

Discovery and in Vivo Evaluation of Dual PI3K β/δ Inhibitors

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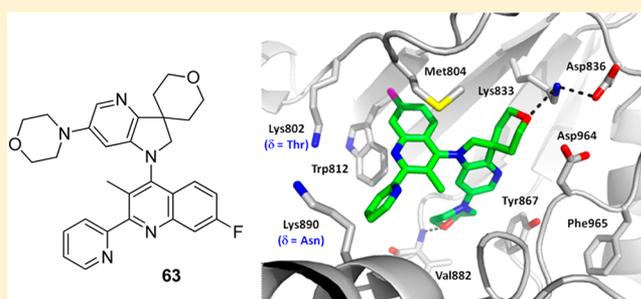
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ABSTRACT: Structure-based rational design led to the synthesis of a novel series of potent PI3K inhibitors. The optimized pyrrolopyridine analogue **63** was a potent and selective PI3K β/δ dual inhibitor that displayed suitable physicochemical properties and pharmacokinetic profile for animal studies. Analogue **63** was found to be efficacious in animal models of inflammation including a keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH) study and a collagen-induced arthritis (CIA) disease model of rheumatoid arthritis. These studies highlight the potential therapeutic value of inhibiting both the PI3K β and δ isoforms in the treatment of a number of inflammatory diseases.



■ INTRODUCTION

Class I phosphoinositide 3-kinases (PI3Ks) are lipid kinases that have emerged as attractive targets for the treatment of a number of diseases in both inflammation and oncology therapeutic areas.¹ All class I PI3Ks have the ability to catalyze the *in vivo* conversion of phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate (PIP₂) to phosphatidylinositol 3,4,5-trisphosphate (PIP₃), which induces Akt phosphorylation and acts as a secondary messenger in the control of a wide number of cellular functions including metabolism, cell growth and motility.² Class IA PI3Ks are composed of PI3K α , β and δ , and these enzymes primarily respond to stimuli from receptor protein tyrosine kinases³ whereas the sole representative of class IB, PI3K γ , mainly responds to stimuli from GPCRs.⁴ In terms of tissue distribution, PI3K α and β are ubiquitously expressed whereas PI3K γ and δ are mainly expressed in leukocytes. This expression pattern, in conjunction with mouse genetic studies, has established PI3K α and β as promising targets for the treatment of human cancer⁵ and, the central role of PI3K γ and δ in leukocyte biology, suggested that inhibition of these two enzymes might also be a viable approach for the treatment of a variety of inflammatory diseases.⁶ These findings have prompted the development of small molecule inhibitors targeting different PI3K isoforms,¹ and among these, the PI3K δ inhibitor CAL-101⁷ has shown promise for the potential treatment of cancer patients suffering from chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL)⁸ or non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL).⁹

To gain a better understanding of the *in vivo* pharmacology associated with inhibition of one or more of the PI3K isoforms,

we embarked on a program to identify novel PI3K inhibitors that could ultimately become useful therapeutics for the treatment of a variety of oncology and/or inflammatory human diseases. This effort has resulted in the identification of a number of both dual PI3K α /mTOR and selective PI3K δ inhibitors which are in different phases of clinical development.^{10,11} In this communication we report our progress toward the design and synthesis of inhibitors that target both the PI3K β and δ isoforms and describe our preclinical studies in animal models of inflammation.^{12,13}

■ RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

As part of our research effort to identify novel PI3K inhibitors, lead compound **1** was designed by combining an indoline ring derived from our NF- κ -B-inducing kinase (NIK) program¹⁴ with a quinoline core. The latter was conceived as a structural modification of a cinnoline ring identified as part of our internal p38 inhibitor program.¹⁵ At the outset, it was hypothesized that compound **1** would be an ATP competitive inhibitor of PI3K with a binding mode in which the morpholine ring would interact with the hinge binder region of the enzyme, the geminal dimethyl group of the indoline would occupy the affinity pocket region and one of the methyl groups of the quinoline ring would partially reach into the ribose pocket (Figure 1). When compound **1** was synthesized and tested in an *in vitro* ATP loss assay,¹⁶

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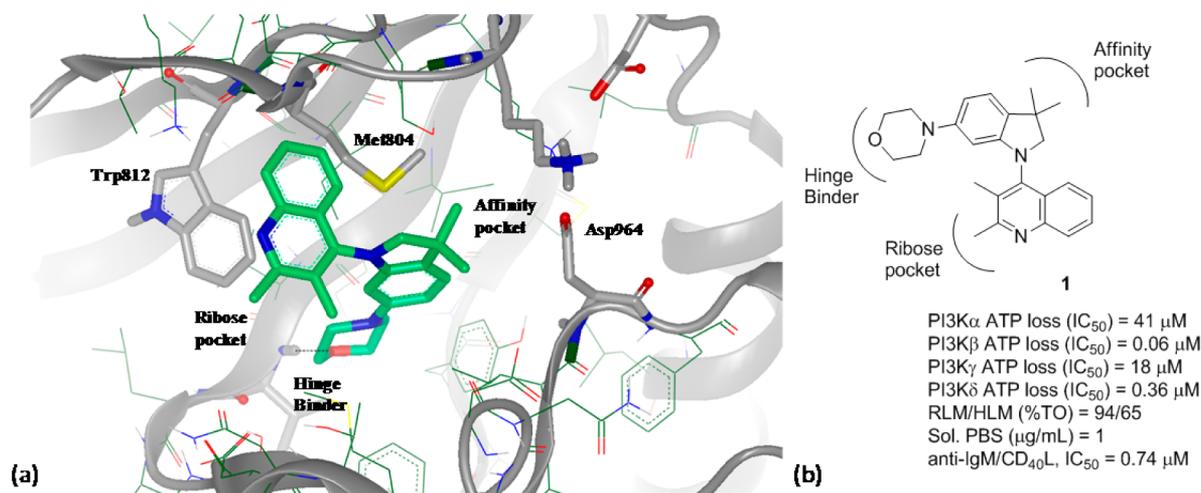
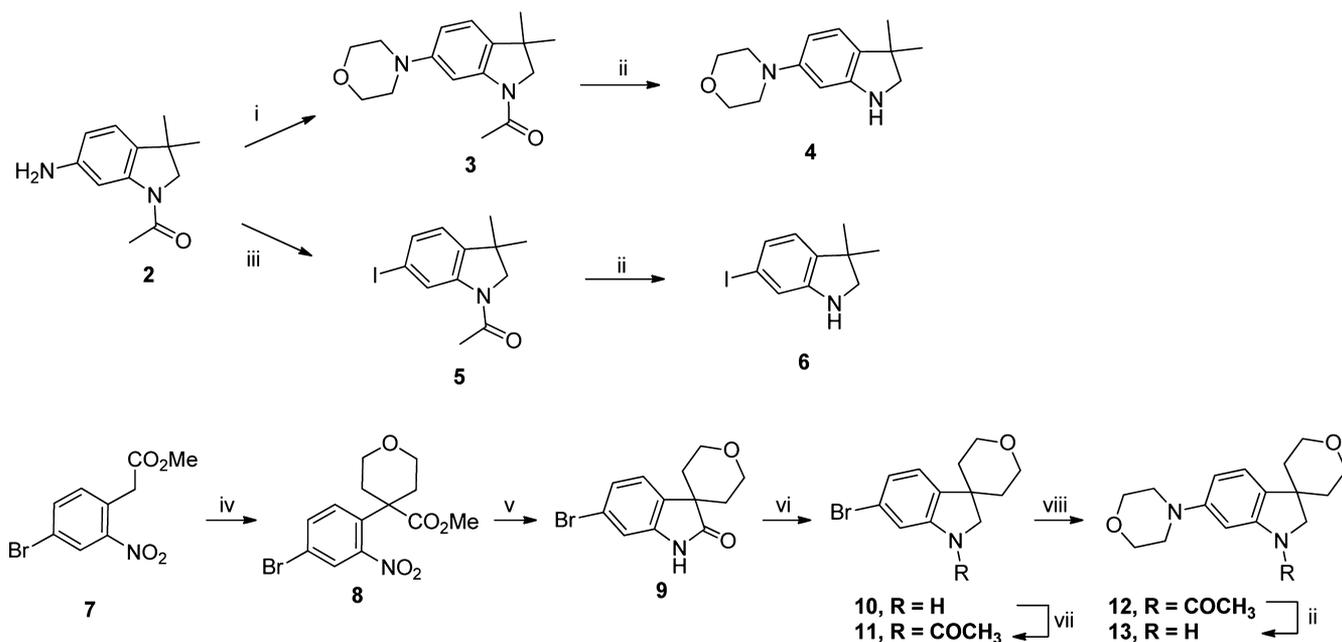


Figure 1. (a) Proposed binding mode of compound 1 with PI3K δ . Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bond. Amino acid labels correspond to the PI3K γ isoform. (b) Profile of lead analogue 1.

Scheme 1^a

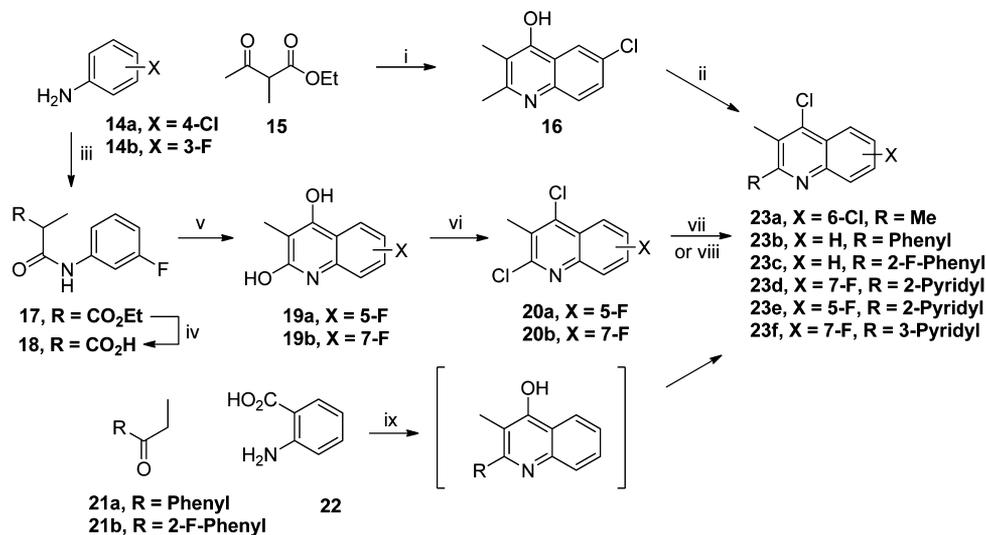


^aReagents and conditions: (i) bis(2-bromoethyl) ether, 150 °C, 67%; (ii) HCl, 84–86%; (iii) NaNO₂, KI, 65%; (iv) NaH, bis(2-bromoethyl) ether, 36%; (v) Fe/AcOH, 72%; (vi) Red-Al, 64%; (vii) Ac₂O, DMAP, 86%; (viii) Pd₂dba₃, morpholine, XPhos, 72%.

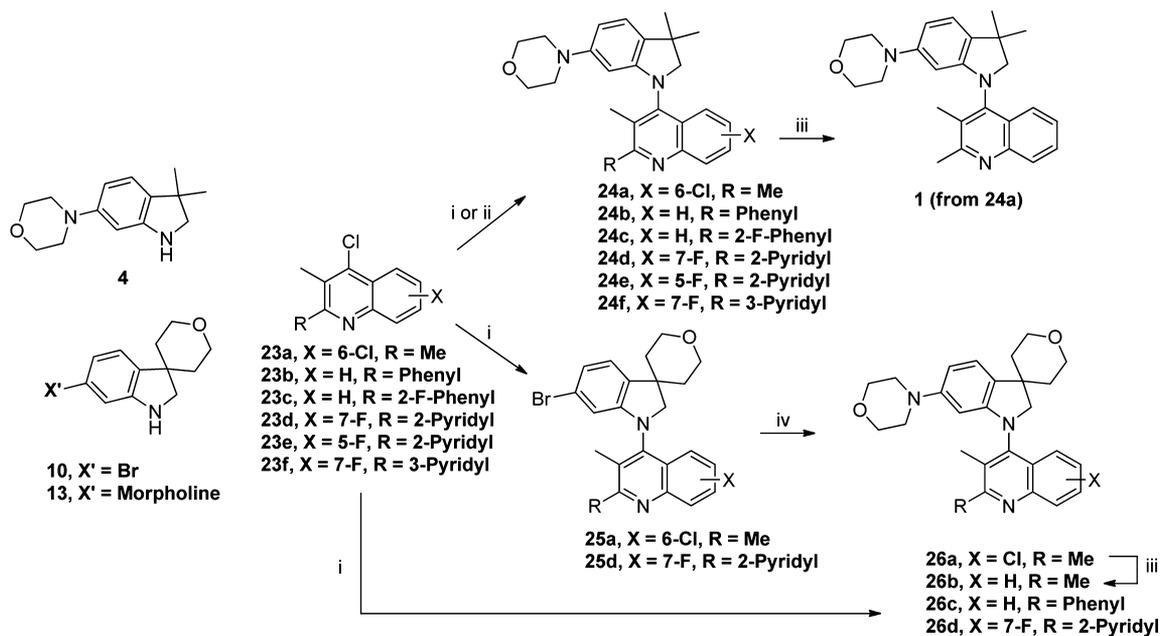
we observed that it was a potent PI3K β inhibitor (IC₅₀ = 60 nM) but exhibited moderate PI3K δ potency (IC₅₀ = 362 nM) and poor activity in an in vitro B-cell proliferation assay (anti-IgM/CD40L, IC₅₀ = 745 nM).¹⁷ This analogue also displayed poor physicochemical properties as illustrated by its poor microsomal stability and solubility.¹⁸ To elucidate the pharmacological implications of inhibiting both PI3K β and δ isoforms, a systematic medicinal chemistry effort to optimize compound 1 was initiated. The specific goal of the program was to identify a potent PI3K β / δ dual inhibitor with suitable physicochemical properties (good microsomal stability, low potential for CYP inhibition, satisfactory PXR profile and good solubility) and pharmacokinetic (PK) profile for in vivo efficacy and tolerability studies. Notably, recent studies in chimeric mice prepared with bone marrow lacking both PI3K β and PI3K δ activity have suggested that combined pharmacological inhibition of PI3K β and δ might be a viable strategy for the

treatment of inflammatory diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis (RA).¹⁹ To test this hypothesis, our optimized PI3K β / δ dual inhibitors were evaluated in animal models of inflammation.

Chemistry. The general synthetic route that provided access to these analogues is described in Scheme 3 and involved the coupling of indolines 4, 6, 10 or 13 (Scheme 1) with quinoline fragments 23a–f (Scheme 2). The synthesis of indoline 4 started with available 1-(6-amino-3,3-dimethylindolin-1-yl)ethanone 2,²⁰ which was transformed into the corresponding morpholino intermediate 3 by an alkylation reaction with bis(2-bromoethyl) ether. Subsequent deprotection with HCl afforded indoline 4. Iodoindoline 6 was synthesized starting from aminoindoline 2, via a diazotization–iodination reaction sequence and subsequent deprotection of the acetyl group in 5. The synthesis of indolines 10 and 13 started with nitro compound 7, which was deprotonated with NaH in DMF and alkylated with bis(2-bromoethyl) ether to provide

Scheme 2^a

^aReagents and conditions: (i) PPA, 170 °C, 70%; (ii) POCl₃, reflux, 83%; (iii) diethyl methylmalonate, 130 °C, 49%; (iv) NaOH, 89%; (v) PPA, 130 °C, 81%; (vi) POCl₃, 100 °C, 45%; (vii) Pd(PPh₃)₄, 2-tributylstannylpyridine, 55%; (viii) Pd(PPh₃)₄, 3-tributylstannylpyridine, 55%; (ix) POCl₃, 90 °C.

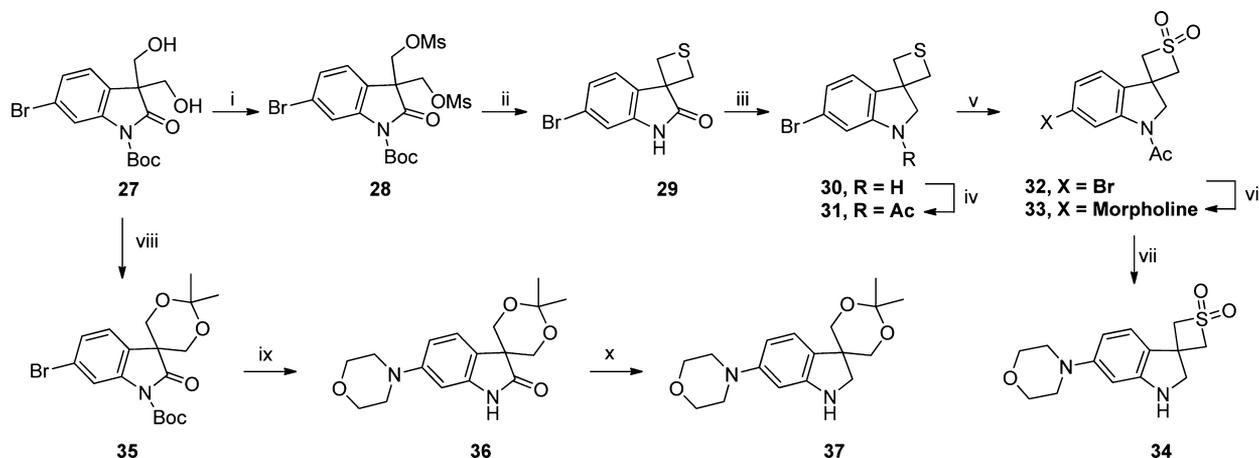
Scheme 3^a

^aReagents and conditions: (i) NaH, dimethylformamide, 2–51%; (ii) Pd₂dba₃, BINAP, Cs₂CO₃, 29–62%; (iii) H₂, Pd/C, 31–38%; (iv) CuI, K₂CO₃, L-proline, 13–23%.

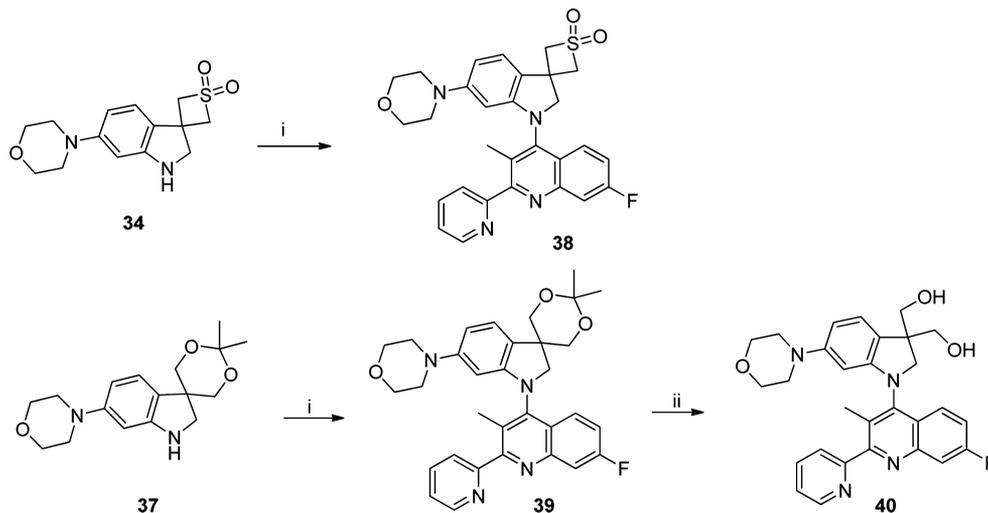
tetrahydropyran **8**. Subsequent reduction of the nitro group with Fe/AcOH provided indolinone **9**, which was reduced with Red-Al to provide indoline fragment **10**. The synthesis of **13** was achieved in a three step sequence involving protection of the indoline nitrogen in **10** with an acetyl group, Pd-mediated coupling of **11** with morpholine and final acid mediated deprotection of **12**. Chloroquinolines **23a–f** were synthesized following three different synthetic routes (Scheme 2). The first approach started with chloroaniline **14a** which was reacted with ethyl 2-methyl-3-oxobutanoate in hot PPA and subsequently chlorodehydrated with POCl₃ to provide **23a**. Quinolines **23b,c** were synthesized by reaction of ketones **21a,b** with anthranilic acid in hot POCl₃

(Scheme 2, bottom). Lastly the synthesis of quinolines **23d–f** was carried out in a four step sequence involving reaction of 3-fluoroaniline (**14b**) with diethyl methyl malonate, basic ester hydrolysis of **17**, quinoline formation with PPA, chlorination with POCl₃ and final Stille reaction of chloro intermediates **20a,b** with Pd(PPh₃)₄ and 2(or 3)-tributylstannylpyridine.

Coupling of indoline **4** with chloroquinolines **23a,c** was carried out following a Pd-catalyzed protocol to provide analogues **24a,c**. Deprotonation of indoline **4** with NaH and subsequent S_NAr with chloroquinoline fragments **23b,d,e** afforded analogues **24b,d,e** (Scheme 3). The synthesis of **1** was achieved by hydrogenation of **24a** with Pd/C. Analogues **26a,d** were synthesized in a two step

Scheme 4^a

^aReagents and conditions: (i) MsCl, Et₃N, 56%; (ii) Na₂S·9H₂O, 13%; (iii) Red-Al; (iv) AcCl; (v) Oxone, 24% (from 29); (vi) Pd₂dba₃, XPhos, morpholine, 59%; (vii) HCl, 65%; (viii) 2,2-dimethoxypropane, 47%; (ix) Pd₂dba₃, XPhos, morpholine, 35%; (x) Red-Al, 53%.

Scheme 5^a

^aReagents and conditions: (i) Pd₂dba₃, RuPhos, 26–57%, 23d; (ii) HCl, 51%.

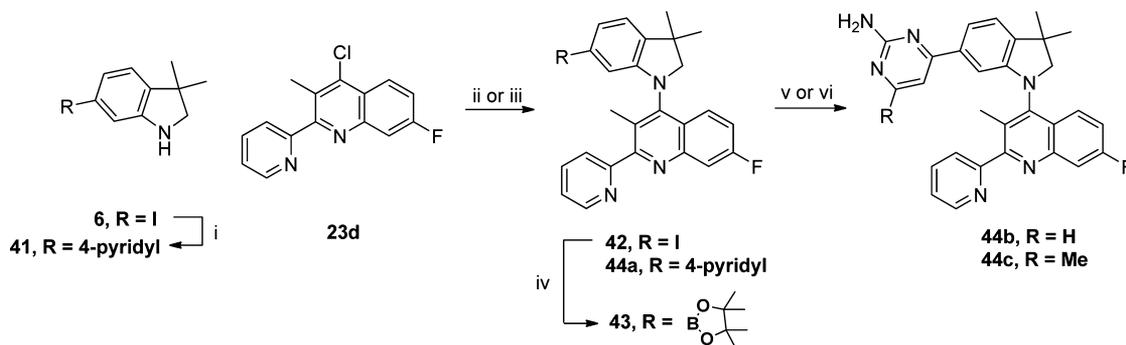
sequence employing a base-mediated coupling of quinolines 23a,d with indoline 10 and final Cu-mediated coupling with morpholine. Hydrogenation of 26a under catalytic Pd/C conditions afforded analogue 26b. Analogue 26c was synthesized via the base mediated coupling described before between indoline 13 and chloroquinoline 23b.

A different set of analogues targeting the affinity pocket region of the PI3K enzyme were synthesized following the sequence described in Scheme 4. Diol 27²¹ was first reacted with mesyl chloride and then treated with sodium sulfide to afford 6-bromospiro[indoline-3,3'-thietan]-2-one (29). Subsequent Red-Al reduction of indolinone 29 provided indoline 30, which was protected with acetyl chloride to afford intermediate 31. Oxone oxidation of the cyclic sulfide in 31 provided sulfone intermediate 32. Coupling of the morpholine ring in 32 was carried out with Pd₂dba₃ and XPhos, and final acid-catalyzed deprotection of the acetyl group provided indoline 34. Alternatively, diol 27 was protected with 2,2-dimethoxypropane, and a Pd-mediated coupling with XPhos and morpholine gave intermediate 36. Indolinone 36 was subsequently reduced with Red-Al to afford indoline 37.

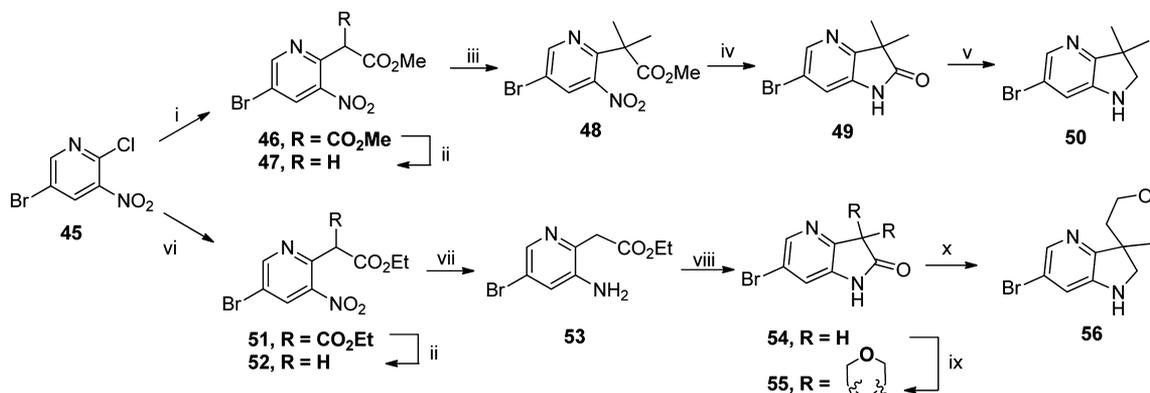
With indolines 34 and 37 in hand, Pd-mediated coupling with chloroquinoline 23d provided analogue 38 and intermediate 39, respectively. Subsequent acid-mediated deprotection of the ketal group in 39 led to the desired diol analogue 40 (Scheme 5).

The synthesis of a different set of analogues in which the morpholine hinge binder was replaced by a number of heterocycles is described in Scheme 6. Indoline 6 was coupled with 4-pyridylboronic acid in the presence of Pd(PPh₃)₄ to provide intermediate 41. Coupling of indoline 41 with quinoline 23d was carried out under Pd-catalyzed conditions to give analogue 44a. An acid mediated coupling of indoline 6 with chloroquinoline 23d provided iodo intermediate 42, which was converted to the pinacol boronic ester 43 by reaction with Pd(PCy₃)₂ and bis-(pinacolato)diboron. This intermediate was transformed into analogues 44b and 44c via a Pd-catalyzed reaction with 4-chloro-2-aminopyrimidine and 4-chloro-6-methylpyrimidin-2-amine, respectively.

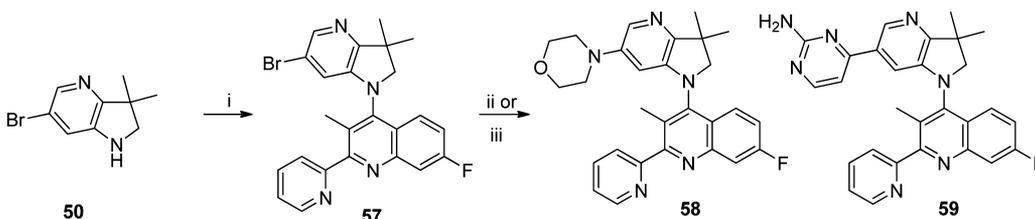
An alternative series of compounds was synthesized by replacing the indoline in the previous analogues with a pyrrolopyridine ring. The synthesis of the new pyrrolopyridine fragments started with the S_NAr of pyridine 45 with dimethyl malonate followed by

Scheme 6^a

^aReagents and conditions: (i) Pd(PPh₃)₄, 4-pyridylboronic acid, 32%; (ii) **6**, **23d**, HCl, 130 °C, 55%; (iii) **41**, **23d**, Pd₂dba₃, BINAP, 8%; (iv) Pd(PCy₃)₂, bis(pinacolato)diboron, 42%; (v) PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂, 4-chloro-2-aminopyrimidine, 26%; (vi) 4-chloro-6-methylpyrimidin-2-amine, PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂, 42%.

Scheme 7^a

^aReagents and conditions: (i) dimethyl malonate, K₂CO₃, 97%; (ii) NaCl, DMSO, 150 °C, 75%; (iii) NaH, iodomethane, 88%; (iv) Fe, AcOH, reflux, 83%; (v) Red-Al, 85%; (vi) diethyl malonate, K₂CO₃; (vii) Raney-Ni, 73% from **45**; (viii) AcOH, 93%; (ix) NaH, bis(2-chloroethyl) ether, 14%; (x) Red-Al, 71%.

Scheme 8^a

^aReagents and conditions: (i) **23d**, HCl, 150 °C, 45%; (ii) morpholine, Pd₂dba₃, XPhos, 46%; (iii) (a) Pd(PCy₃)₂, bis(pinacolato)diboron, (b) PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂, 4-chloro-2-aminopyrimidine, 37% from **57**.

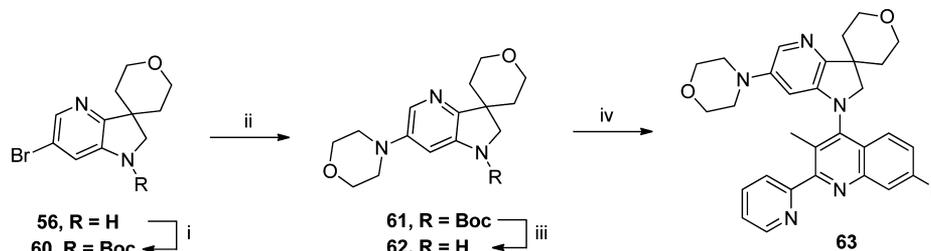
a decarboxylation reaction to provide **47**. This intermediate was alkylated using NaH and iodomethane to give **48**, which was subsequently cyclized to the pyrrolopyridinone **49** in hot Fe/AcOH. Final Red-Al reduction provided the desired pyrrolopyridine **50**. The synthesis of **56** proceeded through the nitro intermediate **52**, which was reduced to the corresponding aminopyridine **53** using Raney-Ni. Cyclization in hot toluene/AcOH provided **54**, which was subsequently alkylated with bis(2-chloroethyl) ether to give the desired tetrahydropyran **55**. Reduction with Red-Al provided the pyrrolopyridine building block **56** (Scheme 7).

With pyrrolopyridine **50** in hand, acid mediated coupling with chloroquinoline **23d** afforded intermediate **57**, which was

converted into analogues **58** and **59** using the previously described Pd-mediated conditions (Scheme 8).

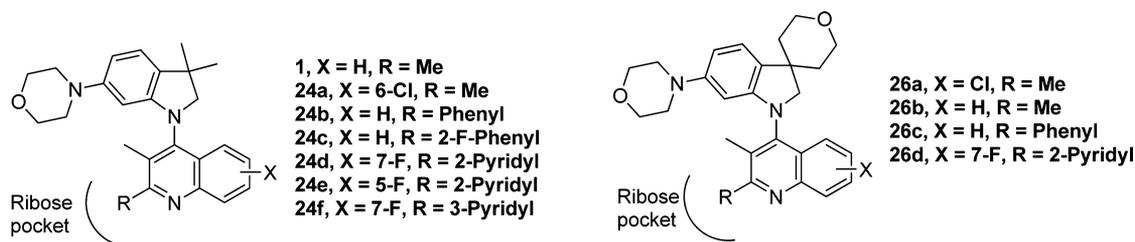
The synthesis of pyrrolopyridine **61** was carried out by a Pd mediated coupling of the Boc-protected intermediate **60** with morpholine. Deprotection of the Boc group in **61** provided intermediate **62**, which was coupled with **23d** under Pd-catalyzed conditions to provide multigram quantities of **63** (Scheme 9).

Kinase and Cellular Inhibitory Activities. The initial SAR of analogues **24a–f** and **26b–d** revealed that introduction of a phenyl group at the 2-position of the quinoline ring significantly improved the potency of these analogues against the PI3K δ isoform (see analogues **1/24b** and **26b/26c**, Table 1). The gain in potency of these analogues was consistent with the proposed

Scheme 9^a

^aReagents and conditions: (i) Boc₂O, 88%; (ii) Pd₂dba₃, XPhos, morpholine, 68%; (iii) TFA, 84%; (iv) 23d, XPhos-precatalyst, 41%.

Table 1. Profile of Analogues 1, 24a–f and 26b–d



analogue	R	X	IC ₅₀ (nM)			physicochemical properties			
			biochem potency ^a	cellular potency ^b		RLM/HLM % TO	CYP3A4/CYP2D6 % inh	hPXR ^c POC	Sol. (PBS) μg/mL
			PI3Kβ	PI3Kδ	cell (δ)				
1	Me	H	60	362	745	94/65	25/13	14	1
24a	Me	6-Cl	60	626	886	84/54	24/12	17	1
24b	phenyl	H	59	85	91	57/42	<10/<10	197	2.4
24c	2-F-phenyl	H	35	47	509	52/47	83/10	162	1
24d	2-pyridyl	7-F	58	30	76	34/40	65/16	106	7.4
24e	2-pyridyl	5-F	720	72	263	49/52	66/16	104	5.2
24f	3-pyridyl	7-F	39	17	74	74/58	53/14	114	3.6
26b	Me	H	54	450		71/70	36/13	1	
26c	phenyl	H	105	91	64	46/62	84/14	103	3.2
26d	2-pyridyl	7-F	143	64	127	13/64	51/11	22	

^aATP loss assay. ^bAnti-IgM/CD40L Human B Cell proliferation assay. ^cAt a 2 μM compound concentration (compared to 10 μM of rifampicin). IC₅₀ values are reported as the mean from at least two independent experiments.

binding mode depicted in Figure 1 in which the phenyl ring would reach into the ribose pocket. Subsequent replacement of the phenyl group in 24b and 26c with a 2-pyridyl ring (analogues 24d, 26d) had the effect of improving both the solubility and PXR profile²² of these compounds. Comparison between the 7-F and 5-F quinoline substitution patterns (analogues 24d, 24e, Table 1) indicated that the 7-F substitution provided analogues with improved in vitro potency and microsomal stability. In contrast the 6-Cl quinoline substitution pattern (analogue 24a) was detrimental to potency against the PI3Kδ isoform. Based on this data the 2-pyridyl substituent and the 7-F quinoline substitution pattern were deemed optimal and were incorporated in subsequent analogues.

Analogues 38 and 40 that retained the optimized quinoline core and had different substitution at the 3-position of the indoline ring were subsequently tested. The data collected from these analogues showed that polar substituents in the affinity pocket region were tolerated, but these compounds displayed lower potency against all PI3K isoforms (Table 2).

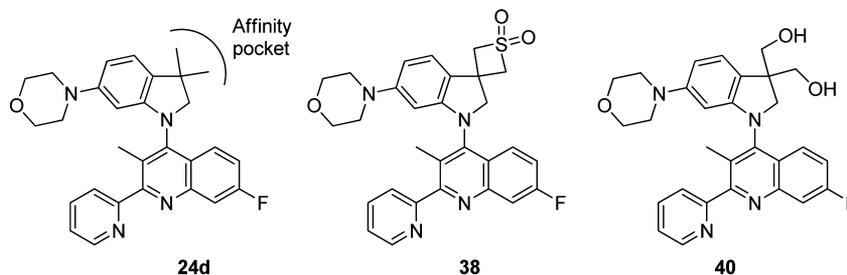
In contrast, replacement of the morpholine hinge binder in 24d with a number of different heterocycles (Table 3) led to the identification of the aminopyrimidine analogue 44b, which

exhibited increased potency over the PI3Kγ and δ isoforms relative to 24d.

Despite the improvements in potency the overall profile of these analogues was still not suitable for advanced in vivo animal studies since these compounds showed poor solubility, low microsomal stability and unfavorable CYP inhibition profiles (Table 1). It was hypothesized that decreasing the lipophilicity of these analogues might mitigate some of these liabilities. Thus, compounds in which the indoline ring in 24d was replaced with a pyrrolopyridine motif were synthesized. Notably when these analogues were tested in our in vitro assays, we observed that the pyrrolopyridine ring had the effect of improving both the overall physicochemical properties and biochemical potency of our inhibitors.²³ In particular analogue 63 had improved microsomal stability, CYP inhibition and PXR profile relative to 24d as well as good cellular potency against both PI3Kβ²⁴ and PI3Kδ isoforms (Table 4).

Binding Mode and Protein Kinase Selectivity. In order to confirm the binding mode of our inhibitors, crystal structures of analogues 24f and 63 in complex with PI3Kγ were obtained (Figure 1).²⁵ As predicted, these structures showed that the morpholine ring interacts with the hinge binder region of PI3Kγ,

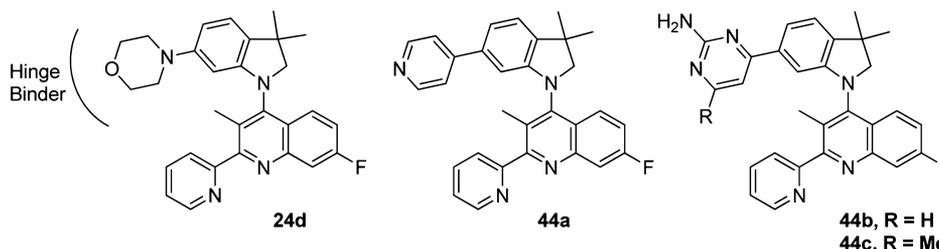
Table 2. Profile of Analogues 38, 40



analogue	PI3K α (nM)	PI3K β (nM)	PI3K γ (nM)	PI3K δ (nM)
24d	3960 ^a	58 ^a	2010 ^a	30 ^a
38	>12500 ^b	395 ^b	7340 ^b	80 ^b
40	>125000 ^b	269 ^b	16000 ^b	154 ^b

^aIC₅₀, ATP loss assay; ^bK_i. IC₅₀ values are reported as the mean from at least two independent experiments.

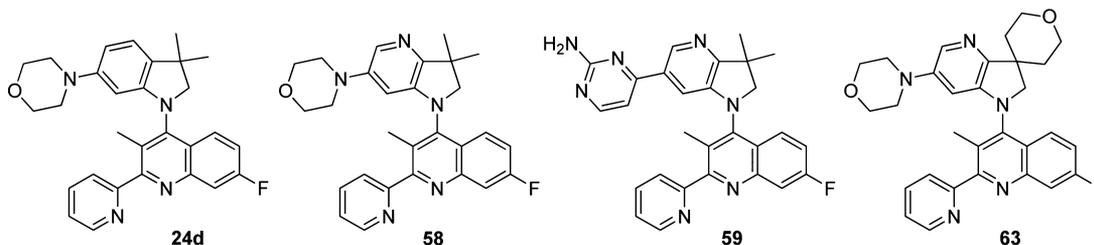
Table 3. Profile of Analogues 44a–c



analogue	PI3K α (nM)	PI3K β (nM)	PI3K γ (nM)	PI3K δ (nM)
24d	3960 ^a	58 ^a	2010 ^a	30 ^a
44a	2320 ^a	81 ^a	1400 ^a	198 ^a
44b	3540 ^b	54 ^b	90 ^b	10 ^b
44c	>125000 ^b	>125000 ^b	364 ^b	449 ^b

^aIC₅₀, ATP loss assay; ^bK_i. IC₅₀ values are reported as the mean from at least two independent experiments

Table 4. Profile of Analogues 58, 59 and 63



analogue	biochem potency (nM)				cellular potency: IC ₅₀ (nM)		physicochemical properties			
	PI3K α	PI3K β	PI3K γ	PI3K δ	cell (δ) ^c	cell (β) ^d	RLM/HLM % TO	CYP3A4/CYP2D6 % inh	hPXR ^e POC	Sol. (PBS) μ g/mL
24d	3960 ^a	58 ^a	2010 ^a	30 ^a	60	53	34/40	65/16	106	7.4
58	1720 ^b	30 ^b	92 ^b	7 ^b	6	51	28/47	17/<10	22	11
59	510 ^b	18 ^b	28 ^b	3 ^b	4	10	34/12	32/10	65	17
63	3250 ^b	44 ^b	509 ^b	11 ^b	9	36	21/35	12/<10	8	146

^aIC₅₀, ATP loss assay. ^bK_i. ^cAnti-IgM/CD40L Human B Cell proliferation assay. ^dPI3K β counter screen assay in MDA-MB-468 cells. ^eAt a 2 μ M concentration (compared to 10 μ M of rifampicin). IC₅₀ values are reported as the mean from at least two independent experiments.

while the indoline, or pyrrolopyridine ring, occupies the affinity pocket and the quinoline ring sits in a hydrophobic pocket formed by movement of the Met804 side chain (Figure 2). The pyridine ring sits in the ribose pocket orthogonal to the quinoline ring. When bound to the protein, these molecules adopt a propeller-shape conformation in which the quinoline and indoline rings are

at an angle of approximately 90°. ²⁶ During the course of our studies toward the identification and development of selective PI3K δ inhibitors, we and others found that this propeller-shaped conformation was critical for gaining selectivity over protein kinases. ²⁷ Thus, we were pleased to discover that, when this analogue was tested in an Ambit kinase panel (440 kinases, 10 μ M

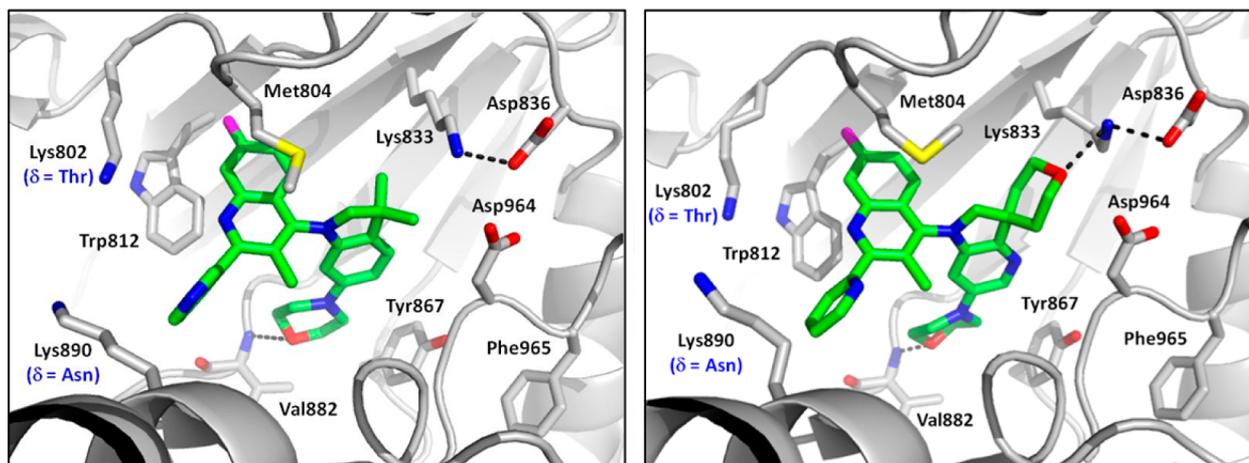


Figure 2. Crystal structures of PI3K γ in complex with **24f** and **63** (PDB codes 4FJY and 4FJZ, respectively). Amino acid labels correspond to the PI3K γ isoform; blue labels indicate the corresponding residue in PI3K δ . Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

Table 5. Rat PK of Inhibitors **44b**, **58** and **63**

analogue	iv (0.5 mg/kg) ^a			po (2.0 mg/kg) ^b		AUC ($\mu\text{M}\cdot\text{h}$)	
	Cl (L/h/kg)	Vss (L/kg)	$t_{1/2}$ (h)	AUC ($\mu\text{M}\cdot\text{hr}$)	F (%)	po (3.0 mg/kg) ^c	po (10.0 mg/kg) ^c
44b	1.61	7.5	6.1				
58	0.97	5.0	6.2	2.0	47		
63	0.80	3.3	4.0	3.2	65	7.5	23.3

^a100% DMSO. ^b0.5% methyl cellulose, 1% Tween80, 98.5% water. ^c5% EtOH, 12.5% HPBCD, 20% PEG400, 25% PG, 37.5% water.

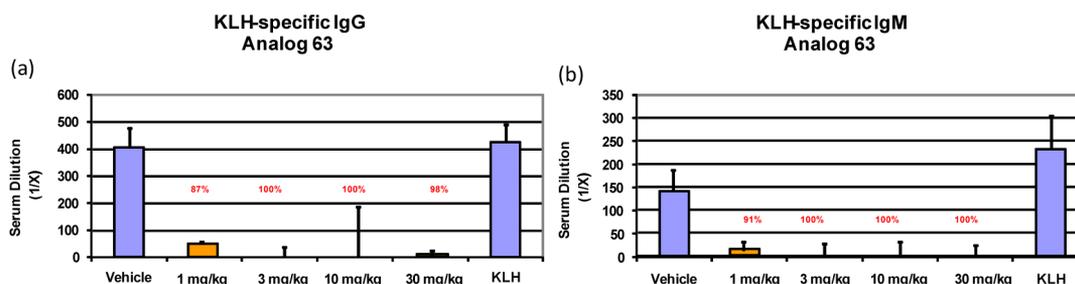


Figure 3. Inhibition of KLH-specific antibodies. Female Lewis rats were immunized with $60 \mu\text{g}/\text{rat}$ of KLH intravenously. Treatment with vehicle or **63** at 1, 3, 10, or 30 mg/kg qd for 10 days by oral gavage began 2 h before KLH immunization. Serum samples were collected on day 10. KLH-specific IgG and IgM levels were measured by ELISA. Data are represented as mean of the dilution factor, and the error bars represent SEM of data from 8 rats.

concentration of **63**), only two hits were detected at POC < 40% (ERBB3 and ANKK1, 30 and 34 POC respectively),²⁸ revealing the excellent kinase selectivity profile of this compound. In addition analogue **63** also tested negative in a hERG binding assay.²⁹

In Vivo PK. Rat PK studies were carried out with analogues **44b**, **58** and **63** (Table 5). These compounds showed moderate to good PK profiles, and it was observed that replacement of the indoline ring in **44b** with the pyrrolopyridine motif in analogues **58** and **63** had the effect of improving their overall PK profile. The pyrrolopyridine analogue **63** had lower clearance and higher

oral bioavailability than analogue **58**. Based on these data, inhibitor **63** was selected for dose escalation studies, and it was found that this compound also displayed good pharmacokinetic properties at 3 and 10 mg/kg doses (Table 5).

In Vivo Pharmacology. Based on the favorable potency, selectivity, and PK profile of **63**, this analogue was selected for further in vivo evaluation in animal models of inflammation. Thus, the first experiment that was performed was a KLH study in rats.³⁰ In this experiment, the animals were dosed orally once a day with vehicle or dual inhibitor **63** at 1, 3, 10, and 30 mg/kg for a period of 10 days.³¹ Two hours after the first oral dose, the

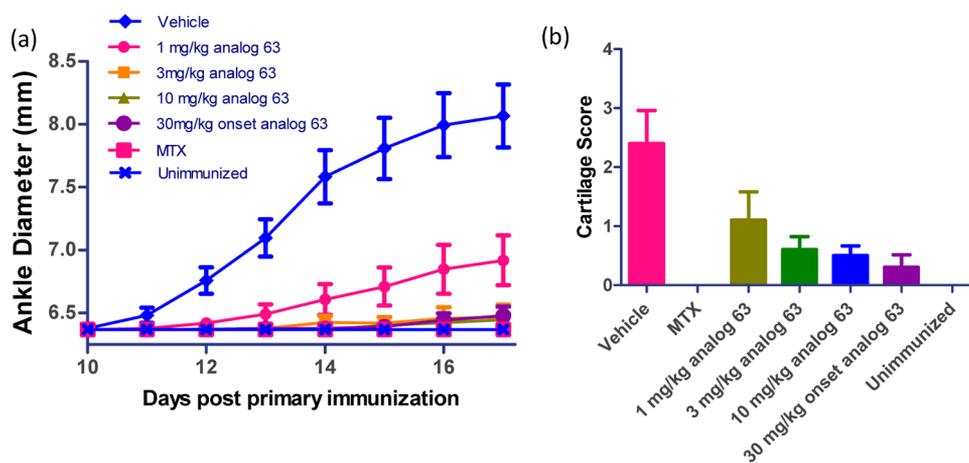


Figure 4. (a) CIA study with analogue 63. Rats were administered with collagen by intradermal injection on day 1 and 6. Treatment with vehicle or 63 at 1, 3, or 10 mg/kg qd by oral gavage began on day 1 and continued for 17 days (prophylactic dose). A second group of immunized animals was treated with 63 at 30 mg/kg qd by oral gavage on days 11 through 16 (therapeutic dose). Progression of inflammation was assessed by measurement of hind paw diameters. Data are represented as mean ankle diameter size, and the error bars represent SEM of data from 8 animals. (b) Histopathological analysis. Ethanol fixed hind paws were processed for histopathology scoring (see Supporting Information). Data are represented as mean cartilage score, and the error bars represent SEM of data from 8 animals.

animals were administered KLH. After 10 days serum samples were collected and the KLH specific antibodies were measured by ELISA (Figure 3). Gratifyingly we observed that the compound was well tolerated at all doses and all the animals treated with analogue 63 showed significant reduction of IgG and IgM specific antibodies (Figure 3).

In a second in vivo experiment we aimed to test the efficacy of 63 in the context of an animal model of rheumatoid arthritis (RA). Specifically, for this experiment we used a collagen-induced arthritis (CIA) model in Lewis rats³² in which the disease is induced via an injection of collagen (symptoms of arthritis, such as paw swelling, are typically observed 10 days after the collagen treatment). In this study the animals were administered with vehicle, or analogue 63 at 1, 3, and 10 mg/kg once a day for 17 days after the first collagen injection³³ (prophylactic doses). A second group of animals was left untreated for 10 days after the collagen treatment, and on days 11 through 16 they were administered with analogue 63 orally once a day at 30 mg/kg (“onset”, therapeutic dose).³⁴ Progression of inflammation was assessed by measurement of hind paw diameters³⁵ and after 17 days PK samples were taken in all the animals. As in the KLH experiment, all the animals survived to the end of the study without significant signs of toxicity. Remarkably, in this experiment we observed a robust dose dependent reduction of paw swelling in all the animals treated with analogue 63 at both prophylactic (1, 3, and 10 mg/kg) and therapeutic doses (30 mg/kg, Figure 4).³⁶ After necropsy, histopathological analysis showed that analogue 63 had also provided protection against cartilage erosion in a dose-dependent manner (Figure 4).

Analysis of the PK data in this study confirmed that analogue 63 in vivo exposures after a dose of 3, 10, and 30 mg/kg had provided coverage for over 24 h, of the IC₅₀ of both PI3K β and δ cellular assays after correcting for plasma protein binding (Figure 5).³⁷

Notably, the in vivo efficacy results from these experiments are consistent with studies in chimeric mice lacking PI3K β and PI3K δ activity recently reported in the literature using a serum transfer model of arthritis.¹⁹

CONCLUSION

On the basis of our understanding of the binding mode of our first generation PI3K δ inhibitors we designed a novel series of

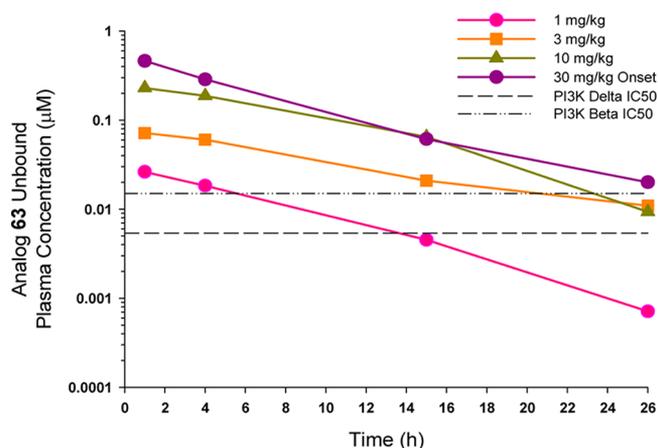


Figure 5. PK data of analogue 63 in CIA study.

potent and selective dual PI3K β / δ inhibitors by combining a quinoline pharmacophore with an indoline ring from our internal NIK program. Systematic SAR studies allowed us to identify a number of PI3K β / δ dual inhibitors with improved potency and PK profiles. Among these, analogue 63 displayed satisfactory properties for advanced in vivo efficacy studies. These experiments showed that analogue 63 was well tolerated and efficacious in an animal model of RA, providing further evidence that pharmacological inhibition of the PI3K β and δ isoforms might be a valuable approach for the treatment of human inflammatory diseases such as RA.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Chemistry. All reactions were conducted under an inert gas atmosphere (nitrogen or argon) using a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar at the temperature indicated. Commercial reagents and anhydrous solvents were used without further purification. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) and flash chromatography were performed on Merck silica gel 60 (230–400 mesh). Removal of solvents was conducted by using a rotary evaporator, and residual solvent was removed from nonvolatile compounds using a vacuum manifold maintained at approximately 1 Torr. Microwave reactions were performed in a CEM Discover benchtop reactor. All yields reported are isolated yields.

Preparative reversed-phase HPLC was performed using an Agilent 1100 system and Phenomenex Gemini C18 column (30 μ m, 150 mm \times 30 mm i.d.), eluting with a binary solvent system A and B using a gradient elution [A, H₂O with 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA); B, CH₃CN with 0.1% TFA] with UV detection at 220 nm. All final compounds were purified to \geq 95% purity as determined by an Agilent 1100 series HPLC with UV detection at 220 nm using the following method: Zorbax SB-C8 column (3.5 μ m, 150 mm \times 4.6 mm i.d.); mobile phase, A = H₂O with 0.1% TFA, B = CH₃CN with 0.1% TFA; gradient: 5–95% B (0–15.0 min); flow rate, 1.5 mL/min. Low-resolution mass spectral (MS) data were determined on an Agilent 1100 series LCMS with UV detection at 254 nm and a low resonance electrospray mode (ESI). ¹H NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker Avance III 500 (500 MHz) or Bruker Avance 400 II (400 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to residual undeuterated solvent as an internal reference. The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = single, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, m = multiplet, br = broad.

1-(3,3-Dimethyl-6-morpholinoindolin-1-yl)ethanone, 3. A mixture of 1-(6-amino-3,3-dimethylindolin-1-yl)ethanone, **2** (10 g, 49 mmol), bis(2-bromoethyl) ether (12.5 mL, 49 mmol), and Na₂CO₃ (10.4 g, 97.9 mmol) in methanol (50 mL) was heated to 150 °C in a sealed tube. After 1 h, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with water (200 mL). The resulting solid was filtered, washed with water (300 mL), and dried in the air to give 1-(3,3-dimethyl-6-morpholinoindolin-1-yl)ethanone, **3** (9.07 g, 67% yield), as a gray solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm 7.74 (1 H, s), 7.06 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 6.61 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.1 Hz), 3.82 (2 H, s), 3.67–3.76 (4 H, m), 2.95–3.06 (4 H, m), 2.13 (3 H, s), 1.26 (6 H, s). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 275.0 [M + H]⁺.

4-(3,3-Dimethylindolin-6-yl)morpholine, 4. 1-(3,3-Dimethyl-6-morpholinoindolin-1-yl)ethanone, **3** (9.07 g, 33.1 mmol), was dissolved in acetonitrile (100 mL) and treated with 5 N HCl (50 mL) at 95 °C. After 2 h, the mixture was cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was carefully neutralized with saturated NaHCO₃ solution to pH 10 and extracted with ethyl acetate (4 \times 100 mL). The combined organics were washed with water, brine, dried, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane:ethyl acetate, 1:0 to 0:1) to give 4-(3,3-dimethylindolin-6-yl)morpholine, **4** (6.42 g, 84% yield), as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm 6.80 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 6.14 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.2 Hz), 6.09 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 5.28 (1 H, s), 3.65–3.73 (4 H, m), 3.13 (2 H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 2.92–2.99 (4 H, m), 1.17 (6 H, s). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 233.2 [M + H]⁺.

1-(6-Iodo-3,3-dimethylindolin-1-yl)ethanone, 5. In a 500 mL three-necked round-bottom flask equipped with an overhead stirrer was combined 1-(6-amino-3,3-dimethylindolin-1-yl)ethanone, **2** (6.98 g, 34.22 mmol), with 30 mL of ice/water. The solution was cooled in an ice bath before concentrated HCl (6.8 mL, 81.60 mmol) was added. A solution of NaNO₂ (2.48 g, 35.93 mmol) dissolved in 30 mL of water was added dropwise over a period of 10 min. After 30 min a solution of KI (11.36 g, 68.44 mmol) dissolved in CHCl₃ (70 mL) was added via an addition funnel over a period of 0.5 h. The resulting brownish solution was stirred at room temperature until gas evolution ceased. The reaction mixture was then transferred to a separation funnel, and the separated organic layer was washed with saturated NaHCO₃, followed by 5% Na₂S₂O₃. The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica eluting with 20% hexane:CH₂Cl₂. The fractions containing the product were combined and concentrated under vacuum to give 1-(6-iodo-3,3-dimethylindolin-1-yl)ethanone, **5** (6.95 g, 65% yield), as a tan colored solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm 8.39 (1 H, s), 7.37 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.08 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 3.85 (2 H, s), 2.16 (3 H, s), 1.29 (6 H, s). Mass Spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 316.0 [M + H]⁺.

6-Iodo-3,3-dimethylindoline, 6. 1-(6-Iodo-3,3-dimethylindolin-1-yl)ethanone, **5** (6.95 g, 22.08 mmol), was combined with methanol and concentrated HCl (25 mL, 300 mmol). The solution was heated at a gentle reflux for 1 h before it was cooled to room temperature. After cooling of the solution to 0 °C, a white solid was filtered off to give 6-iodo-3,3-dimethylindoline hydrochloride (5.96 g). The product was then dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ and washed with NaHCO₃ (saturated aqueous

solution), dried over MgSO₄ and filtered and concentrated under vacuum to give 6-iodo-3,3-dimethylindoline (5.2 g, 86%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 7.05 (1 H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz), 6.95 (1 H, d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 6.77 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 3.75 (1 H, br s), 3.30 (2 H, s), 1.29 (6 H, m). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 274.0 [M + H]⁺.

Methyl 4-(4-Bromo-2-nitrophenyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-carboxylate, 8. Sodium hydride (0.32 g, 8.03 mmol, 60% dispersion in oil) was added in portions at room temperature to a stirred solution of methyl 2-(4-bromo-2-nitrophenyl)acetate, **7** (1 g, 3.65 mmol), in DMSO (15 mL). After the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min, sodium iodide (0.055 g, 0.365 mmol) and bis(2-bromoethyl) ether (1.27 g, 5.54 mmol) were added. The resultant mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 19 h. After this time the mixture was poured into brine with ice (50 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 \times 50 mL). The combined extracts were washed with brine (3 \times 80 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica (hexane:ethyl acetate, 1:0 to 0:1) to give methyl 4-(4-bromo-2-nitrophenyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-carboxylate, **8** (0.45 g, 36%), as an orange syrup. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 7.89 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 7.75 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.2 Hz), 7.50 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 3.87–3.94 (2 H, m), 3.66–3.77 (5 H, m), 2.33 (2 H, dd, *J* = 14.1, 2.8 Hz), 1.99–2.05 (2 H, m). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 344.0 [(M + H) (⁷⁹Br)]⁺ and 346.0 [(M + H) (⁸¹Br)]⁺.

6-Bromo-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyran]-2-one, 9. To a mixture of methyl 4-(4-bromo-2-nitrophenyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-carboxylate, **8** (6.67 g, 19.4 mmol), in AcOH (97 mL) was added Fe powder (5.42 g, 96.97 mmol), and the mixture was heated at 100 °C for 2 h. After this time the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered over Celite. The Celite was washed with acetic acid, and the combined filtrates were evaporated in vacuo. The resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:ethyl acetate, 1:0 to 0:1) to give 6-bromo-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyran]-2-one, **9** (3.93, 72% yield), as an orange solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm 10.53 (1 H, s), 7.47 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.14 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.0 Hz), 6.98 (1 H, d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 3.91–4.12 (2 H, m), 3.67–3.86 (2 H, m), 1.54–1.84 (4 H, m). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 282.0 [(M + H) (⁷⁹Br)]⁺ and 284.0 [(M + H) (⁸¹Br)]⁺.

6-Bromo-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyran], 10. A heterogeneous mixture of 6-bromo-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyran]-2-one, **9** (3.5 g, 12.4 mmol), in toluene (25 mL) was stirred at 80 °C. To the heated mixture was added a solution of Red-Al (65% in toluene, 11.6 mL, 37.2 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 50 min. After this time the mixture was cooled to 0 °C and quenched with a 2 N solution of aqueous NaOH (31 mL, 62 mmol). The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 \times 100 mL), and the combined extracts were washed with brine (3 \times 100 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated in vacuo. The resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (0 to 100% gradient of CH₂Cl₂:methanol:NH₄OH (89:9:1) in CH₂Cl₂) to give 6-bromo-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyran], **10**, as a yellow solid (2.13 g, 64%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm 6.91–6.99 (1 H, m), 6.66 (1 H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz), 6.59 (1 H, d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 5.85 (1 H, s), 3.70–3.87 (2 H, m), 3.36–3.51 (4 H, m), 1.65–1.84 (2 H, m), 1.39–1.57 (2 H, m). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* 268.0 [(M + H) (⁷⁹Br)]⁺ and 270.0 [(M + H) (⁸¹Br)]⁺.

1-(6-Bromo-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyran]-1-yl)ethanone, 11. 6-Bromo-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyran], **10** (3.07 g, 11 mmol), was dissolved in pyridine (10.0 mL, 124 mmol), and acetic anhydride (1.6 mL, 17 mmol) was added followed by DMAP (0.0576 g, 0.472 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated to 85 °C for 30 min. After this time the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, to give 1-(6-bromo-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyran]-1-yl)ethanone, **11** (3.07 g, 86% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm 8.17–8.26 (1 H, m), 7.26 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.17–7.23 (1 H, m), 4.10 (2 H, s), 3.79–3.91 (2 H, m), 3.44–3.59 (2 H, m), 2.22 (3 H, s), 1.79–1.92 (2 H, m), 1.47–1.61 (2 H, m). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* 310.0 [(M + H) (⁷⁹Br)]⁺ and 312.0 [(M + H) (⁸¹Br)]⁺.

1-(6-Morpholino-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyran]-1-yl)ethanone, 12. 1-(6-Bromo-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyran]-1-yl)ethanone, **11** (2.56 g, 8.25 mmol), was combined with

morpholine (1.08 mL, 12.4 mmol), dicyclohexyl(2',4',6'-triisopropylbiphenyl-4-yl)phosphine (0.118 g, 0.248 mmol), Pd₂dba₃ (0.256 g, 0.248 mmol), and cesium carbonate (4.03 g, 12.4 mmol) in *tert*-butanol (30.0 mL, 314 mmol). The reaction mixture was purged with N₂, and it was heated at 110 °C for 4 h. After this time the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and filtered through a Celite pad. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The crude material was triturated with ethyl acetate/hexane to give 1-(6-morpholino-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyran]-1-yl)ethanone, **12** (1.88 g, 72% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm 7.77 (1 H, dd, *J* = 2.0, 0.4 Hz), 7.11 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 6.53–6.66 (1 H, m), 3.98–4.08 (2 H, m), 3.78–3.89 (2 H, m), 3.66–3.75 (4 H, m), 3.44–3.55 (2 H, m), 2.95–3.10 (4 H, m), 2.15–2.25 (3 H, m), 1.75–1.89 (2 H, m), 1.37–1.57 (2 H, m). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 317.0 [M + H]⁺.

6-Morpholino-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyran], 13. A mixture of 1-(6-morpholino-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyran]-1-yl)ethanone, **12** (1.35 g, 4.27 mmol), in acetonitrile (30 mL) was treated with 2.0 M aqueous HCl (12 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, and then it was heated to 120 °C for 36 h. After this time the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and quenched with aqueous NaOH. The mixture was partitioned between ethyl acetate (200 mL) and water (80 mL). The separated organic layer was washed with NaHCO₃ (saturated aqueous solution), and then it was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated in vacuo to give 6-morpholino-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyran], **13** (1.06 g, 90% yield), as a pale solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 7.00 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.33 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.3 Hz), 6.27 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 3.93–4.01 (2 H, m), 3.80–3.89 (4 H, m), 3.70–3.77 (1 H, m), 3.49–3.63 (4 H, m), 3.07–3.14 (4 H, m), 1.87–2.03 (2 H, m), 1.57–1.72 (2 H, m). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 275.0 [M + H]⁺.

6-Chloro-2,3-dimethylquinolin-4-ol, 16. A stirred mixture of 4-chloroaniline, **14a** (2 g, 15.68 mmol), and ethyl 2-methyl-3-oxobutanoate, **15** (4.53 mL, 31.36 mol), in PPA (6.3 g) was heated at 170 °C for 2 h. After this time the mixture was cooled to room temperature and neutralized to pH 8 with 2 N aqueous NaOH. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water, and dried to give 6-chloro-2,3-dimethylquinolin-4-ol, **16** (2.3 g, 70% yield), as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm 11.61 (1 H, br s), 7.98 (1 H, d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 7.56–7.63 (1 H, m), 7.48–7.55 (1 H, m), 2.37 (3 H, s), 1.97 (3 H, s). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 208.0 [M + H]⁺.

4,6-Dichloro-2,3-dimethylquinoline, 23a. A mixture of 6-chloro-2,3-dimethylquinolin-4-ol, **16** (1 g, 4.82 mmol), and POCl₃ (5 mL, 48.2 mmol) was heated at reflux for 3 h. After this time the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was carefully treated with ice water, and the aqueous mixture was basified with NH₄OH. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water, and dried to give 4,6-dichloro-2,3-dimethylquinoline, **23a** (0.9 g, 83% yield), as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm 8.08 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 7.98 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.77 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.2 Hz), 2.68 (3 H, s), 2.52 (3 H, s). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 226.0 [M + H]⁺.

Ethyl 3-(3-fluorophenylamino)-2-methyl-3-oxopropanoate, 17. A mixture of 3-fluoroaniline, **14b** (18 mL, 187 mmol), in pyridine (31 mL, 374 mmol) and diethyl methylmalonate (48 mL, 281 mmol) was heated at 130 °C for 24 h. After this time the reaction mixture was treated with an additional portion of diethyl methylmalonate (5 mL, 37.4 mmol) and heated at 130 °C for an additional 12 h. After this time the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was taken up in CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL), washed with NaHCO₃ (2 × 30 mL, saturated aqueous solution), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude product was dissolved in benzene and evaporated in vacuo. The resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (330 g of SiO₂, using a gradient of hexane:ethyl acetate, 1:0 to 3:1 as eluant) to provide ethyl 3-(3-fluorophenylamino)-2-methyl-3-oxopropanoate, **17** (22.1 g, 49% yield), as a light brown solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.81 (1 H, br s), 7.49–7.61 (1 H, m), 7.24–7.31 (1 H, m), 7.15–7.20 (1 H, m), 6.76–6.91 (1 H, m), 4.26 (2 H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.44 (1 H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.56 (3 H, d,

J = 7.0 Hz), 1.33 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 240.1 [M + H]⁺.

3-(3-Fluorophenylamino)-2-methyl-3-oxopropanoic acid, 18. To a stirred solution of ethyl 3-(3-fluorophenylamino)-2-methyl-3-oxopropanoate, **17** (21.0 g, 87.8 mmol), in THF (80 mL) was added NaOH (4.21 g, 105 mmol) in water (20 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. After this time the reaction mixture was acidified to pH 2 with concentrated HCl. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 × 150 mL), and the separated organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated in vacuo to give 3-(3-fluorophenylamino)-2-methyl-3-oxopropanoic acid, **18** (16.5 g, 89% yield), as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm 10.34 (1 H, s), 7.59 (1 H, dt, *J* = 11.7, 2.2 Hz), 7.24–7.41 (2 H, m), 6.88 (1 H, tdd, *J* = 8.3, 8.3, 2.6, 1.4 Hz), 3.49 (1 H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 1.27 (3 H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 212.1 [M + H]⁺.

7-Fluoro-3-methylquinoline-2,4-diol and 5-Fluoro-3-methylquinoline-2,4-diol, 19a, 19b. A stirred suspension of 3-(3-fluorophenylamino)-2-methyl-3-oxopropanoic acid, **18** (19 g, 90 mmol), in PPA (150 mL) was heated at 130 °C for 2 h. After this time the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and treated with 2 M aqueous NaOH until a precipitate formed. The precipitate was filtered and washed with 1 M aqueous NaOH (2 × 30 mL). The resulting white solid was dried under vacuum overnight to give 7-fluoro-3-methylquinoline-2,4-diol and 5-fluoro-3-methylquinoline-2,4-diol, **19a, 19b** (14.1 g, 81% yield), as a 2.5:1 mixture of regioisomers. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm (major isomer) 11.48 (1 H, br s), 8.70 (1 H, br s), 7.95 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.7, 6.2 Hz), 7.06 (2 H, td, *J* = 5.1, 2.3 Hz), 2.03 (3 H, s); (minor isomer) 11.48 (1 H, br s), 8.70 (1 H, br s), 7.33–7.55 (1 H, m), 7.14 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 6.94 (1 H, dd, *J* = 12.6, 8.1 Hz), 2.03 (3 H, s). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 194.1 [M + H]⁺.

2,4-Dichloro-7-fluoro-3-methylquinoline and 2,4-Dichloro-5-fluoro-3-methyl quinoline, 20a, 20b. A stirred suspension of 7-fluoro-3-methylquinoline-2,4-diol and 5-fluoro-3-methylquinoline-2,4-diol, **19a, 19b** (14.0 g, 72 mmol), and POCl₃ (68 mL, 725 mmol) was heated at 100 °C for 2 h. After this time the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and the POCl₃ was evaporated in vacuo. The resulting dark brown residue was taken up in CH₂Cl₂ (300 mL) and washed with water (4 × 100 mL) to give the desired product as a white solid. The compound (~11 g) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and purified by column (330 g of SiO₂, using hexane:ethyl acetate (9:1) as eluant) to give a mixture of 2,4-dichloro-7-fluoro-3-methylquinoline and 2,4-dichloro-5-fluoro-3-methyl quinoline, **20a, 20b** (7.5 g, 45% yield), in a 3.3:1 ratio of regioisomers. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm (major isomer) 8.52 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.3, 5.1 Hz), 8.03 (1 H, dd, *J* = 7.9, 2.3 Hz), 7.59–7.81 (1 H, m), 2.78–2.88 (3 H, m); (minor isomer) 8.20 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 8.10 (1 H, td, *J* = 8.4, 4.8 Hz), 7.65 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 11.7, 7.9, 0.9 Hz), 2.83 (3 H, s). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 229.9 [M + H]⁺.

4-Chloro-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline and 4-Chloro-5-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, 23d, 23e. To a stirred solution of 2,4-dichloro-7-fluoro-3-methylquinoline and 2,4-dichloro-5-fluoro-3-methyl quinoline, **20a, 20b** (5.0 g, 21.73 mmol), and 2-tri-*n*-butylstannylpyridine (8.0 mL, 21.73 mmol) in toluene (100 mL) was added Pd(PPh₃)₄ (1.25 g, 1.09 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated at reflux overnight. After this time the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and evaporated in vacuo. The resulting brown solid was triturated with hexane (100 mL) and filtered. The resulting brown solid was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ and purified by column chromatography (220 g of SiO₂, hexane:ethyl acetate, 3:1) to give, in order of elution, 4-chloro-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, **23d** (2.5 g, 42% yield) {¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.71–8.77 (1 H, m), 8.26 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.9 Hz), 7.86–7.95 (1 H, m), 7.72–7.83 (2 H, m), 7.36–7.46 (2 H, m), 2.62 (3 H, s). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 273.0 [M + H]⁺}, and 4-chloro-5-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, **23e** (0.8 g, 13% yield) {¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.67–8.82 (1 H, m), 7.95 (1 H, dt, *J* = 8.5, 1.1 Hz), 7.90 (1 H, td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz), 7.80 (1 H, dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz), 7.62 (1 H, td, *J* = 8.2, 5.2 Hz), 7.37–7.42 (1 H, m), 7.26–7.33 (1 H, m), 2.57–2.64 (3 H, m). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 273.0 [M + H]⁺}.
4-Chloro-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-3-yl)quinoline, 23f. To a stirred solution of 2,4-dichloro-7-fluoro-3-methylquinoline, **20a** (1.0 g,

4.35 mmol), and 3-tri-*n*-butylstannylpyridine (1.6 mL, 4.35 mmol) in toluene (10 mL) was added Pd(PPh₃)₄ (251 mg, 0.22 mmol), and the reaction mixture was heated at reflux overnight. The resulting brown solid was triturated with hexane (20 mL) and filtered. The resulting brown solid was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ and purified by column chromatography (40 g of SiO₂, hexane:ethyl acetate, 3:1) to give 4-chloro-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-3-yl)quinoline, **23f** (650 mg, 55% yield), as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.83–8.90 (1 H, m), 8.74 (1 H, dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.8 Hz), 8.28 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.9 Hz), 7.93 (1 H, dt, *J* = 7.8, 2.0 Hz), 7.76 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.5 Hz), 7.41–7.50 (2 H, m), 2.56 (3 H, s). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 273.0 [M + H]⁺.

General Quinoline Synthesis Procedure A. To a mixture of substituted anthranilic acid (1.5 equiv) and substituted propiophenone (1.0 equiv) was added POCl₃ (25 mL). The mixture was heated at 90 °C for 2 h. After this time the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the excess POCl₃ was removed in vacuo. The reaction mixture was carefully quenched with ice cold K₂CO₃ solution, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate, dried and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product obtained was chromatographed using silica gel, eluting with 3% ethyl acetate in hexane.

4-Chloro-3-methyl-2-phenylquinoline, 23b. 4-Chloro-3-methyl-2-phenylquinoline, **23b**, was prepared according to quinoline synthesis procedure A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.26 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.0 Hz), 8.12–8.17 (1 H, m), 7.73 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.9, 1.4 Hz), 7.61–7.68 (1 H, m), 7.55–7.59 (2 H, m), 7.43–7.53 (3 H, m), 2.54 (3 H, s). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 254.2 [M + H]⁺.

4-Chloro-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-3-methylquinoline, 23c. 4-Chloro-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-3-methylquinoline, **23c**, was prepared according to quinoline synthesis procedure A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.28 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.0 Hz), 8.11–8.16 (1 H, m), 7.71–7.77 (1 H, m), 7.63–7.69 (1 H, m), 7.43–7.55 (2 H, m), 7.29–7.34 (1 H, m), 7.20 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 9.6, 8.4, 1.0 Hz), 2.47 (3 H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 272.1 [M + H]⁺.

General Coupling Procedure B. A mixture of indoline (1 equiv), quinoline (2 equiv), cesium carbonate (2 equiv), Pd₂(dba)₃ (0.1 equiv) and (±) BINAP (0.15 equiv) was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (0.4M). The resulting mixture was purged with argon and subjected to microwave heating at 140 °C for 3 h. The crude residue was purified by chromatography (SiO₂, hexane:ethyl acetate) to give the desired morpholinoquinoline product.

General Coupling Procedure C. To a stirred solution of the halodimethylindoline (or the halodimethylpyrrolopyridine) (1 equiv) in dimethylformamide (0.03M) was added NaH (60% dispersion in oil, 1.5 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 min. After this time the substituted dichloroquinoline (1 equiv) in dimethylformamide (0.03M) was added. The resulting mixture was heated at 130 °C for 12 h. After this time the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and quenched with Na₂CO₃ (10% aqueous solution). The reaction mixture was then treated with ethyl acetate and water. The separated organic layer was washed with LiCl (5% aqueous solution), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by chromatography (SiO₂, hexane:ethyl acetate) to give the desired bromoquinolines.

6-Chloro-4-(3,3-dimethyl-6-(4-morpholinyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-2,3-dimethylquinoline, 24a. General coupling procedure B using 4-(3,3-dimethylindolin-6-yl)morpholine, **4** (0.15 g, 0.65 mmol), and 4,6-dichloro-2,3-dimethylquinoline, **23a** (0.292 g, 1.29 mmol), gave 6-chloro-4-(3,3-dimethyl-6-(4-morpholinyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-2,3-dimethylquinoline, **24a** (80 mg, 29% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆), TFA salt, δ ppm 8.09 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.84–7.97 (2 H, m), 7.15 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 6.48 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 5.84 (1 H, s), 3.98 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 3.78 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 3.57–3.67 (4 H, m), 2.87–2.98 (4 H, m), 2.79 (3 H, s), 2.20 (3 H, s), 1.43 (3 H, s), 1.37 (3 H, s). HRMS (ESI): *m/z* 422.2009 [M + H]⁺ (C₂₅H₂₈ClN₃O requires 422.2000).

4-(3,3-Dimethyl-6-(4-morpholinyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-2,3-dimethylquinoline, 1. A solution of 6-chloro-4-(3,3-dimethyl-6-(4-morpholinyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-2,3-dimethylquinoline, **24a** (10 mg, 0.024 mmol), in methanol (3 mL) was purged with N₂. After the mixture was purged, a catalytic amount of triethylamine and 10% Pd/C (0.003 g, 0.002 mmol) were added. The resulting mixture was

stirred at room temperature for 2 h under a hydrogen atmosphere. After this time the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and the solvent was evaporated in vacuo to give 4-(3,3-dimethyl-6-(4-morpholinyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-2,3-dimethylquinoline, **1** (2.9 mg, 31% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.12 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.80 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.65 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.38–7.43 (1 H, m), 7.06 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.30 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 5.52 (1 H, s), 3.63–3.78 (6 H, m), 2.88–2.97 (4 H, m), 2.73–2.81 (3 H, m), 2.26–2.32 (3 H, m), 1.42–1.53 (6 H, m). HRMS (ESI): *m/z* 388.2398 [M + H]⁺ (C₂₅H₂₉N₃O requires 388.2390).

4-(3,3-Dimethyl-6-(4-morpholinyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-3-methyl-2-phenylquinoline, 24b. General coupling procedure C using 4-(3,3-dimethylindolin-6-yl)morpholine, **4** (0.100 g, 0.430 mmol), and 4-chloro-3-methyl-2-phenylquinoline, **23b** (0.218 g, 0.861 mmol), gave 4-(3,3-dimethyl-6-(4-morpholinyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-3-methyl-2-phenylquinoline, **24b** (0.045 g, 23%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm 8.35 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 8.17 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 8.01 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 7.81–7.90 (2 H, m), 7.77 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.68 (3 H, br s), 7.31 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.92 (1 H, br s), 6.56 (1 H, br s), 4.29 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 3.97 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.2 Hz), 3.82 (4 H, br s), 3.19 (4 H, br s), 2.10 (3 H, s), 1.48 (3 H, s), 1.31–1.39 (3 H, m). HRMS (ESI): *m/z* 450.2549 [M + H]⁺ (C₃₀H₃₁N₃O requires 450.2547).

4-(3,3-Dimethyl-6-(4-morpholinyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-3-methylquinoline, 24c. **24c** was prepared according to general coupling procedure B using 4-(3,3-dimethylindolin-6-yl)morpholine, **4** (0.043 g, 0.184 mmol), and 4-chloro-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-3-methylquinoline, **23c** (0.050 g, 0.184 mmol). After purification by HPLC, 4-(3,3-dimethyl-6-(4-morpholinyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-3-methylquinoline, **24c** (0.053 g, 62% yield), was obtained. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm 8.00 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.82 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.69 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.52 (3 H, m), 7.30 (2 H, m), 6.98 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 6.20 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.0 Hz), 5.46 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 3.75 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 3.60 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.4 Hz), 3.51 (4 H, m), 2.77 (4 H, m), 1.99 (3 H, s), 1.39 (3 H, s), 1.30 (3 H, s). HRMS (ESI): *m/z* 468.2450 [M + H]⁺ (C₃₀H₃₀FN₃O requires 468.2452).

4-(3,3-Dimethyl-6-(4-morpholinyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)quinoline, 24d. **24d** was prepared according to general coupling procedure C using 4-(3,3-dimethylindolin-6-yl)morpholine, **4** (85 mg, 0.367 mmol), and 4-chloro-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, **23d** (100 mg, 367 μmol). After purification, 4-(3,3-dimethyl-6-(4-morpholinyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)quinoline, **24d** (10 mg, 6% yield), was obtained as a yellow film. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.73–8.76 (1 H, m), 7.80–7.94 (4 H, m), 7.40 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 7.6, 4.9, 1.5 Hz), 7.20–7.27 (1 H, m), 7.08 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 6.31 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.2 Hz), 5.59 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 3.69–3.81 (6 H, m), 2.89–3.03 (4 H, m), 2.37 (3 H, s), 1.51 (3 H, s), 1.46 (3 H, s). HRMS (ESI): *m/z* 469.2412 [M + H]⁺ (C₂₉H₂₉FN₄O requires 469.2405).

4-(3,3-Dimethyl-6-(4-morpholinyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-5-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)quinoline, 24e. **24e** was prepared according to general coupling procedure C using 4-(3,3-dimethylindolin-6-yl)morpholine, **4** (348 mg, 1496 μmol), and 4-chloro-5-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, **23e** (340 mg, 1247 μmol). After purification, 4-(3,3-dimethyl-6-(4-morpholinyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-5-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)quinoline, **24e** (13 mg, 2% yield), was obtained as a yellow film. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.76 (1 H, dd, *J* = 3.5, 1.2 Hz), 8.02 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.83–7.96 (2 H, m), 7.60 (1 H, td, *J* = 8.1, 5.3 Hz), 7.40 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 7.0, 5.1, 2.0 Hz), 7.08–7.17 (1 H, m), 7.04 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 6.26 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.2 Hz), 5.50 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 3.76–3.85 (1 H, m), 3.60–3.76 (5 H, m), 2.86–3.02 (4 H, m), 2.42 (3 H, s), 1.50 (3 H, s), 1.44 (3 H, s). HRMS (ESI): *m/z* 469.2405 [M + H]⁺ (C₂₉H₂₉FN₄O requires 469.2405).

4-(3,3-Dimethyl-6-(4-morpholinyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(3-pyridinyl)quinoline, 24f. **24f** was prepared according to general coupling procedure C using 4-(3,3-dimethylindolin-6-yl)morpholine, **4** (213 mg, 0.92 mmol), and 4-chloro-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-3-yl)quinoline (250 mg, 0.92 mmol), **23f**. After purification, 4-(3,3-dimethyl-6-(4-morpholinyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-7-fluoro-3-ethyl-2-(3-pyridinyl)quinoline, **24f** (50 mg, 12% yield), was obtained as

a yellow film. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ ppm 8.90 (1 H, br s), 8.66–8.81 (1 H, m), 8.00 (1 H, dt, $J = 7.8, 2.0$ Hz), 7.89 (1 H, dd, $J = 9.4, 5.9$ Hz), 7.81 (1 H, dd, $J = 10.0, 2.5$ Hz), 7.48 (1 H, dd, $J = 7.8, 4.7$ Hz), 7.23–7.30 (1 H, m), 7.09 (1 H, d, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 6.34 (1 H, dd, $J = 8.2, 2.3$ Hz), 5.61 (1 H, d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 3.68–3.81 (6 H, m), 2.90–3.02 (4 H, m), 2.30 (3 H, s), 1.52 (3 H, s), 1.47 (3 H, s). HRMS (ESI): m/z 469.2398 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{29}\text{FN}_4\text{O}$ requires 469.2405).

6-Bromo-1-(6-chloro-2,3-dimethylquinolin-4-yl)-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyran], 25a. General coupling procedure C using 6-bromo-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyran], **10** (0.3 g, 1.12 mmol), and 4,6-dichloro-2,3-dimethylquinoline, **23a** (0.2783 g, 1.23 mmol), gave 6-bromo-1-(6-chloro-2,3-dimethylquinolin-4-yl)-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyran], **25a** (0.264 g, 51% yield), as a brown solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ ppm 8.03 (1 H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 7.71 (1 H, dd, $J = 8.9, 2.3$ Hz), 7.65 (1 H, d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 7.22 (1 H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 6.83 (1 H, dd, $J = 7.8, 1.5$ Hz), 5.94 (1 H, d, $J = 1.5$ Hz), 4.04 (1 H, d, $J = 9.8$ Hz), 3.80–3.93 (3 H, m), 3.39–3.54 (2 H, m), 2.68 (3 H, s), 2.22 (3 H, s), 1.94–2.06 (2 H, m), 1.85 (1 H, d, $J = 13.4$ Hz), 1.73 (1 H, dd, $J = 13.4, 1.5$ Hz). Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 457.1$ $[(\text{M} + \text{H}) (^{79}\text{Br})]^+$ and 459.1 $[(\text{M} + \text{H}) (^{81}\text{Br})]^+$.

1-(6-Chloro-2,3-dimethyl-4-quinolinyl)-6-(4-morpholinyl)-1,2,2',3',5',6'-hexahydrospiro[indole-3,4'-pyran], 26a. A suspension of 6-bromo-1-(6-chloro-2,3-dimethylquinolin-4-yl)-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyran], **25a** (230 mg, 0.50 mmol) and morpholine (87 μL , 1 mmol) was degassed with argon for 20 min. To the suspension were added CuI (19 mg, 0.1 mmol), K_2CO_3 (207 mg, 1.5 mmol), and *L*-proline (23 mg, 0.2 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at 120 °C. After 24 h the mixture was cooled to room temperature. To the mixture was added water (30 mL), and the mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 \times 40 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The mixture was purified by column chromatography on a silica gel column using 0% to 100% gradient of ethyl acetate in hexane as eluent to give 1-(6-chloro-2,3-dimethyl-4-quinolinyl)-6-(4-morpholinyl)-1,2,2',3',5',6'-hexahydrospiro[indole-3,4'-pyran], **26a** (0.055 g, 23.4% yield), as a yellow oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ ppm 7.97–8.03 (1 H, m), 7.67 (2 H, dd, $J = 4.5, 2.1$ Hz), 7.10 (1 H, d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 6.26 (1 H, dd, $J = 8.1, 1.5$ Hz), 5.46 (1 H, d, $J = 1.5$ Hz), 3.94 (1 H, d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 3.82–3.91 (2 H, m), 3.78 (1 H, d, $J = 9.8$ Hz), 3.54–3.59 (4 H, m), 3.40–3.52 (2 H, m), 2.80–2.87 (4 H, m), 2.68 (3 H, s), 2.21 (3 H, s), 1.92–2.02 (2 H, m), 1.78 (1 H, d, $J = 13.2$ Hz), 1.68 (1 H, d, $J = 12.5$ Hz). Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 464.2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

1-(2,3-Dimethyl-4-quinolinyl)-6-(4-morpholinyl)-1,2,2',3',5',6'-hexahydrospiro[indole-3,4'-pyran], 26b. A mixture of 1-(6-chloro-2,3-dimethyl-4-quinolinyl)-6-(4-morpholinyl)-1,2,2',3',5',6'-hexahydrospiro[indole-3,4'-pyran], **26a** (0.027 g, 0.058 mmol), triethylamine (0.008 mL, 0.058 mmol), and 10% Pd/C (0.02 g, 0.0188 mmol) in methanol–ethyl acetate (2:1, 3 mL) was stirred under hydrogen at room temperature. After 3 h, the mixture was filtered through a Celite pad and the pad was washed with methanol and ethyl acetate to give a tan solid. The tan solid was purified by column chromatography on a silica gel column using 0 to 100% gradient of ethyl acetate in hexane as eluent to give 1-(2,3-dimethyl-4-quinolinyl)-6-(4-morpholinyl)-1,2,2',3',5',6'-hexahydrospiro[indole-3,4'-pyran], **26b** (9.5 mg, 38% yield), as a yellow solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ ppm 7.97 (1 H, d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 7.71 (1 H, d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 7.62–7.68 (1 H, m), 7.42–7.49 (1 H, m), 7.08 (1 H, d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 6.23 (1 H, dd, $J = 8.2, 2.1$ Hz), 5.41 (1 H, d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 3.77–3.96 (4 H, m), 3.52–3.59 (4 H, m), 3.41–3.51 (2 H, m), 2.81 (4 H, dd, $J = 5.4, 2.9$ Hz), 2.68 (3 H, s), 2.22 (3 H, s), 1.91–2.03 (2 H, m), 1.78–1.85 (1 H, m), 1.65–1.72 (1 H, m). HRMS (ESI): m/z 430.2505 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ requires 430.2496).

1-(3-Methyl-2-phenyl-4-quinolinyl)-6-(4-morpholinyl)-1,2,2',3',5',6'-hexahydrospiro[indole-3,4'-pyran], 26c. **26c** was prepared according to general procedure C using 6-morpholino-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyran], **13** (0.216 g, 0.788 mmol), and 4-chloro-3-methyl-2-phenylquinoline, **23b** (0.100 g, 0.394 mmol). After purification, 1-(3-methyl-2-phenyl-4-quinolinyl)-6-(4-morpholinyl)-1,2,2',3',5',6'-hexahydrospiro[indole-3,4'-pyran], **26c** (0.071 g, 37% yield), was obtained. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ ppm 8.06–8.10 (1 H, m),

7.80–7.84 (1 H, m), 7.74 (1 H, ddd, $J = 8.4, 6.8, 1.5$ Hz), 7.64–7.69 (2 H, m), 7.48–7.59 (4 H, m), 7.11 (1 H, d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 6.27 (1 H, dd, $J = 8.3, 2.2$ Hz), 5.58 (1 H, d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 4.01 (1 H, d, $J = 9.8$ Hz), 3.83–3.97 (3 H, m), 3.56–3.63 (4 H, m), 3.48 (2 H, tt, $J = 12.0, 2.1$ Hz), 2.82–2.91 (4 H, m), 2.22 (3 H, s), 1.93–2.05 (2 H, m), 1.82–1.88 (1 H, m), 1.65–1.73 (1 H, m). HRMS (ESI): m/z 492.2644 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ requires 492.2652).

6-Bromo-1-(7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)-4-quinolinyl)-1,2,2',3',5',6'-hexahydrospiro[indole-3,4'-pyran], 25d. **25d** was prepared according to general coupling procedure C using 6-bromo-2',3',5',6'-tetrahydrospiro[indoline-3,4'-pyran], **10** (98 mg, 367 μmol), and 4-chloro-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, **23d** (100 mg, 367 μmol). After purification, 6-bromo-1-(7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)-4-quinolinyl)-1,2,2',3',5',6'-hexahydrospiro[indole-3,4'-pyran], **25d** (55 mg, 30% yield), was obtained as a yellow film. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ ppm 8.74 (1 H, d, $J = 5.1$ Hz), 7.89–7.98 (2 H, m), 7.85 (1 H, dd, $J = 10.0, 2.5$ Hz), 7.75 (1 H, dd, $J = 9.2, 6.1$ Hz), 7.41 (1 H, ddd, $J = 6.7, 4.5, 2.5$ Hz), 7.28–7.33 (1 H, m), 7.07 (1 H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 6.89 (1 H, dd, $J = 7.8, 2.0$ Hz), 6.11 (1 H, d, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 3.93–4.10 (4 H, m), 3.45–3.60 (2 H, m), 2.38 (3 H, s), 2.08–2.25 (2 H, m), 1.91 (1 H, dd, $J = 13.9, 2.5$ Hz), 1.81 (1 H, dd, $J = 13.7, 2.3$ Hz). Mass spectrum (ESI): m/e 504 $[(\text{M} + \text{H}) (^{79}\text{Br})]^+$ and 506 $[(\text{M} + \text{H}) (^{81}\text{Br})]^+$.

1-(7-Fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)-4-quinolinyl)-6-(4-morpholinyl)-1,2,2',3',5',6'-hexahydrospiro[indole-3,4'-pyran], 26d. A suspension of 6-bromo-1-(7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)-4-quinolinyl)-1,2,2',3',5',6'-hexahydrospiro[indole-3,4'-pyran], **25d** (100 mg, 0.198 mmol), morpholine (35 μL , 397 μmol) and DMSO (2.5 mL) was degassed with argon for 15 min in a Schlenk tube. To the mixture were added copper(I) iodide (8 mg, 40 μmol), *L*-proline (9 mg, 79 μmol) and potassium carbonate (82 mg, 595 μmol), and the mixture was heated at 120 °C overnight. After this time the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL) and water (40 mL). The separated organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and evaporated in vacuo. Column chromatography (hexane:ethyl acetate, 1:0 to 0:1) gave the desired product as a yellow oil. The product was further purified by reverse phase HPLC to give 1-(7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)-4-quinolinyl)-6-(4-morpholinyl)-1,2,2',3',5',6'-hexahydrospiro[indole-3,4'-pyran], **26d** (13 mg, 13% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ ppm 8.76 (1 H, dd, $J = 3.7, 1.0$ Hz), 7.75–8.00 (4 H, m), 7.41 (1 H, ddd, $J = 7.1, 5.0, 1.6$ Hz), 7.21–7.27 (1 H, m), 7.13 (1 H, d, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 6.35 (1 H, dd, $J = 8.2, 2.3$ Hz), 5.61 (1 H, d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 3.96–4.09 (3 H, m), 3.89–3.96 (1 H, m), 3.70–3.79 (4 H, m), 3.49–3.60 (2 H, m), $J = 12.2, 12.2, 2.9, 2.7$ Hz), 2.91–3.04 (4 H, m), 2.38 (3 H, s), 2.09–2.22 (2 H, m), 1.76–1.93 (2 H, m). HRMS (ESI): m/z 511.2504 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{31}\text{FN}_4\text{O}_2$ requires 511.2510).

tert-Butyl 6-Bromo-3,3-bis((methylsulfonyloxy)methyl)-2-oxoindoline-1-carboxylate, 28. To an ice-cooled solution of *tert*-butyl 6-bromo-3,3-bis((hydroxymethyl)-2-oxoindoline-1-carboxylate, **27** (5.27 g, 14.16 mmol), in CH_2Cl_2 (94 mL) was added triethylamine (7.89 mL, 56.6 mmol) followed by methanesulfonyl chloride (2.21 mL, 28.3 mmol). The solution was stirred for 1 h, and then it was concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by column chromatography (eluting with a gradient of 10–60% ethyl acetate in hexane) gave *tert*-butyl 6-bromo-3,3-bis((methylsulfonyloxy)methyl)-2-oxoindoline-1-carboxylate, **28** (4.21 g, 56%), as a white foam. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ ppm 8.15 (1 H, d, $J = 1.6$ Hz), 7.43 (1 H, m, $J = 8.1, 1.7$ Hz), 7.33 (1 H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 4.58 (2 H, d, $J = 10.2$ Hz), 4.46 (2 H, d, $J = 10.4$ Hz), 2.98 (6 H, s), 1.67 (9 H, s). Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 550.0$ $[(\text{M} + \text{Na}) (^{79}\text{Br})]^+$ and 552.0 $[(\text{M} + \text{Na}) (^{81}\text{Br})]^+$.

6-Bromospiro[indoline-3,3'-thietan]-2-one, 29. To a solution of *tert*-butyl 6-bromo-3,3-bis((methylsulfonyloxy)methyl)-2-oxoindoline-1-carboxylate, **28** (3.70 g, 7.0 mmol), in anhydrous dimethylformamide (33 mL, deoxygenated with argon for 10 min) was added sodium sulfide nonahydrate (1.01 g, 4.20 mmol) under an argon atmosphere. The solution was stirred at 110 °C for 3 h, poured into saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and evaporated in vacuo. Purification by column chromatography (eluting with a gradient of 10–50% ethyl acetate in hexane) gave 6-bromospiro[indoline-3,3'-thietan]-2-one, **29** (0.248 g, 13%), as a yellow solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ ppm 7.78–7.98 (2 H, m), 7.31 (1 H, dd, $J = 7.9, 1.7$ Hz),

7.07 (1 H, d, $J = 1.6$ Hz), 3.89 (2 H, d, $J = 9.59$ Hz), 3.12 (2 H, d, $J = 9.6$ Hz). Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 270.0$ [(M + H) (^{79}Br)] $^+$ and 271.9 [(M + H) (^{81}Br)] $^+$.

6-Bromo-1,2-dihydrospiro[indole-3,3'-thietane], 30. To a solution of 6-bromospiro[indole-3,3'-thietan]-2-one, **29** (0.260 g, 0.962 mmol), in toluene (39 mL) was added Red-Al (60% in toluene, 1.47 mL, 4.81 mmol) dropwise under an atmosphere of argon gas. The solution was stirred at 80 °C for 40 min, cooled in an ice bath, quenched with aqueous 2 N NaOH and treated with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated in vacuo to give 6-bromo-1,2-dihydrospiro[indole-3,3'-thietane], **30**, as a tan solid. Product used without further purification in the next step. Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 256.0$ [(M + H) (^{79}Br)] $^+$ and 258.0 [(M + H) (^{81}Br)] $^+$.

1-Acetyl-6-bromo-1,2-dihydrospiro[indole-3,3'-thietane], 31. To an ice cooled solution of 6-bromo-1,2-dihydrospiro[indole-3,3'-thietane], **30** (0.25 g, 0.96 mmol), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (5.89 mg, 0.048 mmol), and triethylamine (0.269 mL, 1.928 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (9.64 mL) was added acetyl chloride (0.137 mL, 1.928 mmol). The solution was stirred for 5 min at this temperature, the ice bath was removed and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The reaction mixture was poured into 2 N HCl aqueous solution and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure to give 1-acetyl-6-bromo-1,2-dihydrospiro[indole-3,3'-thietane], **31**, as a yellow solid. The product was used without further purification in the next step. Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 297.9$ [(M + H) (^{79}Br)] $^+$ and 300.0 [(M + H) (^{81}Br)] $^+$.

1-Acetyl-6-bromo-1,2-dihydrospiro[indole-3,3'-thietane] 1',1'-Dioxide, 32. To a stirred ice-cooled solution of 1-acetyl-6-bromo-1,2-dihydrospiro[indole-3,3'-thietane], **31** (0.288 g, 0.97 mmol), in a mixture of water (2.4 mL), methanol (18.9 mL), and acetone (4.7 mL) was added a solution of Oxone (1.19 g, 1.93 mmol) in water (1.8 mL). The ice bath was removed, and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. The mixture was poured into saturated aqueous ammonium chloride and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and evaporated in vacuo to give 1-acetyl-6-bromo-1,2-dihydrospiro[indole-3,3'-thietane] 1',1'-dioxide, **32** (0.077 g, 24% from **30**) as a tan solid. Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 330.0$ [(M + H) (^{79}Br)] $^+$ and 332.0 [(M + H) (^{81}Br)] $^+$.

1-Acetyl-6-(4-morpholinyl)-1,2-dihydrospiro[indole-3,3'-thietane] 1',1'-Dioxide, 33. To a microwave vessel were added sodium *tert*-butoxide (0.045 g, 0.466 mmol), morpholine, (0.030 mL, 0.350 mmol), XPhos (0.022 g, 0.047 mmol), $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ (0.021 g, 0.023 mmol), and 1-acetyl-6-bromo-1,2-dihydrospiro[indole-3,3'-thietane] 1',1'-dioxide, **32** (0.077 g, 0.233 mmol), in 1,4-dioxane (2.3 mL). The suspension was deoxygenated with argon for 5 min and stirred at 110 °C for 90 min under microwave irradiation. The crude mixture was loaded directly onto a silica gel column (eluting with a gradient of 0–10% methanol in CH_2Cl_2) to give 1-acetyl-6-(4-morpholinyl)-1,2-dihydrospiro[indole-3,3'-thietane] 1',1'-dioxide, **33** (0.046 g, 59%), as a tan oil. Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 337.1$ [(M + H)] $^+$.

6-(4-Morpholinyl)-1,2-dihydrospiro[indole-3,3'-thietane] 1',1'-Dioxide, 34. To a solution of 1-acetyl-6-(4-morpholinyl)-1,2-dihydrospiro[indole-3,3'-thietane] 1',1'-dioxide, **33** (0.046 g, 0.137 mmol), in methanol (1.4 mL) was added 5.0 N HCl solution (0.27 mL, 1.37 mmol). The solution was stirred at 60 °C for 3 h, and then it was cooled to room temperature, poured into saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 , and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic extracts were dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated in vacuo to give 6-(4-morpholinyl)-1,2-dihydrospiro[indole-3,3'-thietane] 1',1'-dioxide, **34** (0.026 g, 65%), as a brown solid. Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 295.1$ [(M + H)] $^+$.

***tert*-Butyl 6'-Bromo-2,2-dimethyl-2'-oxospiro[[1,3]dioxane-5,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate, 35.** To a solution of *tert*-butyl 6-bromo-3,3-bis(hydroxymethyl)-2-oxoindoline-1-carboxylate, **27** (1.00 g, 2.69 mmol), and 4-methylbenzenesulfonic acid hydrate (0.026 g, 0.134 mmol) in dimethylformamide (27 mL) was added 2,2-dimethoxypropane (0.49 mL, 4.03 mmol). The solution was stirred at room temperature overnight followed by the addition of additional 2,2-dimethoxypropane (0.49 mL, 4.03 mmol) and 4-methylbenzenesulfonic acid hydrate (0.026 g, 0.134 mmol). After stirring at 60 °C for 5 h, the solution was poured into saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 and extracted with

CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic extracts were purified by column chromatography (eluting with a gradient of 0–30% ethyl acetate in hexane) to give *tert*-butyl 6'-bromo-2,2-dimethyl-2'-oxospiro[[1,3]dioxane-5,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate, **35** (0.520 g, 47%), as a white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ ppm 7.99 (1 H, d, $J = 1.7$ Hz), 7.68 (1 H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.45 (1 H, dd, $J = 8.12, 1.9$ Hz), 4.18 (2 H, d, $J = 11.5$ Hz), 3.79 (2 H, d, $J = 11.7$ Hz), 1.43–1.64 (15 H, m). Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 434.0$ [(M + Na) (^{79}Br)] $^+$ and 436.0 [(M + Na) (^{81}Br)] $^+$.

2,2-Dimethyl-6'-morpholinospiro[[1,3]dioxane-5,3'-indolin]-2'-one, 36. To a microwave vessel were added sodium *tert*-butoxide (0.19 g, 1.99 mmol), morpholine (0.13 mL, 1.49 mmol), XPhos (0.095 g, 0.20 mmol), $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ (0.091 g, 0.099 mmol), and *tert*-butyl 6'-bromo-2,2-dimethyl-2'-oxospiro[[1,3]dioxane-5,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate, **35** (0.41 g, 0.99 mmol), in 1,4-dioxane (9.9 mL). The mixture was deoxygenated with argon for 5 min and stirred at 110 °C for 90 min under microwave irradiation. The resulting mixture was purified by column chromatography (eluting with a gradient of 10–70% ethyl acetate in hexane) to give 2,2-dimethyl-6'-morpholinospiro[[1,3]dioxane-5,3'-indolin]-2'-one, **36** (0.111 g, 35%), as a white solid. Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 319.2$ [(M + H)] $^+$.

2,2-Dimethyl-6'-morpholinospiro[[1,3]dioxane-5,3'-indoline], 37. To a solution of 2,2-dimethyl-6'-morpholinospiro[[1,3]dioxane-5,3'-indolin]-2'-one, **36** (0.11 g, 0.35 mmol), in toluene (14 mL) was added Red-Al (60% in toluene, 0.53 mL, 1.74 mmol). After stirring at 80 °C for 40 min, the solution was poured into a mixture of ice and 2 N NaOH. The product was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 , and the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and evaporated in vacuo. Purification by column chromatography (eluting with a gradient of 5–60% ethyl acetate in hexane) gave 2,2-dimethyl-6'-morpholinospiro[[1,3]dioxane-5,3'-indoline], **37** (0.056 g, 53%), as a white solid. Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 305.2$ [(M + H)] $^+$.

1-(7-Fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)-4-quinolinyl)-6-(4-morpholinyl)-1,2-dihydrospiro[indole-3,3'-thietane] 1',1'-Dioxide, 38. To a microwave vial were added sodium *tert*-butoxide (0.017 g, 0.177 mmol), Ruphos (4.12 mg, 8.83 μmol), 4-chloro-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, **23d** (0.025 g, 0.093 mmol), 6-(4-morpholinyl)-1,2-dihydrospiro[indole-3,3'-thietane] 1',1'-dioxide, **34** (0.026 g, 0.088 mmol), and XPhos precatalyst (6.5 mg, 8.8 μmol) in toluene (0.6 mL). The suspension was deoxygenated with argon for 5 min and then stirred at 100 °C for 1 h under microwave irradiation. Purification by column chromatography (eluting with a gradient of 0–10% methanol in CH_2Cl_2) gave a yellow solid, which was reperfired by reverse phase HPLC (10–60% acetonitrile in water) to give 1-(7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)-4-quinolinyl)-6-(4-morpholinyl)-1,2-dihydrospiro[indole-3,3'-thietane] 1',1'-dioxide, **38** (0.012 g, 26%), as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ ppm 8.71 (1 H, d, $J = 4.9$ Hz), 7.99–8.05 (1 H, m), 7.83–7.94 (3 H, m), 7.50–7.56 (2 H, m), 7.49 (1 H, d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 6.40 (1 H, dd, $J = 8.4, 2.1$ Hz), 5.58 (1 H, d, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 4.72 (1 H, dd, $J = 13.6, 2.3$ Hz), 4.55–4.63 (3 H, m), 4.35 (1 H, d, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 4.25 (1 H, d, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 3.58 (4 H, t, $J = 4.9$ Hz), 2.82–2.93 (4 H, m), 2.24 (3 H, s). HRMS (ESI): m/z 531.1868 [(M + H)] $^+$ ($\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{27}\text{FN}_4\text{O}_3\text{S}$ requires 531.1867).

1-(7-Fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinolin-4-yl)-2,2-dimethyl-6'-morpholinospiro[[1,3]dioxane-5,3'-indoline], 39. To a microwave vial were added sodium *tert*-butoxide (0.035 g, 0.37 mmol), Ruphos (8.6 mg, 0.018 mmol), 4-chloro-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, **23d** (0.053 g, 0.19 mmol), 2,2-dimethyl-6'-morpholinospiro[[1,3]dioxane-5,3'-indoline], **37** (0.056 g, 0.18 mmol), and XPhos precatalyst (0.014 g, 0.018 mmol) in toluene (1.2 mL). The suspension was deoxygenated with argon for 5 min and stirred at 100 °C for 90 min under microwave irradiation. Purification by column chromatography (eluting with a gradient of 10–60% ethyl acetate in hexane) gave 1-(7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinolin-4-yl)-2,2-dimethyl-6'-morpholinospiro[[1,3]dioxane-5,3'-indoline], **39** (0.057 g, 57%), as a yellow solid. Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 541.3$ [(M + H)] $^+$.

1-(7-Fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)-4-quinolinyl)-6-(4-morpholinyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indole-3,3-diyldimethanol, 40. To a solution of 1-(7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinolin-4-yl)-2,2-dimethyl-6'-morpholinospiro[[1,3]dioxane-5,3'-indoline], **39** (0.057 g, 0.105 mmol), in THF (1 mL) was added 1.0 N HCl (1.05 mL, 1.05 mmol).

After stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the solution was purified by column chromatography (eluting with a gradient of 0–10% methanol in CH_2Cl_2) to give (1-(7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)-4-quinolinyl)-6-(4-morpholinyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indole-3,3-diyl)dimethanol, **40** (0.027 g, 0.054 mmol, 51%), as a yellow solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ ppm 8.72 (1 H, d, $J = 4.9$ Hz), 8.03 (1 H, td, $J = 7.7, 1.7$ Hz), 7.97 (1 H, dd, $J = 9.3, 6.1$ Hz), 7.92 (1 H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 7.84 (1 H, dd, $J = 10.1, 2.6$ Hz), 7.47–7.57 (2 H, m), 7.06 (1 H, d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 6.21 (1 H, dd, $J = 8.2, 2.1$ Hz), 5.45 (1 H, d, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 4.91 (1 H, t, $J = 5.3$ Hz), 4.84 (1 H, t, $J = 5.3$ Hz), 3.79–3.91 (2 H, m), 3.72 (2 H, d, $J = 5.4$ Hz), 3.65 (2 H, dd, $J = 5.4, 1.2$ Hz), 3.58 (4 H, t, $J = 4.9$ Hz), 2.76–2.89 (4 H, m), 2.29 (s, 3 H). HRMS (ESI): m/z 501.2294 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{29}\text{FN}_4\text{O}_3$ requires 501.2303).

3,3-Dimethyl-6-(pyridin-4-yl)indoline, 41. A solution of 6-iodo-3,3-dimethylindoline, **6** (100 mg, 0.36 mmol), 4-pyridinylboronic acid (54 mg, 0.44 mmol), Na_2CO_3 (78 mg, 0.73 mmol) and $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (42 mg, 0.037 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) and water (1 mL) was heated in a microwave reactor for 2 h at 110 °C. After this time the reaction mixture was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The separated organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and evaporated in vacuo. Purification by column chromatography (SiO_2 , hexane:ethyl acetate, 1:0 to 1:1) gave 3,3-dimethyl-6-(pyridin-4-yl)indoline, **41** (26 mg, 32% yield). Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 225.2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

4-(3,3-dimethyl-6-(pyridin-4-yl)indolin-1-yl)-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, 44a. **44a** was prepared according to general procedure B using 3,3-dimethyl-6-(pyridin-4-yl)indoline, **41** (0.026 g, 0.116 mmol), 4-chloro-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, **23d** (0.032 g, 0.116 mmol), cesium carbonate (0.076 g, 0.232 mmol), $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ (0.011 g, 0.012 mmol) and (\pm) BINAP (0.011 g, 0.017 mmol) in toluene (3 mL). After purification by HPLC, 4-(3,3-dimethyl-6-(pyridin-4-yl)indolin-1-yl)-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, **44a** (4.4 mg, 8% yield), was obtained. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, MeOD): δ ppm 8.75 (1 H, d, $J = 4.7$ Hz), 8.68 (2 H, m), 8.12–8.23 (3 H, m), 8.07 (1 H, dd, $J = 9.4, 5.9$ Hz), 7.96 (1 H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 7.83 (1 H, dd, $J = 9.8, 2.7$ Hz), 7.65 (1 H, dd, $J = 7.6, 4.9$ Hz), 7.50 (2 H, m), 7.42 (1 H, m), 6.62 (1 H, s), 4.05 (1 H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 3.90 (1 H, d, $J = 9.4$ Hz), 2.28 (3 H, s), 1.65 (3 H, s), 1.57 (3 H, s). HRMS (ESI): m/z 461.2156 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{25}\text{FN}_4$ requires 461.2143).

General Procedure D. A glass microwave reaction vessel was charged with the indoline (1 equiv) and chloroquinoline (1 equiv) fragments, followed by *N*-methyl-2-pyrrolidone and a 4.0 M solution of HCl in 1,4-dioxane (1 equiv). The resulting mixture was heated at 130 °C for 12 h. After this time the reaction mixture was partitioned between ethyl acetate and NaHCO_3 (saturated aqueous solution). The separated organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by column chromatography on silica gave the desired coupling products.

7-Fluoro-4-(6-iodo-3,3-dimethylindolin-1-yl)-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, 42. **42** was prepared according to general procedure D using 4-chloro-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, **23d** (499 mg, 1.83 mmol), 6-iodo-3,3-dimethylindoline, **6** (500 mg, 1.83 mmol), and 4 M HCl in 1,4-dioxane (0.458 mL, 1.83 mmol) in *N*-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (3 mL). After purification (40 g of SiO_2 , eluting with a gradient of 0% to 30% ethyl acetate in hexane), 7-fluoro-4-(6-iodo-3,3-dimethylindolin-1-yl)-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, **42** (510 mg, 55% yield), was obtained as a yellow foam. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ ppm 8.71–8.80 (1 H, m), 7.85–7.97 (3 H, m), 7.80 (1 H, dd, $J = 9.2, 5.9$ Hz), 7.42 (1 H, ddd, $J = 7.0, 4.8, 1.7$ Hz), 7.28–7.33 (1 H, m), 7.09 (1 H, dd, $J = 7.7, 1.5$ Hz), 6.91 (1 H, d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 6.29 (1 H, d, $J = 1.6$ Hz), 3.70–3.84 (2 H, m), 2.37 (3 H, s), 1.53 (3 H, s), 1.47 (3 H, s). Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 510.0$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

General Procedure E. A stirred solution of the haloquinoline (1 equiv) in 1,4-dioxane (0.1 M) was treated with $\text{Pd}(\text{PCy}_3)_2$ (0.1 equiv), bis(pinacolato)diboron (1.1 equiv), and KOAc (1.5 equiv). The mixture was heated at 100 °C for 2 h in a microwave reactor. After this time the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and water. The separated organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and evaporated in vacuo to give the boronic acids (or esters).

4-(3,3-Dimethyl-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)indolin-1-yl)-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, 43. **43** was

prepared according to procedure E using 7-fluoro-4-(6-iodo-3,3-dimethylindolin-1-yl)-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, **42** (180 mg, 0.353 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{PCy}_3)_2$ (11.8 mg, 0.018 mmol), bis(pinacolato)diboron (99 mg, 0.389 mmol) and potassium acetate (52 mg, 0.530 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (5.2 mL, 61.1 mmol). After purification (SiO_2 , hexane:ethyl acetate, 1:0 to 1:1), 4-(3,3-dimethyl-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)indolin-1-yl)-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, **43** (75 mg, 42%), was obtained as a colorless film. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ ppm 8.75 (1 H, dt, $J = 4.9, 1.4$ Hz), 7.79–7.97 (4 H, m), 7.38–7.44 (1 H, m), 7.29–7.33 (1 H, m), 7.21–7.26 (2 H, m), 6.42 (1 H, s), 3.80 (1 H, d, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 3.72 (1 H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 2.32–2.40 (3 H, m), 1.51–1.57 (3 H, m), 1.43–1.50 (3 H, m), 1.22–1.30 (12 H, m). Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 510$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

General Procedure F. A stirred solution of the boronic acid (or ester) (1 equiv) in 1,4-dioxane (0.1M) was treated with $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (0.1 equiv), an aryl chloride (1 equiv) and sodium carbonate (2 equiv). The mixture was heated at 120 °C for 2 h in a microwave reactor. After this time the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and water. The separated organic layer was washed with brine and then dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and evaporated in vacuo. Purification by reverse phase HPLC (10 to 60% acetonitrile in water) gave the substituted quinoline products.

4-(1-(7-Fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)-4-quinolinyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-6-yl)-2-pyrimidinamine, 44b. **44b** was prepared according to procedure F using 4-(3,3-dimethyl-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)indolin-1-yl)-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, **43** (75 mg, 0.147 mmol), $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (10.3 mg, 0.015 mmol), 2-amine-4-chloropyrimidine (21.0 mg, 0.162 mmol) and sodium carbonate (26.5 mg, 0.442 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) and water (0.7 mL) and heating in a microwave reactor. After purification, 4-(1-(7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)-4-quinolinyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-6-yl)-2-pyrimidinamine, **44b** (18 mg, 26%), was obtained as a yellow film. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ ppm 8.66–8.83 (1 H, m), 8.17 (1 H, d, $J = 5.5$ Hz), 7.79–7.99 (4 H, m), 7.36–7.48 (2 H, m), 7.26–7.29 (2 H, m), 6.87 (1 H, d, $J = 5.5$ Hz), 6.62 (1 H, d, $J = 1.6$ Hz), 5.43 (2 H, br s), 3.82 (2 H, s), 2.29–2.44 (3 H, m), 1.58 (3 H, s), 1.52 (3 H, s). HRMS (ESI): m/z 477.2198 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{25}\text{FN}_6$ requires 477.2204).

4-(1-(7-Fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)-4-quinolinyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-6-yl)-6-methyl-2-pyrimidinamine, 44c. **44c** was prepared according to procedure F using 4-(3,3-dimethyl-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)indolin-1-yl)-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, **43** (70 mg, 0.14 mmol), 4-chloro-6-methylpyrimidin-2-amine (21.7 mg, 0.15 mmol), $\text{Pd}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (9.6 mg, 0.014 mmol), and sodium carbonate (43.7 mg, 0.41 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (3.1 mL) and water (0.79 mL), and heating in a microwave reactor. After purification, 4-(1-(7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)-4-quinolinyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-6-yl)-6-methyl-2-pyrimidinamine, **44c** (28 mg, 42%) was obtained as a yellow solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ ppm 8.75 (1 H, d, $J = 4.3$ Hz), 7.76–7.96 (4 H, m), 7.34–7.46 (2 H, m), 7.28 (1 H, br s), 7.21–7.26 (1 H, m), 6.66–6.76 (1 H, m), 6.58 (1 H, d, $J = 1.2$ Hz), 5.19 (2 H, br s), 3.74–3.90 (2 H, m), 2.35–2.41 (3 H, m), 2.28–2.35 (3 H, m), 1.55–1.61 (3 H, m), 1.49–1.55 (3 H, m). HRMS (ESI): m/z 491.2353 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ ($\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{27}\text{FN}_6$ requires 491.2361).

Dimethyl 2-(5-bromo-3-nitropyridin-2-yl)malonate, 46. To a suspension of K_2CO_3 (44 g, 316 mmol) in dimethylformamide (105 mL, 105 mmol) at 0 °C was added dimethyl malonate (18 mL, 158 mmol) via syringe over 10 min. After this time 5-bromo-2-chloro-3-nitropyridine, **45** (25 g, 105 mmol), was added portionwise over 4 min. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. After this time the reaction mixture was poured into 2.0 M HCl (300 mL) and diluted with ethyl acetate (500 mL). The separated organic layer was washed with LiCl (1.0 M aqueous solution, 100 mL) and brine (100 mL), and then it was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and evaporated in vacuo to give dimethyl 2-(5-bromo-3-nitropyridin-2-yl)malonate, **46** (34 g, 97% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ ppm 8.88 (1 H, d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 8.63 (1 H, d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 5.50 (1 H, s), 3.83 (6 H, s). Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 333.0$ $[(\text{M} + \text{H}) (^{79}\text{Br})]^+$ and 335.0 $[(\text{M} + \text{H}) (^{81}\text{Br})]^+$.

Methyl 2-(5-Bromo-3-nitropyridin-2-yl)acetate, 47. A stirred solution of dimethyl 2-(5-bromo-3-nitropyridin-2-yl)malonate, **46** (34 g, 102 mmol), in DMSO (400 mL), LiCl (8.7 g, 204 mmol) and water

(2.0 mL, 112 mmol) was heated at 150 °C for 12 h. After this time the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate (700 mL) and 1.0 M aqueous HCl (200 mL). The separated organic layer was washed with LiCl (150 mL, 1.0 M aqueous solution), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated in vacuo until a volume of 100 mL. The mixture was left standing for 12 h, filtered and evaporated in vacuo to give methyl 2-(5-bromo-3-nitropyridin-2-yl)acetate, **47** (21 g, 75% yield), as a dark oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.86 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 8.58 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 4.30 (2 H, s), 3.74 (3 H, s). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 275 [(M + H) (⁷⁹Br)]⁺ and 277 [(M + H) (⁸¹Br)]⁺.

Methyl 2-(5-Bromo-3-nitropyridin-2-yl)-2-methylpropanoate, 48. To a stirred solution of methyl 2-(5-bromo-3-nitropyridin-2-yl)acetate, **47** (10.7 g, 38.9 mmol), in dimethylformamide (120 mL) at 0 °C was added NaH (1.87 g, 46.7 mmol, 60% dispersion in oil) portionwise over 10 min. The reaction mixture was stirred under N₂ and allowed to warm to room temperature for 20 min. After this time the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and iodomethane (2.92 mL, 46.7 mmol) was added via syringe over 10 min. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred under N₂ for 18 h. After this time an additional portion of NaH (1.87 g, 46.7 mmol, 60% dispersion in oil) followed by iodomethane (2.92 mL, 46.7 mmol) was slowly added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. After this time the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate (300 mL). The organic layer was washed with NaHCO₃ (100 mL) and LiCl (2 × 60 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The residual mineral oil from the NaH dispersion was removed by pipet and by a wash with hexane, affording methyl 2-(5-bromo-3-nitropyridin-2-yl)-2-methylpropanoate, **48** (10.35 g, 88% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.84 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 8.38 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 3.66 (3 H, s), 1.68–1.75 (6 H, m). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 303 [(M + H) (⁷⁹Br)]⁺ and 305 [(M + H) (⁸¹Br)]⁺.

6-Bromo-3,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin-2(3H)-one, 49. To a stirred solution of methyl 2-(5-bromo-3-nitropyridin-2-yl)-2-methylpropanoate, **48** (2.94 g, 9.7 mmol), in acetic acid (55.4 mL) was added iron (powder, <10 μm, 2.71 g, 48.5 mmol). The gray reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 45 min. After this time the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered over Celite. The Celite was washed with acetic acid, and the filtrates were concentrated, affording a crude residue, which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (80 g), eluting with a gradient of 0% to 50% ethyl acetate in hexane to provide 6-bromo-3,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin-2(3H)-one, **49** (1.94 g, 83% yield), as a white powder. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.42 (1 H, br s), 8.30 (1 H, d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 7.37 (1 H, s), 1.46 (6 H, s). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 241.0 [(M + H) (⁷⁹Br)]⁺ and 243.0 [(M + H) (⁸¹Br)]⁺.

6-Bromo-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridine, 50. To a stirred suspension of 6-bromo-3,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin-2(3H)-one, **49** (300 mg, 1.24 mmol), in toluene (3 mL) was added Red-Al (1.1 mL, 3.73 mmol, 65% in toluene) dropwise over 2 min. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h and then cooled to 0 °C, diluted with ethyl acetate (80 mL) and treated with 1 N aqueous NaOH (30 mL) and water (20 mL). The separated organic layer was washed with 1 N NaOH (30 mL) and then dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated in vacuo to give 6-bromo-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridine, **50** (240 mg, 85% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 7.91 (1 H, d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 6.92 (1 H, d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 3.42 (2 H, s), 1.34 (6 H, s). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 227.0 [(M + H) (⁷⁹Br)]⁺ and 229.0 [(M + H) (⁸¹Br)]⁺.

Diethyl 2-(5-Bromo-3-nitropyridin-2-yl)malonate, 51. To a suspension of K₂CO₃ (2223 g, 16.11 mol, 3 equiv) in dimethylformamide (5.4 L) was added diethyl malonate (1223 mL, 8.055 mol, 1.5 equiv) over a period of 15 min in an ice bath, followed by addition of 5-bromo-2-chloro-3-nitropyridine, **45** (1275 g, 5.37 mol), portionwise over a period of 15 min. The resulting mixture was allowed to slowly warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. The mixture was poured into 2 N aqueous HCl (15 L) and diluted with ethyl acetate (22 L). The organic layer was separated, washed with 1 M aqueous LiCl (2 × 5 L) and brine (5 L), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. Most of the residual dimethylformamide and diethyl malonate in the residue were

removed by distillation under high vacuum to give 2022 g of crude diethyl 2-(5-bromo-3-nitropyridin-2-yl)malonate, **51**. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.88 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 8.63 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 5.45 (1 H, s), 4.30 (4H, m), 1.25 (6 H, m). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 361.0 [(M + H) (⁷⁹Br)]⁺ and 363.0 [(M + H) (⁸¹Br)]⁺.

Ethyl 2-(5-Bromo-3-nitropyridin-2-yl)acetate, 52. To a stirred solution of diethyl 2-(5-bromo-3-nitropyridin-2-yl)malonate, **51** (2012 g, 5.57 mol), in DMSO (12 L) were added LiCl (1184 g, 27.86 mol) and water (120 mL, 6.684 mol), and the resulting mixture was heated at 150 °C overnight. After the reaction reached completion (monitored by LC–MS), the mixture was cooled to room temperature, poured into brine (10 L) and extracted with ethyl acetate (17 L). The suspension was filtered to remove insoluble material, and the phases were separated. The aqueous phase was further extracted with ethyl acetate (14 L), and the organic extracts were combined, washed with brine (3 × 5 L), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated to give 1490 g of crude **52**. The crude was purified by column chromatography (eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate = 30:1 to 10:1) to afford ethyl 2-(5-bromo-3-nitropyridin-2-yl)acetate, **52** (1200 g, 76% yield from **51**). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.86 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 8.58 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 4.30 (2 H, s), 4.20 (2 H, m), 1.25 (3 H, m).

Ethyl 2-(3-Amino-5-bromopyridin-2-yl)acetate, 53. To a solution of ethyl 2-(5-bromo-3-nitropyridin-2-yl)acetate, **52** (101 g, 0.349 mol), in degassed THF (400 mL) was added wet Raney-Ni (25 g), and the mixture was placed under a H₂ atmosphere in a Parr shaker. When the hydrogen pressure was stable at 30 psi, the reaction mixture was checked by LC–MS, which showed that some hydroxylamine intermediate remained unreduced. An additional 11 g of wet Raney-Ni was added, and hydrogenation of the mixture was continued on a Parr shaker at 30 psi with monitoring of the reaction by LC–MS. On completion, the mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite, the pad was washed with methanol and the filtrate was concentrated to give ethyl 2-(3-amino-5-bromopyridin-2-yl)acetate, **53** (85 g, 96% yield), which was used for the next step without further purification. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm 7.76 (1 H, s, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 7.17 (1 H, s, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 5.05 (2 H, br s), 4.07 (2 H, m), 3.66 (2 H, s), 1.18 (3 H, m). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 259.2 [(M + H) (⁷⁹Br)]⁺ and 261.0 [(M + H) (⁸¹Br)]⁺.

6-Bromo-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin-2(3H)-one, 54. To a suspension of ethyl 2-(3-amino-5-bromopyridin-2-yl)acetate, **53** (925 g, 3.57 mol), in toluene (9.25 L) was added acetic acid (740 mL, 12.92 mol), and the resulting mixture was heated to reflux for 4 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was suspended in toluene (2 L), filtered, washed with diethyl ether (×2) and dried to give 6-bromo-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin-2(3H)-one, **54** (706 g, 93% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm 10.70 (1 H, s), 8.17 (1 H, s), 7.31 (1 H, s), 3.57 (2 H, s). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 213.0 [(M + H) (⁷⁹Br)]⁺ and 215.1 [(M + H) (⁸¹Br)]⁺.

6'-Bromo-2,3,5,6-tetrahydrospiro[pyran-4,3'-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin]-2'(1'H)-one, 55. To an ice-cold suspension of NaH (351 g, 60% in mineral oil, 8.78 mol) in anhydrous THF (7 L) was added 6-bromo-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin-2(3H)-one, **54** (706 g, 3.31 mol), portionwise under nitrogen over a period of 30 min. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Bis(2-chloroethyl) ether (582 mL, 4.965 mol) was added over a period of 15 min, followed by NaI (49.65 g, 0.331 mol). The resulting mixture was heated to 60 °C and stirred overnight. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and acetic acid (24 mL) was added. The mixture was then poured into ice–water (6 L) with vigorous stirring and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 8 L), and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine (3 × 5 L), dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting residue was triturated with CH₂Cl₂ (350 mL), filtered, washed with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 150 mL) and dried to give 6'-bromo-2,3,5,6-tetrahydrospiro[pyran-4,3'-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin]-2'(1'H)-one, **55** (136 g, 14% yield) as an orange solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm 10.83 (1 H, s), 8.25 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 7.41 (1 H, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 3.94–4.07 (2 H, m), 3.87–3.92 (2 H, m), 1.76–1.85 (2 H, m), 1.63–1.69 (2 H, m). Mass spectrum (ESI): *m/e* = 282.9 [(M + H) (⁷⁹Br)]⁺ and 285.0 [(M + H) (⁸¹Br)]⁺.

6'-Bromo-1',2',2',3,5,6-hexahydrospiro[pyran-4,3'-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin]-2'(1'H)-one, 56. To an ice-cold suspension of 6'-bromo-2,3,5,6-tetrahydrospiro[pyran-4,3'-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin]-2'(1'H)-one, **55**

(136 g, 0.48 mol), in anhydrous toluene (950 mL) was added Red-Al (440 mL, 1.44 mol, 65% in toluene) under nitrogen over a period of 25 min. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature, and the reaction was monitored by LC-MS. After 1.5 h, the mixture was cooled using an ice bath and 2 N aqueous NaOH (600 mL) was carefully and slowly added to quench the reaction. The mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3×800 mL), and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine (2×500 mL), dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated in vacuo to give 112 g of crude **56**, which was triturated with cold CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL). The solid was filtered, washed with cold CH_2Cl_2 (2×50 mL) and dried to give 78 g of compound **56** as an off-white solid. The mother liquor was concentrated and triturated with cold CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) again, and the solid was filtered, washed with cold CH_2Cl_2 (2×20 mL) and dried to give an additional 7.8 g of compound **56**. The mother liquor was purified by column chromatography (eluting with CH_2Cl_2 /methanol = 100:1) to afford another 5.6 g of compound **56**. All the fractions were combined to give 6'-bromo-1',2,2',3,5,6-hexahydrospiro[pyran-4,3'-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridine], **56** (91.4 g, 71% yield). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ ppm 7.70 (1 H, s), 6.89 (1 H, d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 6.17 (1 H, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 3.84–3.91 (2 H, m), 3.42–3.50 (4 H, m), 1.79–1.88 (2 H, m), 1.48–1.52 (2 H, m). Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 269.1$ [(M + H) (^{79}Br)] $^+$ and 271.2 [(M + H) (^{81}Br)] $^+$.

4-(6-Bromo-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin-1-yl)-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, **57**. **57** was prepared according to procedure D using 6-bromo-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridine, **50** (108 mg, 0.48 mmol), 4-chloro-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, **23d** (130 mg, 0.48 mmol), and 4.0 M solution of HCl in 1,4-dioxane (0.12 mL, 0.48 mmol) in *N*-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (0.5 mL) and heating at 150 °C for 3 h in the microwave. After purification (SiO_2 , hexane:ethyl acetate, 1:0 to 1:3), 4-(6-bromo-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin-1-yl)-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, **57** (100 mg, 45% yield), was obtained as a yellow film. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ ppm 8.69–8.75 (1 H, m), 7.94 (1 H, d, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 7.87–7.92 (2 H, m), 7.81–7.86 (1 H, m), 7.75 (1 H, dd, $J = 9.2, 5.9$ Hz), 7.37–7.41 (1 H, m), 7.29–7.35 (1 H, m), 6.32 (1 H, d, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 3.76–3.90 (2 H, m), 2.37 (3 H, s), 1.58 (3 H, s), 1.52 (3 H, s). Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 463$ [(M + H) (^{79}Br)] $^+$ and 465 [(M + H) (^{81}Br)] $^+$.

4-(3,3-Dimethyl-6-(4-morpholinyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin-1-yl)-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)quinoline, **58**. To a stirred solution of 4-(6-bromo-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin-1-yl)-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, **57** (75 mg, 0.162 mmol), in toluene (6 mL) were added Pd_2dba_3 (3.8 mg, 0.016 mmol), XPhos (15.4 mg, 0.032 mmol), sodium *tert*-butoxide (31.1 mg, 0.324 mmol) and morpholine (16.9 μL , 0.194 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated to 120 °C for 3 h. After this time the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in methanol (2.0 mL) and filtered using a 13 mm syringe filter. Purification by reverse phase HPLC (20 to 80% acetonitrile in water) gave 4-(3,3-dimethyl-6-(4-morpholinyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin-1-yl)-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)quinoline, **58** (35 mg, 46% yield), as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ ppm 8.70–8.77 (1 H, m), 7.75–7.96 (4 H, m), 7.60 (1 H, d, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 7.41 (1 H, ddd, $J = 7.1, 5.0, 1.6$ Hz), 7.30 (1 H, ddd, $J = 9.1, 8.1, 2.7$ Hz), 5.83 (1 H, d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 3.82 (2 H, s), 3.69–3.77 (4 H, m), 2.91–3.06 (4 H, m), 2.38 (3 H, s), 1.57–1.64 (3 H, m), 1.50–1.56 (3 H, m). HRMS (ESI): m/z 470.2355 [(M + H)] $^+$ ($\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{28}\text{FN}_5\text{O}$ requires 470.2357).

4-(1-(7-Fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)-4-quinolinyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin-6-yl)-2-pyrimidinamine, **59**. First step: Preparation was according to procedure E using 4-(6-bromo-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin-1-yl)-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, **57** (100 mg, 0.22 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{PCy}_3)_2$ (14.4 mg, 0.022 mmol), bis(pinacolato)diboron (60 mg, 0.24 mmol) and potassium acetate (35 mg, 0.32 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (4.0 mL) and heating at 120 °C in the microwave for 1 h. After aqueous workup, 1-(7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinolin-4-yl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin-6-ylboronic acid (92 mg, 100% yield) was obtained as a colorless film. Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 429$ [(M + H)] $^+$. Product used without further purification in the next step.

Second step: Preparation was according to procedure F using 1-(7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinolin-4-yl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin-6-ylboronic acid (92 mg, 0.215 mmol), $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (15.12 mg, 0.021 mmol), 2-amine-4-chloropyrimidine (30.6 mg, 0.236 mmol) and sodium carbonate (68.3 mg, 0.644 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (2.5 mL) and water (0.5 mL) and heating in the microwave for 1 h at 120 °C. After purification, 4-(1-(7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)-4-quinolinyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin-6-yl)-2-pyrimidinamine, **59** (38 mg, 37% yield), was obtained as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ ppm 8.68–8.80 (1 H, m), 8.49 (1 H, d, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 8.26 (1 H, d, $J = 5.5$ Hz), 7.72–7.99 (4 H, m), 7.41 (1 H, ddd, $J = 7.0, 5.1, 2.0$ Hz), 7.29–7.34 (1 H, m), 6.93 (1 H, d, $J = 5.1$ Hz), 6.77–6.86 (1 H, m), 5.16 (2 H, br s), 3.77–3.95 (2 H, m), 2.27–2.44 (3 H, m), 1.61–1.68 (3 H, m), 1.51–1.60 (3 H, m). HRMS (ESI): m/z 478.2154 [(M + H)] $^+$ ($\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{FN}_7$ requires 478.2157).

tert-Butyl 6'-Bromo-2,3,5,6-tetrahydrospiro[pyran-4,3'-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridine]-1'(2'H)-carboxylate, **60**. To a stirred solution of 6'-bromo-1',2,2',3,5,6-hexahydrospiro[pyran-4,3'-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridine], **56** (10.0 g, 37.2 mmol), in THF (100 mL) were added Boc_2O (9.73 g, 44.6 mmol), triethylamine (7.77 mL, 55.7 mmol) and DMAP (0.908 g, 7.43 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. After this time an additional portion of Boc_2O (2.0 g, 9.17 mmol) and DMAP (0.3 g, 2.46 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for an additional 24 h. After this time the reaction mixture was partitioned between ethyl acetate (300 mL) and saturated NaHCO_3 (50 mL). The separated organic layer was washed with brine (50 mL), dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and evaporated in vacuo. Column chromatography (hexane:ethyl acetate, 1:0 to 1:2) gave *tert*-butyl 6'-bromo-2,3,5,6-tetrahydrospiro[pyran-4,3'-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridine]-1'(2'H)-carboxylate, **60** (12.12 g, 88% yield), as a white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ ppm 8.06–8.33 (2 H, m), 4.03–4.13 (2 H, m), 3.90 (2 H, br s), 3.58 (2 H, td, $J = 11.7, 2.2$ Hz), 2.11–2.23 (2 H, m), 1.60 (11 H, br s). Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 369.0$ [(M + H) (^{79}Br)] $^+$ and 371.2 [(M + H) (^{81}Br)] $^+$.

tert-Butyl 6'-morpholino-2,3,5,6-tetrahydrospiro[pyran-4,3'-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridine]-1'(2'H)-carboxylate, **61**. To a stirred solution of *tert*-butyl 6'-bromo-2,3,5,6-tetrahydrospiro[pyran-4,3'-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridine]-1'(2'H)-carboxylate, **60** (16.2 g, 43.9 mmol), in toluene (300 mL) were added morpholine (3.82 mL, 43.9 mmol), sodium *tert*-butoxide (8.43 g, 88 mmol), Pd_2dba_3 (2.0 g, 2.19 mmol) and 2-(dicyclohexylphosphino)-2',4',6'-triisopropylbiphenyl (2.09 g, 4.39 mmol), and the reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 90 min. After this time the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate (400 mL) and water (100 mL). The separated organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and evaporated in vacuo. Column chromatography (hexane:ethyl acetate, 1:0 to 1:1) gave *tert*-butyl 6'-morpholino-2,3,5,6-tetrahydrospiro[pyran-4,3'-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridine]-1'(2'H)-carboxylate, **61** (11.2 g, 68% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ ppm 7.73–7.83 (2 H, m), 4.01–4.13 (2 H, m), 3.86 (6 H, br s), 3.58 (2 H, td, $J = 11.6, 2.3$ Hz), 3.18 (4 H, br s), 2.10–2.23 (2 H, m), 1.47–1.67 (11 H, m). Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 376.2$ [(M + H)] $^+$.

6'-Morpholino-1',2,2',3,5,6-hexahydrospiro[pyran-4,3'-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridine], **62**. To a stirred solution of *tert*-butyl 6'-morpholino-2,3,5,6-tetrahydrospiro[pyran-4,3'-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridine]-1'(2'H)-carboxylate, **61** (11 g, 29.3 mmol), in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) was added trifluoroacetic acid (67.7 mL, 879 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. After this time the reaction mixture was evaporated in vacuo and partitioned between ethyl acetate (60 mL) and 1.0 M aqueous HCl (200 mL). The separated aqueous layer was washed with ethyl acetate (50 mL). The separated aqueous layer was then basified to pH 14 with aqueous NaOH and extracted with ethyl acetate (2×200 mL) and CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and evaporated in vacuo to give 6'-morpholino-1',2,2',3,5,6-hexahydrospiro[pyran-4,3'-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridine], **62** (6.8 g, 84% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ ppm 7.60–7.62 (1 H, m), 6.38–6.50 (1 H, m), 4.07 (2 H, dt, $J = 11.8, 4.3$ Hz), 3.82–3.87 (4 H, m), 3.53–3.61 (4 H, m), 3.09–3.14 (4 H, m), 2.09–2.18 (2 H, m), 1.60–1.64 (2 H, m). Mass spectrum (ESI): $m/e = 276.2$ [(M + H)] $^+$.

1'-(7-Fluoro-3-methyl-2-(2-pyridinyl)-4-quinolinyl)-6'-(4-morpholinyl)-1',2,2',3,5,6-hexahydrospiro[pyran-4,3'-pyrrolo[3,2-b]pyridine], **63**. To a stirred solution of 6'-morpholino-1',2,2',3,5,6-hexahydrospiro[pyran-4,3'-pyrrolo[3,2-b]pyridine], **62** (5.55 g, 20.17 mmol), and 4-chloro-7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline, **23d** (5.5 g, 20.17 mmol), in toluene (400 mL) were added Xphos-precatalyst (1.49 g, 2.02 mmol) and sodium *tert*-butoxide (3.88 g, 40.3 mmol), and the reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C for 3 h. After this time the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate (700 mL) and washed with citric acid (2 × 100 mL) and 1 M NaOH (2 × 100 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (330 g of SiO₂, gradient: (CH₂Cl₂ and CH₂Cl₂:methanol:NH₄OH (9:1:0.4) from 1:0 to 8:2). The fractions containing pure product were combined and evaporated in vacuo. The resulting yellow solid was taken up in ethanol (60 mL) and evaporated in vacuo. The product was then dried under vacuum (150 mmHg) while heating at 130 °C for 72 h to give 1'-(7-fluoro-3-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinolin-4-yl)-6'-morpholino-1',2,2',3,5,6-hexahydrospiro[pyran-4,3'-pyrrolo[3,2-b]pyridine], **63** (4.2 g, 41% yield), as a yellow powder. Purity by HPLC ($\lambda = 230$ nm): 99.6%. Residual solvent by GC/MS: 0.3% ethanol. Water by KF: 1.2% w/w. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.75 (1 H, dd, *J* = 3.3, 1.0 Hz), 7.83–7.97 (3 H, m), 7.75 (1 H, dd, *J* = 9.2, 6.1 Hz), 7.62 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 7.41 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 7.0, 5.1, 2.0 Hz), 7.28–7.34 (1 H, m), 5.83 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 4.09–4.23 (2 H, m), 3.95–4.04 (2 H, m), 3.71–3.80 (4 H, m), 3.52–3.62 (2 H, m), 3.01 (4 H, q, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 2.32–2.46 (5 H, m), 1.74–1.91 (2 H, m). HRMS (ESI): *m/z* 512.2461 [M + H]⁺ (C₃₀H₃₀FN₅O₂ requires 512.2463).

■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Supporting Information

(i) In vitro biological assays, (ii) in vivo study protocols, (iii) determination of cocrystal structures of **24f** and **63** with PI3K γ ; (iv) enzyme selectivity data for compound **63**. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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■ ABBREVIATIONS USED

BINAP, 2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl; Boc, *tert*-butoxycarbonyl; CIA, collagen induced arthritis; Cl, clearance; CYP3A4, cytochrome P450 3A4; CYP2D6, cytochrome P450 2D6; DCM, dichloromethane; DMF, *N,N*-dimethylformamide; DMSO, dimethylsulfoxide; IgG, immunoglobulin G; ELISA, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay; IgM, immunoglobulin M; HLM, human liver microsomes; hPXR, human pregnane x receptor; KLH, keyhole limpet hemocyanin; PBS, phosphate buffer solution; PI3K, phosphoinositide 3-kinases; PK, pharmacokinetic; PPA, polyphosphoric acid; Red-Al, sodium bis(2-methoxyethoxy)aluminumhydride; qd, once a day; RLM,

rat liver microsomes; RuPhos, 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2',6'-diisopropoxybiphenyl; SEM, standard error of the mean; S_NAr, nucleophilic aromatic substitution; SAR, structure–activity relationship; XPhos, 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2',4',6'-triisopropylbiphenyl; XPhos precatalyst, chloro(2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2',4',6'-triisopropyl-1,1'-biphenyl)[2-(2-aminoethyl)phenyl]Pd(II) methyl *tert*-butyl ether

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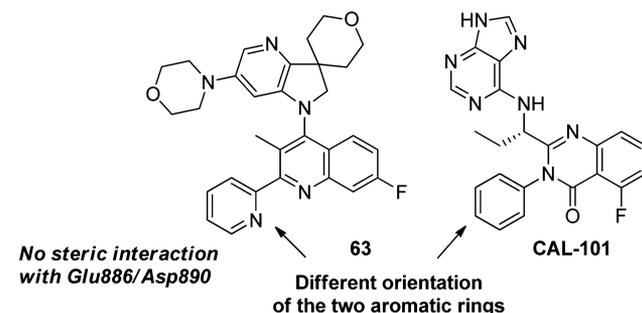
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