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I. Experimental Procedures

I.I Materials and Methods

Commercially available reagents, purchased as reagent grade, and acetonitrile (extra dry over molecular sieve, AcroSeal®) were used as received. Dichloromethane was dried over calcium hydride and freshly distilled. All reactions were performed under argon atmosphere. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed with silica gel glass plates (60 F254) and UV light (λ = 254 nm and λ = 366 nm) for visualizing the compounds. Flash chromatography for purification was performed on silica gel (40–73 µm). Alternatively, CombiFlash®Rf-system (Teledyne Isco) with a Redi*Sep*®*R*^f column (80 g silica gel, particle size 40–63 µm) was used. A HPLC system with a Sunfire C₁₈ column (50 mmØ × 300 mmL, particle size 10 µm) and a micromass ZQ-mass spectrometer from Waters was used for high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC).

t (min)	B: MeCN (vol%)	flow rate (mLmin ⁻¹)
Ω	20	30
$0 - 2.9$	20	30
$2.9 - 4$	20	150
$4 - 24$	80	150
24	100	150
$24 - 30$	100	150

Table S4. HPLC method.

Melting points were determined in open capillary tubes and are uncorrected. FT-IR-spectra were recorded with a diamond ATR unit. A Q-TOF-instrument with a dual source and a suitable external calibrant were used for high-resolution mass spectra (HRMS). ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz spectrometer (400 MHz for ¹H, 100.6 MHz for ¹³C and 377 MHz for ¹⁹F), a 500 MHz spectrometer (500 MHz for ¹H, 125.6 MHz for ¹³C and 471 MHz for ¹⁹F) and a 600 MHz spectrometer (600 MHz for ¹H and 150.9 MHz for ¹³C). Chemical shifts (*δ*) were reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS, *δ* = 0.00 ppm) and referenced to deuterated solvent signals (e.g., for DMSO-d₆, δ = 2.50 ppm (¹H) and δ = 39.52 ppm (¹³C); for CDCl₃, δ = 7.26 ppm (¹H) and δ = 77.16 ppm (¹³C); for acetone-d₆, δ = 2.05 ppm (¹H) and δ = 29.84 ppm (¹³C); CD₃CN, δ = 1.94 ppm (¹H) and δ = 118.26 ppm (¹³C)).[\[1\]](#page-42-0) X-ray crystallography of BODIPY **5a** was performed on a STOE IPDS 2T with Mo-Kα radiation and graphite monochromator.

I.II Supplemental Experimental Procedures

1,3-Dimethyl-4,4-difluoro-4-bora-3*a***,4***a***-diaza-***s***-indacene (3)**

Title compound BODIPY **3** was synthesized according to a procedure reported by *Lee* et al.[\[2\]](#page-42-1)

To a solution of pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde (2) (586 mg, 6.16 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) at −10 °C and under inert atmosphere was added 2,4-dimethylpyrrole (1) (349 µL, 6.16 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The solution was stirred ten minutes and POCl₃ (1.28 mL, 6.16 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added dropwise. During three hours the solution was allowed to warm until room temperature. After stirring three hours at room temperature *N*,N-diisopropylethylamine (3.2 mL, 18.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and BF₃⋅OEt2 (2.3 mL, 18.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) were added. After three hours, the solvent was removed in vacuo. Purification by flash chromatography on silica (nhexane/EtOAc 8:1) yielded BODIPY **3** (246 mg, 1.12 mmol, 18%) as dark red, green metallic shining solid.

R*^f* = 0.20 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 10:1). **m. p.**: 141.1–141.9 °C (PE/EtOAc 8:1), (Lit.[\[3\]](#page-42-2)): 136–138 °C (PE/EtOAc 10:1). **¹H-NMR**, **COSY** (300 MHz, CDCl3): δ = 7.64 (sbr, 1H, *H*-7), 7.19 (s, 1H, *H*-8), 6.92 (d, *J*=3.8 Hz, 1H, *H*-5), 6.44–6.41 (m, 1H, *H*-6), 6.15 (s, 1H, *H*-2), 2.59 (s, 3H, C*H*3-1), 2.26 (s, 3H, C*H*3-3) ppm. The data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.[\[2\]](#page-42-1) **¹³C-NMR**, **HSQC**, **HMBC** (75.5 MHz, CDCl3): δ = 163.2 (*C*q-8a), 145.9 (*C*q-3), 139.3 (*C*H-7), 136.6 (*C*q-1), 132.8 (*C*q-7a), 126.6 (*C*H-5), 124.9 (*C*H-8), 121.4 (*C*H-2), 116.4 (*C*H-6), 15.3 (*C*H3-1), 11.5 (*C*H3-3) ppm. The data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.[\[3\]](#page-42-2) **¹⁹F-NMR** (282 MHz, CDCl3): δ = −147.4 (q (1:1:1:1), *J*= 31.4 Hz, B*F*2) ppm. **IR** (ATR): ῦ = 3118, 2925, 2854, 1599, 15293, 1399, 1282, 1264, 1142, 1071, 1032, 971, 738 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₁H₁₁BFN₂ [M-F]⁺ 201.0999; found: 201.0996.

1-Methyl-3-(4-(*N***,***N***-dimethylamino)styrenyl)-4,4-difluoro-4-bora-3***a***,4***a***-diaza-***s***-indacene (5a)**

Title compound **5a** was synthesized according to a procedure reported by *Er* et al.[\[4\]](#page-42-3) To a solution of BODIPY **3** (25 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dry acetonitrile (2.5 mL) under inert atmosphere was added acetic acid (39 µL, 0.66 mmol, 6.0 equiv.) and pyrrolidine (56 µL, 0.66 mmol, 6.0 equiv.). 4-(Dimethylamino)benzaldehyde (**4a**) (34 mg, 0.22 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) dissolved in acetonitrile (1 mL) was added and the reaction solution was stirred for 25 minutes at 50 °C. The solvent was removed in vacuo. Purification by flash chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/EtOAc 14:1) yielded BODIPY **5a** (32 mg, 92 µmol, 81%) as dark blue oil.

R*^f* = 0.21 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 5:1). **¹H-NMR**, **COSY** (400 MHz, CDCl3): δ = 7.59 (sbr, 1H, *H*-8), 7.54–7.49 (m, 2H, AA'-part of a AA'XX'-spin system, *H*-2', *H*-6'), 7.44 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H, BodipyC*H*=CH), 7.34 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H, BodipyCH=C*H*), 7.03 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 6.82 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H, *H*-6), 6.72 (sbr, 1H, *H*-2), 6.70–6.65 (m, 2H, XX'-part of a AA'XX'-spin system, *H*-3', *H*-5'), 6.42–6.40 (m, 1H, *H*-7), 3.04 (s, 6H, N(C*H*3)2), 2.27 (s, 2H, C*H*3-1) ppm. **¹³C-NMR**, **HSQC**, **HMBC** (100.6 MHz, CDCl3): δ = 144.8 (*C*q-7a), 161.0 (*C*q-3), 152.1 (*C*q-4'), 142.3 (BodipyCH=*C*H), 138.8 (*C*q-8a), 136.7 (*C*H-8), 133.0 (*C*q-1), 130.5 (*C*H-2', *C*H-6'), 124.3 (*C*q-1'), 123.9 (*C*q-6), 120.9 (*C*H-5), 117.9 (*C*H-2), 115.7 (*C*H-7), 113.9 (Bodipy*C*H=CH), 112.4 (*C*H-3', *C*H-5'), 40.6 (N(*C*H3)2), 11.9 (*C*H3-1) ppm. **¹⁹F-NMR** (296 MHz, CDCl3): δ = −144.0 (q (1:1:1:1), *J* = 31.6 Hz, B*F*2) ppm. **IR** (ATR): ῦ = 3068, 2920, 2857, 1583, 1524, 1398, 1287, 1149, 1160, 1028, 725 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for [C₂₀H₂₀BF₂N₃Na]⁺ 374.1616; found: 374.1627.

The accession number for this X-ray crystal structure of BODIPY derivative **5a** is CCDC 1917091.

1-Methyl-3-(4-(piperidin-1-yl)styrenyl)-4,4-difluoro-4-bora-3*a***,4***a***-diaza-***s***-indacene (5b)**

Title compound **3** was synthesized according to a procedure reported by *Er* et al.[\[4\]](#page-42-3)

To a solution of BODIPY **3** (25 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dry acetonitrile (2.5 mL) under inert atmosphere was added acetic acid (39 µL, 0.66 mmol, 6.0 equiv.) and pyrrolidine (56 µL, 0.66 mmol, 6.0 equiv.). 4-(Piperidin-1-yl)benzaldehyde (**4b**) (43 mg, 0.22 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) dissolved in acetonitrile (1 mL) was added and the reaction solution was stirred for 20 minutes at 40 °C. The solvent was removed in vacuo. Purification by flash chromatography on silica (n-hexane/EtOAc 8:1 + 1% NEt₃) yielded BODIPY 5b (23 mg, 59 µmol, 52%) as dark blue, metallic shining oil.

R*^f* = 0.25 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 5:1). **¹H-NMR**, **COSY** (400 MHz, CDCl3): δ = 7.61 (sbr, 1H, *H*-8), 7.53–7.49 (m, 2H, AA'-part of a AA'XX'-spin system, *H*-2', *H*-6'), 7.46 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H, BodipyC*H*=CH), 7.34 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H, BodipyCH=C*H*), 7.06 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 6.90–6.86 (m, 2H, XX'-part of a AA'XX'-spin system, *H*-3', *H*-5'), 6.84 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H, *H*-6), 6.74 (sbr, 1H, *H*-2), 6.43–6.40 (m, 1H, *H*-7), 3.35–3.31 (m, 4H, 2×N(C*H*2)), 2.29 (s, 3H, C*H*3-1), 1.73–1.62 (m, 6H, 3×C*H*2) ppm. **¹³C-NMR**, **HSQC**, **HMBC** (100.6 MHz, CDCl3): δ = 160.6 (*C*q-3), 153.0 (*C*q-4'), 144.7 (*C*q-7a), 141.6 (BodipyCH=*C*H), 138.6 (*C*q-8a), 137.1 (*C*H-8), 133.0 (*C*q-1), 130.2 (*C*H-2', *C*H-6'), 125.7 (*C*q-1'), 124.2 (*C*H-6), 121.2 (*C*H-5), 117.7 (*C*H-2), 115.8 (*C*H-7), 115.1 (*C*H-3', *C*H-5'), 114.7 (Bodipy*C*H=CH), 49.3 (2×N(*C*H2)), 25.7 (3×*C*H2), 11.8 (*C*H3-1) ppm.¹ **¹⁹F-NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl3): δ = −142.6 (q (1:1:1:1), *J* = 31.2 Hz, B*F*2) ppm. **IR** (ATR): ῦ = 2961, 2928, 2360, 1730, 1592, 1523, 1397, 1289, 1126, 1072, 957 cm−1 . HRMS (ESI): calcd. for [C23H25BF2N3] ⁺ 392.2108; found: 392.2116.

1-Methyl-3-(2-(1-methylindol-5-yl)ethenyl)-4,4-difluoro-4-bora-3*a***,4***a***-diaza-***s***-indacene (5c)**

Title compound **5c** was synthesized according to a procedure reported by *Er* et al.[\[4\]](#page-42-3)

To a solution of BODIPY **3** (25 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dry acetonitrile (2.5 mL) under inert atmosphere was added acetic acid (39 µL, 0.66 mmol, 6.0 equiv.) and pyrrolidine (56 µL, 0.66 mmol, 6.0 equiv.). 1-Methyl-1*H*-indole-5-carbaldehyde (**4c**) (36 mg, 0.22 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) dissolved in dry acetonitrile (1 mL) was added and the reaction solution was stirred for 3 hours at 40 °C. The solvent was removed in vacuo. Purification by CombiFlash[®]R_r-system on silica (*n*-heptane/EtOAc, 5% EtOAc (60 min), then 15% EtOAc (20 min)) yielded BODIPY **5c** (18 mg, 50 µmol, 44%) as dark blue, metallic shining oil.

R*^f* = 0.25 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 4:1). **¹H-NMR**, **COSY** (400 MHz, CDCN3): δ = 7.86 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-4'), 7.78 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H, BODIPYCH=C*H*), 7.59 (sbr, 1H, *H*-8), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.7 Hz, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-6'), 7.52 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H, BODIPYC*H*=CH), 7.48– 7.43 (m, 1H, *H*-7'), 7.40 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 7.22 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-2'), 6.98 (s, 1H, *H*-6), 6.97 (sbr, 2H, *H*-2), 6.55 (dd, *J* = 3.2 Hz, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H, *H*-3'), 6.49–6.45 (m, 1H, *H*-7), 3.81 (s, 3H, N(C*H*3)), 2.33 (sbr, 3H, C*H*3-1) ppm. **¹³C-NMR**, **HSQC**, **HMBC** (100.6 MHz, CDCN3): δ = 161.4 (*C*q-3), 147.1 (*C*q-7a), 144.8 (BODIPYCH=*C*H), 139.3 (*C*q-8a), 139.0 (*C*q-7a'), 137.7 (*C*H-8), 133.7 (*C*q-1), 131.9 (*C*H-2'), 130.0 (*C*q-3a'), 128.2 (*C*q-5'), 125.7 (*C*H-6), 123.7 (*C*H-5), 123.3 (*C*H-4'), 121.8 (*C*H-6'), 118.6 (*C*H-2), 116.7 (*C*H-7), 115.5 (BODIPY*C*H=CH), 111.4 (*C*H-7'), 102.8 (*C*H-3'), 33.4 (N(*C*H3)), 11.7 (*C*H3-1) ppm. **¹⁹F-NMR** (377 MHz, CDCN3): δ = −143.1 (q (1:1:1:1), *J* = 31.4 Hz, B*F*2) ppm. **IR** (ATR): ῦ = 2924, 2853, 1596, 1524, 1416, 1312, 1287, 1145, 1063, 994 cm−1 . HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $[C_{21}H_{18}BF_2N_3Na]^+$ 384.1460; found: 384.1463.

(3*E***)-4-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)but-3-en-2-one (7a)**

Title compound **7a** was synthesized according to the procedure reported by *Chen* et al.[\[5\]](#page-42-4) To a solution of 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde (**6a**) (1.22 g, 9.99 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in acetone (15 mL) was added an aqueos solution of sodium hydroxide (10%, 25 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at room temperature and then acidified to pH 1 with an aqueos solution of HCl (10%). The aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (30 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed in vacuo. Purification by flash chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/EtOAc 4:1) yielded product **7a** (1.33 g, 8.20 mmol, 82%) as yellowish solid.

R*^f* = 0.35 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 2:1). **m.p.**: 102.1–104.8 °C (cyclohexane/EtOAc 2:1), (Lit.[\[5\]](#page-42-4)): 109 °C (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 5:1). **¹H-NMR**, **COSY** (300 MHz, DMSO-d6): δ = 10.04 (sbr, 1H, O*H*), 7.55–7.51 (m, AA´-part of a AA´XX´-part spin system, 2H, *H*-2, *H*-6), 7.52 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H, ArC*H*=CH), 6.84–6.78 (m, XX-part of a AA´XX´-part spin system, 2H, *H*-3, *H*-5), 6.59 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H, ArCH=C*H*), 2.28 (s, 3H, C*H*3) ppm. In the literature the data are available in CDCl3. [\[5\]](#page-42-4) **¹³C-NMR**, **HSQC**, **HMBC** (75.5 MHz, DMSO-d6): δ = 197.8 (*C*O), 159.9 (*C*q-4), 143.6 (Ar*C*H=CH), 130.4 (*C*H-2, *C*H-6), 125.4 (*C*q-1), 124.1 (ArCH=*C*H), 115.9 (*C*H-3, *C*H-5), 27.2 (CH₃) ppm. In the literature the data are available in CDCI₃.^{[\[5\]](#page-42-4)} HRMS (ESI): calcd. for [C₁₀H₁₁O₂]⁺ 163.0759; found: 163.0769.

¹ Signals for *C*q-7a and *C*q-8a could not be assigned without a doubt.

(3*E***)-4-(4-Hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)but-3-en-2-one (7b)**

Title compound **7b** was synthesized according to the procedure reported by *Chen* et al.[\[5\]](#page-42-4)

To a solution of 4-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde (**6b**) (1.01 g, 6.64 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in acetone (10 mL) was added an aqueos solution of sodium hydroxide (10%, 17 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature and then acidified to pH 1 with an aqueous solution of HCl (10%). The aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (30 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed in vacuo. Purification by flash chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/EtOAc 5:1→3:1) yielded **7b** (910 mg, 5.16 mmol, 71%) as yellowish solid.

R*^f* = 0.29 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 2:1). **m.p.**: 125.3–126.6 °C cyclohexane/EtOAc 5:1), (Lit.[\[5\]](#page-42-4)): 127–128 °C (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 10:1). **1H-NMR**, **COSY** (300 MHz, DMSO-d6): δ = 9.65 (s, 1H, O*H*), 7.52 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H, ArC*H*=CH), 7.30 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H, *H*-2), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 8.20 Hz, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H, *H*-6), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, *H*-5), 6.67 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H, ArCH=C*H*), 3.82 (s, 3H, OC*H*3), 2.29 (s, 3H, C*H*3) ppm. In the literature the data are available in CDCl3. [\[5\]](#page-42-4) **¹³C-NMR**, **HSQC**, **HMBC** (75.5 MHz, DMSO-d6): δ = 197.9 (*C*O), 149.4 (*C*q-4), 148.0 (*C*q-3), 144.0 (Ar*C*H=CH), 125.9 (*C*q-1), 124.4 (ArCH=*C*H), 123.3 (*C*H-6), 115.7 (*C*H-5), 111.3 (*C*H-2), 55.7 $(OCH₃),$ 27.2 (CH₃) ppm. In the literature the data are available in CDCI₃.^{[\[5\]](#page-42-4)}

(3*E***)-4-(3,4-Dihydroxyphenyl)but-3-en-2-one (7c)**

Title compound **7c** was synthesized according to a procedure reported by *Chen* et al.[\[5\]](#page-42-4)

An aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide (10%, 36 mL) was added to a solution of 3,4-dihydroxybenzaldehyde (**6c**) (2.00 g, 14.5 mmol, 1.0 äq.) in acetone (15 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature and then acidified to pH 1 with an aqueous solution of HCl (10%). The aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane $(3 \times 100 \text{ mL})$. The combined organic layers were washed with brine (100 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/EtOAc 2:1) to yield the product **7c** (2.15 g, 12.1 mmol, 83%) as a yellow solid.

R*^f* = 0.71 (EtOAc/EtOH/H2O 17:2:1). **m.p.**: 172.0–174.1 °C (cyclohexane/EtOAc 3:2), (Lit.[\[6\]](#page-42-5)): 173–175 °C (*n*-hexane/EtOAc). **¹H-NMR** (300 MHz, acetone-d6): δ = 7.47 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H, ArC*H*=CH), 7.17 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H, *H-*2), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 8.2 Hz, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H, *H-*6), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H, *H-*5), 6.54 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H, ArCH=C*H*), 2.27 (s, 3H, C*H*3) ppm. The data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.^{[\[7\]](#page-42-6)} ¹³**C-NMR** (75.5 MHz, acetone-d₆): δ = 197.7 (*C*O), 148.6 (*C*_q-4), 146.2 (*C*_q-3), 144.1 (Ar*C*H=CH), 127.9 (*C*q-1), 125.3 (ArCH=*C*H), 122.7 (*C*H-6), 116.4 (*C*H-5), 115.2 (*C*H-2), 27.3 (*C*H3) ppm. The data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.^{[\[7\]](#page-42-6)}

3-[1-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)-3-oxobutyl]-4-methyl-2*H***-chromen-2-one (8a)**

Title compound **8a** was synthesized according to a procedure reported by *Halland* et al.[\[8\]](#page-42-7)

4-Hydroxy-2*H*-chromen-2-one (106 mg, 0.65 mmol, 1.05 eq.) was dissolved in DMSO (4.8 mL). l-proline (36 mg, 0.31 mmol, 0.5 eq.) and (3*E*)-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)but-3-en-2-one (**7a**) (91 mg, 0.62 mmol, 1.0 eq.) were added and the reaction solution was stirred for 3 days at room temperature. Diethyl ether (20 mL) and water (10 mL) were added and the aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (4 \times 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/EtOAc 2:1, then toluene/EtOAc 3:1) to yield an isomeric mixture of **8a** (77 mg, 238 µmol, 42%) as yellowish solid.

R*^f* = 0.42 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 1:1). **m.p.**: 208.5–209.9 °C (chloroform). **IR** (ATR): ῦ = 3363, 2924, 2853, 1693, 1614, 1515, 1455, 1390, 1237, 1072, 763 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for [C₁₉H₁₆O₅Na]⁺ 347.0895; found: 347.0887.

Table S5. ¹H-NMR signals (600 MHz, acetone-d6) and ¹³C (150.9 MHz, acetone-d6) of hemiacetals **8a**A–B.

3-[1-(4-Hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxobutyl]-4-methyl-2*H***-chromen-2-one (8b)**

Title compound **8b** was synthesized according to a procedure reported by *Halland* et al.[\[8\]](#page-42-7)

4-Hydroxy-2*H*-chromen-2-one (1.69 g, 10.4 mmol, 1.05 eq.) was dissolved in DMSO (25 mL). l-proline (572 mg, 4.97 mmol, 0.5 eq.) and (3*E*)-4-(4-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl)but-3-en-2-one (**7b**) (1.91 g, 9.93 mmol, 1.0 eq.) were added and the reaction solution was stirred for 3 days at room temperature. Diethyl ether (40 mL) and water (20 mL) were added and the aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (50 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 and filtered. The solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/EtOAc 3:1, then toluene/EtOAc 3:1→1:1, then toluene/EtOAc 3:1) to yield an isomeric mixture of product **8b** (2.08 g, 5.87 mmol, 59%) as colourless solid.

R_{*f*} = 0.36 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 1:1). **m.p.**: 126.8–129.6 °C (cyclohexane/EtOAc 1:1), (Lit.^{[\[9\]](#page-42-8)}): 181 °C (EtOH). **IR** (ATR): ῦ = 3384, 2934, 2850, 1686, 1618, 1515, 1454, 1382, 1239, 1073, 762 cm^{−1}. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for [C₂₁H₁₉O₆]* 355.1182; found: 355.1172.

3-[1-(3,4-Dihydroxyphenyl)-3-oxobutyl]-4-methyl-2*H***-chromen-2-one (8c)**

Title compound **8c** was synthesized according to a procedure reported by *Halland* et al.[\[8\]](#page-42-7)

4-Hydroxy-2*H*-chromen-2-one (1.64 g, 10.1 mmol, 1.05 eq.) was dissolved in DMSO (24 mL). l-proline (556 mg, 4.83 mmol, 0.5 eq.) and (3*E*)-4-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)but-3-en-2-one (**7b**) (1.72 g, 9.65 mmol, 1.0 eq.) were added and the reaction solution was stirred for 3 days at room temperature. Diethyl ether (40 mL) and water (20 mL) were added and the aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (4 x 25 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (50 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/EtOAc 1:2) and by HPLC (see table 2) to yield an isomeric mixture of **8b** (287 mg, 842 µmol, 9%) as yellowish solid.

R*^f* = 0.79 (EtOAc/EtOH/H2O 17:2:1). **m.p.**: 115.7–118.1 °C (MeCN/H2O, 80/20). **IR** (ATR): ῦ = 3348, 2927, 2855, 1681, 1612, 1519, 1447, 1390, 1073, 736 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for [C₁₉H₁₇O₆]⁺ 341.1020; found: 341.1019.

I.III General Information and protocols for biochemical assays

Human serum albumin was purchased as lyophilized and fatty acid free (≤ 0.007%) from Sigma Aldrich (A1887). Warfarin (**2**), iophenoxic acid (**3**), ketoprofen (**4**), indomethacin (**5**), ibuprofen (**1**), semaglutide, and liraglutide were commercially available. Stock solutions (10 mM) of 1–5, 8a–c were prepared in ethanol. The BODIPY dyes 5a–c were dissolved in ethanol at 2.5 mM. Sulfasalazine (**6**) and balsalazide (**7**) were dissolved in PBS (800 µM, max. 5 vol% DMSO). Dulbecco's phosphate-buffered saline (PBS (1X), no calcium, no magnesium, Gibco®, Scotland) containing KCl, NaCl, KH₂PO₄, and Na₂HPO₄⋅7H₂O (pH 7.08) was used for stock solutions of HSA (100 µM). All stock solutions were stored at 4–5 °C. Under this storage conditions HSA solutions can be used for 2 days. Required concentrations were diluted with PBS. The HSA concentration was determined by optical density using the photometer NanoDrop with molar excitation coefficient (ε) ε (280) = 32810 M⁻¹cm⁻¹.^{[\[10\]](#page-42-9)} All described experiments were performed at 20 °C. The microplatereader Varioskan™ (Thermo Scientific) was used for recording the spectroscopic data in black 96 well half area microplates from Greiner Bio-One (see wavelengths for every dye in table 1). Absorption spectra were recorded on a Evolution 201 photometer from Thermo Scientific. Fluorescence spectra were measured on a FP-8300 fluorometer from Thermo Scientific. Analysis was performed with GraphPad Prism^{[\[11\]](#page-42-10)} (version 7.0). Standard errors were calculated as SEM. The abbreviations *c* (μM) (concentration in micro molar), FI (AU) (fluorescence intensity, arbitrary unit), and χ_{HSA} (substance amount fraction of human serum albumin) were used for the axes of diagrams. The pH values were determined using the pH meter Titrino Plus 877 from Metrohm.

Absorption and fluorescence spectra

For the spectra of BODIPY **5a–c**, warfarin derivatives **8a–c** and of warfarin (**2**) 2 mL of a 40 µM solution of the ligand was pipetted into a fluorescence cuvette and analysed.

Fluorescence titration

A clear microplate (Greiner Bio one, 384 well flat bottom) was prepared with the HSA solution (35 µL) and with a 1:1 ratio the serial dilutions of the ligand (see final concentrations in the figure description) were transfered into it and mixed 6 times. An aliquot (50 µL) of each HSA/ligand solution was taken after 30 minutes and analysed. For each concentration and for the control four replicates were performed. The final concentration of the HSA solution is 25 µM for the warfarin derivatives **8a–c** and 12.5 µM for the BODIPY dyes **5a–c**.

Job Plots

Binding stoichiometries were measured according to the method described by Job and Huang.^{[\[12-13\]](#page-42-11)} The substance amount fraction of HSA was varied with a total volume of 70 µL (see the final concentration in the figure description) and pipetted into a clear microplate (Greiner Bio one, 384 well flat bottom). The solutions were mixed 6 times and after 30 minutes the fluoroscopic measurements were done. For each concentration and for the control three replicates were performed.

One-dye competition experiments

The one-dye/HSA complex solution (1:1 ratio) was prepared at 20 °C and used after 20 minutes. A clear microplate (Greiner Bio one, 384 well flat bottom) was filled with 35 µL of the dye/HSA solution and with a 1:1 ratio the serial dilutions of the ligand were pipetted into it and mixed 6 times. After 30 minutes an aliquot (50 µL) of each solution was taken and analysed. The final concentration for the warfarin derivatives **8a–c** is 25 µM. Competition experiments with the BODIPY dyes **5a–c** were performed at a concentration of 12.5 µM.

Three-dye competition assay

The three-dye/HSA complex solution (16 µM each dye, 50 µM HSA, each final) was prepared at 20 °C and used after 20 minutes. A clear microplate (Greiner Bio one, 384 well flat bottom) was prepared with 35 µL of the three-dye/HSA complex solution and with a 1:1 ratio the serial dilutions of the ligand were pipetted into it and mixed 6 times. An aliquot of 50 µL of each three-dye/HSA/ligand solution was taken after 30 minutes and analysed. For each concentration and for the control four replicates were performed.

Biosensor Experiments

Measurements were performed on a switchSENSE® DRX² instrument (Dynamic Biosensors, Germany) using a biochip (MPC-48-2- R2-S, Dynamic Biosensors) where ligands are tethered to a gold microelectrode via short DNA strands (48 bp, 16nm). One strand of the DNA duplex is covalently attached to the surface via Au-S bonds and carries a fluorescent dye at the top end while the complementary strand can be functionalized with a molecule of interest (ligand) via in vitro coupling chemistry. switchSENSE® features two complementary measurement modes. In static measurement mode (fluorescence proximity sensing, FPS) the DNA strands are repelled from the surface (constant voltage, Vatt = Vrep = -0.1 V). For signal detection of biomolecular interactions the fluorescence intensity of the dye is read out. It changes its fluorescence emission when static or collisional quenching by bound complexes occurs. The fluorescence signal change is proportional to the surface bound analytes. In the molecular dynamic mode DNA strands are oscillated by applying alternating potentials ($f = 10$ kHz, Vatt = +0.5 V; Vrep = -0.3 V), and thereby the change in hydrodynamic friction when analyte molecules bind to surface-immobilized ligands is determined.

The measurement principle of the switchSENSE® technology is based on electro-switchable DNA strands. Core Element of the technology is a biochip featuring up to 20 electrodes in four flow channels. Short DNA double strands are attached to each gold microelectrode (100 µm in diameter). One single strand of the DNA double helix is covalently attached to the gold surface via gold sulfur bonds whereas the upper end features a fluorescent dye as readout. The complementary DNA strand can be functionalized (in vitro) with a target of interest (immobilized ligand). If an analyte (in solution) is rinsed over the flow channel and captured by the ligand the fluorescent dye is used as readout. Therefore, the switchSENSE® technology features mainly two different measurement modes which generate complementary information content. In the molecular dynamics mode short DNA nanolevers attached to the gold surface are altered by a potential (AC potential). As there are alternating voltages applied the negatively charged DNA it is repeatedly attracted and repelled from the gold surface with frequencies up to 10 kHz. Whenever the DNA is in close proximity to the gold surface by applying a positive voltage the emission of the fluorescent dye is quenched. When the analyte binds to a ligand attached to the DNA its hydrodynamic friction is changed, slowing down the DNA movement. The motion of the complex is recorded in real-time by single photon counting. Depending on the interplay of bound complex (ligand and analyte), its shape and size, the switching speed of the complex is changed in a characteristic way. The bigger the complex, the slower it moves due to increasing of hydrodynamic friction. The systems software uses the friction change upon binding for the calculation of absolute and relative sizes (hydrodynamic radius) as well as kinetics (Langer). Analyzing the DNA movement (switching speed) allows insights into the absolute hydrodynamic radius of ligands attached to the DNA as well as conformational changes upon analyte binding. Conformational change modelling using the switchSENSE software package knowing crystal structures can be used to confirm the identity of binding partners, stoichiometry, and multimeric binding. By detecting the binding of an analyte in real-time the molecular dynamic mode can also be used to measure binding rate constants (kON, kOFF) and the dissociation constant (KD).

Au Contraire, the second measurement mode, the Fluorescence Proximity Sensing (static mode) is size independent. It measures real-time kinetics recording fluorescent dye changes occurring in molecular environment upon analyte binding. There is no AC potential applied. Since this measurement mode is nearly size and buffer independent it is very suitable for the detection of small molecule / inhibitor binding to a protein / nucleic acid of interest.

Surface Functionalization

A switchSENSE® multi-purpose chip with 48bp DNA strands (MPC-48-2-R2-S, Dynamic Biosensors) was used for all experiments. Single stranded DNA is covalently attached to the gold microelectrode and carries a red fluorescence dye at the top end (3' end) for signal detection while the complementary strand is exchangeable and can be functionalized with different molecules. Following the instruction manual of the thiol reactive protein-DNA coupling kit (CK-SH-1-B48, Dynamic Biosensors), HSA was site-specifically attached to the maleimide-functionalized 5' end of a complementary 48 nt single-stranded DNA *in vitro* via its free cysteine residue. After the purification of the HSA-DNA conjugate using anion exchange chromatography (proFIRE, Dynamic Biosensors), the sample was aliquoted and stored in PE140 buffer (10 mM Na₂HPO₄/NaH₂PO₄, 140 mM NaCl, 50 μM EDTA, 50 μM EGTA and 0.05 % Tween 20, pH 7.4; 0.2 μm sterile filtered) at -80°C. For the automated surface functionalization 100 nM HSA-DNA conjugate were incubated on the microelectrode for 10 minutes prior to the kinetics measurement. To ensure full surface saturation, the hybridization kinetics was observed in real-time.

Assay Design

All measurements were performed in PE140 buffer with 1% DMSO. For kinetics and equilibrium experiments, the static measurement mode was used. Conformational change studies were measured in the molecular dynamic mode and with a compound concentration of tenfold higher than the respective K_D value for the specific interaction. The kinetics measurements were performed at a flow rate of 2 mL/min with a sampling rate of 10 Hz to resolve the fast kinetics rate constants. **X-Ray diffraction data collection and structure determination Crystallization**

Essentially defatted human serum albumin from Sigma was purified by size exclusion chromatography to obtain pure monomeric protein.[\[14\]](#page-42-12) The purified HSA was dissolved in 20 mM potassium phosphate (pH 7.0) and concentrated to 2 mM (140 mg/mL). The HSA solution was incubated with an eight-fold excess of sulfasalazine at 4–5 °C for 24 hours. The final concentration of dimethyl sulfoxide was 5% (v/v). The crystal was grown by the hanging drop vapor diffusion method using a reservoir solution containing buffer (50 mM sodium-potassium-phosphate (pH 7.0), and 24.5% polyethylene glycol 3350. For crystallization, 1 µL of HSA/sulfasalazine solution was equilibrated against 1 µL of reservoir solution. After about one week, colorless crystals appeared

Data collection and processing

For cryoprotection, the nylon loop was wetted with glycerol and the crystal was picked directly from the crystallization drop and immediately flash frozen in liquid nitrogen.

X-ray diffraction data were collected at beamline PX-III of the Swiss Light Source (SLS) in Villigen, Switzerland, and processed with $XDS^{[15]}$ $XDS^{[15]}$ $XDS^{[15]}$ and scaled with Aimless^{[\[16\]](#page-42-14)} and STARANISO^{[\[17\]](#page-42-15)} as implemented in autoProc.^{[\[18\]](#page-42-16)} The crystal was of space group P2₁ and contained one HSA molecule in the asymmetric unit. The unit cell dimensions of this crystal are as follows: $a = 59.3$, $b = 85.1$ and $c =$ 60.2 Å with β = 99.9°.

The diffraction was anisotropic and for this reason we used anisotropic scaling. The crystal diffracted to 2.2 Å resolution in the direction of the -a*,+c* diagonal, but only to 2.8 Å resolution in the direction of the +a*,+c* diagonal. Rmerge was 6.6%. Final data collection and refinement statistics are given in Table S2 (Section Results and Discussion).

II. Results and Discussion

II.I Structure solution and refinement

The structure was determined by molecular replacement using the program Phaser,^{[\[19\]](#page-42-17)} using the pdb structure 4s1y as search model. Model building was done with Coot^{[\[20\]](#page-42-18)} and refinement was done with Buster^{[\[21\]](#page-42-19)} using default settings. The electron density for the loop 77-88 was very weak and this loop could not be modeled. Otherwise, the HSA molecule fits the electron density map quite well. The final model contains residues 5-76 and 89-583 and has the same conformation as the search model 4s1y.[\[22\]](#page-42-20)

We observed difference density for three bound sulfasalazine molecules; one at the expected position near the indole group of Trp214 in Sudlow site I, one in domain IIIb and one at the interface between domains IIIa and IIIb. Whereas the first sulfasalazine molecule, fitted in drug side one, has reasonably strong electron density for the whole molecule, the second ligand molecule in domain IIIb has weaker density and almost no density for the pyridine ring, probable due to rotational disorder around the phenylsulfonyl bond and, finally, the third ligand molecule at the interface between domains IIIa and IIIb has reasonably strong electron density for the hydroxybenzoate group, but weak density for the remaining parts of the molecule, probably since these parts are somewhat disordered.

After more refinement final structure was obtained with an Rfactor of 17.9% and a free Rfactor of 27.9%. The free Rfactor is high, which might be due to a certain amount of disorder in our crystals as evidenced by the strong anisotropy of our data.

> **Table S2.** Crystallographic Data Collection and Refinement Statistics. PDB code PDB ID 6R7S *Data collection* Space group name P_{1}
Unit cell parameters 59.297 85.11 60.12 59.297 85.11 60.12 90.000 99.889 90.000
1.00000 A Wavelength Diffraction limits & eigenvectors of ellipsoid fitted to diffraction cut-off surface:
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2.563 0.0000 1.0000 0.0000 b * 2.563 0.0000 1.0000 0.0000 _b_* 2.157 -0.6951 0.0000 0.7189 -0.638 a_* + 0.770 c_* Overall Inner Shell Outer Shell Low resolution limit

> High resolution limit
 2.908
 7.094
 2.208
 7.094
 2.208 High resolution limit *R_{merge}* (all I+ & I-) 0.066 0.020 0.729
R_{merge} (within I+/I-) 0.056 0.017 0.612 *R_{merge}* (within I+/I-) 0.056 0.027 0.012
R_{meas} (all I+ & I-) 0.078 0.024 0.861 *R*_{meas} (all I+ & I-) 0.078 0.024 0.861
 *R*_{meas} (within I+/I-) 0.078 0.023 0.850 *R*^{meas} (within I+/I-) 0.078 0.023 0.850
 R_{pim} (all I+ & I-) 0.042 0.013 0.453 *Rpim* (all I+ & I-) 0.042 0.013 0.453 R_{pim} (within I+/I-) 0.054 0.016 0.589
Total number of observations 62922 3166 3270 Total number of observations Total number unique 18420 921 922 Mean(I)/sd(I) 12.7 47.9 1.6
Completeness (spherical) 62.1 98.9 10.8 Completeness (spherical) 62.1 98.9 10.8
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CC(1/2) 3.4 3.5
0.999 0.999 0.600 CC(1/2) 0.999 0.999 0.600 *Refinement* protein atoms: 4434

> ligand atoms: 84 ligand atoms: water atoms: 333 resolution (\hat{A}) 48.62-2.21 (2.38-2.21)*
 R_{work} (%) 17.9 (22.2) *R*^{*work* (%) 17.9 (22.2)
Rtree (%) 27.2 (28.4)} 27.2 (28.4) average Bfactors (\AA^2) protein: 54.14

> ligand: 51.20 ligand: 51.20
water: 47.37 water: rmsd bond lengths (\AA) 0.010 rmsd bond angles $(°)$ 1.14

* The highest resolution bin is given in brackets

Figure S1. Omit map of the bound sulfasalazine molecules, contoured at 3σ (a) or 2σ (b,c). a) Primary binding site in drug site 1. b) Secondary binding site in domain IIIb. c) Tertiary binding site at the interface of domains IIIa and IIIb. The molecule bound in drug site 1 has stronger omit electron density than the 2 other molecules.

Since it is known that the free Cys34 in commercial HSA preparations may be partially oxidized we examined Cys34 in our electron density maps, but did not find evidence for oxidation. While this might be difficult detect in our anisotropic somewhat disordered electron density maps, we did not detect oxidation in a 1.76 Å crystal structure of HSA with a proprietary compound prepared from HSA from the same source either. We therefore believe that the oxidation of Cys34, if any, will be minor and will not distort the crystal structure obtained.

Crude estimate of the K_D of the binding sites

We refined group occupancies for all three bound molecules, listed in table S3. From the occupancies, we can calculate the concentration of bound ligand [PL] = occupancy*total HSA; the concentration of free binding site [P] = total HSA-[PL] and [L] = total ligand-sum[PL]. Using the formula Kd = [P]*[L]/[PL] we get the Kd values listed in the table. The Kd measured for sulfasalazine in our biochemical assay's was 218 µM. These calculations show that the first binding site (drug site 1) is the high affinity binding site.

[HSA] = total HSA concentration; [Ligand] = total ligand concentration;

 $[P]$ = concentration of free binding site; $[L]$ = free ligand concentration;

 $[PL]$ = occupied binding site concentration. All concentrations and K_D 's are in mM.

A computational analysis of hydration sites in the HSA subdomain IIA binding site of the sulfasalazine complex reveal that displacement of those hydration sites with appropriate energetics is related to ligand affinity and indicates important ligand-protein interactions. This analysis of hydration sites was done using WaterMap^{[\[23\]](#page-42-21)} from a 2 ns MD simulation. Figure 2A summarizes WaterMap derived hydration sites from a simulation without ligand mapped onto the HSA/sulfasalazine complex. For visualization, only hydration sites within 4 \AA of the ligand are displayed. In fact, the ligand replaces energetically unfavorable (brown-red) hydration sites next to its salicylate, the sulfonamide, the linker and the distal pyridine ring. More favorable (green) hydration sites are located at the central phenyl ring. A comparison of ligand binding modes bound to HSA subdomain IIA from protein superposition only is shown in Figure 2F for sulfasalazine R/S warfarin and NBD-FA.

Figure S2. A) WaterMap hydration sites from 2 ns MD simulation mapped onto the binding mode of sulfasalazine in HSA subdomain IIA. All hydration sites within 4 Å around the bound ligand are displayed to illustrate energetically unfavorable and favorable sites. Green spheres indicate stable hydration sites with more negative ΔG values; red-brown spheres indicate more positive ΔG values, i.e. more instable sites. B) Comparison of ligand binding modes for sulfasalazine (orange), (*R*)-warfarin (light-blue), (*S*)-warfarin (dark-blue) and NBD-FA (green carbon atoms) binding to HSA subdomain IIA.

II.II Supplemental Biochemical Figures

Characterization of BODIPY derivatives 5b–c and warfarin derivatives 8b–c

Figure S3. A) Absorption and emission spectra (both normalized) of piperidinyl-BODIPY **5b** (40 µM ethanol). λexc = 581 nm. B) Titration of piperidinyl-BODIPY **5b** (0–50 μ M) to HSA (12.5 μ M in PBS pH 7.4) (K_D = 3.6 ± 0.7 μ M. R² = 0.8927). C) Determination of the binding stoichiometry of piperidinyl-BODIPY 5**b** to HSA (12.5 µM, Job plot). D) Competition experiment of ibuprofen (**1**) against piperidinyl-BODIPY **5b** on HSA (12.5 µM each).

Figure S4. A) Absorption and emission spectra (both normalized) of indolyl-BODIPY **5c** (40 µM ethanol). λexc = 567 nm. B) Titration of indolyl-BODIPY **5c** (0–50 µM) to HSA (12.5 μM) (K_D = 5.8 ± 0.8 μM. R² = 0.9363). C) Determination of the binding stoichiometry of indolyl-BODIPY 5c to HSA (12.5 μM, Job plot). D) Competition experiment of ibuprofen (**1**) against indolyl-BODIPY **5c** on HSA (12.5 µM each).

Figure S5. A) Emission spectrum of warfarin (**2**) with HSA (dashed) and without HSA. λexc = 615 nm.

Figure S6. A) Absorption and emission spectra (both normalized) of warfarin derivative **8b** (40 µM ethanol). λexc = 307 nm. B) Titration of warfarin derivative **8b** (0–400 μ M) to HSA (25 μ M) (K_D = 26.5 ± 4.5 μ M. R² = 0.9150). C) Determination of the binding stoichiometry of warfarin derivative 8b to HSA (25 μ M, Job plot). D) Competition experiment of iopenoxic acid (**3**) against warfarin derivative **8b** on HSA (25 µM each).

Figure S7. A) Absorption and emission spectra (both normalized) of warfarin derivative **5a** (40 µM ethanol). λexc = 307 nm. B) Titration of warfarin derivative **5a** (0–400 μM) to HSA (25 μM) (K_D = 36.3 ± 7.2 μM. R² = 0.8862). C) Determination of the binding stoichiometry of warfarin derivative 5a to HSA (25 μM, Job plot). D) Competition experiment of iophenoxic acid (**3**) against warfarin derivative **5a** on HSA (25 µM each).

Biosensor experiments

Figure S8. A) Kinetic investigation of warfarin derivative **8a** using switch sense Technology (proximity sensing, n = 3, Data average per concentration, 5 concentrations 12.5 µM – 200 µM. B) Relative size analysis of HSA in presence of 200 µM **8a** reveals no change of hydrodynamic diameter.

Figure S9. A) Kinetic investigation BODIPY derivative **5a** using switch sense Technology. B) Relative size analysis of HSA in presence of 400 µM **5a** causes no significant change in hydrodynamic diameter.

Figure S10. A) Kinetic investigation NBD-FA using switch sense Technology. B) Relative size analysis of HSA in presence of 400 µM NBD-FA causes a slight but significant HSA expansion of hydrodynamic diameter.

Figure S11. A) Kinetic investigation of sulfasalazine (**6**, SSA) using switch sense Technology. B) Realtive size analysis of HSA in presence of 20 µM sulfasalazine (**6**) causes no significant change in hydrodynamic diameter.

Competition experiments against BODIPY derivative 5a

Figure S12. Competition experiment of ibuprofen (●), ketoprofen (■) and naproxen (◆) against dimethylamino-BODIPY 5a on HSA (12.5 µM each). $\lambda_{exc} = 615$ nm. $\lambda_{em} = 690$ nm.

Figure S13. Competition experiment of myristic acid (⚫) and myristic acid methyl ester (◼) against dimethylamino-BODIPY **5a** on HSA (12.5 µM each). λexc = 615 nm. $λ_{em} = 690$ nm.

Figure S14. Competition experiment of iophenoxic acid (●) and indomethacin (■) against dimethylamino-BODIPY 5a on HSA (12.5 μM each). λ_{exc} = 615 nm. λ_{em} = 690 nm.

Figure S15. Competition experiment of sulfasalazine (●) and balsalazide (■) against dimethylamino-BODIPY 5a on HSA (12.5 μM each). λ_{exc} = 615 nm. λ_{em} = 690 nm.

Competition experiments against coumarin 8a

Figure S16. Competition experiment of ibuprofen (●) and ketoprofen (■) against warfarin-derivative 8a on HSA (25 µM each). λ_{exc} = 330 nm. λ_{em} = 384 nm.

Figure S17. Competition experiment of myristic acid (⚫) and myristic acid methyl ester (◼) against warfarin-derivative **8a** on HSA (25 µM each). λexc = 330 nm. λ_{em} = 384 nm.

Figure S18. Competition experiment of iophenoxic acid (●) and indomethacin (■) against warfarin-derivative 8a on HSA (25 µM each). λ_{exc} = 330 nm. λ_{em} = 384 nm.

Figure S19. Competition experiment of sulfasalazine (●) and balsalazide (■) against warfarin-derivative 8a on HSA (25 µM each). λ_{exc} = 330 nm. λ_{em} = 384 nm.

Competition experiments of fatty acid modified GLP1 agonists

Figure S20. Competition experiment of liraglutide against NBD-FA on HSA (25 μM each). λ_{exc} = 435 nm. λ_{em} = 535 nm.

Figure S21. Competition experiment of semaglutide against NBD-FA on HSA (25 μM each). λ_{exc} = 435 nm. λ_{em} = 535 nm.

Figure S22. Competition experiment of semaglutide against dimethylamino-BODIPY **5a** on HSA (12.5 µM each). λexc = 615 nm. λem = 690 nm.

Figure S24. BODIPY **3**: ¹³C-NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl3).

Figure S40. Warfarin derivative 8b: ¹³C-NMR (100.6 MHz, acetone-d₆).

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IV. X-ray crystallization data for BODIPY derivative 5a

Remark **Structure contains three independent reflections which are almost identical.**

Final coordinates and equivalent displacement parameters (\AA^2)

anisotropic displacement parameters

Final coordinates and isotropic displacement parameters of H-atoms (\AA^2)

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