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Abolishing Dopamine D_{2long}/D₃ Receptor Affinity of Subtype-Selective Carbamoylguanidine-Type Histamine H₂ Receptor Agonists

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off-target receptors, showing good selectivities. Docking studies suggest that the amino acid residues (3.28, 3.32, E2.49, E2.51, 5.42, and 7.35) are responsible for the different affinities at the H_{2} - and $D_{2long/3}$ -receptors. These results provide a solid base for the exploration of the H_2R functions in the brain in further studies.

INTRODUCTION

The histamine H_2 receptor (H_2R) has been the subject of many research studies due to its versatile physiological properties.^{1,2} The H₂R belongs to the class A G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs) and is expressed throughout the whole human body, most importantly in the stomach, heart, and central nervous system (CNS).¹⁻⁴ Activation of the H₂R by its endogenous ligand histamine (1, Figure 1A) leads to adenylyl cyclase activation by coupling to the Gs protein.² The central role of the H_2R in the stimulation of gastric acid secretion^{2,5} is the basis for the therapeutic use of H₂R antagonists to treat the gastroesophageal reflux disease and gastroduodenal ulcers.^{1,6} The function of the H₂R in the CNS is largely unknown but includes, e.g., modulation of cognitive processes and circadian rhythm. Furthermore, positive effects of the H_2 -antagonist famotidine (2, Figure 1A) in schizophrenia and an improvement in L-3,4dihydroxyphenylalanine (L-DOPA)-induced dyskinesia are reported in the literature. $^{7-15}$ In addition, there are studies reporting that the stimulation of the postsynaptic H2R has positive effects on learning and memory.¹⁶ So far, these effects have only been shown with dual-acting acetylcholinesterase inhibitors and H₃R antagonists as these molecules initiate this process through the inhibition of presynaptic H₃-autoreceptors.^{16–18} Therefore, the use of CNS-penetrating H₂R agonists is of great interest.

This study revealed a couple of selective candidates (among others **31** and **47**), and the most promising ones were screened at several

Starting from the H_2R agonists of the arpromidine (3, Figure 1A) series, several highly potent (up to 3000 times the potency of histamine) monomeric and dimeric H₂R agonists with the acylguanidine or carbamoylguanidine partial structure were developed (4–6, Figure 1A). $^{19-24}$ In contrast to acylguanidines, the carbamoylguanidines are chemically stable and possess an excellent selectivity over the other three histamine receptors $(H_{1,3,4})$ if a 2-aminothiazole ring is used for the bioisosteric replacement of the imidazole ring (5, 6, Figure 1A).^{22,23,25} Based on the existing knowledge about the physicochemical and/or pharmacokinetic properties of acyl- and carbamoylguanidines, we assume that carbamoylguanidines are also able to overcome the blood-brain barrier (BBB).^{19,20,23,26} This advantage over previously reported H₂R agonists (cf. guanidines, e.g., 3, Figure 1A) should enable access to the H_2R in the CNS.^{19,20} On the other hand, the direct injection of the ligand into the brain is also possible as a means of application in the case of insufficient bioavailability and/or BBB penetration.²⁷

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Figure 1. (A) Structures of histamine (1), famotidine (2), arpromidine (3), and related prototypical acylguanidine-type (4) and carbamoylguanidine-type (5, 6) H_2R agonists, as well as the D_2 -like receptor agonist pramipexole (7). (B) Structural modifications of N^G -carbamoylated guanidines resulting in the title compounds. Het: heterocycle.

However, the 2-aminothiazole structural motif is also part of the dopamine receptor agonist pramipexole (7, Figure 1A), which is used as a drug for the treatment of Parkinson's disease.^{28,29} Due to these similarities, we assumed that H_2R agonists containing the 2-aminothiazole motif might also bind to dopamine receptors. Indeed, we could prove this assumption during previous studies with radioligand binding experiments and found that such H_2R agonists revealed a considerable affinity to dopamine receptors of the D_2 -like family, in particular to the D_3 receptor.^{23,24}

To enable the use of carbamoylguanidines as pharmacological tools to elucidate the H_2R functions in the CNS, we addressed the need to develop improved molecules that bind exclusively selective to the H_2 receptor. Thus, we herein report the synthesis and pharmacological characterization of these novel, subtypeselective H_2R ligands by variation of the carbamoylguanidinebased scaffold with different heterocycles, spacers, and side residues (Figure 1B).

The synthesized compounds were investigated for their functional activity at the H₂R and/or D_{2long/3}R in minimal G (mini-G) protein- and/or β -arrestin2-recruitment assays as well as on the isolated spontaneously beating guinea pig (gp) right atrium in a more complex but well-established standard model for the characterization of H₂R ligands.^{1,30} The selectivity for the human (h) H₂R over hH_{1/3/4}R and hD_{2long/3}R was evaluated in radioligand competition binding experiments. To support our investigations in silico, molecular docking studies were performed. We compared the binding of the selected (4-methyl)thiazolyl- or thiadiazolyl-containing carbamoylguanidines to identify the amino acid (aa) residues that might be responsible for the different binding affinities of these ligands at the H₂- and D_{2long/3}-receptors. Finally, an affinity screening of

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Figure 2. Structures of amines 8-17 used for the synthesis of monomeric (30-36, 38-57, and 59-66) and dimeric (67-70) carbamoylguanidines. Het: heterocycle. For more details regarding 8-17, see the SI.

Scheme 1. Synthesis of Monomeric Carbamoylguanidines 30-66^a



"Reagents and conditions: (a) NEt₃, HgCl₂, CH₂Cl₂, room temperature (rt), 4–48 h and (b) TFA, CH₂Cl₂, rt, 7–18 h, 4–64% over two steps. Isolated yields over two steps are given in brackets. For more details regarding 8–27, see the SI. ^bModified synthetic procedure (see the Experimental Section and Scheme S8). BB: building block and Het: heterocycle. Amines 8–17: all compounds were used as free bases; and guanidinylating reagents 18–27: all compounds were used as mono-Boc-protected (or di-Boc-protected if applicable) intermediates. The target compounds 30-52, 55, and 57–66 were obtained as TFA and 53, 54, and 56 as HCl salts.

the best compounds at common off-target GPCRs was performed and the gastrointestinal (GI) absorption and BBB penetration of these ligands were estimated by the SwissADME online tool.³¹

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Chemistry. The amines $8-17^{19,20,32-34}$ (Figure 2) and the guanidinylating reagents $18-29^{22-24,26}$ (Schemes 1 and 2) were synthesized as reported in the SI or in the literature. We chose several different side residues for the guanidinylating reagents

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Scheme 2. Synthesis of the Dimeric N^{G} -Carbamoylated Guanidines 67–70^{*a*}



^{*a*}Reagents and conditions: (a) **11**, **15**, or **16**, NEt₃, HgCl₂, CH₂Cl₂, rt, 8 h and (b) TFA, CH₂Cl₂, rt, 6-16 h, 7-23% over two steps. Isolated yields over two steps are given in brackets. For more details regarding **11**, **15**, **16**, **28**, and **29**, see the SI. Amines **11**, **15**, and **17**: all compounds were used as free bases; and guanidinylating reagents **28** and **29**: all compounds were used as di-Boc-protected intermediates. The target compounds **67**–**70** were obtained as TFA salts.

18–29, which performed well in our recent studies about 2aminothiazoles.^{19–24,26} The monomeric (Scheme 1) or dimeric (Scheme 2) carbamoylguanidine-type ligands were prepared by reacting the amines 8–17 with the guanidinylating reagents 18– 29 in the presence of HgCl₂ and triethylamine (NEt₃).³⁵ Finally, the protected carbamoylguanidine-type intermediates were treated with trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), giving compounds 30–36, 38–57, and 59–70 (Schemes 1 and 2), which were purified by preparative high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) (acetonitrile (MeCN)/0.1% TFA in H₂O) or column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/7 N NH₃ in MeOH) and subsequent recrystallization into the corresponding HCl salts. 37 and 58 were synthesized using a modified synthetic procedure (for details, see the Experimental Section and Scheme S8 in the SI).

Chemical Stability of Carbamoylguanidines. The chemical stability of the selected compounds (30–35, 37, 41, and 57) was investigated in binding buffer²² (pH 7.4) at room temperature (rt) over a time period of 2 weeks. Under these conditions, the investigated N^{G} -carbamoylated guanidines proved to be stable (for graphs, see Figures S123–S131 in the SI, for details, see the SI).

Pharmacology. H_2R Affinity and Receptor Subtype Selectivity. The pK_i values of all target compounds were determined in competition binding studies on membrane preparations of Sf9 cells expressing the hH_2R -G_{sa5} fusion protein using the radioligand [³H]UR-DE257³⁶ (Table 1). At first, we investigated the influence of the linker on the binding affinity. The conformationally restricted compounds (e.g., **33** (para, pK_i = 6.34), **34** (meta, pK_i = 6.72), and **35** (bicyclic, pK_i = 6.81), Table 1) bind well to the hH_2R albeit with lower affinities compared to their flexible (propyl linker) counterparts (e.g., **6**²³ (pK_i = 8.32²³), Table 1).

Next, we investigated the influence of the heterocycle. The replacement of the sulfur atom in the 2-amino-4-methylthiazole by an oxygen atom resulted in a decreased hH_2R affinity (e.g., oxazole: **45** (pK_i = 6.41, Table 1) vs thiazole UR-CH22^{23,24} (pK_i = 7.16,^{23,24} see Figure S135 and Table S1 in the SI)). The omission of the methyl group in position 4 of the heterocyclic ring did not cause a significant change in the hH_2R affinity (**32**, **48**, and **59** vs 6^{23} (Table 1), UR-CH22^{23,24} and UR-SB257,^{23,24} see Figure S135 and Table S1 in the SI). However, the replacement of the amino(methyl)thiazole by a 2-amino-1,3,4-

thiadiazole was favorable: the K_i -values of compounds 31 (p K_i = 8.52), **36** ($pK_i = 8.29$), **47** ($pK_i = 8.30$), **56** ($pK_i = 8.09$), and **57** $(pK_i = 8.19)$ were in the single-digit nanomolar range (cf. Table 1). Also, in the case of the diazoles, the substitution of the sulfur atom by an oxygen atom resulted in a decreased hH_2R affinity (e.g., oxadiazole: **58** ($pK_i = 6.17$) vs thiadiazole **57** ($pK_i = 8.19$), Table 1). The replacement of the free amine group in the 2amino-1,3,4-thiadiazole by a methyl group (30, 38, 42, and 46) resulted in a dramatic decrease of the hH_2R affinity (cf. Table 1), indicating that the heteroaromatic amine group is extremely important for high affinity. This observation was also supported by docking experiments (see the Molecular Docking Studies section). Finally, using the reported 1H-1,2,4-triazole³⁴ or a more explorative 4-(dimethylamino)methyl-1,2,3-triazole instead of the 2-amino-4-methylthiazole resulted in decreased hH_2R affinities (1,2,4-triazole 54 (p K_i = 7.27, Table 1) and 1,2,3triazole 55 (p K_i = 5.35, Table 1) vs thiazole UR-Po563²³ (p K_i = 7.75,²³ see Figure S135 and Table S1 in the SI)).

It is literature known that dimeric ligands possess a significantly increased H₂R affinity (human or guinea pig).^{22,25} Therefore, we also synthesized several dimeric compounds, e.g., the 2-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazole heterocycle containing ligands **69** (hexyl-spacer, $pK_i = 8.28$, Table 1) and **70** (octyl-spacer, $pK_i = 8.32$, Table 1). However, no further increase in affinity could be achieved compared to the monomeric compounds **31** (pentyl, $pK_i = 8.52$, Table 1) and **36** (hexyl, $pK_i = 8.29$, Table 1).

The pK_i values of all synthesized compounds were also determined at the hH_1 , hH_3 , and hH_4 receptors on membranes of Sf9 cells expressing the respective histamine receptor using the radioligands $[^{3}H]$ mepyramine $(hH_{1}R)$, $[^{3}H]N^{\alpha}$ -methylhistamine, or $[^{3}H]$ UR-PI294³⁷ (*h*H₃R) and $[^{3}H]$ **1** (*h*H₄R, cf. Table 1). The imidazole-containing ligand 52 was synthesized as a control compound to showcase that the subtype selectivity is largely influenced by the heterocycle. Unsurprisingly, despite a high affinity at the H₂R, it bound similarly well or even better to the H₃R and H₄R. In contrast, neither of the 2-amino-1,3,4thiadiazoles (31, 36, 43, 47, 53, 56, 57, 63, 69, and 70) displayed remarkable affinity to the hH_1 , hH_3 , or hH_4 receptors leading to at least 100-fold selectivity for the hH_2R (cf. Table 1). The only exception among the thiadiazoles was observed for compound 39, which contains the 8-aminooctyl side chain. Within the synthesized series, compound 31 showed the highest affinity

Table 1. Binding Data of the Compounds 30–70 on Human Histamine Receptor Subtypes^a

	$Het \overset{NH_2}{\longrightarrow} N \overset{NH_2}{\longrightarrow} N \overset{R}{\longrightarrow} N \overset{R}{\to} N$												
			N H2N N BB4	~~ N H₂N	BB5	SLN BB6			or N	s	39 310 or N S H ₂ N	-	
											H2R	selectivi	ty
Cmpd.	st	ructure	pKi						$K_{i}(H_{x}R)/K_{i}(H_{2}R), x=1,3,4$				
	BB	R	hH_1R^b	N	<i>h</i> H ₂ R ^c	N	<i>h</i> H ₃ R ^{<i>d,e</i>}	N	hH ₄ R ^f	N	H_1	H3	H4
1	-	-	5.62 ± 0.03^{37}	4	6.58 ± 0.04^{38}	48	7.59 ± 0.01^{37}	42	7.60 ± 0.01^{37}	45	9	0.1	0.1
5 ²²	-	-	6.06 ± 0.05^{22}	-	8.07 ± 0.05^{22}	-	5.94 ± 0.16^{22}	-	$\begin{array}{c} 5.69 \pm \\ 0.07^{22} \end{array}$	-	102	135	240
7	-	-	n.d. ^{<i>h</i>}	-	4.86 ± 0.07^{23}	-	n.d. ^h	-	n.d. ^h	-	-	-	-
6 ²³	-		4.97 ± 0.10^{23}	3	8.35 ± 0.08^{23}	3	$\begin{array}{c} 4.98 \pm \\ 0.17^{23} \end{array}$	3	$\begin{array}{c} 5.37 \pm \\ 0.09^{23} \end{array}$	3	2399	2344	955
30	3		< 5	3	5.66 ± 0.15	3	< 5 ^e	3	< 5	3	> 5	> 5	> 5
31 (UR- KAT505)	4		5.19 ± 0.05	3	8.52± 0.16	3	< 5 ^e	3	< 5	3	2138	>3311	>3311
32 (UR- KAT583)	6	√ (+) ⁴	$\begin{array}{c} 5.02 \pm \\ 0.03 \end{array}$	3	7.64 ± 0.07	3	< 5 ^e	3	< 5	3	417	> 437	> 437
33	9		5.43 ± 0.09	3	6.34 ± 0.06	3	$4.94 \pm 0.06^{d,e}$	3	5.11 ± 0.04	3	8	25	17
34	10		5.18 ± 0.09	3	6.72 ± 0.03	3	5.02 ± 0.07^{e}	3	5.13 ± 0.05	3	35	50	39
35	11		5.28 ± 0.10	3	6.81 ± 0.07	3	$5.18 \pm 0.15^{\rm d,e}$	3	5.23 ± 0.04	3	34	43	38
36	4	J., 43 ⁵	5.30 ± 0.09	3	8.29 ± 0.20	3	< 5 ^e	3	< 5	3	977	> 1950	> 1950
37	5	K () ,	5.05 ± 0.06	3	6.41 ± 0.01	3	< 5 ^e	3	< 5	3	23	> 26	> 26
38	3		6.51 ± 0.19	3	5.74 ± 0.14	3	4.93 ± 0.18 ^e	3	< 5	3	0.2	7	> 5
39	4	χ· / ΝΠ2	6.28 ± 0.09	3	7.48 ± 0.14	3	< 5 ^e	3	< 5	3	16	> 302	> 302
40	9	$\sqrt{\mathbf{v}}$	5.26 ± 0.17	3	6.26 ± 0.14	3	4.91 ± 0.09 ^{d,e}	3	5.16 ± 0.07	3	10	22	13
41	2		5.22 ± 0.04	3	6.61 ± 0.08	3	5.08 ± 0.11 ^e	3	5.12 ± 0.07	3	25	34	31
42	3	nÔ	5.15 ± 0.01	3	5.98 ± 0.12	3	4.94 ± 0.06	3	< 5	3	7	11	> 10
43	4	(Ţ ,	5.13 ± 0.06	3	7.71 ± 0.14	4	5.56 ± 0.10 ^e	3	4.90 ± 0.12	3	380	141	646
44	9		5.54 ± 0.13	3	6.51 ± 0.10	3	5.25 ± 0.05 ^e	3	5.11 ± 0.04	3	9	18	25

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Table 1. continued

										H ₂ R selectivity			
Cmpd.	st	ructure				1	р <i>К</i> і				$K_i(H_xR)/K_i(H_2R), x=1,3,4$		
	BB	R	hH_1R^b	N	$h H_2 R^c$	N	hH3R ^{d,e}	N	hH ₄ R ^f	Ν	H_1	H3	H_4
45	2		$\begin{array}{c} 5.05 \pm \\ 0.06 \end{array}$	3	6.41 ± 0.11	3	< 5 ^e	3	< 5	3	23	> 26	> 26
46	3		$\begin{array}{c} 4.97 \pm \\ 0.08 \end{array}$	3	5.25 ± 0.15	3	< 5 ^e	3	< 5	3	2	>2	> 2
47 (UR- KAT533)	4		5.27 ± 0.12	3	$\begin{array}{c} 8.30 \pm \\ 0.07 \end{array}$	3	< 5°	3	< 5	3	1072	> 1995	> 1995
48	6	ΥÜ	5.25 ± 0.01	3	7.57 ± 0.07	3	< 5 ^e	3	< 5	3	209	> 372	> 372
49	9		$\begin{array}{c} 5.89 \pm \\ 0.03 \end{array}$	3	6.67 ± 0.05	3	$5.07 \pm 0.10^{\rm d,e}$	3	4.92 ± 0.14	3	6	40	56
50	10		5.14 ± 0.14	3	6.52 ± 0.13	3	< 5 ^e	3	< 5	3	24	> 33	> 33
51	11		5.41 ± 0.12	3	6.52 ± 0.02	3	$\begin{array}{c} 4.95 \pm \\ 0.06^d \end{array}$	3	5.23 ± 0.02	3	13	37	19
52	1		$\begin{array}{c} 5.40 \pm \\ 0.04 \end{array}$	3	8.21 ± 0.09	3	8.77 ± 0.02^{e}	3	$\begin{array}{c} 8.07 \pm \\ 0.06 \end{array}$	3	646	0.3	1
53 ^g	4	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$	< 5	3	$\begin{array}{c} 7.89 \pm \\ 0.06 \end{array}$	3	< 5 ^e	3	< 5	3	> 776	> 776	> 776
54 ^g	7	` U	$\begin{array}{c} 5.10 \pm \\ 0.05 \end{array}$	3	7.27 ± 0.07	3	< 5 ^e	3	< 5	3	148	> 186	> 186
55	8		< 5	3	5.35 ± 0.02	3	4.99 ± 0.02 ^e	3	< 5	3	> 2	2	> 2
56 ^g (UR- MB-165)	4	F	4.98 ± 0.02	3	8.09 ± 0.03	3	< 5°	3	< 5	3	1288	> 1230	> 1230
57	4		5.87 ± 0.12	3	8.19 ± 0.11	3	5.63 ± 0.11 ^e	3	5.16 ± 0.11	3	209	363	1072
58	5		5.57 ± 0.09	3	6.17 ± 0.08	3	5.04 ± 0.03^{e}	3	< 5	3	4	13	> 15
59	6	$\langle \gamma \gamma \gamma \rangle$	5.60 ± 0.05	3	7.19 ± 0.14	3	5.32 ± 0.11 ^e	3	5.35 ± 0.11	3	39	74	69
60	9		5.74 ± 0.14	4	6.48 ± 0.04	3	$5.08 \pm 0.07^{d,e}$	3	5.20 ± 0.03	3	5	25	19
61	10		5.28 ± 0.18	3	6.63 ± 0.06	3	4.89 ± 0.13 ^e	3	5.13 ± 0.06	3	22	45	32
62	11		6.74 ± 0.12	3	6.97 ± 0.03	3	$\begin{array}{c} 5.71 \pm \\ 0.10^{d} \end{array}$	3	5.47 ± 0.10	3	2	18	32
63	4		5.29 ± 0.08	3	7.82 ± 0.11	3	5.40 ± 0.13 ^e	3	5.31 ± 0.16	3	339	263	324
64	9	$\gamma \beta^{3}$	5.12 ± 0.11	3	$\begin{array}{c} 6.50 \pm \\ 0.05 \end{array}$	3	$5.10 \pm 0.11^{d,e}$	3	5.22 ± 0.03	3	24	25	19
65	10		4.88 ± 0.15	3	6.63 ± 0.07	3	4.97 ± 0.10 ^e	3	5.15 ± 0.03	3	56	46	30

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	BB	R	hH_1R^b	Ν	hH2R ^c	N	<i>h</i> H₃R ^{d,e}	N	hH4R ^f	Ν	H_1	H ₃	H4	
66	11		5.41 ± 0.08	3	6.96 ± 0.19	3	5.76 ± 0.13 ^{d,e}	3	5.39 ± 0.11	3	35	16	37	
67	9	dimonio	5.67 ± 0.14	3	6.46 ± 0.18	3	5.71 ± 0.09 ^e	3	5.67 ± 0.10	3	6	6	6	
68	10		$5.84 \pm \\ 0.03$	3	6.42 ± 0.02	3	6.15 ± 0.04 ^e	3	5.63 ± 0.04	3	4	2	6	
69	4		$\begin{array}{c} 5.45 \pm \\ 0.08 \end{array}$	3	8.28 ± 0.13	3	5.00 ± 0.06^{e}	3	< 5	3	676	1905	> 1905	
70	4	dimeric $\sqrt{3}^{8}$	$5.74 \pm \\ 0.08$	3	8.32 ± 0.11	3	5.16± 0.06 ^e	3	$5.05 \pm \\ 0.07$	3	380	1445	1862	

^{*a*}Radioligand competition binding assay using membrane preparations of Sf9 cells expressing the $hH_1R + RGS4$, hH_2R-G_{saS} , $hH_3R + G_{at2} + G_{\beta_{1}\gamma_2}$, or $hH_4R + G_{at2} + G_{\beta_{1}\gamma_2}$. All compounds were tested as TFA salts unless otherwise noted. Data represent mean values \pm standard error of the mean (SEM) of N independent experiments, each performed in triplicate. The displacement curves of compounds **31**, **32**, **36**, **43**, **47**, **53**, **54**, **56**, **57**, **59**, **63**, and **69** are presented in Figures S133 and 134 in the SI. ^bDisplacement of 5 nM [³H]mepyramine ($K_d = 4.5$ nM). ^cDisplacement of 20 nM [³H]UR-DE257³⁶ ($K_d = 12.2$ nM). ^dDisplacement of 8.6 nM [³H]N^a-methylhistamine ($K_d = 3$ nM). ^eDisplacement of 2 nM [³H]UR-PI294³⁷ ($K_d = 3$ nM). ^fDisplacement of 15 nM [³H]1 ($K_d = 16$ nM). ^gTested as the HCl salt instead of the TFA salt. ^hn.d.: not determined.

 $(pK_i = 8.52, Table 1)$ and subtype selectivity (ratio of $K_i H_1 R/H_3 R/H_4 R$ of 2138:>3311:>3311, Table 1).

 $D_{2lona}R$ and $D_{3}R$ Affinities of N^{G} -Carbamoylated Guanidines. \tilde{N}^{G} -Carbamoylated guanidines with a pK_i value >7.0 at the hH_2R were investigated for their affinities to the hD_{2long} and hD_3 receptors in radioligand binding assays on homogenates of HEK293T-CRE-Luc cells coexpressing the respective receptor (Table 2). Ligands with pK_i values <7.0 were not tested, as they are not suitable as pharmacological tools to study the H₂R function in the brain due to their low affinity. Compounds containing the 2-aminothiazole heterocycle without a methyl group in position 4 (32, 48, and 59) still showed high to moderate affinities to the $hD_{2long/3}$ receptors, especially to the hD_3R (cf. Table 2). The determined $hD_{2long/3}$ receptor affinities were comparable to affinities published for 2-amino(4-methyl)thiazoles.²³ Fortunately, compounds containing the 2-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazole or the 1H-1,2,4-triazole heterocycle displayed only low affinity to the hD_{2long} and hD_{3} receptors. We observed that some of them (31, 36, 47, 53, 54, and 57) showed even more than 100-fold selectivity for the hH_2R over the hD_{2long} and hD_3 receptors (cf. Table 2). This trend indicates that the nitrogen in position 4 might be responsible for the lower affinity to the hD_3R (for more details, see docking results; Figure 3D). In addition to the effect of the heterocycle, the side residue played an important role in the dopamine $hD_{2long/3}$ receptor affinities. For example, thiadiazoles 43 (2-cyclohexylpropyl side residue) and 63 (2-methyl-5-phenylpentyl side residue) still had a moderate affinity for the $hD_{2long/3}$ receptors, which might indicate an additional (hydrophobic) interaction in the binding pocket of the D_{2long/3} receptors (not further investigated). Finally, the dimeric ligand 69 also possessed high hD_{2long} and hD_3 receptor affinities compared to the corresponding monomeric ligands 31 and 36 (cf. Table 2). Therefore, 70, also being a dimeric ligand, was not further investigated. 39 and 52 were, despite their high H₂R affinity, also excluded from additional experiments due to their low subtype selectivity (cf. Table 1).

In summary, although many ligands (**31**, **36**, **47**, **53**, **54**, and **57**) showed a decent selectivity for the hH_2R over the hD_{2long} and hD_3 receptors (ratios of $K_i > 100$), **31** and **47** turned out to be the most promising candidates due to their excellent selectivity profiles.

Functional Studies at the Human H_2R . To gain further insights into the general structure-activity relationship of the $N^{\rm G}$ -carbamoylated guanidines, all target compounds 30–70 were investigated for hH_2R agonism and antagonism in the β arrestin2- and mini-G protein recruitment assays using genetically engineered HEK293T cells, respectively. Only the functional data of the most interesting molecules (31, 32, 36, 43, 47, 48, 53, 54, 56, 57, 59, 63, and 69) are shown in Table 3 (for functional data of the remaining and reference compounds, see Table S2 in the SI). The responses in both assays were normalized to the maximum effect induced by 100 μ M histamine (1, $E_{max} = 1.00$) and buffer control ($E_{max} = 0$). Thus, 1 is defined as a full, unbiased agonist in either readout. 1 exhibits a significantly lower potency in the β -arrestin2 recruitment assay compared to the mini-G protein recruitment assay (pEC₅₀ (β -arrestin2) = 5.42;⁴¹ pEC₅₀ (mGs (minimal G_{as}) protein)) = 6.94;⁴² cf. Table 3). Similarly, the potencies of the investigated N^G-carbamoylated guanidines were also lower in the β -arrestin2 recruitment assay (cf. Table 3). A possible explanation for this trend could be the use of the mGs protein since it is known that mG proteins stabilize active states of GPCRs, which favors the binding of agonists.^{42–45}

The compounds shown in Table 3 proved to be strong partial agonists ($E_{max} = 0.83-0.95$, cf. Table 3) in the mini-G protein recruitment assay with pEC₅₀ values >7.0. The determined pEC₅₀ values in most cases agree very well with the p K_i values from the radioligand binding assay. Compound 47, containing the benzyl side residue, showed the highest hH_2R potency with a pEC₅₀ of 8.48, and also 31 (pentyl side residue, pEC₅₀ = 8.22) showed an excellent potency in the single-digit nanomolar range (cf. Table 3). The incorporation of a ring system (cf. Scheme 1, BB9–11) in the spacer resulted in either antagonists or partial

Γable 2. Binding Data of the Selected N	-Carbamoylated Guanidines on Human	Dopamine D _{2long} and D ₃ Receptors ⁴
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Het										
	Het [~]		N S H ₂ N BB6	HN N N BB	N					
Cmpd.	sti	ructure		p <i>l</i>	Χi		$H_2R se$ $K_i (D_xR)$ $x = 2$	lectivity)/ <i>K</i> _i (H ₂ R) long, 3		
	BB	R	$hD_{2long}R^b$	N	hD_3R^c	Ν	D _{2long} R	D ₃ R		
pramipexole (7)	-	-	hi 7.59 \pm 0.12 ³⁹ low 6.00 \pm 0.03 ³⁹	3	9.18 ± 0.06^{39}	3	0.002 ^e	0.00005		
5 ²²	-	-	7.09 ± 0.07	3	8.70 ± 0.04	3	10	0.2		
6 ²³	-		6.35 ± 0.01^{23}	3	7.80 ± 0.09^{23}	3	100	4		
31	4	$\bigvee H^4$	5.02 ± 0.15	3	6.10 ± 0.05	4	3162	263		
32	6		5.46 ± 0.07	3	7.50 ± 0.02	3	151	1		
36	4	¥H≯	< 5	3	6.23 ± 0.02	3	> 1950	115		
43	4	$\nabla \nabla (\mathbf{r})$	5.79 ± 0.01	3	6.63 ± 0.08	3	83	12		
47	4	$\langle \gamma \gamma \gamma \rangle$	5.20 ± 0.04	3	5.58 ± 0.17	3	1259	525		
48	6		5.34 ± 0.07	3	7.13 ± 0.04	3	170	3		
53 ^d	4		< 5	3	5.49 ± 0.10	3	> 776	251		
54 ^{<i>d</i>}	7	` U	< 5	3	< 5	3	> 186	> 186		
56 ^d	4	↓ ↓ ↓ F	< 5	3	6.18 ± 0.10	3	> 1230	81		
57	4	$\langle \gamma \gamma$	5.97 ± 0.07	3	5.69 ± 0.11	4	166	316		
59	6	. ~	6.31 ± 0.07	3	6.64 ± 0.01	3	8	4		
63	4	MA3	6.35 ± 0.06	3	6.49 ± 0.02	3	30	21		
69	4	dimeric	6.02 ± 0.10	3	7.22 ± 0.07	3	182	12		

^{*a*}Data represent mean values \pm SEM from *N* independent experiments, each performed in triplicate. All compounds were tested as TFA salts unless otherwise noted. ^{*b*}The radioligand competition binding assay with [³H]*N*-methylspiperone ($hD_{2long}R$: $K_d = 0.0149$ nM, c = 0.05 nM) using homogenates of HEK293T-CRE-Luc- $hD_{2long}R$ cells.⁴⁰ ^{*c*}The radioligand competition binding assay with [³H]*N*-methylspiperone ($hD_{3}R$: $K_d = 0.0258$ nM, c = 0.05 nM) using homogenates of HEK293T-CRE-Luc- $hD_{3}R$ cells.⁴⁰ ^{*d*}Tested as the HCl salt instead of the TFA salt. The displacement curves are presented in Figures S136 and S137 in the SI. ^{*e*}Calculated using the high pK_i value.

agonists depending on the side residue (for details, see Table S2 in the SI). Surprisingly, some of the tested compounds revealed a completely different functional profile in the β -arrestin2 recruitment assay (cf. Tables 3 and S2). Almost all tested 2aminothiazoles **6**,²³ UR-CH20,^{23,24} UR-CH22,^{23,24} UR-Po563,²³ UR-MB-69,²³ UR-SB257,^{23,24} UR-KAT527,²³ **32**, 48, and 59 and the thiadiazoles 57 and 63, containing a propyl spacer, as well as triazole 54, exhibited a certain degree of efficacy bias toward G protein activation. The compounds acted as strong partial agonists ($E_{max} = 0.73 - 0.94$, cf. Tables 3 and S2) in the mini-G protein recruitment assay but were only partial agonists in the β -arrestin2 recruitment assay ($E_{max} = 0.10 - 0.73$,



Figure 3. (A) Active-state model of the hH_2R with **31** in the binding pocket. The most important amino acids interacting with **31** are highlighted. (B) Differences between the interaction sites of the aminothiadiazole moiety of **31** and the hH_2R or the hD_2R , respectively. (C) The most important amino acids of hH_2R (left), $hD_2R-E^{E2.49}V-I^{E2.51}S$ (center), and hD_2R (right) interacting with the carbamoylguanidine moiety of **31**. (D) The influence of the isoleucine at position E2.52 of the E2 loop onto the interaction with the heterocycle of **31** (left), **32** (center), and **6** (right). The active-state β_2 -adrenergic receptor—Gs protein complex crystal structure (PDB ID: $3SN6^{50}$) was used as a starting point for the homology model of the hH_2R . In the case of the hD_2R , the PDB code is 6VMS.⁵¹

cf. Tables 3 and S2). The efficacy bias was confirmed by the determination of efficacy bias factors (eBF, for details, see Section S10 in the SI). By contrast, since most of the thiadiazoles (including the most promising candidates 31 and 47) exhibited no significant bias, they behave in a way similar to the endogenous ligand histamine (1). This advantage should enable an authentic examination of the function of the H₂R in the CNS with these ligands. Finally, the dimeric ligands (e.g., thiazole: 5,²² thiadiazole: 69) exhibited similar characteristics as their monomeric counterparts and all compounds containing a

rigidized spacer (cf. Scheme 1, BB9–11) acted as antagonists in the β -arrestin2 recruitment assay (see Table S2 in the SI).

Functional Studies at the Guinea Pig H₂R. Furthermore, a selection of compounds (with a $pK_i > 7.0$ at the hH_2R and a selectivity over the $hD_{2long/3}$ receptors) was investigated on the isolated spontaneously beating guinea pig right atrium as a more complex, well-established standard model for the characterization of H₂R ligands (Table 4).^{1,30} All compounds turned out to be full agonists in this assay ($E_{max} = 0.98 - 1.15$, cf. Table 4). The obtained data are generally comparable with the results

Table 3. Potencies and Efficacies of the Selected N ^G	-Carbamoylated G	uanidines in the $meta$	-Arrestin2 and Mini-G	Protein
Recruitment Assays at the hH_2R^a				

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	Не	t K			2N BE			
Cmpd.	struc	ture	β-arrestin	2 recruitment ^b		mGs rec	cruitment ^c	
	BB	R	pEC50	E_{\max}^d	N	pEC50	E_{\max}^d	N
1	-	-	5.42 ± 0.02^{40}	1.00 ⁴⁰	3	6.94 ± 0.06^{41}	1.0041	9
5 ²²	-	-	6.80 ± 0.14	0.30 ± 0.04	6	7.62 ± 0.02	0.89 ± 0.01	3
7	-	-	4.40 ± 0.10^{23}	0.35 ± 0.03^{23}	3	6.78 ± 0.01	0.95 ± 0.01	
6 ²³	-		6.75 ± 0.12^{23}	0.15 ± 0.02^{23}	4	8.34 ± 0.05	0.88 ± 0.01	3
31 ^f	4	$\forall \forall \forall$	6.63 ± 0.08	0.94 ± 0.06	6	8.24 ± 0.22	0.93 ± 0.01	3
32	6		7.25 ± 0.04	0.64 ± 0.04	4	8.22 ± 0.04	0.89 ± 0.01	3
36	4	\mathcal{A}	5.97 ± 0.04	1.16 ± 0.05	5	8.22 ± 0.06	0.95 ± 0.02	3
43 ^f	4	$\nabla \nabla$	6.87 ± 0.09	0.90 ± 0.04	6	7.97 ± 0.03	0.88 ± 0.03	3
47	4	$\langle \gamma \gamma \gamma$	6.86 ± 0.13	0.94 ± 0.06	5	8.48 ± 0.07	0.92 ± 0.01	4
48	6		7.31 ± 0.05	0.73 ± 0.03	4	8.31 ± 0.14	0.94 ± 0.03	4
53 ^e	4		6.55 ± 0.09	0.87 ± 0.02	5	7.70 ± 0.04	0.91 ± 0.02	3
54 ^e	7	` U	6.49 ± 0.10	0.37 ± 0.02	4	7.59 ± 0.04	0.90 ± 0.02	3
56 ^e	4	√↓F	7.12 ± 0.05	1.04 ± 0.03	6	8.09 ± 0.04	0.95 ± 0.01	3
57 ^f	4	<pre>\</pre>	6.89 ± 0.17	0.53 ± 0.04	5	7.21 ± 0.09	0.91 ± 0.01	4
59	6	. ~	6.63 ± 0.08	0.16 ± 0.01	4	7.11 ± 0.04	0.83 ± 0.01	4
63	4	MA3	6.54 ± 0.17	0.38 ± 0.04	5	7.62 ± 0.09	0.84 ± 0.02	4
69 ^r	4	dimeric	6.39 ± 0.07	0.82 ± 0.06	4	7.70 ± 0.12	0.94 ± 0.01	3

^{*a*}Data represent mean values \pm SEM from *N* independent experiments, each performed in triplicate. All compounds were tested as TFA salts unless otherwise noted. ^{*b*}The β -arrestin2 recruitment assay was performed using HEK293T-ARRB2-H₂R cells.^{41,46} ^{*c*}The mini-G protein recruitment assay was performed using HEK293T NlucN-mGs/hH₂R-NlucC cells.⁴² ^{*d*}The response in both assays was normalized to the maximal effect induced by 100 μ M 1 ($E_{max} = 1.00$) and buffer control ($E_{max} = 0.00$). The concentration–response curves are presented in Figures S138 and S140 in the SI. ^{*c*}Tested as the HCl salt instead of the TFA salt. ^{*f*}Selected compounds were investigated for functional activity in the [³⁵S]GTP γ S binding assay at the hH_2 R-G_{saS} fusion protein:²² 31: pEC₅₀ = 7.59 \pm 0.11, $E_{max} = 0.84 \pm 0.04$ (N = 3); 43: pEC₅₀ = 7.88 \pm 0.09, $E_{max} = 0.78 \pm 0.07$ (N = 3); 57: pEC₅₀ = 7.89 \pm 0.11, $E_{max} = 0.88 \pm 0.06$ (N = 4); and 69: pEC₅₀ = 7.46 \pm 0.09, $E_{max} = 0.71 \pm 0.06$ (N = 3). The obtained results were in good agreement with the results from the mini-G protein recruitment assay.

from the gpH_2R mini-G protein recruitment assay in terms of potency and efficacy (Table 4). Noteworthily, **53**, **56**, and **57** showed the highest discrepancies regarding the potency in both assays. However, **53** and **56** showed higher potencies by about one logarithmic unit on the guinea pig right atrium, and **57** behaved exactly the opposite (Table 4). The thiadiazole **56** (pEC₅₀ = 9.04) showed the highest potency on the guinea pig right atrium, whereas **47** was the most potent compound in the mini-G protein recruitment assay (pEC₅₀ = 8.66). In general, a comparison of the mini-G protein recruitment assay data at the guinea pig and human H₂Rs showed that the potencies at the gpH_2R were slightly better for all substances tested, while the efficacies were pretty much the same. A similar observation was already published for the [^{35}S]GTP γ S assay and the steady-state GTPase assay.^{20,25,47,48}

Functional Studies at the Human $D_{2long/3}$ *Receptors.* Although the relevant N^{G} -carbamoylated guanidines (**31**, **32**, **36**, **47**, **53**, **54**, **56**, and **57**) bind to the $hD_{2long/3}$ receptors only with low affinity ($pK_i < 6.5$ (only **32** has a $pK_i > 6.5$ at the D_3R), see Table 2), we decided to characterize these ligands in the β - Table 4. Potencies and Efficacies of the Tested N^{G} -Carbamoylated Guanidines Determined in the Mini-G Protein Recruitment Assay at the gpH_2R or by Organ Bath Studies at the Spontaneously Beating Guinea Pig Right Atrium^{*a*}

				Het				
		Het		R SN H ₂ N N BB4	H ₂		N 27	
Cmpd	st	ructure	mGs re	cruitment ^b			atrium ^d	
	B B	R	pEC50	E _{max} ^c	N	pEC50 ^e	Emax ^f	N
1	-	-	6.60 ± 0.07^2	1.00 ²⁶	3	6.16 ± 0.01^3 7	1.00 ³⁷	22 5
6 ²³	-	3 H ⁴	n.d. ^{<i>h</i>}	n.d. ^{<i>h</i>}	-	8.24 ± 0.03^2	0.78 ± 0.03^2	3
31	4	Ϋ́Υ	8.36 ± 0.07	$\begin{array}{c} 0.94 \pm 0.0 \\ 1 \end{array}$	3	8.25 ± 0.11	1.09 ± 0.02	3
36	4	$(+)^{5}$	8.64 ± 0.05	$\begin{array}{c} 0.96 \pm 0.0 \\ 1 \end{array}$	3	8.32 ± 0.06	1.06 ± 0.05	3
47	4	$\bigvee \bigcirc$	8.66 ± 0.04	$\begin{array}{c} 0.94 \pm 0.0 \\ 1 \end{array}$	3	8.88 ± 0.03	1.05 ± 0.01	3
53 ^g	4		7.60 ± 0.03	$\begin{array}{c} 0.90 \pm 0.0 \\ 2 \end{array}$	3	8.54 ± 0.09	0.98 ± 0.04	3
54 ^g	7	` U	7.79 ± 0.02	$\begin{array}{c} 0.86 \pm 0.0\\ 3\end{array}$	3	7.42 ± 0.10	1.15 ± 0.11	3
56 ^g	4	↓ ↓ ↓ ►	8.16 ± 0.03	$\begin{array}{c} 0.93 \pm 0.0 \\ 2 \end{array}$	3	9.04 ± 0.10	1.10 ± 0.05	3
57	4	YYY)	7.83 ± 0.09	$\begin{array}{c} 0.92 \pm 0.0 \\ 1 \end{array}$	3	7.02 ± 0.08	1.02 ± 0.10	3

^{*a*}Data represent mean values \pm SEM from *N* independent experiments, each performed in triplicate. All compounds were tested as TFA salts unless otherwise noted. ^{*b*}The mini-G protein recruitment assay was performed using HEK293T NlucN-mGs/gpH₂R-NlucC cells.²⁶ ^{*c*}The response was normalized to the maximal effect induced by 100 μ M 1 ($E_{max} = 1.00$) and buffer control ($E_{max} = 0.00$). The concentration–response curves are presented in Figure S139 in the SI. ^{*d*}Organ bath studies using the isolated, spontaneously beating guinea pig right atrium.³⁸ ^{*e*}The pEC₅₀ value was calculated from the mean corrected shift Δ EC₅₀ of the agonist curve relative to the histamine reference curve by the following equation: pEC₅₀ = 6.16 + Δ pEC₅₀. ^{*f*}E_{max}: maximal response relative to the maximal increase in the heart rate induced by 30 μ M 1 ($E_{max} = 1.00$). ^{*g*}Tested as the HCl salt instead of the TFA salt. ^{*h*}n.d.: not determined.

arrestin2 assay, which is already established in our lab.⁴⁰ In addition, the data of 5,²² 43, 48, 59, 63, and 69 were collected for a broader comparison of the compounds. The measured potencies and efficacies are presented in Table 5. All tested compounds showed agonistic activities in the β -arrestin2 recruitment assay at the hD_3R . In the β -arrestin2 recruitment assay at the $hD_{2long}R$, 47 and 54 were inactive (up to a tested concentration of 10 μ M, cf. Table 5). The remaining compounds (5,²² 31, 32, 36, 43, 48, 53, 56, 59, and 69) acted as agonists with the exception of 57 and 63, which were antagonists. Some compounds (31, 36, 43, 53, and 56 at the $hD_{2long}R$ and 54 and 57 at the hD_3R) showed only very weak partial agonism at the highest tested concentration of 10 μ M, which could not be fitted. In general, thiadiazoles showed lower potencies and efficacies at the $hD_{2long/3}$ receptors than their thiazole counterparts (cf. Table 5).

Molecular Docking Studies. To shed light on the binding modes of the amino(methyl)thiazole- and the aminothiadiazolecontaining carbamoylguanidines and to gain insight into the specific molecular interactions leading to the differences in the hH_2R , hD_2R , and hD_3R affinities, we performed molecular docking studies (Figure 3). We chose to investigate compounds 6 (2-amino-4-methylthiazole), 31 (2-aminothiadiazole) and, 32 (2-aminothiazole) on the active-state receptor models of the hH_2R (homology model based on the β_2 -adrenergic receptor-Gs protein complex crystal structure 3SN6;⁵⁰ sequence identity of about $37\%^{19}$) and the hD_2R (based on the D_2R -G protein complex crystal structure 6VMS⁵¹). Since 6, 31, and 32 act as agonists at the hD_3 -receptor (β -arrestin2 assay, Table 5), they should be docked into its active-state receptor model. However, to the best of our knowledge, an active-state model of the D₃R has not been reported yet. To investigate the binding mode at the hD_3R despite this drawback, we decided to create mutants of Table 5. Potencies and Efficacies of Selected N^{G} -Carbamoylated Guanidines Determined in the β -Arrestin2 Recruitment Assay at the $hD_{2long}R$ or $hD_{3}R^{a}$

				Het			_	
	He	et A	$NH_2 O H H R$	S/N H ₂ N/N H	I ₂ N		~ I	
Carra	~4		1.1	BB4	BE	36 BB7	D.D.	
Cmpa.	st	ructure	nı	J _{2long} R ^o		n n	$2D_3R^2$	
	BB	R	$pEC_{50}/(pK_b)^d$	E _{max} ^e	N	pEC50	E _{max} ^e	N
quinpirole	-	-	7.55 ± 0.07^{39}	1.0039	5	8.75 ± 0.07^{39}	1.0039	6
pramipexole	-	-	8.19 ± 0.05^{39}	0.86 ± 0.04^{39}	4	9.09 ± 0.06^{39}	0.99 ± 0.04^{39}	4
5 ²²	-	-	6.67 ± 0.09	0.88 ± 0.07	4	7.70 ± 0.08	1.01 ± 0.06	6
6 ²³	-		5.98 ± 0.02^{23}	0.41 ± 0.05^{23}	4	7.80 ± 0.05^{23}	0.96 ± 0.05^{23}	3
31	4	\mathcal{A}	< 5	0.11 ± 0.01^g	3	5.55 ± 0.18	0.74 ± 0.08	3
32	6		5.85 ± 0.07	0.56 ± 0.05	4	7.40 ± 0.01	0.87 ± 0.01	3
36	4	\mathcal{A}	< 5	0.15 ± 0.01^g	3	6.09 ± 0.09	0.73 ± 0.07	4
43	4	$\nabla \mathcal{O}$	< 5	0.17 ± 0.05^g	3	5.87 ± 0.10	0.26 ± 0.05	3
47	4	$\langle \rangle \rangle$	< 5	n.a.	5	5.92 ± 0.14	0.43 ± 0.02	4
48	6		5.47 ± 0.08	0.23 ± 0.04	3	7.17 ± 0.03	0.87 ± 0.04	3
53 ^f	4	V Å	< 5	0.06 ± 0.01^g	3	5.97 ± 0.16	0.71 ± 0.04	3
54 [/]	7	ΥŊ	< 5	n.a.	3	< 5	0.18 ± 0.05^g	3
56 ^f	4	F	< 5	0.07 ± 0.01^{g}	3	5.72 ± 0.07	0.73 ± 0.11	3
57	4	$\sim \sim \sim \sim$	(5.69 ± 0.01)	n.a. ^h	3	< 5	0.12 ± 0.01^g	3
59	6		5.35 ± 0.06	0.31 ± 0.04	3	5.98 ± 0.02	0.71 ± 0.02	4
63	4	MAS	(5.42 ± 0.01)	n.a. ^{<i>h</i>}	4	6.33 ± 0.07	0.56 ± 0.05	3
69	4	dimeric	5.95 ± 0.05	0.32 ± 0.05	3	6.53 ± 0.12	0.80 ± 0.03	3

^{*a*}Data represent mean values \pm SEM from *N* independent experiments, each performed in triplicate. All compounds were tested as TFA salts unless otherwise noted. ^{*b*}The β -Arrestin2 recruitment assay was performed using HEK293T ElucN- β arr2 hD_{2long} R-ElucC cells. ^{*c*}The β -Arrestin2 recruitment assay was performed using HEK293T ElucN- β arr2 hD_3 R-ElucC cells. ^{*d*} $pK_b = -\log K_b$. K_b values were calculated according to the Cheng–Prusoff equation.⁴⁹ The IC₅₀ values of antagonists were determined in the antagonist mode vs quinpirole (50 nM, D_{2long} R). ^{*e*}The response in both assays was normalized to the maximal effect induced by 10 μ M quinpirole ($E_{max} = 1.00$) and buffer control ($E_{max} = 0.00$). ^{*f*}Tested as the HCl salt instead of the TFA salt.⁴⁰ ${}^{g}E_{max}$ at $c = 10 \ \mu$ M. ^{*h*}Silent antagonist. n.a. = not active. The concentration–response curves are presented in Figures S141–S143 in the SI.

the active-state hD_2R model, containing amino acid(s) (aa(s)) of the hD_3R .

First of all, we studied and analyzed literature data regarding mutagenesis studies at aminergic GPCRs (primarily histamine and dopamine receptors), focusing on the different amino acids of the orthosteric binding pocket at the hH_2R , hD_2R , and hD_3R . The results are summarized in Table 6.

The docking studies of **31** and **32** suggest that the heterocyclic five-membered ring (BB4 or BB6, respectively), particularly if surrounded by the amino acids $C^{3.36}$, $T^{3.37}$, $D^{5.42}$, $T^{5.46}$, and $F^{6.55}$, fits well into the orthosteric binding pocket of the hH_2R (Figure 3A, shown for **31**). However, both heterocycles are suggested to

bind in a conformation, with the sulfur being located near $C^{3.36}$ and $T^{3.37}$. Additionally, **31** and **32** are stabilized by an electrostatic interaction between the aspartate of the $D^{5.42}$ - $T^{5.46}$ motif and the NH₂-group of the heterocycle (Figure 3A, shown for **31**). The carbamoylguanidine moiety of both **31** and **32** forms an electrostatic interaction network with the amino acids $Y^{3.28}$, $D^{3.32}$, and $E^{7.35}$ (Figure 3A, shown for **31**). **31** and **32** could also be docked into the analogue binding pocket of the hD_2R . In contrast to the hH_2R , there is a serine instead of an aspartate at position 5.42, which results in a reduced electrostatic interaction of the hD_2R and the NH₂ moiety of the heterocycle (BB4 or BB6, respectively) (Figure 3B, shown for **31**). As

Table 6. Overview of the Literature Known Mutagenesis Studies at Aminergic GPCRs (Primarily Histamine and Dopamine Receptors), Focusing on Different Amino Acids of the Orthosteric Binding Pocket^a

position	receptor	mutation	most important new finding	references
2.61	hD_2R	V ^{2.61} F	•approx. 50-fold decrease in $K_{\rm i}$ of clozapine, leading to a comparable affinity like at the wt ${\rm D_4R}$	52
			•aa in position 2.61 is part of microdomain (including the amino acids at 3.28, 3.29, 7.35), which is partially accountable for the selectivity between the hD_2R and the hD_4R	
	hH ₁ R	$\mathrm{N}^{2.61}\mathrm{S}~(h\mathrm{H}_{1}\mathrm{R}\rightarrow gp\mathrm{H}_{1}\mathrm{R})$	 •no or only a small influence on the binding affinities of small molecules (e.g., mepyramine, cetirizine, histamine) 	53 and 54
			 •pK_i of more voluminous partial agonists (e.g., suprahistaprodifen and dimeric histaprodifen) increased, resulting in an affinity like at the gpH₁R 	
			$^{ullet}N^{2.61}$ is not the only responsible as for the observed species difference between the hH_1R and the gpH_1R	
E2.49, E2.51 and E2.52 of E2 loop	hD_2R/hD_3R	exemplarily: hD ₃ R-I183 ^{E2.52} F, hD ₂ R-I184 ^{E2.52} A, hD ₂ R- E181 ^{E2.49} V	•amino acids in these positions have influence on the binding affinity	55-58
5.42	several GPCRs, e.g., hD ₁ R, mD ₂ R, hD ₂ R, hD ₃ R	S ^{5.42} A	•highly important for ligand binding (≥10-fold alteration of affinity of different ligands)	59-62
5.46	several GPCRs, e.g., hD1R, gpH1R, hH4R	hD ₁ R-S ^{5.46} A, gpH ₁ R-N ^{5.46} A, hH ₄ R-E ^{5.46} D, hH ₄ R-E ^{5.46} Q	•≥10-fold alteration of affinity for selected ligands	59 and 63–69
			•in the case of the hD_1R , aa in position 5.46 is suggested to influence the subtype selectivity	
	$r\alpha_1 AR$	single mutations: S ^{5.42} A and S ^{5.46} A	•no significant reduction of the binding affinity for e.g., $(-)$ -epinephrine	70
		double mutation S ^{5.42} A/ S ^{5.46} A	•approx. 100-fold reduced affinity compared to the wt receptor	
6.51	hD ₂ R	$F^{6.51}A$, $F^{6.51}L$, $F^{6.51}Y$	•may affect the affinity up to 1000-fold	71
6.53	hH ₁ R	I ^{6.53} V	${}^{\bullet}\!K_{\rm d}$ of $[{}^{3}{\rm H}]$ mepyramine increased by approx. 10-fold; however, in another study slightly decreased	53 and 72
6.55	gpH_1R , rD_2R , hD_3R	gpH ₁ R-F ^{6.55} A, rD ₂ R-H ^{6.55} L, hD ₃ R-H ^{6.55} L, rD ₂ R-H ^{6.55} N	•up to 25-fold alteration of the binding affinity	73–76
			 may affect the binding affinity not only by a direct interaction with the ligand but also by changing the interaction network within the receptor 	
7.35	hM ₁ R	W ^{7.35} A, W ^{7.35} F	•described to affect the ligand affinity	77
^{<i>a</i>} <i>m</i> : mouse; <i>r</i> : r	at; hM_1R : human mu	iscarinic receptor M_1 ; and a	α_1 AR: α_1 adrenergic receptor.	

roughly estimated by calculating the docking energy between the hH_2R or the hH_2R -D^{5.42}S mutant and **31** or **32**, respectively, the interaction energy is considerably reduced for the hH_2R -D^{5.42}S mutant. Thus, this missing interaction is probably one reason for the reduced affinity of **31** or **32** at the hD_2R and the hD_3R , compared to the hH_2R . For the hD_2R , no compensating interaction between the heterocycle (BB4 or BB6, respectively) and the receptor could be identified.

Next, we performed further investigations to elucidate why the compounds 31 and 32 have a higher affinity to the hD_3R than to the hD_2R . Concerning the 5.42–5.46 motif, the situation at the hD_3R is identical compared to the hD_2R . Although a comparison of the amino acid sequence between the hD_2R and the hD_3R revealed two differences at the positions 4.53 and 4.56 $(hD_2R: S^{4.53}, I^{4.56}; hD_3R: A^{4.53}, V^{4.56})$, which are in close proximity to the 5.42-5.46 motif, subsequent docking studies at the hD_2R -S^{4.53}A-I^{4.56}V mutant suggested that these amino acids are not responsible for the subtype selectivity between the hD_2R and the hD_3R . Therefore, we performed an analysis of the interaction between the carbamoylguanidine moiety and the hD_2R or hD_3R . We observed that at position 7.35, the glutamate (hH_2R) is exchanged into a tyrosine, which is not able to establish an as strong electrostatic interaction as the glutamate. Furthermore, the $Y^{3,28}$, which also interacts at the hH_2R with the carbamoylguanidine by an electrostatic interaction, is a phenylalanine at the hD_2R and hD_3R , resulting in a deficit in the electrostatic interaction. These two reduced interactions between the hD_2R and the carbamoylguanidine constitute

probably another reason for the reduced affinity of 31 or 32 at the $hD_{2}R$ or $hD_{2}R$ compared to the $hH_{2}R$. An advanced comparison of the amino acid sequence between the hD_2R and the hD_3R revealed another two differences in the E2 loop in the neighborhood to the highly conserved cysteine $(hD_2R: E^{E2.49}C^{E2.50}I^{E2.51}; hD_3R: V^{E2.49}C^{E2.50}S^{E2.51})$ (for amino acid alignment, see Figure S146). In the case of the hD_2R , the $E^{E^{2,49}}$ is too far from the carbamoylguanidine moiety of the ligand and is not able to establish an electrostatic interaction (Figure 3C, right). In contrast, at the hD_3R , the S^{E2.51} is able to form a hydrogen bond with the carbamoylguanidine (cf. hD_2R -E^{2.49}V-I^{E2.51}S, Figure 3C, center). Thus, the reduced interaction between the receptor and the carbamoylguanidine moiety in the series $hH_2R \rightarrow hD_3R \rightarrow hD_2R$ will explain the reduced affinity, obtained by competition binding studies, within the same sequence. However, this effect could only be observed for the double mutant hD_2R -E^{E2.49}V-I^{E2.51}S, not for the single mutant $hD_2R-I^{E2.51}S$. As suggested by the modeling studies, in the case of the single mutant, the S^{E2.51} interacts with E^{E2.49} and not with the carbamoylguanidine moiety of the ligand. Thus, the double mutation is suggested to be essential for the reduced affinity of the compounds at the hD_2R compared to the hD_3R . Furthermore, the experimental studies show a decrease in affinity to the hD_3R in the series $6 \rightarrow 32 \rightarrow 31$. Here, the docking studies suggest that an isoleucine of the E2 loop $(I^{E2.52})$ is responsible for that trend (Figure 3D). This isoleucine is in close contact with the methyl group of the heterocycle of compound 6, establishing an additional van der Waals interaction between 6

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	pK_i									
receptor	6	Ν	31	Ν	47	Ν	54	Ν		
dopamine D ₁ ^{<i>a</i>}	6.59 ± 0.05	3	5.61 ± 0.05	3	5.86 ± 0.12	3	5.66 ± 0.05	3		
dopamine D _{4.4} ^b	6.96 ± 0.01	3	5.65 ± 0.04	3	6.17 ± 0.10	3	5.18 ± 0.03	3		
dopamine D ₅ ^c	5.40 ± 0.04	3	4.46 ± 0.05	3	4.95 ± 0.07	3	4.62 ± 0.05	3		
muscarinic acetylcholine ${\rm M_1}^d$	<5	3	<5	3	<5	3	<5	3		
muscarinic acetylcholine M_2^{e}	<5	3	<5	3	5.88 ± 0.03	3	<5	3		
muscarinic acetylcholine M_3^f	<5	3	<5	3	<5	3	<5	3		
muscarinic acetylcholine M_4^g	<5	3	<5	3	<5.5	3	<5	3		
muscarinic acetylcholine M ₅ ^h	<5	3	<5	3	<5	3	<5	3		
α_{1A} adrenergic ^{<i>i</i>}	5.69 ± 0.08	3	5.45 ± 0.11	3	6.07 ± 0.02	3	5.72 ± 0.07	3		
$\alpha_{2\mathrm{A}}$ adrenergic ^{<i>j</i>}	6.05 ± 0.05	3	5.31 ± 0.02	3	5.90 ± 0.12	3	6.07 ± 0.11	3		
β_1 adrenergic ^k	4.66 ± 0.04	3	<4	3	<4	3	4.31 ± 0.05	3		
β_2 adrenergic ^{l}	4.93 ± 0.04	3	4.20 ± 0.06	3	4.40 ± 0.02	3	4.45 ± 0.03	3		
μ -opioid ^m	5.99 ± 0.01	3	5.47 ± 0.03	3	5.40 ± 0.02	3	4.76 ± 0.03	3		
serotonin 5-HT _{1A} ⁿ	5.18 ± 0.05	3	4.49 ± 0.07	3	4.56 ± 0.05	4	4.29 ± 0.08	3		

^aDetermined by competition binding with [³H]SCH23390 (K_d /applied conc: D₁, 0.23/0.4 nM) using homogenates from HEK293T-CRE-LuchD₁R cells.⁴⁰ ^bDetermined by competition binding with [³H]N-methylspiperone (K_d /applied conc: D_{4,4}, 0.078/0.1 nM) using homogenates from HEK293T ElucN- β arr2 hD_{4,4}R-ELuc cells.⁴⁰ ^cDetermined by competition binding with [³H]SCH23390 (K_d /applied conc: D₅, 0.24/0.4 nM) using homogenates from HEK293T-CRE-Luc-hD₅R cells.⁴⁰ ^dDetermined by competition binding with [³H]N-methylscopolamine (K_d /applied conc: M₁, 0.17/0.2 nM) using the whole CHO-hM₁R cells.⁷⁸ ^dDetermined by competition binding with [³H]N-methylscopolamine (K_d /applied conc: M₂, 0.10/0.2 nM) using the whole CHO-hM₂R cells.⁷⁸ ^dDetermined by competition binding with [³H]N-methylscopolamine (K_d /applied conc: M₃, 0.12/0.2 nM) using the whole CHO-hM₃R cells.⁷⁸ ^bDetermined by competition binding with [³H]N-methylscopolamine (K_d /applied conc: M₄, 0.052/0.1 nM) using the whole CHO-hM₄R cells.⁷⁸ ^bDetermined by competition binding with [³H]N-methylscopolamine (K_d /applied conc: M₃, 0.20/0.3 nM) using the whole CHO-hM₄R cells.⁷⁸ ^bDetermined by competition binding with [³H]N-methylscopolamine (K_d /applied conc: M₃, 0.20/0.3 nM) using the whole CHO-hM₄R cells.⁷⁸ ^bDetermined by competition binding with [³H]N-methylscopolamine (K_d /applied conc: M₃, 0.20/0.3 nM) using the whole CHO-hM₄R cells.⁷⁸ ^bDetermined by competition binding with [³H]R-methylscopolamine (K_d /applied conc: M_3 , 0.20/0.3 nM) using the whole CHO-hM₄R cells.⁷⁸ ^bDetermined by competition binding with [³H]R-methylscopolamine (K_d /applied conc: M_3 , 0.20/0.3 nM) using membranes from HEK293T cells transiently transfected with cDNA of human adrenoceptors α_{1A} .^{79,80} ^bDetermined by competition binding with [³H]CGP12177 (β_1 , 0.075/0.2 nM) using membranes from HEK293T cells transiently transfected with cDNA of human adrenoceptor



Figure 4. Selectivity over representative aminergic GPCRs, including histaminergic (gray), dopaminergic (blue), muscarinic (green), adrenergic (red), opioid (magenta), and serotonergic (orange) receptors, were determined by radioligand competition binding experiments and compared to the affinity at the H_2R of (A) 6, (B) 31, (C) 47, and (D) 54. The dashed line indicates an at least 100-fold selectivity for the H_2R of the respective compound. Bars represent the mean \pm SEM of three to four individual experiments each performed in triplicate.

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and the receptor (Figure 3D, right). For 32, this contact and, therefore, the van der Waals interaction are reduced due to the replacement of the methyl group with a proton at the heterocycle (Figure 3D, center). For 31, this interaction is completely missing due to the presence of an additional nitrogen atom in the ring (Figure 3D, left). In summary, the docking studies at the active-state models of the hH_2R and the hD_2R suggest that the amino acids at the positions 3.28, 3.32, E2.49, E2.51, 5.42, and 7.35 are responsible for different affinities of 6, 31, and 32 at the hH_2R , hD_2R , and hD_3R . However, this participation has to be verified in detail by the corresponding mutagenesis experiments in future studies.

Off-Target Studies. To be able to differentiate between the on-target and off-target effects, the ligands should selectively bind to the H₂R. Therefore, the selected compounds 6, 31, 47, and 54 were additionally investigated in radioligand competition binding studies for their ability to bind to other peripheral and central aminergic GPCRs (off-target studies). Some of these receptors are frequently found antitarget receptors (e.g., α_{1A} adrenergic, M_{1-5} muscarinic). The results are summarized in Table 7 and indicate that the most promising thiadiazoles 31 and 47 have a more than 100-fold higher affinity at the H_2R compared to the other tested GPCRs (cf. selectivity profiles B and C in Figure 4). The thiazole 6, tested as a control, also showed a moderate affinity to D_1 and $D_{4,4}$ receptors (D_1R : $pK_i =$ 6.59; $D_{4,4}R$: $pK_i = 6.96$, cf. Table 7) in addition to the already published high affinity for the D_3R (p $K_i = 7.80$, cf. Table 2). Although triazole **54** showed low affinities ($pK_i \le 6.07$) at the 14 additionally tested aminergic GPCRs, it did not achieve a sufficient selectivity (factor >100, cf. selectivity profile D in Figure 4) due to the double-digit nanomolar affinity for the H_2R $(pK_i = 7.27, cf. Table 1)$. Since the selectivity of a ligand in tissue/in in vivo experiments is not only dependent on its affinity but also on the relative abundance of the respective receptor, we also estimated the "total selectivity" of 6, 31, 47, and 54 in seven different brain regions (for details, see the SI).

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

In summary, we aimed for the development of novel, subtypeselective H₂R ligands, which also have a selectivity over dopamine $D_{2long/3}$ receptors. To achieve this goal, we synthesized and characterized a series of 40 compounds containing a carbamoylguanidine as a key motif, as well as varying heterocycles, spacers, and side residues. We observed that the replacement of the thiazole by a thiadiazole ring in $N^{\rm G}$ carbamoylated thiazolylpropylguanidines resulted in potent H₂R agonists with affinities in the low one-digit nanomolar range. Furthermore, ligands containing this modification possess a significantly increased selectivity for the hH_2R over dopamine hD_{2long/3} receptors. To identify the molecular interactions leading to this selectivity toward the $hD_{2long/3}$ receptors, molecular docking studies with 6,²³ 31 (UR-KAT505), and 32 (UR-KAT583) on the active-state models of the hH_2R and the hD_2R were performed. We found that 3.28, 3.32, E2.49, E2.51, 5.42, and 7.35 are most likely the responsible amino acids, which will be confirmed in future receptor mutagenesis experiments. Within the synthesized thiadiazole-containing ligand series, compounds 31 and 47 (UR-KAT533) turned out to be the most promising candidates reaching up to 1000-fold selectivity over the other three receptor subtypes $(hH_{1,3,4}R)$. 31 showed the highest selectivity for the hH_2R over the $hD_{2long}R$ (>2000-fold) and 260-fold selectivity for the hH_2R over the hD_3R . 47, on the other hand, showed very good selectivity for the hH_2R over the

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 $hD_{2long}R$ (>1000-fold) and the highest selectivity for the hH_2R over the hD_3R (>520-fold). Moreover, **31** and **47** were shown to be selective H₂R agonists (>100-fold) relative to 14 additional peripheral and central GPCRs (including dopaminergic, muscarinic, adrenergic, serotonergic, and opioid receptors). These key characteristics render **31** and **47** the most affine and selective monomeric carbamoylguanidine-type agonists known so far. Therefore, we plan to employ them as pharmacological tools for further investigations on the physiological and pathophysiological role of the H₂R and hope that these studies can contribute to clarify the largely unknown function of H₂ receptors in the CNS.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Chemistry: General Conditions. Unless otherwise stated, chemicals and solvents were from commercial suppliers and were used as received. All of the solvents were of analytical grade or were distilled prior to use. For column chromatography, silica gel 60 (0.04-0.063 mm, Merck, Darmstadt, Germany) was used. Flash chromatography was performed on an Intelli Flash-310 workstation from Varian Deutschland GmbH (Darmstadt, Germany) with SuperFlash (SF) columns (Si50, 4-40 g) from Agilent Technologies (Santa Clara, CA). Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on Merck silica gel 60 F254 aluminum sheets, and spots were visualized with UV light at 254 nm or ninhydrin staining. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 300 (1H: 300 MHz, 13C: 76 MHz), a Bruker Avance 400 (1H: 400 MHz, 13C: 101 MHz), and a Bruker Avance 600 (1H: 600 MHz, 13C: 151 MHz) (Bruker, Karlsruhe, Germany) NMR spectrometer with deuterated solvents from Deutero (Kastellaun, Germany). All chemical shifts are reported in the δ -scale as parts per million (ppm, multiplicity, coupling constant (J), number of protons) relative to the solvent residual peaks as the internal standard.^{81,82} The spectra were analyzed by the first order, and coupling constants are given in hertz (Hz). Abbreviations for the multiplicities of the signals are singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), quintet (quint), multiplet (m), doublet of doublets (dd), and broad singlet (br s). High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was performed on a Q-TOF 6540 ultrahigh definition (UHD) LC/MS system (Agilent Technologies) using an electrospray ionization (ESI) source or on an AccuTOF GCX GC/MS system (Jeol, Peabody, MA) using an electron ionization (EI) source. Preparative HPLC was performed with a system from Knauer (Berlin, Germany) consisting of two K-1800 pumps, a K-2001 detector, and the column was a Phenomenex Kinetex (250 \times 21 mm², 5 μ m) (Phenomenex, Aschaffenburg, Germany). As a mobile phase, mixtures of MeCN and 0.1% aqueous (aq) TFA were used. The UV detection was carried out at 220 nm. Prior to lyophilization (a ScanVac CoolSafe 4-15L freeze dryer from Labogene (LMS, Brigachtal, Germany), equipped with a RZ 6 rotary vane vacuum pump (Vacuubrand, Wertheim, Germany)), MeCN was removed under reduced pressure. Analytical HPLC experiments were performed on a 1100 HPLC system from Agilent Technologies equipped with an Instant Pilot controller, a G1312A binary pump, a G1329A ALS autosampler, a G1379A vacuum degasser, a G1316A column compartment, and a G1315B diode array detector (DAD). The column was a Phenomenex Kinetex XB-C18 column (250 \times 4.6 mm², 5 μ m) (Phenomenex, Aschaffenburg, Germany), tempered at 30 °C. As a mobile phase, mixtures of MeCN/aqueous TFA were used. The following linear gradients were applied. Compounds 30-51 and 57-70: MeCN/TFA (0.05%) (v/v) 0 min: 10:90, 30 min: 90:10, 33 min: 95:5, 40 min: 95:5; flow rate: 0.8 mL/min, $t_0 = 3.21$ min. Compounds 52-56: MeCN/TFA (0.05%) (v/v) 0 min: 10:90, 25 min: 95:5, 35 min: 95:5; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, $t_0 = 2.67$ min. The injection volume was $5-50 \,\mu\text{L}$. Absorbance was detected at 220 nm. Compound concentration was between 100 and 1000 μ M.

Compound Characterization. Target compounds (30–70) were characterized by ¹H NMR (for spectra, see the SI), ¹³C NMR (for spectra, see the SI), and two-dimensional (2D) NMR (correlation spectroscopy (COSY), heteronuclear single quantum correlation

(HSQC), heteronuclear multiple bond correlation (HMBC)) spectroscopy, HRMS, and reversed-phase HPLC (RP-HPLC) analysis. The purities (for chromatograms, see the SI) of the H₂R ligands used for pharmacological investigation were \geq 95%. For biological testing, the target compounds **30–70** (TFA or HCl salts) were dissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), DMSO/H₂O 1:1 (v/v), or DMSO/20 mM aq HCl 1:1 (v/v) to obtain a final concentration of 10 mM.

Screening for Pan Assay Interference Compounds (PAINS). Screening of all target compounds (**30–70**) for PAINS via the public tool http://zinc15.docking.org/patterns/home⁸³ gave no hits.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of the Carbamoylguanidine-Type Ligands (30-36, 38-57, and 59-70). The reaction was performed in analogy to the published procedure for bivalent carbamoylguanidine-type ligands.²² In this general procedure, mercuric chloride (HgCl₂) is used as a reagent, which is very toxic and potentially carcinogenic. It should be used only in a well-ventilated fume hood after reading the safety precautions and wearing proper lab safety equipment (gloves, safety goggles, and lab coats). Future synthetic work should consider replacements for HgCl₂. The guanidinylating reagents 18-29 (1-1.1 equiv) and 1-2 equiv of the respective amines 8-17 were dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (3-20 mL). NEt₃ (2.5-3 equiv) and HgCl₂ (1.1-2 equiv) were added to the mixture and stirring was continued for 4-48 h. The precipitate was removed by filtration through Celite 545 or centrifugation (4000g, 5 min). In the case of 52-56, the reaction was quenched with 7 N NH₃ (5 mL) in MeOH prior to filtration. The solvent was removed in a vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash or column chromatography on silica gel (gradient: 0-20 min: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (PE/EtOAc) 100:0-50:50, SF 8-12 g, gradient: CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 90:10 to CH₂Cl₂/MeOH/25% NH₃ in H₂O 50:50:1, or isocratic: CH₂Cl₂/7 N NH₃ in MeOH 99:1) and dried in a vacuum. The isolated Boc-/trityl (Trt)-protected intermediates were characterized by LC-MS (data are shown in Table S7 in the SI). Subsequently, the deprotection was performed by stirring the respective compound with 30-70% TFA in CH₂Cl₂ (5-14 mL) for 7-18 h. The obtained carbamoylguanidines (cf. 30-36, 38-52, 55, 57, and 59-70) were purified by preparative HPLC. In the case of 53, 54, and 56, the HCl salts were synthesized according to the following procedure. After deprotection with TFA, the ligands were purified by column chromatography (isocratic: CH₂Cl₂/7 N NH₃ in MeOH 90:10), yielding the free base. The free base was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (10 mL), and 1-2 N HCl (5 mL) in diethyl ether (Et₂O) was added dropwise so that the HCl salt precipitated. The suspension was concentrated in a vacuum, and the solid was washed with Et_2O (3 × 15 mL). After removing the solvent in a vacuum, compounds 53, 54, and 56 were obtained as HCl salts.

1-(Amino{[3-(5-methyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-(pentyl)urea Hydrotrifluoroacetate (30). 30 was prepared from amine 10 (29 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1.1 equiv), 18 (51 mg, 0.17 mmol, 1 equiv), NEt₃ (58 µL, 0.42 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (91 mg, 0.34 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (25 mg, 34%). $\tilde{R}_f = 0.01$ (PE/EtOAc 3:7). RP-HPLC: 98% ($t_R = 13.5$ min, k = 13.5 min, k = 133.21). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.46 (br s, 1H), 9.06 (br s, 1H), 8.54 (br s, 2H), 7.51 (br s, 1H), 3.37-3.29 (m, 2H), 3.12-3.04 (m, 4H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 1.96 (quint, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (quint, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.32-1.20 (m, 4H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 169.15, 165.01, 159.81 (q, J = 31.9 Hz, TFA), 153.89, 153.69, 117.36 (q, J = 299.5 Hz, TFA), 40.02, 19.11, 28.61, 28.39, 27.94, 26.31, 21.75, 15.10, 13.85. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C₁₃H₂₅NOS⁺: 313.1805; found: 313.1827. Molecular formula (MF): C₁₃H₂₄N₆OS·C₂HF₃O₂. Molecular weight (MW): (312.44 + 114.02).

1-(Amino{[3-(5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-(pentyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (**31**). **31** was prepared from amine **11** (53 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1 equiv), **18** (50 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1.1 equiv), NEt₃ (61 μ L, 0.44 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (96 mg, 0.35 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (19 mg, 19%). $R_f = 0.49$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 99% ($t_R = 11.4$ min, k = 2.55). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.37 (br s, 1H), 9.04 (br s, 1H), 8.52 (br s, 2H), 8.10–7.34 (m, 4H), 3.30 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (quint, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (quint, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.31–1.22 (m, 4H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.0Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 168.77, 158.93 (q, J =34.3 Hz, TFA), 157.42, 153.86, 153.68, 116.45 (q, J = 297.7 Hz, TFA), 40.05, 39.21, 28.60, 28.39, 27.34, 26.52, 21.75, 13.86. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C₁₂H₂₄N₇OS⁺: 314.1758; found: 314.1761. MF: C₁₂H₂₃N₇OS·C₄H₂F₆O₄. MW: (313.42 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[3-(2-aminothiazol-5-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-(pentyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (32). 32 was prepared from amine 12 (30 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1 equiv), 18 (39 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1.1 equiv), NEt₃ (41 µL, 0.29 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (64 mg, 0.23 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (16.9 mg, 26%). $R_f =$ 0.56 (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 99% ($t_{\rm R}$ = 11.0 min, k = 2.43). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.45 (br s, 1H), 9.41–8.85 (m, 3H), 8.50 (br s, 2H), 7.48 (br s, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 3.26 (g, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.08 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.77 (quint, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (quint, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.32–1.18 (m, 4H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 169.37, 159.06 (q, J = 33.2 Hz, TFA), 153.82, 153.68, 123.95, 123.48, 116.62 (q, J = 296.7 Hz, TFA), 39.87, 39.10, 28.60, 28.46, 28.38, 23.29, 21.75, 13.86. HRMS (ESI-MS): $m/z [M + H^+]$ calcd for $C_{13}H_{25}N_6OS^+$: 313.1805; found: 313.1807. MF: $C_{13}H_{24}N_6OS \cdot C_4H_2F_6O_4$. MW: (312.44 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[4-(2-amino-4-methylthiazol-5-yl)phenyl]amino}methylene)-3-(pentyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (33). 33 was prepared from amine 15 (60 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv), 18 (66 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv), NEt₃ (68 µL, 0.49 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (107 mg, 0.39 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (55 mg, 45%). $R_f = 0.45$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 100% ($t_R = 11.8$ min, k = 2.68). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.72 (br s, 1H), 10.13 (br s, 1H), 9.33-7.91 (m, 4H), 7.59 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 2H), 3.11 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H),1.44 (quint, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.33–1.19 (m, 4H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 166.94, 159.14 (q, J = 33.1 Hz, TFA), 153.48, 153.36, 138.18, 137.69, 132.72, 130.37, 129.35, 126.20, 116.55 (q, J = 298.0 Hz, TFA), 115.92, 39.20, 28.53, 28.39, 21.75, 14.43, 13.87. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C17H25N6OS+: 361.1805; found: 361.1806. MF: C17H24N6OS- $C_4H_2F_6O_4$. MW: (380.48 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[3-(2-amino-4-methylthiazol-5-yl)phenyl]amino}methylene)-3-(pentyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (34). 34 was prepared from amine 16 (30 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv), 18 (33 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv), NEt₃ (33 µL, 0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (53 mg, 0.20 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (28 mg, 48%). $R_f = 0.55$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 100% ($t_R = 12.0$ min, k = 2.74). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.64 (br s, 1H), 10.00 (br s, 1H), 9.30–7.78 (m, 4H), 7.57 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.24 (m, 1H), 3.11 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.44 (quint, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.34–1.19 (m, 4H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 166.86, 159.00 (q, J = 32.8 Hz, TFA), 153.52, 153.34, 134.31, 133.13, 130.40, 127.21, 125.21, 124.28, 116.66 (q, J = 296.3 Hz, TFA), 115.89, 39.17, 28.54, 28.38, 21.74, 14.82, 13.88. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C₁₇H₂₅N₆OS⁺: 361.1805; found: 361.1811. MF: $C_{17}H_{24}N_6OS \cdot C_4H_2F_6O_4$. MW: (360.48 + 228.05).

1-(*Amino*{[(2-*amino*-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[d]thiazol-6-yl)methyl]*amino*}*methylene*)-3-(*pentyl*)*urea* Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (**35**). 35 was prepared from amine 17 (77 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1.1 equiv), **18** (50 mg, 0.17 mmol, 1 equiv), NEt₃ (57 μL, 0.41 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (90 mg, 0.33 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (21 mg, 22%). $R_f = 0.59$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 100% ($t_R = 10.6$ min, k = 2.30). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.56 (br s, 1H), 9.28–8.81 (m, 3H), 8.56 (br s, 2H), 7.51 (br s, 1H), 3.36–3.22 (m, 2H), 3.08 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.67–2.58 (m, 1H), 2.56–2.50 (m, 1H), 2.47–2.36 (m, 1H), 2.23–2.16 (m, 1H), 2.10–2.00 (m, 1H), 1.92–1.83 (m, 1H), 1.50–1.38 (m, 3H), 1.31–1.17 (m, 4H), 0.85 (t, J) = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 168.63, 159.46 (q, J = 32.8 Hz, TFA), 154.08, 153.83, 134.60, 116.85 (q, J = 296.5 Hz, TFA), 113.20, 44.62, 40.05, 39.16, 33.22, 28.63, 28.42, 25.52, 24.53, 22.00, 21.78, 13.88. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C₁₅H₂₇N₆OS⁺: 339.1962; found: 339.1964. MF: C₁₅H₂₆N₆OS· C₄H₂F₆O₄. MW: (338.47 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[3-(5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-(hexyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (36). 36 was prepared from amine 11 (22 mg, 0.086 mmol, 1 equiv), 19 (30 mg, 0.095 mmol, 1.1 equiv), NEt₃ (30 µL, 0.215 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (47 mg, 0.172 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (8.44 mg, 18%). RP-HPLC: 96% ($t_{\rm R}$ = 12.9 min, k = 3.02). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 10.15 (br s, 1H), 9.01 (br s, 1H), 8.50 (br s, 2H), 8.03–7.24 (m, 3H), 3.30 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (quint, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (quint, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.31–1.21 (m, 6H), 0.89–0.83 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.77, 157.42, 158.59 (q, J = 34.2 Hz, TFA), 153.79, 153.60, 116.18 (q, J = 293.6 Hz, TFA), 39.97, 39.14, 30.87, 28.87, 27.29, 26.52, 25.86, 22.01, 13.87. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z $[M + H^+]$ calcd for $C_{13}H_{26}N_7OS^+$: 328.1914; found: 328.1917. MF: $C_{13}H_{25}N_7OS \cdot C_4H_2F_6O_4$. MW: (327.45 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[3-(5-methyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-(8-aminooctyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (38). 38 was prepared from amine 10 (17 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv), 20 (46 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 equiv), NEt₃ (35μ L, 0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (54mg, 0.2 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (22 mg, 37%). $R_f =$ 0.48 (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 97% ($t_{\rm R} = 9.1 \text{ min}, k = 1.83$). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.54 (br s, 1H), 9.05 (br s, 1H), 8.53 (br s, 2H), 7.77 (br s, 3H), 7.52 (br s, 1H), 3.40-3.29 (m, 4H), 3.11-3.05 (m, 4H), 2.76 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 1.96 (quint, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.51 (quint, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.46–1.39 (m, 2H), 1.32– 1.21 (m, 8H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 169.62, 165.49, 159.38 (q, J = 31.3 Hz, TFA), 154.36, 154.18, 117.44 (q, J = 297.3 Hz, TFA), 40.48, 40.52, 39.26, 29.37, 28.91, 28.89, 28.40, 27.42, 26.77, 26.55, 26.19, 15.57. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for $C_{16}H_{32}N_7OS^{+}\!\!:\ 370.2384;\ found:\ 370.2388\ MF:\ C_{16}H_{31}N_7OS\cdot$ C₄H₂F₆O₄. MW: (369.53 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[3-(5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-(8-aminooctyl)urea Trihydrotrifluoroacetate (39). 39 was prepared from amine 11 (15 mg, 0.054 mmol, 1 equiv), 20 (25 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1.1 equiv), NEt₃ (19 µL, 0.14 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (29 mg, 0.11 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (10 mg, 26%). RP-HPLC: 96% ($t_{\rm R}$ = 7.9 min, k = 1.46). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.39 (br s, 1H), 9.05 (br s, 1H), 8.54 (br s, 2H), 7.88-7.29 (m, 6H), 3.32 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.11 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.82–2.74 (m, 2H), 1.91 (quint, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.53 (quint, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (s, 8H).¹³C NMR $(151 \text{ MHz}, \text{DMSO-}d_6): \delta 168.65, 158.58 (q, J = 33.5 \text{ Hz}, \text{TFA}), 157.35,$ 153.84, 153.67, 116.53 (q, J = 296.1 Hz, TFA), 39.94, 39.16, 38.80, 28.90, 28.44, 27.38, 26.96, 26.49, 26.10, 25.72. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z $[M + H^+]$ calcd for $C_{15}H_{31}N_8OS^+$: 370.2384; found: 370.2388. MF: $C_{15}H_{30}N_8OS \cdot C_6H_3F_9O_6$. MW: (369.53 + 342.07).

1-(*Amino*{[4-(2-*amino*-4-*methylthiazo*]-5-*y*])*pheny*]]*amino*}*methylene*)-3-(*cyclohexy*])*urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate* (**40**). **40** was prepared from amine **15** (50 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1 equiv), **21** (57 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1.1 equiv), NEt₃ (57 μ L, 0.41 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (89 mg, 0.33 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (51 mg, 53%). *R*_f = 0.54 (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 100% (*t*_R = 11.6 min, *k* = 2.61). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.87 (br s, 1H), 10.18 (br s, 1H), 9.39–8.20 (m, 4H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.37 (m, 2H), 3.55–3.44 (m, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.86–1.73 (m, 2H), 1.71–1.60 (m, 2H), 1.58–1.48 (m, 1H), 1.36–1.12 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 167.25, 159.13 (q, *J* = 33.7 Hz, TFA), 153.55, 152.60, 136.24, 133.04, 129.92, 129.45, 126.26, 116.57 (q, *J* = 297.3 Hz, TFA), 115.79, 48.40, 32.05, 24.96, 24.12, 13.95. HRMS (ESI- MS): $m/z [M + H^+]$ calcd for $C_{18}H_{25}N_6OS^+$: 373.1805; found: 373.1804. MF: $C_{18}H_{24}N_6OS \cdot C_4H_2F_6O_4$. MW: (372.49 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[3-(2-amino-4-methyloxazol-5-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-(2-cyclohexylpropyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (41). 41 was prepared from amine 9 (35 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 equiv), 22 (36 mg, 0.1. mmol, 1 equiv), NEt₃ (35 µL, 0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (54 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (14.1 mg, 24%). $R_f = 0.52$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 97% ($t_R = 15.0$ min, k = 3.67). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.38 (br s, 1H), 9.00 (br s, 3H), 8.51 (br s, 2H), 7.48 (br s, 1H), 3.28 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.19-3.12 (m, 1H), 2.99-2.92 (m, 1H), 2.59 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.80–1.69 (m, 4H), 1.66–1.56 (m, 4H), 1.51–1.44 (m, 1H), 1.26-0.91 (m, 7H), 0.81 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 158.83 (q, J = 32.5 Hz, TFA), 157.40, 153.84, 153.74, 139.03, 120.74, 116.81 (q, J = 295.7 Hz, TFA), 42.87, 40.06, 39.24, 37.79, 30.29, 27.92, 26.24, 26.17, 26.07, 25.93, 20.21, 14.04, 7.95. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C₁₈H₃₃N₆O₂⁺: 365.2660; found: 365.2660. MF: C₁₈H₃₂N₆O₂·C₄H₂F₆O₄. MW: (364.26 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[3-(5-methyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-(2-cyclohexylpropyl)urea Hydrotrifluoroacetate (42). 42 was prepared from a mine 10~(22 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.1 equiv), 22~(46mg, 0.13 mmol, 1 equiv), NEt₃ (43 μ L, 0.32 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (70 mg, 0.26 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (12 mg, 19%). $R_t = 0.54$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 97% ($t_p = 17.9$ min, k = 4.58). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.19 (br s, 1H), 9.02 (br s, 1H), 8.51 (br s, 2H), 7.47 (br s, 1H), 3.35-3.31 (m, 2H), 3.17-3.04 (m, 3H), 2.97–2.89 (m, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 1.97 (quint, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.75-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.53 (m, 3H), 1.51-1.42 (m, 1H), 1.25-0.90 (m, 6H), 0.80 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO d_6): δ 169.62, 165.49, 159.43 (q, J = 32.2 Hz, TFA), 154.23, 154.15, 117.50 (q, J = 296.6 Hz, TFA), 43.35, 40.51, 38.25, 30.76, 28.38, 26.78, 26.71, 26.64, 26.54, 15.58, 14.52. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C17H31N6OS+: 367.2275; found: 367.2301. MF: $C_{17}H_{30}N_6OS \cdot C_2HF_3O_2$. MW: (366.53 + 114.02).

1-(Amino{[3-(5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-(2-cyclohexylpropyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (43). 43 was prepared from amine 11 (20 mg, 0.08 mmol, 1 equiv), 22 (31 mg, 0.09 mmol, 1.1 equiv), NEt₃ (27 µL, 0.20 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (43 mg, 0.16 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (8 mg, 17%). RP-HPLC: 99% ($t_{\rm R}$ = 15.5 min, k = 3.83). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.01 (br s, 1H), 8.98 (br s, 1H), 8.48 (br s, 2H), 7.46 (br s, 3H), 3.29 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.16-3.09 (m, 1H), 2.96-2.89 (m, 1H), 2.84 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.88 (quint, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.72–1.66 (m, 2H), 1.63–1.53 (m, 3H), 1.50–1.41 (m, 1H), 1.25–0.88 (m, 6H), 0.79 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 168.60, 158.58 (q, J = 33.5 Hz, TFA), 157.33, 153.90, 153.68, 116.46 (q, J = 296.2 Hz, TFA), 42.88, 40.01, 39.45, 37.77, 30.28, 27.91, 27.37, 26.49, 26.24, 26.17, 26.07, 14.06. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C₁₆H₃₀N₇OS⁺: 368.2227; found: 368.2230. MF: $C_{16}H_{29}N_7OS \cdot C_4H_2F_6O_4$. MW: (367.52 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[4-(2-amino-4-methylthiazol-5-yl)phenyl]amino}methylene)-3-(2-cyclohexylpropyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (44). 44 was prepared from amine 15 (32 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv), 22 (34 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv), NEt₃ (33 µL, 0.24 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (52 mg, 0.19 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (41 mg, 64%). $R_f = 0.50$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 100% $(t_{\rm R} = 15.6 \text{ min}, k = 3.86)$. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.86 (br s, 1H), 10.42 (br s, 1H), 9.48–8.14 (m, 4H), 7.61 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 2H), 3.21-3.12 (m, 1H), 3.01-2.92 (m, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.75–1.66 (m, 2H), 1.65–1.55 (m, 3H), 1.52-1.44 (m, 1H), 1.28-0.90 (m, 6H), 0.81 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 167.22, 159.16 (q, J = 33.8 Hz, TFA), 153.50, 136.35, 133.09, 129.90, 129.43, 126.13, 116.56 (q, J = 297.3 Hz, TFA), 115.82, 42.99, 39.71, 37.75, 30.29, 27.92, 26.23, 26.17, 26.06, 14.07, 13.99. HRMS (ESI-MS): $m/z [M + H^+]$ calcd for $C_{21}H_{31}N_6OS^+$:

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415.2275; found: 415.2275. MF: $C_{21}H_{30}N_6OS \cdot C_4H_2F_6O_4$. MW: (414.57 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[3-(2-amino-4-methyloxazol-5-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-(benzyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (45). 45 was prepared from amine 9 (35 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 equiv), 23 (32 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 equiv), NEt₃ (35 μ L, 0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (54 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (14.9 mg, 27%). $R_f =$ 0.52 (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 96% ($t_{\rm R}$ = 10.4 min, k = 2.24). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.51 (br s, 1H), 9.14–8.85 (m, 3H), 8.55 (br s, 2H), 8.00 (br s, 1H), 7.39-7.19 (m, 5H), 4.31 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.27 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.75 (quint, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 158.79 (q, J = 32.4 Hz, TFA), 157.42, 153.82, 153.77, 139.01, 138.68, 128.40, 127.22, 127.11, 120.81, 116.87 (q, J = 298.7 Hz, TFA), 42.77, 40.06, 25.92, 20.22, 7.98. HRMS (ESI-MS): *m*/*z* [M + H⁺] calcd for C₁₆H₂₃N₆O₂⁺: 331.1877; found: 331.1882. MF: C₁₆H₂₂N₆O₂· $C_4H_2F_6O_4$. MW: (330.39 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[3-(5-methyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-(benzyl)urea Hydrotrifluoroacetate (46). 46 was prepared from amine 10 (25 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1.1 equiv), 23 (47 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1 equiv), NEt₃ (50 µL, 0.36 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (79 mg, 0.29 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (13.5 mg, 20%). $R_f = 0.54$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 98% ($t_R = 12.6$ min, k = 2.93). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.40–10.08 (m, 1H), 9.03 (br s, 1H), 8.54 (br s, 2H), 8.05-7.95 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.22 (m, 5H), 4.31 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.39–3.28 (m, 2H), 3.07 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 1.96 (quint, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 169.62, 165.50, 159.42 (q, J = 30.9 Hz, TFA), 154.24, 139.13, 128.88, 127.70, 127.58, 117.47 (q, J = 296.9 Hz, TFA), 43.24, 40.55, 28.35, 26.79, 15.58. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C₁₅H₂₁N₆OS⁺: 333.1492; found: 333.1501. MF: $C_{15}H_{20}N_6OS \cdot C_2HF_3O_2$. MW: (332.43 + 114.02).

1-(*Amino*{[3-(5-*amino*-1,3,4-*thiadiazo*]-2-*y*])*propy*]]*amino*}*methylene*)-3-(*benzy*])*urea* Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (47). 47 was prepared from amine 11 (48 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 23 (50 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1 equiv), NEt₃ (54 μL, 0.39 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (84 mg, 0.31 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (20.8 mg, 23%). RP-HPLC: 98% (t_R = 10.4 min, k = 2.24). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.46 (br s, 1H), 9.06 (br s, 1H), 8.56 (br s, 2H), 8.35–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.22 (m, 5H), 4.31 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.30 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (quint, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 169.07, 158.95 (q, J = 34.7 Hz, TFA), 157.58, 153.84 (2C), 138.70, 128.41 (2C), 127.24 (2C), 127.10, 116.14 (q, J = 295.1 Hz, TFA) 42.78, 40.00, 27.16, 26.59. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C₁₄H₂₀N₇OS⁺: 334.1445; found: 334.1447. MF: C₁₄H₁₉N₇OS·C₄H₂F₆O₄. MW: (333.41 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[3-(2-aminothiazol-5-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-(benzyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (48). 48 was prepared from amine 12 (30 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1 equiv), 23 (41 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1.1 equiv), NEt₃ (41 μL, 0.29 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (64 mg, 0.23 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (20.4 mg, 30%). $R_f =$ 0.56 (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 100% ($t_{\rm R} = 10.2 \text{ min}, k = 2.18$). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.68 (br s, 1H), 9.10 (br s, 3H), 8.57 (br s, 2H), 8.01 (br s, 1H), 7.43-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 4.32 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.27 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H),1.79 (quint, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 169.35, 159.24 (q, J = 32.7 Hz, TFA), 153.88, 153.83, 138.72, 128.40 (2C), 127.22 (2C), 127.09, 123.96, 123.88, 116.7 (q, J = 298.4 Hz, TFA), 42.76, 39.94, 28.49, 23.30. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C₁₅H₂₁N₆OS⁺: 333.1492; found: 333.1495. MF: $C_{15}H_{20}N_6OS \cdot C_4H_2F_6O_4$. MW: (332.43 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[4-(2-amino-4-methylthiazol-5-yl)phenyl]amino}methylene)-3-(benzyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (**49**). **49** was prepared from amine **15** (60 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv), **23** (70 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv), NEt₃ (68 μ L, 0.49 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (107 mg, 0.39 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, pubs.acs.org/jmc

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yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (58 mg, 48%). $R_f = 0.46$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 99% ($t_R = 10.9$ min, k = 2.40). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 11.69–10.16 (m, 2H), 9.42–8.58 (m, 4H), 8.15 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.25 (m, 5H), 4.35 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 167.46, 159.52 (q, J = 33.6 Hz, TFA), 153.62, 138.52, 135.20, 133.36, 129.52, 128.43, 127.33, 127.17, 126.19, 116.55 (q, J = 295.9 Hz, TFA), 115.73, 42.88, 13.63. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₆OS⁺: 381.1492; found: 381.1491. MF: C₁₉H₂₀N₆OS·C₄H₂F₆O₄. MW: (380.47 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[3-(2-amino-4-methylthiazol-5-yl)phenyl]amino}methylene)-3-(benzyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (50). 50 was prepared from amine 16 (30 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv), 23 (35 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv), NEt₃ (33 µL, 0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (53 mg, 0.20 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (27 mg, 44%). $R_f = 0.52$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 100% ($t_R = 11.1$ min, k = 2.46). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.90 (br s, 1H), 10.54 (br s, 1H), 8.42–9.20 (m, 4H), 8.11 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.23 (m, 8H), 4.34 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 167.32, 159.14 (q, J = 33.5 Hz, TFA), 153.64, 153.60, 138.50, 136.81, 134.48, 132.36, 130.47, 128.42, 127.30, 127.16, 125.36, 124.75, 116.52 (q, J = 295.6 Hz, TFA), 115.65, 42.85, 14.04. HRMS (ESI-MS): $m/z [M + H^+]$ calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₆OS⁺: 381.1492; found: 381.1498. MF: C₁₉H₂₀N₆OS· $C_4H_2F_6O_4$. MW: (380.47 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[(2-amino-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[d]thiazol-6-yl)methyl]amino}methylene)-3-(benzyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (51). 51 was prepared from amine 17 (85 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv), **23** (71 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv), NEt₃ (76 μL, 0.55 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (119 mg, 0.44 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (45 mg, 38%). R_f = 0.48 (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 100% $(t_{\rm R} = 9.8 \text{ min}, k = 2.05)$. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.65 (br s, 1H), 9.27-8.84 (m, 3H), 8.61 (br s, 2H), 8.03 (br s, 1H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.23 (m, 3H), 4.31 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (dd, J = 16.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.55-2.50 (m, 1H), 2.47-2.36 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.15 (m, 1H), 2.10-2.01 (m, 1H), 1.91-1.83 (m, 1H), 1.50–1.40 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 168.60, 159.33 (q, J = 32.7 Hz, TFA), 154.04, 153.98, 138.73, 134.64, 128.44, 127.26, 127.14, 116.82 (q, J = 299.9 Hz, TFA), 113.21, 44.67, 42.80, 33.20, 25.53, 24.54, 22.01. HRMS (ESI-MS): *m*/*z* [M + H⁺] calcd for C17H23N6OS+: 359.1649; found: 359.1645. MF: C17H22N6OS- $C_4H_2F_6O_4$. MW: (358.46 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[3-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-((R)-(1-phenylethyl))urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (52). 52 was prepared from 8 (327 mg, 0.89 mmol, 1 equiv), 24 (300 mg, 0.89 mmol, 1 equiv), HgCl₂ (265 mg, 0.98 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and NEt₃ (372 µL, 2.67 mmol, 3 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding a 429.1 mg (73%) of Trt-/Boc-protected intermediate. Thereof, 306 mg was deprotected in the next step, yielding 52 as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid after purification by preparative HPLC (129.7 mg, 51%). RP-HPLC: 100% ($t_{\rm R}$ = 8.3 min, k = 2.11). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, MeOD) δ 8.75 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.18 (m, 6H), 4.94-4.85 (m, 1H), 3.38-3.29 (m, 2H), 2.81 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.00 (quint, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, MeOD) δ 161.87 (q, J = 34.4 Hz, TFA), 154.56, 153.29, 143.49, 133.46, 132.86, 128.72 (2C), 126.89, 125.56 (2C), 116.7 (q, J = 288.2 Hz, TFA), 114.97, 49.71, 39.99, 26.73, 21.29, 21.10. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C₁₆H₂₃N₆O⁺: 315.1928, found: 315.1932. MF: C₁₆H₂₂N₆O·C₄H₂F₆O₄. MW: (314.39 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[3-(5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-((R)-(1-phenylethyl))urea Dihydrochloride (**53**). **53** was prepared from **11** (407 mg, 1.47 mmol, 1 equiv), **24** (494 mg, 1.47 mmol, 1 equiv), HgCl₂ (438 mg, 1.61 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and NEt₃ (613 μL, 4.40 mmol, 3 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (50 mg, 8%). RP-HPLC: 100% (t_R = 9.3 min, k = 2.48). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, MeOD) δ 7.37–7.20 (m, 5H), 4.89–4.85 (m, 1H), 3.49–3.35 (m, 2H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.09 (quint, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, MeOD) δ 143.33, 128.26 (2C), 126.97, 125.65 (2C), 49.80, 40.08, 26.80, 26.63, 21.44, 4 C-signals are missing due to the low concentration of the sample. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C₁₅H₂₂N₇OS⁺: 348.1601, found: 348.1605. MF: C₁₅H₂₁N₇OS·H₂Cl₂. MW: (347.44 + 72.92).

1-(Amino{[3-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-((R)-(1-phenylethyl))urea Dihydrochloride (54). 54 was prepared from 13 (420 mg, 1.14 mmol, 1 equiv), 24 (423 mg, 1.25 mmol, 1.1 equiv), HgCl₂ (340 mg, 1.25 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and NEt₃ (474 μL, 3.42 mmol, 3 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding 560 mg (75%) of Trt-/Boc-protected intermediate. Thereof, 540 mg was deprotected in the next step, yielding 54 as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid after purification by preparative HPLC (200 mg, 63%). RP-HPLC: 100% ($t_{\rm R}$ = 9.1 min, k = 2.41). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, MeOD) δ 9.27 (s, 1H), 7.41–7.19 (m, 5H), 4.88 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.56-3.37 (m, 2H), 3.21-3.01 (m, 2H), 2.15 (quint, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (d, *I* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, MeOD) δ 155.98, 155.71, 154.19, 144.64, 143.46, 129.56 (2C), 128.27, 126.95 (2C), 51.11, 41.42, 26.36, 22.97, 22.84. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C15H22N7O+: 316,1880, found: 316.1883. MF: C15H21N7O·H2Cl2. MW: (315.38 + 72.92).

1-(Amino{[3-(4-((dimethylamino)methyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-((R)-(1-phenylethyl))urea Trihydrotrifluoroacetate (55). 55 was prepared from 14 (298 mg, 1.63 mmol, 1 equiv), 24 (549 mg, 1.63 mmol, 1 equiv), HgCl₂ (486 mg, 1.79 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and NEt₃ (680 μ L, 4.88 mmol, 3 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (50 mg, 5%). RP-HPLC: 98% ($t_{\rm R}$ = 8.3 min, k = 2.11). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, MeOD) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.36-7.20 (m, 5H), 4.90-4.85 (m, 1H), 4.55 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 3.34 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (s, 6H), 2.25 (p, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, MeOD) δ 156.03, 144.86, 138.09, 129.63 (2C), 128.33, 128.05, 126.97 (2C), 52.42, 51.09, 48.65, 42.92 (2C), 39.51, 29.69, 22.70, the 1C signal is missing due to the low concentration of the sample. HRMS (ESI-MS): $m/z \left[M + H^+ \right]$ calcd for $C_{18}H_{29}N_8O^+$: 373.2459, found: 373.2463. MF: C18H28N8O·C6H3F9O6. MW: (372.48 + 342.07).

1-(Amino{[3-(5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-(1-(3-fluorophenyl)ethyl)urea Dihydrochloride (56). 56 was prepared from 11 (130 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1 equiv), 25 (179 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1 equiv), HgCl₂ (150 mg, 0.55 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and NEt₃ (211 μ L, 1.51 mmol, 3 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (70 mg, 32%). RP-HPLC: 100% ($t_{\rm R}$ = 9.8 min, k = 2.67). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, MeOD) δ 7.40-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.06 (m, 2H), 7.02-6.92 (m, 1H), 4.91–4.86 (m, 1H), 3.46–3.38 (m, 2H), 3.03 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (p, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, MeOD) δ 172.03, 164.29 (d, J = 244.2 Hz), 159.72, 155.61, 154.34, 147.72 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), 131.41 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 122.88 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 114.92 (d, J = 21.3 Hz), 113.81 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 50.76, 41.44, 28.22, 27.50, 22.63. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C15H21FN7OS+: 366.1507, found: 366.1509. MF: C15H20FN7OS- H_2Cl_2 . MW: (365.43 + 72.92).

1-(*Amino*{[3-(5-*amino*-1,3,4-*thiadiazo*]-2-*y*])*propy*]]*amino*}*methylene*)-3-(2-*methy*]-3-(*p*-*to*]*y*])*propy*])*urea* Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (57). 57 was prepared from amine 11 (66 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.1 equiv), 26 (85 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1 equiv), NEt₃ (78 μ L, 0.56 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (121 mg, 0.45 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (24 mg, 18%). RP-HPLC: 98% ($t_{\rm R}$ = 15.0 min, k = 3.67). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.28 (br s, 1H), 9.01 (br s, 1H), 8.50 (br s, 2H), 7.40–8.03 (s, 3H), 7.11–6.99 (m, 4H), 3.29 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.12–3.02 (m, 1H), 2.96–2.89 (m, 1H), 2.85 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.62–2.54 (m, 1H), 2.36–2.27 (m, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.93– 1.82 (m, 3H), 0.78 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO d_6) δ 168.81, 158.87 (q, *J* = 34.7 Hz, TFA), 157.45, 153.77, 136.97, 134.72, 128.81, 128.78, 116.33 (q, *J* = 294.0 Hz, TFA), 44.05, 40.06, 39.98, 34.86, 27.30, 26.53, 20.61, 17.08. HRMS (ESI-MS): *m/z* [M + H⁺] calcd for $C_{18}H_{28}N_7OS^+$: 390.2071; found: 390.2077. MF: $C_{18}H_{27}N_7OS \cdot C_4H_3F_6O_4$. MW: (389.52 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[3-(2-aminothiazol-5-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-(2-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)propyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (59). 59 was prepared from amine 12 (37 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.1 equiv), 26 (50 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1 equiv), NEt₃ (46 µL, 0.33 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (72 mg, 0.26 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (18.2 mg, 23%). $R_f = 0.55$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 99% ($t_R = 14.5$ min, k = 3.52). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.51 (br s, 1H), 9.46-8.69 (m, 3H), 8.51 (br s, 2H), 7.56 (br s, 1H), 7.13-6.97 (m, 5H), 3.27 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.13–3.03 (m, 1H), 2.98–2.87 (m, 1H), 2.64 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.60–2.55 (m, 1H), 2.35–2.28 (m, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.92–1.82 (m, 1H), 1.78 (quint, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 0.79 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 169.30, 159.18 (q, J = 32.9 Hz, TFA) 153.81, 153.77, 136.97, 134.72, 128.81 (2C), 128.77 (2C), 123.96 (2C), 116.69 (q, J = 297.1 Hz, TFA), 44.64, 40.06, 39.90, 34.87, 28.52, 23.30, 20.61, 17.07. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C₁₉H₂₉N₆OS⁺: 389.2118; found: 389.2122. MF: $C_{19}H_{28}N_6OS \cdot C_4H_2F_6O_4$. MW: (388.53 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[4-(2-amino-4-methylthiazol-5-yl)phenyl]amino}methylene)-3-(2-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)propyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (60). 60 was prepared from amine 15 (50 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1 equiv), 26 (68 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1.1 equiv), NEt₃ (57 µL, 0.41 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (89 mg, 0.33 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (58 mg, 55%). R_f = 0.64 (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 100% $(t_{\rm R} = 15.2 \text{ min}, k = 3.74)$. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.88 (br s, 1H), 10.47 (br s, 1H), 9.29–8.29 (m, 4H), 7.70 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.02 (m, 4H), 3.15-3.08 (m, 1H), 3.00–2.93 (m, 1H), 2.60 (dd, J = 13.5, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (dd, J = 13.5, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.29–2.24 (m, 6H), 1.93–1.83 (m, 1H), 0.81 (d, I = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 167.31, 159.20 (q, J = 33.5 Hz, TFA), 153.55, 153.50, 136.94, 134.75, 133.23, 129.70, 129.47, 128.81, 128.79, 126.11, 116.59 (q, *J* = 295.9 Hz, TFA), 115.77, 44.74, 39.60, 34.83, 20.62, 17.09, 13.82. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z $[M + H^+]$ calcd for $C_{23}H_{29}N_6OS^+$: 437.2118; found: 437.2118. MF: $C_{23}H_{28}N_6OS \cdot C_4H_2F_6O_4$. MW: (436.58 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[3-(2-amino-4-methylthiazol-5-yl)phenyl]amino}methylene)-3-(2-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)propyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (61). 61 was prepared from amine 16 (20 mg, 0.07 mmol, 1 equiv), 26 (28 mg, 0.073 mmol, 1.1 equiv), NEt₃ (23 µL, 0.17 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (36 mg, 0.13 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (16 mg, 34%). $R_f = 0.58$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 100% ($t_{\rm R} = 15.4 \text{ min}, k = 3.80$). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO d_6): δ 10.81 (br s, 1H), 10.37 (br s, 1H), 9.30–8.53 (m, 4H), 7.68 (t, J =5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.30 (m, 1H), 3.15-3.06 (m, 1H), 3.00-2.91 (m, 1H), 2.63-2.55 (m, 1H), 2.35-2.20 (m, 7H), 1.93-1.82 (m, 1H), 0.80 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 167.56, 158.84 (q, J = 34.5 Hz, TFA), 153.56, 136.92, 134.76, 134.56, 131.80, 130.57, 128.81, 128.79, 127.35, 125.47, 125.10, 116.83 (q, J = 295.7 Hz, TFA), 115.54, 44.71, 40.06, 34.85, 20.61, 17.07, 13.50. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for $C_{23}H_{29}N_6OS^+: 437.2118$; found: 437.2116. MF: $C_{23}H_{28}N_6OS^ C_4H_2F_6O_4$. MW: (436.58 + 228.05).

1-(*Amino*{[(2-*amino*-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[d]thiazol-6-yl)methyl]*amino*}*methylene*)-3-(2-*methyl*-3-(*p*-tolyl)*propyl*)*urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate* (**62**). **62** was prepared from amine 17 (82 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1.1 equiv), **26** (80 mg, 0.21 mmol, 1 equiv), NEt₃ (67 μL, 0.48 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (104 mg, 0.38 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (22 mg, 16%). R_f = 0.49 (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 99% (t_R = 14.1 min, k = 3.39). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.36 (br s, 1H), 9.10 (br s, 1H), 8.90–8.32 (m, 4H), 7.58 (br s, 1H), 7.12–7.02 (m, 4H), 3.33–3.26 (m, 2H), 3.14–3.03 (m, 1H), 2.97– 2.86 (m, 1H), 2.67–2.56 (m, 2H), 2.48–2.36 (m, 2H), 2.34–2.28 (m, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.24–2.15 (m, 1H), 2.10–2.01 (m, 1H), 1.93–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.51–1.41 (m, 1H), 0.79 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.13, 158.75 (q, J = 31.4 Hz, TFA), 153.94, 153.71, 136.95, 134.73, 128.81, 128.77, 117.06 (q, J = 297.8 Hz, TFA), 113.15, 44.66, 40.06, 34.86, 33.27, 25.59, 24.70, 22.44, 20.61, 17.08. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C₂₁H₃₁N₆OS⁺: 415.2275; found: 415.2278. MF: C₂₁H₃₀N₆OS·C₄H₂F₆O₄. MW: (414.57 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[3-(5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-(2-methyl-5-phenylpentyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (63). 63 was prepared from amine 11 (20 mg, 0.077 mmol, 1 equiv), 27 (33.5 mg, 0.085 mmol, 1.1 equiv), NEt₃ (27 μL, 0.19 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (42 mg, 0.15 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (5.94 mg, 12%). RP-HPLC: 97% ($t_{\rm R}$ = 16.4 min, k = 4.11). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.92 (br s, 1H), 8.98 (br s, 1H), 8.49 (br s, 2H), 7.62-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 25.0 Hz, 3H), 3.29 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.07-3.00 (m, 1H), 2.95-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.84 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.58-2.52 (m, 2H), 1.88 (quint, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.66–1.48 (m, 3H), 1.36–1.27 (m, 1H), 1.13–1.05 (m, 1H), 0.83 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.58, 158.46 (q, J = 33.9 Hz, TFA), 157.32, 153.69 (2C), 142.12, 128.23 (2C), 128.20 (2C), 125.62, 44.92, 40.00, 35.31, 33.21, 32.61, 28.31, 27.38, 26.48, 17.41, second TFA quartet at approx. 116 ppm was not visible. HRMS (ESI-MS): $m/z [M + H^+]$ calcd for $C_{10}H_{30}N_7OS^+$: 404.2227; found: 404.2232. MF: C₁₉H₂₉N₇OS·C₄H₂F₆O₄. MW: (403.55 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[4-(2-amino-4-methylthiazol-5-yl)phenyl]amino}methylene)-3-(2-methyl-5-phenylpentyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (64). 64 was prepared from amine 15 (50 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1 equiv), 27 (71 mg, 0.18 mmol, 1.1 equiv), NEt₃ (57 µL, 0.41 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (89 mg, 0.33 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (45 mg, 41%). R_f = 0.64 (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 100% $(t_{\rm R} = 16.2 \text{ min}, k = 4.05)$. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.84 (br s, 1H), 10.33 (br s, 1H), 9.15-8.40 (m, 2H), 7.64 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.14 (m, 3H), 3.11-3.04 (m, 1H), 2.99-2.91 (m, 1H), 2.60-2.52 (m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.69-1.50 (m, 3H), 1.38-1.29 (m, 1H), 1.17-1.06 (m, 1H), 0.85 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 167.14, 158.99 (q, J = 34.7 Hz, TFA), 153.54, 153.49, 142.13, 132.98, 130.03, 129.41, 128.23, 126.16, 125.63, 116.47 (q, J = 295.5 Hz, TFA), 115.83, 45.00, 35.32, 33.22, 32.58, 28.33, 17.41, 14.10. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C₂₄H₃₁N₆OS⁺: 451.2275; found: 451.2274. MF: $C_{24}H_{30}N_6OS \cdot C_4H_2F_6O_4$. MW: (450.61 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[3-(2-amino-4-methylthiazol-5-yl)phenyl]amino}methylene)-3-(2-methyl-5-phenylpentyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (65). 65 was prepared from amine 16 (20 mg, 0.07 mmol, 1 equiv), 27 (29 mg, 0.073 mmol, 1.1 equiv), NEt₃ (23 µL, 0.17 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (36 mg, 0.13 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (18 mg, 38%). $R_f = 0.58$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 99% ($t_{\rm R} = 16.3 \text{ min}, k = 4.08$). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.80 (br s, 1H), 10.29 (br s, 1H), 9.17–8.26 (m, 2H), 7.63 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.24 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.14 (m, 3H), 3.12-3.04 (m, 1H), 2.99-2.92 (m, 1H), 2.62-2.51 (m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.68-1.50 (m, 3H), 1.37-1.29 (m, 1H), 1.16–1.08 (m, 1H), 0.85 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 167.20, 158.53 (q, J = 32.7 Hz, TFA), 153.55, 142.13, 134.43, 132.54, 130.47, 128.23, 127.25, 125.63, 125.30, 124.61, 116.53 (q, J = 297.6 Hz, TFA), 115.73, 44.98, 35.33, 33.21, 32.59, 28.33, 17.40, 14.22. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C₂₄H₃₁N₆OS⁺: 451.2275; found: 451.2283. MF: C₂₄H₃₀N₆OS· $C_4H_2F_6O_4$. MW: (450.61 + 228.05).

1-[Amino{[(2-amino-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[d]thiazol-6-yl)methyl]amino}methylene)-3-(2-methyl-5-phenylpentyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (**66**). **66** was prepared from amine 17 (81 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1 equiv), **27** (83 mg, 0.21 mmol, 1.1 equiv), NEt₃ (66 μL, 0.48 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (104 mg, 0.38 mmol, 2 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (18 mg, 14%). $R_f = 0.62$ (CH₂Cl₂/ MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 100% ($t_R = 15.2$ min, k = 3.74). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.39 (br s, 1H), 9.12 (br s, 1H), 8.88 (br s, 2H), 8.54 (br s, 2H), 7.52 (br s, 1H), 7.29–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.11 (m, 3H), 3.31–3.25 (m, 2H), 3.08–3.00 (m, 1H), 2.95–2.87 (m, 1H), 2.57–2.50 (m, 2H), 2.47–2.37 (m, 1H), 2.24–2.14 (m, 1H), 2.10–2.01 (m, 1H), 1.92–1.83 (m, 1H), 1.65–1.40 (m, 4H), 1.36–1.26 (m, 1H), 1.14–1.05 (m, 1H), 0.83 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 168.85, 159.44 (q, J = 30.5 Hz, TFA), 154.38, 142.61, 135.59, 128.70, 128.66, 126.08, 117.35 (q, J = 297.5 Hz, TFA), 113.63, 45.39, 45.10, 40.50, 35.79, 33.67, 33.08, 28.79, 26.00, 25.04, 22.62, 17.87. HRMS (ESI-MS): $m/z [M + H^+]$ calcd for C₂₂H₃₃N₆OS⁺: 429.2431; found: 429.2433. MF: C₂₂H₃₂N₆OS·C₄H₂F₆O₄. MW: (428.60 + 228.05).

1-(Amino{[4-(2-amino-4-methylthiazol-5-yl)phenyl]amino}methylene)-3-{6-[3-(amino{[4-(2-amino-4-methylthiazol-5-v])phenyl]amino}methylene)ureido]hexyl}urea tetrahydrotrifluoroacetate (67). 67 was prepared from amine 15 (22 mg, 0.073 mmol, 2 equiv), 28 (20 mg, 0.036 mmol, 1 equiv), NEt₃ (25 µL, 0.18 mmol, 5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (40 mg, 0.144 mmol, 4 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (9.3 mg, 23%). $R_f = 0.21$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 98% ($t_{\rm R}$ = 10.3 min, k = 2.21). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_{\rm A}$): δ 11.70–10.09 (m, 4H), 9.54–8.44 (m, 8H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 7.53-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.42-7.33 (m, 4H), 3.12 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 4H), 2.26 (s, 6H), 1.46 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 1.34–1.25 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 167.93 (2C), 160.05 (q, J = 33.2 Hz, TFA), 154.07 (2C), 153.96 (2C), 135.55 (2C), 133.83 (2C), 129.97 (4C), 129.92 (2C), 126.56 (4C), 117.01 (q, J = 294.0 Hz, TFA), 116.17 (2C), 39.65 (2C), 29.26 (2C), 26.31 (2C), 14.03 (2C). HRMS (ESI-MS): *m*/*z* [M + H⁺] calcd for C₃₀H₃₉N₁₂O₂S₂⁺: 663.2755; found: 663.2752. MF: $C_{30}H_{38}N_{12}O_2S_2 \cdot C_8H_4F_{12}O_8$. MW: (662.84 + 456.09)

1-(Amino{[3-(2-amino-4-methylthiazol-5-yl)phenyl]amino}methylene)-3-{6-[3-(amino{[3-(2-amino-4-methylthiazol-5-yl)phenyl]amino}methylene)ureido]hexyl}urea Tetrahydrotrifluoroacetate (68). 68 was prepared from amine 16 (22 mg, 0.073 mmol, 2 equiv), 28 (20 mg, 0.036 mmol, 1 equiv), NEt₃ (25 µL, 0.18 mmol, 5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (40 mg, 0.144 mmol, 4 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (5.8 mg, 14%). $R_f = 0.23$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 9:1). RP-HPLC: 98% ($t_{\rm R} = 10.2 \text{ min}, k = 2.18$). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 10.72 (br s, 2H), 10.26 (br s, 2H), 9.08–8.53 (m, 1H), 8.10 (br s, 3H), 7.62 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 2H), 3.11 (q, J = 6.1 Hz, 4H), 2.25 (s, 6H), 1.44 (quint, J = 6.9 Hz, 5H), 1.32–1.24 (m, 4H). HRMS (ESI-MS): $m/z [M + H^+]$ calcd for $C_{30}H_{39}N_{12}O_2S_2^+$: 663.2755; found: 663.2747. MF: C₃₀H₃₈N₁₂O₂S₂·C₈H₄F₁₂O₈. MW: (662.84 + 456.09)

1-(Amino{[3-(5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-{6-[3-(amino{[3-(5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)ureido]hexyl}urea Tetrahydrotrifluoroacetate (69). 69 was prepared from amine 11 (53.3 mg, 0.21 mmol, 2 equiv), 28 (57 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 equiv), NEt₃ (71 μL, 0.52 mmol, 5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (112 mg, 0.41 mmol, 4 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (35 mg, 34%). RP-HPLC: 96% ($t_{\rm R}$ = 8.6 min, k = 1.68). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 10.45 (br s, 2H), 9.05 (br s, 2H), 8.53 (br s, 4H), 8.06 (br s, 4H), 7.52 (br s, 2H), 3.30 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 4H), 3.09 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 4H), 2.87 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 1.89 (quint, J = 1.89)¹³C 7.4 Hz, 4H), 1.43 (quint, J = 6.7 Hz, 4H), 1.31–1.22 (m, 4H). NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 169.06, 159.16 (q, J = 34.4 Hz, TFA), 157.57, 153.90, 153.71, 39.60, 38.83, 28.88, 27.21, 26.58, 25.88. HRMS (ESI-MS): $m/z \,[M + H^+]$ calcd for $C_{20}H_{37}N_{14}O_2S_2^+$: 569.2660; found: 569.2660. MF: $C_{20}H_{36}N_{14}O_2S_2 \cdot C_8H_4F_{12}O_8$. MW: (568.26 + 456.09).

1-(Amino{[3-(5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-{8-[3-(amino{[3-(5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)ureido]octyl}urea Tetrahydrotrifluoroacetate (**70**). **70** was prepared from amine **11** (99 mg, 0.38 mmol, 2.2 equiv), **29** (100 mg, 0.17 mmol, 1 equiv), NEt₃ (118 µL, 0.85 mmol, 5 equiv), and HgCl₂ (185 mg, 0.68 mmol, 4 equiv) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (11.9 mg, 6.7%). RP-HPLC: 96% (t_R = 10.3 min, k = 2.21). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_{δ}) δ 10.26 (br s, 2H), 9.02 (br s, 2H), 8.50 (br s, 4H), 7.97 (br s, 3H), 7.49 (br s, 2H), 3.29 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 4H), 3.07 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 4H), 2.85 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 1.88 (quint, J = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 1.46–1.37 (m, 4H), 1.28–1.22 (m, 8H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.97 (2C), 158.81 (q, *J* = 35.1 Hz, TFA), 157.53 (2C), 153.83 (2C), 153.64 (2C), 115.98 (q, *J* = 293.8 Hz, TFA), 40.06 (2C), 39.31 (2C), 28.92 (2C), 28.61 (2C), 27.20 (2C), 26.56 (2C), 26.18 (2C). HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C₂₂H₄₁N₁₄O₂S₂⁺: 597.2973; found: 597.2967. MF: C₂₂H₄₀N₁₄O₂S₂. C₈H₄F₁₂O₈. MW: (596.78 + 456.09).

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Oxadiazole Derivatives 37 and 58. The oxadiazole heterocycle was formed according to a previously published procedure. ⁸⁴ Cyanogen bromide (CNBr) is used as a reagent in this procedure, which is acutely toxic and potentially carcinogenic. It should be used only in a well-ventilated fume hood after reading the safety precautions and wearing proper lab safety equipment (gloves, safety goggles, and lab coats). Future synthetic work should consider replacements for CNBr. The respective acylhydrazine (1 equiv, for details regarding 108 and 109, see SI) was dissolved in a mixture of H_2O /ethanol (EtOH, 1:1 or 2:3 (v/v), 1–2 mL), and KHCO₃ (3.2 equiv) was added. After addition of BrCN (3 M in CH₂Cl₂, 1 equiv), the reaction mixture was heated at 60 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt and stirred for an additional hour. EtOH was removed in a vacuum, and the residue was purified by preparative HPLC.

1-(Amino{[3-(5-amino-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-(hexyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (37). 37 was prepared from 108 (82 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1 equiv), KHCO₃ (51 mg, 0.51 mmol, 3.2 equiv), and BrCN (3 M in CH₂Cl₂, 53 µL, 0.16 mmol, 1 equiv) in H₂O/EtOH (1:1.5 mL) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (5.25 mg, 6.1%). RP-HPLC: 99% ($t_{\rm R}$ = 13.5 min, k = 3.21). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 10.03 (br s, 1H), 9.00 (br s, 1H), 8.50 (br s, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (br s, 2H), 3.31 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (p, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.87 (p, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (p, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.29–1.24 (m, 6H), 0.91–0.82 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO) δ 163.52, 158.59 (q, J = 34.5 Hz, TFA), 158.48, 153.76, 153.55, 39.61, 38.85, 30.86, 28.86, 25.86, 24.71, 22.01, 21.73, 13.88. HRMS (ESI-MS): $m/z [M + H^+]$ calcd for $C_{13}H_{26}N_7O_2^+$: 312.2142; found: 312.2154. MF: C13H25N7O2 C4H2F6O4. MW: (311.39 + 228.05)

1-(Amino{[3-(5-amino-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)propyl]amino}methylene)-3-(2-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)propyl)urea Dihydrotrifluoroacetate (58). 58 was prepared from 109 (22 mg, 0.038 mmol, 1 equiv), KHCO₃ (12.2 mg, 0.122 mmol, 3.2 equiv), and BrCN (3 M in CH₂Cl₂, 15.3 µL, 0.046 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in H₂O/EtOH (0.5 mL: 0.5 mL) according to the general procedure, yielding the product as a white, foamlike, and hygroscopic solid (13.97 mg, 61%). RP-HPLC: 100% ($t_{\rm R}$ = 15.8 min, k = 3.92). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.13 (br s, 1H), 9.02 (br s, 1H), 8.52 (br s, 2H), 7.57 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.01 (m, 6H), 3.34 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.14–2.90 (m, 2H), 2.71 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (dd, J = 13.5, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.36-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.95–1.83 (m, 3H), 0.81 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO) δ 163.17, 158.59 (q, J = 34.7 Hz, TFA), 158.52, 153.72, 153.68, 136.95, 134.72, 128.80, 128.77, 116.05 (q, J = 293.9 Hz, TFA), 44.64, 39.59, 39.39, 34.85, 24.65, 21.73, 20.60, 17.08. HRMS (ESI-MS): m/z [M + H⁺] calcd for C₁₈H₂₈N₇O₂⁺: 374.2299; found: 374.2300. MF: C₁₈H₂₇N₇O₂·C₄H₂F₆O₄. MW: (373.22 + 228.05).

Pharmacological Protocols: Cell Culture. Cells were maintained in 25 or 75 cm² flasks (Sarstedt, Nümbrecht, Germany) in a humidified atmosphere (95% air, 5% CO₂) at 37 °C. HEK293T-CRE-Luc- hD_{2long} R cells,⁴⁰ HEK293T NlucN-mGs/gpH₂R-NlucC cells,²⁶ HEK293T-ARRB2-H₂R cells,⁴¹ HEK293T ElucN- β arr2 hD_{2long} R-ElucC cells³⁹, and HEK293T ElucN- β arr2 hD_3 R-ElucC cells⁴⁰ were cultured as described previously.

Radioligand Competition Binding. *Histamine* H_{1-4} *Receptors.*^{22,38} Competition binding experiments were performed with membrane preparations of Sf9 insect cells, expressing the $hH_1R + RGS4$,⁸⁵ hH_2R-G_{saS} fusion protein,⁴⁸ $hH_3R + G_{ai2} + G_{\beta 1/2}$.⁸⁶ or the $hH_4R + G_{ai2} + G_{\beta 1/2}$.⁸⁷ General procedures for the generation of recombinant baculoviruses, the culture of Sf9 cells, and membrane preparations have been described elsewhere.⁸⁸ The competition

binding experiments were performed as previously described in detail^{22,38} with one minor modification: PBS (8 g NaCl, 0.2 g KCl, 1.0 g Na₂HPO₄:2H₂O, 0.15 g NaH₂PO₄·H₂O, 0.1 g KH₂PO₄ in 1 L Millipore H₂O; pH 7.4; 4 °C) was used as washing buffer while harvesting instead of the previously used binding buffer.^{22,38} [³H]-Mepyramine (specific activity (spec. act.): 20.0–87 Ci/mmol) was from Hartmann analytics (Braunschweig, Germany) or Novandi Chemistry AB (Södertälje, Sweden), [³H]1 (specific activity: 25.0 Ci/mmol) and [³H]N^{α}-methylhistamine (specific activity: 85.3 Ci/mmol) were from Hartmann analytics (Braunschweig, Germany). [³H]UR-DE257³⁶ (specific activity: 63.0 Ci/mmol) and [³H]UR-PI294³⁷ (specific activity: 41.8 Ci/mmol) were synthesized and characterized in our laboratories. Histamine dihydrochloride and diphenhydramine hydrochloride were from TCI Deutschland GmbH (Eschborn, Germany). Famotidine was from Alfa Aesar (Karlsruhe, Germany).

Dopamine D_{1-5} **Receptors.** The competition binding experiments were performed on homogenates of HEK293T-CRE-Luc- hD_x R (x = 1, 2long, 3 or 5) or HEK293T ElucN- β arr2 $hD_{4.4}$ R-ELuc cells using [³H] *N*-methylspiperone ($hD_{2long/3/4.4}$ R, specific activity: 77 Ci/mmol, Novandi Chemistry AB) or [³H]SCH23390 ($hD_{1/5}$ R, specific activity: 81 Ci/mmol, Novandi Chemistry AB) using the previously published protocol.⁴⁰ Generation and cell culture of HEK293T-CRE-Luc cells, expressing the hD_{1-} , hD_{2long-} , hD_{3-} , or $hD_{4.4}$ receptors as well as the general procedure for the homogenate preparation have been described in the same publication.⁴⁰

The HEK293T-CRE-Luc cell line stably expressing the hD_5R was generated in an analogous manner as published for the hD_1R , $hD_{2long}R$, hD_3R , or $hD_{4,4}R$.⁴⁰ In brief, 2 μ g of the pIRESneo3 SP-FLAG- hD_5R vector (generated in an analogous manner as described for the hD_1R , $hD_{2long}R$, hD_3R , and $hD_{4,4}R^{40}$) was used and selection was achieved in the presence of 600 μ g/mL of G418. The preparation of cell homogenates was performed as previously described⁴⁰ with the following modification: after centrifugation (6 °C, 50 000g, 15 min) and resuspension of the remaining pellet in tris(hydroxymethyl)-aminomethane (Tris)–MgSO₄ buffer⁴⁰ homogenization was performed with a Potter homogenizer (10 times, ice-cooled) instead of a syringe and needle.

Competition binding experiments with hD_1 and hD_5 receptors were performed by incubating homogenates in binding buffer⁴⁰ at a final concentration of $0.3 \mu g (h D_1 R)$ or $0.4 \mu g (h D_5 R)$ protein/well together with $[{}^{3}H]$ SCH23390 ($hD_{1}R$ ($K_{d} = 0.23 \text{ nM}$) and $hD_{5}R$ ($K_{d} = 0.2 \text{ nM}$): c = 0.4 nM) and increasing concentrations of the competing ligands (6, 31, 47, and 54) for 120 min at room temperature. Binding studies at the $hD_{2long}R$, $hD_{3}R$, and $hD_{4,4}R$ were performed in binding buffer⁴⁰ at a concentration of 0.3 μ g (hD_{2long}R), 0.7 μ g (hD₃R), or 0.5–1.0 μ g $(hD_{4,4}R)$ protein/well together with [³H]N-methylspiperone $(hD_{2long}R)$ $(K_{\rm d} = 0.0149 \text{ nM}): c = 0.05 \text{ nM}; hD_3R (K_{\rm d} = 0.0258 \text{ nM}): c = 0.05 \text{ nM};$ $hD_{4,4}R(K_d = 0.078 \text{ nM})$: c = 0.1 nM and varying concentrations of the competing ligands (6, 31, 32, 46, 43, 47, 48, 53, 54, 56, 57, 59, 63, and/ or **69**) for 60 min in the case of the $hD_{2long}R$ and $hD_{3}R$ and 140 min in the case of the $hD_{4,4}R$ at room temperature. Nonspecific binding was determined in the presence of 2 μ M (+)-butaclamol (Sigma, Taufkirchen, Germany, hD_1R , $hD_{2long}R$, hD_3R) or nemonapride (Tocris Bioscience, Bristol, U.K., $hD_{4,4}R$).

Muscarinic Acetylcholine M_{1-5} *Receptors.* Binding studies at human muscarinic receptors (stably expressed in CHO- hM_xR cells, x = 1-5) were performed using previously described radioligand competition binding assays.⁷⁸

Binding affinities toward the human adrenoceptors α_{1A} , α_{2A} , β_1 , and β_2 as well as to the human serotonin receptor 5-HT_{1A} and the human opioid receptor μ OR were determined as previously described.^{79,80} In brief, membranes were prepared from HEK293T cells each transiently transfected with appropriate cDNAs (cDNA of α_{1A} , β_2 , and 5-HT_{1A} from the cDNA Resource Center, Bloomsburg, PA, for α_{2A} : a gift from the D. Yang, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen, China, for μ OR: a gift from the Ernest Gallo Clinic and Research Center, UCSF, CA, for β_1 : a gift from the R. Sunahara, UCSD, CA). Receptor density (B_{max} value) and specific binding affinities (K_D value) for α_{1A} were determined as 6500 fmol/mg and 0.25 nM, respectively ([³H]prazosin

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(specific activity: 84 Ci/mmol, PerkinElmer, Rodgau, Germany) at a concentration of 0.4 nM), for α_{2A} : 1800 fmol/mg and 0.60 nM, respectively ([³H]RX821002 (spec. act. 52 Ci/mmol, Novandi Chemistry AB) at 0.5 nM), for β_1 : 3500 fmol/mg and 0.075 nM, respectively ([³H]CGP12177 (spec. act. 52 Ci/mmol, PerkinElmer) at 0.2 nM), for β_2 : 2000 fmol/mg and 0.070 nM, respectively ([³H]CGP12177 at 0.2 nM), for 5-HT_{1A}: 1100 fmol/mg and 0.080 nM, respectively ([³H]WAY600135 (spec. act. 80 Ci/mmol, Biotrend, Cologne, Germany) at 0.2 nM), and µOR: 1700 fmol/mg and 0.090 nM, respectively ([³H]diprenorphine (spec. act. 31 Ci/mmol, PerkinElmer) at 0.3 nM). Competition binding experiments with α_{1A} and 5-HT $_{1A}$ were performed by incubating membranes in buffer A (50 mM Tris, 5 mM MgCl₂, 0.1 mM ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA), $5 \mu g/mL$ bacitracin, and $5 \mu g/mL$ soybean trypsin inhibitor at pH 7.4) at a final protein concentration of 1 μ g/well and 6 μ g/well together with the radioligand and varying concentrations of the competing ligands for 60 min at 37 °C. Binding at α_{2A} and μ OR was performed in buffer B (50 mM Tris at pH 7.4) at a protein concentration of 10 and 6 μ g/well, respectively, and for β_1 and β_2 in buffer C (25 mM N-(2-hydroxyethyl)piperazine-N'-ethanesulfonic acid (HEPES), 5 mM MgCl₂, 1 mM EDTA, and 0.01% bovine serum albumin (BSA) at pH 7.4) at a protein concentration of 2 and $4 \mu g/well$, respectively. Nonspecific binding was determined in the presence of 10 μ M of prazosin (α_{1A}), RX821002 (α_{2A}), CGP12177 (β_1 and β_2), WAY600135 (5-HT_{1A}), and naloxone (μ OR). The protein concentration was established using the method of Lowry.⁸⁹ The resulting competition curves were analyzed by nonlinear regression using the algorithms implemented in PRISM 6.0 (GraphPad Software, San Diego, CA) to provide an IC_{50} value, which was subsequently transformed into the K_i value, employing the equation of Cheng and Prusoff.49

[³⁵S]GTP₇S Binding Assay. The assay was performed on Sf9 membranes expressing the hH_2R-G_{saS} fusion protein as previously described^{22,38,48} with one minor modification: PBS (8 g NaCl, 0.2 g KCl, 1.0 g Na₂HPO₄:2H₂O, 0.15 g NaH₂PO₄·H₂O, 0.1 g KH₂PO₄ in 1 L Millipore H₂O; pH 7.4; 4 °C) was used as washing buffer while harvesting instead of the previously used binding buffer. [³⁵S]GTP₇S was from Hartmann Analytics (Braunschweig, Germany). GTP₇S and GDP were purchased from Roche (Mannheim, Germany).

Mini-G Protein Recruitment Assay. The mini-G protein recruitment assay at the hH_2R or gpH_2R was performed using HEK293T NlucN-mGs/ hH_2R -NlucC⁴² or HEK293T NlucN-mGs/ gpH_2R -NlucC²⁶ cells as previously described in detail. Furimazine was from Promega (Mannheim, Germany).

β-Arrestin2 Recruitment Assay. *Histamine* H_2 *Receptor*. The β-arrestin2 recruitment assay at the hH_2R was performed using HEK293T-ARRB2- H_2R^{41} cells, as previously described in detail.⁴⁶

Dopamine $D_{2long/3}$ Receptors. The β-arrestin2 recruitment assay at the $hD_{2long}R$ or hD_3R was performed using HEK293T ElucN-βarr2 $hD_{2long}R$ -ElucC or HEK293T ElucN-βarr2 hD_3R -ElucC cells, as previously described in detail.⁴⁰ Quinpirole was from Tocris Bioscience (Bristol, U.K.). Pierce D-luciferin was purchased as the potassium salt from Fisher Scientific GmbH (Schwerte, Germany).

Docking. Models of the Active-State hH_2R and Active-State hD_2R . For the receptor modeling, docking studies, and presentation of the results, Sybyl 7.3 software (Tripos Inc., St. Louis, MO) was used. Since the compounds, for which the interaction with the hH_2R should be analyzed, were experimentally identified as partial agonists at the hH_2R_2 , an active-state model of the hH_2R was generated by homology modeling, using the crystal structure of the β_2 adrenergic receptor-Gs protein complex (protein databank code: 3SN6) as a template.⁵⁰ The $G\alpha\beta\gamma$ -subunits (chain A, B, G), the endolysin, and the camelid antibody variable domain of the heavy chain of the heavy-chain antibody (VHH) fragment (chain N) were deleted. According to an appropriate sequence alignment between $h\beta_2 R$ and $hH_2 R$, the homology model was generated by exchanging all amino acids of the template, being different to the corresponding amino acid of the hH_2R sequence using the tool "Mutate Monomers" of Sybyl, into the correct amino acid of the *h*H₂R. N-terminus and loops (tool: "Loop Search" of Sybyl) were modeled, according to procedures, as described elsewhere.⁹⁰ Briefly, the

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first 14 amino acids of the N-terminus of the hH_2R were added to the first amino acid present in the receptor-part (E30) of the 3SN6 crystal structure with a random conformation using the tool "Build Protein" of Sybyl. The amino acid sequences RNETSKGNHTTSK (part of the E2 Loop) and GDD (part of the E3-Loop) were modeled using the "Loop Search" Module. In addition, the amino acids NHISSWKAA (part of the I3-Loop) were added using the "Loop Search" Module to close the gap, which was present in the 3SN6 template, between TMS and TM6. The C-Terminus of the hH_2R , starting with C³⁵⁴, was not included in the homology model because the C-terminus was not present in the 3SN6 template. The resulting active-state model of the hH_2R was minimized with the Amber 7 FF99 force field.

Since the compounds, for which the interaction with the hD_2R should be analyzed, were also identified as partial agonists at the hD_2R by functional studies, an active-state model of the hD_2R was used. For this purpose, the crystal structure of the dopamine D₂ receptor-G protein complex (protein databank code: 6VMS) was used as a template.⁵¹ The G $\alpha\beta\gamma$ -subunits (chain A, B, C) and the scFv16 (chain E) were deleted. This model was refined by exchanging all amino acids of the template, which is different from the corresponding amino acid of the hD_2R in the correct amino acid of the hD_2R (tool: "Mutate Monomers" of Sybyl). The N-terminus (the first 31 amino acids) of the hD_2R was not added. The I3-loop ($R^{227}-R^{360}$), which was not present in the template structure, was not modeled. However, the gap between TM5 and TM6 was already closed in the template by connecting $K^{\rm 226}$ with R^{361} . The resulting active-state hD_2R was minimized with the Amber 7 FF99 force field. Based on the model of the hD_2R , the receptor mutant hD_2R -E^{E2.49}V-I^{E2.51}S was generated, using the "Mutate Monomers" tool to exchange E^{E2.49} into V and E^{E2.51} into S followed by minimization as described above.

The compounds 6, 31, and 32, provided with the Gasteiger–Hückel charges, were docked manually into the orthosteric binding pocket of the respective receptor, considering mutations studies, described in the literature, differences in the amino acid alignment of the hH_2R , hD_2R , and hD_3R (Figure S146 in the SI), and the pharmacological results of the present study. The net charge for 6, 31, and 32 was 1, with the positive charge being located on the carbamoylguanidine group. The resulting ligand–receptor complexes were minimized with the Amber 7 FF99 force field.

Data Processing. Compound purities were calculated as the percentage peak area of the analyzed compound by UV detection at 220 nm. Retention (capacity) factors (k) were calculated from retention times (t_R) according to $k = (t_R - t_0)/t_0$, t_0 = dead time. Data from radioligand competition binding assays $(hH_{1-4}^{38} \text{ and } hD_{2\log/3}^{40} \text{ receptors})$, from the [³⁵S]GTP γ S binding assay,³⁸ from the mini-G protein $(hH_2R,^{42} gpH_2R^{26})$, or β -arrestin2 $(hH_2^{41,46} \text{ and } hD_{2\log/3}^{40} \text{ receptors})$ recruitment assays, and from the H₂R assay on isolated guinea pig right atrium³⁸ were processed, as reported previously. K_i values for the calculation of relative affinities (H₂R selectivity, Tables 1 and 2) were obtained by transforming the p K_i mean value to K_i ($K_i = 10^{-pK_i}$).

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KAT527, 30, 33–35, 37–42, 44–46, 49–52, 55, 58, 60–62, 64–68, and 70; bias analysis, docking; synthesis and characterization of zolantidine dihydrotrifluoroacetate; estimation of the selectivity with respect to the relative receptor expression in different CNS tissues; computation prediction of the membrane permeability; and MS (ESI) data of Boc-/Trt-protected intermediates (PDF)

Molecular formula strings, $hH_{1-4}R$ and $hD_{2long/3}$ binding data, h/gpH_2R , and $hD_{2long/3}$ functional data binding data (CSV)

Three-dimensional (3D) coordinates of the hD_2R in complex with 6, obtained through molecular docking; 3D coordinates of the hD_2R in complex with 31, obtained through molecular docking; 3D coordinates of the hD_2R in complex with 32, obtained through molecular docking; 3D coordinates of hD_2R -E249V-I251S in complex with 6, obtained through molecular docking; 3D coordinates of hD_2R -D249V-I251S in complex with 31, obtained through molecular docking; 3D coordinates of hD_2R -E249V-I251S in complex with 32, obtained through molecular docking; 3D coordinates of the hH_2R in complex with 6, obtained through molecular docking; 3D coordinates of the hH_2R in complex with 31, obtained through molecular docking; 3D coordinates of the hH_2R in complex with 32, obtained through molecular docking; 3D coordinates of hH_2R -D542S in complex with 31, obtained through molecular docking; and 3D coordinates of hH_2R -D542S in complex with 32, obtained through molecular docking (ZIP)

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5-HT_{1A} serotonin 1A receptor; α_{1A} , adrenoreceptor α 1A; α_{2A} adrenoreceptor α 2A; β_1 , adrenoceptor β_1 , adrenoceptor β_2 , β arr2 or ARRB2, β -arrestin2 gene, and protein; δ , chemical shift in ppm; μ OR, μ opioid receptor; AU, absorption units; BB, building block; c, molar concentration; CDCl₃, deuterated chloroform; cf., confer/conferatur; CRE-Luc, cAMP-response element driven transcriptional luciferase reporter; CH₂Cl₂, dichloromethane; CHO, Chinese hamster ovary; CNS, central nervous system; cmpd, compound; DAD, diode array detector; DMSO- d_{61} deuterated DMSO; D_xR, dopamine receptor subtype x; E, extracellular loop; EI, electron ionization; Eluc, Emerald luciferase; ElucC, C-terminal Eluc fragment; ElucN, N-terminal Eluc fragment; E_{max} , maximal inducible receptor response referenced to a standard compound; Et₂O, diethyl ether; EtOAc, ethyl acetate; EtOH, ethanol; FLAG, polypeptide protein tag with sequence motif DYKDDDDK; g, gram(s) or number of times the gravitational force; G418, geneticin; $G_{\alpha i2}$, α subunit of the Gi2 protein that mediates the inhibition of adenylyl cyclase; G_{$\beta_1\gamma_2$}, G protein β_1 - and γ_2 -subunit; *gp*, guinea pig; Gs, adenylyl cyclase stimulatory G protein; $G_{s\alpha S}$, α -subunit (short splice variant) of the Gs protein that mediates stimulation of adenylyl cyclase; GTPγS, guanosine 5'-O-[γ-thio]phosphate; h, human; HEK293T, human embryonic kidney 293T cells; Het, heterocycle; $H_x R$, histamine receptor subtype *x*; *k*, retention (or capacity) factor (HPLC); K_a , acid dissociation constant; K_{by} dissociation constant obtained from a functional assay; K_{dv} dissociation constant obtained from a saturation binding experiment; K_i , dissociation constant obtained from a competition binding experiment; LC, liquid chromatography; MeOD, deuterated methanol; MeCN, acetonitrile; MeOH, methanol; MF, molecular formula; mG or mini-G, engineered minimal G protein; mGs, engineered guanosine triphosphate hydrolase domain of $G\alpha_s$ subunit (long splice variant); L-DOPA, levodopa; $M_x R$, muscarinic receptor subtype x; NEt₃, triethylamine; Nluc, NanoLuc luciferase; NlucC, C-terminal Nluc fragment; NlucC, N-terminal Nluc fragment; PE, petroleum ether; pEC_{50} , negative logarithm of the half-maximum activity concentration in M; pH, potential or power of hydrogen; pK_{a} , negative logarithm of the K_a in M; pK_b , negative logarithm of the $K_{\rm b}$ in M; $pK_{\rm i}$, negative logarithm of the $K_{\rm i}$ in M; r, rat; R, residue; RGS4, regulator of G protein signaling proteins 4; RP-HPLC, reversed-phase HPLC; Q-TOF, quadrupole time of flight; scFv16, single-chain variable fragment derived from mAb16 antibody; SEM, standard error of the mean; SF, SuperFlash; Sf9, Spodoptera frugiperda insect cell line; SI, Supporting Information; SP, signal peptide: subunit A of the murine type 3 receptor for 5-hydroxytryptamine; spec. act., specific activity; t_0 , dead time; $t_{\rm R}$, retention time; Tris, tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane; Trt, trityl; UHD, ultrahigh definition; VHH, variable domain of heavy chain of heavy-chain antibody

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