

Discovery of 2-(3-(3-Carbamoylpiperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)acetic Acid Derivatives as Novel Small-Molecule Inhibitors of the β -Catenin/B-Cell Lymphoma 9 Protein–Protein Interaction

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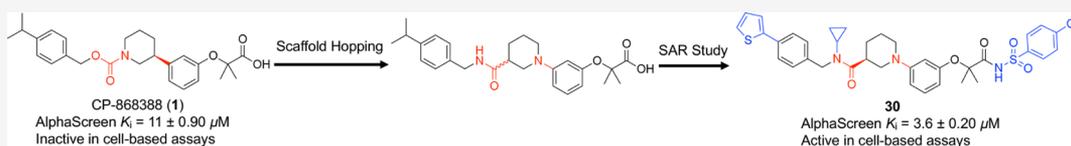
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ABSTRACT: The β -catenin/B-cell lymphoma 9 (BCL9) protein–protein interaction (PPI) is a potential target for the suppression of hyperactive Wnt/ β -catenin signaling that is vigorously involved in cancer initiation and development. Herein, we describe the medicinal chemistry optimization of a screening hit to yield novel small-molecule inhibitors of the β -catenin/BCL9 interaction. The best compound **30** can disrupt the β -catenin/BCL9 interaction with a K_i of 3.6 μM in AlphaScreen competitive inhibition assays. Cell-based experiments revealed that **30** selectively disrupted the β -catenin/BCL9 PPI, while leaving the β -catenin/E-cadherin PPI unaffected, dose-dependently suppressed Wnt signaling transactivation, downregulated oncogenic Wnt target gene expression, and on-target selectively inhibited the growth of cancer cells harboring aberrant Wnt signaling. This compound with a new chemotype can serve as a lead compound for further optimization of inhibitors for β -catenin/BCL9 PPI.

INTRODUCTION

The canonical Wnt pathway participates in various biological processes including embryogenesis, tissue homeostasis, and stem cell renewal.^{1,2} In unstimulated cells, the protein β -catenin, a central hub of this pathway, undergoes constitutive degradation guided by the destruction complex consisting of Axin, casein kinase 1 α (CK1 α), adenomatous polyposis coli (APC), protein phosphatase 2A (PP2A), and glycogen synthase kinase 3 β (GSK3 β), and thus, free β -catenin is maintained at the undetectable-to-baseline levels. Upon activation of the Wnt signal by a Wnt ligand, the destruction complex disassembles and β -catenin is liberated. Free β -catenin accumulates in the cytosol in its dephosphorylated state and enters the cell nucleus, where β -catenin interacts with the lymphoid enhancer-binding factor (LEF)/T-cell factor (TCF) and binds with B-cell lymphoma 9 (BCL9)/BCL9-like (BCL9L), p300/CREB-binding protein (CBP), and Pygopus (Pygo 1 or Pygo 2) and among other co-activators to activate β -catenin target genes.

Aberrant activation of Wnt/ β -catenin signaling has been recorded in many cancers.^{3–6} For example, APC mutations and truncations that lead to β -catenin accumulation were detected in ~80% of colorectal cancer.⁷ AXIN with loss-of-function mutations was observed in esophageal squamous cell carcinoma, hepatocellular carcinoma, and colorectal cancer.^{8–10} Oncogenic β -catenin activation mutations were described in colorectal cancer, hepatocellular carcinoma, prostate cancer, thyroid tumor, and ovarian endometrioid adenocarcinoma.^{11–15} The autocrine/paracrine secretion of upstream effectors or the epigenetic silencing of the genes of negative regulators of the

Wnt pathway also activates the Wnt/ β -catenin signal and has been reported for various types of cancers.^{16–22} In addition, aberrant β -catenin signaling plays a critical role in cancer immune evasion and immunotherapy resistance.^{23–29} This collective evidence strongly supports the suppression of hyperactive Wnt/ β -catenin signaling as a new direction for developing anticancer drugs.

The upstream effector proteins of the Wnt/ β -catenin cascade have been extensively targeted by various therapeutic agents.^{30–35} However, these agents are expected to be ineffective against cancer cells with more downstream genetic or epigenetic mutations, such as loss-of-function mutations of APC and AXIN or activation mutations of CTNBN1 (β -catenin target gene). Furthermore, some of these agents might cause off-pathway effects given that their targets (GSK3 β , tankyrase, and CK1 α) are upstream and involved in multiple cellular processes. The β -catenin/BCL9 complex, located in the β -catenin-containing transcriptional supercomplex, appears to be a promising target to suppress hyperactive β -catenin signaling. The protein–protein interaction (PPI) between β -catenin and BCL9 is significantly upregulated in tumor tissues, and murine gut

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Table 1. AlphaScreen Assay Results of 1–7^a

Compounds	Structure	IC ₅₀ ± SD (μM)	K _i ± SD (μM)
1 (CP-868388)		12 ± 1.0	11 ± 0.90 ^b
2		83 ± 15	71 ± 11
3		92 ± 23	82 ± 20
4		71 ± 6.2	59 ± 5.2
5		59 ± 2.8	50 ± 2.5
6		52 ± 9.3	46 ± 8.4
7		40 ± 8.5	36 ± 7.6

^aThe data were shown in the form of mean ± standard deviation (n = 3). ^bThe K_i of CP-868388 from the Sigma-Aldrich 90 LOPAC^{Pfizer} library was reported to be 1.2 ± 0.21 μM using the truncated β-catenin (residue 138–686).⁵⁰

Table 2. AlphaScreen Assay Results of 8–15^a

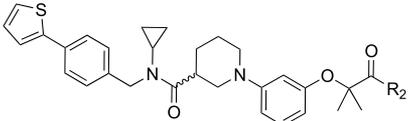
Compounds	R ₁	IC ₅₀ ± SD (μM)	K _i ± SD (μM)	Compounds	R ₁	IC ₅₀ ± SD (μM)	K _i ± SD (μM)
8		> 100	> 90	12		15 ± 4.4	13 ± 3.7
9		> 100	> 90	13		35 ± 3.9	30 ± 3.2
10		72 ± 1.5	61 ± 1.3	14		50 ± 4.5	42 ± 3.7
11		> 100	> 90	15		> 100	> 90

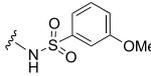
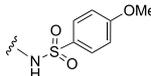
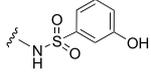
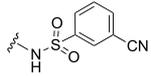
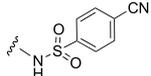
^aThe data were shown as mean ± standard deviation (n = 3).

The results in Table 4 show for both compounds that the *S*-isomer (28 and 30) is slightly superior to the *R*-isomer (27 and 29).

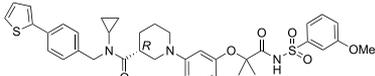
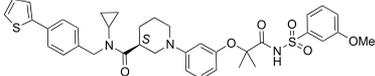
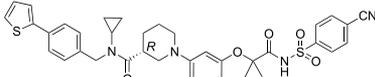
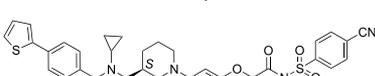
Cell-Based Studies. The effects of 12, 17, 28, and 30 on the viability of different cancer cells with hyperactive Wnt signaling

were evaluated in MTS assays. The cell lines used include colorectal cancer HCT116 and SW480 cells and breast cancer MDA-MB-468 and MDA-MB-231 cells. The normal breast epithelial MCF10A cells were assessed in parallel for comparison. The results are shown in Table 5. The

Table 3. AlphaScreen Assay Results of 16–26^a


Compounds	R ₂	IC ₅₀ ± SD (μM)	K _i ± SD (μM)	Compounds	R ₂	IC ₅₀ ± SD (μM)	K _i ± SD (μM)
16	OMe	> 100	>90	22		5.1 ± 0.43	4.1 ± 0.33
17	OfBu	> 100	>90	23		6.1 ± 0.38	4.9 ± 0.29
18		24 ± 2.7	21 ± 2.2	24		7.1 ± 0.53	5.8 ± 0.41
19		23 ± 3.0	19 ± 2.5	25		6.3 ± 0.27	5.1 ± 0.20
20		13 ± 0.71	11 ± 0.58	26		4.8 ± 0.26	3.9 ± 0.19
21		7.7 ± 0.67	6.4 ± 0.55				

^aThe data were shown as mean ± standard deviation (*n* = 3).Table 4. AlphaScreen Assay Results of 27–30^a

Compounds	Structure	IC ₅₀ ± SD (μM)	K _i ± SD (μM)
27		5.7 ± 0.19	4.6 ± 0.13
28		2.9 ± 0.34	2.3 ± 0.26
29		4.8 ± 0.67	3.9 ± 0.52
30		4.4 ± 0.27	3.6 ± 0.20

^aThe data were shown as mean ± standard deviation (*n* = 3).Table 5. MTS Assay Results of 12, 17, 28, and 30 on Cell Viability^a

compounds	MTS IC ₅₀ ± SD (μM)				
	Wnt hyperactive				Wnt normal
	SW480	HCT116	MDA-MB-231	MDA-MB-468	MCF10A
12	137 ± 8.20	112 ± 9.25	103 ± 7.44	95.9 ± 8.37	98.5 ± 7.66
17	>200	>200	>200	>200	>200
28	28.2 ± 1.08	29.9 ± 1.99	19.8 ± 1.59	15.4 ± 2.49	30.4 ± 2.47
30	16.3 ± 2.04	29.6 ± 1.02	14.3 ± 0.570	17.8 ± 1.01	139 ± 3.16

^aThe data were shown as mean ± standard deviation (*n* = 3).

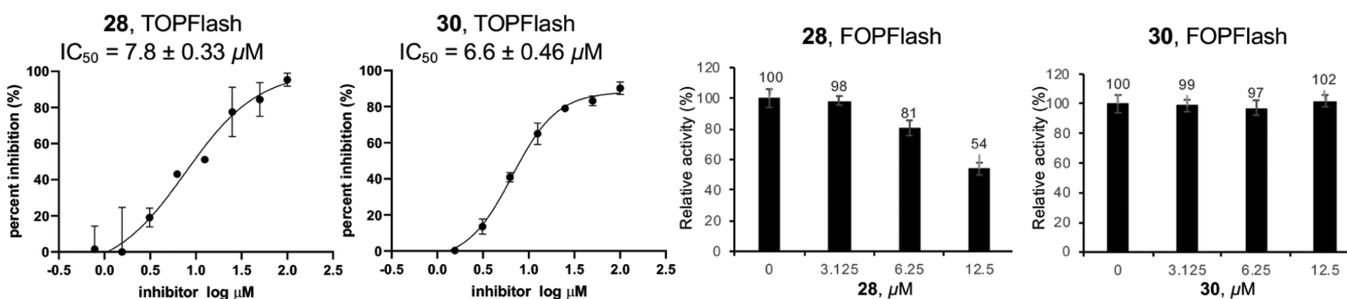
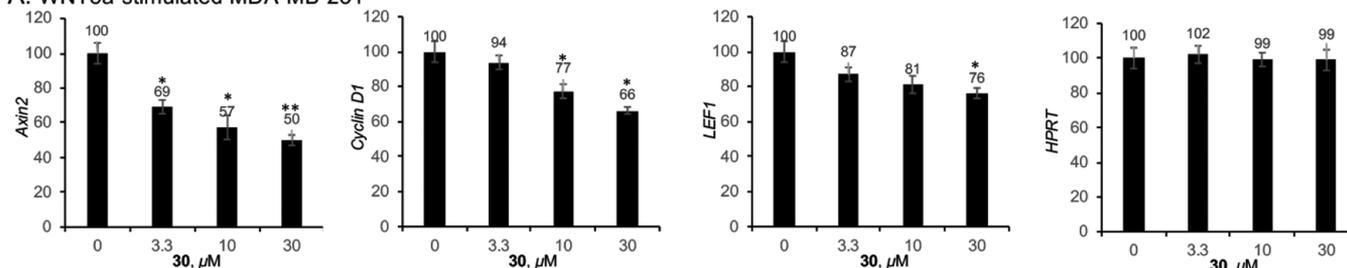


Figure 2. Wnt-dependent TOPFlash and FOPFlash experiment results of **28** and **30** in SW480 cells. Each experiment was performed in triplicate ($n = 3$).

A. WNT3a-stimulated MDA-MB-231



B. SW480

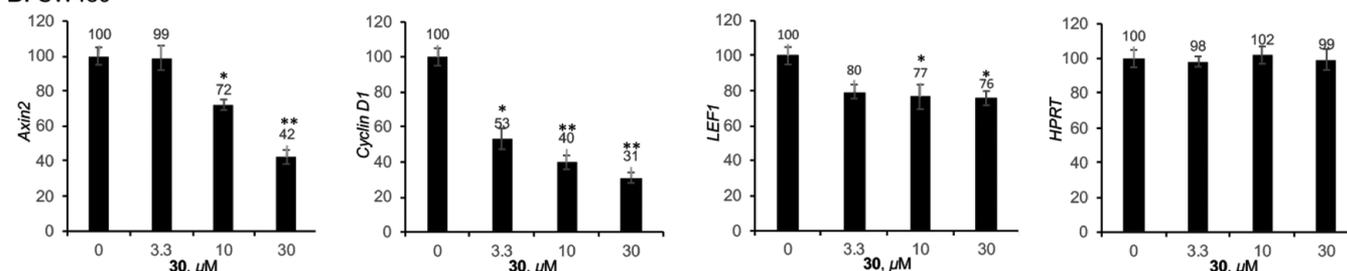


Figure 3. qPCR experiment results of *Axin2*, *cyclin D1*, and *LEF1* when treated with **30** (24-h incubation) in Wnt 3a-stimulated MDA-MB-231 (A) and SW480 cells (B). The negative control is the house-keeper gene *HPRT*. Each experiment was performed in triplicate ($n = 3$). * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, as determined by Student *t* tests.

representative compound **30** inhibited the growth of Wnt hyperactive cancer cells with IC_{50} s between 14 and 30 μ M, while sparing normal mammary epithelial MCF10A cells with 5- to 10-fold selectivity. Although **28** displayed similar IC_{50} s for Wnt hyperactive cancer cells, it was much less selective over MCF10A cells. In addition, an inactive analogue **17** in AlphaScreen assays ($K_i > 90 \mu$ M, Table 3) did not show any inhibitory effects on all tested cells ($IC_{50} > 200 \mu$ M, Table 5). One reason why **30** is more selective for Wnt-dependent breast cancer cells over normal mammary epithelial cells is perhaps because the CN derivative **30** is more hydrophilic than the OMe derivative **28**, and thus, **30** may have less-nonspecific off-target effects.

The inhibitory effects of **28** and **30** on transactivation of Wnt/ β -catenin signaling were examined using the TOPFlash/FOPFlash luciferase reporter assay. For the TOPFlash assay, the reporter construct harbors three wild-type Tcf4 binding DNA sequences, while in the FOPFlash assay, Tcf4 binding sites were mutated. These tandem Tcf binding sites control the expression ratio of the firefly luciferase in TOPFlash/FOPFlash assays. The Renilla luciferase reporter construct (pCMV-RL) was used as the internal control to normalize luciferase reporter signals and eliminate any possible systematic errors. As shown in Figure 2, both **28** and **30** concentration-dependently suppressed the TOPFlash activity with the IC_{50} values of 7.8 and 6.6 μ M,

respectively. However, in this concentration range, compound **30** did not show any inhibition on the FOPFlash activity, indicating that **30** is specific for Wnt/ β -catenin signaling. This selectivity trend is consistent with that from MTS cell viability assays. Therefore, further cell-based studies were focused on compound **30**.

Quantitative real-time PCR (qPCR) experiments were performed to evaluate the effects of **30** on transcription of the Wnt-specific target gene *Axin2* and two highly important oncogenic Wnt target genes, *LEF1* and *cyclin D1*. The results showed that **30** inhibited transcription of these Wnt target genes while sparing the house-keeper gene *HPRT* in both Wnt 3a-activated MDA-MB-231 and SW480 cells (Figure 3).

Western blot experiments were performed to determine the expression levels of the proteins Axin2 and cyclin D1. As shown in Figure 4A, treatment of **30** dose-dependently decreased the expression of both Axin2 and cyclin D1. To evaluate the binding of **30** to β -catenin in the cellular environment, we developed a protein pull-down assay using the N-terminally biotin-labeled BCL9 peptide (the homology domain 2 (HD2), residues 350–375) and the whole cell lysates of colorectal cancer SW480 cells. As shown in Figure 4B, β -catenin was pulled down by biotinylated BCL9, and the unlabeled BCL9 HD2 peptide served as a positive control to evaluate β -catenin/BCL9 disruption. Incubation of **30** resulted in the disruption of the

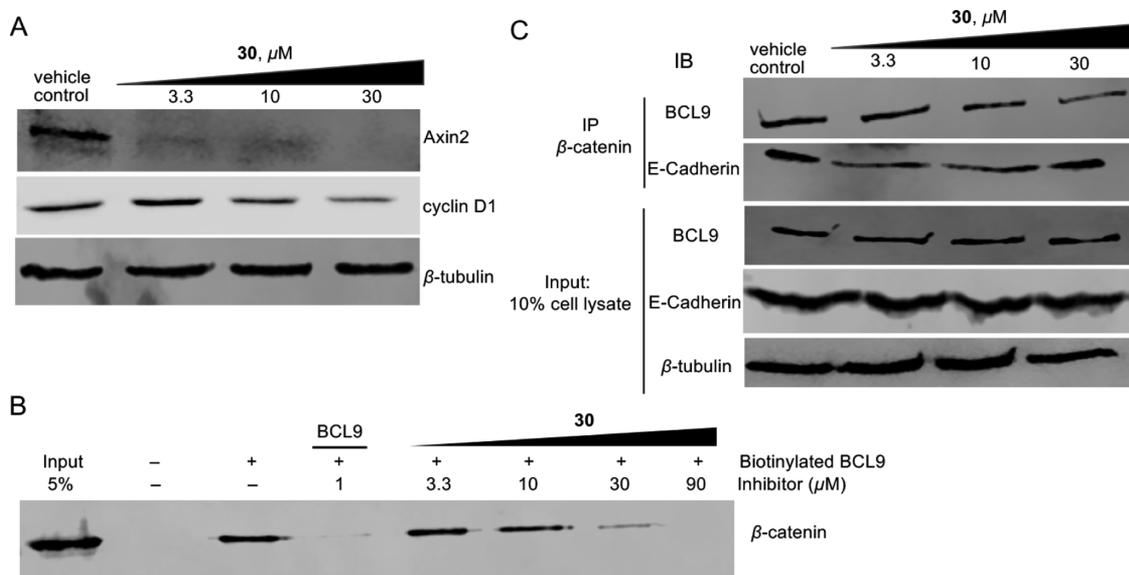


Figure 4. (A) Western blot results of Axin2 and cyclin D1 when treated with **30** (24 h incubation) in SW480 cells. The internal control is β -tubulin. The original Western blot images are provided in Figure S3. (B) Biotin–streptavidin endogenous β -catenin pull-down assay using SW480 cell lysates and the biotinylated BCL9 HD2 peptide (residues 350–375) after treatment with 1 μ M BCL9 HD2 peptide (residues 350–375) and different concentrations of **30**. The original Western blot images are shown in Figure S4. (C) co-IP assays to examine the inhibitory effects **30** on β -catenin/BCL9 and β -catenin/E-cadherin interactions using HCT116 cells. The internal control is β -tubulin. IP, immunoprecipitation; IB, immunoblotting. Each experiment was conducted in triplicate. The original Western blot images are provided in Figure S5.

binding of β -catenin with biotinylated BCL9 in a dose-dependent manner, demonstrating that **30** can bind to the HD2 domain-binding groove of the endogenous β -catenin protein. Co-immunoprecipitation (co-IP) studies were further performed to examine effects of **30** on disruption of the full-length β -catenin/BCL9 interaction in cells. The results indicated that **30** concentration-dependently disrupted the β -catenin/BCL9 interaction (Figure 4C). Additional studies showed that **30** did not interfere with the β -catenin/E-cadherin interaction. This is important because the surface areas of β -catenin for β -catenin/BCL9 PPI are also used to bind E-cadherin region V, and the β -catenin/E-cadherin complex is critical for cell–cell adherens junctions.

To further evaluate cellular on-target effects of **30**, a β -catenin rescue experiment was performed following the recommendation by Dr. Kaelin.⁵⁴ Transfection with the empty pcDNA3.1 vector had no effect on the growth of SW480 cells. Compound **30** exhibits similar growth inhibition activities against SW480 cells with or without the empty pcDNA3.1 vector (IC_{50} = 19 μ M vs 16 μ M). As shown in Figure 5, the transfection of the constitutively active β -catenin rescued growth inhibition of compound **30**-treated SW480 cells, and the IC_{50} values of **30** were increased by fourfold after rescuing β -catenin. This rescue experiment, the β -catenin pull-down experiment using BCL9 HD2 peptide as the positive control (Figure 4B), the co-IP studies to examine disruption of cellular β -catenin-containing PPI complex structures (Figure 4C), and the TOPFlash/FOPFlash assays (Figure 2) demonstrated the cellular on-target effects of compound **30**.

CHEMISTRY

The synthetic route for compounds **2–7** is shown in Scheme 1. The important intermediates **31** and **32a–c** were obtained through the nucleophilic substitution reaction and the reductive amination reaction using 4-isopropylbenzaldehyde and 3-bromophenol as starting materials, respectively. The newly

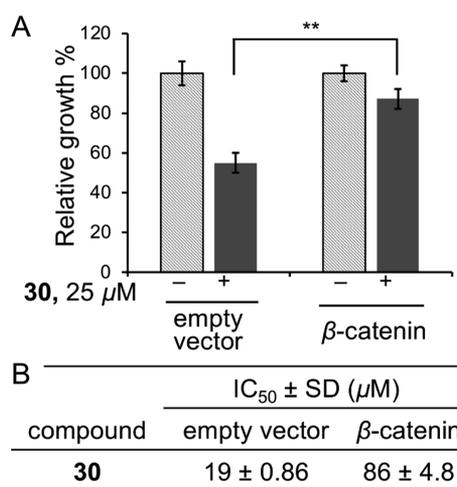
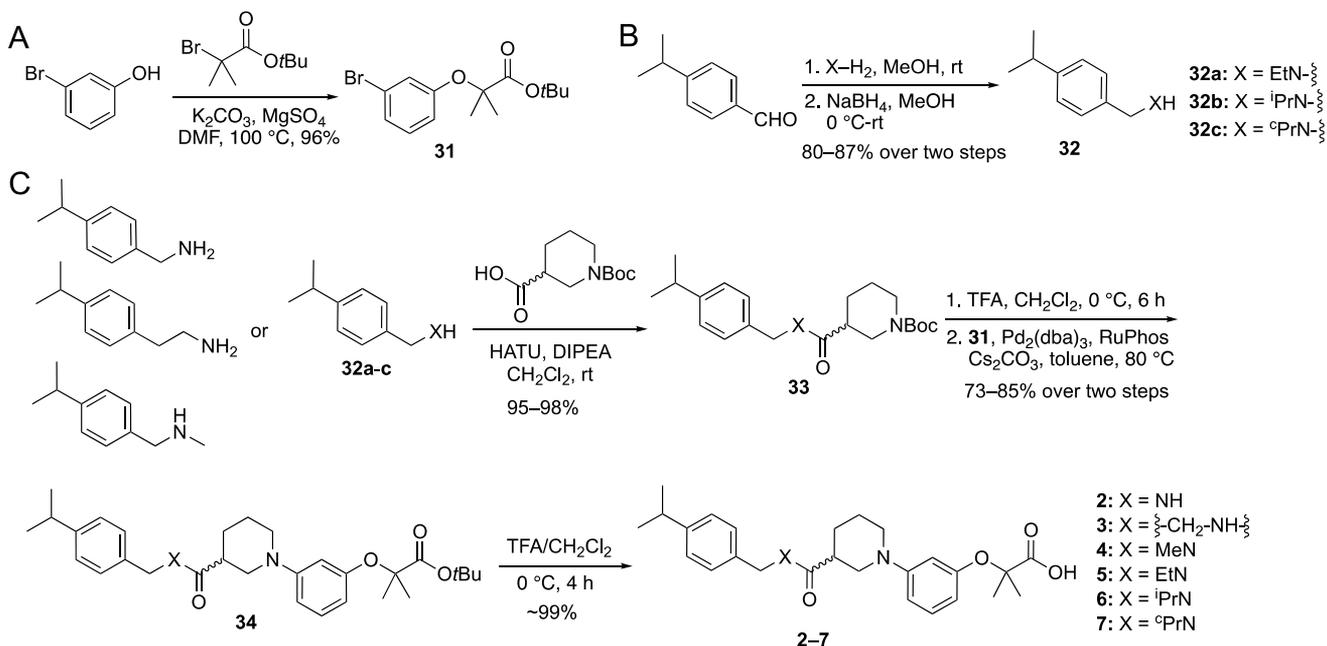


Figure 5. Results of β -catenin rescue experiments. The MTS assays were used to determine effects of **30** on growth inhibition of SW480 cells after 72 h treatment. The cells were transfected with a pcDNA3.1 empty vector or the pcDNA3.1- β -catenin vector. (A) Results when compound **30** was at the concentration of 25 μ M. (B) IC_{50} s of **30** in MTS assays to inhibit the growth of SW480 cells that were transfected with pcDNA3.1 (empty vector) or pcDNA3.1- β -catenin. Each experiment was performed in triplicate ($n = 3$). The original dose–response curves are shown in Figure S6. $***p < 0.01$ calculated by Student t tests.

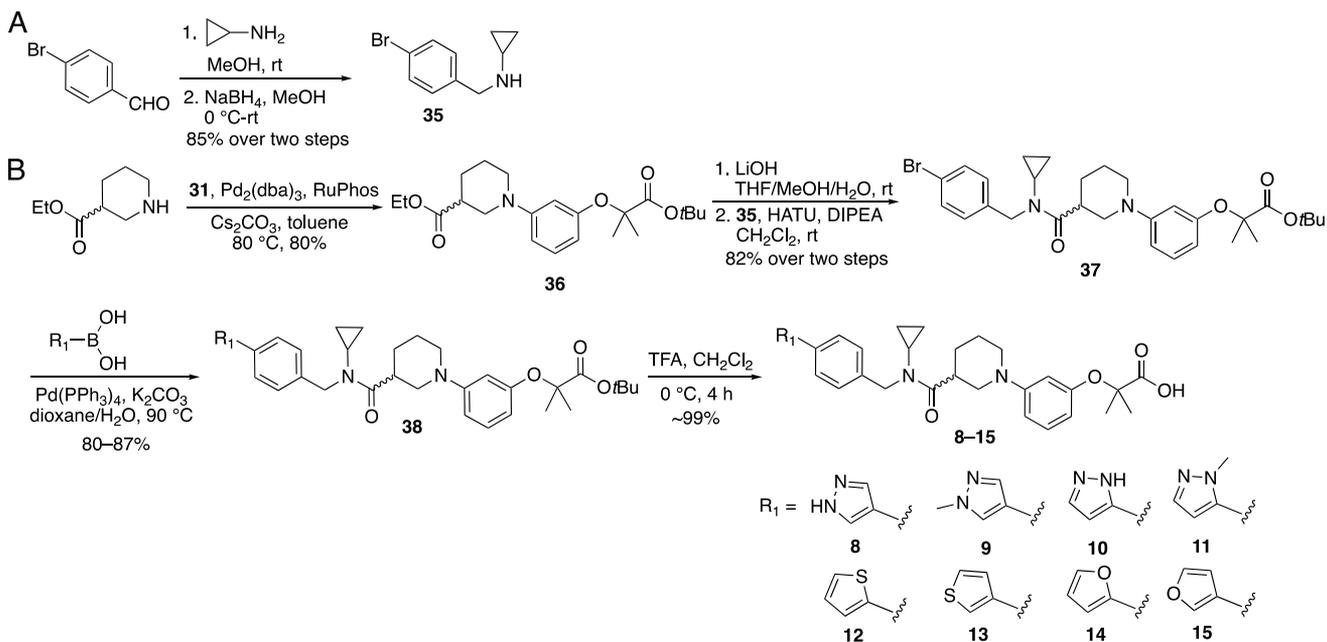
prepared **32a–c** or other commercially available amines went through the amide coupling reaction with 1-Boc-piperidine-3-carboxylic acid to produce **33**. Removal of the Boc group of **33** and then Buchwald–Hartwig amination with **31** yielded compound **34**. The final products **2–7** were obtained by removing the *tert*-butyl group in **34** under acidic conditions.

The synthetic route for final products **8–15** is shown in Scheme 2. The intermediate **35** was synthesized through the reductive amination reaction using 4-bromobenzaldehyde and

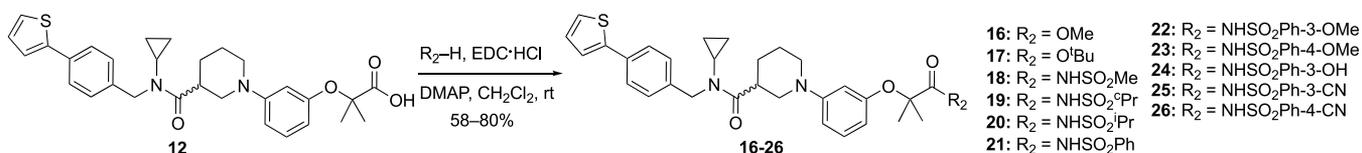
Scheme 1. Synthesis of Compounds 2–7



Scheme 2. Synthesis of Compounds 8–15



Scheme 3. Synthesis of Compounds 16–26

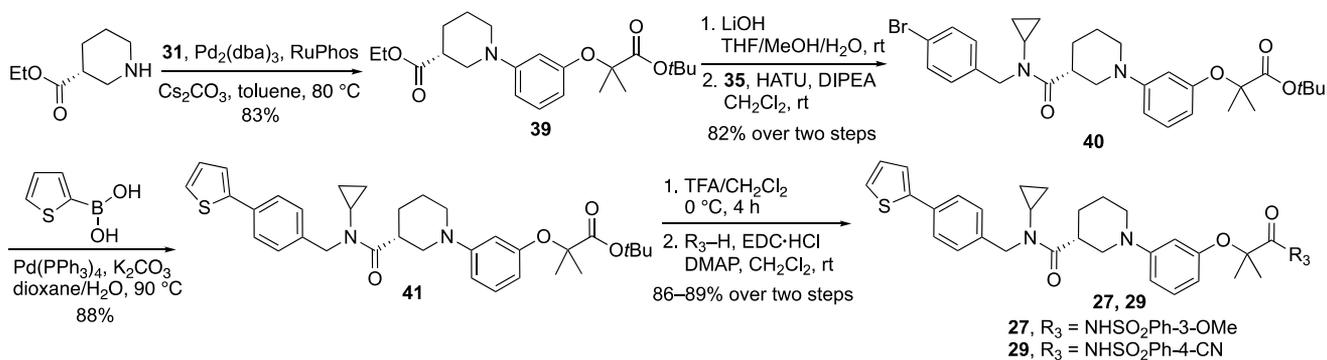


cyclopropylamine as the starting materials. Buchwald–Hartwig amination between ethyl piperidine-3-carboxylate and 31 yielded 36. Hydrolysis of the ethyl ester in 36 and then amide coupling with 35 produced key intermediate 37, which underwent Suzuki coupling with different boronic acids to

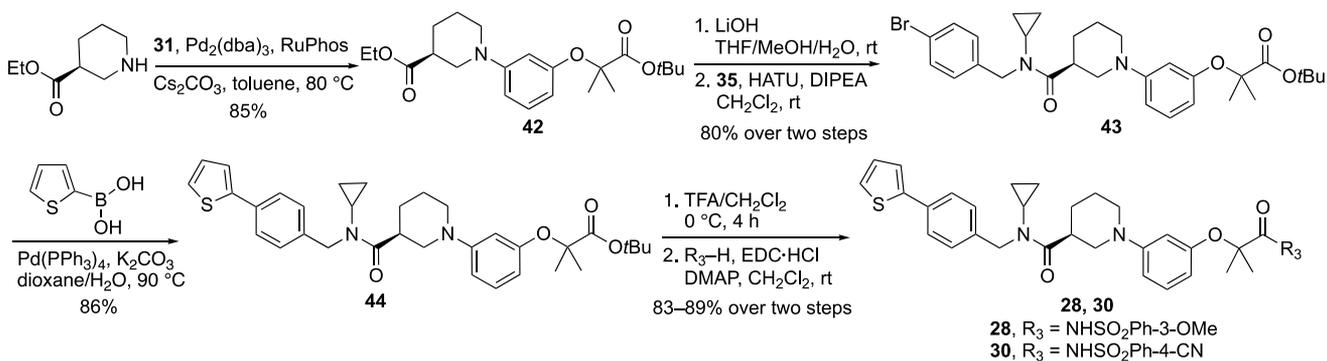
generate 38. Removal of the *tert*-butyl group in 38 with trifluoroacetic acid (TFA)/CH₂Cl₂ yielded final products 8–15.

The synthetic route for final products 16–26 is shown in Scheme 3. Compounds 16 and 17 were obtained by the ester formation reactions between 12 and methanol or between 12 and *tert*-butanol, respectively. The other compounds (18–26)

Scheme 4. Synthesis of Compounds 27 and 29



Scheme 5. Synthesis of Compounds 28 and 30



were achieved by the reactions between **12** and various sulfonamides.

The synthetic route for final products **27** and **29** is shown in Scheme 4. Ethyl (*R*)-piperidine-3-carboxylate underwent Buchwald–Hartwig amination with **31** yielded **39**. Hydrolysis of the ethyl ester in **39** and then amide coupling with **35** gave intermediate **40**. The Suzuki coupling reaction between **40** and thiophen-2-ylboronic acid produced **41**. Removing the *tert*-butyl group in **41** under acidic conditions and then reacting with 3-methoxybenzenesulfonamide and 4-cyanobenzenesulfonamide yielded final products **27** and **29**, respectively.

The synthetic route for final products **28** and **30** is shown in Scheme 5. Ethyl (*S*)-piperidine-3-carboxylate went through Buchwald–Hartwig amination with **31** to yield **42**. Hydrolysis of the ethyl ester in **42** and then amide coupling with **35** gave intermediate **43**, which underwent the Suzuki coupling reaction with thiophen-2-ylboronic acid to produce **44**. Final products **28** and **30** were obtained by removing the *tert*-butyl group in **44** and then reacting with 3-methoxybenzenesulfonamide or 4-cyanobenzenesulfonamide, respectively.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

Hyperactive Wnt/ β -catenin signaling is frequently observed in various cancers. Targeting the downstream β -catenin-containing transcriptional complex, rather than the upstream effectors, appears to be the most effective approach for suppression of aberrant β -catenin signaling. However, targeting β -catenin to disrupt a β -catenin-related transcriptional complex is highly desirable but has proven to be a formidable challenge.^{1,55,56} Most β -catenin-directed programs aimed at β -catenin/Tcf PPI, but very limited progress has been made. On one hand, the contacting area between β -catenin and Tcf is very large (3500 Å²) and the binding constant (K_D) is 7–10 nM, suggesting that

this PPI might be too difficult to be disrupted by small molecules.⁵⁷ β -Catenin interacts with Tcf, APC, and E-cadherin using the same surface areas, indicating that it would also be challenging to achieve high inhibitor selectivity.⁵⁷ On the other hand, BCL9 binds with β -catenin via a single α -helical structure (the HD2 domain).⁵⁷ β -Catenin and BCL9 have much smaller contacting interface areas (1450 Å²), and their binding affinity is moderate ($K_D = 0.47 \mu\text{M}$). The only reported additional binding partner at this PPI area of β -catenin is E-cadherin. Therefore, the β -catenin/BCL9 PPI emerges as a promising alternative target to inhibit hyperactive Wnt/ β -catenin signaling. In this work, structural optimization based on screening hit **1** (CP-868388) successfully yielded a series of novel selective β -catenin/BCL9 inhibitors. Co-IP studies show that the representative compound **30** not only disrupts β -catenin/BCL9 PPI in cells but also is selective for β -catenin/BCL9 over β -catenin/E-cadherin interactions.

This small-molecule β -catenin/BCL9 disruptor **30** we identified is structurally different from carnosic acid and PNPB series of β -catenin/BCL9 inhibitors and offers a new direction for future disruptor optimization. It is worth noting that both this series of inhibitors and carnosic acid contain an acidic functional group. In carnosic acid, it is a carboxylic acid group, while in **30**, it is a *N*-acyl sulfonamide group. The natural product scaffold of carnosic acid makes it difficult for further inhibitor optimization. The catechol group of carnosic acid has been identified as the pan-assay interference compound (PAINS) moiety. PNPB-**22** contains multiple aromatic rings and two positively charged centers (Figure 1). This lipophilic base character makes PNPB-**22** toxic to normal cells at high concentrations.⁴⁷ PNPB-**29** has two positively charged centers and one negatively charged center (Figure 1). This zwitterion has low cellular activity.⁴⁸ Compound **30** with a novel *N*-(2-(3-

(3-carbamoylpiperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)) acetyl sulfonamide scaffold displays low micromolar activity for disrupting the β -catenin/BCL9 interaction. This compound is PAINS-free, exhibits on-target cellular activities, and is ready for further optimization. This compound inhibits the viability of Wnt-dependent cancer cells and displays selectivity over normal breast epithelial MCF10A cells. Compared with the carboxylic acid (e.g., the original hit CP-868388), the additional substituent of *N*-acyl sulfonamide (in compound **30**) allows exploration of new binding space at the PPI interface while maintaining the necessary negative charge, resulting in a more potent inhibitor with desired cell-based activities. Indeed, the *N*-acyl sulfonamide moiety has been used to design PPI inhibitors.⁵³ ABT-199 (Venetoclax), a *N*-acyl sulfonamide-containing Bcl-2 PPI inhibitor was approved by FDA as a second-line treatment with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) with 17p deletion.^{58,59} To reason why the racemic compound **26** displayed similar activities with its *R*-isomer **29** and *S*-isomer **30** in AlphaScreen assays, molecular modeling was carried out for **29** and **30**. The potential binding models of **29** and **30** with β -catenin are shown in Figure 6. For both **30** and **29**,

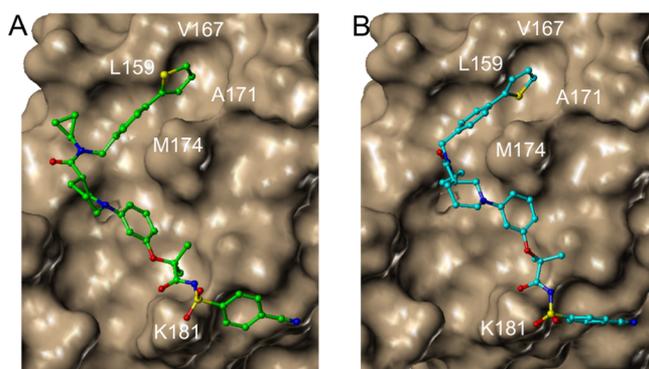


Figure 6. Docking models of **30** (A) and **29** (B) with the β -catenin armadillo repeat domain (PDB ID, 2GL7, residues 142–663). The limitation of this docking study was that the *N*-terminally disordered region (residues 1–141) of β -catenin was not observed in PDB ID 2GL7. If the *N*-terminally disordered region of β -catenin is involved in binding with these β -catenin/BCL9 inhibitors, these docking models might not be accurate.

the thiophene moiety can occupy the hydrophobic pocket surrounded by L159, V167, and A171 of β -catenin, while the *N*-acyl sulfonamide group was predicted to form polar interactions with K181.

In conclusion, the β -catenin/BCL9 interaction is an appealing therapeutic target to block hyperactive β -catenin signaling for cancer drug discovery. Our medicinal chemistry optimization on a screening hit successfully yielded novel small-molecule β -catenin/BCL9 disruptors. The representative compound **30** disrupts the β -catenin/BCL9 interaction with the K_i of 3.6 μ M in AlphaScreen assays. It is noted that although the initial hit **1** inhibits the β -catenin/BCL9 interaction with a K_i of 11 μ M in AlphaScreen assays, it does not show any cellular activity. Encouragingly, cell-based studies revealed that new inhibitor **30** disrupted β -catenin/BCL9 PPI, while sparing the β -catenin/E-cadherin complex, dose-dependently inhibited Wnt signaling transactivation, decreased the Wnt target gene expression, and selectively suppressed the growth of Wnt hyperactive cancer cells. This inhibitor with a novel scaffold can serve as a lead

compound for further optimization of small-molecule disruptors of the β -catenin/BCL9 interaction.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Chemical Synthesis. General Methods, Reagents, and Materials.

All chemical reagents were obtained from commercial sources (Combi-Blocks, Inc.; Oakwood Products, Inc.; Fisher Scientific; and VWR International, LLC) and used without further purification. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were collected on Bruker AVANCEIIIHD 500 (500 MHz) spectrometers (125.7 MHz for ^{13}C NMR spectra) in CDCl_3 , $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, and d_4 -methanol. Chemical shifts were reported as values in parts per million (ppm). The reference resonance peaks were set at 7.26 ppm (CHCl_3), 2.50 ppm [$(\text{CD}_2\text{H})_2\text{SO}$], and 3.31 ppm (CD_2HOD) for ^1H NMR spectra and 77.23 ppm (CDCl_3), 39.52 ppm ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$), and 49.00 ppm (CD_3OD) for ^{13}C NMR spectra. High-resolution mass spectra were recorded using an Agilent G6230BA TOF LCMS mass spectrometer with a TOF mass detector. Low-resolution mass spectra were determined on an Agilent 6120 single quadrupole MS with 1220 infinity LC system (HPLC-MS) and an ESI source. Thin-layer chromatography was carried out on E. Merck pre-coated silica gel 60 F254 plates with a UV-visible lamp. Column chromatography was performed with SilicaFlash[®] F60 (230–400 mesh). HPLC analyses were used to determine the purity of final compounds **2**–**30**. The instrument was an Agilent 1260 Infinity II HPLC system with a quaternary pump, a DAD detector, and a vial sampler. A Phenomenex C18 column (Luna 5 μL C18(2) 100 \AA , 4.6 \times 250 mm) was used in analytical HPLC analyses. The DAD detector was set to 254 nm. The purity of all tested compounds was determined to be >95%.

General Procedure for the Reductive Amination Reaction. A solution of aldehyde (1 mmol) and amine (2 mmol) in anhydrous methanol (5 mL) was stirred under Ar at room temperature overnight. NaBH_4 (1.5 mmol) was then added portion-wise to the reaction mixture at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$. The mixture was stirred at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 1 h. Saturated NH_4Cl was added, followed by the addition of ethyl acetate. The organic layer was collected and washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by column chromatography to yield the product.

General Procedure for the Amide Coupling Reaction. At 0 $^\circ\text{C}$, to a mixture of carboxylic acid (1 mmol), amine (1.1 mmol), and HATU (1.5 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) was added dropwise *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA) (2 mmol). The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred overnight. After the reaction is completed, more CH_2Cl_2 was added, and the organic phase was washed with 1 M HCl, saturated NaHCO_3 , and brine, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated in vacuo. Column chromatography was employed to purify the target compound.

General Procedure for Deprotection of Boc using 50% TFA in CH_2Cl_2 . To a solution of Boc-protected amine (1 mmol) in 3 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was added TFA (3 mL) at room temperature. The reaction was then stirred for 3 h at room temperature. TFA was evaporated under the reduced pressure by adding CH_2Cl_2 three times to afford the desired product, which was used directly in the next step.

General procedure for the Buchwald–Hartwig amination Reaction. A solution of bromobenzene derivatives (1 mmol), amine (1.1 mmol), $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ (0.1 mmol), RuPhos (0.2 mmol), and Cs_2CO_3 (2 mmol) in toluene (10 mL) was heated to 80 $^\circ\text{C}$ under argon and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The solid was removed, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by column chromatography to yield the target compound.

General Procedure for Deprotection of *tert*-Butyl Using 50% TFA in CH_2Cl_2 . At 0 $^\circ\text{C}$, to a solution of *tert*-butyl ester (1 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) was added TFA (5 mL) drop-wise. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 6 h. Upon completion, the solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure. TFA was removed by adding CH_2Cl_2 three times to afford the desired product, which was further purified by column chromatography.

General Procedure for Hydrolysis of Ethyl Ester. To a solution of ethyl ester (1 mmol) in THF (4 mL) and methanol (2 mL) was added a

solution of LiOH (2 mmol) in H₂O (1 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. After the completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was re-dissolved in H₂O and was acidified using 1 M HCl. Ethyl acetate was added, and the organic phase was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the target compound, which was used directly in the next step.

General Procedure for the Suzuki Coupling Reaction. To a solution of bromobenzene derivatives (1 mmol) in dioxane/water (12/4 mL) were added boronic acid (1.2 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.1 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (2 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated to 90 °C under argon and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, concentrated under reduced pressure, then re-dissolved with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solution obtained was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography to yield the target compound.

General Procedure for the Coupling Reaction between Carboxylic Acid and Alcohol or Sulfonamide. To a solution of carboxylic acid (1 mmol) and alcohol (1 mmol) or sulfonamide (1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ were added EDC·HCl (1.5 mmol) and DMAP (2 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. More CH₂Cl₂ was added to the mixture, and the organic phase was washed with 1 M HCl and concentrated under reduced pressure. The pure compound was obtained by column chromatography.

Synthesis of tert-Butyl 2-(3-bromophenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate. A solution of 3-bromophenol (1 mmol), tert-butyl 2-bromo-2-methylpropanoate (5 mmol), K₂CO₃ (4 mmol), and MgSO₄ (1 mmol) in DMF was stirred at 100 °C overnight. The DMF was removed under reduced pressure. Water and ethyl acetate were added. The obtained organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography to yield the target compound.

2-(3-(3-((4-Isopropylbenzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoic Acid (2). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.30 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (s, 4H), 7.08–6.96 (m, 2H), 6.84 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.56–3.35 (m, 3H), 3.18 (dtd, *J* = 31.6, 12.0, 11.5, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (hept, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.17–2.02 (m, 1H), 2.02–1.86 (m, 2H), 1.86–1.74 (m, 1H), 1.57 (s, 6H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 175.9, 171.8, 156.8, 148.2, 144.3, 135.1, 130.7, 127.7, 126.7, 119.0, 113.4, 111.3, 79.8, 56.8, 55.4, 43.2, 41.0, 33.8, 25.4, 25.2, 25.1, 24.0, 22.5. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₆H₃₄N₂O₄ (M – H)[–], 437.2446; found, 437.2443. HPLC purity 99.7%, *t*_R = 12.69 min.

2-(3-(3-((4-Isopropylphenethyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoic Acid (3). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Methanol-*d*₄): δ 7.35 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18–7.09 (m, 4H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (ddd, *J* = 15.9, 11.1, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (dt, *J* = 14.1, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.45–3.33 (m, 2H), 3.31–3.20 (m, 1H), 2.81 (dt, *J* = 29.7, 6.9 Hz, 4H), 1.99–1.80 (m, 3H), 1.61 (s, 6H), 1.20 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 1.1 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Methanol-*d*₄): δ 175.7, 173.7, 156.9, 146.8, 136.2, 130.2, 128.5, 126.0, 116.6, 112.8, 111.0, 79.3, 56.1, 53.7, 40.4, 34.6, 33.6, 25.7, 24.4, 24.3, 23.10, 23.12, 22.2. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₇H₃₆N₂O₄ (M – H)[–], 451.2602; found, 451.2602. HPLC purity 98.0%, *t*_R = 12.76 min.

2-(3-(3-((4-Isopropylbenzyl)(methyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoic Acid (4). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 9.01 (s, 2H), 7.26–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.12 (m, 2H), 7.11–7.08 (m, 2H), 7.08–6.98 (m, 1H), 6.86 (ddd, *J* = 26.7, 8.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.79–4.57 (m, 1H), 4.43 (dd, *J* = 20.4, 15.5 Hz, 1H), 3.70–3.44 (m, 4H), 3.20–2.95 (m, 4H), 2.88 (hept, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.28–1.67 (m, 4H), 1.65–1.55 (m, 6H), 1.23 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 2.0 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 175.5, 172.7, 171.9, 156.8, 156.7, 148.6, 148.3, 144.8, 144.2, 133.7, 133.5, 130.8, 130.6, 127.9, 127.0, 126.8, 126.5, 119.6, 118.8, 113.6, 113.4, 111.8, 111.5, 80.0, 56.5, 56.2, 55.8, 55.2, 53.3, 50.9, 37.2, 37.0, 34.8, 33.79, 33.76, 25.9, 25.35, 25.30, 25.26, 25.01, 24.97, 24.0, 23.9, 22.7. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₇H₃₆N₂O₄ (M – H)[–], 451.2602; found, 451.2599. HPLC purity 99.1%, *t*_R = 12.99 min.

2-(3-(3-(Ethyl(4-isopropylbenzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoic Acid (5). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.30–7.18 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.13–7.01 (m, 3H), 6.87 (ddd, *J* = 23.2, 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (dd, *J* = 40.0, 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (t, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 3.78–3.21 (m, 6H), 3.20–2.96 (m, 1H), 2.94–2.81 (m, 1H), 2.45–1.64 (m, 4H), 1.60 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 6H), 1.22 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 3.3 Hz, 6H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.10 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 175.3, 172.2, 171.8, 162.3, 162.0, 156.8, 156.6, 148.6, 148.2, 144.1, 134.3, 133.9, 130.8, 130.6, 127.8, 127.0, 126.7, 126.5, 119.9, 119.2, 113.7, 113.5, 112.1, 111.8, 80.1, 80.0, 56.6, 56.4, 55.9, 55.3, 50.6, 47.9, 41.94, 41.87, 37.4, 36.9, 33.78, 33.76, 26.1, 25.8, 25.3, 24.9, 24.0, 23.9, 22.73, 22.68, 14.1, 12.6. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₈H₃₈N₂O₄ (M – H)[–], 465.2759; found, 465.2758. HPLC purity 98.9%, *t*_R = 13.27 min.

2-(3-(3-(Isopropyl(4-isopropylbenzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoic Acid (6). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.28–7.08 (m, 5H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02–6.91 (m, 1H), 6.91–6.75 (m, 1H), 4.80 (p, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 0.5H), 4.58 (t, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (t, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (p, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 0.5H), 3.62 (d, *J* = 29.3 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (t, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (t, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 0.5H), 3.14 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (td, *J* = 11.6, 4.4 Hz, 0.5H), 2.87 (dp, *J* = 13.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (t, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 0.5H), 2.10–1.90 (m, 1H), 1.85–1.38 (m, 8.5H), 1.31–0.82 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 175.2, 173.2, 156.7, 156.5, 148.2, 147.3, 136.0, 135.3, 130.7, 130.5, 126.8, 126.49, 126.47, 126.2, 113.7, 113.4, 112.1, 111.6, 80.2, 80.0, 56.5, 56.1, 55.8, 54.8, 49.2, 46.4, 46.1, 43.9, 38.7, 37.3, 33.70, 33.68, 26.3, 25.8, 25.24, 25.18, 25.0, 24.9, 24.0, 23.9, 22.9, 22.7, 21.8, 21.7, 20.5, 20.2. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₉H₄₀N₂O₄ (M – H)[–], 479.2915; found, 479.2914. HPLC purity 100%, *t*_R = 13.70 min.

(R)-2-(3-(3-(Cyclopropyl(4-isopropylbenzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoic Acid (7). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.34–7.22 (m, 1H), 7.22–7.02 (m, 6H), 6.90 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80–3.46 (m, 3H), 3.14 (td, *J* = 12.5, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (p, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (tt, *J* = 6.8, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (q, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.13–1.93 (m, 2H), 1.77 (qd, *J* = 13.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (s, 6H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.13–0.36 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 175.4, 174.7, 156.7, 147.9, 144.5, 134.9, 130.7, 127.5, 126.7, 119.6, 113.5, 111.8, 80.0, 56.1, 55.8, 49.9, 37.9, 33.8, 30.0, 25.6, 25.3, 24.9, 24.0, 22.9, 9.5, 8.7. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₉H₃₈N₂O₄ (M – H)[–], 477.2759; found, 477.2753. HPLC purity 97.9%, *t*_R = 13.45 min.

2-(3-(3-(4-(1H-Pyrazol-4-yl)benzyl)(cyclopropyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoic Acid (8). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.02 (s, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 5.9 Hz, 3H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 3.76–3.67 (m, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (s, 1H), 2.92 (d, *J* = 52.1 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (tt, *J* = 6.8, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.70–1.57 (m, 2H), 1.49 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 6H), 0.90–0.75 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 175.6, 156.7, 136.5, 132.0, 131.2, 130.1, 128.0, 125.7, 121.4, 78.8, 53.0, 49.0, 38.9, 29.9, 27.4, 25.6, 25.5, 23.9, 9.5, 8.7. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₉H₃₄N₄O₄ (M – H)[–], 501.2507; found, 501.2512. HPLC purity 99.1%, *t*_R = 10.83 min.

2-(3-(3-(Cyclopropyl(4-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)benzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoic Acid (9). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.41 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.65 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (s, 1H), 3.00 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.81–2.70 (m, 1H), 2.66 (tt, *J* = 7.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.87–1.67 (m, 3H), 1.59 (s, 6H), 0.96–0.78 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 177.1, 176.6, 155.8, 152.3, 143.4, 138.8, 138.4, 129.5, 129.3, 128.9, 127.8, 111.4, 111.0, 108.9, 106.0, 79.5, 52.3, 50.4, 49.8, 39.8, 37.4, 30.1, 27.7, 25.3, 25.1, 24.4, 9.5, 9.1. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₃₀H₃₆N₄O₄ (M – H)[–], 515.2664; found, 515.2673. HPLC purity 99.5%, *t*_R = 11.58 min.

2-(3-(3-(4-(1H-Pyrazol-5-yl)benzyl)(cyclopropyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoic Acid (10). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H),

7.70 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.78–6.63 (m, 2H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 6.33 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, $J = 15.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.78–3.69 (m, 1H), 3.65 (d, $J = 11.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.47 (s, 1H), 2.91 (d, $J = 53.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.73 (tt, $J = 6.9, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.95 (d, $J = 11.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.84–1.56 (m, 3H), 1.49 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 6H), 0.92–0.70 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 176.0, 175.6, 156.7, 138.2, 133.2, 131.6, 130.1, 127.9, 125.7, 110.7, 107.8, 102.3, 78.7, 52.8, 50.4, 49.1, 38.9, 30.0, 27.4, 25.6, 25.5, 24.0, 9.5, 8.7. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$ ($\text{M} - \text{H}$) $^-$, 501.2507; found, 501.2511. HPLC purity 99.5%, $t_{\text{R}} = 10.91$ min.

2-(3-(3-(Cyclopropyl(4-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)benzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoic Acid (11). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 7.79–7.72 (m, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.46–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.56 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.45–6.35 (m, 1H), 4.67 (d, $J = 14.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, $J = 14.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.64 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.46 (s, 1H), 2.99 (t, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.79–2.69 (m, 1H), 2.58 (tt, $J = 6.8, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.93 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.86–1.68 (m, 3H), 1.58 (s, 6H), 0.91–0.76 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 176.9, 176.6, 155.6, 152.3, 136.6, 136.4, 131.4, 129.5, 128.3, 127.0, 125.7, 122.9, 111.5, 111.1, 109.1, 79.6, 52.3, 50.4, 49.6, 39.8, 39.0, 29.8, 27.6, 25.2, 25.1, 24.4, 9.5, 9.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$ ($\text{M} - \text{H}$) $^-$, 515.2664; found, 515.2674. HPLC purity 99.8%, $t_{\text{R}} = 11.57$ min.

2-(3-(3-(Cyclopropyl(4-(thiophen-2-yl)benzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoic Acid (12). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 7.50–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.21 (dd, $J = 3.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.17 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.02–6.97 (m, 2H), 6.56 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.33 (dd, $J = 8.1, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.64 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.41 (tt, $J = 11.4, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.93 (t, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.65 (td, $J = 11.9, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.51 (tt, $J = 6.9, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.85 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.74–1.62 (m, 3H), 1.50 (s, 6H), 0.83–0.71 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 177.2, 177.1, 155.8, 152.1, 144.1, 137.5, 133.4, 129.5, 128.3, 128.0, 126.1, 124.7, 123.0, 111.5, 111.2, 109.1, 79.4, 52.4, 50.6, 49.6, 39.7, 29.9, 27.6, 25.3, 25.2, 24.3, 9.6, 9.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M} - \text{H}$) $^-$, 517.2167; found, 517.2176. HPLC purity 99.2%, $t_{\text{R}} = 13.56$ min.

2-(3-(3-(Cyclopropyl(4-(thiophen-3-yl)benzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoic Acid (13). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 7.48–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.35 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.18–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.00 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.56 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.51 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.33 (dd, $J = 8.1, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.64 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, $J = 14.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.61–3.51 (m, 2H), 3.42 (ddd, $J = 11.2, 7.4, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.98–2.89 (m, 1H), 2.65 (td, $J = 11.8, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.51 (tt, $J = 6.9, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.86 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.74–1.62 (m, 3H), 1.50 (s, 6H), 0.82–0.70 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 177.1, 177.0, 155.8, 152.1, 141.9, 137.1, 134.8, 129.5, 128.2, 126.6, 126.2, 120.2, 111.5, 111.2, 109.1, 79.4, 52.4, 50.6, 49.6, 39.7, 29.9, 27.5, 25.3, 25.2, 24.3, 9.5, 9.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M} - \text{H}$) $^-$, 517.2167; found, 517.2170. HPLC purity 99.9%, $t_{\text{R}} = 13.43$ min.

2-(3-(3-(Cyclopropyl(4-(furan-2-yl)benzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoic Acid (14). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 7.64–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.12–7.07 (m, 1H), 6.64 (dd, $J = 12.7, 5.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.57 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.46 (dd, $J = 3.3, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.41 (dd, $J = 8.1, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, $J = 14.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.70–3.60 (m, 2H), 3.48 (s, 1H), 3.01 (t, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.73 (dt, $J = 11.9, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (tt, $J = 6.6, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.94 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.82–1.70 (m, 3H), 1.58 (s, 6H), 0.89–0.78 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 177.0, 155.6, 153.7, 152.2, 142.0, 137.3, 129.9, 129.5, 128.1, 124.0, 113.9, 111.4, 109.2, 104.9, 79.6, 52.3, 50.5, 49.6, 39.7, 29.8, 27.6, 25.2, 25.1, 24.4, 9.6, 9.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ ($\text{M} - \text{H}$) $^-$, 501.2395; found, 501.2405. HPLC purity 96.0%, $t_{\text{R}} = 13.22$ min.

2-(3-(3-(Cyclopropyl(4-(furan-3-yl)benzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoic Acid (15). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 7.71 (t, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 3H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.72–

6.62 (m, 2H), 6.58 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.41 (dd, $J = 8.0, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, $J = 14.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.70–3.57 (m, 2H), 3.48 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.01 (t, $J = 11.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.74 (td, $J = 12.1, 11.6, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (ddt, $J = 9.6, 6.8, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.94 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.84–1.70 (m, 3H), 1.58 (s, 6H), 0.90–0.77 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 177.0, 176.8, 155.6, 152.1, 143.7, 138.4, 137.0, 131.3, 129.5, 128.2, 126.1, 126.0, 111.7, 111.4, 109.2, 108.8, 79.6, 52.3, 50.5, 49.6, 39.7, 29.8, 27.6, 25.2, 25.1, 24.4, 9.5, 9.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ ($\text{M} - \text{H}$) $^-$, 501.2395; found, 501.2404. HPLC purity 98.8%, $t_{\text{R}} = 13.06$ min.

Methyl 2-(3-(3-(cyclopropyl(4-(thiophen-2-yl)benzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (16). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 7.58–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.24 (m, 4H), 7.09–7.04 (m, 2H), 6.64–6.54 (m, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 6.25 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.71–3.66 (m, 2H), 3.45 (s, 1H), 3.01 (t, $J = 11.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.82–2.74 (m, 1H), 2.61 (ddt, $J = 10.8, 6.9, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.01–1.93 (m, 1H), 1.77 (ddd, $J = 20.6, 17.2, 8.3$ Hz, 3H), 1.58 (s, 6H), 0.91–0.82 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 176.8, 175.0, 156.4, 144.1, 137.7, 133.3, 129.4, 128.3, 128.0, 126.1, 124.7, 123.0, 110.7, 109.3, 107.9, 78.9, 52.5, 52.3, 50.1, 49.5, 39.8, 29.8, 27.8, 25.5, 25.4, 24.4, 9.5, 9.1. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ 533.2469; found, 533.2469. HPLC purity 99.0%, $t_{\text{R}} = 14.44$ min.

tert-Butyl 2-(3-(3-(cyclopropyl(4-(thiophen-2-yl)benzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (17). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 7.53–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.12 (m, 4H), 7.04–6.93 (m, 2H), 6.48 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.41 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.22 (dd, $J = 8.1, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.69–3.51 (m, 2H), 3.37 (tt, $J = 10.9, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.99–2.82 (m, 1H), 2.70 (td, $J = 12.2, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.59–2.44 (m, 1H), 1.86 (d, $J = 11.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.75–1.63 (m, 3H), 1.47 (s, 6H), 1.35 (s, 9H), 0.85–0.66 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 176.9, 173.5, 156.7, 152.4, 144.1, 137.7, 133.3, 129.2, 128.3, 128.0, 126.1, 124.7, 123.0, 110.2, 109.1, 107.6, 81.5, 79.2, 52.2, 50.0, 49.5, 39.8, 29.8, 27.9, 27.8, 25.53, 25.47, 24.5, 9.5, 9.1. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{42}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ 575.2938; found, 575.2925. HPLC purity 100%, $t_{\text{R}} = 15.31$ min.

N-Cyclopropyl-1-(3-((2-methyl-1-(methylsulfonamido)-1-oxopropan-2-yl)oxy)phenyl)-N-(4-(thiophen-2-yl)benzyl)piperidine-3-carboxamide (18). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 8.93 (s, 1H), 7.52–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.22 (dd, $J = 3.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.20–7.16 (m, 3H), 7.08 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, $J = 5.1, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.70–6.56 (m, 1H), 6.41 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.28 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.68–3.55 (m, 2H), 3.43–3.30 (m, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 2.97 (t, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.73 (t, $J = 10.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.55 (tt, $J = 7.0, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.91 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.81–1.75 (m, 1H), 1.72–1.63 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 6H), 0.86–0.74 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 176.8, 174.2, 154.1, 152.7, 144.1, 137.6, 133.3, 129.7, 128.3, 128.0, 126.1, 124.7, 123.0, 112.3, 111.5, 109.8, 81.5, 51.9, 49.9, 49.5, 41.3, 39.8, 29.8, 27.8, 24.6, 24.5, 9.6, 9.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M} - \text{H}$) $^-$, 594.2102; found, 594.2107. HPLC purity 97.3%, $t_{\text{R}} = 13.86$ min.

1-(3-(((1-Cyclopropanesulfonamido)-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)oxy)phenyl)-N-cyclopropyl-N-(4-(thiophen-2-yl)benzyl)piperidine-3-carboxamide (19). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 8.87 (s, 1H), 7.52–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.16 (m, 4H), 7.07 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, $J = 5.1, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.67–6.56 (m, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.33–6.24 (m, 1H), 4.67 (d, $J = 14.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.67–3.54 (m, 2H), 3.38 (d, $J = 11.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.01–2.88 (m, 2H), 2.72 (t, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.54 (td, $J = 6.6, 5.9, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.90 (s, 1H), 1.81–1.75 (m, 1H), 1.67 (td, $J = 11.6, 5.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.47 (s, 6H), 1.35–1.32 (m, 2H), 1.08–1.02 (m, 2H), 0.85–0.73 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 176.8, 173.8, 154.3, 152.7, 144.1, 137.6, 133.3, 129.7, 128.3, 128.0, 126.1, 124.7, 123.0, 112.2, 111.3, 109.6, 81.4, 51.9, 50.0, 49.5, 39.8, 31.1, 29.8, 27.8, 24.6, 24.5, 9.6, 9.0, 6.2. HRMS (ESI): calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{39}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M} - \text{H}$) $^-$, 620.2258; found, 620.2262. HPLC purity 96.9%, $t_{\text{R}} = 14.26$ min.

N-Cyclopropyl-1-(3-((2-methyl-1-((1-methylethyl)sulfonamido)-1-oxopropan-2-yl)oxy)phenyl)-N-(4-(thiophen-2-yl)benzyl)piperidine-3-carboxamide (20). ^1H NMR (500 MHz,

Chloroform-*d*): δ 8.72 (s, 1H), 7.54–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.16 (m, 4H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.67–6.56 (m, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.29 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (hept, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.66–3.56 (m, 2H), 3.37 (t, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (t, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.76–2.68 (m, 1H), 2.59–2.51 (m, 1H), 1.91 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 1.82–1.74 (m, 1H), 1.68 (td, *J* = 10.2, 8.8, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (s, 6H), 1.35 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 6H), 0.86–0.73 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 176.8, 174.1, 154.2, 152.7, 144.1, 137.6, 133.3, 129.7, 128.3, 128.0, 126.1, 124.7, 123.0, 112.3, 111.6, 109.8, 81.6, 54.1, 51.9, 49.9, 49.5, 39.8, 29.8, 27.8, 24.6, 24.5, 16.0, 15.9, 9.6, 9.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₃₆H₄₁N₃O₅S₂ (M – H)[–], 622.2415; found, 622.2419. HPLC purity 96.9%, *t*_R = 14.33 min.

***N*-Cyclopropyl-1-(3-((1-(2-methyl-1-oxo-1-(phenylsulfonamido)propan-2-yl)oxy)phenyl)-*N*-(4-(thiophen-2-yl)benzyl)piperidine-3-carboxamide (21).** ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 9.04 (s, 1H), 8.02–7.94 (m, 2H), 7.64–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.48 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 3.8 Hz, 4H), 7.22–7.16 (m, 4H), 7.03–6.99 (m, 1H), 6.91 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.62–6.51 (m, 1H), 6.35 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.64–3.52 (m, 2H), 3.36 (t, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (t, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (tt, *J* = 7.2, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 1.77–1.63 (m, 3H), 1.36 (s, 6H), 0.84–0.74 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 176.8, 172.9, 154.3, 152.7, 144.1, 138.2, 137.6, 134.1, 133.3, 129.6, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 126.1, 124.7, 123.0, 112.0, 110.6, 109.3, 81.2, 51.9, 49.8, 49.6, 39.8, 29.8, 27.8, 24.5, 24.4, 9.6, 9.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₃₆H₃₉N₃O₅S₂ (M – H)[–], 656.2258; found, 656.2252. HPLC purity 96.2%, *t*_R = 14.70 min.

***N*-Cyclopropyl-1-(3-((1-(3-methoxyphenyl)sulfonamido)-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)oxy)phenyl)-*N*-(4-(thiophen-2-yl)benzyl)piperidine-3-carboxamide (22).** ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 9.05 (s, 1H), 7.55 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.39–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.22–7.15 (m, 4H), 7.11 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 2.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.39–6.28 (m, 1H), 5.99 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.62–3.52 (m, 2H), 3.35 (dq, *J* = 11.4, 5.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.70–2.63 (m, 1H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 6.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 1.76–1.63 (m, 3H), 1.36 (s, 6H), 0.85–0.73 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 176.8, 172.9, 159.7, 154.3, 152.7, 144.1, 139.3, 137.6, 133.3, 130.0, 129.6, 128.3, 128.0, 126.1, 124.7, 123.0, 120.9, 120.5, 112.6, 111.9, 110.6, 109.2, 81.2, 55.7, 51.9, 49.8, 49.6, 39.8, 29.8, 27.8, 24.5, 24.4, 9.6, 9.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₃₇H₄₁N₃O₆S₂ (M – H)[–], 686.2364; found, 686.2360. HPLC purity 99.6%, *t*_R = 14.75 min.

***N*-Cyclopropyl-1-(3-((1-(4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonamido)-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)oxy)phenyl)-*N*-(4-(thiophen-2-yl)benzyl)piperidine-3-carboxamide (23).** ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 9.07 (s, 1H), 8.02–7.95 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31–7.23 (m, 4H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02–6.97 (m, 3H), 6.64 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 2H), 3.42 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (t, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (t, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (tt, *J* = 7.1, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (d, *J* = 35.2 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (s, 6H), 0.91–0.82 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 176.8, 172.9, 164.0, 154.4, 152.7, 144.1, 137.7, 133.3, 130.9, 129.6, 129.5, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 126.1, 124.7, 123.0, 114.1, 111.9, 110.7, 109.2, 81.2, 55.7, 51.9, 49.8, 39.8, 29.8, 27.8, 24.5, 24.4, 9.6, 9.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₃₇H₄₁N₃O₆S₂ (M – H)[–], 686.2364; found, 686.2367. HPLC purity 96.5%, *t*_R = 14.69 min.

***N*-Cyclopropyl-1-(3-((1-(3-hydroxyphenyl)sulfonamido)-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)oxy)phenyl)-*N*-(4-(thiophen-2-yl)benzyl)piperidine-3-carboxamide (24).** ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.53–7.48 (m, 3H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.15 (m, 4H), 7.07–7.04 (m, 1H), 7.00–6.95 (m, 2H), 6.64–6.53 (m, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 6.14 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.53–3.38 (m, 3H), 2.86 (t, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.59–2.50 (m, 2H), 1.90 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (dt, *J* = 9.2, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 1.67–1.60 (m, 2H), 1.41 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s,

3H), 0.87–0.77 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 177.6, 173.0, 157.1, 154.6, 152.7, 144.0, 139.0, 137.1, 133.5, 130.1, 129.8, 128.2, 128.0, 126.2, 124.8, 123.1, 122.2, 120.3, 114.6, 113.1, 112.0, 108.5, 81.3, 52.0, 50.3, 39.9, 30.1, 27.6, 25.4, 24.5, 23.9, 9.7, 8.9. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₃₆H₃₉N₃O₆S₂ (M – H)[–], 672.2208; found, 672.2201. HPLC purity 99.4%, *t*_R = 14.07 min.

1-(3-((1-(3-Cyanophenyl)sulfonamido)-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)oxy)phenyl)-*N*-cyclopropyl-*N*-(4-(thiophen-2-yl)benzyl)piperidine-3-carboxamide (25). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 8.30 (dq, *J* = 4.6, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.23 (m, 3H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.74–6.62 (m, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.12–5.97 (m, 1H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.70–3.62 (m, 2H), 3.43 (s, 1H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.80–2.71 (m, 1H), 2.62 (tt, *J* = 6.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.01–1.95 (m, 1H), 1.86–1.81 (m, 1H), 1.74 (td, *J* = 10.7, 9.1, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (s, 6H), 0.93–0.82 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 176.7, 173.1, 154.1, 152.8, 144.0, 139.8, 137.6, 137.1, 133.3, 132.7, 132.1, 130.0, 129.7, 128.3, 128.0, 126.1, 124.7, 123.0, 116.9, 113.7, 112.2, 110.3, 109.1, 81.2, 51.8, 49.8, 49.6, 39.8, 29.8, 27.8, 24.5, 24.43, 24.38, 9.6, 9.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₃₇H₃₈N₄O₅S₂ (M – H)[–], 681.2211; found, 681.2219. HPLC purity 98.2%, *t*_R = 14.54 min.

1-(3-((1-(4-Cyanophenyl)sulfonamido)-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)oxy)phenyl)-*N*-cyclopropyl-*N*-(4-(thiophen-2-yl)benzyl)piperidine-3-carboxamide (26). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 8.18–8.14 (m, 2H), 7.85–7.82 (m, 2H), 7.58–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.23 (m, 4H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (d, *J* = 34.3 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (t, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (tt, *J* = 6.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 1.88–1.83 (m, 1H), 1.74 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (s, 6H), 0.94–0.82 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 176.7, 173.1, 154.1, 152.8, 144.0, 142.2, 137.6, 133.3, 132.7, 129.7, 129.2, 128.3, 128.0, 126.1, 124.8, 123.0, 117.7, 117.1, 112.3, 110.7, 109.3, 81.3, 51.9, 49.9, 49.6, 39.8, 29.8, 27.7, 24.5, 24.4, 24.3, 9.7, 8.9. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₃₇H₃₈N₄O₅S₂ (M – H)[–], 681.2211; found, 681.2212. HPLC purity 98.7%, *t*_R = 14.62 min.

(*R*)-*N*-Cyclopropyl-1-(3-((1-(3-methoxyphenyl)sulfonamido)-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)oxy)phenyl)-*N*-(4-(thiophen-2-yl)benzyl)piperidine-3-carboxamide (27). [α]_D²⁵ –16.10° (c 0.955, MeOH). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 9.08 (s, 1H), 7.63 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.23 (m, 4H), 7.19 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 2.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.12–6.01 (m, 1H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.69–3.60 (m, 2H), 3.43 (s, 1H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (t, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (tt, *J* = 6.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 1.75–1.72 (m, 1H), 1.64 (s, 1H), 1.44 (s, 6H), 0.93–0.81 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 176.8, 172.8, 159.7, 154.3, 152.7, 144.1, 139.2, 137.6, 133.3, 130.2, 130.0, 129.6, 128.3, 128.0, 126.1, 124.7, 123.0, 120.9, 120.6, 119.2, 118.5, 112.6, 111.9, 111.1, 110.6, 109.2, 81.2, 55.73, 55.68, 51.9, 49.8, 49.6, 39.8, 29.8, 27.8, 24.4, 24.4, 9.6, 9.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₃₇H₄₁N₃O₆S₂ (M – H)[–], 686.2364; found, 686.2348. HPLC purity 96.3%, *t*_R = 14.70 min.

(*S*)-*N*-Cyclopropyl-1-(3-((1-(3-methoxyphenyl)sulfonamido)-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)oxy)phenyl)-*N*-(4-(thiophen-2-yl)benzyl)piperidine-3-carboxamide (28). [α]_D²⁵ +14.38° (c 0.955, MeOH). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 9.06 (s, 1H), 7.63 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59–7.49 (m, 3H), 7.47–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 2.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 3.69–3.60 (m, 2H), 3.43 (tt, *J* = 11.0, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (td, *J* = 12.2, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.66–2.58 (m, 1H), 1.97 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (dq, *J* = 11.8, 3.2, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (s, 6H), 0.93–0.81 (m, 4H). ¹³C

NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.8, 172.8, 159.7, 154.3, 152.7, 144.1, 139.2, 137.6, 133.3, 130.0, 129.6, 128.3, 128.1, 126.1, 124.8, 123.0, 121.0, 120.6, 112.6, 111.9, 110.6, 109.2, 81.2, 55.7, 51.9, 49.8, 49.5, 39.8, 29.8, 27.8, 24.5, 24.4, 9.6, 9.0. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₃₇H₄₁N₃O₆S₂ (M - H)⁻, 686.2364; found, 686.2345. HPLC purity 97.3%, t_R = 14.69 min.

(R)-1-(3-((1-((4-Cyanophenyl)sulfonamido)-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)oxy)phenyl)-N-cyclopropyl-N-(4-(thiophen-2-yl)benzyl)piperidine-3-carboxamide (29). [α]_D²⁵ -13.90° (c 1.104, MeOH). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 8.20–8.12 (m, 2H), 7.88–7.81 (m, 2H), 7.62–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.11–6.95 (m, 2H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (s, 1H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (t, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (tt, *J* = 6.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (s, 6H), 0.95–0.82 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 176.7, 173.0, 154.1, 144.0, 142.1, 137.6, 133.4, 132.7, 129.7, 129.2, 128.3, 128.0, 126.1, 124.8, 123.0, 117.7, 117.1, 112.3, 110.7, 109.3, 81.3, 51.9, 49.9, 49.6, 39.8, 29.8, 27.7, 24.5, 24.4, 24.3, 9.7, 8.9. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₃₇H₃₈N₄O₅S₂ (M - H)⁻, 681.2211; found, 681.2217. HPLC purity 96.0%, t_R = 14.62 min.

(S)-((4-Cyanophenyl)sulfonyl)(2-(3-(3-(cyclopropyl(4-(thiophen-2-yl)benzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoyl)amide (30). [α]_D²⁵ +16.92° (c 0.881, MeOH). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 8.20–8.12 (m, 2H), 7.88–7.80 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.12–6.97 (m, 2H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (tt, *J* = 6.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 1.89–1.81 (m, 1H), 1.75 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (s, 1H), 1.44 (s, 6H), 0.93–0.81 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 176.7, 173.0, 154.1, 152.8, 144.0, 142.1, 137.6, 133.4, 132.7, 129.7, 129.2, 128.3, 128.0, 126.1, 124.8, 123.0, 117.7, 117.1, 112.3, 110.7, 109.3, 81.3, 51.9, 49.9, 39.8, 29.8, 27.7, 24.5, 24.4, 24.3, 9.7, 8.9. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₃₇H₃₈N₄O₅S₂ (M - H)⁻, 681.2211; found, 681.2199. HPLC purity 97.0%, t_R = 14.61 min.

tert-Butyl 2-(3-bromophenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (31). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.16–7.04 (m, 2H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 2.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82–6.71 (m, 1H), 1.56 (s, 6H), 1.44 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 172.8, 156.5, 130.1, 124.6, 122.2, 121.8, 117.3, 82.0, 79.8, 27.8, 25.3. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 315.1 [M + H]⁺.

N-(4-Isopropylbenzyl)ethanamine (32a). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.16 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 2.89 (hept, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.13 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 147.5, 137.9, 128.1, 126.4, 53.8, 43.7, 33.8, 24.1, 15.3. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 178.2 [M + H]⁺.

N-(4-Isopropylbenzyl)propan-2-amine (32b). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.26–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.16 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 3.00–2.65 (m, 2H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.10 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 147.4, 138.2, 128.1, 126.4, 51.4, 48.1, 33.8, 24.0, 23.0. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 192.3 [M + H]⁺.

N-(4-Isopropylbenzyl)cyclopropanamine (32c). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.25–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.17 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 2.90 (hept, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.22–2.12 (m, 1H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 0.48–0.35 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 147.5, 138.0, 128.2, 126.4, 53.5, 33.8, 30.1, 24.1, 6.5. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 190.2 [M + H]⁺.

tert-Butyl 3-((4-isopropylbenzyl)carbamoyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (33a). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.15 (s, 4H), 4.37 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz, 2H), 4.03–3.60 (m, 2H), 3.14 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (hept, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (dq, *J* = 9.8, 5.3, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.91–1.77 (m, 2H), 1.69–1.54 (m, 1H), 1.38 (s, 10H), 1.21 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 172.9, 154.8,

148.1, 135.6, 127.8, 126.7, 79.8, 45.9, 44.6, 43.2, 43.0, 33.8, 28.4, 27.8, 24.2, 24.0. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 361.3 [M + H]⁺, 383.3 [M + Na]⁺.

tert-Butyl 3-((4-isopropylphenethyl)carbamoyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (33b). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.12 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.59–5.89 (m, 1H), 4.09–3.50 (m, 2H), 3.42 (qt, *J* = 13.3, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (s, 1H), 2.87–2.82 (m, 1H), 2.74–2.71 (m, 4H), 2.16 (dt, *J* = 12.5, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (t, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 10H), 1.20 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 6H). MS (ESI) *m/z*: 375.3 [M + H]⁺, 397.3 [M + Na]⁺.

tert-Butyl 3-((4-isopropylbenzyl)(methyl)carbamoyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (33c). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.24–7.12 (m, 2H), 7.11–6.89 (m, 2H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 4.16 (s, 1H), 4.06 (s, 1H), 2.95 (s, 2H), 2.90–2.79 (m, 3H), 2.70–2.45 (m, 2H), 2.02–1.54 (m, 3H), 1.53–1.30 (m, 10H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 173.8, 173.1, 154.7, 154.5, 148.4, 148.0, 134.5, 133.9, 127.9, 127.0, 126.6, 126.2, 79.6, 79.5, 52.8, 50.4, 46.5, 44.3, 39.5, 34.6, 33.83, 33.76, 28.44, 28.39, 28.1, 27.6, 24.7, 24.6, 23.97, 23.95. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 375.3 [M + H]⁺.

tert-Butyl 3-(ethyl(4-isopropylbenzyl)carbamoyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (33d). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.20–7.14 (m, 1H), 7.14–6.90 (m, 3H), 4.85–3.96 (m, 1H), 3.26 (s, 2H), 2.84 (dp, *J* = 13.7, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (tt, *J* = 31.9, 17.1 Hz, 2H), 1.97–1.55 (m, 3H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 30.3 Hz, 10H), 1.19 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.08 (dt, *J* = 48.7, 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 173.3, 173.1, 154.6, 154.5, 148.2, 147.8, 135.0, 134.4, 127.8, 126.9, 126.56, 126.2, 79.5, 79.4, 53.4, 50.0, 47.3, 44.6, 43.9, 41.3, 40.6, 39.5, 33.7 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 28.43, 28.37, 28.1, 24.6, 24.0, 23.9, 14.3, 12.6. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 389.3 [M + H]⁺.

tert-Butyl 3-(isopropyl(4-isopropylbenzyl)carbamoyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (33e). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.19–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.12–6.97 (m, 3H), 4.94–3.85 (m, 5H), 3.19–2.20 (m, 4H), 2.04–1.62 (m, 2H), 1.64–1.52 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 4H), 1.36 (s, 6H), 1.29–1.10 (m, 9H), 1.04 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 174.0, 173.3, 154.6, 154.5, 147.8, 147.0, 136.7, 136.0, 126.7, 126.6, 126.3, 125.6, 79.5, 79.4, 53.4, 48.5, 47.1, 46.5, 45.5, 44.6, 43.6, 40.7, 39.7, 33.7, 28.5, 28.4, 28.2, 24.8, 24.4, 24.0, 23.9, 22.0, 21.9, 20.2. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 403.3 [M + H]⁺, 425.3 [M + Na]⁺.

tert-Butyl 3-(cyclopropyl(4-isopropylbenzyl)carbamoyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (33f). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.12 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 4H), 4.91–3.94 (m, 4H), 3.19 (tt, *J* = 11.5, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dq, *J* = 13.8, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (d, *J* = 69.8 Hz, 2H), 1.90 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.85–1.63 (m, 2H), 1.45 (s, 10H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 0.97–0.70 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 176.2, 154.7, 147.7, 135.5, 127.6, 126.5, 79.5, 49.4, 47.3, 44.8, 40.3, 33.7, 29.6, 28.5, 27.8, 24.7, 24.0, 9.3. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 401.4 [M + H]⁺, 423.3 [M + Na]⁺.

tert-Butyl 2-(3-((4-isopropylbenzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (34a). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.18 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 4H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.39 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.31–3.15 (m, 2H), 3.02 (ddd, *J* = 11.8, 8.4, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (p, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (tt, *J* = 8.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.02–1.72 (m, 3H), 1.66 (tq, *J* = 8.7, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 6H), 1.42 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 9H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 174.1, 173.5, 156.7, 152.5, 148.0, 135.8, 129.2, 127.7, 126.7, 111.1, 110.1, 108.2, 81.6, 79.3, 52.7, 50.6, 43.1, 42.4, 33.8, 27.8, 27.4, 25.5, 25.4, 24.0, 23.5. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 495.4 [M + H]⁺.

tert-Butyl 2-(3-((4-isopropylphenethyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (34b). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.18–7.01 (m, 5H), 6.71–6.60 (m, 1H), 6.54–6.45 (m, 2H), 6.36 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.63–3.42 (m, 2H), 3.28–3.13 (m, 2H), 3.10 (ddd, *J* = 11.4, 6.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (ddd, *J* = 11.8, 7.2, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.91–2.81 (m, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (td, *J* = 6.9, 5.1 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (td, *J* = 6.6, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (ddd, *J* = 12.1, 7.5, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.78–1.67 (m, 1H), 1.65–1.51 (m, 8H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H). MS (ESI) *m/z*: 509.4 [M + H]⁺.

tert-Butyl 2-(3-((4-isopropylbenzyl)(methyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (34c). ¹H NMR

(500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.17–7.06 (m, 3H), 7.04–6.83 (m, 2H), 6.57–6.30 (m, 2H), 6.21 (ddd, J = 16.6, 8.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.62–4.28 (m, 2H), 3.87–3.51 (m, 2H), 3.00–2.76 (m, 6H), 2.67 (dtd, J = 18.5, 12.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.05–1.61 (m, 4H), 1.54–1.43 (m, 6H), 1.36 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 9H), 1.17 (dd, J = 6.9, 3.2 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 174.4, 173.8, 173.5, 156.75, 156.73, 152.3, 152.2, 148.4, 148.0, 134.7, 134.0, 129.2, 129.1, 128.0, 127.0, 126.7, 126.2, 110.2, 110.1, 109.3, 109.1, 107.6, 107.5, 81.51, 81.49, 79.3, 79.2, 53.0, 52.5, 52.2, 50.5, 50.0, 49.8, 39.1, 39.0, 34.7, 34.0, 33.79, 33.78, 28.1, 27.8, 27.7, 25.54, 25.46, 25.44, 24.4, 24.3, 24.0. MS (ESI) m/z : 509.4 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

tert-Butyl 2-(3-(3-(ethyl(4-isopropylbenzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (34d). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.16–7.04 (m, 3H), 7.04–6.87 (m, 2H), 6.54–6.27 (m, 2H), 6.21 (ddd, J = 19.7, 7.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.62–4.31 (m, 2H), 3.75–3.49 (m, 2H), 3.42–3.16 (m, 2H), 3.03–2.52 (m, 4H), 1.96–1.57 (m, 4H), 1.50–1.41 (m, 6H), 1.35 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 9H), 1.16 (dd, J = 6.9, 3.5 Hz, 6H), 1.05 (dt, J = 25.1, 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 174.0, 173.8, 173.51, 173.48, 156.8, 156.7, 152.4, 152.3, 148.3, 147.9, 135.2, 134.4, 129.2, 129.1, 127.9, 126.9, 126.6, 126.2, 110.2, 110.1, 109.2, 109.0, 107.6, 107.4, 81.48, 81.47, 79.24, 79.21, 52.6, 52.5, 50.1, 50.0, 49.8, 47.3, 41.4, 40.8, 39.2, 39.1, 33.78, 33.76, 28.3, 28.1, 27.8, 25.55, 25.53, 25.48, 25.44, 24.5, 24.3, 24.0, 14.4, 12.7. MS (ESI) m/z : 523.4 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

tert-Butyl (R)-2-(3-(3-(isopropyl(4-isopropylbenzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (34e). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.19 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.04 (m, 3H), 6.98 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.63–6.21 (m, 3H), 5.07–4.21 (m, 3H), 3.71 (ddt, J = 16.2, 12.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (td, J = 9.8, 7.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.18–2.56 (m, 4H), 2.05–1.63 (m, 4H), 1.59–1.52 (m, 6H), 1.43 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 9H), 1.33–1.00 (m, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 175.2, 173.2, 172.1, 156.7, 156.5, 148.2, 147.3, 136.0, 135.3, 130.7, 130.5, 126.8, 126.49, 126.47, 126.2, 113.7, 113.4, 112.1, 111.6, 80.2, 80.0, 56.5, 56.1, 55.8, 54.9, 49.2, 46.4, 46.1, 43.9, 38.7, 37.3, 33.70, 33.68, 26.3, 25.8, 25.24, 25.18, 25.0, 24.9, 24.0, 23.9, 22.9, 22.7, 21.8, 21.7, 20.5, 20.2. MS (ESI) m/z : 537.4 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

tert-Butyl (R)-2-(3-(3-(cyclopropyl(4-isopropylbenzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (34f). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.20–7.12 (m, 4H), 7.07 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.71–4.37 (m, 2H), 3.85–3.61 (m, 2H), 3.43 (ddt, J = 11.0, 7.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (dd, J = 12.4, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (p, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (td, J = 12.1, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (tt, J = 6.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.00–1.89 (m, 1H), 1.88–1.65 (m, 3H), 1.55 (s, 6H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.24 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 0.97–0.75 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 176.8, 173.5, 156.7, 152.4, 147.6, 135.7, 129.1, 127.6, 126.6, 110.2, 109.1, 107.6, 81.5, 79.2, 52.2, 50.0, 49.5, 39.9, 33.8, 29.7, 27.8, 25.53, 25.48, 24.5, 24.0, 9.4, 9.1. MS (ESI) m/z : 535.4 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

N-(4-Bromobenzyl)cyclopropanamine (35). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.46–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.08 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 2H), 2.12 (tt, J = 6.5, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 0.49–0.39 (m, 2H), 0.39–0.25 (m, 2H). MS (ESI) m/z : 226.0, 228.0 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

Ethyl 1-(3-((1-(tert-butoxy)-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)oxy)phenyl)piperidine-3-carboxylate (36). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.04 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.31–6.21 (m, 1H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (ddt, J = 12.4, 3.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (ddd, J = 12.3, 4.9, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd, J = 12.4, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.80–2.68 (m, 1H), 2.60 (tt, J = 10.0, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.05–1.93 (m, 1H), 1.74 (th, J = 9.2, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 1.69–1.59 (m, 2H), 1.53 (s, 6H), 1.41 (s, 9H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). MS (ESI) m/z : 392.3 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$, 414.3 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$.

tert-Butyl 2-(3-(3-((4-bromobenzyl)(cyclopropyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (37). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.42 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 6.30 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 2H), 3.42 (s, 1H), 2.97 (t, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (t, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 1H), 1.91 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (dt, J = 32.5, 8.6 Hz, 3H), 1.55 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 6H), 1.43 (d, J =

2.0 Hz, 9H), 0.91–0.74 (m, 4H). MS (ESI) m/z : 571.2, 573.2 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

tert-Butyl 2-(3-(3-((4-(1H-pyrazol-4-yl)benzyl)(cyclopropyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (38a). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.78 (s, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (t, J = 11.3 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (t, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.04–2.97 (m, 1H), 2.77 (t, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (dt, J = 6.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 1.83–1.67 (m, 3H), 1.55 (s, 6H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 0.89–0.81 (m, 4H). MS (ESI) m/z : 559.4 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

tert-Butyl 2-(3-(3-(cyclopropyl(4-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)benzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (38b). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 6.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.65 (q, J = 15.0 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.76–3.64 (m, 2H), 3.46 (t, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (t, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (t, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.69–2.65 (m, 1H), 1.95 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 1.82–1.70 (m, 3H), 1.54 (s, 6H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 0.94–0.79 (m, 4H). MS (ESI) m/z : 573.4 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$, 595.4 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$.

tert-Butyl 2-(3-(3-((4-(1H-pyrazol-5-yl)benzyl)(cyclopropyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (38c). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.71 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.59–6.51 (m, 2H), 6.48 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 3.44 (t, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.05–2.96 (m, 1H), 2.77 (t, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.63–2.54 (m, 1H), 1.93 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (ddd, J = 29.2, 17.1, 8.6 Hz, 3H), 1.54 (s, 6H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 0.88–0.78 (m, 4H). MS (ESI) m/z : 559.4 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

tert-Butyl 2-(3-(3-(cyclopropyl(4-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)benzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (38d). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 6.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.56–4.51 (m, 1H), 3.90–3.88 (m, 3H), 3.71–3.63 (m, 2H), 3.41 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (t, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (t, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 2.61–2.55 (m, 1H), 1.92 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (dq, J = 26.8, 15.7, 11.2 Hz, 3H), 1.53 (s, 6H), 1.41 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 9H), 0.83 (ddd, J = 25.3, 13.1, 8.0 Hz, 4H). MS (ESI) m/z : 573.4 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

tert-Butyl 2-(3-(3-(cyclopropyl(4-(thiophen-2-yl)benzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (38e). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.50–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.19 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (s, 3H), 7.02–6.92 (m, 2H), 6.47 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.66–3.55 (m, 2H), 3.36 (tt, J = 10.9, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, J = 12.5, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (td, J = 12.1, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (tt, J = 6.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.89–1.83 (m, 1H), 1.74–1.59 (m, 3H), 1.46 (s, 6H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 0.83–0.65 (m, 4H). MS (ESI) m/z : 575.4 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

tert-Butyl 2-(3-(3-(cyclopropyl(4-(thiophen-3-yl)benzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (38f). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.47–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.32 (dd, J = 2.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.10 (m, 2H), 6.97 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.64–3.53 (m, 2H), 3.34 (tt, J = 11.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd, J = 12.5, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (td, J = 12.1, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (tt, J = 6.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.88–1.80 (m, 1H), 1.73–1.57 (m, 3H), 1.44 (s, 6H), 1.33 (s, 9H), 0.81–0.66 (m, 4H). MS (ESI) m/z : 575.4 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$.

tert-Butyl 2-(3-(3-(cyclopropyl(4-(furan-2-yl)benzyl)carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (38g). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.58–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.15 (m, 2H), 6.99 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.57–6.51 (m, 1H), 6.48 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.65–3.56 (m, 2H), 3.36 (tt, J = 11.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, J = 12.5, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (td, J =

12.1, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (tt, $J = 6.9, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.90–1.81 (m, 1H), 1.76–1.61 (m, 3H), 1.47 (s, 6H), 1.35 (s, 9H), 0.82–0.69 (m, 4H). MS (ESI) m/z : 559.4 $[M + H]^+$.

tert-Butyl 2-(3-(3-(cyclopropyl(4-(furan-3-yl)benzyl)-carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (38h). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 7.74 (t, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.27 (dd, $J = 8.9, 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd, $J = 1.9, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.52 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.33 (dd, $J = 8.1, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.78–3.67 (m, 2H), 3.47 (tt, $J = 11.2, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.03 (dd, $J = 12.5, 10.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.80 (td, $J = 12.1, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.63 (tt, $J = 6.9, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.00–1.90 (m, 1H), 1.86–1.72 (m, 3H), 1.57 (s, 6H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 0.92–0.80 (m, 4H). MS (ESI) m/z : 559.4 $[M + H]^+$.

Ethyl (R)-1-(3-((1-(tert-butoxy)-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)-oxy)phenyl)piperidine-3-carboxylate (39). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 7.04 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.54 (dd, $J = 8.1, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.45 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.31–6.21 (m, 1H), 4.12 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.67 (ddt, $J = 12.4, 3.5, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 (ddd, $J = 12.3, 4.9, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd, $J = 12.4, 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.80–2.68 (m, 1H), 2.60 (tt, $J = 10.0, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.05–1.93 (m, 1H), 1.74 (th, $J = 9.2, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.69–1.59 (m, 2H), 1.53 (s, 6H), 1.41 (s, 9H), 1.24 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 173.7, 173.4, 156.6, 152.5, 129.1, 110.4, 109.3, 107.6, 81.4, 79.1, 60.4, 52.0, 49.7, 41.3, 27.8, 27.0, 25.5, 25.4, 24.1, 14.2. MS (ESI) m/z : 392.3 $[M + H]^+$, 414.3 $[M + 2\text{Na}]^+$.

tert-Butyl (R)-2-(3-(3-((4-bromobenzyl)(cyclopropyl)-carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (40). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 7.46–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.13–7.03 (m, 3H), 6.54 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.29 (dd, $J = 8.0, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.72–3.60 (m, 2H), 3.41 (tt, $J = 11.0, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.96 (dd, $J = 12.5, 10.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.76 (td, $J = 12.0, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (tt, $J = 7.0, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.94–1.89 (m, 1H), 1.79 (ddd, $J = 12.4, 6.7, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.77–1.67 (m, 2H), 1.55 (s, 6H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 0.91–0.75 (m, 4H). MS (ESI) m/z : 571.2, 573.2 $[M + H]^+$.

tert-Butyl (R)-2-(3-(3-(cyclopropyl(4-(thiophen-2-yl)benzyl)-carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (41). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 7.53–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.12 (m, 4H), 7.04–6.93 (m, 2H), 6.48 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.41 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.22 (dd, $J = 8.1, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.69–3.51 (m, 2H), 3.37 (tt, $J = 10.9, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.99–2.82 (m, 1H), 2.70 (td, $J = 12.2, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.59–2.44 (m, 1H), 1.86 (d, $J = 11.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.75–1.63 (m, 3H), 1.47 (s, 6H), 1.35 (s, 9H), 0.85–0.66 (m, 4H). MS (ESI) m/z : 575.4 $[M + H]^+$.

Ethyl (S)-1-(3-((1-(tert-butoxy)-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)-oxy)phenyl)piperidine-3-carboxylate (42). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 7.07 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.57 (ddd, $J = 8.3, 2.4, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.48 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.30 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 2.3, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.20–4.11 (m, 2H), 3.70 (ddt, $J = 12.3, 3.5, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.51–3.42 (m, 1H), 2.97 (dd, $J = 12.4, 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.77 (tdd, $J = 10.2, 4.5, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.66–2.56 (m, 1H), 2.06–1.95 (m, 1H), 1.82–1.72 (m, 1H), 1.72–1.62 (m, 2H), 1.55 (s, 6H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- d): δ 173.8, 173.5, 156.6, 152.5, 129.1, 110.4, 109.3, 107.6, 81.5, 79.2, 60.5, 52.1, 49.7, 41.4, 27.8, 27.0, 25.5, 25.4, 24.1, 14.3. MS (ESI) m/z : 392.2 $[M + H]^+$.

tert-Butyl (S)-2-(3-(3-((4-bromobenzyl)(cyclopropyl)-carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (43). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.37–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.08–6.91 (m, 3H), 6.47 (dd, $J = 8.1, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.40 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.27–6.03 (m, 1H), 4.52 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.47 (s, 1H), 3.63–3.51 (m, 2H), 3.34 (tt, $J = 10.8, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd, $J = 12.5, 10.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.69 (td, $J = 12.1, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.51 (tt, $J = 6.9, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.84–1.62 (m, 4H), 1.48 (s, 6H), 1.36 (s, 9H), 0.85–0.65 (m, 4H). MS (ESI) m/z : 571.2, 573.2 $[M + H]^+$.

tert-Butyl (S)-2-(3-(3-(cyclopropyl(4-(thiophen-2-yl)benzyl)-carbamoyl)piperidin-1-yl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (44). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.61–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.19 (m, 4H), 7.10–7.00 (m, 2H), 6.56 (dd, $J = 7.9, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.49 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.33–6.15 (m, 1H), 4.67 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.56 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.77–3.60 (m, 2H), 3.45 (tt, $J = 11.0, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, $J = 12.4, 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.77 (td, $J = 12.2, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.70–2.45 (m, 1H), 2.01–1.87 (m, 1H), 1.83–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.55 (s, 6H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 0.97–0.73 (m, 4H). MS (ESI) m/z : 575.3 $[M + H]^+$.

Protein Expression and Purification. Full-length β -catenin (residues 1–781) was cloned into a pET-28b vector carrying a C-terminal 6 \times histidine (Novagen) and transformed into *Escherichia coli* BL21 DE3 (Novagen). Cells were cultured in LB medium with 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ kanamycin until the OD_{600} was approximately 0.8, and then, protein expression was induced with 400 μM IPTG at 20 $^\circ\text{C}$ overnight. Cells were lysed by sonication. The proteins were purified by three steps of chromatography, including Ni-NTA affinity chromatography (30210, Qiagen), HiTrap QHP anion exchange chromatography (17-1154-01, GE Healthcare Life Science), and size-exclusion chromatography with a HiLoad 26/600 Superdex 200 pg column (28-9893-36, GE Healthcare Life Science) using an AKTA Pure FPLC (GE Healthcare Life Science) system. Protein was eluted in a buffer containing 20 mM Tris (pH 8.5), 100 mM NaCl, and 2 mM DTT. The purity of β -catenin was greater than 95% as determined by SDS-PAGE gel analyses. Thermal shift assays were performed on a CFX96 real-time system (Bio-Rad) to monitor protein stability and detect protein aggregation. Protein unfolding was evaluated through measurement of the fluorescence changes of fluorescent dye Sypro Orange when interacting with β -catenin proteins. A temperature increment of 1 $^\circ/\text{min}$ was applied. All proteins were stable, and no aggregation was observed under storage or assay conditions. Proteins were aliquoted and stored at -80 $^\circ\text{C}$.

BCL9 Peptide Synthesis and Purification. Human BCL9 (residues 350–375) and N-terminally biotinylated human BCL9 (residues 350–375) were synthesized by InnoPep Inc. (San Diego, CA, www.innopep.com). The synthesized peptides were purified by HPLC with purity >95%. The structures were validated by LC/MS. The sequences of the peptides are provided in Table 6.

Table 6. Sequences of Peptides

peptide	sequence ^a
BCL9 26-mer	H- ³⁵⁰ GLSQEQLERHRSRLQTLRDIQRMLFP ³⁷⁵ -NH ₂
biotinylated BCL9 26-mer	biotin-Ahx- ³⁵⁰ GLSQEQLERHRSRLQTLRDIQRMLFP ³⁷⁵ -NH ₂

^aAhx, 6-aminohexanoic acid.

AlphaScreen Assays of β -Catenin and BCL9 Interaction.

Experiments were performed in white opaque 384-well plates from PerkinElmer (Waltham, MA), and the samples were read on a Biotek Synergy 2 plate reader (Winooski, VT) with excitation at 680 nm and emission at 570 nm. The standard AlphaScreen protocol was used with a sensitivity setting of 200. All dilutions were made in 1 \times assay buffer containing 25 mM Hepes (pH 7.4), 100 mM NaCl, 0.01% Triton X-100, and 0.1% BSA to minimize nonspecific interactions. For the competitive inhibition assays of the β -catenin/BCL9 PPI, the negative control (equivalent to 0% inhibition) refers to 5.0 nM biotinylated BCL9, 50 nM His₆-tagged β -catenin, and 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ donor and acceptor beads in a final volume of 25 μL assay buffer, with no tested inhibitor present. The positive control (equivalent to 100% inhibition) refers to 5.0 nM biotinylated BCL9 and 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ donor and acceptor beads in a final volume of 25 μL assay buffer.

For the β -catenin/BCL9 assay, 5 nM biotinylated BCL9 and 50 nM His₆-tagged β -catenin were incubated in assay buffer for 30 min. Different concentrations of the tested inhibitor were added and incubated in 20 μL assay buffer for another 1 h. All of the assay plates were covered and gently mixed on an orbital shaker. Donor and acceptor beads were then added to the plates to a final concentration of 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ in 25 μL of assay buffer. The mixture was incubated for 1 h before detection. The IC_{50} value was determined by nonlinear least-square analysis of GraphPad Prism 8.0. The K_i values were derived from the IC_{50} values using a method reported by Wang and co-workers.⁶⁰ The equation used is $K_i = [I]_{50} / ([L]_{50} / K_d + [P]_0 / K_d + 1)$ (where $[I]_{50}$ denotes the concentration of the free inhibitor at 50% inhibition, $[L]_{50}$

is the concentration of the free labeled ligand at 50% inhibition, $[P]_0$ is the concentration of the free protein at 0% inhibition, and K_d is the dissociation constant of the protein–ligand complex). All of the experiments were performed in triplicate and carried out in the presence of 1% DMSO for small-molecule inhibitors. Each compound was assayed at least by three independent experiments. The results were expressed as mean \pm standard deviation.

co-IP Experiments. Colorectal cancer HCT116 cells with hyperactive β -catenin signaling at 1×10^6 cells/mL were treated with different concentrations of the inhibitor for 24 h. Cells were then lysed in buffer containing 50 mM Tris, pH 7.4, 150 mM NaCl, 1% Nonidet P-40, 2 mM EDTA, and protease inhibitors. The cell lysates were pre-adsorbed to A/G plus agarose (sc-2003, Santa Cruz Biotechnology) at 4 °C for 1 h. Pre-adsorbed lysates were incubated with a specific primary antibody against β -catenin (610153, BD Biosciences) overnight at 4 °C. A/G plus agarose was then added to the lysate mixture and incubated for 3 h. The beads were washed four times with the lysis buffer at 4 °C. The bound protein was eluted by boiling in the SDS sample buffer and loaded onto 8% SDS polyacrylamide gel for electrophoretic analysis. Separated proteins were transferred onto nitrocellulose membranes for immunoblot analysis. The antibodies against BCL9 (ab37305, Abcam) and E-cadherin (610404, BD Biosciences) were incubated with the membranes. IRDye 680LT goat anti-mouse IgG (827-11080, LiCOR) and IRDye 800CW goat anti-rabbit IgG (926-32211, LiCOR) were used as the secondary antibodies. The images were detected using the Odyssey infrared imaging system (LiCOR). Experiments were performed in triplicate.

Cell Transfection and Luciferase Assay. The FuGENE6 (E269A, Promega) 96-well plate format was used for the transfection of colorectal cancer SW480 cells according to the manufacturer's instruction. SW480 cells were co-transfected with 60 ng of TOPFlash or FOPFlash firefly luciferase reporter gene and 40 ng of renilla luciferase pCMV-RL normalization reporter gene. Cells were cultured in Dulbecco's modified Eagle medium (DMEM) and 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS) at 37 °C for 24 h. Different concentrations of inhibitors or DMSO were added and incubated in DMEM with 5% FBS. After 24 h, the luciferase reporter activity was measured using the Dual-Glo system (E2940, Promega). Normalized luciferase activity in response to the treatment with inhibitors was compared with that obtained from the cells treated with DMSO. Experiments were performed in triplicate.

Quantitative Real-Time PCR Analysis. SW480 cells at 1×10^6 cells/mL were treated with inhibitors at different concentrations for 24 h. MDA-MB-231 cells at 1×10^6 cells/mL were treated with 100 ng/mL recombinant Wnt 3a (rmW3aL-010, Time BioScience) for 30 min; then, the inhibitors at different concentrations were added and incubated for 24 h. Total RNAs were extracted with TRIzol (15596026, Life Technologies), and the cDNA was synthesized with the superscript III first-strand kit (18080-051, Invitrogen). qPCR experiments were performed using the iQTM SYBR green supermix kit (170-8880, BIO-RAD) on an CFX96 real-time system (BIO-RAD). The threshold cycle (CT) values were normalized to those of internal reference GAPDH. Experiments were performed in triplicate. The primer pairs are shown in Table 7.

Table 7. Primer Pairs

human GAPDH	forward	5'-GAAGGTGAAGGTCGGAGTC-3'
	reverse	5'-GAAGATGGTGATGGGATTTTC-3'
human HPRT	forward	5'-GCTATAAATTCTTTGCTGACCTGCTG-3'
	reverse	5'-AATTACTTTTATGTCCCCTGTTGACTGG-3'
human AXIN2	forward	5'-AGTGTGAGGTCCACGGAAAC-3'
	reverse	5'-CTTCACACTGCGATGCATTT-3'
human LEF1	forward	5'-GACGAGATGATCCCCCTCAA-3'
	reverse	5'-AGGGCTCCTGAGAGTTTGT-3'
human cyclin D1	forward	5'-ACAACAGATCATCCGAAACAC-3'
	reverse	5'-TGTTGGGGCTCCTCAGGTTTC-3'

Western Blotting of Wnt Target Genes. SW480 cells at 1×10^6 cells/mL were treated with different concentrations of inhibitors for 24 h. Cells were lysed in buffer containing 50 mM Tris, pH 7.4, 150 mM NaCl, 1% Nonidet P-40, 2 mM EDTA, and protease inhibitors. After centrifugation at 12,000 rpm for 20 min at 4 °C, the supernatant was loaded onto an 8% SDS polyacrylamide gel for electrophoretic analysis. Separated proteins were transferred onto nitrocellulose membranes for immunoblot analysis. The antibodies against Axin2 (MAS-15015, Thermo Fisher), cyclin D1 (sc-853, Santa Cruz Biotechnology), and β -tubulin (sc-55529, Santa Cruz Biotechnology) were incubated with the membranes overnight at 4 °C. IRDye 680LT goat anti-mouse IgG (827-11080, LiCOR) or IRDye 800CW goat anti-rabbit IgG (827-08365, LiCOR) was used as the secondary antibody. The images were detected using the Odyssey infrared imaging system (Odyssey Fc, LiCOR). Experiments were performed in triplicate.

MTS Cell Growth Inhibition Experiments. Colorectal cancer cells (SW480 and HCT116) and triple negative breast cancer cells (MDA-MB-231 and MDA-MB-468) were seeded in 96-well plates at 5×10^3 cells/well in DMEM with 10% FBS, maintained overnight at 37 °C, and then incubated with the tested compounds at various concentrations in DMEM with 5% FBS. Human mammary epithelial MCF10A cells were seeded in 96-well plates at 1×10^4 cells/well in mammary epithelial cell growth medium (MEGM) (CC-3150, Lonza) with 100 ng/mL cholera toxin, maintained overnight at 37 °C, and incubated with the tested compounds at various concentrations. Cell viability was monitored after 72 h using a freshly prepared mixture of one part phenazine methosulfate (PMS, Sigma) solution (0.92 mg/mL) and 19 parts 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-5-(3-carboxymethoxyphenyl)-2-(4-sulfophenyl)-2H-tetrazolium (MTS, Promega) solution (2 mg/mL). Cells were incubated in 10 μ L of this solution at 37 °C for 3 h, and absorptions at 490 nm (A490) were measured. The effect of each compound is expressed as the concentration required to reduce A490 by 50% (IC_{50}) relative to DMSO-treated cells. Experiments were performed in triplicate.

Biotin Streptavidin Pull-down Assay. SW480 colon cancer cells were lysed in NP-40 buffer (50 mM Tris pH 7.4, 150 mM NaCl, 1% NP-40, and 2 mM EDTA) with protease inhibitors. Cell lysate (2 mg/mL) was precleared with streptavidin-agarose beads (S-1638, Sigma) and incubated with the indicated concentrations of the compound or BCL9 HD2 peptide (residues 350–375) for 1 h at 4 °C. Then, the cell lysate was incubated with N-terminally biotinylated BCL9 HD2 peptide (residues 350–375) (0.2 μ M) for 2 h at 4 °C. Protein–peptide complexes were pulled down with streptavidin-agarose beads for 2 h at 4 °C. Beads were washed four times with NP-40 buffer, and protein was eluted by boiling in 4 \times SDS loading buffer. The samples were loaded onto 8% SDS polyacrylamide gel for electrophoretic analysis. Separated proteins were transferred onto nitrocellulose membranes for immunoblot analysis. The antibody against β -catenin (610153, BD Biosciences) was incubated with membranes. IRDye 800CW goat anti-mouse IgG (926-32210, LiCOR) was used as the secondary antibody. The images were detected using the Odyssey infrared imaging system (LiCOR). Experiments were performed in triplicate.

β -Catenin Rescue Experiments. SW480 cells were seeded in 96-well plates at 1×10^4 cells/well in DMEM with 10% FBS and maintained overnight at 37 °C. Then, 200 ng of pcDNA3.1- β -catenin or 200 ng of empty vector pcDNA3.1 per well was transfected into the cells, and 12 h later, the tested compound at various concentrations was added into the cells in DMEM with 5% FBS. Cell viability was monitored after 72 h using a freshly prepared mixture of one part phenazine methosulfate (PMS, Sigma) solution (0.92 mg/mL) and 19 parts MTS (Promega) solution (2 mg/mL). Cells were incubated in 10 μ L of this solution at 37 °C for 3 h, and A490 was measured. The effect of each compound is expressed as the concentration required to reduce A490 by 50% (IC_{50}) relative to DMSO-treated cells. Experiments were performed in triplicate.

Docking Studies. Crystallographic coordinates for the human β -catenin armadillo repeat domain (PDB id 2GL7, 2.60 Å resolution, Rcryst = 0.223, residues 142–663) were obtained from the Research Collaboratory for Structural Bioinformatics (RCSB) Protein Data Bank (PDB). Preparation of the crystal structure and molecular modeling

were achieved with the commercially available Schrodinger (<http://www.schrodinger.com/>) software packages. The protein was processed using the "Protein Preparation Wizard" workflow in Maestro 11.4 (Schrodinger LLC) to add bond orders and hydrogens. All heteroatom (het) residues and crystal water molecules beyond 5 Å from the het group were removed. Small molecules were built in the LigPrep module using the OPLS3 force field. The Glide module was used as the docking program. The standard precision (SP) approach of Glide was adopted to dock small molecules into β -catenin with the default parameters. Residues in the BCL9 L366/I369/L373 binding site of β -catenin include D144–A146, L148, A149, A152, I153, E155–L160, D162–A171, M174, V175, Q177, L178, K180, K181, A183, S184, A187, I188, M194, and I198.

■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Supporting Information

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K_D of full-length β -catenin/BCL9 PPI; AlphaScreen assay curves of β -catenin/BCL9 inhibitors; full images of Western blot, β -catenin pull-down, and co-IP experiments; β -catenin rescue assay results of **30**; HPLC conditions and chromatograms; and NMR spectra (PDF)

Glide docking models of **29** and **30** with β -catenin (PDB)

Crystallographic coordinates (PDB)

Molecular formula strings (CSV)

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■ ABBREVIATIONS

APC, adenomatous polyposis coli; BCL9, B-cell lymphoma 9; BCL9L, BCL9-like; CBP, CREB-binding protein; CK1 α , casein kinase 1 α ; co-IP, co-immunoprecipitation; DMEM, Dulbecco's modified Eagle medium; Dvl, Disheveled; FBS, fetal bovine serum; Fzd, Frizzled; GSK3 β , glycogen synthase kinase 3 β ; HD2, homology domain 2; K_i , inhibition constant; LEF, lymphoid enhancer-binding factor; MEGM, mammary epithelial cell growth medium; PAINS, pan-assay interference compounds; PP2A, protein phosphatase 2A; PPI, protein–protein interaction; Pygo, Pygopus; PNPB, 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-phenylbenzamide; qPCR, quantitative real-time PCR; TCF, T-cell factor

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