# **Supplementary Material for**

# **QSAR Models Reveal New EPAC-Selective Allosteric Modulators**

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## **Supplemental Tables**

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4	Division 5	Division 6	Division 7	Division 8	Division 9	Division 10
25ad	12e	12g	12g	12d	25ac	12a	25ad	25aa	12c
25b	12f	25aa	25a	25ac	25c	25i	25e	25b	12e
25e	25ab	25g	25ab	25c	25i	25k	25j	25m	12f
25h	25e	25h	25d	25v	251	25u	250	25v	25g
25p	25j	25i	25q	25w	25m	25w	25p	25z	250
25r	251	25q	25y	25x	25z	25x	25r	9b	25r
25t	25m	25s	25z	9f	9e	25z	25v	9e	25w
9b	25n	25y	9i	9h	91	9g	25y	9g	25x
9e	25r	90	9k	9j	9q	9k	9b	9i	9j
9j	91	9r	9р	9n	9r	9m	9c	9m	9n
9n	9m	9s	9q	9p	9s	9q	9d	90	9s

**Table S1:** Code names for the test set molecules used for each of the 10 dataset partitions. The training set molecules are the remaining part of the dataset (~ 80%).

Table S2: Parameters for the QSAR model developed for the I942 analogues\* with a non-zero intercept

	Training Set	Test Set	Cross-Validation	Threshold	
R <sup>2</sup>	$0.808 \pm 0.057$	0.577 ± 0.167	$0.772 \pm 0.055$	R <sup>2</sup> > 0.600	
σ	27.69 ± 0.60	28.69 ± 2.40	-	-	
RMSE	11.83 ± 1.81	19.09 ± 3.13	12.78 ± 1.50	RMSE < σ	
k	0.808 ± 0.057 0.628 ± 0.197		-	0.850 ≤ k ≤ 1.150	

\* Standard deviations were computed using data from eleven different partitioning of training vs. test sets.

# **Supplemental Figures**



Figure S1: Flowchart describing the workflow of the QSAR model generation and validation



**Figure S2:** (A-J) Box plot representations for the range of RFI values of different training (blue) and test (red) set divisions. The number of training set molecules is 45 and test set molecules is 11 for all the divisions.



**Figure S3:** Correlation plots for the A) training and B) test sets of the I942 analogues with a non-zero intercept.



**Figure S4:** Correlation plot for the STD/STR intensity ratios of protons of MLGM-2013 against protons of I942. The point marked by a box and labeled as 'k' corresponds to the protons that are different between MGLM-2013 (*tert*-butyl) and I942 (methyl) and the error bars for that point are within the symbol size.

## Equation of the model used to predict the affinities of the MLGM compounds:

Equation (S1):

*RFI* = 24.2 \* *AATS5s* + 10.8 \* *ATSC8e* + 410.7 \* *AATSC3p* + 39.0 \* *GATS5s* + 178.5 \* *VC*-5 - 1.1 \* minsOm + 0.1 \* maxHBint4 - 87.0

### **Synthetic Chemistry Experimental Procedures**

General: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were acquired at 400 MHz. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS), with calibration of the residual chloroform solvent as follows:  $\delta_H$  7.26,  $\delta_C$  77.16).

4-(tert-butyl)benzene sulfonamide and 2,4-dimethylbenzenesulfonamide were purchased from Oakwood Chemical. All other reagents and solvents were purchased from Sigma Aldrich or Fisher Scientific. 2-((2-oxo-2H-chromen-7-yl)oxy)acetic acid, 2-(naphthalen-2-yloxy)acetic acid, 2-(naphthalen-2-yloxy)-N-(phenylsulfonyl)acetamide (MLGM2014) were synthesized according to previously established protocols.<sup>1,2</sup>



MLGM2014 2-(naphthalen-2-yloxy)-N-(phenylsulfonyl)acetamide

Compounds MLGM2013, MLGM2014, and MLGM2017 were confirmed to be >95% pure by HPLC (see HPLC traces below).

### Synthesis of MLGM-2013:



2-(naphthalen-2-yloxy)acetic acid

In a round-bottom flask, 68.6 mg (0.34 mmol, 1 equiv.) of **2-(naphthalen-2-yloxy)acetic acid**, 144.7 mg (0.68 mmol, 2 equiv.) of 4-(tert-butyl)benzene sulfonamide and 0.25 mL (1.36 mmol, 4 equiv.) of **DIPEA** were loaded in 2 mL (0.2 M) of **DMF**. To a stirring solution, 154.9 mg (0.41 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) of **HATU** was added portion wise. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. It was then diluted with EtOAc and washed with «half-brine» (8x), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification was done by reverse phase chromatography, loaded in DMSO onto a C18 Silicycle column, eluted from 5 to 100% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O (with 0.1% formic acid) over 15 column volumes (CVs). Fractions rich in desired product by LRMS were combined and concentrated under reduced pressure, then taken up into nanopure water, frozen and lyophilized to afford 20.1 mg (15% yield) of MLGM-2013 as a lightbrown solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.94 (s, 1H), 8.02 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.85 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.47 (ddd, J = 8.3, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (ddd, J = 8.1, 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, / = 9.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, / = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 1.35 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.02, 154.24, 134.98, 134.04, 130.32, 129.77, 128.42, 127.78, 127.03, 126.97, 126.12, 124.79, 117.82, 107.70, 67.24, 35.36, 31.03.

### Synthesis of MLGM-2017:



In a round-bottom flask, 100 mg (0.46 mmol, 1 equiv.) of **2-((2-oxo-2H-chromen-7-yl)oxy)acetic acid**, 168.2 mg (0.91 mmol, 2 equiv.) of **2,4-dimethylbenzenesulfonamide** and 0.3 mL (1.82 mmol, 4 equiv.) of **DIPEA** were loaded in 2 mL (0.2 M) of **DMF**. To a stirring solution, 154.9 mg (0.41 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) of **HATU** was added portion wise. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. It was then diluted with EtOAc and washed with «half-brine» (8x), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification was done by reverse phase chromatography, loaded in DMSO onto a C18 Silicycle column, eluted from 5 to 100% CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O (with 0.1% formic acid) over 15 column volumes (CVs). Fractions rich in desired product by LRMS were combined and concentrated under reduced pressure, then taken up into nanopure water, frozen and lyophilized to afford 88.1 mg (47% yield) of **MLGM-2017** as a beige solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.86 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  165.02, 160.56, 159.22, 155.78, 145.79, 143.00, 137.83, 133.46, 133.20, 131.90, 129.55, 127.35, 114.89, 114.35, 112.45, 102.44, 67.46, 21.62, 20.49.



Figure S6: MLGM-2013 <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>-d)



Figure S8: MLGM-2017 <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>-d)



Figure S9: HPLC trace of compound MLGM-2013



Figure S10: HPLC trace of compound MLGM-2014



Figure S11: HPLC trace of compound MLGM-2017

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