Supplementary Information

ZIKV Inhibitors Based on Pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazine-7-one Core:

Rational Design, in vitro Evaluation and Theoretical Studies

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Figure S1-S27: Spectral data (¹H-NMR, HRMS spectrum, and HPLC/GC-FID) of synthesized compounds







7b







Figure S4. HRMS spectrum of 7b

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9a



Figure S7. GC chromatogram of **9b**. GC-FID 2010 model (Shimadzu) in the following conditions: Programmed Temperature Vaporizer (PTV) in direct inject mode at 250°C using hydrogen as carrier gas and column flow in 2.04 mL/min at a constant pressure mode. The column oven temperature program started 150°C (hold 1 min), then programmed at 10°C/min to 320 °C (hold 4 min). The total analytical time was 30 min. The detector temperature was 320°C.



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Figure S11. HPLC chromatogram of **10b** under the following analytical condition: system: Agilent 1260 HPLC system; column: Agilent Eclipse ZORBAX XDB-C18 (46×250 mm; 5 µm); flowrate: 1.0 mL/min; column temperature: 40° C; UV wavelength: 272 nm; solvent system: 0-10 min: 100% MeOH.

10b









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Figure S15. HRMS spectrum of 12

















Figure S19. HRMS spectrum of 14







Figure S21. HPLC chromatogram of 17a under the following analytical condition: system: Agilent 1260 HPLC system; column: Agilent Eclipse ZORBAX XDB-C18 (46×250 mm; 5 μm); flowrate: 1.0 mL/min; column temperature: 40°C; UV wavelength: 272 nm; solvent system: 0-10 min: 100% MeOH.

17a



Figure S22. ¹H-NMR spectrum of 17b



18a



Figure S23. ¹H-NMR spectrum of 18a



Figure S24. ¹H-NMR spectrum of 18b



Figure S25. ¹H-NMR spectrum of 19a



Figure S26. HPLC chromatogram of 19a under the following analytical condition: system: Agilent 1260 HPLC system; column: Agilent Eclipse ZORBAX XDB-C18 (46×250 mm; 5 μm); flowrate: 1.0 mL/min; column temperature: 40°C; UV wavelength: 272 nm; solvent system: 0-10 min: 100% MeOH.

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Figure S27. ¹H-NMR spectrum of 19b

Biological assay for all compounds (Table S1 and Figure S28)



Table S1. Dose-response curves of compounds against the ZIKV







Figure S28. A: Brine shrimps (*Artemia salina*) were used for the investigation of cytotoxic activity. The naupliis are considered dead when there is no movement for 30 seconds. All the tests were replicated three times. (Copyright of super macro close up of *A. salina* was purchased from Depositphotos Inc. United States, https://depositphotos.com/377593032/stock-photo-super-macro-close-artemia-salina.html). B: Cytotoxic potential of compounds and standard drugs against *Artemia salina*. The percentage of deaths of shrimps is shown in the gray column. Probit values are shown in the blue line. The ZIKV inhibitor (berberine derivative-4d) was described by us previously published and it was used as standard (DOI:10.1155/2021/5567111)

Molecular docking and pharmacophore model (Figure S29-S30 Table S2)



Figure S29. Redocking (blue) and co-crystallized benzimidazole-1-ylmethanol (violet) in the NS2B-NS3 binding site suggested. RMSD value of 0.5936 for backbone chain using Maestro



Figure S30. Interaction and distance of compounds **9 b** and **17b** with amino acids in the NS2B-NS3 binding site.



Table S2. Top ten molecules from virtual screening protocol

