

Diphenylbutylpiperidine-based autophagy inducers: Design, synthesis and SAR studies

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## 1. Materials, methods, preparation and spectroscopic data of the DPBPs

### Materials and methods

For thin-layer chromatography (TLC), Silica gel plates GF254 were used and compounds were visualized by irradiation with UV light, I<sub>2</sub>. FT-IR spectra were recorded on an AVATAR-360 spectrophotometer. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on MERCURY300, Bruker DRX-400, and Bruker AV-500 spectrometers with TMS as the internal standard. HRMS were recorded by using either FTMS-7 or IonSpec 4.7 spectrometers. Elemental analyses were conducted in a Heraeus Rapid CHNO apparatus. Melting points were measured on a SGW Melting Point System apparatus and are uncorrected. All the reactions were monitored by TLC. For known compounds, a reference is cited. Yields refer to pure compounds, unless otherwise indicated.

### General Procedure for preparation DPBPs

#### Pimozide (**15a** (1))

A solution of 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene)<sup>1</sup> (162mg, 0.5mmol), amine (1-(piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one)<sup>2</sup> (110mg, 0.5mmol), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (159mg, 1.5mmol) and catalytic amount of KI in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (10mL) was allowed to heat at reflux for 12h and precipitate was removed by filtration. Evaporation in vacuo, and purification by flash chromatography (DCM: MeOH = 50:1- 30:1) afforded 132mg (57%) as a white solid. Mp: 220-223 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.26 (s, 1H), 6.97-7.28 (m, 12H), 4.36 (t, 1H), 3.89 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 2H), 2.38-2.46 (m, 4H), 1.99-2.12 (m, 5H), 1.78-1.82 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.49 (m, 2H); LRESIMS m/z462.1[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 484.1[M+ Na]<sup>+</sup>.

#### 3-(1-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-2(3H)-one (**15b**)

The title compound as oil was obtained in 89% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **3**<sup>3</sup> in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**. IR (neat) v 3066, 2944, 2808, 2771, 1774, 1603, 1483, 1368, 1348, 1251, 1015, 830, 755, 736, 969 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.08-7.19 (m, 8H), 6.94-6.99 (m, 4H), 4.17 (m, 1H), 3.88 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H),

2.98-3.01 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.50 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.5, 160.1, 154.0, 142.6, 140.5, 140.4, 129.8, 129.1, 129.0, 123.5, 122.1, 115.4, 115.1, 110.1, 109.9, 58.1, 52.9, 52.6, 49.7, 33.7, 28.8, 28.4, 25.5; LRESI-MS m/z: 463.2[M+H] $^+$ , 485.4[M+ Na] $^+$ ; HRESI-MS m/z: 463.2194[M+H] $^+$ , calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{29}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  463.2191.

**3-(1-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)benzo[d]thiazol-2(3H)-one (15c)**

The title compound as white solid was obtained in 74% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **5<sup>3</sup>** in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 89-91 °C. 74% IR (neat) v 2936, 2806, 1674, 1602, 1589, 1506, 1469, 1303, 1222, 1193, 1157, 1134, 827, 744, 657  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.34-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.25 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.10-7.19 (m, 4H), 6.97 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 4H), 4.46-4.47 (m, 1H), 3.88 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.99-3.62 (m, 2H), 2.57-2.61 (m, 2H), 2.40 (m, 2H), 2.02-2.10 (m, 4H), 1.72-1.762 (m, 2H), 1.46 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.7, 162.5, 160.0, 140.4, 140.3, 129.0, 128.9, 125.8, 122.6, 122.6, 122.5, 122.5, 115.3, 115.1, 58.0, 53.2, 49.6, 33.7, 27.9; LRESI-MS m/z: 479.1[M+H] $^+$ ; HRESI-MS m/z: 468.2116[M+H] $^+$ , calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_3\text{OS}$  468.2104.

**1-(1-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole ( 15d)**

The title compound as white solid was obtained in 63% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **6<sup>4</sup>** in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 127-130 °C. IR (neat) v 3051 ,2945 ,2809, 2770, 1602, 1509, 1489, 1457, 1286, 1222, 1157, 1130, 1013, 830, 742, 574, 541  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.98 (m, 1H), 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.26 (m, 4H), 6.97 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 4H), 4.18 (m, 1H), 3.86-3.88 (m, 1H), 3.05 (s, 1H), 2.44 (m, 2H), 2.14 (m, 6H), 2.03-2.05 (m, 2H), 1.48 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.5, 160.1, 143.9, 140.4, 140.3, 133.2, 129.1, 129.0, 122.7, 122.1, 120.5, 115.4, 113.2, 109.9, 58.157, 53.7, 52.8, 49.7, 33.7, 32.1, 25.5; LRESI-MS m/z: 446.2[M+H] $^+$ ; HRESI-MS m/z: 491.2249[M+H] $^+$ , calcd for

$C_{28}H_{29}N_4O_2F_2$  491.2253.

**1-(1-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)-5-nitro-1H-indazole (15e)**

The title compound as pale yellow solid was obtained in 97% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **7<sup>5</sup>** in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 113-116 °C. IR (neat) v 2932, 2814, 2776, 1610, 1506, 1435, 1335, 1284, 1139, 1069, 907, 839, 786. cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.63 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.11-8.17 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 2.7, 6.0 Hz, 4H), 6.88 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 4H), 4.36 (m, 1H), 3.81 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 2H), 2.23-2.38 (m, 4H), 1.93-2.21 (m, 6H), 1.37-1.42 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.5, 160.1, 142.2, 140.493, 140.4, 135.5, 129.1, 129.0, 123.2, 121.0, 119.0, 115.3, 115.1, 109.2, 58.0, 52.6, 49.7, 33.712, 31.3, 25.4; LRESI-MS m/z: 491.2[M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HRESI-MS m/z: 491.2249[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for  $C_{28}H_{29}N_4O_2F_2$  491.2253.

**1-(1-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazole (15f)**

The title compound as pale yellow solid was obtained in 56% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **13a<sup>6</sup>** in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 103-106 °C. IR (neat) v 3444, 2925, 1728, 1601, 1506, 1221, 1158, 831, 747 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98-7.20 (m, 8H), 6.93-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.83-6.81 (m, 2H), 5.734 (s, 1H), 4.34 (m, 1H), 3.95-4.03 (m, 2H), 3.85-3.86 (m, 2H), 3.52-3.51 (m, 2H), 3.24-3.28 (m, 2H), 2.53 (m, 2H), 2.41-2.47 (m, 2H), 1.99-2.09 (m, 4H), 1.23-1.75 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.8, 162.6, 160.4, 160.2, 145.4, 139.131, 138.9, 132.5, 129.2, 129.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.1, 124.7, 119.8, 115.9, 115.7, 115.4, 109.9, 56.9, 49.5, 48.7, 48.3, 32.4, 31.8, 25.9, 20.2; LRESI-MS m/z: 477.2[M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HRESI-MS m/z: 447.2361[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for  $C_{27}H_{39}N_4F_2$  447.2354.

**1-(1-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)indoline (15g)**

The title compound as white solid was obtained in 88% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **8<sup>7</sup>** in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 100-102 °C. IR (neat) v 3042, 2944, 1604, 1506, 1489, 1270, 1222, 1157, 1128, 1014, 829, 752, 569, 537 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.15-7.25 (m, 6H), 6.94-7.66 (m, 6H), 6.61 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (m, 1H), 3.375 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.20-3.23 (m, 2H), 2.90-2.95 (m, 2H), 2.62 (m, 2H), 2.33-2.364 (m, 1H), 2.02-2.14 (m, 4H), 1.84-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.63 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.6, 160.2, 150.4, 140.0, 130.3, 129.1, 129.0, 127.1, 124.6, 177.4, 115.5, 115.3, 106.7, 57.8, 53.0, 51.9, 49.5, 46.8, 33.5, 28.2, 26.0, 24.2; LRESI-MS m/z: 447.2[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 461.2[M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; HRESI-MS m/z: 447.2610[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> 447.2606.

### **3-(1-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-indole (15h)**

The title compound as white solid was obtained in 98% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **10<sup>8</sup>** in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 260-264 °C. IR (neat) v 3266, 2929, 1602, 1507, 1458, 1222, 1158, 831, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.000-7.12 (m, 6H), 6.90-6.93 (m, 4H), 2.85-2.89 (m, 1H), 2.53-2.57 (m, 2H), 2.25-2.30 (m, 2H), 1.89-1.99 (m, 6H), 1.53-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.3, 159.9, 141.3, 136.8, 129.7, 129.7, 126.4, 121.4, 119.0, 118.6, 115.7, 115.616, 115.5, 111.9, 48.8; LRESI-MS m/z: 445.1[M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HRESI-MS m/z: 445.2446[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> 445.2449.

### **3-(1-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)-6-fluorobenzo[d]isoxazole (15i)**

The title compound as white solid was obtained in 89% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine (6-fluoro-3-(piperidin-4-yl)benzo[d]isoxazole)<sup>9</sup> in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 87-89 °C. IR (neat) v 2806, 2768, 1882, 1608, 1510, 1493,

1222, 1122, 956, 849, 826, 818, 790  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.67 (dd,  $J$  = 4.5, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.19 (m, 4H), 7.03-7.07 (m, 1H), 6.94-7.01 (m, 4H), 3.86 (t,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.97-3.00 (m, 3H), 2.40 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.99-2.09 (m, 8H), 1.44-1.49 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.1, 163.8, 163.6, 162.4, 160.9, 159.998, 140.3, 129.0, 128.9, 122.5, 122.4, 117.1, 115.2, 115.0, 112.3, 112.0, 97.4, 97.1, 58.5, 53.4, 49.6, 34.4, 33.7, 30.3, 25.3; LRESI-MS m/z: 465.1[M+H] $^+$ ; elemental analysis calcd(%) for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : C 72.40, H 5.86, N 6.03; found: C 72.37, H 5.59, N 6.02.

### **2-(1-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)isoindoline (16a)**

The title compound as oil was obtained in 63% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **11<sup>10</sup>** in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**. IR (neat) v 3418 (br), 3036, 2931, 1602, 1507 (s), 1416, 1221, 1158 (br), 1072, 914, 833, 749  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.18-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.13-7.15 (m, 4H), 6.96 (t,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 4H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 3.89-3.94 (m, 5H), 3.14 (m, 2H), 2.90 (m, 2H), 2.44-2.45 (m, 2H), 2.04-2.07 (m, 4H), 1.82 (s, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.7, 160.2, 139.4, 129.0, 129.0, 127.2, 122.3, 115.6, 115.4, 57.1, 56.5, 49.1, 33.1, 26.8; LRESI-MS m/z: 447.2[M+H] $^+$ ; HRESI-MS m/z: 447.2614[M+H] $^+$ , calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{F}_2$  447.2603.

### **2-(1-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (16b)**

The title compound as oil was obtained in 35% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **12<sup>11</sup>** in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**. comformation isomer. LRESI-MS m/z: 475[M+H] $^+$ .

### **2-(1-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazole (16c)**

The title compound as white solid was obtained in 43% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **13b<sup>6</sup>** in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 104-106 °C. IR (neat) v 2938, 2809, 1887,

1600, 1505, 1316, 1299, 1219, 1155, 1137, 825, 746  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.85-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.18 (m, 4H), 6.95-7.00 (m, 4H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 3.90 (t,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.01-3.04 (m, 2H), 2.34-2.49 (m, 6H), 2.07-2.09 (m, 2H), 1.54 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.5, 160.1, 143.9, 140.3, 129.1, 129.0, 126.2, 118.0, 115.4, 115.2, 57.902, 51.6, 49.6, 33.6, 31.2, 25.0; LRESI-MS m/z: 477.1[M+H] $^+$ ; HRESI-MS m/z: 447.2350[M+H] $^+$ , calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_4\text{F}_2$  447.2354.

**2-(1-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (16d)**

The title compound as white solid was obtained in 79% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **14a**<sup>12</sup> in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 110-114 °C. IR (neat) v 2942, 2769, 1602, 1507, 1455, 1423, 1273, 1222, 1158, 1014, 829, 745  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.50-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.19 (t,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 4H), 3.83 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.99-3.03 (m, 2H), 2.44 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.95-2.20 (m, 8H), 1.49-1.51 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.5, 160.1, 157.0, 140.2, 140.2, 129.0, 129.0, 122.3, 115.4, 115.2, 114.7, 58.2, 52.8, 49.5, 35.7, 33.5, 30.0, 24.6; LRESI-MS m/z: 446.1[M+H] $^+$ ; HRESI-MS m/z: 446.2403[M+H] $^+$ , calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_3\text{F}_2$  436.2402.

**2-(1-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (16e)**

The title compound as pale yellow solid was obtained in 67% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **14b**<sup>12</sup> in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 192-194 °C. IR (neat) v 3423 (br), 2930, 2664, 1603, 1569, 1507, 1456, 1222, 1158, 832, 748  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.65-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.16 (dd,  $J = 5.4$ , 8.4 Hz, 4H), 6.97 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 4H), 3.90 (t,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.17 (m, 2H), 2.83-2.86 (m, 2H), 2.38-2.40 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.79 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.6,

162.6, 160.2, 150.5, 140.7, 139.6, 139.0, 125.1, 124.4, 119.7, 115.5, 115.3, 110.5, 57.5, 50.5, 49.5, 49.3, 33.2, 26.2, 23.0; LRESI-MS m/z: 447.1[M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HRESI-MS m/z: 447.2252[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OF<sub>2</sub> 447.2242.

### **2-(1-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (16f)**

The title compound as pale yellow solid was obtained in 98% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **14c**<sup>12</sup> in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 131-133 °C. IR (neat) v 2941, 2812, 2774, 1601, 1505, 1443, 1277, 986, 842, 830, 767, 732 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 6.3 Hz, 4H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 4H), 3.88 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (t, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.97-3.01 (m, 2H), 2.42 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.5, 160.0, 152.9, 140.3, 140.3, 134.5, 128.9, 125.8, 124.6, 122.5, 121.5, 115.3, 115.3, 115.1, 58.4, 53.1, 49.6, 33.7, 32.0, 25.1; LRESI-MS m/z: 463.1[M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HRESI-MS m/z: 463.2001[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>S 463.2014.

### **1-(1-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)-3,4-dihydroquinazolin-2(1H)-one (32a)**

The title compound as white solid was obtained in 78% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **20**<sup>13</sup> in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 110-113 °C. IR (neat): v 3253, 2941, 1674(s), 1604, 1506, 1469, 1325, 1221, 1157, 1110, 829, 751, 735, 576 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.93-7.26 (m, 12H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 4.14-4.20 (m, 1H), 3.90 (t, *J* = 8.0Hz, 1H), 3.22 (d, *J* = 10.8Hz, 2H), 2.82-2.87 (m, 2H), 2.70 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 2H), 2.05 (q, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 7.6Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 14.6Hz, 2H), 1.81 (d, *J* = 12.4Hz, 2H), 1.56-1.63(m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.6, 160.1, 156.7, 140.1, 140.1, 139.0, 138.9, 129.1, 129.1, 128.0, 125.8, 122.7, 122.4, 115.7, 115.4, 115.2, 115.2,

115.1, 114.7, 57.2, 57.0, 53.7, 53.6, 53.4, 53.2, 49.4, 42.8, 33.4, 27.3, 27.2, 27.0, 24.4; LRESI-MS (m/z): 476.2[M+H]<sup>+</sup>. HRESI-MS m/z: 476.25086[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>32</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>1</sub> 476.25080.

### 32b

The title compound as oil was obtained in 48% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **21**<sup>13</sup> in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**. IR(neat) v 3428, 2925, 1602, 1507, 1454, 1413, 1345, 1222, 1159, 831, 761, 714, 675 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.20-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.01-7.18 (m, 7H), 6.92-6.99 (m, 4H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 4.12 (t, J = 7.2Hz, 2H), 3.82-4.08 (m, 1H), 2.94-2.96 (m, 2H), 2.38 (t, J = 7.2Hz, 2H), 1.91-2.14 (m, 9H), 1.42-1.46 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.8, 162.7, 160.3, 160.3, 139.1, 139.0, 129.2, 129.1, 129.1, 129.0, 126.8, 125.1, 115.8, 115.7, 115.6, 115.5, 60.4, 48.4, 32.1, 31.9, 29.7, 20.2, 19.7, 14.2; LRESI-MS (m/z): 521.3[M+H]<sup>+</sup>. HRESI-MS m/z: 512.21924 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>32</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>1</sub> 512.21778.

### 2-(1-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (33a)

The title compound as oil was obtained in 82% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **22**<sup>14</sup> in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**. IR (neat): v 3036, 2927, 2806, 1602, 1507, 1222, 1158, 832, 736, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.07-7.27 (m, 7H), 6.91-7.02 (m, 6H), 3.89 (t, J = 8.0Hz, 1H), 3.68-3.77 (m, 3H), 3.20 (d, J = 8.0Hz, 2H), 2.85-2.94 (m, 4H), 2.61-2.75 (m, 4H), 1.96-2.19 (m, 5H), 1.63-1.80 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.1, 162.6, 160.2, 160.2, 139.9, 139.4, 135.0, 134.0, 133.9, 133.8, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 126.7, 126.5, 126.4, 125.9, 125.8, 115.7, 115.6, 115.5, 115.4, 67.7, 60.3, 57.5, 57.4, 57.3, 51.9, 51.3, 49.6, 49.3, 48.6, 45.8, 33.5, 33.3, 31.8, 29.0, 26.1, 25.6, 25.2, 23.7, 23.4, 21.0, 14.1; LRESI-MS (m/z): 461.2[M+H]<sup>+</sup>. HRESI-MS m/z: 461.27759[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>35</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> 461.27628.

**3-(1-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[e][1,3]oxazin-2-one (33b)**

The title compound as oil was obtained in 67% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **24**<sup>15</sup> in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**. IR (neat):  $\nu$  3041, 2942, 1719 (s), 1600, 1507, 1462, 1431, 1221, 1193, 913, 830, 757, 732, 646, 577  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.94-7.27 (m, 12H), 4.27-4.36 (m, 3H), 3.86 (t,  $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 2.94 (d,  $J = 11.6\text{Hz}$ , 2H), 2.35 (t,  $J = 7.2\text{Hz}$ , 2H), 2.01-2.06 (m, 4H), 1.79-1.99 (m, 4H), 1.61 (s, 2H), 1.41-1.46 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.6, 160.1, 150.7, 149.5, 140.5, 140.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 125.5, 124.1, 117.6, 116.1, 115.4, 115.1, 58.2, 54.1, 52.8, 49.7, 41.7, 33.8, 28.2, 25.6. LRESI-MS (m/z): 477.3[M+H]<sup>+</sup>. HRESI-MS m/z: 477.23500[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{31}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  477.23481.

**3-(1-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)-3,4-dihydroquinazolin-2(1H)-one (33c)**

The title compound as white solid was obtained in 85% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **27**<sup>15</sup> in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 167-170 °C. IR (neat):  $\nu$  3442, 2926, 1604, 1507, 1299, 1220, 1157, 830, 753, 707  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.95 (s, 1H), 6.80-7.21 (m, 12H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 3.87 (t,  $J = 8.0$ , 1H), 2.97-2.99 (m, 2H), 2.49-2.51 (m, 2H), 2.30-2.31 (m, 2H), 1.97-2.02 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.64 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.22-1.25 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.7, 162.6, 160.3, 160.1, 154.6, 140.2, 139.2, 136.5, 129.3, 128.5, 127.9, 126.2, 125.6, 122.1, 117.7, 115.8, 115.7, 113.4, 57.9, 53.2, 52.7, 50.8, 49.6, 49.5, 48.6, 43.2, 33.7, 32.0, 31.9, 29.7, 27.4, 27.3, 24.8, 14.3; LRESI-MS (m/z): 476.5[M-H]<sup>+</sup>. HRESI-MS m/z: 476.25086[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{32}\text{F}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$  476.25080.

**33d**

The title compound as white solid was obtained in 78% yield from

4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **28**<sup>15</sup> in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp:112-114 °C. IR (neat): v 3433, 2918, 1652, 1603, 1506, 1462, 1397, 1342, 1221, 1165, 1102, 900, 830, 799, 757, 672 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.02-7.09 (m, 6H), 6.83-6.97 (m, 6H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 1H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 1H), 3.76 (t, *J* = 8.0Hz, 1H), 3.09 (d, *J* = 9.2Hz, 2H), 2.66 (s, 2H), 2.42-2.44 (m, 2H), 2.15 (d, *J* = 7.6Hz, 2H), 1.88-1.97 (m, 2H), 1.75 (d, *J* = 10.4Hz, 2H), 1.52 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.3, 162.7, 160.3, 147.1, 146.7, 139.6, 131.6, 131.0, 129.2, 128.4, 127.8, 126.9, 124.1, 123.9, 115.4, 71.3, 70.6, 60.4, 56.6, 53.4, 52.7, 49.1, 47.5, 39.7, 37.3, 32.1, 21.0, 14.1; LRESI-MS (m/z): 512.3[M+H]<sup>+</sup>. HRESI-MS m/z: 512.21926 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>32</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S. 512.21778.

### **3-(1-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)benzo[d][1,2,3]triazin-4(3H)-one (33e)**

The title compound as white solid was obtained in 33% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **30**<sup>15</sup> in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 115-117 °C. IR (neat): v 2942, 1681(s), 1603, 1506, 1463, 1333, 1221, 1059, 968, 904, 830, 778, 734, 688 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.33-8.34 (m, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90-7.95 (m, 1H), 7.77 (t, *J* = 7.2Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.19 (m, 4H), 6.97 (*J* = 8.8Hz, 4H), 3.89 (t, *J* = 8.0Hz, 1H), 3.04 (d, *J* = 11.6Hz, 2H), 2.30-2.45 (m, 4H), 2.16 (t, *J* = 12.0Hz, 2H), 1.44-1.52 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.1, 162.6, 160.1, 155.2, 143.8, 140.5, 134.7, 132.1, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.1, 125.2, 119.4, 115.3, 115.1, 60.3, 58.0, 55.0, 52.9, 49.7, 33.7, 30.7, 29.7, 25.5, 21.0, 14.1; LRESI-MS (m/z): 475.2[M+H]<sup>+</sup>. HRESI-MS m/z: 475.23105[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>29</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O. 475.23039.

### **33f**

The title compound as white solid was obtained in 39% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **31**<sup>16</sup> in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp:100-103 °C. Comformation isomer. IR (neat):

$\nu$  3390, 2922, 1600, 1505, 1435, 1404, 1221, 1021, 952, 823, 731  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; LRESI-MS (m/z): 490.5[M-H]<sup>+</sup>. HRESI-MS m/z: 490.23064[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>30</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 490.23006.

**1-(1-(4,4-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one (34a)**

The title compound as white solid was obtained in 98% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis((trifluoromethyl)benzene)<sup>1</sup> and amine (1-(piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one) in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 107-110 °C. IR (neat):  $\nu$  3392, 2935, 1693, 1615, 1483, 1377, 1324, 1168, 1127, 1067, 1017, 906, 840, 827, 757, 737  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.6 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J$  = 7.6Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d,  $J$  = 7.6Hz, 2H), 7.21-7.22 (m, 1H), 6.93-6.94 (m, 2H), 4.29-4.31 (m, 2H), 3.97 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.00-3.02 (m, 2H), 2.43-2.48 (m, 4H), 2.03-2.14 (m, 4H), 1.72 (d,  $J$  = 11.2Hz, 2H), 1.45-1.47 (m, 2H), 1.15-1.18 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.3, 148.2, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.4, 128.2, 125.9, 125.8, 123.0, 121.5, 121.3, 109.9, 58.4, 53.5, 51.2, 50.9; LRESI-MS (m/z): 562.5[M+H]<sup>+</sup>. HRESI-MS m/z: 562.22912[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>30</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 562.22876.

**1-(1-(4,4-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)indoline (34b)**

The title compound as brown solid was obtained in 66% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis((trifluoromethyl)benzene) and amine **8** in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 89-91 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu$  3446, 2962, 1412, 1322, 1260, 1019, 864, 799, 701  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.08-7.19 (m, 4H), 3.87-4.05 (m, 4H), 3.00 (t,  $J$  = 8.8Hz, 2H), 2.69 (s, 4H), 2.06 (t,  $J$  = 8.0Hz, 2H), 1.97 (s, 2H), 1.86-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.67 (s, 2H), 1.18 (t,  $J$  = 7.2Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.2, 137.9, 131.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 127.3, 127.1, 126.1, 124.8, 124.8, 124.7, 124.7, 124.3, 121.6, 121.3, 120.9, 118.9, 115.3, 59.3, 56.3, 55.5, 49.8, 49.5, 48.5, 48.4, 48.3, 31.6, 31.6, 28.6, 27.0, 22.1, 20.0, 13.1; LRESI-MS (m/z): 547.1[M+H]<sup>+</sup>. HRESI-MS

m/z: 547.25463[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>33</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>.547.25424.

**3-(1-(4,4-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-indole (34c)**

The title compound as white solid was obtained in 66% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis((trifluoromethyl)benzene) and amine **10** in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 132-135 °C. IR (neat): v 3235, 2930, 1615, 1324, 1123, 1067, 1016, 951, 829, 744, 603 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.25-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 4.04 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (s, 1H), 2.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 2.04-2.20 (m, 6H), 1.89 (t, J = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 1.56-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 146.9, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 135.3, 127.3, 127.1, 126.1, 125.5, 124.8, 124.6, 124.5, 124.4, 124.1, 121.7, 120.9, 120.1, 118.6, 118.0, 117.9, 117.9, 110.2, 57.6, 53.3, 49.9, 32.3, 32.2, 31.6, 24.2; LRESI-MS (m/z): 545.3[M+H]<sup>+</sup>. HRESI-MS m/z: 545.24032[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>31</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>. 545.23859.

**2-(1-(4,4-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)isoindoline (34d)**

The title compound as oil was obtained in 79% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis((trifluoromethyl)benzene) and amine **11** in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**. IR (neat): v 3046, 2960, 1716, 1606, 1488, 1323, 1261, 868, 799, 744 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.44-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.27 (m, 4H), 6.93-6.98 (m, 2H) 6.50-6.54 (m, 1H), 6.30 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.13-4.16 (m, 1H), 3.96 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.26-3.31 (m, 2H), 2.93-3.00 (m, 2H), 2.84-2.88 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 2H), 0.79-0.87 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.3, 158.0, 146.8, 129.2, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1, 126.1, 124.6, 124.6, 123.4, 116.0, 105.7, 67.1, 52.3, 51.8, 49.4, 45.8, 37.7, 32.1, 31.5, 29.3, 27.9, 27.2, 26.1, 22.7, 21.9, 13.0, 9.9; LRESI-MS (m/z) 547.2[M+H]<sup>+</sup>. HRESI-MS m/z: 547.25614[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>33</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>. 547.25645.

**2-(1-(4,4-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)butyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (34e)**

The title compound as white solid was obtained in 77% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis((trifluoromethyl)benzene) and amine **14a** in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 122-126 °C. IR (neat): v 2943, 1617, 1455, 1324, 1121, 825, 801, 747, 599 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.81-7.47 (m, 12H), 3.94-3.95 (m, 1H), 2.92-2.95 (m, 2H), 2.40-2.42 (m, 2H), 1.97-2.11 (m, 4H), 1.53-1.56 (m, 4H), 1.18-1.19 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 155.9, 146.7, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 127.4, 127.0, 126.9, 126.1, 124.6, 124.6, 124.5, 124.4, 121.7, 121.3, 59.4, 57.1, 52.0, 49.8, 34.9, 31.9, 29.3, 29.1, 28.6, 27.9, 23.7, 20.0, 13.1, 13.0; LRESI-MS (m/z): 546.1[M+H]<sup>+</sup>. HRESI-MS m/z: 545.23812[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>31</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>. 545.23859.

### **5-(4-(2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl)-2,2-diphenylpentanenitrile (35a)**

The title compound as white solid was obtained in 62% yield from 5-bromo-2,2-diphenylpentanenitrile<sup>1</sup> and amine (1-(piperidin-4-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2(3H)-one) in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 220-222 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.18 (s, 1H), 7.25-7.44 (m, 11H), 7.11-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.03-7.06 (m, 2H), 2.99 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 2H), 2.42-2.50 (m, 6H), 1.78-1.82 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.69 (m, 2H); LRESI-MS m/z: 451.1[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 473.1[M+Na]<sup>+</sup>.

### **5-(4-(indolin-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl)-2,2-diphenylpentanenitrile (35b)**

The title compound as brown oil was obtained in 87% yield from 5-bromo-2,2-diphenylpentanenitrile<sup>1</sup> and amine **8** in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**. IR (neat) v 3060, 2937, 2827, 2760, 1606, 1486, 1448, 1390, 1267, 1143, 763, 751, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.25-7.41 (m, 10H), 7.03 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 2.90-2.99 (m, 4H), 2.41-2.46 (m, 4H), 2.30 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.78 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.0, 140.2, 130.4, 129.1, 128.1, 127.4, 127.0, 124.7, 122.5, 117.2, 107.0, 57.3, 53.5, 53.0, 51.8, 47.0, 37.5, 28.4, 27.4, 23.3; LRESI-MS

m/z : 436.1[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 458.1[M+ Na]<sup>+</sup>; HRESI-MS m/z: 436.2745[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>3</sub> 436.2747.

### 5-(4-(1H-indol-3-yl)piperidin-1-yl)-2,2-diphenylpentanenitrile (35c)

The title compound as white solid was obtained in 71% yield from 5-bromo-2,2-diphenylpentanenitrile<sup>1</sup> and amine **10** in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 70-73 °C. IR (neat) v 3266, 2929, 1602, 1507, 1458, 1222, 1158, 831, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.00 -7.125 (m, 6H), 6.90-6.93 (m, 4H), 2.85-2.89 (m, 1H), 2.53-2.57 (m, 2H), 2.25-2.30 (m, 2H), 1.89-1.99 (m, 6H), 1.53-1.596(m, 2H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.3, 159.9, 141.3, 136.8, 129.7, 129.7, 126.4, 121.4, 119.0, 118.6, 115.728, 115.6, 115.5, 111.9, 48.8; LRESI-MS m/z: 434.1[M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HRESI-MS m/z: 434.2592[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>3</sub> 434.2590.

### 5-(4-(isoindolin-2-yl)piperidin-1-yl)-2,2-diphenylpentanenitrile (35d)

The title compound as brown oil was obtained in 65% yield from 5-bromo-2,2-diphenylpentanenitrile<sup>1</sup> and amine **11** in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**. IR (neat) v 3029, 2942, 2774, 1683, 1597, 1494, 1468, 1450, 1357, 1126, 765, 749, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.25-7.41 (m, 10H), 7.17-7.21 (m, 4H), 3.95 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.83-2.87 (m, 2H), 2.41-2.47 (m, 5H), 2.08-2.11 (m, 2H), 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.68 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 195.0, 167.2, 164.7, 130.7, 130.6, 115.9, 115.7, 41.1, 38.5; LRESI-MS m/z: 436.1[M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HRESI-MS m/z: 436.2755[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>3</sub> 436.2747.

### 5-(4-(1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)piperidin-1-yl)-2,2-diphenylpentanenitrile (35e)

The title compound as white solid was obtained in 88% yield from 5-bromo-2,2-diphenylpentanenitrile<sup>1</sup> and amine **14a** in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 96-99 °C. IR (neat) v 3058, 2943, 2810, 2770, 1535, 1493, 1450, 1426, 1272, 767, 746, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ

7.53 (dd,  $J = 3, 6$  Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.39 (m, 10H), 7.18 (dd,  $J = 3, 6$  Hz, 2H), 2.91-2.94 (m, 3H), 2.40-2.45 (m, 4H), 2.00-2.13 (m, 6H), 1.64-1.66 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.2, 139.8, 128.8, 127.7, 126.7, 126.6, 126.5, 122.3, 122.2, 114.7, 57.4, 52.9, 51.5, 37.1, 36.0, 30.2, 22.6; LRESI-MS m/z: 435.2[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 457.1[M+ Na]<sup>+</sup>; HRESI-MS m/z: 435.2539[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_4$  435.2543.

### **3-(4-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)butyl)piperazin-1-yl)benzo[d]isothiazole (36)**

The title compound as white solid was obtained in 98% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine 3-(piperazin-1-yl)benzo[d]isothiazole<sup>17</sup> in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 81-83 °C. IR (neat): v 2943, 2814, 1603, 1507, 1423, 1223, 1158, 828, 774, 738 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.89 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 4H), 6.97 (t,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 4H), 3.90 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.54-3.56 (m, 4H), 2.61-2.63 (m, 4H), 2.46 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.00-2.08 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.52 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  163.8, 162.5, 160.1, 152.7, 140.4, 129.1, 127.9, 127.5, 123.8, 120.5, 115.3, 115.1, 58.4, 52.9, 49.9, 49.7, 33.7, 25.1; LRESI-MS (m/z): 404.1[M+H]<sup>+</sup>. HRESI-MS m/z: 464.1966[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_3\text{F}_2\text{S}$  464.19665.

### **1-(4,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)butyl)-1'H-spiro[piperidine-4,2'-quinazolin]-4'(3'H)-one (37)**

The title compound as white solid was obtained in 98% yield from 4,4'-(4-bromobutane-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) and amine **18** in a similar manner as described for the preparation of **1**; Mp: 191-192 °C IR (neat): v 3351, 1642(s), 1611, 1506, 1219, 831, 767, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.76-7.78 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.05-7.09 (m, 4H), 6.89 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 4H), 6.75-6.77 (m, 1H), 6.57-6.59 (m, 1H), 4.20 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.36-2.37 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.96 (m, 6H), 1.37-1.39 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  163.1, 161.5, 159.1, 144.3, 139.3, 133.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.3, 118.1, 114.4, 114.2, 114.1, 114.0, 65.7,

56.9, 48.6, 48.2, 36.3, 32.6, 24.2; LRESI-MS (m/z): 462.3[M+H]<sup>+</sup>. HRESI-MS m/z: 462.23468[M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>30</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>1</sub> 462.23515.

## 2. Biological test method

H4-LC3 cells were cultured in the presence of indicated compounds for 4 hours, fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde (Sigma) and stained with 3 µg/ml DAPI (Sigma). Images data were collected with an ArrayScan HCS 4.0 Reader with a 20X objective (Cellomics) for DAPI-labeled nuclei and GFP-tagged intracellular proteins. The Spot Detector BioApplication was used to acquire and analyze the images after optimization. Images of 1,000 cells for each compound treatment were analyzed to obtain the average cell number per field, fluorescence spot number, area, and intensity per cell. The EC<sub>50</sub> was analyzed using GraphPad Prism 4. DMSO and rapamycin were used as negative or positive control, respectively. The percentages of changes of LC3-GFP were calculated by dividing with that of DMSO-treated samples. Each treatment was done in triplicate to obtain the mean ± SD. The images were also analyzed by using a conventional fluorescence microscope for visual inspection. The experiments were repeated three times with consistent results.

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- 1H), 4.49 (t,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d,  $J = 14.3$  Hz, 2H), 2.23-2.82 (m, 2H), 2.09-2.20 (m, 2H), 1.95-1.98 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.2, 140.2, 135.6, 123.1, 121.1, 119.0, 109.2, 57.3, 45.9, 32.9; LRESI-MS m/z: 3247[M+H]<sup>+</sup>. D. Zhang, D. Kohlman, J. Krushinski, S. Liang, B. Ying, J. E. Reilly, S. R. Dinn, D. B. Wainscott, S. Nutter, W. Gough, D. L. G. Nelson, J. M. Schaus and Y. Xu, *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.*, 2004, **14**, 6011.
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4H), 2.57-2.67 (m, 3H), 2.32 (s, 1H), 1.92 (d,  $J = 12.4\text{Hz}$ , 2H), 1.52-1.56 (m, 2H);  
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