## Supplementary data

# Synthesis and evaluation of new Designed Multiple Ligands directed towards both peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor$\gamma$ and angiotensin II type 1 receptor 

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## 1. Chemical protocols for the synthesis of strategy $B$ and $C$ molecules

4'-\{4-[4-(2,4-Dioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylmethyl)phenoxymethyl]imidazol-1-ylmethyl\}biphenyl-2carboxylic acid dipotassium salt (32)

In a Parr flask was introduced $\mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{C}(75 \mathrm{mg}, 10 \% \mathrm{Pd})$, then a solution of compound $\mathbf{3 0}$ ( 72 $\mathrm{mg}, 0.13 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in dioxane ( 8 mL ) was added. The suspension was shaken in the presence of $\mathrm{H}_{2}(70 \mathrm{psi})$ for 4 days at room temperature, filtered on celite ${ }^{\circledR}$, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(5 \mathrm{~mL})$, then trifluoroacetic acid ( 1 mL ) was added. The mixture was stirred 1.5 h at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was dissolved in EtOAc ( 30 mL ). The solution was washed with water ( $3 \times 15$ $\mathrm{mL})$, dried $\left(\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}\right)$ and the solvent was removed under vacuum to give a residue which was purified by column chromatography (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} / \mathrm{MeOH}, 96 / 4$ ) to give a yellow solid. The latter was dissolved in EtOAc ( 15 mL ) and the organic phase was extracted with a 16 mM aqueous KOH solution $(4 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL})$. The aqueous phases were gathered and evaporated. The residue was purified by reversed-phase column chromatography (eluent: $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} / \mathrm{MeOH}, 70 / 30$ ) to give after freeze-drying $27 \mathrm{mg}\left(0.05 \mathrm{mmol}, 38 \%\right.$ yield) of white solid. M.p. $218-222{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR $(\mathrm{KBr}) v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right): 3435,2924,1560,1508,1388,1227 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right): \delta 3.02(\mathrm{dd}$, A part of an ABX system, $J=8.5,14.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PhCH}_{2}$ ), $3.28(\mathrm{dd}$, B part of an ABX system, $\left.J=4.2,14.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PhCH}_{2}\right), 4.56(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{X}$ part of an ABX system, $J=4.2,8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH})$, $5.00\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 5.24\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 6.95\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.15-7.32(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}$ ), $7.34-7.57\left(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}, 6 \times \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}+\mathrm{H}_{\text {imidazole }}\right)$, $7.84\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {imidazole }}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 62.9 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right): ~ \delta 37.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 50.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 59.0(\mathrm{CH}), 64.2\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 115.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 120.4,127.1$, 127.7, $127.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 128.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}+\mathrm{C}_{\text {arom }}\right), 129.9,130.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 131.3,135.9,136.7$, 137.8, 138.8, 139.6, 141.3, 156.6, 179.0 (C=O), 190.4 (C=O), 195.0 (C=O). ESI-MS (pos. mode): $m / z=514.14\left([\mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{~K}+3 \mathrm{H}]^{+}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{~K}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{~S}$ (589.74): C, 57.02; H, 3.59; N, 7.13. Found: C, 56.81; H, 3.48; N, 6.91.

4'-\{2-Butyl-4-[4-(2,4-dioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylmethyl)-phenoxymethyl]-imidazol-1-ylmethyl\}-biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid dipotassium salt (33)

In a Parr flask was introduced $\mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{C}(73 \mathrm{mg}, 10 \% \mathrm{Pd})$, then a solution of compound 31 ( 73 $\mathrm{mg}, 0.12 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in dioxane ( 8 mL ) was added. The suspension was shaken in the presence of $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ (70 psi) for 4 days at room temperature, filtered on celite ${ }^{\circledR}$, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(3 \mathrm{~mL})$, then trifluoroacetic acid (1.5 mL ) was added. The mixture was stirred 1.5 h at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was dissolved in EtOAc ( 30 mL ). The solution was washed with water $(3 \times 15 \mathrm{~mL})$, dried $\left(\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}\right)$ and the solvent was removed under vacuum to give a residue which was dissolved in $\mathrm{EtOAc}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and the organic phase was extracted with a 11 mM aqueous KOH solution $(4 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL})$. The aqueous phases were gathered and evaporated. The residue was purified by reversed-phase column chromatography (eluent: $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} / \mathrm{MeOH}$, $70 / 30)$ to give after freeze-drying $22 \mathrm{mg}(0.03 \mathrm{mmol}, 28 \%$ yield) of white solid. M.p. 208-212 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR (KBr) v $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right): 3419,2957,2924,1567,1508,1386,1219 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ): $\delta 0.85\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.20-1.36\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.51-1.63\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 2.71(\mathrm{t}, J=$ $7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), 3.05 (dd, A part of an ABX system, $J=8.3,14.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PhCH}_{2}$ ), 3.33
(dd, B part of an ABX system, $J=3.9,14.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PhCH}_{2}$ ), 4.57 (dd, X part of an ABX system, $J=3.9,8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}$ ), $5.05\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 5.24\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 7.00(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}$ ), $7.14-7.17\left(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 2 \times \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}+\mathrm{H}_{\text {imidazole }}\right), 7,25\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.38-$ 7.53 (m, $6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}$ ). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $62.9 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ): $\delta 13.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 21.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 25.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 29.4$ $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 37.4\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 48.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 58.7(\mathrm{CH}), 64.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 116.1\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 120.9,126.8$ $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}+\mathrm{C}_{\text {arom }}\right), 127.4,128.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 128.7,129.7,130.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 131.1,134.0,135.8$, 137.6, 139.4, 140.7, 150.6, 156.3, 178.7 (C=O), 194.6 (C=O), 204.9 (C=O). ESI-MS (neg. mode): $m / z=568.19\left([\mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{~K}+\mathrm{H}]{ }^{-}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{29} \mathrm{~K}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{~S}$ (645.85): C, $59.51 ; \mathrm{H}$, 4.53 ; N, 6.51. Found: C, 59.25; H, 4.38; N, 6.72.

## 2-Butyl-1H-imidazole-4-carbaldehyde (34)

To a solution of (2-Butyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)methanol ( $1.00 \mathrm{~g}, 6.48 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in water ( 6 mL ) was added activated $\mathrm{MnO}_{2}(5.30 \mathrm{~g}, 61.04 \mathrm{mmol})$. The suspension was irradiated in a microwave oven for 35 minutes at 300 W . The solvent was removed under vacuum to give a residue which was purified by column chromatography (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} / \mathrm{MeOH}, 90: 10$ ) to give 610 mg ( $4.01 \mathrm{mmol}, 62 \%$ yield) of yellow solid. M.p. $118-119^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $(250 \mathrm{MHz}$, DMSO- $d_{6}$ ): $\delta 0.87\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.22-1.36\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.58-1.70\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, 2.61-2.68 (m, 2H, CH2), 7.94-7.96 (br s, 1H, Himidazole), $9.62(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CHO}), 12.72(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, NH ).

## 3-(2-Butyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)propionic acid ethyl ester (35)

To an ice-cooled solution of ( EtO$)_{2} \mathrm{POCH}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Et}(6.63 \mathrm{~g}, 29.56 \mathrm{mmol})$ in anhydrous DMF $(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ under argon was added $60 \% \mathrm{NaH}(1.14 \mathrm{~g}, 28.38 \mathrm{mmol})$ and the mixture was stirred for 30 minutes. A solution of compound $34(1.80 \mathrm{~g}, 11.82 \mathrm{mmol})$ in anhydrous THF ( 16 mL ) was added and the suspension was stirred for 1 h at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and 1 h at room temperature. The mixture was acidified with a $5 \%$ aqueous citric acid solution and EtOAc ( 100 mL ) was added. The organic phase was washed with water $(5 \times 50 \mathrm{~mL})$, dried $\left(\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}\right)$ and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in $\mathrm{EtOH}(150 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $10 \% \mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{C}(1.00 \mathrm{~g})$ was added. The suspension was stirred in the presence of $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ for 48 h at room temperature, filtered on celite ${ }^{\circledR}$, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} / \mathrm{EtOAc}, 40 / 60$, then $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} / \mathrm{MeOH}, 97 / 3$ ) to give $2.09 \mathrm{~g}\left(9.32 \mathrm{mmol}, 79 \%\right.$ yield) of white solid. M.p. $56-57^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR (film) v $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right): 2958,2928$, 2872, 1736, 1448, 1373, 1182. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 250 MHz, DMSO- $d_{6}$ ): $\delta 0.87(\mathrm{t}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.13-1.35\left(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}, 2 \times \mathrm{CH}_{2}+\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.57\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 2.50-2.73\left(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}, 3 \times \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 4.04$ $\left(\mathrm{q}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 6.54\left(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {imidazole }}\right), 11.35(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (62.9 MHz, DMSO- $\left.d_{6}\right): \delta 13.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 14.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 21.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 27.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 30.2\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 33.5$ $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}\right)$, $59.6\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 113.8\left(\mathrm{C}_{\text {imidazole }}\right)$, $147.1\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {imidazole }}\right), 172.4(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$. ESI-MS (pos. mode): $m / z=225.16\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}(224.30): \mathrm{C}, 64.26 ; \mathrm{H}, 8.99 ; \mathrm{N}$, 12.49. Found: C, 64.01; H, 9.12; N, 12.54.

## 3-(2-Butyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)-propan-1-ol (36)

To an ice-cooled suspension of $\mathrm{LiAlH}_{4}(1.31 \mathrm{~g}, 34.64 \mathrm{mmol})$ in anhydrous THF ( 50 mL ) under argon was added a solution of compound $35(1.94 \mathrm{~g}, 8.66 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in anhydrous THF ( 30 $\mathrm{mL})$. The suspension was stirred for 1 h at room temperature and an aqueous saturated $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ solution $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{EtOAc}(100 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added. The organic phase was washed with water $(3 \times 50 \mathrm{~mL})$, dried $\left(\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}\right)$ and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} / \mathrm{MeOH}, 85 / 15$ ) to give $960 \mathrm{mg}(5.27$ $\mathrm{mmol}, 61 \%$ yield) of colorless liquid. IR (film) $\mathrm{v}\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ : 3161, 2930, 1451, 1055. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 250 MHz, DMSO- $d_{6}$ ): $\delta 0.87\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.28\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.51-1.72(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}$, $2 \times \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), 2.41-2.54 (m, 4H, $2 \times \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), $3,31(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OH}), 3.41\left(\mathrm{t}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}\right)$, $6.51\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {imidazole }}\right), 11,19(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 62.9 MHz, DMSO- $d_{6}$ ): $\delta 13.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, $21.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, $23.2\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, $27.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, $30.3\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, $32.3\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 60.4\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}\right), 115.6\left(\mathrm{C}_{\text {imidazole }}\right)$, $135.3\left(\mathrm{C}_{\text {imidazole }}\right), 146.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {imidazole }}\right)$. ESI-MS (pos. mode): $m / z=183.15\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (182.26): C, 65.90; H, 9.95; N, 15.37. Found: C, 65.70; H, 9.72; N, 15.54 .

4'-[2-Butyl-4-(3-hydroxypropyl)imidazol-1-ylmethyl]biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (37) and 4'-[2-Butyl-5-(3-hydroxypropyl)imidazol-1-ylmethyl]biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (38)

To a solution of 36 ( $660 \mathrm{mg}, 3.62 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in anhydrous DMF ( 4 mL ) under argon were added tert-butyl-4'(bromomethyl)biphenyl-2-carboxylate ( $628 \mathrm{mg}, 1.81 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ $(500 \mathrm{mg}, 3.62 \mathrm{mmol})$ and the mixture was stirred at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 18 h . To the solution was added EtOAc ( 30 mL ) and the organic phase was washed with water $(4 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL})$, dried $\left(\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}\right)$ and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} / \mathrm{MeOH}, 98 / 2$ ) to give 650 mg ( $1.45 \mathrm{mmol}, 80 \%$ yield) of compound $\mathbf{3 7}$ (colorless liquid) and $45 \mathrm{mg}(0.10 \mathrm{mmol}, 6 \%$ yield) of compound $\mathbf{3 8}$ (colorless liquid).
Compound 37. IR (film) v $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ : 3369 , 2932, 2872, 1706, 1367, 1303, 1129. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_{6}$ ): $\delta 0.85\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.18(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, t-\mathrm{Bu}), 1.31\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.55$ $\left(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.67\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 2.43\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 2.54\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.43(\mathrm{t}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}$ ), $4.56(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OH}), 5.12\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 6.78\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {imidazole }}\right), 7.17(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}$ ), $7.26\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.34\left(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.4,7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.45(\mathrm{dt}$, $J=1.4,7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}$ ), $7.56\left(\mathrm{dt}, J=1.4,7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.67(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.4,7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 100.6 MHz, DMSO- $\left.d_{6}\right): \delta 13.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 21.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 24.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 25.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, $27.2(t-\mathrm{Bu}), 29.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 32.3\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 47.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 60.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}\right), 80.8,115.6,126.6$
$\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 127.4,128.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 129.1,130.3,130.9,132.6,136.9,139.6,140.2,140.7,146.7$, $167.3(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$. ESI-MS (pos. mode): $m / z=449.28\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{36} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ (448.60): C, 74.97; H, 8.09; N, 6.24. Found: C, 74.90; H, 8.46; N, 6.23.

Compound 38. IR (film) v $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ : 3369 , 2930, 2871, 1706, 1368, 1303, 1172, 1129, 755. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz, DMSO- $d_{6}$ ): $\delta 0.83\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ ), $1.18(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, t-\mathrm{Bu}), 1.29(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), $1.56\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.67\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 2.43-2.54\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, 2 \times \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.42(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}$ ), $4,47(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OH}), 5.19\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 6.65\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {imidazole }}\right), 6.95(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\left.2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.25\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.34\left(\mathrm{dd}, J=0.9,7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.45(\mathrm{dt}, J=$ $\left.1.4,7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.56\left(\mathrm{dt}, J=1.4,7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.66(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.4,7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$,
$\mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}$ ). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 100.6 MHz, DMSO- $\left.d_{6}\right): \delta 13.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 20.4\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 21.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 26.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, $27.2(t-\mathrm{Bu}), 29.4\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 31.1\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 45.3\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 60.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}\right), 80.8,123.2,125.3$ $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 127.4,128.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 129.1,130.3,130.9,131.4,132.7,136.6,140.0,140.6,147.4$, $167.4(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$. ESI-MS (pos. mode): $m / z=449.28\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{36} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ (448.60): C, 74.97; H, 8.09; N, 6.24. Found: C, 74.75; H, 8.23; N, 6.18.

## 4'-(2-Butyl-4-\{3-[4-(2,4-dioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylmethyl)phenoxy]propyl\}imidazol-1-

 ylmethyl)biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid dipotassium salt (39)To a solution of compound $37(210 \mathrm{mg}, 0.47 \mathrm{mmol})$ in anhydrous THF ( 2 mL ) under argon were added triphenylphosphine ( $160 \mathrm{mg}, 0.61 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and 5-(4-hydroxybenzyl)-3-tritylthiazolidine-2,4-dione ( $242 \mathrm{mg}, 0.52 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The solution was cooled to $15^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, and a solution of DEAD ( $96 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.61 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in anhydrous THF ( 2 mL ) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} / \mathrm{EtOAc}, 80 / 20$ ) to give 262 mg of residue. The latter was dissolved in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(3 \mathrm{~mL})$ and trifluoroacetic acid ( 3 mL ) was added. The solution was stirred for 1 h at room temperature and was concentrated at reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc ( 10 mL ) and the organic phase was extracted with a 0.47 M aqueous KOH solution $(4 \times 2 \mathrm{~mL})$. The aqueous phases were gathered and evaporated. The residue was purified by reversed-phase column chromatography (eluent: $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ $/ \mathrm{MeOH}, 30 / 70)$ to give after freeze-drying $84 \mathrm{mg}(0.12 \mathrm{mmol}, 26 \%$ yield) of white solid. M.p. $170-171{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR (KBr) $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$ : $3434,2928,1560,1510,1388,1223 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 250 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right): \delta 0.80\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.23\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.50\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.95(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), 2.55-2.64 (m, 4H, $2 \times \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), 2.75 (dd, A part of an ABX system, $J=9.6,14.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{PhCH}_{2}$ ), 3.22 (dd, B part of an ABX system, $J=3.2,14.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PhCH}_{2}$ ), $3.86(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ), 4.31 (dd, X part of an ABX system, $\left.J=3.2,9.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}\right), 4.98\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right)$, $6.53\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {imidazole }}\right), 6.73\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.03-7.06\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.19-7.51$ (m, $\left.6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $62.9 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ): $\delta 13.1\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 21.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 23.1\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 25.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, $27.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, $29.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 37.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 48.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 59.1(\mathrm{CH}), 67.3\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 114.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right)$, 117.1, $126.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 127.0,127.4,128.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 129.7,130.3\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 130.9,135.8$, 137.6, 138.1, 139.4, 140.7, 149.3, 157.1, 178.5 (C=O), 189.8 (C=O), 194.4 (C=O). ESI-MS (neg. mode): $m / z=596.22\left([\mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{~K}+\mathrm{H}]^{-}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{34} \mathrm{H}_{33} \mathrm{~K}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{5}, 1.5 \mathrm{KOH}$ (758.06): C, 53.87; H, 4.59; N, 5.54. Found: C, 53.93; H, 4.90; N, 5.41.

4'-\{4-[4-(2,4-Dioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylmethyl)phenoxymethyl]-[1,2,3]triazol-1-ylmethyllbiphenyl-2-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (42)

In a Parr flask was introduced $\mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{C}(200 \mathrm{mg}, 10 \% \mathrm{Pd})$, then a solution of compound 40 ( $382 \mathrm{mg}, 0.67 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in dioxane ( 30 mL ) was added. The suspension was shaken in the presence of $\mathrm{H}_{2}(70 \mathrm{psi})$ for 4 days at room temperature, filtered on celite ${ }^{\circledR}$, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} / \mathrm{EtOAc}, 80 / 20$ ) to give $347 \mathrm{mg}(0.61 \mathrm{mmol}, 91 \%$ yield) of yellow solid. M.p. 82-85 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR (film) v $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right): 3436,1694,1511,1304 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 1.23(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, t$ Bu ), 3.12 (dd, A part of an ABX system, $J=9.2,14.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PhCH}_{2}$ ), 3.43 (dd, B part of an ABX system, $\left.J=4.0,14.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PhCH}_{2}\right), 4.50(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{X}$ part of an ABX system, $J=4.0,9.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 5.19\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 5.59\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 6.93\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.15(\mathrm{~d}$,
$J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}$ ), $7.30-7.53\left(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.58\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {triazole }}\right), 7.80(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.4$, $7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}$ ), $7.92(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $62.9 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 27.8(t-\mathrm{Bu}), 37.9$ $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 53.7(\mathrm{CH}), 54.2\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 62.2\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 81.6,115.2\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 122.7,127.6,127.9$ $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 128.4,129.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 130.0,130.5,130.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 131.0,132.9,133.4,141.3$, 142.8, 144.7, 157.9, $167.8(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 170.3(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 174.1(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$. ESI-MS (pos. mode): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}=$ $515.14\left([\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{tBu}+2 \mathrm{H}]^{+}\right),\left(571.20\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right), 593.19\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right)\right.$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{~S}$ (570.66): C, 65.25; H, 5.30; N, 9.82. Found: C, 65.38; H, 5.26; N, 9.55.

4'-(4-\{2-[4-(2,4-Dioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylmethyl)phenoxy]ethyl\}-[1,2,3]triazol-1-ylmethyl)-biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (43)

In a Parr flask was introduced $\mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{C}(500 \mathrm{mg}, 10 \% \mathrm{Pd})$, then a solution of compound 41 $(1.00 \mathrm{~g}, 1.72 \mathrm{mmol})$ in dioxane ( 40 mL ) was added. The suspension was shaken in the presence of $\mathrm{H}_{2}(70 \mathrm{psi})$ for 2 days at room temperature, filtered on celite ${ }^{\circledR}$, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} / \mathrm{AcOEt}, 60 / 40\right)$ to give $1.00 \mathrm{~g}(1.72 \mathrm{mmol}, 100 \%$ yield) of yellow solid. M.p. $84-86$ ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR (film) v ( $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3448, 2976, 1700, 1511, 1304, $1246 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ $1.22(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, t-\mathrm{Bu}), 3.10\left(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{A}\right.$ part of an ABX system, $\left.J=9.2,14.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PhCH}_{2}\right), 3.20(\mathrm{t}$, $J=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), 3.42 (dd, B part of an ABX system, $J=4.0,14.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PhCH}_{2}$ ), 4.22 (t, $J=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ), 4.48 (dd, X part of an ABX system, $J=4.0,9.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}$ ), 5.56 ( $\mathrm{s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}$ ), $6.82\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.12\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.30(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}$ ), $7.33-7.51\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.79\left(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.0,7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 62.9 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 26.3\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 27.8(t-\mathrm{Bu}), 37.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 53.7(\mathrm{CH}), 54.1\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 67.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 81.5$, $115.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 122.0,127.6,127.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 128.1,129.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 130.0,130.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}+\right.$ $\mathrm{C}_{\text {arom }}$ ), 131.0, 132.9, 133.7, 141.3, 142.6, 145.2, 158.3, 167.9 (C=O), 170.2 (C=O), 174.0 $(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$. ESI-MS (pos. mode): $m / z=529.17\left([\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{tBu}+2 \mathrm{H}]^{+}\right), 584.21\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right), 607.22$ $\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right)$, $623.31\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{K}]^{+}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{32} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{~S}$ (584.68): C, 65.73; H, 5.52; N, 9.58. Found: C, 65.96; H, 5.59; N, 9.41.

4'-\{4-[4-(2,4-Dioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylmethyl)phenoxymethyl]-[1,2,3]triazol-1-ylmethyl\}-biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid dipotassium salt (44)

To a solution of compound $\mathbf{4 2}(408 \mathrm{mg}, 0.71 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added trifluoroacetic acid ( 5 mL ). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was dissolved in $\mathrm{EtOAc}(30 \mathrm{~mL})$ and the organic phase was washed with water ( $3 \times 15 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), and then extracted with a 40 mM aqueous KOH solution $(4 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL})$. The aqueous phases were gathered and evaporated. The residue was purified by reversed-phase column chromatography (eluent: $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} / \mathrm{MeOH}, 60 / 40$ ) to give after freezedrying $329 \mathrm{mg}\left(0.56 \mathrm{mmol}, 78 \%\right.$ yield) of white solid. M.p. 216-219 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR ( KBr ) v $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ : $3411,1560,1508,1387,1219 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ): $\delta 3.02$ (dd, A part of an ABX system, $J=8.3,14.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PhCH}_{2}$ ), 3.27 (dd, B part of an ABX system, $J=4.2,14.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PhCH}_{2}$ ), 4.54 (dd, X part of an ABX system, $J=4.2,8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}$ ), $5.19(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 5.64\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 6.93\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.20\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right)$, $7.30-7.52\left(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.99\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {triazole }}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $62.9 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ): $\delta 37.3\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, $53.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 61.4\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 115.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 125.1,126.9,127.5,128.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 128.7,128.8$ $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 129.7,130.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 131.4,133.7,137.5,139.4,141.5,143.6,156.0,178.6(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$,
$190.0(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 194.6(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$. ESI-MS (neg. mode): $m / z=513.13\left([\mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{~K}+\mathrm{H}]^{-}\right)$, $535.12([\mathrm{M}-$ $2 \mathrm{~K}+\mathrm{Na}]^{-}$). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{~K}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{~S}$ (590.73): C, 54.90; H, 3.41; N, 9.48. Found: C, 54.96; H, 3.12; N, 9.41.

## 4'-(4-\{2-[4-(2,4-Dioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylmethyl)phenoxy]ethyl\}-[1,2,3]triazol-1-ylmethyl)-biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid dipotassium salt (45)

The same protocol as for the synthesis of compound $\mathbf{4 4}$ was applied to compound 43 (772 $\mathrm{mg}, 1.32 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) with the same volumes of $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, trifluoroacetic acid, and EtOAc. The organic phase was extracted with a 1.01 M aqueous KOH solution $(4 \times 2 \mathrm{~mL})$. The aqueous phases were gathered and evaporated. The residue was purified by reversed-phase column chromatography (eluent: $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} / \mathrm{MeOH}, 60 / 40$ ) to give after freeze-drying $671 \mathrm{mg}(1.11 \mathrm{mmol}$, $84 \%$ yield) of white solid. M.p. 221-223 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR ( KBr ) $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right): 3422,2924,1560,1511$, 1387, 1222. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ): $\delta 2.93$ (dd, A part of an ABX system, $J=8.8,14.1$ $\left.\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PhCH}_{2}\right), 3.10\left(\mathrm{t}, J=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.23(\mathrm{dd}$, B part of an ABX system, $J=3.8$, $\left.14.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PhCH}_{2}\right), 4.23\left(\mathrm{t}, J=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 4.48(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{X}$ part of an ABX system, $J=$ $3.8,8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 5.58\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 6.75\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.10(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\left.2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.32\left(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.40-7.53\left(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.76\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {triazole }}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $62.9 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ): $\delta 25.1\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 37.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 53.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 58.9(\mathrm{CH}), 67.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 114.8$ $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 123.8,126.9,127.5,128.1\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 128.7,128.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 129.7,130.4\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right)$, $130.9,133.8,137.5,139.4,141.5,145.2,156.7,178.6$ (C=O), 189.9 (C=O), 194.5 (C=O). ESI-MS (neg. mode): $m / z=527.14\left([\mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{~K}+\mathrm{H}]^{-}\right), 549.12\left([\mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{~K}+\mathrm{Na}]{ }^{-}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{~K}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{~S}, \mathrm{KOH}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (678.88): C, 49.54; H, 3.71; N, 8.25. Found: C, 49.74; H, 3.69; N, 8.12.

4'-(5-Butyl-4-formyl-[1,2,3]triazol-1-ylmethyl)biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (46) and 4'-(4-Butyl-5-formyl-[1,2,3]triazol-1-ylmethyl)biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (47)

To a solution of tert-butyl-4'(azidomethyl)biphenyl-2-carboxylate ( $158 \mathrm{mg}, 0.51 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in a $4 / 1$ mixture of $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ and water was added hept-2-ynal ( $39 \mathrm{mg}, 0.35 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The reaction mixture was irradiated in a sealed tube for 30 minutes at 250 W and 200 psi . The solvent was evaporated, hept-2-ynal ( $39 \mathrm{mg}, 0.35 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added again, and the mixture was irradiated. After 5 irradiations, the solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) to give $40 \mathrm{mg}(0.09 \mathrm{mmol}, 19 \%$ yield) of compound 46 as a colorless liquid and 7 mg ( $0.02 \mathrm{mmol}, 3 \%$ yield) of compound $\mathbf{4 7}$ as a colorless liquid.
Compound 46. IR (film) $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right): 3445,1685,1636 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 0.90(\mathrm{t}, J$ $\left.=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.25(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, t \mathrm{Bu}), 1.34\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.45\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 2.92(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 5.60\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 7.26\left(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.33\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.41(\mathrm{dt}, J=1.5,7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\left.1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.49\left(\mathrm{dt}, J=1.5,7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.80\left(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.5,7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 10.21(\mathrm{~s}$, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CHO}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100.6 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 13.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 22.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 23.1\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 27.7(t-\mathrm{Bu})$, $30.3\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, $51.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 81.5,127.1\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 127.6,129.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 129.9,130.5,130.9$, 132.9, 133.0, 141.1, 141.6, 142.7, 144.2, $167.7(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 186.2$ (CHO). ESI-MS (pos. mode): $m / z=420.23\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{29} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ (419.52): C, 71.57; H, 6.97; N, 10.02. Found: C, 71.48; H, 6.78; N, 10.23.

Compound 47. IR (film) v $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right): 3436,1689,1638,1303,1129 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 0.94\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.17(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, t-\mathrm{Bu}), 1.41\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.76(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), $2.94\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 5.89\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 7.27\left(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.37\left(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.47$ (dt, $J=1.5,7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}$ ), 7.78 (dd, $\left.J=1.5,7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 9.95(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CHO}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.100.6 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 13.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 22.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 24.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 27.8(t-\mathrm{Bu}), 32.2\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, $53.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 81.4,127.5,128.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 129.2\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 129.9,130.5,130.9,133.0,133.6$, 141. ; 142.5, 155.8, $167.9(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ ), 178.4 (CHO). ESI-MS (pos. mode): $m / z=420.23$ $\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right)$.

## 4'-(5-Butyl-4-hydroxymethyl-[1,2,3]triazol-1-ylmethyl)biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (48)

To a solution compound $46(115 \mathrm{mg}, 0.27 \mathrm{mmol})$ in EtOH under argon at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ was added $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}(31 \mathrm{mg}, 0.81 \mathrm{mmol})$. The reaction mixture was stirred 15 minutes at the same temperature and water $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added and the mixture was stirred 2 minutes at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The mixture was extracted by EtOAc ( $3 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), and the organic phase was washed by water ( $3 \times$ $5 \mathrm{~mL})$, dried $\left(\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}\right)$, and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} / \mathrm{EtOAc}, 75 / 25$ ) to give $116 \mathrm{mg}(0.27 \mathrm{mmol}, 100 \%$ yield) of yellow liquid. IR (film) $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right): 3355,2958,2928,1706,1303,1129 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 250 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 0.88\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.26-1.52\left(\mathrm{~m}, 13 \mathrm{H}, 2 \times \mathrm{CH}_{2}+t-\mathrm{Bu}\right), 2.60-2.90(\mathrm{~m}$, $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}+\mathrm{OH}$ ), $4.74\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}\right), 5.55\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 7.19-7.32\left(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.44(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}$ ), 7.78 (dd, $J=1.4,7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}$ ). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $62.9 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 13.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, $22.6\left(2 \times \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 27.8(t-\mathrm{Bu}), 31.1\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 52.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 56.3\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}\right), 81.5,127.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right)$, $127.6,129.4\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 129.9,130.6,130.9,133.0,133.8,135.2,141.3,142.4,144.7,167.8$ $(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$. ESI-MS (pos. mode): $m / z=422.24\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{31} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{3}(421.53)$ : C, 71.23; H, 7.41; N, 9.97. Found: C, 71.02; H, 7.54; N, 10.12.

4'-\{5-Butyl-4-[4-(2,4-dioxo-3-tritylthiazolidin-5-ylmethyl)phenoxymethyl]-[1,2,3]triazol-1-ylmethyljbiphenyl-2-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (49)

To a solution of compound $\mathbf{4 8}(104 \mathrm{mg}, 0.25 \mathrm{mmol})$ in anhydrous THF ( 2 mL ) under argon were added triphenylphosphine ( $85 \mathrm{mg}, 0.32 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and 5-(4-hydroxybenzyl)-3-
tritylthiazolidine-2,4-dione ( $125 \mathrm{mg}, 0.27 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). A solution of DEAD ( $50 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.32 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in anhydrous THF ( 1 mL ) was then added dropwise and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h . The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: cyclohexane/EtOAc, 90/10) to give $110 \mathrm{mg}(0.13 \mathrm{mmol}, 51 \%$ yield) of white solid. M.p. $87-89^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR (film) v $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ : 3056, 3028, 2957, 2937, 2872,1756, 1690, $1610,1600,1584,1510,1492,1477,1449,1367,1300,1244,1178,1131,1090,1036,1005$, $910,732 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 0.84\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.26-1.51(\mathrm{~m}, 13 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.2 \times \mathrm{CH}_{2}+t-\mathrm{Bu}\right), 2.65\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.05(\mathrm{dd}$, A part of an ABX system, $J=9.0,14.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{PhCH}_{2}$ ), 3.43 (dd, B part of an ABX system, $J=3.8,14.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PhCH}_{2}$ ), 4.36 (dd, X part of an ABX system, $J=3.8,9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}$ ), $5.15\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 5.54\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 6.94(\mathrm{~d}, J$ $=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}$ ), $7.11-7.51\left(\mathrm{~m}, 24 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.80\left(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $62.9 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 13.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 22.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 22.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 27.8(t-\mathrm{Bu}), 30.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 37.9$ $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 50.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 51.9(\mathrm{CH}), 62.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 81,5,115.2\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 126.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 127.0$ $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 127.4,127.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right)$, 128.5, $128.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 129.4\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 129.9,130.6,130.7$
$\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 130.9,133.0,133.9,136.7,141.1,141.3,141.7,142.3,158.1,167.8(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 169.7$ $(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 173.3(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$. ESI-MS (pos. mode): $m / z=869.37\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{54} \mathrm{H}_{52} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{~S}$ (869.08): C, 74.63; H, 6.03; N, 6.45. Found: C, 74.64; H, 6.09; N, 6.35.

4'-\{5-Butyl-4-[4-(2,4-dioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylmethyl)phenoxymethyl]-[1,2,3]triazol-1-ylmethylfbiphenyl-2-carboxylic acid (50)

To a solution of compound $49(80 \mathrm{mg}, 0.09 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added trifluoroacetic acid $(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} / \mathrm{MeOH}, 90 / 10\right)$ to give $44 \mathrm{mg}(0.08 \mathrm{mmol}, 83 \%$ yield) of white solid. M.p. $127-129{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR (KBr) v $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ : $3440,2957,2924,1692,1511,1234 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $(250 \mathrm{MHz}$, DMSO- $d_{6}$ ): $\delta 0.76\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.14-1.37\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, 2 \times \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 2.71\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, 3.03 (dd, A part of an ABX system, $J=9.4,14.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PhCH}_{2}$ ), 3.32 (dd, B part of an ABX system, $J=4.0,14.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PhCH}_{2}$ ), $4.82(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{X}$ part of an ABX system, $J=4.0,9.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 5.08\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 5.63\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 6.98\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.20(\mathrm{~m}$, $4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}$ ), $7.34\left(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.44\left(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.55(\mathrm{brt}, J=1.4,7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}$ ), $7.72\left(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 11.88-12.71\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}+\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{H}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 62.9 MHz, DMSO- $d_{6}$ ): $\delta 13.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 21.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 30.4\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 36.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 50.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 53.4$ $(\mathrm{CH}), 61.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 114.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 127.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 127.3,128.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 129.1,129.3$, $130.3\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 130.4,130.7,134.7,136.7,140.2,140.3,140.6,157.2,167.6(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 172.3$ $(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 176.7(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$. ESI-MS (neg. mode): $m / z=569.18\left([\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}]^{-}\right), 591.17\left([\mathrm{M}-2 \mathrm{H}+\mathrm{Na}]^{-}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{~S}$ (570.66): C, 65.25; H, 5.30; N, 9.82. Found: C, 65.18; H, 5.09; N, 10.05.

Synthesis of compounds 51 and 52 was already reported[37]
( $\pm$ ) 4'-\{2-[4-(2,4-Dioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylmethyl)phenoxymethyl]-2,5,7,8-tetramethylchroman-6-yloxymethyl 3 biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (53)

In a Parr flask was introduced $\mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{C}(382 \mathrm{mg}, 10 \% \mathrm{Pd})$, then a solution of compound 51 ( $362 \mathrm{mg}, 0.51 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in dioxane ( 40 mL ) was added. The suspension was shaken in the presence of $\mathrm{H}_{2}(55 \mathrm{psi})$ for 24 h at room temperature, filtered on celite ${ }^{\circledR}$, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: cyclohexane/EtOAc, $75 / 25$ ) to give $296 \mathrm{mg}(0.42 \mathrm{mmol}, 82 \%$ yield) of white low melting point solid. IR (film) v $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right): 3445,3197,2927,1755,1704,1513,1456,1368,1303,1248$, 1163, 1128, 1087, 1046. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 1.30(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, t-\mathrm{Bu}), 1.44(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), $1.93\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right.$, chromane $\left.3-\mathrm{H}_{a} \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}\right), 2.11\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}\right.$, chromane $\left.3-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}} H_{b}+\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 2.20(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), $2.25\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 2.65\left(\mathrm{brt}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}\right.$, chromane $\left.4-\mathrm{H}_{2}\right), 3.11$ (dd, A part of an ABX system, $J=9.4,14.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), 3.46 (dd, B part of an ABX system, $J=3.8,14.1$ $\left.\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.90,4.00\left(\mathrm{AB}\right.$ system, $\left.J=9.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 4.51(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{X}$ part of an ABX system, $J=3.8,9.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 4.75\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 6.89\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.14$ (d, $J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}$ ), $7.29-7.58\left(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.80\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 8.28$ (br s, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(62.9 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 12.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 12.2\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 13.1\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 20.4$ $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 23.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 27.8(t-\mathrm{Bu}), 28.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 37.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 53.6(\mathrm{CH}), 72.9,74.5,74.7,81.5$, 115.2, 117.7, 123.2, 126.3, 127.3, 127.4, 128.0, 128.4, 128.9, 129.8, 130.4, 130.7, 130.8,
133.1, 137.0, 141.6, 142.0, 147.6, 148.8, 158.8, $168.2(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 170.1(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 173.9(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$. ESI-MS (pos. mode): $m / z=730.28\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{45} \mathrm{NO}_{7} \mathrm{~S}$ (707.87): C, 71.26; H, 6.41; N, 1.98. Found: C, 71.15; H, 6.53; N, 2.03.
( $\pm$ ) 4'-\{2-[4-(2,4-Dioxothiazolidin-5-ylmethyl)phenoxymethyl]-2,5,7,8-tetramethylchroman-6-yloxymethylfbiphenyl-2-carboxylic acid (54)
A few peaks are doubled in ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} N M R$, due to the presence of diastereomers
To a solution of compound $\mathbf{5 3}(221 \mathrm{mg}, 0.31 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added a 3 M aqueous HCl solution ( 4 mL ) and the mixture was heated to reflux for 45 minutes. The solvents were evaporated and the residue was dissolved with EtOAc ( 30 mL ). The organic phase was washed with water $(2 \times 15 \mathrm{~mL})$, and then extracted with a $5 \%$ aqueous $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ solution ( $10 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The aqueous phase was brought acidic with 3 M HCl and extracted with $\operatorname{EtOAc}(3 \times 15 \mathrm{~mL})$. The gathered organic phases were washed with brine $(3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL})$, dried $\left(\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}\right)$, and concentrated under vacuum to give a residue which was dissolved in a 1:1 mixture of $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ and water ( 20 mL ). The solution was submitted to freeze-drying to give $86 \mathrm{mg}\left(0.13 \mathrm{mmol}, 42 \%\right.$ yield) of white powder. M.p. $70-72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR (film) v $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right): 3202$, 3057, 2925, 1755, 1698, 1513, 1455, 1247, 1086, 1043, 737. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ $1.43\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.91\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right.$, chromane $\left.3-H_{a} \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}\right), 2.05-2.12\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right.$, chromane $\left.3-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}} H_{b}\right), 2.07$ ( $\mathrm{s}, 1.5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), $2.09\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1.5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 2.17\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 2.21\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1.5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 2.22(\mathrm{~s}, 1.5 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), $2.63\left(\mathrm{brt}, J=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}\right.$, chromane $4-\mathrm{H}_{2}$ ), 3.11 (dd, A part of an ABX system , $J=$ $9.3,14.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), 3.44 (dd, B part of an ABX system, $J=3.9,14.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), $3.90,3.99\left(\mathrm{AB}\right.$ system, $\left.J=9.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 4.50(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{C}$ part of an ABX system, $J=3.9$, $9.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 4.74\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 6.88\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2$ $\left.\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.30-7.63\left(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.96\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 8.5(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $62.9 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 12.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 12.2\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 13.1\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 20.4\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 22.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, $23.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 28.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 37.8\left(2\right.$ peaks, $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 53.8(\mathrm{CH}), 72.9\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 74.5\left(\mathrm{OC}_{\text {quat }}\right), 74.7$ $\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 115.2,117.7,123.2,126.3,127.4,127.7,127.8,127.9,128.4,128.5,128.8,129.5$, $130.5,130.8,131.4,132.2,137.1,140.8,143.2,147.6,148.7,158.8,170.6,172.1,174.3$, 174.4. ESI-MS (neg. mode): $m / z=650.18\left([\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}]^{-}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{38} \mathrm{H}_{37} \mathrm{NO}_{7} \mathrm{~S}, 1 / 4 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (656.27): C, 69.55; H, 5.76; N, 2.13. Found: C, 69.66; H, 5.63; N, 2.48.
( $\pm$ ) 4'-(2-\{4-[2-tert-Butoxycarbonyl-2-(2-methoxycarbonylphenylamino)ethyl]phenoxymethyl\} -2,5,7,8-tetramethylchroman-6-yloxymethyl)biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (56)

Preparation of the triflate intermediate: to an ice-cooled solution of anhydrous pyridine ( $931 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 11.51 \mathrm{mmol})$ in dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(15 \mathrm{~mL})$ under argon was added dropwise trifluoromethane sulfonic anhydride ( $468 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 2.78 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). A solution of compound 55 ( 964 $\mathrm{mg}, 1.92 \mathrm{mmol})$ in dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(15 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added and the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 30 minutes. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was dissolved in $\mathrm{EtOAc}(100 \mathrm{~mL})$. The organic phase was washed with a $5 \%$ aqueous $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ solution ( $2 \times$ $40 \mathrm{~mL})$, water $(2 \times 40 \mathrm{~mL})$, dried $\left(\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}\right)$, and the solvent was removed under vacuum to give a liquid yellow residue.

Condensation with compound 23: to a solution of the above triflate in DMF ( 10 mL ) under argon were added $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(2.03 \mathrm{~g}, 3.84 \mathrm{mmol})$ and a solution of compound $23(712 \mathrm{mg}, 1.92$
$\mathrm{mmol})$ in DMF ( 10 mL ). The reaction mixture was stirred under argon for 3 days at room temperature, then EtOAc ( 150 mL ) was added and the organic phase was washed with water $(5 \times 40 \mathrm{~mL})$, dried $\left(\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}\right)$, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: cyclohexane/EtOAc, 85/15) to give $650 \mathrm{mg}(0.76$ $\mathrm{mmol}, 40 \%$ yield) of yellow low melting point solid. IR (film) $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right): 3342,2977,2931$, $1728,1704,1693,1608,1582,1512,1458,1392,1368,1303,1247,1162,1127,752 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 1.30(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, t-\mathrm{Bu}), 1.38(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, t-\mathrm{Bu}), 1.44\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1,93(\mathrm{~m}$, 1 H , chromane $3-\mathrm{H}_{a} \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}$ ), $2.12\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 2.16\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right.$, chromane $\left.3-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}} H_{b}\right), 2.02\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, $2.25\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 2.65\left(\mathrm{brt}, J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}\right.$, chromane $\left.4-\mathrm{H}_{2}\right), 3.10\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.87$ (s, $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ ), $3.96\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 4.23(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 4.76\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right), 6.60(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8$ $\left.\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 6.85\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.17\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.23-7.58(\mathrm{~m}$, $\left.8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.80\left(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.7,1.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.91\left(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.1,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 8.18(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $62.9 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 12.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 12.2\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 13.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, $20.4\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, $23.1\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 27.6(t-\mathrm{Bu}), 27.9(t-\mathrm{Bu}), 28.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 38.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 51.7(\mathrm{CH}), 58.3$ $\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 72.8,74.5,74.7,81.5,81.8,111.2,111.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 114.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 115.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right)$, $117.8,123.2,126.2,127.3\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 127.4\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 128.3,128.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 129.2,129.8$ $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 130.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 130.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 1303.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 131.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 133.1,134.5$ $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 137.0,141.5,142.0,147.6,148.8,149.9,158.3,168.1(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 168.8(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 171.8$ $(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$. ESI-MS (pos. mode): $m / z=878.42\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right), 856.44\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right), 744.32([\mathrm{M}-$ $2 t \mathrm{Bu}+3 \mathrm{H}]$ ). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{53} \mathrm{H}_{61} \mathrm{NO}_{9}$ (856.05): C, 74.36; H, 7.18; N, 1.64. Found: C, 74.25; H, 7.36; N, 1.39.
( $\pm$ ) 4'-(2-\{4-[2-Carboxy-2-(2-methoxycarbonyl-phenylamino)ethyl]phenoxymethyl\}-2,5,7,8-tetramethylchroman-6-yloxymethyl)biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid (57) and ( $\pm$ ) 2-\{1-Carboxy-2-[4-(6-hydroxy-2,5,7,8-tetramethylchroman-2-ylmethoxy)phenyl]ethylamino\}benzoic acid methyl ester (58)

To a solution of compound $\mathbf{5 6}(296 \mathrm{mg}, 0.35 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added trifluoroacetic acid $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h . The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in EtOAc (40 $\mathrm{mL})$. The organic phase was washed with water $(3 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL})$, and was further extracted with a $5 \%$ aqueous $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ solution $(3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL})$. The organic phase was washed with water ( $3 \times$ 20 mL ), dried $\left(\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}\right)$, and concentrated under vacuum to give extract A. The basic aqueous phases were gathered and brought to acidic pH by addition of $10 \%$ aqueous HCl solution. The latter suspension was extracted with $\operatorname{EtOAc}(3 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL})$. The organic phases were gathered, washed with water $(3 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL})$, dried $\left(\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}\right)$, and concentrated under vacuum to give extract B. Extract A was purified by column chromatography (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} / \mathrm{MeOH}, 95 / 5$ ). The obtained residue was dissolved in a mixture of $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}(7 \mathrm{~mL})$ and water ( 3 mL ) to give after freeze-drying 50 mg ( $0.09 \mathrm{mmol}, 26 \%$ yield) of compound $\mathbf{5 8}$ as an off-white solid. Extract B was purified by reversed-phase column chromatography (eluent: $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} / \mathrm{MeOH}, 95 / 5$ to $0 / 100$ ). The fractions were concentrated under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in a mixture of $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}(7 \mathrm{~mL})$ and water ( 3 mL ) to give after freeze-drying $59 \mathrm{mg}(0.08 \mathrm{mmol}$, $23 \%$ yield) of compound $\mathbf{5 7}$ as a light yellowsolid.
Compound 57. Low-melting point solid. IR (KBr) v $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right): 3435,2928,2851,1705,1684$, 1508, 1248. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 250 MHz , DMSO- $d_{6}$ ): $\delta 1.32\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.84(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, chromane 3-
$\left.H_{a} \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}\right), 1.99\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}+\right.$ chromane $\left.3-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}} H_{b}\right), 2.14\left(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 2.62(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, chromane $4-\mathrm{H}_{2}$ ), 2.98 (dd, A part of an ABX system, $J=14.0,6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), 3.12 (dd, B part of an ABX system, $J=14.0,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), $3.78\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 3.95\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 4.40(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 4.66\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 6.61\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 6.71\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right)$, $6.88\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.11\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.31-7.64\left(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.74$ (br d, $J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}$ ), $7.80\left(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.0,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right.$ ), $7.96(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{NH}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 62.9 MHz, DMSO- $d_{6}$ ): $\delta 11.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 12.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 19.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 21.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, $27.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 36.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 51.6(\mathrm{CH}), 56.3\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 72.5,73.9,74.2,109.7,111.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right)$, $114.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 115.1\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 117.5,122.0,125.7,127.3\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 127.4,127.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right)$, $128.4\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 128.9,129.1\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 130.2\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 130.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 130.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 131.2$ $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 132.5,134.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 136.5,140.4,140.6,147.0,148.0,149.3,157.6,167.9(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$, $169.6(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 173.3(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$. ESI-MS (neg. mode): $m / z=764.44$ ([M-2H+Na]), 742.54 ([MH] ${ }^{-}$). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{45} \mathrm{H}_{45} \mathrm{NO}_{9}$ (743.84): C, 72.66; H, 6.10; N, 1.88. Found: C, 72.34; H, 6.35; N, 1.97.

Compound 58. Low-melting point solid. IR (KBr) $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$ : 3447, 2924, 2857, 1670, 1608, $1512,1250 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $250 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 1.29\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1,77(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, chromane 3$\left.H_{a} H_{b}\right), 1.98\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}\right.$, chromane $\left.3-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}} H_{b}\right), 2.05\left(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, 2 \times \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 2.11\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 2.56(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, chromane $4-\mathrm{H}_{2}$ ), $2.85\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.12\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.59\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 3.70(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{OCH}_{2}\right), 4.10(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 6.33\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 6.58\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 6.96(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.68\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {arom }}\right), 7.99(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(62.9 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta$ $11.4\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 12.0\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 12.3\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 20.4\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 22.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 28.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 51.6(\mathrm{CH}), 38.0$ $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 68.2\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 72.7,74.2,110.1,112.3\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 114.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 114.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 117.5$, $118.8,121.5,122.7,130.4,130.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 131.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 134,8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\text {arom }}\right), 145.0,145.3$, 150.3, 157.8, $169.4(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$. ESI-MS (pos. mode): $m / z=556.27\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{35} \mathrm{NO}_{7}$ (533.61): C, 69.78; H, 6.61; N, 2.62. Found: C, $69.65 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.72 ; \mathrm{N}, 2.58$.

## 2. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra and mass spectra of tested compounds

As mentioned in the experimental part, NMR spectra were recorded at 303 K on a Bruker DPX250 ( 250 MHz for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and 62.9 MHz for ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ ) spectrometer. Mass spectra were recorded on a micrOTOFq (Bruker) ESI/QqTOF spectrometer except those of compounds 51, 52, 54, 57, and 58, recorded on a VG-Platform Micromass-Waters (ESI+/quad) spectrometer.
2.1.Compound $5\left(\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$



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2.2. Compound $7\left(\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$

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C32H27Cl1N7O3S1

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2.3. Compound $16\left(\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$


2.4. Compound $18\left(\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$

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2.5. Compound 22 (DMSO- $d_{6}$ )


2.6. Compound 25 (DMSO- $d_{6}$ )



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### 2.7. Compound 27 (DMSO- $d_{6}$ )




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2.9. Compound $32\left(\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$

C32H27C1N703S1
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2.10. Compound $33\left(\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$









ISSOREAENGOCHZO

C32H30N305S1
568.1908
2.11. Compond $39\left(\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$



### 2.12. Compound $42\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$



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2.13. Compound $43\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$



2.14. Compound $44\left(\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$


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2.15. Compound $45\left(\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$



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2.16. Compound $\mathbf{5 0}$ (DMSO- $d_{6}$ )


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### 2.17. Compound $51\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$




2.18. Compound 52 (DMSO- $d_{6}$ )


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2.19. Compound $53\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$






Compound $54\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$




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### 2.20. Compound 57 (DMSO- $d_{6}$ )








Compound $58\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$
${ }^{l} \mathrm{H}$ spectrum recorded at 313 K in order to get a better resolution



## 3. Screening test for the $\mathbf{A T}_{1}$ antagonist properties of the molecules

In order to rapidly screen amongst our molecules the ones blocking the activation of the $\mathrm{AT}_{1}$ receptor, we developed a test based on the intracellular calcium release induced by Angiotensin II in vascular smooth muscle cells (see § 6.2.2. Evaluation of $\mathrm{AT}_{1}$ blocking). We validated this protocol by assessing the inhibition of calcium release induced by losartan.

As shown in Figure S1., in cells exposed to Angiotensin II $\left(10^{-9} \mathrm{M}\right)$, a dramatic increase in fluorescence was observed $(+1000 \%)$ compared to unexposed control cells. Preincubation ( 20 min ) of cells with $10 \mu \mathrm{M}$ of losartan before adding Angiotensin II resulted in a $78 \%$ reduction in the fluorescence measured. This test thus enabled us to rapidly discriminate the molecules blocking the $\mathrm{AT}_{1}$ receptor.


Fig. S1. Fluorescence level (arbitrary unit) measured in rat aortic smooth muscle cells in basal conditions (CTRL), after Angiotensin II stimulation (Ang II, $10^{-9} \mathrm{M}$ ) or after incubation with losartan ( $10 \mu \mathrm{M}, 20 \mathrm{~min}$ ) prior to AngII stimulation (LOS). Calcium release was detected in the presence of a fura-2 am molecular probe (see experimental part). Values correspond to a fluorescence ratio and are the mean of 4 independent assays.

## 4. Molecular docking



Fig. S2. Lowest binding free energy pose for rosiglitazone obtained with the AutoDock software. PPAR- $\gamma$ structure is extracted from PDB code 2PRG. Molecule in sticks: rosiglitazone; molecule in lines: co-crystallized rosiglitazone; blue, salmon and yellow surfaces: Arm I, Arm II and Entrance regions, respectively.


Fig. S3. Lowest binding free energy pose for compound 43 obtained with the AutoDock software. PPAR- $\gamma$ structure is extracted from PDB code 2PRG. Molecule in sticks: compound 43; molecule in lines: co-crystallized rosiglitazone; blue, salmon and yellow surfaces: Arm I, Arm II and Entrance regions, respectively.


Fig. S4. Lowest binding free energy pose for compound 45 obtained with the AutoDock software. PPAR- $\gamma$ structure is extracted from PDB code 2PRG. Molecule in sticks: compound 45; molecule in lines: co-crystallized rosiglitazone; blue, salmon and yellow surfaces: Arm I, Arm II and Entrance regions, respectively.


Fig. S5. Lowest binding free energy pose for compound 42 obtained with the AutoDock software. PPAR- $\gamma$ structure is extracted from PDB code 2PRG. Molecule in sticks: compound 42; molecule in lines: co-crystallized rosiglitazone; blue, salmon and yellow surfaces: Arm I, Arm II and Entrance regions, respectively.


Fig. S6. Lowest binding free energy pose for compound 44 obtained with the AutoDock software. PPAR- $\gamma$ structure is extracted from PDB code 2PRG. Molecule in sticks: compound 44; molecule in lines: co-crystallized rosiglitazone; blue, salmon and yellow surfaces: Arm I, Arm II and Entrance regions, respectively.


Fig. S7. Lowest binding free energy pose for losartan obtained with the AutoDock software. PPAR- $\gamma$ structure is extracted from PDB code 2PRG. Molecule in sticks: losartan; molecule in lines: cocrystallized rosiglitazone; blue, salmon and yellow surfaces: Arm I, Arm II and Entrance regions, respectively.


Fig. S8. Lowest binding free energy pose for compound 29 obtained with the AutoDock software. PPAR- $\gamma$ structure is extracted from PDB code 2PRG. Molecule in sticks: compound 29; molecule in lines: co-crystallized rosiglitazone; blue, salmon and yellow surfaces: Arm I, Arm II and Entrance regions, respectively.


Fig. S9. LigPlot+ representation of the hydrophobic contacts and the hydrogen bonds between rosiglitazone and PPAR- $\gamma$ structure extracted from PDB code 2PRG. Residues belonging to Arm I, Arm II and Entrance regions are depicted in blue, salmon and yellow, respectively.


Fig. S10. LigPlot+ representation of the hydrophobic contacts and the hydrogen bonds between compound 43 and PPAR- $\gamma$ structure extracted from PDB code 2 PRG. Residues belonging to Arm I, Arm II and Entrance regions are depicted in blue, salmon and yellow, respectively.


Fig. S11. LigPlot+ representation of the hydrophobic contacts and the hydrogen bonds between compound 45 and PPAR- $\gamma$ structure extracted from PDB code 2 PRG. Residues belonging to Arm I, Arm II and Entrance regions are depicted in blue, salmon and yellow, respectively.


Fig. S12. LigPlot+ representation of the hydrophobic contacts and the hydrogen bonds between compound 42 and PPAR- $\gamma$ structure extracted from PDB code 2PRG. Residues belonging to Arm I, Arm II and Entrance regions are depicted in blue, salmon and yellow, respectively.


Fig. S13. LigPlot+ representation of the hydrophobic contacts and the hydrogen bonds between compound 44 and PPAR- $\gamma$ structure extracted from PDB code 2 PRG. Residues belonging to Arm I, Arm II and Entrance regions are depicted in blue, salmon and yellow, respectively.


Fig. S14. LigPlot+ representation of the hydrophobic contacts and the hydrogen bonds between losartan and PPAR- $\gamma$ structure extracted from PDB code 2 PRG. Residues belonging to Arm I, Arm II and Entrance regions are depicted in blue, salmon and yellow, respectively.


Fig. S15. LigPlot+ representation of the hydrophobic contacts and the hydrogen bonds between compound 29 and PPAR- $\gamma$ structure extracted from PDB code 2 PRG. Residues belonging to Arm I, Arm II and Entrance regions are depicted in blue, salmon and yellow, respectively.

Table S1: Comparison of all interactions between ligands and PPAR $\gamma$ found by the LigPlot+ software. "Contact" refers to ligand-protein hydrophobic interactions while "H-bond" refers to hydrogen bonds between the ligand and PPAR $\gamma$.

| Contact | Rosiglitazone | Mol54 | Mol43 | Mol45 | Mol42 | Mol44 | Losartan | Mol29 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Arm I |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Phe282 | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | - | - |
| Cys285 | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | H-Bond | Contact |
| Gln286 | H-Bond | H-Bond | H-Bond | H-Bond | H-Bond | H-Bond | - | - |
| Ser289 | H-Bond | H-Bond | H-Bond | H-Bond | H-Bond | H-Bond | Contact | Contact |
| His323 | H-Bond | H-Bond | H-Bond | H-Bond | H-Bond | H-Bond | - | - |
| Ile326 | Contact | - | - | Contact | - | - | Contact | Contact |
| Tyr327 | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | - | Contact |
| His449 | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | - | - |
| Leu453 | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | - | - |
| Leu469 | - | Contact | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tyr473 | H-Bond | H-Bond | H-Bond | H-Bond | H-Bond | H-Bond | - | - |
| Arm II |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leu255 | - | - | Contact | - | - | - | - | - |
| Glu259 | - | - | Contact | - | - | - | - | - |
| Glu272 | - | - | Contact | - | - | - | - | - |
| Arg280 | - | - | Contact | - | Contact | - | - | - |
| Ile281 | - | - | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | - | Contact |
| Gly284 | - | - | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | - |
| Val339 | - | Contact | - | Contact | Contact | - | - | - |
| Ile341 | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact |
| Met348 | - | - | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact |
| Leu353 | - | - | - | Contact | - | Contact | - | - |
| Met364 | - | Contact | Contact | Contact | - | Contact | - | Contact |
| Entrance |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leu228 | - | - | - | - | - | - | Contact | Contact |
| Thr268 | - | H-Bond | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Leu270 | - | Contact | Contact | Contact | - | - | - | - |
| Phe287 | - | - | - | - | Contact | - | - | - |
| Arg288 | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | H-Bond | Contact |
| Glu291 | - | Contact | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ala292 | - | - | - | - | - | - | Contact | Contact |
| Leu330 | Contact | Contact | - | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact | Contact |
| Leu333 | - | Contact | - | - | - | - | Contact | Contact |
| Leu340 | Contact | Contact | - | - | - | - | Contact | Contact |
| Ser342 | Contact | H-Bond | H-Bond | H-Bond | - | H-Bond | Contact | Contact |
| Glu343 | - | Contact | - | - | - | - | Contact | H-Bond |

