Supplementary data

Synthesis and evaluation of new Designed Multiple Ligands directed towards both peroxisome proliferator-activated receptorγ 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 Pd/C (75 mg, 10% Pd), then a solution of compound 30 (72 mg, 0.13 mmol) in dioxane (8 mL) was added. The suspension was shaken in the presence of H₂ (70 psi) for 4 days at room temperature, filtered on celite[®], and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 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 (3×15 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent was removed under vacuum to give a residue which was purified by column chromatography (eluent: CH₂Cl₂/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 (4×5 mL). The aqueous phases were gathered and evaporated. The residue was purified by reversed-phase column chromatography (eluent: H₂O /MeOH, 70/30) to give after freeze-drying 27 mg (0.05 mmol, 38% yield) of white solid. M.p. 218-222 °C. IR (KBr) υ (cm⁻¹): 3435, 2924, 1560, 1508, 1388, 1227. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, D₂O): δ 3.02 (dd, A part of an ABX system, J = 8.5, 14.2 Hz, 1H, PhCH₂), 3.28 (dd, B part of an ABX system, J = 4.2, 14.2 Hz, 1H, PhCH₂), 4.56 (dd, X part of an ABX system, J = 4.2, 8.5 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.00 (s, 2H, CH₂O), 5.24 (s, 2H, CH₂N), 6.95 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.15-7.32 (m, 4H, Harom), 7.34-7.57 (m, 7H, 6×Harom + Himidazole), 7.84 (s, 1H, Himidazole). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, D₂O): δ 37.6 (CH₂), 50.5 (CH₂N), 59.0 (CH), 64.2 (CH₂O), 115.9 (CH_{arom}), 120.4, 127.1, 127.7, 127.8 (CH_{arom}), 128.9 (CH_{arom} + C_{arom}), 129.9, 130.8 (CH_{arom}), 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 ([M-2K+3H]⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₁K₂N₃O₅S (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 Pd/C (73 mg, 10% Pd), then a solution of compound **31** (73 mg, 0.12 mmol) in dioxane (8 mL) was added. The suspension was shaken in the presence of H₂ (70 psi) for 4 days at room temperature, filtered on celite[®], and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (3 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 × 15 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent was removed under vacuum to give a residue which was dissolved in EtOAc (10 mL) and the organic phase was extracted with a 11 mM aqueous KOH solution (4 × 5 mL). The aqueous phases were gathered and evaporated. The residue was purified by reversed-phase column chromatography (eluent: H₂O /MeOH, 70/30) to give after freeze-drying 22 mg (0.03 mmol, 28% yield) of white solid. M.p. 208-212 °C. IR (KBr) v (cm⁻¹): 3419, 2957, 2924, 1567, 1508, 1386, 1219. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, D₂O): δ 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.20-1.36 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.51-1.63 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.71 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 3.05 (dd, A part of an ABX system, *J* = 8.3, 14.3 Hz, 1H, PhCH₂), 3.33

(dd, B part of an ABX system, J = 3.9, 14.3 Hz, 1H, PhCH₂), 4.57 (dd, X part of an ABX system, J = 3.9, 8.3 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.05 (s, 2H, CH₂O), 5.24 (s, 2H, CH₂N), 7.00 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.14-7.17 (m, 3H, 2×H_{arom +} H_{imidazole}), 7,25 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.38-7.53 (m, 6H, H_{arom}). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, D₂O): δ 13.0 (CH₃), 21.6 (CH₂), 25.6 (CH₂), 29.4 (CH₂), 37.4 (CH₂), 48.9 (CH₂N), 58.7 (CH), 64.0 (CH₂O), 116.1 (CH_{arom}), 120.9, 126.8 (CH_{arom} + C_{arom}), 127.4, 128.6 (CH_{arom}), 128.7, 129.7, 130.5 (CH_{arom}), 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 ([M-2K+H]⁻). Anal. Calcd for C₃₂H₂₉K₂N₃O₅S (645.85): C, 59.51; 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 g, 6.48 mmol) in water (6 mL) was added activated MnO₂ (5.30 g, 61.04 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: CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 90:10) to give 610 mg (4.01 mmol, 62% yield) of yellow solid. M.p. 118-119 °C. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.22-1.36 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.58-1.70 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.61-2.68 (m, 2H, CH₂), 7.94-7.96 (br s, 1H, H_{imidazole}), 9.62 (s, 1H, CHO), 12.72 (br s, 1H, NH).

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

To an ice-cooled solution of (EtO)₂POCH₂CO₂Et (6.63 g, 29.56 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (20 mL) under argon was added 60% NaH (1.14 g, 28.38 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for 30 minutes. A solution of compound **34** (1.80 g, 11.82 mmol) in anhydrous THF (16 mL) was added and the suspension was stirred for 1 h at 0°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 (5×50 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in EtOH (150 mL) and 10% Pd/C (1.00 g) was added. The suspension was stirred in the presence of H₂ for 48 h at room temperature, filtered on celite[®], and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc, 40/60, then CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 97/3) to give 2.09 g (9.32 mmol, 79% yield) of white solid. M.p. 56-57 °C. IR (film) υ (cm⁻¹): 2958, 2928, 2872, 1736, 1448, 1373, 1182. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 0.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.13-1.35 (m, 5H, 2×CH₂ + CH₃), 1.57 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.50-2.73 (m, 6H, 3×CH₂), 4.04 $(q, J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}, 2H, CO_2CH_2), 6.54 (br s, 1H, H_{imidazole}), 11.35 (br s, 1H, NH).$ ¹³C NMR (62.9) MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 13.6 (CH₃), 14.0 (CH₃), 21.7 (CH₂), 27.6 (CH₂), 30.2 (CH₂), 33.5 (CH₂C=O), 59.6 (OCH₂), 113.8 (C_{imidazole}), 147.1 (CH_{imidazole}), 172.4 (C=O). ESI-MS (pos. mode): m/z = 225.16 ([M+H]⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₂₀N₂O₂ (224.30): C, 64.26; H, 8.99; 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 LiAlH₄ (1.31 g, 34.64 mmol) in anhydrous THF (50 mL) under argon was added a solution of compound 35 (1.94 g, 8.66 mmol) in anhydrous THF (30 mL). The suspension was stirred for 1 h at room temperature and an aqueous saturated K₂CO₃ solution (10 mL) and EtOAc (100 mL) were added. The organic phase was washed with water (3×50 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 85/15) to give 960 mg (5.27 mmol, 61% yield) of colorless liquid. IR (film) v (cm⁻¹): 3161, 2930, 1451, 1055. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.28 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.51-1.72 (m, 4H, 2×CH₂), 2.41-2.54 (m, 4H, 2×CH₂), 3,31 (br s, 1H, OH), 3.41 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H, CH₂OH), 6.51 (s, 1H, H_{imidazole}), 11,19 (br s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 13.7 (CH₃), 21.8 (CH₂), 23.2 (CH₂), 27.7 (CH₂), 30.3(CH₂), 32.3 (CH₂), 60.4 (CH₂OH), 115.6 (C_{imidazole}), 135.3 (C_{imidazole}), 146.9 (CH_{imidazole}). ESI-MS (pos. mode): *m*/*z* = 183.15 ([M+H]⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₈N₂O (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 mg, 3.62 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (4 mL) under argon were added *tert*-butyl-4'(bromomethyl)biphenyl-2-carboxylate (628 mg, 1.81 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (500 mg, 3.62 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 18 h. To the solution was added EtOAc (30 mL) and the organic phase was washed with water (4 × 10 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 98/2) to give 650 mg (1.45 mmol, 80% yield) of compound **37** (colorless liquid) and 45 mg (0.10 mmol, 6% yield) of compound **38** (colorless liquid).

Compound **37**. IR (film) υ (cm⁻¹): 3369, 2932, 2872, 1706, 1367, 1303, 1129. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta 0.85$ (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.18 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 1.31 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.55 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.67 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.43 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.54 (m, 2H, CH₂), 3.43 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H, CH₂OH), 4.56 (br s, 1H, OH), 5.12 (s, 2H, CH₂N), 6.78 (s, 1H, H_{imidazole}), 7.17 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.26 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.34 (dd, J = 1.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 7.45 (dt, J = 1.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 7.56 (dt, J = 1.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 7.67 (dd, J = 1.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 13.7 (CH₃), 21.9 (CH₂), 24.7 (CH₂), 25.8 (CH₂), 27.2 (t-Bu), 29.7 (CH₂), 32.3 (CH₂), 47.9 (CH₂N), 60.6 (CH₂OH), 80.8, 115.6, 126.6 (CH_{arom}), 127.4, 128.6 (CH_{arom}), 129.1, 130.3, 130.9, 132.6, 136.9, 139.6, 140.2, 140.7, 146.7, 167.3 (C=O). ESI-MS (pos. mode): m/z = 449.28 ([M+H]⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₃₆N₂O₃ (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) υ (cm⁻¹): 3369, 2930, 2871, 1706, 1368, 1303, 1172, 1129, 755. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta 0.83$ (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.18 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 1.29 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.56 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.67 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.43-2.54 (m, 4H, 2×CH₂), 3.42 (m, 2H, CH₂OH), 4,47 (br s, 1H, OH), 5.19 (s, 2H, CH₂N), 6.65 (s, 1H, H_{imidazole}), 6.95 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 0.9, 7.6 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 7.45 (dt, *J* = 1.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 7.56 (dt, J = 1.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 7.66 (dd, J = 1.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H,

H_{arom}). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 13.7 (CH₃), 20.4 (CH₂), 21.8 (CH₂), 26.0 (CH₂), 27.2 (*t*-Bu), 29.4 (CH₂), 31.1 (CH₂), 45.3 (CH₂N), 60.0 (CH₂OH), 80.8, 123.2, 125.3 (CH_{arom}), 127.4, 128.7 (CH_{arom}), 129.1, 130.3, 130.9, 131.4, 132.7, 136.6, 140.0, 140.6, 147.4, 167.4 (C=O). ESI-MS (pos. mode): m/z = 449.28 ([M+H]⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₃₆N₂O₃ (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-1ylmethyl)biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid dipotassium salt (**39**)

To a solution of compound 37 (210 mg, 0.47 mmol) in anhydrous THF (2 mL) under argon were added triphenylphosphine (160 mg, 0.61 mmol) and 5-(4-hydroxybenzyl)-3tritylthiazolidine-2,4-dione (242 mg, 0.52 mmol). The solution was cooled to 15°C, and a solution of DEAD (96 µL, 0.61 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: CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc, 80/20) to give 262 mg of residue. The latter was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (3 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 (4×2 mL). The aqueous phases were gathered and evaporated. The residue was purified by reversed-phase column chromatography (eluent: H₂O /MeOH, 30/70) to give after freeze-drying 84 mg (0.12 mmol, 26% yield) of white solid. M.p. 170-171 °C. IR (KBr) υ (cm⁻¹): 3434, 2928, 1560, 1510, 1388, 1223. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, D_2O): $\delta 0.80$ (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.23 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.50 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.95 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.55-2.64 (m, 4H, 2×CH₂), 2.75 (dd, A part of an ABX system, J = 9.6, 14.0 Hz, 1H, PhCH₂), 3.22 (dd, B part of an ABX system, J = 3.2, 14.0 Hz, 1H, PhCH₂), 3.86 (m, 2H, CH₂O), 4.31 (dd, X part of an ABX system, J = 3.2, 9.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.98 (s, 2H, CH₂N), 6.53 (s, 1H, H_{imidazole}), 6.73 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.03-7.06 (m, 4H, H_{arom}), 7.19-7.51 (m, 6H, H_{arom}). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, D₂O): δ 13.1 (CH₃), 21.7 (CH₂), 23.1 (CH₂), 25.5 (CH₂), 27.6 (CH₂), 29.7 (CH₂), 37.7 (CH₂), 48.7 (CH₂N), 59.1 (CH), 67.3 (CH₂O), 114.6 (CH_{arom}), 117.1, 126.9 (CH_{arom}), 127.0, 127.4, 128.7 (CH_{arom}), 129.7, 130.3 (CH_{arom}), 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 ([M-2K+H]⁻). Anal. Calcd for C₃₄H₃₃K₂N₃O₅, 1.5 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-1ylmethyl}biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (**42**)

In a Parr flask was introduced Pd/C (200 mg, 10% Pd), then a solution of compound **40** (382 mg, 0.67 mmol) in dioxane (30 mL) was added. The suspension was shaken in the presence of H₂ (70 psi) for 4 days at room temperature, filtered on celite[®], and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc, 80/20) to give 347 mg (0.61 mmol, 91% yield) of yellow solid. M.p. 82-85 °C. IR (film) υ (cm⁻¹): 3436, 1694, 1511, 1304. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.23 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 3.12 (dd, A part of an ABX system, *J* = 9.2, 14.1 Hz, 1H, PhCH₂), 3.43 (dd, B part of an ABX system, *J* = 4.0, 14.1 Hz, 1H, PhCH₂), 4.50 (dd, X part of an ABX system, *J* = 4.0, 9.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.19 (s, 2H, CH₂O), 5.59 (s, 2H, CH₂N), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.15 (d,

J = 8.5 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.30-7.53 (m, 7H, H_{arom}), 7.58 (s, 1H, H_{triazole}), 7.80 (dd, J = 1.4, 7.5 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 7.92 (br s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 27.8 (*t*-Bu), 37.9 (CH₂), 53.7 (CH), 54.2 (CH₂N), 62.2 (CH₂O), 81.6, 115.2 (CH_{arom}), 122.7, 127.6, 127.9 (CH_{arom}), 128.4, 129.5 (CH_{arom}), 130.0, 130.5, 130.6 (CH_{arom}), 131.0, 132.9, 133.4, 141.3, 142.8, 144.7, 157.9, 167.8 (C=O), 170.3 (C=O), 174.1 (C=O). ESI-MS (pos. mode): m/z = 515.14 ([M-tBu+2H]⁺), (571.20 ([M+H]⁺), 593.19 ([M+Na]⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₃₁H₃₀N₄O₅S (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 Pd/C (500 mg, 10% Pd), then a solution of compound 41 (1.00 g, 1.72 mmol) in dioxane (40 mL) was added. The suspension was shaken in the presence of H₂ (70 psi) for 2 days at room temperature, filtered on celite[®], and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt, 60/40) to give 1.00 g (1.72 mmol, 100% yield) of yellow solid. M.p. 84-86 °C. IR (film) υ (cm⁻¹): 3448, 2976, 1700, 1511, 1304, 1246. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.22 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 3.10 (dd, A part of an ABX system, *J* = 9.2, 14.2 Hz, 1H, PhCH₂), 3.20 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 3.42 (dd, B part of an ABX system, J = 4.0, 14.2 Hz, 1H, PhCH₂), 4.22 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H, CH₂O), 4.48 (dd, X part of an ABX system, J = 4.0, 9.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.56 (s, 2H, CH₂N), 6.82 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.12 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.30 (s, 4 H, H_{arom}), 7.33-7.51 (m, 4 H, H_{arom}), 7.79 (dd, J = 1.0, 7.6 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 26.3 (CH₂), 27.8 (*t*-Bu), 37.9 (CH₂), 53.7 (CH), 54.1 (CH₂N), 67.0 (CH₂O), 81.5, 115.0 (CH_{arom}), 122.0, 127.6, 127.8 (CH_{arom}), 128.1, 129.5 (CH_{arom}), 130.0, 130.6 (CH_{arom +} Carom), 131.0, 132.9, 133.7, 141.3, 142.6, 145.2, 158.3, 167.9 (C=O), 170.2 (C=O), 174.0 (C=O). ESI-MS (pos. mode): m/z = 529.17 ([M-tBu+2H]⁺), 584.21 ([M+H]⁺), 607.22 $([M+Na]^{+})$, 623.31 $([M+K]^{+})$. Anal. Calcd for C₃₂H₃₂N₄O₅S (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 **42** (408 mg, 0.71 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 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 EtOAc (30 mL) and the organic phase was washed with water (3 × 15 mL), and then extracted with a 40 mM aqueous KOH solution (4 × 5 mL). The aqueous phases were gathered and evaporated. The residue was purified by reversed-phase column chromatography (eluent: H₂O /MeOH, 60/40) to give after freeze-drying 329 mg (0.56 mmol, 78% yield) of white solid. M.p. 216-219 °C. IR (KBr) v (cm⁻¹): 3411, 1560, 1508, 1387, 1219. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, D₂O): δ 3.02 (dd, A part of an ABX system, *J* = 8.3, 14.2 Hz, 1H, PhCH₂), 3.27 (dd, B part of an ABX system, *J* = 4.2, 14.2 Hz, 1H, PhCH₂), 5.64 (s, 2H, CH₂N), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.30-7.52 (m, 8H, H_{arom}), 7.99 (s, 1H, H_{triazole}). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, D₂O): δ 37.3 (CH₂), 53.6 (CH₂N), 61.4 (CH₂O), 115.5 (CH_{arom}), 125.1, 126.9, 127.5, 128.0 (CH_{arom}), 128.7, 128.8 (CH_{arom}), 129.7, 130.6 (CH_{arom}), 131.4, 133.7, 137.5, 139.4, 141.5, 143.6, 156.0, 178.6 (C=O),

190.0 (C=O), 194.6 (C=O). ESI-MS (neg. mode): m/z = 513.13 ([M-2K+H]⁻), 535.12 ([M-2K+Na]⁻). Anal. Calcd for C₂₇H₂₀K₂N₄O₅S (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 44 was applied to compound 43 (772 mg, 1.32 mmol) with the same volumes of CH₂Cl₂, trifluoroacetic acid, and EtOAc. The organic phase was extracted with a 1.01 M aqueous KOH solution (4×2 mL). The aqueous phases were gathered and evaporated. The residue was purified by reversed-phase column chromatography (eluent: H₂O /MeOH, 60/40) to give after freeze-drying 671 mg (1.11 mmol, 84% yield) of white solid. M.p. 221-223 °C. IR (KBr) υ (cm⁻¹): 3422, 2924, 1560, 1511, 1387, 1222. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, D₂O): δ 2.93 (dd, A part of an ABX system, J = 8.8, 14.1Hz, 1H, PhCH₂), 3.10 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 3.23 (dd, B part of an ABX system, J = 3.8, 14.1 Hz, 1H, PhCH₂), 4.23 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H, CH₂O), 4.48 (dd, X part of an ABX system, J =3.8, 8.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.58 (s, 2H, CH₂N), 6.75 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.10 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.32 (m, 3H, H_{arom}), 7.40-7.53 (m, 5H, H_{arom}), 7.76 (s, 1H, H_{triazole}). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, D₂O): δ 25.1 (CH₂), 37.5 (CH₂), 53.5 (CH₂N), 58.9 (CH), 67.0 (CH₂O), 114.8 (CH_{arom}), 123.8, 126.9, 127.5, 128.1 (CH_{arom}), 128.7, 128.8 (CH_{arom}), 129.7, 130.4 (CH_{arom}), 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 ([M-2K+H]⁻), 549.12 ([M-2K+Na]⁻). Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₂K₂N₄O₅S, KOH, H₂O (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 mg, 0.51 mmol) in a 4/1 mixture of CH₃CN and water was added hept-2-ynal (39 mg, 0.35 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 mg, 0.35 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: CH₂Cl₂) to give 40 mg (0.09 mmol, 19% yield) of compound 46 as a colorless liquid and 7 mg (0.02 mmol, 3% yield) of compound 47 as a colorless liquid. Compound **46**. IR (film) υ (cm⁻¹): 3445, 1685, 1636. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.90 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.25 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 1.34 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.45 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.92 (m, 2H, CH₂), 5.60 (s, 2H, CH₂N), 7.26 (m, 3H, H_{arom}), 7.33 (m, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.41 (dt, *J* = 1.5, 7.6 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 7.49 (dt, J = 1.5, 7.6 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 7.80 (dd, J = 1.5, 7.6 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 10.21 (s, 1H, CHO). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.7 (CH₃), 22.6 (CH₂), 23.1 (CH₂), 27.7 (*t*-Bu), 30.3 (CH₂), 51.6 (CH₂N), 81.5, 127.1 (CH_{arom}), 127.6, 129.5 (CH_{arom}), 129.9, 130.5, 130.9, 132.9, 133.0, 141.1, 141.6, 142.7, 144.2, 167.7 (C=O), 186.2 (CHO). ESI-MS (pos. mode): m/z = 420.23 ([M+H]⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₂₉N₃O₃ (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) υ (cm⁻¹): 3436, 1689, 1638, 1303, 1129. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.94 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.17 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 1.41 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.76 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.94 (m, 2H, CH₂), 5.89 (s, 2H, CH₂N), 7.27 (m, 3H, H_{arom}), 7.37 (m, 3H, H_{arom}), 7.47 (dt, J = 1.5, 7.6 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 7.78 (dd, J = 1.5, 7.6 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 9.95 (s, 1H, CHO). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.9 (CH₃), 22.5 (CH₂), 24.9 (CH₂), 27.8 (*t*-Bu), 32.2 (CH₂), 53.8 (CH₂N), 81.4, 127.5, 128.0 (CH_{arom}), 129.2 (CH_{arom}), 129.9, 130.5, 130.9, 133.0, 133.6, 141. ; 142.5, 155.8, 167.9 (C=O), 178.4 (CHO). ESI-MS (pos. mode): m/z = 420.23 ([M+H]⁺).

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 mg, 0.27 mmol) in EtOH under argon at 0 °C was added NaBH₄ (31 mg, 0.81 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred 15 minutes at the same temperature and water (10 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred 2 minutes at 0 °C. The mixture was extracted by EtOAc (3 × 5 mL), and the organic phase was washed by water (3 × 5 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc, 75/25) to give 116 mg (0.27 mmol, 100% yield) of yellow liquid. IR (film) ν (cm⁻¹): 3355, 2958, 2928, 1706, 1303, 1129. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.26-1.52 (m, 13H, 2×CH₂ + *t*-Bu), 2.60-2.90 (m, 3H, CH₂ + OH), 4.74 (s, 2H, CH₂OH), 5.55 (s, 2H, CH₂N), 7.19-7.32 (m, 5H, H_{arom}), 7.44 (m, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.78 (dd, *J* = 1.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.8 (CH₃), 22.6 (2×CH₂), 27.8 (*t*-Bu), 31.1 (CH₂), 52.0 (CH₂N), 56.3 (CH₂OH), 81.5, 127.0 (CH_{arom}), 127.6, 129.4 (CH_{arom}), 129.9, 130.6, 130.9, 133.0, 133.8, 135.2, 141.3, 142.4, 144.7, 167.8 (C=O). ESI-MS (pos. mode): *m*/*z* = 422.24 ([M+H]⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₃₁N₃O₃ (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-ylmethyl}biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (**49**)

To a solution of compound 48 (104 mg, 0.25 mmol) in anhydrous THF (2 mL) under argon were added triphenylphosphine (85 mg, 0.32 mmol) and 5-(4-hydroxybenzyl)-3tritylthiazolidine-2,4-dione (125 mg, 0.27 mmol). A solution of DEAD (50 µL, 0.32 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 mg (0.13 mmol, 51% yield) of white solid. M.p. 87-89 °C. IR (film) υ (cm⁻¹): 3056, 3028, 2957, 2937, 2872,1756, 1690, 1610, 1600, 1584, 1510, 1492, 1477, 1449, 1367, 1300, 1244, 1178, 1131, 1090, 1036, 1005, 910, 732. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.84 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.26-1.51 (m, 13H, $2 \times CH_2 + t$ -Bu), 2.65 (m, 2H, CH₂), 3.05 (dd, A part of an ABX system, J = 9.0, 14.2 Hz, 1H, PhCH₂), 3.43 (dd, B part of an ABX system, J = 3.8, 14.2 Hz, 1H, PhCH₂), 4.36 (dd, X part of an ABX system, J = 3.8, 9.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.15 (s, 2H, CH₂O), 5.54 (s, 2H, CH₂N), 6.94 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.11-7.51 (m, 24H, H_{arom}), 7.80 (br d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz, H_{arom}). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.8 (CH₃), 22.6 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 27.8 (*t*-Bu), 30.9 (CH₂), 37.9 (CH₂), 50.7 (CH₂N), 51.9 (CH), 62.0 (CH₂O), 81,5, 115.2 (CH_{arom}), 126.9 (CH_{arom}), 127.0 (CH_{arom}), 127.4, 127.5 (CH_{arom}), 128.5, 128.7 (CH_{arom}), 129.4 (CH_{arom}), 129.9, 130.6, 130.7

(CH_{arom}), 130.9, 133.0, 133.9, 136.7, 141.1, 141.3, 141.7, 142.3, 158.1, 167.8 (C=O), 169.7 (C=O), 173.3 (C=O). ESI-MS (pos. mode): m/z = 869.37 ([M+H]⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₅₄H₅₂N₄O₅S (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-ylmethyl]biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid (50)

To a solution of compound 49 (80 mg, 0.09 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added trifluoroacetic acid (5 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: CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 90/10) to give 44 mg (0.08 mmol, 83% yield) of white solid. M.p. 127-129 °C. IR (KBr) υ (cm⁻¹): 3440, 2957, 2924, 1692, 1511, 1234. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 0.76 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.14-1.37 (m, 4H, 2×CH₂), 2.71 (m, 2H, CH₂), 3.03 (dd, A part of an ABX system, J = 9.4, 14.2 Hz, 1H, PhCH₂), 3.32 (dd, B part of an ABX system, J = 4.0, 14.2 Hz, 1H, PhCH₂), 4.82 (dd, X part of an ABX system, J = 4.0, 9.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.08 (s, 2H, CH₂O), 5.63 (s, 2H, CH₂N), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.20 (m, 4H, H_{arom}), 7.34 (m, 3H, H_{arom}), 7.44 (br t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 7.55 (br t, J = 1.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 7.72 (br d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 11.88-12.71 (s, 2H, NH + CO₂H). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 13.5 (CH₃), 21.7 (CH₂), 30.4 (CH₂), 36.5 (CH₂), 50.5 (CH₂N), 53.4 (CH), 61.0 (CH₂O), 114.6 (CH_{arom}), 127.0 (CH_{arom}), 127.3, 128.7 (CH_{arom}), 129.1, 129.3, 130.3 (CH_{arom}), 130.4, 130.7, 134.7, 136.7, 140.2, 140.3, 140.6, 157.2, 167.6 (C=O), 172.3 (C=O), 176.7 (C=O). ESI-MS (neg. mode): m/z = 569.18 ([M-H]⁻), 591.17 ([M-2H+Na]⁻). Anal. Calcd for C₃₁H₃₀N₄O₅S (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]

(±) 4'-{2-[4-(2,4-Dioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylmethyl)phenoxymethyl]-2,5,7,8-tetramethylchroman-6-yloxymethyl}biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (**53**)

In a Parr flask was introduced Pd/C (382 mg, 10% Pd), then a solution of compound 51 (362 mg, 0.51 mmol) in dioxane (40 mL) was added. The suspension was shaken in the presence of H₂ (55 psi) for 24 h at room temperature, filtered on celite[®], and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: cyclohexane/EtOAc, 75/25) to give 296 mg (0.42 mmol, 82% yield) of white low melting point solid. IR (film) v (cm⁻¹): 3445, 3197, 2927, 1755, 1704, 1513, 1456, 1368, 1303, 1248, 1163, 1128, 1087, 1046. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.30 (s, 9 H, *t*-Bu), 1.44 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 1.93 (m, 1 H, chromane 3- H_aH_b), 2.11 (m, 4 H, chromane 3- H_aH_b + CH₃), 2.20 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.25 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.65 (br t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2 H, chromane 4-H₂), 3.11 (dd, A part of an ABX system, J = 9.4, 14.1 Hz, 1 H, CH₂), 3.46 (dd, B part of an ABX system, J = 3.8, 14.1 Hz, 1 H, CH₂), 3.90, 4.00 (AB system, J = 9.2 Hz, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.51 (dd, X part of an ABX system, J = 3.8, 9.4 Hz, 1 H, CH), 4.75 (s, 2 H, OCH₂), 6.89 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2 H, H_{arom}), 7.14 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2 H, H_{arom}), 7.29-7.58 (m, 7 H, H_{arom}), 7.80 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1 H, H_{arom}), 8.28 (br s, 1 H, NH). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.0 (CH₃), 12.2 (CH₃), 13.1 (CH₃), 20.4 (CH₂), 23.0 (CH₃), 27.8 (*t*-Bu), 28.7 (CH₂), 37.9 (CH₂), 53.6 (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 (C=O), 170.1 (C=O), 173.9 (C=O). ESI-MS (pos. mode): m/z = 730.28 ([M+Na]⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₄₂H₄₅NO₇S (707.87): C, 71.26; H, 6.41; N, 1.98. Found: C, 71.15; H, 6.53; N, 2.03.

(±) 4'-{2-[4-(2,4-Dioxothiazolidin-5-ylmethyl)phenoxymethyl]-2,5,7,8-tetramethylchroman-6yloxymethyl}biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid (**54**)

A few peaks are doubled in ${}^{1}H$ and ${}^{13}C$ NMR, due to the presence of diastereomers To a solution of compound 53 (221 mg, 0.31 mmol) in CH₃CN (10 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 (2×15 mL), and then extracted with a 5% aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (10×10 mL). The aqueous phase was brought acidic with 3 M HCl and extracted with EtOAc (3×15 mL). The gathered organic phases were washed with brine (3×10 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated under vacuum to give a residue which was dissolved in a 1:1 mixture of CH₃CN and water (20 mL). The solution was submitted to freeze-drying to give 86 mg (0.13 mmol, 42% yield) of white powder. M.p. 70-72 °C. IR (film) v (cm⁻¹): 3202, 3057, 2925, 1755, 1698, 1513, 1455, 1247, 1086, 1043, 737. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.43 (s, CH₃), 1.91 (m, 1 H, chromane $3-H_aH_b$), 2.05-2.12 (m, 1 H, chromane $3-H_aH_b$), 2.07 (s, 1.5 H, CH₃), 2.09 (s, 1.5 H, CH₃), 2.17 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.21 (s, 1.5 H, CH₃), 2.22 (s, 1.5 H, CH₃), 2.63 (br t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2 H, chromane 4-H₂), 3.11 (dd, A part of an ABX system, J =9.3, 14.2 Hz, 1 H, CH₂), 3.44 (dd, B part of an ABX system, J = 3.9, 14.2 Hz, 1 H, CH₂), 3.90, 3.99 (AB system, J = 9.2 Hz, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.50 (dd, C part of an ABX system, J = 3.9, 9.3 Hz, 1 H, CH), 4.74 (s, 2 H, OCH₂), 6.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, H_{arom}), 7.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, H_{arom}), 7.30-7.63 (m, 7 H, H_{arom}), 7.96 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, H_{arom}), 8.5 (br s, 1 H, NH). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.0 (CH₃), 12.2 (CH₃), 13.1 (CH₃), 20.4 (CH₂), 22.9 (CH₃), 23.0 (CH₃), 28.7 (CH₂), 37.8 (2 peaks, CH₂), 53.8 (CH), 72.9 (OCH₂), 74.5 (OC_{quat}), 74.7 (OCH₂), 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 ([M-H]⁻). Anal. Calcd for C₃₈H₃₇NO₇S, ¹/₄ H₂O (656.27): C, 69.55; H, 5.76; N, 2.13. Found: C, 69.66; H, 5.63; N, 2.48.

(±) 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 μ L, 11.51 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) under argon was added dropwise trifluoromethane sulfonic anhydride (468 μ L, 2.78 mmol). A solution of compound **55** (964 mg, 1.92 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (15 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 EtOAc (100 mL). The organic phase was washed with a 5% aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (2 × 40 mL), water (2 × 40 mL), dried (MgSO₄), 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 K_2CO_3 (2.03 g, 3.84 mmol) and a solution of compound **23** (712 mg, 1.92

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 $(5 \times 40 \text{ mL})$, dried (MgSO₄), and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: cyclohexane/EtOAc, 85/15) to give 650 mg (0.76 mmol, 40% yield) of yellow low melting point solid. IR (film) v (cm⁻¹): 3342, 2977, 2931, 1728, 1704, 1693, 1608, 1582, 1512, 1458, 1392, 1368, 1303, 1247, 1162, 1127,752. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.30 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 1.38 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 1.44 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1,93 (m, 1H, chromane $3-H_aH_b$), 2.12 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.16 (m, 1H, chromane $3-H_aH_b$), 2.02 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.25 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.65 (br t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H, chromane 4-H₂), 3.10 (m, 2H, CH₂), 3.87 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.96 (m, 2H, OCH₂), 4.23 (m, 1H, CH), 4.76 (s, 2H, OCH₂Ph), 6.60 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 6.85 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.17 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.23-7.58 (m, 8H, H_{arom}), 7.80 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 7.91 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 8.18 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.0 (CH₃), 12.2 (CH₃), 13.0 (CH₃), 20.4 (CH₂), 23.1 (CH₃), 27.6 (t-Bu), 27.9 (t-Bu), 28.7 (CH₂), 38.0 (CH₂), 51.7 (CH), 58.3 (OCH₃), 72.8, 74.5, 74.7, 81.5, 81.8, 111.2, 111.8 (CH_{arom}), 114.8 (CH_{arom}), 115.5 (CH_{arom}), 117.8, 123.2, 126.2, 127.3 (CHarom), 127.4 (CHarom), 128.3, 128.9 (CHarom), 129.2, 129.8 (CH_{arom}), 130.6 (CH_{arom}), 130.7 (CH_{arom}), 1303.8 (CH_{arom}), 131.9 (CH_{arom}), 133.1, 134.5 (CH_{arom}), 137.0, 141.5, 142.0, 147.6, 148.8, 149.9, 158.3, 168.1 (C=O), 168.8 (C=O), 171.8 (C=O). ESI-MS (pos. mode): m/z = 878.42 ([M+Na]⁺), 856.44 ([M+H]⁺), 744.32 ([M-2tBu+3H]). Anal. Calcd for C₅₃H₆₁NO₉ (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}-2,5,7,8tetramethylchroman-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 56 (296 mg, 0.35 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was added trifluoroacetic acid (10 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 mL). The organic phase was washed with water $(3 \times 20 \text{ mL})$, and was further extracted with a 5% aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (3 \times 10 mL). The organic phase was washed with water (3 \times 20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), 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 EtOAc (3×20 mL). The organic phases were gathered, washed with water $(3 \times 20 \text{ mL})$, dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated under vacuum to give extract B. Extract A was purified by column chromatography (eluent: CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 95/5). The obtained residue was dissolved in a mixture of CH₃CN (7 mL) and water (3 mL) to give after freeze-drying 50 mg (0.09 mmol, 26% yield) of compound 58 as an off-white solid. Extract B was purified by reversed-phase column chromatography (eluent: H₂O /MeOH, 95/5 to 0/100). The fractions were concentrated under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in a mixture of CH₃CN (7 mL) and water (3 mL) to give after freeze-drying 59 mg (0.08 mmol, 23% yield) of compound 57 as a light yellowsolid.

Compound **57**. Low-melting point solid. IR (KBr) υ (cm⁻¹): 3435, 2928, 2851, 1705, 1684, 1508, 1248. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 1.32 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.84 (m, 1 H, chromane 3-

 H_a H_b), 1.99 (m, 4H, CH₃ + chromane 3-H_aH_b), 2.14 (br s, 6H, CH₃), 2.62 (m, 2H, chromane 4-H₂), 2.98 (dd, A part of an ABX system, J = 14.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 3.12 (dd, B part of an ABX system, J = 14.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 3.78 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.95 (m, 2H, OCH₂), 4.40 (m, 1H, CH), 4.66 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 6.61 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 6.71 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 6.88 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.11 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 7.31-7.64 (m, 8H, H_{arom}), 7.74 (br d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 7.80 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 7.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 11.8 (CH₃), 12.6 (CH₃), 19.6 (CH₂), 21.8 (CH₃), 27.9 (CH₂), 36.6 (CH₂), 51.6 (CH), 56.3 (OCH₃), 72.5, 73.9, 74.2, 109.7, 111.9 (CH_{arom}), 114.5 (CH_{arom}), 115.1 (CH_{arom}), 130.2 (CH_{arom}), 130.5 (CH_{arom}), 130.8 (CH_{arom}), 131.2 (CH_{arom}), 132.5, 134.8 (CH_{arom}), 136.5, 140.4, 140.6, 147.0, 148.0, 149.3, 157.6, 167.9 (C=O), 169.6 (C=O), 173.3 (C=O). ESI-MS (neg. mode): m/z = 764.44 ([M-2H+Na]⁻), 742.54 ([M-H]⁻). Anal. Calcd for C₄₅H₄₅NO₉ (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) υ (cm⁻¹): 3447, 2924, 2857, 1670, 1608, 1512, 1250. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.29 (s, 3H, CH₃),1,77 (m, 2H, chromane 3-*H_aH_b*), 1.98 (m, 2H, chromane 3-H_a*H_b*), 2.05 (s, 6H, 2 x CH₃), 2.11 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.56 (m, 2H, chromane 4-H₂), 2.85 (m, 1H, CH₂), 3.12 (m, 1H, CH₂), 3.59 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.70 (m, 2H, OCH₂), 4.10 (s, 1H, CH), 6.33 (m, 2H, H_{arom}), 6.58 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H, H_{arom}), 6.96 (m, 3H, H_{arom}), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, H_{arom}), 7.99 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.4 (CH₃), 12.0 (CH₃), 12.3 (CH₃), 20.4 (CH₂), 22.8 (CH₃), 28.8 (CH₂), 51.6 (CH), 38.0 (CH₂), 68.2 (OCH₃), 72.7, 74.2, 110.1, 112.3 (CH_{arom}), 114.5 (CH_{arom}), 114.9 (CH_{arom}), 117.5, 118.8, 121.5, 122.7, 130.4, 130.7 (CH_{arom}), 131.7 (CH_{arom}), 134.8 (CH_{arom}), 145.0, 145.3, 150.3, 157.8, 169.4 (C=O). ESI-MS (pos. mode): *m*/*z* = 556.27 ([M+Na]⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₃₁H₃₅NO₇ (533.61): C, 69.78; H, 6.61; N, 2.62. Found: C, 69.65; H, 6.72; N, 2.58.

2. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra and mass spectra of tested compounds

As mentioned in the experimental part, NMR spectra were recorded at 303K on a Bruker DPX250 (250 MHz for ¹H and 62.9 MHz for ¹³C) 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** (D₂O)











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2.5. Compound **22** (DMSO-*d*₆)













2.8.Compound **29** (DMSO-*d*₆)





2.9. Compound **32** (D₂O)



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C32H27CI1N7O3S1









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2.12. Compound **42** (CDCl₃)



2.13. Compound **43** (CDCl₃)







2.14. Compound **44** (D₂O)

















2.18. Compound **52** (DMSO-*d*₆)





sOH Vc=40V Ts=80°C m (130:193)

2.19. Compound **53** (CDCl₃)





S49



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<u>8</u>	671.84
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Compound 58 (CDCl₃)

¹*H* spectrum recorded at 313*K* in order to get a better resolution





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3. Screening test for the AT₁ antagonist properties of the molecules

In order to rapidly screen amongst our molecules the ones blocking the activation of the 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 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 (10^{-9} M), a dramatic increase in fluorescence was observed (+1000%) compared to unexposed control cells. Preincubation (20 min) of cells with 10 µM 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 AT₁ 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} M) or after incubation with losartan (10μ M, $20 \min$) 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- γ 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- γ 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- γ 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- γ 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- γ 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- γ structure is extracted from PDB code 2PRG. *Molecule in sticks:* losartan; *molecule in lines:* co-crystallized 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- γ 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- γ 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- γ 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. S11. LigPlot+ representation of the hydrophobic contacts and the hydrogen bonds between compound **45** and PPAR- γ 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. S12. LigPlot+ representation of the hydrophobic contacts and the hydrogen bonds between compound **42** and PPAR- γ 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- γ 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. S14. LigPlot+ representation of the hydrophobic contacts and the hydrogen bonds between losartan and PPAR- γ 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. S15. LigPlot+ representation of the hydrophobic contacts and the hydrogen bonds between compound **29** and PPAR- γ structure extracted from PDB code 2PRG. Residues belonging to Arm I, Arm II and Entrance regions are depicted in blue, salmon and yellow, respectively.

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

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