

Generation of Highly Selective, Potent, and Covalent G Protein-Coupled Receptor Kinase 5 Inhibitors

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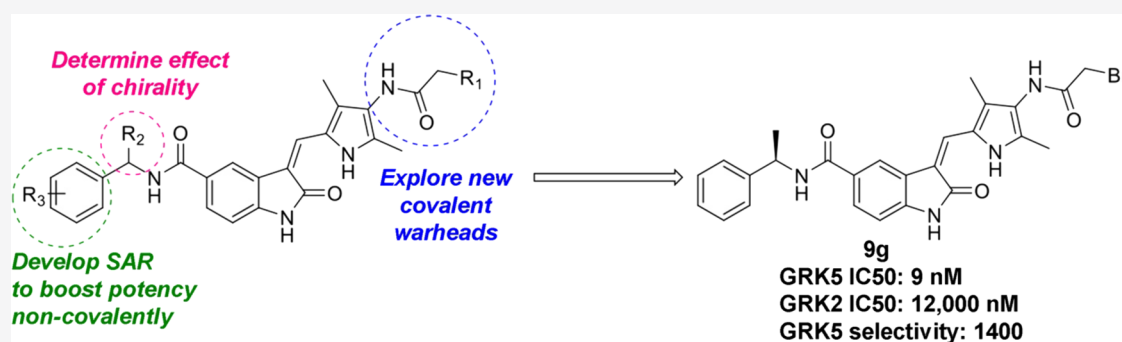
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ABSTRACT: The ability of G protein-coupled receptor (GPCR) kinases (GRKs) to regulate the desensitization of GPCRs has made GRK2 and GRK5 attractive targets for treating diseases such as heart failure and cancer. Previously, our work showed that Cys474, a GRK5 subfamily-specific residue located on a flexible loop adjacent to the active site, can be used as a covalent handle to achieve selective inhibition of GRK5 over GRK2 subfamily members. However, the potency of the most selective inhibitors remained modest. Herein, we describe a successful campaign to adapt an indolinone scaffold with covalent warheads, resulting in a series of 2-haloacetyl-containing compounds that react quickly and exhibit three orders of magnitude selectivity for GRK5 over GRK2 and low nanomolar potency. They however retain a similar selectivity profile across the kinome as the core scaffold, which was based on Sunitinib.

INTRODUCTION

G protein-coupled receptor (GPCR) kinases (GRKs) selectively recognize and phosphorylate activated GPCRs, leading to their desensitization and internalization, a process critical for maintaining cellular homeostasis. The seven human GRKs (GRK1–GRK7) are classified via structural and sequence similarity into three subfamilies: GRK1 (GRK1 and GRK7), GRK2 (GRK2 and GRK3), and GRK4 (GRK4, GRK5, and GRK6).¹ GRK1 and GRK7 are found primarily in the retina and GRK4 in the testes, whereas GRK2, GRK3, GRK5, and GRK6 are more ubiquitously expressed. Of these kinases, GRK2 and GRK5 are the two isoforms with the highest concentration in cardiovascular tissue. Because they are overexpressed in the diseased heart and their inhibition or ablation has been shown to prevent heart failure and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, they have become important therapeutic targets.^{2,3} GRK2 and GRK5 are also potential targets for treatment of cancer^{4,5} and other pathophysiological conditions.¹ GRK5 is further unique among GRKs because it undergoes Ca^{2+} /calmodulin-dependent nuclear localization, where it phosphorylates histone deacetylase 5 (HDAC5), inducing an increase in transcription of associated genes.⁶ In

studies where GRK5 was knocked down, cardiomyocytes were protected from hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.⁷ The influence of GRK5 in progressive heart failure and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy however remains unclear, in part because GRK2 can also mediate hypertrophic responses⁸ and there are few compounds known to have clear GRK5 selectivity that could be used to test mechanistic hypotheses in physiologically relevant cells or animals.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Previously, we developed a set of GRK5/6-selective pyrrolopyrimidine inhibitors using a covalent strategy.⁹ This effort established that Cys474, located on a loop known as the active site tether (AST) that packs over the ATP binding site in AGC kinases, can serve as a covalent handle to achieve

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GRK5 selectivity. However, the affinities of the best compounds were low micromolar at best. Because the intrinsic affinity of the compound plays an important role in dictating the concentration of the protein-inhibitor covalent complex, which must persist long enough for a covalent reaction to occur,¹⁰ the discovery of a more intrinsically potent scaffold for GRK5 inhibition was prioritized. To this end, we considered a set of known GRK5 modulators derived from an indolinone scaffold present in the FDA-approved receptor tyrosine kinase (RTK) inhibitor Sunitinib (**1**) (Figure 1), a compound that

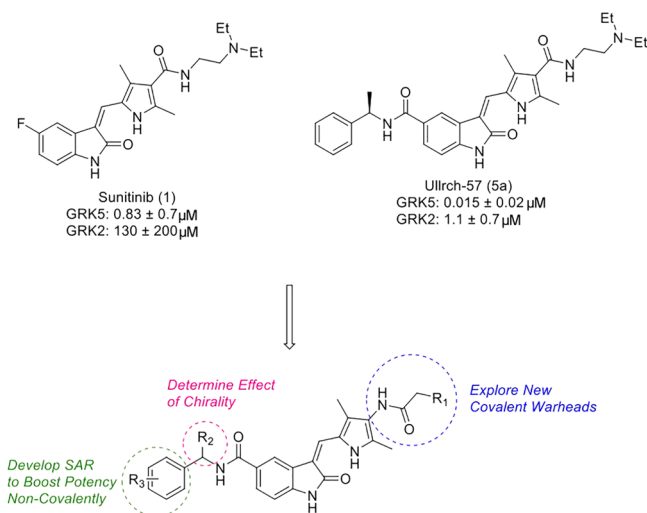


Figure 1. Lead compounds **1** and **5a** with design strategy.

targets both GRK5 and multiple RTKs including the platelet-derived growth factor receptor and vascular endothelial growth factor receptor.^{4,11} We focused on Ullrich-57 (**5a**), which was reported to have low nanomolar activity against GRK5 (GRK5 IC_{50} = <0.1 μ M), although its selectivity was not reported.¹² We independently synthesized **5a** and also tested its parent compound, Sunitinib, and showed that **5a** has orders of magnitude more potency against GRK5 than our previous pyrrolopyrimidine scaffold and that both exhibit one to two orders of magnitude selectivity for GRK5 over GRK2 (Figure 1 and Table 1). Modeling the **5a** complex with GRK5 was performed by docking in the program MOE. The highest scoring pose predicted that **5a** would bind in the active site of GRK5 in a fashion that would allow the formation of three hydrogen bonds with the hinge, which would consequently project its diethylamine moiety toward the AST loop (Figure 2A). We hypothesized that replacing the diethylamine arm of the scaffold with thiol reactive warheads could allow for covalent attachment to Cys474 and generation of even more selective and potent covalent GRK5 inhibitors. Thus, the goal for our first series of compounds was to identify a covalent warhead that affords the highest incorporation and the most selectivity for GRK5 over GRK2. As a control, potency against the canonical AGC kinase protein kinase A (PKA) was also evaluated; however, all but one of our compounds had negligible effects against this enzyme.

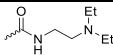
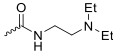
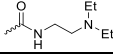
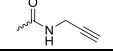
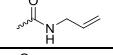
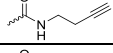
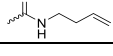
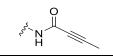
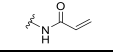
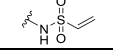
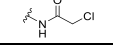
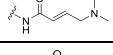
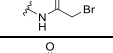
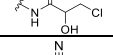
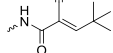
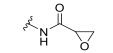
Synthesis for this series began with an amide coupling to give common intermediate **3** (Scheme 1). In a convergent line of synthesis, a secondary amide coupling with the starting material **6** gave intermediates **4a–4e**. Combining the two lines of synthesis, Knoevenagel condensation yielded compounds **5a–5f**, wherein **5a** and **5b** represent the (*R*) and (*S*)

enantiomers of Ullrich-57. We found that the (*S*)-enantiomer **5b** was over 1000-fold less potent (Table 1), indicating that the (*R*)-enantiomer (**5a**) places the methyl and benzyl pendants in a more ideal position. The structural rationale for this based on the dock remains elusive because of unknowns about the overall conformation of the GRK5 kinase domain (see Figure 2). All other compounds were therefore synthesized with the same stereoconfiguration as **5a**.

Initial diversification tested a series of alkenyl or alkynyl amines as covalent modifiers. The propargyl analogue, **5c**, demonstrated similar potency to **5a** (GRK5 IC_{50} = 21 nM) but exhibited over a magnitude higher selectivity over GRK2 (2100-fold). We speculate that this high level of selectivity is due to a potential clash of the propargyl warhead with the GRK2 AST and/or large lobe, given the predicted vector for the alkynyl and alkenyl groups (Figure 2A). For all other amide linked compounds with an alkenyl or alkynyl warhead (**5d–5f**), the selectivity for GRK5 over GRK2 remained between 330 and 1400 fold, but in each case, the IC_{50} for GRK5 was higher than that of **5c** (Table 1). Linker length also contributed to GRK5 affinity, as demonstrated by a comparison of **5c** with **5e**, and **5d** with **5f**, wherein the latter compounds have homologated alkenyl and alkynyl warheads and somewhat less potency. Thus, a single methylene linker to the reactive center seems optimal for maintaining GRK5 activity among these trial compounds.

By reversing the warhead amide, the covalent warheads used in our previous work⁹ became synthetically accessible. To accomplish this, Knoevenagel condensation with 3,5-dimethyl-4-nitro-1-pyrrolocarbaldehyde yielded a common intermediate, **7a** (Scheme 2). **7a** was itself tested for inhibitory activity because it possesses the ability to release nitric oxide, a known vasodilator, rendering it a possible dual mechanism compound.¹³ The nitro group was however poorly tolerated (GRK5 IC_{50} = 730 nM) and only 10-fold selective for GRK5. A zinc-catalyzed reduction of the nitro group of **7a** to the free amine **8a** allowed for rapid derivatization through amide coupling to yield final compounds **9a–9h** (Scheme 2). **9a**, which features a 2-butynyl acid warhead that reacted with Cys474 in our prior study,⁹ exhibited low micromolar potency (Table 1). The commonly used acrylamide and vinyl sulfonamide variants, **9b** and **9c**, respectively, showed high nanomolar activity against GRK5 and retained >100-fold selectivity over GRK2. The 2-chloroacetyl-amido-containing compound **9e** showed moderate potency (GRK5 IC_{50} = 220 nM) but 1500-fold selectivity over GRK2. Because **5a** had low nanomolar potency, we introduced a similar reactive appendage, dimethylaminobutenoic acid, in **9f**. This compound showed an increased IC_{50} (360 nM, thus 24-fold higher than **5a**), but only 50-fold selectivity over GRK2. The 2-bromoacetyl-amido compound **9g** was found to have a greater potency against GRK5 (IC_{50} = 8.6 nM) than its chloro analog **9e**, while retaining a high level of selectivity against GRK2 (1400-fold). Thus, we concluded that the bromo group of **9g** must be better at filling a lipophilic pocket than the chloro group, but it was not possible to model this because the structure of the AST loop is uncertain in our GRK5/6 overlay model (Figure 2). It was also observed that **9g** took longer to fully engage Cys474 within the 30 min incubation time frame (Figure 3). **9h** was also potent against GRK5 (IC_{50} = 80 nM), whereas compounds **10a** and **10b** exhibited only moderate potency.

Table 1. IC₅₀ Values ($\mu\text{M} \pm \text{SD}$) and Reactivity of Indolinone Compounds^a

Compound	R ₁	GRK5	GRK2	GRK2/ GRK5	PKA	Adduct by MS ^b	
Sunitinib	1	 0.83 ± 0.7 (3)	130 ± 200 (3)	150	ND	NA	
CCG 271421	5a^c	 0.015 ± 0.02 (7)	1.1 ± 0.7 (4)	74	>250 (2)	NA	
CCG 273262	5b^c	 1.30 ± 0.1 (3)	44 ± 18 (3)	32	ND	NA	
CCG 271423	5c	 0.021 ± 0.01 (7)	44 ± 40 ^b (6)	2100	ND	>30 min	
CCG 271424	5d	 0.048 ± 0.008 (3)	22 ± 10 (3)	460	>250 (2)	>30 min	
CCG 271441	5e	 0.091 ± 0.04 (3)	130 ± 50 (3)	1400	>250 (2)	>30 min	
CCG 271442	5f	 1.94 ± 0.05 (2)	630 ± 200 (2)	330	ND	>30 min	
CCG 273183	7a	NO ₂	0.73 ± 0.5 (3)	7.2 ± 3 (3)	10.	ND	ND
CCG 273180	9a	 2.5 ± 0.8 (3)	150 ± 30 (3)	61	ND	>3 hr	
CCG 273181	9b	 0.81± 0.7 (4)	87 ± 30 (3)	110	ND	>3 hr	
CCG 273182	9c	 0.74 ± 0.6 (5)	280 ± 110 (3)	370	ND	100% 3 hr	
CCG 273220	9e	 0.22 ± 0.04 (3)	350 ± 100 (2)	1500	>250 (2)	90% 30 min	
CCG 273221	9f	 0.36 ± 0.2 (3)	17 ± 10 (2)	47	ND	>30 min	
CCG 273463	9g	 0.0086 ± 0.003 (7)	12 ± 20 (3)	1400	>250 (2)	70% 30 min	
CCG 273464	9h	 0.08 ± 0.03 (3)	6.7 ± 5 (3)	83	>250 (2)	>30 min	
CCG 273240	10a	 0.28 ± 0.1 (3)	120 ± 80 (2)	430	>250 (2)	>30 min	
CCG 273462	10b	 0.74 ± 0.2 (3)	>250 (5)	>340	ND	>30 min	
CCG 215022	-	0.28 ± 0.1 (6)	ND	-	>250 (2)	NA	
paroxetine	-	ND	0.78 ± 0.3 (3)	-	850 ± 400 (4)	NA	

^aAll data were fit to a log([inhibitor]) versus response model with variable slope and automatic outlier rejection in GraphPad Prism. Curves that had R^2 values less than 0.8 after fitting were omitted. ND, not determined. NA, not applicable. Values in parentheses indicate the number of independent experimental curves. CCG215022 and paroxetine are positive controls for GRK5 and GRK2, respectively. ^bIncubation time needed to observe adduct formation with GRK5 by intact mass MS. ^c5a and 5b are the (R) and (S) enantiomers of Ullrich-57, respectively.

We evaluated adduct formation in this series at 30 min and 3 h by intact mass spectrometry (MS) (Table 1, Figure 3, and Figure S1). Only a few compounds exhibited a signal for GRK5 at the 3 h timepoint. 5c, which exhibited similar potency to the parent compound 5a and over 2000-fold selectivity against GRK2, was surprisingly not covalent under our conditions. Neither were compounds 5d–5f. 9a and 9b were likewise unreactive at the 30 min timepoint. The vinyl sulfonamide 9c was able to react after a 3 h incubation (Figure S1) despite its moderate affinity (740 nM). The chloroacetyl

9e however had nearly complete covalent engagement by 30 min (Figure 3A). 9e was unreactive against GRK5-C474S, consistent with Cys474 being the covalent handle (Figure 3D). Its bromoacetyl analog 9g also rapidly reacted with GRK5 (Figure 3B), but 9h, 10a, and 10b were unreactive at 30 min. Based on the sum of the data, we rationalize that compounds in the 5c–5f series were unreactive because of constraints placed on the warhead by increased hydrogen bond interactions with the GRK5 hinge relative to 9c, 9e, and 9g where the attaching amide was flipped, affording a different

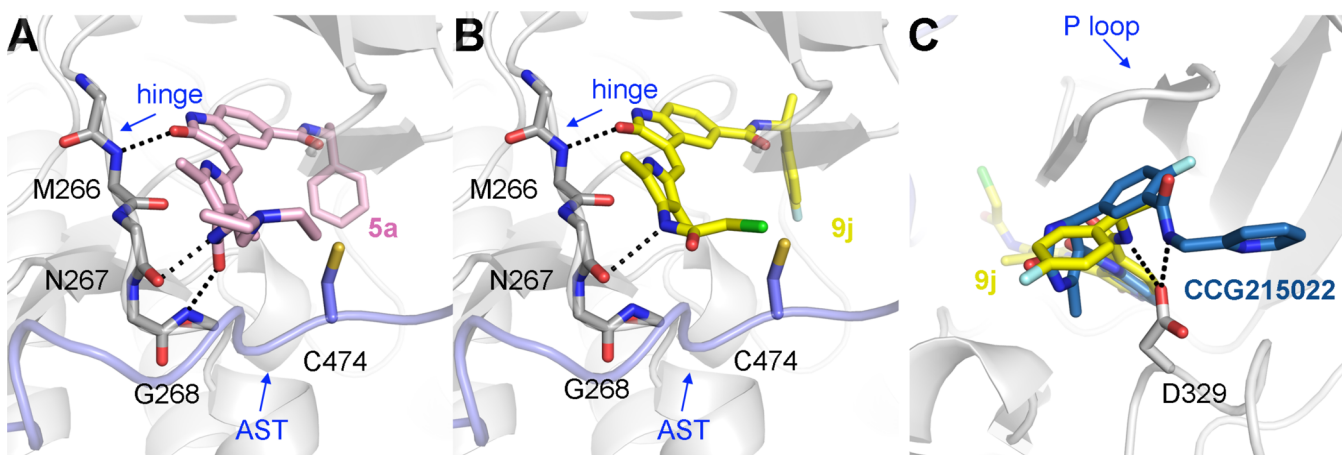
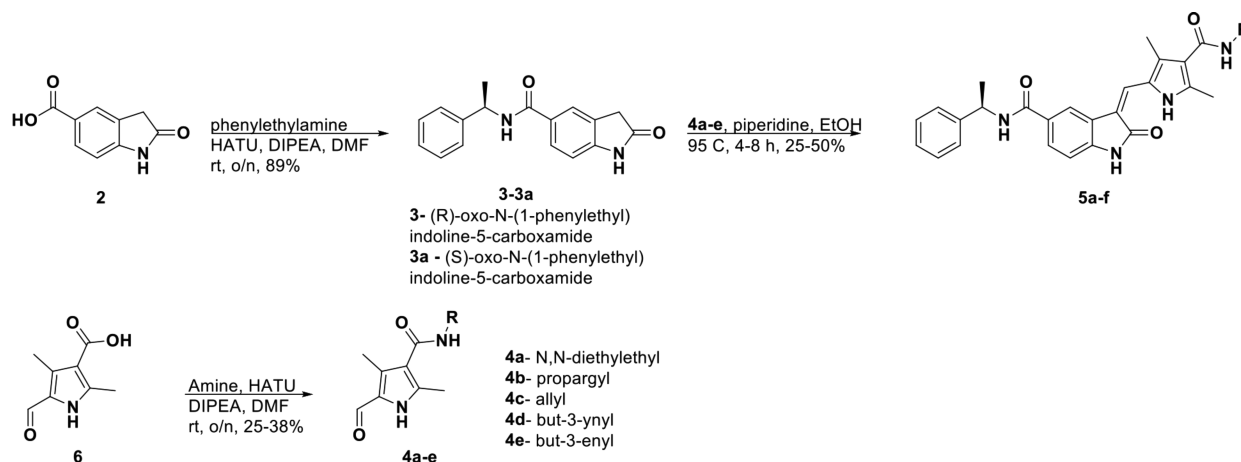


Figure 2. Docking models of lead compound **5a** and the most potent derivative **9j** and their comparison with the GRK5·CCG215022 complex. (A) **5a**, with pink carbons, red oxygens, and blue nitrogens docked using the program MOE into the structure of GRK5 (gray, PDB ID 4WNK), with the addition of the AST loop from GRK6 (purple, PDB ID 3NYN) because this element was disordered in the 4WNK structure and contains the target Cys474 residue. The diamine moiety extends toward the AST loop where Cys474 is located. Three hydrogen bonds, shown as dashed lines, are formed with the hinge of the kinase domain. None of the compounds in the **5a–5f** series were able to form adducts despite some that demonstrated high potency. (B) **9j** (yellow carbons) wherein the amide functionality in the covalent warhead was flipped relative to **5a** and therefore forms one less hydrogen bond with the hinge. Being less constrained, we hypothesize that this modification allows the warhead to leave the hinge region along a different vector that leads to less steric collisions with the AST and to closer proximity with Cys474. Consequently, compounds in the **9a** series show adduct formation. Bromine is colored green. (C) Comparison of the fluorophenyl groups of **9j** and CCG215022 (from 4WNK). The fluorine atom is colored cyan. Both ligands are modeled to form a hydrogen bond with Asp329, an invariant catalytic residue in protein kinases. However, it is unclear whether this region of the scaffold is docked correctly because the conformation of the GRK5 kinase domain, and in particular its P loop and AST, is not known. The SAR in Table 2 is best explained with the fluorophenyl packing under the P loop as it does in the CCG215022 complex.

Scheme 1. Convergent Route to **5a–5f**^a



^a**5a** and **5b** are enantiomers derived from **3** and **3a**, respectively.

vector for the attached warhead and less conformational constraints (Figure 2A,B).

At this point, **9e** and **9g** provided the most reactivity combined with the most selectivity for GRK5 over GRK2 (Table 1). Therefore, we initialized structure–activity relationships (SAR) around indolinone scaffolds bearing 2-haloacetyl-amido warheads (Schemes 3 and 4 and Table 2). Benzyl and pyridyl pendants in the *R*₁ position (Table 2) were explored first. Overall, in terms of potency, GRK5 seemed to have a strong preference for smaller electron-withdrawing substituents in the *para*-position of the benzyl groups: F (**9j**) > Cl (**9o**) > H (**9e**) > CH₃ (**9n**). The MOE docked models do not explain this preference, but such behavior would be expected if the benzyl pendant packs instead under the P loop of the active

site. In fact, most known GRK inhibitors, including CCG215022, tend to have benzyl groups that pack in this site (Figure 2C).¹⁴ The enhancement in potency of 3-Me (**9i**) is large compared to **9e**, suggesting that a 3-Me, 4-F analog would be even more potent. However, a lack of appropriate chemical precursors prevented us from studying such combinations. We note that we took advantage of the *meta*-position of the fluorobenzyl group of paroxetine to make a highly successful series of GRK2 selective inhibitors.¹⁵ The position of the nitrogen in pyridyl pendants also appeared to make a small difference. In **9k**, the potency was 3.5-fold higher than that of **9l** with an *ortho*-nitrogen, suggesting once again that the *para*-nitrogen in **9k** fulfills an electronic deficiency. **9j**, with a 4-fluoro substituent, had 55-fold more potency (IC₅₀ =

Scheme 2. General Synthetic Route to 9a–9h and 10a and 10b

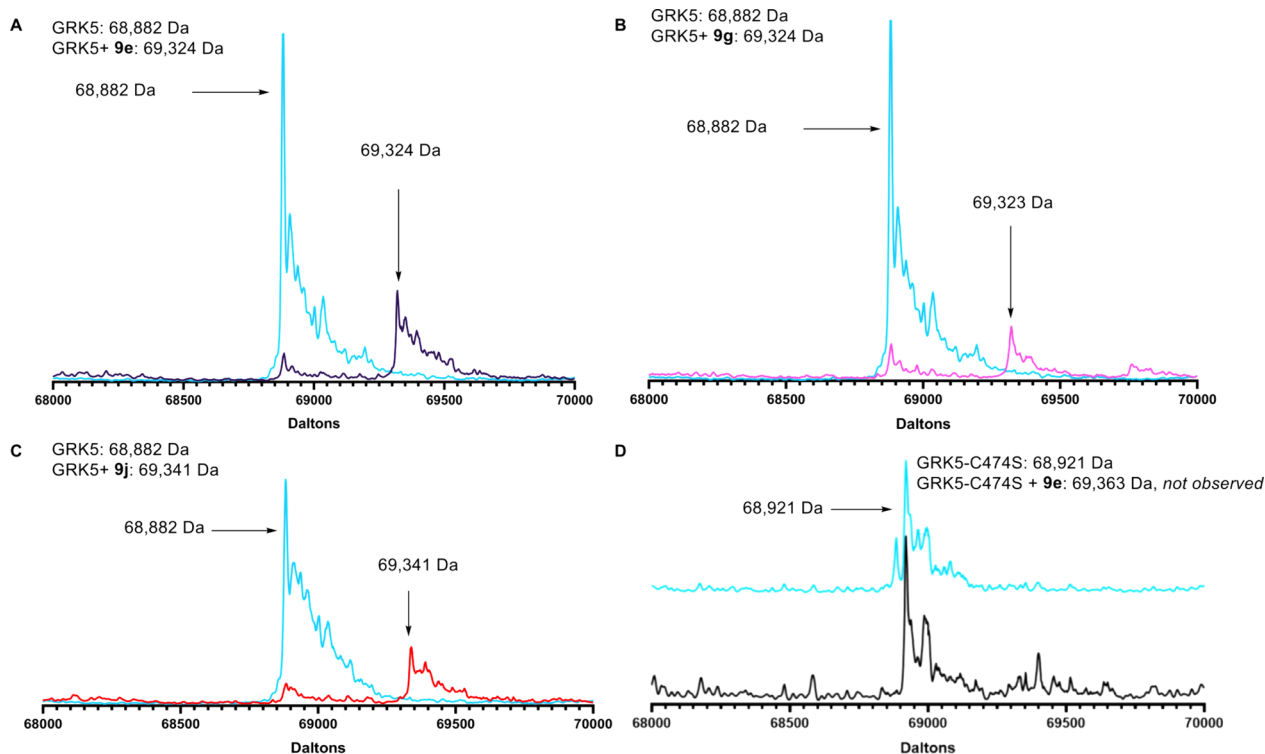
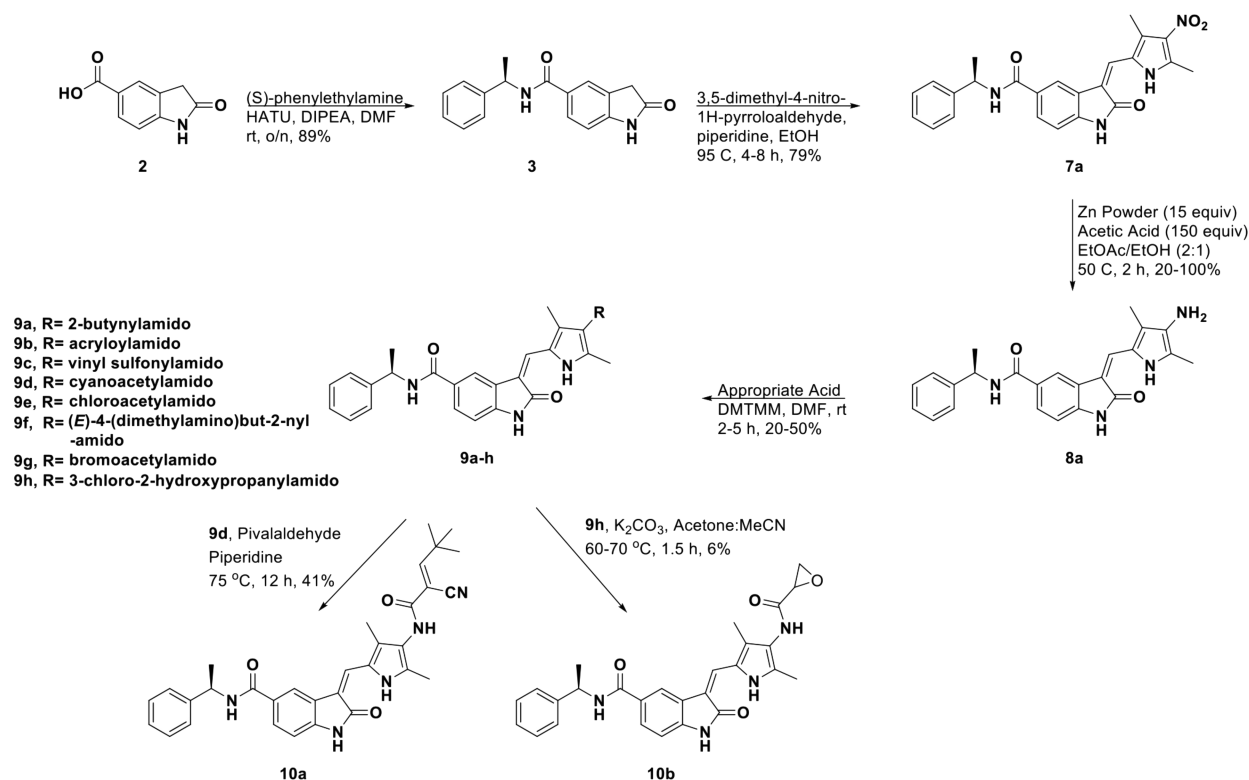
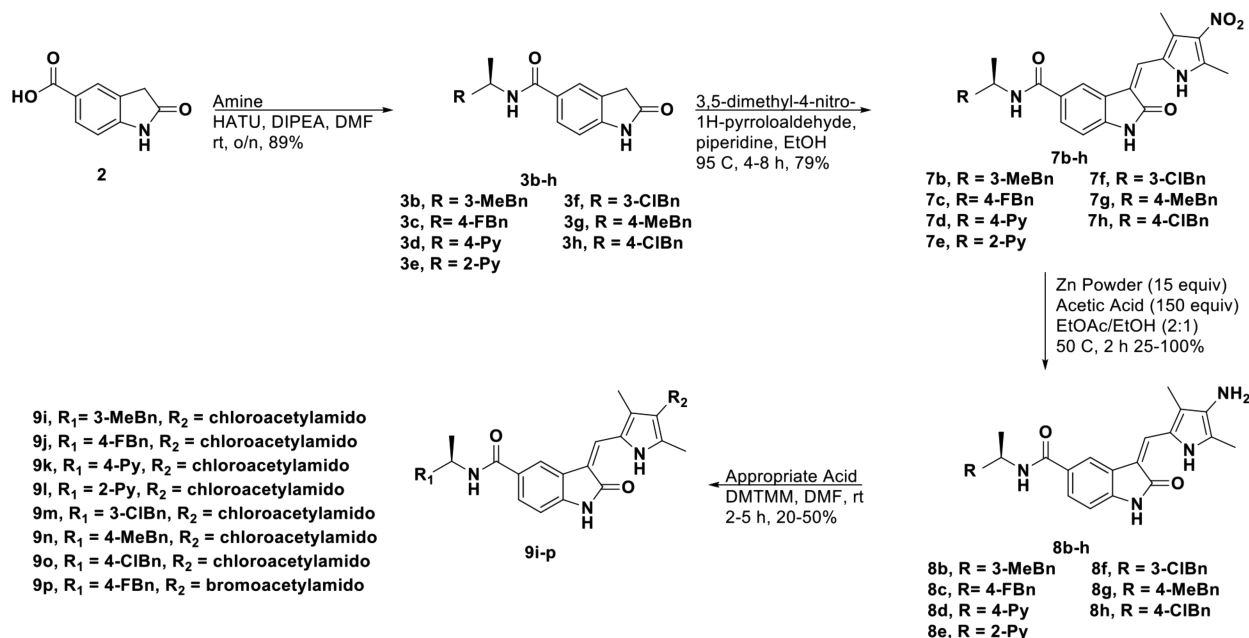


Figure 3. Intact protein MS for compounds **9e**, **9g**, and **9j**. (A) GRK5 (blue) and GRK5+**9e** (black) incubated for 30 min. **9e** demonstrated full labeling of GRK5. (B) GRK5 and GRK5+**9g** (pink) incubated for 30 min. **9g** only labeled 50% of GRK5. (C) GRK5 and GRK5+**9j** (red) incubated for 30 min. **9j** fully labeled GRK5 in this timeframe. (D) GRK5-C474S mutant (purple) and GRK5-C474S+**9e** (teal) incubated for 30 min. **9e** did not label GRK5-C474S, indicating that **9e** and related compounds are engaging Cys474.

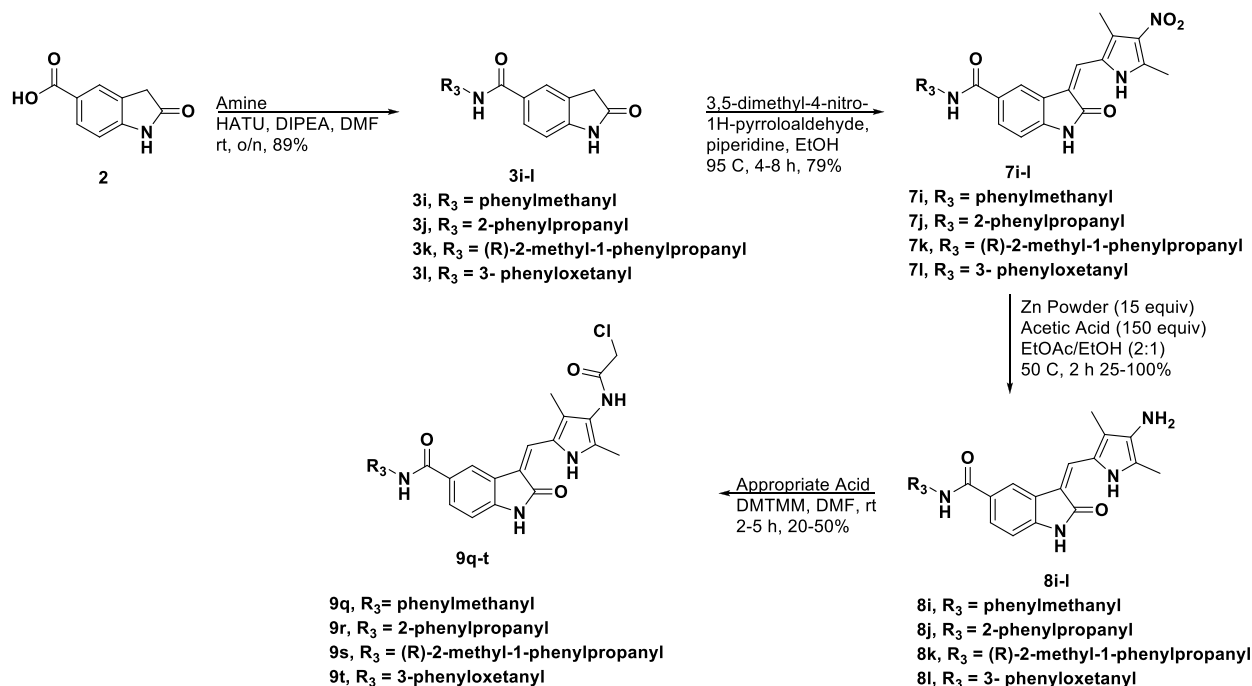
4 nM) relative to the parent compound **9e**. It was also able to rapidly form a covalent interaction with Cys474 within 30 min (Figure 3C), and **9j** was thus the most intriguing lead of the

second series (Table 2 and Figure 2C). When the 4-fluoro substituent was maintained and a 2-bromoacetylamido warhead was used, the resulting compound, **9p**, showed slightly

Scheme 3. General Synthetic Route to 9i–9p



Scheme 4. General Synthetic Route to 9q–9t

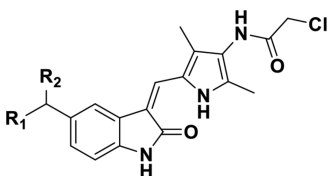


lower potency ($IC_{50} = 15$ nM) than **9j** or the des-fluoro compound **9g** (Table 1). This is different than expected from comparison of **9g** and **9e** (Table 1), where the bromo substitution rendered much higher potency. The structural explanation for this is unclear.

Given the profound effects of chirality on activity exhibited by compounds **5a** and **5b**, we also expanded SAR around the benzylic position of the scaffold (R_2 in Table 2). When the stereocenter was removed (**9q**), there was a small increase in potency ($IC_{50} = 130$ nM) relative to the parent compound **9e** (less than 2-fold). However, there were also similar increases in potency for **9s** (GRK5 $IC_{50} = 87$ nM) and **9t** (GRK5 $IC_{50} = 95$ nM). The geminal dimethyl of **9r** however had greatly reduced

potency ($IC_{50} = 12$ μ M), but the poor solubility of this compound under our assay conditions may have artifactually increased IC_{50} measurements. Therefore, we concluded that the benzylic position (R_2 in Table 2) is fairly insensitive to modification, at least when the groups concerned are the size of isopropyl or smaller. Accordingly, when **9q**, **9r**, and **9s** were incubated for 8 h, covalent interaction with GRK5 was observed as in **9e** (Figure S2). It is not clear why **9t** did not also react.

Finally, although the indolinone scaffold offers high potency and selectivity for GRK5 over GRK2, there were a few anticipated drawbacks in terms of its pharmacokinetic properties. First, **9a–9t** are less soluble due to the number

Table 2. IC₅₀ Values ($\mu\text{M} \pm \text{SD}$) and Reactivity of Indolinone Variants with a Haloacetyl-amido Warhead^a


Compound	R ₁	R ₂	GRK5	GRK2	GRK2/ GRK5	PKA	Adduct by MS ^b
CCG 273261 9i	3-MeBn	(R)-CH ₃	0.029 ± 0.03 (5)	11 ± 6 (3)	360	>250 (6)	>30 min
CCG 273441 9j	4-FBn	(R)-CH ₃	0.0038 ± 0.001 (7)	4.8 ± 3 (3)	1300	>250 (6)	90% 30 min
CCG 273442 9k	4-Py	(R)-CH ₃	0.13 ± 0.05 (3)	1.7 ± 2 (3)	13	ND	>30 min
CCG 273443 9l	2-Py	(R)-CH ₃	0.45 ± 0.1 (3)	9.6 ± 5 (3)	21	ND	>30 min
CCG 273444 9m	3-ClBn	(R)-CH ₃	0.14 ± 0.04 (3)	19 ± 10 (3)	140	>250 (6)	>30 min
CCG 273445 9n	4-MeBn	(R)-CH ₃	0.78 ± 0.3 (3)	2.1 ± 1 (5)	3	ND	>30 min
CCG 273583 9o	4-ClBn	(R)-CH ₃	0.11 ± 0.05 (3)	0.70 ± 0.2 (3)	7	ND	50% 8 hr
CCG 359090 ^c 9p	4-FBn	(R)-CH ₃	0.015 ± 0.007 (3)	3.6 ± 2 (3)	230	ND	ND
CCG 273561 9q	Bn	H	0.13 ± 0.09 (4)	13 ± 3 (3)	99	>250 (6)	50% 8 hr
CCG 273562 ^d 9r	Bn	Gem-(CH ₃) ₂	12 ± 5 (3)	190 ± 70 (2)	15	ND	50% 8 hr
CCG 273564 9s	Bn	(R)-iPr	0.087 ± 0.02 (3)	23 ± 20 (4)	260	>250 (6)	90% 8 hr
CCG 273563 9t	Bn		0.095 ± 0.03 (3)	15 ± 7 (3)	160	69 ± 10 (6)	> 8 hr

^aData were fit to a log([inhibitor]) versus response model with variable slope and automatic outlier rejection in GraphPad Prism. Curves with R² values < 0.8 after fitting were omitted. ND, not determined. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of independent experimental curves.

^bIncubation time needed to observe adduct formation with GRK5 by intact mass MS. ^cSame as **9j** but with a 2-bromoacetyl-amido warhead. ^dIC₅₀ estimates for this compound for GRK5 and GRK2 are likely high due to its poor solubility in our assay system.

Table 3. Impact and Kinetics of Covalent Modification at GRK5-Cys474^a

compound	GRK5 IC ₅₀ (μM)	GRK5-C474S IC ₅₀ (μM)	GRK5-C474S/GRK5	K _i (μM)	k _{inact} (min ⁻¹)
CCG273220 9e	0.22 ± 0.04 (3)	0.60 ± 0.2 (5)	3	1.0 ± 0.3 (3)	>1.0 ± 0.05 (3)
CCG273463 9g	0.0086 ± 0.003 (7)	0.044 ± 0.02 (5)	5	0.11 ± 0.03 (3)	>1.0 ± 0.03 (3)
CCG273441 9j	0.0038 ± 0.001 (7)	0.019 ± 0.007 (5)	5	0.019 ± 0.01 (3)	>0.9 ± 0.02 (3)
CCG215022	0.28 ± 0.01 (6)	0.22 ± 0.05 (5)	0.8	n/a	n/a

^aErrors correspond to standard deviation, with the number of replicates given in parentheses. n/a, not applicable.

of aromatic rings and their rigid, linear conformation. The pyridyl pendants of **9k** and **9l** were a first attempt to address this issue. **9l** was found to improve solubility 3.5-fold over **9e** to 125 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ (Table S1), which is still ~ 3 -fold less than reported for Sunitinib (350 $\mu\text{g/mL}$). Metabolic liability was also a concern because of the high lipophilicity of our compounds and thus their potential metabolism by CYP3A4. Pyridyl pendants are also known to limit metabolic liability relative to benzyl rings, as are fluorine-containing pendants, as in **9j** (Figure S4). We indeed found that **9j** indeed had a longer half-life (HLM $t_{1/2}$ = 18.9 min) compared to the des-fluoro compound **9e** (HLM $t_{1/2}$ = 13.3 min). However, there was an opposite trend in MLMs. Limited commercial availability of fluorine-substituted benzylic amines from the chiral pool

however limited our ability to explore the additional *ortho*- and *meta*-substitution patterns.

Ullrich-57 (**5a**) is already a potent (15 nM) and moderately selective GRK5 inhibitor relative to GRK2 (74-fold). Our overarching goal here was to ascertain whether potency and selectivity could be improved by covalent modification of a residue unique to the GRK5 subfamily of kinases. Interestingly, although **9e**, **9g**, and **9i–9t** all had 2-haloacetyl-amido warheads, only a few were able to label Cys474 within a 30 min time period. The absence of reactivity could be explained by the higher IC₅₀ exhibited by many of these analogs. Those compounds with lower affinity for GRK5, for example, **9c**, will bind in the active site of GRK5 more transiently than **9e**, resulting in a longer incubation period being needed to detect covalent engagement (Figure S1). **9e**, **9g**, and **9j** were not only

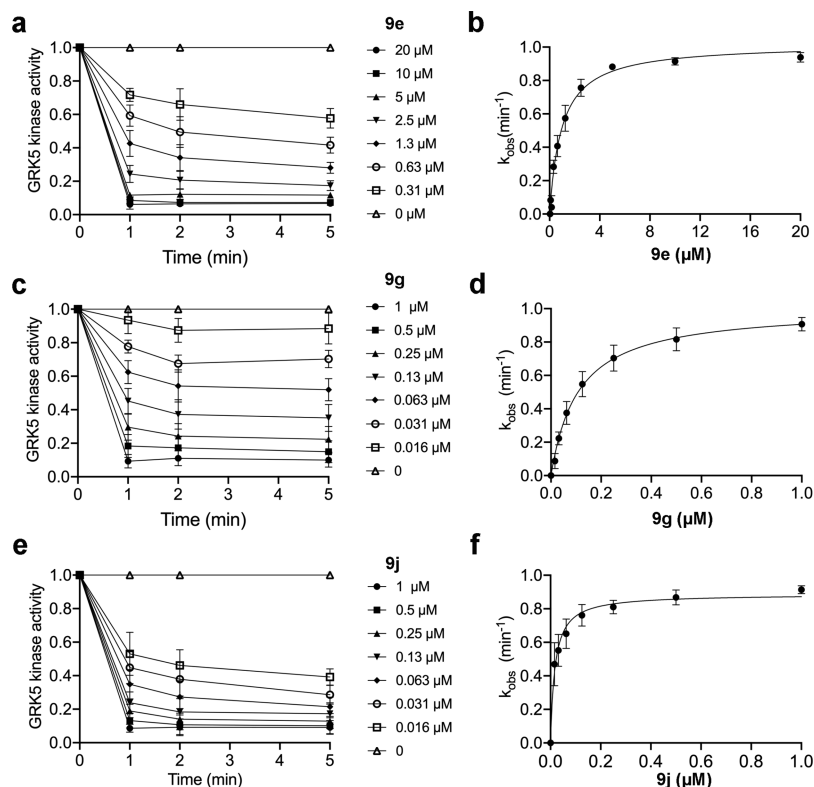


Figure 4. Kinetic analysis for (A, B) **9e**, (C, D) **9g**, and (E, F) **9j**. Extracted values for K_I and k_{inact} from fitting the plots on the right are given in Table 3. Data points represent three measurements with error bars indicating standard deviation. Because the time courses (left panels) were not linear, only the 1 min time point was used to estimate k_{obs} .

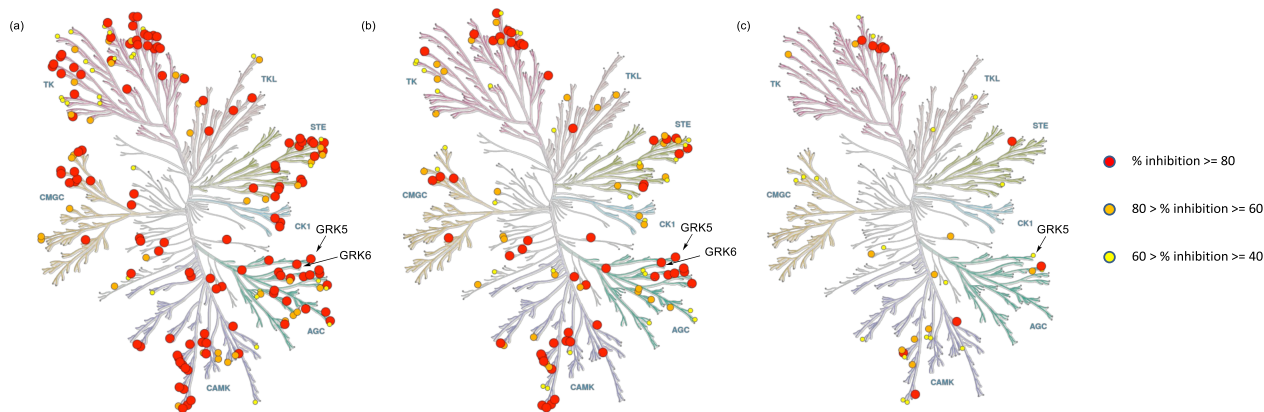


Figure 5. Kinome-wide selectivity panel for **9g** at concentrations of (a) 1 μM , (b) 0.1 μM , and (c) 0.01 μM . Locations of GRK5 and GRK6 are denoted by arrows. A clear dose response is evident, with fewer kinases inhibited at the lowest concentration of **9g**. Illustration reproduced courtesy of Cell Signaling Technology, Inc. (www.cellsignal.com).

the most efficacious at modifying GRK5 (Figure 3), but also they spanned a range of IC_{50} values (220 to 4 nM) and exhibited selectivity for GRK5 over GRK2 by over three orders of magnitude, 20-fold more than that exhibited by the noncovalent compound **5a**. We therefore performed a detailed kinetic analysis on these compounds to gauge the impact of their reactivity on measured potency and selectivity. We first showed that all three compounds exhibited 3–5-fold less potency against GRK5-C474S (Table 3), whereas our control compound CCG215022 was essentially unchanged. We then determined K_I and k_{inact} for these compounds (Figure 4 and Table 3), which showed that **9e**, **9g**, and **9j** fully reacted with GRK5 before the first time point (hence $k_{\text{inact}} > 1 \text{ min}^{-1}$) and

that K_I scaled with the observed IC_{50} values reported for these compounds (Tables 1 and 2). This shared reactivity is consistent with the fact that they all contain haloacetyl warheads. The results further suggest that a direct comparison of the SAR among compounds in Table 2 along with **9e** and **9g** from Table 1 is reasonable. It also implies that in this situation where the reactive cysteine is on a flexible loop near the ligand binding site, K_I dominates the IC_{50} measurements. More reactive warheads like 2-haloacetyls may also be required to take advantage of a more transiently associated cysteine side chain given the anticipated conformational variability of the AST loop.

Having confirmed that **5c** and **9g** were potent and highly GRK5 selective relative to GRK2, we explored their kinome-wide selectivity. When tested at 1 μ M ($\sim$ 1000-fold higher than their IC_{50} values), **5c** inhibits GRK5 at 92% and GRK6 at 94%, whereas **9g** inhibits GRK5 at 93% and GRK6 at 97%. GRK3, a close homolog of GRK2, was inhibited at only 21%. Both compounds had many off-target effects across the kinome (Figure 5 and Figure S3), which is not surprising because the indolinone series is derived from Sunitinib, which can similarly inhibit the activity of many RTKs. We confirmed that selectivity improved at lower concentrations by testing **9g** at 100 and 10 nM (Figure 4). **9g** however continued to inhibit a small number of tyrosine kinases and Ca^{2+} /calmodulin-dependent protein kinases at the lowest dose, at which GRK5 was 50% inhibited, consistent with the IC_{50} value measured in our assays (Table 1).

CONCLUSIONS

In summary, we have developed a potent series of covalent inhibitors based on the indolinone scaffold that show higher potency and three orders of magnitude selectivity for GRK5 over the GRK2 subfamily, improving on the potency and selectivity of the parent compound Ullrich-57 (4- and 74-fold, respectively). Our MS and kinetic results further suggested that their ability to covalently engage a cysteine unique to the GRK5 subfamily, which contributes 3–5-fold to their IC_{50} values under our assay conditions, is responsible for these improved characteristics. The compounds thus set the stage for cell-based assays that would allow one to tease apart the roles of GRK5 versus GRK2 in cellular processes linked to cardiovascular disease and cancer. They also set the stage for a future generation of GRK5 subfamily selective therapeutics that would address potential toxicity issues associated with the use of strongly reactive 2-haloacetyls and further improve selectivity versus other subfamilies of protein kinases as well as their moderate solubility and metabolic stability. Such would facilitate their transition into *in vivo* trials. While this paper was under review, a new GRK5 inhibitor, KR-39038, with 20 nM IC_{50} was reported, although experiments addressing its selectivity versus GRK2 and other kinases and its toxicology were not provided.¹⁶ This compound showed mild positive effects in a rodent model of hypertrophy but exhibited low bioavailability and a short half-life (<1 h). These results reinforce the potential utility of covalent GRK5 inhibitors that could have long-lasting effects even if the circulating compound is rapidly cleared, which would in turn mitigate off-target toxicity.¹⁰

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Chemistry. All reagents from commercial sources were used without further purification unless otherwise noted. 1H NMR spectra were taken in DMSO- d_6 , MeOD, or $CDCl_3$ at room temperature on Varian MR 400 MHz, Varian Vnmrs 500 MHz, and Varian Vnmrs 700 MHz instruments. The reported chemical shifts for the 1H NMR spectra were recorded in parts per million (ppm) on the δ scale from an internal tetramethylsilane standard (0.0 ppm). Small-molecule mass spectrometry data was measured using a Waters Corporation Micromass LCT or Agilent6230 Q-TOF instrument. HPLC was used to determine purity of compounds on an Agilent 1100 series with an Agilent Zorbax Eclipse Plus-C18 column. A gradient of 10–90% acetonitrile/water over 6 min followed by 90% acetonitrile/water for 7 min was used with detection at 254 nm. Purity of all compounds was >95% as determined by HPLC. The Sunitinib scaffold is well known to photoisomerize in solution,¹⁷ and

thus our compounds represent a 70:30 mix of active versus inactive isomers. All figures in the paper depict the active isomer.

Intact Protein MS and Tandem MS/MS. Intact protein MS was acquired with a Phenomenex C4 column paired with an Agilent 6545 Q-TOF LC/MS. For intact MS and tandem MS, all samples were prepared with 20 μ M GRK in assay buffer (see below) and 1 mM compound and incubated at 4 $^{\circ}C$ for 3 h before being quenched with 1.0 μ L of formic acid. In tandem MS/MS, we chose Glu-C as the restricting enzyme to avoid small fragments with mass-to-charge ratios below the limit of detection. All samples were digested with Glu-C sequencing enzyme, procured from Sigma Aldrich (Roche Life Sciences subsidiary), and used without further purification. MS/MS experiments were run on a nano-LC (Dionex RSLC-nano) with an Orbitrap Fusion Tribrid ETD mass spectrometer. This work was conducted by the Proteomics Resource Facility at the University of Michigan.

Structural Models and Docking. GRK5 (PDB ID 4WNK)¹⁸ and GRK6 (PDB ID 3NYN)¹⁹ were loaded into Molecular Operating Environment 2018.01 (Molecular Operating Environment (MOE), 2018.01; Chemical Computing Group ULC, 1010 Sherbrooke St. West, Suite #910, Montreal, QC, Canada, H3A 2R7, 2018), and the proteins were prepared using the QuickPrep function. The sequences of both proteins were aligned and used to create a superposition of the two proteins and a hybrid structure with the kinase domain of GRK5 and the AST region of GRK6 was created for docking analysis (Figure 1A). The highest scoring docked pose for each compound in Tables 1 and 2 are provided in the Supporting Information.

Inhibition Assays. For compounds **5a–9t**, IC_{50} values for human GRK5 and bovine GRK2 were determined using a radiometric assay, described as follows. GRK (50 nM) was incubated for 3–5 min with 500 nM porcine brain tubulin (PurSolutions) and 0.01–50 μ M inhibitor in 20 mM HEPES (pH 7.0), 2 mM $MgCl_2$, 0.025% dodecylmaltoside (DDM), and 1% DMSO prior to initiation with the addition of 5 μ M ATP supplemented with radioactive [γ - ^{32}P]-ATP (PerkinElmer Life Sciences). Reactions were quenched at 8 min by addition of 5 μ L of 4X SDS gel loading dye to the 10 μ L reactions. Samples (12 μ L) were separated on a 4–15% Criterion TGX precast gel (Bio-Rad). For potent inhibitors with low nanomolar IC_{50} , the inhibitor concentration was adjusted to approximately 0–50 $\times$ [IC_{50}], which was estimated from the first run to get more accurate measurements. Gels were dried, exposed to a storage phosphor screen overnight, and scanned using a Personal Molecular Imager (Bio-Rad). Bands corresponding to phosphorylated tubulin were quantified using ImageQuant, plotted as a function of log[inhibitor], and fit to the four-parameter log(inhibitor) vs response model in GraphPad Prism 7.03 to determine the IC_{50} , mean, and standard deviation values. Outliers were eliminated automatically at a 1% Q value. Experiments were performed at least three times.

PKA inhibition assays were performed with the ADP-Glo system (Promega Corporation) according to the manufacturer's instructions. PKA (500 nM) was incubated with 1 μ g of CREBtide (KRREILSRPPSYR) (Genscript Corporation) substrate, 50 μ M ATP, and inhibitor for 30 min in 20 mM HEPES (pH 7.0), 2 mM $MgCl_2$, 0.025% dodecylmaltoside (DDM), and 4% DMSO. The concentration range of each inhibitor varies depending on its solubility at 4% DMSO with the highest concentration from 100 to 500 μ M. After the initial reaction, ADP-Glo reagent was added to the reaction and allowed to incubate for an additional 40 min. Last, the kinase detection reagent was added and allowed to incubate for 30 min, and luminescence was measured with a FlexStation 3 Multi-mode Microplate Reader (Molecular Devices). All data was analyzed in the same way as in the GRK inhibition assay. Experiments were performed three times in duplicate.

Standard control compounds are run during each assay to assess consistency across time, experimenters, and subtle changes in assay conditions that are sometimes required to keep compounds soluble and dispersed (e.g., through addition of DDM or 3% DMSO). Paroxetine was used as a control for GRK2²⁰ and PKA and CCG215022 for GRK5.¹⁸

Covalent Inhibition Kinetic Analysis. For the covalent inhibitors **9e**, **9g**, and **9i**, K_i and k_{inact} were determined using a radiometric assay as follows. The reactions contained 50 nM GRK5 and 5 μM porcine brain tubulin (PurSolutions) in 20 mM HEPES (pH 7.0), 2 mM MgCl_2 , 0.025% DDM, and 1% DMSO. Inhibitors at different concentrations (0.02–1 μM for **9j** and **9g**, and 0.3–20 μM for **9e**) were incubated with the reaction mix for 30 s prior to initiation with the addition of 5 μM ATP supplemented with radioactive [γ - ^{32}P]-ATP (PerkinElmer Life Sciences). Reactions were quenched at 1, 2, and 5 min by addition of 10 μL of 4X SDS gel loading dye to the 10 μL reactions. Samples (12 μL) were separated on a 4–15% Criterion TGX precast gel (Bio-Rad). Gels were dried, exposed to a storage phosphor screen overnight, and scanned using a Personal Molecular Imager (Bio-Rad). Bands corresponding to phosphorylated tubulin were quantified using ImageQuant, background-corrected, normalized to the intensity level of phosphorylation tubulin in the absence of any inhibitor, and plotted as a function of time. Because the inactivation process became nonlinear after the first time point, the observed inactivation rate (k_{obs}) was estimated using the 1 min time point. The k_{obs} values were replotted against inhibitor concentration and fitted to the equation, $k_{\text{obs}} = k_{\text{inact}}[I]/(K_i + [I])$, to obtain k_{inact} and K_i in GraphPad Prism 7.03. Experiments were performed three times.

Thermodynamic Solubility and Microsomal Stability.

Thermodynamic solubility for compounds was determined by Analiza Inc. (Cleveland OH, analiza.com) using a miniaturized shake-flask solubility assay. Microsomal stability was determined by the Pharmacokinetics and Mass Spectrometry Core at the University of Michigan. Compounds **9c**, **9e**, and **9j** were dissolved in DMSO (1 mM) and then further diluted to 100 μM with 0.1 M phosphate buffer (with 3.3 mM MgCl_2). Microsomes (20 mg/mL) in 0.1 M phosphate buffer (with 3.3 mM MgCl_2) were dosed with 20 μL of NADPH (4 mg in 240 μL of 0.1 M phosphate buffer) and incubated at 37 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 3 min. Microsomes were then dosed with 4 μL of 100 μM of **9c**, **9e**, and **9j**. At the following time points (0, 5, 10, 15, 30, 45, and 60 min), the reaction solutions were stopped with cold acetonitrile containing 25 nM CE302 as an internal standard. The incubation solution was centrifuged at 3500 rpm for 10 min to precipitate protein. The supernatant was used for LC/MS/MS analysis.

Chemical Synthesis and Validation. *(R)-2-Oxo-N-(1-phenylethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (3)*. To a round-bottom flask was added 297.7 mg (1.69 mmol) of 2-oxoindoline-5-carboxylic acid, dissolved in 7 mL of dry DMF. To this dark red solution were added 0.244 mL (1.88 mmol) of (S)-1-phenylethan-1-amine, 0.300 mL (1.69 mmol) of DIPEA, and 746.1 mg (1.95 mmol) of HATU. The resultant dark red solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h, then added 200 mL of sat. Na_2CO_3 , and extracted with EtOAc (3 $\times$ 100 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (2 $\times$ 50 mL) and then dried over MgSO_4 . Purified by column chromatography (0–15% DCM/MeOH) to give the desired product as a strawberry pink solid. Yield: 401.9 mg, 84%. Molecular formula: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ESI-MS calc: 280.12 ESI-MS found: 281.1283 [M + 1] HPLC: 5.198. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 10.62 (s, 1H), 8.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.4, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.23–7.18 (m, 1H), 6.88–6.83 (m, 1H), 5.15 (p, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (s, 2H), 1.46 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 177.17, 165.76, 146.85, 145.65, 129.29, 128.67, 126.52, 126.06, 108.90, 48.85, 36.09, 22.84.

(S)-2-Oxo-N-(1-phenylethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (3a). To a round-bottom flask was added 201.8 mg (1.13 mmol) of 2-oxoindoline-5-carboxylic acid dissolved in 7 mL of dry DMF. To this dark red solution were added 0.160 mL (1.24 mmol) of (S)-1-phenylethan-1-amine, 0.200 mL (1.13 mmol) of DIPEA, and 492.4 mg (1.30 mmol) of HATU. The resultant dark red solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h, then added 200 mL of sat. Na_2CO_3 , and extracted with EtOAc (3 $\times$ 100 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (2 $\times$ 50 mL) and then dried over MgSO_4 . Purified by column chromatography (0–15% DCM/MeOH) to give the desired product as a strawberry pink solid. Yield: 280 mg, 84%. Molecular formula: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ESI-MS calc: 280.12 ESI-MS

found: 281.0903 [M + 1] HPLC: 5.249. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 10.67 (s, 1H), 8.66 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (p, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (s, 2H), 1.46 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 176.83, 165.50, 146.49, 145.22, 128.27, 127.77, 127.54, 126.60, 126.14, 125.64, 123.69, 108.62, 48.52, 39.86, 39.74, 39.62, 39.50, 39.38, 39.26, 39.14, 35.70, 22.40.

*(R)-2-Oxo-N-(1-(*m*-tolyl)ethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (3b)*. To a round-bottom flask was added 236.1 mg (1.33 mmol) of 2-oxoindoline-5-carboxylic acid, dissolved in 7 mL of dry DMF. To this dark red solution were added 0.200 mL (1.47 mmol) of (R)-1-(*m*-tolyl)ethan-1-amine, 0.300 mL (1.73 mmol) of DIPEA, and 510.2 mg (1.33 mmol) of HATU. The resultant dark red solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h, then added 200 mL of sat. Na_2CO_3 , and extracted with EtOAc (3 $\times$ 100 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (2 $\times$ 50 mL) and then dried over MgSO_4 . Purified by column chromatography (0–15% DCM/MeOH) to give the desired product as a strawberry pink solid. Yield: 125.6 mg, 31%. Molecular formula: $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ESI-MS calc: 294.14 ESI-MS found: 295.0167 [M + 1] HPLC: 5.395. ^1H NMR (700 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 10.61 (s, 1H), 8.58 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (p, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (p, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.44 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 176.62, 165.16, 146.32, 145.07, 137.11, 128.06, 127.65, 127.48, 127.10, 126.66, 125.53, 123.51, 123.09, 108.36, 48.29, 39.86, 39.74, 39.62, 39.50, 39.38, 39.26, 39.14, 38.22, 35.57, 22.34, 21.11.

(R)-N-(1-(4-Fluorophenyl)ethyl)-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxamide (3c). To a round-bottom flask was added 246.6 mg (1.41 mmol) of 2-oxoindoline-5-carboxylic acid, dissolved in 7 mL of dry DMF. To this dark red solution were added 0.200 mL (1.55 mmol) of (R)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethan-1-amine, 0.25 mL (1.41 mmol) of DIPEA, and 667.1 mg (1.61 mmol) of HATU. The resultant dark red solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h, then added 200 mL of sat. Na_2CO_3 , and extracted with EtOAc (3 $\times$ 100 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (2 $\times$ 50 mL) and then dried over MgSO_4 . Purified by column chromatography (0–15% DCM/MeOH) to give the desired product as a strawberry pink solid. Yield: 315 mg, 71%. Molecular formula: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2$ ESI-MS calc: 298.11 ESI-MS found: 299.1216 [M + 1] HPLC: 5.414. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 10.61 (s, 1H), 8.62 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.16–7.08 (m, 2H), 6.87–6.82 (m, 1H), 5.14 (p, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (s, 2H), 1.45 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 176.84, 165.47, 160.34, 146.46, 141.34, 128.06, 128.01, 127.77, 127.49, 125.69, 123.63, 114.99, 114.87, 108.55, 47.90, 39.86, 39.74, 39.62, 39.50, 39.38, 39.26, 39.14, 38.33, 35.67, 22.35.

(R)-2-Oxo-N-(1-(pyridin-4-yl)ethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (3d). To a round-bottom flask was added 248.1 mg (1.41 mmol) of 2-oxoindoline-5-carboxylic acid dissolved in 7 mL of dry DMF. To this dark red solution were added 0.200 mL (1.55 mmol) of (R)-1-(pyridin-4-yl)ethan-1-amine, 0.25 mL (1.41 mmol) of DIPEA, and 652.4 mg (1.61 mmol) of HATU. The resultant dark red solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h, then added 200 mL of sat. Na_2CO_3 , and extracted with EtOAc (3 $\times$ 100 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (2 $\times$ 50 mL) and then dried over MgSO_4 . Purified by column chromatography (0–15% DCM/MeOH) to give the desired product as a strawberry pink solid. Yield: 200 mg, 48%. Molecular formula: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ ESI-MS calc: 281.12 ESI-MS found: 282.1236 [M + 1] HPLC: 2.378. ^1H NMR (700 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 10.64 (s, 1H), 8.74 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.55–8.52 (m, 2H), 7.79 (dd, J = 7.5, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.89–6.85 (m, 1H), 5.14 (td, J = 7.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (s, 2H), 3.46–3.41 (m, 3H), 1.47 (dd, J = 7.2, 2.3 Hz, 3H), 1.07–1.03 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 176.63, 165.65, 155.16, 148.63, 146.56, 127.76, 127.03, 125.62, 123.57, 121.58, 108.43, 56.00, 47.92, 39.86, 39.74, 39.62, 39.50, 39.38, 39.26, 39.14, 35.56, 21.45, 18.54.

(*R*)-2-Oxo-*N*-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**3e**). To a round-bottom flask was added 251.1 mg (1.41 mmol) of 2-oxoindoline-5-carboxylic acid dissolved in 7 mL of dry DMF. To this dark red solution were added 0.200 mL (1.55 mmol) of (*R*)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)ethan-1-amine, 0.25 mL (1.41 mmol) of DIPEA, and 625.1 mg (1.62 mmol) of HATU. The resultant dark red solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h, then added 200 mL of sat. Na₂CO₃, and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 100 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (2 × 50 mL) and then dried over MgSO₄. Purified by column chromatography (0–15% DCM/MeOH) to give the desired product as a strawberry pink solid. Yield: 165 mg, 39%. Molecular formula: C₁₆H₁₅N₃O₂ ESI-MS calc: 281.12 ESI-MS found: 282.1236 [M + 1] HPLC: 2.111. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.62 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 8.63 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (q, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 3H), 1.49 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 177.27, 166.16, 163.50, 149.12, 137.26, 128.18, 127.79, 126.11, 124.08, 122.46, 120.59, 108.98, 50.76, 40.22, 40.10, 39.98, 39.86, 39.74, 39.62, 39.50, 36.07, 21.45.

(*R*)-*N*-(1-(3-Chlorophenyl)ethyl)-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxamide (**3f**). To a round-bottom flask was added 251.1 mg (1.41 mmol) of 2-oxoindoline-5-carboxylic acid dissolved in 7 mL of dry DMF. To this dark red solution were added 0.200 mL (1.55 mmol) of (*R*)-1-(3-chlorophenyl)ethan-1-amine, 0.25 mL (1.41 mmol) of DIPEA, and 717.7 mg (1.91 mmol) of HATU. The resultant dark red solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h, then added 200 mL of sat. Na₂CO₃, and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 100 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (2 × 50 mL) and then dried over MgSO₄. Purified by column chromatography (0–15% DCM/MeOH) to give the desired product as a strawberry pink solid. Yield: 423.3 mg, 91%. Molecular formula: C₁₇H₁₅ClN₂O₂ ESI-MS calc: 314.08 ESI-MS found: 315.0438 [M + 1] HPLC: 5.730. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.64–10.57 (m, 1H), 8.65 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78–7.74 (m, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dt, *J* = 6.7, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (dp, *J* = 6.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.15–5.06 (m, 1H), 3.53 (s, 2H), 1.45–1.42 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 176.91, 165.61, 148.09, 146.73, 133.15, 130.39, 127.97, 126.74, 126.14, 125.88, 125.13, 123.78, 108.70, 56.27, 48.40, 40.12, 40.00, 39.88, 39.76, 39.64, 39.52, 39.40, 35.83, 22.43, 18.80.

(*R*)-2-Oxo-*N*-(1-(*p*-tolyl)ethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**3g**). To a round-bottom flask was added 244.2 mg (1.41 mmol) of 2-oxoindoline-5-carboxylic acid dissolved in 7 mL of dry DMF. To this dark red solution were added 0.220 mL (1.55 mmol) of (*R*)-1-(3-chlorophenyl)ethan-1-amine, 0.25 mL (1.41 mmol) of DIPEA, and 622.1 mg (1.62 mmol) of HATU. The resultant dark red solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h, then added 200 mL of sat. Na₂CO₃, and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 100 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (2 × 50 mL) and then dried over MgSO₄. Purified by column chromatography (0–15% DCM/MeOH) to give the desired product as a strawberry pink solid. Yield: 300.8 mg, 69%. Molecular formula: C₁₈H₁₈N₂O₂ ESI-MS calc: 294.14 ESI-MS found: 317 [M + Na] HPLC: 5.556. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.61 (s, 1H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (s, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.44 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 176.63, 165.17, 146.30, 142.10, 135.44, 128.66, 127.64, 127.54, 125.93, 125.51, 123.51, 108.36, 48.03, 39.86, 39.74, 39.62, 39.50, 39.38, 39.26, 39.14, 35.57, 22.29, 20.59.

(*R*)-*N*-(1-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethyl)-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxamide (**3h**). Prepared using the protocol described for **3**. Yields a strawberry pink solid, 471.0 mg, quantitative yield. Molecular formula: C₁₇H₁₅ClN₂O₂ ESI-MS calc: 314.08 ESI-MS found: 337.0717 [M + Na] HPLC: 5.682. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.61 (s, 1H), 8.64 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.42–7.34 (m, 4H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (s, 2H), 1.45 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 176.61, 165.29, 146.40, 144.17, 130.98, 128.09, 127.92, 127.67, 127.28,

125.55, 123.49, 108.37, 47.87, 40.00, 39.83, 39.67, 39.50, 39.33, 39.17, 39.00, 35.55, 22.09.

N-Benzyl-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxamide (**3i**). Prepared with protocol described for **3**. Yields a strawberry pink solid, 174.5 mg, 56%. Molecular formula: C₁₆H₁₄N₂O₂ ESI-MS calc: 266.11 ESI-MS found: 267.2180 [M + 1] HPLC: 4.822. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.61 (s, 1H), 8.87 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.79–7.75 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.28 (m, 5H), 7.23 (dt, *J* = 7.2, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 176.60, 165.95, 146.42, 139.88, 128.65, 128.19, 128.12, 127.70, 127.59, 127.47, 127.29, 127.11, 126.61, 125.66, 123.45, 108.44, 47.80, 45.00, 42.52, 39.86, 39.74, 39.62, 39.50, 39.38, 39.26, 39.14, 38.22, 35.57.

2-Oxo-*N*-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**3j**). Prepared using the protocol described for **3**. Yields a strawberry pink solid, 210.8 mg, 48%. Molecular formula: C₁₈H₁₈N₂O₂ ESI-MS calc: 294.14 ESI-MS found: 295.1456 [M + 1], 317.1275 [M + Na] HPLC: 5.199. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.60 (s, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.74–7.71 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (s, 2H), 1.65 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 176.64, 165.50, 148.19, 146.15, 128.51, 128.35, 127.82, 127.67, 125.59, 125.37, 124.81, 124.61, 123.65, 108.26, 55.22, 39.86, 39.74, 39.62, 39.50, 39.38, 39.26, 39.14, 35.59, 29.66.

(*R*)-*N*-(2-Methyl-1-phenylpropyl)-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxamide (**3k**). Prepared using the protocol described for **3**. Yields a strawberry pink solid, 389.9 mg, quantitative yield. Molecular formula: C₁₉H₂₀N₂O₂ ESI-MS calc: 308.15 ESI-MS found: 309.2172 HPLC: 5.793. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.44 (s, 1H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (s, 2H), 1.06 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 0.83 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.53 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 176.69, 165.65, 164.62, 162.32, 146.32, 143.33, 128.02, 127.75, 127.70, 127.41, 126.61, 125.54, 123.53, 108.43, 59.92, 56.08, 41.67, 39.86, 39.74, 39.62, 39.50, 39.38, 39.26, 39.14, 38.23, 35.78, 35.62, 32.55, 30.77, 20.09, 19.90, 18.56.

2-Oxo-*N*-(3-phenyloxetan-3-yl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**3l**). Prepared using the protocol described for **3**. Yields a strawberry pink solid, 62.1 mg, 31%. Molecular formula: C₁₈H₁₆N₂O₃ ESI-MS calc: 308.12 ESI-MS found: 309.1235 HPLC: 4.601. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.49 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 9.16 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65–7.60 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.10 (tdd, *J* = 7.3, 4.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.74–6.70 (m, 1H), 4.82 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 4.59 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 176.66, 165.18, 146.78, 143.10, 129.97, 128.28, 128.17, 127.72, 126.91, 126.72, 126.06, 125.80, 125.41, 124.81, 123.53, 120.11, 108.72, 108.56, 81.89, 58.27, 53.49, 39.86, 39.74, 39.62, 39.50, 39.38, 39.26, 39.14, 38.23, 35.58, 35.52, 30.66, 14.07.

N-(2-(Diethylamino)ethyl)-5-formyl-2,4-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxamide (**4a**). To a round-bottom flask were added 200.9 mg (1.20 mmol) of 5-formyl-2,4-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylic acid, 365.8 mg (1.79 mmol) of EDCI, 277.7 mg (1.79 mmol) of HOBT, 7 mL of dry DMF, 0.200 mL (1.44 mmol) of N1,N1-diethylethane-1,2-diamine, and 0.34 mL (2.39 mmol) of TEA. The dark red solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h before being quenched with water and extracted with DCM (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (2 × 20 mL) and then with 10% citric acid (3 × 50 mL), drawing the desired product into the water layer. The aqueous layer was basified with Na₂CO₃, bringing the pH up to 10, and then extracted with DCM (4 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and then evaporated onto a silica gel and purified by column chromatography (5–15% MeOH/DCM). The solvent was removed under pressure to give a yellow solid. Result: light yellow solid, 90 mg, 27%. Molecular formula: C₁₄H₂₃N₃O₂ ESI-MS calc: 265.18 ESI-MS found: 266.1749 HPLC: 2.681. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.85 (s, 1H), 9.54 (s, 1H), 7.95 (s, 2H), 2.34 (d, *J* = 20.8 Hz, 7H), 0.99 (s, 6H).

5-Formyl-2,4-dimethyl-N-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxamide (4b). To a round-bottom flask were added 199.4 mg (1.20 mmol) of 5-formyl-2,4-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylic acid, 688.0 mg (1.79 mmol) of HATU, 6 mL of dry DMF, 0.100 mL (1.44 mmol) of propargylamine, and 0.34 mL (2.39 mmol) of TEA. The dark red solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h before being quenched with water and extracted with DCM (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were taken and washed with brine (2 × 20 mL) and then with 10% citric acid (3 × 50 mL), taking the desired product into the aqueous layer. The aqueous layer was basified with Na₂CO₃, bringing the pH up to 10, and then extracted with DCM (4 × 50 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, and then the solvent was removed to give the final product as a light orange oil. Result: light orange oil, 61 mg, 25%. Molecular formula: C₁₁H₁₂N₂O₂ ESI-MS calc: 204.09 ESI-MS found: 205.0873 [M + 1], 242.1167 [M + K] HPLC: 3.625. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.87 (s, 1H), 9.55 (s, 1H), 7.95 (s, 16H), 3.97 (ddd, *J* = 12.7, 5.7, 2.5 Hz, 3H), 3.08 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 177.82, 164.77, 139.11, 138.51, 128.26, 119.20, 89.92, 82.16, 72.95, 55.38, 40.24, 38.71, 28.42, 12.90, 10.00.

N-Allyl-5-formyl-2,4-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxamide (4c). To a round-bottom flask were added 204.4 mg (1.20 mmol) of 5-formyl-2,4-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylic acid, 350.3 mg of EDCI (1.79 mmol), 275.3 mg (1.79 mmol) of HOBt, 6 mL of dry DMF, 0.110 mL (1.44 mmol) of allylamine, and 0.34 mL (2.39 mmol) of TEA. The dark red solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h before being quenched with water and extracted with DCM (3 × 30 mL). Combined organic layers were taken and washed with LiCl (3 × 20 mL) and then with 10% citric acid (3 × 50 mL), drawing the desired product into the aqueous layer. The aqueous layer was basified with Na₂CO₃, bringing the pH up to 8, and then extracted with DCM (4 × 50 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, and then the solvent was removed to give a yellow solid. Result: light yellow solid, 64 mg, 25%. Molecular formula: C₁₁H₁₄N₂O₂ ESI-MS calc: 206.11 ESI-MS: 246.1621 [M+ MeCN] HPLC: 3.885. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.38 (s, 1H), 9.54 (s, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 6.01 (tt, *J* = 10.8, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (ddt, *J* = 16.4, 10.6, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 5.18 (t, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 3H), 5.08 (dd, *J* = 16.5, 10.2 Hz, 3H), 4.14 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 3H), 2.31 (s, 5H), 2.23 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 161.78, 150.29, 135.45, 135.21, 115.01, 114.35, 114.20, 40.54, 40.50, 39.50, 39.33, 39.17, 39.00, 38.83, 38.67, 38.50, 35.26, 30.25, 11.95, 9.27.

N-(But-3-yn-1-yl)-5-formyl-2,4-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxamide (4d). To a round-bottom flask were added 199.6 mg (1.20 mmol) of 5-formyl-2,4-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylic acid, 684.3 mg (1.79 mmol) of HATU, 6 mL of dry DMF, 0.100 mL (1.44 mmol) of 1-amino-3-butyne, and 0.30 mL (2.39 mmol) of DIPEA. The dark red solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h before being quenched with water and extracted with DCM (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with LiCl (2 × 20 mL) and then with 10% citric acid (3 × 50 mL), drawing the desired product into the water layer. The aqueous layer was basified with Na₂CO₃, bringing the pH up to 10, and then extracted with DCM (4 × 50 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, and then the solvent was removed under pressure to give the final product as a yellow solid. Result: light yellow solid, 99.6 mg, 38.1%. Molecular formula: C₁₂H₁₄N₂O₂ ESI-MS calc: 218.11 ESI-MS found: 219.1129 HPLC: 3.997. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.83 (s, 1H), 2.83 (s, 1H), 2.69 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 3H), 2.37 (s, 4H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 178.94, 164.54, 160.23, 152.56, 147.04, 146.58, 126.55, 115.31, 88.48, 82.43, 72.02, 55.77, 37.85, 18.85, 13.97, 10.55.

N-(But-3-en-1-yl)-5-formyl-2,4-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxamide (4e). To a round-bottom flask were added 197.8 mg (1.20 mmol) of 5-formyl-2,4-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylic acid, 685.8 mg (1.79 mmol) of HATU, 6 mL of dry DMF, 107.1 mg (1.44 mmol) of but-3-en-1-amine, and 0.45 mL (2.40 mmol) of DIPEA. The dark red solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h before being quenched with water and extracted with DCM (3 × 30 mL).

The combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 × 20 mL) and then with 10% citric acid (3 × 50 mL), drawing the desired material into the aqueous layer. The aqueous layer was basified with Na₂CO₃, bringing the pH up to 10, and then extracted with DCM (4 × 50 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO₄. Result: light orange oil, 106.1 mg, 37.2%. Molecular formula: C₁₂H₁₆N₂O₂ ESI-MS calc: 220.12 MS: 221.1304 HPLC: 5.554. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.77 (s, 1H), 8.84 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.73 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (s, 4H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.12–4.99 (m, 1H), 2.59 (s, 7H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 179.37, 165.02, 162.73, 152.99, 146.27, 140.66, 134.88, 130.23, 122.09, 36.21, 31.20, 14.39, 10.98.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-((2-(Diethylamino)ethyl)carbamoyl)-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-N-(1-phenylethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (5a). To a dried sealed tube were added 97.9 mg (0.371 mmol) of (3) and 107.0 mg (0.357 mmol) of (4a), all of which were dissolved in abs. EtOH (3.5 mL). To this solution were added two drops of piperidine and heated to reflux (95 °C) for 4 h. Once complete, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and then the product was filtered off as an orange solid. Yield: orange solid, 38.3 mg, 22%. Molecular formula: C₃₁H₃₇N₅O₃ ESI-MS calc: 527.29 ESI-MS found: 528.2955 HPLC: 5.621. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.59 (s, 1H), 11.13 (s, 1H), 8.59 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H), 1.51 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 7H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.90, 165.95, 164.71, 145.11, 140.64, 136.48, 129.93, 128.30, 127.78, 126.64, 126.37, 126.18, 125.86, 125.28, 124.09, 120.76, 117.69, 114.37, 108.94, 51.72, 48.55, 46.59, 45.44, 39.86, 39.74, 39.62, 39.50, 39.38, 39.26, 39.14, 37.06, 22.35, 13.40, 11.92, 10.79.

(*S,Z*)-3-((4-((2-(Diethylamino)ethyl)carbamoyl)-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-N-(1-phenylethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (5b). To a dried sealed tube were added 91.2 mg (0.325 mmol) of (3a) and 79.9 mg (0.299 mmol) of (4a), all of which were dissolved in abs. EtOH (2.5 mL). To this solution were added two drops of piperidine and heated to reflux (95 °C) for 4 h. Once complete, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and then the product was filtered off as an orange solid. Yield: orange solid, 38.3 mg, 22%. Molecular formula: C₃₁H₃₇N₅O₃ ESI-MS calc: 527.29 ESI-MS found: 528.2043 HPLC: 5.753. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.59 (s, 1H), 11.16 (s, 1H), 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.75–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 8H), 2.37 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 1H), 2.08 (s, 1H), 1.51 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 8H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.28, 147.82, 141.01, 130.32, 128.66, 127.23, 126.98, 126.61, 126.26, 125.66, 124.60, 118.30, 106.84, 102.36, 48.92, 47.02, 22.80, 17.46, 13.83, 11.24, 9.18.

(*R,Z*)-3-((3,5-Dimethyl-4-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)carbamoyl)-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-N-(1-phenylethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (5c). To a dried sealed tube were added 75.1 mg (0.27 mmol) of (3) and 50 mg (0.28 mmol) of (4b), all of which were dissolved in abs. EtOH (1.8 mL). To this solution were added 0.05 mL of piperidine and heated to reflux (95 °C) for 4 h. Once complete, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and an orange solid was filtered off. The solid was rinsed with cold EtOH to give the final product. Yield: bright orange solid, 58.6 mg, 46%. Molecular formula: C₂₈H₂₆N₄O₃ ESI-MS calc: 466.20 ESI-MS found: 467.2037 HPLC: 6.360. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.61 (s, 1H), 11.15 (s, 1H), 8.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.06 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (q, *J* = 5.8, 3.9 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.14–3.08 (m, 1H), 2.44 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 7H), 1.51 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.30, 166.26, 145.52, 141.06, 136.92, 130.46, 128.67, 128.29, 127.00, 126.82, 126.58, 126.28, 124.49, 120.45, 118.23, 115.03, 109.28, 82.17, 73.04, 48.87, 28.49, 22.77, 13.76, 11.13.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-(Allylcarbamoyle)-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-N-(1-phenylethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**5d**). To a dried sealed tube were added 53.6 mg (0.27 mmol) of (**3**) and 50 mg (0.28 mmol) of (**4c**), all of which were dissolved in abs. EtOH (3 mL). To this solution were added two drops (0.05 mL) of piperidine and heated to reflux (95 °C) for 4 h. Once complete, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and then an orange solid was filtered off. The solid was washed with cold EtOH to give the final product. Result: orange solid, 79.5 mg, 63%. Molecular formula: C₂₈H₂₈N₄O₃ ESI-MS calc: 468.22 ESI-MS found: 469.2224 HPLC: 6.450. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.60 (s, 1H), 11.14 (s, 1H), 8.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (ddt, *J* = 15.7, 10.3, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.22–5.18 (m, 2H), 5.10 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 6H), 1.51 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.50, 145.29, 135.97, 130.84, 129.65, 128.44, 128.02, 126.34, 115.20, 108.42, 103.80, 91.16, 59.93, 22.53, 13.55, 10.93.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-(But-3-yn-1-ylcarbamoyle)-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-N-(1-phenylethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**5e**). To a dried sealed tube were added 99.9 mg (0.357 mmol) of (**3**) and 82 mg of (**4d**), all of which were dissolved in abs. EtOH (3.5 mL). To this solution were added two drops (0.05 mL) of piperidine and heated to reflux (95 °C) for 4 h. Once complete, the solution was cooled to room temperature and then an orange solid was filtered off. The solid was washed with cold EtOH to give the final product. Yield: orange solid, 19 mg, 10%. Molecular formula: C₂₉H₂₈N₄O₃ ESI-MS calc: 480.22 ESI-MS found: 481.2226 HPLC: 6.444. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.60 (s, 1H), 11.15 (s, 1H), 8.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.79 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 6H), 2.42 (td, *J* = 7.1, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 1.51 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.83, 165.81, 164.71, 145.08, 140.56, 136.34, 130.00, 128.23, 127.80, 126.55, 126.12, 125.79, 125.18, 124.08, 120.61, 117.76, 82.50, 72.12, 48.42, 37.95, 22.33, 13.33, 10.70.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-(But-3-en-1-ylcarbamoyle)-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-N-(1-phenylethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**5f**). To a dried sealed tube were added 94.8 mg (0.27 mmol) of (**3**) and 87.2 mg (0.28 mmol) of (**4e**), all of which were dissolved in abs. EtOH (2.2 mL). To this solution were added two drops (0.07 mL) of piperidine and heated to reflux (95 °C) for 4 h. Once complete, the solution was cooled to room temperature and then purified by column chromatography. Fractions were collected, and the solvent was removed under pressure to give the desired product as an orange solid. Yield: orange solid, 103 mg, 59%. Molecular formula: C₂₉H₃₀N₄O₃ ESI-MS calc: 482.23 ESI-MS found: 483.2382 [M + 1] HPLC: 6.720. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.54 (s, 1H), 11.13 (s, 1H), 8.61 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.27–8.18 (m, 2H), 7.73–7.71 (m, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 3H), 7.35–7.31 (m, 4H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 7H), 1.63–1.59 (m, 3H), 1.51 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.79, 165.81, 165.04, 145.07, 140.57, 133.90, 128.74, 128.19, 127.78, 126.52, 126.11, 125.22, 123.96, 120.71, 117.70, 116.21, 114.09, 108.74, 48.41, 35.77, 33.74, 22.26, 12.40, 10.15.

(*R,Z*)-3-((3,5-Dimethyl-4-nitro-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-N-(1-phenylethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**7a**). To a dried sealed tube were added 91.2 mg (0.892 mmol) of (**3**) and 79.9 mg (1.39 mmol) of 3,5-dimethyl-4-nitro-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde, all of which were dissolved in abs. EtOH (2.5 mL). To this solution were added two drops (0.05 mL) of piperidine and heated to reflux (95 °C) for 4 h. Once complete, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and an orange solid was filtered off. The solid was washed with cold EtOH to give the desired product. Result: orange solid, 269.3 mg, 69%. Molecular formula: C₂₄H₂₂N₄O₄ ESI-MS calc: 430.16 ESI-MS found: 431.1715 HPLC: 7.400. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.83

(s, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.90, 165.69, 144.98, 142.47, 136.80, 132.12, 130.48, 129.11, 128.20, 127.74, 126.10, 125.56, 123.33, 121.76, 115.38, 53.66, 22.28, 18.23, 10.50.

(*R,Z*)-3-((3,5-Dimethyl-4-nitro-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-N-(1-(*m*-tolyl)ethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**7b**). To a dried sealed tube were added 200 mg (0.679 mmol) of (**3b**) and 139.6 mg (0.815 mmol) of 3,5-dimethyl-4-nitro-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde, all of which were dissolved in abs. EtOH (6.0 mL). To this solution were added 0.05 mL of piperidine and heated to reflux (95 °C) for 4 h. Once complete, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and then the product was filtered off as a lemon yellow solid. Yield: lemon yellow solid, 100 mg, 29.8%. Molecular formula: C₂₅H₂₄N₄O₄ ESI-MS calc: 444.18 ESI-MS found: 445.1862 [M + 1] HPLC: 7.732. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.34 (s, 1H), 8.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.18 (m, 3H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.49 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.83, 165.49, 144.90, 141.26, 137.14, 136.75, 133.66, 128.34, 128.09, 127.51, 127.15, 126.74, 125.07, 124.71, 124.39, 123.59, 123.17, 119.39, 118.96, 109.09, 48.36, 39.86, 39.74, 39.62, 39.50, 39.38, 39.26, 39.14, 22.26, 21.11, 14.76, 11.21.

(*R,Z*)-3-((3,5-Dimethyl-4-nitro-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-N-(1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl)-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxamide (**7c**). To a dried sealed tube were added 128 mg (0.429 mmol) of (**3c**) and 101.3 mg (0.60 mmol) of 3,5-dimethyl-4-nitro-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde, all of which were dissolved in abs. EtOH (3.0 mL). To this solution were added 0.05 mL of piperidine and heated to reflux (95 °C) for 4 h. Once complete, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and then the product was filtered off as an orange solid. Yield: orange solid, 96.3 mg, 50%. Molecular formula: C₂₄H₂₁FN₄O₄ ESI-MS calc: 448.15 ESI-MS found: 449.1619 [M + 1] HPLC: 7.422. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.37 (s, 1H), 8.64 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.18–7.14 (m, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 1.51 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.85, 165.62, 136.79, 133.69, 128.31, 128.02, 127.97, 124.71, 123.71, 119.03, 114.88, 114.76, 50.22, 47.86, 39.86, 39.74, 39.62, 39.50, 39.38, 39.26, 39.14, 22.26, 14.78, 11.22.

(*R,Z*)-3-((3,5-Dimethyl-4-nitro-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-N-(1-(pyridin-4-yl)ethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**7d**). To a dried sealed tube were added 100 mg (0.455 mmol) of (**3d**) and 77.1 mg (0.459 mmol) of 3,5-dimethyl-4-nitro-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde, all of which were dissolved in abs. EtOH (3.0 mL). To this solution were added 0.05 mL of piperidine and heated to reflux (95 °C) for 4 h. Once complete, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and then the product was filtered off as a yellow solid. Yield: yellow solid, 48.0 mg, 31.3%. Molecular formula: C₂₃H₂₁N₅O₄ ESI-MS calc: 431.16 ESI-MS found: 432.1656 [M + 1] HPLC: 5.496. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.36 (s, 1H), 8.73 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.52–8.50 (m, 2H), 8.36 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.77 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 1.51 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.11, 166.24, 153.97, 149.80, 137.07, 135.63, 128.31, 127.80, 125.45, 124.98, 124.02, 121.55, 119.37, 109.42, 48.18, 40.12, 40.00, 39.88, 39.76, 39.64, 39.52, 39.40, 21.78, 15.04, 11.48.

(*R,Z*)-3-((3,5-Dimethyl-4-nitro-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-N-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**7e**). To a dried sealed tube were added 165 mg (0.587 mmol) of (**3e**) and 122.8 mg (0.762 mmol) of 3,5-dimethyl-4-nitro-1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde, all of which were dissolved in abs. EtOH (3.0 mL). To this solution were added 0.05 mL of piperidine and heated to reflux (95 °C) for 4 h. Once complete, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and then the product was filtered off as a yellow solid. Yield: yellow solid, 116 mg, 34%. Molecular formula: C₂₃H₂₁N₅O₄ ESI-MS calc: 431.16

ESI-MS found: 432.0558 [M + 1] HPLC: 5.49. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.36 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.65–8.58 (m, 1H), 8.55–8.47 (m, 1H), 8.39 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (ddd, *J* = 33.0, 15.8, 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.42 (q, *J* = 10.5, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (q, *J* = 8.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.66–2.60 (m, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 1.56–1.49 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.21, 165.90, 148.79, 136.83, 128.23, 124.86, 123.81, 120.44, 119.09, 109.32, 58.91, 50.44, 40.00, 39.88, 39.76, 39.74, 39.64, 39.62, 39.52, 39.40, 39.28, 21.09, 11.38.

(*R,Z*)-*N*-(1-(3-Chlorophenyl)ethyl)-3-((3,5-dimethyl-4-nitro-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxamide (**7f**). To a dried sealed tube were added 242.2 mg (0.769 mmol) of (**3f**) and 150.1 mg (0.892 mmol) of 3,5-dimethyl-4-nitro-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde, all of which were dissolved in abs. EtOH (6.0 mL). To this solution were added 0.05 mL of piperidine and heated to reflux (95 °C) for 4 h. Once complete, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and then the product was filtered off as an orange solid. Yield: orange solid, 46 mg, 16%. Molecular formula: C₂₄H₂₁ClN₄O₄ ESI-MS calc: 464.13 ESI-MS found: 465.1318 HPLC: 7.699. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.38 (s, 1H), 8.68 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (dt, *J* = 6.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 1.50 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 165.88, 147.85, 144.31, 138.20, 130.27, 126.64, 126.10, 125.34, 125.04, 123.98, 119.28, 109.31, 102.54, 48.41, 40.00, 39.88, 39.76, 39.64, 39.52, 39.40, 39.28, 22.27, 14.93.

(*R,Z*)-3-((3,5-Dimethyl-4-nitro-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-*N*-(1-(*p*-tolyl)ethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**7g**). To a dried sealed tube were added 253.9 mg (0.862 mmol) of (**3g**) and 140.9 mg (0.837 mmol) of 3,5-dimethyl-4-nitro-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde, all of which were dissolved in abs. EtOH (3.0 mL). To this solution was added 0.05 mL of piperidine and heated to reflux (95 °C) for 4 h. Once complete, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and then the product was filtered off as an orange solid. Yield: orange solid, 76.1 mg, 25%. Molecular formula: C₂₅H₂₄N₄O₄ ESI-MS calc: 444.18 ESI-MS found: 445.1864 [M + 1] HPLC: 7.662. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.73 (s, 1H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 3H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.17 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 6H), 2.28 (s, 5H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.11, 165.77, 155.70, 142.17, 141.51, 137.04, 135.76, 135.76, 128.94, 126.27, 125.36, 119.23, 109.39, 52.91, 40.12, 40.00, 39.88, 39.76, 39.64, 39.52, 39.40, 22.49, 20.86, 15.04, 11.49, 10.19.

(*Z*)-*N*-Benzyl-3-((3,5-dimethyl-4-nitro-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxamide (**7i**). Prepared using the protocol described for **7a**. Yields an orange solid, 150 mg, 55%. Molecular formula: C₂₃H₂₀N₄O₄ ESI-MS calc: 416.15 ESI-MS found: 417.2934 HPLC: 7.158. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.44–11.06 (m, 1H), 8.84 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 4H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.75, 166.10, 141.33, 139.82, 136.69, 133.57, 128.23, 127.89, 127.37, 127.18, 126.67, 124.95, 124.69, 124.44, 123.25, 119.29, 118.57, 109.16, 42.62, 39.86, 39.74, 39.62, 39.50, 39.38, 39.26, 39.14, 14.73, 11.11.

(*Z*)-3-((3,5-Dimethyl-4-nitro-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-*N*-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**7j**). Prepared using the protocol described for **7a**. Yields an orange solid, 76.1 mg, 32.1%. Molecular formula: C₂₃H₂₄N₄O₄ ESI-MS calc: 444.18 ESI-MS found: 445.2680 [M + 1] HPLC: 7.713. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.32 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.72 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.84, 165.70, 148.16, 141.11, 136.71, 133.63, 129.19, 127.83, 127.58, 125.62, 125.05, 124.73, 124.69, 124.29, 123.61, 119.44, 119.02,

108.96, 55.31, 39.86, 39.74, 39.62, 39.50, 39.38, 39.26, 39.14, 29.65, 14.76, 11.21.

(*R,Z*)-3-((3,5-Dimethyl-4-nitro-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-*N*-(2-methyl-1-phenylpropyl)-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxamide (**7k**). Prepared using the protocol described for **7a**. Yields an orange solid, 144.6 mg, 64.8%. Molecular formula: C₂₆H₂₆N₄O₄ ESI-MS calc: 458.20 ESI-MS found: 459.2109 HPLC: 7.896. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.32 (s, 1H), 8.56 (p, *J* = 9.3, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (dq, *J* = 13.4, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.88–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.22 (qd, *J* = 14.5, 9.4, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (tt, *J* = 14.2, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.79–4.64 (m, 1H), 2.64–2.58 (m, 3H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 1.05 (tt, *J* = 13.4, 8.0 Hz, 3H), 0.75 (dp, *J* = 25.8, 6.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.69, 165.86, 143.12, 141.05, 127.89, 127.29, 127.17, 126.47, 125.00, 124.61, 124.32, 123.62, 119.24, 119.05, 108.85, 59.80, 39.74, 39.62, 39.50, 39.38, 39.26, 39.15, 39.03, 32.40, 19.97, 19.82, 14.64, 11.05.

(*Z*)-3-((3,5-Dimethyl-4-nitro-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-*N*-(3-phenyloxetan-3-yl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**7l**). Prepared using the protocol described for **7a**. Yields an orange solid, 47 mg, 42%. Molecular formula: C₂₅H₂₂N₄O₅ ESI-MS calc: 458.16 ESI-MS found: 459.1656 HPLC: 6.923. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.39 (s, 1H), 9.36 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.81–7.77 (m, 1H), 7.59–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 3H), 2.58 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.85, 165.50, 142.99, 141.58, 136.84, 133.69, 127.65, 127.44, 126.92, 125.26, 124.89, 124.72, 124.58, 123.78, 119.24, 109.26, 81.88, 58.33, 14.77, 11.15.

(*R,Z*)-*N*-(1-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethyl)-3-((3,5-dimethyl-4-nitro-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxamide (**7k**). Prepared using the protocol described for **7a**. Yields an orange solid, 213.3 mg, 96%. Molecular formula: C₂₄H₂₁ClN₄O₄ ESI-MS calc: 464.13 ESI-MS found: 465.1318 [M + 1] HPLC: 7.795. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.34 (s, 1H), 8.65 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.35–8.30 (m, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 3H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 1.49 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.83, 165.67, 144.05, 141.32, 136.76, 133.66, 131.02, 128.18, 128.10, 128.00, 127.49, 125.11, 124.70, 124.41, 123.63, 119.35, 118.98, 109.10, 48.00, 40.00, 39.83, 39.67, 39.50, 39.34, 39.17, 39.00, 22.07, 14.76, 11.21.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-Amino-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-*N*-(1-phenylethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**8a**). To a flask were added 90.7 mg of (**7a**) and 5 mL of 2:1 EtOH/EtOAc. To this slurry were added 226.8 mg (14 equiv) of Zn powder and 2 mL (150 equiv) of AcOH. The turbid orange solution was allowed to stir at 50 °C for 2 h. Once complete, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and then EtOAc was added before basifying with sat. Na₂CO₃. The basified aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 30 mL) and then washed with water and brine (1 × 30 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, and then solvent was removed under pressure to give the desired product as a red solid. Because the free amine is very reactive, it was moved forward without further characterization. Result: orange solid, 66.7 mg, 79.0%. Molecular formula: C₂₄H₂₄N₄O₂ ESI-MS calc: 400.19 ESI-MS found: 401.1955 HPLC: 5.177. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.45 (s, 1H), 10.88 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.51 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-Amino-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-*N*-(1-(*m*-tolyl)ethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**8b**). To a flask were added 86.4 mg of (**7b**) and 5 mL of 2:1 EtOH/EtOAc. To this slurry were added 210.9 mg (14 equiv) of Zn powder and 2 mL (150 equiv) of AcOH. The turbid orange solution was allowed to stir at 50 °C for 2 h. Once complete, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and then EtOAc was added before basifying with sat. Na₂CO₃. The basified aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 ×

30 mL) and then washed with water and brine (1 × 30 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, and then the solvent was removed under pressure to give the desired product as a red solid. Note that the free amine is very reactive, so it was moved forward without further characterization. Result: red solid, 86.6 mg, 94%. Molecular formula: C₂₅H₂₆N₄O₂ ESI-MS calc: 414.21 ESI-MS found: 415.2120 [M + 1] HPLC: 5.627.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-Amino-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-*N*-(1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl)-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxamide (**8c**). To a flask were added 96.3 mg of (**7c**) and 5 mL of 2:1 EtOH/EtOAc. To this slurry were added 295 mg (14 equiv) of Zn powder and 2 mL (150 equiv) of AcOH. The turbid orange solution was allowed to stir at 50 °C for 2 h. Once complete, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and then EtOAc was added before basifying with sat. Na₂CO₃. The basified aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 30 mL) and then washed with water and brine (1 × 30 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, and then the solvent was removed under pressure to give the desired product as a red solid. The free amine is very reactive, so it was moved forward without further characterization. Result: red solid, 96 mg, 100%. Molecular formula: C₂₄H₂₃FN₄O₂ ESI-MS calc: 418.18 ESI-MS found: 419.1938 [M + 1] HPLC: 5.713.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-Amino-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-*N*-(1-(pyridin-4-yl)ethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**8d**). To a flask were added 48.0 mg of (**7d**) and 5 mL of 2:1 EtOH/EtOAc. To this slurry were added 208 mg (14 equiv) of Zn powder and 2 mL (150 equiv) of AcOH. The turbid orange solution was allowed to stir at 50 °C for 2 h. Once complete, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and then EtOAc was added before basifying with sat. Na₂CO₃. The basified aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 30 mL) and then washed with water and brine (1 × 30 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, and then the solvent was removed under pressure to give the desired product as a red solid. The free amine is very reactive, so it was moved forward without further characterization. Result: red solid, 41.5 mg, 89%. Molecular formula: C₂₃H₂₃N₅O₂ ESI-MS calc: 401.19 ESI-MS found: 402.1920 [M + 1] HPLC: 3.928.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-Amino-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-*N*-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**8e**). To a flask were added 73.9 mg of (**7e**) and 5 mL of 2:1 EtOH/EtOAc. To this slurry were added 289 mg (14 equiv) of Zn powder and 2 mL (150 equiv) of AcOH. The turbid orange solution was allowed to stir at 50 °C for 2 h. Once complete, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and then EtOAc was added before basifying with sat. Na₂CO₃. The basified aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 30 mL) and then washed with water and brine (1 × 30 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, and then the solvent was removed under pressure to give the desired product as a red solid. The free amine is very reactive, so it was moved forward without further characterization. Result: red solid, 73.8 mg, 100%. Molecular formula: C₂₃H₂₃N₅O₂ ESI-MS calc: 401.19 ESI-MS found: 402.1450 [M + 1] HPLC: 3.920.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-Amino-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-*N*-(1-(3-chlorophenyl)ethyl)-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxamide (**8f**). To a flask were added 46.0 mg of (**7f**) and 5 mL of 2:1 EtOH/EtOAc. To this slurry were added 170.1 mg (14 equiv) of Zn powder and 1.4 mL (150 equiv) of AcOH. The turbid orange solution was allowed to stir at 50 °C for 2 h. Once complete, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and then EtOAc was added before basifying with sat. Na₂CO₃. The basified aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 30 mL) and then washed with water and brine (1 × 30 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, and then the solvent was removed under pressure to give the desired product as a red solid. The free amine is very reactive, so it was moved forward without further characterization. Result: red solid, 40 mg, 95%. Molecular formula: C₂₄H₂₃ClN₄O₂ ESI-MS calc: 434.15 ESI-MS found: 435.1569 [M + 1] HPLC: 5.556.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-Amino-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-*N*-(1-(*p*-tolyl)ethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**8g**). To a flask were added 76.1 mg of (**7g**) and 5 mL of 2:1 EtOH/EtOAc. To

this slurry were added 314.4 mg (14 equiv) of Zn powder and 2.0 mL (150 equiv) of AcOH. The turbid orange solution was allowed to stir at 50 °C for 2 h. Once complete, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and then EtOAc was added before basifying with sat. Na₂CO₃. The basified aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 30 mL) and then washed with water and brine (1 × 30 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, and then the solvent was removed under pressure to give the desired product as a red solid. The free amine is very reactive, so it was moved forward without further characterization. Result: red solid, 220 mg, 100%. Molecular formula: C₂₅H₂₆N₄O₂ ESI-MS calc: 414.21 ESI-MS found: 415.2119 [M + 1] HPLC: 5.573.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-Amino-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-*N*-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl)-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxamide (**8h**). Synthesized using protocol described for **8a**. Yields a red solid, 36.1 mg, 48%. Molecular formula: C₂₄H₂₃ClN₄O₂ ESI-MS calc: 434.15 ESI-MS found: 435.15612 HPLC: 5.398.

(*Z*)-3-((4-Amino-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-*N*-benzyl-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxamide (**8i**). Synthesized using protocol described for **8a**. Yields a red solid, 210 mg, quantitative yield. Molecular formula: C₂₃H₂₂N₄O₂ ESI-MS calc: 386.17 ESI-MS found: 387.1810 HPLC: 5.129.

(*Z*)-3-((4-Amino-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-*N*-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**8j**). Synthesized using protocol described for **8a**. Yields a red solid, 307 mg, quantitative yield. Molecular formula: C₂₅H₂₆N₄O₂ ESI-MS calc: 414.21 ESI-MS found: 415.2119 [M + 1] HPLC: 5.245.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-Amino-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-*N*-(2-methyl-1-phenylpropyl)-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxamide (**8k**). Synthesized using protocol described for **8a**. Yields a red solid, 220 mg, quantitative yield. Molecular formula: C₂₆H₂₈N₄O₂ ESI-MS calc: 428.22 ESI-MS found: 429.2201 HPLC: 5.497.

(*Z*)-3-((4-Amino-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-*N*-(3-phenyloxetan-3-yl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**8l**). Synthesized using protocol described for **8a**. Yields a red solid, 20.6 mg, 47%. Molecular formula: C₂₅H₂₄N₄O₃ ESI-MS calc: 428.18 ESI-MS found: 429.1494 HPLC: 4.710.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-(But-2-ynamido)-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-*N*-(1-phenylethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**9a**). To a flask were added 22.3 mg (0.37 mmol) of butynoic acid, 157.5 mg (0.37 mmol) of HATU, cat. DMAP, and 50 mg (0.19 mmol) of **8a** dissolved in 1 mL of DMF. To this bright red solution was added 0.25 mL (1.3 mmol) of DIPEA, and the solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for 2 h. Once complete, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed with sat. LiCl, and then dried over MgSO₄. The crude material was purified by preparatory TLC with 50% acetone/hexanes. The desired band was collected, the material was rinsed off the silica gel with acetone, and then the solvent was removed under pressure to give the desired product. Result: yellow solid, 17.5 mg, 20%. Molecular formula: C₂₈H₂₆N₄O₃ ESI-MS calc: 466.20 ESI-MS found: 467.2071 HPLC: 6.336. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.53 (s, 1H), 11.07 (s, 1H), 9.78 (s, 1H), 8.86 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 8.68 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.60 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.65–7.62 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 5H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 7H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 3H), 5.21–5.17 (m, 1H), 2.19 (s, 4H), 2.17 (s, 4H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.28, 167.22, 165.79, 149.50, 148.74, 145.19, 139.73, 135.08, 130.24, 128.98, 128.19, 127.41, 126.55, 125.97, 125.02, 122.58, 120.62, 117.41, 112.97, 55.89, 22.67, 12.09, 9.59, 3.60.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-Acrylamido-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-*N*-(1-phenylethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**9b**). To a round-bottom flask that contained **8a** (50 mg, 0.12 mmol) were added 0.01 mL (0.12 mmol) of acrylic acid, 58.8 mg (0.12 mmol) of HATU, cat. DMAP, and 0.50 mL (0.87 mmol) of TEA. All materials were dissolved in 2 mL of DMF and sonicated to give a homogeneous solution. The solution was allowed to stir at 56 °C for 2 h. Once complete, the reaction was quenched with sat. LiCl and then extracted with EtOAc (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were then

dried over MgSO_4 , and the material was purified by preparatory TLC (50% acetone/hexanes) collecting the baseline product, which was washed off the silica gel with acetone. The solvent was removed to give the final product as an orange solid (13.9 mg, 24%). Molecular formula: $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$ ESI-MS calc: 454.20 ESI-MS found: 455.1632 $[\text{M} + 1]$ HPLC: 6.147. ^1H NMR (700 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 13.53 (s, 1H), 11.07 (s, 1H), 9.41 (s, 1H), 8.60 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 8.21 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 5H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 5H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H), 6.93 (dd, $J = 8.1, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dd, $J = 17.1, 10.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.23–6.19 (m, 1H), 5.72 (dd, $J = 10.7, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.19 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.50 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 180.81, 169.69, 169.00, 167.87, 165.86, 153.99, 145.07, 141.22, 140.27, 136.23, 131.78, 129.29, 128.18, 127.56, 126.86, 126.49, 126.09, 124.16, 120.41, 109.40, 108.64, 53.84, 22.28.

(*R,Z*)-3-((3,5-Dimethyl-4-(vinylsulfonamido)-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-N-(1-phenylethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**9c**). Step 1: To a dried flask were added 0.03 mL (0.12 mmol) of vinyl sulfonic acid, two drops of DMF, and 2 mL of DCM. The solution was cooled to 0 °C, and then 0.02 mL (0.14 mmol) of oxalyl chloride was added in one portion. The solution was warmed to room temperature and allowed to stir until complete (1 h). Once complete, then the solvent was removed, and the resultant clear oil was rinsed with DCM (3 $\times$ 15 mL) and dried under high pressure until ready for step 2. Step 2: To the flask holding the acid chloride was added **8a** (50 mg, 0.12 mmol) dissolved in 3 mL of THF. To this murky orange solution was added 0.50 mL (7 equiv) of TEA, and the solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for 5 h. Once complete, the solvent was removed under pressure and a yellow residue was brought back up in EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with sat. Na_2CO_3 and then brine (1 $\times$ 30 mL). It was purified using a preparatory TLC plate (40% acetone/hexanes), collecting secondary spot ($R_f = 0.2$ –0.3). The material was rinsed off silica with acetone, and the solvent was removed to give a dark orange solid as the desired product. Result: orange solid, 16 mg, 27%. Molecular formula: $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ESI-MS calc: 490.17 ESI-MS found: 491.1249 HPLC: 6.43. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 13.50 (s, 1H), 11.38 (s, 1H), 11.09 (s, 1H), 8.98 (s, 1H), 8.64–8.57 (m, 2H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 5H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 5H), 7.21 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, $J = 16.5, 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.19 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 4H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.50 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.90, 165.56, 145.07, 141.33, 136.84, 133.74, 128.32, 128.19, 127.65, 126.53, 126.15, 125.20, 124.79, 124.46, 123.83, 119.49, 119.12, 109.21, 48.52, 45.44, 39.88, 39.76, 39.64, 39.52, 39.40, 39.28, 39.16, 22.33, 14.83, 11.29, 8.63.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-(2-Cyanoacetamido)-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-N-(1-phenylethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**9d**). To a round-bottom flask were added 20.2 mg of **8a** (0.05 mmol), 6.7 mg (0.075 mmol) of cyanoacetic acid, and 24.6 mg (0.1 mmol) of DMTMM. All materials were brought up in 2 mL of DMF, and the resulting solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h. Once complete, the reaction was quenched with sat. NaCl and extracted with EtOAc (3 $\times$ 50 mL). The organic layer was washed with sat. Na_2CO_3 and brine (1 $\times$ 50 mL) and then dried over MgSO_4 . The solvent was removed under pressure, evaporating the material onto a silica gel. It was purified by column chromatography (5–100% acetone/hexanes). The column was flushed with 7 N NH_3 in MeOH to yield the final product as a bright orange solid. Result: orange solid, 10 mg, 43%. Molecular formula: $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_5\text{O}_3$ ESI-MS calc: 467.20 ESI-MS found: 468.1297 HPLC: 6.100, ^1H NMR (700 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 13.51 (s, 1H), 11.08 (s, 1H), 9.52 (s, 1H), 8.60 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.19 (p, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 2.20 (dd, $J = 12.9, 10.8$ Hz, 6H), 1.50 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H).

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-(2-Chloroacetamido)-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-N-(1-phenylethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**9e**). To a dried round-bottom flask was added **8a** (60 mg, 0.15 mmol)

dissolved in 3 mL of THF. The yellow solution was cooled to 0 °C, and 0.01 mL (0.18 mmol) of chloroacetylchloride was added dropwise. The solution was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 30 min. Once complete by TLC, it was quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc. The solvent was removed, and the crude material was purified using a prep plate (50% acetone/hexanes) collecting the major product. The desired product was rinsed off of a silica gel, and then the solvent was removed to give a bright yellow solid. The yellow solid was washed with DCM and sonicated to give a red solid. The red solid was then pulped in water/acetone (30:1) to give the final product. Result: red solid, 25.1 mg, 35%. Molecular formula: $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClN}_4\text{O}_3$ ESI-MS calc: 476.16 ESI-MS found: 477.0999 HPLC: 6.388. ^1H NMR (700 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 11.08 (s, 1H), 9.53 (s, 1H), 8.60 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.19 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.20 (d, $J = 12.1$ Hz, 7H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.50 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.67, 168.51, 156.78, 145.12, 140.30, 131.64, 129.98, 128.13, 127.50, 126.89, 126.44, 126.11, 124.45, 122.62, 121.01, 117.42, 116.93, 112.94, 48.39, 42.71, 22.29, 11.67, 9.24.

(*Z*)-3-((4-((*E*)-4-(Dimethylamino)but-2-enamido)-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-N-((*R*)-1-phenylethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**9f**). To a round-bottom flask were added **8a** (50 mg, 0.12 mmol), 20.2 mg (0.12 mmol) of *N,N*-dimethylaminobutenoic acid, 36 mg (0.12 mmol) of DMTMM, and 0.20 mL (0.24 mmol) of TEA. All materials were brought up in 2 mL of DMF, and the resulting solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h. Once complete, the reaction was quenched with sat. NaCl and extracted with EtOAc (3 $\times$ 50 mL). The organic layer was washed with sat. Na_2CO_3 and brine (1 $\times$ 50 mL) and then dried over MgSO_4 . The solvent was removed under pressure, evaporating the material onto a silica gel. It was purified by column chromatography (5–100% acetone/hexanes). The column was flushed with 7 N NH_3 in MeOH to yield the final product as a bright yellow oil. Result: yellow oil, 13 mg, 20%. Molecular formula: $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_5\text{O}_3$ ESI-MS calc: 511.26 ESI-MS found: 512.2110 $[\text{M} + 1]$, 534.1905 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]$ HPLC: 5.424. ^1H NMR (700 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 13.56 (s, 1H), 11.06 (s, 2H), 9.29 (s, 2H), 8.59 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 8.21 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.65 (s, 2H), 7.41 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.71–6.64 (m, 1H), 6.27 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.21–5.17 (m, 1H), 3.05 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.21 (s, 6H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.50 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.09, 166.24, 163.98, 145.47, 141.00, 140.66, 132.25, 128.68, 128.55, 127.91, 127.30, 126.87, 126.48, 126.08, 125.81, 125.74, 125.61, 124.86, 124.52, 122.19, 117.61, 112.99, 109.03, 62.41, 48.96, 25.82, 22.64, 14.44, 12.32, 9.77.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-(2-Bromoacetamido)-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-N-(1-phenylethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**9g**). To a round-bottom flask were added 83.7 mg of **8a** (0.21 mmol), 60.1 mg (0.41 mmol) of bromoacetic acid, and 100 mg (0.25 mmol) of DMTMM. All materials were brought up in 2 mL of DMF, and the resulting solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for 1.5 h. Once complete, the reaction was quenched with brine and then extracted with EtOAc (3 $\times$ 20 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , and then the solvent was removed under pressure to give a dark orange solid. The solid was then dissolved in DCM, and the resultant solution was sonicated to give a dark red precipitate. The solid was filtered off and rinsed with excess cold DCM to give the final product. Result: red solid, 42.9 mg, 39%. Molecular formula: $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrN}_4\text{O}_3$ ESI-MS calc: 520.11 ESI-MS found: 523.1164 HPLC: 6.397. ^1H NMR (700 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 13.52 (s, 1H), 11.08 (s, 1H), 9.60 (s, 1H), 8.60 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.20 (p, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 2.20 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 6H), 1.51 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.68, 165.82, 165.54, 145.05, 140.30, 131.64, 128.15, 127.59,

126.78, 126.47, 126.07, 125.76, 125.33, 124.44, 124.13, 121.01, 117.35, 112.95, 108.62, 48.34, 29.33, 22.26, 11.61, 9.14.

(*Z*)-3-((4-(3-Chloro-2-hydroxypropanamido)-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-*N*-(1-(*R*)-1-phenylethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**9h**). To a round-bottom flask were added 80 mg of **8a** (0.20 mmol), 31.1 mg (0.26 mmol) of 3-chloro-2-hydroxypropionic acid, and 81.8 mg (0.32 mmol) of DMTMM. All materials were brought up in 2 mL of DMF, and the resulting solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h. Once complete, the reaction was quenched with sat. NaCl and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 50 mL). The organic layer was washed with sat. Na₂CO₃ and brine (1 × 50 mL) and then dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was removed under pressure, evaporating the material onto a silica gel. It was purified by column chromatography (5–100% acetone/hexanes). Result: orange solid, 72.8 mg, 58%. Molecular formula: C₂₇H₂₇ClN₄O₄ ESI-MS calc: 506.17 ESI-MS found: 507.1809 [M + 1], 540.2377 [M + H + MeOH] HPLC: 6.043. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.58–13.42 (m, 1H), 11.07 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 8.60 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.23–8.19 (m, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.69–7.67 (m, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dt, *J* = 8.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 1H), 2.21–2.18 (m, 4H), 2.16 (s, 2H), 1.50 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 172.44, 166.31, 162.74, 145.53, 128.63, 127.95, 126.94, 126.54, 125.88, 124.64, 121.80, 117.71, 115.92, 109.07, 107.36, 55.41, 48.82, 22.73, 21.51, 9.74.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-(2-Chloroacetamido)-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)-methylene)-2-oxo-*N*-(1-(*m*-tolylethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**9i**). To a dried round-bottom flask was added 86.6 mg of **8b** (0.209 mmol) dissolved in 3 mL of THF. The yellow solution was cooled to 0 °C and 0.04 mL (0.30 mmol) of chloroacetylchloride was added dropwise. The solution was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 30 min. Once complete by TLC, the reaction was quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc. The solvent was removed, and the crude material was purified using a prep plate (50% acetone/hexanes) collecting the major product. The desired product was rinsed off of a silica gel, and then the solvent was removed to give a bright yellow solid. The yellow solid was washed with DCM and sonicated to give a red solid. The red solid was then pulped in water/acetone (30:1) to give the final product. Result: red solid, 57.2 mg, 55%. Molecular formula: C₂₇H₂₇ClN₄O₃ ESI-MS calc: 490.18 ESI-MS found: 491.1133 HPLC: 6.68. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.52 (s, 1H), 11.07 (s, 1H), 9.53 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.74–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.15 (m, 4H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.20 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 6H), 1.49 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.18, 169.06, 166.24, 165.84, 145.51, 140.80, 137.63, 132.18, 128.59, 128.10, 127.62, 127.24, 126.26, 125.83, 124.93, 123.68, 121.47, 117.93, 113.45, 109.13, 48.80, 43.22, 22.79, 21.62, 12.15, 9.70.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-(2-Chloroacetamido)-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)-methylene)-*N*-(1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl)-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxamide (**9j**). To a dried round-bottom flask was added 96.0 mg of **8c** (0.23 mmol) dissolved in 4 mL of THF. The yellow solution was cooled to 0 °C, and 0.02 mL (0.25 mmol) of chloroacetylchloride was added dropwise. The solution was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 30 min. Once complete by TLC, the reaction was quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc. The solvent was removed, and the crude material was purified using a prep plate (50% acetone/hexanes) collecting the major product. The desired product was rinsed off of a silica gel, and then the solvent was removed to give a bright yellow solid. The yellow solid was washed with DCM and sonicated to give a red solid. The red solid was then pulped in water/acetone (30:1) to give the final product. Result: red solid, 46.5 mg, 41%. Molecular formula: C₂₆H₂₄FCIN₄O₃ ESI-MS calc: 494.15 ESI-MS found: 495.0480 [M + 1] HPLC: 6.439. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.52 (s, 1H), 11.08 (s, 1H), 9.54 (s, 1H), 8.63 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.46–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.15 (tt, *J* = 9.9, 3.2 Hz, 3H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.28–4.26 (m, 4H), 2.20 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 6H), 1.50 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ

170.20, 169.07, 166.36, 165.86, 162.12, 160.75, 141.78, 141.76, 140.85, 132.22, 128.54, 128.49, 128.41, 128.02, 127.42, 126.27, 125.87, 124.96, 124.70, 121.50, 117.90, 115.38, 115.26, 113.44, 109.15, 48.33, 43.23, 41.97, 40.37, 40.25, 40.13, 40.01, 39.89, 39.77, 39.65, 36.07, 29.51, 22.78, 12.16, 9.72.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-(2-Chloroacetamido)-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)-methylene)-2-oxo-*N*-(1-(pyridin-4-yl)ethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**9k**). To a dried round-bottom flask was added 41.5 mg of **8d** (0.103 mmol) dissolved in 2 mL of THF. The yellow solution was cooled to 0 °C, and 0.01 mL (0.103 mmol) of chloroacetylchloride was added dropwise. The solution was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 30 min. Once complete by TLC, the reaction was quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc. The solvent was removed, and the crude material was purified using a prep plate (50% acetone/hexanes) collecting the major product as the desired product. Result: red solid, 6.3 mg, 13%. Molecular formula: C₂₅H₂₄ClN₅O₃ ESI-MS calc: 477.16 ESI-MS found: 478.1734 [M + H] HPLC: 4.363. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.51 (s, 1H), 11.15 (s, 1H), 10.56 (s, 1H), 9.86 (s, 1H), 8.73 (s, 1H), 8.48 (s, 2H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 2.21 (s, 6H), 1.50 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 168.53, 166.49, 165.34, 154.01, 141.60, 140.65, 130.38, 129.30, 129.05, 127.97, 124.37, 123.04, 122.68, 121.09, 119.53, 118.36, 108.73, 54.90, 42.72, 21.66, 10.38, 8.77.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-(2-Chloroacetamido)-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)-methylene)-2-oxo-*N*-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**9l**). To a dried round-bottom flask was added 73.8 mg of **8e** (0.18 mmol) dissolved in 4 mL of THF. The yellow solution was cooled to 0 °C, and 0.04 mL (0.50 mmol) of chloroacetylchloride was added dropwise. The solution was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 30 min. Once complete by TLC, the solvent was removed under pressure and then DCM was added to the dark red residue. The DCM solution was sonicated to give a dark red precipitate. The solid was filtered off and rinsed with THF and DCM to give the desired product as a dark red solid. Result: red solid, 37.1 mg, 42%. Molecular formula: C₂₅H₂₄ClN₅O₃ ESI-MS calc: 477.16 ESI-MS found: 478.1547 [M + 1] HPLC: 4.743. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.28 (t, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 11.02 (q, *J* = 7.5, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 9.86 (s, 1H), 8.98 (d, *J* = 52.4 Hz, 1H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (q, *J* = 9.9, 9.4 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (s, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dt, *J* = 27.4, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (p, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.23–5.16 (m, 1H), 4.03 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (d, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 14H), 2.26 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 7H), 2.17 (dt, *J* = 18.1, 8.8 Hz, 4H), 1.97 (q, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 1.48–1.40 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.75, 166.56, 165.36, 159.41, 145.67, 142.08, 141.13, 140.72, 131.91, 128.62, 127.17, 126.78, 126.44, 125.11, 124.85, 124.26, 123.99, 121.10, 118.54, 52.68, 42.73, 20.48, 11.23, 8.81.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-(2-Chloroacetamido)-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)-methylene)-*N*-(1-(3-chlorophenyl)ethyl)-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxamide (**9m**). To a dried round-bottom flask was added 40 mg of **8f** (0.16 mmol) dissolved in 4 mL of THF. The yellow solution was cooled to 0 °C, and 0.01 mL (0.18 mmol) of chloroacetylchloride was added dropwise. The solution was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 30 min. Once complete by TLC, the solvent was removed under pressure and then DCM was added to the dark red residue. The DCM solution was sonicated to give a dark red precipitate. The solid was filtered off and rinsed with THF and DCM to give the desired product as a dark red solid. Result: red solid, 23.4 mg, 28%. Molecular formula: C₂₆H₂₄Cl₂N₄O₃ ESI-MS calc: 510.12 ESI-MS found: 511.1579 [M + 1] HPLC: 6.742. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.52 (s, 1H), 11.09 (s, 1H), 9.53 (s, 1H), 8.66 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.47–7.45 (m, 1H), 7.38–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.29 (dq, *J* = 6.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 2.20 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 6H), 1.50 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.51, 165.17, 147.64, 140.23, 132.71, 131.57, 129.96, 127.20, 126.77, 126.30, 125.79, 125.55, 125.23, 124.73, 124.28, 120.82, 117.27, 112.71, 48.03, 42.55, 39.83, 39.67, 39.50, 39.33, 39.17, 39.00, 38.83, 21.96, 11.48, 9.02.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-(2-Chloroacetamido)-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-*N*-(1-(*p*-tolyl)ethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**9n**). To a dried round-bottom flask was added 93 mg of **8g** (0.19 mmol) dissolved in 5 mL of THF. The yellow solution was cooled to 0 °C, and 0.1 mL (1.3 mmol) of chloroacetylchloride was added dropwise. The solution was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 30 min. Once complete by TLC, the solvent was removed under pressure and then DCM was added to the dark red residue. The DCM solution was sonicated to give a dark red precipitate. The solid was filtered off and rinsed with THF and DCM to give the desired product as a dark red solid. Result: red solid, 73.6 mg, 77%. Molecular formula: C₂₇H₂₇ClN₄O₃ ESI-MS calc: 490.18 ESI-MS found: 473.05 [M-Cl] HPLC: 6.625. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.51 (s, 1H), 11.06 (s, 1H), 9.52 (s, 1H), 8.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.71–7.65 (m, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 4H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 6H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.18–5.12 (m, 2H), 2.26 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 8H), 1.48 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 5H).

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-(2-Chloroacetamido)-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-*N*-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl)-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxamide (**9o**). Synthesized using the protocol described in **8h**. Yields a brown solid, 43.5 mg, 100%. Molecular formula: C₂₆H₂₄Cl₂N₄O₃ ESI-MS calc: 510.12 ESI-MS found: 511.12917 [M + 1] HPLC: 6.723. ¹H NMR (499 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.52 (s, 1H), 11.08 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 9.53 (s, 1H), 8.64 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.44–7.40 (m, 4H), 7.40–7.37 (m, 5H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (dq, *J* = 13.7, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 6H), 1.49 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.31, 169.68, 165.92, 165.35, 144.15, 140.36, 131.73, 130.99, 128.11, 128.01, 127.44, 126.92, 126.09, 125.76, 125.35, 124.44, 123.36, 122.09, 121.43, 120.99, 120.43, 117.37, 108.64, 55.81, 42.72, 22.10, 11.65, 9.21.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-(2-Bromoacetamido)-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-*N*-(1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl)-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxamide (**9p**). This material was prepared using the protocol described for **8c**. Yields a bright orange solid, 13.7 mg, 23%. HRMS: 541.1106 [M + 1, Br⁸¹] HPLC: 6.449. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.52 (s, 1H), 11.08 (s, 1H), 9.60 (s, 1H), 8.61 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.17–7.13 (m, 2H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.22–2.18 (m, 6H), 1.51–1.48 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.07, 167.64, 166.24, 162.00, 155.00, 144.70, 140.72, 132.05, 129.71, 128.41, 127.92, 124.56, 122.76, 121.42, 117.77, 115.96, 115.26, 109.01, 48.19, 29.73, 22.66, 12.01, 9.54.

(*Z*)-*N*-Benzyl-3-((4-(2-chloroacetamido)-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxamide (**9q**). Synthesized using protocol described for **9i**. Yields an orange solid, 18.2 mg, 21%. Molecular formula: C₂₅H₂₃ClN₄O₃ ESI-MS calc: 462.15 ESI-MS found: 463.1529 [M + 1] HPLC: 6.177. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.49 (s, 1H), 11.08 (s, 1H), 9.52 (s, 1H), 8.85 (dt, *J* = 12.4, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.35–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.24 (tt, *J* = 6.2, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.18, 166.91, 165.85, 140.89, 140.42, 132.22, 128.74, 128.72, 128.70, 127.98, 127.78, 127.68, 127.67, 127.62, 127.38, 127.15, 126.21, 125.93, 124.95, 124.54, 123.95, 121.48, 117.63, 113.41, 109.28, 68.98, 56.32, 43.22, 43.09, 43.03, 40.37, 40.25, 40.13, 40.01, 39.89, 39.77, 39.65, 36.08, 32.59, 30.08, 12.14, 11.67, 9.92, 9.65.

(*Z*)-3-((4-(2-Chloroacetamido)-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-*N*-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**9r**). Synthesized using the protocol described for **9i**. Yields a brown solid, 14.2 mg, 15%. Molecular formula: C₂₇H₂₇ClN₄O₃ ESI-MS calc: 490.18 ESI-MS found: 491.1832 [M + 1], 513.1656 [M + Na] HPLC: 6.63. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.52 (s, 1H), 11.06 (s, 1H), 9.53 (s, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 3H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 2.20 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 6H), 1.69 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.12, 166.37, 165.75, 148.67, 143.56, 140.59, 132.03, 128.86, 128.24, 127.26, 126.00, 125.65, 125.11, 124.86, 124.66, 121.37, 117.90, 108.94, 55.69, 43.14, 30.13, 12.07, 9.61.

(*R,Z*)-3-((4-(2-Chloroacetamido)-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-*N*-(2-methyl-1-phenylpropyl)-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxamide (**9s**). Synthesized using the protocol described for **9i**. Yields an orange solid, 5.5 mg, 5.8%. Molecular formula: C₂₈H₂₉ClN₄O₃ ESI-MS calc: 504.19 ESI-MS found: 505.1997 HPLC: 6.803. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.52 (s, 1H), 11.06 (s, 1H), 9.52 (s, 1H), 8.53 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.67–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 2.20 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 6H), 1.04 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 4H), 0.73 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.14, 166.69, 165.80, 151.43, 143.78, 140.68, 132.14, 128.47, 128.45, 127.89, 127.78, 127.38, 127.05, 125.84, 124.90, 124.74, 121.43, 118.01, 108.97, 60.35, 43.19, 32.97, 20.45, 12.12, 9.62.

(*Z*)-3-((4-(2-Chloroacetamido)-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-*N*-(3-phenyloxetan-3-yl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**9t**). Synthesized using the protocol described for **9i**. Yields a red solid, 5.0 mg, 21%. Molecular formula: C₂₇H₂₅ClN₄O₄ ESI-MS calc: 504.16 ESI-MS found: 505.1619 HPLC: 5.332. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.52 (s, 1H), 11.28 (s, 1H), 9.54 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (s, 1H), 7.84 (s, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 4H), 7.39 (dt, *J* = 14.7, 7.8 Hz, 5H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 16.7, 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.04 (s, 2H), 4.85 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 4.45 (t, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 4.27 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 2.22 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.16, 167.57, 165.90, 154.45, 143.80, 130.21, 129.17, 129.09, 129.04, 128.64, 126.55, 126.07, 125.78, 125.47, 125.31, 122.08, 121.39, 120.35, 115.60, 110.34, 78.59, 72.40, 43.21, 11.78, 9.23.

(*Z*)-3-((4-(*E*)-2-Cyano-4,4-dimethylpent-2-enamido)-3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-*N*-((*R*)-1-phenylethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**10a**). To a sealed tube were added 30 mg of **9g** (0.064 mmol), 0.05 mL of pivaldehyde (0.45 mmol), and 0.10 mL of piperidine (1.0 mmol). All materials were then dissolved in 3 mL of abs. EtOH. The solution was then heated to 75 °C for 12 h. Once complete, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and then the solvent was removed under pressure, evaporating the crude material onto a silica gel. The material was purified by column chromatography (50% acetone/hexanes) to give the desired product. Yields a yellow solid, 14 mg, 41%. MS: 536.1375 [M + 1], 558 [M + Na] HPLC: 7.69. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.54 (s, 1H), 11.09 (s, 1H), 9.57 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 8.60 (s, 2H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 2.22–2.17 (m, 6H), 1.50 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.15 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 9H), 1.04 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (176 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.08, 167.90, 166.20, 160.95, 153.74, 145.51, 141.02, 140.65, 135.87, 132.53, 128.55, 128.02, 126.86, 126.46, 124.51, 123.07, 120.43, 117.75, 115.67, 98.56, 56.19, 28.98, 25.24, 22.64, 12.00, 9.70.

(*Z*)-3-((3,5-Dimethyl-4-(oxirane-2-carboxamido)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene)-2-oxo-*N*-((*R*)-1-phenylethyl)indoline-5-carboxamide (**10b**). To a flask were added 36.4 mg of **9h** and 47.2 mg of K₂CO₃. All materials were brought up in 3.0 mL of acetone and 1 mL of MeCN, and then the reaction was refluxed (60 °C) for 30 min. After 30 min, the reaction was heated to 70 °C for 1 h, with cat. KI to push the reaction to completion. Once complete, the reaction was quenched with water (1 × 30 mL) and then extracted with EtOAc (2 × 25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and then purified by column chromatography (25–100% acetone/hexanes). The desired fractions were collected, and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*, giving the product as a yellow solid. Result: yellow solid, 3.0 mg, 6%. Molecular formula: C₂₇H₂₆ClN₄O₄ ESI-MS calc: 470.20 ESI-MS found: 471.2158 [M + 1] HPLC: 6.591. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ 13.62 (s, 1H), 10.01 (s, 1H), 8.24–8.22 (m, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dt, *J* = 8.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.91

(s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 2H), 2.30 (s, 2H), 2.25 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 3H), 2.19 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.14 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.56 (dd, $J = 7.1, 1.3$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 171.84, 169.70, 167.77, 152.56, 145.07, 140.26, 132.32, 128.18, 127.58, 127.45, 126.50, 126.09, 124.43, 121.76, 120.08, 118.18, 108.61, 54.27, 54.08, 48.37, 22.28, 11.87, 9.44.

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Kinase panel collated data (XLS)

9c forming a covalent adduct with GRK5, benzylic analogs forming a covalent adduct after 8 h incubation, kinase panel for 5c, and thermodynamic solubility of indolinone series analogs (PDF)

Molecular strings file (CSV)

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AST, active site tether; GPCR, G protein-coupled receptor; GRK, G protein-coupled receptor kinase; P-loop, phosphate-binding loop; MS, mass spectrometry; RTK, receptor tyrosine kinase; SAR, structure–activity relationship.

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