

**Supplementary Figures** 



Figure S1: Kinetic characterization of DrDXPS (WT), DrDXPS (H304A) and MtDXPS.





Figure S2: Top-ranked docking pose of compounds 3–10.



**Figure S3**: (**A**) Distribution of molecular weight of purchased candidates and hits. (**B**) Distribution of cLogP of purchased candidates and hits.



**Figure S4**: (**A**) Non-selective inhibition of **11** and (**B**) the effect of DTT concentration on the activity of **11**. Compound **11** was proved to be a reactive false positive against *Mt*DXPS.



Figure S5: Hit validation of compounds 7, 9 and 10 by (A) DLS, (B) DTT dependency and (C) DXPS co-precipitation. The hits were validated as true inhibitors against MtDXPS, not aggregators, reactive false positives or co-precipitators.



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**Figure S6**: The hyperbolic curves for compounds **7**, **9** and **10** when comparing inhibitor concentration to  $k_{obs}$  confirms that the two-step Morrison model is appropriate to characterize the inhibitors' activity of the inhibitors against *Mt*DXPS.



**Figure S7**: Raw data of MST analysis of the interaction between *Mt*DXPS and ligands: Compounds (**A**) **7**, (**B**) **9** and (**C**) **10**, and substrates (**D**) pyruvate and (**E**) D-GAP. The blue and red squares represent the MST off and on time as used to extract the binding curves. (**F**) Binding curves of pyruvate and D-GAP with *Mt*DXPS.



Figure S8: Dose-response bar-chart of the final hits against porcine PDH.



**Figure S9**: (A) (B) (C) Dose-response curves of the final hit derivatives used for  $K_{i}^{*}$  determination.



Figure S10: Dose-response bar-chart of compounds 7, 9 and 10 against E. coli DXPS.



**Figure S11**: Metabolic stability of **7**, **9** and **10** in human liver S9 fraction. The residual percentage of the initial compound concentration is shown at different time points. Values are means of two independent determinations.