

## Supplemental Information

Identification of positive allosteric modulators VU0155094 (ML397) and VU0422288 (ML396) reveals new insights into the biology of metabotropic glutamate receptor 7

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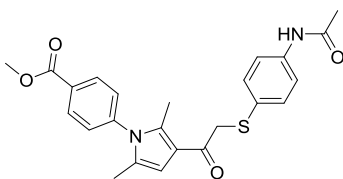
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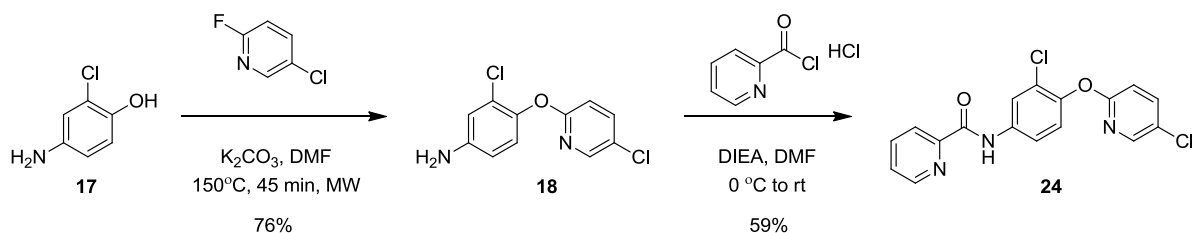
**General.** All NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz FT-NMR DRX-400 FT-NMR spectrometer or 500 MHz Bruker DRX-500 FT-NMR spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  values in ppm downfield with the deuterated solvent as the internal standard. Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, br = broad, m = multiplet), integration, coupling constant (Hz). High resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Waters Q-TOF API-US plus Acquity system with electrospray ionization. Reversed-phase LCMS analysis was performed using an Agilent 1200 system comprising a binary pump with degasser, high-performance autosampler, thermostatted column compartment, diode-array detector (DAD) and a C18 column. Flow from the column was split to a 6130 SQ mass spectrometer and Polymer Labs ELSD. The MS detector was configured with an electrospray ionization source. Data acquisition was performed with Agilent Chemstation and Analytical Studio Reviewer software. Samples were separated on a ThermoFisher Accucore C18 column (2.6  $\mu$ m, 2.1 x 30 mm) at 1.5 mL/min, with column and solvent temperatures maintained at 45 C. The gradient conditions were 7% to 95% acetonitrile in water (0.1% TFA) over 1.1 minutes. Low-resolution mass spectra were acquired by scanning from 135 to 700 AMU in 0.25 seconds with a step size of 0.1 AMU and peak width of 0.03 minutes. Drying gas flow was 11 liters per minute at a temperature of 350 C and a nebulizer pressure of 40 psi. The capillary needle voltage was 3000 V, and the fragmentor voltage was 100V. Preparative purification was performed on a custom HP1100 purification system (reference 16) with collection triggered by mass detection. Solvents for extraction, washing and chromatography were HPLC grade. All reagents were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and were used without purification.



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**Methyl 4-(3-(2-((4-acetamidophenyl)thio)acetyl)-2,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoate (1), ML397.** Probe compound ML397 (VU0155094) is commercially available compound and was purchased from ChemDiv and had the following characterization. LCMS:  $R_T = 2.481$  min, >99% @ 254 nm, >99% @ 215 nm;  $m/z$   $[M + H]^+ = 437$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 8.18 (dd;  $J = 6.8, 2$  Hz, 2 H), 7.42 (d;  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2 H), 7.38 (d;  $J = 8.8$  Hz; 2 H), 7.34-7.29 (m; 6 H), 6.33 (s; 1 H), 4.03 (s; 2H), 3.97 (s, 3 H), 2.30 (s; 3 H), 2.16 (s; 3 H), 1.99 (s; 3 H). HRMS calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S  $[M + H]^+ m/z$ : 437.1535, measured: 437.1539.

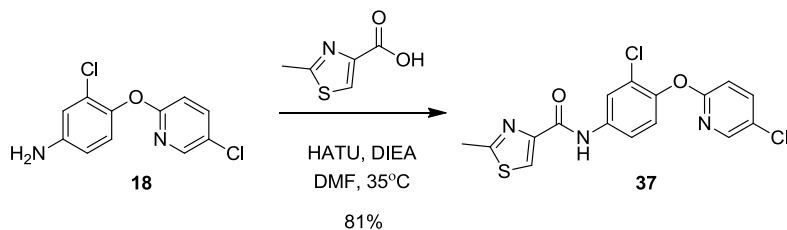
## Representative procedure A:



**3-chloro-4-((5-chloropyridin-2-yl)oxy)aniline (18).** To a microwave vial (20 mL) was added 4-amino-2-chlorophenol (1) (1.0 g, 6.97 mmol, 1.0 eq), 5-chloro-2-fluoropyridine (2) (0.7 mL, 6.97 mmol, 1.0 eq),  $K_2CO_3$  (1.44 g, 10.45 mmol, 1.5 eq) and DMF (10 mL). The rxn mixture was subjected to microwave irradiation at  $150^\circ C$  for 45 min. The rxn was added to EtOAc:water (1:1, 1000 mL) and the organic layer was separated. The water layer was re-extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with water (2 x 50 mL), brine (50 mL), dried ( $MgSO_4$ ), filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified on a Biotage Isolera One (Zip 80 column, 50-100% EtOAc:hexanes) to afford 3-chloro-4-((5-chloropyridin-2-yl)oxy)aniline (3) (1.36g, 76% yield). LCMS:  $R_T = 0.796$  min, >98% @ 215 and 254 nM,  $m/z = 254.8$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup>.

**N-(3-chloro-4-((5-chloropyridin-2-yl)oxy)phenyl)picolinamide (24).** To a solution of 3-chloro-4-((5-chloropyridin-2-yl)oxy)aniline (1.36g, 5.35 mmol, 1.0 eq) and Hunig's Base (2.05 mL, 11.78 mmol, 2.2 eq) in DMF (30 mL) at  $0^\circ C$  was added picolinoyl chloride hydrochloride (1.05g, 5.89 mmol, 1.1 eq). After 15 min, the ice bath was removed. After 12 h at rt, the rxn was added to EtOAc:H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1, 500 mL). The separated organic layer was washed with  $NaHCO_3$  (aq) (50 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 50 mL), Brine (50 mL) and dried ( $MgSO_4$ ). The mixture was filtered and the solvent removed under vacuo. The residue was purified by recrystallization (EtOH) to afford N-(3-chloro-4-((5-chloropyridin-2-yl)oxy)phenyl)picolinamide (5) (1.17 g, 59% yield). LCMS:  $R_T = 1.214$  min, >98% @ 215 and 254 nM,  $m/z = 359.6$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, d-DMSO):  $\delta$  10.93 (br s, 1H), 8.77 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.20-8.18 (m, 2H), 8.09 (ddd,  $J = 7.6, 7.6, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.71 (ddd,  $J = 7.6, 4.8, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H); HRMS, calc'd for  $C_{17}H_{12}N_3O_2Cl_2$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 360.0307; found 360.0304.

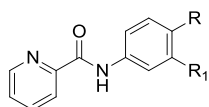
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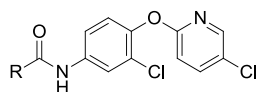
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




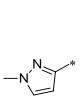








(VU0468764, 4j). To a solution of 2-methylthiazole-4-carboxylic acid (56 mg, 0.39 mmol, 1 eq), DIEA (0.20 mL, 1.2 mmol, 3 eq) and HATU (149 mg, 0.39 mmol, 1 eq) in DMF (2 mL) was added 3-chloro-4-((5-chloropyridin-2-yl)oxy)aniline (100 mg, 0.39 mmol, 1.0 eq) at rt. The rxn was heated to 35°C. After 48 h, the rxn was filtered and purified by Gilson HPLC (acetonitrile:water w/0.1% TFA). The fractions were collected and added to EtOAc: NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (aq). The organic layer was washed with water, Brine and dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated to afford N-(3-chloro-4-((5-chloropyridin-2-yl)oxy)phenyl)-2-methylthiazole-4-carboxamide (7)(120 mg, 81% yield). LCMS: R<sub>T</sub> = 1.178 min, >98% @ 215 and 254 nm, *m/z* = 380.0 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 10.49 (s, 1 H), 8.32 (s, 1 H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.99 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.85 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.79 (s, 3 H). HRMS, calc'd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SCl<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 380.0027; found 380.0029

All compounds were prepared following the general procedure outlined above in library format and isolated/purified via HPLC. Purity of all final compounds was determined by HPLC analysis. Purity and characterization information is provided in the table below.



Cmpd	R <sub>1</sub>	R	VU#/ SID/ CID	LCMS
20	Cl		VU0419699-1	LCMS: [M + H] <sup>+</sup> = 326.06, >98% @215nm and ELSD
21	Cl		VU0453733-1	LCMS: R <sub>T</sub> =0.673 min, [M + H] <sup>+</sup> = 326.0; >98% @ 215 and 254 nm
22*	Cl		VU0419700-1	LCMS: [M + H] <sup>+</sup> = 327.06, >98% @215nm and ELSD
23*	Cl		VU0419939-1	LCMS: [M + H] <sup>+</sup> = 394.0, >98% @215nm and ELSD
24	Cl		VU0422288-1	See above
25	F		VU0419937-1	LCMS: [M + H] <sup>+</sup> = 378.1, >98% @215nm and ELSD
26	F		VU0419938-1	LCMS: [M + H] <sup>+</sup> = 344.0, >98% @215nm and ELSD
27	F		VU0422289-1	LCMS: R <sub>t</sub> = 0.993 min, [M + H] <sup>+</sup> = 311.1; >98% @ 220 and 254 nm



Cmpd	R	VU#/ SID/ CID	LCMS
28		VU0468753-1	LCMS: [M + H] <sup>+</sup> = 395, >99% at 215 and 254 nm
29		VU0468334-1	LCMS: [M + H] <sup>+</sup> = 361, >95% at 215 nm and 99% at 254 nm
30		VU0468749-1	LCMS: [M + H] <sup>+</sup> = 361, >99% at 215 and 254 nm
31		VU0468751-1	LCMS: [M + H] <sup>+</sup> = 396, >99% at 215 and 254 nm
32		VU0468767-1	LCMS: [M + H] <sup>+</sup> = 375, >99% at 215 and 254 nm
33		VU0468747-1	LCMS: R <sub>T</sub> = 1.092 min, >98% @ 215 and 254 nm, <i>m/z</i> = 363.0 [M + H] <sup>+</sup> . <sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> <sub>6</sub> ): δ 10.33 (s, 1 H), 8.18 (d, <i>J</i> = 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 8.12 (d, <i>J</i> = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.99 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.8, 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.87 (d, <i>J</i> = 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.82 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.78 (d, <i>J</i> = 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.98 (s, 3 H); HRMS, calc'd for C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> [M + H] <sup>+</sup> , 363.0416; found 363.0419
34		VU0468748-1	LCMS: [M + H] <sup>+</sup> = 350, >99% at 215 and 254 nm
35		VU0468762-1	LCMS: [M + H] <sup>+</sup> = 364, >99% at 215 and 254 nm
36		VU0468763-1	LCMS: [M + H] <sup>+</sup> = 351, >99% at 215 and 254 nm
37		VU0468764-1	See above
38		VU0468765-1	LCMS: R <sub>T</sub> = 1.175 min, >98% @ 215 and 254 nm, <i>m/z</i> = 364.9 [M + H] <sup>+</sup> . <sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> <sub>6</sub> ): δ 10.41 (s, 1 H), 8.18 (dd, <i>J</i> = 2.7, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.04-8.02 (m, 2 H), 8.00 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.8, 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.90 (dd, <i>J</i> = 5.0, 1.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.71 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.34 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.8, 1 H), 7.25 (dd, <i>J</i> = 5.0, 3.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.8, 0.5 Hz, 1 H); HRMS, calc'd for C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> SCl <sub>2</sub> [M + H] <sup>+</sup> , 364.9918; found 364.9919
39		VU0468766-1	LCMS: [M + H] <sup>+</sup> = 380, >92% at 215 nm; >99% at 254 nm
40		VU0468758-1	LCMS: R <sub>T</sub> = 1.189 min, >98% @ 215 and 254 nm, <i>m/z</i> = 367.0 [M + H] <sup>+</sup> . <sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> <sub>6</sub> ): δ 9.80 (s, 1 H), 8.16 (d, <i>J</i> = 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 8.01 (d, <i>J</i> = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.98 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.8, 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.68 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.27 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.17 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.06-4.03 (m, 1 H), 3.95 (dd, <i>J</i> = 11, 2.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.56-3.50 (m, 1 H), 1.95-1.84 (m, 2 H), 1.56-1.45 (m, 4 H). HRMS, calc'd for C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> [M + H] <sup>+</sup> , 367.0616; found 367.0616
41		VU0468151-1	LCMS: R <sub>T</sub> = 1.191 min, >98% @ 215 and 254 nm, <i>m/z</i> = 359.0 [M + H] <sup>+</sup> . <sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> <sub>6</sub> ): δ 10.45 (s, 1 H), 8.18 (d, <i>J</i> = 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 8.09 (d, <i>J</i> = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 8.01-7.98 (m, 1 H), 7.97 (dd, <i>J</i> = 9.1, 1.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.77 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.63 (dddd, <i>J</i> = 7.3, 7.3, 1.4, 1.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 2 H), 7.34 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.8 Hz, 1 H); HRMS, calc'd for C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> [M + H] <sup>+</sup> , 359.0354; found 359.0355

**Supplemental Table 1. The group III mGlu PAMs VU0155094 and VU0422288 affect the affinity of orthosteric agonists.** Using calcium assays with chimeric G proteins, the data from Figures S3, S4, and S5 were fit using Equation 2. In the first round of data fitting, it was assumed that there was no effect on orthosteric agonist affinity (i.e.,  $\alpha=1$ ) and the  $E_m$  value was shared across datasets. Data were assessed statistically using a one-way ANOVA with a Tukey's post-test to compare all columns. Revised data analysis accounting for affinity modulation ( $\alpha$  shared) is shown in Supplemental Tables 2 and 3 and Tables 5 and 6. Data are comprised of three individual experiments performed in duplicate (Mean  $\pm$  SD values shown).

	mGlu <sub>4</sub>			mGlu <sub>7</sub>			mGlu <sub>8</sub>		
DMSO	Glu	L-AP4	LSP4-2022	Glu	L-AP4	LSP4-2022	Glu	L-AP4	LSP4-2022
pK <sub>A</sub>	5.93 $\pm$ 0.30	7.35 $\pm$ 0.45	6.88 $\pm$ 0.28 <sup>a</sup>	3.21 $\pm$ 0.12 <sup>b</sup>	3.97 $\pm$ 0.15 <sup>c</sup>	5.02 $\pm$ 0.29 <sup>d</sup>	6.01 $\pm$ 0.11	7.19 $\pm$ 0.06 <sup>e</sup>	4.97 $\pm$ 0.13 <sup>f</sup>
K <sub>A</sub> ( $\mu$ M)	1.2	0.04	0.13	623	106	9.6	0.98	0.06	10.7
VU0155094	Glu	L-AP4	LSP4-2022	Glu	L-AP4	LSP4-2022	Glu	L-AP4	LSP4-2022
pK <sub>A</sub>	5.80 $\pm$ 0.73	6.94 $\pm$ 0.22	6.39 $\pm$ 0.06 <sup>a</sup>	3.88 $\pm$ 0.06 <sup>b</sup>	3.82 $\pm$ 0.12	4.13 $\pm$ 0.17 <sup>d</sup>	6.29 $\pm$ 0.84	6.49 $\pm$ 0.04 <sup>e</sup>	4.21 $\pm$ 0.19 <sup>f</sup>
K <sub>A</sub> ( $\mu$ M)	1.60	0.12	0.41	133	151	73.7	0.52	0.33	62.3
VU0422288	Glu	L-AP4	LSP4-2022	Glu	L-AP4	LSP4-2022	Glu	L-AP4	LSP4-2022
pK <sub>A</sub>	5.62 $\pm$ 0.10	6.75 $\pm$ 0.17	6.34 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	3.04 $\pm$ 0.07 <sup>b</sup>	3.64 $\pm$ 0.12 <sup>c</sup>	4.67 $\pm$ 0.10	5.84 $\pm$ 0.08	6.67 $\pm$ 0.08 <sup>e</sup>	4.30 $\pm$ 0.17 <sup>f</sup>
K <sub>A</sub> ( $\mu$ M)	2.4	0.18	0.46	910	231	21.2	1.4	0.21	49.6

All p values < 0.05

- pK<sub>A</sub> for mGlu<sub>4</sub>/LSP4-2022 in absence of modulator versus either mGlu<sub>4</sub>/LSP4-2022/VU0155094 or mGlu<sub>4</sub>/LSP4-2022/VU0422288
- pK<sub>A</sub> for mGlu<sub>7</sub>/glutamate in absence of modulator versus mGlu<sub>7</sub>/glutamate/VU0155094 and mGlu<sub>7</sub>/glutamate/VU0155094 versus mGlu<sub>7</sub>/glutamate/VU0422288
- pK<sub>A</sub> significantly different for mGlu<sub>7</sub>/L-AP4 in absence of modulator versus mGlu<sub>7</sub>/L-AP4/VU0422288
- pK<sub>A</sub> for mGlu<sub>7</sub>/LSP4-2022 in absence of modulator versus mGlu<sub>7</sub>/LSP4-2022/VU0155094
- pK<sub>A</sub> significantly different from each other in all conditions, mGlu<sub>8</sub>/L-AP4 in absence of modulator, mGlu<sub>8</sub>/L-AP4/VU0155094, and mGlu<sub>8</sub>/L-AP4/VU0422288
- pK<sub>A</sub> for mGlu<sub>8</sub>/LSP4-2022 in absence of modulator versus mGlu<sub>8</sub>/LSP4-2022/VU0155094 or mGlu<sub>8</sub>/LSP4-2022/VU0422288

**Supplemental Table 2. Revised curve fitting reveals differential interactions of VU0155094 and VU0422288 with distinct group III mGlu<sub>s</sub>.** Using calcium assays with chimeric G proteins, the data from Figures S3, S4, and S5 were fit using Equation 2. A was shared across datasets and the system maximum ( $E_m$ ) was constrained to the maximum level of potentiation observed for any agonist/potentiator pair (all above 100% of agonist  $E_{max}$ , average max value across three experiments shown). Data were assessed statistically using a one-way ANOVA with a Tukey's post-test to compare all columns. Data are comprised of three individual experiments performed in duplicate (Mean  $\pm$  SD values shown).

	mGlu <sub>4</sub>			mGlu <sub>7</sub>			mGlu <sub>8</sub>		
DMSO	Glu	L-AP4	LSP4-2022	Glu	L-AP4	LSP4-2022	Glu	L-AP4	LSP4-2022
pK <sub>A</sub>	5.96 $\pm$ 0.29	7.37 $\pm$ 0.44 <sup>a</sup>	6.90 $\pm$ 0.26 <sup>b</sup>	3.26 $\pm$ 0.21	4.04 $\pm$ 0.23	5.11 $\pm$ 0.44	6.01 $\pm$ 0.11	7.19 $\pm$ 0.06 <sup>d</sup>	4.97 $\pm$ 0.13 <sup>e</sup>
K <sub>A</sub> ( $\mu$ M)	1.1	0.04	0.13	549	77	7.8	0.98	0.06	10.7
Log $\tau_A$	-0.01 $\pm$ 0.01	0.02 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>†</sup>	0.03 $\pm$ 0.02	-0.06 $\pm$ 0.05	0.15 $\pm$ 0.08	0.47 $\pm$ 0.26	0.35 $\pm$ 0.09	0.32 $\pm$ 0.06 <sup>g</sup>	0.28 $\pm$ 0.02 <sup>h</sup>
$\tau_A$	0.98	1.05	1.06	0.88	1.42	2.95	2.24	2.07	1.93
n	4.8 $\pm$ 2.0	4.8 $\pm$ 2.0	4.8 $\pm$ 2.0	2.9 $\pm$ 1.1	2.9 $\pm$ 1.1	2.9 $\pm$ 1.1	3.5 $\pm$ 0.6	3.5 $\pm$ 0.6	3.5 $\pm$ 0.6
basal	8.1 $\pm$ 0.9	8.1 $\pm$ 0.9	8.1 $\pm$ 0.9	1.8 $\pm$ 1.5	1.8 $\pm$ 1.5	1.8 $\pm$ 1.5	2.5 $\pm$ 0.2	2.5 $\pm$ 0.2	2.5 $\pm$ 0.2
Em <sup>#</sup>	196	196	196	377.2	377.2	377.2	102.3	102.3	102.3
<b>VU0155094</b>	<b>Glu</b>	<b>L-AP4</b>	<b>LSP4-2022</b>	<b>Glu</b>	<b>L-AP4</b>	<b>LSP4-2022</b>	<b>Glu</b>	<b>L-AP4</b>	<b>LSP4-2022</b>
pK <sub>A</sub>	6.10 $\pm$ 0.26	6.90 $\pm$ 0.30	6.49 $\pm$ 0.07	3.23 $\pm$ 0.13	4.49 $\pm$ 0.20 <sup>c</sup>	5.05 $\pm$ 0.50	6.09 $\pm$ 0.33	7.02 $\pm$ 0.13 <sup>d</sup>	4.83 $\pm$ 0.11 <sup>e</sup>
K <sub>A</sub> ( $\mu$ M)	0.79	0.13	0.33	593	32.2	9.0	0.82	0.10	13.9
Log $\tau_A$	-0.01 $\pm$ 0.01	0.05 $\pm$ 0.02	0.06 $\pm$ 0.02	-0.09 $\pm$ 0.04	0.06 $\pm$ 0.04	0.52 $\pm$ 0.31	0.33 $\pm$ 0.18	0.40 $\pm$ 0.06	0.34 $\pm$ 0.07 <sup>h</sup>
$\tau_A$	0.99	1.12	1.15	0.81	1.16	3.28	2.12	2.50	2.19
n	6.2 $\pm$ 1.8	2.0 $\pm$ 0.2	2.2 $\pm$ 0.03	2.3 $\pm$ 0.4	6.7 $\pm$ 3.1	2.9 $\pm$ 1.2	4.6 $\pm$ 2.5	2.9 $\pm$ 0.4	3.0 $\pm$ 0.3
basal	6.9 $\pm$ 1.8	7.1 $\pm$ 0.7	7.6 $\pm$ 0.6	0.4 $\pm$ 2.3	3.3 $\pm$ 2.4	3.8 $\pm$ 0.8	3.3 $\pm$ 0.4	2.4 $\pm$ 0.3	2.3 $\pm$ 0.5
Em <sup>#</sup>	196	196	196	377.2	377.2	377.2	102.3	102.3	102.3
<b>VU0422288</b>	<b>Glu</b>	<b>L-AP4</b>	<b>LSP4-2022</b>	<b>Glu</b>	<b>L-AP4</b>	<b>LSP4-2022</b>	<b>Glu</b>	<b>L-AP4</b>	<b>LSP4-2022</b>
pK <sub>A</sub>	5.58 $\pm$ 0.11	6.62 $\pm$ 0.20 <sup>a</sup>	6.27 $\pm$ 0.11 <sup>b</sup>	3.23 $\pm$ 0.13	3.93 $\pm$ 0.14 <sup>c</sup>	4.82 $\pm$ 0.40	5.84 $\pm$ 0.14	6.71 $\pm$ 0.04 <sup>d</sup>	4.53 $\pm$ 0.07 <sup>e</sup>
K <sub>A</sub> ( $\mu$ M)	2.6	0.24	0.54	910	119	15.1	1.5	0.20	29.6
Log $\tau_A$	-0.01 $\pm$ 0.02	0.08 $\pm$ 0.03 <sup>†</sup>	0.08 $\pm$ 0.03	-0.05 $\pm$ 0.04	0.18 $\pm$ 0.10	0.64 $\pm$ 0.30	0.44 $\pm$ 0.08	0.59 $\pm$ 0.15 <sup>g</sup>	0.53 $\pm$ 0.07 <sup>h</sup>
$\tau_A$	0.98	1.20	1.21	0.88	1.52	4.34	2.76	3.86	3.39
n	2.3 $\pm$ 0.08	1.3 $\pm$ 0.05	1.6 $\pm$ 0.2	2.6 $\pm$ 0.6	2.4 $\pm$ 0.7	2.1 $\pm$ 0.4	2.7 $\pm$ 0.5	2.1 $\pm$ 0.5	2.1 $\pm$ 0.06
basal	7.1 $\pm$ 1.8	7.2 $\pm$ 0.9	7.8 $\pm$ 0.4	1.3 $\pm$ 2.4	0.3 $\pm$ 1.8	3.6 $\pm$ 1.4	2.4 $\pm$ 0.5	1.9 $\pm$ 0.2	1.8 $\pm$ 0.4
Em <sup>#</sup>	196	196	196	377.2	377.2	377.2	102.3	102.3	102.3

<sup>#</sup> E<sub>m</sub> value constrained to the maximal level of potentiation observed for that subtype between any combination of ligands in a given experiment; the mean is reported.

All p values < 0.05

- pK<sub>A</sub> for mGlu<sub>4</sub>/L-AP4 in absence of modulator versus mGlu<sub>4</sub>/L-AP4/VU0422288
- pK<sub>A</sub> for mGlu<sub>4</sub>/LSP4-2022 in absence of modulator versus mGlu<sub>4</sub>/LSP4-2022/VU0422288
- pK<sub>A</sub> for mGlu<sub>7</sub>/L-AP4/VU0155094 versus mGlu<sub>7</sub>/L-AP4/VU0422288
- pK<sub>A</sub> for mGlu<sub>8</sub>/L-AP4 in absence of modulator versus mGlu<sub>8</sub>/L-AP4/VU0422288 and mGlu<sub>8</sub>/L-AP4/VU0155094 versus mGlu<sub>8</sub>/L-AP4/VU0422288
- pK<sub>A</sub> for mGlu<sub>8</sub>/LSP4-2022 in absence of modulator versus mGlu<sub>8</sub>/LSP4-2022/VU0422288 and mGlu<sub>8</sub>/LSP4-2022/VU0155094 versus mGlu<sub>8</sub>/LSP4-2022/VU0422288
- Log  $\tau_A$  for mGlu<sub>4</sub>/L-AP4 in the absence of modulator versus mGlu<sub>4</sub>/L-AP4/VU0422288

- (g) Log  $\tau_A$  for mGlu<sub>8</sub>/L-AP4 in the absence of modulator versus mGlu<sub>8</sub>/L-AP4/VU0422288
- (h) Log  $\tau_A$  for mGlu<sub>8</sub>/LSP4-2022 in the absence of modulator versus mGlu<sub>8</sub>/LSP4-2022/VU0155094 or mGlu<sub>8</sub>/LSP4-2022/VU0422288



**Supplemental Table 3. Summary of agonist affinity and efficacy estimates across each group III mGlu subtype.** To directly fit the data represented in Figure S3, we used Equation 2. The system maximum ( $E_m$ ) was constrained to the maximum level of potentiation observed for any agonist/potentiator pair (all above 100% of agonist  $E_{max}$ ) for calcium assays and to a value just above the largest agonist max value for GIRK assays. For statistical analyses,  $\text{Log}\tau_A$  and  $\text{pK}_A$  values were compared between agonists at one receptor, then separately between each agonist at the three receptors and then  $\text{Log}\tau_A$  and  $\text{pK}_A$  values were compared between assays (for example, mGlu<sub>4</sub> calcium versus mGlu<sub>4</sub> GIRK). All statistical tests were one way ANOVA with a Tukey post-test to compare columns with the exception of between-assay comparisons, which were performed via a student's t-test. Data are comprised of three individual experiments performed in duplicate (Mean  $\pm$  SD values shown).

	mGlu <sub>4</sub>			mGlu <sub>7</sub>			mGlu <sub>8</sub>		
Calcium	Glu	L-AP4	LSP4-2022	Glu	L-AP4	LSP4-2022	Glu	L-AP4	LSP4-2022
pEC <sub>50</sub>	5.40±0.12	6.82±0.24	6.34±0.06	3.08±0.03	3.93±0.15	5.34±0.02	6.11±0.04	7.23±0.17	4.96±0.08
EC <sub>50</sub> (μM)	4.0	0.15	0.45	840	119	4.5	0.77	0.06	10.9
Log $\tau_A$	-0.01±0.01 <sup>ach</sup>	0.02±0.01 <sup>di</sup>	0.03±0.02 <sup>ae</sup>	-0.06±0.05 <sup>bc</sup>	0.15±0.08 <sup>d</sup>	0.47±0.26 <sup>be</sup>	0.35±0.09 <sup>c</sup>	0.32±0.06 <sup>d</sup>	0.28±0.02
$\tau_A$	0.98	1.05	1.06	0.88	1.42	2.95	2.24	2.07	1.93
pK <sub>A</sub>	5.96±0.29 <sup>j</sup>	7.37±0.44	6.90±0.26	3.26±0.21	4.04±0.23	5.11±0.44	6.01±0.11 <sup>k</sup>	7.19±0.06 <sup>l</sup>	4.97±0.13
K <sub>A</sub> (μM)	1.1	0.04	0.13	549	92.3	7.8	0.98	0.06	10.7
Log ( $\tau/K_A$ )	5.95±0.30	7.39±0.43	6.93±0.24	3.20±0.25	4.19±0.20	5.58±0.19	6.36±0.03	7.51±0.12	5.26±0.11
Fold $\Delta\text{pK}_A$ vs. Glu	1	26	8.8	1	6.0	70	1	15	0.09
$\Delta\text{Log}(\tau/K_A)$ vs. Glu	0	1.44±0.14	0.98±0.12	0	0.99±0.14	2.37±0.09	0	1.15±0.14	-1.10±0.10
n	4.8±2.0	4.8±2.0	4.8±2.0	2.9±1.1	2.9±1.1	2.9±1.1	3.5±0.6	3.5±0.6	3.5±0.6
basal	8.1±0.9	8.1±0.9	8.1±0.9	1.8±1.5	1.8±1.5	1.8±1.5	2.5±0.2	2.5±0.2	2.5±0.2
Em	196	196	196	377.2	377.2	377.2	102.3	102.3	102.3
	mGlu <sub>4</sub>			mGlu <sub>7</sub>			mGlu <sub>8</sub>		
GIRK	Glu	L-AP4	LSP4-2022	Glu	L-AP4	LSP4-2022	Glu	L-AP4	LSP4-2022
pEC <sub>50</sub>	5.10±0.07	7.06±0.11	7.01±0.12	3.59±0.33	3.86±0.04	5.28±0.06	5.20±0.01	7.14±0.11	5.20±0.07
EC <sub>50</sub> (μM)	7.9	0.09	0.10	260	138	5.3	6.3	0.07	6.3
Log $\tau_A$	0.11±0.03 <sup>gn</sup>	0.12±0.06 <sup>i</sup>	0.14±0.11	0.01±0.02 <sup>g</sup>	0.31±0.07 <sup>f</sup>	0.40±0.09 <sup>f</sup>	0.36±0.11 <sup>g</sup>	0.14±0.44	0.35±0.33
$\tau_A$	1.28	1.31	1.38	1.03	2.06	2.54	2.28	1.38	2.24
pK <sub>A</sub>	5.39±0.16 <sup>j</sup>	7.36±0.24	7.25±0.32	3.69±0.41	3.77±0.08	5.05±0.09	4.88±0.03 <sup>k</sup>	6.78±0.10 <sup>l</sup>	4.69±0.30
K <sub>A</sub> (μM)	4.1	0.04	0.06	205	170	8.9	13.3	0.17	20.2
Fold $\Delta\text{pK}_A$ vs. Glu	1	93	72	1	1.2	23	1	80	0.66
Log ( $\tau/K_A$ )	5.50±0.13	7.48±0.18	7.38±0.22	3.70±0.39	4.09±0.02	5.46±0.01	5.23±0.14	6.92±0.36	5.05±0.16
$\Delta\text{Log}(\tau/K_A)$ vs. Glu	0	1.98±0.08	1.89±0.09	0	1.55±2.20	1.75±0.38	0	3.40±3.20	-0.19±0.06
n	3.9±1.2	3.9±1.2	3.9±1.2	2.7±0.4	2.7±0.4	2.7±0.4	1.3±0.05	1.3±0.05	1.3±0.05
basal	1.9±0.2	1.9±0.2	1.9±0.2	4.7±1.1	4.7±1.1	4.7±1.1	1.2±0.5	1.2±0.5	1.2±0.5
Em	140	140	140	220	220	220	140	140	140

All noted p values <0.05

- (a) Log  $\tau_A$  between all receptors for L-AP4/calcium
- (b) Log  $\tau_A$  between mGlu<sub>8</sub>/glutamate/calcium versus mGlu<sub>4</sub>/glutamate and mGlu<sub>7</sub>/glutamate
- (c) Log  $\tau_A$  between mGlu<sub>4</sub>/LSP4-2022/calcium versus mGlu<sub>7</sub>/LSP4-2022/calcium
- (d) Log  $\tau_A$  between mGlu<sub>4</sub>/glutamate/calcium and mGlu<sub>4</sub>/LSP4-2022/calcium
- (e) Log  $\tau_A$  between mGlu<sub>7</sub>/glutamate/calcium versus mGlu<sub>7</sub>/LSP4-2022/calcium
- (f) Log  $\tau_A$  between mGlu<sub>7</sub>/glutamate, GIRK assay versus mGlu<sub>7</sub>/L-AP4 and mGlu<sub>7</sub>/LSP4-2022, GIRK assay
- (g) Log  $\tau_A$  between mGlu<sub>8</sub>/glutamate, GIRK assay versus mGlu<sub>4</sub>/glutamate and mGlu<sub>7</sub>/glutamate, GIRK assay
- (h) Log  $\tau_A$  between mGlu<sub>4</sub>/glutamate, calcium assay versus mGlu<sub>4</sub>/glutamate, GIRK assay
- (i) Log  $\tau_A$  between mGlu<sub>4</sub>/L-AP4, calcium assay versus mGlu<sub>4</sub>/L-AP4, GIRK assay
- (j) pK<sub>A</sub> between mGlu<sub>4</sub>/glutamate, calcium assay versus mGlu<sub>4</sub>/glutamate, GIRK assay
- (k) pK<sub>A</sub> between mGlu<sub>8</sub>/glutamate, calcium assay versus mGlu<sub>8</sub>/glutamate, GIRK assay
- (l) pK<sub>A</sub> between mGlu<sub>8</sub>/L-AP4 calcium assay versus mGlu<sub>8</sub>/L-AP4, GIRK assay

## Supplemental Figures

**Supplemental Figure 1. Selectivity profiling of VU0155094 reveals that VU0155094 is a pan group III mGlu PAM.** Glutamate was used as the agonist for all receptors except mGlu<sub>7</sub> where L-AP4 was used; *N*=1 experiment performed in duplicate. FS=fold shift of the agonist-concentration-response curve. Ago-PAM=agonist+PAM activity observed.

**Supplemental Figure 2. Selectivity profiling of VU0422288 reveals that VU0422288 is a pan group III mGlu PAM.** Glutamate was used as the agonist for all receptors except mGlu<sub>7</sub> where L-AP4 was used; *N*=1 experiment performed in duplicate. FS=fold shift of the agonist-concentration-response curve. Ago-PAM=agonist+PAM activity observed.

**Supplemental Figure 3. Agonist concentration-response curves for mGlu<sub>4</sub>, mGlu<sub>7</sub>, and mGlu<sub>8</sub> compared across assays.** (A-C) Increasing concentrations of each agonist were applied to cells expressing mGlu<sub>4</sub> and G<sub>q15</sub>, mGlu<sub>7</sub> and G<sub>α15</sub>, and mGlu<sub>8</sub> and G<sub>α15</sub> and calcium responses were measured. (D-F) Increasing concentrations of each agonist were applied to cells expressing mGlu<sub>4</sub> and GIRK1/2 subunits, mGlu<sub>7</sub> and GIRK1/2, and mGlu<sub>8</sub> and GIRK 1/2 and thallium flux responses were measured. Data represent three-four independent experiments performed in quadruplicate.

**Supplemental Figure 4. VU0155094 exhibits efficacy as a PAM for mGlu<sub>4</sub>, mGlu<sub>7</sub>, and mGlu<sub>8</sub> as assessed by calcium mobilization.** Increasing concentrations of VU0155094 were applied prior to a full agonist concentration-response curve and the shift of the agonist response was measured in the calcium mobilization assay. These data were used to calculate results found in Table 5 and Supplemental Tables 1 and 2. Data are representative of three individual experiments performed in duplicate.

**Supplemental Figure 5. VU0422288 exhibits efficacy as a PAM for mGlu<sub>4</sub>, mGlu<sub>7</sub>, and mGlu<sub>8</sub> as assessed by calcium mobilization.** Increasing concentrations of VU0422288 were applied prior to a full agonist concentration-response curve and the shift of the agonist response was measured in the calcium mobilization assay. These data were used to calculate results found in Table 6 and Supplemental Tables 1 and 2. Data are representative of three individual experiments performed in duplicate.

**Supplemental Figure 6. VU0422288 exhibits efficacy as a PAM for mGlu<sub>4</sub>, mGlu<sub>7</sub>, and mGlu<sub>8</sub> as assessed by thallium flux through GIRK channels.** Increasing concentrations of VU0422288 were applied prior to a full agonist concentration-response curve and the shift of the agonist response was measured in the thallium flux. These data were used to calculate results found in Table 6. Data are representative of three individual experiments performed in duplicate.

**Supplemental Figure 7. Orthosteric agonists show distinctions in interactions with mGlu<sub>4</sub>, mGlu<sub>7</sub>, and mGlu<sub>8</sub> that are assay dependent.** A. Efficacy/affinity values ( $\text{Log } \tau_A/K_A$ ) were calculated for glutamate, L-AP4, and LSP4-2022 at mGlu<sub>4</sub>, mGlu<sub>7</sub>, and mGlu<sub>8</sub> and plotted for the GIRK and calcium pathways. There was a strong correlation noted between assays across all three receptors (linear regression fit,  $r^2=0.88$ ). B, C, D. Bias plots for mGlu<sub>4</sub>, mGlu<sub>7</sub> and mGlu<sub>8</sub> reveal that distinct agonists show bias for different receptors. Curves were generated by performing a nonlinear regression across a 150 point range to compare responses between two pathways at equivalent agonist concentrations. Bias factors ( $\Delta\Delta\text{Log } \tau/K_A$ ) were calculated using glutamate as the reference agonist and calcium as the reference pathway. These plots correspond to bias factors for L-AP4 at mGlu<sub>4</sub>, mGlu<sub>7</sub> and mGlu<sub>8</sub> of  $0.54\pm 0.09$ ,  $-0.60\pm 0.23$ ,  $0.65\pm 0.19$  (Mean $\pm$ S.E.M), respectively. For LSP4-2022 bias factors were  $0.91\pm 0.08$ ,  $-0.62\pm 0.23$ ,  $1.02\pm 0.12$  (Mean $\pm$ S.E.M), respectively at mGlu<sub>4</sub>, mGlu<sub>7</sub> and mGlu<sub>8</sub>.

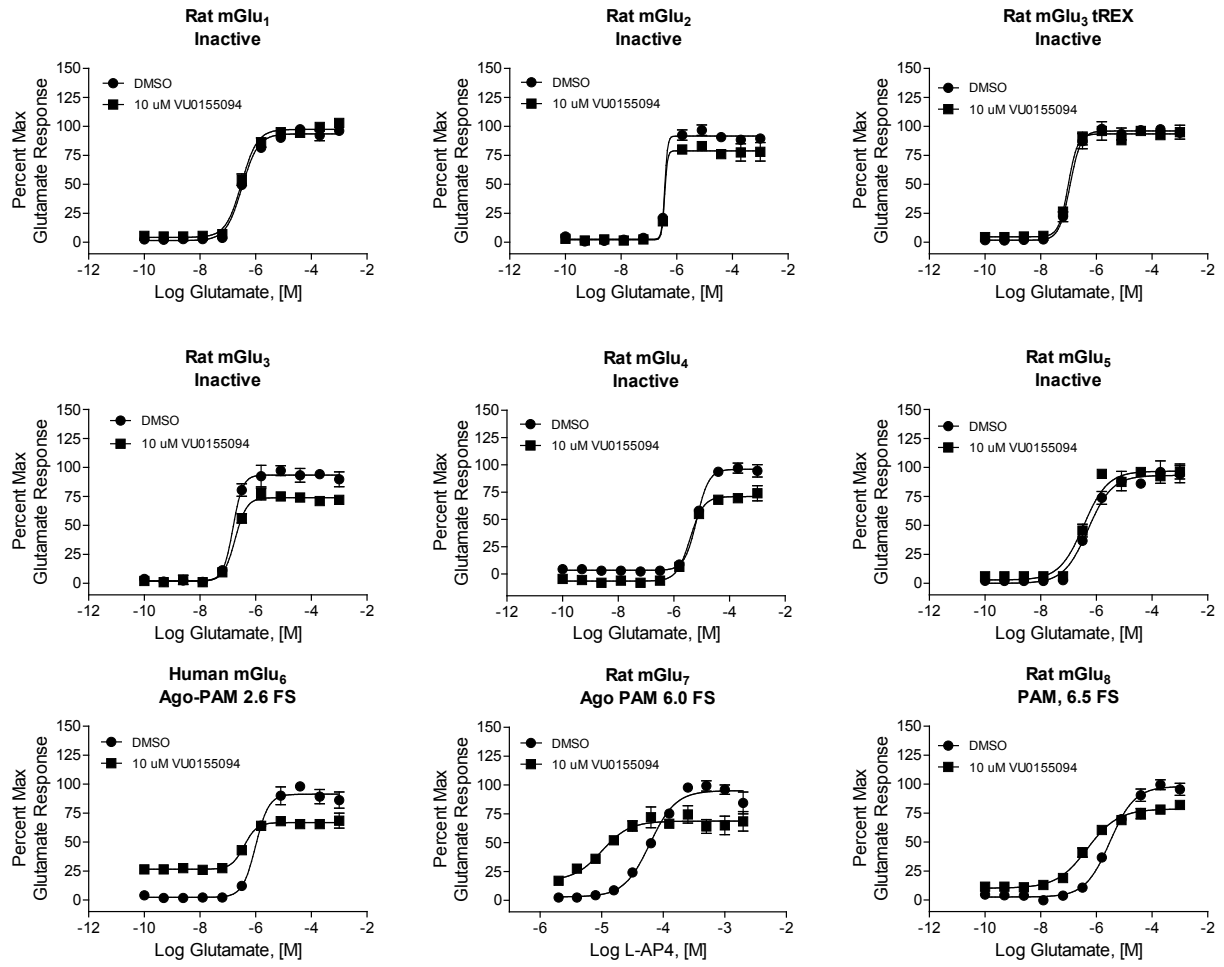


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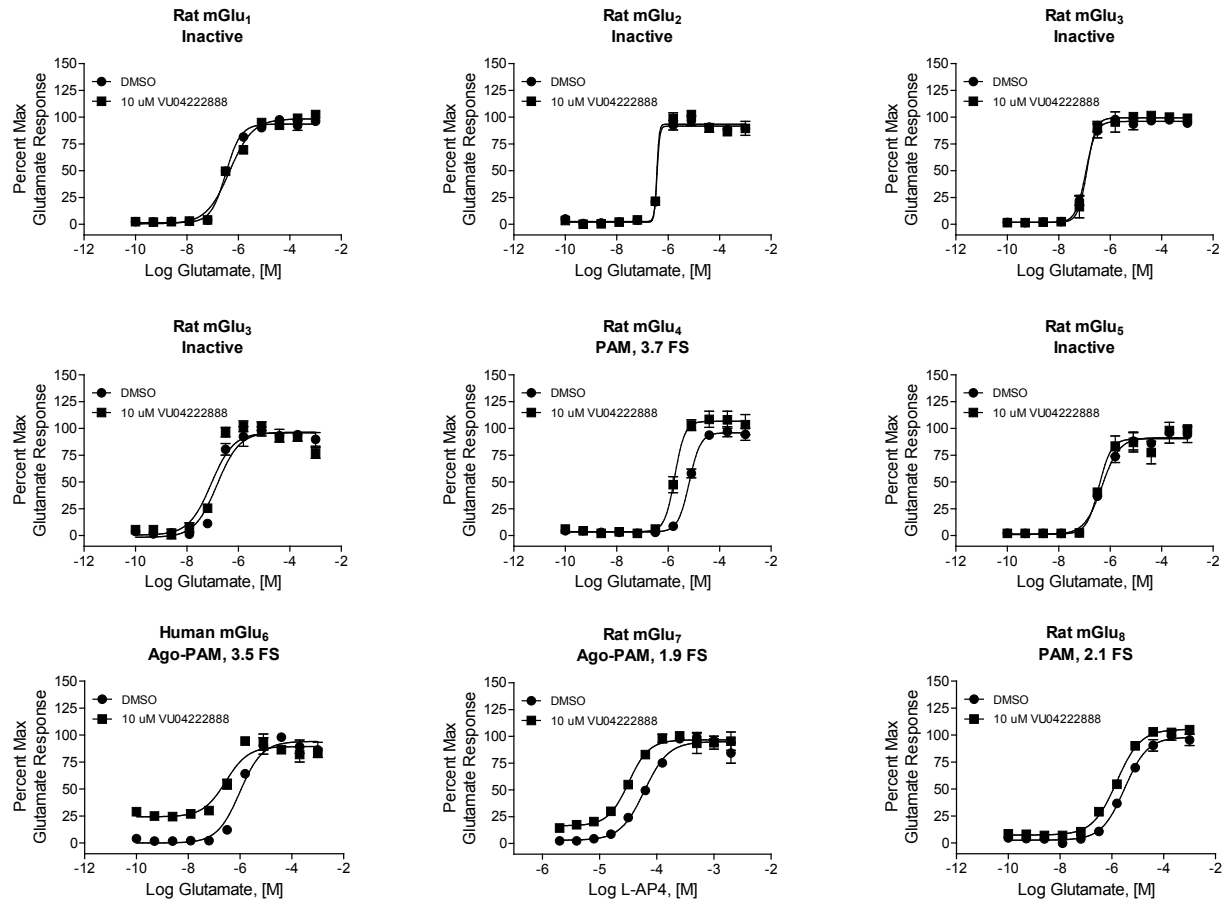
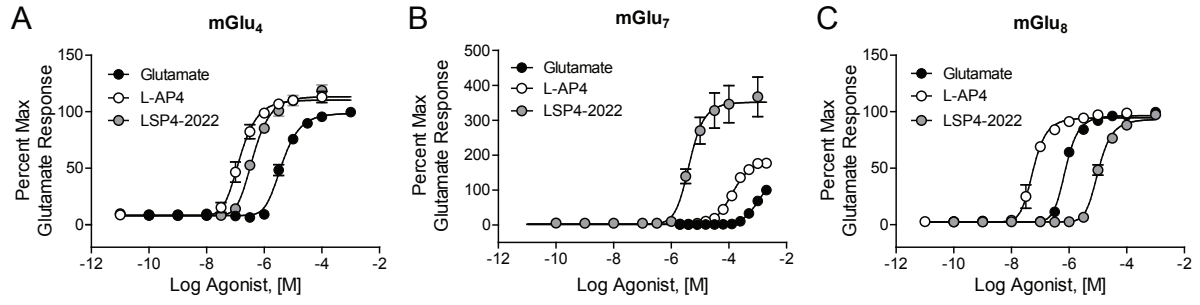


Figure S2.

# Calcium



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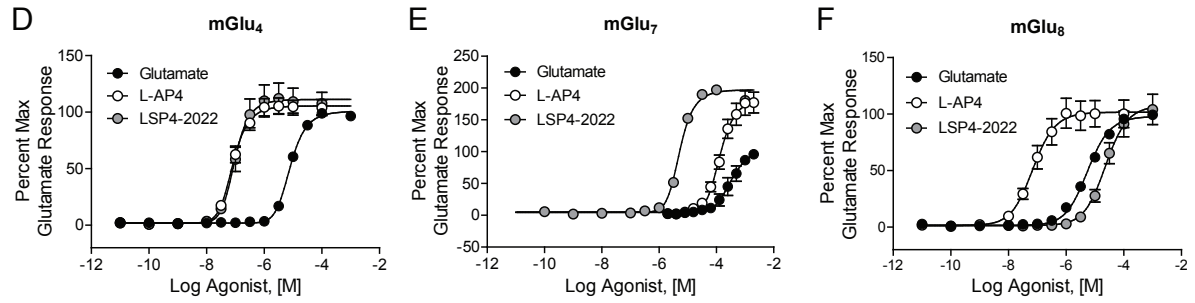


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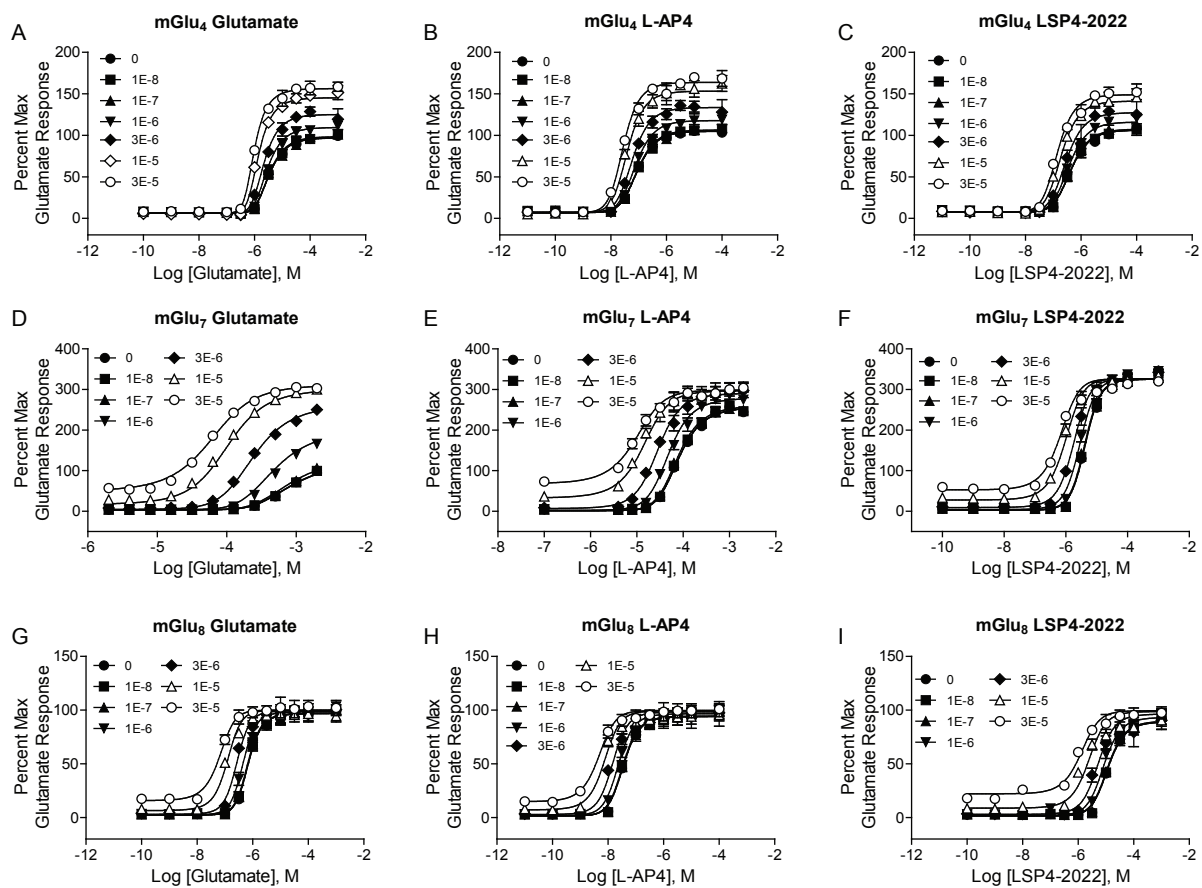


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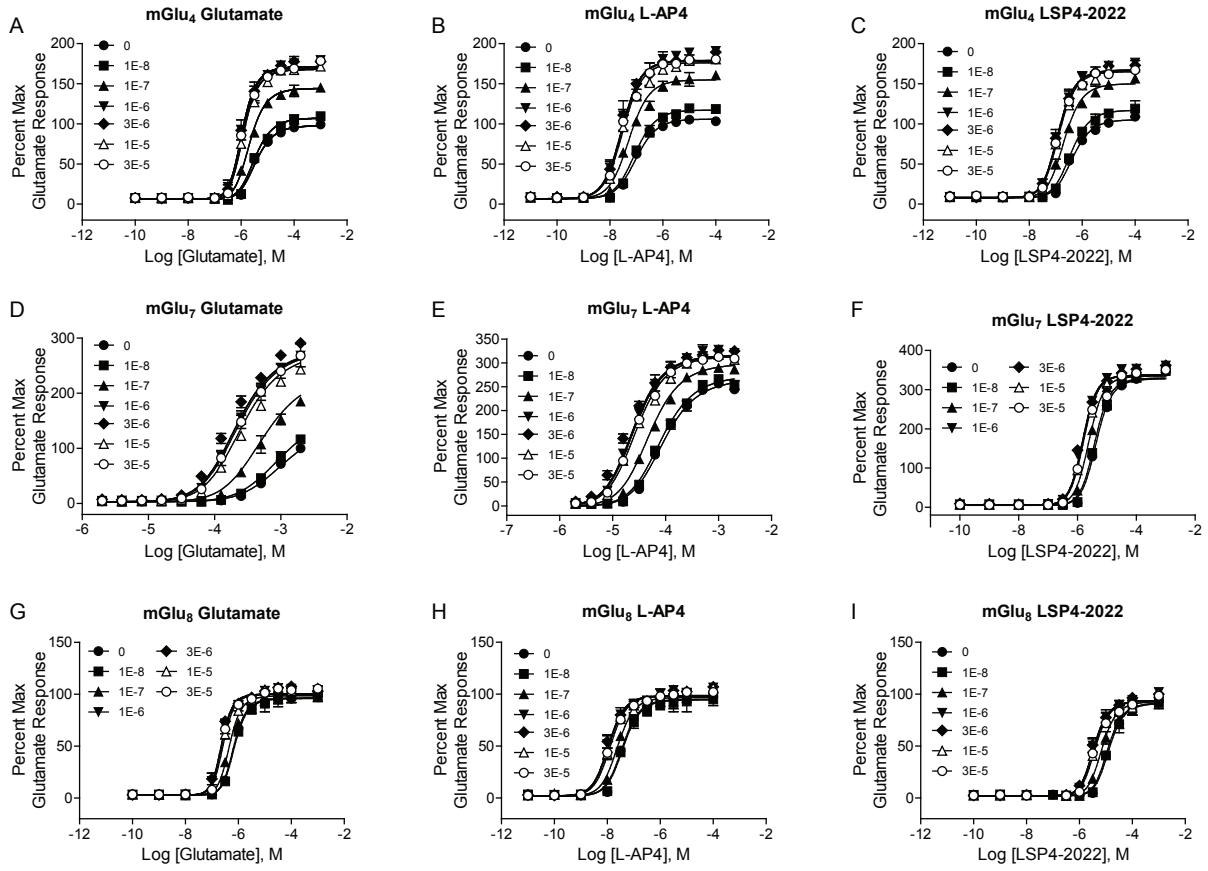


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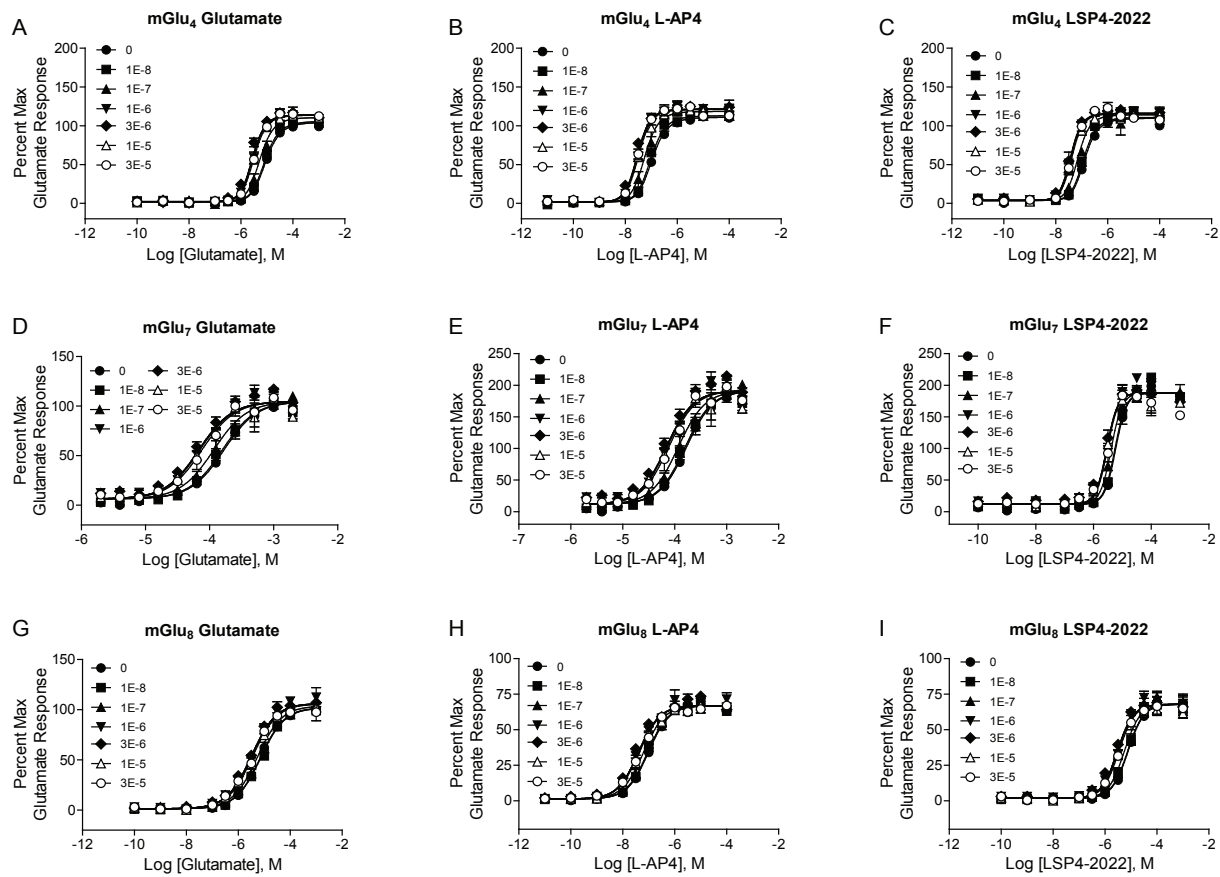


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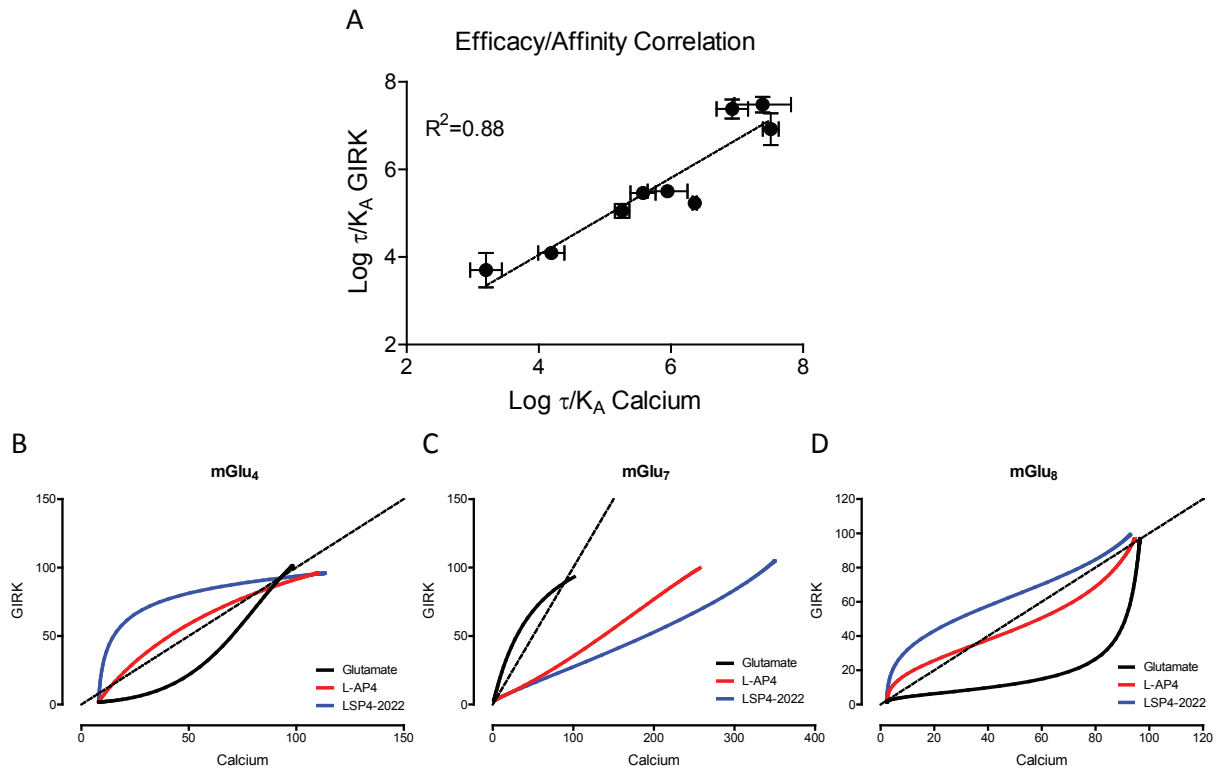


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