

Supporting Information for

Discovery of Selective, Substrate-Competitive and Passive Membrane Permeable Glycogen Synthase Kinase-3 β Inhibitors: Synthesis, Biological Evaluation, and Molecular Modeling of New C-Glycosylflavones

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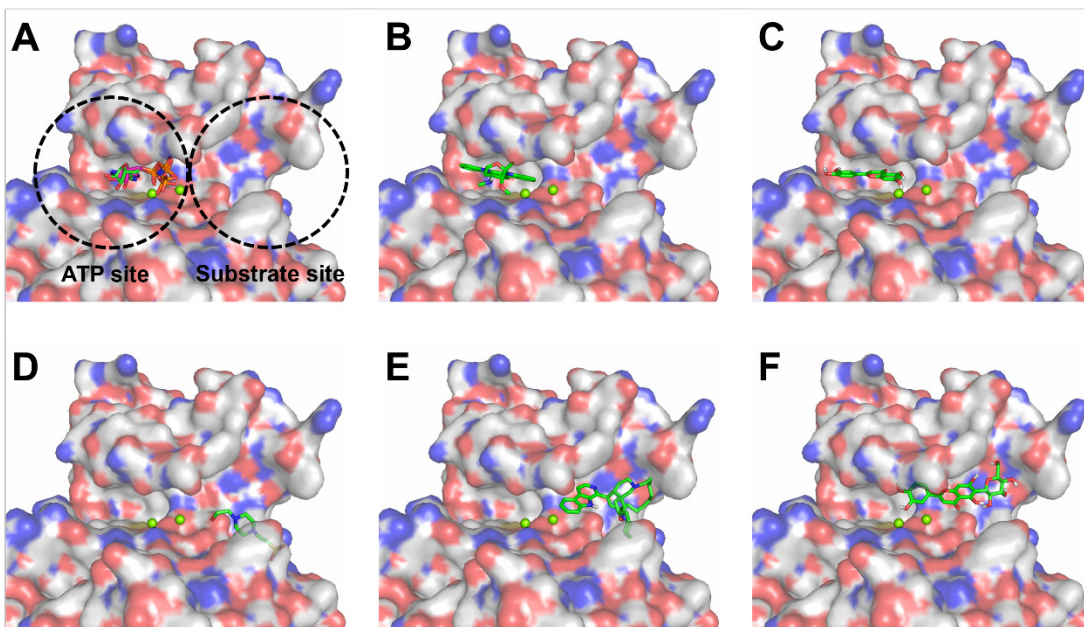
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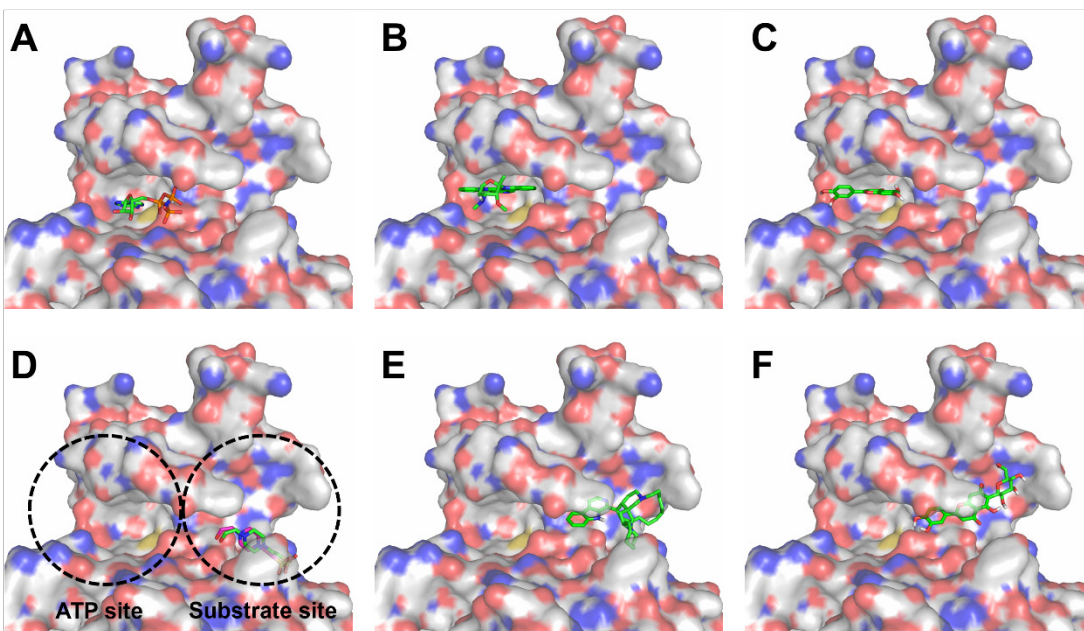
S1. Docking Method Validation by Re-docking and Cross-docking Experiments with Known GSK-3 β Inhibitors

We chose two X-ray crystallographic structures of GSK-3 β (PDB codes 1PYX¹ and 1H8F²). The docking method was validated by re-docking and cross-docking experiments using both ATP-competitive and substrate-competitive inhibitors.

Re-docking the native ligand ANP to 1PYX resulted in a binding pose at the ATP site of GSK-3 β with a RMSD of 0.33 Å as compared to its original crystal structure.¹ Under the same parameters, docking with the known ATP-competitive inhibitors, staurosporine and luteolin, led to the binding to the ATP site of GSK-3 β , of which the binding poses and positions are similar to the reported data.^{1,3} The ligands HEPES, manzamine A and isoorientin are known GSK-3 β inhibitors bound to the substrate site. Docking these ligands to 1PYX confirmed their binding to the substrate site, and the predicted poses are comparable to the reported data.^{2,4,5} Cross-docking of the same ligands to the 1H8F demonstrated that ANP, staurosporine, and luteolin reside the ATP site of GSK-3 β , whereas HEPES, manzamine A, and isoorientin are in the substrate site. Re-docking experiment using the native ligand HEPES of 1H8F resulted in a binding pose at the substrate site of GSK-3 β with a RMSD of 0.62 Å as compared to its original crystal structure.²



Predicted docking poses of ANP (A), staurosporine (B), luteolin (C), HEPES (D), manzamine A (E), and isoorientin (F) in GSK-3 β (PDB code 1PYX). Ligands in magenta color are original structures in X-ray crystallographic complex, ligands in green color are docking structures.

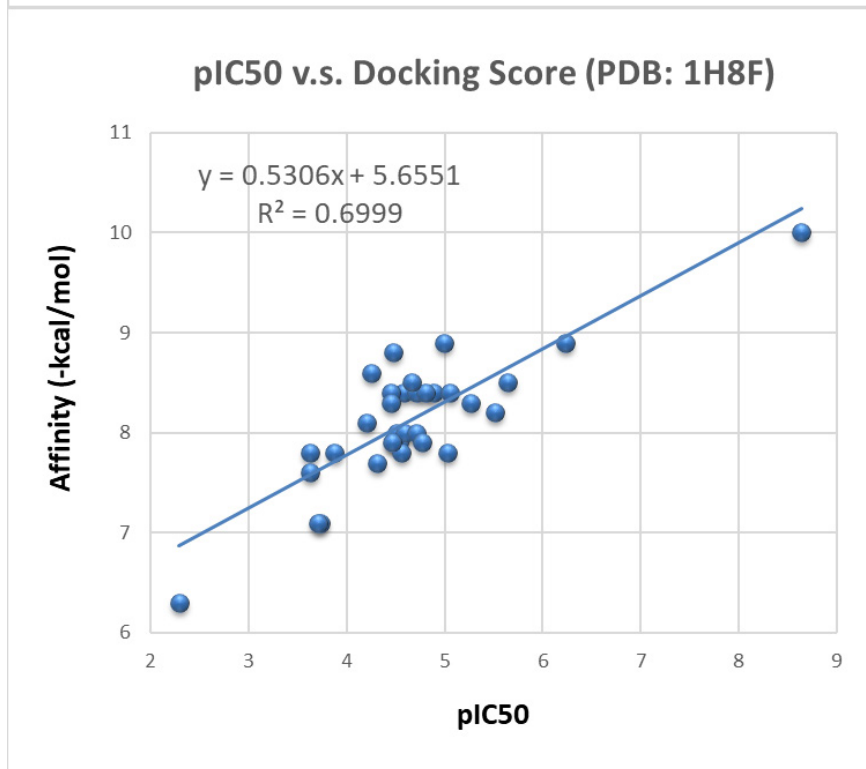
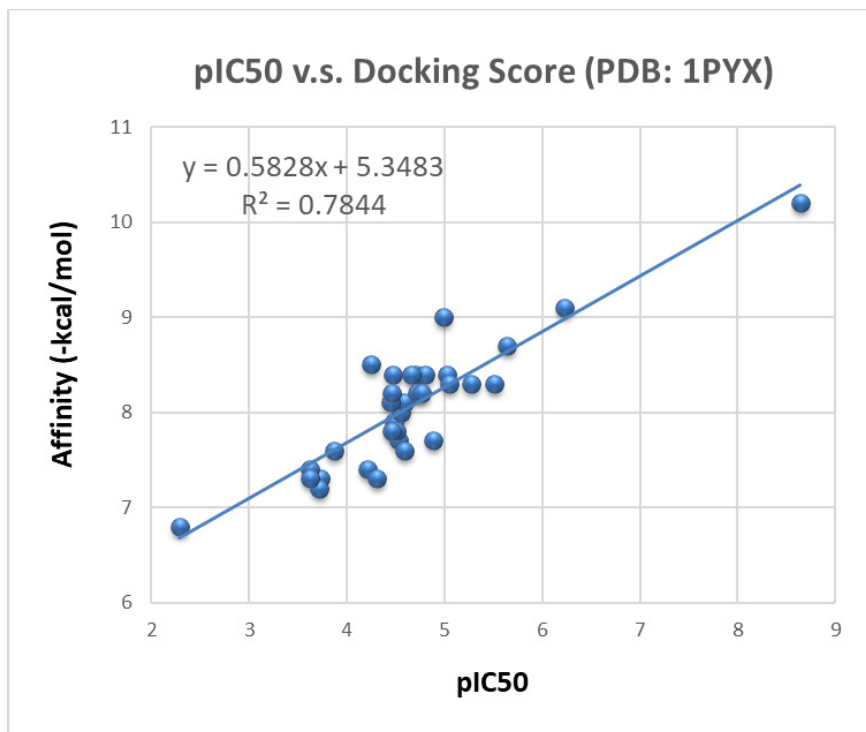


Predicted docking poses of ANP (A), staurosporine (B), luteolin (C), HEPES (D), manzamine A (E), and isoorientin (F) into GSK-3 β (PDB code 1H8F). Ligands in magenta color are original structures in X-ray crystallographic complex, ligands in green color are docking structures.

S2. Inhibitions and Docking Scores of C-Glycosylflavones and Reference Inhibitors to GSK3 β

cmpd no.	GSK3 β inhibition	Docking Score ^b : Affinity (-kcal/mol)		cmpd no.	GSK3 β inhibition	Docking Score ^b : Affinity (-kcal/mol)	
	IC ₅₀ (μ M) ^a	1PYX	1H8F		IC ₅₀ (μ M) ^a	1PYX	1H8F
1	184.9 \pm 1.4	7.3	7.1	21	15.8 \pm 1.2	8.4	8.4
2	194.1 \pm 1.0	7.2	7.1	22	35.6 \pm 1.3	8.1	8.4
3	5153 \pm 31	6.8	6.3	23	35.1 \pm 1.0	8.2	8.3
4	3.1 \pm 1.3	8.3	8.2	24	56.2 \pm 1.2	8.5	8.6
5	239.2 \pm 1.2	7.4	7.8	25	21.7 \pm 1.2	8.4	8.5
6	237.3 \pm 1.4	7.3	7.6	26	34.8 \pm 1.0	7.8	7.9
7	135.0 \pm 1.3	7.6	7.8	27	19.3 \pm 0.8	8.2	8.0
8	29.2 \pm 1.1	7.7	7.9	28	49.5 \pm 1.2	7.3	7.7
9	5.4 \pm 0.1	8.3	8.3	29	17.2 \pm 0.9	8.2	7.9
10	33.3 \pm 1.1	7.9	7.9	30	0.59 \pm 0.04	9.1	8.9
11	31.1 \pm 1.2	7.8	8.0	31	2.3 \pm 0.5	8.7	8.5
12	28.0 \pm 1.1	8.0	7.8	Staurosporine	0.0023 \pm 0.0006	10.2	10.0
13	9.4 \pm 0.9	8.4	7.8	Manzamine A	10.2 ^c	9.0	8.9
14	25.8 \pm 1.1	7.6	8.0	ANP	n/a	9.7	9.3
15	61.9 \pm 1.2	7.4	8.1	HEPES	n/a	4.4	4.5
16	13.1 \pm 1.1	7.7	8.4				
17	9.0 \pm 1.3	8.3	8.4				
18	26.0 \pm 1.2	8.1	8.4				
19	33.5 \pm 0.8	8.4	8.8				
20	19.7 \pm 1.1	8.4	8.4				

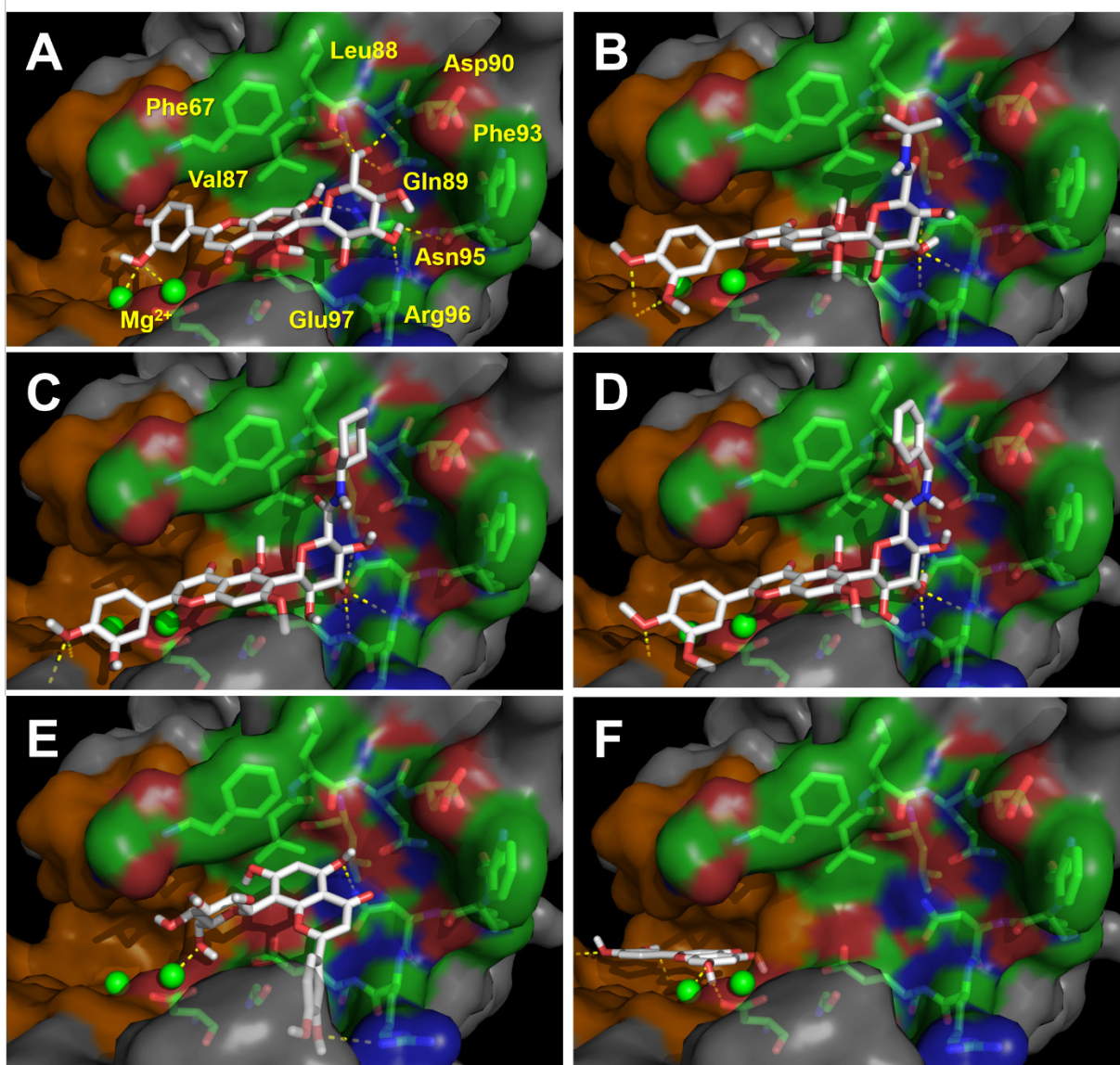
^a IC₅₀ values were the mean of quadruplicate of each of two independent experiments. ^b Docking scores were binding affinities calculated by AutoDock Vina. ^c IC₅₀ value from ref 6.



Linear plots of pIC50 (-LogIC50) versus calculated binding affinity (PDB codes 1PYX and 1H8F) for GSK-3 β inhibitors

S3. Predicted Docking Poses of Flavones with GSK-3 β (PDB Code 1PYX)

Docking poses of flavones **1** (A), **9** (B), **17** (C), **21** (D), **3** (E), and **4** (F) with GSK-3 β (PDB code 1PYX). Surface representation of the ATP site of GSK-3 β is shown in orange, the substrate site of GSK-3 β is shown in green. Within the substrate site, surface features are shown with acidic residues in red, basic residues in blue, and hydrophobic residues in green. Mg²⁺ ions are shown as bright green spheres. The dotted lines represent interactions with Mg²⁺ ions and hydrogen bonds with side chain residues of GSK-3 β .



S4. Summary of Molecular Interaction Distances of Compound 30 with GSK3 β (PDB Code 1PYX) in Molecular Docking

Interaction type	Interaction residue	Distance (Å)
Hydrogen bonds	Carbonyl O \cdots HN (Phe67)	2.3
	Methoxy O \cdots HN (Lys183)	3.1, 3.2
	Glycone HO \cdots HN (Leu88)	3.4
	Glycone HO \cdots HN (Asn95)	1.8, 2.6
	Glycone OH \cdots O=C (Leu88)	2.8
	Glycone OH \cdots O=C (Gln89)	3.2
	Glycone OH \cdots O=C (Glu97)	2.8
	Glycone OH \cdots O=C (Gly202)	2.5
Hydrophobic interactions	Isopropyl Me (Phe67)	
	Methoxy Me (Val87)	
	Isopropyl CF ₃ (Leu88)	
π -cation interaction	Catechol B-ring \cdots NH ₃ ⁺ (Lys183)	4.1 (angle 71.5°)
Orthogonal multipolar interactions	Isopropyl F \cdots C=O (Leu88)	3.3
	Isopropyl F \cdots C=O (Gln89)	3.6
	Isopropyl F \cdots C=O (Asp90)	3.3, 3.8
Fluorine polar interaction	Isopropyl F \cdots HN (Asp90)	2.6

S5. GSK-3 α Homology Modeling Method

The SWISS-MODEL⁷ template library (SMTL version 2017-09-21, PDB release 2017-09-15) was searched with BLAST and HHBlits for evolutionary related structures matching the target sequence GSK-3 α (UniProt Code P49840). For each identified template, the template's quality has been predicted from features of the target-template alignment. The templates with the highest quality have then been selected for model building. Overall 4470 templates were found to match the target sequence. The top templates are:

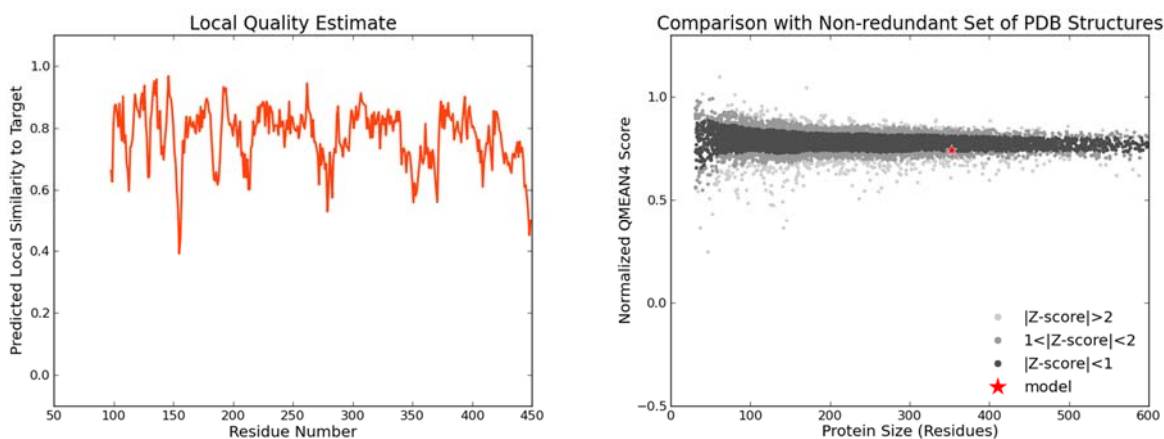
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The GSK-3 α homology model was built based on the GSK-3 β template PDB code 1PYX:

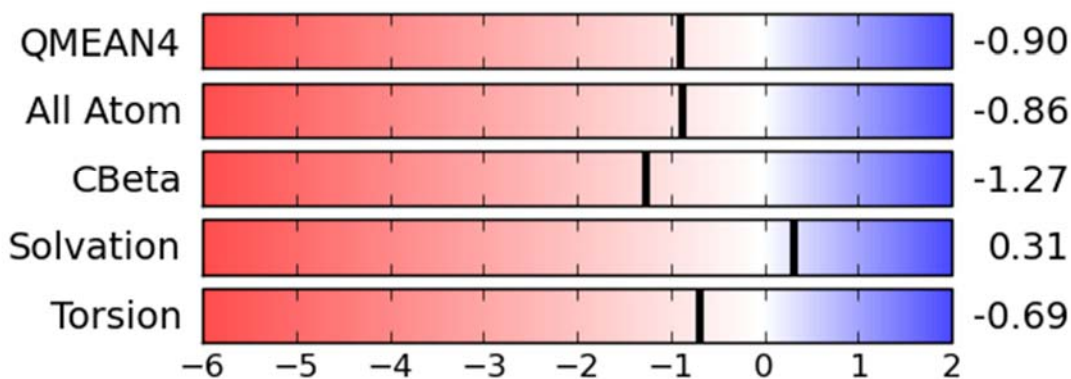
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Built with	Oligo-State	Ligands	GMQE	QMEAN					
ProMod3 Version 1.0.2.	monomer	Mg ²⁺ ion	0.72	-0.90					

Model Quality Estimation:

The global and per-residue model quality has been assessed using the QMEAN scoring function. For improved performance, weights of the individual QMEAN terms have been trained specifically for SWISS-MODEL.



Z-score



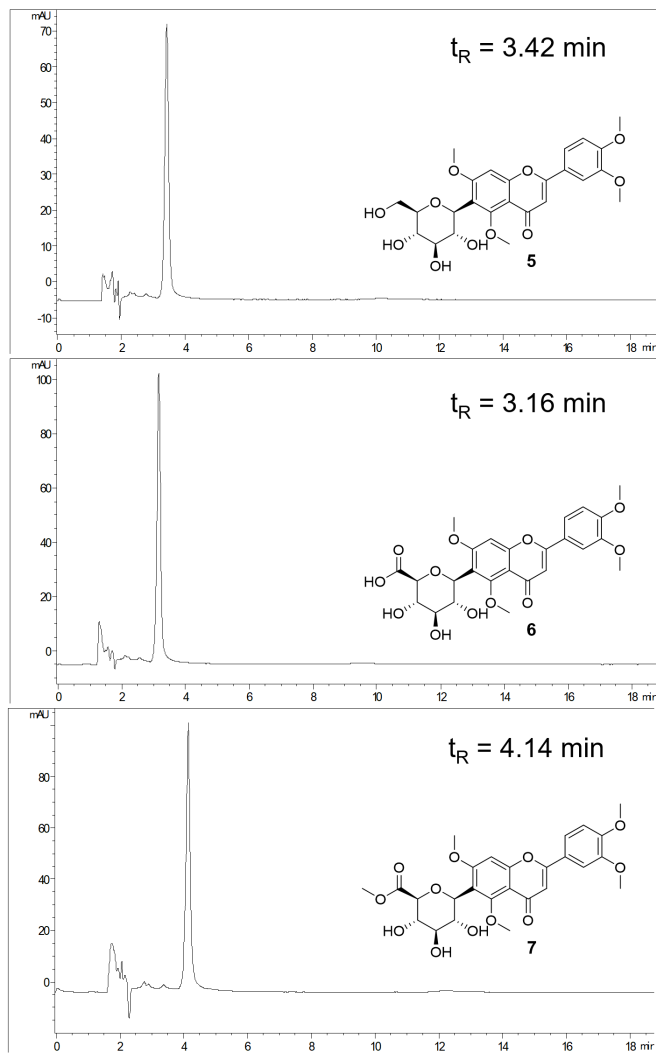
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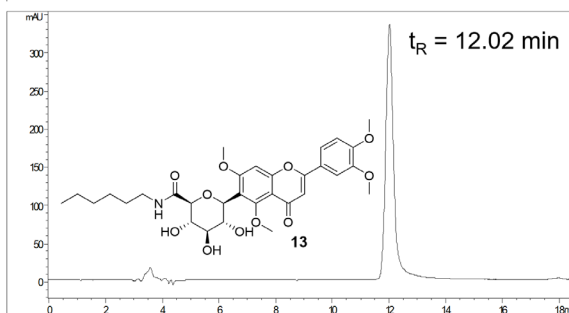
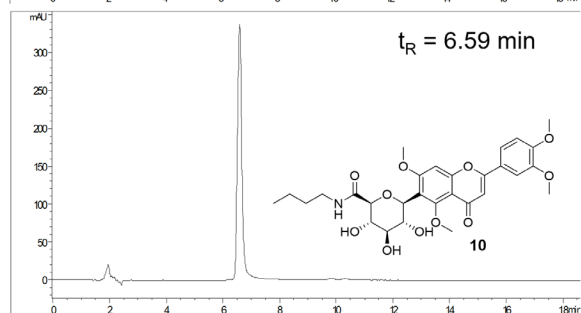
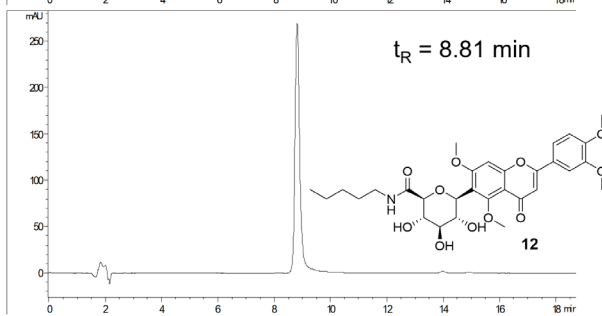
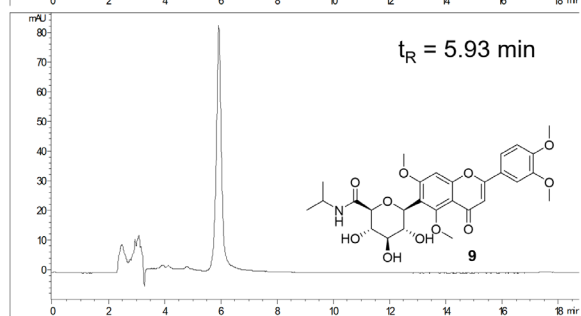
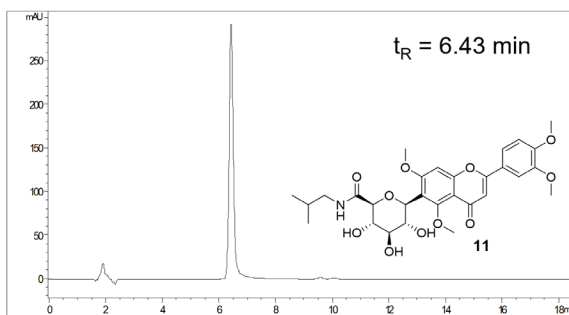
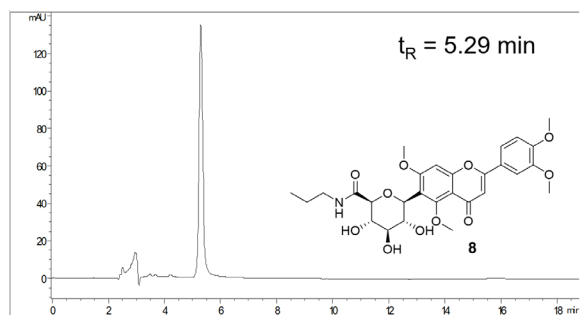
Identical residues are unpainted, nonidentical residues are yellow highlighted, unmatched residues are green highlighted; key residues comprised of ATP site are colored in red, key residues comprised of substrate site are colored in blue. It is obvious that the kinase catalytic domain comprised of both ATP and substrate pocket sequences (D121-H208 and C241-L270 in GSK-3 α ; D58-H145 and C178-L207 in GSK-3 β) are conserved as high as 93% identical. Only nine amino acid residues are nonidentical in these regions between two isoforms.

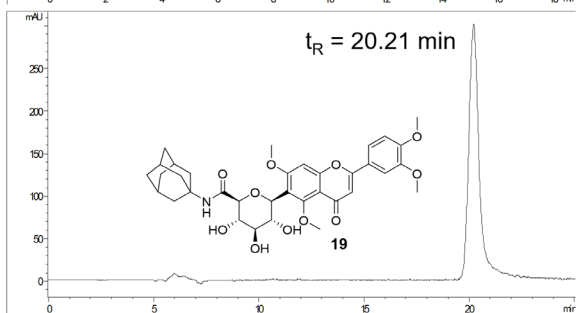
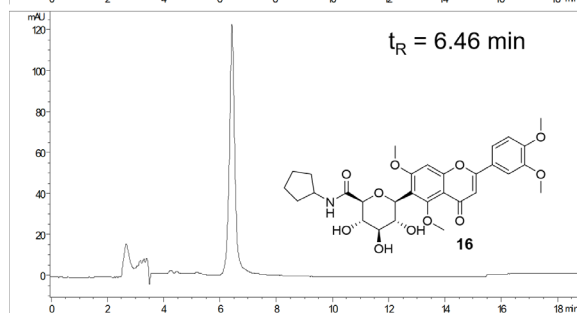
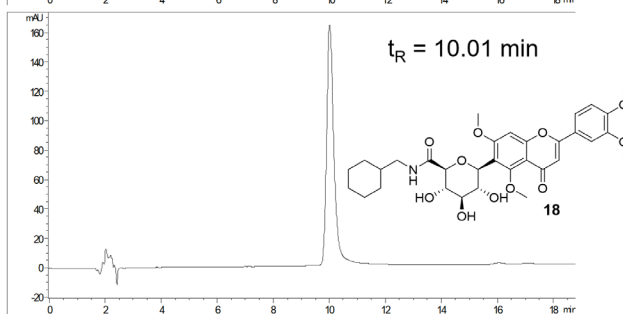
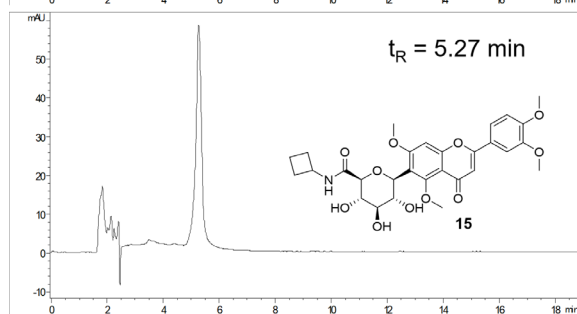
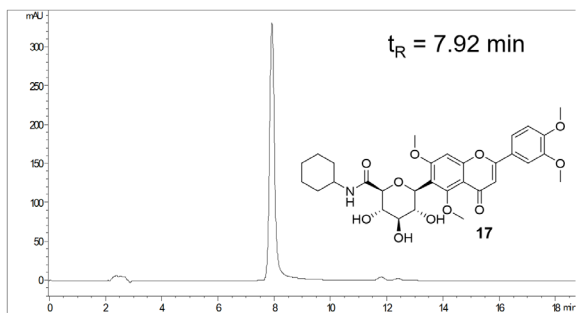
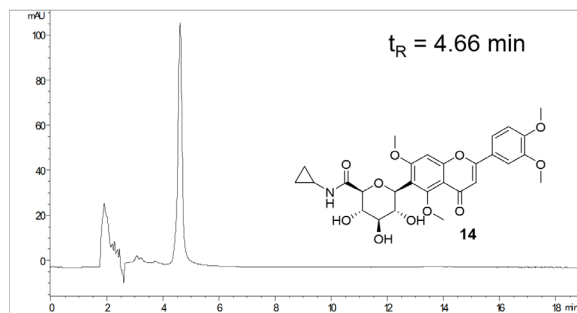
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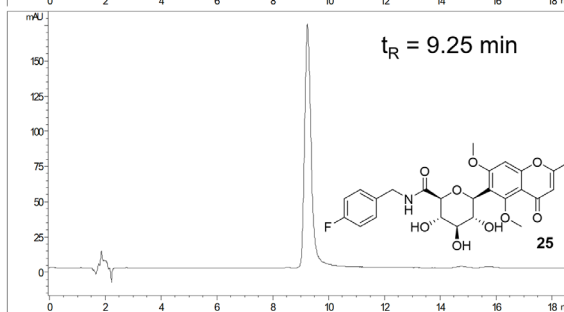
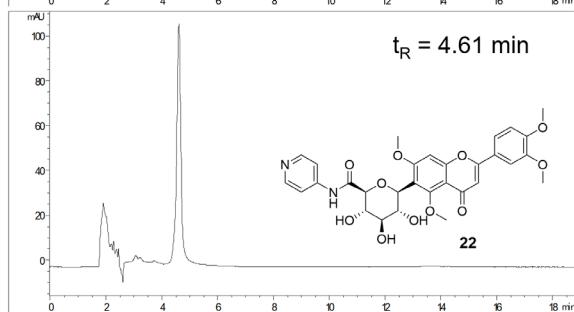
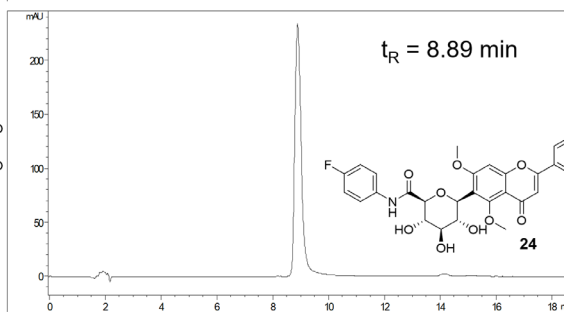
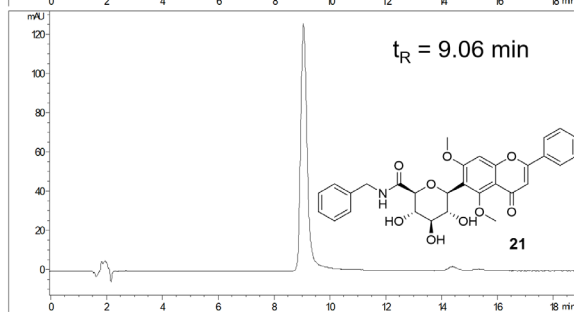
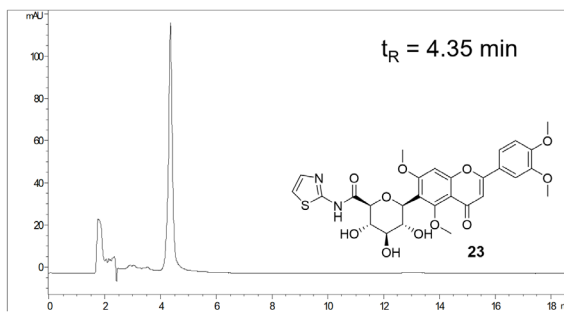
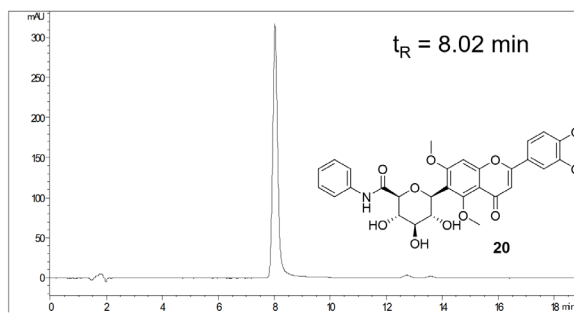
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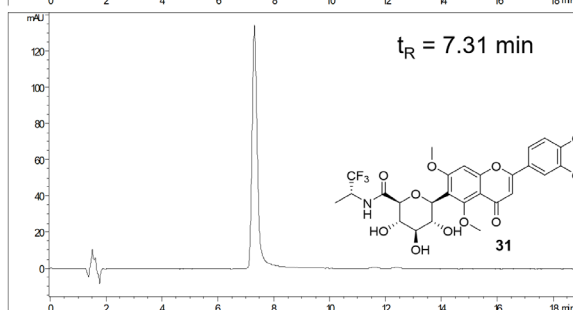
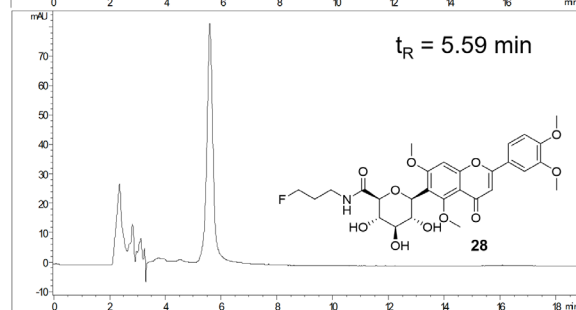
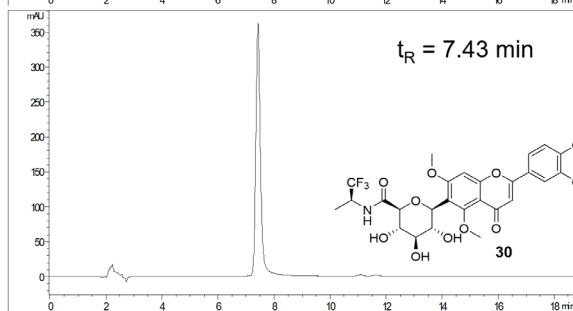
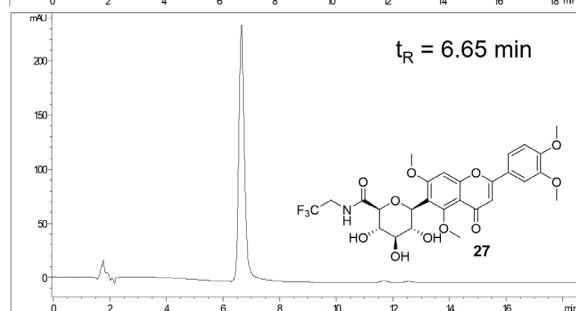
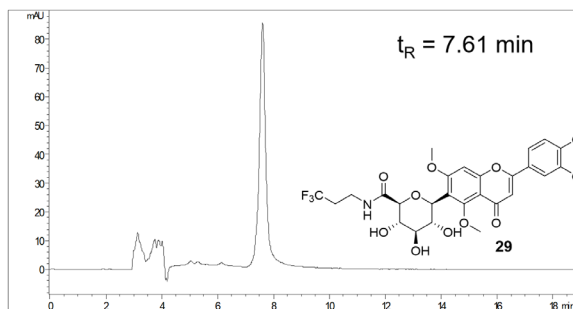
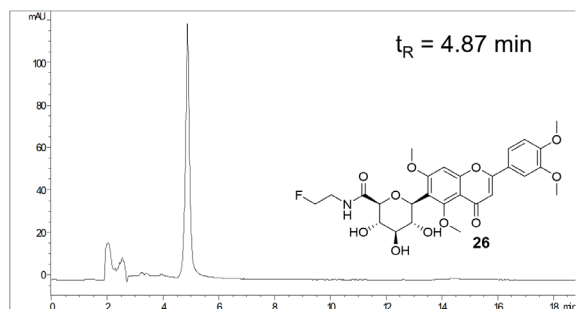
The purity of compounds **5-31** was determined by analytical reverse phase Agilent HPLC with a diode array detector (Waters XSELECT CSH Fluoro-Phenyl column, 150 × 4.6 mm, 3.5 μm, isocratic elution with 35% aqueous acetonitrile containing 0.1% formic acid for over 20 min, detection at 210 nm, flow rate of 0.8 mL/min). All tested compounds were over 95% purity.











S8. In Vitro Kinase Selectivity Screening for Compound 30

The Kinase Selectivity Profiling System includes kinase and substrate pairs. Percentage kinase activities upon treatment of compound **30** at 5 μM in a panel of human protein kinases were measured by the ADP-Glo Kinase Assay Kit according to the manufacturer's protocol. The kinase inhibitor staurosporine was used at 1 μM as a reference control. Each data point was collected in quadruplicate of two independent experiments.

Assay Kinase	Substrate/Co-Factor	Kinase Activity (%)
ERK2	MBP	101.3
GSK3 α	GSK3 Substrate	92.5
GSK3 β	GSK3 Substrate	7.7
JNK1	p38 Substrate	101.4
JNK3	p38 Substrate	74.5
p38 α	p38 Substrate	71.1
p38 β	p38 Substrate	75.2
p38 δ	p38 Substrate	71.2
p38 γ	p38 Substrate	77.5
CDK1/CyclinA2	Histone H1 Protein	55.1
CDK2/CyclinE1	Histone H1 Protein	77.5
CDK3/CyclinE1	Histone H1 Protein	70.4
CDK5/p25	Histone H1 Protein	101.3
CDK5/p35	Histone H1 Protein	95.5
CDK6/CyclinD3	Histone H1 Protein	70.1
CDK9/CyclinK	PDKtide	98.7
CLK3	MBP	88.5
AKT1	AKT (PKB) Substrate	85.5
p70S6K β	RSK Substrate	74.3
PDK1	PDKtide	62.3
PKA	Kemptide	94.5
PKC	Neurogranin Peptide Substrate	91.8
PRKG1	RSK Substrate	71.5
ROCK1	S6K Substrate	90.8
RSK2	RSK Substrate	91.3

AMPK A1/B1/G1	SAMStide	97.6
AMPK A1/B1/G2	SAMStide	108.1
AMPK A2/B1/G1	SAMStide	84.7
CAMK2 α	Autocamtide-2	75.9
CAMK2 γ	Autocamtide-2	94.9
CAMK4	Autocamtide-2	92.8
DAPK1	MBP	77.2
STK33	MBP	72.0
Aurora A	MBP	89.2
Aurora B	MBP	65.4
CK2 α 1	Casein	105.0
DNA-PK	DNA-PK Peptide Substrate	103.4
CK1 α 1	De-Phospho Casein	82.3
CK1 ϵ	De-Phospho Casein	77.7
CK1 γ 1	Casein	70.1
VRK2	Casein	92.5

S9. LC-MS Method for Determination of the PAMPA Permeability

At the end of the incubation period, 10 μL sample from each donor and acceptor well was quantified by LC-ESI-QTOF-MS analysis under a positive mode and used a 7-point calibration with appropriate dilution of the samples. A sum of pseudo-molecular ions $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ and $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ for each target analyte was extracted from total ion chromatogram (TOC) for quantification. Samples were run in quadruplicate.

Permeability of the compounds (P_e) were calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Permeability (cm/s): } P_e = \{-\ln[1-C_A(t)/C_{eq}]\}/[A*(1/V_D+1/V_A)*t]$$

where A = filter area (0.3 cm^2), V_D = donor well volume (0.3 mL), V_A = acceptor well volume (0.2 mL), t = incubation time ($5 \text{ hours} = 18000 \text{ seconds}$), $C_A(t)$ = compound concentration in acceptor well at time t , $C_D(t)$ = compound concentration in donor well at time t ,

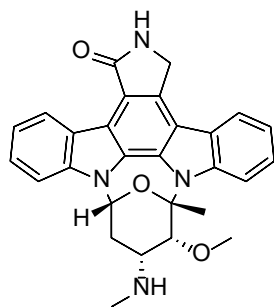
$$C_{eq} = [C_D(t)*V_D+C_A(t)*V_A]/(V_D+V_A).$$

Mass retention ($R\%$) is calculated using the following formula:

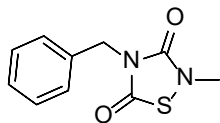
$$R\% = \{1 - [C_D(t)*V_D+C_A(t)*V_A]/(C_0*V_D)\} * 100$$

where C_0 is the initial compound concentration in donor well.

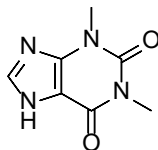
S10. Structures of the Reference Compounds



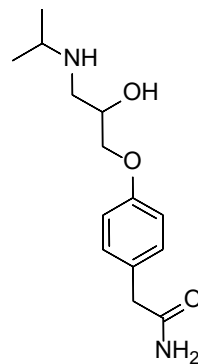
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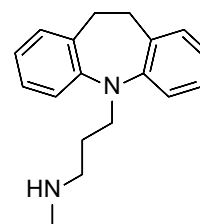
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Theophylline



Atenolol



Desipramine

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