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Discovery of highly selective and orally available benzimidazole-based phosphodiesterase 10 inhibitors with improved solubility and pharmacokinetic properties for treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension

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**Figure S3** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **14 3HCl** in the presence of Cys (ratio: 1:1) against time measured in  $D_2O$ .



**Figure S4** Concentration–response relationship for peak tail current inhibition by **14 3HCl** with terfenadine as a reference. Solid lines were fitted to the Hill equation. Currents in the presence of **14 3HCl** were normalized to the control amplitudes and plotted as a function of drug concentration. Each drug concentration was applied to 2–3 cells.



**Figure S5** The results of compound **14** inhibiting the catalytic ability of the mutant types of PDE10A including (A) Q726A mutant, (B) Y693A mutant and (C) F729A mutant, respectively.



**Figure S6** Electron density map (blue mesh) for **14** binding to the PDE10 pocket. (A) Fo-Fc map was calculated from the structure with omission of **14** and contoured at 2.0  $\sigma$ . (B) The 2Fo-Fc map contoured at 1.0  $\sigma$ .

Compd.	$\delta G_{ m MM-PBSA}$ (kcal/mol) <sup>a</sup>	$\delta G_{ m MM-GBSA}$ (kcal/mol) <sup>b</sup>	Compd.	$\delta G_{ m MM-PBSA}$ (kcal/mol) <sup>a</sup>	$\delta G_{ m MM-GBSA}$ (kcal/mol) <sup>b</sup>
1	$-30.70 \pm 3.14$	$-33.02 \pm 2.96$	8	$-33.64 \pm 2.79$	$-35.67 \pm 2.40$
2	$-37.07 \pm 3.18$	$-39.32 \pm 2.86$	9	$-34.16 \pm 3.12$	$-35.00 \pm 2.48$
3	$-29.53 \pm 2.85$	$-31.72 \pm 2.16$	10	$-37.94 \pm 3.38$	$-40.09 \pm 2.88$
4	$-37.68 \pm 3.12$	$-39.96 \pm 2.54$	11	$-42.20 \pm 3.23$	$-42.83 \pm 3.28$
5	$-35.39 \pm 3.05$	$-36.51 \pm 2.64$	12	$-39.52 \pm 3.42$	$-38.18 \pm 2.69$
6	$-33.19 \pm 3.09$	$-35.19 \pm 2.78$	13	$-39.21 \pm 3.85$	$-41.92 \pm 3.61$
7	$-30.38 \pm 3.35$	$-31.57 \pm 3.07$	14	$-41.62 \pm 3.46$	$-42.84 \pm 3.19$

**Table S1**The predicted binding free energies between compounds and PDE10.

<sup>a</sup>Calculated binding free energy by MM-PBSA method. <sup>b</sup>Calculated binding free energy by MM-GBSA method.

**Table S2**Metabolic stability of 2 and 3 in rat liver microsomes.

Compd.	. Species		Percent remaining (%)					$t_{1/2}$	CL <sub>int</sub>	
			0 min	5 min	10 min	15 min	30 min	45 min	(min) <sup>a</sup>	(ml/min/kg) <sup>b</sup>
2	Rat	Mean	100.00	1.89	0.19	0.15	0.13	0.05	0.87	2844.5
		RSD of area ratio	0.02	1.03	0.32	0.20	0.14	0.09		
4	Rat	Mean	100.00	75.40	66.87	55.06	23.91	17.81	17	142.9
		RSD of area ratio	0.15	0.03	0.00	0.12	0.16	0.04		

<sup>a</sup> $t_{1/2}$ : elimination half-life; <sup>b</sup>CL<sub>int</sub> is the *in vitro* intrinsic clearance.

**Table S3**Pharmacokinetic profile of compound A in Sprague–Dawley rats.

Route	$t_{1/2}(h)$	$T_{\rm max}({\rm h})$	$C_{\rm max}$ (ng/mL)	AUC <sub>(0-t)</sub>	$AUC_{(0-\infty)}$	MRT <sub>(0-t)</sub>	CL	F (%)
				(h ng/mL)	(h ng/mL)	(h)	(mL/h/kg)	
i.v. <sup>a</sup>	$0.58\pm0.02$	$0.083 \pm 0.001$	$3501\pm726$	$1097\pm215$	$1099\pm215$	$0.21\pm0.02$	$2337 \pm 470$	/
$p.o^{b}$	$1.8\pm0.7$	$0.25\pm0.00$	$32 \pm 10$	$55 \pm 14$	$70 \pm 20$	$1.5\pm0.2$		$2.5\pm0.6$

<sup>a</sup>i.v. = intravenous administration, dose = 2.5 mg/kg. <sup>b</sup>*p.o.* = oral administration, dose = 10 mg/kg.

Parameters	Results
AUC <sub>last</sub> (µg·min/mL)	9.50 ± 5.14 <sup>a</sup>
$AUC_{0-\infty}$ (µg·min/mL)	$10.2 \pm 5.1^{a}$
$C_{\rm max}$ (µg/mL)	$0.0821 \pm 0.0463^{a}$
$T_{\max}$ (min)	$37.5 \pm 15.0^{a}$
Terminal half-life (min)	$76.9 \pm 27.7^{a}$
Volume of distribution / $V_d$ (L/kg)	5.2 <sup>b</sup>
Clearance / CL (mL/min/kg)	5.1 <sup>b</sup>
Elimination half-life / $t_{1/2}$ (h)	2.4 <sup>b</sup>
Oral bioavailability / F (%)	63 <sup>b</sup>

**Table S4** Pharmacokinetic parameters of tadalafil in rats summarized according to the literatures.

<sup>a</sup>Oral administration of at a dose of 1 mg/kg in rats (n = 4). Data were shown as mean ± SD according to the reference<sup>1</sup>. AUC<sub>last</sub>, total area under the plasma concentration–time curve from time zero to time last. AUC<sub>0- $\infty$ </sub>, total area under the plasma concentration–time curve from time zero to time infinity.  $C_{\text{max}}$ , peak plasma concentration;  $T_{\text{max}}$ , time to reach  $C_{\text{max}}$ . <sup>b</sup>Oral administration of at a dose of 5 mg/kg in rats. Data were presented according to the reference<sup>2</sup>.

	678	685	689	692	693	713	725	726	729	730	762
PDE10A2	V	т	A <	I	Y	Μ	G	Q	F	Y	W
PDE1B	Р	н	т	L	М	L	S	Q	F	1	N
PDE2	Q	т	А	T	Y	М	L	Q	F	М	W
PDE3	Р	н	т	1	V	F	L	Q	F	1	W
PDE11	V	S	А	V	Т	F	L	Q	W	1	W
PDE4	Р	Y	т	1	М	М	S	Q	F	1	Y
PDE7	Р	5	S	V	Т	L	1	Q	F	М	W
PDE8	Р	С	А	1	S	V	S	Q	F	1	W
PDE5	I.	Q	А	V	А	М	м	Q	F	1	W
PDE6	1	Q	А	V	А	М	L	Q	F	1	W
PDE9	Е	А	V	L	L	F	А	Q	F	I	Y

Table S5 Alignment of amino acids at the substrate-binding pocket across PDE families.

The data shown in the table according to the reference $^{3}$ .

**Table S6**The ion chromatography result of compound 14 3HCl.

Sample weight (mg)	Detecting Cl <sup>-</sup> concentration (mg/L)	Total volume (mL)	Ratio of Cl ( <i>w</i> / <i>w</i> )
2.81	45.7028	10	0.1626
7.90	12.7814	100	0.1619

Time (h)	14 3HCl plasma	a concentration (n	g/mL)	Average ±SD	Average ±SD
	Rat 1	Rat 2	Rat 3	- (ng/mL)	(nmol/L)
0	BLQ	BLQ	BLQ	NA	
0.25	4.47	4.97	2.40	$3.94 \pm 1.36$	
0.5	20.86	33.71	17.94	$24.17 \pm 8.39$	
1	56.07	82.31	39.59	59.32 ±21.54	
2	151.55	162.37	100.85	$138.26 \pm 32.84$	266.8 ±63.4
4	253.92	250.31	184.36	229.53 ±39.16	442.8 ±75.5
6	273.61	235.45	265.90	$258.32 \pm 20.18$	$498.4 \pm 38.9$
8	299.45	197.39	205.52	$234.12 \pm 56.72$	$451.7 \pm 108.0$
10	243.68	118.14	161.84	$174.56 \pm 63.73$	336.8 ±123.0
24	51.63	18.62	18.74	$29.67 \pm 19.02$	

**Table S7** The plasma concentration of **14 3HCl** (*p.o*) at a dose of 10 mg/kg.

## Preparation and characterization of the target compounds

1. Synthesis routine for compounds M-1 to M-35



**3-(1-Oxoisoquinolin-2**(*1H*)-**yl**)**propanoic acid** (**M-1**). To a solution of isocarbostyril (2.374 g, 16.3 mmol) and methyl acrylate (1.689 g, 19.6 mmol) in MeOH (33 mL) was added sodium methanolate (88 mg, 1.63 mmol), and the mixture was refluxed for 2.5 h, then the methyl acrylate (1.689 g, 19.6 mmol) was added again refluxing for another 1.5 h. After completion of the reaction, solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and then the residue was extracted with DCM (100 × 3 mL) and brine (100 mL). The organic phase was collected and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After concentrated by vacuum distillation, the crude was added 1 mol/L HCl (33 mL) and refluxed for 1 h and stirred at room temperature for 16 h. When it finished, white solid was filtered to afford a product (1.36 g). Yield, 38.4%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.40 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (tt, *J* = 10.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.18 (m, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.95 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H).



**Methyl-(***E***)-3-(quinolin-8-yl)acrylate (M-2).** To the solution of 8-bromoquinoline (7.36 g, 35.4 mmol) in dry DMF (27 mL) was added methyl acrylate (3.6 g, 42.5 mmol), TEA (27 mL, 35.4 mmol) and (PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>PdCl<sub>2</sub> (2.48 g, 3.54 mmol) in sequence, then the mixture was heated to 120 °C stirring overnight under argon atmosphere. After cooling to room temperature, the solid was filtered through sufficient Celite, and then poured into water and extracted with EA (200 × 3 mL), then the organic phase was washed with water (50 × 3 mL), brine (50 × 3 mL), and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After concentration *in vacuo* the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 100:1) to afford a product (4.41 g). Yield, 58.4%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.01 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 8.94 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H).

(*E*)-3-(Quinolin-8-yl)acrylic acid (M-4). To the solution of M-2 (202.9 mg, 0.95 mmol) in EtOH (3 mL) was added 6 mol/L NaOH (0.5 mL), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After completion of the reaction, solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and then the solution was acidified with 1 mol/L aqueous HCl to pH = 1–2. The white solid was filtered to afford a product (130 mg). Yield, 71.8%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.13 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H).



**Methyl 3-(quinolin-8-yl)propanoate (M-3).** To the solution of **M-2** (220 mg, 1.03 mmol) in EtOH (5 mL) was add Pd/C (22 mg, 10%), and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under hydrogen atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA, 5:1) to afford a product (181 mg). Yield, 81.5%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.98–8.92 (m, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.61 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H).

**3-(Quinolin-8-yl)propanoic acid (M-5).** To a solution of **M-3** (181 mg, 0.84 mmol) in EtOH (3 mL) was added 6 mol/L NaOH (0.5 mL), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After completion of the reaction, ethanol was removed *in vacuo*, and then the solution was acidified with 1 N aqueous HCl to pH = 1–2. The white solid was filtered to afford a product (150 mg). Yield, 88.7%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.97 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.50 (m, 2H), 3.58 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H).



*N*-(4-Methyl-2-nitrophenyl)pyridin-4-amine (M-6). To the solution of 4-methyl-2-nitroaniline (390 mg, 2.58 mmol) in toluene (9 mL) was added 4-bromopyridine hydrochloride (1.0 g, 5.16 mmol), NaOBu-*t* (743 mg, 7.74 mmol), BINAP (65 mg, 0.1 mmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (50 mg, 0.05 mmol) in sequence, and the mixture was heated to 100 °C stirring overnight under argon atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and then the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA, 2:1) to afford a product (290 mg), Yield, 49.2%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.10 (s, 1H), 8.50 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.36 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H).

**4-Methyl-** $N^1$ -(**pyridin-4-yl**)**benzene-1,2-diamine** (M-7). To the solution of M-6 (290 mg, 1.27 mmol) in EtOH (5 mL) was add Pd/C (40 mg, 13%), and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under hydrogen atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromate-graphy (DCM/MeOH, 10:1) to afford a product (197 mg). Yield, 77.8%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.10 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 8.50 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.36 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H).



**4-Methyl-2-nitro**-*N*-**phenylaniline** (**M-8**). 4-Methyl-2-nitroaniline (3.08 g 20.2 mmol) was added into bromobenzene (3.17 g, 20.2 mmol) in round bottomed flask and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.8 g, 20.2 mmol), CuI (385 mg, 2.02 mmol) was added into flask successively. The mixture was heated to 200 °C stirring for 2 h. After cooling down to room temperature, the mixture was filtered through Celite washed by EA for three times, and the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA, 5:1) to afford a product (1.76 g). Yield, 38.2%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  7.97 (s, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.28–7.22 (m, 3H), 7.21–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.18–7.16 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

**4-Methyl-** $N^1$ **-phenylbenzene-1,2-diamine** (**M-9**). To the solution of **M-8** (1.76 g, 7.73 mmol) in EtOH (60 mL) was add Pd/C (269 mg, 15%), and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under hydrogen atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA, 10:1) to afford a product (1.16 g). Yield, 77.3%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  8.27 (s, 2H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.28–7.22 (m, 3H), 7.21–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.18–7.16 (m, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H).



**Benzene-1,2-diamine (M-10).** To the solution of 2-nitroanline (1.54 g, 11.1 mmol) in EtOH (60 mL) was add Pd/C (174 mg, 11%), and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under hydrogen atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography

(PE/EA, 10:1) to afford a product (732 mg). Yield, 61.0%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  6.82–6.77 (m, 4H), 3.36 ppm (s, 4H).



**2-Nitro-***N***-phenylaniline** (**M-11**). 2-Nitroaniline (3.3 g, 23.9 mmol) was added into iodobenzene (7.30 g, 35.8 mmol) in round bottomed flask and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (6.6 g, 47.8 mmol), CuI (2.1 g, 12.0 mmol) was added into flask successively. The mixture was heated to 200 °C stirring for 2 h under Argon atmosphere. After cooling down to room temperature, the mixture was filtered through Celite washed by EA for three times, and the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromate-graphy (PE/EA, 10:1) to afford a product (2.16 g). Yield, 42.4%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.48 (br, 1H), 8.19 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 4H), 6.76 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.8, 1.2 Hz).

*N*<sup>1</sup>-Phenylbenzene-1,2-diamine (M-12). To the solution of M-11 (2.16 g, 10.1 mmol) in EtOH (80 mL) was add Pd/C (246 mg, 11%), and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under hydrogen atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA, 10:1) to afford a product (1.34 g). Yield, 73.8%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.26 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86–6.80 (m, 5H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 2H).



**4-Fluoro-2-nitro***N***-phenylaniline** (**M-13**). 4-Fluoro2-nitroaniline (1.18 g 7.6 mmol) was added into iodobenzene (2.31 g, 11.4 mmol) in round bottomed flask and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.12 g, 15.2 mmol), CuI (434 mg, 2.28 mmol) was added into flask successively. The mixture was heated to 200 °C stirring for 2 h under argon atmosphere. After cooling down to room temperature, the mixture was filtered through Celite washed by EA for three times, and the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA, 10:1) to afford a product (1.70 g). Yield, 95.6%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.16 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (td, *J* = 8.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H).

**4-Fluoro**- $N^1$ -**phenylbenzene-1,2-diamine (M-14).** To the solution of **M-13** (1.34 g, 5.78 mmol) in MeOH (30 mL) was added Zinc powder (3.78 g, 57.8 mmol) and 2 mol/L HCl (60 mL) in sequence. The mixture was heated to 80 °C and stirred for 2 h. After cooling down to room temperature, the mixture was filtered through Celite washed by MeOH for three times, and the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA, 10:1) to afford a product (790 mg). Yield, 67.5%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.18 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (dd, *J* =

8.5, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (td, *J* = 8.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 2H).



**3-Methyl-2-nitro-***N***-phenylaniline** (**M-15**). To the solution of 3-methyl-2-nitroaniline (916 mg, 6.0 mmol) in toluene (12 mL) was added bromobenzene (945 mg, 6.0 mmol), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3.92 g, 12.0 mmol), BINAP (560 mg, 0.9 mmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (550 mg, 0.6 mmol) in sequence, and the mixture was heated to 110 °C stirring overnight under argon atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and then the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA, 5:1) to afford a product (500 mg). Yield, 36.7%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.77 (s, 1H), 7.40–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.17 (m, 4H), 7.12 (dd, J = 10.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H).

**3-Methyl-** $N^1$ **-phenylbenzene-1,2-diamine** (M-16). To the solution of M-15 (500 mg, 2.19 mmol) in EtOH (10 mL) was add Pd/C (50 mg, 10%), and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under hydrogen atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA, 5:1) to afford a product (320 mg). Yield, 74.4%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.23 (dd, J = 8.3, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.77–6.69 (m, 3H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H).



**5-Methyl-2-nitro-***N***-phenylaniline** (**M-17**). To the solution of 5-methyl-2-nitroaniline (500 mg, 3.29 mmol) in toluene (7 mL) was added bromobenzene (774 mg, 4.94 mmol), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.14 g, 6.58 mmol), BINAP (307 mg, 0.49 mmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (300 mg, 0.33 mmol) in sequence, and the mixture was heated to 110 °C stirring overnight under argon atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and then the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA, 10:1) to afford a product (710 mg). Yield, 94.7%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.10 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H).

**5-Methyl-** $N^1$ **-phenylbenzene-1,2-diamine** (M-18). To the solution of M-17 (630 mg, 2.76 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL) was add Pd/C (63 mg, 10%), and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under hydrogen atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA, 10:1) to afford a product (400 mg). Yield, 73.1%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.26–7.22 (m, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.86–6.84 (m, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H),



**2-Methyl-6-nitro**-*N*-**phenylaniline** (**M-19**). To the solution of 6-methyl-2-nitroaniline (500 mg, 3.29 mmol) in toluene (7 mL) was added bromobenzene (774 mg, 4.94 mmol), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.14 g, 6.58 mmol), BINAP (307 mg, 0.49 mmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (300 mg, 0.33 mmol) in sequence, and the mixture was heated to 110 °C stirring overnight under argon atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and then the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA, 10:1) to afford a product (220 mg). Yield, 29.3%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.31 (s, 1H), 7.99 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10–7.08 (m, 1H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.81–6.77 (m, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H).

**6-Methyl-** $N^1$ **-phenylbenzene-1,2-diamine (M-20).** To the solution of **M-19** (220 mg, 0.96 mmol) in EtOH (7 mL) was add Pd/C (22 mg, 10%), and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under hydrogen atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA, 10:1) to afford a product (79 mg). Yield, 41.4%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.20 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H).



*N*-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-4-methyl-2-nitroaniline (M-21). To the solution of 4-methyl-2-nitro-aniline (500 mg, 3.29 mmol) in toluene (7 mL) was added 3-bromoanisole (1.23 g, 4.94 mmol), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.14 g, 6.58 mmol), BINAP (307 mg, 0.49 mmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (300 mg, 0.33 mmol) in sequence, and the mixture was heated to 110 °C stirring overnight under argon atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and then the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA, 10:1) to afford a product (450 mg). Yield, 53.1%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.32 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H).

*N*<sup>1</sup>-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-4-methylbenzene-1,2-diamine (M-22). To the solution of M-21 (450 mg, 1.74 mmol) in EtOH (15 mL) was add Pd/C (45 mg, 10%), and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under hydrogen atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA, 10:1) to afford a product (285 mg). Yield, 71.7%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.12 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H)

1H), 6.38 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.34–6.32 (m, 1H), 6.27 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 5H), 2.30 (s, 3H).



1-((3-Bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-4-methylpiperazine (M-23). To a solution of 3-bromobenz-enesulfonyl chloride (3.56 g, 13.9 mmol) in DCM (28 mL) was added 1-methylpiperazine (2.79 g, 27.8 mmol) in ice bath, and then stirred for 3 h at room temperature. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was poured in to water and extracted with DCM three times, then the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 20:1) to afford a product (285 mg). Yield, 90.7%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.89 (s, 1H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (s, 4H), 2.47 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 9.1 Hz, 4H), 2.27 (s, 3H).

**4-Methyl-***N***-(3-((4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonyl)phenyl)-2-nitroaniline (M-24).** To the solution of 4-methyl-2-nitroaniline (739 mg, 2.32 mmol) in toluene (5 mL) was added **M-23** (363 mg, 2.38 mmol), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.58 g, 4.85 mmol), BINAP (217 mg, 0.35 mmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (212 mg, 0.23 mmol) in sequence, and the mixture was heated to 110 °C stirring overnight under argon atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and then the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 10:1) to afford a product (475 mg). Yield, 52.4%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.32 (s, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (s, 4H), 2.56–2.48 (m, 4H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

**4-Methyl-** $N^1$ -(**3-**((**4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonyl)phenyl)benzene-1,2-diamine** (**M-25**). To the solution of **M-24** (400 mg, 1.02 mmol) in EtOH (10 mL) was add Pd/C (40 mg, 10%), and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under hydrogen atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 10:1) to afford a product (287 mg). Yield, 71.8%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 3.07 (s, 4H), 2.55–2.45 (m, 4H), 2.31 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 6H).



**1-(3-Bromobenzyl)-4-methylpiperazine** (M-26). To a solution of 3-bromobenzaldehyde (2.44 g, 13.2 mmol) in DCM (132 mL) was added 1-methylpiperazine (1.98 g, 19.8 mmol) and Na(OAc)<sub>3</sub>BH (8.4 g 39.6 mmol) in ice bath, and then stirred overnight at room temperature. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA, 10:1) to afford a product (880 mg). Yield, 25.1%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20–7.18 (m, 1H), 3.54 (s, 2H), 2.93 (s, 4H), 2.74 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 4H), 2.60 (s, 3H).

**4-Methyl-***N***-(3-((4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)methyl)phenyl)-2-nitroaniline (M-27).** To the solution of 4-methyl-2-nitroaniline (249 mg, 1.64 mmol) in toluene (3 mL) was added **M-26** (440 mg, 1.64 mmol), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (964 mg, 3.28 mmol), BINAP (138 mg, 0.25 mmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (136 mg, 0.16 mmol) in sequence, and the mixture was heated to 110 °C stirring overnight under argon atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and then the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 20:1) to afford a product (300 mg). Yield, 53.7%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.36 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.17 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 3.52 (s, 2H), 2.42 (t, *J* = 28.8 Hz, 8H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

**4-Methyl-** $N^1$ -(**3-**((**4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)methyl)phenyl)benzene-1,2-diamine** (M-28). To the solution of M-27 (260 mg, 0.76 mmol) in EtOH (5 mL) was add Pd/C (50 mg, 19%), and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under hydrogen atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 10:1) to afford a product (140 mg). Yield, 53.8%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.11 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.75–6.71 (m, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 6.57–6.53 (m, 2H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 3.43 (s, 2H), 2.64–2.44 (m, 8H), 2.28 (s, 6H).



**1-Bromo-3-(3-bromopropoxy)benzene (M-29).** The solution of 3-bromophenol (4.32 g, 25 mmol) in DMF (10 mL) was dropped in the solution of 1,3-dibromopropane (10.08 g, 50 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (5.18 g, 37.5 mmol) in DMF (25 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, then stirred for another 2 h at 70 °C. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was poured into water and extracted with EA (100 × 3 mL), then the organic phase was washed with water (25 × 3 mL), brine (25 × 3 mL), and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After concentration *in vacuo* the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA, 10:1) to afford a product (6.0 g). Yield, 76.9%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.14 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10–7.06 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, 2H), 2.00–1.96 (m, 2H).

**4-(3-(3-Bromophenoxy)propyl)morpholine (M-30).** To the solution of **M-29** (4.82 g, 16.3 mmol) in MeCN (10 mL) was added morpholine (2.84 g, 32.6 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (4.50 g, 32.6 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 3 h. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA, 2:1) to afford a product (2.0 g). Yield, 40.8%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.15–7.13 (m, 1H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 4.5, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 6.85–6.83 (m, 1H), 4.03 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.80–3.68 (m, 4H), 2.52 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 2.52–2.44 (m, 4H), 2.01–1.93 (m, 2H).

**4-Methyl-***N***-(3-(3-morpholinopropoxy)phenyl)-2-nitroaniline** (M-31). To the solution of 4-methyl-2-nitroaniline (529 mg, 3.5 mmol) in toluene (14 mL) was added M-30 (1.05 g, 3.5 mmol), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.28 g, 7.0 mmol), BINAP (327 mg, 0.52 mmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (320 mg, 0.35 mmol) in sequence, and the mixture was heated to 110 °C stirring overnight under argon atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and then the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 20:1) to afford a product (700 mg). Yield, 53.8%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.31 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.74–6.72 (m, 1H), 4.02 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.76–3.68 (m, 4H), 2.56–2.48 (m, 2H), 2.47 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 4H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.97 (dt, *J* = 13.5, 6.6 Hz, 2H).

**4-Methyl-** $N^{1}$ -(**3**-(**3**-morpholinopropoxy)phenyl)benzene-1,2-diamine (M-32). To the solution of M-31 (700 mg, 1.87 mmol) in EtOH (9 mL) was add Pd/C (70 mg, 19%), and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under hydrogen atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 10:1) to afford a product (410 mg). Yield, 58.3%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.07 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 3.95 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.80–3.62 (m, 6H), 2.51–2.47 (m, 2H), 2.49–2.41 (m, 4H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.94–1.90 (m, 2H).



1-(3-(3-Bromophenoxy)propyl)-4-methylpiperazine (M-33). To the solution of M-29 (2.0 g 6.78 mmol) in MeCN (5 mL) was added 1-methylpiperazine (1.36 g 13.5 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.87 g 13.5 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 3 h. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA, 2:1) to afford a product (597 mg). Yield, 28.4%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.12 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.07–7.03 (m, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.60–2.40 (m, 10H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.97–1.93 (m, 2H).

**4-Methyl-***N***-(3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)phenyl)-2-nitroaniline** (M-34). To the solution of 4-methyl-2-nitroaniline (1.38 g, 9.07 mmol) in toluene (18 mL) was added M-33 (2.86 g, 9.07 mmol), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (5.9 g, 18.1 mmol), BINAP (847 mg, 1.36 mmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (830 mg, 0.9 mmol) in sequence, and the mixture was heated to 110 °C stirring overnight under argon atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and then the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 10:1) to afford a product (2.73 g). Yield, 77.7%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.32 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.29–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.22 (s, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.63–2.43 (m, 10H), 2.30 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.99–1.95 (m, 2H).

**4-Methyl-** $N^1$ -(**3-**(**4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)phenyl)benzene-1,2-diamine** (M-35). To the solution of M-34 (2.73 g, 7.05 mmol) in EtOH (35 mL) was add Pd/C (270 mg, 10%), and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under hydrogen atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was filtered through Celite, and the filtrate was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 10:1) to afford a product (2.0 g). Yield, 74.1%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  7.02 (s, 1H), 6.97 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 3.87 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.45–2.25 (m, 10H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.79 (dd, J = 13.5, 6.7 Hz, 2H).

### 2. General procedures for synthesis of compounds 1-9

To the solution of appropriate acid (1.0 mmol) in DCM (10 mL) was added HATU (760 mg, 3 mmol), DIPEA (516 mg, 4.0 mmol), and appropriate amine (1.0 mmol), and stirred at room temperature for 12 h. After completion of reaction, the mixture was extracted with EA ( $3 \times 50$  mL). The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford crude intermediate directly used in the next step without purification. To the residue above was added AcOH (10 mL) and stirred at 90 °C overnight. Then the reaction mixture was alkalized with

NaOH to pH 9–10, and extracted with EA (3  $\times$  50 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 10:1) to afford products **1–9** in two steps.

## 2-(2-(5-Methyl-1-(pyridin-4-yl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)ethyl)isoquinolin-1(2*H*)-one (1)

(50 mg, yield 45.3%) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.61 (dd, J = 4.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 8.30 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.47 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (dd, J = 4.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.08–7.02 (m, 3H), 6.36 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  161.39, 151.95, 151.77, 143.18, 143.01, 137.43, 133.57, 133.34, 132.74, 132.37, 127.32, 127.04, 126.52, 125.75, 124.92, 121.52, 119.32, 110.12, 105.49, 47.42, 27.17, 21.55. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O 381.1710, Found 381.1700.

## 8-(2-(5-Methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)ethyl)quinoline (2)

(51 mg, yield 48.1%) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  8.81 (dd, J = 4.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, J = 6.5, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.40 (m, 7H), 7.26 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  154.76, 150.03, 146.50, 143.18, 139.37, 136.86, 135.86, 134.58, 131.40, 130.22, 129.41, 128.95, 128.46, 127.36, 127.15, 126.72, 124.12, 121.74, 118.97, 109.83, 30.15, 28.73, 21.62. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub> 364.1808, Found 364.1805.

## (*E*)-8-(2-(1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)vinyl)quinoline (3)

(20 mg, yield 48.8%) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  9.17 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 9.09 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (t, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.80–7.78 (m, 1H), 7.71 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, J = 6.1, 3.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  151.22, 148.63, 145.57, 139.51, 137.73, 131.92, 131.89, 131.77, 129.84, 128.82, 127.29, 126.58, 122.79, 114.24, 112.50. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub> 272.1182, Found 272.1180.

## (E)-8-(2-(5-Methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)vinyl)quinoline (4)

(196 mg, yield 46.3%) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  9.18 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 8.98 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (s, 5H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.71–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  151.18, 145.64, 137.67, 132.81, 132.11, 132.01, 131.83, 131.33, 130.96, 130.54, 128.77, 128.28, 128.10, 127.22, 122.76, 114.08, 112.62, 111.62, 21.64. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub> 362.1652, Found 362.1641.

## (E)-8-(2-(1-Phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)vinyl)quinoline (5)

(46 mg, yield 50.5%) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  9.09 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 8.99 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75–7.71 (m, 2H), 7.64 (dt, J = 14.7, 7.3 Hz, 5H), 7.34 (dd, J = 15.5, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 7.27–7.23 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  151.16, 150.74, 145.66, 143.36, 137.11, 136.67, 135.48, 133.65, 133.05, 130.65, 129.68, 129.50, 128.69, 127.94, 127.30, 127.05, 123.60, 123.43, 122.36, 119.52, 116.35, 110.69. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub> 348.1495, Found 348.1486.

## (E)-8-(2-(5-Fluoro-1-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)vinyl)quinoline (6)

(35 mg, yield 59.3%) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.07 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 8.93 (dd, J = 4.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.69–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.60 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.50 (m, 4H), 7.47–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.14 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (td, J = 9.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.92, 159.03, 152.84, 149.94, 146.27, 143.89, 143.78, 136.16, 135.62, 134.67, 134.48, 133.21, 129.96, 128.97, 128.83, 128.50, 127.65, 127.60, 126.26, 121.44, 116.77, 111.33, 111.12, 110.47, 110.39, 105.28, 105.09. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub>F 366.1401, Found 366.1391.

## (*E*)-8-(2-(4-Methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)vinyl)quinoline (7)

(45 mg, yield 49.3%) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  9.05 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 8.99 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, J = 10.1, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.02–7.00 (m, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  150.69, 150.27, 145.62, 142.66, 137.13, 136.30, 135.69, 133.78, 132.48, 130.62, 129.59, 129.45, 129.19, 128.70, 127.95, 127.07, 123.56, 122.37, 116.54, 108.20, 17.19. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub> 362.1652, Found 362.1642.

## (*E*)-8-(2-(6-Methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)vinyl)quinoline (8)

(100 mg, yield 36.1%) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  9.02 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 8.95 (dd, J = 4.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.55 (m, 8H), 7.19–7.17 (m, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  151.74, 150.68, 137.08, 133.67, 132.55, 130.15, 129.88, 129.85, 129.58, 128.68, 127.04, 126.99, 125.48, 123.06, 122.36, 121.80, 117.57, 116.28, 18.10. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub> 362.1652, Found 362.1652.

### (E)-8-(2-(7-Methyl-1-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)vinyl)quinoline (9)

(15 mg, yield 38.5%) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  9.03 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 8.96 (dd, J = 4.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.66-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.58 (dd, J = 4.4, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  150.69, 145.64, 141.50, 137.07, 136.89, 135.59, 133.77, 133.18, 132.47, 130.62, 129.52, 129.41, 128.67, 127.97, 127.11, 127.03, 124.98, 122.32, 119.14, 116.45, 110.37, 21.83. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub> 362.1652, Found 362.1657.

#### Protein expression and purification

Briefly, the plasmid (pET15b-PDE10A) was transferred to *E. coli* strain BL21 (Codonplus, Stratagene). Then, the *E. coli* cells carrying the recombinant plasmid were grown in 2xYT medium (containing 100 µg/mL ampicillin and 30 µg/mL chloramphenicol) at 37 °C until an absorption of  $OD_{600} = 0.6-0.8$ . Then, 1 mmol/L isopropyl- $\beta$ -D-thiogalactopyranoside was added to induce the expression of the PDE10A protein and the culture was incubated at 15 °C for 48 h. The catalytic domain of PDE10A was purified with three chromatographic columns of nickel-nitrilotriacetic acid (Qiagen), Q-Sepharose (Amersham Biosciences), and Sephacryl S300 (GE Healthcare). A typical batch of purification yielded about 10 mg of PDE10A from 10 liters of cell culture and the purity was verified by SDS-PAGE. The catalytic domains of PDE1B (10-487), PDE2A (580-919), PDE3A (679-1087), PDE4D2 (86-413), PDE5A1(535-860), PDE7A1 (130-482), PDE8A1 (480-820) and PDE9A2 (181-506) were purified by using similar protocols<sup>3-5</sup>.

The plasmid for expression of the wide-type PDE10A (449-770) was mutated to Y693A/Q726A/F729A mutant with the Fast Mutagenesis Kit (Vazyme) using the PCR primers as followed: [Y693A]

5'-TAGCAGCAGAATTCTGGGCTGAGGGTGATGAA-3'/5'-CCAGAATTCTGCTGCTATATCA TTTGCCGTCAATTTTGTAA-3';

[Q726A]

5'-GCCCTTGGGTTCTACAATGCCGTGGCCATTCC-3'/5'-TTGTAGAACCCAAGGGCGCCTT GGGGGACTTCATCC-3';

[F729A]

5'-AGCTTGGGGGCCTACAATGCCGTGGCCATTCCC-3'/5'-ATTGTAGGCCCCAAGCTGGCCT TGGGGGGACTT-3'.

All mutations were verified by DNA sequencing. Protein overexpression and purification of mutants were similar to the protocol for the wild type<sup>3</sup>.

#### Statistics on diffraction data and structure refinement of PDE10 with 14

The PDE10A apo crystals were grown by using hanging drop method and protocol was similar to those previously reported<sup>3-5</sup>. Briefly, the unliganded PDE10A2 enzyme (10 mg/mL in a buffer composed of 20 mmol/L Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 50 mmol/L NaCl, 1 mmol/L EDTA, and 1 mmol/L  $\beta$ -mercaptoethanol) was vapor-diffused against the well buffer of 0.1 mol/L Hepes (pH 7.5), 0.2

mol/L MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 18% PEG3350, and 50 mmol/L 2-mercaptoethano at 4 °C. Crystals appeared within a week. Then, the apo crystals were fished and soaked in well buffer containing 20 mmol/L **14** for 24 h. The crystallization buffer containing 20% ethylene glycol was used as the cryosolvent. Diffraction data were collected at 100 K on an in-house Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur Nova diffractometer. The data were processed using the program CrysAlis Pro, and the structures were solved and refined using *CCP4* and *Phenix*<sup>6,7</sup>. The coordinates and structure factors have been deposited in the Protein Data Bank with PDB ID of 7BPI.

The electron density map of 2Fo-Fc and Fo-Fc shown **14** bound to the PDE10 pocket (Fig. S6). Although the conformation of quinoline and benzimidazole portion of **14** was well determined, the density map for the propyl side-chain linker was incomplete and shown low occupancy which might suggest some flexibility.

Data collection	PDE10A-14
Wavelength (Å)	1.5418
Temperature (K)	100
Resolution (Å)	19.25–2.40
Space group	P212121
Unit cell	
<i>a, b, c</i> (Å)	49.94, 81.68, 162.49
α, β, γ ( °)	90.0, 90.0, 90.0
No. reflections	26047 (2585 <sup>a</sup> )
Completeness (%)	97.46 (98.85 <sup>a</sup> )
R <sub>merge</sub>	0.111 (0.377 <sup>a</sup> )
	$12.3 (2.5^{a})$
Redundancy	$3.4(3.3^{a})$
Structure refinement	
R-factor/R-free	0.25/0.32
RMS deviations	
Bond lengths	0.009 Å
Bond angles	1.111
Average B-factor	
$(Å^2)$ (atoms)	
Protein	25.9 (5078)
Inhibitor	29.2 (39)
Zn	35.1 (2)
Mg	23.1 (2)

22.6 (110)
94.26%
5.42%

<sup>a</sup>The numbers in parentheses are for the highest resolution shells of 2.49–2.4 Å.

#### Molecular docking and dynamics simulations

The X-ray crystal structure of PDE10A–14 complex was selected for molecular modeling, and Surflex-dock embedded in the software Tripos Sybyl 2.0 was used<sup>7</sup>. Two metal ions crucial for the PDE's catalytic activity in the catalytic domain and water molecules coordinating these two metal ions were retained. hydrogen atoms were added, and the ionizable residues were protonated at the neutral pH. The protomol was generated using the parameters by default. The parameters of proto\_thresh and proto\_bloat were assigned 0.5 and 0, respectively. After the protomol was prepared, molecular docking was performed for test molecules.

**Binding free energy calculations.** After 8 ns molecular dynamics simulations with similar parameters to our previous work<sup>5</sup>, MM-PBSA binding free energy calculations were performed by extracting 100 snapshots of the last 1 ns trajectories with default parameters assigned. According to the MM-PBSA method, the binding free energies ( $\delta G_{\text{bind}}$ ) are calculated using Eq. (1), in which  $G_{\text{complex}}$ ,  $G_{\text{rec}}$  and  $G_{\text{lig}}$  are the representations of the free energies of complex, receptor and ligand, respectively. Each free energy is calculated as the sum of the MM energy  $E_{\text{MM}}$ , the solvation free energy  $G_{\text{solv}}$ , and the entropy contribution TS, respectively, leading to Eq. (2).  $\delta E_{\text{MM}}$  represents the gas phase interaction energy. It is decomposed into  $E_{\text{MM}, \text{ complex}}$ ,  $E_{\text{MM}, \text{ rec}}$  and  $E_{\text{MM}, \text{ lig}}$ . The solvation free energy represents the sum of the electrostatic solvation free energy and nonpolar solvation free energy. The entropy contribution for each system was omitted since this computational process is extremely time-consuming for large protein–ligand systems.

1. 
$$\delta G_{\text{bind}} = G_{\text{complex}} - G_{\text{rec}} - G_{\text{lig}}$$
 (1)

2. 
$$\delta G_{\text{bind}} = \delta E_{\text{MM}} + \delta G_{\text{solv}} T \delta S$$
 (2)

#### Metabolic stability in the rat liver microsomes

The assays of compounds 2 and 3 were performed at the Medicilon Company, Shanghai, China. The experimental procedures were similar to those in our previous study<sup>8</sup>. Compounds 2 and 3 were dissolved in 100% DMSO to prepare a 0.5 mmol/L stock solution and diluted to a final concentration of 1.5  $\mu$ mol/L for the experiments.

The assays of compounds 10-14 was performed as followed: microsomes in 0.1 mol/L Tris buffer pH 7.4 (final concentration 0.33 mg/mL), co-factor MgCl<sub>2</sub> (final concentration 5 mmol/L) and tested compound (final concentration 0.1 µmol/L, co-solvent (0.01% DMSO) and 0.005% Bovin serum albumin (BSA)) were incubated at 37 °C for 10 min. The reaction was started by the addition of NADPH (final concentration 1 mmol/L). Aliquots were sampled at 0, 7, 17, 30 and 60 min respectively and methanol (cold in 4 °C) was added to terminate the reaction. After centrifugation (4000 rpm, 5 min), samples were then analyzed by LC–MS/MS.

#### In vivo pharmacokinetics analysis of 14·3HCl

The pharmacokinetic properties of **14·3HCl** were analyzed by the Medicilon Company, Shanghai, China. Six male SD rats with a body weight of 230–260 g were purchased from Shanghai SIPPR-BK LAB Animal Ltd., Shanghai, China, and used for the pharmacokinetic analysis of **14·3HCl**. It was dissolved/suspended in 5% DMSO, 10% solutol, and 85% water for intravenous administration (i.v.) and oral administration (*p.o.*). A final dosage of 2.5 and 10 mg/kg rat of the formulated compounds was administered for i.v. and *p.o.* purposes, respectively, and the blood samples were taken at various time points within 24 h. The concentration of the compounds in the blood was analyzed by LC–MS/MS (Shimadzu liquid chromatographic system and API4000 mass spectrometer, Applied Biosystems, Ontario, Canada).

#### Acute toxicity of compound 14·3HCl

The acute toxicity was tested according to similar protocols that were described in our previous study<sup>2</sup>. Thirty SPF KM mice (22 days, 18–22 g), which were purchased from the Laboratory Animal Center of Southern Medical University (Guangzhou, China), were used to evaluate the acute toxicity of **14·3HCI**. Mice were randomly divided into three groups (half male and female), and each group was given in single oral dose of 0, 0.5, or 1.0 g/kg **14·3HCI** on the first day of the experiment. Mice were maintained on a 12 h light/dark cycle (light from 7:00 to 19:00) at 20–25 °C and 45%–70% relative humidity. Sterile food and water were provided according the institutional guidelines. Prior to each experiment, mice were fasted overnight and allowed free access to water. Compound **14·3HCI** was dissolved in 0.5% CMC-Na solution and orally administrated. Mice were observed during initial 12 h for any abnormal behavior and mortality and weighed 4 h after **14·3HCI** administered and then observation once a day for subsequent 14 days. Animals were sacrificed on the 14th day, and tissue samples of the heart, liver, and kidney were macroscopically examined for possible damage.

#### Pharmacodynamics effects of 14·3HCl against PAH in animals

All animal care and experimental protocols were in accordance with "Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals" (National Institutes of Health Publication, revised 1996, No. 86-23, Bethesda, MD) and were approved by the Institutional Ethical Committee for Animal Research of Sun Yat-sen University. Forty Wister rats (6 weeks, 160–180 g), purchased from Beijing Vital River Laboratory Animal Technology Co., Ltd., were used to evaluate the pharmacodynamics effects of **14·3HCl** on PAH. The rats were randomly divided into four groups: control group, model, compound **14·3HCl** (2.5 mg/kg), and positive (tadalafil, 5.0 mg/kg). Rats were maintained on a 12 h light/dark cycle

(light from 7:00 to 19:00) at  $24 \pm 1$  °C and 60%–70% relative humidity. Sterile food and water were given according to the institutional guidelines. Prior to each experiment, the rats were fasted overnight and allowed free access to water. All the rats were administrated i.v. with MCT 60 mg/kg except group control. Then, the rats were orally treated with drug vehicle (control and model groups), compound **14·3HCI** (2.5 mg/kg) and tadalafil (5.0 mg/kg) for 3 weeks, respectively. Compound **14·3HCI** and tadalafil were dissolved in 0.5% CMC-Na solution and orally administrated 0.4 mL per 100 g weight. The method of right cardiac catheter was applied to measure the pulmonary artery pressure and the mean pulmonary artery pressure (mPAP) was used to conduct statistics. Subsequently, the rats were killed and the hearts were dissected into right ventricle (RV) and left S7 ventricle and interventricular septum (LV+S); the 2 parts of the hearts were weighed with electronic scales, the value of RV/(LV+S) was used to conduct statistics. Then a part of lung tissues was taken and fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde. Routine HE staining was performed to observe the pathological changes and calculate the percentage (WT%) of the medial wall thickness of pulmonary arterioles<sup>4.5.8</sup>.

# <sup>1</sup>HNMR, <sup>13</sup>CNMR and HRMS spectra of the targeted compounds

































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C33 H35 N5 O [M+H]+ : Predicted region for 518.2914 m/z

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HPLC spectra	data for	the purity	of tested	compounds
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Compound	Purity (%)	t (min)
10	98.9	6.004
11	98.0	6.853
12	99.8	5.016
13	99.6	9.325
14	99.2	4.972

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UV detection at 254 nm; elution, MeOH (100%); T = 25 °C; flow rate = 0.8 ml/min. Purity: 98.9%.

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Peak #	Retention time	Peak area	Peak height	Peak area %
1	4.996	128852	17960	0.320
2	5.447	216631	23222	0.537
3	6.853	39518562	2898706	97.998
4	8.583	461861	35320	1.145
In total		40325906	2975208	100.00

UV detection at 254 nm; elution, MeOH in water (90 %, v/v); T = 25 °C; flow rate = 0.8 mL/min. Purity: 98.0%

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Peak #	Retention time	Peak area	Peak height	Peak area %
1	3.777	8383	2072	0.116
2	4.117	8384	2027	0.116
3	5.016	7214769	750479	99.768
In total		7231536	754578	100.00

UV detection at 254 nm; elution, MeOH in water (97%, v/v); T = 25 °C; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min. Purity: 99.8%

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Peak #	Retention time	Peak area	Peak height	Peak area %
1	3.162	35131	8088	0.108
2	4.711	98633	9935	0.303
3	5.535	32437771	2453339	99.589
In total		32571536	2471363	100.00

UV detection at 254 nm; elution, MeOH (100 %); T = 25 °C; flow rate = 0.8 mL/min. Purity: 99.6%

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Peak #	Retention time	Peak area	Peak height	Peak area %
1	4.159	80223	5035	0.806
2	4.972	9873637	713569	99.194
In total		9953861	718605	100.00

UV detection at 254 nm; elution, MeOH in water (97 %, v/v); T = 25 °C; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min. Purity: 99.2%

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