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### **A triazolopyrimidine-based dihydroorotate dehydrogenase inhibitor (DSM421) with improved drug-like properties for treatment and prevention of malaria**

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## Supplemental Methods

### *Ex vivo schizont maturation drug susceptibility assay against P. vivax and P. falciparum field isolates*

Compounds were prepared as 1 mg/mL stock solutions in water or DMSO according to the supplier's instructions. Stock solutions of both DSM421 and DSM265 were prepared in DMSO. With the exception of DSM265, drug plates were pre-dosed by diluting the compounds in 50% methanol followed by lyophilization and storage at 4°C. A 2-fold dilution series was prepared for each compound, with the top concentration as follows: chloroquine (3.0 µM), amodiaquine (0.16 µM), piperaquine (1.0 µM), mefloquine (0.34 µM), artesunate (0.049 µM) and DSM421 (2.1 µM). For DSM265, solubility issues made it difficult to resuspend drug from lyophilized plates and therefore fresh drug was added to plates in the field. Stock solutions of 1 mg/ml in DMSO were diluted 1 to 100 in media, and the resulting solution was used to make 11 two-fold serial dilutions covering the concentration range (0.029 – 15 µM), resulting in a final DMSO concentration of 0.5%. Stock solutions were protected from light.

Drug was incubated with parasites in a candle jar at 37.0°C for 35-56 h until >40% of ring stage parasites reached the mature schizont stage in the drug-free control wells. Thick blood films were stained with 5% Giemsa solution for 0.5 h and scored by microscopy. The percentage of schizonts out of a total of 200 asexual stage parasites was determined and normalized to the no drug control well. Dose-response data were analyzed using nonlinear regression analysis (WinNonlin 4.1, Pharsight Corporation) and the EC<sub>50</sub> derived using an inhibitory sigmoidal E<sub>max</sub> model. Data were only used if E<sub>max</sub> and E<sub>0</sub> were within 15% of 100 and 1%, respectively.

### *Permeability in Caco-2 cells*

Caco-2 cells (passages 32 or 36) were seeded onto 0.3 cm<sup>2</sup> polycarbonate filter transwells at a density of 60,000 cells per well. The transport experiment was conducted using confluent cell monolayers on day 23 post-seeding. The integrity of the monolayers was confirmed by measuring the transepithelial electrical resistance (TEER) and only monolayers with TEER values of >300 Ω.cm<sup>2</sup> were utilized. The permeability of control compounds including <sup>14</sup>C-mannitol (low permeability marker), <sup>3</sup>H-propranolol (high permeability marker) and <sup>3</sup>H-digoxin (P-gp efflux marker) was also assessed in the same experiment to ensure consistency with literature and historical values. Permeability experiments were performed using Hanks balanced salt solution containing 20 mM HEPES buffer (pH 7.4) in both the apical and basolateral chambers. Donor solutions were prepared by spiking a DMSO solution of DSM421 into transport buffer (resulting in a final DMSO concentration of 0.1% v/v) at a nominal concentration of 20 µM and equilibrating at 37°C and then centrifuging to remove any undissolved material. Samples from the donor chamber were taken at the start and end of the experiment to confirm mass balance. Compound flux was determined over a period of 90 minutes, with samples taken from the acceptor chamber at five to seven time points over the course of the incubation. At each sample time, the volume of acceptor solution removed was replaced with blank transport buffer. Acceptor concentrations were assayed for DSM421 as described below for plasma samples, and concentrations were corrected for the dilution that occurred with buffer replacement. Apparent permeability (P<sub>app</sub>) values were calculated using the linear portion of the flux profiles.

### *In vitro metabolism*

Metabolism samples were analyzed using a Waters Xevo G2 QTOF coupled to a Waters Acquity UPLC (both Waters Corporation, Milford, MA). The column was an Ascentis Express RP Amide column (50 x 2.1 mm, 2.7 µm) and the mobile phase solvents were water and acetonitrile (both containing 0.05% v/v formic acid) mixed using a 4 min gradient at a flow rate of 0.4 mL/min. Compounds were injected at a volume of 5 µL and the column was re-equilibrated at the starting conditions for 2 min. Mass spectrometry was conducted using positive electrospray ionization under MSE acquisition mode with cone and CID voltages of 30 and 20-30 V, respectively. Metabolite identification was conducted using accurate mass and high collision energy data.

The *in vitro* intrinsic clearance ( $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}/\text{mg}$  protein or  $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}/10^6$  cells) was determined using the first order substrate depletion data and scaled to an *in vivo* intrinsic clearance ( $\text{mL}/\text{min}/\text{kg}$ ) using physiologically-based scaling factors<sup>1</sup>. The well-stirred model of hepatic extraction was used to calculate a predicted blood and plasma clearance taking into account binding to microsomes (measured) or hepatocytes (calculated as described<sup>1</sup>) and the fraction unbound in blood (calculated by dividing the fraction unbound in plasma by the blood to plasma ratio).

### ***CYP Inhibition***

DSM421 was incubated (37°C) with human liver microsomes and substrates known to be metabolized by specific CYP isoforms. A list of specific CYP-mediated metabolic pathways, probe substrates, conditions and positive control inhibitors is shown in Table S10. Reactions were initiated and quenched as described for the microsomal stability studies<sup>2</sup>. The concentration of DSM421 that led to 50% inhibition of metabolite formation was expressed as an  $\text{IC}_{50}$ . Positive control inhibitors were included in the assay and all showed  $\text{IC}_{50}$  values consistent with the literature and historical values. Concentrations were determined by UPLC-MS (Waters Quattro Ultima Premier or Waters Xevo triple-quadrupole) relative to calibration standards prepared in quenched microsomal matrix.

Time-dependent CYP inhibition was assessed using human liver microsomes and isoform specific metabolic substrates by preincubating DSM421 (at 10-fold the final concentration) with microsomes in the absence or presence of NADPH at 37°C for 30 min. Reaction mixtures were then diluted 10-fold with NADPH regenerating buffer containing the probe substrates. A list of specific CYP-mediated metabolic pathways, probe substrates, conditions and positive control inhibitors is shown in Table S12. Following the final incubation,  $\text{IC}_{50}$  values were determined as described above for each preincubation condition (i.e. with or without NADPH). Samples were quenched and assayed as described for the microsomal stability studies<sup>2</sup>. A shift to a lower  $\text{IC}_{50}$  (more than 1.5-fold) for samples preincubated with NADPH compared to preincubation in the absence of NADPH was considered evidence for mechanism-based inhibition.

### ***LC/MS analysis of DSM421 in rat and mouse plasma***

*Monash single dose PK studies.* Plasma samples and standards were prepared by precipitation with acetonitrile (3:1 volume ratio), followed by centrifugation and analysis of the supernatant. Samples (3  $\mu\text{L}$ ) were injected onto a Supelco Ascentis Express RP-Amide column (2.7  $\mu\text{m}$  particle size, 50 x 2.1 mm i.d.) with a Phenomenex Polar Security Guard column at a column temperature of 40°C. The mobile phase solvents consisted of water and methanol, each containing 0.05% formic acid, mixed using a linear gradient program and delivered at a flow rate of 0.4 mL/min. The chromatographic system comprised a Waters Acquity UPLC and a Waters/Micromass Quattro Premier or a Waters Xevo TQ triple quadrupole mass spectrometer. Analytes were ionized using positive electrospray ionization using a cone voltage of 35 V and a collision induced dissociation voltage of 25 V and detection by multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) using a transition (m/z) of 359.10 > 339.07. Sample concentrations were determined by comparison to calibration standards prepared in blank plasma from each species. The analytical lower limit of quantitation (LLQ) value for DSM421 in plasma was typically 1 ng/mL and accuracy (+/-12%), precision (<10% relative standard deviation) and recovery (>90%) were within acceptable limits.

*GSK PK analysis during SCID mouse efficacy studies.* Peripheral whole blood samples (25  $\mu\text{L}$ ) were collected at 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 23 h after the first dose. Samples were mixed with an equal volume of saponine solution (0.1% in water) and immediately frozen on dry ice and stored at -80°C prior to analysis. Blood samples were processed by mixing diluted blood (10  $\mu\text{L}$ ) with acetonitrile/methanol (80:20 v:v) (120  $\mu\text{L}$ ) followed by centrifugation. The supernatant was then analyzed by UPLC/MSMS using a Waters UPLC coupled to a Sciex API4000 mass spectrometer. The

lower limit of quantification (LLOQ) was 5 ng/mL for DSM421. Blood concentration versus time profiles were analyzed by non-compartmental methods using Phoenix software (ver. 6.3, Pharsight).

#### ***LC/MS analysis of DSM421 in dog plasma***

Dog plasma samples and standards were assayed for DSM421 following protein precipitation with acetonitrile (5:1 volume ratio). Samples were centrifuged and the supernatant transferred to a fresh plate containing an aqueous solution of 0.1% formic acid and 25  $\mu$ L was injected onto the column. Analysis was conducted using a Supelco Ascentis Express column (30 x 3 mm, 2.7  $\mu$ m) with an acetonitrile/0.1% formic acid mobile phase gradient which initiated with 30% acetonitrile, increasing to 50% acetonitrile at 0.25 minutes, returning to 30% acetonitrile at 0.95 minutes and maintaining 30% acetonitrile through 1.2 minutes; the flow rate was maintained a 0.8 mL/min. Detection was via a Sciex API5000<sup>TM</sup> Biomolecular Mass Analyzer with a turboionspray interface. Analytes were ionized in the positive ion mode with a source temperature of approximately 550°C. Detection was in the multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) mode at  $m/z$  359.176  $\rightarrow$  339.03 for DSM421. Concentrations were determined by comparison to a calibration curve prepared in blank dog plasma. The method provided mean percent accuracy ranging from 93.0-103.7% across the calibration range, reproducibility (%CV) ranging from 1.0-16.0%, and a lower limit of quantitation of  $\sim$ 3 ng/mL.

#### ***Human half-life and dose predictions***

Human PK parameters were estimated using a physiologically based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) approach. Clearance was predicted by *in vitro/in vivo* extrapolation (IVIVE) of  $CL_{int}$  data following incubation with human liver microsomes (Table S9), using the well-stirred model of hepatic extraction and physiologically-based scaling factors, taking into account binding to both human liver microsomes and human plasma (Table S9)<sup>1</sup>. Human unbound clearance was also estimated using allometric scaling of unbound clearance values measured after IV administration to mice, rats and dogs by plotting the log unbound clearance versus the log body weight.

Assuming only hepatic elimination, the estimated unbound  $CL_{int}$ , together with measured values for Log  $D_{7.4}$ , solubility in physiologically relevant media, permeability across Caco-2 cell monolayers, human plasma protein binding and blood to plasma partitioning, were input into a PBPK software package (GastroPlus<sup>TM</sup>, version 9) and tissue  $K_p$  values were estimated using the Rodgers and Rowland method<sup>3,4</sup> for perfusion limited tissue distribution. Plasma concentration versus time profiles following oral administration of an immediate release tablet were simulated at various doses using GastroPlus incorporating the ACAT model and human fasted-state conditions to estimate the rate and extent of absorption.

The target minimum plasma concentration needed to achieve a near maximal rate of kill (minimum parasitocidal concentration or MPC) was estimated empirically using the *in vitro* PRR data and *in vivo* efficacy data from SCID mice. The unbound  $EC_{50}$  from the *in vitro* PRR assay (Table 3) was multiplied by 3 to give an estimated unbound MPC based on data for DSM265<sup>5</sup>. This value was then divided by the human plasma free fraction (Table S9) to obtain the target total plasma concentration.

For the *in vivo* efficacy data in SCID mice, the minimum blood concentration required to produce the maximum rate of kill was taken from visual inspection of the data shown in Figure 5B. The unbound plasma concentration in SCID mice was then derived using an estimated SCID mouse fraction unbound and blood to plasma ratio and calculated as follows.

The fraction unbound in SCID mouse plasma was estimated assuming that the mice had similar proportions of human and mouse plasma at the time of drug dosing. Assuming a single family of binding sites in plasma from each species, the bound concentration ( $C_{bound}$ ) can be expressed as:

$$C_{\text{bound}} = (B_{\text{max}} * C_{\text{free}}) / (K_d + C_{\text{free}}) \quad (1)$$

where  $B_{\text{max}}$  is a hybrid constant incorporating the number of binding sites per mole of protein and the molar protein concentration,  $K_d$  is the dissociation constant and  $C_{\text{free}}$  is the unbound concentration<sup>6</sup>. Assuming that the unbound concentration in plasma from each species is much less than the respective  $K_d$  value, this equation simplifies to:

$$C_{\text{bound}} = (B_{\text{max}} * C_{\text{free}}) / K_d \quad (2)$$

Knowing that the total concentration is equal to the sum of the bound and free concentrations, the following expression for  $B_{\text{max}}$  in plasma for each species can then be derived:

$$B_{\text{max}} = (K_d * (1-F_u)) / F_u \quad (3)$$

In SCID mice where plasma is a mixture of mouse and human plasma,  $B_{\text{max}}$  for each species plasma will be related to the fraction of each species plasma present:

$$B_{\text{max}}^{\text{human}} = (H * K_d^{\text{human}} * (1-F_u^{\text{human}})) / (F_u^{\text{human}}) \quad (4)$$

and

$$B_{\text{max}}^{\text{mouse}} = ((1-H) * K_d^{\text{mouse}} * (1-F_u^{\text{mouse}})) / (F_u^{\text{mouse}}) \quad (5)$$

where  $H$  is the fraction of human plasma in SCID mice,  $(1-H)$  is the fraction of mouse plasma, and  $K_d$  (human and mouse) and  $F_u$  (human and mouse) reflect the values for pure human and pure mouse plasma. In mixed plasma present in the SCID mice, the fraction unbound ( $F_u^{\text{SCID}}$ ) can be expressed as a ratio of the free concentration ( $C_{\text{free}}^{\text{SCID}}$ ) to the total concentration where the total is the sum of the free, the concentration bound to human plasma proteins, and the concentration bound to the mouse plasma proteins:

$$F_u^{\text{SCID}} = C_{\text{free}}^{\text{SCID}} / [C_{\text{free}}^{\text{SCID}} + (C_{\text{free}}^{\text{SCID}} * B_{\text{max}}^{\text{human}}) / K_d^{\text{human}} + (C_{\text{free}}^{\text{SCID}} * B_{\text{max}}^{\text{mouse}}) / K_d^{\text{mouse}}] \quad (6)$$

Simplifying equation (6) and substituting in equations (4) and (5) then gives:

$$F_u^{\text{SCID}} = 1 / [1 + H * (1 - F_u^{\text{human}}) / F_u^{\text{human}} + (1-H) * (1 - F_u^{\text{mouse}}) / (F_u^{\text{mouse}})] \quad (7)$$

Using equation (7) the fraction unbound in SCID mouse plasma could then be calculated using the fraction unbound in each species plasma and the estimated proportion of human and mouse plasma in SCID mice.

The SCID mouse blood to plasma partitioning ratio ( $K_{b/p}^{\text{SCID}}$ ) was estimated using the following approach. The unbound erythrocyte to plasma partition coefficients ( $K_{e/p,un}$ ) in human and mouse blood were first calculated using the measured blood to plasma ratio ( $K_{b/p}$ ), the measured fraction unbound ( $F_u$ ) and the hematocrit (Hct) for each species using the following equation<sup>7</sup>:

$$K_{e/p,un} = K_{b/p} - (1-Hct) / F_u * Hct$$

The  $K_{e/p,un}^{\text{SCID}}$  was then estimated as the weighted average of the values for human and mouse blood using the percentage of human erythrocytes (~70%) engrafted in the SCID mice. The blood to plasma ratio in SCID mice

was then estimated as:

$$K_{b/p}^{SCID} = K_{e/p,un}^{SCID} * F_u^{SCID} * Hct + (1-Hct) \quad (9)$$

where  $F_u^{SCID}$  was obtained as described above and Hct in SCID mice was based on an average hematocrit of 0.78 (Santiago Ferrer-Bazaga, personal communication).

The target blood concentration based on the data in SCID mice was corrected for the estimated SCID blood to plasma ratio and plasma protein binding to obtain an unbound target plasma concentration, and this value was then divided by the human plasma protein binding to obtain an estimate of the target total human plasma concentration.

### **Safety Pharmacology.**

*CEREP panel, hERG and other channel assays.* CEREP assays (Express S profile) were performed by CEREP (Bois l'Évêque, France), 25% inhibition is the cut off for significance. hERG, Ca<sub>v</sub>1.2 and NaV1.5 channel assays were performed using IonWorks patch clamp electrophysiology at Essen Labs (Hertfordshire, UK). *GLP Ames study.* A GLP Ames test was run on a highly purified batch of compound (99.6% pure by HPLC at 255 nM). This study was run using a standard Ames test plate assay contracted to (WuXi AppTec Cp. Suzhou, China). The tester strains used in the definitive mutagenicity assay were *Salmonella typhimurium* tester strains TA98, TA100, TA1535, and TA1537 and *Escherichia coli* tester strain WP2 *uvrA*. The assay was conducted in the presence and absence of the S9 mix along with concurrent negative/solvent control and positive controls. The dose levels tested in the definitive mutagenicity assay were 100, 250, 500, 1000, 2500 and 5000  $\mu$ g per plate with S9 mix, and 50, 100, 250, 500, 1000 and 2500 without S9 mix in all tester strains.

### **Small molecule X-ray structure determination and refinement of DSM421**

Compound **DSM421** was crystallized from benzene. A colorless prism, measuring 0.30 x 0.15 x 0.12 mm<sup>3</sup> was mounted on a loop with oil. Data was collected at -173 °C on a Bruker APEX II single crystal X-ray diffractometer, Mo-radiation. Crystal-to-detector distance was 40 mm and exposure time was 240 seconds per frame for all sets. The scan width was 0.5°. Data collection was 99.7% complete to 25° in  $\Theta$ . A total of 15447 reflections were collected covering the indices, h = -11 to 11, k = -15 to 15, l = -15 to 16. 5613 reflections were symmetry independent and the  $R_{int} = 0.0648$  indicated that the data was of appropriate quality. Indexing and unit cell refinement indicated a triclinic lattice. The space group was found to be  $P\bar{1}$  (No.2). The data were integrated and scaled using SAINT, SADABS within the APEX2 software package by Bruker.<sup>8</sup> Solution by direct methods (SHELXS, SIR97<sup>9,10</sup>) produced a complete heavy atom phasing model consistent with the proposed structure. The structure was completed by difference Fourier synthesis with SHELXL97.<sup>11, 12</sup> Scattering factors are from Waasmair and Kirfel.<sup>13</sup> Hydrogen atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms with C---H distances in the range 0.95-1.00 Angstrom. Isotropic thermal parameters  $U_{eq}$  were fixed such that they were 1.2 $U_{eq}$  of their parent atom  $U_{eq}$  for CH's and 1.5 $U_{eq}$  of their parent atom  $U_{eq}$  in case of methyl groups. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically by full-matrix least-squares.

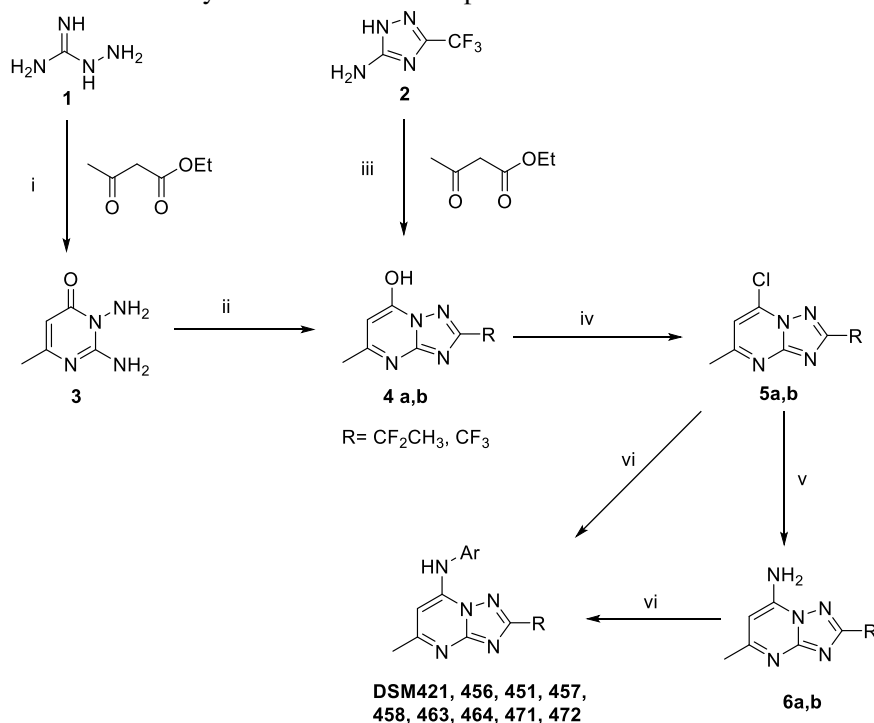
### **Chemistry General Methods**

All reagents and starting materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Ethyl acetoacetate was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, MO, USA. Aminoguanidine Hydrochloride was purchased from TCI chemicals, OR, USA. Ethyl 2,2-difluoropropionate was purchased from Oakwood Products, Inc. SC, USA. 5-Amino-2-trifluoromethylpyridine was purchased from Combi-Blocks, Inc. CA, USA.

Reaction progress was monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) on preloaded silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> plates. Visualization was achieved with UV light and iodine vapor. Flash chromatography was carried out using prepacked Teledyne Isco Rediseq Rf silica-gel columns as the stationary phase and analytical grade solvents as the eluent unless otherwise stated. <sup>1</sup>H nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on an Avance 301 Bruker instrument operating at 300.10 MHz and Avance<sup>III</sup> Bruker instrument operating at 400.31 MHz at ambient temperature. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million ( $\delta$ ) and coupling constants in Hz. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were referenced to the residual solvent peaks as internal standards (7.26 ppm for CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 2.50 ppm for DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, and 3.34 ppm for CD<sub>3</sub>OD). Spin multiplicities are described as s (singlet), brs (broad singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet) and m (multiplet). Total ion current traces were obtained for electrospray positive and negative ionization (ES<sup>+</sup>/ES<sup>-</sup>) on a Bruker Esquire Liquid Chromatograph-Ion trap mass spectrometer. Analytical chromatographic conditions used for the LC/MS analysis: Column, Zorbax Extend C18 from Agilent technologies, 2.1x100 mm. The stationary phase particle size is 3.5  $\mu$ M. Solvents were A, aqueous solvent = water +5% acetonitrile+1% acetic acid; B, organic solvent = acetonitrile + 1% acetic acid; Methods, 14 min run time (0-10 min 20-100% B, flow rate-0.275 mL/min; 10-12 min 100% B, flow rate-0.350 mL/min; 12-12.50 min 100-20% B, flow rate-0.350 mL/min; 12.50-14.0 min 20% B, flow rate-0.350 mL/min). The following additional parameters were used: injection volume (10  $\mu$ L), column temperature (30  $^{\circ}$ C), UV wavelength range (254-330 nm). The purity of all tested compounds was  $\geq$  95% using the analytical method described above unless stated otherwise. Analytical HPLC analyses were performed on a Supelco SupelcoSIL LC18 column (5  $\mu$ m, 4.6mm x 25cm) with a linear elution gradient ranging from 0-100% ACN over 27 min, using a SupelcoSIL LC18 column (5  $\mu$ m, 4.6mm x 25cm) at a flow rate of 1 mL/min.

### Chemical Synthesis of DSM421 and analogs

**Scheme S1.** Overall synthetic route for compounds described in Table 1.



*Reagents and conditions:* (i) a) NaOH, EtOH, 3 h at RT; (or) b) NaOEt, EtOH reflux 5 h, overnight at RT; (ii) Ethyl 2,2-difluoropropanoate, NaOEt, 30 min, RT, (1.5-3) h, 80  $^{\circ}$ C; (iii) AcOH, reflux, 8 h; (iv) reflux in POCl<sub>3</sub>, 1-2 h; (v) NH<sub>3</sub>, 1,4-dioxane, 0-25  $^{\circ}$ C, 8h; (vi) appropriate amine, EtOH, 5-8 h, RT or 50  $^{\circ}$ C; (or) Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, BINAP, NaOtBu, Toluene, MW, 130  $^{\circ}$ C, 40 min; (or) t-BuXphos palladacycle, NaOtBu, THF, 60  $^{\circ}$ C, 3 h.



**2-(1,1-Difluoroethyl)-5-methyl-N-(6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-7-amine (DSM421).** To a suspension of intermediate **5a** (0.23g, 1 mmol) in ethanol (5 mL), 5-Amino-2-trifluoromethylpyridine (0.16g, 1 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at RT or at 50 °C until the reaction reached completion. Ammonia solution 7N in methanol (50  $\mu$ l) was added and solvent was removed in vacuo and the crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluting with hexane:EtOAc mixtures from 75:25 to 25:75%) to yield DSM421. LCMS: (M+H) 358, RT. 2.88 min, 99.76% (Max). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.86 (s, 1H), 8.17(d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.16 (t, *J* = 18.85 Hz, 3H). ESIMS *m/z* : 359.4 (MH)<sup>+</sup>. The structure was verified by crystallography (Fig. S3 and Table S19).

**2-(1,1-Difluoroethyl)-5-methyl-N-(5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-7-amine (DSM456).** To a solution of **5a** (0.1 g, 0.43 mmol) and 5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-amine (0.056 g, 0.34 mmol) in toluene (10 mL) was added sodium t-butoxide (0.12 g, 2.19 mol) and degassed under nitrogen for 5 min. To that purged reaction mixture Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.014 g, 0.0068 mmol) and BINAP (0.016 g, 0.0258 mmol) were added and degassed under nitrogen for 5 min and heated under microwave for 40 min at 130°C. After completion of the reaction, reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and water, layers were separated and aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine solution and organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using dichloromethane and 1-10% methanol as eluents to yield DSM456. LCMS: (M+H) 359, RT. 2.82 min, 95.16% (Max). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, MeOD):  $\delta$  8.81 (s, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.12 (dd, *J* = 2.32, 8.76 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.72 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 2.13-2.22 (m, 3H).

**2-(1,1-Difluoroethyl)-5-methyl-N-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyrimidin-5-yl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-7-amine (DSM458).** To a solution of **5a** (0.17 g, 0.73 mmol) and 2-(trifluoromethyl)pyrimidin-5-amine (0.119 g, 0.732 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added sodium t-butoxide (0.21 g, 2.19 mmol) and degassed under nitrogen for 10 min. To this purged reaction mixture t-BuXphos Palladacycle (0.05 g, 0.0732 mmol) was added and degassed under nitrogen for 5 min and heated the reaction mixture to 60°C for 3 h. After completion of the reaction, reaction mixture was cooled, diluted with EtOAc and water, layers were separated and aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine solution and organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using dichloromethane and 1-10% of methanol as eluents to obtain DSM458. LCMS: (M+H) 360, RT. 2.54 min, 99.71% (Max). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, MeOD):  $\delta$  9.09 (s, 2H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.12-2.16 (m, 3H).

**2-(1,1-Difluoroethyl)-5-methyl-N-(5-(trifluoromethyl)pyrimidin-2-yl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-7-amine (DSM463).** To a solution of **5a** (0.15 g, 0.64 mmol) and 5-(trifluoromethyl)pyrimidin-2-amine (0.084 g, 0.51 mmol) in toluene (10 mL) was added sodium t-butoxide (0.186 g, 1.9 mmol) and degassed under nitrogen for 5 min. To that purged reaction mixture, Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.0218 g, 0.01 mmol) and BINAP (0.024 g, 0.038 mmol) were added and degassed under nitrogen for 5 min and heated at MW for 40 min at 130°C. After completion of the reaction, reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and water, layers were separated and aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine solution and organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using dichloromethane and 1-10% of methanol as eluents to obtain DSM463 (0.070 g, 30%). LCMS: (M+H) 360, RT. 2.61 min, 99.52% (Max). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, MeOD):  $\delta$  9.10 (s, 2H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 2.74 (s, 3H), 2.17-2.10 (m, 3H).

**5-Methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-N-(6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-7-amine (DSM464).** To a solution of **5b** (0.1 g, 0.423 mmol) in ethanol (10 mL), 6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-amine (0.068 g, 0.423 mmol) was added and heated the reaction mixture to 50° C for 1h. After completion of the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure, crude product dissolved in EtOAc and organic layer

washed with 10% NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, water and brine solution. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using dichloromethane and 1-10% of methanol as eluents to obtain DSM464 (0.064 g, 42%). LCMS: (M+H) 363.2, RT. 2.57 min, 99.05% (Max). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, MeOD): δ 8.86 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.00 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.48 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H).

**5-Methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-N-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyrimidin-5-yl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-7-amine (DSM472).** To a solution of **5b** (0.15 g, 0.63 mmol) and 2-(trifluoromethyl)pyrimidin-5-amine (0.082 g, 0.58 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added sodium t-butoxide (0.182 g, 1.9 mmol) and degassed under nitrogen for 10 min. To this purged reaction mixture t-BuXphos Palladacycle (0.043 g, 0.063 mmol) was added and degassed under nitrogen for 5 min and heated the reaction mixture to 60°C for 3 h. After completion of the reaction, reaction mixture was cooled, diluted with EtOAc and water, layers were separated and aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine solution and organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using dichloromethane and 1-10% of methanol to obtain DSM472 (0.10 g, 43%) LCMS: (M+H) 364, RT. 2.52 min, 99.34% (Max). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 9.12 (s, 2H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H).

**DSM451, DSM457 and DSM471** were prepared by an alternate route starting from 2-(1,1-difluoroethyl)-5-methyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-7-amine (**6a**) or 5-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-7-amine (**6b**) (Scheme S1), which were prepared as follows: A solution of **5a** or **5b** (1.2 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (5 mL) was cooled to 0°C, purged with ammonia gas for 10 min and stirred in sealed tube for 8h at 25°C. After completion of the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure and dried to get pure **6a** or **6b** (0.27 g (100%)). LCMS (**6a**): (M+H) 214, RT. 1.62 min, 96.59% (Max). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**6a**): (300 MHz, DMSO d<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.16 (brs, 2H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.00-2.06 (m, 3H). LCMS (**6b**): (M+H) 218, RT. 0.7 min, 95.78% <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**6b**): (300 MHz, DMSO d<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.32 (brs, 2H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H).

**2-(1,1-Difluoroethyl)-5-methyl-N-(5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-7-amine (DSM451).** To a solution of **6a** (0.12 g, 0.56 mmol) and 3-bromo-5-trifluoromethyl-pyridine (0.12 g, 0.563 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added sodium t-butoxide (0.16 g, 1.69 mmol) and degassed under nitrogen for 10 min. To this purged reaction mixture, t-BuXphos Palladacycle (0.038 g, 0.0563 mol) was added and degassed under nitrogen for 5 min and heated the reaction mixture to 60°C for 3 h. After completion of the reaction, reaction mixture was cooled, diluted with EtOAc and water, layers were separated and aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine solution and organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using dichloromethane and 1-10% methanol as eluents to yield DSM451. LCMS: (M+H) 359.4, RT. 2.91 min, 99.13% (Max). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, MeOD): δ 8.99 (s, 1H), 8.87 (s, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.11-2.20 (m, 3H).

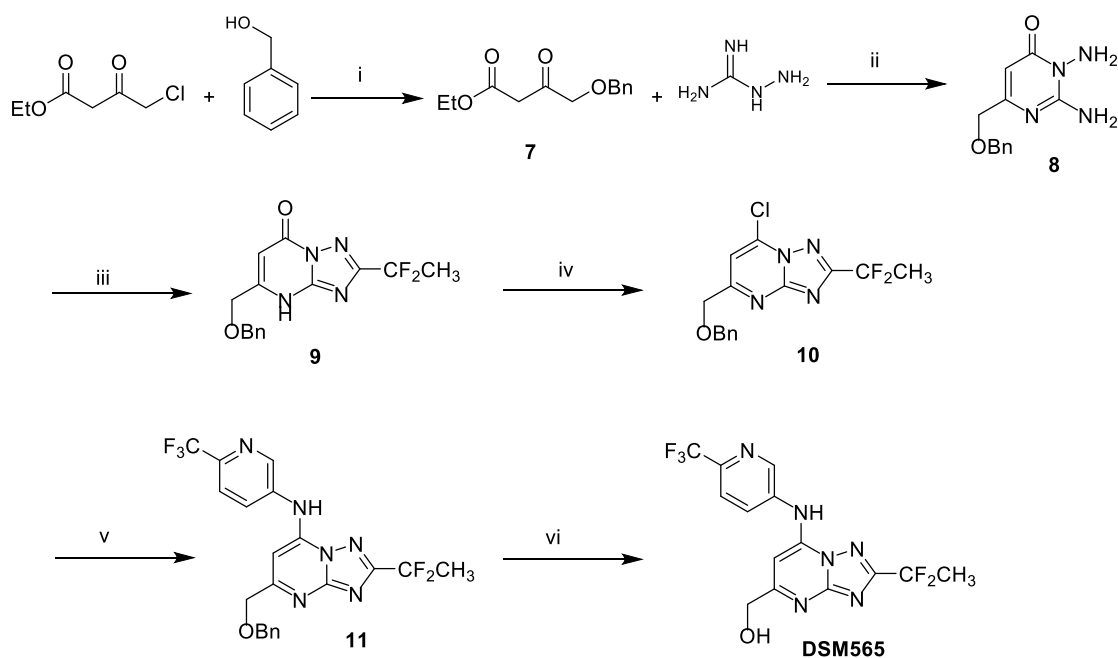
**2-(1,1-Difluoroethyl)-5-methyl-N-(2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-4-yl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-7-amine (DSM457).** To a solution of **6a** (0.12 g, 0.56 mmol) and 4-chloro-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (0.102 g, 0.563 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added sodium t-butoxide (0.16 g, 1.69 mmol) and degassed under nitrogen for 10 min. To this purged reaction mixture t-BuXphos Palladacycle (0.038 g, 0.0563 mmol) was added and degassed under nitrogen for 5 min and heated the reaction mixture to 60°C for 3 h. After completion of the reaction, reaction mixture was cooled, diluted with EtOAc and water, layers were separated and aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine solution and organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using dichloromethane and 1-10% of methanol as eluents to yield DSM457. LCMS: (M+H) 359.4, RT. 2.88 min, 99.21% (Max). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, MeOD): δ 8.73 (d, *J* = 5.44 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.11-2.21 (m, 3H). (M+H) 359.4

**5-Methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-N-(5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-7-amine (DSM471).** To a solution of **6b** (0.18 g, 0.85 mmol) and 2-bromo-5-trifluoromethyl-pyridine (0.154 g, 0.68 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added sodium t-butoxide (0.24 g, 2.04 mmol) and degassed under nitrogen for 10 min. To this purged reaction mixture t-BuXphos Palladacycle (0.058 g, 0.085 mol) was added and degassed under nitrogen for 5 min and heated the reaction mixture to 60°C for 3 h. After completion of the reaction, reaction mixture was cooled, diluted with EtOAc and water, layers were separated and aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine solution and organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using dichloromethane and 1-10% of methanol as eluents to obtain DSM471 (0.12 g, 40%). LCMS: (M+H) 363.2, RT. 3.36 min, 99.11% (Max). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, MeOD): δ 8.81 (s, 1H), 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.13 (dd, *J* = 2.2 & 8.80, Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.72 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (s, 3H).

**(2-(1,1-Difluoroethyl)-7-((6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)amino)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-5-yl)methanol (DSM565).** DSM565 was prepared as described in Scheme S2 and has the following characteristics. LC-MS APCI: Calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>5</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O 374.28 Observed *m/z* [M+1]<sup>+</sup> 375.2; 99.27%. HPLC purity: 98.40%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 10.90 (s, 1H), 8.88 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 5.68 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.10-2.19 (m, 3H).

### Synthesis of DSM565

#### Scheme S2: Synthesis of DSM565



Reagents and conditions: i) NaH, THF, R.T. 16 h ii) DMA, DIPEA, 110 °C, 12 h iii) Ethyl 2,2-difluoroacetate, NaOEt, EtOH, 90 °C, 6 h iv) POCl<sub>3</sub>, reflux, 1 h v) 5-Amino-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine, NaH, DMF, RT, 3 h vi) BCl<sub>3</sub> (1M CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), -70 °C, 20 min

**Ethyl 4-(benzyloxy)-3-oxobutanoate (7):** To a suspension of NaH (60 percent in mineral oil, 2.93 g, 73.16 mmol) in anhydrous THF (50 mL) was added benzyl alcohol (3.95 g, 36.58 mmol) dropwise over 20 min. After stirring for 2 h, ethyl chloroacetate (6 g, 36.58 mmol) was added dropwise over 15 min and the reaction mixture was further stirred at RT for 16 h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was slowly quenched with 2N aq. HCl. The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with ethyl acetate (2x 200

mL). The combined EtOAc layer were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated under vacuo. The concentrated crude oil was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using hexane/ethyl acetate to afford **7** (8 g, 92.5%) as pale yellow oil.

**2,3-Diamino-6-(benzyloxymethyl)pyrimidin-4(3H)-one (8):** A reaction mixture of amino guanidine hydrochloride (3.72 g, 33.85 mmol), **7** (8 g, 33.85 mmol) and DIPEA (12 mL, 67.72 mmol) in DMA (20 mL) was stirred at 110 °C for 12 h in a sealed tube. Reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. Solid precipitated out was filtered and washed with diethyl ether to afford **8** (1.5 g, 18%) as off white solid.

**5-(Benzyloxymethyl)-2-(1,1-difluoroethyl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-7(4H)-one (9):** **8** (1.5 g, 6.09 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of NaOEt prepared freshly from sodium (0.35 g, 15.23 mmol) and ethanol (25 mL). Then, reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C for 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature. The ethyl 2, 2-difluoropropanoate (2.1 g, 15.23 mmol) was added to cooled reaction mixture at RT and stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The resulting reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C for 6 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated to dryness and water (100 mL) was added. The pH was adjusted to 4 by addition of 2N HCl solution to above reaction mixture. The precipitated solid was filtered, washed with water and dried under vacuum to afford compound **9** (1.5 g, 77%) as a white solid.

**5-(Benzyloxymethyl)-7-chloro-2-(1,1-difluoroethyl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine (10):** A suspension of **9** (1.5 g, 4.69 mmol) in phosphorus oxychloride (1.4 g, 9.37 mmol) was refluxed for 1 h. Ice cold water was added slowly to the reaction mixture and neutralized with addition of solid Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>. The resulting product was extracted with dichloromethane (3x 75 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The concentrated crude product was purified by flash chromatography using 50 % ethyl acetate in hexane to afford **10** (0.7 g, 44%) as white solid.

**5-(Benzyloxymethyl)-2-(1,1-difluoroethyl)-N-(6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-7-amine (11):** To a stirred solution of 6-(trifluoromethyl) pyridin-3-amine (0.332 g, 2.07mmol) in DMF (10 mL) was added NaH (60 percent in mineral oil, 0.17g, 4.13 mmol) and stirred for 20 min at room temperature. Then, **10** (0.7 g, 2.07 mmol) was added to stirred reaction mixture at room temperature and continued stirring for 3 hours at same temperature. The reaction mixture was poured in to NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution and extracted with ethyl acetate (2x25 mL). Separated organic layer was washed with brine solution, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The concentrated residue was purified by silica gel column using 0-50% EtOAc in hexane to afford **11** (0.3 g, 31%) as off white solid.

**(2-(1,1-Difluoroethyl)-7-(6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-ylamino)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-5-yl)methanol (DSM565):** To a stirred solution of **11** (0.3 g, 0.86 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (15 mL) was added borontrichloride (3 mL; 1M in dichloromethane) at -70 °C. The temperature was maintained for 20 min. After that dichloromethane: methanol (1:1) was added to the reaction mixture very slowly to quench the reaction mixture. Triethylamine (10 mL) was added to the quenched reaction mixture after 10 min and warmed to room temperature. Then, the resulting reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum. The concentrated crude product was purified by preparative HPLC to afford product **DSM565** (0.07g, 29%) as a white solid.

**LC-MS APCI:** Calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>5</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O 374.28 Observed *m/z* [M+1]<sup>+</sup> 375.2; 99.27%. HPLC purity: 98.40%.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):** δ 10.90 (s, 1H), 8.88 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 5.68 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.10-2.19 (m, 3H).

**Table S1.** X-ray diffraction data and refinement statistics for *Pf*DHODH bound to DSM421

<b>Data Collection</b>	
Resolution (Å)	50.00 - 2.15 (2.19 - 2.15)
Space group	P6 <sub>4</sub>
Cell dimensions (Å)	<i>a</i> = <i>b</i> =86.4, <i>c</i> = 138.6
Wavelength (Å)	0.97918
Unique reflections	31,810 (1,549)
Data Completeness (%)	99.8 (100)
Redundancy	12.4 (10.2)
I/σ	41.1 (1.0)
R <sub>merge</sub> (%) <sup>a</sup>	4.4 (100)
R <sub>pim</sub> (%) <sup>b</sup>	1.8 (70.7)
Wilson <i>B</i> -value (Å <sup>2</sup> )	26.0
<b>Refinement</b>	
Resolution (Å)	31.6 - 2.15 (2.23 - 2.15)
No. reflections <i>R</i> <sub>work</sub> / <i>R</i> <sub>free</sub>	26,506 (565)
Data Completeness (%)	83.5 (17.8)
R <sub>work</sub> / R <sub>free</sub> (%)	18.1 (26.8)/ 21.9(25.9)
Atoms (non-H protein/waters)	83.5 (17.8)
R.m.s.d bond length (Å)	0.003
R.m.s.d bond angles (deg.)	0.76
Mean <i>B</i> (Å <sup>2</sup> ) (protein/ligand/water)	47.6/40.8/34.3
Mean <i>B</i> -value (Å <sup>2</sup> )	41.0
<b>Ramachandran plot<sup>c</sup></b>	
Favored/Allowed (%)	96.6/3.4
Missing residues	159-161, 344-355, 566

Data for the outermost shell are given in parentheses.

<sup>a</sup> $R_{\text{merge}} = 100 \sum_h \sum_i |I_{h,i} - \langle I_h \rangle| / \sum_h \sum_i \langle I_{h,i} \rangle$ , where the outer sum (*h*) is over the unique reflections and the inner sum (*i*) is over the set of independent observations of each unique reflection.

<sup>b</sup> $R_{\text{pim}} = 100 \sum_h \sum_i [1/(n_h - 1)]^{1/2} |I_{h,i} - \langle I_h \rangle| / \sum_h \sum_i \langle I_{h,i} \rangle$ , where *n<sub>h</sub>* is the number of observations of reflections **h** <sup>14</sup>

<sup>c</sup>As defined by the validation suite MolProbity <sup>15</sup>

**Table S2.** DSM421 *In vitro* antimalarial activity

<i>P. falciparum</i>	Resistance	EC <sub>50</sub> (μM)
Wild-type strains or strains resistant to clinically used compounds		
NF54	-	26 <sup>b</sup>
3D7	-	11 <sup>a</sup> , 16 <sup>a</sup> , 14 <sup>a</sup>
HB3	Pyrimethamine	8.8 <sup>a</sup> , 21 <sup>b</sup>
K1	Chloroquine, Pyrimethamine Sulphadoxine Cycloguanil	34 <sup>b</sup>
TM90C2A	Chloroquine Pyrimethamine Mefloquine	13 <sup>a</sup> , 18 <sup>b</sup>
7G8	Chloroquine Pyrimethamine Cycloguanil	36 <sup>b</sup>
D6	Mefloquine	19 <sup>a</sup> , 13 <sup>b</sup>
Dd2	Chloroquine Pyrimethamine Sulphadoxine Cycloguanil Mefloquine	16 <sup>a</sup> , 20 <sup>a</sup> , 61 <sup>b</sup>
V1/S	Chloroquine Pyrimethamine Sulphadoxine Cycloguanil	69 <sup>b</sup>
FCB	Chloroquine Cycloguanil Mefloquine Atovaquone	79 <sup>b</sup>
Dd2 selected for resistance to development candidates		
Dd2	ELQ-300	31 <sup>b</sup>
Dd2	NITD609	34 <sup>b</sup>
Dd2	SJ557733	14 <sup>b</sup>
Dd2	GNF156	25 <sup>b</sup>
Dd2 (G181C)	DSM265	400 <sup>a</sup> (21-fold)
Dd2 (3x DHODH)	DSM265	110 <sup>a</sup> (7-fold)

Assays were performed in Albumax-based media. <sup>a</sup>Assays performed at University of Washington in the Rathod lab using the Syber Green method with a minimum of three replicates per concentration were included in the dose response curves to determine EC<sub>50</sub> <sup>16</sup>. <sup>b</sup>Assays performed at Swiss TPH using the hypoxanthine based assay with a minimum of two replicates <sup>17</sup>. Drug sensitivities for clinically used drugs have been reported previously <sup>18</sup>. Strains resistant to clinical isolates have also been described in the following publications: ELQ-300 <sup>19</sup>, NITD609 <sup>20</sup>, SJ557733 <sup>21</sup>, GNF156<sup>22</sup> and DSM265<sup>5</sup>, where line DF.R10clb(G181C mutation in DHODH) and 1D3 (PrC11) containing a 3-fold gene amplification of DHODH were tested in the study. Values in parenthesis represent the fold resistance compare to the Dd2 control run in the Rathod lab. The average EC<sub>50</sub> across all strains is 0.028 ± 0.020 μM, where error is the standard deviation of the mean.

**Table S3.** *In vitro* parasite reduction ratio (kill rate)

Compound	Concentration	Lag (h)	Log PRR	PCT 99.9% (h)
DSM421	10xEC <sub>50</sub>	48	3.0	94
DSM265	10xEC <sub>50</sub>	24-48	3.1	85
Art	10xEC <sub>50</sub>	0	>4.8	<24
Ato	10xEC <sub>50</sub>	48	2.9	81
Pyr	10xEC <sub>50</sub>	24	3.7	57
Chl	10xEC <sub>50</sub>	0	4.5	34

Art, artemisinin; Ato, atovaquone; Pyr, pyrimethamine; Chl, chloroquine. Parasite Reduction Ratio (PRR), the log number of parasites killed per asexual life cycle (48 h), Lag Phase, time before parasite killing begins, and parasite clearance time (PCT), time to achieve 99.9% parasite kill. The EC<sub>50</sub> for DSM421 in the 48 h growth assay was 0.043 ± 0.006 µM. Data on the comparator compounds has been previously published<sup>5</sup>.

**Table S4A.** Activity of DSM421 against *P. falciparum* and *P. vivax* field isolates.

Drug	<i>P. falciparum</i> lab lines (nM)		<i>P. falciparum</i> clinical isolates (nM)		<i>P. vivax</i> clinical isolates (nM)	
	FC27	K1	n	Median (range)	n	Median (range)
Chloroquine	32	212	9	86 (36 – 129)	12	147 (13 – 255)
Amodiaquine	33	39	9	26 (18 – 42)	13	51 (9.6 – 92)
Piperaquine	55	76	9	36 (20 – 57)	12	34 (8.9 – 121)
Mefloquine	56	20	8	13 (3.4 – 34)	12	18 (7.7 – 52)
Artesunate	3.6	5.1	8	2.4 (0.6 – 7.5)	12	0.8 (0.3 – 5.7)
<b>DSM421</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>151 (85 – 281)</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>175 (56 – 373)</b>

Data in parenthesis show the range of values. Ring stage parasites were exposed to drug for 48 h in this assay. Two lab strains FC27 (CQ sensitive) and K1 (CQ resistant) were assayed as comparators using the same method.

**Table S4B.** Activity of DSM265 against *P. falciparum* and *P. vivax* field isolates.

Drug	<i>P. falciparum</i> lab lines (nM)		<i>P. falciparum</i> clinical isolates (nM)		<i>P. vivax</i> clinical isolates (nM)	
	FC27	K1	n	Median (range)	n	Median (range)
Chloroquine	23	194	27	101 (33 – 238)	34	44 (12 – 298)
Amodiaquine	15	34	27	17 (5.7 – 98)	34	12 (5.8 – 41)
Piperaquine	42	50	27	25 (10 - 96)	34	15 (3.5 – 103)
Mefloquine	66	19	27	13 (2.7 - 44)	34	15 (5.3 – 48)
Artesunate	11	9.6	19	2.6 (1.4 -18)	26	2.9 (0.8 – 13)
<b>DSM265</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>190 (70 – 670)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>918 (451 – 1790)</b>

Data in parenthesis show the range of values. Ring stage parasites were exposed to drug for 48 h in this assay. Two lab strains FC27 (CQ sensitive) and K1 (CQ resistant) were assayed as comparators using the same method.



**Table S5A.** Comparison of *in vivo* *P. falciparum* efficacy with standard antimalarials

Compound	ED <sub>90</sub> (mg/kg)	Blood AUC <sub>ED90</sub> ( $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{hr}/\text{mL}$ ) *	Blood C <sub>av</sub> ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ )
DSM421 QD	2.6	12.9	0.53
DSM265 QD	8.1	16.7	0.69
DSM265 BID	3.0	10.8	0.45
Pyrimethamine	0.9	1.3	0.054
Chloroquine	4.3	1.0	0.042
Mefloquine	7.7	8.2	0.34

QD, once daily dosing; BID, twice daily dosing. \*AUC<sub>0-24h</sub>, are shown except for the DSM265 BID data where the value is AUC<sub>0-12h</sub> x2. Data for DSM265 were taken from <sup>2,5</sup>, data for chloroquine, mefloquine and pyrimethamine were taken from <sup>5,23</sup>.

**Table S5B.** DSM421 SCID mouse blood PK data.

Dose (mg/kg)	Blood C <sub>max</sub> ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ )	Blood C <sub>min</sub> ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ )	Blood AUC <sub>0-23</sub> ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}\cdot\text{h}$ )	Blood C <sub>av</sub> ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ )
0.1	0.045	0.007	0.58	0.024
0.5	0.169	0.005	1.66	0.069
1	0.302	0.035	3.97	0.17
2.5	1.100	0.102	12.83	0.53
<b>5</b>	<b>2.490</b>	<b>0.327</b>	<b>30.84</b>	<b>1.29</b>
10	8.590	1.150	112.26	4.68
30	18.90	3.290	255.15	10.6

ED<sub>90</sub> occurred at 2.5 mg/kg/day and the minimum dose needed to achieve the maximum kill rate was 5 mg/kg. C<sub>min</sub> measured at 23 h post-dose.

**Table S6.** Comparison of physicochemical properties between DSM421 and DSM265

Physicochemical Properties	DSM421	DSM265
MW	358.27	415.33
PSA (Å <sup>2</sup> )	68.0	55.1
H-bond donors/acceptors	1 / 6	1 / 4
Freely rotatable bonds (FRB)	3	4
pKa (calc) <sup>a</sup>	1.7	<1
Log D <sub>pH 7.4</sub> (shake flask)	2.36	4.0
Solubility (µg/mL) pH 7.4 buffer	82	2.0
0.1 N HCl pH 1.0	160	25
FaSSGF pH 1.6	116	6.8
FaSSIF (V2) pH 6.5	93	5.1
FeSSIF (V2) pH 5.8	119	27.6
Chemical stability	No degradation at 4 weeks at 40°C; longer studies not yet run	Stable
Caco-2 Permeability (cm/sec)	High (P <sub>app</sub> = 33x10 <sup>-6</sup> )	High (P <sub>app</sub> = 59x10 <sup>-6</sup> )

<sup>a</sup> measured values could not be determined. Data for DSM265 were taken from <sup>5</sup>

**Table S7.** Permeability of DSM421 across confluent and differentiated Caco-2 cell monolayers.

Mass Balance (%)		P <sub>app</sub> (x10 <sup>6</sup> cm/sec)		Efflux Ratio
A-B	B-A	A-B	B-A	
70 ± 4	98 <sup>a</sup>	33.2 ± 2.5	46.2 <sup>a</sup>	1.4

<sup>a</sup> only n=2 measurements available

**Table S8.** *In vitro* metabolism of DSM421 in hepatic microsomes and cryopreserved hepatocytes.

Microsomes	Human	Dog	Rat	Mouse
<i>In vitro</i> CL <sub>int</sub> (µL/min/mg protein)	2.2 <sup>a</sup>	<7	<7	<7
Fu microsomes	0.77	0.77 <sup>b</sup>	0.77 <sup>b</sup>	0.77 <sup>b</sup>
Fu blood	0.027	0.14	0.092	0.080
Predicted unbound <i>in vivo</i> CL <sub>int</sub> (mL/min/kg)	2.3	<17	<16	<24
Predicted plasma CL (mL/min/kg)	0.045	<1.8	<1.3	<1.7
Predicted E <sub>H</sub>	0.003	<0.07	<0.02	<0.01

<sup>a</sup> estimate only, minimal degradation even with longer incubation time

<sup>b</sup> based on data in human liver microsomes

Hepatocytes	Human	Dog	Rat	Mouse
<i>In vitro</i> CL <sub>int</sub> (µL/min/10 <sup>6</sup> cells)	<3	<2	<4	<2
Fu hepatocytes (calc) <sup>a</sup>	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71
Fu blood	0.027	0.14	0.092	0.080
Predicted unbound <i>in vivo</i> CL <sub>int</sub> (mL/min/kg)	<11	<17	<26	<20
Predicted plasma CL (mL/min/kg)	<0.2	<2	<2	<1.4
Predicted E <sub>H</sub>	<0.01	<0.07	<0.04	<0.01

<sup>a</sup> calculated as per <sup>1</sup>

**Table S9.** Plasma and media protein binding and blood to plasma partitioning ratios for DSM421.

	Human	Dog	Rat	Mouse	Mini Pig	SCID Mouse*	Albumax media	10% FCS in DMEM	10% human serum in RPMI	HLM
% Bound	98.1	88.8	91.7	92.8	98.2	97	50	37	85.4	23
B:P	0.70	0.80	0.88	1.02	ND	0.6	---	---		---

\*estimated as described in supplemental methods

**Table S10.** Specific CYP-mediated metabolic pathways, conditions and reference inhibitors for reversible CYP inhibition studies

CYP Isoform	Microsomal protein (mg/mL)	Substrate ( $\mu$ M) / Incubation Time (min)	Metabolic pathway	Control inhibitor
CYP1A2	0.4	40 / 30	phenacetin O-deethylation	furafylline
CYP2B6	0.4	80 / 20	bupropion hydroxylation	ticlopidine
CYP2C8	0.4	2 / 8	amodiaquine N-deethylation	quercetin
CYP2C9	0.4	140 / 20	tolbutamide methylhydroxylation	sulfaphenazole
CYP2C19	1.0	30 / 40	(S)-mephenytoin 4'-hydroxylation	ticlopidine
CYP2D6	0.4	3 / 10	dextromethorphan O-demethylation	quinidine
CYP3A4/5	0.4	50 / 5	testosterone 6 $\beta$ -hydroxylation	ketoconazole

**Table S11.** Reversible inhibition of CYP isoforms by DSM421.

CYP isoform	IC <sub>50</sub> ( $\mu$ M)
1A2	>20 (n.m.i.)
2B6	>20 (n.m.i.)
2C8	>20 (n.m.i.)
2C9	>20 (22% inhibition)
2C19	>20 (n.m.i.)
2D6	>20 (45% inhibition)
3A4/5	>20 (n.m.i.)

n.m.i. = no measurable inhibition

**Table S12.** Specific CYP-mediated metabolic pathways, conditions and reference inhibitors used for time - dependent CYP inhibition studies

<b>CYP Isoform</b>	<b>Preincubation Substrate (<math>\mu\text{M}</math>) / Post-Dilution Incubation Time (min)</b>	<b>Metabolic Pathway</b>	<b>Control Mechanism-Based Inhibitor</b>	<b>Control Reversible Inhibitor</b>
1A2	400 / 30	phenacetin O-deethylation	furafylline	ketoconazole
2C9	2100 / 30	tolbutamide methylhydroxylation	tienilic acid	sulfaphenazole
2C19	200 / 40	(S)-mephenytoin 4'-hydroxylation	(S)-fluoxetine	ketoconazole
2D6	15 / 15	dextromethorphan O-demethylation	paroxetine	quinidine
3A4/5	7.5 / 10	midazolam 1'-hydroxylation	verapamil	ketoconazole
	120 / 10	testosterone 6 $\beta$ -hydroxylation	verapamil	ketoconazole

**Table S13.** Time-dependent inhibition data for DSM421 against 5 major CYP isoforms.

<b>CYP Isoform (Metabolic pathway)</b>	<b>IC50 (<math>\mu\text{M}</math>) / Preincubation condition</b>	
	<b>-NADPH</b>	<b>+NADPH</b>
1A2	>20	>20
2C9	>20	>20
2C19	>20	>20
2D6	>20	>20
3A4/5 (midazolam-1'-hydroxylation)	>20	>20
3A4/5 (testosterone 6 $\beta$ -hydroxylation)	>20	>20

**Table S14.** DSM421 dosing conditions for preclinical pharmacokinetic studies.

<b>Dosing conditions</b>	<b>Mice</b>	<b>Rats</b>	<b>Dogs</b>
strain	male Swiss outbred	male Sprague Dawley	male beagle
fasted/non-fasted	non-fasted	fasted (food reinstated at 4 h post dose)	fasted (food reinstated at 4 h post dose)
PO formulation	aqueous suspension in 0.5% sodium carboxymethyl-cellulose / 0.5% benzyl alcohol / 0.4% Tween 80 in water	aqueous suspension in 0.5% sodium carboxymethyl-cellulose / 0.5% benzyl alcohol / 0.4% Tween 80 in water	10% DMSO/90% PEG400
PO administration	oral gavage	oral gavage	capsule
IV formulation	aqueous vehicle containing 40% propylene glycol / 10% ethanol / water with 0.8% Tween 80	aqueous vehicle containing 40% propylene glycol / 10% ethanol / water with 0.4% Tween 80	10% DMSO/90% PEG400
IV administration	bolus (50 $\mu$ L) into tail vein	10 min infusion (1 mL) via cannula in jugular vein	bolus into the cephalic vein
Blood collection	2 samples per mouse, 2 mice per time point	serial sampling via cannula in carotid artery	serial sampling via cephalic vein (opposite to that used for dosing)

**Table S15.** Pharmacokinetic parameters for DSM421 following IV and oral administration to non-fasted mice. Data based on the average of two independent samples per time point.

Mice	IV 1.7 mg/kg	PO 4.5 mg/kg	PO 20 mg/kg	PO 41.5 mg/kg
Plasma CL (mL/min/kg)	5.1			
Plasma V <sub>ss</sub> (L/kg)	0.8			
Plasma AUC <sub>0-inf</sub> (µg.h/mL)	5.49	19.9	120	263
Apparent t <sub>1/2</sub> (h)	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.3
T <sub>max</sub> (h)		2	1	1
Plasma C <sub>max</sub> (µg/mL)		3.11	22.5	33.3
Apparent bioavailability (%)		>100	>100	>100

**Table S16.** Pharmacokinetic parameters for DSM421 following IV and oral administration to fasted rats. Data represent the average of two animals per dose group.

Rats	IV 2.0 mg/kg	PO 4.3 mg/kg	PO 21.4 mg/kg	PO 53.7 mg/kg
Plasma CL (mL/min/kg)	2.4			
Plasma V <sub>ss</sub> (L/kg)	0.7			
Plasma AUC <sub>0-inf</sub> (µg.h/mL)	14.0	24.3	132	775
Apparent t <sub>1/2</sub> (h)	5.3	4.3	4.4	4.2
Fraction of dose excreted in urine over 48 h (%)	0.6	0.4	0.4	1.4
T <sub>max</sub> (h)		1.8	4.5	7.5
Plasma C <sub>max</sub> (µg/mL)		3.24	14.7	35.5
Apparent bioavailability (%)		80	88	>100

**Table S17.** Pharmacokinetic parameters for DSM421 following IV and oral administration to fasted dogs. Data represent the mean ± SD for n=3 (PO) or n=2 (IV) dogs per dose group.

Dogs	IV 1 mg/kg	PO 1 mg/kg
Plasma CL (mL/min/kg)	0.48 ± 0.05	
Plasma V <sub>ss</sub> (L/kg)	0.73 ± 0.03	
AUC <sub>0-inf</sub> (µg.h/mL)	34.3 ± 3.3	39.8 ± 13.4
Apparent t <sub>1/2</sub> (h)	17.5	14.3
T <sub>max</sub> (h)		4.2
Plasma C <sub>max</sub> (µg/mL)		1.73 ± 0.35
BA (%)		116 ± 38.9

**Table S18.** DSM421 Summary of safety pharmacology data

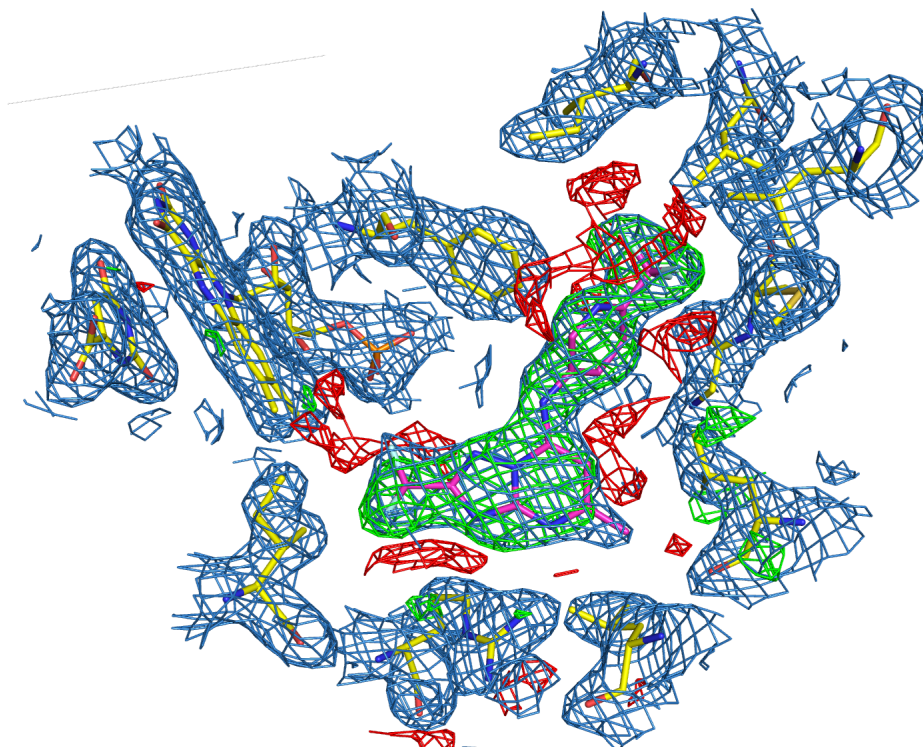
<b>Assay</b>	<b>Study site</b>	<b>Result</b>
AMES	Wuxi	Found none mutagenic in a 4 strain test ± metabolic activation under GLP conditions
CYP Inhibition	Charman Lab	>20 µM, all tested isoforms (see above)
Time Dependent CYP Inhibition	Charman Lab	>20 µM, all tested isoforms (see above)
hERG	Essen	IC50 = 26.2 µM; IC50/Cfree Hs = 52
Ca <sub>v</sub> 1.2 channel	Essen	> 33 µM
NaV1.5 channel	Essen	> 33 µM, 27% at 33 µM
CEREP diversity panel	Cerep	No significant inhibition to tested concentration of 10 µM. Highest was 40% inhibition for A3(h), same as DSM265

**Table S19.** Small molecule crystallographic data for DSM421

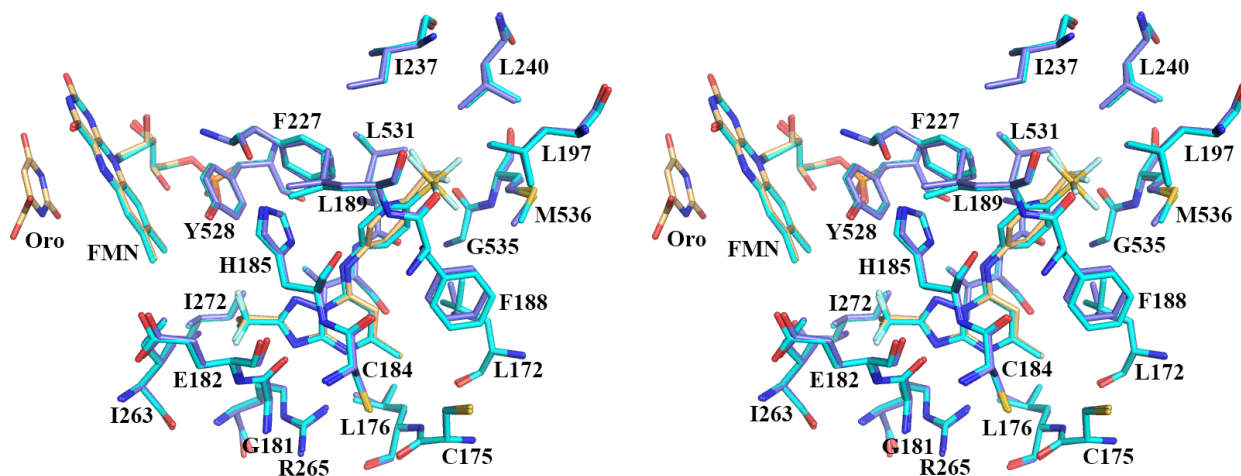
Empirical formula	C14 H11 F5 N6	
Formula weight	358.29	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P $\bar{1}$	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.7788(8) Å b = 13.1460(12) Å c = 14.0081(12) Å	$\alpha$ = 64.088(5)°. $\beta$ = 86.954(6)°. $\gamma$ = 72.713(5)°.
Volume	1540.4(2) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.545 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.141 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	728	
Crystal size	0.30 x 0.15 x 0.12 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	1.62 to 25.35°.	
Index ranges	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11, -15 ≤ k ≤ 15, -15 ≤ l ≤ 16	
Reflections collected	15447	
Independent reflections	5613 [R(int) = 0.0648]	
Completeness to theta = 25.00°	99.7 %	
Max. and min. transmission	0.9833 and 0.9589	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	5613 / 18 / 490	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.023	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0664, wR2 = 0.1164	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1284, wR2 = 0.1403	
Extinction coefficient	0.0075(9)	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.382 and -0.301 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	



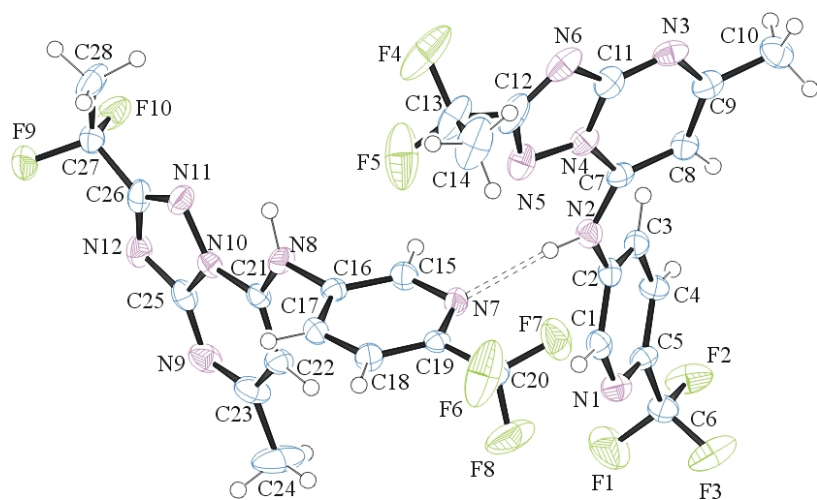
**Fig. S1.** Density maps for the DSM421:*Pf*DHODH binding-site. 2mFo-DFc density map as calculated in *PHENIX*<sup>24</sup> for the DSM421:*Pf*DHODH binding-site. 2mFo-DFc density map (blue contoured) at the 1 $\sigma$  level, mFo-DFc difference map density (red is negative and green is positive density) at the 3 $\sigma$  level prior to refinement or inclusion of inhibitor into the model. DSM421 is shown in pink and protein residues and FMN are shown in yellow.



**Fig. S2.** Stereo view of the superimposed DSM421 and DSM265 binding sites within the 4Å shell. Superposition of the DSM265 (PDB 4RX0)(turquoise) and DSM421(purple with tan ligands) bound *Pf*DHODH structures. The figure shows a stereo image of the 4Å shell around the ligands.



**Fig. S3.** ORTEP diagram of the DSM421 structure. Thermal ellipsoids at the 50% probability level. The dashed line indicates a hydrogen bond. Nitrogen N8 hydrogen-bonds to a symmetry-related molecule in a similar fashion. Disorder in C27-C28-F9-F10 omitted for clarity.



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