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Figure 1. Chemical structures of Cumarin, Ribavirin and Ningnanmycin.



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Figure 3. Synthetic route for title compounds b1-b30.



Figure 4. Microscale thermophoresis (MST) test results of compounds b20 (A), b24 (B), b21 (C), and Ribavirin (D) with TMV CP.



Figure 5. Molecule docking results of compounds b20 (A), b24 (B), b21 (C), and Ribavirin (D) with TMV CP 219x128mm (300 x 300 DPI)



Figure 6. The effect on the morphology of TMV particles of compounds CK (A), Ribavirin (B) and b21 (C).

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23	ABSTRACT: In this study, a series of coumarin derivatives containing dithioacetals
24	were synthesized, characterized, and assessed for their anti-tobacco mosaic virus
25	(TMV) activity. Biological tests showed that most of the title compounds exhibited
26	significant anti-TMV biological activity; in particular, compound b21 showed good
27	inactivating activity anti-TMV, with an EC_{50} of 54.2 mg/L, superior to that of
28	ribavirin (134.2 mg/L). Transmission electron microscopy analyses showed that
29	compound 21 severely ruptured TMV particles. The interaction of compound b21
30	with TMV coat protein (TMV CP) was investigated using microscale thermophoresis
31	(MST) and molecular docking. Compound b21 exhibited a strong binding ability (Kd)
32	to TMV CP, with a value of 2.9 μ M, superior to ribavirin.
33	KEYWORDS : coumarin, dithioacetal, tobacco mosaic virus, transmission electron
34	microscopy, molecular docking
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45 **INTRODUCTION**

Tobacco mosaic virus (TMV) is known as plant cancer and is widely distributed in 46 nature. TMV is the most persistent plant virus, being able to survive in dry plants for 47 up to 100 years, and more than 885 species in 165 plant families can be infected by 48 the virus.¹ It is difficult to effectively control TMV once a plant is infected by. 49 Ribavirin and ningnanmycin (Figure 1) are two current antiviral agents used to control 50 plant viral diseases, but the former has a poor effect, while the latter has an 51 unsatisfactory field control effect.^{2,3} Therefore, new, broad-spectrum, and highly 52 effective anti-TMV agents need to be developed. 53

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Figure 1

Natural products have been increasingly used in the creation of new pesticides in 55 recent years because of their unique safety.⁴ Coumarin (Figure 1) are an important 56 organic heterocyclic compound that has pyranone as a parent ring structure. Natural 57 coumarins are present in many high-altitude plants in nature such as Umbelliferae, 58 59 Rutaceae, Leguminosae, Compositae, Orchidaceae, etc. Furthermore, coumarins have a variety of unique physiological and biological activities, such as anti-cancer,⁵ 60 anti-HIV,^{6,7} antibacterial,^{8,9} antioxidant and anti-inflammatory,^{10,11} anti-influenza,¹² 61 anti-tuberculosis,¹³ anti-Alzheimer's disease,^{14,15} antiviral^{16,17,18} and other biological 62 and medicinal activities. 63

64 Our group has reported a series of vanillin derivatives containing dithioacetal 65 (Figure 2) which are very active against cucumber mosaic virus (CMV) and potato 66 mosaic virus (PVY).¹⁹ By further derivatization, our group synthesized a series of

dithioacetal derivatives with anti-CMV, TMV, PVY and tomato chlorosis virus (ToCV) 67 activities.^{20,21} However, no compounds with good curative, protective and passivation 68 69 activity against TMV have been obtained, especially compounds without very good inactivating activity against TMV. Therefore, in the present study, a series of coumarin 70 71 derivatives containing dithioacetal (Figure 2) were designed and synthesized, and their anti-TMV protective, curative and inactivating activities were tested. The results 72 of biological activity assays indicate that most of these compounds exhibit excellent 73 74 anti-TMV activity.

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Figure 2

76 MATERIALS AND METHODS

Chemicals and Instruments. Reagents and solvents were purchased from 77 78 commercial sources. Reaction progress was monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on silica GF₂₅₄, and the melting points of compounds were confirmed using a 79 WRX-4 monocular microscope (Shanghai Yice Apparatus & Equipment Co., Ltd, 80 China). ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR were conducted on a Bruker Ascend-400 spectrometer 81 (Bruker, Germany) with deuterated chloroform (CDCl₃) and dimethyl sulfoxide 82 $(DMSO-d_6)$ as the solvent, while tetramethyl silane (TMS) was used as an internal 83 standard. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) data were obtained using a 84 Thermo Scientific Q Exactive instrument (Thermo, Missouri, USA). 85

General Procedure for the preparation of intermediates 2 and a1-a5. The synthetic route of coumarin derivatives containing dithioacetal is shown in Figure 3. Substituted 4-bromo-2H-chromen-2-one (intermediate 2) was synthesized according

to Balalas's method,²² where 4-hydroxycoumarin (1 g, 6.16 mmol) was added to 89 toluene (12.4 mL, 0.5 M), under Ar atmosphere and heated to 100 °C. Subsequently, 90 91 Bu₄NBr (2.98 g, 9.26 mmol) was added, heating was continued until the Bu₄NBr was dissolved, and then P₂O₅ (1.75 g, 12.34 mmol) was added, and the mixture was further 92 93 refluxed for 3 hours. The hot organic layer was then poured out, and the lower layer was extracted with hot toluene (2×20 mL). The combined toluene layer was then 94 successively washed with 5% NaHCO₃ (2×30 mL), water (50 mL) and saturated 95 brine (50 mL). Subsequently, the organic layer was dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄(10 96 g) and concentrated in vacuum to obtain the intermediate 2 (1.34 g, 96%), m.p. 97 87-89 °C. 98

Intermediates a1-a5 were prepared as described in the literature.²³ K_2CO_3 (4 mmol) was added to a solution containing intermediate 2 (2 mmol) and salicylaldehyde (2 mmol) or substituted 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde (2 mmol) in acetonitrile, after which the mixture was heated at 80 °C, and the reaction was monitored by TLC until the reaction was completed. The mixture then filtered and concentrated before being recrystallized from ethyl acetate to afford intermediates **a1-a5**. The representative data for compound **a1** are shown below.

106 2-((2-oxo-2H-chromen-4-yl)oxy)benzaldehyde (a1), light yellow solid; yield, 62%;

107 m.p. 145-147 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 10.16 (s, 1H, -CHO), 8.08-8.01 (m,

108 2H, Ar-H), 7.77-7.73 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.68-7.63 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H,

109 Ar-H), 7.46-7.33 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.32-7.25 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 5.37 (s, 1H, -CH-); ¹³C

110 NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 187.54 (1C), 166.40 (1C), 162.16 (1C), 153.97 (1C),

111	153.78 (1C), 136.32 (1C), 133.39 (1C), 130.88 (1C), 128.31 (1C), 127.64 (1C),
112	124.55 (1C), 123.03 (1C), 122.85 (1C), 117.16 (1C), 114.87 (1C), 94.48 (1C); HRMS
113	(ESI) m/z for $C_{16}H_{10}O_4Na [M+Na]^+$ calcd: 289.0471, found: 289.0466.
114	Figure 3
115	General Synthesis Procedure for the Coumarin Derivatives Containing
116	Dithioacetal Moiety b1-b30. The synthetic route of the title compounds b1-b30 is
117	shown in Figure 3. The title compounds were synthesized from the intermediate \mathbf{a} and
118	various types of thiols according to the methods described in the literature. ²⁴
119	Compounds a1-a5 (1 mmol) and thiol (2 mmol) were dissolved in dichloromethane at
120	room temperature, followed by the addition of the catalyst $NaHSO_4/SiO_2$ (0.01 mmol).
121	The reaction was monitored by TLC. After the material was completely converted, the
122	solid SiO_2 was removed by filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to
123	obtain the crude product, which was recrystallized from ethyl acetate to afford title
124	compounds b1-b30 (Figure 3). The representative data for compound b1 are shown
125	below.
126	4-(2-(bis((2-hydroxyethyl)thio)methyl)phenoxy)-2H-chromen-2-one (b1), white
127	solid, yield, 76.8%; m.p. 107-109 °C; ¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ : 8.11-8.01 (m,
128	1H, Ar-H), 7.83-7.81 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.68-7.61 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 4H,
129	Ar-H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 5.44 (s, 1H, -CH-), 5.27 (s, 1H, -SCHS-), 3.66-3.63
130	(m, 4H, -SCH ₂ -), 2.83-2.76 (m, 2H, -CH ₂ -), 2.65-2.59 (m, 2H, -CH ₂ -), 2.45 (s, 2H,

- 131 -OH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 165.89 (1C), 162.69 (1C), 153.71 (1C), 149.14
- 132 (1C), 133.25 (1C), 132.92 (1C), 130.10 (1C), 129.99 (1C), 127.62 (1C), 124.56 (1C),

133 123.07 (1C), 121.95 (1C), 117.13 (1C), 115.12 (1C), 94.01 (1C), 61.57 (1C), 46.49
134 (2C), 35.69 (2C); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* for C₂₀H₂₀O₅NaS₂ [M+Na]⁺ calcd: 427.0644,
135 found: 427.0644.

Antiviral activity assay. *Extraction of TMV^{25}*. The TMV viruses were propagated in *Nicotiana. tabacum* cv. K326, ground in phosphate buffer and filtered through multilayer gauze. The extract was centrifuged at 10,000×g for 5 min, treated twice with polyethylene glycol 6000, centrifuged again, and the extract was stored at 4 °C. The absorbance values were tested using an ultraviolet spectrophotometer at 260 nm.

Curative mode Anti-TMV²⁶ activities of title compounds in vivo. Nicotiana. 141 tabacum L. plants were used to evaluate the anti-TMV activities. The whole leaf was 142 sprinkled with silicon carbide, inoculated with TMV virus at a concentration of 6 \times 143 10⁻³ mg mL⁻¹, rinsed with water after half an hour, and then air dried. The drug 144 solution was evenly applied to the right side of the leaves, while the solvent was 145 applied to the left side of the leaves as a control. The plants were incubated at 28 °C in 146 147 a greenhouse under an illumination of 10 000 lx at 28±2 °C. After 3-4 days, the number of local lesions was counted. Measurements were performed in triplicate. 148

Protective mode Anti-TMV activities of title compounds in vivo. The drug solution was evenly applied to the right side of the leaves, while the solvent was applied to the left side of the leaves as a control. After air drying, the plants were placed in a greenhouse for 24 hours. The whole leaves were sprinkled with diamond, inoculated with TMV virus, and incubated for half an hour, and then rinsed with water and air dried. The plants were incubated at 28 °C in a greenhouse under an illumination of 10

155	000 lx at 28±2 °C. After 3-4 days, the number of local lesions was counted.
156	Measurements were performed in triplicate.
157	Inactivating mode Anti-TMV activities of title compounds in vivo. Nicotiana.
158	tabacum L. plants were used to evaluate the anti-TMV activities. After the whole leaf
159	was sprinkled with silicon carbide, the drug and TMV virus solutions were mixed for
160	30 min and then inoculated on the left leaf, while the right leaf was inoculated with
161	the TMV virus solution as a control. After incubating for half an hour, the leaves were
162	rinsed with water and incubated at 28 °C in a greenhouse under an illumination of 10
163	000 lx at 28±2 °C. After 3-4 days, the number of local lesions was counted.
164	Measurements were performed in triplicate.

Effect of compounds on the morphology of TMV particles.^{27,28} After mixing the compound solution with an equal volume of the TMV virus solution and incubating for 30 min, the mixture was adsorbed on a 200-mesh copper mesh carbon support membrane and counterstained with 1% phosphotungstic acid with a pH of 7.4. for 30 s. After fully drying, the morphologies of the TMV particles were observed via transmission electron microscope (TEM) with an FEI Talos F200C instrument at 200 kV.

Molecular docking. The interaction model of compounds **b20**, **b21** and **b24** with TMVCP (PDB code: 1EI7) was studied using Discovery Studio 4.5.^{29,30} The molecular docking results were processed according to a previously described method.³¹

176 **Determination of binding capacity.** The interaction of compounds with TMV CP

was studied through MST. The Kd values of compounds with TMV CP were assessed
through MST using Monolith NT.115 software (Nano Temper Technologies, Germany)
at 25 °C .^{30,32}

180 **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

181 Chemistry. The synthetic route of the coumarin derivatives containing dithioacetal is shown in Figure 3. 4-Bromocoumarin (2) was synthesized by Appel Reaction, 182 acetonitrile was used as a solvent and K₂CO₃ was used as a catalyst. The intermediate 183 2 was refluxed with salicylaldehyde or the correspondingly substituted 184 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde for 5-10 hours to produce the intermediates **a1-a5**, and the 185 title compounds **b1-b30** were synthesized using NaHSO₄/SiO₂ as a catalyst by 186 condensation of a1-a5 and a substituted thiol (Figure 3). The structures of 187 intermediates a1-a5 and title compounds b1-b30 have been identified by ¹H NMR, 188 ¹³C NMR and HRMS (Supporting Information). 189

Antiviral Activity. Anti-TMV Activity in Vivo. The anti-TMV activities of the target 190 191 compounds **b1-b30** at a concentration of 500 mg/L were evaluated by the half-leaf method, and ribavirin was used as a reference drug.³³ The anti-TMV activity results 192 for these compounds are shown in Table 1. The target compounds showed excellent 193 activity against TMV. Compounds **b15**, **b21** and **b24** showed good curative effects 194 with values of 65.8, 62.1 and 67.3%, respectively, which were superior to ribavirin 195 (40.3%). Compounds **b6**, **b16** and **b18** showed good protective effects with values of 196 61.9, 68.5 and 64.6%, respectively, which were superior to ribavirin (51.2%). 197 Moreover, compounds **b15**, **b21** and **b24** showed good inactivating effects with values 198

199	of 81.7, 94.2 and 84.2%, respectively, which were superior to that of ribavirin (71.2%).
200	In addition, the EC_{50} of inactivating activity of compounds b15 , b21 and b24 (68.4,
201	54.2, and 65.3 mg/L, respectively) were superior to that of ribavirin (134.2 mg/L).
202	Interestingly, compounds b21 and b24 showed excellent activity in all three modes
203	(curative, protective, and inactivating), with compound b21 showing the best
204	inactivating activity.

Structure-activity relationships (SARs). SARs were determined based on the 205 preliminary results. The type and position of the substituent of the title compounds 206 207 greatly influenced their anti-TMV curative, protective and inactivating activities. When R_2 was an aliphatic group (Et, *n*-Pr and *n*-butyl), it increases the anti-TMV 208 activity of the compound was increased. For example, in terms of anti-TMV curative 209 210 activity, **b15**, **b16** and **b18** > **b14**; **b21** and **b24** > **b20**; and **b27**, **b20** and **b30** > **b26**. However, this was not followed by all the compounds. For example, b2 > b3, b4 and 211 b6. In terms of protective activity, b3, b4 and b6 > b2; b9 and b12 > b8; b16 and 212 213 **b18** > **b14**; **b21**, **b22** and **b24** > **b20**; and **b27**, **b28** and **b30** > **b26**. However, this effect was not observed in compound **b10**. When R₂ was aliphatic, there was no 214 branching (Et, n-Pr and n-butyl group), which is better than *i*-Pr. For example, in 215 terms of protective activity, b16 > b17; b22 > b23; and b28 > b29, with the exception 216 of **b10** < **b11**. In terms of inactivating activity, **b10** > **b11**; **b22** > **b23**; and **b28** > **b29**. 217 However, **b17** did not follow this rule. 218

219 **Determination of binding capacity.** TMV CP plays a very important role in tRNA 220 synthesis and mRNA translation in the self-assembly of anti-TMV agents.³⁴ Since the

target compound exhibited significant inactivating activity, with compound **b21** 221 showing the best inactivating activity, we speculated that compound **b21** was highly 222 223 active against TMV CP. Therefore, the binding affinities of b20, b21, b24 and ribavirin toward TMV CP were measured via MST. The results of the MST analysis 224 225 are shown in Table 2 and Figure 4. The results showed that compared with ribavirin (128.7 \pm 34.7 μ M), compound **b21** and TMV CP had stronger binding activity, with a 226 dissociation constant (Kd) of $2.9\pm0.8 \mu$ M, which was better than that of **b20** 227 $(527.7\pm210.9 \ \mu\text{M})$ and **b24** $(123.4\pm54.7 \ \mu\text{M})$. The results of the MST analysis were 228 229 consistent with the previously observed inactivating abilities of the compounds.

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Figure 4

Molecular docking. To further investigate the combination modes of the target 231 232 compounds and TMV CP, we used Discovery Studio 4.5 for molecular docking analysis. Compounds **b20**, **b24** and **b21** were selected for molecular docking with 233 TMV CP (PDB code: 1EI7).³² The docking results are shown in Figure 5, and the 234 235 binding activity of these compounds with TMV-CP can be explained by hydrogen bonding and nonhydrogen bonding interactions. As shown in Figure 5A, Compound 236 **b20** forms one conventional hydrogen bond with the active site of TYR139 at a 237 distance of 2.92 Å. In addition, it forms one halogen (2.79 Å) with GLU222, one 238 sulfur-X (2.66 Å) with PRO254, and VAL75 (5.21 Å & 5.28 Å), LYS253 (4.64 Å), 239 VAL260 (5.11 Å) and ARF134 (5.38 Å) form five pi-alkyl interactions. Compound 240 b24 forms two conventional hydrogen bonds with amino acids LYS268 (2.68 Å) and 241 ARG134 (1.82 Å), as shown in Figure 5B. In addition, it forms an unfavorable 242

243	acceptor-acceptor interaction with PRO254 (2.77 Å), forming three pi-alkyl
244	interactions are formed with LYS253 (4.49 Å) and VAL75 (5.40 Å & 5.28 Å).
245	Compound b21 forms five conventional hydrogen bonds with amino acids GLN257
246	(2.82 Å), ASN73 (2.38 Å), TYR139 (2.05 Å), LYS268 (2.16 Å) and ARG134 (3.09
247	Å), one pi-donor hydrogen bond with GLY137 (2.57 Å), and form four alkyl or
248	pi-Alkyl bonds with amino acids VAL260 (4.44 Å), VAL75 (4.81 Å) and LYS253
249	(6.26 Å), as shown in Figure 5C. Molecular docking results of ribavirin with TMV CP
250	showed that ribavirin forms three conventional hydrogen bonds with amino acids
251	LYS268 (2.48 and 1.72 Å) and ARG134 (2.03 Å), one pi-alkyl interaction with
252	VAL75 (4.54 Å), and one unfavorable donor-donor interaction with ASP219 (1.08 Å),
253	as shown in Figure 5D. The docking results indicate that compound b21 and TMV-CP
254	have five conventional hydrogen bonds, which are more than ribavirin, compound b20
255	and compound b24 , suggesting that hydrogen bonding between the compound and
256	TMV-CP may play a critical role in their interaction.

Figure 5

Effect of the compounds on the morphology of TMV particles. Transmission electron microscope (TEM) studies of the effects of **b21** and ribavirin on the morphology of TMV granules (Figure 6). Normal TMV particles are linear, rod-like structures (Figure 6A) with almost no breaks. After 30 min of interaction between ribavirin and TMV, partial fragmentation of TMV particles was observed (Figure 6B). When **b21** and TMV interacted for 30 min, the TMV particles were observably broken, with different lengths and short rod-like structures (Figure 6C).

Figure 6

In summary, in this study, we synthesized a series of coumarin derivatives 266 267 containing dithioacetal moieties and tested their anti-TMV activities. The results of the biological activity assay showed that the title compound exhibited good curative, 268 protective and inactivation activities. In particular, compounds b15, b21 and b24 269 exhibited excellent anti-TMV inactivation activity with EC₅₀ values of 68.4, 54.2 and 270 65.3 mg/L, respectively. SAR analysis results showed that the introduction of 271 unbranched aliphatic groups (Et, n-Pr and n-butyl) into the compound enhances their 272 273 anti-TMV activity. With respect to the title compound, it has good anti-TMV inactivation activity, and compound **b21** exhibited good binding ability toward TMV 274 275 CP through molecular docking analysis. The results of MST experiments showed that 276 compound **b21** has strong binding ability with TMV CP, which is consistent with the results of molecular docking experiments. The TEM results showed that the 277 morphology of the TMV particles was severely disrupted and ruptured in the presence 278 279 of compound **b21**. These findings indicate that compound **b21** has a strong binding ability toward TMV and can disrupt its structure and cause its rupture, thereby 280 inactivating the virus and inhibiting the infection of plants. The results of the current 281 study provide reliable support for the use of the dithioacetal-containing coumarin 282 structure as a potential lead compound for anti-TMV virus agents. 283

284 CONTENT ASSOCIATED

285 Supporting Information

286 The synthesis, physical analysis, ¹H NMR spectra, ¹³C NMR spectra and

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287	high-resolution	mass	spectrum	(HRMS)	of	compounds	a1-a5	and	b1-b30	can	be

288 found in the supplementary data.

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300 ABRREVIATIONS USED

- 301 EC₅₀, half-maximal effective concentration; TMS, tetramethylsilane; ¹H NMR, ¹H
- 302 nuclear magnetic resonance; ¹³C NMR, ¹³C nuclear magnetic resonance; HRMS, high
- 303 resolution mass spectrum; CMV, cucumber mosaic virus; TMV, tobacco mosaic virus;
- 304 PVY, potato mosaic virus; ToCV, tomato chlorosis virus; THF, tetrahydrofuran; TEM,
- 305 transmission electron microscopy; MST, microscale thermophoresis; SARs,
- 306 Structure-activity relationships; Kd, dissociation constant.

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423 **Information of FIGURE**

- 424 Figure 1. Chemical structures of Cumarin, Ribavirin and Ningnanmycin.
- 425 Figure 2. Design of title compounds.
- 426 Figure 3. Synthetic route for title compounds **b1-b30**.
- 427 Figure 4. Microscale thermophoresis (MST) test results of compounds b20 (A), b24
- 428 (B), **b21** (C), and **Ribavirin** (D) with TMV CP.
- 429 Figure 5. Molecule docking results of compounds b20 (A), b24 (B), b21 (C), and
- 430 **Ribavirin** (D) with TMV CP
- 431 Figure 6. The effect on the morphology of TMV particles of compounds CK (A),
- 432 **Ribavirin** (B) and **b21** (C).
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437 Table 1. Antiviral activities of target compounds b1-b30 against TMV *in vivo* at

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	Curative	Protective	Inactivating	EC ₅₀ for TMV
Compound	activity ^{<i>a</i>} (%)	activity ^{<i>a</i>} (%)	activity ^a (%)	inactivating activity ^a (mg/L)
b1	43.7±1.7	47.6±1.2	60.5±4.8	242.7±3.6
b2	56.9±1.8	42.7±2.0	67.9±1.9	183.2±4.3
b3	45.6±1.3	50.5±3.3	73.3±4.5	117.8±4.6
b4	34.2±3.7	45.1±2.5	63.2±3.6	262.4±3.3
b5	49.3±2.8	43.7±3.5	64.2±4.9	220.5±7.8
b6	47.2±2.2	61.9±1.4	78.3±3.2	75.3±2.7
b7	44.2±1.9	39.4±1.9	53.2±4.2	363.7±3.2
b8	44.1±4.3	31.5±4.4	62.8±4.4	248.9±2.8
b9	46.0±3.3	45.6±1.2	77.4±4.9	98.2±4.5
b10	44.1±4.4	25.5±1.6	76.2±4.2	104.3±4.3
b11	41.4±5.0	43.1±2.5	69.7±3.2	162.3±5.3
b12	42.2±1.1	55.5±1.5	78.4±4.2	102.2±2.8
b13	24.1±4.0	49.6±5.0	74.5±4.0	132.4±6.4
b14	38.2±4.5	50.8±3.8	63.5±5.1	216.4±3.1
b15	65.8±2.3	49.4±3.1	81.7±2.0	68.4±4.4
b16	47.3±4.3	68.2±3.7	74.1±1.5	125.5±3.5
b17	45.3±2.5	25.7±3.2	79.0±4.5	84.4±2.0
b18	49.7±2.1	64.6±1.0	68.2±3.8	194.2±1.9

b19	28.2±4.3	22.7±2.9	45.4±1.9	421.5±7.6
b20	44.1±2.4	30.0±4.3	61.6±1.7	232.9±2.6
b21	62.1±3.1	54.5±1.9	94.2±1.1	54.2±2.8
b22	40.2±2.1	42.9±1.2	78.2±4.1	83.6±4.3
b23	33.1±1.3	26.6±3.7	66.4±1.1	173.4±3.4
b24	67.3±2.1	55.5±1.8	84.2±2.1	65.3±1.8
b25	53.2±1.6	49.1±2.2	78.2±3.1	94.6±3.7
b26	39.5±2.8	28.9±4.3	63.3±2.3	224.1±3.1
b27	45.3±2.8	49.2±3.1	68.1±1.9	159.7±2.6
b28	44.0±4.3	57.6±1.1	73.3±3.1	133.±2.5
b29	32.2±2.3	42.1±2.2	58.2±3.4	322.6±2.0
b30	52.1±3.0	49.4±3.2	78.1±1.3	107.5±3.7
Ribavirin ^b	40.3±2.6	51.2±3.3	71.2±2.4	134.2±4.6

^a Average of three replicates. ^b Ribavirin was used as the control. 440

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446	Table 2 Interaction results of target compounds with TMV CP				
	Compound	b20	b21	b24	Ribavirin ^b
	$\mathrm{Kd}^{\mathrm{a}}\left(\mu\mathrm{M} ight)$	527.7±210.9	2.9±0.8	123.4±54.7	128.7±34.7
	EC ₅₀ (mg/L)	232.9±2.6	54.2±2.8	65.3±1.8	134.2±4.6
447	^a Average of three	replicates.			

^b Ribavirin was used as the control. 448

