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Supporting Information

An intramolecular hydrogen bond-promoted green Ugi cascade reaction for synthesis of 2,5diketopiperazines with anticancer activity

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General Experimental

¹H and ¹³C NMR were recorded on a Bruker 400 spectrometer (Switzerland NMR Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer, AVANCE II 400). ¹H NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shift in ppm (δ), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet), coupling constant (Hz), relative intensity. ¹³C NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shift in ppm (δ). LC/MS analyses were performed on a Shimadzu-2020 LC-MS instrument (Japanese, Shimadzu, N2G 40-A200.6) using the following conditions: Shim-pack VP-ODS C18 column (reverse phase, 150 × 4.6 mm); a linear gradient from 10% water and 90% acetonitrile to 75% acetonitrile and 25% water over 6.0 min; flow rate of 0.5 mL/min; UV photodiode array detection from 200 to 400 nm. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) (Thermo Scientific Q Exactive; Shimadzu 7250, Japanese) were recorded on Thermo Scientific Exactive Plus System. The products were purified by Biotage IsoleraTM Spektra Systems and hexane/EtOAc solvent systems. All reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification.

General procedures for compounds (±) 5

A mixture of acid (0.3 mmol), isocyanide (0.3 mmol), amine (0.3 mmol) and aldehyde (0.3 mmol) was stirred overnight in methanol (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was monitored by TLC. When the reaction was completed, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude compound was directly treated with DIPA (2.0 equiv.) at MW 160 °C, 20 min. Then the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (15.0 mL), washed with sat. Na₂CO₃ and brine. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using a gradient of ethyl acetate/hexane (0-100%) to afford the relative targeted product.

X-ray structure and data of (±)5a



Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for (\pm) 5a.

Identification code	(±) 5a
Empirical formula	C33H29N3O3
Formula weight	515.59
Temperature/K	296(2)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	7.1229(8)

b/Å	12.8851(13)			
c/Å	15.0472(15)			
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	92.354(2)			
β/°	103.338(2)			
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	91.502(2)			
Volume/Å ³	1341.7(2)			
Z	2			
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.276			
µ/mm ⁻¹	0.083			
F(000)	544.0			
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.3\times0.28\times0.27$			
Radiation	MoKa ($\lambda = 0.71073$)			
2Θ range for data collection/	° 6.274 to 50			
Index ranges	$-8 \le h \le 6, -13 \le k \le 15, -17 \le l \le 17$			
Reflections collected	6862			
Independent reflections	4688 [$R_{int} = 0.0180, R_{sigma} = 0.0257$]			
Data/restraints/parameters	4688/0/354			
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.964			
Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0364, wR_2 = 0.1009$			
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0466, wR_2 = 0.1074$			
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ 0.19/-0.17				

Displacement Parameters ($A^2 \times 10^3$) for (±) 5a. U _{eq} is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised U _{IJ} tensor.						
Atom	X	У	Z	U(eq)		
01	10557.7(14)	3169.0(7)	1928.9(7)	42.0(3)		
O2	11249.5(12)	2290.6(8)	3661.1(6)	36.0(2)		
O3	5012.6(13)	2169.4(8)	3626.4(7)	43.0(3)		
N1	8153.5(19)	6911.9(9)	-253.3(8)	43.1(3)		
N2	7665.0(16)	3530.7(8)	2211.8(7)	31.2(3)		
N3	8041.0(14)	1937.6(8)	3472.9(7)	27.6(2)		
C1	5113(2)	7907.1(11)	-378.1(9)	41.3(4)		
C2	3618(2)	8065.6(12)	41.0(11)	47.0(4)		
C3	3525(2)	7572.5(12)	841.6(11)	48.8(4)		
C4	4913(2)	6895.0(11)	1230.8(10)	41.2(3)		
C5	6443.6(19)	6704.5(10)	812.6(9)	32.0(3)		
C6	6524(2)	7221.0(10)	9.6(9)	33.0(3)		
C7	9074(2)	6220.1(11)	352.8(11)	42.9(4)		
C8	8100(2)	6067.7(10)	1020.2(9)	36.0(3)		
C9	8562(2)	5329.9(11)	1779.5(10)	44.1(4)		
C10	7342(2)	4321.8(10)	1512.5(9)	36.9(3)		
C11	6147.2(18)	3375.6(10)	2711.5(9)	30.0(3)		
C12	6377.7(17)	2436.0(10)	3298.8(8)	28.9(3)		

 Table 2 Fractional Atomic Coordinates (×10⁴) and Equivalent Isotropic

C13	9563.0(17)	2075.3(9)	2977.6(8)	26.2(3)
C14	9262.9(18)	2987.7(10)	2330.0(8)	29.0(3)
C15	5941.9(19)	4342.6(10)	3294.3(9)	33.8(3)
C16	7512(2)	4778.2(13)	3930.6(11)	51.6(4)
C17	7309(3)	5659.3(14)	4458.0(12)	64.3(5)
C18	5551(3)	6105.4(14)	4350.4(13)	65.1(5)
C19	3999(3)	5683.2(14)	3723.8(15)	65.8(5)
C20	4180(2)	4798.8(12)	3191.1(12)	49.7(4)
C21	8224(2)	1054.3(10)	4093.9(9)	35.0(3)
C22	8565(2)	1388.5(11)	5095.6(10)	43.2(4)
C23	10352(3)	1762.0(15)	5579.9(12)	68.4(5)
C24	10677(4)	2050.9(18)	6506.8(14)	92.5(8)
C25	9255(6)	1963.5(18)	6950.8(15)	95.3(9)
C26	7470(5)	1586(2)	6493.6(17)	97.4(9)
C27	7108(3)	1297.5(17)	5558.3(13)	72.9(6)
C28	9630.1(18)	1102.4(9)	2357.6(8)	29.4(3)
C29	11305(2)	869.5(12)	2080.3(11)	43.8(4)
C30	11293(3)	59.1(13)	1438.2(12)	55.1(4)
C31	9640(3)	-531.7(12)	1085.5(11)	52.9(4)
C32	7979(2)	-325.4(12)	1372.6(10)	48.6(4)
C33	7969(2)	494.5(11)	2000.9(9)	38.0(3)

Table 3 Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ($\mathring{A}^2 \times 10^3$) for (±) 5a. TheAnisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: -2 π $^2[h^2a^{*2}U_{11}+2hka^*b^*U_{12}+\cdots].$

Atom	U11	U22	U33	U23	U13	U12
01	46.5(6)	38.6(5)	50.4(6)	7.4(4)	29.6(5)	4.1(5)
02	23.3(5)	53.0(6)	31.8(5)	-4.4(4)	8.0(4)	0.1(4)
03	26.2(5)	52.0(6)	55.6(6)	11.9(5)	17.6(5)	3.9(4)
N1	56.2(8)	37.9(7)	43.1(7)	4.4(5)	27.0(6)	2.3(6)
N2	34.3(6)	29.4(6)	31.4(6)	4.5(4)	10.1(5)	5.1(5)
N3	25.0(5)	28.7(5)	31.5(6)	5.4(4)	10.2(4)	4.8(4)
C1	55.6(9)	32.8(7)	31.6(7)	3.3(6)	2.4(7)	0.4(7)
C2	43.0(9)	42.9(8)	50.8(9)	-0.6(7)	1.8(7)	8.9(7)
C3	41.8(9)	50.2(9)	57.9(10)	-2.4(7)	19.0(7)	6.2(7)
C4	46.4(9)	41.4(8)	39.9(8)	3.2(6)	18.4(7)	0.3(7)
C5	38.0(7)	26.6(6)	31.5(7)	-0.5(5)	8.9(6)	-1.6(6)
C6	41.3(8)	27.3(6)	30.9(7)	-2.3(5)	10.6(6)	-2.9(6)
C7	43.6(8)	31.2(7)	58.4(9)	0.2(6)	21.3(7)	6.2(6)
C8	40.5(8)	25.6(7)	42.0(8)	1.4(6)	9.6(6)	0.5(6)
С9	48.9(9)	33.1(7)	46.3(8)	5.9(6)	2.1(7)	2.8(7)
C10	44.6(8)	32.7(7)	33.0(7)	7.5(6)	6.8(6)	4.7(6)
C11	23.8(6)	33.3(7)	32.2(7)	1.8(5)	4.5(5)	5.1(5)
C12	23.4(6)	31.6(7)	31.8(6)	-1.6(5)	6.8(5)	1.6(5)
C13	21.7(6)	29.9(6)	27.6(6)	0.1(5)	7.2(5)	2.8(5)

C14	31.7(7)	27.4(6)	29.5(6)	-2.3(5)	11.2(5)	0.3(5)
C15	35.8(7)	32.3(7)	35.2(7)	3.0(5)	11.5(6)	6.7(6)
C16	48.8(9)	52.4(9)	47.6(9)	-8.0(7)	0.0(7)	10.4(8)
C17	83.7(14)	54.7(10)	47.5(10)	-13.7(8)	3.6(9)	1.1(10)
C18	99.3(16)	40.8(9)	63.4(11)	-8.2(8)	36.5(11)	10.0(10)
C19	64.5(12)	48.8(10)	92.9(14)	-3.6(10)	35.5(11)	21.7(9)
C20	39.8(8)	42.6(8)	68.4(11)	-0.7(7)	15.6(8)	10.2(7)
C21	37.8(7)	29.3(7)	40.4(8)	8.1(6)	12.9(6)	4.0(6)
C22	61.7(10)	33.3(7)	39.0(8)	13.0(6)	17.7(7)	11.4(7)
C23	86.7(14)	72.0(12)	41.8(9)	9.4(8)	5.9(9)	-15.0(11)
C24	139(2)	82.6(15)	45.9(11)	5.9(10)	3.4(13)	-18.5(15)
C25	175(3)	69.4(14)	44.1(11)	11.7(10)	26.8(16)	25.1(17)
C26	141(3)	110(2)	63.8(14)	25.3(14)	63.5(17)	42.5(19)
C27	85.7(14)	88.3(14)	58.0(11)	22.3(10)	38.5(11)	21.5(12)
C28	33.3(7)	27.2(6)	28.2(6)	3.3(5)	6.9(5)	7.1(5)
C29	40.8(8)	40.6(8)	53.3(9)	-7.8(7)	18.8(7)	4.8(6)
C30	62.0(11)	49.4(9)	60.8(10)	-11.1(8)	29.8(9)	11.3(8)
C31	76.4(12)	37.8(8)	43.4(9)	-10.8(7)	12.9(8)	10.4(8)
C32	57.4(10)	38.6(8)	42.6(8)	-7.2(6)	-1.4(7)	0.0(7)
C33	36.5(8)	37.3(7)	37.6(7)	-0.7(6)	3.6(6)	4.5(6)

Table 4 Bond Lengths for (\pm) 5a.

Atom	Atom	Length/Å
01	C14	1.2356(15)
O2	C13	1.4024(15)
O3	C12	1.2345(15)
N1	C6	1.3732(18)
N1	C7	1.370(2)
N2	C10	1.4792(16)
N2	C11	1.4663(16)
N2	C14	1.3323(17)
N3	C12	1.3398(16)
N3	C13	1.4614(15)
N3	C21	1.4915(16)
C1	C2	1.373(2)
C1	C6	1.397(2)
C2	C3	1.399(2)
C3	C4	1.379(2)
C4	C5	1.4011(19)
C5	C6	1.4149(18)
C5	C8	1.4368(19)
C7	C8	1.364(2)
C8	C9	1.4998(19)
C9	C10	1.530(2)
C11	C12	1.5182(17)

Aton	n Aton	n Length/Å
C11	C15	1.5237(18)
C13	C14	1.5455(17)
C13	C28	1.5401(17)
C15	C16	1.383(2)
C15	C20	1.379(2)
C16	C17	1.388(2)
C17	C18	1.370(3)
C18	C19	1.361(3)
C19	C20	1.392(2)
C21	C22	1.513(2)
C22	C23	1.377(3)
C22	C27	1.381(2)
C23	C24	1.393(3)
C24	C25	1.341(4)
C25	C26	1.365(4)
C26	C27	1.404(3)
C28	C29	1.3879(19)
C28	C33	1.3874(19)
C29	C30	1.392(2)
C30	C31	1.371(2)
C31	C32	1.378(2)
C32	C33	1.390(2)

Table 5 Bond Angles for (\pm) 5a.

Aton	Aton	Atom	Angle/°	Aton	n Aton	n Atom	Angle/°
C7	N1	C6	108.77(11)	N 3	C13	C14	114.05(10)
C11	N2	C10	116.89(10)	N3	C13	C28	110.01(10)
C14	N2	C10	118.78(11)	C28	C13	C14	105.19(9)
C14	N2	C11	124.30(10)	01	C14	N2	122.75(12)
C12	N 3	C13	124.34(10)	01	C14	C13	116.58(11)
C12	N3	C21	118.10(10)	N2	C14	C13	120.66(10)
C13	N3	C21	116.67(10)	C16	C15	C11	120.77(12)
C2	C1	C6	117.93(13)	C20	C15	C11	120.25(13)
C1	C2	C3	121.21(14)	C20	C15	C16	118.97(14)
C4	C3	C2	121.29(14)	C15	C16	C17	120.30(16)
C3	C4	C5	118.92(13)	C18	C17	C16	120.22(17)
C4	C5	C6	118.89(13)	C19	C18	C17	119.85(16)
C4	C5	C8	133.94(13)	C18	C19	C20	120.57(17)
C6	C5	C8	107.17(12)	C15	C20	C19	120.08(16)
N1	C6	C1	130.91(13)	N 3	C21	C22	113.85(11)
N1	C6	C5	107.35(12)	C23	C22	C21	120.95(15)
C1	C6	C5	121.73(13)	C23	C22	C27	118.03(17)
C8	C7	N1	110.72(13)	C27	C22	C21	120.99(16)
C5	C8	C9	126.36(13)	C22	C23	C24	121.0(2)
C7	C8	C5	105.99(12)	C25	C24	C23	120.7(2)
C7	C8	C9	127.51(14)	C24	C25	C26	119.9(2)
C8	C9	C10	109.99(12)	C25	C26	C27	120.4(2)
N2	C10	C9	115.03(11)	C22	C27	C26	120.1(2)
N2	C11	C12	114.75(10)	C29	C28	C13	120.68(12)
N2	C11	C15	111.41(10)	C29	C28	C33	118.66(12)
C12	C11	C15	109.51(10)	C33	C28	C13	120.42(11)
O3	C12	N3	121.62(12)	C28	C29	C30	120.28(15)
O3	C12	C11	117.97(11)	C31	C30	C29	120.53(15)
N3	C12	C11	120.38(11)	C30	C31	C32	119.76(14)
O2	C13	N3	104.75(9)	C31	C32	C33	120.08(15)
O2	C13	C14	108.46(10)	C28	C33	C32	120.65(14)
02	C13	C28	114.62(10)				

Table 6 Hydrogen Atom Coordinates ($A \times 10^4$) and Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($Å^2 \times 10^3$) for (+) 5a					
Atom		V	7	LI(eq)	
H2	12189	2281	3433	54	
H1	8534	7118	-721	52	
HIA	5184	8246	-904	50	
H2A	2649	8509	-212	56	
H3	2507	7704	1117	59	
H4	4834	6570	1762	49	
H7	10208	5898	314	51	
H9A	8298	5648	2332	53	
H9B	9921	5178	1903	53	
H10A	5989	4490	1379	44	
H10B	7610	4021	955	44	
H11	4927	3265	2253	36	
H16	8710	4480	4006	62	
H17	8370	5948	4886	77	
H18	5418	6695	4705	78	
H19	2807	5988	3651	79	
H20	3111	4515	2765	60	
H21A	9286	637	4006	42	
H21B	7053	619	3924	42	
H23	11358	1822	5284	82	
H24	11893	2307	6821	111	
H25	9485	2160	7569	114	
H26	6488	1520	6804	117	
H27	5887	1045	5250	87	
H29	12441	1257	2325	53	
H30	12415	-83	1247	66	
H31	9640	-1070	654	63	
H32	6864	-735	1146	58	
H33	6838	637	2184	46	

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Cell lines and culture

The human prostate tumor cells PC3 and DU145, acute lymphoblastic leukemia cells Jurkat, biphenotypic B-myelomonocytic leukemia cells MV-4-11 were obtained from American Type Culture Collection (ATCC, Manassas, VA, USA). The DU145 cells were cultured in high-glucose DMEM (Hyclone, SH30022.01, USA) medium supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS, Gibco, 10099, Australia origin). The PC3 cells were cultured with the Ham's F-12K (Kaighn's) Medium (GIBCO, 21127022, USA) supplemented with 10% FBS. The Jurkat and MV-4-11 cells were

cultured with RPMI 1640 medium (GIBCO, 11875093, USA) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS,Gibco, 10099,Australia). The cells were cultured in the incubator at the 37 $^{\circ}$ C and 5% CO₂ with humidified atmosphere.

Cell viability assay

The tumor cells were counted and seeded into the 96-well plate containing 100 µL complete medium, the density of cells were 3×10^3 cells per well for PC3 and DU145. After incubation for 24 hours, added another 100 µL complete medium containing 10 μ M compounds (±) 5 or equal amount of Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), each treatment was triple replicated. The compound-treated cells were cultured for another 48 hours, 3-(4, 5-dimethyl-2-thiazolyl)-2, 5-diphenyl-2-*H*-tetrazolium bromide (MTT. Beyotime, ST316, Shanghai, China) was added, the plate was incubated for another 4 hours. After incubation, removed the medium and added 150 µL DMSO into each well to dissolve the formazan. The optical density (OD) of each well was measured with a microplate reader (Bio-Tek, Winooski, VT, USA) at an absorbance wavelength of 570 nm. Similar to PC3 cells, Jurkat cells and MV-4-11 cells were seeded into the 96-well plate with a density of 6×10^3 cells per well, compound-treated cells were cultured for 72 hours and followed by Cell Counting Kit-8 (CCK-8, Beyotime, C0037, Shanghai, China) treatment for another 4 hours. The OD was measured at an absorbance wavelength of 450 nm. The viability of compounds 5 treated cells equal to the ration of OD_{compound} to OD_{DMSO}. To further evaluate the half maximal inhibitory concentration (IC₅₀) of compound (\pm) 5c, MV-4-11 and Jurkat cells were incubated with various concentrations (0, 0.625, 1.25, 2.5, 5, 10 μ M) of compound (±) 5c for 72 h. The OD of compound-treated cells was measured with CCK-8. The IC_{50} values were analyzed by GraphPad Prism 8.

Transform of (±) 5c inhibits MV411 IC₅₀ Transform of (±) 5e IC₅₀ in Jurkat



Flow cytometry analysis

Leukemia cells MV4-11 in the logarithmic growth condition were harvested and seeded into 6-well plates at concentration of 500 thousand per well. The cells were treated with different concentrations of compound (\pm) **5 e** or the same amount of DMSO for 48 hours. All cells were collected and analyzed using flow cytometry analysis. For cell cycle analysis, cell were fixed with 70% ethanol at 4 °C for 24 hours, and then washed with PBS for 3 times. Subsequently, cells were stained with PI (50mg/ml, BD Biosciences) and RNase (100mg/ml, Sigma-Aldrich) at 37°C for 30 minutes. The stained cells were analyzed with flow cytometry (Accuri C6, BD biosciences) and the results were recorded. For apoptosis analysis, cells were collected and stained with an Annexin V-FITC/PI apoptosis assay kit following the manufacture's manual (BD Biosciences). All flow cytometry analysis results were visualized using FlowJo 7.6. The statistical chart of each treatment represents mean \pm SD of 3 (n=3).

(±) 5c induces apoptosis in MV411					
0 μΜ	2.5 μM	5 μΜ	10 µM		
$u_{1}^{2} = \frac{1}{10^{2}} \frac{1}$	10 ³ 10 ³ 1	4 10 ² 10 ² 03 4 10 ² 10 ² 03 10 ² 10 ² 03 10 ² 10 ² 03 10 ² 10 ² 10 ³	410 ² 10 ² 1		

(±) 5c induces cell cycle arrest in MV411			
0 μΜ	2.5 μΜ	5 μΜ	10 µM





(±) **5a**, brown oil, yield 71%, (EA/Hex = 30%, $R_f = 0.3$), purity 97%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.09 (m, 6H), 7.06-7.00 (m, 3H), 6.82 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 4.25 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 4.22-4.15 (m, 1H), 3.22 – 3.14 (m, 1H), 3.06 – 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.96 – 2.89 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.95, 165.27, 139.35, 137.93, 136.24, 133.01, 129.36, 129.00, 128.39, 128.17, 127.27, 126.69, 126.28, 122.37, 119.63, 118.32, 111.39, 85.33, 64.85, 47.59, 22.64. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₃H₃₀N₃O₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 516.2287, found 516.2279.

1-(2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-4-benzyl-6-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-3-phenylpiperazine-2,5-dione



(±) **5b**, brown oil, yield 67% (EA/Hex = 30%, $R_f = 0.3$), purity 95%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.18-7.13 (m, 3H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.82 – 6.66 (m, 5H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.28 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 4.21-4.14 (m, 1H), 3.22 – 3.14 (m, 1H), 3.06 – 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.95 – 2.87 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.94, 165.17, 139.38, 137.83, 136.25, 129.39, 128.49, 128.20, 127.34, 126.80, 15

126.18, 122.41, 119.68, 118.25, 115.24, 111.45, 85.22, 64.31, 47.56, 47.35, 22.66. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{33}H_{29}FN_3O_3^+$ (M+H)⁺ 534.2193, found 534.2199.

1-(2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-4-benzyl-6-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-3-phenylpiperazine-2,5-dione



(±) **5c**, brown oil, yield 69%, (EA/Hex = 30%, $R_f = 0.3$), purity 97%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.18-7.13 (m, 3H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.04-6.98 (m, 3H), 6.75-6.69 (m, 3H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 4.92 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 4.28 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 4.21 – 4.12 (m, 1H), 3.23 – 3.13 (m, 1H), 3.07 – 2.98 (m, 1H), 2.95 – 2.85 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.94, 164.92, 139.33, 137.79, 136.25,134.19, 131.55, 129.39, 128.52, 127.98, 127.36, 126.77, 126.15, 122.43, 119.70, 118.23, 111.46, 85.22, 64.40, 47.56, 47.37, 22.66. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₃H₂₉ClN₃O₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 550.1897, found 550.1889.

1-(2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-4-benzyl-6-(4-bromophenyl)-3-hydroxy-3-phenylpiperazine-2,5-dione



(±) **5d**, brown oil, yield 70%, (EA/Hex = 30%, $R_f = 0.3$), purity 97%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 –

7.32 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 5H), 7.10 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 6.74 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 4.92 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 4.28 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 4.23 – 4.12 (m, 1H), 3.24 – 3.12 (m, 1H), 3.08 – 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.95 – 2.85 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.94, 164.82, 139.31, 137.78, 136.25, 132.11, 131.28, 129.40, 128.53, 128.29, 127.36, 126.77, 126.14, 122.43, 119.70, 118.23, 111.46, 85.22, 64.47, 47.56, 47.37, 22.66. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₃H₂₉BrN₃O₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 594.1392, found 594.1395.

1-(2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-4-benzyl-6-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-3phenylpiperazine-2,5-dione



(±) **5e**, red-brown oil, yield 62%, (EA/Hex = 30%, $R_f = 0.3$), purity 94%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.08 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 2H), 6.67-6.65 (m, 1H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.24 – 4.15 (m, 1H), 3.25 – 3.13 (m, 1H), 3.08 – 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.94 – 2.83 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.01, 164.53, 139.18, 137.69, 136.27, 133.24, 132.57, 130.05, 129.46, 128.62, 128.25, 127.44, 126.68, 126.04, 122.49, 119.74, 118.17, 111.52, 111.14, 85.16, 64.07, 47.56, 47.44. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₃H₂₈Cl₂N₃O₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 584.1508, found 584.1409.

1-(2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-4-benzyl-3-hydroxy-6-(4-nitrophenyl)-3-phenylpiperazine-2,5-dione



(±) **5f**, red oil, yield 60%, (EA/Hex = 30%, $R_f = 0.3$), purity 95%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.05 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 4.35 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.30 – 4.20 (m, 1H), 3.26 – 3.16 (m, 1H), 3.10 – 3.01 (m, 1H), 2.94 – 2.88 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.04, 164.19, 147.54, 140.19, 139.27, 137.58, 136.30, 129.46, 128.60, 128.28, 127.51, 126.62, 125.94, 123.11, 122.59, 119.75, 118.09, 111.58, 110.99, 85.11, 64.75, 47.57, 22.72.HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C_{33H29}N4O₅⁺ (M+H)⁺ 561.2138, found 561.2095.

1-(2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-4-benzyl-3-hydroxy-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylpiperazine-2,5-dione



(±) **5g**, brown-yellow oil, yield 82%, (EA/Hex =3 0%, $R_f = 0.3$), purity 97%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.13 (m, 5H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 4.92 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.23 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 4.18 – 4.09 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.22 – 3.11 (m, 1H), 3.08 – 2.91 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.85, 165.53, 159.53, 139.51, 137.95, 136.24, 129.33, 129.01, 128.44, 128.03, 127.25, 126.91, 126.35, 124.99, 122.34, 119.63, 118.35, 113.71, 111.59, 85.35, 64.38,

55.31, 47.60, 47.26, 22.64. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{34}H_{32}N_3O_4^+$ (M+H)⁺ 546.2393, found 546.2356.

1-(2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-4-benzyl-6-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-3-hydroxy-3-phenylpiperazine-2,5-dione



(±) **5h**, brown oil, yield 83%, (EA/Hex = 30%, $R_f = 0.3$), purity 96%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.07 (m, 4H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.77-6.73 (m, 3H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 4.25 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 4.22 – 4.13 (m, 1H), 3.19-3.12 (m, 1H), 3.07 – 2.91 (m, 2H), 1.22 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.97, 165.57, 151.14, 139.32, 138.00, 136.25, 129.91, 129.33, 128.87, 128.19, 127.26, 126.90, 126.32, 125.23, 122.43, 119.58, 118.35, 111.50, 85.41, 64.60, 47.59, 34.43, 31.24, 22.68, 14.14. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₇H₃₈N₃O₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 572.2913, found 572.2900.

1-(2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-4-benzyl-3-hydroxy-3-phenyl-6-(p-tolyl)piperazine-2,5dione



(±) **5i**, brown oil, yield 79%, (EA/Hex = 30%, $R_f = 0.3$), purity 95%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.24 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 5H), 7.01 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 4.91 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.22 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 4.18-4.11 (m, 1H), 3.20 – 3.13 (m, 1H), 3.05 – 2.90 (m, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.84, 165.36, 139.46, 138.03, 136.22, 130.09, 129.34, 128.93, 127.24, 126.76, 122.33, 119.62, 118.35, 111.58, 85.38, 64.68, 47.63, 22.61, 20.95. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₄H₃₂N₃O₃⁺ (M+H)⁺ 530.2444, found 530.2456.

1-(2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-6-(4-bromophenyl)-3-hydroxy-4-(4-methoxybenzyl)-3-phenylpiperazine-2,5-dione



(±) **5j**, brown oil, yield 71%, (EA/Hex = 30%, $R_f = 0.25$), purity 97%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.13 (dt, J = 17.2, 6.3 Hz, 7H), 7.00 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 4.84 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.21 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (ddd, J = 12.8, 7.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.16 – 3.07 (m, 1H), 3.04 – 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.89 (dd, J = 13.3, 7.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.89, 164.81, 158.89, 139.36, 136.25, 132.29, 131.36, 130.86, 129.86, 129.21, 128.51, 126.83, 126.28, 122.58, 122.19, 119.66, 118.29, 113.55, 111.43, 85.41, 64.39, 55.35, 47.42, 47.20, 22.71. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₄H₃₁BrN₃O₄⁺ (M+H)⁺ 624.1493, found 624.1472.

1-(2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-6-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-4-(4-methoxybenzyl)-3-phenylpiperazine-2,5-dione



(±) **5k**, brown oil, yield 66%, (EA/Hex = 30%, $R_f = 0.25$), purity 95%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.46 (dd, J = 7.8, 5.7 Hz, 3H), 7.28 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.75 – 6.71 (m, 2H), 6.68 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 4.87 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 4.26 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 4.20 – 4.12 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.19 – 3.10 (m, 1H), 3.05 – 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.89 (dd, J = 13.4, 7.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.97, 164.46, 158.95, 139.20, 136.24, 133.33, 132.51, 130.92, 130.08, 129.77, 129.48, 128.59, 126.72, 126.08, 122.42, 119.72, 118.23, 113.55, 111.52, 111.23, 85.23, 64.01, 55.36, 47.47, 47.13, 22.70. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₄H₃₀Cl₂N₃O₄ (M+H)⁺ 614.1608, found 614.1529.

1-(2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-6-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-4-(4-methoxybenzyl)-3-phenylpiperazine-2,5-dione



(±) **51**, brown oil, yield 70%, (EA/Hex = 30%, $R_f = 0.25$), purity 93%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.46 (dd, J = 7.8, 4.8 Hz, 3H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 7.01 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.80 – 6.70 (m, 5H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 4.85 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (ddd, J = 13.1, 8.3, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.18 – 3.08 (m, 1H), 3.05 – 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.91 (dd, J = 13.2, 7.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.89, 165.15, 158.88, 139.41, 136.24, 130.85, 129.91, 129.17, 128.51, 126.85, 126.30, 122.35, 119.64, 118.30,

115.30, 115.09, 113.54, 111.45, 85.38, 64.24, 55.34, 47.28, 47.14, 46.93, 22.70. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{34}H_{31}FN_3O_4^+$ (M+H)⁺ 614.1529, found 614.1522.

1-(2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-3-hydroxy-4-(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-(4-nitrophenyl)-3-phenylpiperazine-2,5-dione



(±) **5m**, brown oil, yield 64%, (EA/Hex = 30%, $R_f = 0.25$), purity 91%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 8.2 Hz, 3H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.05 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.2 Hz, 4H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.29 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 4.26 – 4.17 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.18 (dt, *J* = 15.5, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.09 – 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.94 – 2.85 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.05, 164.10, 159.02, 147.54, 140.25, 139.30, 136.27, 130.96, 129.66, 129.37, 128.59, 127.40, 126.65, 125.99, 123.12, 122.48, 119.75, 118.13, 113.56, 111.56, 111.10, 85.12, 64.72, 55.36, 47.62, 47.07, 29.71, 22.72. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₄H₃₁N₄O₆⁺ (M+H)⁺ 591.2293, found 591.2290.

1-(2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-3-hydroxy-4-(4-methoxybenzyl)-3,6-diphenylpiperazine-2,5-dione



(±) **5n**, brown oil, yield 73%, (EA/Hex = 30%, $R_f = 0.3$), purity 92%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 6H), 7.07-7.00 (m, 3H), 6.90-6.84 (m, 4H), 6.78 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.92 – 4.83 (m, 2H), 4.22 – 4.12 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.20 – 3.10 (m, 1H), 3.07 – 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.97 – 2.88 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.91, 165.20, 158.84, 139.37, 136.20, 133.06, 130.89, 130.01, 129.02, 128.40, 128.26, 126.76, 126.34, 122.30, 119.62, 118.36, 113.48, 111.57, 111.38, 85.35, 64.78, 55.34, 47.44, 47.16, 22.64. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₄H₃₂N₃O₄⁺ (M+H)⁺ 546.2393, found 546.2388.

1-(2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-3-(4-bromophenyl)-3-hydroxy-4-(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-phenylpiperazine-2,5-dione



(±) **50**, brown oil, yield 78% (EA/Hex = 30%, $R_f = 0.25$), purity 94%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 4H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 3H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 3H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 8.1 Hz, 4H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.80 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.01 – 2.90 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.52, 165.16, 158.90, 138.47, 136.26, 133.09, 131.44, 130.81, 129.78, 128.72, 128.18, 126.92, 126.68, 123.44, 122.33, 119.62, 118.34, 113.58, 111.46, 85.25, 64.67, 55.35, 47.61, 47.02, 22.73. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₄H₃₁BrN₃O₄⁺ (M+H)⁺ 624.1487, found 624.1493.

1-(2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-3-(furan-2-yl)-3-hydroxy-4-(4-methoxybenzyl)-6phenylpiperazine-2,5-dione



(±) **5p**, brown oil, yield 70%, (EA/Hex = 30%, $R_f = 0.25$), purity 95%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.20 – 6.10 (m, 2H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 4.70 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (t, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.11 (dd, J = 19.4, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.04 – 2.95 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.76, 164.96, 158.79, 151.35, 143.08, 136.26, 134.04, 130.69, 129.83, 128.42, 126.98, 122.28, 119.57, 118.41, 113.50, 111.50, 110.92, 109.93, 81.34, 65.00, 55.31, 47.42, 46.64, 22.68. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₂H₃₀N₃O₅+(M+H)⁺ 536.2177, found 536.2180

NMR Characterization Figures of Products



¹³C NMR spectrum of (±) 5a











¹³C NMR spectrum of (±) **5b**





¹H NMR spectrum of (±) 5c





¹³C NMR spectrum of (±) 5c



¹³C NMR spectrum of (±) **5d**



¹³C NMR spectrum of (±) 5e





¹H NMR spectrum of (\pm) 5f





 13 C NMR spectrum of (±) **5f**



¹³C NMR spectrum of (±) 5g



¹³C NMR spectrum of (±) **5h**



¹³C NMR spectrum of (±) 5i



¹³C NMR spectrum of (±) 5j



¹³C NMR spectrum of (±) 5k



¹³C NMR spectrum of (±) 5l



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¹⁹F NMR spectrum of (±) 5l



¹³C NMR spectrum of (±) 5m

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¹³C NMR spectrum of (±) **5n**



¹³C NMR spectrum of (±) **50**



¹³C NMR spectrum of (±) **5p**