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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**Identification of a small molecule that primes the type I interferon response
to cytosolic DNA**

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1 **Supplementary Figure S1. Viability of HEK-293T, A549, MRC5, and Vero cells when**
2 **treated with ChX79.** Cells were incubated with indicated concentrations of ChX79. After 24
3 hours of culture, the number of living cells was determined by ATP quantification using the
4 CellTiter-GLO reagent. Results are expressed as a percentage relative to DMSO-treated cells.
5 ** $P < 0.01$ corresponds to statistically significant differences between cell types as calculated
6 by two-way ANOVA and Bonferroni's post hoc test.

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8 **Supplementary Figure S2. Cellular toxicity of ChX710 and analog compound CID70.**
9 HEK-293 cells with the ISRE-luciferase reporter gene (STING-37 cell line) were incubated
10 with increasing concentrations of CID70 **(a)** or ChX710 **(b)**. After 0, 24 and 48 hours of
11 culture, the number of living cells was determined using the CellTiter-GLO reagent. Results
12 are expressed as a percentage relative to the initial number of living cells at $t=0$ hours. **
13 $P < 0.01$ as calculated by one-way ANOVA with Tukey's post hoc test. **(c)** Human PBMCs
14 from two independent donors were treated with increasing concentrations of ChX710. After
15 24 hours of culture, the number of living cells was determined using the CellTiter-GLO
16 reagent. Results are expressed as a percentage relative to DMSO-treated cells.

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18 **Supplementary Figure S3. STAT2, but not STAT1, is essential to ISRE activation by**
19 **IFN- β .** **(a)** STAT1, STAT2 or STAT1 and STAT2 were silenced by siRNA transfection in
20 ISRE-luciferase reporter cells. After 48 hours of cultures, STAT1 and STAT2 expression
21 levels were determined by western-blot analysis. STAT2 expected size is 113 kDa. * indicates
22 bands possibly corresponding to STAT2 degradation intermediates. **(b)** In parallel, cells were
23 stimulated with recombinant IFN- β . After 24 hours of incubation, luciferase induction was
24 determined. Data represent means \pm SD of four independent experiments. ** $P < 0.01$

1 corresponds to statistically significant differences as calculated by two-way ANOVA and
2 Bonferroni's post hoc test.

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4 **Supplementary Figure S4. Functional validation of siRNA targeting MAVS, STING,**

5 **IRF1 and IRF3. (a)** The silencing of STING, MAVS, IRF1 and IRF3 by siRNA was

6 validated by western-blot **(b)** MAVS was silenced by siRNA transfection in ISRE-luciferase

7 reporter cells. After 48 hours of cultures, cells were left untreated or transfected with ssRNA.

8 After 24 hours of incubation, luciferase induction was determined. **(c)** Same experiment as (b)

9 using STING-specific siRNA and cGAMP stimulation. **(d)** Same experiment as (b) using

10 IRF1 or IRF3-specific siRNA. **(e)** IRF3 was silenced by siRNA transfection in HEK-293T

11 cells. After 48 hours of culture, cells were transfected with pIFN- β -Luciferase reporter

12 plasmid alone or ssRNA. After 24 hours of incubation, luciferase induction was determined.

13 **(f)** Schematic model of the signaling pathways induced by ssRNA in HEK-293 cells.

14 Experiments were performed in triplicate and data represent means \pm SD. ** $P < 0.01$ as

15 calculated by Student's t test.

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17 **Supplementary Figure S5. Impact of ChX710 on ISRE induction by recombinant IFN- α**

18 **or ssRNA. (a)** ISRE-luciferase reporter cells were treated with both recombinant IFN- α and

19 ChX710 at different concentrations. After 24 hours of incubation, luciferase induction was

20 determined. **(b)** Same experiment as in (a) but cells were treated with different concentrations

21 of ChX710 and transfected with ssRNA. Experiments were performed in duplicate and data

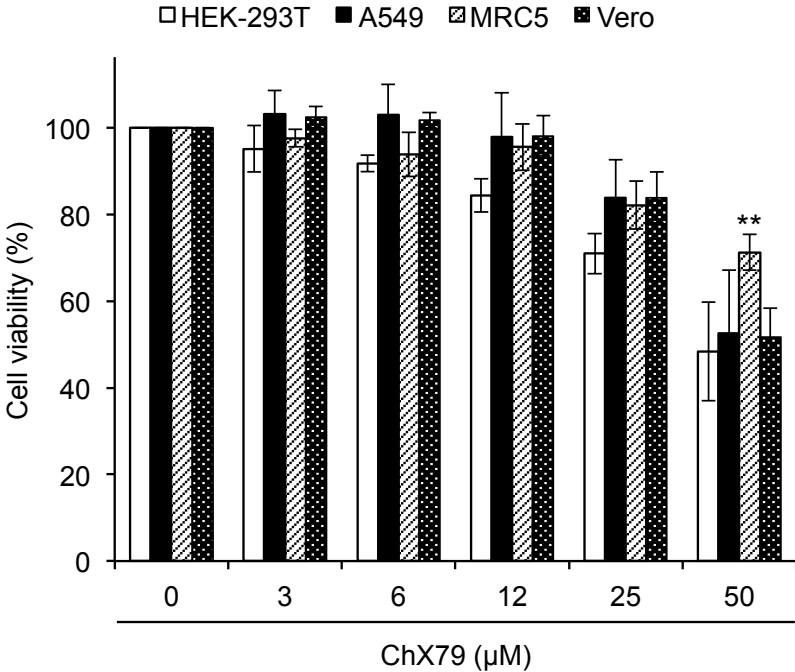
22 represent means \pm SD. ** $P < 0.01$ corresponds to statistically significant differences as

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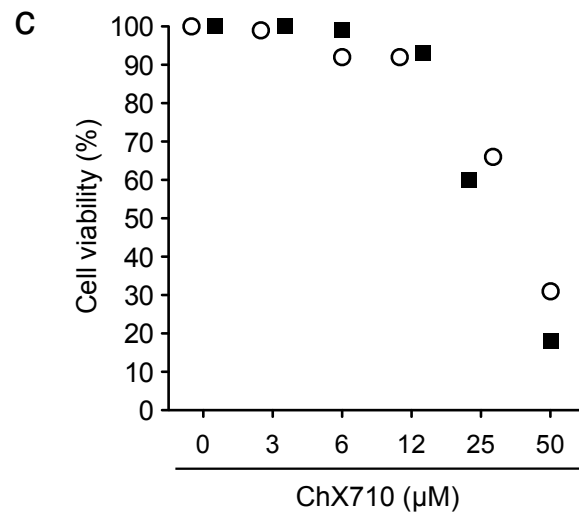
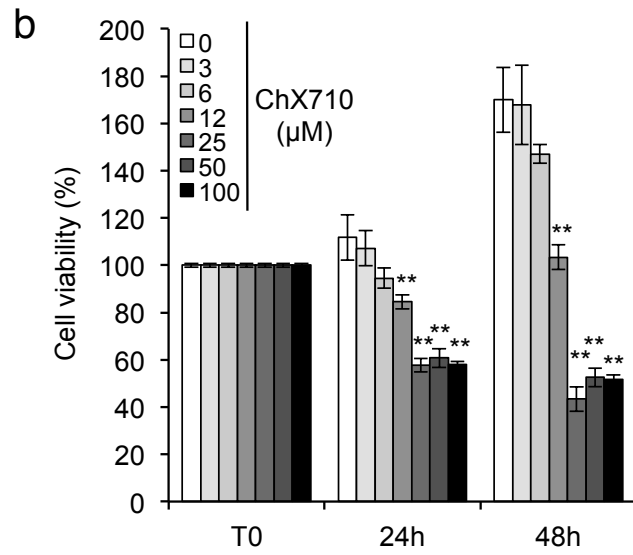
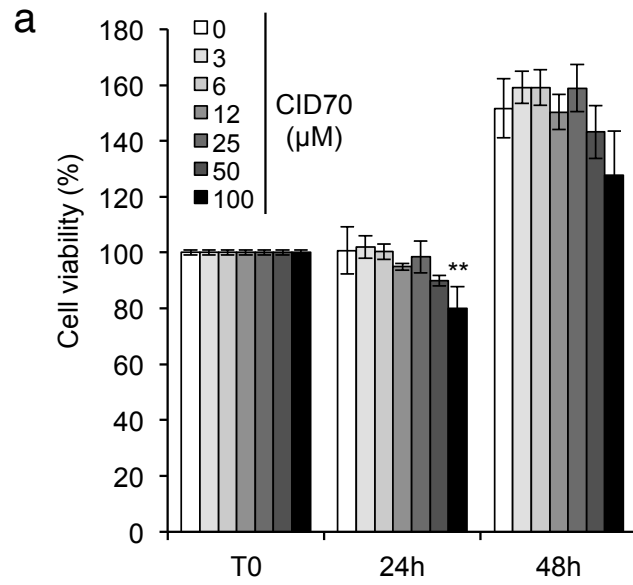
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1 **Supplementary Figure S6. ULK1 degradation is induced by ChX710.** HEK-293 cells
2 were treated for 24 hours with DMSO alone or increasing concentrations of ChX710. ULK1
3 expression was determined by western-blot analysis on protein extracts. ULK1 expected size
4 is 120 kDa. * indicates bands possibly corresponding to ULK1 degradation intermediates.

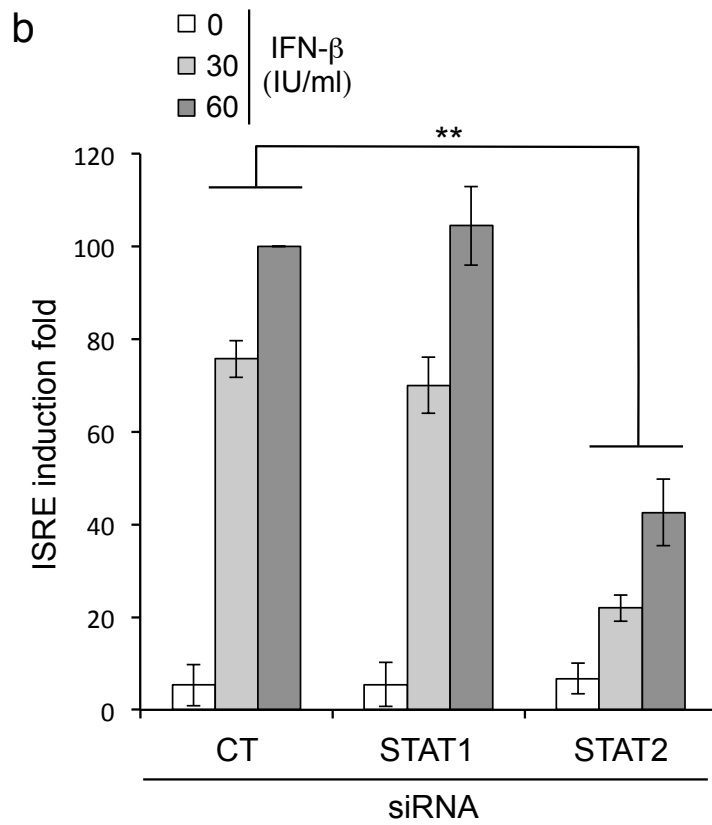
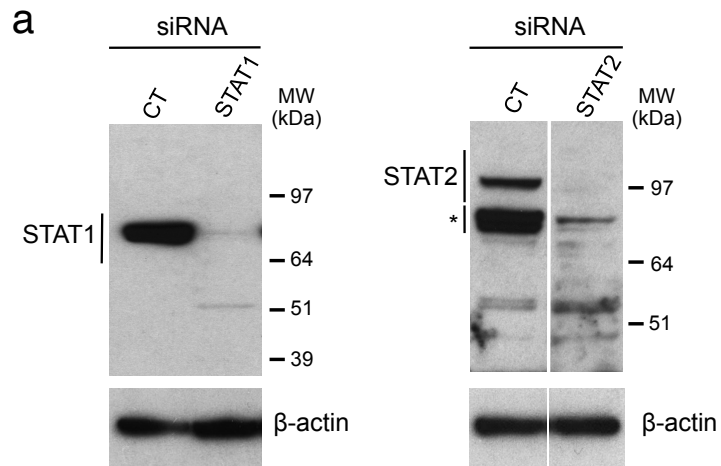
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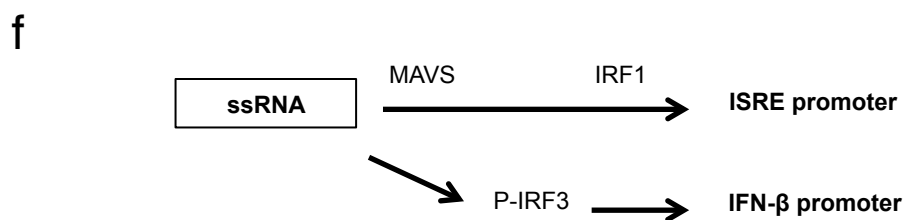
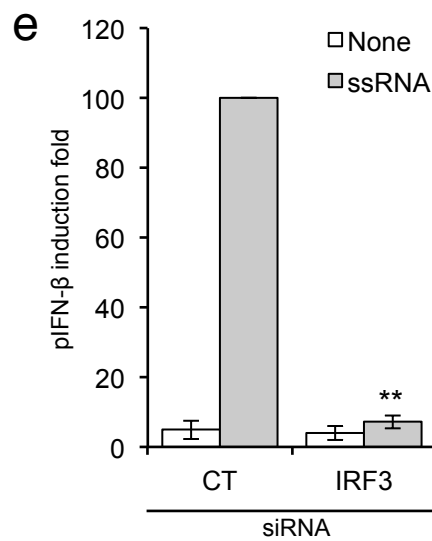
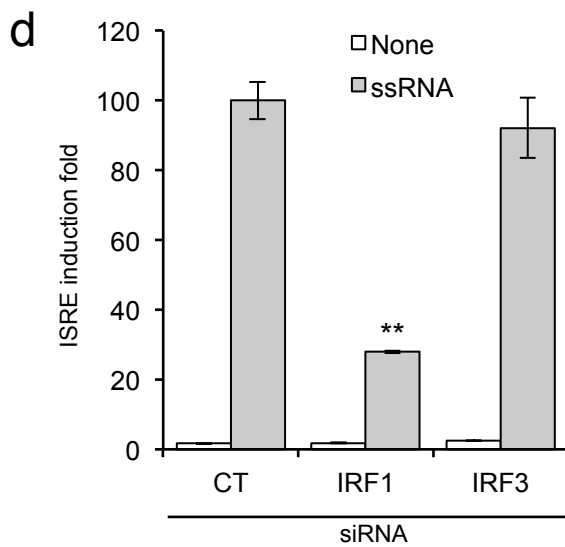
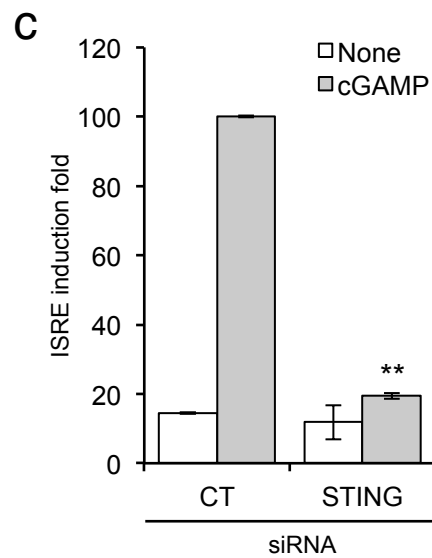
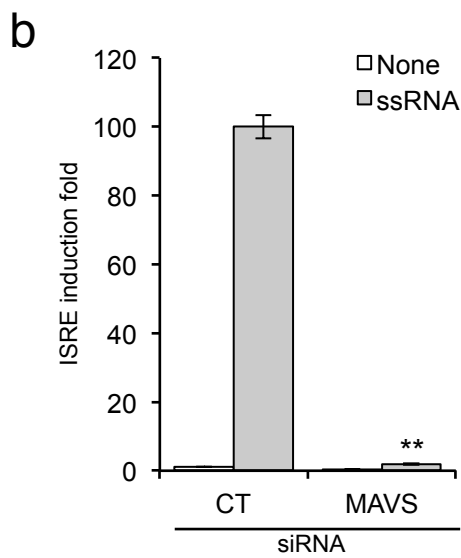
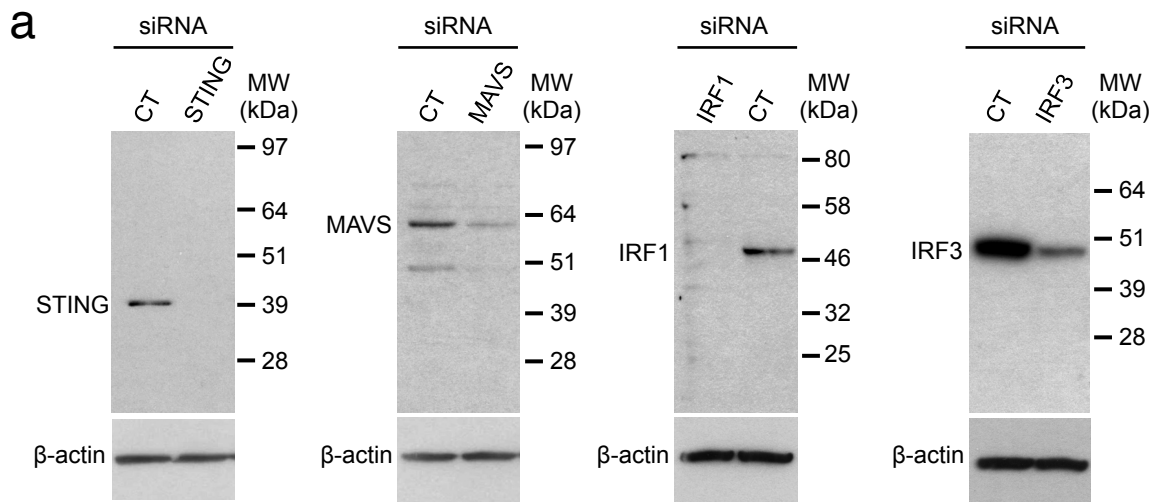


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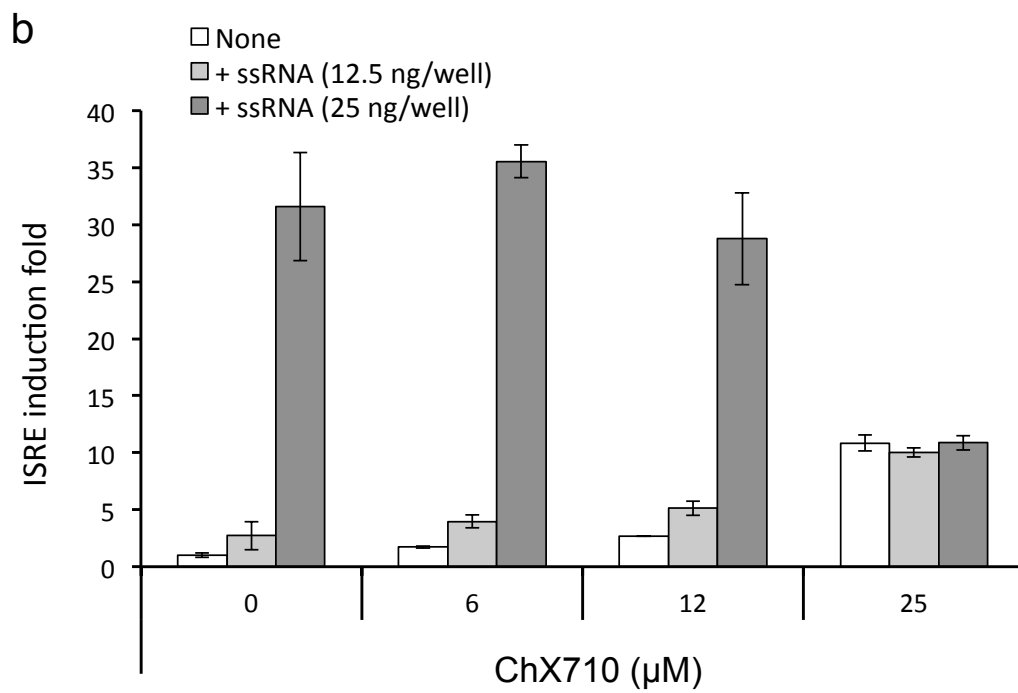
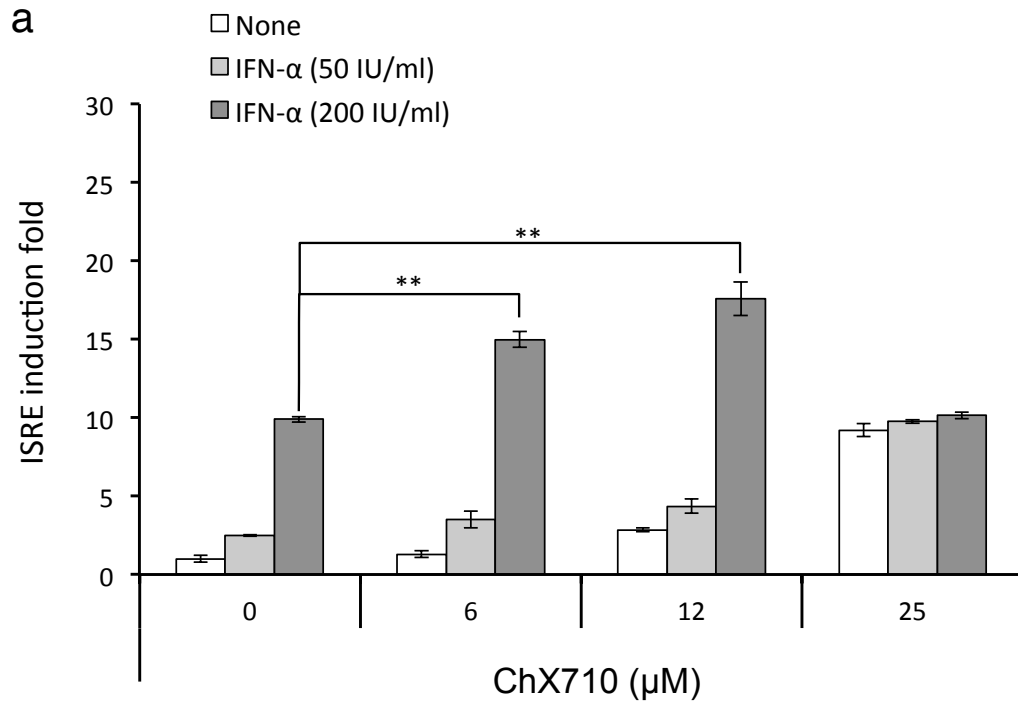


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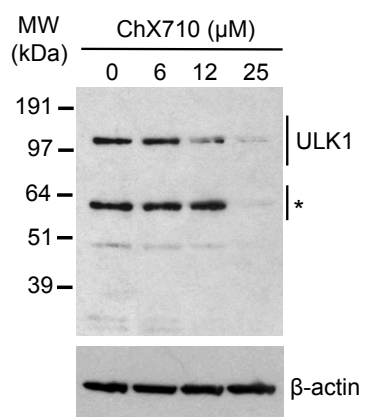




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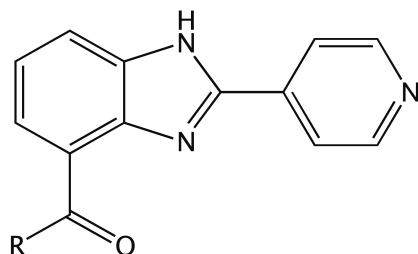


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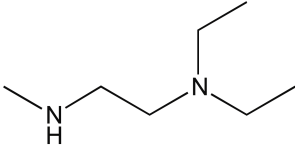
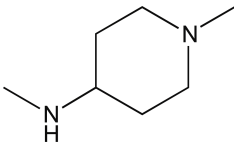
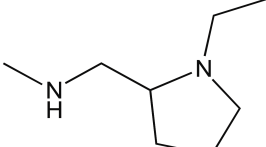
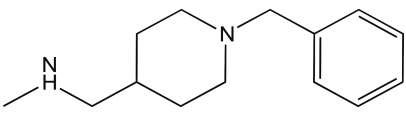
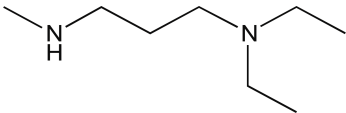
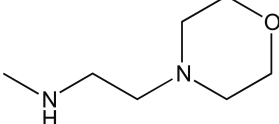
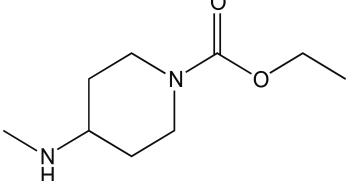
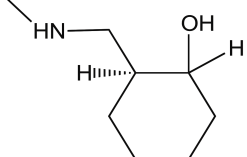


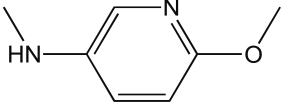
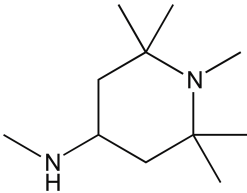
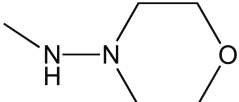
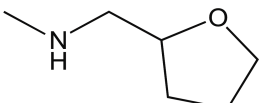
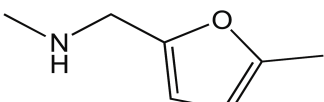
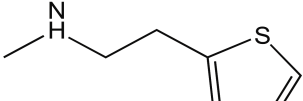
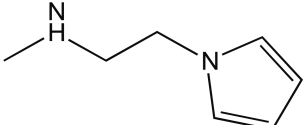
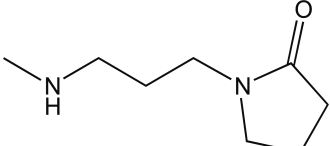
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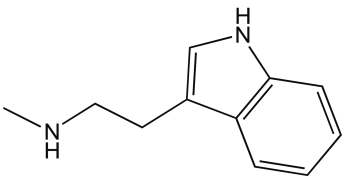
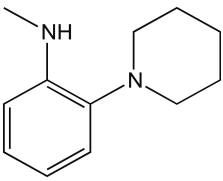
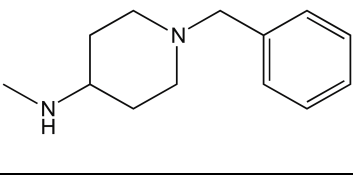
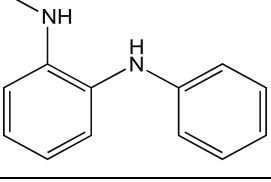
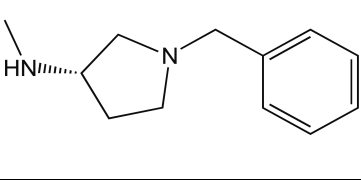
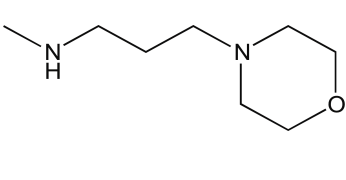
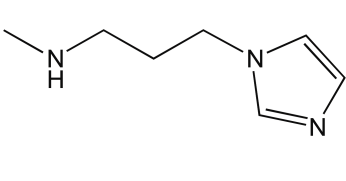
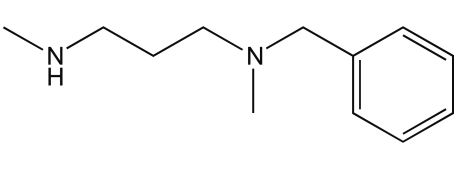
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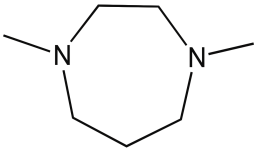
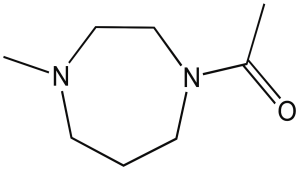
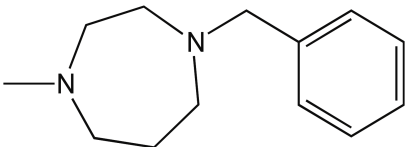
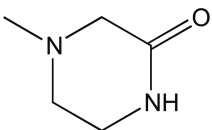
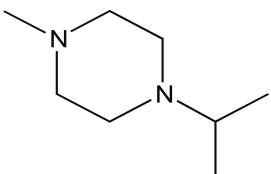
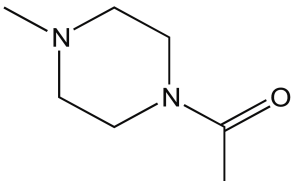
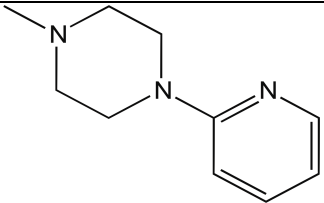
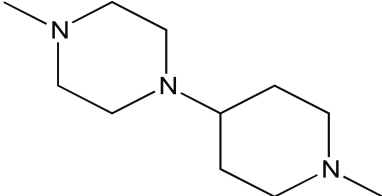


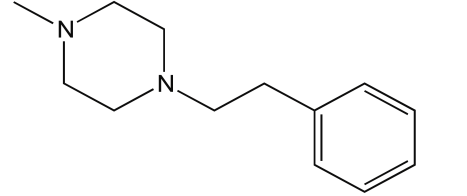
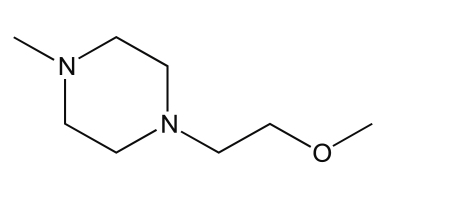
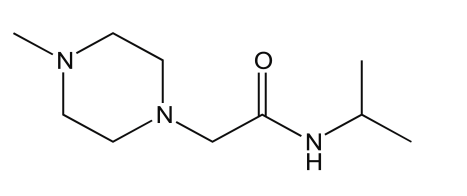
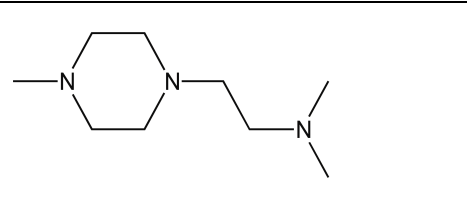
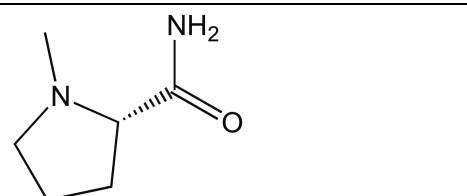
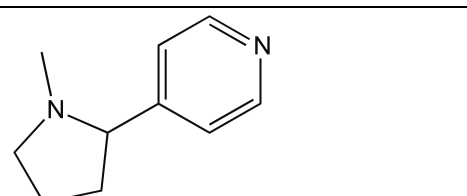
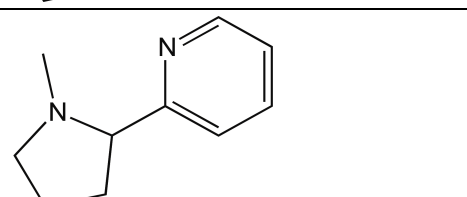
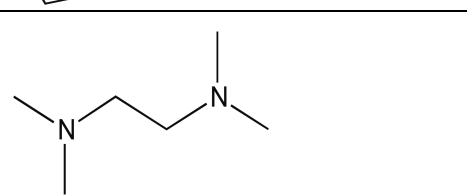
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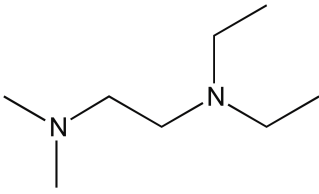
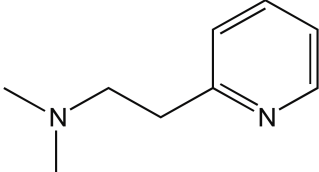
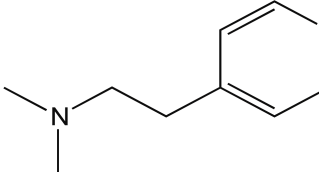
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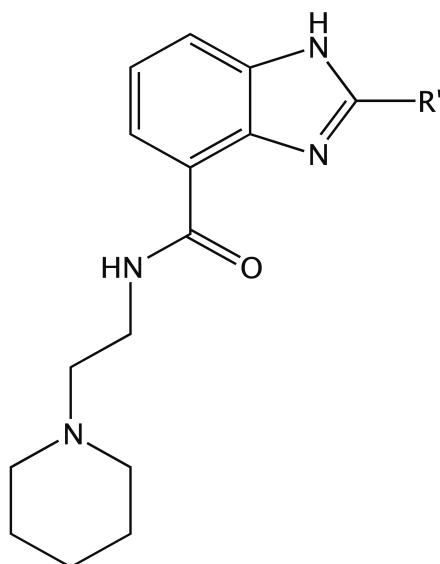
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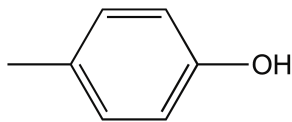
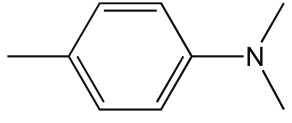
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Supplementary Table S2. Chemical structures of ChX67779 analogs and corresponding ISRE-luciferase induction levels.



Compound ID	R'	ISRE induction fold		
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Supplementary Table S3

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IFIT2-F	3433	84	AATAGGACACGCTGTGGCTC
IFIT2-R			AGGCTGGCAAGAATGGAACA
ISG15-F	9636	117	CAGCGAACTCATCTTTGCCAG
ISG15-R			GACACCTGGAATTCGTTGCC
IFI6-F	2537	83	GGGTGGAGGCAGGTAAGAAA
IFI6-R			GACGGCCATGAAGGTCAGG
IFI27-F	3429	106	ATCAGCAGTGACCAGTGTGG
IFI27-R			GGCCACAACCTCCTCCAATCA
IRF1-F	3659	105	TAAGGGGTGTGGCCTTTTTAGA
IRF1-R			AAAGTCAAGTTCAGGCGGGA
PKR-F	5610	158	GCGATACATGAGCCCAGAACAG
PKR-R			CTGAGATGATGCCATCCCGTAG
MxA-F	4599	74	AAGCTGATCCGCCTCCACTT
MxA-R			TGCAATGCACCCCTGTATACC
IFN- α 1/13-F	3439/3447	174	CCAGTTCAGAAAGGCTCCAG
IFN- α 1/13-R			TCCTCCTGCATCACACAGGC
IFN- α 4-F	3441	210	CCCACAGCCTGGGTAATAGGA
IFN- α 4-R			CAGCAGATGAGTCCTCTGTGC
IFN- β -F	3456	152	TGCATTACCTGAAGGCCAAGG
IFN- β -R			AGCAATTGTCCAGTCCCAGAG
IFN- γ -F	3458	177	GGCAGCCAACCTAAGCAAGAT
IFN- γ -R			CAGGGTCACCTGACACATTCA
IFN- λ 1-F	282618	187	GGACGCCTTGGAAGAGTCAC
IFN- λ 1-R			CTGGTCTAGGACGTCCTCCA
IFN- λ 2/3-F	282616/282617	146	GGGCTGTATCCAGCCTCAG
IFN- λ 2/3-R			GAGGAGGCGGAAGAGGTTGA