

Discovery of a Pyrimidinedione Derivative as a Potent and Orally Bioavailable Axl Inhibitor

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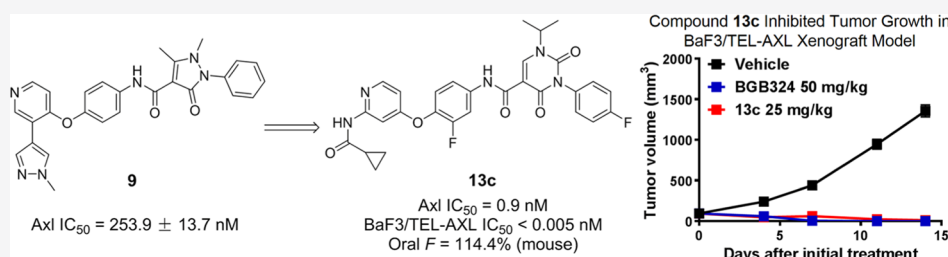
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ABSTRACT: The receptor tyrosine kinase Axl plays important roles in promoting cancer progression, metastasis, and drug resistance and has been identified as a promising target for anticancer therapeutics. We used molecular modeling-assisted structural optimization starting with the low micromolar potency compound 9 to discover compound 13c, a highly potent and orally bioavailable Axl inhibitor. Selectivity profiling showed that 13c could inhibit the well-known oncogenic kinase Met with equal potency to its inhibition of Axl superfamily kinases. Compound 13c significantly inhibited cellular Axl and Met signaling, suppressed Axl- and Met-driven cell proliferation, and restrained Gas6/Axl-mediated cancer cell migration or invasion. Furthermore, 13c exhibited significant antitumor efficacy in Axl-driven and Met-driven tumor xenograft models, causing tumor stasis or regression at well-tolerated doses. All these favorable data make 13c a promising therapeutic candidate for cancer treatment.

INTRODUCTION

Axl is a receptor tyrosine kinase (RTK) that belongs to the TAM (Tyro3, Axl, and Mer) subfamily. Upon binding to its endogenous ligand growth arrest specific protein 6 (Gas6),¹ Axl dimerizes and gets autophosphorylated, resulting in the activation of downstream signaling pathways.^{2–5} Gas6/Axl signaling regulates various biological processes, such as proliferation, differentiation, migration, apoptosis, angiogenesis, and immune response.^{6,7}

Since the first identification of Axl in chronic myeloid leukemia (CML),⁸ aberrant Axl signaling has been detected in many other cancers.^{9–15} Overexpression of Axl closely correlates with poor prognosis.^{3,16–21} Axl can heterodimerize with many other RTKs, including Met,^{22–24} cooperating to promote tumor growth and metastasis. Moreover, Axl, as a key inducer of epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition (EMT), is potentially required for the metastatic feature of tumors, and blocking Axl could decrease tumor metastasis.^{10,15,25–27} Recent evidence has shown the potential important regulatory role of Gas6/Axl in the interaction between cancer cells and stromal/immune cells in the tumor microenvironment, promoting tumor progression and metastasis.²⁸ Besides, Axl could mediate de novo and acquire resistance to chemotherapy, immunotherapy, molecular-targeted therapy, and radiation therapy.^{21,26,29,30}

Thus, targeting Axl is a promising strategy for anticancer therapeutics.

Several type I and type II ATP-competitive inhibitors that target Axl have been reported (Figure 1). Type I inhibitors such as 1 (gilteritinib)³¹ and 2 (bemcentinib, BGB324)³² bind to the active conformation of Axl, where the aspartate–phenylalanine–glycine (DFG) motif is oriented toward the ATP binding site. The potent FLT3/Axl inhibitor 1 has been approved by FDA to treat acute myeloid leukemia (AML) with FLT3 mutations. BGB324, which is disclosed as the first selective Axl inhibitor,³² has advanced into phase I and II clinical trials against different types of cancers. Type II inhibitors bind to the inactive conformation of Axl, in which the DFG motif is oriented outward such that the protein could enable additional allosteric interactions. Compound 3 (cabozantinib)³³ is an FDA-approved multikinase inhibitor for treating various cancers, and the inhibitory potency of 3 against Axl is 200-fold less active than against VEGFR2.³⁴ Some other type II Axl

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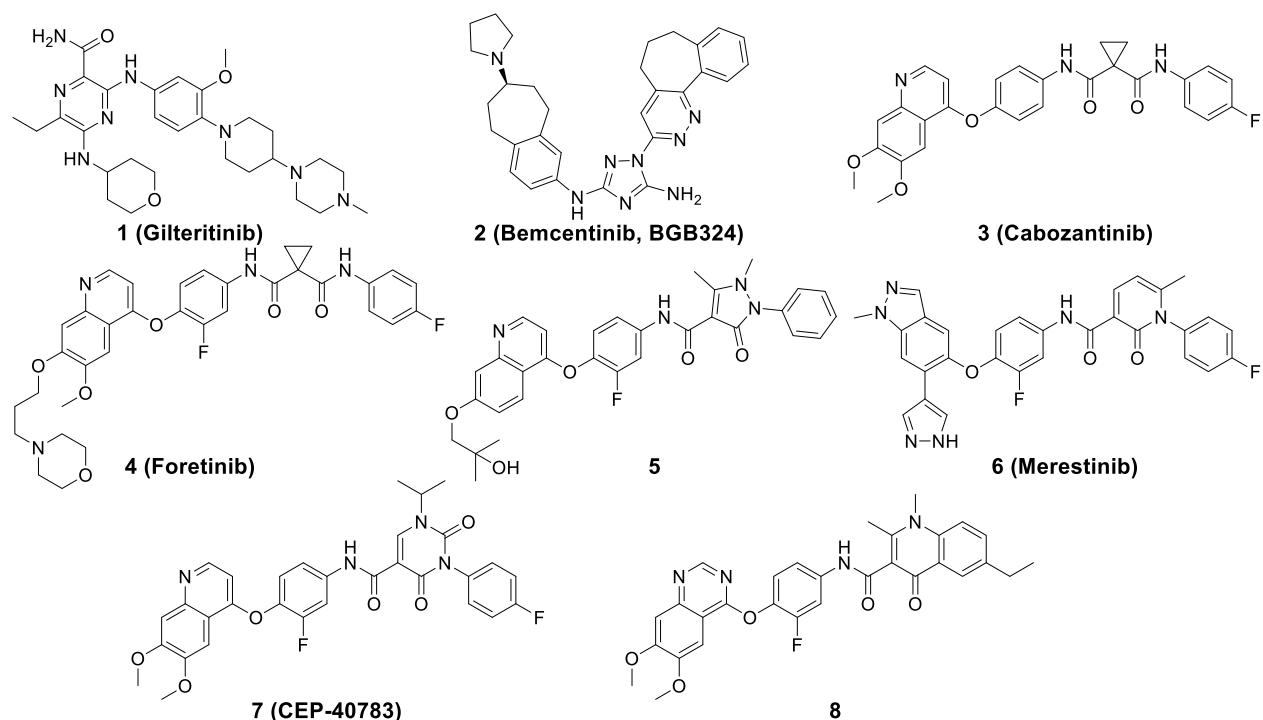


Figure 1. Chemical structures of representative Axl inhibitors.

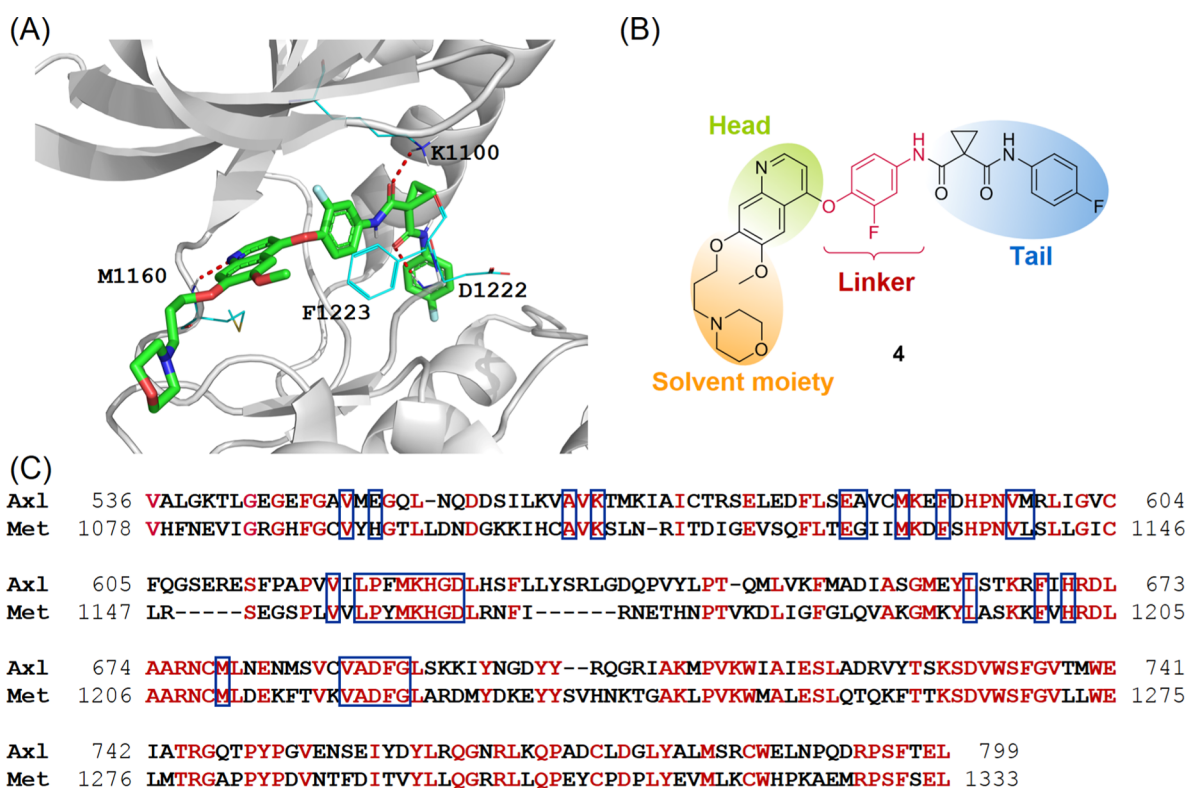


Figure 2. Analysis of the structural features of the type II Axl inhibitor from the cocrystal structure of Met in complex with the Axl inhibitor 4: (A) binding mode of Met with the representative type II Axl inhibitor 4 (PDB ID: 3LQ8). (B) Compound 4 was used to display the structural features of classic type II Axl inhibitors. (C) Sequence alignment of Axl and Met kinase domains, where the identical residues are colored in red and the binding pocket residues of the Met DFG-out conformation are boxed.

inhibitors, such as 4 (foretinib),³⁵ 5,³⁶ 6 (merestinib),³⁷ and 7 (CEP-40783),³⁸ are currently in different phases of clinical trials. Compound 8 is another potent type II Axl inhibitor with an IC_{50} value of 4.0 nM.³⁹ The imaging probes derived from 8 have been

successfully applied in proteome profiling and bioimaging of cancer cells and tumor tissues.⁴⁰

Here, we describe the discovery of the orally active pyrimidinedione 13c as a type II Axl inhibitor.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Design Rationale and Structure–Activity Relationship (SAR) Exploration. A validated sandwich enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA)⁴¹ was used to determine the kinase inhibitory activities of new derivatives. Gilteritinib and BGB324 served as positive controls and displayed IC₅₀ values of 4.6 and 4.8 nM, respectively, which are consistent with previously reported data.^{32,42} The classic gain-of-function model cell line BaF3/TEL-Axl was used to evaluate the antiproliferative effect of new derivatives.

No crystal structure is available for the Axl kinase domain in complex with a type II inhibitor to date. To elucidate the interactions between Axl and type II inhibitors, we obtained the Axl kinase domain sequence from the UniProt database (<http://www.uniprot.org/>) and performed a BLAST search (<http://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>) of the obtained sequence in the PDB database. The results demonstrated that except for the TAM subfamily members, Met had the highest sequence identity to the Axl kinase domain, with an identity value of 45.90%. In addition, 24 out of 28 residues in the DFG-out binding pocket of Met and Axl were identical (Figure 2C), which indicated that a type II inhibitor might bind to Met and Axl with similar binding modes. The binding mode of Met with the representative type II Axl/Met inhibitor 4 has been reported³⁵ (Figure 2A). It revealed that type II Axl inhibitors may have the following structural features: (1) a hinge-binding moiety “head”, which is commonly a nitrogen-containing heterocycle as a hydrogen bond acceptor and may be decorated with substituents that stretch into the solvent region; (2) a “tail” containing a dual hydrogen bond acceptor (DHBA) segment and a hydrophobic aryl, where the active conformation of the tail moiety could be constrained by introducing a rigid ring; and (3) an aminophenoxy linker that joins the head and the tail (Figure 2B). On the basis of this information, we initially designed and synthesized compound 9 (see Figure 3), which features a five-membered ring in the tail

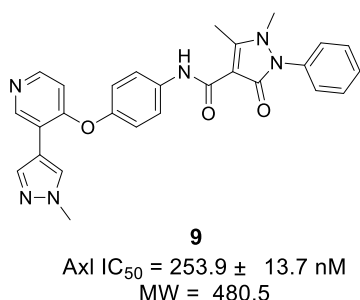


Figure 3. Chemical structure of compound 9.

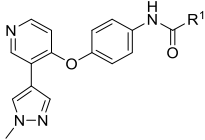
moiety for constraining the active conformation of the tail moiety and a flexible pyrazole-substituted pyridine in the head moiety. As a type II inhibitor, 9 also has a relatively low molecular weight (480.5) and has good potential for structural modification. Biochemical assays showed that compound 9 displayed moderate activity with an IC₅₀ value of 253.9 nM for Axl.

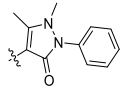
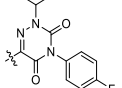
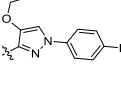
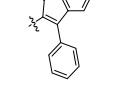
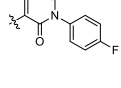
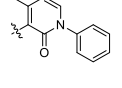
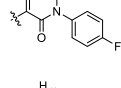
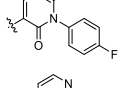
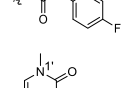
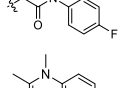
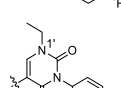
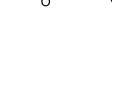
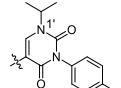
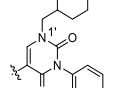
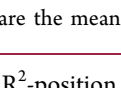
Our first step in optimizing the inhibitory potency of 9 involved the tail moiety. We adopted a hybrid design strategy by replacing the tail moiety of 9 with different known DHBA-containing fragments^{39,43–49} to generate compounds 10a–n (Table 1). Ethoxy-substituted pyrazole 10a exhibited no activity on Axl, whereas pyrimidine-4-one 10b displayed a significant increase in potency, with an IC₅₀ value of 20.5 nM for Axl. The

installation of a methyl at the 6'-position of the pyrimidine-4-one moiety of 10b led to a sharp loss in activity (10c), whereas replacement of pyrimidine-4-one of 10b with pyrimidine-2,4-dione led to a slight increase in potency (10d, with an IC₅₀ of 13.0 nM). Given the improved potency of 10d, variations at the 1'-position of the pyrimidine-2,4-dione fragment of 10d were explored with four selected substituents to form compounds 10e–h, among which ethyl and isopropyl substitutions led to a slight increase in potency with IC₅₀ values of 8.8 and 8.7 nM for 10f and 10g, respectively. Replacing pyrimidine-2,4-one with its bioisoster 1,2,4-triazine-3,5-dione resulted in a sharp drop in potency (10i). We also synthesized a set of compounds featuring fused heterocyclic moieties (10j–n); replacement of the tail moiety with 7,8-dihydroquinoline-2,5-dione and 1,7-naphthyridin-2-one moieties led to improved activities (10l and 10m vs 9), whereas replacement with the inden-1-one moiety (10j), 6,7-dihydroisoquinoline-3,8-dione moiety (10k), and quinolin-4-one moiety (10n) led to a complete loss of activity. As a result, 10g was identified as the optimal compound for further investigation.

A better understanding of the binding mode of 10g with Axl could pave the way for further rational design; therefore, we carried out an in silico molecular modeling study. As mentioned above, there is no available crystal structure for Axl in complex with a type II inhibitor, and Met has the highest sequence identity to the Axl kinase domain; in addition, 24 out of 28 residues in the DFG-out binding pocket of Met and Axl are identical (Figure 2C); thus, a Met DFG-out crystal structure can serve as a template for generating an Axl DFG-out homology model. We first constructed an Axl DFG-out homology model based on a reported DFG-out Met kinase crystal structure (PDB ID: 3F82).⁵⁰ The predicted Axl DFG-out homology model was highly similar to the Met crystal structure in both the overall folding and binding pockets (Figure S1). Next, we docked 10g to the Axl DFG-out model. The result showed that 10g adopted a canonical type II binding mode and could fit well into the DFG-out pocket (Figure 4). The tail moiety occupied the allosteric binding site, and the DHBA fragment formed two hydrogen bonds with residues Lys567 and Asp690. The isopropyl and 4-fluorophenyl stretched to two different hydrophobic pockets. A critical hydrogen bond was formed in the hinge region between the nitrogen atom of the pyridine moiety and the backbone NH of the residue Met623. The aminophenoxy moiety acted as a linker and occupied the hydrophobic tunnel. This simulated result provided useful information for further rational design: (1) as the 1-methyl pyrazole moiety of 10g did not present strong interactions with the binding pocket, we envisioned that shifting this moiety to the ortho-position of the pyridine nitrogen might allow the inhibitor to approach the pocket surface more closely to enhance van der Waals interactions; (2) the hydrophobic tunnel occupied by the aminophenoxy linker could only tolerate small substituents; and (3) the carbonyl oxygen of Met623 might be a potential hydrogen bond acceptor, and the potency could presumably be improved by installing an additional hydrogen bond donor at the ortho-position of the pyridine nitrogen.

First, the effect of shifting the 1-methyl pyrazole moiety to the ortho-position of the pyridine nitrogen was examined, and the result showed that *ortho*-pyrazole-substituted pyridine 11a (IC₅₀: 1.9 nM) exhibited a significant increase in potency compared to its metasubstituted analogue 10g (IC₅₀: 8.7 nM), as shown in Table 2. Then, selected SAR from substitution on the aminophenoxy linker is summarized as in Table 2. Fluoro

Table 1. SAR of the Tail Moiety^a


Comps	R ¹	Axl Kinase Inhibitory IC ₅₀ (nM)	Comps	R ¹	Axl Kinase Inhibitory IC ₅₀ (nM)
9		253.9 ± 13.7	10i		178.6 ± 18.6
10a		>1000	10j		>1000
10b		20.5 ± 4.6	10k		>1000
10c		395.7 ± 21.3	10l		16.8 ± 1.4
10d		13.0 ± 2.5	10m		150.0 ± 17.5
10e		184.8 ± 8.1	10n		>1000
10f		8.8 ± 2.1	1		4.6 ± 0.6
10g		8.7 ± 5.0	2		4.8 ± 0.8
10h		58.3 ± 4.2			

^aThe Axl kinase inhibitory IC₅₀ values are the mean ± SD of two or more independent assays or estimated values.

substitution is more favorable at the R²-position than at the R³-position (IC₅₀: 0.8 nM for **11b** vs 5.5 nM for **11c**). Chloro and methyl substitutions resulted in 27- and 57-fold decreases in potency for **11d** and **11e**, respectively. Methoxy substitution, as in **11f**, resulted in a complete loss of activity. Difluoro-substituted derivatives **11g**, **11h**, and **11i** displayed a slight decrease in potency compared to the monofluoro derivative **11b**. The monofluoro derivative **11b** represented the optimal substitution pattern on the aminophenoxy linker, and the narrow SAR is consistent with expectations, given the limited space available for the linker in this region.

We next explored the effect of substituents on the pyrazole fragment (Table 3). The introduction of a methyl group at the R⁵-position (**12a**) resulted in a 32-fold loss in potency for Axl kinase, while a slight increase in cellular potency (BaF3/TEL-

AXL IC₅₀: 1 nM for **12a** vs 1.9 nM for **11b**). The derivatives substituted with three selected larger groups at the R⁶-position (**12b–d**) were less active than the methyl-substituted derivative **11b** in both enzymatic and cellular assays. According to the concept of “heteroatom release”,⁵¹ the group on the heteronitrogen atom, as the methyl group in **11b** at the R⁶-position, is potentially metabolically labile; consequently, a methyl-free compound **12e** was synthesized. Compound **12e** displayed a slight decrease in potency for kinase inhibitory activity, but significantly improved potency in the BaF3/TEL-AXL assay (IC₅₀ < 0.2 nM). On account of their in vitro potencies and metabolic labile site, compound **12e** was identified as the optimal pyrazole derivatives.

Finally, we attempted to add an additional hydrogen bond donor at the ortho-position of the pyridine fragment, as

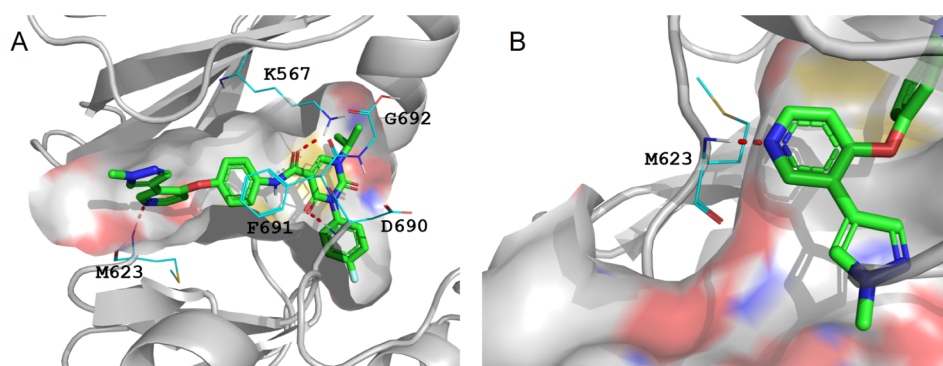


Figure 4. Schematic illustration of the proposed binding mode of **10g** with the Axl DFG-out homology model (generated from PDB ID: 3F82): (A) Type II binding model of compound **10g**. (B) Compound **10g** with the hinge region.

Table 2. SAR of the Linker Moiety **11a–i**^a

comps	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	Axl kinase inhibitory IC ₅₀ (nM)
11a	H	H	H	1.9 ± 0.6
11b	F	H	H	0.8 ± 0.3
11c	H	F	H	5.5 ± 1.6
11d	Cl	H	H	21.9 ± 0.9
11e	Me	H	H	45.6 ^b
11f	OMe	H	H	>1000
11g	F	F	H	4.9 ± 1.0
11h	H	F	F	2.75 ± 0.5
11i	F	H	F	3.7 ± 0.2
1				4.6 ± 0.6
2				4.8 ± 0.8

^aUnless otherwise specified, the Axl kinase inhibitory IC₅₀ values are the mean ± SD of two or more independent assays or estimated values. ^bThe result is obtained from a single assay.

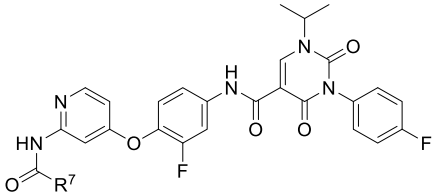
indicated in the docking studies, to form bidentate hydrogen bonds with Met623 in the hinge region of Axl. The results showed that replacement of the pyrazole fragment with amide or urea fragments was successful; as summarized in Table 4, almost all new derivatives displayed high potency in both enzymatic and cellular assays, with the exception of **13d**, which showed moderate cellular activity. The most potent compound **13c** was docked to the Axl DFG-out homology model, as shown in Figure 5, and **13c** shared the same allosteric interactions with **10g** and formed bidentate hydrogen bonds with Met623 at the hinge region as expected.

Pharmacokinetic Study. Compounds **12e** and **13c** were chosen for in vivo pharmacokinetic studies because of their excellent enzymatic and cellular activities. Preliminary pharmacokinetic evaluations were conducted in male Sprague–Dawley (SD) rats. The pharmacokinetic parameters are summarized in Table 5. Both compounds displayed good maximum concentrations and oral exposures; **13c** had a favorable half-life of 13.8 h, whereas compound **12e** exhibited a long half-life of 18.2 h, which may bring about a potential risk of cumulative toxicity. Consequently, compound **13c** was selected for subsequent pharmacokinetics assessment in male Institute of Cancer Research (ICR) mice. Table 6 shows the good pharmacokinetic parameters displayed by **13c** in the ICR mice.

Table 3. SAR of the Pyrazole Fragment^a

comps	R ⁵	R ⁶	inhibitory IC ₅₀ (nM)	
			Axl kinase	BaF3/TEL-AXL proliferation
11b	H	Me	0.8 ± 0.3	1.9 ± 0.4
12a	Me	Me	25.6 ± 4.5	1.0 ± 0.4
12b	H	Cyclopropyl	10.5 ± 1.1	6.3 ± 0.2
12c	H	2-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl	17.4 ± 6.2	2.8 ± 1.6
12d	H	2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)ethyl	26.0 ± 3.1	19.5 ± 8.9
12e	H	H	3.1 ± 0.3	<0.2
1			4.6 ± 0.6	7.6 ± 4.9
2			4.8 ± 0.8	117.2 ± 8.1

^aThe IC₅₀ values are the mean ± SD of two or more independent assays or estimated values.

Table 4. Axl Inhibitory Activities of Inhibitors 13a–e^a


compds	R ⁷	inhibitory IC ₅₀ (nM)	
		Axl kinase	BaF3/TEL-AXL proliferation
13a	Me	6.7 ± 0.3	<0.2
13b	Et	5.8 ± 1.1	<0.2
13c	cyclopropyl	0.9 ± 0.1	<0.005
13d	cyclobutyl	8.0 ± 0.9	43.2 ± 1.8
13e	pyrrolidin-1-yl	1.7 ± 0.2	<0.2
13f	morpholino	8.6 ± 2.8	<0.2
1		4.6 ± 0.6	7.6 ± 4.9
2		4.8 ± 0.8	117.2 ± 8.1

^aThe IC₅₀ values are the mean ± SD of two or more independent assays or estimated values.

Kinase Selectivity Profile of 13c. The kinase selectivity of 13c was further evaluated over a panel of 41 kinases, including the TAM subfamily members Mer and Tyro3 and the highly homologous kinase Met. Compound 13c also significantly inhibited the kinases activity of Mer, Tyro3, and Met. The potency of 13c against Met was equal to that against Axl (Met IC₅₀: 0.8 ± 0.1 nM). In contrast, no obvious inhibitory effect was observed in the other 38 tested tyrosine kinases belonging to different families (IC₅₀ > 1 μM or 100 nM) (Table 7). These results indicated that 13c was a potent TAM and Met inhibitor. Next, we used representative Axl- and Met-driven in vitro and in vivo scenarios to evaluate the antitumor effect of 13c against Axl and Met.

Compound 13c Inhibited Cellular Axl and Met Signaling. We evaluated the cellular effects of 13c against Axl and Met signaling for Axl-driven or Met-dependent scenarios, respectively. First, the classic gain-of-function model cell BaF3/TEL-AXL, in which proliferation is driven by AXL fusion, was used. Treatment with 13c led to a robust decrease in the phosphorylation of Axl and its key downstream molecule Akt¹⁰ in BaF3/TEL-AXL cells (Figure 6A). Furthermore, we extended to Gas6-stimulated Axl activation context. The nonsmall cell lung cancer cell line NCI-H1299 is sensitive to Gas6 stimulation, as evidenced by the markedly enhanced phosphorylation of Axl

Table 5. Pharmacokinetic Data of 12e and 13c in Rats^a

parameter	12e	13c
	po 3 mg/kg	po 3 mg/kg
AUC _{0–t} (ng·h/mL)	31,641	32,647
AUC _{0–∞} (ng·h/mL)	52,165	43,931
T _{1/2} (h)	18.2	13.8
T _{max} (h)	1.67	1.17
C _{max} (ng/mL)	2573	4557

^aThree animals were used for each dose group. The data shown are mean values.

Table 6. Pharmacokinetic Data of 13c in Mice^a

parameter	13c	
	po 3 mg/kg	iv 1 mg/kg
AUC _{0–t} (ng·h/mL)	24,044	7006
AUC _{0–∞} (ng·h/mL)	25,106	7356
T _{1/2} (h)	5.20	5.57
T _{max} (h)	1.67	
C _{max} (ng/mL)	2990	
CL (mL/h/kg)		2.29
F %	114.4	

^aThree animals were used for each group. The data are mean values.

and the downstream molecule Akt. Treatment with 13c inhibited the Gas6-induced upregulation of Axl and Akt phosphorylation. The activity of 13c was more potent than that of BGB324 (Figure 6B). Next, we determined whether 13c could inhibit the Met signaling pathway in the Met-driven context using MKN45 and EBC-1 cells, both with MET amplification. The reported Met inhibitor crizotinib⁵² served as a positive control. As shown, 13c suppressed the phosphorylation of Met and downstream signaling molecules of Met (ERK and Akt) in a dose-dependent manner (Figure 6C,D). These data demonstrated that 13c inhibited both cellular Axl and Met signaling pathways.

Compound 13c Restrained Axl/Met-Driven Cell Proliferation with Selectivity. Table 4 shows that 13c exhibited high potency against Axl-mediated cell proliferation. Given the activity of 13c against c-Met kinase, we next evaluated the activity of 13c against EBC-1 and MKN45 cell proliferation driven by MET amplification. Compound 13c inhibited the proliferation of MKN45 and EBC-1 cells with IC₅₀ values of 64.0 ± 5.4 and 106.8 ± 19.4 nM, respectively.

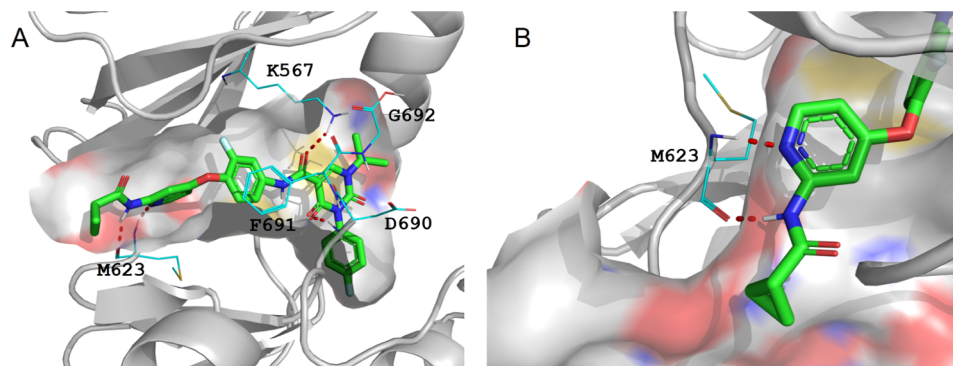


Figure 5. Schematic illustration of the proposed binding mode of 13c with the Axl DFG-out homology model (generated from PDB ID: 3F82): (A) Type II binding model of compound 13c. (B) Compound 13c with the hinge region.

Table 7. Kinase Selectivity Profile of 13c^a

kinase	inhibitory IC ₅₀ (nM)	kinase	inhibitory IC ₅₀ (nM)	kinase	inhibitory IC ₅₀ (nM)
Axl	0.9 ± 0.1	HER4(ErbB4)	>1000	mTOR	>1000
Met	0.8 ± 0.1	Src	>1000	PKA	>1000
Mer	<10	Abl	>1000	Ret	>1000
Tyro3	1–10	EphA2	>100	p90RSK	>1000
ALK	>1000	IGF1R	>1000	Syk	>100
FGFR1	>1000	A-Raf	>1000	ZAK	>100
VEGFR1	>1000	BTk	>1000	CaMK1	>1000
VEGFR2	>1000	CLK1	>1000	CDK1/cyclinB	>1000
PDGFR α	>1000	FAK	>1000	CDK2/cyclinA	>1000
PDGFR β	>1000	GCK	>1000	CDK4/cyclinD3	>1000
Kit	>1000	JAK1	>1000	CDK6/cyclinD3C	>1000
Flt-1	>1000	JAK3	>1000	CDK12/cyclinK	>1000
Flt-3	>1000	ERK2	>1000	PI3K(p110d/p85a)	>1000
EGFR	>1000	MEK1	>1000		

^aThe IC₅₀ values are presented as the mean ± SD or estimated values.

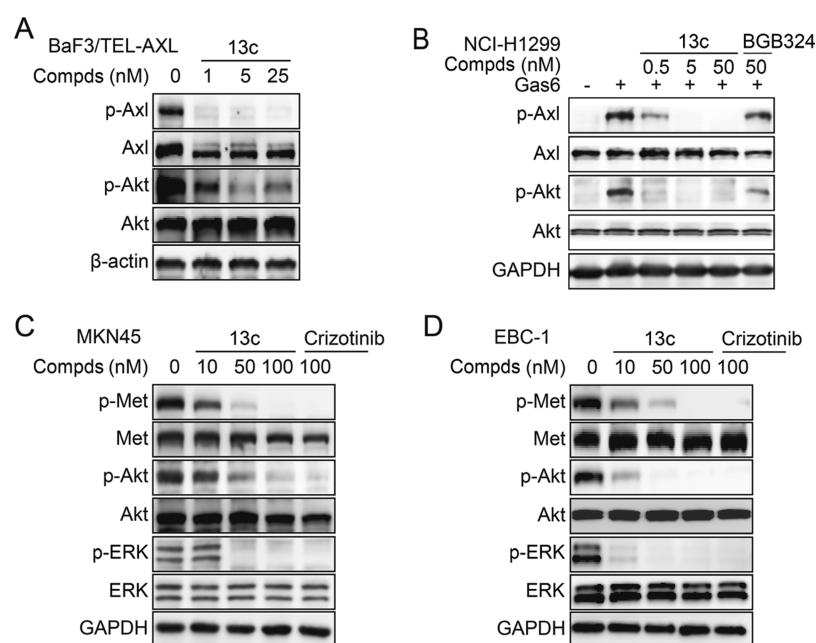


Figure 6. Compound 13c suppressed Axl/Met phosphorylation and downstream signaling in BaF3/TEL-AXL cells (A), NCI-H1299 cells (B), MKN45 cells (C), and EBC-1 cells (D). BaF3/TEL-AXL, MKN45, and EBC-1 cells were treated with compounds at different concentrations for 2 h; NCI-H1299 cells were serum-deprived for 24 h prior to 2 h of treatment with compounds and then stimulated with Gas6 for 15 min. Then, the cells were lysed and subjected to western blot analysis.

Furthermore, we extended to 14 other cancer cell lines without *MET* or *AXL* aberrations. We found that 13c exerted little antiproliferative effect in these cell lines (IC₅₀ > 10 μ M, see Table 8). The cell line inhibitory profile results, together with the biochemical kinase profile results, confirmed that 13c selectively inhibited Axl/Met.

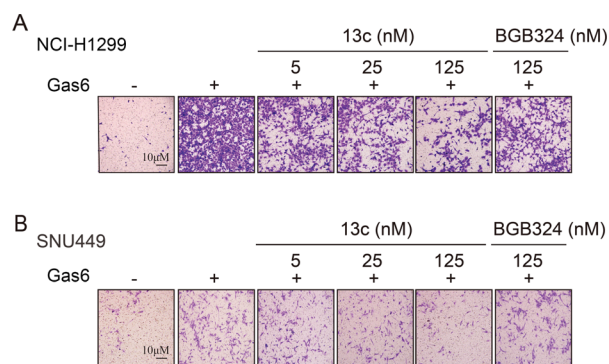
Compound 13c Attenuated Gas6/Axl-Mediated Cancer Cell Migration and Invasion. Given the critical role of Axl in the tumor metastatic phenotype, we evaluated the effect of 13c on Gas6/Axl axis-mediated tumor cell migration and invasion. A cell migration assay using NCI-H1299 cells was first performed. Gas6 stimulation strongly enhanced the motility of NCI-H1299 cells, whereas 13c markedly decreased the NCI-H1299 cell motility induced by Gas6. We observed a similar trend in the cell invasion assay. The invasion of the SNU449 cell line was enhanced by the addition of Gas6. Treatment with 13c inhibited cell invasion (Figure 7). The activity of 13c was more

potent than that of BGB324. In addition, 13c showed no effect on cell proliferation under the same conditions (data not shown), largely excluding the possibility that the inhibitory effect of 13c on cell movement was caused by inhibition of cell proliferation. Therefore, 13c could inhibit the motility of cancer cells driven by the activation of the Axl pathway in vitro, indicating the therapeutic potential of 13c for tumor metastasis.

Compound 13c Inhibited Axl-Driven or Met-Driven Tumor Growth In Vivo. We investigated the antitumor activity of 13c in vivo against established xenograft models derived from BaF3/TEL-AXL. Once the tumor volume reached 150–200 mm³, tumor-bearing BALB/c nude mice were randomly assigned to five groups and treated with a vehicle or the indicated compound for 14 consecutive days. Figure 8A shows that 13c significantly suppressed tumor growth. The tumor growth inhibition (TGI) rates of 13c were 106.4, 105.9, and 90.9% at doses of 25, 5, and 1 mg/kg, respectively; four out of six

Table 8. Cell Line Proliferation Inhibitory and Selectivity Profile of 13c^a

cell line	inhibitory IC ₅₀ (nM)
BT474	>10,000
HCC78	>10,000
JHH7	>10,000
MDA-MB-231	>10,000
NCI-H1975	>10,000
NCI-H1299	>10,000
HT29	>10,000
HCC827	>10,000
BT549	>10,000
KMS11	>10,000
RT112	>10,000
MM.1S	>10,000
HL60	>10,000
HCC4006	>10,000

^aThe IC₅₀ values are estimated values.**Figure 7.** Compound 13c inhibited Axl-dependent neoplastic phenotypes of metastasis: (A) Compound 13c suppressed Gas6-induced NCI-H1299 cell migration. (B) Compound 13c inhibited Gas6-induced SNU449 cell invasion. Representative images are shown (scale bars, 10 μ m).

mice exhibited complete tumor regression in both the 25 and 5 mg/kg treatment groups. The efficacy of 5 mg/kg 13c was comparable to that of 50 mg/kg BGB324. These results indicated that 13c is a potent Axl inhibitor with potential for further development. Encouraged by the high activity of 13c to reverse the Met-dependent tumor phenotype in vitro, we evaluated the antitumor efficacy of 13c in vivo. The U87MG model driven by dysregulation of Met was used. Compound 13c

significantly inhibited tumor growth of the U87MG model in a dose-dependent manner, where the TGI rates of 100, 25, and 5 mg/kg were 99.1, 89.8, and 62.3% respectively (Figure 8B). Additionally, 13c was well tolerated, with no substantial body weight loss in all the treated groups, even at the highest dose of 100 mg/kg (data not shown).

Chemistry. The syntheses of 9 and 10a–n are illustrated in Scheme 1. The starting compound 3-chloro-4-bromopyridine (14) was reacted with 4-aminophenol to provide 15. Suzuki coupling of 15 with 1-methyl-4-pyrazole boronic acid pinacol ester afforded amine 16, which was condensed with acids 17a–o to produce amides 9 and 10a–n.

The syntheses of 11a–g, 11i, and 12a–e were similar to those described for 9, as illustrated in Scheme 2. The reaction of 2,4-dichloropyridine (18) with various 4-aminophenols produced 19a–h, which were further coupled with different boronic acid pinacol esters to afford amines 20a–m. Condensation of 20a–m with 17h provided 11a–g, 11i, and 12a–e.

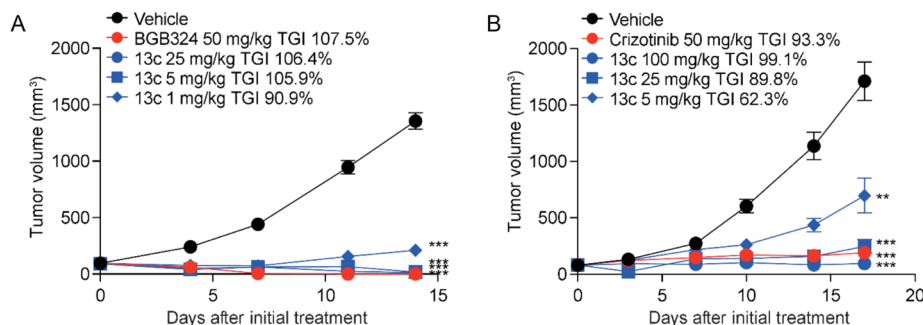
Compound 11h was synthesized according to the procedures outlined in Scheme 3. The starting compound 2-chloro-4-hydroxypyridine (21) was reacted with 1,2,4-trifluoro-5-nitrobenzene, and the resulting nitrobenzene 22 was then reduced to provide amine 23, which was reacted with 1-methyl-4-pyrazole boronic acid pinacol ester by Suzuki coupling to afford amine 24. Finally, acid 17h was condensed with amine 24 to produce 11h.

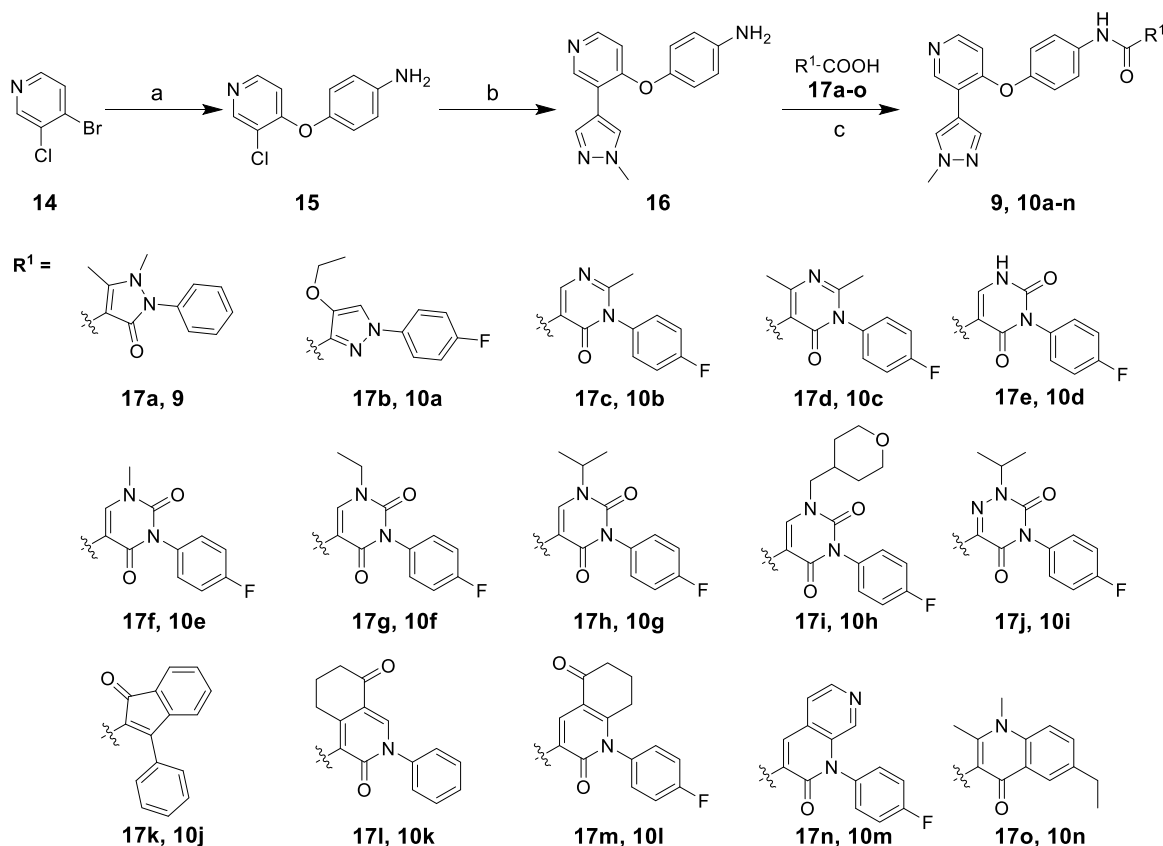
Compounds 13a–c were synthesized according to the procedures outlined in Scheme 4. Amine 25 was condensed with appropriate acid chlorides, and the resulting amides 26a–c were then reacted with 2-fluoro-4-nitrophenol to afford nitro compounds 27a–c, which were reduced to amines 28a–c with iron powder. Amines 28a–c were condensed with acid 17h to yield 13a–c.

Compounds 13d–f were synthesized according to the procedures outlined in Scheme 5. 4-Chloropicolinamide (29) was reacted to yield amine 30, which was then condensed with acid 17h to afford amide 31. Amide 31 was converted to amine 32 by a Hoffman rearrangement reaction. Compound 13d was synthesized by coupling amine 32 with cyclobutane carboxylic acid. Compounds 13e and 13f were synthesized by reaction of 32 with pyrrolidine and morpholine, respectively.

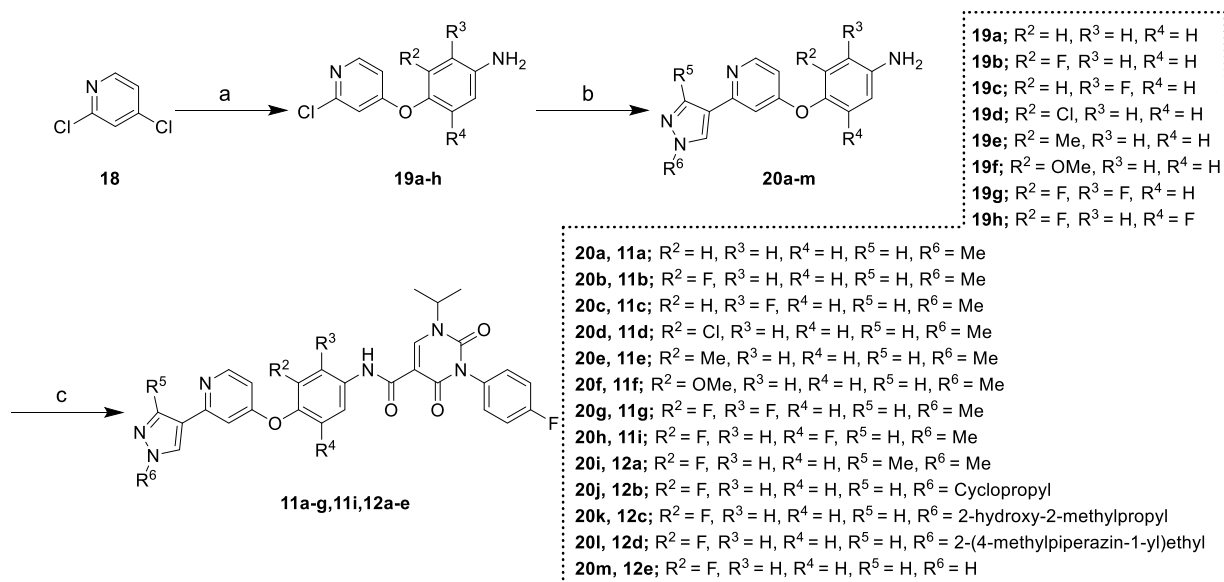
CONCLUSIONS

In summary, we designed and synthesized a series of Axl inhibitors of the type II class. Molecular modeling-assisted optimization led to the identification of 13c, which was highly potent in both biochemical and cellular assays (Axl IC₅₀: 0.9 nM,

**Figure 8.** Compound 13c significantly inhibited Axl/Met-mediated tumor growth in vivo: (A) Tumor growth was inhibited after 13c treatment in BaF3/TEL-AXL xenografts. (B) Tumor growth was inhibited after 13c treatment in U87MG xenografts. The tumor volumes are expressed as the mean $\pm$ SEM. Significant differences from the vehicle group were determined using a *t*-test, ****P* < 0.001 and ***P* < 0.01.

Scheme 1. Syntheses of **9** and **10a–n**^a

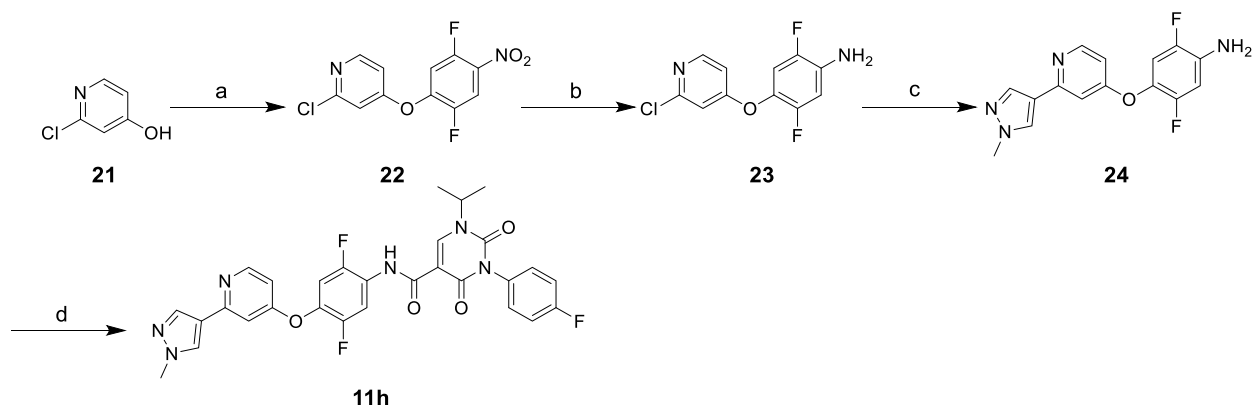
^aReagents and conditions: (a) 4-aminophenol, potassium *tert*-butoxide, dimethylacetamide (DMA), room temperature (RT) to 85 °C; (b) 1-methyl-4-pyrazole boronic acid pinacol ester, Pd(PPh₃)₄, 1,4-dioxane/water, 90 °C; and (c) *O*-(7-aza-1*H*-benzotriazol-1-yl)-*N,N,N',N'*-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate (HATU), triethylamine (TEA), *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF), RT.

Scheme 2. Syntheses of **11a–g**, **11i**, and **12a–e**^a

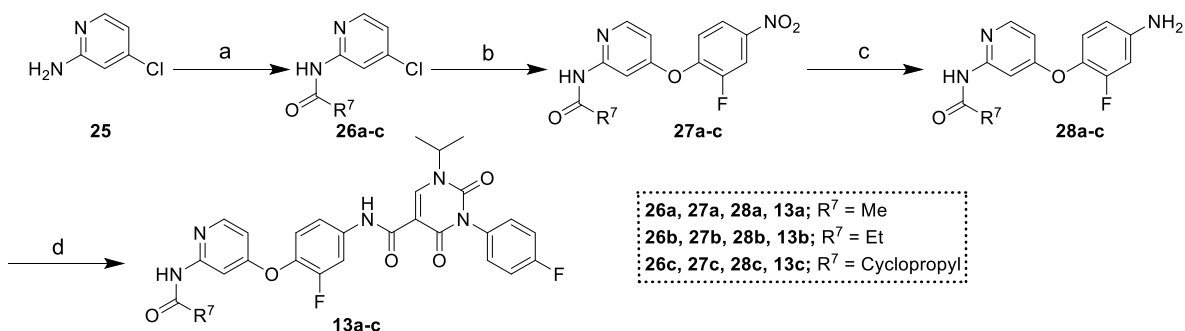
^aReagents and conditions: (a) appropriate 4-aminophenol, potassium *tert*-butoxide, DMA, RT to 85 °C; (b) 1-methyl-4-pyrazole boronic acid pinacol ester, Pd(PPh₃)₄, 1,4-dioxane/water, 90 °C; and (c) acid **17h**, HATU, TEA, DMF, RT.

BaF3/TEL-AXL IC₅₀ < 0.005 nM). Compound **13c** displayed good pharmacokinetic parameters in both rats and mice. Further evaluation revealed that **13c** exhibited kinase selectivity for

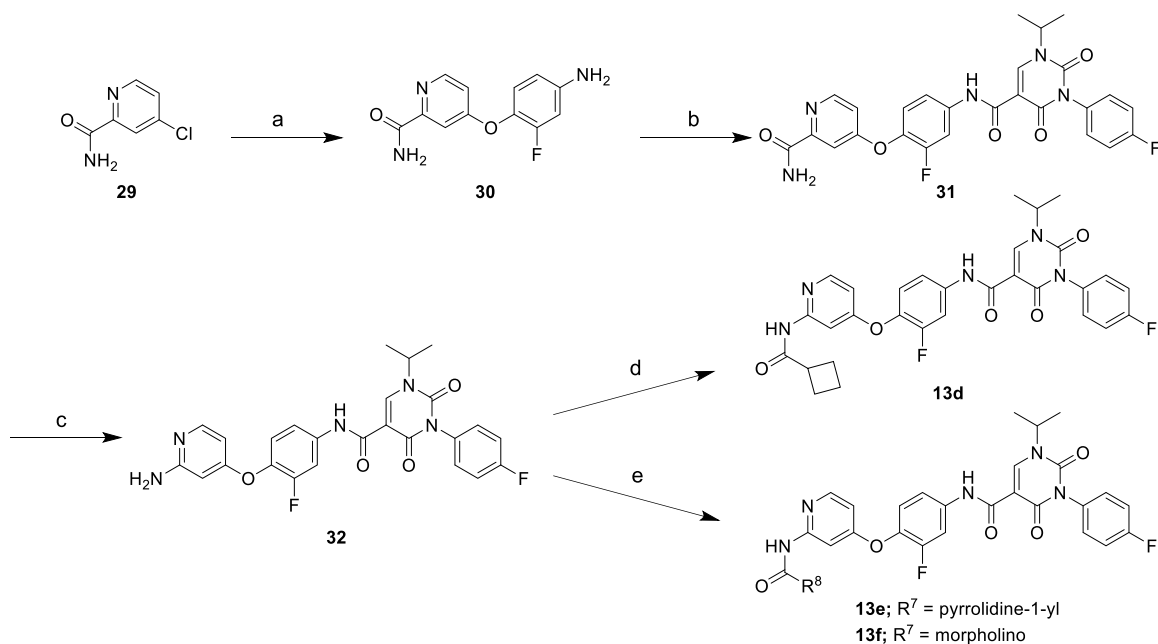
TAM subfamily members and the homologous kinase Met. Compound **13c** significantly suppressed cellular Axl and Met signaling and inhibited the proliferation of cells driven by AXL-

Scheme 3. Synthesis of 11h^a

^aReagents and conditions: (a) K_2CO_3 , 1,2,4-trifluoro-5-nitrobenzene, DMF, RT; (b) $SnCl_2$, EtOH, 80 °C; (c) 1-methyl-4-pyrazole boronic acid pinacol ester, $Pd(PPh_3)_4$, 1,4-dioxane/water, 90 °C; and (d) acid 17h, HATU, TEA, DMF, RT.

Scheme 4. Syntheses of 13a–c^a

^aReagents and conditions: (a) appropriate acid chloride, TEA, dichloromethane, 0 °C to RT; (b) 2-fluoro-4-nitrophenol, chlorobenzene, 140 °C; (c) iron powder, acetic acid, ethyl acetate, 80 °C; and (d) acid 17h, HATU, TEA, DMF, RT.

Scheme 5. Syntheses of 13d–f^a

^aReagents and conditions: (a) 4-amino-2-fluorophenol, potassium *tert*-butoxide, dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), RT to 80 °C; (b) acid 17h, HATU, TEA, DMF, RT; (c) iodobenzene diacetate, ethyl acetate/acetonitrile/water, 0 °C to RT; (d) cyclobutane carboxylic acid, HATU, TEA, DMF, RT; and (e) appropriate amine, phenyl chloroformate, TEA, tetrahydrofuran (THF), 0 °C to RT.

fusion or *MET* amplification. In contrast, **13c** had almost no influence on cell proliferation in cell lines without *AXL* or *MET* aberration, even at high concentrations, confirming the selectivity of **13c** against *Axl* and *Met*. Compound **13c** also restrained *Gas6*/*Axl*-mediated cancer cell migration or invasion. Furthermore, **13c** exhibited significant antitumor activity in vivo in *Axl*-driven or *Met*-driven tumor xenografts, causing tumor stasis or regression at well-tolerant doses. Compound **13c** may serve as a potential *Axl*/*Met* dual inhibitor for further drug development.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Chemistry. Unless otherwise noted, all starting materials, reagents, and solvents were commercially available and used without further purification. Chemical reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) or liquid chromatography (LC)/mass spectrometry (MS). TLC was performed using silica gel plates with fluorescence F254 and UV light visualization. LC/MS was performed on an Agilent 1200 HPLC/6110 MSD system (column: ZORBAX Eclipse Plus column, C18, 4.6 mm × 100 mm, 3.5 μm). Column chromatography was performed by automated flash chromatography on a Biotage Isolera One instrument using silica gel (300–400 mesh). ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained using CDCl₃, DMSO-*d*₆, CD₃OD, or acetone-*d*₆ on Varian Mercury Plus 300 M or 400 M or Bruker AVANCE III 400 M, 500 M, or 600 M NMR spectrometers. In the tabulated NMR results, multiplicities are indicated by s (singlet), br s (broad singlet), d (doublet), dd (doublet of doublet), ddd (doublet of doublet of doublet), t (triplet), dt (doublet of triplets), q (quartet), p (pentet), and m (multiplet). High-resolution ESI-MS was performed on an Agilent G6520 Q-TOF spectrometer. The purity of all the final compounds was confirmed to be >95% as determined by HPLC on an Agilent infinity 1260 HPLC system (column: ZORBAX Eclipse Plus column, C18, 4.6 mm × 150 mm, 5 μm; detector: diode array detector). The mobile phase of methanol and water was used with a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min.

1,5-Dimethyl-N-(4-((3-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide (9). The compound was prepared from **16** and **17a** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Light yellow solid, 86% yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.82 (s, 1H), 8.86 (s, 1H), 8.29–8.19 (m, 2H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.63–7.48 (m, 3H), 7.48–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.11 (m, 2H), 6.73–6.64 (m, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 2.71 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.03, 161.69, 161.00, 155.14, 149.41, 148.78, 148.47, 137.71, 136.42, 133.17, 129.91, 129.87 (s, 2C), 129.15, 126.60 (s, 2C), 121.59 (s, 2C), 121.33 (s, 2C), 118.95, 114.89, 110.76, 99.78, 39.16, 33.60, 12.02. HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₂₇H₂₅N₆O₃, 481.1983; found, 481.1989.

4-Ethoxy-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(4-((3-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxamide (10a). The compound was prepared from **16** and **17b** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Light yellow solid, 88% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.99 (s, 1H), 8.87 (s, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 8.07–7.98 (m, 3H), 7.94–7.86 (m, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.24–7.19 (m, 2H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.74 (d, *J* = 247.5 Hz, 1C), 160.80, 159.05, 150.21, 149.10, 148.66, 146.42, 137.89, 136.16 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1C), 135.60, 134.93, 129.87, 121.73 (s, 2C), 121.49 (s, 2C), 121.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2C), 119.13, 116.52 (d, *J* = 23.2 Hz, 2C), 114.98, 112.82, 110.95, 68.85, 39.25, 14.99. HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₂₇H₂₄FN₆O₃, 499.1888; found, 499.1886.

1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-N-(4-((3-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (10b). The compound was prepared from **16** and **17c** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Light yellow solid, 50% yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.17 (s, 1H), 8.86 (s, 1H), 8.82 (s, 1H), 8.30–8.22 (m, 2H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 5.1 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s,

3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.37, 163.31 (d, *J* = 251.7 Hz, 1C), 162.81, 160.74, 160.60, 158.47, 150.36, 148.96, 148.51, 137.83, 135.51, 132.23 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 129.83, 129.05 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2C), 122.17 (s, 2C), 121.36 (s, 2C), 119.15, 117.88 (d, *J* = 23.1 Hz, 2C), 115.89, 114.86, 110.97, 39.18, 24.73. HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₂₇H₂₂FN₆O₃, 497.1732; found, 497.1732.

1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2,4-dimethyl-N-(4-((3-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (10c). The compound was prepared from **16** and **17d** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Light yellow solid, 69% yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.73 (s, 1H), 8.85 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (q, *J* = 8.8, 7.1 Hz, 4H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.26, 163.37, 163.16 (d, *J* = 251.5 Hz, 1C), 162.51, 160.84, 159.02, 149.99, 148.87, 148.47, 137.77, 135.88, 132.50 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1C), 129.84, 129.13 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2C), 122.35 (s, 2C), 121.28 (s, 2C), 119.01, 117.72 (d, *J* = 23.2 Hz, 2C), 114.85, 113.51, 110.82, 39.17, 26.11, 24.31. HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₄FN₆O₃, 511.1888; found, 511.1886.

3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-N-(4-((3-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (10d). The compound was prepared from **16** and **17e** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Light yellow solid, 69% yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.37 (s, 1H), 10.86 (s, 1H), 8.84 (s, 1H), 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.26–8.20 (m, 2H), 8.03–7.99 (m, 1H), 7.78–7.72 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.29 (m, 4H), 7.19–7.11 (m, 2H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 163.79, 161.77 (d, *J* = 245.0 Hz, 1C), 160.17, 159.59, 150.32, 149.59, 148.87, 148.42, 147.68, 137.33, 135.31, 131.00 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1C), 130.91 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2C), 130.09, 121.47 (s, 2C), 121.02 (s, 2C), 118.76, 115.87 (d, *J* = 22.9 Hz, 2C), 113.83, 110.84, 104.19, 38.60. HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₂₀FN₆O₄, 499.1525; found, 499.1519.

3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-methyl-N-(4-((3-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (10e). The compound was prepared from **16** and **17f** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Light brown solid, 47% yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.90 (s, 1H), 8.85 (s, 2H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 8.04–7.98 (m, 1H), 7.77 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46–7.30 (m, 4H), 7.22–7.12 (m, 2H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.56, 162.95 (d, *J* = 249.6 Hz, 1C), 160.68, 159.84, 150.70 (s, 2C), 150.50, 149.11, 148.62, 137.90, 135.32, 130.08 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1C), 130.00 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2C), 129.80, 122.19 (s, 2C), 121.41 (s, 2C), 119.19, 117.02 (d, *J* = 22.9 Hz, 2C), 114.93, 111.02, 105.59, 39.23, 38.31. HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₂₇H₂₂FN₆O₄, 513.1681; found, 513.1686.

1-Ethyl-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(4-((3-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (10f). The compound was prepared from **16** and **17g** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Light yellow solid, 72% yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.90 (s, 1H), 8.86 (s, 2H), 8.26–8.22 (m, 2H), 8.04–7.99 (m, 1H), 7.82–7.73 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.30 (m, 4H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.48, 162.87 (d, *J* = 249.6 Hz, 1C), 160.75, 159.95, 150.39, 150.26, 149.69, 148.93, 148.45, 137.87, 135.36, 130.13 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1C), 130.02 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2C), 129.79, 122.16 (s, 2C), 121.39 (s, 2C), 119.20, 116.93 (d, *J* = 23.1 Hz, 2C), 114.84, 110.99, 105.70, 46.58, 39.19, 14.51. HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₄FN₆O₄, 527.1838; found, 527.1837.

3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-N-(4-((3-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (10g). The compound was prepared from **16** and **17h** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. White solid, 75% yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.90 (s, 1H), 8.84 (s, 1H), 8.64 (s, 1H), 8.25–8.20 (m, 2H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47–7.29 (m, 4H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.07, 162.82 (d, *J* = 249.2 Hz, 1C), 160.64, 160.02, 150.44, 150.38, 149.06, 148.58, 146.28, 137.84,

135.39, 130.32 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1C), 130.00 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2C), 129.76, 122.06 (s, 2C), 121.35 (s, 2C), 119.13, 116.89 (d, $J = 23.1$ Hz, 2C), 114.87, 110.96, 105.74, 50.52, 39.17, 21.64 (s, 2C). HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₂₆FN₆O₄, 541.1994; found, 542.0000.

3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-N-(4-((3-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-2,4-dioxo-1-((tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)methyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (10h). The compound was prepared from **16** and **17i** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. White solid, 71% yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.93 (s, 1H), 8.86 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 1H), 8.28–8.22 (m, 2H), 8.02 (d, $J = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.47–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.02 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.95–3.81 (m, 7H), 3.26 (t, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.99 (s, 1H), 1.59 (d, $J = 11.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.35–1.20 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.34, 162.93 (d, $J = 249.8$ Hz, 1C), 160.72, 159.79, 150.64, 150.52, 150.16, 149.12, 148.61, 137.93, 135.30, 130.08–129.92 (m, 3C), 129.78, 122.18 (s, 2C), 121.42 (s, 2C), 119.25, 117.00 (d, $J = 23.1$ Hz, 2C), 114.88, 111.04, 105.51, 67.29 (s, 2C), 56.69, 39.24, 34.98, 30.35 (s, 2C). HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₃₂H₃₀FN₆O₅, 597.2256; found, 597.2262.

4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-isopropyl-N-(4-((3-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-3,5-dioxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1,2,4-triazine-6-carboxamide (10i). The compound was prepared from **16** and **17j** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Yellow solid, 60% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.70 (s, 1H), 8.85 (s, 1H), 8.27–8.20 (m, 2H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.83–7.73 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.20 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.88 (p, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.36 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.16 (d, $J = 250.7$ Hz, 1C), 160.53, 156.85, 156.63, 150.94, 149.12, 148.60, 147.59, 137.89, 134.88, 132.50, 129.77, 129.66 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2C), 128.26 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1C), 122.22 (s, 2C), 121.40 (s, 2C), 119.24, 117.13 (d, $J = 23.2$ Hz, 2C), 114.85, 111.10, 54.01, 39.20, 20.81 (s, 2C). HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₅FN₇O₄, 542.1947; found, 542.1951.

N-(4-((3-(1-Methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-1-oxo-3-phenyl-1H-indene-2-carboxamide (10j). The compound was prepared from **16** and **17k** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Red solid, 36% yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.44 (s, 1H), 8.86 (s, 1H), 8.27–8.22 (m, 2H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.73–7.47 (m, 10H), 7.38 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.13 (m, 2H), 6.68 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.19, 169.87, 160.70, 159.27, 150.11, 148.90, 148.46, 143.92, 137.73, 135.51, 134.56, 131.58, 131.48, 130.64, 130.28, 129.74, 128.50 (s, 2C), 128.11 (s, 2C), 124.26, 123.79, 122.11 (s, 2C), 122.07, 121.24 (s, 2C), 118.95, 114.82, 110.74, 39.11. HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₃₁H₂₃N₄O₃, 499.1765; found, 499.1764.

N-(4-((3-(1-Methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-3,8-dioxo-2-phenyl-2,3,5,6,7,8-hexahydroisoquinoline-4-carboxamide (10k). The compound was prepared from **16** and **17l** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Light brown solid, 58% yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.29 (s, 1H), 8.77 (s, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 13.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.63–7.50 (m, 3H), 7.38 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.63 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.12 (p, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.03, 162.96, 162.33, 161.47, 160.94, 150.20, 148.99, 148.56, 143.24, 139.58, 137.89, 135.81, 130.04, 129.99 (s, 2C), 129.87, 126.40 (s, 2C), 122.51 (s, 2C), 121.36 (s, 2C), 119.17, 118.53, 116.59, 114.90, 110.95, 39.24, 38.18, 29.72, 21.68. HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₃₁H₂₆N₅O₄, 532.1979; found, 532.1979.

1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-N-(4-((3-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-2,5-dioxo-1,2,5,6,7,8-hexahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide (10l). The compound was prepared from **16** and **17m** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Light yellow solid, 23% yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.38 (s, 1H), 9.33 (s, 1H), 8.78 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.96 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 3H), 2.67–2.53 (m, 4H), 2.19–2.07 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.86, 163.56, 163.18 (d, $J = 251.6$ Hz, 1C), 160.77, 160.71, 159.71, 150.21, 148.90, 148.48, 142.09, 137.78, 135.67, 132.71 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1C), 129.86, 129.43 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2C), 122.16 (s, 2C), 121.32 (s, 2C),

119.96, 119.11, 117.77 (d, $J = 23.1$ Hz, 2C), 115.78, 114.85, 110.92, 39.18, 36.51, 29.44, 21.15. HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₃₁H₂₅FN₅O₄, 550.1885; found, 550.1881.

1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-N-(4-((3-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydro-1,7-naphthyridine-3-carboxamide (10m). The compound was prepared from **16** and **17n** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Yellow solid, 80% yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.78 (s, 1H), 9.13 (s, 1H), 8.87 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.30–8.23 (m, 2H), 8.10 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.07–8.01 (m, 2H), 7.87 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.65–7.51 (m, 4H), 7.22 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.31 (d, $J = 251.3$ Hz, 1C), 162.11, 160.71, 159.94, 150.66, 149.07, 148.59, 143.87, 143.66, 139.07, 137.89, 136.34, 135.33, 131.34 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1C), 130.34 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2C), 129.82, 126.75, 123.94, 122.42 (s, 2C), 121.89, 121.42 (s, 2C), 119.23, 118.10 (d, $J = 23.2$ Hz, 2C), 114.85, 111.05, 39.24. HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₂₂FN₆O₃, 533.1732; found, 533.1729.

6-Ethyl-1,2-dimethyl-N-(4-((3-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamide (10n). The compound was prepared from **16** and **17o** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Light yellow solid, 50% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.81 (s, 1H), 8.84 (s, 1H), 8.29–8.19 (m, 2H), 8.06 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.81 (dd, $J = 9.0, 3.8$ Hz, 3H), 7.65 (dd, $J = 8.9, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.75 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.55, 165.08, 161.00, 157.96, 149.60, 148.88, 148.55, 141.43, 138.71, 137.75, 136.83, 133.60, 129.94, 126.37, 125.28, 122.43 (s, 2C), 121.30 (s, 2C), 118.92, 115.89, 114.99, 113.98, 110.79, 39.19, 35.79, 28.36, 20.42, 15.42. HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₂₈N₅O₃, 494.2187; found, 494.2189.

3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-N-(4-((2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (11a). The compound was prepared from **20a** and **17h** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. White solid, 87% yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.92 (s, 1H), 8.66 (s, 1H), 8.36 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.47–7.31 (m, 4H), 7.23 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.63 (dd, $J = 5.7, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.77 (p, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.42 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.62, 163.09, 162.87 (d, $J = 249.5$ Hz, 1C), 160.06, 153.95, 151.19, 150.50, 150.44, 146.30, 137.66, 135.35, 130.35 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 1C), 130.03 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2C), 129.16, 123.38, 122.01 (s, 2C), 121.45 (s, 2C), 116.94 (d, $J = 23.1$ Hz, 2C), 109.78, 107.68, 105.80, 50.55, 39.26, 21.68 (s, 2C). HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₂₆FN₆O₄, 541.1994; found, 541.1993.

N-(3-Fluoro-4-((2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (11b). The compound was prepared from **20b** and **17h** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. White solid, 95% yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.93 (s, 1H), 8.68 (s, 1H), 8.37 (dd, $J = 5.7, 0.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.92–7.80 (m, 3H), 7.31–7.22 (m, 5H), 7.12 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.61 (dd, $J = 5.8, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.95 (p, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.49 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.13, 163.10, 162.89 (d, $J = 249.5$ Hz, 1C), 160.21, 154.44 (d, $J = 249.3$ Hz, 1C), 154.05, 151.27, 150.42, 146.52, 137.68, 137.04 (d, $J = 12.5$ Hz, 1C), 136.62 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1C), 130.26 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1C), 130.00 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2C), 129.18, 123.64, 123.40, 116.97 (d, $J = 23.2$ Hz, 2C), 116.39 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1C), 109.77 (d, $J = 23.3$ Hz, 1C), 108.75, 106.83, 105.50, 50.65, 39.26, 21.69 (s, 2C). HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₂₅F₂N₆O₄, 559.1900; found, 559.1902.

N-(2-Fluoro-4-((2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (11c). The compound was prepared from **20c** and **17h** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. White solid, 76% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.16 (s, 1H), 8.69 (s, 1H), 8.45 (t, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.38 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.48–7.24 (m, 6H), 7.07 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.75–6.67 (m, 1H), 4.78 (p, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.42 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.01, 162.85 (d, $J =$

249.4 Hz, 1C), 162.83, 160.31, 154.16, 153.44 (d, J = 248.8 Hz, 1C), 151.34, 150.53, 150.45, 146.37, 137.66, 130.29 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1C), 130.08 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2C), 129.20, 123.91 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1C), 123.29–123.18 (m, 2C), 116.89 (d, J = 23.0 Hz, 2C), 116.48 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1C), 109.93, 108.47 (d, J = 21.8 Hz, 1C), 107.90, 105.73, 50.55, 39.26, 21.67 (s, 2C). HRMS: $(M - H)^-$ calcd for $C_{29}H_{23}F_2N_6O_4$, 557.1754; found, 557.1757.

N-(3-Chloro-4-((2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (11d). The compound was prepared from **20d** and **17h** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. White solid, 59% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 11.05 (s, 1H), 8.66 (s, 1H), 8.37 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (p, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.50 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 164.88, 163.13, 162.93 (d, J = 249.7 Hz, 1C), 160.25, 154.10, 151.31, 150.44, 146.54, 145.89, 137.72, 136.46, 130.26 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1C), 130.02 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2C), 129.20, 127.65, 123.44, 123.38, 122.63, 119.96, 117.00 (d, J = 23.3 Hz, 2C), 109.00, 107.08, 105.53, 50.67, 39.29, 21.73 (s, 2C). HRMS: $(M + H)^+$ calcd for $C_{29}H_{23}ClFN_6O_4$, 575.1604; found, 575.1603.

3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-N-(3-methyl-4-((2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (11e). The compound was prepared from **20e** and **17h** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. White solid, 70% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.91 (s, 1H), 8.66 (s, 1H), 8.33 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.71–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.18 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (p, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.42 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 165.53, 163.08, 162.86 (d, J = 249.5 Hz, 1C), 160.03, 153.91, 151.17, 150.50, 148.34, 146.23, 137.66, 135.57, 131.54, 130.36 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1C), 130.03 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2C), 129.16, 123.48, 123.39, 121.96, 119.40, 116.93 (d, J = 23.1 Hz, 2C), 108.97, 106.91, 105.86, 50.50, 39.25, 21.69 (s, 2C), 16.33. HRMS: $(M + H)^+$ calcd for $C_{30}H_{28}FN_6O_4$, 555.2151; found, 555.2155.

3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-N-(3-methoxy-4-((2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (11f). The compound was prepared from **20f** and **17h** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. White solid, 72% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 10.96 (s, 1H), 8.66 (s, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.38–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (p, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.51 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 165.69, 163.14, 162.91 (d, J = 249.5 Hz, 1C), 160.11, 153.75, 151.94, 151.03, 150.50, 146.27, 138.40, 137.68, 136.76, 130.35 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1C), 130.03 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2C), 129.10, 123.58, 122.99, 117.00 (d, J = 23.2 Hz, 2C), 112.53, 108.79, 106.87, 105.79, 105.47, 56.02, 50.51, 39.26, 21.72 (s, 2C). HRMS: $(M + H)^+$ calcd for $C_{30}H_{28}FN_6O_5$, 571.2100; found, 571.2106.

N-(2,3-Difluoro-4-((2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (11g). The compound was prepared from **20g** and **17h** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Off-white solid, 52% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 11.27 (s, 1H), 8.71 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.31–8.19 (m, 2H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.48–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.32–7.22 (m, 2H), 6.77 (dd, J = 5.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (p, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.43 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 164.76, 162.88 (d, J = 249.3 Hz, 1C), 162.85, 160.56, 154.21, 151.38, 150.46, 146.60, 144.25 (dd, J = 99.4, 12.6 Hz, 1C), 142.25 (dd, J = 97.9, 12.5 Hz, 1C), 138.13 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1C), 137.68, 130.19 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1C), 130.06 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2C), 129.25, 125.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1C), 123.26, 117.57 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 2C), 116.93 (d, J = 23.2 Hz, 1C), 116.64 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1C), 108.85, 106.97, 105.45, 50.65, 39.26, 21.67 (s, 2C). HRMS: $(M - H)^-$ calcd for $C_{29}H_{22}F_3N_6O_4$, 575.1660; found, 575.1667.

N-(2,5-Difluoro-4-((2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetra-

hydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (11h). The compound was prepared from **24** and **17h** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Light brown solid, 56% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 11.34 (s, 1H), 8.72 (s, 1H), 8.48 (dd, J = 12.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.61 (dd, J = 11.1, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.33 (m, 4H), 7.27 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (p, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.43 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 164.66, 162.86 (d, J = 249.4 Hz, 1C), 162.82, 160.40, 154.20, 151.36, 150.45, 149.56–147.46 (m, 2C), 146.61, 137.68, 136.10 (dd, J = 14.3, 10.2 Hz, 1C), 130.19 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1C), 130.05 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2C), 129.23, 124.82 (t, J = 11.2 Hz, 1C), 123.28, 116.91 (d, J = 23.2 Hz, 2C), 110.58 (d, J = 26.2 Hz, 1C), 110.17 (d, J = 23.3 Hz, 1C), 108.76, 106.86, 105.40, 50.68, 39.26, 21.67 (s, 2C). HRMS: $(M + H)^+$ calcd for $C_{29}H_{24}F_3N_6O_4$, 577.1806; found, 577.1812.

N-(3,5-Difluoro-4-((2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (11i). The compound was prepared from **20h** and **17h** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Off-white solid, 62% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 11.11 (s, 1H), 8.69 (s, 1H), 8.39 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 2H), 7.48–7.28 (m, 5H), 6.74 (dd, J = 5.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (p, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.43 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 164.60, 163.07, 162.89 (d, J = 249.7 Hz, 1C), 160.39, 155.70 (dd, J = 164.7, 5.9 Hz, 2C), 154.13, 151.31, 150.34, 146.73, 137.69, 136.28 (t, J = 12.3 Hz, 1C), 130.15 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1C), 129.96 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2C), 129.23, 125.69 (t, J = 15.6 Hz, 1C), 123.29, 116.96 (d, J = 23.2 Hz, 2C), 107.96, 106.23, 105.15, 104.73–104.45 (m, 2C), 50.74, 39.24, 21.65 (s, 2C). HRMS: $(M + H)^+$ calcd for $C_{29}H_{24}F_3N_6O_4$, 577.1806; found, 577.1809.

N-(4-((2-(1,3-Dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)-3-fluorophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (12a). The compound was prepared from **20i** and **17h** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Off-white solid, 97% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 11.01 (s, 1H), 8.66 (s, 1H), 8.39 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.97 (dd, J = 12.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.30 (m, 6H), 7.04 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (p, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.41 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 164.88, 163.06, 162.84 (d, J = 249.7 Hz, 1C), 160.15, 155.02, 154.41 (d, J = 249.7 Hz, 1C), 151.12, 150.37, 146.66, 146.48, 137.00 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1C), 136.58 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1C), 130.87, 130.23 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1C), 129.97 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2C), 123.61, 120.54, 116.91 (d, J = 23.1 Hz, 2C), 116.30 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1C), 109.64 (d, J = 23.3 Hz, 1C), 108.17, 107.80, 105.44, 50.61, 38.80, 21.63 (s, 2C), 14.03. HRMS: $(M + H)^+$ calcd for $C_{30}H_{27}F_2N_6O_4$, 573.2056; found, 573.2062.

N-(4-((2-(1-Cyclopropyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)-3-fluorophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (12b). The compound was prepared from **20j** and **17h** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Off-white solid, 73% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 10.94 (s, 1H), 8.69 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.89–7.81 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.23 (m, 5H), 7.13 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, J = 6.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (p, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.70–3.57 (m, 1H), 1.50 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.19–1.12 (m, 2H), 1.07–1.00 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 165.13, 163.09, 162.89 (d, J = 249.5 Hz, 1C), 160.20, 154.43 (d, J = 249.1 Hz, 1C), 154.00, 151.26, 150.41, 146.52, 137.66, 137.04 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1C), 136.62 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1C), 130.25 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1C), 130.00 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2C), 128.62, 123.62, 122.85, 116.96 (d, J = 23.2 Hz, 1C), 116.38 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 2C), 109.76 (d, J = 23.3 Hz, 1C), 108.79, 106.86, 105.50, 50.65, 33.08, 21.69 (s, 2C), 6.66 (s, 2C). HRMS: $(M + H)^+$ calcd for $C_{31}H_{27}F_2N_6O_4$, 585.2056; found, 585.2060.

N-(3-Fluoro-4-((2-(1-(2-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (12c). The compound was prepared from **20k** and **17h** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Off-white solid, 89% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 11.03 (s, 1H), 8.68 (s, 1H), 8.37 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.05–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.20 (m, 7H), 6.65 (dd, J = 5.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (p, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 1.42 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H), 1.07 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 165.19,

163.09, 162.89 (d, J = 249.6 Hz, 1C), 160.21, 154.42 (d, J = 249.1 Hz, 1C), 153.79, 151.29, 150.41, 146.53, 138.08, 136.97 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1C), 136.67 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1C), 130.25 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1C), 130.06 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 2C), 129.97, 123.64, 122.94, 116.96 (d, J = 23.2 Hz, 2C), 116.40 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1C), 109.78 (d, J = 23.2 Hz, 1C), 108.90, 106.98, 105.48, 70.77, 62.28, 50.66, 26.96 (s, 2C), 21.68 (s, 2C). HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₃₂H₃₁F₂N₆O₅, 617.2319; found, 617.2325.

N-(3-Fluoro-4-((2-(1-(2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)ethyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (12d). The compound was prepared from **20l** and **17h** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Tan solid, 75% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 8.72 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.93 (dd, J = 12.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.32 (m, 3H), 7.30–7.23 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (dd, J = 5.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.95–4.89 (m, 1H), 4.30 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.08–2.91 (m, 4H), 2.89 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.79–2.55 (m, 7H), 1.48 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.11, 162.96, 162.73 (d, J = 249.4 Hz, 1C), 160.13, 154.22 (d, J = 248.6 Hz, 1C), 153.66, 150.93, 150.30, 146.49, 137.55, 136.75 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1C), 136.53 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1C), 130.17 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1C), 129.91 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2C), 128.89, 123.52, 122.78, 116.80 (d, J = 23.1 Hz, 2C), 116.32 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1C), 109.61 (d, J = 23.1 Hz, 1C), 108.66, 106.85, 105.29, 56.82, 54.04 (s, 2C), 50.71 (s, 2C), 50.59, 49.83, 44.21, 21.51 (s, 2C). HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₃₅H₃₇F₂N₈O₄, 671.2900; found, 671.2909.

N-(4-((2-(1H-Pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)-3-fluorophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (12e). The compound was prepared from **20m** and **17h** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Light brown solid, 26% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 13.07 (s, 1H), 11.03 (s, 1H), 8.68 (s, 1H), 8.40–8.31 (m, 2H), 8.07–7.94 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.31 (m, 7H), 6.62 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (p, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, acetone-*d*₆): δ 165.98, 164.11, 163.33 (d, J = 245.7 Hz, 1C), 161.39, 155.49, 155.03 (d, J = 246.0 Hz, 1C), 152.11, 151.27, 147.80, 138.24 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1C), 137.85, 137.31 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1C), 132.66 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1C), 131.69 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2C), 125.81, 124.59, 123.40, 117.14 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1C), 116.71 (d, J = 23.2 Hz, 2C), 109.63 (d, J = 23.6 Hz, 1C), 108.97, 107.40, 105.67, 51.53, 21.28 (s, 2C). HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₃F₂N₆O₄, 545.1743; found, 545.1747.

N-(4-((2-Acetamidopyridin-4-yl)oxy)-3-fluorophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (13a). The compound was prepared from **28a** and **17h** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Off-white solid, 40% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.03 (s, 1H), 10.58 (s, 1H), 8.68 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dd, J = 12.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.31 (m, 6H), 6.68 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (p, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.42 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.86, 166.41, 163.07, 162.91 (d, J = 249.8 Hz, 1C), 160.13, 154.39 (d, J = 249.1 Hz, 1C), 153.31, 150.48, 149.04, 146.49, 137.04 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1C), 136.71 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1C), 130.30 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1C), 130.04 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2C), 123.64, 116.97 (d, J = 23.1 Hz, 2C), 116.35 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1C), 109.72 (d, J = 23.4 Hz, 1C), 107.87, 105.60, 101.28, 50.66, 24.79, 21.71 (s, 2C). HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₂₇H₂₄F₂N₅O₅, 536.1740; found, 536.1742.

N-(3-Fluoro-4-((2-propionamidopyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (13b). The compound was prepared from **28b** and **17h** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Off-white solid, 30% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.03 (s, 1H), 10.51 (s, 1H), 8.68 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dd, J = 12.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.30 (m, 6H), 6.70 (dd, J = 5.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (p, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H), 1.00 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.56, 166.40, 163.07, 162.89 (d, J = 249.6 Hz, 1C), 160.12, 154.38 (d, J = 249.6 Hz, 1C), 153.37, 150.48, 149.01, 146.49, 137.03 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1C), 136.68 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1C), 130.30 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1C), 130.04 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2C), 123.63, 116.95 (d, J = 23.1 Hz, 2C), 116.36 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1C), 109.72 (d, J = 23.3 Hz, 1C), 107.92, 105.59, 101.10, 50.65, 30.84, 21.69 (s, 2C), 9.36. HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₆F₂N₅O₅, 550.1897; found, 550.1901.

N-(4-((2-(Cyclopropanecarboxamido)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)-3-fluorophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (13c). A mixture of **28c** (634 mg, 1.89 mmol), **17h** (553 mg, 1.89 mmol), HATU (863 mg, 2.27 mmol), and TEA (383 mg, 3.78 mmol) in DMF (18 mL) was stirred at RT overnight. The reaction mixture was poured into water (100 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 80 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (5 × 100 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and evaporated under reduced pressure to give a residue. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (dichloromethane/methanol 98:2) to afford the title compound **13c** (778 mg, 73%) as a light yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*₆): δ 11.07 (s, 1H), 9.77 (s, 1H), 8.66 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dd, J = 13.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.36–7.25 (m, 3H), 6.64 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (p, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.02–1.94 (m, 1H), 1.50 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 0.91–0.77 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.58, 166.25, 162.94, 162.75 (d, J = 249.4 Hz, 1C), 160.00, 154.21 (d, J = 249.0 Hz, 1C), 153.63, 150.37, 148.76, 146.39, 136.88 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1C), 136.52 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1C), 130.20 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1C), 129.93 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2C), 123.47, 116.81 (d, J = 23.1 Hz, 2C), 116.24 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1C), 109.58 (d, J = 23.3 Hz, 1C), 107.68, 105.45, 101.17, 50.55, 21.54 (s, 2C), 15.66, 8.31 (s, 2C). HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₂₉H₂₆F₂N₅O₅, 562.1897; found, 562.1894.

N-(4-((2-(Cyclobutanecarboxamido)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)-3-fluorophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (13d). A mixture of **32** (70 mg, 0.14 mmol), cyclobutanecarboxylic acid (142 mg, 1.41 mmol), HATU (647 mg, 1.7 mmol), and TEA (394 mg, 2.84 mmol) in DMF (1.5 mL) was stirred at 35 °C overnight. The reaction mixture was poured into water (15 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (5 × 30 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and evaporated under reduced pressure to give a residue. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (dichloromethane/methanol 98:2) to afford the title compound **13d** (27 mg, 34%) as an off-white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.04 (s, 1H), 10.40 (s, 1H), 8.68 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dd, J = 12.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.32 (m, 6H), 6.71 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (p, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.32–3.26 (m, 1H), 2.23–1.98 (m, 4H), 1.96–1.81 (m, 1H), 1.81–1.69 (m, 1H), 1.43 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.71, 166.39, 163.07, 162.89 (d, J = 249.5 Hz, 1C), 160.12, 154.39 (d, J = 249.0 Hz, 1C), 153.34, 150.48, 149.03, 146.49, 137.03 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1C), 136.68 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1C), 130.30 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1C), 130.04 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2C), 123.64, 116.96 (d, J = 23.2 Hz, 2C), 116.37 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1C), 109.74 (d, J = 23.2 Hz, 1C), 107.97, 105.60, 100.95, 50.65, 40.92, 25.20 (s, 2C), 21.70 (s, 2C), 18.06. HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₂₈F₂N₅O₅, 576.2053; found, 576.2049.

N-(3-Fluoro-4-((2-(pyrrolidine-1-carboxamido)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)phenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (13e). To a stirred solution of **32** (100 mg, 0.20 mmol) and TEA (41 mg, 0.41 mmol) in THF (7 mL) under argon was slowly added phenyl chloroformate (34 mg, 0.22 mmol) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was warmed up to RT and stirred for 2 h. Then, pyrrolidine (43 mg, 0.60 mmol) was added, and the resulting mixture was stirred at RT overnight. The reaction mixture was poured into saturated aq ammonium chloride (50 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (100 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and evaporated under reduced pressure to give a residue. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (dichloromethane/methanol 99:1) to afford the title compound **13e** (29 mg, 24%) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*₆): δ 11.07 (s, 1H), 8.66 (s, 1H), 8.08–8.01 (m, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.49–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.35–7.25 (m, 3H), 6.53 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (p, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (s, 4H), 1.92 (s, 4H), 1.50 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.22, 163.04, 162.88 (d, J = 249.7 Hz, 1C), 160.07, 154.67, 154.39 (d, J = 249.2 Hz, 1C), 153.01, 150.48, 148.76, 146.45, 137.26 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1C), 136.44 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1C), 130.30, 130.04 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2C), 123.60, 116.94 (d, J = 23.1 Hz, 2C), 116.35 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1C), 109.73 (d, J = 23.3 Hz, 1C), 106.90, 105.62, 99.77,

50.63 (s, 2C), 45.91 (s, 2C), 25.65, 21.68 (s, 2C). HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₂₉F₂N₆O₅, 591.2162; found, 591.2162.

N-(4-(2-Fluoro-4-(3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamido)phenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)morpholine-4-carboxamide (13f). To a stirred solution of **32** (100 mg, 0.20 mmol) and TEA (41 mg, 0.41 mmol) in THF (7 mL) under argon was slowly added phenyl chloroformate (34 mg, 0.22 mmol) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was warmed up to RT and stirred for 2 h. Then, morpholine (52 mg, 0.60 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at RT overnight and further heated at 75 °C for 1.5 h. The reaction mixture was poured into saturated aq ammonium chloride (30 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (100 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and evaporated under reduced pressure to give a residue. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (dichloromethane/methanol 99:1) to afford the title compound **13f** (31 mg, 25.5%) as an off-white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.03 (s, 1H), 9.31 (s, 1H), 8.68 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.29 (m, 7H), 6.63 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (p, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 4H), 3.40 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 1.43 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.30, 163.06, 162.88 (d, *J* = 249.4 Hz, 1C), 160.13, 154.56, 154.36 (d, *J* = 249.1 Hz, 1C), 154.00, 150.47, 148.66, 146.48, 137.13 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1C), 136.53 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1C), 130.29 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1C), 130.02 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2C), 123.60, 116.94 (d, *J* = 23.0 Hz, 2C), 116.38 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1C), 109.75 (d, *J* = 23.3 Hz, 1C), 107.06, 105.56, 100.32, 66.56 (s, 2C), 50.64 (s, 2C), 44.26, 21.67 (s, 2C). HRMS: (M + H)⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₂₉F₂N₆O₆, 607.2111; found, 607.2113.

4-((3-Chloropyridin-4-yl)oxy)aniline (15). To a solution of 4-aminophenol (2.65 g, 24.3 mmol) in DMA (40 mL) was added potassium *tert*-butoxide (2.8 g, 24.9 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at RT for 0.5 h. Then, 4-bromo-3-chloropyridine (4.0 g, 20.7 mmol) was added, and the resulting mixture was stirred at 85 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water (400 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (4 × 100 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (5 × 400 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and evaporated under reduced pressure to afford the title compound **15** (5.8 g, 100%) as a black solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.65 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.74–6.51 (m, 3H), 5.21 (s, 2H). LC/MS (ESI, *m/z*): 265.0 [M + H]⁺, 267.0 [M + 2 + H]⁺.

4-((3-(1-Methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)aniline (16). A mixture of **15** (1.2 g, 4.4 mmol), 1-methyl-4-pyrazole boronic acid pinacol ester (1.15 g, 5.55 mmol), and tetrakis(triphenylphosphine) palladium (0.5 g, 0.4 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (20 mL)/water (4 mL) under argon was stirred at 90 °C for 9 h. After cooling, the resulting mixture was poured into saturated aq sodium bicarbonate (150 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 100 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (200 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and evaporated under reduced pressure to give a residue. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (dichloromethane/methanol 97:3) to afford the title compound **16** (1.1 g, 97%) as a brown solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.79 (s, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.02–8.01 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H). LC/MS (ESI, *m/z*): 267.1 [M + H]⁺.

4-((2-Chloropyridin-4-yl)oxy)aniline (19a). The compound was prepared from **18** and 4-aminophenol by following a similar procedure as described for **15**. Black solid, 96% yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.23 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.91–6.80 (m, 4H), 6.67–6.58 (m, 2H), 5.20 (s, 2H). LC/MS (ESI, *m/z*): 221.1 [M + H]⁺.

4-((2-Chloropyridin-4-yl)oxy)-3-fluoroaniline (19b). The compound was prepared from **18** and 4-amino-2-fluorophenol by following a similar procedure as described for **15**. Black solid, 100% yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.26 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96–6.88 (m, 2H), 6.55–6.39 (m, 2H), 5.53 (br s, 2H). LC/MS (ESI, *m/z*): 239.1 [M + H]⁺.

4-((2-Chloropyridin-4-yl)oxy)-2-fluoroaniline (19c). The compound was prepared from **18** and 4-amino-3-fluorophenol by following a similar procedure as described for **15**. Beige solid, 83% yield. ¹H NMR

(400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.94–6.87 (m, 2H), 6.87–6.75 (m, 2H), 5.23 (br s, 2H). LC/MS (ESI, *m/z*): 239.0 [M + H]⁺.

3-Chloro-4-((2-chloropyridin-4-yl)oxy)aniline (19d). The compound was prepared from **18** and 4-amino-2-chlorophenol by following a similar procedure as described for **15**. Black solid, 97% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.75–6.70 (m, 2H), 6.59 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (br s, 2H). LC/MS (ESI, *m/z*): 255.0 [M + H]⁺.

4-((2-Chloropyridin-4-yl)oxy)-3-methylaniline (19e). The compound was prepared from **18** and 4-amino-2-methylphenol by following a similar procedure as described for **15**. Black solid, 91% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.23 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84–6.74 (m, 3H), 6.55–6.42 (m, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 1.93 (s, 3H). LC/MS (ESI, *m/z*): 235.1 [M + H]⁺.

4-((2-Chloropyridin-4-yl)oxy)-3-methoxyaniline (19f). The compound was prepared from **18** and 4-amino-2-methoxyphenol by following a similar procedure as described for **15**. Black solid, 91% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.17–8.13 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.74–6.71 (m, 2H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H). LC/MS (ESI, *m/z*): 251.1 [M + H]⁺.

4-((2-Chloropyridin-4-yl)oxy)-2,3-difluoroaniline (19g). The compound was prepared from **18** and 4-amino-2,3-difluorophenol by following a similar procedure as described for **15**. Light brown solid, 94% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.87 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.60–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (s, 2H). LC/MS (ESI, *m/z*): 257.0 [M + H]⁺.

4-((2-Chloropyridin-4-yl)oxy)-3,5-difluoroaniline (19h). The compound was prepared from **18** and 4-amino-2,6-difluorophenol by following a similar procedure as described for **15**. Pale beige solid, 90% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.30 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.44–6.33 (m, 2H), 5.86 (br s, 2H). LC/MS (ESI, *m/z*): 257.0 [M + H]⁺. LC/MS (ESI, *m/z*): 257.0 [M + H]⁺.

4-((2-(1-Methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)aniline (20a). The compound was prepared from **19a** and 1-methyl-4-pyrazole boronic acid pinacol ester by following a similar procedure as described for **16**. Light yellow solid, 75% yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.30 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.96–7.88 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.90–6.80 (m, 2H), 6.67–6.57 (m, 2H), 6.53 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (br s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H). LC/MS (ESI, *m/z*): 267.1 [M + H]⁺.

3-Fluoro-4-((2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)aniline (20b). The compound was prepared from **19b** and 1-methyl-4-pyrazole boronic acid pinacol ester by following a similar procedure as described for **16**. Brown solid, 100% yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.32 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.86–7.81 (m, 2H), 6.95–6.87 (m, 2H), 6.57 (ddd, *J* = 5.8, 2.5, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 11.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 2.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.64 (br s, 2H). LC/MS (ESI, *m/z*): 285.1 [M + H]⁺.

2-Fluoro-4-((2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)aniline (20c). The compound was prepared from **19c** and 1-methyl-4-pyrazole boronic acid pinacol ester by following a similar procedure as described for **16**. Dark brown solid, 94% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.32 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88–6.73 (m, 2H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (br s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H). LC/MS (ESI, *m/z*): 285.1 [M + H]⁺.

3-Chloro-4-((2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)aniline (20d). The compound was prepared from **19d** and 1-methyl-4-pyrazole boronic acid pinacol ester by following a similar procedure as described for **16**. Brown solid, 91% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.35 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 6.98–6.90 (m, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.81 (br s, 2H). LC/MS (ESI, *m/z*): 301.1 [M + H]⁺.

3-Methyl-4-((2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)aniline (20e). The compound was prepared from **19e** and 1-methyl-4-pyrazole boronic acid pinacol ester by following a similar procedure as

described for **16**. Tan solid, 71% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 8.29 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.53–6.42 (m, 3H), 5.06 (br s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 281.2 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

3-Methoxy-4-((2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)aniline (20f). The compound was prepared from **19f** and 1-methyl-4-pyrazole boronic acid pinacol ester by following a similar procedure as described for **16**. Dark brown solid, 64% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.32 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88–7.84 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (dd, J = 5.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.72 (br s, 2H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 297.1 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

2,3-Difluoro-4-((2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)aniline (20g). The compound was prepared from **19g** and 1-methyl-4-pyrazole boronic acid pinacol ester by following a similar procedure as described for **16**. Light brown solid, 80% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 8.33 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.66–6.58 (m, 2H), 5.54 (br s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 303.1 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

3,5-Difluoro-4-((2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)aniline (20h). The compound was prepared from **19h** and 1-methyl-4-pyrazole boronic acid pinacol ester by following a similar procedure as described for **16**. Beige solid, 94% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 8.36 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.42–6.33 (m, 2H), 5.80 (br s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 303.1 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

4-((2-(1,3-Dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)-3-fluoroaniline (20i). The compound was prepared from **19b** and 1,3-dimethylpyrazole-4-boronic acid pinacol ester by following a similar procedure as described for **16**. Light brown solid, 72% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 8.37 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.14–6.86 (m, 2H), 6.68–6.33 (m, 3H), 5.47 (br s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 299.1 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

4-((2-(1-Cyclopropyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)-3-fluoroaniline (20j). The compound was prepared from **19b** and 1-cyclopropylpyrazole-4-boronic acid pinacol ester by following a similar procedure as described for **16**. Pale yellow solid, 89% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.34 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 6.98–6.90 (m, 2H), 6.59 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (dd, J = 11.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (ddd, J = 8.6, 2.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (br s, 2H), 3.64–3.58 (m, 1H), 1.15–1.10 (m, 2H), 1.05–0.99 (m, 2H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 311.1 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

1-(4-(4-Amino-2-fluorophenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl-2-methylpropan-2-ol (20k). The compound was prepared from **19b** and 1-(2-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)pyrazole-4-boronic acid pinacol ester by following a similar procedure as described for **16**. Pale pink solid, 51% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 8.33 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.59–6.40 (m, 3H), 5.46 (br s, 2H), 4.73 (s, 1H), 4.04 (s, 2H), 1.07 (s, 6H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 343.2 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

3-Fluoro-4-((2-(1-(2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)ethyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)aniline (20l). The compound was prepared from **19b** and 1-(2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)ethyl)pyrazole-4-boronic acid pinacol ester by following a similar procedure as described for **16**. Brown oil, 56% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.35 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.00–6.91 (m, 2H), 6.64–6.44 (m, 3H), 4.25 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 2.86 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.66–2.40 (m, 8H), 2.31 (s, 3H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 397.3 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

4-((2-(1H-Pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)-3-fluoroaniline (20m). The compound was prepared from **19b** and 4-pyrazoleboronic acid pinacol ester by following a similar procedure as described for **16**. Tan solid, 44% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 13.06 (s, 1H), 8.36–8.28 (m, 2H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.56–6.47 (m, 2H), 6.46–6.39 (m, 1H), 5.46 (s, 2H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 271.1 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

2-Chloro-4-(2,5-difluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)pyridine (22). To a solution of **21** (1.0 g, 7.7 mmol) in DMF (20 mL) was added potassium carbonate (1.28 g, 9.3 mmol) in one portion. After stirring at RT for 5 min, 1,2,4-trifluoro-5-nitrobenzene (1.37 g, 7.7 mmol) was slowly

added with stirring. Then, the resulting mixture was stirred at RT for 0.5 h. The reaction mixture was poured into ice water (250 mL) and filtered. The filter cake was dried and purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 90:10) to afford the title compound **22** (1.24 g, 73%) as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 8.48 (dd, J = 10.2, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, J = 11.5, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 287.0 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

4-((2-Chloropyridin-4-yl)oxy)-2,5-difluoroaniline (23). A mixture of **22** (2.00 g, 6.98 mmol) and stannous chloride (5.29 g, 27.91 mmol) in ethanol (144 mL) under argon was stirred at 80 °C for 8 h. Then, the reaction mixture was poured into saturated aq sodium bicarbonate (300 mL)/ethyl acetate (200 mL). The mixture was stirred and filtered. The filtrate was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 $\times$ 100 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (2 $\times$ 300 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and evaporated under reduced pressure to give a residue. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 90:10) to afford the title compound **23** (1.19 g, 66%) as a dark brown solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 8.29 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, J = 11.2, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, J = 5.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, J = 12.3, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (br s, 2H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 257.0 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

2,5-Difluoro-4-((2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridin-4-yl)oxy)aniline (24). The compound was prepared from **23** and 1-methyl-4-pyrazole boronic acid pinacol ester by following a similar procedure as described for **16**. Tan solid, 84% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 8.35 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.16 (m, 2H), 6.74 (dd, J = 12.3, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, J = 5.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (br s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 303.1 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

N-(4-Chloropyridin-2-yl)acetamide (26a). To a solution of **25** (1.30, 10 mmol) and TEA (4.0 g, 40 mmol) in dichloromethane (45 mL) was slowly added acetyl chloride (0.9 g, 12 mmol) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was warmed up to RT and stirred for 17 h. The reaction mixture was poured into 200 mL of water and extracted with dichloromethane (3 $\times$ 100 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (200 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and evaporated under reduced pressure to give a residue. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 83:17) to afford the title compound **26a** (342 mg, 20%) as a rose red solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.76 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, J = 5.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 171.0 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

N-(4-Chloropyridin-2-yl)propionamide (26b). The compound was prepared from **25** and propionyl chloride by following a similar procedure as described for **26a**. Light brown semi-solid, 14% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.70 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, J = 5.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.06 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 185.1 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

N-(4-Chloropyridin-2-yl)cyclopropanecarboxamide (26c). The compound was prepared from **25** and cyclopropanecarbonyl chloride by following a similar procedure as described for **26a**. Light yellow solid, 74% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 11.07 (s, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, J = 5.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (p, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 0.83 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 4H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 197.1 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

N-(4-(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)acetamide (27a). A mixture of **26a** (300 mg, 1.76 mmol) and 2-fluoro-4-nitrophenol (691 mg, 4.40 mmol) in chlorobenzene (4.4 mL) was heated in a sealed tube at 140 °C for 40 h. The resulting mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure to give a residue. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (dichloromethane/methanol 98:2) to afford the title compound **27a** (286 mg, 56%) as a brown solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.71 (s, 1H), 8.44 (dd, J = 10.5, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.24–8.16 (m, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, J = 5.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 292.1 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

N-(4-(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)propionamide (27b). The compound was prepared from **26b** and 2-fluoro-4-nitrophenol by

following a similar procedure as described for **27a**. Yellow solid, 51% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.65 (s, 1H), 8.44 (dd, J = 10.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.89–6.82 (m, 1H), 2.37 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.01 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 306.1 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

N-(4-(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)-cyclopropanecarboxamide (**27c**). The compound was prepared from **26c** and 2-fluoro-4-nitrophenol by following a similar procedure as described for **27a**. Yellow solid, 44% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 11.02 (s, 1H), 8.43 (dd, J = 10.5, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (ddd, J = 9.0, 2.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66–7.57 (m, 1H), 6.86 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.04–1.93 (m, 1H), 0.84–0.72 (m, 4H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 318.1 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

N-(4-(4-Amino-2-fluorophenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)acetamide (**28a**). A mixture of **27a** (100 mg, 0.34 mmol), iron powder (96 mg, 1.72 mmol), and acetic acid (206 mg, 3.43 mmol) in ethyl acetate (1.8 mL)/water (0.36 mL) under argon was stirred at 80 °C for 2 h. The resulting mixture was filtered and washed with ethyl acetate (3 $\times$ 5 mL) and water (3 $\times$ 10 mL). The filtrate was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 $\times$ 20 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with saturated aq sodium bicarbonate (50 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and evaporated under reduced pressure to afford the title compound **28a** (86 mg, 96%) as a brown solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.50 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.58 (m, 1H), 6.96 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, J = 13.2, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.44–6.37 (m, 1H), 5.45 (br s, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 262.1 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

N-(4-(4-Amino-2-fluorophenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)propionamide (**28b**). The compound was prepared from **27b** by following a similar procedure as described for **28a**. Black solid, 96% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.43 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (dd, J = 13.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (br s, 2H), 2.33 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.00 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 276.1 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

N-(4-(4-Amino-2-fluorophenoxy)pyridin-2-yl)-cyclopropanecarboxamide (**28c**). The compound was prepared from **27c** by following a similar procedure as described for **28a**. Brown solid, 94% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.79 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (dd, J = 13.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (br s, 2H), 1.98–1.91 (m, 1H), 0.80–0.73 (m, 4H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 288.1 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

4-(4-Amino-2-fluorophenoxy)picolinamide (**30**). To a solution of 4-amino-2-fluorophenol (1.91 g, 15.0 mmol) in DMSO (19 mL) was added potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.795 g, 16 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at RT for 15 min. Then, 4-chloropicolinamide (1.57 g, 10.0 mmol) was added, and the resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was poured into 0.5 M aq NaOH (38 mL) and stirred for 2 h. The precipitate was filtered and washed with water, and the cake was dried to afford the title compound **30** (2.14 g, 86%) as a brown solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 8.49 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.15 (dd, J = 5.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (s, 2H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 248.1 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

N-(4-((2-Carbamoylpyridin-4-yl)oxy)-3-fluorophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (**31**). The compound was prepared from **30** and **17h** by following a similar procedure as described for **13c**. Light yellow solid, 32% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 11.06 (s, 1H), 8.69 (s, 1H), 8.54 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (dd, J = 12.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.47–7.32 (m, 6H), 7.23 (dd, J = 5.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (p, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 522.4 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

N-(4-((2-Aminopyridin-4-yl)oxy)-3-fluorophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide (**32**). To a mixture of **31** (170 mg, 0.33 mmol) in ethyl acetate (3 mL)/acetonitrile (3 mL)/water (1.5 mL) under argon was added iodobenzene diacetate (315 mg, 0.98 mmol) at 0 °C, and the

resulting mixture was stirred at RT for 15 h. The reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure to give a residue. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (dichloromethane/methanol 95:5) to afford the title compound **32** (57 mg, 36%) as a brown solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 11.01 (s, 1H), 8.68 (s, 1H), 7.96 (dd, J = 12.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.28 (m, 6H), 6.22 (dd, J = 5.9, 2.5 Hz, 3H), 5.85 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (p, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). LC/MS (ESI, m/z): 494.3 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

Kinase Inhibition Assay. The activity of Axl and Met kinases was tested using ELISA as previously reported.⁴¹ The IC_{50} values were calculated from inhibition curves obtained from two separate experiments using a modified four-parameter logistic model. If the inhibitory rate is above 50% at the minimum tested compound concentration, the conclusion is that the IC_{50} is lower than the tested minimum compound concentration. Moreover, if the inhibitory rate is below 50% at the maximum tested drug concentration, it shows that the IC_{50} is higher than the tested maximum compound concentration. The kinase selectivity profile of **13c** (1000, 100, and 10 nmol/L) was screened against the abovementioned 40 other kinases by ELISA in local or radiometric protein kinase assays performed by Eurofins (UK) according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Western Blot Analysis. Cells were cultured under regular growth conditions to the exponential growth phase. The cells were then treated with the indicated dose of **13c** for 2 h and lysed in 1 $\times$ sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS) sample buffer. If Gas6 treatment was required, cells were serum-deprived for 24 h prior to 2 h of treatment with compounds and then stimulated with Gas6 for 15 min. The cell lysates were resolved by 10% SDS-PAGE and transferred to nitrocellulose membranes. Proteins were first probed with specific antibodies [against p-Axl(Y702), Axl, p-Met(Y1234/1235), p-Akt(S473), Akt, p-ERK1/2(T202/Y204), ERK1/2, β -actin, GAPDH (all from Cell Signaling Technology, USA), and Met (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, USA)], followed by a secondary horseradish peroxidase-conjugated antibody. Finally, immunoreactive proteins were detected using an enhanced chemiluminescence detection reagent (Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA).

Cell Proliferation Assays. Cells were seeded in 96-well plates at a low density in growth media. The next day, appropriate controls or designated concentrations of compounds were added to each well, and the cells were incubated for 72 h. Finally, cell proliferation was determined using a sulforhodamine B assay (SRB, Sigma-Aldrich, USA) or a cell counting kit (CCK-8, Dojindo, Japan) assay. The IC_{50} values were calculated by concentration–response curve fitting using a SoftMax pro-based four-parameter method (SoftMax Pro Software, version 5.4.1).

Cell Migration and Matrigel Invasion Assays. For the migration assay, cells suspended in a serum-free medium (1.5×10^5 cells per well) were seeded in 24-well transwell plates (pore size, 8 μm ; Corning). The bottom chambers were filled with the serum-free medium supplemented with Gas6 (500 ng/mL) or cocultured cells, and appropriate controls or designated concentrations of compounds were added to both sides of the membrane. The cultures were maintained for 24 h, after which the nonmotile cells at the top of the filter were removed using a cotton swab. The migrating cells were fixed in paraformaldehyde (4%) and stained with crystal violet (0.1%) for 15 min at RT. For the invasion assay, cells were cultured in the top chambers containing Matrigel-coated membrane inserts. The ensuing procedure was identical to that of the migration assay. The assay was performed in triplicate. Images were obtained using an Olympus BX51 microscope.

In Vivo Antitumor Activity Studies. Animal procedures were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee of the Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica (approval no. 2019-05-DJ-48). Cells at a density of $5\text{--}10 \times 10^6$ in 200 μL were first implanted subcutaneously (sc) into the right flank of a nude mice and allowed to grow to 700–800 mm^3 , which was defined as a well-developed tumor volume. The well-developed tumors were cut into 1.5 mm^3 fragments and transplanted sc into the right flank of nude mice. When the tumor volume reached 100–200 mm^3 , the mice were randomly assigned into vehicle and treatment groups ($n = 6$ in the treated group and $n = 12$ in the vehicle group). The vehicle groups were given the vehicle alone, and the treatment groups received compounds at the indicated doses via po

administration once daily for the indicated days. The tumor sizes were measured twice a week using a microcaliper. The tumor volume (TV) was calculated as $TV = (\text{length} \times \text{width}^2)/2$. The percent (%) TGI rates were measured on the final day of the study for the compound-treated mice relative to the vehicle-treated mice and were calculated as $100 \times \{1 - [(TV_{\text{Treated Final day}} - TV_{\text{Treated Day 0}})/(TV_{\text{Vehicle Final day}} - TV_{\text{Vehicle Day 0}})]\}$. Significant differences between the treated versus the vehicle groups ($P \leq 0.05$) were determined using Student's *t*-test.

Determination of Pharmacokinetic Parameters in Rats. Male rats (SD rats, body-weight range of 330–390 g, $n = 3$) were administered compounds **12e** or **13c** by oral gavage at 3 mg/kg. A mixed solvent of 2.5% DMSO/97.5% [0.5% hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose (HPMC)] was used as the medium. Blood samples were collected at 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, and 24 h after dosing. The plasma was separated by centrifugation, and the serum was collected in vials. The serum samples were frozen and stored at -70°C before analysis. The test sample concentrations were determined by LC/MS. Animal procedures were performed according to the institutional ethical guidelines on animal care and approved by the Institute Animal Care and Use Committee at Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica (approval no. 2019-02-YY-07). The pharmacokinetic parameters were calculated using WinNonlin (version 6.4) software.

Determination of Pharmacokinetic Parameters in Mice. Male mice (ICR mice, body-weight range of 18–22 g, iv, $n = 3$, po, $n = 3$) were administered compound **13c** intravenously via the tail vein at 1 mg/kg or by oral gavage at 3 mg/kg. A mixed solvent of 5% DMSO/5% ethanol/40% PEG-300/50% (0.9% NaCl) was used as the injection medium. A mixed solvent of 2.5% DMSO/97.5% (0.5% HPMC) was used as the oral administration medium. For the po group, blood samples were collected at 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, and 24 h after dosing. For the iv group, blood samples were collected at 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 2, 4, 8, and 24 h after dosing. The plasma was separated by centrifugation, and the serum was collected in vials. The serum samples were frozen and stored at -70°C before analysis. The test sample concentrations were determined by LC/MS. Animal procedures were performed according to the institutional ethical guidelines on animal care and approved by the Institute Animal Care and Use Committee at Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica (approval no. 2019-02-YY-08). The pharmacokinetic parameters were calculated using WinNonlin (version 6.4) software.

Molecular Modeling. The template Met crystal structure (PDB ID: 3F82) lacks residues Leu1225 to Ala1243. Thus, we decided to exclude this segment. The Axl/Met aligned sequences (as in Figure 2C) were taken out as two parts (part one: Val536 to Gly692 of Axl and Val1078 to Gly1224 of Met; part two: Lys710 to Leu799 of Axl and Lys1224 to Leu1333 of Met). We performed homology modeling of these two parts separately using the “Target/Template Alignment” method in SWISS-MODEL workspace via the ExPASy web server.⁵³ The two predicted structures were combined into one portion using Discovery Studio Visualizer (version 4.5.0, BIOVIA).

The docking study was performed using AutoDock (version 4.2) and AutoDockTools.⁵⁴ The predicted Axl DFG-out homology model was defined as the receptor. The docking site was defined using a grid box size of $35 \times 61 \times 60$, spacing of 0.375 Å, and grid center of 0, 9, and 5. The Lamarckian genetic algorithm (GA) method was used in the docking protocol. Figures 2A, 4, and 5 were obtained from PyMOL (The PyMOL Molecular Graphics System, version 2.5, <http://www.pymol.org>) and Adobe Photoshop (version 2015.1.2).

■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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Preparation of intermediate compounds, NMR spectra, and HPLC determination of compound **13c** (PDF)

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Axl DFG-out homology model in the PDB format and docking poses for **10g** and **13c** (ZIP)

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■ ABBREVIATIONS

RTK, receptor tyrosine kinase; TAM, Tyro3, Axl, and Mer; Gas6, growth arrest specific protein 6; CML, chronic myeloid leukemia; EMT, epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition; DFG, aspartate-phenylalanine-glycine; AML, acute myeloid leukemia; SAR, structure-activity relationship; ELISA, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay; DHBA, dual hydrogen bond acceptor; SD, Sprague-Dawley; po, oral; iv, intravenous; ICR, Institute of Cancer Research; TGI, tumor growth inhibition; DMA, dimethylacetamide; RT, room temperature; HATU, O-(7-aza-1H-benzotriazol-1-yl)-N,N,N',N'-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate; TEA, triethylamine; DMF, N,N-dimethylformamide; DMSO, dimethyl sulfoxide; THF, tetrahydrofuran; TLC, thin-layer chromatography; LC, liquid chromatography; MS, mass spectrometry; SDS, sodium dodecyl sulfate; SRB, sulforhodamine B; MTT, thiazolyl blue tetrazolium bromide; sc, subcutaneously; TV, tumor volume; HPMC, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose; GA, genetic algorithm

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