Supporting Information

Yeast-based High-Throughput Screen Identifies *Plasmodium falciparum* **Equilibrative Nucleoside Transporter 1 Inhibitors That Kill Malaria Parasites**

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Figure S1. Nucleotide sequence of the *S. cerevisiae* **codon optimized PfENT1-HA-CO construct.** (underlined portion denotes HA tag sequence)

Figure S2. Integration of PfENT1-HA-CO into *S. cerevisiae* **genome.** (A) Schematic of integration strategy. The pYMN11c/PfENT1-HA-CO plasmid was used as a template for PCR using primers (Fui1-F, Fui1-R) that added DNA that was homologous to the FUI1 locus. (NAT $=$ nourseothricin acetyl transferase [confers resistance to nourseothricin]; CYCp and CYCt are the promoter and terminator for the *S. cerevisiae* CYC1 gene that are used to drive expression of PfENT1). The PCR product was transformed into the *fui1*Δ::kanMX4 strain of *S. cerevisiae* and clones were selected on nourseothricin-agar plates; positive clones would have undergone homologous recombination at the FUI1 site, replacing the kanMX4 cassette with the NAT/PfENT1-HA-CO cassette. Genomic DNA was isolated and PCR was performed to confirm cassette replacement using primers P1 and P2. (B) Agarose gel showing PCR products from gDNA amplification of *fui1*Δ::kanMX4 (Lane 1) and *fui1*Δ::PfENT1-HA-CO (Lane 2) using primers P1 and P2. The expected product lengths are 2,183 bp and 3,843 bp, respectively. (kbp, kilobase pairs)

Figure S3. HTS Robustness Characterization.

High Throughput Screen Plate Uniformity: (A,B) Three separate 384 well plates had every third column containing conditions that would give rise to a low signal, medium signal, and a high signal. All conditions had 125 µM 5-FUrd in each well. The low signal had 0 inosine, the medium signal had 3 mM inosine, and the high signal had 12.2 mM inosine. Plates were grown for 22 h with GFP and OD_{620} readings obtained every hour. The average maximum, medium, and minimum signal after 19 h of growth are shown in panel (A) for Relative Fluorescence Units (RFU), panel (B) for OD. (C) Numerical data for plates shown in panels A and B. Robustness statistics were calculated and the Z'-factor (panel D) and signal window (panel E) increased over time for OD_{620} and peaked at 19 h for GFP. The dashed lines indicate the minimum values suggested by Iversen et al., (2004) in the chapter entitled HTS Assay Validation in Assay Guidance Manual.*[1](#page-100-0)*

Figure S4. Characterization of growth and transport by PfENT1-CO-expressing purine auxotrophic *ade2***Δ yeast.** (A) Purine concentration dependence for the growth of PfENT1-COexpressing *ade2*Δ yeast and empty plasmid transformed *ade2*Δ yeast. Y-axis scale is OD₆₀₀. (B) [3 H]adenosine uptake as a function of incubation time into PfENT1-CO-expressing *ade2*Δ yeast and empty plasmid transformed *ade2*Δ yeast.

Figure S5. Correlation of growth IC₅₀ values for the nine compounds examined in the **primary 5-FUrd assay and the orthogonal adenosine growth inhibition assay.** Points correspond to the compound IC_{50} determined using the primary assay (growth of PfENT1-HA-CO-expressing *fui1*Δ yeast in the presence of 125 μM 5-FUrd) relative to the compound IC₅₀ for the secondary adenosine growth assay (inhibition of PfENT1-CO-expressing *ade2*Δ yeast growth in media containing 1 mM adenosine). Data are from Table 1. Compounds are identified by their Rank Number in SI Table S3. Dashed line delineates line of identity. Linear regression fit R^2 = 0.71 (GraphPad Prism 6.0).

Figure S6. Compound 3 does not inhibit radiolabeled substrate uptake into PfENT4 expressing *Xenopus* **oocytes.** PfENT4-expressing oocytes were incubated with 1.5 μM [14C]2 deoxyadenosine for 60 min in the presence of 50 μM compound **3**. Radiolabel uptake was quantified by liquid scintillation counting of individual oocytes. Experiment condition had 5 oocytes each, technical triplicates (15 oocytes per data point per experiment) and was repeated. The data are mean and SEM of 30 oocyte determinations.

Figure S7. Comparison of the concentration dependent inhibition of growth of chloroquine sensitive, 3D7 (filled circles, solid lines), and chloroquine resistant, Dd2 (open circles, dashed lines), parasites by four compounds. Parasites were grown for 72 h in the presence of the indicated concentration of compound in 96 well plates. DNA content was quantified by SYBR Green I method. Note that the IC₅₀ values for the three PfENT1 inhibitors, 5, **13**, and **AKR–122** are not significantly different between the two parasite strains. In contrast, as expected, the IC_{50} values are 10-fold different for chloroquine (CQ). Culture media contained 367 μ M hypoxanthine. Average IC₅₀ values for 3 biological replicates are in Table 1 and Table S4.

Figure S8. Generation of PfENT1 knockout parasites. (A) Cartoon illustrating *pfent1* knockout strategy.^{[2,](#page-100-1) [3](#page-100-2)} Hsp86, 5' untranslated region of the heat-shock protein 86 gene; Hrp2 3', 3' untranslated region of the Histidine-rich protein 2 gene; PbDT 3', 3' untranslated region of the *P. berghei* dhfr-thymidylate synthase gene; CAM 5', 5' untranslated region of the calmodulin gene; hDHFR, human dihydrofolate reductase coding sequence; CDUP, cytidine deaminase uracil phosphotransferase fusion gene; 5-FC, 5-fluorocytosine; *pfent1* 5', 5' end of *pfent1* coding sequence; *pfent1* 3', 3' end of *pfent1* coding sequence (B) Agarose gel of PCR products to verify the knockout of *pfent1*. Product 1 results from PCR amplification using primers p3 and p4. PCR product 2 results from amplification using primers p5 and p6 (primer sequences in Methods, location shown in panel A).

 R^1 = H, CH₃, Et, Pr, Bn R² = H, CH3, CF3, Et, Pr, *n*Bu, Ph, aryl R³ = H, CH3, Et, Pr, *n*Bu, *i*Bu, OCH3 R⁴ = H, CH3, Et, Pr, *n*Bu, *i*Bu, OR12, Cl, NHR13 $R^5 = H$, CH₃, OR⁷ R^6 = H, CH₃, I, CH₂N(R⁸)₂ R^7 = H, C(O)CH₂ R^9 , C(O)R¹⁰, CH₂R¹¹ R^8 = alkyl R^9 = alkyl, alkoxy R^{10} = aryl R^{11} = alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkoxyalkyl chains, amide R^{12} = C(O) R^{15} $R^{13} = C(O)R^{14}$ R^{14} = aryl R^{15} = alkyl, aryl H₂C \uparrow \uparrow CH₂ $n = 1 - 2$

Figure S10. General structure of the coumarins found in our library. The various coumarin derivatives found in the 64,560 compounds that were screened are illustrated above. The structural diversity of these compounds probed the chemical space in the vicinity of the coumarin binding site. It provides a basis for future SAR studies.

Table S1. Small molecule screening data

Table S2. High throughput screen hits.

Note. The names of the compounds from the MicroSource Spectrum Collection are CAPITALIZED and the corresponding Compound number refers to the number in that collection. All other compounds are from the ChemBridge library.

Structure	Compound Name ChemBridge # or Identification #	EC_{50} 5-FUrd growth rescue of fui1∆::PfEN T1HA-CO (Mu)	IC_{50} ade2 Δ + PfENT1- co adenosine growth inhibition (Mu)	IC_{50} ade2 Δ + PfENT1- $CO[^3H]$ - adenosin e uptake inhibition (nM)	$IC_{50}[^{3}H]$ - adenosine uptake into parasites (nM)	IC_{50} 3D7 (CQS) Parasite viability – Iow purine (μM)	IC_{50} 3D7 (CQS) Parasite viability – high purine (μM)	IC_{50} Dd ₂ (CQR) Parasite viability – high purine (μM)
	4-methyl-7-[(3,4,5- trimethoxybenzyl)oxy] -2H-chromen-2-one 6946484	2.3 ± 0.9	0.6 ± 0.1	2.4 ± 1.5	6.4 ± 3.0	19.2 \pm 4.3	41.0 \pm 4.3	$36.2 \pm$ 6.0
	8-methoxy-3-[(3,4,5- trimethoxybenzyl)oxy] $-6H-$ benzo[c]chromen-6- one 6943060	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
	4-butyl-7-[(3,4,5- trimethoxybenzyl)oxy] -2H-chromen-2-one 6945908	209 ± 154	1.3 ± 0.8	$38.3 \pm$ 39.7	46.1 ± 4.2	$45.4 \pm$ 2.3	49.4 \pm 2.2	

Table S3. Structure-activity characterization of 4-methyl-7-[(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)oxy]-2H-chromen-2-one derivatives.

All values are mean XC_{50} ± SD, n ≥ 3 biological replicates

 XC_{50} indicates both EC_{50} and/or IC_{50}

NE = compound has no effect

Empty cells, not tested

CQS, chloroquine sensitive strain

CQR, chloroquine resistance strain

*Compound solubility limited our ability to perform complete concentration-response curves for these compounds. Available data was fit by fixing the minimum or maximum to zero or 100%. For these compounds, IC_{50} and EC_{50} values thus represent approximations of the actual values.

Chemical Synthesis and Characterization Of Compounds Used In This Study

All of the compounds were prepared according to the procedure reported by Lévai and Jekö *⁴* [.](#page-100-0)

Melting points were determined on a Mel-Temp II Laboratory Devices apparatus and are reported uncorrected. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on an Agilent 400-MR 400-MHz NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million using the residual proton or carbon signal ((CD₃)₂CO: δ_H 2.05, δ_c 29.84) as an internal reference. The apparent multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, $m =$ multiplet) and coupling constants (in Hz) are reported in that order in the parentheses after the chemical shift. Liquid chromatography and mass spectrometry were performed on a Shimadzu LCMS-2010 liquid chromatograph-mass spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectrometry was done by Dr. Yasuhiro Itagaki at Columbia University. Elemental analyses were performed by Atlantic Microlab, Inc. (Norcross, GA).

mp: 101.5--103.0 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, (CD3)2CO): δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (s, 2H), 6.13 (q, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H) 5.18 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 6H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.44 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H); 13C NMR (101 MHz, (CD3)2CO): δ 162.8, 160.8, 156.2, 154.6, 153.7, 139.1, 132.9, 127.1, 114.5, 113.4, 112.5, 106.2, 102.5, 71.3, 60.5, 56.5, 18.5; LC-MS (M⁺-H): 355.

mp: 113.0-115.0 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, (CD3)2CO): δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.01-6.95 (m, *4*H), 6.12 (q, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H) 5.18 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.43 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H); 13C NMR (101 MHz, (CD3)2CO): δ 162.9, 160.9, 160.7, 153.7, 130.4, 129.4, 127.0, 114.8, 114.4, 113.5, 112.4, 102.5, 70.9, 55.6, 18.5; LC-MS (M+ -H): 295; analysis (calcd., found for C18H16O4): C (72.96, 72.68), H (5.44, 5.57).

*1H NMR (400 MHz, (CD3)2CO): δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz 2H), 7.45 (dt, *J* = 8.4 Hz, *J* $= 2.4$ Hz, 2H),7.02 (dd, $J = 8.8$ Hz, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, $J = 2.4$ Hz, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H) 5.28 (s, 2H), 2.44 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 3H); 13C NMR (101 MHz, (CD3)2CO): δ 162.5, 160.8, 153.7, 136.6, 134.3, 130.3, 129.5, 127.1, 114.7, 113.4, 112.6, 102.6, 70.2, 18.5.

mp: 118.0-118.5 °C (lit.ref 129-130 °C){Jain, 1986 #65}; 1H NMR (400 MHz, (CD3)2CO): δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (tt, *J* = 7.2 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (tt, *J* = 7.2 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (q, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H) 5.27 (s, 2H), 2.44 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 3H); 13C NMR (101 MHz, (CD3)2CO): δ 162.7, 160.8, 156.2, 153.7, 137.6, 129.4, 128.9, 128.6, 127.1, 114.5, 113.4, 112.5, 102.5, 71.0, 18.5; LC-MS (M⁺-H): 265; analysis (calcd., found for C17H14O3): C (76.68, 76.51), H (5.30, 5.30).

*1H NMR (400 MHz, (CD3)2CO): δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.00 (dd, $J = 8.8$ Hz, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.12 (dd, $J = 2.4$ Hz, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.21 (s, 2H), 2.43 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H); 13C NMR (101 MHz, (CD3)2CO): δ 162.8, 160.8, 156.3, 153.7, 134.5, 130.0, 128.7, 127.1, 114.5, 113.5, 112.5, 102.5, 71.0, 21.2, 18.5.

 $*1H$ NMR (400 MHz, (CD3)2CO): δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 9.2 Hz, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, *J* $= 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.02 (dd, $J = 8.8$ Hz, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 6.97 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H) 6.13 (s, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 2.44 (d, $J = 2.4$ = 1.2 Hz, 3H); 13C NMR (101 MHz, (CD3)2CO): δ 163.4 (¹J_{C-F} = 244.9 Hz), 162.6, 160.8, 156.2, 153.7,

133.7 (4 J_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz), 130.8 (3 J_{C-F} = 8.5 Hz), 127.1, 116.1 (2 J_{C-F} = 21.3 Hz), 114.6, 113.4, 112.6, 102.5, 70.3, 18.5.

mp: 175.0-175.5 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, (CD3)2CO): δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 6.95 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 2H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 2.44 (s, 3H); 13C NMR (101 MHz, (CD3)2CO): δ 162.7, 162.2, 156.2, 153.7, 139.9, 127.1, 114.6, 113.5, 112.5, 106.3, 102.6, 100.4, 70.9, 55.7, 18.5; FAB + HRMS (*m*/*z*): [M]+ calcd. for C19H19O5: 327.1227, Found: 327.1237.

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Supporting Information - ONLINE METHODS.

Yeast and bacteria strains*.* The starting yeast strain in this work was "*fui1*Δ" in the BY4741 background (genotype *MAT*a, *his3*Δ1, *leu2*Δ0, *met15*Δ0, *ura3*Δ0, *fui1*Δ::kanMX4) from the knock-out collection[.](#page-100-0) *⁵* Purine auxotrophic yeast used in the orthogonal assay and for the yeast [3 H]adenosine uptake experiments were constructed in the *fui1*Δ background by disrupting the *ADE2* gene using the hphNT1 marker from the pFA6a-hphNT1 plasmid (*ade2*Δ::hphNT1), which confers resistance to hygromycin B. *[6](#page-100-1)* DH5α competent *E. coli* (Life Technologies) were used for plasmid propagation.

Plasmid construction and PfENT1 expression in yeast. Two plasmids were constructed to express PfENT1: pCM189m and pYMN11c. To generate the empty pCM189m plasmid, we removed the *Eco*RI restriction site upstream of the tetracycline transactivator module in the pCM189 shuttle vector by site-directed mutagenesis. *[7](#page-100-2)* The *P. falciparum* native sequence *ENT1* gene (PlasmoDB ID: PF3D7_1347200) tagged with a C-terminal hemagglutinin epitope was subcloned from the pXOON plasmid. *[8](#page-100-3)* For the subcloning, the pCM189m and pXOON/PfENT1- HA vectors were cut with *Bam*HI-HF and *Not*I-HF (all restriction enzymes were from New England Biolabs, NEB). The digests were run on a 1% agarose gel and fragments recovered using Qiaquick Gel Extraction kit (Qiagen). The PfENT1-HA insert was ligated with pCM189m using T4 DNA ligase (NEB). Plasmids were confirmed by sequencing (Genewiz). To generate a construct to integrate the PfENT1 gene plus the CYC1 promoter and CYC1 terminator into the *S. cerevisiae* genome by double homologous recombination we created a pYMN11c/PfENT1- HA plasmid. The plasmid was created by ligating three fragments with cohesive ends that would result in the proper orientation of all fragments. The pYMN11 plasmid *[6](#page-100-1)* was cut with *Not*I-HF and *Bsp*QI; the pXOON/PfENT1-HA construct was cut with *Spe*I and *Not*I-HF; and the pCM189m construct was cut with *Bsp*QI and *Not*I-HF to obtain the CYC1 terminator. The

integrating PCR fragment was generated by performing 3 consecutive nested PCR reactions using *Pfu* Ultra II polymerase (Agilent Technologies). This added approximately 60 nucleotides homologous to regions flanking the 5' and 3' ends of the *FUI1* locus.

We purchased a synthetic yeast codon-optimized PfENT1-HA-CO (designated by "CO") gene in the pJ201 vector from DNA 2.0. The gene was flanked by *Spe*I and *Bam*HI sites on the 5'-end and *Eco*RI on the 3'-end. It was subcloned into the pCM189m and pYMN11c using the strategies described above. For the PfENT1-CO construct that lacked the HA epitope tag, the HA-tag was removed from the pJ201 vector by site directed mutagenesis before it was subcloned into the yeast expression vectors. The final plasmid used in this work was the yeast LEU2-selectable, mitochondrion-localized GFP vector (mtGFP) from Westermann and Neupert[.](#page-100-4) *9* Yeast were transformed with 0.5–1.0 µg plasmid or PCR DNA using standard lithiumacetate/DMSO (8% v/v) method. *[10](#page-100-5)*

Yeast culture media used. Three different yeast media were used in this work. The first, standard YPD, was used to propagate *fui1*Δ yeast. It consisted of 1% (w/v) yeast extract, 2% (w/v) peptone, and 2% (w/v) dextrose, all purchased from Fisher Scientific. The second, synthetic defined media (SDM) was used to grow the *ade2*Δ yeast. It contained 2% (w/v) dextrose, 0.5% (w/v) ammonium sulfate, 0.17% (w/v) yeast nitrogen base (US Biologicals, #Y2030), 0.02% (w/v) nutritional dropout mix (US Biologicals, #D9542; lacking uracil, adenine, histidine, and tryptophan), 40 mg L⁻¹ tryptophan, and 40 mg L⁻¹ histidine. Adenine (40 mg L⁻¹) or adenosine (267 mg L^{-1}) as the purine source were added as described in the text. The third, low fluorescence media (LFM), was used to grow the *fui1*Δ::PfENT1-HA-CO + mtGFP yeast. LFM was a modified version of low-fluorescence yeast nitrogen base described previously.*[11](#page-100-6)* It contained 5 g L⁻¹ (NH₄)₂SO₄, 0.5 g L⁻¹ KH₂PO₄, 0.5 g L⁻¹ MgSO₄, 0.1 g L⁻¹ NaCl, 0.1 g L⁻¹ CaCl₂, 0.5 mg L⁻¹ H₃BO₄, 0.04 mg L⁻¹ CuSO₄, 0.1 mg L⁻¹ KI, 0.2 mg L⁻¹ FeCl₃, 0.4 mg L⁻¹ MnSO₄, 0.2 mg L⁻¹ Na₂MoO₄, 0.4 mg L⁻¹ ZnSO₄, 2 µg L⁻¹ biotin, 0.4 mg L⁻¹ calcium

pantothenate, 2 mg L⁻¹ inositol, 0.4 mg L⁻¹ niacin, 0.2 mg L⁻¹ PABA, 0.4 mg L⁻¹ pyridoxine HCl, 0.4 mg L^{-1} thiamine, 2% (w/v) glucose, 0.2% (w/v) nutritional dropout mix (US Biologicals, $\#D9544-20$; lacking adenine, histidine, leucine, methionine, tryptophan, uracil), 40 mg L⁻¹ tryptophan, 40 mg L^{-1} histidine, 40 mg L^{-1} adenine, 40 mg L^{-1} uracil. LFM also contained HEPES (1.13 g L⁻¹) and HEPES-Na (1.30 g L⁻¹) to increase the pH to 6.5 to bring the HTS assay conditions closer to physiological pH conditions. pH >6.5 resulted in extensive salt precipitation and therefore was not used. All reagents were purchased from Sigma Aldrich except where noted.

Western blot. Approximately 8×10^8 cells in mid-log phase growth were harvested by centrifugation at 4,000 x *g* for 2 min at room temperature (RT). Pellets were resuspended in 1 ml of 25 mM Tris/ 1 mM EDTA buffer (pH 7.5) with HALT™ Protease inhibitor diluted to 1x (Thermo Fisher). Cells were disrupted with 0.3 g of 0.5 mm glass beads for 3 min. Insoluble material was cleared by centrifugation at 2,000 x *g* for 2 min at 4 °C. The clear supernatants were transferred to a fresh tube and spun at 150,000 x *g* for 30 min 4 °C to pellet membranes. The pellets were dissolved in 30 µl denaturing sample buffer (62.5 mM Tris-Cl, pH 6.8, 10% glycerol [v/v], 2% SDS [w/v], 100 mM DTT, 0.005% bromophenol blue [w/v]), run on SDS-PAGE (10% acrylamide gel; Bio Rad, 456–1033) and blotted onto a PVDF membrane. Blots were blocked with 5% nonfat milk and probed with a 1:1000 dilution of mouse monoclonal anti-HA antibody (ascites fluid, Covance). The secondary antibody was a 1:1000 dilution of HRPconjugated rabbit anti-mouse IgG antibody (Pierce). Blots were visualized by chemiluminescence using the Dura West Extended substrate (Pierce/ThermoFisher) and FluorChem FC3 Imaging System (Protein Simple).

Purine-auxotrophic yeast growth assay development. PfENT1-expressing *ade2*Δ yeast were grown overnight in SDM + adenosine shaking at 225 rpm, 30 °C to saturation. The

following day, saturated cultures were diluted to a final $OD_{600} = 0.02$ (96-well microplate, 96MP; BioRad Benchmark Plus) and were allowed to grow for two additional cycles in SDM + adenosine media. Cells were spun at 3,500 x *g* for 1 min, RT and the pellet was washed three times with 10 mL of SDM media lacking both adenine and adenosine. The final yeast pellet was resuspended in 2x SDM to a final $OD_{600} = 0.08$. 96-well microplates (TC-treated, clear flatbottom, polystyrene; Corning Costar; #3596) were used for the growth assays. Wells were preloaded with 100 μL of serially-diluted purine- (adenine or adenosine; 2-fold serial dilution in sterile water). The maximum adenosine concentration was 9 mM; maximum adenine concentration was 500 μM. 100 μL of cells (in 2x SDM media) was added to the plates and resuspended three times; the starting $OD₆₀₀$ (96MP) was 0.04. The plates were incubated at 30 °C for 15–17 h. OD₆₀₀ was measured and values were plotted in Prism 6.02 (GraphPad). Biological replicates (n=3) were done on different days.

Yeast cell density determinations. Yeast cell density was determined spectrophotometrically using either a standard 1-cm cuvette spectrophotometer ($OD₆₀₀ = 0.1$ correlated to ~2 x 10⁶ cells mL⁻¹) or a 96-well microtiter plate spectrophotometer (OD₆₀₀ or OD₆₂₀ = 0.018 correlated to \sim 2 x 10⁶ cells mL⁻¹). GFP fluorescence intensity measurements were determined by reading from the bottom of a plate using either a Molecular Probes™ SpectraMax M5 multimode reader (excitation = 475 nm, emission = 516 nm, cutoff filter = 515 nm) or a PerkinElmer™ Envision 2010 reader (FITC filter sets). 96-well plates were clear, flat-bottom (Corning, #3596). 384-well plates were tissue-culture treated black-walled, clear bottom plates (Corning, #3712).

High throughput screen. Each 384-well plate (black, clear/flat-bottom, tissue-culture treated polystyrene surface, Corning #3712) had 32 positive control wells, 32 negative control wells, and 320 test wells. For detailed media composition see Online Methods. The positive control wells contained low fluorescence media (LFM) with > 10 mM inosine (LFM+I). LFM+I was

prepared by adding 2x LFM to an equal volume of > 50 mM inosine in a 100 mM citrate buffer, pH 3, DMSO and 5-FUrd were added to final concentrations of 2% (v/v) and 250 μM, respectively. Negative control well media (LFM-neg) contained 1x LFM + 2% DMSO (v/v) + 250 μM 5-FUrd. Thus, after addition of an equal volume of yeast in LFM, as described below, the final concentrations in all wells would be 1% DMSO to control for potential DMSO solvent effects because the test compounds were in DMSO and 125 µM 5-FUrd.

The plates were set up as follows. First, 40 μ L of media was aliquoted into each well, LFM into test wells, LFM+I into positive control wells and LFM-neg into negative control wells. Next 0.8 µL test compound was added from a 1 mM stock in DMSO, or nothing in the control wells. Finally, 40 μL of logarithmically-growing fui1Δ::PfENT1HA-CO yeast diluted to \sim 2 x 10⁶ cells mL⁻¹ in LFM was added to all wells. The final volume of each test well was 80.8 µL (10 µM test compound, 1% DMSO v/v, 125 µM 5-FUrd), and ~80,000 cells (positive control wells contained 12–15 mM inosine after dilution with cells). Plates were incubated at 30 °C in a humidified incubator for 18-20 h before the OD_{620} and GFP-fluorescence intensity was measured. Compounds were considered "hits" if both the OD_{620} and relative fluorescent units (RFU) values obtained for a well were > 4 SD above the mean of the negative control wells (i.e., significantly greater than wells with no growth) (Table S2).

Compound serial dilution for concentration-response assays. Several compounds identified in the primary screen were purchased from ChemBridge. All compounds were dissolved in DMSO at a stock concentration of 25 mM. For concentration-response assays, compounds were serially diluted in DMSO in 96-well polystyrene plates. Controls with no compound had an equal volume of DMSO added. Serial dilutions were either two, three- or fourfold. All compounds were tested in at least three separate biological replicates, except for compounds that were determined to have "no effect;" they were repeated only twice.

Concentration-response primary screen assay: Growth-rescue from 5-FUrd lethality. LFM + 250 μM 5-FUrd (40 μL) was added to each well in a 384 well microtiter plate. 0.8 µL of test compound that had previously been serially diluted in a 96-well plate was aliquoted into the 384-well plate so that each concentration of each compound was prepared in technical quadruplicate. Yeast, fui1Δ::PfENT1-HA-CO, (~80,000 cells in 40 µL LFM) growing in mid-log phase were added and incubated at 30 °C for 19 h. The final DMSO concentration was 1% (v/v). Relative Fluorescence Unit (RFU) values were normalized to be a percent of growth compared to an inosine positive control which gave maximal growth; minimum growth was determined in the absence of compound (DMSO solvent control) and this value is represented as the left-most value on the concentration-response graphs. The normalized data were fitted to a variable slope concentration-response model to determine the concentration that gave half-maximal rescue (EC₅₀) using Prism 6.02 software (GraphPad). Biological replicates (n \geq 3) were done on different days.

Secondary orthogonal compound validation assay: Viability of purine auxotrophic yeast grown with adenosine as the sole purine source. Eighty μl of logarithmically growing PfENT1-expressing *ade2*Δ yeast (~400,000 cells grown in synthetically-defined media + 1 mM adenosine) were added to each well of a 384-well microplate (black, clear/flat-bottom, polystyrene; Corning #3712). 0.8 µL of compound (serially diluted 3- or 4-fold in DMSO) was added to each well and resuspended three times. The final DMSO/compound added was 1% (v/v). The plates were incubated at 30 °C for 15–17 h. Growth was evaluated at OD₆₀₀ and values were normalized to maximum growth (DMSO only) and minimum growth for each compound. The normalized data were fit to a variable slope concentration-response model to determine the concentration that gave half-maximal growth inhibition (IC_{50}) using Prism 6.02 software (GraphPad). Biological replicates (n ≥ 4) were done on different days.

Yeast [³ H]adenosine uptake. Cells were grown to mid-log phase and harvested by centrifugation at 3,500 x *g* for 1 min, RT. Cells were washed three times in modified PBS (150 mM NaCl, 10 mM KH_2PO_4 , 40 mM K_2HPO_4 11 mM glucose, pH 7.2). The yeast pellets were resuspended in modified PBS to a final concentration of 2 x 10⁸ cells mL⁻¹. 96-well microplate wells were preloaded with 100 µL of 100 nM [3 H]adenosine ([2,8- 3 H]adenosine; 35 Ci $\,$ mmol $^{-1}$ Moravek Biochemicals). 100 μ L yeast aliquots were added to the $[^3$ H]adenosine at the appropriate times to generate the time-course to give a final 50 nM [³H]adenosine concentration. At the conclusion of the experiment, cells were harvested onto glass fiber filtermats (Filtermat A, GF/C; Perkin Elmer) using a TomTec 96-well cell harvester system (#96-3-469). Filtermats were dried for 1 h, sealed in plastic bags containing 5 mL of Optiphase Supermix scintillation fluid (Perkin Elmer) and placed into plastic adapters (#1450–104). Counts were measured using a microplate scintillation counter (1450 MicroBeta TriLux, Perkin Elmer). In some early experiments the glass fiber filtermats were cut up and individual wells loaded into individual liquid scintillation vials. The results were very similar to counting filtermats in bags so this practice was abandoned.

To measure the concentration dependence of compound inhibition of $[^3$ H]adenosine uptake, 96-well plates were preloaded with 100 nM $[3H]$ adenosine in modified PBS, 0.5 µL of compound (serially diluted 3- or 4- fold in DMSO as described above) was added to each well and resuspended. 100 µL yeast (2 x 10⁸ cells mL⁻¹) were added to each well to give a final 50 nM [³H]adenosine concentration and incubated at RT for 15 min. At the end of each experiment, cells were harvested and counted as above.

P. falciparum **parasite maintenance***. P. falciparum* 3D7 and Dd2 WT parasites were grown in erythrocytes (RBCs) acquired from healthy human volunteers with consent (Albert Einstein College of Medicine IRB protocol #2013-2227). The parasites were maintained in continuous culture *[12](#page-100-7)* at 4% hematocrit in complete malaria culture medium (MCM): *[13](#page-100-8)* one liter contained:

10.4 g RPMI, 11 mM glucose, 27 mM NaHCO $_3$, 25 mM HEPES, 0.5% Albumax-II (w/v), 20 mg gentamicin, 10 µM hypoxanthine, pH 7.4. *pfent1*Δ parasites were grown in the same medium except supplemented with 75 μ M hypoxanthine. Cultures were gassed with 90% N₂/5% $CO_{2}/5\%$ O_{2} and grown under continuous shaking at 37 °C.^{[14](#page-101-0)}

One week prior to use in viability experiments, the cultures were enriched for trophozoite parasites by magnetic column purification followed by two rounds of sorbitol synchronization. *[15,](#page-101-1) [16](#page-101-2)* Briefly, a MACS Separation Column (Miltenyi Biotec) attached to a magnetic stand was loaded with a 5 mL volume of parasite culture at >10% late-stage parasitemia at 37 °C. The column was washed three times with MCM to remove non-attached, uninfected RBCs and ringstage parasites. The column was removed from the magnetic stand and washed with 5 mL MCM. The gravity-assisted flow-through containing trophozoite and schizont parasites was collected in a 15 mL conical tube. The parasite infected RBCs were pelleted at 600 × *g*, 2.5 min, RT, and added to media containing uninfected RBCs at 4% hematocrit. The following day, ringstage parasites were synchronized by treatment with 5% sorbitol for 15 min to remove any trophozoite/schizont-stage parasites.^{[17](#page-101-3)} The culture was washed with MCM and pelleted, 600 **×** *g*, 2.5 min, RT. The parasites were treated with sorbitol again 4 h later to establish a more tightly synchronized culture. The final culture was allowed to recover for two growth cycles before being used for parasite viability assays.

Generation of *pfent1* **knockout (***pfent1***Δ) parasites.** 5' and 3' homologous regions of *pfent1* of 0.5 and 0.6kb, respectively, were amplified by PCR using primer pairs pENT1-5F/pNT1-5R and pENT1-3F/pENT1-3R. Sequences for these primers were as follows: pENT1-5F: 5'CGCCTAGGCCGCGGAGTACCGGTAAAGAGTCATCTAAAGC pENT1-5R: 5'GCGAATTCCGGGAGATACGAATTGATCAAG pENT1-3F: 5'CTCACTAGTCAATGCCACATTATCTTATATGG pENT1-3R: 5'GAGCCGCGGTTATTGTGTTACATCGATGGGTGG.

5' and 3' target fragments were inserted upstream and downstream of the hDHFR selectable marker cassette in the pCC1 vector *[3](#page-100-9)* after digestion with *Sac*II / *Afl*II and *Avr*II / *Kas*I restriction enzymes, respectively.

Transfection of the resulting pCC1-ENT1 plasmid was performed using ring stage Dd2 parasites, at approximately 5% parasitemia. Cells were electroporated in a Gene Pulser II (BioRad) with 50 µg of plasmid DNA in 0.2 cm cuvettes using low voltage (0.31 kV) and high capacitance (950 µF) as previously described[.](#page-100-10) *²* Parasites were continuously propagated in 2.5 nM WR99210 (Jacobus Pharmaceuticals), with fresh media added every 24 h for the first 6 days, and every 48 h thereafter. Drug-induced parasite clearance was confirmed on day 5-6 post-transfection by Giemsa thin smears and emergence of transformants was assessed from day 14.

After establishment of WR99210-resistant parasites, these were treated for 14 days with 1 µM of 5-fluorocytosine (5-FC) (Sigma) for negative selection, during which WR99210 pressure was maintained. WR/5-FC-resistant parasites were expected to correspond to parasites that possess the hDFR cassette and have lost CDUP.

ent1 disruption was confirmed by PCR amplification using primers p3 (5' GTGCTGTTTACATATATATTAATAGG), p4 (5' GAGGAGATATATACGAAATTTAC), both in the *ent1* locus and p5 (5' CAGACAGTAAAAAAAATCGCTATC) located in hrp2 and p6 (5' CTCTACAAATTTTATCTATTGGTTT) located in CAM coding sequence (Figure S8A and S8B), after extraction of parasite genomic DNA from saponin-lysed trophozoite cultures.

Validation of gene deletion. Trophozoite stage parasites were harvested and lysed in 0.15% saponin/Ringer solution. DNA from RBC-free parasite pellets was extracted using Qiagen DNeasy® Blood and Tissue Kit using manufacturer recommendations. The DNA was PCR amplified using the following primers that flanked the *pfent1* gene site: p3,

*pfent1***Δ parasite drug inhibition studies.** (also applies for the related 3D7 and Dd2 expts) *pfent1*Δ parasites were maintained in standard 4% hct culture supplemented with 75 μM hypoxanthine. RBCs were stored in RPMI media containing 1 μM hypoxanthine prior to use. Tightly synchronized ring stage parasites (described above) were used for the drug inhibition growth assays. Briefly, 350 μL cultures (1% hct) were added to each well of 96-well plates containing 1.7 μL of compound (serially diluted 1:2 in DMSO; final DMSO was 0.5%). Cultures were allowed to proliferate for 48-, 72-, and 96-hrs under static conditions at 37 °C. At each time point, 100 μL volume of culture was added to plates containing 100 μL of 2x-SYBRGreenI lysis solution. DNA content was evaluated using spectrofluorometric methods described above. Values represent biological triplicates (mean \pm SD) done on different days.

Parasite viability assay. All viability (drug-susceptibility) assays started with ring-stage parasites. Culture synchrony and parasitemia was evaluated by microscopy using methanolfixed, Giemsa-stained thin smear slides. 25 mL of tightly synchronized parasite culture was spun at 3,500 × *g*, 1 min (RT). The packed pellet was washed three times with 20 mL of culture media lacking hypoxanthine (MCM-HX). Uninfected RBCs (uRBCs) were washed with MCM-HX similar to the infected RBCs (iRBCs). Appropriate volumes of packed uRBC and iRBC were added to culture media containing 10 µM or 367 µM hypoxanthine (Low-HX and high-HX, respectively) or 225 μM xanthine to give a final starting culture of 1% hematocrit, 2% ring-stage parasitemia. 200 µL of culture was added to all wells in 96-well plates (tissue culture-treated, sterile white polystyrene, flat bottom; Corning Costar, #3917). Wells containing only uRBCs at 1% hematocrit were used for background subtraction (see below). 1 μ L of compound (serially diluted 3- or 4-fold in DMSO) was added to each well and resuspended five times. Chloroquine (CQ) was used to establish a reference for maximal growth inhibition. The final DMSO concentration was 0.5% (v/v). The plates were placed into a sealed gas chamber and incubated at 37 °C for 72 h under 90% $N_2/5\%$ CO $_2/5\%$ O₂. Parasite viability was assessed using SYBR

Green I (10,000x, Invitrogen, S7567) DNA fluorometry. *[18](#page-101-4)* Briefly, after 72 h growth, 100 µL of lysis buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5; 5 mM EDTA, pH 8; 0.08% Triton X–100; 0.008% saponin) containing SYBR Green I (0.2 μ L mL⁻¹ of total volume; Invitrogen) was added to each well. Samples were resuspended three times and stored at RT for 1 h in the dark. DNA quantification was performed using a Spectramax M5 (Molecular Devices) microplate detection system (Ex. 488/DC 495/Em. 515; top read; 6 reads/well). Fluorescence values were background subtracted (uRBC only), normalized to maximum and minimum growth (100 and 0%, respectively), and plotted using Prism 6.02 (GraphPad). Since not all compounds achieved maximum kill at the concentrations tested due to compound solubility issues at higher concentrations, maximum growth inhibition (0% growth) was normalized to the SYBR Green I fluorescence detected at the maximum CQ concentration. IC_{50} values were obtained from a normalized, non-linear regression model (Y=100/(1+10^((LogIC₅₀-X)*HillSlope))). Biological replicates (n=4) were done on different days.

Giemsa-stained parasites were visualized using a Zeiss Axio Observer Z1 microscope with a 100x/1.4 NA oil objective and a Zeiss Axiocam HRc Camera (color; CCD, 14 bit). Images were processed with Axiovision software.

Purine-dependent growth assays. 3D7 and Dd2 WT and *pfent1*Δ parasite cultures were grown and synchronized as described above. RBCs were stored in RPMI media containing 1 μM hypoxanthine prior to use. Ring stage parasites were harvested and washed three times in purine-free malaria media. 175 μL of culture at 2% hct, 2% parasitemia was added to plates containing 175 μL media supplemented with either serially-diluted hypoxanthine (HX) or xanthine (Xan) (max concentration 500- and 450-μM, respectively). The final starting culture conditions were 1% hct, 2% parasitemia. Cultures were allowed to grow for 48-, 72-, and 96-h under static conditions at 37 °C. At each time point, 100 μL volume of culture was added to plates containing 100 μL of 2x-SYBRGreenI lysis solution. DNA content was evaluated using

spectrofluorometric methods described above. Values represent biological triplicates (mean \pm SD) done on different days.

Isolated parasite [³H]adenosine uptake assay. Parasites were sorbitol synchronized (see above) one day before the start of the experiments. On the experimental day, trophozoite-stage 3D7 parasites (25 mL, 4% hematocrit, $<10\%$ parasitemia) were centrifuged at 600 \times g, 2.5 min (RT) to remove old media. The pellet was washed once in Ringer's solution (1x Ringer solution: 122.5 mM NaCl, 5.4 mM KCl, 1.2 mM CaCl₂, 0.8 mM MgCl₂, 11 mM D-glucose, 25 mM HEPES, 1 mM Na₂HPO₄, pH 7.4). To release functionally isolated parasites from infected RBCs, we performed saponin permeabilization of the RBC membrane and the parasitophorous vacuolar membrane as described elsewhere. *[19,](#page-101-5) [20](#page-101-6)* Mild saponin treatment releases *Plasmodium* parasites from their RBC hosts while preserving parasite plasma membrane integrity. Briefly, the infected RBC pellet was resuspended with 25 mL of freshly prepared 0.15% saponin in iso-osmotic Ringer's solution, incubated at RT for 2.5 min, spun at 1,800 × *g*, 5 min and washed two times in Ringer's solution to remove RBC debris and hemoglobin. The final RBC-free parasite pellet was resuspended in Ringer's solution (0.2% parasite vol/Ringer's vol). 96-well microplate wells were preloaded with 100 μ L of 100 nM [3 H]adenosine ([2,8- 3 H]adenosine; 35 Ci $\,$ mmol $^{-1}$ Moravek Biochemicals) and serially diluted compound. 100 µL of parasite suspension in Ringer's solution was added to the $[{}^{3}H]$ adenosine/compound mix (final 0.083% DMSO, final 50 nM $[3H]$ adenosine concentration) and incubated at RT for 15 min. At the end of all experiments, cells were harvested onto glass fiber filtermats (Filtermat A, GF/C; Perkin Elmer) using TomTec 96-well cell harvester system (#96-3-469). Filtermats were allowed to dry for 1 h, sealed in plastic membrane bags containing 5 mL of Betaplate Scint scintillation fluid (Perkin Elmer) and placed into plastic adapters (#1450–104). Counts were measured using a 1450 MicroBeta TriLux microplate scintillation counter (Perkin Elmer; counts/30sec/well). Counts were normalized to maximum and minimum inhibition of $[^3$ H]adenosine uptake. The normalized data

were fit to a variable slope concentration-response model to determine the concentration that gave half-maximal adenosine uptake inhibition (IC_{50}) using Prism 6.02 software (GraphPad).

[14C]2'-deoxyadenosine uptake assay into PfENT4 expressing *Xenopus laevis* **oocytes.** *In vitro* transcription of PfENT4 mRNA, PfENT4 expression in *Xenopus laevis* oocytes, and radiolabeled substrate uptake assays into PfENT4-expressing oocytes was performed as described previously.^{[21](#page-100-6)} Stage V to Stage VI oocytes were harvested from *X. laevis* female toads (Nasco), approved for use by the Albert Einstein College of Medicine Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (Protocol #20110905). A PfENT4 cDNA optimized for *X. laevis* expression was used as a template for *in vitro* capped mRNA synthesis using the mMESSAGE mMACHINE RNA synthesis kit. The mRNA was purified using the MegaClear kit (Life Technologies) and further precipitated and resuspended to a final concentration of 1 μ g μ L⁻¹. 23 nL of mRNA was injected into oocytes. Oocytes were incubated at 16 °C for three or four days prior to the uptake experiment to allow for protein expression. On the day of the experiment, oocytes were washed in ENT4 transport buffer (96 mM NaCl, 1 mM $MqCl₂$, 2 mM KCl, 1 mM CaCl₂, 10 mM HEPES/10 mM MES, pH adjusted to 7.4 with NaOH) then incubated in the presence of 1.5 μ M 2'-[8– 1⁴C]deoxyadenosine (48.8 mCi mmol⁻¹, Moravek Biochemicals) and in the presence or absence of 50 µM compound **AKR–122**. The DMSO concentration was 0.5% (v/v). Oocytes were then washed 5 times in ice-cold buffer and individual oocytes were counted using liquid scintillation spectrometry.

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