.



<sup>5.0 14.5 14.0 13.5 13.0 12.5 12.0 11.5 11.0 10.5 10.0 9.5 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 -</sup>C Supplementary Figure 84 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 23.



200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -: Supplementary Figure 85 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 23.



20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 -210 -2: **Supplementary Figure 86** <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of **23.** 

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Supplementary Figure 87 HPLC purity analysis of 23.



Supplementary Figure 88 HRMS of 23.









Supplementary Figure 90 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 24.



Supplementary Figure 91 HPLC purity analysis of 24.



Supplementary Figure 92 HRMS of 24.



Supplementary Figure 93 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 25.



<sup>210</sup> 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 Supplementary Figure 94 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 25.



Supplementary Figure 95 HPLC purity analysis of 25.







## Supplementary Figure 97 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 26.



210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 Supplementary Figure 98 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **26**.

Peak Analysis										
Injection Details										
Injection Name:	RPJ-130			Run Time (min):	5.10					
Vial Number:	RB1			Injection Volume:	2.00					
Injection Type:	Unknown									
Calibration Level:										
Instrument Method:	0.6ml_+veve_10	0-1000_UV								
Processing Method:	Processing Metho	Processing Method - New			1.0000					
Injection Date/Time:	02/Jun/20 12:26	02/Jun/20 12:26			1.0000					
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	391.18				m/z					
100 250	375 5	00	625	750 8	375 1,000					
No. Peak Nar	Retention Time	Area	Height	Relative Area	Relative Height					
	min	mAU*min	mAU	%	%					
1	2.638	0.234	9,281	0.51	0.82					
2	3 773	45 787	1120 564	99.34	98.92					
3	3 983	0.068	2 994	0.15	0.26					
Total:	0.000	46.089	1132.838	100.00	100.00					

Supplementary Figure 99 HPLC purity analysis of 26.



Supplementary Figure 100 HRMS of 26.



Supplementary Figure 101 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 35.



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Supplementary Figure 102 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 35.



Supplementary Figure 103 HPLC purity analysis of 35.



Supplementary Figure 104 HRMS of 35.



5.0 14.5 14.0 13.5 13.0 12.5 12.0 11.5 11.0 10.5 10.0 9.5 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 -C Supplementary Figure 105 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **37.** 



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Supplementary Figure 106 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 37.



Supplementary Figure 107 HPLC purity analysis of 37.



Supplementary Figure 109 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 38.



<sup>20</sup> <sup>10</sup> <sup>0</sup> <sup>-10</sup> <sup>-20</sup> <sup>-30</sup> <sup>-40</sup> <sup>-50</sup> <sup>-60</sup> <sup>-70</sup> <sup>-80</sup> <sup>-90</sup> <sup>-100</sup> <sup>-110</sup> <sup>-120</sup> <sup>-130</sup> <sup>-140</sup> <sup>-150</sup> <sup>-160</sup> <sup>-170</sup> <sup>-180</sup> <sup>-190</sup> <sup>-200</sup> <sup>-210</sup> <sup>-22</sup> <sup>-210</sup> <sup>-22</sup> **Supplementary Figure 111** <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of **38.** 



Supplementary Figure 112 HPLC purity analysis of 38.



Supplementary Figure 113 HRMS of 38.



<sup>210</sup> 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 3 Supplementary Figure 115 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **39**.



20 10 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -210 -22 0 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 Supplementary Figure 116<sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 39.



Supplementary Figure 117 HPLC purity analysis of 39.



Supplementary Figure 118 HRMS of 39.



1.0 10.5 10.0 9.5 8.5 8.0 7.5 9.0 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 0.5 0.0 5.0 1.5 1.0

Supplementary Figure 119<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 40.



<sup>20</sup> 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 -210 -2: **Supplementary Figure 121** <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of **40**.

Peak Analysis										
Injection Details										
Injection Name:		RPJ-223-Purity			Run Time (min):	5.10				
Vial Number:		BD1			Injection Volume:	2.00				
Injection Type:		Unknown								
Calibration Level:										
Instrument Method		0.6ml +ve -ve 100-1000 UV								
Processing Method	l:	Processing Method - New			Dilution Factor:	1.0000				
Injection Date/Time	e:	10/Mar/21 17:37			Sample Weight:	1.0000				
UV										
1 800 2 RPJ-12 #	9 [manually int	egrated]	RPJ-223-Pu	rity		UV_VIS_1				
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No.	Peak Name	Retention Time	Area	Height	Relative Area	Relative Height				
		min	mAU*min	mAU	%	%				
1		3.640	0.743	23.123	1.75	1.34				
2		4,173	41,540	1687.233	97.51	97.94				
3		4,745	0.319	12,303	0.75	0.71				
Total:			42.603	1722.660	100.00	100.00				

Supplementary Figure 122 HPLC purity analysis of 40.



Supplementary Figure 123 HRMS of 40.





Supplementary Figure 127 HPLC purity analysis of 41.



Supplementary Figure 128 HRMS of 41.



**Supplementary Figure 129** Sensorgram of the immobilization procedure for drDXPS on CMD500M sensor chip: (1) Four injections of cleaning solution, (2) activation solution, (3) drDXPS, and (4) quenching solution. The blue, red, and magenta curves represent the left (active) channel, right (reference) channel, and the difference, respectively.



**Supplementary Figure 130** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **1** injected at concentrations 5–120  $\mu$ M over an immobilized drDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 70 ± 5  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 131** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **2** injected at concentrations 5–100  $\mu$ M over an immobilized drDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 55 ± 5  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 132** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **3** injected at concentrations  $10-100 \ \mu\text{M}$  over an immobilized drDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to Hill equation ( $K_D$ : 64 ± 2  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 133**. (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **5** injected at concentrations 5–200  $\mu$ M over an immobilized drDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 270 ± 40  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 134** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **7** injected at concentrations 5–80  $\mu$ M over an immobilized drDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 40 ± 10  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 135** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **9** injected at concentrations 2.5–80  $\mu$ M over an immobilized drDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 150 ± 30  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 136** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **10** injected at concentrations 2.5–60  $\mu$ M over an immobilized drDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 7 ± 1  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 137** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **11** injected at concentrations 2.5–80  $\mu$ M over an immobilized drDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 8 ± 2  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 138** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **12** injected at concentrations 1.25–80  $\mu$ M over an immobilized drDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 2 ± 1  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 139** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **21** injected at concentrations 1.25–80  $\mu$ M over an immobilized drDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 3 ± 1  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 140** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **22** injected at concentrations 1.25–80  $\mu$ M over an immobilized drDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 15 ± 3  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 141** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **23** injected at concentrations 1.25–80  $\mu$ M over an immobilized drDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 160 ± 50  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 142** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **24** injected at concentrations 1.25–80  $\mu$ M over an immobilized drDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 260 ± 80  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 143** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **25** injected at concentrations 1.25–80  $\mu$ M over an immobilized drDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 90 ± 20  $\mu$ M ).



**Supplementary Figure 144** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **26** injected at concentrations 1.25–60  $\mu$ M over an immobilized drDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 5 ± 2  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 145** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **35** injected at concentrations 2.5–80  $\mu$ M over an immobilized drDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 32 ± 8  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 146** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **37** injected at concentrations 1.25–80  $\mu$ M over an immobilized drDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 3 ± 1  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 147** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **38** injected at concentrations 0.2–120  $\mu$ M over an immobilized drDXS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 40 ± 10  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 148** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **39** injected at concentrations 0.6–80  $\mu$ M over an immobilized drDXS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 290 ± 30  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 149** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **40** injected at concentrations 1.9–80  $\mu$ M over an immobilized drDXS; (B) Responses at equilibrium are concentration-independent and could not be fitted to Langmuir nor Hill binding model, indicating no significant binding.



**Supplementary Figure 150** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **41** injected at concentrations 0.6–70  $\mu$ M over an immobilized drDXS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 290 ± 40  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 151** Sensorgram of the immobilization procedure for  $\Delta$ mtDXPS on CMD500M sensor chip: (1) Four injections of cleaning solution, (2) activation solution, (3)  $\Delta$ mtDXPS, and (4) quenching solution. The blue, red, and magenta curves represent the left (active) channel, right (reference) channel, and the difference, respectively.



**Supplementary Figure 152** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **1** injected at concentrations 1.25–70  $\mu$ M over an immobilized  $\Delta$ mtDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 40 ± 10  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 153** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **2** injected at concentrations 2.5–70  $\mu$ M over an immobilized  $\Delta$ mtDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 40 ± 10  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 154** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **3** injected at concentrations 1.25–70  $\mu$ M over an immobilized  $\Delta$ mtDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 40 ± 10  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 155** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **4** injected at concentrations 2.5–70  $\mu$ M over an immobilized  $\Delta$ mtDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 80 ± 10  $\mu$ M).


**Supplementary Figure 156** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **5** injected at concentrations 1.25–70  $\mu$ M over an immobilized  $\Delta$ mtDXPS.; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 250 ± 20  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 157** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **6** injected at concentrations 2.5–70  $\mu$ M over an immobilized  $\Delta$ mtDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 21 ± 3  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 158** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **7** injected at concentrations 2.5–70  $\mu$ M over an immobilized  $\Delta$ mtDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 13 ± 3  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 159** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **8** injected at concentrations 2.5–70  $\mu$ M over an immobilized  $\Delta$ mtDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 230 ± 20  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 160** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **9** injected at concentrations 2.5–70  $\mu$ M over an immobilized  $\Delta$ mtDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model (*K*<sub>D</sub>: 140 ± 50  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 161** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **11** injected at concentrations 0.625–60  $\mu$ M over an immobilized  $\Delta$ mtDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 90 ± 30  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 162** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **12** injected at concentrations 1.25–60  $\mu$ M over an immobilized  $\Delta$ mtDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 60 ± 20  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 163** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **21** injected at concentrations 5–70  $\mu$ M over an immobilized  $\Delta$ mtDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 25 ± 8  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 164** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **22** injected at concentrations 2.5–70  $\mu$ M over an immobilized  $\Delta$ mtDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 6 ± 1  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 165** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **23** injected at concentrations 2.5–70  $\mu$ M over an immobilized  $\Delta$ mtDXPS. (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 160 ± 40  $\mu$ M)



**Supplementary Figure 166** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **24** injected at concentrations 2.5–70  $\mu$ M over an immobilized  $\Delta$ mtDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model (*K*<sub>D</sub>: 250 ± 60  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 167** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **25** injected at concentrations 2.5–50  $\mu$ M over an immobilized  $\Delta$ mtDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 20 ± 4  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 168** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **26** injected at concentrations 2.5–70  $\mu$ M over an immobilized  $\Delta$ mtDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 110 ± 40  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 169** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **35** injected at concentrations 2.5–70  $\mu$ M over an immobilized  $\Delta$ mtDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 60 ± 20  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 170** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **37** injected at concentrations 2.5–70  $\mu$ M over an immobilized  $\Delta$ mtDXPS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 18 ± 3  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 171** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **38** injected at concentrations 0.2–120  $\mu$ M over an immobilized dmtDXS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 60 ± 20  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 172** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **39** injected at concentrations 0.2–120  $\mu$ M over an immobilized dmtDXS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 260 ± 20  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 173** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **40** injected at concentrations 1.9–80  $\mu$ M over an immobilized dmtDXS; (B) Responses at equilibrium are concentration-independent and could not be fitted to Langmuir nor Hill binding model, indicating no significant binding.



**Supplementary Figure 174** (A) Overlay of sensorgrams of **41** injected at concentrations 0.2–60  $\mu$ M over an immobilized dmtDXS; (B) Fitting of responses at equilibrium according to 1:1 Langmuir binding model ( $K_D$ : 210 ± 50  $\mu$ M).



**Supplementary Figure 175** Enzymatic activity of the enzyme drDXPS at different concentrations of compound **1**. Individual IC<sub>50</sub> values are 53.4 ± 9.9 and 48.8 ± 6.3  $\mu$ M; mean IC<sub>50</sub>: **51.2 ± 3.1 \muM**. Triton X-100 was used in the assay.



**Supplementary Figure 176** Enzymatic activity of the drDXPS at different concentrations of compound **2**. Full inhibition could not be reached due to solubility limitations. Inhibition at 200  $\mu$ M is 39.3 ± 4.4%, derived inhibition at 120  $\mu$ M is 30.9 ± 3.6%. Triton X-100 was used in the assay.



**Supplementary Figure 177** Enzymatic activity of the enzyme drDXPS at different concentrations of compound **6**. Duplicates were averaged and fitted together, mean  $IC_{50}$ : 101.3 ± 15.1 µM. Triton X-100 was used in the assay.



**Supplementary Figure 178** Enzymatic activity of the enzyme drDXPS at different concentrations of compound **7**. Duplicates were averaged and fitted together, full inhibition could not be reached due to solubility limitations. Assuming full inhibition at high concentrations, an IC<sub>50</sub> of 104.6  $\pm$  9.3  $\mu$ M was estimated. Triton X-100 was used in the assay.



**Supplementary Figure 179** Enzymatic activity of the enzyme drDXPS at different concentrations of compound **8**. Duplicates were averaged and fitted together, full inhibition could not be reached due to solubility limitations. Assuming full inhibition at high concentrations, an IC<sub>50</sub> of 317.3  $\pm$  30.1  $\mu$ M was estimated. Triton X-100 was used in the assay.



**Supplementary Figure 180** Enzymatic activity of the enzyme drDXPS at different concentrations of compound **9**. Duplicates were averaged and fitted together, full inhibition could not be reached due to solubility limitations. Inhibition at 200  $\mu$ M is 45.3%, derived inhibition at 120  $\mu$ M is 30.1%. Triton X-100 was used in the assay.



**Supplementary Figure 181** Enzymatic activity of the drDXPS at different concentrations of compound **23**. Individual IC<sub>50</sub> values are  $36.8 \pm 5.2$  and  $31.8 \pm 8.5 \mu$ M; mean IC<sub>50</sub>: **34.3 ± 3.5 \muM**.



**Supplementary Figure 182** Enzymatic activity of the drDXPS at different concentrations of compound **35**. Individual IC<sub>50</sub> values are 15.75 and 14.33  $\mu$ M. The compound seems to be a partial inhibitor, as the residual activity of the enzyme is 40 %.



**Supplementary Figure 183** Enzymatic activity of the drDXPS at different concentrations of compound **38**. Full inhibition could not be reached. Inhibition at 120  $\mu$ M is 25.8 ± 2.9%.



**Supplementary Figure 184** Enzymatic activity of the drDXPS at different concentrations of compound **39**. Full inhibition could not be reached. Inhibition at  $120 \mu M$  is  $37.3 \pm 3.8\%$ 



**Supplementary Figure 185** Enzymatic activity of the drDXPS at different concentrations of compound **40**. Full inhibition could not be reached. Inhibition at 120  $\mu$ M is 0 %



**Supplementary Figure 186** Enzymatic activity of the drDXPS at different concentrations of compound **41**. Full inhibition could not be reached. Inhibition at 60  $\mu$ M is 48.2 ± 3.4% and at 120  $\mu$ M is 49.2 ± 5.8%. Assuming full inhibition at high concentrations, an **IC**<sub>50</sub> of 99 ± 2  $\mu$ M was estimated.



**Supplementary Figure 187** Enzymatic activity of the mtDXPS at different concentrations of compound **1**. Individual IC<sub>50</sub> values are 80.0 ± 6.9  $\mu$ M and 76.5 ± 7.2  $\mu$ M; mean IC<sub>50</sub>: 78.3 ± 2.5  $\mu$ M. Triton X-100 was used in the assay.



**Supplementary Figure 188** Enzymatic activity of the mtDXPS at different concentrations of compound **2**. Individual IC<sub>50</sub> values are 70.7 ± 21.4 and 72.0 ± 12.3  $\mu$ M; IC<sub>50</sub>: 71.3 ± 0.99  $\mu$ M. Triton X-100 was used in the assay.



**Supplementary Figure 189** Enzymatic activity of the mtDXPS at different concentrations of compound **6**.  $IC_{50}$ : 43.1  $\mu$ M at the residual activity of 50 %. Triton X-100 was used in the assay.



**Supplementary Figure 190** Enzymatic activity of the mtDXPS at different concentrations of compound **7**.  $IC_{50}$ : 30  $\mu$ M at the residual activity of 30 %. Triton X-100 was used in the assay.



**Supplementary Figure 191** Inhibition of drDXPS by **1** at different concentrations of D/L-GAP.



**Supplementary Figure 192** Inhibition of drDXPS by **1** at different concentrations of pyruvate.



Supplementary Figure 193 Inhibition of drDXPS by 1 at different concentrations of ThDP.



Supplementary Figure 194 Dynamic light scattering (DLS) measurements of DCC hits.



**Supplementary Figure 195** Growth inhibition of *M. tuberculosis* (H37Rv) bacteria at different concentrations of compound **7** for MIC analysis.



**Supplementary Figure 196** Growth inhibition of *M. tuberculosis* (H37Rv) bacteria at different concentrations of compound **35** for MIC analysis.

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