### Design and Synthesis of Naturally-Inspired SARS-CoV-2 Inhibitors

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### **Chemical Syntheses**

#### **General information**

All reactions were performed under an atmosphere of argon unless otherwise stated. Watersensitive reactions were performed in oven-dried glassware, cooled under argon before use. Solvents were removed in vacuo using a Büchi rotary evaporator and a Vacuubrand® PC2001 Vario diaphragm pump. A Genevac EZ-2 Elite centrifugal evaporator was used for the removal of MeOH–H<sub>2</sub>O. Anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (THF), dichloromethane (DCM), toluene, acetonitrile, *N*,*N*-dimethylacetamide (DMA), *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) and 1,4-dioxane were obtained in SureSeal® bottles from Sigma-Aldrich (Merck-France). All other solvents used were of chromatography or analytical grade. Commercially available starting materials were obtained from Fluka-Sigma-Aldrich (Merck-France) or Thermo Fisher Scientific (Acros Chemicals and Alfa-Aesar) and were used without purification unless stated. Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR) homogeneous materials, unless otherwise stated.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR were recorded on an Agilent DirectDrive 500 spectrometer (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara) with a proton resonating frequency of 499.8 MHz. Spectra were recorded using VnmrJ 4.2A (Agilent Technologies). The chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) and coupling constants (J) are expressed in ppm and Hz respectively. The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad, quint = quintuplet, hex = hexuplet. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded with a Waters Q-TOF 2 spectrometer in the electrospray ionization (ESI) mode. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 F254 pre-coated plates (Merck) with visualization by ultraviolet light and potassium permanganate stain. Flash chromatography was

performed on a PuriFlash® (Advion Interchim) automated column chromatography using prepacked PuriFlash® Slica gel columns (60Å, 15/35 µm).

### <u>Synthesis of the precursor: N-(1-isopropyl-4-oxocyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-yl)-4-methylbenzene</u> <u>sulfonamide (Intermediate C)</u>



To a solution of *p*-Anisidine (5.0 g, 40.6 mmol) in dichloromethane was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (5.65 mL, 40.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The resulting solution was cooled to 4°C and tosyl chloride (8.5 g, 44.6 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added as a solid by portions. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature (RT) and stirred overnight. Then, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in EtOAc (100 mL). The solution was allowed to stir with saturated sodium carbonate solution (100 mL) for one hour. The phases were separated and the organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product (11.2 g) was used without further purification in the following step.

To a solution of **A** (3.5 g, 12.61 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), in MeOH (63 mL), PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (4.06 g, 12.61 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added as a solid by portions at 0°C under nitrogen atmosphere. The resulting mixture was stirred for 3 hours at 0°C. Then, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in EtOAc (100 mL). An aqueous solution of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> was carefully added to quench the reaction. The phases were separated, the aqueous layer was extracted with 2x 50 mL AcOEt. The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product which was purified by flash chromatography (eluent: Cyclohexane / EtOAc =  $8 / 1 \sim 4 / 1$ ) to give **intermediate B** as a white solid (2.1 g, 54%). The spectral data are in agreement with the reported synthesis. <sup>1</sup>

To a solution of **intermediate B** (2.0 g, 6.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (20.0 mL), *i*-PrMgCl (2M) (4.22 mL, 8.45 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) was carefully added dropwise at -78 °C under argon atmosphere. The reaction was allowed to warm up gradually to RT and stirred overnight. Then, the reaction was quenched by HCl (2.0 M aq). The reaction mixture was extracted 3 times with EtOAc and the combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Then, the solution was concentrated under vacuum to yield the crude product, which was purified by a flash chromatography (eluent: Cyclohexane/EtOAc =  $8/1 \sim 6/1$ ) to furnish **intermediate C** as white solid (830 mg, 42%). The spectral data are in agreement with the reported synthesis.<sup>1</sup>

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### <u>Synthesis of 8a-isopropyl-1-tosyl-2a1,5,5a,8a-tetrahydro-1*H*-2a,5-epoxybenzo[cd]indol-6(2H)-one (1)</u>



To a solution of **intermediate C** (830 mg, 2.71 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 2-furanylmethanol (400 mg, 4.07 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), triphenylphosphane (852.9 mg, 3.25 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) and 4 Å molecular sieves (1800 mg) in dry THF (27.30 mL), DIAD (603.93 mg, 2.98 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was allowed to warm to RT and was stirred for 12 hours. Then, the resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (eluent: Cyclohexane / EtOAc = 8 / 1) to give the desired product **1** as a white solid (630 mg, 60%). The spectral data are in agreement with the reported synthesis.<sup>1</sup>

### Synthesis of 3,4-dihydroxy-8a-isopropyl-1-tosyl-1,2,2a1,3,4,5,5a,8a-octahydro-6*H*-2a,5epoxybenzo[cd]indol-6-one (2)



To a solution of the crude product of **1** (1600 mg, 4.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (80 mL) and water (14.4 mL) were added N-methyl-morpholine N-oxide (NMO) (583.50 mg, 4.98 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) and K<sub>2</sub>OsO<sub>4</sub>.2H<sub>2</sub>O (12.2 mg, 0.033 mmol, 0.008 equiv.). The solution was stirred at RT for 16 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was diluted by a solution of NaHSO<sub>3</sub> 15% (15 ml) and the mixture was extracted three times with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified through column chromatography eluting with 100% EtOAc to give the titled compound **2** as white solid (550 mg, 27% over two steps). HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+$  C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S: calcd. 420.1475 found 420.1479. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.74-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.29 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.0, 11.0 Hz), 6.09 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.5 Hz), 4.16 (s, 1H), 4.10 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 3.98 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 3.71 (d, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 3.63 (d, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 2.78 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 2.68-2.63 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 1H), 1.10 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 0.78 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  (ppm) 199.4, 152.8, 146.2, 140.4, 131.9, 131.2, 129.3, 97.2, 90.8, 76.8, 74.8, 72.7, 52.5, 52.0, 47.6, 38.9, 22.6, 19.1, 17.6.

### **Ring Expansion**



To a vigorously stirred solution of silica (column grade) (200 mg) in DCM (20 ml), a solution of NaIO<sub>4</sub> in H<sub>2</sub>O (0.68 ml of a 0.65M, 1.4 equiv.) was added dropwise until a formation of a flaky suspension was observed. Solution of the diol **2** (400 mg, 0.95 mmol. 1.0 equiv.) in DCM (11 mL) was then added and the mixture was monitored by TLC and kept under stirring until complete disappearance of the starting material (typically 16 h). The solution was then filtered through a sintered glass funnel packed with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was used directly without further purifications in the next step.

#### General Procedure (A): Reductive amination:

To stirred solution of the crude bis-aldehyde (intermediate **D**) in THF or DCM was added primary amine (1.2 equiv.), sodium tri-acetoxy borohydride (STAB) (3.0 equiv.), AcOH (0.1 equiv.), and 4 Å M.S. The reaction stirred at RT for 2h. Then the mixture was filtered through pad of Celite® and the filtrate was diluted with EtOAc and saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted for three times with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: Hexane / EtOAc = 6 / 1).

### General Procedure (B): Reduction of ketone to alcohol:

To a solution of ketone (3a'-c') in MeOH, NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.1 equiv.) was carefully added in one portion at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was allowed to warm to RT and stirred for 30 min. The reaction was quenched by a few drops of water. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure then the resulting mixture was diluted by EtOAc and saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted for three times with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: Cyclohexane / EtOAc = 4 / 1).

### General Procedure (C): Reaction of Alcohol with aryl or alkyl chlorides (RCl).

To a suspension of NaH (60 % dispersion in mineral oil) (1.5 equiv.) in dry THF was added the crude alcohol (1.0 equiv.) in dry THF at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 5 min at this temperature, and then RCl (1.5 equiv.) was added to the reaction mixture. The reaction was stirred at RT overnight. Then, the reaction was quenched by adding a few drops of H<sub>2</sub>O at 0 °C. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was diluted with EtOAc and saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted three times with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography.

## 4-benzyl-9a-isopropyl-1-tosyl-1,2a1,3,4,5,6,6a,9a-octahydro-2a,6-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-cd]indol-7(2H)-one (3a')



The titled compound was synthesized according to general procedure (A) from bis-aldehyde D (396 mg, 0.95 mmol. 1.0 equiv.) in THF (22 mL), benzylamine (122.15 mg, 1.14 mmol), STAB (604.02 mg, 2.85 mmol), AcOH (5.70 mg, 0.095 mmol), and 4 Å M.S. (200 mg). The crude product was purified by column chromatography eluting with cyclohexane/EtOAc 80/20, to give the titled compound **3a'** as white

solid (341 mg, 73%). HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+ C_{28}H_{33}N_2O_4S$ : calcd. 493.2156 found 493.2142. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.68-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.7.34 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.723 (m, 2H), 6.11 (d, 1H, J = 11.0 Hz), 7.38 (s, 1H), 3.59-3.52 (m, 3H), 3.31-3.21 (m, 2H), 3.07 (d, 1H, J = 9.5 Hz), 2.76-2.73 (m, 2H), 2.63 (d, 1H, J = 10.5 Hz), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.35-2.30 (m, 2H), 1.07 (d, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz), 0.86 (d, 3H, J = 6.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 200.8, 152.9, 146.0, 140.4, 132.3, 131.3, 131.2, 131.1, 130.1, 129.6, 91.7, 85.4, 72.9, 64.3, 59.9, 59.2, 57.2, 56.1, 51.6, 39.5, 32.3, 24.1, 20.6, 19.1.

## 4-benzyl-9a-isopropyl-1-tosyl-1,2,2a1,3,4,5,6,6a,7,9a-decahydro-2a,6-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-cd]indol-7-ol (3a)



The titled compound was synthesized according to general procedure **(B)** from **3a'** (20 mg, 0.051 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in MeOH (3.0 mL), NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.6 mg, 0.042 mmol, 1.1 equiv.). The crude product was purified by column chromatography (Cyclohexane/EtOAc 70/30) to give the titled compound **3a** as white solid (18 mg, 70%). HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+ C_{28}H_{35}N_2O_4S$ : calcd. 495.2312 found 495.2314. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.74-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.22

(m, 2H), 6.32 (dd, 1H, J = 2.5, 10.5 Hz), 5.77-5.74 (m, 1H), 4.63 (s, 1H), 4.37-4.35 (dt, 1H, J = 7.5, 2.5 Hz), 3.65 (s, br, 1H), 3.53-3.51 (m, 1H), 3.47 (d, 1H, J = 11.0 Hz), 3.19 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 3.05-3.04 (m, 1H), 2.99-2.98 (m, 1H), 2.79 (s dr, 1H), 2.71-2.68 (m, 1H), 2.60 (s br, 1H), 2.73 (m, 5H), 1.04 (d, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz), 0.80 (d, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 152.3, 145.4, 140.9, 134.7, 132.3, 132.1, 131.7, 131.1, 130.2, 129.6, 90.2, 79.2, 75.6, 67.3, 64.6, 59.7, 57.5, 56.0, 50.9, 48.7, 40.0, 24.1, 20.6, 19.1.

## 9a-isopropyl-4-(4-methoxyphenethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2a1,3,4,5,6,6a,9a-octahydro-2a,6-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-cd]indol-7(2H)-one (3b').



The titled compound was synthesized according to general procedure (A) from the crude bis-aldehyde D (47 mg, 0.11 mmol) in DCM (5.0 mL), 4-Methoxyphenethylamine (20.4 mg, 0.13 mmol), STAB (69.9 mg, 0.33 mmol) and 4 Å M.S. (100 mg). The crude product was purified by column chromatography eluting (Cyclohexane/ EtOAc 70/30) to give the titled compound **3b'** as white solid (46 mg, 77%).

HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+ C_{30}H_{37}N_2O_5S$ : calcd. 537.2418 found 537.2403. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, 1H, J = 10.5 Hz), 7.25-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.10 (s,

1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.82-6.81 (m, 2H), 6.09 (d, 1H, J = 10.5 Hz), 4.36 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.51 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 3.26 (d, 1H, J = 11 Hz), 2.95 (d, 1H, J = 9.5 Hz), 2.88 (d, 1H, J = 9.5 Hz), 2.77 (d, 1H, J = 11 Hz), 2.75-2.60 (m, 6H), 2.85 (s, 3H), 2.37-2.36 (m, 1H), 2.30 (d, 1H, J = 11.0 Hz), 1.05 (d, 3H, J = 6.5 Hz), 0.75 (d, 3H, J = 6.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 200.9, 160.6, 152.9, 145.9, 140.3, 134.5, 132.2, 132.0, 131.1, 129.5, 116.4, 91.6, 85.3, 72.8, 60.7, 59.7, 59.3, 57.8, 57.2, 55.9, 51.3, 39.5, 34.7, 24.1, 20.3, 19.0.

### 9a-isopropyl-4-(4-methoxyphenethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,2a1,3,4,5,6,6a,7,9a-decahydro-2a,6-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-cd]indol-7-ol (3b).



The titled compound was synthesized according to general procedure (A) from the crude bis-aldehyde D (47 mg, 0.11 mmol) in DCM (5.0 mL), 4-Methoxyphenethylamine (20.4 mg, 0.13 mmol), STAB (69.9 mg, 0.33 mmol) and 4 Å M.S. (100 mg). Then, the crude product was dissolved in MeOH (3.0 mL) and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (3.2 mg, 0.085 mmol) was added and the synthesis was continued following general procedure (B). The crude

product was purified by column chromatography eluting with cyclohexane/ EtOAc 70/30, to give **3b** as white solid (46 mg, 77%). HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+ C_{30}H_{39}N_2O_5S$ : calcd. 539.2574 found 539.2575. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.75-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.83-6.80 (m, 2H), 6.30 (dd, 1H, J = 2.5, 10.5 Hz), 5.75 (m, 1H), 4.62 (s, 1H), 4.33-4.32 (dt, 1H, J = 7.5, 2.5 Hz), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.47-3.44 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 3.21-3.19 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 2.93-2.90 (m, 1H), 2.83-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.71-2.58 (m, 7H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.34-2.32 (m, 1H), 2.28-2.26 (m, 1H), 1.06 (d, 3H, J = 6.5 Hz), 0.76 (d, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 160.5, 145.3, 140.9, 134.7, 132.5, 132.16, 132.14, 131.1, 129.6, 116.3, 90.3, 75.6, 67.4, 61.7, 60.1, 59.2, 57.8, 57.6, 56.0, 51.0, 48.7, 40.1, 34.9, 24.1, 20.5, 19.1.

### 4-(2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-9a-isopropyl-1-tosyl-1,2,2a1,3,4,5,6,6a,7,9a-decahydro-2a,6-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-cd]indol-7-ol (3c).



The titled compound was synthesized according to general procedure (A) from the crude bis-aldehyde D (30 mg, 0.077 mmol) in DCM (5.0 mL), Tryptamine (13.8 mg, 0.086 mmol), STAB (45.14 mg, 0.21 mmol) and 4 Å M.S. (100 mg). Then, the crude product was dissolved in MeOH (3.0 mL) and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (3.2 mg, 0.085 mmol) was added and the synthesis was continued following general procedure (B). The crude product was purified by column

chromatography eluting with cyclohexane/ EtOAc 70/30 to give **3c** as yellow solid (18 mg, 47%). HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+$  C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. 548.2578 found 548.2575. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.03 (s, br, 1H), 7.77-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.59 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.35-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.01 (d, 1H, J = 2.0 Hz), 6.33 (dd, 1H, J = 2.5, 10.5 Hz), 5.77-5.74 (m, 1H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 4.33 (m, 1H), 3.48 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 3.22 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 2.94-2.89 (m, 4H), 2.75-2.67 (m, 5H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.35-2.32 (m, 2H), 1.07 (d, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz), 0.78 (d, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 145.4, 140.9, 138.8, 134.7, 132.4, 132.1, 130.1, 129.6, 129.3, 124.6, 124.0, 121.8, 121.3, 113.8, 90.3, 75.7, 67.5, 60.7, 60.1, 59.4, 57.6, 56.0, 51.0, 48.7, 40.0, 25.3, 24.1, 20.6, 19.1.

8a-isopropyl-6-(pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-1-tosyl-2,2a1,5,5a,6,8a-hexa hydro-1H-2a,5-epoxybenzo[cd]indole (4).



The tilted compound was synthesized firstly according to general procedure (**B**) from **1** (50 mg, 0.12 mmol) in MeOH (10.0 mL), NaBH<sub>4</sub> (5.0 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1.1 equiv.). The crude product was used directly in the next step. Then, following the general procedure (**C**), NaH (60 % dispersion in mineral oil) (1.3 mg, 0.050 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in dry THF (1 mL), the crude alcohol (13 mg, 0.033 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (3.0 mL) and 2-ChloroPyrimidine (5.7 mg, 0.050 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). The crude product was purified by column chromatography eluting with Cyclohexane/EtOAc 50/50, to give the titled compound **4** as faint yellow solid (10 mg, 65%). HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+$  C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. 466.1795 found 466.1792. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.54 (d, 2H, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 7.78-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.97 (t, 1H, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 6.50 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 6.0 Hz), 6.41-6.38 (m, 1H), 6.35 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 5.89-5.87 (m, 1H), 5.83-5.81 (m, 1H), 5.37 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.18 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 0.88 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 167.1, 162.1, 145.4, 142.8, 140.9, 136.6, 134.5, 132.2, 129.6, 129.1, 117.9, 96.2, 82.8, 75.9, 74.1, 53.1, 46.6, 43.9, 39.8, 24.1, 20.9, 18.9.

### 2a-isopropyl-2-tosyldecahydro-6,9a-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-*cd*]indol-5(1*H*)-one (5) and 2a-isopropyl-8-methyl-2-tosyldecahydro-6,9a-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-*cd*]indol-5(1*H*)-one (6).



In 25 ml round bottom flask charged with **3a'** (35 mg, 0.071 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (10 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.14 equiv.) and MeOH (1.0 mL) was evacuated and backfilled with H<sub>2</sub> for three times and stirred at 25 °C for 24 h under H<sub>2</sub> (1 bar). The mixture was filtered through a pad of celite® and the resulting filtrate was concentrated under vacuum and the residue was purified by a silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc 100 %) to give the **5** as a white solid (16 mg, 57%) and **6** (4.0 mg, 13%).

**Compound 5**: **2a-isopropyl-2-tosyldecahydro-6,9a-epoxyazepino**[**3,4,5-***cd*]**indol-5(1***H***)<b>-one** HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+$  C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. 405.1843 found 405.1845. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.72-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 2H), 4.16 (s, 1H), 3.64 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 3.39 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 3.24 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 2.98-2.94 (m, 2H), 2.87-2.81 (m, 2H), 2.74-2.66 (m, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.05-1.89 (m, 4H), 1.04 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 0.97 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 215.7, 145.9, 141.1, 132.2, 129.2, 91.5, 86.0, 77.2, 58.9, 58.8, 54.0, 52.8, 51.5, 40.8, 39.2, 32.0, 24.1, 21.7, 21.0.

## Compound 6: 2a-isopropyl-8-methyl-2-tosyldecahydro-6,9a-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-*cd*]indol-5(1*H*)-one

HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+ C_{22}H_{31}N_2O_4S$ : calcd. 419.1999 found 419.2000. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.71(d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.27 (d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 4.17 (s, 1H), 3.67 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 3.41 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 3.18 (d, 1H, J = 9 Hz), 2.84-2.78 (m, 2H), 2.69-2.61 (m, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.25 (m, 4H), 2.07-1.88 (m, 4H), 1.05 (d, 3H, J = 6.5 Hz), 0.96 (d, 3H, J = 6.0 Hz).

### 8-benzyl-2a-isopropyl-2-tosyldecahydro-6,9a-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-cd]indol-5(1H)-one (7)



In 25 ml round bottom flask charged with **3a'** (35 mg, 0.071 mmol) and Pd/C (10 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.14 equiv.) and AcOEt (1.0 mL) was evacuated and backfilled with H<sub>2</sub> for three times and stirred at 25 °C for 24 h under H<sub>2</sub> (1 bar). The mixture was filtered through a pad of celite® and the resulting filtrate was concentrated under vacuum and the residue was purified by a silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc 100 %) to give the 7 as a white solid (5 mg, 14%). HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+ C_{28}H_{35}N_2O_4S$ : calcd. 495.2312 found 495.2316. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.70-7.69 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.32-7.24 (m, 7H), 4.18 (s, 1H), 3.66 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 3.53 (s, 2H), 3.36 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 3.25 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 2.85-2.80 (m, 2H), 2.67-2.60 (m, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.32-2.27 (m, 2H), 2.04-1.91 (m, 3H), 0.98 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 0.95 (d, 3H, *i* = 6.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 215.8, 145.8, 141.1, 140.0, 132.2, 131.1, 131.0, 130.0, 129.2, 91.1, 85.3, 77.0, 64.1, 59.7, 59.2, 58.7, 58.6, 54.5, 40.7, 39.3, 31.9, 24.1, 21.8, 20.9.

### **General Procedure (D)**:

In 10 ml round bottom flask charged with **5** (1.0 equiv.), acid chloride (1.1 equiv.) in DCM was added  $Et_3N$  (1.1 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 2 h. Then, the reaction mixture was diluted with saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and the organic layer was separated, dried over  $Na_2SO_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was used directly in the next step. To a solution of the ketone from the previous step in MeOH,  $NaBH_4$  (1.1 equiv.) was carefully added in one portion at 0°C. The resulting mixture was allowed to warm to RT and was stirred for 30 min. The reaction was quenched by a few drops of water. After that the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting mixture was diluted by EtOAc and saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted three times with

EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The product was purified by column chromatography.

### **General Procedure (E)**:

In 10 ml round bottom flask charged with 5 (1.0 equiv.), carboxylic acid (1.1 equiv.), TBTU (1.5 equiv.) and DCM (1.0 mL) was added DIPEA (2.5 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 2 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and the organic layer was separated, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was used directly in the next step. To a solution of the ketone from pervious step in MeOH, NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.1 equiv.) was carefully added in one portion at 0°C. The resulting mixture was allowed to warm to RT and was stirred for 30 min. The reaction was quenched by a few drops of water. After that the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting mixture was diluted by EtOAc and saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted for three times with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure.

## 7-hydroxy-9a-isopropyl-1-tosyloctahydro-2a,6-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-cd]indol-4(2H,2a1H,3H)-yl)(thiophen-2-yl)methanone (8a).



The titled compound was synthesized according to general procedure **(E)** from **5** (15 mg, 0.037 mmol) in DCM (1.0 mL), 2-thiophenecarboxylic acid (5.1 mg, 0.040 mmol), TBTU (17.8 mg, 0.055 mmol) and DIPEA (16 $\mu$ L, 0.092 mmol).Then, the next step (reduction of the ketone), the crude product was dissolved in MeOH (1.0 mL) and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.5 mg, 0.040 mmol). The crude product was purified by column chromatography eluting by (Cyclohexane/EtOAc 70/30) to give

**8a** as yellow solid (3.0 mg, 15%). HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+ C_{26}H_{33}N_2O_5S_2$ : calcd. 517.1825 found 517.1832. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.73-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.05 (m, 1H), 4.78 (br s, 1H), 3.78-3.74 (m, 1H), 3.67-3.65 (m, 1H), 3.38-3.35 (m, 2H), 2.68-2.67 (m, 1H), 2.65-2.63 (m, 1H), 2.58-2.51 (m, 1H), 2.49-2.45 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.66-1.61 (m, 3H), 1.39-1.33 (m, 2H), 1.05-0.89 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 167.4, 145.8, 145.2, 142.0, 132.1, 131.9, 131.9, 129.6, 129.0, 90.3, 71.8, 58.1, 56.0, 52.1, 50.6, 41.8, 41.2, 33.5, 32.6, 32.3, 29.6, 24.1, 21.4, 20.4.

# (2-amino-4-fluorophenyl)(7-hydroxy-9a-isopropyl-1-tosyloctahydro-2a,6-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-cd]indol-4(2H,2a1H,3H)-yl)methanone (8b).



The titled compound was synthesized according to general procedure (E) from the 5 (15 mg, 0.037 mmol) in DCM (1.0 mL), 2-amino-4-fluorobenzoic acid (6.2 mg, 0.040 mmol), TBTU (17.8 mg, 0.055 mmol) and DIPEA (16 $\mu$ L, 0.092 mmol).Then, The next step (reduction of the ketone), the crude product was dissolved in MeOH (1.0 mL) and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.5 mg, 0.040 mmol). The crude product was purified by column chromatography eluting by (Cyclohexane/EtOAc 50/50) to give **8b** as white solid (15 mg, 75%). HRMS (ESI): [M+H]<sup>+</sup>

C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>35</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S: calcd. 544.2276 found 544.2277. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.70 (m,

2H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 6.99-6.95 (m, 1H), 6.44-6.52 (m, 2H), 4.73 (br s, 1H), 3.76-3.71 (m, 1H), 3.62-3.59 (m, 1H), 3.33-3.16 (m, 4H), 2.80-2.71 (m, 1H), 2.65-2.61 (m, 1H), 2.57-2.52 (q, 1H, J = 6.5 Hz), 2.43-2.43 (m, 1H) 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.66-1.59 (dt, 1H, J = 3.5, 12.5 Hz), 1.40-1.32 (m, 1H), 1.25-1.20 (m, 2H), 0.94-0.89 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 173.1, 168.0, 166.0, 145.5, 141.8, 132.1, 129.3, 129.0, 117.6, 107.6, 107.4, 106.2, 106.0, 90.5, 78.6, 76.7, 71.7, 57.9, 53.5, 51.8, 50.4, 41.8, 32.6, 29.6, 24.1, 21.3, 20.3.

## 5-aminopyridin-2-yl(7-hydroxy-9a-isopropyl-1-tosyloctahydro-2a,6-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-cd]indol-4(2H,2a1H,3H)-yl)methanone (8c).



The titled compound was synthesized according to general procedure (E) from the 5 (15 mg, 0.037 mmol) in DCM (1.0 mL), 5aminopyridine-2-carboxylic acid (5.5 mg, 0.040 mmol), TBTU (17.8 mg, 0.055 mmol) and DIPEA (16 $\mu$ L, 0.092 mmol).Then, The next step (reduction of the ketone), the crude product was dissolved in MeOH (1.0 mL) and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.5 mg, 0.040 mmol). The crude product was purified by column chromatography eluting by (EtOAc 100%) to give **8c** as yellow solid (16.0 mg, 82%). HRMS (ESI):

 $[M+H]^+ C_{27}H_{35}N_4O_5S: calcd. 527.2323 found 527.2325. {}^{1}H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): \delta (ppm) 7.96-7.94 (m, 1H), 7.73-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.01-6.99 (dd, 1H, <math>J = 2.5, 11 \text{ Hz}$ ), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.45-4.43 (m, 1H), 4.23-4.20 (m, 1H), 3.72-3.66 (m, 1H), 3.62-3.58 (m, 1H), 3.44-3.54 (m, 2H), 3.28-3.26 (m, 1H), 3.22-3.16 (m, 1H), 3.09-3.00 (m, 2H), 2.78-2.53 (m, 4H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.64-1.59 (m 1H), 1.38-1.031 (m, 1H), 1.14-1.05 (m, 3H), 0.97-0.87 (m, 3H). {}^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl\_3): \delta (ppm) 171.3, 146.5, 145.4, 145.0, 142.1, 137.1, 132.1, 129.0, 128.5, 124.0, 90.6, 78.8, 77.0, 71.8, 58.1, 54.3, 51.4, 51.0, 50.4, 42.1, 32.8, 29.3, 24.1, 21.4, 20.1.

## 4-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-ylmethyl)-9a-isopropyl-1-tosyldecahydro-2a,6-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-cd]indol-7(2H)-one (8d').



The titled compound was synthesized according to general procedure (A) from 5 (15.0 mg, 0.037 mmol. 1.0 equiv.) in THF (3.0 mL), benzothiazole-2-carboxaldehyde (7.2 mg, 0.044 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), STAB (23.5 mg, 0.11 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and 4 Å M.S. (100 mg). The crude product was purified by column chromatography eluting by (Hex/EtOAc 70/30) to give **8d'** as white solid (15 mg, 73%). HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+ C_{29}H_{34}N_3O_4S_2$ : calcd. 552.1985 found

552.1994. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.96-7.94 (m, 1H), 7.87-7.88 (m, 1H), 7.71-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 2H), 4.24 (s, 1H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 3.70 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 3.44-3.39 (dd, 2H, J = 9.5, 18.0 Hz), 2.95 (d, 1H, J = 9.5 Hz), 2.89-2.82 (m, 3H), 2.68 (q, 1H, J = 6.5 Hz), 261-2.67 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.06-1.96 (m, 3H), 1.06 (d, 3H, J = 6.5 Hz), 1.00 (d, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 215,4, 173.6, 155.8, 145.9, 141.1, 137.5, 132.3, 129.2, 128.8, 127.9, 125.6, 124.3, 91.1, 58.1, 77.0, 61.6, 59.9, 59.0, 58.7, 58.6, 54.4, 40.9, 39.3, 31.8, 24.1, 21.8, 21.1.

## 4-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-ylmethyl)-9a-isopropyl-1-tosyldodecahydro-2a,6-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-cd]indol-7-ol (8d).



The titled compound was synthesized according to general procedure (**B**) from **8d'** (13 mg, 0.023 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in MeOH (1.0 mL), NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.06 mg, 0.028 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/EtOAc 50/50) to give the titled compound **8d** as yellow solid (9.0 mg, 70%).HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+$  C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: calcd. 554.2142 found 554.2148. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.96 (d, 1H, J = 3.0 Hz), 7.88-7.87 (m, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.72

(s, 1H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.24 (m, 2H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 3.99 (br s, 1H), 3.85-3.81 (m, 1H), 3.61 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 3.27 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 3.06 (m, 1H), 2.83 (m, 2H), 2.73-2.57 (m, 5H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.73-1.60 (s, 3H), 1.48-1.41 (m, 1H), 1.03-1.01 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 173.7, 155.8, 145.3, 142.1, 137.7, 132.1, 129.0, 128.7, 127.7, 125.5, 124.3, 90.5, 78.9, 76.6, 72.2, 63.0, 58.5, 52.5, 51.2, 42.1, 32.8, 32.3, 30.0, 24.1, 23.6, 21.5, 20.5.

### 4-(3,5-dimethoxybenzyl)-9a-isopropyl-1-tosyldodecahydro-2a,6-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-cd]indol-7-ol (8e).



The titled compound was synthesized according to general procedure (A) from 5 (12.0 mg, 0.029 mmol. 1.0 equiv.) in THF (3.0 mL), 3,5-Dimethoxybenzaldehyde (5.7 mg, 0.035 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), STAB (18.4 mg, 0.087 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and 4 Å M.S. (100 mg). Then, The next step (reduction of the ketone), the crude product was dissolved in MeOH (1.0 mL) and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.3 mg, 0.034 mmol). The crude product was purified by column chromatography eluting by (Cyclohexane/EtOAc 70/30 to give **8e** 

as white solid (14 mg, 85%). HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+$  C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>41</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S : calcd. 557.2680 found 557.2684. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.73-7.72 (m,2H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.74 (m, 2H), 6.35 (m, 1H), 4.65 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.57 (d, 1H, *J*=11.5 Hz), 3.49-3.42 (m, 2H), 3.25 (d, 1H, *J*=11.5 Hz), 2.91 (d, 1H, *J*=9.5 Hz), 2.70-2.53 (m, 5H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.30-2.23 (m, 2H), 1.71-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.144 (m, 1H), 1.27-1.21 (m, 1H), 1.00 (d, 3H, *J*=7.0 Hz), 0.95 (d, 3H, *J*=7.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 163.4, 145.3, 143.1, 142.1, 132.1, 129.0, 109.0, 101.6, 90.6, 79.1, 76.5, 72.2, 64.6, 59.9, 59.4, 58.6, 57.9, 52.5, 51.4, 42.0, 32.8, 30.0, 24.1, 21.4, 20.5.

### 7-hydroxy-9a-isopropyl-N-methyl-1-tosyldecahydro-2a,6-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-cd]indole-4(2H)-carboxamide (8f).



To s solution of **5** (15 mg, 0.037 mmol), *N*-methyl-1*H*-imidazole-1carboxamide (5.5 mg, 0.040 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) in DCM (1.0 mL) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (6.8  $\mu$ L, 0.092 mmol, 2.5 equiv.). The reaction was stirred at RT for 2 h. Then, the reaction mixture was diluted with saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and the organic layer was separated, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was used directly in the next step. To a solution of the ketone from pervious step in MeOH, NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.5 mg, 0.040 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was carefully added in one portion at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was allowed to warm to RT and was stirred for 30 min. The reaction was quenched by drop of water. After that the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting mixture was diluted by EtOAc and saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted for three times with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography eluting by (EtOAc 100%) to give 8f as white solid (17 mg, quantitative yield). HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+$  C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S: calcd. 464.2214 found 464.2218. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.80 (br s, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.12 (s br, 1H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 4.57-5.56 (m, 1H), 3.77-3.72 (m, 1H), 3.66 (d, 2H, J = 11.5 Hz), 3.37-3.33 (m, 2H), 3.09-3.06 (m, 1H), 2.98-2.95 (m, 1H), 2.81-2.80 (d, 3H, J = 4.5 Hz), 2.70-2.68 (m, 1H), 2.67-2.63 (m, 1H), 2.55-2.50 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.67-1.60 (m, 1H), 1.41-1.33 (dq, 1H, J = 2.5, 12 Hz), 1.04 (d, 3H, J = 7.0Hz), 0.90 (d, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 161.8, 145.5, 142.0, 132.1, 129.3, 129.0, 89.7, 77.7, 76.7, 71.9, 58.4, 52.3, 51.0, 50.9, 50.7, 41.8, 32.8, 30.2, 29.4, 24.1, 21.4, 20.5.

### 4-(7-hydroxy-9a-isopropyl-1-tosyloctahydro-2a,6-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-cd]indol-4(2H,2a1H,3H)-yl)-1-(methoxymethyl)pyrimidin-2(1H)-one (8h).



To s solution of **5** (15 mg, 0.037 mmol) and 1-(methoxymethyl)-4-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)pyrimidin-2(1*H*)one (9.1 mg, 0.044 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in MeCN (1.0 mL), was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (6.8 μL, 0.092 mmol, 2.5 equiv.). The reaction was stirred at 70 °C for 2 days. Then, the reaction mixture was cooled to RT and diluted with saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The organic layer was separated, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and

concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was used directly in the next step. To a solution of the ketone from pervious step in MeOH, NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.5 mg, 0.040 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was carefully added in one portion at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was allowed to warm to RT and was stirred for 30 min. The reaction was quenched by drop of water. After that the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting mixture was diluted by EtOAc and saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted for three times with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography eluting by (EtOAc 100%) to give **8h** as white solid (6.0 mg, 30%). HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+$  C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S: calcd. 545.2428 found 545.2435. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.74-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.27-724 (m, 2H), 5.88-5.83 (m, 1H), 5.19-5.16 (m, 1H), 4.82-4.77 (, 2H), 3.75-3.65 (m, 2H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.39-3.35 (m, 1H), 3.33-3.27 (m, 3H), 2.66-2.51 (m, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.03-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.65-59 (m, 3H), 1.05-1.02 (m, 3H), 0.90-0.86 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 147.1, 145.6, 142.0, 132.2, 132.1, 129.08, 129.02, 94.3, 83.4, 81.6, 80.9, 77.2, 59.7, 58.1, 56.7, 52.4, 50.8, 46.6, 43.2, 41.9, 33.5, 29.6, 24.7, 24.1, 21.4.

## cyclopropyl(9a-isopropyl-7-(pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-1-tosyloctahydro-2a,6-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-cd]indol-4(2H,2a1H,3H)-yl)methanone (9a)



The titled compound was synthesized firstly, according to general procedure (**D**) from the **5** (15 mg, 0.037 mmol) in DCM (1.0 mL), cyclopropanecarbonyl chloride (3.6  $\mu$ L, 0.040 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (5.5 $\mu$ L, 0.040 mmol).Then, the next step (reduction of the ketone), the crude product from previous step was dissolved in MeOH (1.0 mL) and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.5 mg, 0.040 mmol) to give **8g**. Then, the next step (reaction of alcohol with RCl), following to the general procedure (**C**) crude product from the previous step, NaH (60 % dispersion in mineral oil) (1.48 mg, 0.055 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in dry THF (1 mL) and 2-chloropyrimidine (6.3 mg,

0.055 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting by (EtOAc 100%) to give the titled compound **9a** as faint yellow solid (16 mg, 78%). HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+ C_{29}H_{37}N_4O_5S$  : calcd. 553.2484 found 553.2484. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.48-8.45 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.94-6.90 (m, 1H), 4.97-4.95 (m, 1H), 4.92-4.87 (m, 1H), 4.27 (d, 1H, J = 13 Hz), 4.03-3.87 (m, 1H), 3.79-3.74 (m, 1H), 3.67 (d, 1H, J = 12.5 Hz), 3.46 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 3.41-3.37 (m,1H), 2.87-2.54 (m, 5H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.77-1.66 (m, 3H), 1.57-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.38 (m, 1H), 1.11-1.07 (m, 3H), 1.00-0.94 (m, 4H), 0.74-0.73 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 176.5, 166.9, 162.0, 145.4, 142.3, 132.1, 129.0, 117.8, 90.1, 78.5, 77.4, 76.7, 58.4, 56.0, 52.8, 49.4, 48.6, 41.8, 32.5, 25.4, 24.1, 21.5, 20.7, 20.4, 13.9, 10.3.

## 4-benzyl-9a-isopropyl-7-(pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-1-tosyldodecahydro-2a,6-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-cd]indolemethanone (9b).



The titled compound was synthesized firstly, according to general procedure (**B**) from ketone **7** (9 mg, 0.018 mmol) in MeOH (0.5 mL) and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (0.75 mg, 0.020 mmol). Then, the next step (reaction of alcohol with RCl), following to the general procedure (**C**) crude product from the previous step, NaH (60 % dispersion in mineral oil) (0.72 mg, 0.027 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in dry THF (0.5 mL) and 2-chloropyrimidine (3.1 mg, 0.027 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting by (Cyclohexane/EtOAc 80/20) to give the titled compound **9b** as faint yellow solid (7.0 mg, 86%). HRMS

(ESI):  $[M+H]^+ C_{32}H_{39}N_4O_4S$  : calcd. 575.2687 found 575.2695. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.44 (s, 1H), 7.73-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 3H), 6.87 (t, 1H, J = 5.0 Hz), 4.99-4.95 (m, 1H), 4.78 (br s, 1H), 3.70 (d, 1H, J = 12 Hz), 3.54 (d, 1H, J = 13.0 Hz), 3.47 (d, 1H, J = 13.0 Hz), 3.30 (d, 1H, J = 13.0Hz), 3.05-3.02 (m, 1H), 2.99-2.97 (m, 1H), 2.72 (dt, 1H, J = 16.0, 3.0 Hz), 2.63 (d, 1H, J = 10.5 Hz), 2.59-2.57 (m, 1H), 2.41-2.38 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.28 (d, 1H, J = 11 Hz), 2.24-2.22 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.71 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.42 (m, 3H), 1.06-1.03 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 167.0, 161.9, 145.2, 142.4, 140.5, 132.0, 131.2, 130.9, 129.8, 128.9, 117.5, 90.6, 78.4, 76.7, 64.4, 59.8, 59.3, 58.9, 53.4, 49.0, 41.7, 32.5, 32.3, 25.8, 24.1, 21.7, 20.5.

9a-isopropyl-4-methyl-7-(pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-1-tosyldodecahydro-2a,6-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-cd]indole (9c).



The titled compound was synthesized firstly, according to general procedure (**B**) from the **6** (4 mg, 0.0095 mmol) in MeOH (0.25 mL) and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (0.39 mg, 0.010 mmol). Then, the next step (reaction of alcohol with RCl), following to the general procedure (**C**) crude product from the previous step, NaH (60 % dispersion in mineral oil) (0.33 mg, 0.014 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in dry THF (0.25 mL) and 2-chloropyrimidine (1.6 mg, 0.014 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting by (Cyclohexane/EtOAc 80/20) to give the titled compound **9c** as faint yellow solid (4.0 mg, 84%). HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+ C_{26}H_{35}N_4O_4S$  : calcd. 499.2374

found 499.2373. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 7.75-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 2H), 6.89 (t, 1H, J = 4.5 Hz), 4.98-4.94 (m, 1H), 4.78 (br s, 1H), 6.70 (d, 1H, J = 12 Hz), 3.34 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 3.03-3.00 (m, 1H), 2.93-2.90 (m, 1H), 2.71 (dt, 1H, J = 16.0, 3.0 Hz), 2.63-2.56 (m, 2H), 2.40-2.39 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.20-2.16 (m, 2H), 1.77-1.71 (m, 1H), 1.50-1.44 (m, 2H), 1.10 (d, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.03 (d, 3H, J = 6.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 167.1, 161.9, 145.3, 142.4, 132.1, 128.9, 117.6, 90.3, 78.4, 76.8, 61.8, 61.6, 58.9, 53.3, 48.8, 48.0, 41.8, 32.6, 32.3, 25.7, 24.1, 21.5, 20.5.

## 7-((2-amino-6-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)oxy)-9a-isopropyl-1-tosyloctahydro-2a,6-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-cd]indol-4(2H,2a1H,3H)-yl)(thiophen-2-yl)methanone (9d).



The titled compound was synthesized following to the general procedure (**C**) from **8a** (3.0 mg, 0.0058 mmol), NaH (60 % dispersion in mineral oil) (0.33 mg, 0.0087 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in dry THF (0.25 mL) and 2-amino-4-chloro-6-methylpyrimidine (1.24 mg, 0.0087 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting by (Cyclohexane/EtOAc 50/50) to give the titled compound **9d** as faint yellow solid (3.0 mg, 82%). HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+ C_{31}H_{38}N_5O_5S_2$ : calcd. 624.2309 found 624.2314. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.74-7.77 (m, 3H), 7.48-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 1H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 4.91-4.87 (m, 1H), 4.69-4.64 (m, 1H), 3.71-3.68 (m, 1H), 3.41-3.39 (m, 1H), 3.35-3.31 (m, 1H), 3.14-3.05 (m, 1H), 2.92-2.89

(m, 1H), 2.79-2.75 (m, 2H), 2.64-2.55 (m, 1H), 2.47-2.44 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.39-2.38 (m, 1H), 2.34-2.32 (m, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.73-1.67 (m, 1H), 1.50-1.35 (m, 3H), 1.06-0.99 (m, 3H), 0.98-0.96 (m, 3H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 172.6, 167.5, 145.5, 141.9, 138.7, 132.1, 132.0, 131.9, 130.2, 129.7, 129.0, 100.3, 90.4, 78.9, 76.9, 59.9, 58.2, 56.0, 52.6, 51.0, 48.3, 41.6, 32.33, 32.31, 25.9, 24.1, 22.1, 21.6, 20.5.

### 3-(4-(3,5-dimethoxybenzyl)-9a-isopropyl-1-tosyldodecahydro-2a,6-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-cd]indol-7-yl)oxy)-N,N-dimethylpropan-1-amine (9e).



The titled compound was synthesized following to the general procedure (**C**) from **8e** (9.0 mg, 0.016 mmol), NaH (60 % dispersion in mineral oil) (0.64 mg, 0.024 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in dry THF (0.5 mL) and dimethylaminopropylchloride HCl (3.7 mg, 0.024 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and KI (0.26 mg, 0.0016 mmol, 0.1 equiv.). The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting by (Cyclohexane/EtOAc 50/50) to give the titled compound **9e** as faint yellow solid (5.0 mg, 49%). HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+ C_{35}H_{52}N_3O_6S$  : calcd. 642.3571 found 642.3553. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.71-7.70

(m, 2H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 2H), 6.47 (m, 2H), 6.35 (t, 1H, J = 2 Hz), 4.56 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.57 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 3.49-3.36 (m, 4H), 3.28-3.24 (m, 1H), 3.24-3.21 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.81-2.77 (m, 1H), 2.68-2.50 (m, 6H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 6H), 2.30-2.78 (s, 2H), 2.23-2.20 (d, 1H, J = 10.5 Hz), 1.79-1.74 (m, 2H), 1.59-1.53 (m, 1H), 1.34-1.27 (m, 2H), 0.99 (d, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz), 0.95-0.93 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 163.5, 145.2, 143.1, 142.2, 132.1, 129.0, 108.9, 101.7, 90.6, 80.6, 79.1, 77.3, 68.6, 64.6, 59.7, 59.0, 58.7, 57.9, 52.9, 49.4, 47.2, 41.5, 34.5, 33.0, 32.3, 32.0, 26.2, 25.3, 24.1, 21.5, 20.5.

## 9a-isopropyl-4-(4-methoxyphenethyl)-7-(pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-1-tosyl-1,2,2a1,3,4,5,6,6a,7,9a-decahydro-2a,6-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-cd]indole (10).

The titled compound was synthesized following to the general procedure (C) from 3b (30.0 mg,



0.055 mmol), NaH (60 % dispersion in mineral oil) (2.2 mg, 0.083 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in dry THF (0.5 mL) and 2-chloropyrimidine (9.56 mg, 0.083 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting by (Cyclohexane/EtOAc 70/30) to give the titled compound **10** as faint yellow solid (30.0 mg, 88%). HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+ C_{34}H_{41}N_4O_5S$  : calcd. 617.2792 found 617.2779. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.51 (s, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.07-7.06 (m, 2H),

6.95 (t, 1H, J = 4.5 Hz), 6.82-6.80 (m, 2H), 6.42 (dd, 1H, J = 2.5, 13.5 Hz), 5.88 (dt, 1H, J = 11.0, 1.0 Hz), 5.61 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 4.78 (br s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.50 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 3.36 (m, 1H), 3.22 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 2.90 (m, 1H), 2.78-2.73 (m, 1H), 2.65 (m, 3H), 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.30 (m, 2H), 1.12 (d, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz), 0.90 (d, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 167.1, 162.2, 162.0, 145.3, 141.0, 135.3, 134.7, 132.1, 129.6, 129.0, 122.3, 117.9, 116.3, 90.3, 75.9, 73.6, 61.7, 60.0, 59.0, 57.8, 57.5, 50.9, 45.9, 39.9, 34.8, 32.3, 24.1, 20.1, 20.6, 19.0.

9a-isopropyl-4-(4-methoxyphenethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2a1,3,4,5,6,6a,9a-octahydro-2a,6-epoxyazepino[3,4,5-cd]indol-7(2H)-one (3b').



To a solution of **3b** (15 mg, 0.027 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (0.52 mL) and water (0.093 mL) were added NMO (3.9 mg, 0.033 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) and K<sub>2</sub>OsO<sub>4</sub>.2H<sub>2</sub>O (0.079 mg, 0.216 µmol, 0.008 equiv.). The solution was stirred at RT for 16 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was diluted by a solution of 15% of NaHSO<sub>3</sub> (15 ml) and the mixture was extracted three times with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified through column chromatography eluting (Cyclohexane/EtOAc 90/10) to give the titled compound **3b**' as white solid (11.0 mg, 76%). HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+$  C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S: calcd. 537.2418 found 537.2403. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.5 Hz), 7.25-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.82-6.81 (m, 2H), 6.09 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.5 Hz), 2.88 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 2.77 (d, 1H, *J* = 11 Hz), 2.75-2.60 (m, 6H), 2.85 (s, 3H), 2.37-2.36 (m, 1H), 2.30 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 1.05 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 0.75 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 200.9, 160.6, 152.9, 145.9, 140.3, 134.5, 132.2, 132.0, 131.1, 129.5, 116.4, 91.6, 85.3, 72.8, 60.7, 59.7, 59.3, 57.8, 57.2, 55.9, 51.3, 39.5, 34.7, 24.1, 20.3, 19.0.



HSQC spectrum for compound 3b'



HMBC spectrum for compound 3b'

### Viral assay and Cytotoxicity

The lung cancer A549 cell line (adenocarcinomic human alveolar basal epithelial cells, source ATTC, reference CCL-158) stably transfected with a lentiviral construct bearing the human ACE2 receptor were kindly provided by Olivier Schwartz (Institut Pasteur). A549-ACE2 were cultured in DMEM with 10% FBS, 1% penicillin/streptomycin and 10 µg/ml blasticidin. The SARS-CoV-2 isolate BetaCoV/France/IDF0372/2020 (European Beta) and hCoV-19/France/PDL-IPP46934/2021 (B.1.1.529 (BA1)) were supplied by the National Reference Centre for Respiratory Viruses hosted by Institut Pasteur (Paris, France) and headed by Dr. Sylvie van der Werf. Viral stocks were prepared in Vero E6 cells in DMEM 2% FBS All experiments involving live SARS-CoV-2 were performed in compliance with Institut Pasteur Paris's guidelines for Biosafety Level 3 (BSL-3) containment procedures in approved laboratories. All experiments were performed in at least three biologically independent samples.

A549-ACE2 cells were seeded in 384-well plates (Greiner Bio-One,  $2x10^4$  cells/well). The following day, compounds were added at indicated concentrations 2 h prior infection. DMSO only (0.5%) as negative control and 10  $\mu$ M remdesivir (Selleckchem) as positive control were added in each plate. After the pre-incubation period, the drugs were removed and replaced with virus inoculum (MOI of 0,1 PFU/cell) for 1 h at 37°C. Following the adsorption period, the inoculum was removed and replaced with 2% FBS/DMEM containing the individual drugs. After 72 h of incubation, the supernatant was recovered and the measurement of viral replication was carried out by quantitative RT-PCR using previously described <sup>2</sup> SARS-CoV-2 specific primers targeting the N gene. RT-qPCR was performed using the Luna Universal One-Step RT-qPCR Kit (NEB) in an Applied Biosystems QuantStudio 7 thermocycler. The quantity of viral genomes is expressed as Ct and was normalized against the Ct values of the negative and positive controls.

In parallel, cytotoxicity was assessed using the CellTiter-Glo luminescent cell viability kit (Promega). 2,000 cells/well of A549-ACE2 were seeded in white with clear bottom 384-well plates. The following day, compounds were added at concentrations indicated. DMSO only (0,5%) and 10  $\mu$ M camptotecin (Sigma-Aldrich) controls were added in each plate. After 72 h incubation, 10  $\mu$ l of CellTiter Glo reagent was added in each well and the luminescence was recorded using a luminometer (Berthold Technologies) with 0,5 sec integration time.

Raw data were normalized against appropriate negative (0 %) and positive controls (100 %) and are expressed in % of viral replication inhibition or % of cytotoxicity. Curve fits and IC50/CC50 values were obtained in Prism using the variable Hill slope model.

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3b %Inhibition-Omicron BA1

3b %cytotox-Omicron BA1



**Figure S1.** Anti-SARS-CoV-2 variant Omicron BA1 dose response curve (left) and cytotoxicity (right). Top: Compound **3b**. Bottom: Compound **9e**. Error bars of triplicates are shown.

### **Docking and molecular dynamics:**

### **Preparation of protein structures**

To computationally verify the *ex vivo* results of the synthetic compounds on the lung celllines infected with SARS-CoV-2 and predict the target protein of the best hits, four different SARS-CoV-2 target proteins were chosen to carry out comprehensive virtual screening, including COVID-19 main protease (M<sup>pro</sup>) (PDB ID: 6LU7), nucleocapsid phosphoprotein (PDB ID: 6VYO), non-structural protein (nsp10-nsp16 complex) (PDB ID: 6W4H) and RBD of spike protein/ACE2 complex (PDB ID: 6M17), retrieved from Protein Data Bank (<u>http://www.pdb.org</u>) with resolutions of 2.16 Å, 1.70 Å, 1.80 Å, and 2.90 Å, respectively.

Water molecules were removed from the crystal structures and only main-chain amino acids were retained which are essential for binding of the co-crystallized ligand. All the four 3D structures were prepared by using AMBER10:EHT force field for energy minimization; where AMBER parameters are suitable for proteins and nucleic acids (ff10); EHT parameters are suitable for small molecules (Preliminary Release). The protons were added by employing the 3D protonation feature in MOE v.2019.01, Asn, Gln and is flips were allowed during 3D protonation and finally, the complexes were refined to RMS Gradient of 0.1 Kcal/mol/Å.

### Re-docking of the co-crystallized ligand and virtual screening

The 25 compounds screening library were docked over the 4 COVID-19 target proteins  $M^{Pro}$ , nucleocapsid phosphoprotein, nsp10-nsp16 complex/nsp16 complex and membrane spike glycoprotein employing MOE v.2019.01. Also, the native co-crystallized ligands of  $M^{pro}$  and nsp10-nsp16 complex/nsp16 were redocked for the sake of validation and comparison. For docking scoring, triangle matcher placement was chosen; the first rescoring function was set to be London dG while GBVI/WSA dG was chosen to be the second rescoring function and finally it was refined using MMFF94 forcefield retaining 30 docked structures for each compound. To validate the docking performance, Root Mean Square Deviation (RMSD) values between the docked conformation and the reference conformation presented in Å were utilized.<sup>3</sup> Figure S2 shows the binding poses, ligands' alignments and their interactions with the two proteins. Self-docking results showed an RMSD of 0.585 Å for SAM, and 2.009 Å for the peptide-like inhibitor PRD\_002214. Since the optimum RMSD for docking validation is conventionally  $\leq 2$  Å and the results obtained by MOE 2019.01 were within this range, the adopted docking protocol was considered reliable.

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**Figure S2.** Binding poses alignment, and binding interactions of the co-crystallized and self-docking ligands for: **(A)** SAM with nsp10-nsp16 complex/nsp16 complex (PDB ID: 6W4H) and **(B)** the peptide-like inhibitor PRD\_002214 with M<sup>pro</sup> (PDB ID: 6LU7).

The binding potential of the 25 synthesized compounds was assessed and their potential binding affinity was reported as S-scores (MOE internal scoring function) and compared to those of the co-crystallized ligands, when applicable, for each of the four target proteins (Table S1). The 2D interactions of the molecules compared to the co-crystallized ligands demonstrated that compounds **3b**, **3c**, **8e**, **8d**, **8h**, **8d'**, **9a**, **9b**, **9d**, **9e**, **10** and **11** showed the best S-scores for M<sup>pro</sup> some even better than the co-crystallized ligand. Regarding the SARS-CoV-2 nucleocapsid phosphoprotein, compounds **3b**, **4**, **9d**, **9e** and **10** showed the best binding affinities. Only five compounds demonstrated S-scores of above -6.00 Kcal/mol with the spike protein membrane complex *viz*. **3b**, **8h**, **9d**, **9e** and **10**. Finally, compounds **3b**, **9a**, **9b** and **9e** were the best ligands for nsp10-nsp16 complex. Accordingly, **3b**, **8d**, **8d'**, **8e** and **9e** were the best virtual hits (Table S1), which is in line with the antiviral activity profile of these compounds.

Compound	Main protease (M <sup>Pro</sup> ) (PDB ID: 6LU7)	Nucleocapsid phosphoprotein (PDB ID: 6VYO)	Non-structural protein (nsp10-nsp16 complex/nsp16 complex) (PDB ID: 6W4H)	Spike protein membrane complex (PDB ID: 6M17)
1	-6.83	-5.37	-6.09	-4.90
2	-6.88	-5.68	-6.44	-4.94
3a'	-7.26	-5.70	-7.05	-5.68
3a	-6.95	-5.70	-6.98	-5.54
3b'	-7.70	-5.34	-7.15	-5.55
3b	-7.52	-6.09	-7.67	-6.17
3c	-7.65	-5.97	-7.21	-5.89
4	-6.87	-6.18	-6.58	-5.32
5	-7.03	-5.60	-6.58	-5.09
6	-7.16	-4.96	-5.98	-5.08
7	-7.36	-5.53	-6.81	-5.77
8a	-7.23	-5.44	-7.09	-5.55
8b	-7.17	-5.69	-7.26	-5.46
8c	-7.10	-5.59	-7.19	-5.57
8d'	-7.49	-5.59	-7.36	-5.49
8d	-7.58	-5.39	-7.35	-5.88
8e	-7.40	-5.94	-6.84	-5.90
8f	-6.94	-5.62	-6.68	-5.49
8h	-7.53	-5.49	-7.50	-6.22
9a	-7.55	-5.81	-8.60	-5.87
9b	-7.57	-5.83	-7.75	-5.98
9c	-7.37	-5.76	-7.06	-5.46
9d	-7.75	-6.56	-7.56	-6.14
9e	-8.74	-6.94	-8.30	-6.55
10	-7.67	-6.17	-7.63	-6.22
co-crystallized ligand	-8.25	N/A	-9.43	N/A

 Table S1. Docking S-score (Kcal/mol) for the compounds of the chemical library compared the co-crystallized ligands for each SARS-CoV-2 target proteins.

N/A = not applicable

Binding interactions of 3b and 9e along with the co-crystallized ligands with  $M^{Pro}$  and nsp10-nsp16 complex are shown in Table S2.

Table S2: Comparison of the 2D interactions of the screening library compounds 3b, 9e, and the co-crystallized ligands

Compou nd	Main protease (M <sup>Pro</sup> ) (PDB ID: 6LU7)	Non-structural protein (nsp10-nsp16 complex/nsp16 complex) (PDB ID: 6W4H)
3ь	<ul> <li>6 interactions</li> <li>-4 H-bond donors; one between O11 of the ligand and Leu 141 in the pocket , the second between O31 of the ligand and Cys 145 in the pocket, the third between C32 of the ligand and Met 49 in the pocket and the fourth between O63 of the ligand and Cys 145 in the pocket with distances 3.14 Å, 3.42 Å, 3.61 Å and 3.72 Å, respectively and with energy scores of -0.6 Kcal/mol, -0.8 Kcal/mol, -0.8 Kcal/mol, and -1.6 Kcal/mol, respectively.</li> <li>2 Pi-H interactions between the ligand's 6-membered ring and Thr 25 and Thr 26 in the pocket with distances 4.39 Å and 4.22 Å, respectively and with energy scores of -1.1 Kcal/mol, and -2.0 Kcal/mol, respectively.</li> </ul>	2 interactions -H-bond acceptor between N53 of the ligand and Tyr 6930 in the pocket with distance 3.64 Å and energy scores of -0.6 Kcal/mol. -Pi-H interaction between the ligand's 6-membered ring and Asp 6873 in the pocket with distance 3.67 Å and energy scores of -0.9 Kcal/mol.

9e	2 interactions - 2 H-bond donors between C62 and O76 of the ligand and Cys 145 in the pocket with distances 4.08 Å and 3.47 Å, respectively and with energy scores of -0.6 Kcal/mol and -0.7 Kcal/mol, respectively.	2 interactions - 2 H-bond acceptors one between O48 of the ligand and Asn 6841 of the receptor, and the second between O77 of the ligand and Asp 6873 in the pocket with distances 3.17 Å and 3.44 Å, respectively and with energy scores of -1.5 Kcal/mol, and -0.6 Kcal/mol, respectively.
Co-crystallized ligand	7 interactions - 4 as H-donor, first between N13 of ligand and Thr 190, a second between N23 and Glu 166, a third between N39 and Gln 189, and a fourth between N5 and His 164. Interaction distances were 2.85 Å, 2.83 Å, 2.93 Å, and 3.07 Å, while the energy scores were -2.6 Kcal/mol, -4.8 Kcal/mol, 3.3 Kcal/mol and -1.8 Kcal/mol, respectively. - 2 as H acceptor, first between O28 and Glu 1 66 and the second between O8 and His 164. Interactions distances were 2.98 Å and 2.52 Å, and interactions energy scores were -3.3 and -3.4 Kcal/mol, respectively - One H-pi between CD1 and His 41 with a distance of 4.08 Å and energy of -0.5 Kcal/mol	<ul> <li>11 interactions <ul> <li>6 H-bond donors one between N1 of the ligand and Gly</li> <li>6869 of the receptor, the second between N1 and Asp 6928, the third CA5 and Gly 6871, the fourth between C5' of the ligand and Asp 6928 in the pocket, the fifth and sixth between O2' and O3' of the ligand and Asp 6897 in the pocket, with distances 2.89 Å, 2.75 Å, 3.08 Å, 3.29 Å, 2.65 Å and 2.72 Å, respectively and with energy scores of -8.0 Kcal/mol, -5.8 Kcal/mol, -0.8 Kcal/mol, -1.5 Kcal/mol, -4.1 Kcal/mol, and -4.0 Kcal/mol, respectively.</li> <li>4 H-bond acceptors one between O8 of the ligand and Gly</li> <li>6879 of the receptor, the second between OXT9 of the ligand and S41 in the pocket, the third between O4' of the ligand and Cys 6913 with distances 2.86 Å, 2.74 Å, 3.38 Å, and 3.03 Å, respectively and with energy scores of -5.5 Kcal/mol, -3.0 Kcal/mol, -0.5 Kcal/mol and -4.8 Kcal/mol, respectively</li> <li>Ionic bond between N1 of the ligand and Asp 6928 in the protein pocket with distance 2.75 Å and energy scores of -6.4 Kcal/mol.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### Molecular Dynamics Simulation for Compounds 3b and 9e

Compounds **3b** and **9e** displayed the best binding interactions and free energies for the 4 target proteins among the 25 investigated compounds in addition to the best  $IC_{50}$  scores with the best toxicity profiles. Accordingly, they were subjected to 100 ns molecular dynamics (MD) investigation against the 4 target proteins; COVID-19 main protease, nucleocapsid phosphoprotein, membrane glycoprotein and non- structural protein (nsp10-nsp16 complex).

MD simulations were performed using GROMACS 2021 software package where the CHARMM36 forcefield was used for protein topology preparation and the official CHARMM General Force Field server (CGenFF) for ligand topology preparation. The solvation method used here was a dodecahedron box of common simple point charge (SPC) water model where explicit solvent periodic boundary conditions were applied. Charge neutralization using sodium and chloride ions was carried out for the 8 solvated complexes. The systems were subjected to energy minimization to resolve any steric clashes or inappropriate geometry employing the steepest descent method through 5000 steps. System equilibration was also manipulated to ensure a reasonable starting structure using NVT; equilibration under constant number of particles, volume, and temperature (NVT) for 100 ps using a Berendsen thermostat.<sup>4</sup> Then re-equilibration was performed for another 100 ps under constant pressure (Isothermal-isobaric (NPT) ensemble) using the Parrinello-Rahman barostat using a time step of 2 fs for each equilibration round.<sup>5</sup> Finally, MD production phase was carried out for 100 ns using a time step of 2 fs at a constant temperature of 300 K and constant pressure at 1 atm. Simulation results were analyzed using Visual Molecular Dynamics (VMD) software, ver.1.9.3.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> R. Kumari, R. Kumar and A. Lynn, J. of Chem. Inf. Model., 2014, **54**, 1951.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> W. Humphrey, A. Dalke and K. J. Schulten, *Molecular Graphics*, 1996, 14, 33.

#### Validation of the RMSD results

To further validate the RMSD results and the complex stability, the radius of gyration ( $R_g$ ) was calculated for the proteins in each complex.  $R_g$  is an excellent parameter to be considered when testing the stability of the protein upon binding to the ligand, as  $R_g$  measures the compactness of the protein and describes its folding behaviour throughout the simulation.

For further verification of the complexes' stability,  $R_g$ , SASA, total complex H-bonds, and the complexes energies were assessed as displayed in figure S3. Figure S3.A shows a very stable radius of gyration for the 2 complexes with minimal fluctuation less than 0.5 Å. The nsp10-nsp16 complex and M<sup>pro</sup> complexed with **3b** to exhibit  $R_g$  of value ~ 19.3 Å and 22.25 Å respectively. The SASA for the 2 complexes exhibited very low fluctuation (~ 10 nm<sup>2</sup>), confirming their stable folding when **3b** is bounded where complex with the main protease (M<sup>pro</sup>) showed better stability than that with nsp10-nsp16 complex (figure S3.B). The total H-bonds of the complexes (shown in figure S3.C) gave the same results as the complexes bound to **9e** shown in figure S4.C below. Figure S3.D confirms the previously results of the high stability of **3b** bound to M<sup>pro</sup>, with stable energies of -150 kJ/mol. Furthermore, **3b** bound to nsp10-nsp16 complex showed higher unstable energy where it starts with -150 kJ/mol at the first 40 ns then fluctuates between -70 kJ/mol and 0 kJ/mol throughout the last 60 ns.



**Figure S3.** Structural dynamics of compound **3b** bound to M<sup>pro</sup> (black curve) and nsp10-nsp16 complex (blue curve); Radius of gyration (**A**), SASA values calculated during the 100 ns of MD trajectories (**B**), total H-bonds formed (**C**), and Lennard-Jones energies for the 2 complexes (**D**).

Nsp10-nsp16 complex and  $M^{pro}$  were complexed with **9e** to exhibit  $R_g$  value of ~ 19.25 Å and 22.5 Å, respectively. Figure S4.A reveals the  $R_g$  of the 2 complexes where  $M^{pro}$  and nsp10-nsp16 complex demonstrated minor alterations, indicating the most consistent compactness and the overall stability. The solvent-accessible area analysis (SASA) was also explored. SASA, in this case, can give indication of the stability of the protein folding and its conformational changes by

investigating changes throughout the 100 ns run. If the protein suffers from instability, conformational changes will occur, which will lead to changing in the solvent-accessible area. Figure S4.B shows the calculated SASA for the two proteins. Both M<sup>pro</sup> and nsp10-nsp16 complex showed very good convergence between 145 and 165 nm<sup>2</sup> for both. Figure S4.C reveals the changes in the total intramolecular hydrogen bonds throughout the simulation for the two proteins. This parameter serves as SASA. Different rates of convergence reveal the protein's stability as the number of intramolecular hydrogen bonds change and alterations appear due to conformational changes. It is important to note that the SARS-CoV-2 main protease (M<sup>pro</sup>) showing stable protein structure does not contradict our previous conclusion of it exhibiting poor complex stability and binding interactions. This is attributed to the fact that both the protein and the ligand converged and showed stability once they broke apart, that is why GROMACS energies were calculated for the two complexes (short-range Lennard-Jones energy). As noticed in figure S3.D, M<sup>pro</sup> exhibited significant instability when complexed with **9e** unlike nsp10-nsp16 complex, which was noticeably more stable, -80 kJ/mol in agreement with the previous analysis.



**Figure S4**. Structural dynamics of compound **9e** bound to M<sup>pro</sup> (black curve) and nsp10-nsp16 complex (blue curve); Radius of gyration (**A**), SASA values calculated during the 100 ns of MD trajectories (**B**), total H-bonds formed (**C**), and Lennard-Jones energies for the two complexes (**D**).

#### Molecular Dynamics Simulation for Compounds 3b and 9e

Stable binding of **3b** and **9e** should reflect on the stability of the residues within the binding pocket. The rigidity and flexibility of such residues can be investigated through the root mean square fluctuation (RMSF) of the C $\alpha$  atoms during the simulation. For M<sup>pro</sup>, figure S5 reveals the RMSF of the residues in proximity of 5 Å from **3b** and **9e**; residues (24:27, 41:42, 49, 140:145, 163:168, 172, 185:186, 188:192); especially Cys145 and His41 that constitute the catalytic dyad. The RMSF of **3b** and M<sup>pro</sup> complex showed low fluctuations. **9e** exhibited fluctuations (~ 1.3-3.2 Å) in some residues, with higher fluctuations at residues (185:192) than **3b**. In parallel, nsp10-nsp16 complex/nsp16 complex residues (6841, 6844, 6845, 6867:6874, 6911:6714, 6916, 6928:6934,

6945, 6968) are within 5 Å proximity from **3b** and **9e** and they exhibited lower fluctuations (~ 0.4-1.4 Å). It thus can be concluded that **3b** forms more stable complexes with the two investigated targets.



Figure S5. Root Mean Square fluctuation (RMSF) of compounds 9e (black line) and 3b (red line) complexed with M<sup>pro</sup> (left) and nsp10-nsp16 complex/nsp16 complex (right).

Nsp10-nsp16 complex/nsp16 complex residues (6841, 6844, 6845, 6867:6874, 6911:6714, 6916, 6928:6934, 6945, 6968) are within 5 Å proximity from **3b** and **9e** and they exhibited lower fluctuations ( $\sim 0.4$ -1.4 Å) (Figure **S5** right).

### Post MD analysis, Trajectory post-processing

After obtaining the trajectories of the 2 complexes resulting from the MD simulation, the complexes were re-centered and re-wrapped within the unit cells using the trjconv function of GROMACS. Then to check the trajectories stability throughout the 100 ns simulation the radius of gyration and the root-mean-square deviation (RMSD) of the protein backbone referenced to its initial position were generated with 10 ps intervals. In addition, solvent accessible area analysis was carried out along with root mean square fluctuations. The total hydrogen bonds were investigated as a representation for stability. Besides, intermolecular hydrogen bonds between the protein and the ligand was investigated to have a general view about the interaction stability. GROMACS energies were calculated for the two complexes (short-range Lennard-Jones energy) to show an overview of the binding energetics throughout the 100 ns run.

Hydrogen bond analysis was performed to get closer insights into the binding affinity and interactions. Intermolecular hydrogen bonds between the M<sup>pro</sup> and nsp10-nsp16 complex/nsp16 complex and the two hits **3b** and **9e** were investigated using VMD 1.9.4a51. The distance cut-off for hydrogen bond calculations was set at 3.5 Å and the angle cut-off at 30°. Compound **3b** maintained 2-3 hydrogen bonds with M<sup>pro</sup> in the first 40 ns, then, it maintained 1-2 hydrogen bonds throughout the rest of the run. The hydrogen bonds were alternating between Gln189, Gln192, Thr190, and Glu166 (figure S6.A). On contrary, **3b** made only 1-2 hydrogen bonds with nsp10-nsp16 complex. These bonds were not maintained throughout the whole 100 ns simulation (figure S6.A). For **9e**, it barely maintained one hydrogen bond with M<sup>pro</sup> protease (figure S6.C). This is consistent with the predicted poor stability of the complex. On contrary, **9e** strongly maintained 3-4 hydrogen bonds with nsp10-nsp16 complex/nsp16 complex (figure S6.D).

Two of these bonds are firmly maintained with Asp6897 and Asp6873, and 1-2 additional bonds were alternating with other residues throughout the simulation. This favours the conclusion that 9e binds to nsp10-nsp16 complex/nsp16 complex with a higher affinity.



Figure S6. Intermolecular H-bonds of compound 3b bound to main protease M<sup>pro</sup> (A) and nsp10-nsp16 complex/nsp16 complex (B) and compound 9e to main protease M<sup>pro</sup> (C) and nsp10-nsp16 complex/nsp16 complex (D).

### In-silico toxicity prediction

In-silico toxicity profile was predicted for **3b** and **9e** as they demonstrated the best antiviral IC<sub>50</sub> values in addition to their good binding affinities towards the 4 target SARS-CoV-2 proteins. pkCSM online web tool (<u>http://biosig.unimelb.edu.au/pkcsm/prediction</u>) was used and the results are shown in Table S3. Both compounds showed no Ames toxicity, no hERG I potential inhibition and no skin sensitization. They also exhibited good human maximum tolerated doses. Regarding the oral rat acute toxicity (LD<sub>50</sub>) they exhibited good results; 2.802 and 3.373 mol/kg, respectively. Similarly, both derivatives had good Oral Rat Chronic Toxicity 1.498 and 1.813 mg/kg\_bw/day, respectively.<sup>3</sup>

Table S3:	Toxicity	prediction	results	for 3b	and 9e.
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Compound #	AMES toxicity	Max. tolerated dose (human) (log mg/kg/ day)	hERG I inhibitor	Oral Rat Acute Toxicity (LD50) (mol/kg)	Oral Rat Chronic Toxicity (LOAEL) (log mg/kg_bw/day)	Skin Sensitization
3b	No	-0.624	No	3.373	1.498	No
9e	No	-0.409	No	2.802	1.813	No

### Nsp10-nsp16 complex and nsp14 methyltransferase activity assays

SARS-CoV-2 nsp10-nsp16 complex activity assay was performed as previously described <sup>7</sup> with some modifications. Briefly, compounds were titrated in 100% DMSO from 8  $\mu$ M to 2 mM before directly added to reaction mixture with 5% final concentration of DMSO. Reaction mixtures were prepared in 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 1.5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 1 mM TCEP, 0.01% Triton X-100. Compounds were pre-incubated with 125 nM SARS-CoV-2 nsp10-nsp16 complex (8:1 molar ratio) for 2 hours at 23°C before the addition of 0.8  $\mu$ M RNA substrate and 2  $\mu$ M SAM (30% <sup>3</sup>H-SAM). Reaction mixtures (10  $\mu$ L) were incubated for 30 minutes at 23°C, quenched, and the radioactivity signal was read.

SARS-Cov-2 nsp14 activity assay experiments were performed as previously described <sup>8</sup> with some modifications. Briefly, compounds were titrated in 100% DMSO from 8  $\mu$ M to 2 mM before directly added to reaction with 5% final concentration of DMSO. Reaction mixtures were prepared in 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 0.25 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 1 mM TCEP, 0.01% Triton X-100. Compounds were pre-incubated with 1.5 nM SARS-Cov-2 nsp14 for 2 hours at 23°C before the addition of 50 nM RNA substrate and 0.25  $\mu$ M <sup>3</sup>H-SAM. Reaction mixtures (30  $\mu$ L) were incubated for 20 minutes at 23 C, quenched, and the radioactivity signal was read as previously described.

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**Figure S7.** Effect of **3b** and **9e** on methyltransferase activities of nsp10-nsp16 complex and nsp14. Compounds were tested in triplicate against nsp10-nsp16 complex (**A**) and nsp14 (**B**). SAH was used as a positive control. The bottom and top of the plots were constrained to 0 and 100, respectively.

### Viral protease activity cellular assays

The viral protease activity assay was performed as described.<sup>9</sup> Briefly, ~10<sup>7</sup> HEK-293T cells were transfected in 50 cm2 dishes with 1 µg of the Rev-Nluc-CoV reporter plasmid and 15 µg of nsp4-5-6 expression plasmids encoding the wild-type nsp5 or the catalytically inactive C145A mutant nsp5 protein. Increasing amounts of the tested compounds, corresponding to final concentrations of 0.1 to 50 µM with a constant DMSO concentration of 0.5% were distributed in 384-well white opaque plates using an Echo 555 Liquid Handler (Labcyte). Transfected HEK-293T cells were trypsinized at 6 hours post-transfection (hpt) and distributed in the 384-well plates ( $2x10^4$  cells per well in 50 µL). The Nanoluciferase activity was measured at 24 hpt Each 384-well plate included 14 negative control wells (mean DMSO-treated signal = DMSO) and 14 positive-control wells (mean GC376 at 50 µM signal = GC). The compound luciferase signals (compound-treated signal = C) measured in nsp4-5-6 WT expressing cells were normalized as follows: (C - DMSO) / (GC – DMSO) x 100. The luciferase signals measured in nsp4-5-6 C145A expressing cells were normalized as follows: (C / DMSO) x 100.

#### M<sup>pro</sup> protein purification and *in vitro* activity assay

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The <u>M<sup>pro</sup></u> protein was produced in *E. coli* as previously described.<sup>10</sup> Briefly, the pGEX-6P-1 plasmid was transformed in E coli BL21 DE3 gold, and the nsp5 protein was produced overnight at 17 °C upon IPTG induction (250  $\mu$ M). Bacterial pellets were resuspended in lysis buffer (50 mM Tris pH 8, 300 mM NaCl, 5 mM MgSO4, 10% Glycerol, 0.1% Triton X-100, supplemented with 0.25 mg/mL Lysosyme, 1 mM PMSF, and 10  $\mu$ g/mL DNAse I). After 3 cycles of sonication and clarification, the 6xHis-tagged protein was purified by NTA affinity on cobalt beads, and the nsp5 protein was eluted in lysis buffer supplemented with 250 mM imidazole. The nsp5 protein was then concentrated on Vivaspin 20 centrifugal concentrators 10kDa MWCO (GE Healthcare #VS2001), dialysed against the elution buffer in the absence of imidazole, and stored at -80 °C upon addition of 50% glycerol.

The fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET)-based *in vitro* activity assays were performed in black 384-well HiBase non-binding plates (Greiner Bio One #784900) as described in <sup>11</sup>. Briefly, serial dilution of the inhibitors were incubated with purified nsp5 protein (80 nM) and 5  $\mu$ M of a florescent synthetic peptide (Dabcyl-KTSAVLQ $\downarrow$ SGFRKM-Edans-NH2, purchased from Genscript) in HEPES buffer (20 mM, pH 6.5) containing 120 mM NaCl, 0.4 mM EDTA, 4 mM DTT and 10% glycerol. The DMSO final concentration was adjusted at 0.5%. Cleavage of the synthetic peptide by nsp5 separates the Edans/Dabcyl fluorophore-quencher pair. The time courses of the enzymatic reaction were followed during 40 mn by monitoring the increase of fluorescence emission at 493 nM (excitation 335 nM) using a Tecan Saphir 2 fluorimeter during 40 mn. The enzymatic activities were estimated by taking the slope of the linear part of the reaction curve, and were normalized with respect to the activity measured in the absence of inhibitor. The IC<sub>50</sub> values were determined by plotting the % of activity as a function of the inhibitor concentration and by fitting the curves with Prism (GraphPad) using the following equation: Y = 100/(1+((X/IC50)^Hill slope).



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**Figure S8.** Activity of compound **3b** (left) on the enzymatic activity of SARS-CoV2 Mpro (50nM) in 20 mM HEPES, 120 mM NaCl, 0.4 mM EDTA, and 4 mM DTT, pH 6.5, on substrate Dabcyl-KTSAVLQ $\downarrow$ SGFRKM-(Edans)-NH<sub>2</sub> compared to reference compound GC376 (right).






























































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