Supporting Information

3,4,2'-trimethoxy-trans-stilbene - a potent CYP1B1 inhibitor

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1. Materials and instrumentation

All reactions were performed in oven dried glassware under nitrogen under inert atmosphere of argon. Reaction temperatures were measured for external bath. Organic solvents were rotary evaporated under reduced pressure at or below 50 °C. Solvents and all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Melting points were obtained on a "Stuart" Bibby apparatus without correction. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel Merck Kieselgel 60 F₂₅₄ plates and visualized with UV (λ_{max} 254 or 365 nm). Mass spectrometry experiments (ESI – electrospray) was determined by the Advanced Chemical Equipment and Instrumentation Facility at the Faculty of Chemistry, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan. NMR experiments were recorded using a Bruker 400 spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) are quoted in parts per million (ppm) and are referred to a residual solvent peak. The abbreviation s, d, t, m, o, and h means singlet, doublet, triplet, multiplet, overlay and hidden.

2. Synthesis

2.1. Synthesis of 3,4,-dimethoxybenzyl chloride (2)

3,4,-Dimethoxybenzyl alcohol (1) (3.00 g, 17.6 mmol) was dissolved in 30 mL of anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 , placed in ice-water bath and vigorously stirred. Next 3.85 mL of thionyl chloride (6.32 g, mmol) dissolved in 20 mL of anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 was slowly dropped into reaction mixture. Resulting reaction mixture was vigorously stirred in room temperature during 1 h. After this time mixture was once again cooled in ice-water bath and reaction was quenched by slowly dropping of 20 mL of anhydrous ethanol. Solvents were distilled off under reduced pressure and residue was purified by flash column chromatography with $CHCl_3$ as eluent. It gave pale yellow oil of 3,4,-dimethoxybenzyl chloride (2.59 g, 78%) M. p. 49-51 °C . (lit. 50-52°C, ¹)TLC $R_f(CHCl_3)$ 0.56. MS(ESI) m/z 186 $[M]^+$.

2.2 Synthesis of diethyl (3,4,-dimethoxybenzyl)phosphonate (3)

In a round-flask with a CaCl₂ tube 3,4-dimethoxybenzyl chloride **2** (2.57 g, 13.8 mmol) and triethyl phosphite (2.64 mL, 15.2 mmol) were placed and heated at 130°C for 24h. Resulting

product (**3**) diethyl (3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)phosphonate was isolated from reaction mixture by distillation at reduced pressure (fraction 200 - 201 °C /7 Torr, lit. 189 - 190 °C/3 Torr [Fresneda]) to yield pale, viscous oil of compound **2** (2.12 g, 53%). TLC R_f (EtOAc) 0.23. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 6.88-6.87 (m, 2H), 6.80-6.78 (m, 1H), 3.98-3.90 (m, 4H), 3.72 (s, 6H), 3.13 ($J_{\rm H,P}$ = 22.1 Hz), 1.17 (t, J= 7.2 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 148.8 ($J_{\rm C,P}$ = 3.0 Hz), 148.0 ($J_{\rm C,P}$ = 4.0 Hz), 124.8 ($J_{\rm C,P}$ = 9.0 Hz), 122.3 ($J_{\rm C,P}$ = 7.0 Hz), 114.0 ($J_{\rm C,P}$ = 6.0 Hz), 112.2 ($J_{\rm C,P}$ = 3.0 Hz), 66.7 ($J_{\rm C,P}$ = 8.0 Hz), 55.9, 55.9, 32.1 ($J_{\rm C,P}$ = 135.0 Hz), 16.7 ($J_{\rm C,P}$ = 5.0 Hz). MS(ESI) m/z 288 [M]⁺.

2.3. General procedure for the preparation of trans-stilbenes

2.3.1. Synthesis of 3,4-dimethoxy-trans-stilbene (5a)

Diethyl (3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)phosphonate **3** (3.47 g, 12.0 mmol) and 15 mL of dry DMF were placed in round-flask and cooled to 0°C in ambient atmosphere (under nitrogen). Next sodium methoxide (1.30 g, 24.0 mmol) and benzaldehyde **(4a)** (1.27 g, 12.0 mmol) was added and resulting reaction mixture was strongly stirred under nitrogen for 1h in room temperature and 1.5 h in 100°C. After cooling to room temperature reaction mixture was poured into 500 mL of water with crushed ice and left overnight. Resulting precipitate was filtered off, washed with distilled water (2×25 mL) and purified by crystallization from 95% ethanol. It gave 3,4-dimethoxystilbene **(5a)** as white crystalline solid (1.74 g, 60%) M.p. = 109-110 °C. TLC R_f (CHCl₃)= 0.45. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (so, 1H), 7.24 (to, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (ddo, *J*=8.3 Hz, *J*=1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 148.9, 148.8, 137.4, 130.0, 128.6, 128.4, 127.1, 126.2, 126.1, 119.9, 111.8, 109.2, 55.5, 55.5h . (graphical presentation of signal-structure allocation - Figure X1S). MS(ESI) m/z 240 [M]⁺. Anal. cal. for C₁₆H₁₆O₂ × 1/3 H₂O C(78.02%) H(6.82%). Found C(77.86%) H(6.99%)

Crystal data for 5a Table 1, Table 2, Figures 1-3, A1S, CCDC 962067

2.3.2. Synthesis of 3,4,2'-trimethoxy-trans-stilbene (5b)

Compound **5b** was prepared according to procedure described for the synthesis of **5a**. Reaction of diethyl (3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)phosphonate **3** (5.00 g, 17.3 mmol) sodium methoxide (1.89 g, 34.6 mmol) and 2-methoxybenzaldehyde (**4b**) (2.36g 17.3 mmol) gave after crystallization from 95% ethanol white solid of 3,4,2'-trimethoxystilbene **5b** (1.50 g, 32%). M. p. = 102 - 103 °C. TLC R_f (CHCl₃)= 0.52. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.61 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 16.7 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.21 (mo, 1H), 7.16 (do, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (do, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (to, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (do, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 156.3, 148.9, 148.6, 130.4, 128.9, 128.4, 126.1, 125.8, 120.9, 120.6, 119.5, 111.8, 111.3, 109.34, 55.5, 55.5, 55.4. (graphical presentation of signal-structure allocation - Figure X2S). LRMS(EI) m/z 270 [M]⁺, HRMS(EI) calculated for C₁₇H₁₈O₃ 270.12558. Found 270.12590.

Crystal data for 5b Table 1, Table 3, Fig.4, Fig. 5, CCDC 962068

2.3.3. Synthesis of 3,4,2',3'-tetramethoxy-trans-stilbene (5c)

Compound **5c** was prepared according to procedure described for the synthesis of **5a**. Reaction of diethyl (3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)phosphonate **3** (5.00 g, 17.3 mmol) sodium methoxide (1.89 g, 34.6 mmol) and 2,3-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (**4c**) (2.87g 17.3 mmol) gave after crystallization from methanol white solid of 3,4,2',3'-tetramethoxy-trans-stilbene **5c** (2.70 g, 52%). M. p. = 110 - 111 °C. TLC R_f (CHCl₃) 0.24. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.27 (ddo, *J* =7.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (sh, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (do, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (ddo, *J* = 8.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 153.3, 149.4, 149.3, 146.6, 131.4, 130.6, 130.2, 124.6, 120.7, 120.1, 117.9, 112.3, 112.0, 110.1, 60.9, 56.1, 56.0, 56.0h. (graphical presentation of signal-structure allocation - Figure X3S). MS(ESI) m/z 300 [M]⁺. Anal. cal. for C₁₈H₂₀O₄ C(71.98%) H(6.71%). Found C(72.08%) H(6.93%).

2.3.4. Synthesis of 3,4,2',4'-tetramethoxy-trans-stilbene (5d)

Compound **5d** was prepared according to procedure described for the synthesis of **5a**. Reaction of diethyl (3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)phosphonate **3** (5.00 g, 17.3 mmol) sodium methoxide (1.89 g, 34.6 mmol) and 2,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (**4d**) (2.87g 17.3 mmol) gave after crystallization from methanol white solid of 3,4,2',4'-tetramethoxy-trans-stilbene **5d** (2.34 g, 45%). M. p. = 115 - 116 °C. TLC R_f (CHCl₃) 0.30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (do, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (do, J = 16.7 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 160.5, 158.0, 149.4, 148.8, 131.3, 127.5, 127.1, 121.4, 119.6, 119.2, 112.3, 109.6, 106.0, 98.8, 55.9, 55.9, 55.9, 55.7. (graphical presentation of signal-structure allocation - Figure X4S). MS(ESI) m/z 300 [M]⁺. Anal. cal. for C₁₈H₂₀O₄ C(71.98%) H(6.71%). Found C(71.82%) H(7.15%).

2.3..5. Synthesis of 3,4,2',5'-tetramethoxy-trans-stilbene (5e)

Compound **5e** was prepared according to procedure described for the synthesis of **5a**. Reaction of diethyl (3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)phosphonate **3** (3.20 g, 11.1 mmol), sodium methoxide (1.20 g, 22.2 mmol) and 2,5-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (**4e**) (1.85g 11.1 mmol) gave after crystallization from 95% ethanol yellow solid of 3,4,2',5'-tetramethoxy-trans-stilbene **5e** (1.10 g, 33%). M. p. = 86 - 88 °C. TLC R_f (CHCl₃) 0.26. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.26 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (so, 1H), 7.19 (do, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 3H), 7.17 (so, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (do, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 6.95h (do, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H) 6.82 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 153.8, 151.2, 149.4, 149.2, 130.8, 129.7, 127.0, 121.1, 120.0, 114.1, 113.0, 112.3, 111.6, 109.9, 56.5, 56.0, 55.9, 55.8 (graphical presentation of signal-structure allocation - Figure X5S). MS(ESI) m/z 300 [M]⁺. Anal. cal. for C₁₈H₂₀O₄ × 1/3 H₂O C(70.57%) H(6.80%). Found C(70.61%) H(6.33%)

2.3.6. Synthesis of 3,4,2',6'-tetramethoxy-trans-stilbene (5f)

Compound **5f** was prepared according to procedure described for the synthesis of **5a**. Reaction of diethyl (3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)phosphonate **3** (3.47 g, 12.0 mmol), sodium methoxide (1.30 g, 24.0 mmol) and 2,6-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (**4f**) (2.00 g 12.0 mmol) gave after crystallization from 95% ethanol white solid of 3,4,2',6'-tetramethoxy-trans-stilbene **5f** (2.60 g, 72%). M. p. = 112-113 °C. TLC R_f (CHCl₃) 0.38. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.43 (d, J = 16.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (do, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (to, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J=1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 6H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 158.0, 148.9, 148.4, 131.7, 131.6, 128.1, 118.7, 117.6, 113.8, 111.9, 109.4, 104.2, 55.7, 55.7h, 55.5, 55.4 (graphical

presentation of signal-structure allocation - Figure X6S). MS(ESI) m/z 300 [M]⁺. Anal. cal. for $C_{18}H_{20}O_4 \times 1/3 H_2O C(70.57\%) H(6.80\%)$. Found C(70.72%) H(7.00%) Crystal data for **5f** Table 1, Table 4, Figures 6 - 8, CCDC 962069

2.3.7. Synthesis of 3,4,2',3',4'-pentamethoxy-trans-stilbene (5g)

Compound **5g** was prepared according to procedure described for the synthesis of **5a**. Reaction of diethyl (3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)phosphonate **3** (2.89 g, 10.0 mmol), sodium methoxide (1.08 g, 20.0 mmol) and 2,3,4-trimethoxybenzaldehyde (**4g**) (1.96 g 10.0 mmol) gave after crystallization from 95% ethanol white solid of 3,4,2',3',4'-pentamethoxy-transstilbene **5g** (1.35 g, 41%). M. p. = 104-105 °C. TLC R_f (CHCl₃) 0.14. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (so, 1H), 7.16 (do, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (do, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (do, *J* = 16.7 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (so, 3H), 3.82 (so, 6H), 3.77 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 153.2, 151.5, 149.4, 149.0, 142.4, 131.0, 128.2, 124.4, 121.0, 121.0, 119.7, 112.3, 109.9, 108.9, 61.5, 60.8, 56.3, 55.9 (graphical presentation of signal-structure allocation - Figure X7S). MS(ESI) m/z 330 [M]⁺.

Crystal data for 5g Table 1, Table 4, Fig. 9, Fig. 10, CCDC 962070

2.3.8. Synthesis of 3,4,2',4',5'-pentamethoxy-trans-stilbene (5h)

Compound **5h** was prepared according to procedure described for the synthesis of **5a**. Reaction of diethyl (3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)phosphonate **3** (2.89 g, 10.0 mmol), sodium methoxide (1.08 g, 20.0 mmol) and 2,4,5-trimethoxybenzaldehyde (**4h**) (1.96 g 10.0 mmol) gave after crystallization from methanol yellow solid of 3,4,2',4',5'-pentamethoxy-transstilbene **5h** (1.64 g, 50%). M. p. = 124-125 °C. TLC R_f (CHCl₃) 0.15. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.23 (do, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (so, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.08 (do, *J* = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (do, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.81 (sh, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 151.6, 149.8, 149.4, 148.74, 143.5, 131.3, 127.0, 121.0, 119.4, 117.8, 112.37, 110.4, 109.7, 98.7, 56.8, 56. 7, 56.2, 55.9, 55.9 (graphical presentation of signal-structure allocation - Figure X8S). LRMS(EI) m/z 330 [M]⁺, HRMS(EI) calculated for C₁₉H₂₂O₅ 330.14673. Found 330.14529.

2.3.9. Synthesis of 3,4,2',4',6'-pentamethoxy-trans-stilbene (5i)

Compound **5i** was prepared according to procedure described for the synthesis of **5a**. Reaction of diethyl (3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)phosphonate **3** (5.88 g, 20.4 mmol), sodium methoxide (2.20 g, 40.8 mmol) and 2,4,6-trimethoxybenzaldehyde (**4i**) (4.00 g 20.4 mmol) gave after crystallization from methanol white solid of 3,4,2',4',6'-pentamethoxy-trans-stilbene **5i** (3.40 g, 51%). M. p. = 129-131 °C. TLC R_f (CHCl₃) 0.25. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.32 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 6H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 159.9, 158.9, 148.9, 148.0, 132.1, 129.1, 118.3, 117.7, 112.0, 109.2, 107.0, 91.0, 55.7, 55.5, 55.4, 55.2. (graphical presentation of signal-structure allocation - Figure X9S). MS(ESI) m/z 330 [M]⁺. Anal. cal. for C₁₉H₂₂O₅ C(69.07%) H(6.71%). Found C(69.42%) H(6.84%)

Crystal data for 5i Table 1, Table 5, Figures 11-13, CCDC 962071

3. Crystallographic data

X-ray

The crystals of stilbenes were crystalized by slow evaporation respectively: 5g, 5f and 5b from ethanol, 5i and 5a from methanol. The crystal structures of all compounds in solid state were analyzed by single crystal X-ray diffraction. Diffraction data were collected with Oxford Diffraction Atlas Xcaliburusing graphite-monochromatedMoK α radiation (compound 5g, 5i, 5a, and 5f) at room temperature, Oxford Diffraction Eos Xcalibur using graphite-monochromated MoK α radiation (compound 5b) at 100K and processed with the Agilent Technologies CrysAlis Pro software.² The structures were solved by direct methods and refined by the full-matrix least-squares method based on F² (SIR92),³ (SHELXS, SHELXL).⁴ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. All hydrogen atoms for compound 5f were found in difference Fourier maps and freely refined with isotropic displacement parameters. The C-bound hydrogen atoms of compounds 5g, 5i, 5a and 5b were generated geometrically with C-H = 0.93 - 0.98Å and refined as riding on their corresponding carbon

atoms. Summary of structure determination is given in Table 1. Torsion angles are given in Tables 2 to 6.

Computing details

Data collection: *CrysAlis PRO*;² cell refinement: *CrysAlis PRO*; data reduction: *CrysAlis PRO*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97*;⁴ program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97*;⁴ molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*⁴ and Mercury;⁵ software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*

	5a	5b	5f	5g	5i
Empirical formula	$C_{16}H_{16}O_2$	$C_{17}H_{18}O_3$	$C_{18}H_{20}O_4$	C ₁₉ H ₂₂ O ₅	$C_{19}H_{22}O_5$
Formula weight	240.29	270.31	300.34	330.37	330.37
Temperature, K	293(2)	100(2)	293(2)	293(2)	293(2)
Wavelength, Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	Aba2	$P2_1/c$	$P2_1/n$	$P2_1/c$	$P2_1/c$
	a = 17.2254(13)	a = 13.969(3)	a = 16.0340(3)	a = 26.3492(8) b	a = 7.7187(4)
	b = 24.9655(18)	b =5.1099(10)	b = 5.04530(10)	= 8.1624(3)	b = 16.2257(6)
Unit cell dimentions, Å and °	c = 6.1462(4)	c =20.095(4)	c = 19.5669(4)	c = 8.1890(2)	c = 13.7254(6)
		0 = 105.24(2).9	0 = 05.825(2)	0 = 07.070(2)	0 = 02.205(4)
	$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90$	p=103.24(3)	p = 93.833(2)	p = 97.079(2)	p = 93.203(4)
Volume, A°	2643.1(3)	1383.9(5)	15/4.69(5)	1747.80(9)	1716.30(13)
Z	8	4	4	4	4
Calculated density, g/cm ³	1.208	1.297	1.267	1.255	1.289
Absorption coefficient, mm ⁻¹	0.078	0.088	0.089	0.090	0.092
Reflections collected	4056	12911	15140	11884	13002
Independent reflections	1998	2423	2740	3071	3024
Data/restraints/parameters	1998 / 1 / 163	2423 / 0 / 182	2740 / 0 / 280	3071 / 0 / 306	3024/0/217
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.888	1.064	1.039	1.005	1.031
Final B indiana [I>2\approx(I)]	R1 = 0.0353,	R1 = 0.0399,	R1 = 0.0314,	$R_1 = 0.0390,$	$R_1 = 0.0557$,
Final R indices [1-20(1)]	wR2 = 0.0545	wR2 = 0.1068	wR2 = 0.0856	$wR_2 = 0.0988$	$wR_2 = 0.1360$
P indicos (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0936$,	$R_1 = 0.0477,$	$R_1 = 0.0474,$	$R_1 = 0.0543$,	$R_1 = 0.1008$,
R mulces (all uata)	$wR_2 = 0.0592$	$wR_2 = 0.1147$	$wR_2 = 0.0908$	$wR_2 = 0.1058$	$wR_2 = 0.1516$
Largest peak and hole eÅ-3	0.172, -0.133	0.232,-0.223	0.131, -0.098	0.146, -0.133	0.274, -0.168

Table 1.Crystal data and refinement details of stilbens 5a, 5b, 5f, 5g and 5i.

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3.1. X-ray structure of 3,4-dimethoxy-trans-stilbene (5a)



Fig. 1. A view of 5a, showing the atom-labeling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.



Fig. 2. The crystal packing as seen along [001]direction



Fig. 3. The crystal packing as seen along [010] direction

 Table 2. Torsion angles [°] for 5a.

C(6)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	0.2(5)
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	0.2(5)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	-1.5(5)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	2.5(5)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-C(7)	-177.5(3)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)-C(1)	-2.1(5)
C(7)-C(5)-C(6)-C(1)	177.9(3)
C(2)-C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	0.8(5)
C(4)-C(5)-C(7)-C(8)	10.1(4)
C(6)-C(5)-C(7)-C(8)	-169.9(3)
C(5)-C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	-176.6(3)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	171.9(3)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)-C(14)	-5.2(4)
C(14)-C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	2.1(4)
C(8)-C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	-175.2(2)
C(9)-C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	-0.9(4)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)-O(17)	178.5(2)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	-1.0(4)
C(11)-C(12)-C(13)-O(18)	-179.1(2)
O(17)-C(12)-C(13)-O(18)	1.4(3)
C(11)-C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	1.6(3)
O(17)-C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	-177.9(2)
O(18)-C(13)-C(14)-C(9)	-179.5(2)
C(12)-C(13)-C(14)-C(9)	-0.3(4)
C(10)-C(9)-C(14)-C(13)	-1.5(4)
C(8)-C(9)-C(14)-C(13)	175.7(2)
C(11)-C(12)-O(17)-C(15)	-5.1(3)
C(13)-C(12)-O(17)-C(15)	174.3(2)
C(14)-C(13)-O(18)-C(16)	-11.0(3)
C(12)-C(13)-O(18)-C(16)	169.7(2)

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3.2 X-ray structure of 3,4,2'-trimethoxy-trans-stilbene (5b)



Fig. 4 .A view of **5b**, showing the atom-labeling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.



Fig. 5. The crystal packing as seen along [010] direction

Table 3. Torsion angles [°] for 5b.

C(20)-O(19)-C(1)-C(6)	3.1(2)
C(20)-O(19)-C(1)-C(2)	-175.22(12)
C(16)-O(15)-C(10)-C(11)	-1.99(19)
C(16)-O(15)-C(10)-C(9)	177.32(11)
O(19)-C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	-179.32(12)
C(2)-C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	-1.1(2)
C(5)-C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	-1.0(2)
C(7)-C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	178.16(12)
C(1)-C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	-1.3(2)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	2.3(2)
C(7)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	-176.84(13)
C(18)-O(17)-C(2)-C(3)	-10.5(2)

C(18)-O(17)-C(2)-C(1)	168.90(12)
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)-O(17)	178.02(12)
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	-1.4(2)
O(19)-C(1)-C(2)-O(17)	1.36(18)
C(6)-C(1)-C(2)-O(17)	-177.06(12)
O(19)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	-179.19(12)
C(6)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	2.4(2)
O(15)-C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	179.91(13)
C(9)-C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	0.6(2)
C(13)-C(14)-C(9)-C(10)	1.6(2)
C(13)-C(14)-C(9)-C(8)	-177.78(13)
O(15)-C(10)-C(9)-C(14)	178.99(12)
C(11)-C(10)-C(9)-C(14)	-1.7(2)
O(15)-C(10)-C(9)-C(8)	-1.62(19)
C(11)-C(10)-C(9)-C(8)	177.71(13)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)-C(14)	14.0(2)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	-165.35(14)
C(9)-C(14)-C(13)-C(12)	-0.5(2)
C(9)-C(8)-C(7)-C(4)	-177.69(13)
C(5)-C(4)-C(7)-C(8)	167.25(15)
C(3)-C(4)-C(7)-C(8)	-11.9(2)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	0.6(2)
C(14)-C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	-0.7(2)

3.3 X-ray structure of 3,4,2',6'-tetramethoxy-trans-stilbene (5f)



Fig. 6. A view of **5f**, showing the atom-labeling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.



Fig. 7. The crystal packing as seen along [001]direction



Fig. 8. The crystal packing as seen along [010] direction

Table 4.Torsion angles [°] for 5f.

C(6)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	1.4(2)
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)-O(16)	179.43(12)
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	0.39(19)
O(16)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	178.41(10)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	-2.49(17)
O(16)-C(3)-C(4)-C(7)	-2.11(16)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(7)	176.99(11)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-O(15)	-176.71(10)
C(7)-C(4)-C(5)-O(15)	3.83(17)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	2.99(17)
C(7)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	-176.46(12)
C(2)-C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	-0.9(2)
O(15)-C(5)-C(6)-C(1)	178.29(12)

C(4)-C(5)-C(6)-C(1)	-1.40(19)
C(3)-C(4)-C(7)-C(8)	-161.80(12)
C(5)-C(4)-C(7)-C(8)	17.6(2)
C(4)-C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	179.29(12)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)-C(14)	167.71(12)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	-11.8(2)
C(14)-C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	-0.39(16)
C(8)-C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	179.11(11)
C(9)-C(10)-C(11)-O(21)	178.57(10)
C(9)-C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	-0.70(17)
O(21)-C(11)-C(12)-O(19)	-0.28(15)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)-O(19)	179.06(10)
O(21)-C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	-178.69(10)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	0.65(17)
O(19)-C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	-177.74(11)
C(11)-C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	0.50(18)
C(10)-C(9)-C(14)-C(13)	1.58(17)
C(8)-C(9)-C(14)-C(13)	-177.95(11)
C(12)-C(13)-C(14)-C(9)	-1.66(19)
C(6)-C(5)-O(15)-C(17)	-0.41(19)
C(4)-C(5)-O(15)-C(17)	179.28(13)
C(2)-C(3)-O(16)-C(18)	2.84(19)
C(4)-C(3)-O(16)-C(18)	-178.07(12)
C(13)-C(12)-O(19)-C(20)	3.6(2)
C(11)-C(12)-O(19)-C(20)	-174.73(14)
C(10)-C(11)-O(21)-C(22)	-2.67(18)
C(12)-C(11)-O(21)-C(22)	176.63(11)

3.4. X-ray structure of 3,4,2',3',4'-pentamethoxy-trans-stilbene (5g)



Fig. 9. A view of **5g**, showing the atom-labeling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.



Fig. 10. The crystal packing as seen along the chain direction, i.e. along [001]

C(6)-C(1)-C(2)-O(11)	178 07(14)
C(13)-C(1)-C(2)-O(11)	-2 6(2)
C(13) = C(1) = C(2) = C(11)	-0.3(2)
C(3) - C(2) - C(3)	179 07(1/1)
O(11)-C(2)-C(3)-O(9)	3 5(2)
$C(1)_{C(2)_{C(3)_{C(3)_{C(3)}}}}$	$-178 \ 17(14)$
O(11)-C(2)-C(3)-O(3)	-170 20(12)
C(1) C(2) C(3) C(4)	1 0(2)
C(1)- $C(2)$ - $C(3)$ - $C(4)$	-1.0(2)
C(3) - C(4) - O(7)	-2.3(2)
C(2) - C(3) - C(4) - O(7)	-179.76(13)
O(9)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	178.38(14)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	1.1(2)
0(7)-0(4)-0(5)-0(6)	-179.05(15)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	0.0(2)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)-C(1)	-1.3(3)
C(2)-C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	1.4(2)
C(13)-C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	-177.91(15)
C(5)-C(4)-O(7)-C(8)	-4.6(2)
C(3)-C(4)-O(7)-C(8)	176.30(15)
C(2)-C(3)-O(9)-C(10)	-73.1(2)
C(4)-C(3)-O(9)-C(10)	109.64(18)
C(3)-C(2)-O(11)-C(12)	-75.3(2)
C(1)-C(2)-O(11)-C(12)	106.35(18)
C(6)-C(1)-C(13)-C(14)	31.2(2)
C(2)-C(1)-C(13)-C(14)	-148.06(17)
C(1)-C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	179.93(15)
C(13)-C(14)-C(15)-C(20)	-159.33(16)
C(13)-C(14)-C(15)-C(16)	18.8(3)
C(20)-C(15)-C(16)-C(17)	1.3(2)

Table 5. Torsion angles [°] for 5g.

C(14)-C(15)-C(16)-C(17)	-176.92(14)
C(15)-C(16)-C(17)-O(23)	-179.11(14)
C(15)-C(16)-C(17)-C(18)	0.4(2)
O(23)-C(17)-C(18)-O(21)	-1.3(2)
C(16)-C(17)-C(18)-O(21)	179.14(14)
O(23)-C(17)-C(18)-C(19)	178.35(14)
C(16)-C(17)-C(18)-C(19)	-1.2(2)
O(21)-C(18)-C(19)-C(20)	179.90(16)
C(17)-C(18)-C(19)-C(20)	0.3(2)
C(16)-C(15)-C(20)-C(19)	-2.2(2)
C(14)-C(15)-C(20)-C(19)	176.02(15)
C(18)-C(19)-C(20)-C(15)	1.4(3)
C(19)-C(18)-O(21)-C(22)	-2.2(3)
C(17)-C(18)-O(21)-C(22)	177.39(15)
C(16)-C(17)-O(23)-C(24)	1.7(2)
C(18)-C(17)-O(23)-C(24)	-177.86(16)

3.5. X-ray structure of 3,4,2',4',6'-pentamethoxy-trans-stilbene (5i)



Fig. 11. A view of **5i**, showing the atom-labeling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.



Fig. 12.The crystal packing as seen along [001]direction



Fig. 13. The crystal packing as seen along [010] direction

Table 6. Torsion angles [°] for 5i.

C(20)-O(19)-C(3)-C(2)	8.2(3)
C(20)-O(19)-C(3)-C(4)	-171.6(2)
C(5)-C(4)-C(3)-O(19)	178.9(2)
C(7)-C(4)-C(3)-O(19)	-0.9(3)
C(5)-C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	-1.0(3)
C(7)-C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	179.2(2)
C(3)-C(4)-C(7)-C(8)	-3.5(5)
C(5)-C(4)-C(7)-C(8)	176.7(3)
C(24)-O(23)-C(11)-C(12)	-173.7(2)
C(24)-O(23)-C(11)-C(10)	6.5(4)
O(23)-C(11)-C(10)-C(9)	179.9(2)
C(12)-C(11)-C(10)-C(9)	0.2(4)
C(22)-O(21)-C(12)-C(13)	2.4(4)
C(22)-O(21)-C(12)-C(11)	-177.9(2)
O(23)-C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	178.5(2)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	-1.7(4)

O(23)-C(11)-C(12)-O(21)	-1.2(3)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)-O(21)	178.5(2)
C(18)-O(17)-C(1)-C(6)	177.9(2)
C(18)-O(17)-C(1)-C(2)	-1.0(4)
C(11)-C(10)-C(9)-C(14)	1.2(4)
C(11)-C(10)-C(9)-C(8)	-177.2(2)
C(4)-C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	-177.2(2)
C(14)-C(9)-C(8)-C(7)	0.8(4)
C(10)-C(9)-C(8)-C(7)	179.2(3)
C(16)-O(15)-C(5)-C(6)	-5.2(4)
C(16)-O(15)-C(5)-C(4)	174.0(2)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-O(15)	-179.1(2)
C(7)-C(4)-C(5)-O(15)	0.8(3)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	0.2(4)
C(7)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	-180.0(2)
O(17)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	178.4(2)
C(6)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	-0.5(4)
O(19)-C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	-178.7(2)
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	1.1(4)
C(10)-C(9)-C(14)-C(13)	-1.1(4)
C(8)-C(9)-C(14)-C(13)	177.2(3)
O(17)-C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	-179.2(2)
C(2)-C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	-0.2(4)
O(15)-C(5)-C(6)-C(1)	179.6(2)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)-C(1)	0.4(4)
O(21)-C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	-178.5(3)
C(11)-C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	1.8(4)
C(9)-C(14)-C(13)-C(12)	-0.4(4)

4. Biological assay

To assess CYP1 enzyme activities 7-ethoxyresorufin O-deethylase (EROD) activity was measured according to the method of Burke *et al.*⁶ The test compounds were freshly dissolved in dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) on the day of experiment.

The reaction mixture (1 ml total volume) contained the various concentrations of a test compound, 1.3 mM NADP⁺, 3.3 mM glucose-6-phosphate, 0.5 U/ml glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase, 3.3 mM magnesium chloride and 2 μ M 7-ethoxyresorufin in 100 mM potassium phosphate (pH 7.4). The reactions were initiated by the addition of human recombinant cytochromes (1.25 pmole CYP1A1, 5 pmole CYP1A2 or 5 pmole CYP1B1) and samples were incubated at 37°C for 15 min. The fluorescence of the product was determined on a HITACHI Model F 2500 fluorescence spectrophotometer (λ_{ex} 550 and λ_{em} 585). The quantitation of the deethylated metabolite was based on comparison of its fluorescence with resorufin as a standard. Control incubations did not contain the test compounds. The IC₅₀

values for the activity-concentration curves from individual experiments were calculated with GraphPad Prism software (San Diego, CA, USA).

5. Molecular docking

Analyzed molecules were docked to the active sites of CYP1A2 (PDB: 2HI4) and CYP1B1 (PDB: 3PM0) with the use of Accelrys Discovery Studio 3.5 suite of programs by LigandFit procedure.

Receptors were prepared for docking by 'Prepare protein' procedure. Water molecules were removed, hydrogen atoms added and aminoacid residues were protonated at the specified pH (pH = 7.4 for protonation).

For both targets the binding site was defined from the volume of a cocrystallized α -naphthoflavone ligand. The grid resolution was set to default value of 0.5 Å. Conformations of ligands were generated with use of a Monte Carlo method. During conformational search internal ligand electrostatic energy was not included and the constant number of trials equal to 5000 was set.

For docking and DockScore function calculations CFF forcefield was used. Twenty poses were saved for each ligand after docking and then minimized *in situ* with use of adopted basis Newton-Raphson algorithm. For further evaluation DockScore function was chosen as exhibiting the best correlation with experimental data.

All calculations were performed with use of CHARMm forcefield. Partial charges for receptors were set according to Momany-Rone method, but for ligands MMFF94 partial charge rules were used, except for interaction energy calculations, where Momany-Rone charges was also used for ligands.

For the best poses, these characterized by the highest values of DockScore function, binding, interaction and strain energies were calculated (Table XX). The binding free energies for selected receptor-ligand complexes were estimated by the 'Calculate binding energies' protocol. Poisson-Boltzmann with non-polar surface area (PBSA) implicit solvent model was used in these calculations and the parameter 'use non-polar surface area' was set to 'True'. Interaction energy was calculated between ligands and residues surrounding binding site,

within 5Å radius from cocrystallized α -naphthoflavone ligand, including heme. Strain energy, as a difference between energy of docked conformation and energy of optimized ligand structure was calculated with aid of 'Calculate molecular properties' protocol.

Table 7. Characteristic of ligand-receptor complexes calculated for best poses of ligands

Compound	DockScore		Binding energy [kcal/mol]		Interaction energy [kcal/mol]		Strain energy [kcal/mol]	
	CYP1A2	CYP1B1	CYP1A2	CYP1B1	CYP1A2	CYP1B1	CYP1A2	CYP1B1
5a	52.6	56.8	-295.6	-399.6	-40.3	-41.2	32.7	45.12
5b pose A*	53.0	57.1	-299.2	-443.1	-43.4	-59.0	94.03	48.87
5b pose B**		55.6		-403.0		-47.2		74.08
5c	26.8	48.7	-328.4	-428.4	-58.6	-60.3	108.81	80.32
5d	24.0	52.5	-304.3	-409.4	-47.5	-53.3	115.52	60.11
5e	34.5	57.6	-319.4	-406.9	-52.9	-53.3	65.77	71.21
5f	42.2	63.1	-302.3	-434.4	-44.6	-63.8	140.76	46.02
5g		32.2		-415.9		-59.4		76.57
5h		21.9		-412.9		-55.1		70.07
5i	9.0	26.8	-328.3	-426.1	-62.9	-55.8	129.72	117.15

* ring A directed to the heme ** ring B directed to the heme

6. NMR 1D and 2D experiments

6.1 NMR data for 3,4-dimethoxy-trans-stilbene (5a)



Scheme 1. Annotated signals ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra according to 2D experiments (¹H-¹H COSY, HSQC and HMBC).



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HSQC





HMBC



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6.2 NMR data for 3,4,2'-trimethoxy-trans-stilbene (5b).



Scheme X2 Annotated signals ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra according to 2D experiments (¹H-¹H COSY, HSQC and HMBC).

1H



Symbol * and ~ indicates DMSO and water residuals peaks.



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Symbol * indicates DMSO residual peaks.



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HMBC



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6.3 NMR data for 3,4,2',3'-tetramethoxy-trans-stilbene (5c).



Scheme X3 Annotated signals ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra according to 2D experiments (¹H-¹H COSY, HSQC and HMBC).



Symbol * and ~ indicates DMSO and water residuals peaks.







HMBC





6.4 NMR data for 3,4,2',4'-tetramethoxy-trans-stilbene (5d)



Scheme X4 Annotated signals ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra according to 2D experiments (¹H-¹H COSY, HSQC and HMBC).

1H



Symbol * and ~ indicates DMSO and water residuals peaks.



13C



Symbol * indicates DMSO residual peaks.













3.77 (s) 55.9CH₃ CH 6.95 (d) **7.09 (d)** С 149. 55.9 7.19 (d) 149.4 31.8 H₃C н 3.82 (s) \cap 129.8 109.9 7.17 (s) 7.20 (s) 121.1 7.26 (d)H CH₃ CH₃ 153.8 127.0 3.76 (s) 151.2 114.x 113.0 **3.81 (s)** HMBC -3.80 (s) O 6.95 (d)

6.5 NMR data for 3,4,2',5'-tetramethoxy-trans-stilbene (5e)

Scheme X5 Annotated signals ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra according to 2D experiments (¹H-¹H COSY, HSQC and HMBC).

1H



Symbol * and ~ indicates DMSO and water residuals peaks.

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Symbol * indicates DMSO residual peaks.















6.6 NMR data for 3,4,2',6'-tetramethoxy-trans-stilbene (5f)



Scheme X6 Annotated signals ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra according to 2D experiments (¹H-¹H COSY, HSQC and HMBC).

1H



Symbol * and ~ indicates DMSO and water residuals peaks.





Symbol * indicates DMSO residual peaks.



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6.7 NMR data for 3,4,2',3',4'-pentamethoxy-trans-stilbene (5g)



Scheme X7 Annotated signals ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra according to 2D experiments (¹H-¹H COSY, HSQC and HMBC).

1H



Symbol * and ~ indicates DMSO and water residuals peaks.





Symbol * indicates DMSO residual peaks.












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Scheme X8 Annotated signals ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra according to 2D experiments (¹H-¹H COSY, HSQC and HMBC).

1H







Symbol * indicates DMSO residual peaks.









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HMBC







6.9 NMR data for 3,4,2',4',6'-pentamethoxy-trans-stilbene (5i)

Scheme X9 Annotated signals ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra according to 2D experiments (¹H-¹H COSY, HSQC and HMBC).

1H







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Symbol * indicates DMSO residual peaks.

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HMBC





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