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Novel 4-Substituted-*N,N*-dimethyltetrahydronaphthalen-2-amines: Synthesis, Affinity, and *In Silico* Docking Studies at Serotonin 5-HT₂-type and Histamine H₁ G Protein-Coupled Receptors

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Abstract

Syntheses were undertaken of derivatives of (2*S*, 4*R*)-(–)-*trans*-4-phenyl-*N,N*-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-amine (4-phenyl-2-dimethylaminotetralin, PAT), a stereospecific agonist at the serotonin 5-HT_{2C} G protein-coupled receptor (GPCR), with inverse agonist activity at 5-HT_{2A} and 5-HT_{2B} GPCRs. Molecular changes were made at the PAT C(4)-position, while preserving *N,N*-dimethyl substitution at the 2-position as well as *trans*-stereochemistry, structural features previously shown to be optimal for 5-HT₂ binding. Affinities of analogs were determined at recombinant human 5-HT₂ GPCRs in comparison to the phylogenetically closely-related histamine H₁ GPCR, and *in silico* ligand docking studies were conducted at receptor molecular models to help interpret pharmacological results and guide future ligand design. In most cases, C(4)-substituted PAT analogs exhibited the same stereoselectivity ([–]-*trans* > [+]-*trans*) as the parent PAT across 5-HT₂ and H₁ GPCRs, albeit, with variable receptor selectivity. 4-(4'-substituted)-PAT analogs, however, demonstrated reversed stereoselectivity ([2*S*, 4*R*]-[+]-*trans* > [2*S*, 4*R*]-[–]-*trans*), with absolute configuration confirmed by single *X*-ray crystallographic data for the 4-(4'-Cl)-PAT analog. Pharmacological affinity results and computational results herein support further PAT drug development studies and provide a basis for predicting and interpreting translational results, including, for (+)-*trans*-4-(4'-Cl)-PAT and (–)-*trans*-4-(3'-Br)-PAT that were previously shown to be more potent and efficacious than their corresponding enantiomers in rodent models of psychoses, psychostimulant-induced behaviors, and compulsive feeding ('binge-eating').

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1. Introduction

Serotonin (5-hydroxytryptamine, 5-HT) mediates its central and peripheral psychological and physiological effects through receptor subtypes grouped into the 5-HT₁ – 5-HT₇ families and the serotonin neurotransmitter. The 5-HT₂ receptor family consists of the 5-HT_{2A}, 5-HT_{2B}, and 5-HT_{2C} G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs) that signal primarily through G α_q to activate phospholipase C (PLC) and formation of inositol phosphates (IP) and diacylglycerol second messengers.¹ Highly conserved transmembrane domains (~75% homology across 5-HT₂ receptors) and same second messenger signaling complicate development of 5-HT₂ subtype-specific ligands. Thus, despite the long-known pharmacotherapeutic potential of antagonism at 5-HT_{2A} receptors for neuropsychiatric disorders,^{1,2} there are currently no approved 5-HT₂-selective antagonist or inverse agonist drugs. Likewise, although activation of the 5-HT_{2C} receptor is pharmacotherapeutic for obesity, the only approved 5-HT_{2C} agonist drug, lorcaserin, also activates 5-HT_{2A} and 5-HT_{2B} receptors.³ Unfortunately, activation of 5-HT_{2A} receptors can cause hallucinations and other psychotomimetic effects^{4,5} and activation of 5-HT_{2B} receptors can lead to cardiac valvulopathy.^{6,7} The 5-HT₂ GPCRs also share considerable transmembrane homology (~25% identical) with histamine H₁ GPCRs that also signal through PLC/IP. It has been proposed that weight-gain associated with most antipsychotic drugs is due to antagonism of H₁ receptors and/or antagonism of 5HT_{2C} receptors, albeit, H₁ receptor-selective antagonists are a highly successful class of anti-allergy drugs without weight-gain issues.⁸⁻¹¹

Recently, we reported that (2*S*, 4*R*)-(-)-*trans*-4-phenyl-*N,N*-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-amine (4-phenyl-2-dimethylaminotetralin, PAT, Table 1)¹² is a novel multifunctional 5-HT₂ ligand that specifically activates 5-HT_{2C} receptors while also having inverse agonist (and competitive antagonist) activity at 5-HT_{2A} and 5-HT_{2B} receptors.¹² (-)-*Trans*-PAT functional pharmacology at 5-HT₂ receptors is unique and desirable regarding translation for antipsychotic and other psychotherapeutic activities, without liability for weight gain or cardiotoxicity.¹³ Indeed, (-)-*trans*-PAT demonstrates therapeutic efficacy in rodent models of psychoses¹⁴ and in a rodent compulsive behavioral paradigm that models 'binge-eating'.¹⁵ We determined previously that (-)-*trans*-PAT also is a functionally-selective histamine H₁ ligand that activates H₁ receptor-mediated adenylyl cyclase signaling but is an antagonist at H₁-linked PLC signaling.¹¹ It is not clear what role histamine H₁ GPCRs may play in the psychotherapeutic effects of (-)-*trans*-PAT, however, H₁ and 5-HT₂ molecular modeling studies¹⁶⁻²⁰ suggest it is possible to reduce or eliminate H₁ affinity in PAT-type molecules, without compromising 5-HT₂ activity. For example, it was observed that especially the PAT C(4)-phenyl moiety docked differently at 5-HT_{2A}, 5-HT_{2B}, 5-HT_{2C}, and H₁ GPCRs¹⁶⁻²⁰. Accordingly, here we report the synthesis of a series of novel PAT-type analogs with molecular changes at the C(4)-position, while preserving the *N,N*-dimethyl substitution at the 2-position, as well as, *trans*-stereochemistry, structural

features previously shown to be optimal for binding to 5-HT₂ as well as H₁ GPCRs.^{16,18,20,21} Pharmacological affinity of the analogs at human recombinant 5-HT₂ receptor subtypes and H₁ receptors also are reported, as well as, molecular docking studies of selected analogs at a homology model of the 5-HT_{2C} receptor to help explain structure–affinity results. These studies were undertaken to facilitate design and development of drugs to treat the cognitive dysfunction common to a variety of neuropsychiatric disorders, including, psychoses, depression, dementia, as well as, substance abuse, attention-deficit hyperactivity, and other compulsive behavioral disorders.

2. Chemistry

Scheme 1 outlines the syntheses of racemic *trans*-4-substituted-2-dimethylaminotetralins (**5a-m**). The 4-(2'-[Br,])- and 4-(3'- and 4'-[Cl, Br, F, NO₂, CF₃])-phenyltetralones (**2'a-b**) or tetralen-2-ol phenylacetates (**2c-k**), and 4-cyclohexyl and 4-cyclooctyltetralen-2-ol phenylacetates (**2l-m**) were synthesized from their corresponding styrenes (**1a-k**) or vinyl cycloalkanes (**1l-m**) and trifluoroacetyl phenylacetyl anhydride, *via* cascade Friedel–Crafts cycli-acylalkylation, enolization, and *O*-acylation, following our published procedures.²² The tetralones (**2'a-b**) and tetralen-2-ol-phenylacetates (**2c-m**) were reduced with sodium borohydride to yield major *cis*-tetralols (**3a-m**). In most cases, *cis*-tetral-2-ol was obtained as the only product, as deduced from ¹H NMR spectra and TLC, thus, the reaction could be considered as stereospecific. Assignment of *cis* and *trans* geometry was based on comparison of ¹H NMR with data earlier reported²² for *cis*-3'-bromophenyltetralen-2-ol and the mixture of *cis*- and *trans*-3'-bromophenyltetralen-2-ol. Specifically, for the *trans*-isomer, the C(4) proton spectrum appeared as a triplet due to greater de-shielding in comparison to the *cis*-isomer, wherein, the C(4) proton spectrum appeared as a double doublet. In the case of a mixture of *cis:trans* isomers (90:10, determined from ¹H NMR), repeated column chromatography was unsuccessful to achieve separation, thus, the diastereomeric mixture was used for subsequent steps. The tetral-2-ols (**3a-m**) were converted to the corresponding *cis*-tosylates (**4a-m**) in pyridine at room temperature. The *cis*-tosylates yielded the *trans*-4-substituted 2-dimethylaminotetralins (**5a-m**) upon reaction with aqueous dimethylamine solution in a sealed tube at 80 °C for 24 h. The ¹H NMR spectra of the crude dimethylaminotetralins showed the presence of *trans:cis* isomers (90:10) that could not be separated by column chromatography. Success to separate the diastereomeric mixture was realized using a chiral stationary-phase (polysaccharide-based) preparative HPLC system and a combination of solvents and modifier unique for each analog (detailed in the Experimental Section) to obtain the *trans*-enantiomers; spectral analyses confirmed isolation of the (+)- and (–)-*trans*-2-dimethylaminotetralins. Previously, (–)-*trans*-PAT was determined by *X*-ray crystallography to have the (2*S*, 4*R*) absolute configuration,^{22,23} and new analogs here were assigned absolute stereochemistry based on chiral HPLC elution time relative to (–)-*trans*-PAT, as well as, to the (–)-*trans*-4-(4'-chlorophenyl) analog that was determined by *X*-ray crystallography here to also have the (2*S*, 4*R*) absolute configuration (see below). Optical rotation of all analogs was determined using a Perkin Elmer 343 series polarimeter, as reported in the Experimental Section.

Scheme 2 outlines the synthesis of racemic *trans*-4-(biphenyl-3-yl)-*N,N*-dimethyl-2-aminotetralin (**5n**), beginning with 3'-bromo-tetralen-2-ol-phenylacetate (**2c**), synthesized

above, that was converted to the 3'-phenyl-tetralen-2-ol-phenylacetate (**2n**) using the Suzuki coupling reaction.²² Reduction of **2n** with sodium borohydride at 55 °C for 15 h yielded the major *cis*-4-(biphenyl-3-yl)tetral-2-ol (**3n**), that was subsequently tosylated and treated with dimethylamine to yield **5n**.

Racemic *trans*-2'-Cl- and *trans*-2'-Me-phenyl-2-dimethylaminotetralins (**5o,p**) were prepared by our earlier procedure starting from the corresponding 1,4-diphenyl-1-buten-3-one.^{19–21,23}

3. Pharmacological Characterization

Pharmacological experiments focused on delineating the impact of PAT analog stereochemistry and C(4)-substitution on affinity at serotonin 5-HT_{2A}, 5-HT_{2B}, 5-HT_{2C}, and histamine H₁ GPCRs. Results are summarized in Table 1. Consistent with previous reports,^{12,20,24} the parent analog, PAT, binds stereoselectively at 5-HT₂ receptor subtypes and at H₁ receptors, with about 3–15-fold higher affinity apparent for the (–)- over (+)- enantiomer, depending on receptor type. The (–)-*trans* enantiomers of the 4-(3'-[F, Cl, Br, CF₃, NO₂]-phenyl) analogs (**5a–5e**) also had higher affinity than the corresponding (+)- enantiomers at all three 5-HT₂ subtypes and at H₁ receptors. The 5-HT₂ receptor affinity of **5c** and **5g** reported here is consistent with our previously published results.^{16,25,26} Compared to the parent *trans*-PAT, addition of the 3'-fluoro substituent (**5a**) did not result in a significant ($p > 0.05$) change in affinity for either the (+)- or (–)-enantiomer at 5-HT₂ and H₁ receptors. In general, however, the (+)- and (–)-enantiomers of *trans*-4-(3'-Cl-, Br-, NO₂-, and CF₃)-PAT analogs (**5b–e**) had increased affinity selectively at 5-HT₂ receptors over H₁ receptors, compared to the parent PAT analog. Likewise, both enantiomers of the 4-(3'-phenyl)-PAT analog (**5n**) had higher affinity at 5-HT₂ over H₁ receptors.

Analogues with substituents at the 4'-(*para*) position of the PAT C(4) phenyl moiety demonstrated stereoselective binding at 5-HT₂ and H₁ receptors that was essentially opposite of the parent PAT and 4-(3'-substituted-phenyl) analogs above, *i.e.*, the (+)- enantiomers of *trans*-4-(4'-[F, Cl, Br, CF₃]-phenyl) analogs (**5f–5j**) had about the same ($p > 0.05$) or significantly higher ($p < 0.05$) affinity than the corresponding (–)-enantiomers. Thus, the presence of the C(4) 4'-substituent impacted stereochemical preference for binding such that higher affinity across receptors resulted when the 2-dimethylamine moiety was in the *R*-configuration, based on the X-ray crystal structure and chiral HPLC elution characteristics determined for the (–)-*trans*-4-(4'-chlorophenyl) analog (4'-Cl-PAT) (**5g**), as described below. These results are in contrast to previously reported results^{19,20} for analogs without a 4'-substituent, wherein, higher affinity at H₁ receptors is obtained when the dimethylamine moiety is in the *S*-configuration. The (+) and (–)-*trans*-4'-nitro-PAT analogs (**5j**) could not be resolved from the racemic mixture using the chiral HPLC system despite numerous attempts with different mobile phase conditions, hence, the affinity value given in Table 1 is for the racemate, that had relatively poor affinity across receptors.

The 4-(2'-[Br and Cl,]-phenyl) analogs (**5k**, **5o** and **5p**) displayed relatively poor affinity and stereoselectivity at 5-HT₂ and H₁ receptors. These results suggest there exist negative steric interactions between the 2'-position of the C(4) phenyl moiety and amino acids in the 5-HT₂

and H₁ receptor binding pockets. For example, modeling results suggest critical π - π interactions between the ligand C(4)-phenyl moiety and W6.48 and F6.51 residues of the 5-HT₂ and H₁ receptor binding pockets may be negatively impacted by a 2'-substituent (references 16–20 and Figure 2). In contrast, the robust affinity of the 4-cycloheptyl enantiomers (**5l**) across receptors and the high affinity of the (–)-*trans*-(4-cyclooctyl analog (**5m**) at 5-HT₂ receptors confirms results from molecular modeling studies here (Figure 2) and elsewhere that suggest there exists a relatively large orthosteric binding pocket for especially the 5-HT₂ subtypes.^{16,17,20,21}

Recently, the 4'-Cl-PAT analogs (**5g**) were reported to demonstrate 5-HT_{2C} agonism together with 5-HT_{2A/2B} antagonism/inverse agonism that translated to therapeutic efficacy in three different models of psychoses, as well as, efficacy to attenuate psychostimulant-induced behaviors and negatively modulate food consumption in a compulsive behavioral paradigm that models binge-eating, after oral or intraperitoneal administration in mice.²⁵ Importantly, confirming accurate translation of the *in vitro* molecular pharmacology results, the (+)-*trans*-enantiomer of 4'-Cl-PAT (**5g**) had higher potency and efficacy *in vivo* when compared to the (–)-*trans*-enantiomer. The preclinical therapeutic importance of the 4'-Cl-PAT analogs justified additional studies here to characterize the molecular determinants for their stereoselective binding at 5-HT₂ receptors, that was reversed compared to analogs without a 4'-phenyl substituent in Table 1.

X-ray crystallography studies were undertaken with the (–)-*trans*-4'-Cl-PAT analog (**5g**) (Figure 1) and results confirmed the absolute stereochemistry as (2*S*, 4*R*), consistent with the absolute configuration of the parent analog (–)-*trans*-PAT.²³ In addition, molecular modeling experiments were undertaken to analyze and compare the apparently different stereochemical binding interactions of the parent PAT enantiomers in comparison to the 4'-Cl-PAT enantiomers at 5-HT_{2C} receptors, a clinically-useful drug target for obesity.³

4. *In silico* ligand docking studies

Ligand docking and molecular dynamics (MD) experiments were performed for the (2*R*, 4*S*)-(+)- and (2*S*, 4*R*)-(–)-*trans*-enantiomers of PAT and 4'-Cl-PAT at a molecular model of the human 5-HT_{2C} receptor, built by homology to the β_2 adrenergic GPCR (β_2 AR/T4-lysozyme chimera, PDB code 2rh1).³⁰ Results indicated that the protonated amine group of (–)-*trans*-PAT could form a bifurcated hydrogen bond (distance 1.77–2.22 Å) with the aspartate D3.32 carboxylate oxygen atoms and a hydrogen bond (distance 1.58 Å) with the serine S3.36 hydroxyl group (Figure 2, panel A). The aromatic ring of the PAT tetrahydronaphthalene system docked nearly parallel with the aromatic ring of tyrosine Y7.43 (distance 3.7 Å), thereby able to form π - π interactions. The PAT C(4) phenyl group docked in the aromatic pocket formed by tryptophan W6.48 and phenylalanine residues F6.51 and F6.52.

The protonated amine moiety of (+)-*trans*-PAT could form a hydrogen bond with the D3.32 carboxylate moiety (Figure 2, panel B), but, the distance was longer (2.45 Å) in comparison to docking of (–)-*trans*-PAT. Also different for the (+)-*trans*-enantiomer is that the tetrahydronaphthalene aromatic ring cannot interact with the aromatic ring of Y7.43, and the

C(4) phenyl substituent is far (6.6–7 Å) from the residues in the aromatic pocket formed by W6.48, F6.51 and F6.52. Also, interactions between 5-HT_{2C} receptor amino acids were different after docking of the PAT enantiomers—specifically, the distance for interaction between D3.32 and Y7.43 was closer after docking of (–)-*trans*-PAT (1.92 Å) as compared to (+)-*trans*-PAT (2.0 Å).

Figure 3 shows the (–)-*trans*- and (+)-*trans*-enantiomers of 4'-Cl-PAT (**5g**) docked at the 5-HT_{2C} receptor model. For both enantiomers, the presence of the 4'-Cl substituent modified positioning of the ligand in the binding pocket compared to the PAT enantiomers, particularly, for (–)-*trans*-4'-Cl-PAT, that docked close to transmembrane helices VI and VII (panel A), whereas, (+)-*trans*-4'-Cl-PAT was positioned closer to transmembrane helix V (panel B). The protonated amine moiety of (–) and (+)-*trans*-4'-Cl-PAT could form a hydrogen bond with the D3.32 carboxylate moiety. Only for the (+)-*trans* enantiomer, however, was the 4'-Cl moiety able to interact with the S5.43 hydroxyl group in transmembrane helix V, presumably, explaining the higher affinity of (+)-*trans*-4'-Cl-PAT in comparison to (–)-*trans*-4'-Cl-PAT at 5-HT_{2C} receptors.

5. Discussion

The novel PAT-type analogs and receptor affinity results reported here helped to develop a structure–affinity relationship for these and related compounds at 5-HT₂ receptor subtypes and H₁ receptors, as well as, characterize differences in the ligand interactions at the orthosteric binding pockets of closely-related aminergic neurotransmitter GPCRs that may be exploited for drug development purposes. Despite the high homology (~75%) between 5-HT₂ receptor subtypes and with H₁ receptors (~25%), and same predominant PLC/IP signaling pathway shared by all the receptors, preferential binding of certain analogs at specific receptors was observed and information about binding pocket structure can be gleaned from the results to inform drug design. For example, the orthosteric binding pocket of 5-HT₂ as well as H₁ receptors apparently is large enough to accommodate the C(4)-cyclohexyl substituent of **5l** with high affinity binding interactions (especially for the [–]-*trans*-enantiomer). Molecular interactions between **5l** and the 5-HT_{2C} (in comparison to 5-HT_{2A}) receptor previously have been analyzed in computational studies³⁵ and those results are consistent with the high-affinity binding results (for the [–]-enantiomer) obtained experimentally, as reported in Table 1. While the (–)- and especially (+)-*trans* enantiomers of the C(4)-cyclooctyl analog **5m** had relatively low affinity at H₁ receptors, both enantiomers and especially the (–)-enantiomer had relatively high affinity at 5-HT₂ receptors, similar to the cyclohexyl analog (–)-*trans*-**5l**. Thus, even a relatively simple change in the analog steric parameter resulted in at least 10-fold selectivity for 5-HT₂ over H₁ receptors. Molecular modeling studies here and elsewhere corroborate structure–affinity relationship results in Table 1 that suggest the orthosteric binding pocket of 5-HT₂ receptors is larger compared to H₁ receptors.^{16–18,20,21} Likewise, both enantiomers of the 4-(3'-Cl-, Br-, NO₂-, CF₃, and phenyl)-PAT analogs (**5b-e** and **5n**) had higher affinity at 5-HT₂ receptors over H₁ receptors, making them more selective for 5-HT₂ receptors than the parent PAT analog. For compounds in Table 1, in general, analogs with substituents in the 3' (*meta*) position of the parent PAT C(4) phenyl moiety had highest affinity and stereoselectivity associated with the (2*S*, 4*R*)-(–)-*trans*-enantiomer, favoring binding at 5-

HT₂ receptor subtypes over H₁ receptors. Thus, it appears there are differences in binding pocket structures that can be exploited to achieve selective high affinity binding of *trans*-PAT-type analogs at 5-HT₂ subtypes over H₁ receptors.

Substitutions at the 4'-(*para*) position of the PAT C(4) phenyl ring resulted in a reversed stereoselectivity (compared to other analogs in Table 1) regarding high affinity binding at all three 5-HT₂ receptor subtypes and at H₁ receptors. X-ray crystallography results confirmed the absolute stereochemistry of *trans*-4'-Cl-PAT as (2*S*, 4*R*) for the (–)-enantiomer, thus, an accurate ligand stereochemical conformation was established for use in the computational docking studies at the 5-HT_{2C} molecular model. For both 4'-Cl-PAT enantiomers, the presence of the 4'-Cl substituent modified positioning of the ligand relative to the parent PAT analog in the binding pocket, particularly, with regard to (–)-*trans*-4'-Cl-PAT, that docked close to transmembrane helices VI and VII. In contrast, (+)-*trans*-4'-Cl-PAT docked closer to transmembrane helix V, where the 4'-Cl moiety interacted with the 5-HT_{2C} S5.43 hydroxyl group, an interaction not observed for the (–)-enantiomer, which, likely explains, in part, the higher affinity of (+)-*trans*-4'-Cl-PAT in comparison to (–)-*trans*-4'-Cl-PAT at 5-HT_{2C} receptors.

For the 4'-Cl-PAT analogs (**5g**), stereoselective high affinity binding that favored the (+)-*trans*-enantiomer across receptors translated in functional studies reported elsewhere,²⁵ e.g., (+)-*trans*-4'-Cl-PAT had higher potency and efficacy than (–)-*trans*-4'-Cl-PAT regarding agonist activity at 5-HT_{2C} receptors. Importantly, too, the *in vitro* molecular pharmacology of (+)-*trans*-4'-Cl-PAT translated *in vivo* to higher potency and efficacy compared to the (–)-enantiomer after oral and intraperitoneal administration in three different mouse models of psychoses, as well as, efficacy to attenuate psychostimulant-induced behaviors and negatively modulate food consumption in a compulsive behavioral paradigm that models binge-eating.²⁵ The apparently successful translation of the 5-HT₂/H₁ *in vitro* pharmacology of the 4'-Cl-PAT analogs using *in vivo* neurobehavioral paradigms is further corroborated by translational results reported elsewhere^{14,15,27} for the parent PAT analog, i.e., the (–)-*trans*-enantiomer that demonstrates higher potency and efficacy with regard to affinity and function *in vitro* also is the more active enantiomer regarding neurochemical and neurobehavioral activity *in vivo* (neurochemical and neurobehavioral activity).^{11,12}

In addition to the parent and 4'-Cl-PAT analogs, results of translational studies for the 3'-Br-PAT analogs (**5c**) recently were reported.²⁶ (–)-*Trans*-3'-Br-PAT was determined to be a novel potent and efficacious human 5-HT_{2C} receptor agonist that is a competitive antagonist and inverse agonist at human 5-HT_{2A} and 5-HT_{2B} receptors, respectively. Moreover, in three different mouse models of drug-induced psychoses, (–)-*trans*-3'-Br-PAT had efficacy comparable to the prototypical “second-generation” antipsychotic drug, clozapine, after intraperitoneal administration. Unlike clozapine which suppressed locomotor activity, (–)-*trans*-3'-Br-PAT did not alter locomotor activity when administered alone. (–)-*Trans*-3'-Br-PAT also decreased consumption of a highly palatable food in a mouse model of compulsive “binge” eating. (+)-*Trans*-3'-Br-PAT was less active across *in vitro* and *in vivo* pharmacological assays. The current structure-affinity results will help guide design of analogs with improved potency especially at 5-HT_{2A/2C} receptors, as it appears that PAT-type 5-HT_{2C}-specific agonists with 5-HT_{2A} inverse agonist/antagonist activity, such as (–)-

trans-PAT, (+)-*trans*-4'-Cl-PAT, and (-)-*trans*-3'-Br-PAT, are promising novel pharmacotherapeutics for psychoses, without liability for weight gain, hallucinations, cardiac valvulopathy, sedation, or bradykinesia.

6. Conclusion

Brain 5-HT₂ GPCRs are pragmatic drug development targets. For example, strategies involving inactivation of 5-HT_{2A} signaling and/or activation of 5-HT_{2C} signaling are proposed for a variety of neuropsychiatric disorders. Moreover, activation of 5-HT_{2C} receptors is clinically effective for obesity, albeit, the only approved 5-HT_{2C} agonist (lorcaserin) also activates 5-HT_{2A} and 5-HT_{2B} signaling that is associated with untoward psychiatric and cardiac side effects, respectively, and should obviously be avoided. Activation of histamine H₁ GPCRs, closely related to the 5-HT₂ family, also is untenable due to their association with the immunological response. The current work suggests that drug candidates targeting specific 5-HT₂ receptor subtypes can be designed using homology-based molecular modeling protocols where the target structure is unknown (i.e., 5-HT_{2A} and 5-HT_{2C}), as well as, structure-based (i.e., for H₁) molecular modeling. In addition to corroborating structure–affinity relationship data, for example, regarding results here that suggest the orthosteric binding pocket of 5-HT₂ receptors is larger compared to H₁ receptors, molecular modeling results helped to explain unexpected affinity results regarding the impact of substitution to the PAT molecular scaffold on stereochemical preference for binding. To expand on structure–affinity information learned here, the synthetic methodology involving trifluoroacetyl phenylacetyl anhydride and Friedel–Crafts reaction²² used in Scheme 2 appears to be an efficient strategy to provide a wide variety of PAT-type analogs.

7. Experimental

7.1. Chemistry

All starting materials, reagents and solvents were purchased as the highest-grade available and used without further purification. Reactions sensitive to moisture and/or oxygen were carried out under an inert atmosphere of anhydrous nitrogen. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck pre-coated 60 F254 plates, and spots were visualized with UV light (254 nm), I₂, 10% phosphomolybdic acid solution in ethanol. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 (230–400 mesh, Merck). ¹H and ¹³C NMR were collected at a Varian instrument at resonance frequencies 400 and 100 MHz correspondingly, in CDCl₃. The chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) using trimethylsilane (TMS) as the standard, with multiplicity defined as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, bs = broad singlet, m = multiplet. Coupling constants (*J*) are expressed in hertz (Hz). Optical rotations were determined using a Perkin Elmer 343 series polarimeter. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was performed with an Agilent 6210 instrument using time-of-flight (TOF-MS) with electro spray ionization (ESI). Purity of targeted compounds was 95% (determined by HPLC) unless otherwise noted. Elemental analyses were performed on a Carlo Erba EA-1108 instrument. Melting points were determined on a Mel-Temp apparatus equipped with a mercury thermometer and are uncorrected. HPLC retention times of (+) and (-)-*trans*-enantiomers

were determined by UV Trace 220/254 nm on an Shimadzu™ instrument equipped with a semi-preparative (*s*-prep)-RegisCell™ (5 μm, 25 cm × 10 mm i.d.) or preparative (prep)-RegisCell™ (5 μm, 25 cm × 30 mm i.d.) chiral (polysaccharide-based) column.

7.1.1. General procedure for preparation of tetralones (2'a-b) and enol-esters (2c-m)—Phenylacetic acid (3 eq.) was dissolved in TFAA (3 eq.), 5 min, at rt under N₂ atm to generate the mixed anhydride, that was transferred to **1a–m** (1 eq.) using a double ended needle, with stirring at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 24 h and then quenched with deionized water and extracted with ethyl acetate (3x). Organic layers were combined, washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (4x), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated. Crude products were purified by flash chromatography (Si-gel, hexanes:toluene 3:2) to yield the tetralones (**2'a-b**) or enol-esters (**2c-m**) in pure form.

7.1.1.1. 4-(3'-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl 2-phenylacetate (2d): **2d** was obtained from **1d** (5.81 mmol) as a yellow oil, yield: 55% (1.30 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 2.78 (d, *J* = 8.4, 2H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 4.38 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.44 (m, 7H), 7.51 (bs, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 34.5, 41.2, 45.0, 114.9, 123.8, 125.1, 126.7, 127.3, 127.3, 127.4, 128.7, 129.0, 129.1, 129.2, 131.8, 133.0, 133.2, 134.9, 144.4, 149.1, 169.5; HRMS: Calcd. for C₂₅H₁₉F₃O₂Na [M+Na]⁺ : 431.1229. Found: 431.1249.

7.1.1.2. 4-(3'-Nitrophenyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl 2-phenylacetate (2e): **2e** was obtained from **1e** (6.71 mmol) as a yellow oil, yield: 41% (1.07 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 2.74 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 7.6 Hz, 1H) 3.72 (s, 2H), 4.42 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.34 (m, 5H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 34.3, 41.2, 45.6, 115.0, 122.0, 123.1, 127.0, 127.4, 127.5, 127.5, 127.6, 128.7, 129.2, 129.5, 133.0, 133.1, 134.1, 134.5, 145.6, 148.4, 148.6, 169.5; HRMS : Calcd. for C₂₄H₁₉NO₄K [M+K]⁺ : 424.0946. Found: 424.0934.

7.1.1.3. 4-(4'-Fluorophenyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl 2-phenylacetate (2f): **2f** was obtained from **1f** (25.0 mmol) as a brown oil, yield: 15% (1.30 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 2.75 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 4.30 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94–7.40 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 34.7, 41.2, 44.4, 114.8, 115.4 (*J*_{CF} = 20.4 Hz), 125.3, 126.6, 127.1, 127.2, 127.3, 127.5, 128.2, 128.7, 129.0, 129.8 (*J*_{CF} = 8.1 Hz), 133.0, 133.3, 135.7, 137.9, 139.1, 149.3, 169.5; HRMS : Calcd. for C₂₄H₂₃FNO₂ [M+NH₄]⁺: 376.1713. Found: 376.1715.

7.1.1.4. 4-(4'-Chlorophenyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl 2-phenylacetate (2g): **2g** was obtained from **1g** (25.0 mmol) as brown oil, yield: 21% (2.01 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 2.71–2.82 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 4.29 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01–7.42 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 34.5, 41.3, 44.5,

114.8, 126.6, 127.1, 127.2, 127.3, 127.5, 128.7, 129.2, 129.7, 132.5, 133.0, 133.2, 135.3, 141.9, 149.2, 169.1; HRMS : Calcd. for $C_{24}H_{23}ClNO_2$ $[M+NH_4]^+$: 392.1417. Found: 392.1418.

7.1.1.5. 4-(4'-Bromophenyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl 2-phenylacetate (2h): **2h** was obtained from **1h** (25.0 mmol) as a brown oil, yield: 45% (4.72 g); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ_H 2.64–2.82 (m, 2H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 4.27 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 6.76 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.05–7.43 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ_C 34.4, 41.2, 44.6, 114.8, 120.6, 125.3, 126.6, 127.1, 127.2, 127.3, 127.4, 128.2, 128.7, 129.0, 129.2, 130.0, 131.6, 133.0, 133.2, 135.2, 137.8, 142.4, 149.1, 169.5; HRMS : Calcd. for $C_{24}H_{20}BrO_2$ $[M+H]^+$: 419.0647. Found: 419.0641.

7.1.1.6. 4-(4'-Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl 2-phenylacetate (2i): **2i** was obtained from **1i** (5.81 mmol) as brown oil, yield: 46% (1.08 g); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ_H 2.75 (dd, $J = 16.8, 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, $J = 16.8, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 4.37 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 6.75 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.38 (m, 7H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ_C 34.4, 41.2, 44.9, 114.9, 122.5, 126.8, 127.3, 127.5, 128.7 ($J_{CF} = 2.2$ Hz), 129.2, 133.0, 133.2, 134.8, 147.6, 149.0, 169.5; HRMS : Calcd. for $C_{25}H_{20}F_3O_2$ $[M+H]^+$: 409.1415. Found: 409.1427.

7.1.1.7. 4-(4'-Nitrophenyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl 2-phenylacetate (2j): **2j** was obtained from **1j** (13.4 mmol) as a brown oil, yield: 48% (2.5 g); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ_H 2.71 (dd, $J = 16.9, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd, $J = 16.9, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 4.41 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 6.78 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.41 (m, 7H), 8.15 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ_C 34.2, 41.2, 44.8, 115.0, 123.8, 126.9, 127.4, 127.5, 127.6, 128.7, 129.1, 129.2, 132.9, 133.1, 134.0, 146.9, 148.6, 151.2, 169.5; HRMS : Calcd. for $C_{24}H_{19}NNaO_4$ $[M+Na]^+$: 408.1212. Found: 408.1217.

7.1.1.8. 4-(2'-Bromophenyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl 2-phenylacetate (2k): **2k** was obtained from **1k** (5.49 mmol) as orange oil, yield: 38% (0.873 g); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ_H 2.73 (dd, $J = 17.0, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, $J = 17.0, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 2H), 4.86 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.01–7.06 (m, 4H), 7.12–7.16 (m, 2H) 7.23–7.31 (m, 5H), 7.54–7.57 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ_C 33.2, 41.1, 43.5, 114.6, 124.4, 126.6, 127.1, 127.2, 127.3, 127.5, 127.6, 128.2, 128.6, 129.1, 130.0, 132.9, 133.2, 133.3, 134.4, 142.3, 148.9, 169.3.

7.1.1.9. 4-(3'-Fluorophenyl)-tetralon-2-one (2'a) and 4-(3'-(chlorophenyl)-tetralon-2-one (2'b): **2'a** and **2'b** were prepared from **1a** and **1b** respectively by our earlier reported procedure.²²

7.1.1.10. 4-(Biphenyl-3-yl)tetralon-2-ol phenylacetate (2n): **2n** was prepared from **2c** by our earlier reported procedure²² using the Suzuki coupling method.

7.1.1.11. 4-Cyclohexyltetralen-2-ol Phenylacetate (2l) and 4-Cyclooctyltetralen-2-ol Phenylacetate (2m): **2l** and **2m** were prepared from **1l** and **1m** respectively by our earlier reported procedure.²²

7.1.2. General procedure for preparation of 2-tetralols (3a-m)—Sodium borohydride (2.5 eq.) was added to methanol at 0 °C. Tetralones (**2'a-b**) or enol-esters (2c-n) (1 eq.) dissolved in toluene was added to methanol solution at 0 °C and the mixture stirred at 50 °C for 15 h. The reaction mixture was quenched by brine, extracted with ethyl acetate (3x), and the organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. Solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography (100% dichloromethane).

7.1.2.1. cis-4-(3'-Fluorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-ol (3a): **3a** was obtained from tetralone **2'a** (3.4 mmol) as colorless oil, yield: 38% (0.312 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 1.84 (dd, *J* = 23.8, 12.0 Hz, 1H, H-3), 2.16–2.27 (m, 1H, H-3'), 2.33–2.40 (m, 1H, H-1), 2.79–2.91 (m, 1H, H-1'), 3.13–3.23 (m, 1H, H-2), 4.10–4.18 (m, 1H, H-4), 6.74 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.75–6.96 (m, 3H), 7.00–7.31 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 39.4, 42.9, 45.9, 67.4, 113.3 (*J*_{CF} = 21.8 Hz), 115.4 (*J*_{CF} = 20.6 Hz), 124.4, 126.2, 126.4, 129.0, 129.3, 129.9 (*J*_{CF} = 8.1 Hz), 134.9, 138.1, 148.5 (*J*_{CF} = 7.4 Hz), 162.9 (*J*_{CF} = 245.5 Hz); Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₅FO + H: C, 78.99; H, 6.63. Found: C, 78.19; H, 7.17.

7.1.2.2. cis-4-(3'-Chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-ol (3b): **3b** was obtained from tetralone **2'b** (2.5 mmol) as colorless oil, yield: 68% (0.438 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 1.85 (dd, *J* = 23.8, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.01–2.06 (m, 1H), 2.33–2.39 (m, 1H), 2.80–2.92 (m, 1H), 3.13–3.23 (m, 1H, H-2), 4.08–4.18 (m, 1H, H-4), 6.73 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03–7.28 (m, 7H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 39.4, 43.0, 46.0, 67.5, 126.3, 126.5, 126.7, 127.0, 128.7, 129.1, 129.3, 129.8, 134.3, 135.0, 138.0, 148.0; Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₅ClO + H: C, 73.98; H, 6.21. Found: C, 74.15; H, 6.48; HRMS : Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄ClO [M]⁻: 257.0733, C₁₆H₁₉ClNO [M+NH₄]⁺: 276.1150. Found: 257.0709, 276.1143.

7.1.2.3. cis-4-(3'-Bromophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-ol (3c): **3c** was prepared from **2c** by our earlier reported procedure.²²

7.1.2.4. cis-4-(3'-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-ol (3d): **3d** was obtained from **2d** (3.16 mmol) as a pale yellow solid, mp 96–98 °C, yield: 62% (0.570 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 1.89 (dd, *J* = 23.6, 12.1 Hz, 1H), 2.30–2.43 (m, 1H), 2.93 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.19–3.25 (m, 1H), 4.21–4.26 (m, 2H, H-2 & H-4), 6.70 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03–7.07 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 39.5, 43.1, 46.2, 67.5, 125.4, 126.4, 126.6, 128.6, 129.0, 129.1, 129.4, 132.1, 135.1, 137.8, 146.9.

7.1.2.5. cis-4-(3'-Nitrophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-ol (3e): **3e** was obtained from **2e** (2.59 mmol) as a white solid, mp 137–139 °C, yield: 55% (0.384 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 1.89 (dd, *J* = 23.2, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.41–2.45 (m, 1H), 2.94 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.20–4.23 (m, 1H), 4.31 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03–7.07 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47–7.53 (m,

2H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{C} 39.4, 42.9, 45.9, 67.3, 121.7, 123.6, 126.5, 126.8, 128.9, 129.5, 129.6, 134.9, 135.1, 137.2, 148.2; HRMS : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 292.0944. Found: 292.0936.

7.1.2.6. cis-4-(4'-Fluorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-ol (3f): **3f** was obtained from **2f** (4.4 mmol) as a pale yellow solid, mp 85–87 °C, yield: 74% (0.784 g); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{H} 1.85 (dd, $J = 23.4, 12.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.32–2.40 (m, 1H), 2.82–2.93 (m, 1H), 3.18 (dd, $J = 15.7, 5.1, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.09–4.21 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.93–7.37 (m, 7H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{C} 36.5, 43.3, 45.5, 67.6, 115.4 ($J_{\text{CF}} = 21.1$ Hz), 126.2, 126.4, 126.5, 128.6, 129.0 ($J_{\text{CF}} = 5.8$ Hz), 129.3, 130.0 ($J_{\text{CF}} = 7.3$ Hz), 135.0, 138.6, 141.7, 161.5 ($J_{\text{CF}} = 243.3$ Hz); HRMS : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{FO}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 242.1107. Found: 242.1106.

7.1.2.7. cis-4-(4'-Chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-ol (3g): **3g** was obtained from **2g** (5.0 mmol) as a pale yellow solid, mp: 100–105 °C, yield: 85% (1.10 g); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{H} 1.84 (dd, $J = 23.6, 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.32–2.41 (m, 1H), 2.89 (dd, $J = 15.8, 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd, $J = 15.4, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.10–4.20 (m, 2H), 6.72 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.98–7.34 (m, 7H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{C} 39.4, 43.1, 45.6, 67.5, 126.2, 126.4, 128.7, 129.1, 129.3, 130.0, 132.1, 135.0, 138.3, 144.5; HRMS : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClO}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 258.0811. Found: 258.0822.

7.1.2.8. cis-4-(4'-Bromophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-ol (3h): **3h** was obtained from **2h** (5.0 mmol) as a pale yellow semisolid, yield: 91% (1.37 g); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{H} 1.84 (dd, $J = 23.6, 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.34–2.41 (m, 1H), 2.89 (dd, $J = 15.8, 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.13–3.24 (m, 1H), 4.08–4.20 (m, 2H, H-2 & H-4), 6.72 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.84–7.44 (m, 7H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{C} 39.5, 43.1, 45.7, 67.5, 126.3, 126.5, 128.6, 129.0, 129.1, 130.0, 130.4, 131.7, 135.0, 138.2, 145.0; HRMS : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 301.0228. Found: 301.0230.

7.1.2.9. cis-4-(4'-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-ol (3i): **3i** was obtained from **2i** (5.0 mmol) as a white solid, mp 98–100 °C, yield: 81% (1.18 g); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{H} 1.87 (dd, $J = 23.6, 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.36–2.44 (m, 1H), 2.92 (dd, $J = 15.6, 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, $J = 16.2, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.14–4.31 (m, 2H, H-2 & H-4), 6.70 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.01–7.08 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{C} 39.5, 43.0, 46.1, 67.5, 125.6 ($J_{\text{CF}} = 3.7$ Hz), 126.4, 126.6, 129.0, 129.1, 129.4, 135.1, 137.8, 150.1; HRMS : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 291.0997. Found: 291.1002.

7.1.2.10. cis-4-(4'-Nitrophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-ol (3j): **3j** was obtained from **2j** (5.0 mmol) as a pale yellow solid, mp 143–145 °C, yield: 94% (1.26 g); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{H} 1.87 (dd, $J = 23.4, 11.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.38–2.46 (m, 1H), 2.85–2.99 (m, 1H), 3.20 (dd, $J = 16.0, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.16–4.27 (m, 1H, H-2), 4.31 (dd, $J = 12.0, 5.6$ Hz, 1H, H-4), 6.67 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.02–7.09 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.18 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ_{C} 39.4, 42.7, 46.1, 67.3, 124.0,

126.5, 126.9, 129.0, 129.5, 129.6, 135.1, 137.1, 146.7, 153.9; HRMS : Calcd. for $C_{16}H_{14}NO_3$ [M-H]⁻ : 268.0974. Found: 268.0979.

7.1.2.11. cis-4-(2'-Bromophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-ol (3k): **3k** was obtained from **2k** (1.24 mmol) as a pale yellow semi-solid, yield: 68% (0.250 g). The compound was used immediately for the next step.

7.1.2.12. cis-4-Cyclohexyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-ol (3l): **3l** was obtained from **2l** (0.43 mmol) as white needles, mp 93–95 °C, yield: 96% (0.95 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 0.85–1.42 (m, 7H), 1.51 (dd, *J* = 23.4, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 1.66–1.86 (m, 4H), 1.99–2.14 (m, 2H), 2.65–2.74 (m, 1H), 2.95–3.10 (m, 2H), 3.93–4.08 (m, 1H, H-2), 7.05–7.18 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ_C 26.1, 26.6, 26.7, 27.2, 31.5, 33.8, 40.0, 42.2, 43.1, 68.3, 125.6, 126.3, 126.8, 129.2, 135.7, 138.6; Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₂O: C, 83.43; H, 9.63. Found: C, 83.28; H, 9.93. HRMS : *m/z* Calcd for C₁₆H₂₁ [M+H-H₂O]⁺ : 213.1643, C₁₆H₂₆NO [M+NH₄]⁺ : 248.2014. Found: 213.1636, 248.1997.

7.1.2.13. cis-4-Cyclooctyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-ol (3m): **3m** was obtained from **2m** (0.73 mmol) as colorless oil, yield: 85% (0.160 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 1.19–1.83 (m, 16H), 2.12–2.17 (m, 1H), 2.30–2.33 (m, 1H), 2.66–2.73 (m, 1H), 2.95–3.01 (m, 2H), 3.91–3.97 (m, 1H, H-2), 7.05–7.18 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ_C 25.7, 26.0, 26.7, 26.9, 27.4, 27.6, 33.6, 33.7, 40.1, 40.5, 45.6, 68.1 125.6, 126.3, 126.9, 129.3, 135.9, 138.9.

7.1.2.14. cis-4-(Biphenyl-3-yl)tetral-2-ol (3n): **3n** was obtained from **2n** (1.0 mmol) as colorless oil, yield: 86% (0.260 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 1.90 (dd, *J* = 23.6, 12.1 Hz, 1H), 2.34–2.40 (m, 1H), 2.63 (bs, 1H), 2.84–2.91 (m, 1H), 3.10–3.18 (m, 1H), 4.07–4.17 (m, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.97–7.54 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ_C 39.4, 43.1, 46.3, 67.5, 125.2, 126.1, 126.2, 126.3, 127.1, 127.2, 127.5, 127.6, 128.4, 128.6, 128.9, 128.9, 129.1, 129.2, 134.9, 137.8, 138.7, 140.9, 141.4, 146.4; HRMS : Calcd for C₂₂H₂₄NO [M+NH₄]⁺ : 318.1858. Found: 318.1857.

7.1.3. General procedure for tosylation of alcohols (3a-m)—*p*-Toluenesulfonyl chloride (1.1 eq.) was added to a solution of tetralols **3a-m** (1 eq.) in pyridine and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 24 h under nitrogen atmosphere. Pyridine was removed under reduced pressure at 40–50 °C and the residue was purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexanes: dichloromethane = 1: 1), and used immediately due to thermal instability of the tosylates **4a-m**.

7.1.3.1. cis-4-(3'-Fluorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (4a): **4a** was obtained from **3a** (1.23 mmol) as colorless oil, yield: 25% (0.122 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 2.00–2.09 (m, 1H), 2.43–2.49 (m, 4H), 3.12 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.86–4.92 (m, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.78–6.82 (m, 1H), 6.90–7.29 (m, 6H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.79–7.82 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ_C 21.7, 36.4, 39.4, 45.4, 77.5, 113.7 (*J*_{CF} = 21.4 Hz), 115.4 (*J*_{CF} = 21.4 Hz), 124.3, 126.6, 126.7, 126.8, 127.7, 129.1 (*J*_{CF} = 12.5 Hz), 129.8,

129.9, 130.0, 130.1, 133.3, 134.1, 137.3, 144.8, 147.4 ($J_{CF} = 6.6$ Hz), 162.9 ($J_{CF} = 246.2$ Hz).

7.1.3.2. cis-4-(3'-Chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl 4-

methylbenzenesulfonate (4b): **4b** was obtained from **3b** (1.66 mmol) as colorless oil, yield: 38% (0.260 g); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_H 2.04 (dd, $J = 24.2, 11.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.42–2.48 (m, 4H), 3.12 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.09 (dd, $J = 11.7, 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.85–4.93 (m, 1H), 6.71 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.99–7.25 (m, 7H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_C 21.6, 36.4, 39.4, 45.3, 77.4, 126.6, 126.7, 126.8, 126.9, 127.0, 127.7, 128.7, 129.1, 129.2, 129.8, 129.9, 130.0, 133.3, 134.0, 134.4, 137.2, 144.7, 147.0.

7.1.3.3. cis-4-(3'-Bromophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl 4-

methylbenzenesulfonate (4c): **4c** was obtained from **3c** (2.15 mmol) as colorless oil, yield: 44% (0.431 g); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_H 2.06 (dd, $J = 23.8, 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.42–2.50 (m, 4H), 3.16 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.20 (dd, $J = 11.6, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.90–4.95 (m, 1H), 6.68 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.03–7.10 (m, 2H), 7.13–1.17 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_C 21.6, 36.3, 39.5, 45.4, 77.3, 122.5, 126.6, 126.7, 127.3, 127.4, 127.5, 128.9, 129.1, 129.7, 129.7, 129.8, 130.1, 131.5, 133.2, 133.9, 137.1, 144.7, 147.2; HRMS : Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrNO}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$: 474.0739, 476.0718. Found: 474.0721, 476.0700.

7.1.3.4. cis-4-(3'-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl 4-

methylbenzenesulfonate (4d): **4d** was obtained from **3d** (1.84 mmol) as pale-yellow semi-solid, yield: 13% (0.107 g); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_H 2.06 (dd, $J = 24.0, 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.44–2.53 (m, 4H), 3.14 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.21 (dd, $J = 11.6, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.84–4.98 (m, 1H), 6.67 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_C 21.6, 36.3, 39.3, 45.4, 104.9, 123.7 ($J_{CF} = 3.7$ Hz), 125.3, 126.8, 126.9, 127.6, 127.7, 129.1, 129.2, 129.4, 129.9, 132.0, 133.4, 134.0, 137.0, 144.8, 145.9; HRMS : Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 467.1056. Found: 469.1074.

7.1.3.5. cis-4-(3'-Nitrophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl 4-

methylbenzenesulfonate (4e): **4e** was obtained from **3e** (1.37 mmol) as white semi-solid, yield: 36% (0.210 g); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_H 2.09 (dd, $J = 23.6, 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.43–2.53 (m, 4H), 3.16 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.28 (dd, $J = 10.8, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.92–4.95 (m, 1H), 6.67 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.04–7.19 (m, 3H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.46–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.78 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_C 21.7, 36.2, 39.3, 45.1, 121.9, 123.5, 127.0, 127.2, 127.7, 129.0, 129.6, 129.6, 129.9, 133.4, 134.9, 136.3, 144.9, 147.2, 148.4; HRMS : Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_5\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 446.1033. Found: 446.1034.

7.1.3.6. cis-4-(4'-Fluorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl 4-

methylbenzenesulfonate (4f): **4f** was obtained from **3f** (3.09 mmol) as colorless oil, and was immediately used for the next step, yield: 21% (0.257 g).

7.1.3.7. cis-4-(4'-Chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl 4-

methylbenzenesulfonate (4g): **4g** was obtained from **3g** (3.87 mmol) as colorless oil, and was immediately used for the next step, yield: 64% (1.02 g).

7.1.3.8. cis-4-(4'-Bromophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl 4-

methylbenzenesulfonate (4h): **4h** was obtained from **3h** (1.0 mmol) as colorless oil, yield: 61% (0.279 g). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 2.03 (dd, $J = 23.8, 11.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.29–2.51 (m, 4H), 3.12 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.08 (dd, $J = 11.8, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.82–4.96 (m, 1H), 6.68 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.95–7.15 (m, 5H), 7.28–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.0$, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 21.6, 36.3, 39.3, 44.9, 77.4, 126.5, 126.6, 127.6, 127.7, 129.0, 129.1, 129.6, 129.7, 129.8, 130.3, 131.6, 133.2, 134.0, 137.3, 144.0, 144.7.

7.1.3.9. cis-4-(4'-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl 4-

methylbenzenesulfonate (4i): **4i** was obtained from **3i** (2.11 mmol) as pale-yellow semi-solid, yield: 81% (0.762 g). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 2.06 (dd, $J = 24.0, 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.44–2.53 (m, 4H), 3.14 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.21 (dd, $J = 11.6, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.84–4.98 (m, 1H), 6.67 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 21.6, 36.3, 39.3, 45.4, 125.6 ($J_{CF} = 3.6$ Hz), 126.8, 126.9, 128.9, 129.0, 129.1, 129.3, 129.7, 129.8, 133.4, 134.0, 137.0, 144.8, 149.1.

7.1.3.10. cis-4-(4'-Nitrophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl 4-

methylbenzenesulfonate (4j): **4j** was obtained from **3j** (2.11 mmol) as pale-yellow semi-solid, yield: 55% (1.37 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 2.09 (dd, $J = 23.4, 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.41–2.55 (m, 4H), 3.15 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.21 (dd, $J = 10.6, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.88–5.02 (m, 1H), 6.66 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.14 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 21.6, 36.2, 39.0, 45.1, 123.9, 126.9, 127.2, 127.6, 129.1, 129.5, 129.9, 133.4, 134.0, 136.3, 144.9, 146.8, 152.8.

7.1.3.11. cis-4-(2'-Bromophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl 4-

methylbenzenesulfonate (4k): **4k** was obtained from **3k** (0.824 mmol) as colorless oil, and was immediately used for the next step, yield: 78% (0.290 g).

7.1.3.12. cis-4-Cyclohexyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate

(4l): **4l** was obtained from **3l** (1.63 mmol) as colorless oil, yield: 81% (0.465 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 0.87–1.32 (m, 6H), 1.55–1.79 (m, 6H), 1.89–1.97 (m, 1H), 2.11–2.15 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.85–2.97 (m, 2H), 4.66–4.75 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.05–7.20 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.78–7.83 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 21.5, 26.1, 26.4, 26.5, 26.9, 30.7, 31.2, 36.6, 42.0, 42.8, 79.3, 125.8, 126.6,

126.9, 127.6, 129.1, 129.7, 133.8, 134.2, 137.8, 144.5; HRMS : Calcd. for $C_{23}H_{28}NaO_3S [M + Na]^+$: 407.1657. Found: 407.1631.

7.1.3.13. cis-4-Cyclooctyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (4m): **4m** was obtained from **3m** (0.619 mmol) as colorless oil, and was immediately used for the next step, yield: 44% (0.112 g).

7.1.3.14. cis-4-(Biphenyl-3-yl)tetral-2-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (4n): **4n** was obtained from **3n** (0.75 mmol) as a colorless oil, yield: 59% (0.200 g); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ_H 2.13 (dd, $J = 24.0, 11.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.48–2.53 (m, 1H), 3.03–3.28 (m, 2H), 4.14–4.22 (m, 1H), 4.89–5.10 (m, 1H), 6.78 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.00–7.69 (m, 14H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.4, 2H$); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ_C 21.6, 36.5, 39.6, 45.8, 77.8, 125.6, 126.6, 126.7, 127.0, 127.3, 127.4, 127.5, 127.6, 127.8, 128.5, 128.7, 128.8, 129.0, 129.1, 129.7, 129.8, 133.3, 134.1, 137.9, 140.9, 141.6, 144.7, 145.4.

7.1.4. General procedure for synthesis of 4-substituted-2-N,N-dimethylaminotetralins (5a-m)—*cis*-Tosylates **4a-m** (1 eq.) were dissolved in a minimum amount of dichloromethane and then added to an aqueous solution of dimethylamine (40% in water, 100 eq.) in a sealed tube. The reaction mixture was heated at 80 °C for 24 h. The crude material was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x), dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography (dichloromethane: methanol = 95: 5) to afford racemic **5a-m**.

The racemic mixtures of *trans*-analogs (and *cis*-analogs in the case of **5q**) were separated by semi-preparative chiral HPLC using conditions and solvents specific to each analog to elute the *trans*- (+)-(2*R*,4*S*) and (–)-(2*S*,4*R*) enantiomers (and *cis*- [+]-[2*R*, 4*R*] and [–]-[2*S*, 4*S*] in the case of **5q**) at retention time t_1 at t_2 , respectively, with absolute stereochemistry assigned according to retention time of the the parent analog, PAT.23 The (+) and (–) free base amines were converted to HCl salts for use in pharmacological assays by passing HCl through an ethereal solution of the free base

7.1.4.1. trans-4-(3'-Fluorophenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-amine (5a): **5a** was obtained from **4a** (0.30 mmol) as colorless oil, yield: 70% (0.057 g); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ_H 2.39–2.42 (m, 2H, H-3 & H-3'), 2.70 (s, 6H), 3.16–3.43 (m, 3H, H-1, H-1' & H-2), 4.52 (bs, 1H, H-4), 6.60 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.89–6.97 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.18–7.31 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ_C 30.5, 31.7, 40.1, 43.3, 58.3, 113.7 ($J_{CF} = 21.4$ Hz), 115.3 ($J_{CF} = 22.1$ Hz), 123.9, 127.2, 127.5, 129.5, 130.0, 130.2 ($J_{CF} = 8.8$ Hz), 132.9, 135.0, 147.3, 162.8 ($J_{CF} = 246.9$ Hz); HRMS : Calcd for $C_{18}H_{21}FN [M+H]^+$: 270.1658. Found: 270.1656.

HPLC (*s*-prep): solv. sys = MeOH:EtOH:1-PrOH:2-PrOH:Hexanes (5:5:5:5:80) + 0.1% of TEA (modifier); flow rate = 1.5 mL/min; $t_1 = 10.9$, $t_2 = 12.5$.

7.1.4.2. trans-4-(3'-Chlorophenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-amine (5b): **5b** was obtained from **4b** (0.60 mmol) as colorless oil, yield: 30% (0.051 g); 1H NMR

(400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 2.25–2.32 (m, 2H), 2.63 (s, 6H), 3.02–3.37 (m, 3H), 4.41 (bs, 1H, H-4), 6.77–6.92 (m, 3H), 7.11–7.20 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 30.6, 32.0, 40.3, 43.4, 58.2, 126.6, 127.1, 127.3, 127.5, 128.4, 129.5, 129.9, 130.3, 133.1, 134.6, 135.0, 146.8; HRMS : Calcd for C₁₈H₂₁ClN [M+H]⁺ : 286.1363, 288.1333. Found 286.1357, 288.1332.

HPLC (*s*-prep): solv. sys = MeOH:EtOH:1-PrOH:2-PrOH:Hexanes (5:5:5:5:80) + 0.1% of TEA (modifier); flow rate = 1.5 mL/min; *t*₁ = 11.0, *t*₂ = 12.5.

mp (HCl salt): 218–220 °C. (+)-*trans*-**5b** HCl: [α]₂₅^D = +51.6 (*c* 1.0, CH₂Cl₂), (–)-*trans*-**5b** HCl: [α]₂₅^D = –52.0 (*c* 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

7.1.4.3. trans-4-(3'-Bromophenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-

amine (5c): **5c** was obtained from **4c** (0.92 mmol) as colorless oil, yield: 35% (0.106 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 2.05–2.09 (m, 2H), 2.26 (s, 6H), 2.58–2.63 (m, 1H), 2.78–2.87 (m, 1H), 2.96–3.01 (m, 1H), 4.28 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H, H-4), 6.84–6.87 (m, 2H), 7.03–7.13 (m, 5H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 30.6, 32.0, 40.2, 43.2, 58.0, 122.7, 126.9, 127.0, 127.1, 127.3, 129.4, 129.8, 129.9, 130.1, 131.2, 133.2, 135.0, 147.2; HRMS : Calcd for C₁₈H₂₁BrN [M+H]⁺ : 330.0852, 332.0837, 331.0890, 333.0869. Found 330.0852, 332.0831, 331.0848, 333.0828.

HPLC (*s*-prep): solv. sys = MeOH:EtOH:1-PrOH:2-PrOH:Hexanes (5:5:5:5:80) + 0.1% of TEA (modifier); flow rate = 1.5 mL/min; *t*₁ = 11.0, *t*₂ = 12.7.

mp (HCl salt): 208–210 °C. (+)-*trans*-**5c** HCl: [α]₂₅^D = +54.3 (*c* 1.0, CH₂Cl₂), (–)-*trans*-**5c** HCl: [α]₂₅^D = –54.0 (*c* 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

7.1.4.4. trans-4-(3'-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-

tetrahydronaphthalen-2-amine (5d): **5d** was obtained from **4d** (0.22 mmol) as colorless oil, yield: 46% (0.032 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 2.18–2.25 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 6H), 2.74–2.78 (m, 1H), 2.95 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H, H-4), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 31.6, 34.2, 41.4, 43.8, 56.6, 123.1, 125.1 (*J*_{CF} = 3.7 Hz), 126.5, 126.9, 128.7, 129.5, 129.9, 135.5, 136.4, 147.3; HRMS : Calcd. for C₁₉H₂₁F₃N [M+H]⁺ : 320.1621. Found: 320.1631.

HPLC (*s*-prep): solv. sys = MeOH:EtOH:1-PrOH:2-PrOH:Hexanes (5:5:5:5:80) + 0.2% of TEA (modifier); flow rate = 1.5 mL/min; *t*₁ = 10.6, *t*₂ = 12.1.

mp (HCl salt): 235–237 °C. (+)-*trans*-**5d** HCl: [α]₂₅^D = +26.8 (*c* 1.0, CH₂Cl₂), (–)-*trans*-**5d** HCl: [α]₂₅^D = –27.0 (*c* 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

7.1.4.5. trans-4-(3'-Nitrophenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-amine

(5e): **5e** was obtained from **4e** (0.472 mmol) as colorless oil, yield: 31% (0.044 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 2.11–2.22 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 6H), 2.58–2.61 (m, 1H), 2.89 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H, H-4), 6.88 (d, *J*

= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11–7.15 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{C} 31.9, 35.0, 41.8, 43.8, 56.0, 121.3, 123.4, 126.4, 126.9, 129.1, 129.7, 134.9, 136.2, 136.3, 148.3, 149.0; HRMS : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 297.1598. Found: 297.1612.

HPLC (*s*-prep): solv. sys = MeOH:EtOH:1-PrOH:2-PrOH:Hexanes (5:5:5:5:80) + 0.2% of TEA (modifier); flow rate = 1.5 mL/min; $t_1 = 12.8$, $t_2 = 14.3$.

mp (HCl salt): 195–197 °C. (+)-*trans*-**5e**: $[\alpha]_{25}^{\text{D}} = +24.3$ (c 1.0, CH_2Cl_2), (–)-*trans*-**5e** : $[\alpha]_{25}^{\text{D}} = -25.3$ (c 1.0, CH_2Cl_2).

7.1.4.6. *trans*-4-(4'-Fluorophenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-amine

(5f): **5f** was obtained from **4f** (0.64 mmol) as yellow semisolid, yield: 42% (0.072 g); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{H} 2.28–2.37 (m, 2H), 2.65 (s, 6H), 3.06–3.24 (m, 2H), 3.34 (dd, $J = 15.0$, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H, H-4), 6.89–7.01 (m, 4H), 7.11–7.25 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{C} 30.6, 32.3, 40.2, 42.9, 57.9, 115.4 ($J_{\text{CF}} = 21.2$ Hz), 127.1 ($J_{\text{CF}} = 21.2$ Hz), 129.4, 129.8 ($J_{\text{CF}} = 8.1$ Hz), 130.0, 133.2, 135.8, 140.6, 160.2; HRMS : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{FN}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 270.1658. Found: 270.1649.

HPLC (*s*-prep): solv. sys = MeOH:EtOH:1-PrOH:2-PrOH:Hexanes (5:5:5:5:80) + 0.2% of TEA (modifier); flow rate = 1.5 mL/min; $t_1 = 11.9$, $t_2 = 13.5$.

mp (HCl salt): 198–200 °C. (+)-*trans*-**5f** HCl: $[\alpha]_{25}^{\text{D}} = +28.7$ (c 1.0, CH_2Cl_2), (–)-*trans*-**5f** HCl : $[\alpha]_{25}^{\text{D}} = -29.0$ (c 1.0, CH_2Cl_2).

7.1.4.7. *trans*-4-(4'-Chlorophenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-amine

(5g): **5g** was obtained from **4g** (2.40 mmol) as yellow oil, yield: 37% (0.244 g); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{H} 2.42 (s, 2H), 2.72 (s, 6H), 3.17–3.38 (m, 2H), 3.49 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.52 (bs, 1H, H-4), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.30 (m, 5H), 12.70 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{C} 30.4, 31.4, 38.9, 40.6, 43.0, 58.4, 127.3, 127.6, 128.8, 129.5, 129.6, 130.0, 132.5, 132.8, 134.9, 142.9; HRMS : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClN}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 286.1363. Found: 286.1364.

HPLC (*s*-prep): solv. sys = MeOH:EtOH:1-PrOH:2-PrOH:Hexanes (5:5:5:5:80) + 0.2% of TEA (modifier); flow rate = 1.5 mL/min; $t_1 = 10.9$, $t_2 = 12.8$.

mp (HCl salt): 243–245 °C. (+)-*trans*-**5g** HCl: $[\alpha]_{25}^{\text{D}} = +45.5$ (c 1.0, CH_2Cl_2), (–)-*trans*-**5g** HCl : $[\alpha]_{25}^{\text{D}} = -46.0$ (c 1.0, CH_2Cl_2).

7.1.4.8. *trans*-4-(4'-Bromophenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-amine

(5h): **5h** was obtained from **4h** (0.5 mmol) as colorless oil, yield: 70% (0.115 g); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{H} 2.14–2.17 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 6H), 2.69–2.80 (m, 1H), 2.88–2.95 (m, 1H), 3.07–3.11 (m, 1H), 4.36 (t, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H, H-4), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.06–7.21 (m, 3H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_{C} 31.9, 34.1, 41.5, 43.5, 56.6, 126.4, 126.7, 128.9, 129.1, 129.4, 129.9, 130.3, 130.4, 131.3, 131.7, 136.8, 145.4; HRMS : Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{BrN}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 330.0857. Found: 330.0849.

HPLC (*s*-prep): solv. sys = MeOH:EtOH:2-PrOH:Hexanes (5:5:5:85) + 0.1% of DEA (modifier); flow rate = 10 mL/min; $t_1 = 16.06$, $t_2 = 19.3$.

mp (HCl salt): = 240–243 °C. (+)-*trans*-**5h** HCl: $[\alpha]_{25}^D = +66.1$ (*c* 1.0, CH₂Cl₂), (–)-*trans*-**5h** HCl: $[\alpha]_{25}^D = -65.8$ (*c* 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

7.1.4.9. *trans*-4-(4'-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-

tetrahydronaphthalen-2-amine (5i): **5i** was obtained from **4i** (1.7 mmol) as colorless oil, yield: 60% (0.326 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 2.19–2.28 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 6H), 2.74–2.84 (m, 1H), 2.97 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H, H-4), 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08–7.17 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 31.6, 33.9, 41.3, 43.8, 56.7, 125.3 (*J*_{CF} = 3.7 Hz), 126.5, 126.9, 128.9, 129.5, 129.9, 135.3, 136.3, 150.2; HRMS : Calcd. for C₁₉H₂₁F₃N [M+H]⁺ : 320.1626. Found: 320.1619.

HPLC (*s*-prep): solv. sys = MeOH:EtOH:1-PrOH:2-PrOH:Hexanes (5:5:5:5:80) + 0.2% of TEA (modifier); flow rate = 1.5 mL/min; $t_1 = 10.8$, $t_2 = 13.7$.

mp (HCl salt): 260–263 °C. (+)-*trans*-**5i** HCl: $[\alpha]_{25}^D = +28.3$ (*c* 1.2, CH₂Cl₂), (–)-*trans*-**5i** HCl: $[\alpha]_{25}^D = -28.0$ (*c* 1.2, CH₂Cl₂).

7.1.4.10. *trans*-4-(4'-Nitrophenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-1,2,3,4- tetrahydronaphthalen-2-amine

(5j): **5j** was obtained from **4j** (2.28 mmol) as yellow oil, yield: 70% (0.473 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 2.13–2.21 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 6H), 2.57–2.66 (m, 1H), 2.90 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H, H-4), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09–7.15 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 29.7, 32.0, 34.6, 41.6, 44.1, 56.2, 123.5, 126.4, 127.0, 129.5, 129.7, 129.8, 136.1, 136.1, 154.5; HRMS : Calcd. for C₁₈H₂₁N₂O₂ [M +H]⁺ : 297.1603. Found: 297.1601. The racemic mixture **5j** could not be resolved to its individual enantiomers using the chiral HPLC system. The free base racemate was converted to the hydrochloride salt and used in pharmacological assays.

7.1.4.11. *trans*-4-(2'-Bromophenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-

amine (5k): **5k** was obtained from **4k** (0.21 mmol) as pale yellow oil, yield: 46% (0.032 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 2.25–2.47 (m, 2H), 2.70 (s, 6H), 3.21–3.24 (m, 1H), 3.36 (bs, 1H), 3.61–3.65 (m, 1H), 4.90 (bs, 1H, H-4), 6.44–6.47 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05–7.20 (m, 5H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 28.1, 31.2, 43.2, 58.7, 123.9, 127.4, 127.5, 127.6, 128.7, 129.6, 130.1, 131.1, 133.1, 133.4, 133.2, 135.0, 143.2; HRMS : Calcd for C₁₈H₂₁BrN [M+H]⁺ : 330.0852, 332.0837, 331.0890, 333.0869. Found: 330.0852, 332.0831, 331.0848, 333.0828.

HPLC (*s*-prep): solv. sys = MeOH:EtOH:2-PrOH:Hexanes (5:5:5:85), 0.1% of DEA (modifier); flow rate = 10 mL/min; $t_1 = 15.3$, $t_2 = 17.2$.

mp (HCl salt): = 165–167 °C. (+)-*trans*-**5k** HCl: $[\alpha]_{25}^D = +34.3$ (*c* 1.0, CH₂Cl₂), (–)-*trans*-**5k** HCl: $[\alpha]_{25}^D = -34.8$ (*c* 1.0, CH₂Cl₂).

7.1.4.12. trans-4-Cyclohexyl-N,N-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-amine (5l):

5l was obtained from **4l** (0.12 mmol) as white microcrystals, mp: 137–139 °C, yield: 71% (0.220 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 1.00–1.31 (m, 5H), 1.39–1.47 (m, 1H), 1.57–1.85 (m, 6H), 2.48–2.52 (m, 1H), 2.72–2.77 (m, 1H), 2.80 (s, 6H), 3.03 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 16.6 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72–3.75 (m, 1H, H-4), 7.09–7.29 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 26.5, 26.8, 27.3, 30.2, 31.8, 32.3, 41.6, 41.9, 43.5, 56.8, 124.9, 125.7, 129.1, 129.2, 136.0, 139.7. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₇N + HCl + H₂O: C, 69.32; H, 9.70; N, 4.49. Found: C, 69.48; H, 9.98, N, 4.34. HRMS : Calcd for C₁₈H₂₈N [M+H]⁺: 258.2222. Found: 258.2220.

HPLC (*s*-prep): solv. sys = MeOH:EtOH:2-PrOH:Hexanes (5:5:5:85), 0.1% of DEA (modifier); flow rate = 10 mL/min; *t*₁ = 15.3, *t*₂ = 17.2.

mp (HCl salt): = 174–176 °C. (+)-*trans*-**5l** HCl [α]₂₅^D = +34.3 (*c* 0.37, CH₂Cl₂), (–)-*trans*-**5l** HCl: [α]₂₅^D = –34.4 (*c* 0.37, CH₂Cl₂).

7.1.4.13. trans-4-Cyclooctyl-N,N-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-amine (5m):

5m was obtained from **4m** (0.271 mmol) as colorless oil Yield: 58% (0.044 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 1.21–1.64 (m, 13H), 1.72–1.81 (m, 2H), 1.89–1.96 (m, 1H), 2.00–2.07 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 6H), 2.65–2.95 (m, 4H), 7.05–7.21 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 25.9, 26.4, 26.6, 26.7, 27.1, 27.2, 28.8, 32.6, 32.7, 40.7, 42.2, 43.2, 58.0, 125.4, 125.5, 128.1, 129.0, 136.3, 140.1. HRMS : *m/z* Calcd for C₂₀H₃₂N; C₂₀H₃₁NNa 286.2535; 308.2354 [M+H]⁺; [M+Na]⁺, Found: 286.2555; 308.2366.

HPLC (*s*-prep): solv. sys = MeOH:EtOH:2-PrOH:Hexanes (5:5:5:85), 0.1% of DEA (modifier); flow rate = 10 mL/min; *t*₁ = 15.3, *t*₂ = 17.2.

7.1.4.14. trans-4-(Biphenyl-3-yl)-N,N-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-amine (5n):

5n was obtained from **4n** (0.4 mmol) as colorless oil, yield: 70% (0.091 g); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 2.38–2.48 (m, 2H), 2.66 (s, 6H), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.27–3.34 (m, 1H), 3.42 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H, H-4), 6.87 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16–7.25 (m, 4H), 7.31–7.52 (m, 7H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 30.7, 31.9, 40.1, 43.6, 58.3, 125.6, 126.9, 127.0, 127.1, 127.2, 127.3, 127.4, 128.6, 128.7, 128.9, 129.3, 130.0, 133.3, 135.7, 140.7, 141.4, 145.2; HRMS : *m/z* Calcd for C₂₄H₂₆N 328.2065 [M+H]⁺, Found: 328.2074.

HPLC (*s*-prep): solv. sys = MeOH:EtOH:2-PrOH:Hexanes (5:5:5:85), 0.1% of TEA (modifier); flow rate = 1.5 mL/min; *t*₁ = 11.2, *t*₂ = 12.3.

7.1.4.15. trans-4-(2'-Chlorophenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-amine (5o):

Racemic **5o** was prepared starting from 2-chlorobenzaldehyde and phenyl acetone following a six-step procedure earlier published by us² as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 2.08–2.14 (m, 2H), 2.28 (s, 6H), 2.58–2.66 (m, 1H), 2.84–2.91 (m, 1H), 3.01–3.06 (m, 1H), 4.83 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H, H-4), 6.64 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.04–7.20 (m, 5H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100

MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 32.1, 32.3, 40.9, 41.8, 56.2, 126.2, 126.3, 126.4, 127.3, 129.3, 129.4, 129.9, 131.0, 133.7, 136.8, 137.5, 144.2.

HPLC (*s*-prep): solv. sys. = EtOH:Hexanes (15:85) + 0.1% of TEA; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; $t_1 = 15.9$, $t_2 = 16.8$.

mp (HCl salt): 207–209 °C (lit²¹ mp [racemic]: 209–210 °C).

7.1.4.16. *trans*-4-(2'-Methylphenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-amine (5p): Racemic **5p** was prepared starting from 2-methylbenzaldehyde and phenyl acetone following a six-step procedure earlier published by us² as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 1.97–2.13 (m, 2H), 2.28 (s, 6H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.66–2.73 (m, 1H), 2.85–2.91 (m, 1H), 3.01–3.07 (m, 1H), 4.57 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H, H-4), 6.62 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.99–7.20 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_C 19.5, 32.0, 32.9, 40.1, 41.9, 56.4, 125.6, 125.8, 126.0, 126.1, 129.1, 129.4, 129.8, 130.3, 135.5, 136.5, 138.9, 144.9.

HPLC (*s*-prep): solv. sys. = MeOH:EtOH:1-PrOH:2-PrOH:Hexanes (5:5:5:5:80) + 0.1% of TEA; flow rate = 1.5 mL/min; $t_1 = 11.1$, $t_2 = 11.5$.

mp (HCl salt): 220–221 °C (lit²¹ mp [racemic]: 220–222 °C).

7.2. Crystallography

X-Ray intensity data were collected at 100 K on a Bruker DUO diffractometer using CuK α radiation ($\lambda = 1.54178$ Å), from an IMU power source, and an APEXII CCD area detector. Raw data frames were read by program SAINT and integrated using 3D profiling algorithms. The resulting data were reduced to produce hkl reflections and their intensities and estimated standard deviations. The data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects and numerical absorption corrections were applied based on indexed and measured faces. The structure was solved and refined in SHELXTL6.1, using full-matrix least-squares refinement. The non-H atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters and all of the H atoms were calculated in idealized positions and refined riding on their parent atoms. The amine proton was obtained from a Difference Fourier map and refined without any constraints. In the final cycle of refinement, 1194 reflections (of which 1193 are observed with $I > 2\sigma(I)$) were used to refine 196 parameters and the resulting R_1 , wR_2 and S (goodness of fit) were 1.75%, 5.46% and 1.434, respectively. The refinement was carried out by minimizing the wR_2 function using F^2 rather than F values. R_1 is calculated to provide a reference to the conventional R value and its function is not minimized.

7.3. Radioreceptor competitive binding assays^{11,12,14,25}

The radioligands [3H]mesulergine, [3H]ketanserin, and [3H]mepyramine at the highest specific activity available were purchased from Perkin-Elmer Life Science (Boston, MA). The cDNA encoding the human serotonin 5-HT_{2A}, 5-HT_{2B}, 5-HT_{2C}-INI, and histamine H₁ wild type receptors were obtained from UMR cDNA Resource Center (Rolla, MO). HEK-293 cells were grown to 90% confluency in 10 cm plates using Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM; 10-013-CV, Mediatech, Manassas, VA) supplemented with 5%

dialyzed fetal bovine serum and 1% penicillin-streptomycin (30-0020-CI, Mediatech). Cells were washed 1x with phosphate-buffered saline, and then transfected with 24 μg of cDNA mixed with 40 μL Lipofectamine 2000 reagent in Opti-MEM media and placed in an incubator at 37°C, 5% CO₂, 95% humidity for 24 to 48 hr. Membranes then were collected in 50 mM Tris, 10 mM MgCl₂-6H₂O, 0.1 mM EDTA (assay buffer), as described previously,¹² and stored at -80 °C until binding assays were performed.

Radioligand competitive displacement binding assays were performed in 96-well plates, using 3–5 μg of protein from membrane samples per well, similar to laboratory methods used previously.¹² Each concentration point in the binding experiments was performed in triplicates of samples, and each experiment was performed a minimum of three times. Final concentration of radioligands in the assay mixtures was $\sim K_D$ concentration, *i.e.*, 2.0 nM [3H]ketanserin (5-HT_{2A} receptors), 1.95 nM [3H]mesulergine (5-HT_{2B} receptors), 1.4 nM [3H]mesulergine (5-HT_{2C} receptors), or 1.0 nM [3H]mepyramine. Non-specific binding was determined in the presence of or 10 μM mianserin for all three 5-HT₂ receptors or 10 μM triprolidine for H₁ receptors. Radioreceptor binding assay mixtures were incubated for 1.0 h at 37 °C, with termination by rapid filtration through Whatman GF/B filters using a 96-well cell harvester (Tomtec, Hamden, CT). and subsequently washed five times with 50 mM Tris-HCl at rt. Filters containing bound [3H]radioligand were dried, placed in vials containing 2 mL scintillation cocktail (ScintiVerse), allowed to equilibrate overnight, and then were counted for 3H-induced scintillation using a Beckman-Coulter LS6500 counter.

7.1.1. Data analysis—Competition binding data were analyzed using nonlinear regression curve-fitting algorithms in GraphPad Prism, 5.03 for Windows (San Diego, CA). Hill slopes were not calculated as only eight data points were used to plot the graphs,²⁸ thus, the algorithm for one-site fit K_i determination was used wherein the Hill slope was set to 1.0; the two-site curve-fit algorithm did not result in an improved fit (data not shown). Ligand affinity is expressed as an approximation of K_i values by conversion of the IC₅₀ value using the Cheng-Prusoff equation $K_i = \text{IC}_{50} / (1 + L / K_D)$ where L is the concentration of radioligand.²⁹ Comparisons of K_i values were performed using one-way ANOVAs and Student's t-tests. The K_i values were considered to be statistically significant when the p-value was less than 0.05.

7.1.2. Receptor Model Building—A homology model of the human serotonin 5-HT_{2C} receptor was built based on the crystal structure of the β_2 AR/T4-lysozyme chimera, PDB code 2rh1.30 Validation of the models and other details are described elsewhere.^{16,17,21} Briefly, the native sequences of the receptors were aligned to the β_2 AR sequence using *ClustalW* multiple sequence alignment.^{31,32} Point mutations were performed as needed and the gaps were analyzed, followed by the appropriate sequence additions and deletions. The transmembrane domains were built using the Biopolymer module of *Sybyl-X 1.2* (Tripos International, St. Louis, MO) and the resulting bundle was optimized using Tripos force field.³³ The resulting model was inserted into a rectangular box containing a pre-equilibrated 1-palmitoyl-2-oleyl-*sn*-glycero phosphatidyl choline (POPC) bilayer.³³ The system containing the receptor model and POPC was relaxed using the Tripos force field³⁴ to a gradient 0.05 Kcal/Å mol, and subjected to a 5 ns MD simulation using NVT canonical

ensemble, 300 K temperature, Boltzmann initial velocities, and non-bonded cutoff set at 8 Å.

During performance of the research reported in this manuscript, the 5HT_{2B} crystal structure was released (pdb code = 4IB4). Accordingly, we compared the β₂AR-based 5HT_{2C} homology model to a new 5HT_{2C} homology model based generated as described above but based on the reported 5HT_{2B} crystal structure. The alpha carbon atoms of both models were superimposed. The RMSD value obtained was 2.05 Å, which is smaller than the X-ray resolution of the template structures pdb codes 2RH1 and 4IB4 (2.40 Å and 2.70 Å, respectively), indicating, the two models are very similar, and consequently, ligand docking poses and ligand–receptor interactions are analogous.³⁵

7.4. Ligand Docking

The ligand structures were built as monocations (protonated amines) using *HyperChem 8.0* (Hypercube, Inc., Gainesville, FL) and structures were optimized using PM3 model Hamiltonian to a gradient of 0.01 Kcal/ Å mol. Ligands were pre-positioned in the receptor binding pocket, ensuring the critical interaction between ligand protonated amine group and the carboxylate side chain of residue D3.32.^{16–18,35} Flexible docking runs were carried out using *Flexidock* module in *Sybyl-X 1.2*. Optimal poses were selected and subject to molecular dynamics simulations as previously described,^{16–17} to obtain the most representative pose of the ligand in the binding pocket for analysis. Figures of the ligands in the receptor's binding site were generated using *Pymol* version 1.3 (Schrödinger, LLC).³⁶

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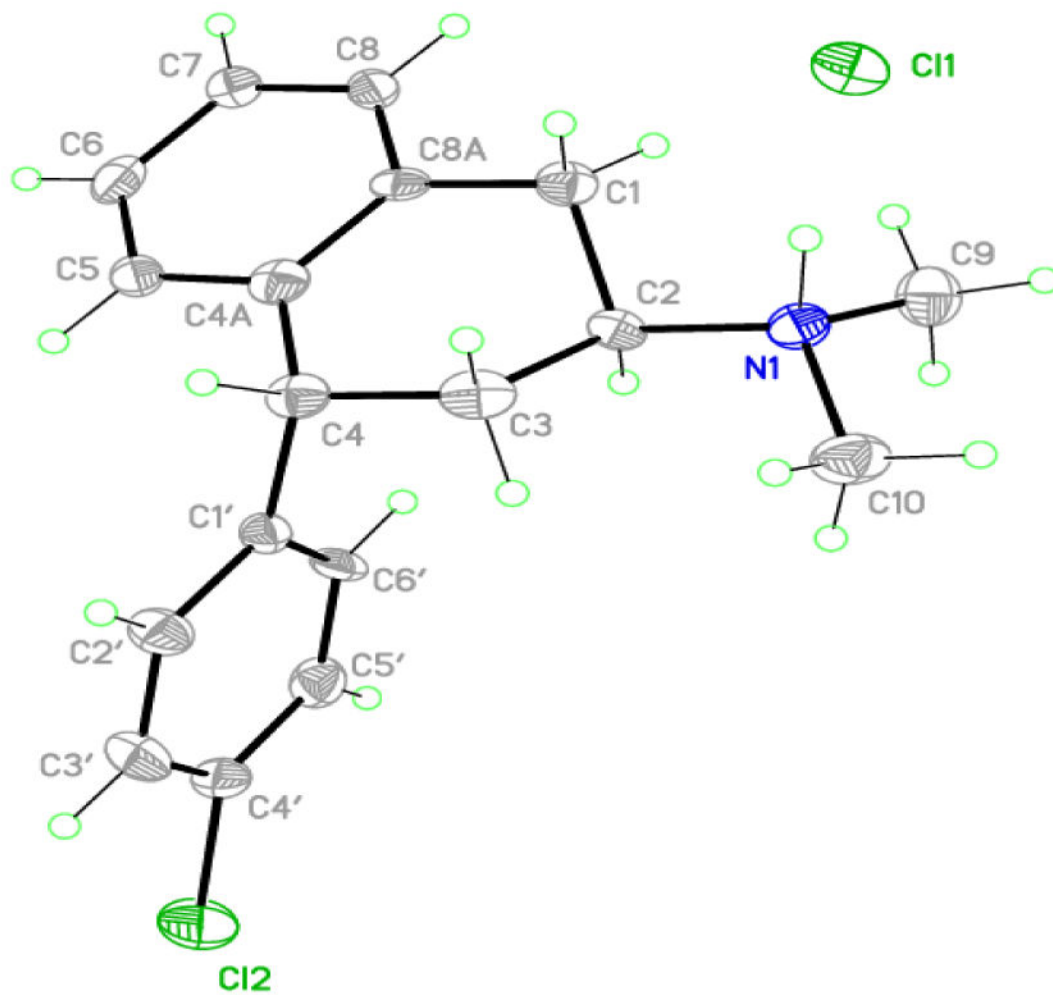


Figure 1.
Single X-ray crystallographic structure of (2S, 4R)-(-)-*trans*-4'-Cl-PAT hydrochloride

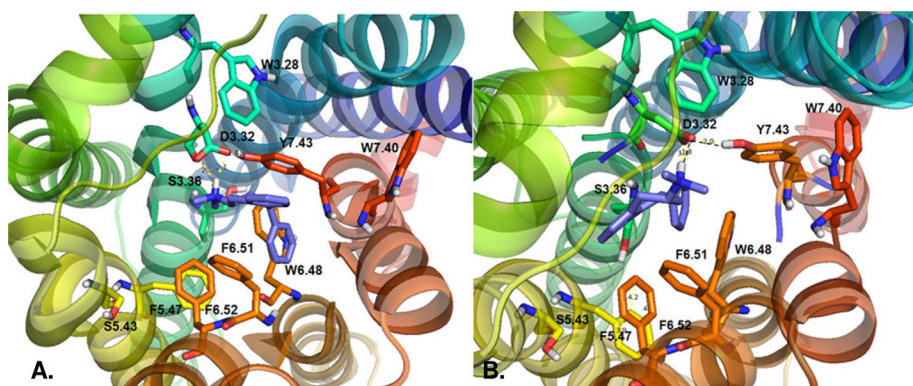


Figure 2.
View from the extracellular domain of (2*S*, 4*R*)-(-)-*trans*-PAT (panel A) and (2*R*, 4*S*)-(+)-*trans*-PAT (panel B) docked at 5-HT_{2C} receptor model.

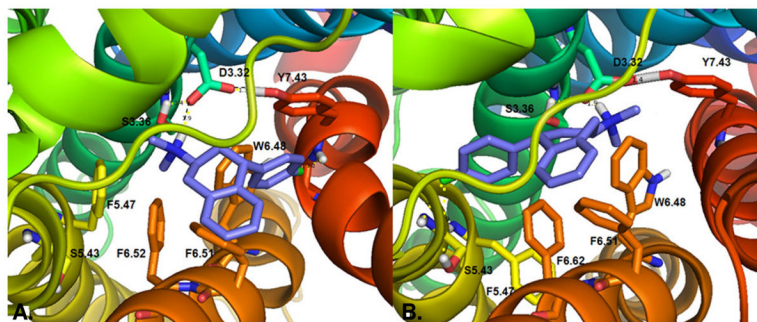
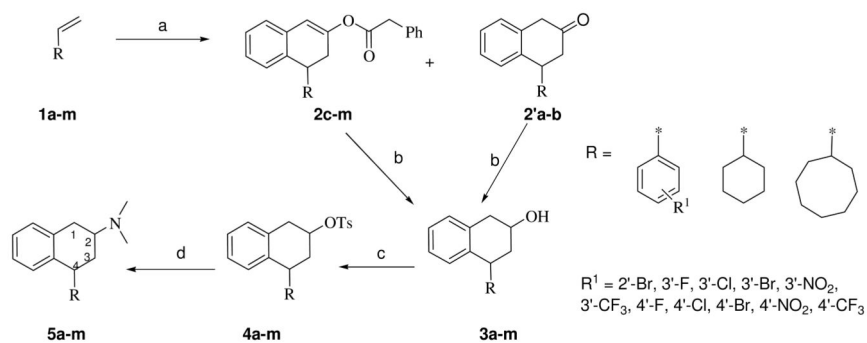
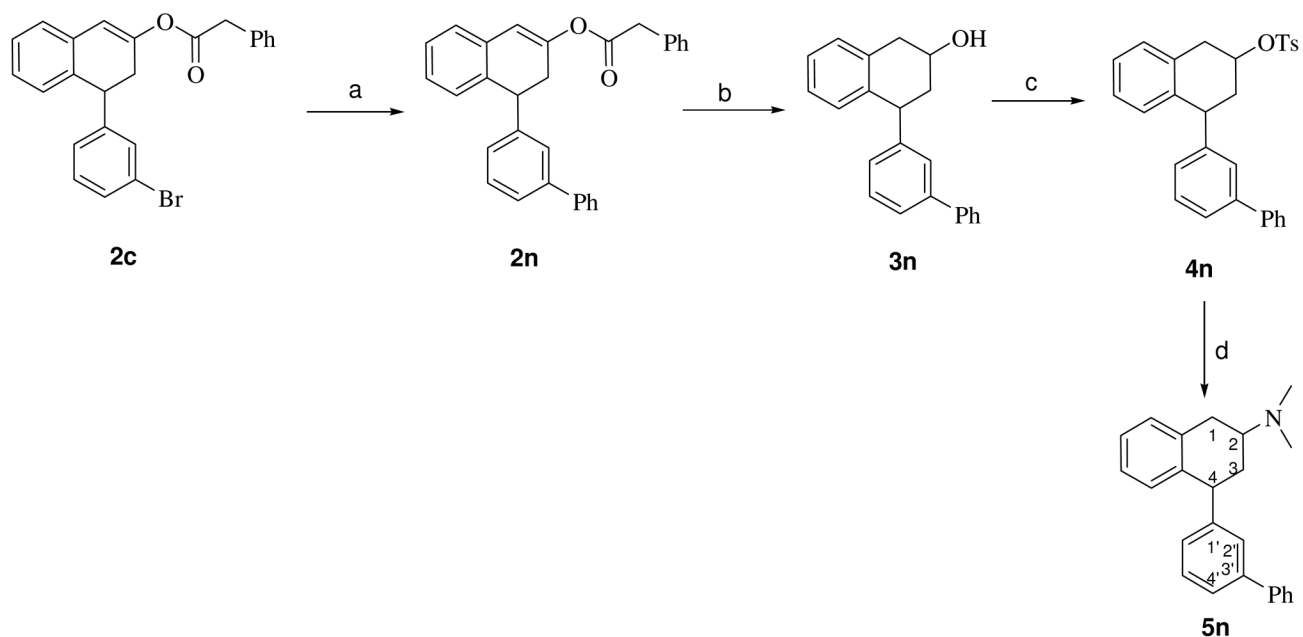


Figure 3. View from the extracellular domain of (2*S*, 4*R*)-(-)-trans-4'-Cl-PAT (panel A) and (2*R*, 4*S*)-(+)-trans-4'-Cl-PAT (panel B) docked at the 5-HT_{2C} receptor model.

**Scheme 1.**

Synthesis of racemic *trans* 4-substituted *N,N* dimethylaminotetralins (**5a-m**); Reagents and conditions: (a) Phenyl acetic acid (3 eq.), TFAA (3 eq.) 0 °C, rt for 24 h (0.5 h in case of **2'a-b**); (b) NaBH₄/MeOH, 50 °C, 15 h; (c) TsCl/pyridine, rt, 20 h; (d) aq. NHMe₂, sealed tube, 80 °C, 24 h.

**Scheme 2.**

S synthesis of racemic *trans* 4-(biphenyl-3-yl) *N,N*-dimethylaminotetralin (**5n**); Reagents and conditions: (a) PhB(OH)₂, Pd(OAc)₂, (c-Hex)₂P(biphen-3-yl), K₃PO₄/toluene, 65 °C, 24 h; (b) NaBH₄/MeOH, 50 °C, 15 h; (c) TsCl/pyridine, rt, 20 h; (d) aq. NHMe₂, sealed tube, 80 °C, 24 h.

Table 1
Binding affinities of 4-substituted 2-dimethylaminotetralins at 5HT_{2A}, 5HT_{2B} and 5HT_{2C} and H₁ receptors

Analog number	R	trans.	Affinity (K _i ± SEM; nM)				Ratio of affinities	
			5-HT _{2A}	5-HT _{2B}	5-HT _{2C}	H ₁	2A/2C	H ₁ /2C
"PAT"	C ₆ H ₅	(+)	470(46)	240(41)	430(86)	30(4)	1.09	0.07
		(-)	100(10)	94(25)	30(3)	2(1)	3.33	0.07
5a	3'-F-C ₆ H ₄	(+)	320(26)	110(28)	200(30)	94(15)	1.60	0.47
		(-)	110(26)	70(5)	43(14)	3(0.3)	2.56	0.07
5b	3'-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	(+)	130(8.7)	50(7)	170(43)	80(20)	0.76	0.47
		(-)	40(5)	30(2)	8(3)	10(2)	5.00	1.25
5c	3'-Br-C ₆ H ₄	(+)	260(22)	40(8)	200(30)	60(10)	1.30	0.30
		(-)	20(3)	8(2)	4(1)	30(2)	5.00	7.50
5d	3'-CF ₃ -C ₆ H ₄	(+)	1300(67)	200(50)	230(20)	4100(160)	5.65	17.83
		(-)	80(10)	60(20)	10(2)	230(27)	8.00	23.00
5e	3'-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄	(+)	500(20)	20(6)	120(13)	1000(80)	4.17	8.33
		(-)	74(18)	70(20)	10(1)	800(100)	7.40	80.00
5f	4'-F-C ₆ H ₄	(+)	71(12)	66(12)	75(12)	8(1)	0.95	0.11
		(-)	140(24)	400(80)	68(11)	4(1)	2.06	0.06
5g	4'-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	(+)	50(8)	80(10)	55(17)	6(1)	0.91	0.11
		(-)	250(37)	300(30)	120(9.0)	8(1)	2.08	0.07
5h	4'-Br-C ₆ H ₄	(+)	60(10)	30(9)	70(8)	530(62)	0.86	7.57
		(-)	220(29)	210(15)	100(3)	1100(53)	2.20	11.00
5i	4'-CF ₃ -C ₆ H ₄	(+)	210(16)	250(41)	220(27)	230(35)	0.95	1.05
		(-)	2000(200)	540(120)	520(51)	5100(360)	3.85	9.81
5j^d	4'-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄	racemic	8100(180)	4100(510)	1000(100)	680(31)	8.10	0.68
5k	2'-Br-C ₆ H ₄	(+)	760(73)	4100(510)	78(16)	2600(340)	9.74	33.33
		(-)	1100(130)	650(72)	70(8)	4200(460)	15.71	60.00
5l	cyclohexyl	(+)	80(4)	170(13)	30(4)	2(0.2)	2.67	0.07
		(-)	20(5)	20(1)	7(2)	2(1)	2.86	0.29
5m	cyclooctyl	(+)	370(20)	40(20)	800(100)	>10000	0.46	NA
		(-)	30(9)	10(4)	30(8)	430(62)	1.00	14.33

Analog number	R	<i>trans.</i>	Affinity (K _i ± SEM; nM)			Ratio of affinities		
			5-HT _{2A}	5-HT _{2B}	5-HT _{2C}	H ₁	2A/2C	H ₁ /2C
5n	3'-Ph-C ₆ H ₄	(+)	650(62)	200(40)	1000(10)	>10000	0.65	NA
		(-)	44(17)	73(13)	5(2)	200(20)	8.80	40.00
5o^b	2'-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	(+)	2800(110)	710(64)	50(10)	60(20)	56.00	1.20
		(-)	2400(280)	300(30)	290(47)	190(25)	8.28	0.66
5p^b	2'-Me-C ₆ H ₄	(+)	700(90)	6000(1000)	2000(200)	120(5.1)	0.35	0.06
		(-)	1000(200)	800(100)	1600(150)	400(40)	0.63	0.25

NA – Not applicable.

^a Racemic mixture could not be resolved using chiral HPLC system;

^b Racemic mixture prepared by published procedure²¹ and resolved using chiral HPLC system.