



**Supplementary Fig 1.** Cyclase assay: The classical cannabinoids, (A) L759656 (**■**) and L759633 (**▲**) failed to significantly affect cAMP levels, while (B) JWH133 (**■**) (EC<sub>50</sub> 20 nM) was slightly more efficacious than CP55940 (•)(EC<sub>50</sub> 5.5 nM) albeit with lower potency. (C) THC (**■**) (EC<sub>50</sub> 7 nM) and KM233 (**▲**) (EC<sub>50</sub> 1.6 nM) displayed lower efficacy but comparable potency to CP55940 in inhibiting adenylyl cyclase. EC<sub>50s</sub> were obtained fitting the dose response curve (nonlinear regression) using GraphPad using GraphPad Prism 4.0. Data represent mean ± SEM of at least 3 experiments.



**Supplementary Fig 2.** Cyclase assay: (A) The non-classical cannabinoid, HU308 (**■**) (EC<sub>50</sub> 30 nM) was less potent than its congener, CP55940 (**•**) (EC<sub>50</sub> 3 nM). (B) Aminoalkylindoles, WIN55212-2 (**■**) (EC<sub>50</sub> 20 nM) and STS135 (**▲**) (EC<sub>50</sub> 52 nM) displayed lower potencies and efficacies compared to CP55940 in the cyclase assay (C) A836339 (**■**) (EC<sub>50</sub> 43 nM) and GP1a (**▲**) (EC<sub>50</sub> 14 nM) displayed comparable efficacies as CP55940 in inhibiting adenylyl cyclase but were less potent. EC<sub>50s</sub> were obtained by fitting the dose response curve (nonlinear regression) using GraphPad Prism 4.0. Data represent mean ± SEM of at least 3 experiments.



**Supplementary Fig. 3.** Cyclase assay: (A) The cannabilactone, AM1710 ( $\blacksquare$ ) (EC<sub>50</sub> 11nM) was as potent and efficacious as CP55940 ( $\bullet$ )(EC<sub>50</sub> 6 nM) in inhibiting the accumulation of cAMP. (B) The carboxamide SER601 ( $\blacksquare$ ) (EC<sub>50</sub> 40 nM) and the pyrimidine GW833972A ( $\checkmark$ ) (EC<sub>50</sub> of 28 nM) were less potent and efficacious than CP55940, while 4Q3C ( $\blacktriangle$ ) failed to elicit any response in cyclase assay (C) The natural product, 4-O-methylhonokiol ( $\blacksquare$ ) failed to inhibit accumulation of cAMP, while  $\beta$  caryophyllene ( $\bigstar$ ) (EC<sub>50</sub> 30 nM) was a low efficacy agonist. EC<sub>50s</sub> were obtained by fitting the dose response curve (nonlinear regression) using GraphPad Prism 4.0. Data represent mean ± SEM of at least 3 experiments.



**Supplementary Fig. 4.** Arrestin recruitment assay: (A) Aminoalkylindoles WIN55212-2 ( $\blacksquare$ ) (EC<sub>50</sub> 7.2 nM) and JWH015 ( $\blacktriangle$ ) (EC<sub>50</sub> 160 nM); (B) STS135 ( $\bigstar$ ) (EC<sub>50</sub> 1.5 nM) and AM1248 ( $\blacksquare$ ) (EC<sub>50</sub> 71 nM); and (C) UR144 ( $\blacksquare$ ) (EC<sub>50</sub> 95 nM) were low efficacy agonists (with variable potencies and efficacies) compared to CP55940 ( $\bullet$ ) for arrestin recruitment by the CB2 cannabinoid receptor. EC<sub>50s</sub> were obtained by fitting the dose response curve (nonlinear regression) using GraphPad Prism 4.0. Data represent mean ± SEM of at least 3 experiments.



**Supplementary Fig. 5.** Arrestin recruitment assay: (A) A836339 (■) (EC<sub>50</sub> 0.7 nM) was equipotent and equi-efficacious to CP55940 (•) (EC<sub>50</sub> 1.5 nM) in recruiting arrestins while, GP1a (▲) (EC<sub>50</sub> 17 nM) was a low efficacy agonist. (B) AM1710 (■) (EC<sub>50</sub> 6.7 nM) was as potent and efficacious as CP55940 in recruiting arrestins, but SER601 ( $\nabla$ ) and 4Q3C (▲) were inactive. (C) The pyrimidine analogue, GW833972A ( $\nabla$ ) (EC<sub>50</sub> 90 nM), was moderately efficacious, albeit with low potency relative to CP55940, in recruiting arrestins. EC<sub>50s</sub> were obtained by fitting the dose response curve (nonlinear regression) using GraphPad Prism 4.0. Data represent mean ± SEM of atleast 3 experiments.



Bias factors for AC > arrestin

Supplementary Fig. 6 Bar graph depicting bias factors for select active compounds for inhibition of adenylyl cyclase compared to  $\beta$  arrestin recruitment