

# Discovery and Structure–Activity Relationship Studies of Novel Adenosine A<sub>1</sub> Receptor-Selective Agonists

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**ABSTRACT:** A series of benzyloxy and phenoxy derivatives of the adenosine receptor agonists  $N^6$ -cyclopentyl adenosine (CPA) and  $N^6$ -cyclopentyl 5'-N-ethylcarboxamidoadenosine (CP-NECA) were synthesized, and their potency and selectivity were assessed. We observed that the most potent were the compounds with a halogen in the *meta* position on the aromatic ring of the benzyloxy- or phenoxycyclopentyl substituent. In general, the NECA-based compounds displayed greater A<sub>1</sub>R selectivity than the adenosine-based compounds, with  $N^6$ -2-(3-bromobenzyloxy)cyclopentyl-NECA and  $N^6$ -2-(3-methoxyphenoxy)cyclopentyl-NECA showing ~1500-fold improved A<sub>1</sub>R selectivity compared to NECA. In addition, we quantified the compounds' affinity and kinetics of binding at both human and rat A<sub>1</sub>R using a NanoBRET binding assay and found that the halogen substituent in the benzyloxy- or phenoxycyclopentyl moiety seems to confer high affinity for the A<sub>1</sub>R. Molecular modeling studies suggested a hydrophobic subpocket as contributing to the A<sub>1</sub>R selectivity displayed. We believe that the identified selective potent A<sub>1</sub>R agonists are valuable tool compounds for adenosine receptor research.

# ■ INTRODUCTION

The adenosine  $A_1$  receptor  $(A_1R)$  is a G protein-coupled receptor (GPCR) that belongs to the adenosine receptor family consisting of four receptor subtypes  $(A_1R, A_{2A}R, A_{2B}R,$ and  $A_3R$ ). All four receptor subtypes are nonselectively activated by the endogenous ligand adenosine, a naturally occurring purine nucleoside. The adenosine receptors are widely expressed in the body and therefore implicated in various pathological conditions including cancer; sleep regulation; and cardiovascular, neurodegenerative, and inflammatory diseases.<sup>1–9</sup> The wide expression pattern has led to the reality that despite more than four decades of intense medicinal research, very few compounds have actually made it to the clinic due to unacceptable side effects based on insufficient subtype selectivity and/or low efficacy, leaving a big untapped need for subtype-selective compounds.<sup>10,11</sup>

The selective activation of the  $A_1R$ , in particular, is a very promising strategy for the treatment of glaucoma, type 2 diabetes mellitus, pain, epilepsy, heart arrhythmias, and cerebral ischemia, in which there are clear unmet clinical needs that could be addressed with novel more selective therapeutics.<sup>11,12</sup> Although all members of the adenosine receptor family are activated by endogenous adenosine, the  $A_1R$  and  $A_3R$  receptors are predominantly  $G_{i/o}$ -coupled, while the  $A_{2A}R$  and  $A_{2B}R$  are predominantly  $G_s$ -coupled. The classical pathway following  $G_{i/o}$  activation is the inhibition of adenylyl cyclase (AC) and subsequent inhibition of 3',5'-cyclic adenosine monophosphate (cAMP) accumulation in the cell, while activation of  $G_s$  activates AC, resulting in the promotion of cAMP accumulation.

Several potent and  $A_1$ R-selective agonists are based on the endogenous adenosine scaffold. Substitution at the purine C-2 position, e.g., with chloride, and at the  $N^6$  position with cycloalkyl- and bicycloalkyl groups has led to potent and  $A_1$ R-

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selective agonists.<sup>11–15</sup> In addition, the ribose moiety has been the focus of synthetic modifications in AR agonist development. The ribose C-5' position tolerates certain substitutions, such as a 5'-carboxamido group in the prototypical, very potent, albeit not highly subtype-selective AR agonist 5'-Nethylcarboxyamidoadenosine (NECA). Small 5'-chlorine substituents have also been used, and it was shown that they, together with  $N^6$ -bicycloalkyl groups, lead to high-affinity and highly selective human A1R agonists, which have antinociceptive effects in mice without affecting motor or cardiovascular functions.<sup>16,17</sup> More bulky pyrazole groups have also been employed at this C-5' position and yielded potent and selective A<sub>1</sub>R agonists that showed analgesic effects in mice.<sup>1</sup> Other successful selective and CNS active A1R agonist examples feature conformationally constrained ribose ring systems.<sup>14</sup> Alternatively, non-nucleoside 3,5-dicyanopyridines have been synthetically optimized to yield potent and A1Rselective full agonists, which have also been developed into PET tracers very recently.<sup>18</sup> Rather than modulating receptor activity by orthosteric exogenous agonists, Christopoulos and collaborators have recently presented MIPS521, a positive allosteric modulator of the  $A_1R$ , with which they were able to show in vivo analgesic efficacy in rats.<sup>19</sup> Their cryo-EM structural study of the human A1R bound to adenosine, MIPS521, and a  $G_{i2}$  protein heterotrimer (PDB code 7LD3) revealed the allosteric binding pocket at the lipid interface that could spark structure-based drug design campaigns.

We have previously reported the adenosine-based potent and highly A<sub>1</sub>R-selective full agonist BnOCPA (Chart 1), which emerged from a structure-activity relationship (SAR) study with respect to cyclic and bicyclic purine  $N^6$ substituents.<sup>13</sup> Our SAR study also showed that the synthetic NECA derivatives, such as BnOCP-NECA (Chart 1), were generally less subtype-selective than the adenosine ones. BnOCPA and BnOCP-NECA are extension derivatives of the prototypical, non-subtype-selective AR agonist N<sup>6</sup>-cyclopentyl adenosine (CPA). The  $N^6$ -hydroxycyclopentyl moiety is present in the known A1R-selective partial agonist CVT-3619 (later renamed GS 9667) and full agonist GR79236X. It should be noted that the stereochemical configuration of the  $N^{6}$ -hydroxycyclopentyl group in GR79236X is opposite to that in CVT-3619 and BnOCPA (Chart 1). Both GR79236X and CVT-3619 are able to increase insulin sensitivity and thus have been evaluated in clinical trials for the treatment of type II diabetes; however, their development was not successful and later discontinued.<sup>20,21</sup> Appending a benzyl group to the  $N^6$ hydroxylcyclopentyl moiety, we have found previously that

BnOCPA retained high potency at  $A_1R$  and displayed very high  $A_1R$  selectivity compared to the nonbenzylated congener.<sup>13</sup>

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Subsequently, we demonstrated that BnOCPA was able to specifically activate  $G\alpha_{ob}$  protein subtype-mediated signaling, which translated into potent *in vivo* analgesia without causing sedation, bradycardia, hypotension, or respiratory depression.<sup>22</sup> Molecular dynamics (MD) simulations using the cryo-EM structure of the active adenosine-bound A<sub>1</sub>R-heterotrimeric G<sub>12</sub> protein complex (PDB code 6D9H<sup>23</sup>) proposed four binding modes of BnOCPA<sup>22</sup> due to the high flexibility of the N<sup>6</sup>-appended benzyloxy group.<sup>24</sup>

Based on these molecular modeling studies, we have designed a series of adenosine- and NECA-based compounds with extended  $N^6$ -benzyloxy- and  $N^6$ -phenoxycyclopentyl substituents (Chart 1) with the aim of improving the potency at A<sub>1</sub>R while maintaining or improving the subtype selectivity. To test the potency, selectivity, and affinity of the designed compounds at the adenosine receptors, we have employed the cAMP accumulation and NanoBRET binding assays previously validated and employed at ARs.<sup>25</sup> We explored subtype selectivity at human  $A_1R$ ,  $A_{2A}R$ ,  $A_{2B}R$ , and  $A_3R$  in mammalian CHO-K1 cells and confirmed the binding of the compounds at both human and rat A1R in HEK293 cells. Kinetic studies were performed to dissect the binding properties of the compounds to hA<sub>1</sub>R and rA<sub>1</sub>R and outline their structure-kinetic relationship (SKR). Finally, we have also used MD modeling to evaluate the binding pose of some of the agonists and validated the findings using mutagenesis. Together, this approach has identified novel adenosine- and NECA-based derivatives with improved potency, selectivity, and affinity at the A<sub>1</sub>R receptor. Hence, these compounds constitute valuable tools for cellular studies of the A1R receptor and show interesting therapeutic promise.

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

**Chemistry.** Our initial synthetic strategy was designed for keeping the route as concise as possible and entailed a projected *O*-alkylation of ribose-protected  $N^6$ -hydroxycyclopentyl adenosine and NECA precursors. After exploring different *O*-alkylation protocols and ribose hydroxyl protecting groups, we abandoned this synthetic plan, as our attempts resulted in low conversions, trace amounts of desired products, and many side products stemming from the loss or migration of protecting groups, elimination reactions, and *N*-alkylation of amine and amide groups (Scheme S1).

Scheme 1. Synthesis of Benzyloxycyclopentyl and Phenoxycyclopentyl Amine Building Blocks<sup>a</sup>



**a**: R = H; **b**: R = *p*-*i*-Pr; **c**: R = *p*-*t*-Bu; **d**: R = *p*-CN; **e**: R = *m*-OMe; **f**: R = *m*-Br; **g**: R = *p*-Br; **h**: R = *o*-Cl; **i**: R = *m*-Cl; **j**: R = *p*-Cl

<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (a) R-BnBr (1 equiv), NaH (2 equiv), THF, 0 °C, 2–4 h, 30–91%; (b) HCl (4 M in dioxane), 1,4-dioxane, rt, 4–18 h, 50%-quant; and (c) R-PhOH, PPh<sub>3</sub>, DIAD, THF, 0 °C to rt, 18 h, 51–62%.





<sup>*a*</sup>Reagents and conditions: (a) Ac<sub>2</sub>O, pyridine, rt 18 h, quant.; (b) SOCl<sub>2</sub>, DMF, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 50 °C, 18 h, 86%; (c) **3b**-i or **6a,c,e,f,h**-j, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, *i*-PrOH, 105 °C, 18 h, 36%-quant.; (d) K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, rt, 30 min, 36–93%; (e) K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (aq. 30%), MeOH, 40 °C, 7 h, 83%; (f) 2,2-dimethoxypropane, *p*-TsOH, acetone, rt, 18 h, 32%; (g) TEMPO, DAIB, MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O, rt, 18 h, 80%; (h) SOCl<sub>2</sub>, DMF, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 50 °C, 18 h and then EtNH<sub>2</sub> (2 M in THF), 0 °C to rt, 30 min, 41%; and (i) AcOH, H<sub>2</sub>O, 80 °C, 18 h, 43–73%.

We therefore adapted our strategy and carried out the *O*-alkylation on *N*-protected (1R,2R)-2-aminocyclopentanol  $1^{26}$  (Scheme 1). Under optimized conditions, treating a mixture of 1 and benzyl bromide (1 equiv) in THF at 0 °C with sodium hydride (2 equiv) yielded 58% of desired 2a after 4 h. It was important to monitor this reaction carefully, as after a certain time (2–4 h), side products started to emerge that diminished the isolated yields. These optimized conditions were applied

for the preparation of benzyloxycyclopentyl intermediates 2b-i, which were isolated in moderate to very good yields (30–91%).

For the introduction of the phenoxy substituents on the cyclopentyl ring, we first tosylated epimeric *N*-protected (1S,2R)-2-aminocyclopentanol 4 (*p*-TsCl, pyridine, rt, 24 h, 57% yield), which was followed by S<sub>N</sub>2-type substitution with phenoxide (Figure S1). However, the latter reaction required

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compd	$\mathbb{R}^1$	$\mathbb{R}^2$	$pEC_{50} (hA_1R)^b$	$E_{\max}^{c}$	$pK_i (hA_1R)^d$
BnOCPA	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	Н	$8.43 \pm 0.09$	$51.49 \pm 1.9$	$6.18 \pm 0.09$
15	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	<i>p-i</i> -Pr	$7.87 \pm 0.16$	$51.95 \pm 3.1$	$5.77 \pm 0.08$
16	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	<i>p-t</i> -Bu	$8.20 \pm 0.13$	$54.59 \pm 2.8$	$5.58 \pm 0.10$
17	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	p-CN	$7.40 \pm 0.19$	$58.03 \pm 4.2$	$5.85 \pm 0.06$
18	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	<i>p</i> -CONH <sub>2</sub>	$7.71 \pm 0.13$	$59.51 \pm 4.1$	$5.98 \pm 0.05$

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"Data are the mean  $\pm$  SEM of at least three independent repeats conducted in duplicate. <sup>b</sup>The negative logarithm of the agonist concentration required to produce a half-maximal inhibition response of the 10  $\mu$ M forskolin-induced cAMP accumulation in CHO-K1-A<sub>1</sub>R cells. <sup>c</sup>The % maximal inhibition of cAMP accumulation for each agonist. Calculated as the % inhibition of the 10  $\mu$ M forskolin response. <sup>d</sup>Binding affinity (pK<sub>i</sub>) determined through the NanoBRET binding assay in HEK293 cells stably expressing human Nluc-A<sub>1</sub>R. The resulting concentration-dependent decrease in NanoBRET ratio at 10 min was used to calculate pK<sub>i</sub>. Statistical significance (\**p* < 0.05) determined using one-way ANOVA and Dunnett's post-test and presented as described by Curtis *et al.*<sup>31</sup>



**Figure 1.** Efficacy and potency of synthetic benzyloxy- and phenoxycyclopentyl adenosine and NECA derivatives at A<sub>1</sub>R. cAMP response in CHO-K1 cells stably expressing human A<sub>1</sub>R in response to varying concentrations of AR ligands and 10  $\mu$ M forskolin.  $E_{max}$  and pEC<sub>50</sub> values for individual repeats are plotted at the bottom. Data are the mean  $\pm$  SEM of at least three independent repeats conducted in duplicate. Statistical significance (\*p < 0.05) determined using one-way ANOVA and Dunnett's post-test, presented as described in ref 31.

forcing conditions (phenol,  $K_2CO_3$ , DMF, 70 °C, 3 days) to obtain **5a** with the desired (1*R*,2*R*) stereochemistry in acceptable 61% yield. We therefore sought a milder, more efficient method and hypothesized that the Mitsunobu reaction<sup>27</sup> might allow us to directly access protected phenoxycyclopentyl amines **5** from **4** (Scheme 1). The Mitsunobu reaction is commonly used to convert primary and secondary alcohols to a variety of functional groups with inversion at the alcohol stereogenic center and requires an acidic nucleophile (e.g. carboxylic acids). In rare cases, phenols  $(pK_a \sim 9-10)$  were employed as nucleophiles, but to the best of our knowledge, cyclic secondary alcohols were not reported as Mitsunobu substrates to date. We were therefore pleased to find that adding diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (DIAD) to a

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compd	$\mathbb{R}^{1}$	$\mathbb{R}^2$	pEC <sub>50</sub> <sup>a</sup>	$E_{\max}^{\ b}$	pEC <sub>s0</sub> <sup>a</sup>	$E_{\max}^{c}$	pEC <sub>50</sub> <sup>a</sup>	$E_{\max}^{c}$	pEC <sub>50</sub> <sup>a</sup>	$E_{\max}^{b}$	$pK_i^d$	$pK_i^d$
adenosine			$7.16 \pm 0.23$	$51.09 \pm 4.9$	$7.60 \pm 0.11$	$21.53 \pm 0.9$	$7.28 \pm 0.12$	$59.07 \pm 2.9$	$7.87 \pm 0.23$	$24.71 \pm 2.5$	$6.09 \pm 0.06$	$6.06 \pm 0.05$
BnOCPA	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	Н	$8.43 \pm 0.09^{*}$	$51.49 \pm 1.9$	$4.95 \pm 0.38^{*}$	$17.13 \pm 4.6$	N.D. <sup>e</sup>		N.R. <sup>f</sup>		$6.18 \pm 0.09$	$6.41 \pm 0.06^{*}$
19	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	m-OMe	$8.74 \pm 0.10^{*}$	57.41 ± 2.4	N.D.		N.D.		$5.98 \pm 0.47^{*}$	$9.52 \pm 2.1^{*}$	$6.67 \pm 0.10^{*}$	$6.55 \pm 0.06^{*}$
20	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	m-Br	$7.74 \pm 0.13^{*}$	$51.44 \pm 2.8$	N.R.		N.D.		$5.08 \pm 0.26^{*}$	$12.59 \pm 1.8^{*}$	$6.16 \pm 0.10$	$6.13 \pm 0.08$
21	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	p-Br	$7.39 \pm 0.16$	$44.25 \pm 3.2$	N.D.		N.D.		N.R.		$5.94 \pm 0.07$	$6.06 \pm 0.07$
22	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	o-Cl	$8.47 \pm 0.24^{*}$	$44.66 \pm 4.3$	$5.17 \pm 0.33^{*}$	$18.55 \pm 3.5$	$4.57 \pm 0.12^{*}$	$96.93 \pm 8.1^{*}$	N.R.		$6.56 \pm 0.07^{*}$	$6.56 \pm 0.04^{*}$
23	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	m-Cl	$7.88 \pm 0.17$	$45.97 \pm 3.3$	N.D.		N.D.		N.R.		$6.15 \pm 0.07$	$6.43 \pm 0.03^{*}$
NECA			$8.96 \pm 0.11$	$50.11 \pm 2.4$	$7.95 \pm 0.26$	$22.03 \pm 2.4$	$7.20 \pm 0.07$	$68.12 \pm 2.0$	$7.83 \pm 0.26$	$34.34 \pm 3.7$	$6.61 \pm 0.06$	$6.38 \pm 0.04$
44	-CONHEt	m-OMe	$8.67 \pm 0.19$	$41.15 \pm 3.3$	N.R.		$4.42 \pm 0.16^{*}$	$73.07 \pm 8.9$	$5.38 \pm 0.09^{*}$	$46.56 \pm 2.1$	$6.39 \pm 0.08$	$6.11 \pm 0.07^{*}$
45	-CONHEt	m-Br	$9.85 \pm 0.19$	$46.12 \pm 5.2$	N.R.		N.D.		$5.56 \pm 0.10^{*}$	$49.17 \pm 2.4^{*}$	$6.54 \pm 0.15$	$6.46 \pm 0.07$
46	-CONHEt	$p ext{-Br}$	$7.97 \pm 0.24$	$43.32 \pm 4.5$	N.D.		N.D.		$5.82 \pm 0.20^{*}$	$30.56 \pm 2.8$	$6.15 \pm 0.06^{*}$	$6.38 \pm 0.03$
47	-CONHEt	o-Cl	$8.67 \pm 0.15$	$34.67 \pm 2.2$	$5.68 \pm 0.32$	$20.34 \pm 3.1$	$5.36 \pm 0.08^{*}$	$87.58 \pm 3.3$	$5.85 \pm 0.13^{*}$	$43.92 \pm 2.8$	$6.63 \pm 0.07$	$6.85 \pm 0.05^{*}$
48	-CONHEt	m-Cl	$8.29 \pm 0.16$	$31.57 \pm 2.1^{*}$	$5.04 \pm 0.29^{*}$	$17.18 \pm 2.9$	$4.72 \pm 0.11^{*}$	$96.14 \pm 6.8^{*}$	$5.83 \pm 0.39^{*}$	$31.06 \pm 5.7$	$6.49 \pm 0.08$	$6.90 \pm 0.05^{*}$
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respectively). <sup>c</sup>The % maximal accumulation of each agonist relative to 10  $\mu$ M forskolin stimulation. <sup>d</sup>Binding affinity (pK<sub>i</sub>) determined through the NanoBRET binding assay in HEK293 cells stably expressing human or rat Nluc-A<sub>1</sub>R. The resulting concentration-dependent decrease in NanoBRET ratio at 10 min was used to calculate pK<sub>i</sub>. <sup>e</sup>N.D., not determined. Full dose-response curve was not feasible. <sup>J</sup>N.R., no response detected in the assay. All data are the mean  $\pm$  SEM of at least three independent repeats conducted in duplicate. Statistical significance (\*p < 0.05) determined using one-way included in the assay (10 and 1  $\mu$ M for A<sub>1</sub>R and A<sub>3</sub>R, respectively). "The % maximal inhibition of cAMP accumulation for each agonist. Forskolin is included in the assay (10 and 1  $\mu$ M for A<sub>1</sub>R and A<sub>3</sub>R, ANOVA and Dunnett's post-test, presented according to ref 31. Adenosine derivatives were compared to adenosine, while NECA derivatives were compared to NECA.

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Figure 2. Adenosine and NECA derivatives show selectivity towards  $A_1R$  subtype. Log(RA) values of AR ligands at human  $A_1R$ ,  $A_{2A}R$ ,  $A_{2B}R$ , and  $A_3R$  normalized to (A) NECA or (B) adenosine response at  $A_1R$ .

solution of 4, phenol, and triphenylphosphine at 0 °C and subsequent stirring at room temperature overnight delivered **5a** in 60% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **5a** obtained via Mitsunobu reaction and of **5a** isolated after  $S_N 2$  phenoxide substitution of tosylated **4** were identical, confirming full inversion at C-1 during the Mitsunobu reaction (Figure S1). For comparison, reaction with epimeric **1** under identical Mitsunobu conditions yielded the C-1 epimer of **5a** with a distinctively different <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum. Overall, our new synthetic strategy efficiently produced phenoxycyclopentyl building block **5** in moderate to good yields. Clean removal of the Boc-protecting group from **2** and **5** was achieved with HCl in dioxane to deliver ammonium salts **3** and **6** (Scheme 1).

Nucleophilic aromatic substitution  $(S_NAr)$  of 6-chloropurines 7 and 31 with amines 3 and 6 assembled the final agonist scaffolds (Scheme 2). Chloropurines 7 and 31 were synthesized starting from inosine using procedures adopted from Kotra *et al.*<sup>28</sup> and Middleton *et al.*,<sup>29</sup> with minor experimental modifications. Removal of the acetate groups was carried out with potassium carbonate in methanol at room temperature, while removal of the ribose acetonide group was accomplished with acetic acid in water at 80 °C, yielding final adenosine derivatives **15–30** and NECA derivatives **44–55** in high purity and sufficient quantity.

In the adenosine series, we observed partial cleavage of the acetate groups during the  $S_NAr$  reaction for some substrates, which led to complex but separable mixtures of desired nucleosides 8–14 and various deacetylated side products. We found that it was more convenient to take these crude mixtures into the subsequent deprotection step and isolate the fully deacetylated final products 15-30 (Scheme 2). Primary carboxamide derivative 18 was obtained from protected nitrile nucleoside 10 through hydrolysis with basic hydrogen peroxide in methanol at elevated temperatures.<sup>30</sup>

**Biological Activity at the Human A<sub>1</sub> Receptor.** BnOCPA has previously been identified as a high-potency  $A_1R$ -selective full agonist.<sup>13,22</sup> Using insights from BnOCPA MD simulations<sup>22,24</sup> and with the aim of further improving the  $A_1R$  selectivity and potency, we designed extended BnOCPA derivatives **15–18**. Their binding and activity at human  $A_1R$  (hA<sub>1</sub>R) were then explored using both a NanoBRET binding assay and a cAMP accumulation assay, respectively (Table 1). To determine the A<sub>1</sub>R mediated G<sub>i/o</sub> response, CHO-K1-A<sub>1</sub>R cells were co-stimulated for 30 min with 10  $\mu$ M forskolin (which promotes cAMP production by activating adenylyl cyclase), and the test compounds **15–18** were added in a range of concentrations (10<sup>-13</sup> to 10<sup>-4</sup> M).

All four compounds were found to be agonists at the hA<sub>1</sub>R using the inhibiting forskolin-stimulated cAMP accumulation assay with equivalent  $E_{\text{max}}$  values to that of the full agonist BnOCPA. 16 showed the highest potency with  $pEC_{50}$  of 8.20  $\pm$  0.13, which was similar to BnOCPA (pEC<sub>50</sub> of 8.43  $\pm$  0.09). 15-18 were further tested for their ability to displace the specific binding of CA200645, a fluorescent A1R/A3R antagonist, in HEK293 cells stably expressing an N-terminally tagged human Nanoluc-hA1R (Nluc-hA1R), as described previously.<sup>25</sup> All four explored BnOCPA derivative compounds 15–18 displayed similar affinity for Nluc-hA<sub>1</sub>R with  $K_i$  in the range of  $1-3 \mu M$ , which remained similar or lower than BnOCPA ( $K_i$  of 0.66  $\mu$ M). Since none of derivatives 15–18 improved upon BnOCPA potency or affinity at the A1R, we have decided to not continue with these compounds further and instead designed a new series of compounds based on adenosine (19-30) and their structural analogs based on NECA (44-55). Full cAMP inhibition curves in the CHO-K1hA<sub>1</sub>R cells were obtained as described above (Figure 1, Tables 2 and 3). Except for 27, 48, 49, and 53, which showed partial activity, all the tested compounds behaved as full agonists at the hA<sub>1</sub>R. 27 was the most potent (pEC<sub>50</sub> of 10.0  $\pm$  0.24), closely followed by 26, 45, 49, and 51-54. Furthermore, all these compounds displayed a higher potency than adenosine, NECA, or BnOCPA, making them very promising candidate compounds. It is interesting to note that, except for 49 and 53, the most potent compounds have a substituent in the meta position and, except for 26, 49 and 51, all have a halogen substituent. Therefore, it seems that a halogen in the meta position on the aromatic ring confers high potency at the hA1R. In addition, all most potent hA1R agonists except 45 feature a  $N^6$ -phenoxycyclopentyl moiety.

Subtype Selectivity of Adenosine and NECA Derivatives. As the structural similarity between the orthosteric site

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**Figure 3.** Binding affinity of AR ligands at human and rat A1R measured by NanoBRET. HEK293 cells stably expressing (A) human or (C) rat Nluc-A<sub>1</sub>R were treated with 20 nM CA200645 and increasing concentrations of unlabeled AR ligand.  $pK_i$  values for individual repeats from (B) human A Nluc-A<sub>1</sub>R and (D) rat Nluc-A<sub>1</sub>R. Data are the mean  $\pm$  SEM of at least three independent repeats conducted in duplicate. Statistical significance (\*p < 0.05) determined using one-way ANOVA and Dunnett's post-test, presented as described in ref 31.

of the four adenosine receptor subtypes often results in reduced selectivity of the compounds targeting them, we utilized CHO-K1 cells stably expressing human  $A_{2A}R$ ,  $A_{2B}R$ , or  $A_{3}R$  ( $hA_{2A}R$ ,  $hA_{2B}R$ , or  $hA_{3}R$ ) and incubated them with

increasing concentrations of the tested compounds  $(10^{-13} \text{ to } 10^{-4} \text{ M})$  to measure the cAMP accumulation in the cells in response to the agonists. For the G<sub>i/o</sub>-coupled hA<sub>3</sub>R, 1  $\mu$ M forskolin was also included. This addition was not required for

Table 4. Kinetics of Binding for Synthetic Adenosine and NECA Benzyloxycyclopentyl Derivatives to the Orthosteric Binding Site at Human and Rat A<sub>1</sub>R

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			adenosine		NECA		BnOCPA, 19-23, 44-48			
				$hA_1R$				$rA_1R$		
compd	$\mathbb{R}^{1}$	$\mathbb{R}^2$	$k_{\rm on} (k_3) \times 10^5 ({\rm M}^{-1} {\rm min}^{-1})^a$	$k_{\text{off}}(k_4) \; (\min^{-1})^{\boldsymbol{b}}$	$pK_d^c$	RT (min) <sup>d</sup>	$k_{\rm on} (k_3) \times 10^5 ({\rm M}^{-1} {\rm min}^{-1})^a$	$k_{\rm off} \ (k_4) \ (\min^{-1})^{b}$	$\mathrm{pK_d}^c$	RT (min) <sup>d</sup>
adenosine			$1.65 \pm 0.24$	$0.048 \pm 0.002$	$6.53 \pm 0.07$	$21.15 \pm 0.84$	$0.52 \pm 0.22$	$0.079 \pm 0.007$	$5.71 \pm 0.17$	$12.86 \pm 1.10$
BnOCPA	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	Н	$1.47 \pm 0.33$	$0.068 \pm 0.002$	$6.30 \pm 0.09$	$14.75 \pm 0.56$	$1.57 \pm 0.54$	$0.054 \pm 0.007$	$6.40 \pm 0.11$	$19.42 \pm 2.21$
NECA			$2.04 \pm 0.07$	$0.049 \pm 0.005$	$6.63 \pm 0.06$	$20.97 \pm 1.98$	$2.29 \pm 0.39$	$0.066 \pm 0.008$	$6.53 \pm 0.04$	$15.84 \pm 2.05$
19	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	<i>m</i> -OMe	$2.51 \pm 0.36$	$0.041 \pm 0.004$	$6.77 \pm 0.02$	$24.64 \pm 1.98$	$2.52 \pm 0.31$	$0.083 \pm 0.016$	$6.49 \pm 0.03$	$13.22 \pm 2.10$
20	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	m-Br	$0.56 \pm 0.12$	$0.080 \pm 0.016$	$5.84 \pm 0.02$	$14.84 \pm 3.83$	$1.50 \pm 0.29$	$0.097 \pm 0.008$	$6.17 \pm 0.09$	$10.56 \pm 0.81$
21	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	$p ext{-Br}$	$0.66 \pm 0.02$	$0.065 \pm 0.010$	$6.02 \pm 0.06$	$16.72 \pm 3.01$	$1.13 \pm 0.09$	$0.066 \pm 0.010$	$6.24 \pm 0.03$	$16.05 \pm 2.09$
22	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	o-Cl	$2.75 \pm 0.14$	$0.055 \pm 0.012$	$6.74 \pm 0.10$	$22.22 \pm 6.21$	$5.07 \pm 0.26$	$0.090 \pm 0.015$	$6.77 \pm 0.06$	$12.10 \pm 2.06$
23	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	m-Cl	$1.40 \pm 0.08$	$0.051 \pm 0.015$	$6.48 \pm 0.09$	$24.12 \pm 5.29$	$2.85 \pm 0.22$	$0.060 \pm 0.006$	$6.68 \pm 0.06$	$17.13 \pm 1.54$
44	-CONHEt	m-OMe	$1.12 \pm 0.09$	$0.110 \pm 0.024$	$6.04 \pm 0.10$	$10.59 \pm 2.34$	$1.96 \pm 0.13$	$0.141 \pm 0.018$	$6.15 \pm 0.06$	$7.41 \pm 0.82$
45	-CONHEt	m-Br	$0.83 \pm 0.06$	$0.095 \pm 0.011$	$5.94 \pm 0.02$	$10.78 \pm 1.28$	$2.95 \pm 0.41$	$0.121 \pm 0.012$	$6.38 \pm 0.06$	$8.51 \pm 0.82$
46	-CONHEt	$p ext{-Br}$	$1.01 \pm 0.06$	$0.076 \pm 0.007$	$6.13 \pm 0.03$	$13.55 \pm 1.36$	$2.14 \pm 0.14$	$0.058 \pm 0.003$	$6.56 \pm 0.01$	$17.30 \pm 1.02$
47	-CONHEt	o-Cl	$3.64 \pm 0.33$	$0.044 \pm 0.009$	$6.94 \pm 0.08$	$25.70 \pm 4.63$	$7.31 \pm 0.61$	$0.046 \pm 0.002$	$7.20 \pm 0.03$	$21.98 \pm 1.13$
48	-CONHEt	m-Cl	$1.80 \pm 0.17$	$0.040 \pm 0.006$	$6.67 \pm 0.05$	$27.96 \pm 5.57$	$7.54 \pm 0.30$	$0.073 \pm 0.004$	$7.02 \pm 0.03$	$13.90 \pm 0.72$
${}^{a}k_{\text{on}}{}^{(k_{3})}$ for	r ligands as dete	ermined us	ing NanoBRET binding assay	s using either hum	an or rat Nluc-	$A_1R$ expressing H	HEK 293 cells and determine	d through fitting w	vith the "kinetic	of competitive
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reciprocal of	t the $k_{aff}$ . All da	ata are the	mean $\pm$ SEM of at least three	e independent repe	eats conducted i	n duplicate.				



				$hA_1R$				$rA_1R$		
compd	$\mathbb{R}^{1}$	${ m R}^2$	$k_{\rm on} (k_3) \times 10^5 (M^{-1} \min^{-1})^a$	$k_{\mathrm{off}} (k_4) (\mathrm{min}^{-1})^b$	$pK_d^c$	RT (min) <sup>d</sup>	$k_{\rm on} (k_3) \times 10^5 (M^{-1} \min^{-1})^a$	$k_{\text{off}} (k_4) (\min^{-1})^b$	$pK_d^c$	RT (min) <sup>d</sup>
24	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	Н	$4.78 \pm 0.93$	$0.048 \pm 0.004$	$6.97 \pm 0.06$	$21.56 \pm 2.13$	$2.70 \pm 0.34$	$0.053 \pm 0.001$	$6.70 \pm 0.06$	$18.91 \pm 0.30$
25	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	<i>p-t-</i> Bu	$1.48 \pm 0.04$	$0.054 \pm 0.005$	$6.44 \pm 0.03$	$19.12 \pm 2.01$	$4.84 \pm 0.37$	$0.484 \pm 0.173$	$6.17 \pm 0.30$	$5.53 \pm 3.31$
26	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	<i>m</i> -OMe	$2.97 \pm 0.27$	$0.037 \pm 0.003$	$6.90 \pm 0.01$	$27.61 \pm 2.09$	$3.32 \pm 0.52$	$0.085 \pm 0.007$	$6.58 \pm 0.03$	$12.06 \pm 1.03$
27	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	m-Br	$10.12 \pm 1.29$	$0.038 \pm 0.012$	$7.47 \pm 0.09$	$33.13 \pm 10.40$	$13.30 \pm 1.21$	$0.050 \pm 0.005$	$7.42 \pm 0.03$	$20.40 \pm 1.86$
28	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	o-Cl	$11.61 \pm 1.31$	$0.052 \pm 0.004$	$7.34 \pm 0.04$	$19.55 \pm 1.48$	$17.92 \pm 1.30$	$0.048 \pm 0.005$	$7.58 \pm 0.01$	$21.46 \pm 2.08$
29	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	m-Cl	$25.90 \pm 2.14$	$0.040 \pm 0.003$	$7.81 \pm 0.02$	$25.37 \pm 1.70$	$30.07 \pm 4.02$	$0.071 \pm 0.010$	$7.63 \pm 0.12$	$15.20 \pm 2.50$
30	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	p-Cl	$1.01 \pm 0.31$	$0.056 \pm 0.009$	$6.22 \pm 0.13$	$19.46 \pm 3.34$	$2.51 \pm 0.90$	$0.056 \pm 0.001$	$6.58 \pm 0.15$	$17.90 \pm 0.25$
49	-CONHEt	Н	$16.43 \pm 2.81$	$0.028 \pm 0.002$	$7.63 \pm 0.01$	$32.82 \pm 1.02$	$25.12 \pm 2.08$	$0.037 \pm 0.002$	$7.83 \pm 0.05$	$27.61 \pm 1.66$
50	-CONHEt	<i>p-t-</i> Bu	$1.53 \pm 0.11$	$0.091 \pm 0.010$	$6.23 \pm 0.06$	$11.47 \pm 1.48$	$6.29 \pm 0.62$	$0.070 \pm 0.007$	$6.95 \pm 0.01$	$14.76 \pm 1.64$
51	-CONHEt	<i>m</i> -OMe	$4.27 \pm 0.03$	$0.027 \pm 0.007$	$7.23 \pm 0.11$	$42.68 \pm 10.88$	$11.91 \pm 1.33$	$0.030 \pm 0.006$	$7.62 \pm 0.11$	$38.05 \pm 8.74$
52	-CONHEt	m-Br	$5.57 \pm 2.56$	$0.075 \pm 0.038$	$6.91 \pm 0.04$	$27.87 \pm 14.23$	$4.46 \pm 1.28$	$0.056 \pm 0.008$	$6.85 \pm 0.13$	$19.17 \pm 2.68$
53	-CONHEt	o-CI	$17.27 \pm 1.12$	$0.041 \pm 0.010$	$7.66 \pm 0.11$	$29.44 \pm 6.91$	$37.59 \pm 1.91$	$0.048 \pm 0.003$	$7.90 \pm 0.00$	$21.23 \pm 1.22$
54	-CONHEt	m-Cl	$20.28 \pm 1.11$	$0.043 \pm 0.013$	$7.75 \pm 0.16$	$34.70 \pm 13.43$	$35.85 \pm 3.95$	$0.062 \pm 0.007$	$7.76 \pm 0.10$	$16.78 \pm 2.22$
55	-CONHEt	p-Cl	$3.75 \pm 1.04$	$0.076 \pm 0.024$	$6.71 \pm 0.03$	$17.48 \pm 4.79$	$11.62 \pm 0.26$	$0.064 \pm 0.003$	$7.26 \pm 0.01$	$15.65 \pm 0.78$
${}^{a}k_{\mathrm{on}}$ $(k_{\mathrm{a}})$	for ligands as	determined	using NanoBRET binding as	says using either h	uman or rat Nlu	ic-A <sub>1</sub> R expressing	HEK 293 cells and determin	ed through fitting v	with the "kinetic	s of competitive

binding" model.<sup>35</sup>  $k_{\text{off}}(k_{\text{o}})$  for ligands determined as in footnote *a*. <sup>c</sup>Kinetic dissociation constant ( $pK_{\text{d}}$ ) for each ligand as determined from  $k_{\text{off}}/k_{\text{on}}$ .<sup>4</sup>Residence time of each ligand as determined by the reciprocal of the  $k_{\text{off}}$ .<sup>4</sup> All data are the mean  $\pm$  SEM of at least three independent repeats conducted in duplicate.

 $hA_{2A}R$  or  $hA_{2B}R$  since both are  $G_s$ -coupled and thus stimulate cAMP production. All the tested compounds displayed only weak efficacy at either the  $hA_{2A}R$  or  $hA_{2B}R$ , with many failing to generate full dose-dependent response curves at the concentrations tested, resulting in adenosine and NECA remaining as the only potent compounds at these two receptors (Tables 2 and 3). At the  $hA_3R$ , the adenosine derivatives showed either a loss of efficacy or partial activity, while all the NECA-based compounds (44–55) behaved as full agonists, although with reduced potency compared to NECA alone. To further assess the compound selectivity, we have calculated the relative activity (RA) for all agonists at the different receptor subtypes (Figure 2).

Overall, all the compounds display at least partial selectivity for hA<sub>1</sub>R except adenosine that is close to being an equipotent agonist at all the receptors. From the adenosine-based derivatives, compounds **22**, **23**, **26**, and **27** display the most hA<sub>1</sub>R selectivity, while compounds **28–30** also show activity at hA<sub>3</sub>R. However, with NECA itself being hA<sub>1</sub>R selective by ~10-fold, it is the NECA-based compounds that display the highest hA<sub>1</sub>R selectivity, in particular compounds **44**, **45**, and **51–53**. Compounds **45** and **51** are ~1500-fold more hA<sub>1</sub>R selective than NECA itself, suggesting >10,000-fold selectivity overall.

Differences between Adenosine and NECA Derivatives. When comparing the adenosine and NECA analogs, the compounds based on NECA seem to be generally more potent at inhibiting cAMP accumulation at the hA<sub>1</sub>R receptor. Their potencies are either equivalent to or reduced compared to NECA at the other three AR subtypes. As a result, the NECAbased derivatives are more hA1R-selective than the adenosine derivatives. When we looked more closely at the adenosine and NECA-derived analog pairs, most of them displayed very similar selectivity across all AR subtypes (Tables 2 and 3). For example, adenosine-derived 29 and its NECA-derived analog 54 are both potent hA<sub>1</sub>R full agonists (pEC<sub>50</sub> = 9.21  $\pm$  0.19 and 9.28  $\pm$  0.28, respectively), whereas 30 and 55 are relatively less potent dual hA<sub>1</sub>R and hA<sub>3</sub>R agonists (pEC<sub>50</sub> = 8.19  $\pm$  $0.18, 7.99 \pm 0.15$  (hA<sub>1</sub>R) and  $6.88 \pm 0.60, 6.92 \pm 0.17$  (hA<sub>3</sub>R), respectively). Therefore, for these compounds, it seems to be the position of the substituent on the phenoxy group that has the most effect on compound selectivity. For some analog pairs, however, the patterns do not show such a close relationship. 27 and 52 are both potent agonists at  $hA_1R$  $(pEC_{50} = 10.0 \pm 0.24 \text{ and } 9.62 \pm 0.35, \text{ respectively}), \text{ but } 52$ also weakly activated hA<sub>3</sub>R (pEC<sub>50</sub> = 5.52  $\pm$  0.12), while 27 showed no response for this subtype. Consequently, in this case, the ribose C-5' substituent group also affects the selectivity of the compounds, with the adenosine-derived compound being more hA<sub>1</sub>R selective.

Kinetics of Binding of Adenosine and NECA Derivatives at Human and Rat  $A_1R$ . Since  $A_1R$  agonists are promising compounds for the treatment of glaucoma, type 2 diabetes mellitus, pain, epilepsy, and cerebral ischemia, it is important to assess their binding properties at both human and rat  $A_1R$  (r $A_1R$ ), as the latter is commonly used as a model in preclinical studies.<sup>2,11,12</sup> We have tested the compounds' ability to displace the specific binding (at equilibrium) of CA200645 in HEK293 cells stably expressing human and rat Nluc- $A_1R$ (Figure 3, Tables 2 and 3).

The NanoBRET binding assay can also enable determination of real-time kinetics and affinities of the compound binding, as was previously described at the ARs.<sup>25,32-34</sup> Values were derived using the "kinetics of competitive binding" model<sup>35</sup> built into GraphPad Prism v9.1, enabling determinations of the compounds'  $k_{on}$  and  $k_{off}$  values (Tables 4 and 5).

The reciprocal of the  $k_{\text{off}}$  enables a determination of the residence time (RT) of a compound.<sup>25</sup> RT is a quantification of the time a ligand spends bound to the receptor, and it is increasingly considered in drug design because of its correlation with pharmacodynamics.<sup>36</sup> Beyond this, we also determined the  $pK_d$  of the compounds  $(k_{off}/k_{on})$  from the kinetics assays and compared these values to those determined from the saturation binding assays. The kinetic parameters for CA200645 binding at the human Nluc-A<sub>1</sub>R were determined as  $k_{\text{on}}(k_1) = 3.67 \pm 0.34 \times 10^6 \,\text{M}^{-1} \,\text{min}^{-1}$  and  $k_{\text{off}}(k_2) = 0.064$  $\pm 0.0023 \text{ min}^{-1}$  with a  $K_{\rm d} = 18.29 \pm 2.4$  nM. For the rA<sub>1</sub>R, the kinetics of binding for CA200645 were determined as  $k_{on}$  ( $k_1$ ) =  $2.93 \pm 0.24 \times 10^{6} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ min}^{-1}$  and  $k_{\text{off}}(k_2) = 0.066 \pm 0.0022$ min<sup>-1</sup> with a  $K_d$  = 32.96 ± 2.8 nM. With the help of these parameters, we were then able to provide estimates of the kinetics of binding for adenosine and NECA benzyloxycyclopentyl and phenoxycyclopentyl derivatives 19-30 and 44-55 at the human and rat  $A_1R$  (Tables 4 and 5).

The adenosine and NECA benzyloxycyclopentyl derivatives (Table 4) displayed RT comparable to adenosine and NECA on hA<sub>1</sub>R (~21 min), while the phenoxycyclopentyl analogs generally had RT > 20 min (Table 5). As a general trend, the compounds are faster binders at rA<sub>1</sub>R regardless of linker length. The reason for this could be the divergent amino acid composition of the extracellular loops between hA<sub>1</sub>R and rA<sub>1</sub>R, which would favor different binding paths to the orthosteric site.<sup>24</sup>

Overall, the compounds displayed a very similar binding profile across the human and rat A1R, suggesting that further studies in rats would be highly relevant for the potential use of the compounds in humans. The adenosine and NECA-derived analog pairs also display very similar affinities for both human and rat  $A_1R_1$ , suggesting that it is the  $R^2$  substituent on the phenoxy or benzyloxy ring that is key in determining the compound affinity for A1R. At the hA1R, the compounds with the highest affinity are 27-29, 49, 51, 53, and 54. All of these have higher affinity at hA<sub>1</sub>R than adenosine and NECA alone and are all phenoxycyclopentyl derivatives. It is interesting to note that except for 49 and 51, all of these compounds have a halogen (chloride or bromide) substituent, mostly in the metaposition of the aromatic phenoxy ring. 27, 49, 51, 53, and 54 all also have RT = 29-43 min at the human A<sub>1</sub>R, while the RT for the rest of the compounds is lower. By comparison, the benzyloxycyclopentyl derivatives generally display weaker binding and lower RT. At the rA1R, compounds with the highest affinity are 28, 29, 49, 53, and 54. 27 and 52, which have the bromide substituent on the aromatic ring, display reduced affinity at the rA1R as well as the hA1R when compared to 29 and 54, respectively, which bear the chloride substituent at the same position. Considering the substitution position on the phenoxy ring, we observed the highest affinity with the chloride in the meta-position (29, 54) followed by ortho- (28, 53) and the para-position (30, 55). Overall, halogen substituents as the R<sup>2</sup> group on the aromatic ring seem to confer high affinity for the  $A_1R_2$ , with chloride being preferential over bromide for binding at both the human and rat versions of the receptor.

Finally, we performed a comparison of the affinity data obtained from the NanoBRET binding assay with the potency for inhibition of cAMP accumulation for the  $hA_1R$ , which



**Figure 4.** NECA and adenosine derivatives show correlation between potency and affinity or residence time at the hA<sub>1</sub>R. (A) Potency  $pEC_{50}$  values of individual compounds from cAMP inhibition experiments plotted against  $pK_i$  values from NanoBRET experiments at hA<sub>1</sub>R. (B) Potency  $pEC_{50}$  values of individual compounds from cAMP inhibition experiments plotted against RT values from NanoBRET experiments at hA<sub>1</sub>R.



**Figure 5.** Molecular dynamics docking of **20** and **27**. (A) Atomic root mean square fluctuation (RMSF) of **20** within  $A_1R$  and 27 within  $A_1R$ ,  $A_{2A}R$ , and  $A_3R$  plotted on the agonists' structure. (B) Compound **27** (salmon stick representation) binding mode within  $A_1R$  (white ribbon and sticks); the key hydrogen bonds with N254<sup>6,55</sup> are shown as red dotted lines, while the hydrophobic subpocket is shown as a cyan transparent surface (coordinates provided in the Supporting Information (A1R\_cmpd27\_binding\_mode.pdb)). (C) Two views (view 1, side; view 2, top) comparing the structural water molecules detected in  $A_1R$  (red spheres),  $A_{2A}R$  (green),  $A_{2B}R$  (cyan), and  $A_3R$  (purple). The position of the stable water cluster only present in  $A_{2A}R$ ,  $A_{2B}R$ , and  $A_3R$  is highlighted. Binding mode of **27** (salmon sticks) within  $A_1R$  is superimposed for reference. Presented data are based on PDB structures 6D9H ( $A_1R$ ) and 5G53 ( $A_{2A}R$ ) and AlphaFold2 models of  $A_{2B}R$  and  $A_{3}R$ .

showed a clear positive correlation (r = 0.82) with compounds 27, 29, 49, and 51–54 identified as both the most potent and strongest binders (Figure 4A). A similar correlation was also observed between potency and compounds' residence time (Figure 4B, r = 0.65). Overall, in this work, we have identified high-affinity, very selective potent hA<sub>1</sub>R agonists, namely, 27, 49, and 51–54.

**Molecular Dynamics Simulations.** To retrieve insight into the possible binding mode of the studied agonists and rationalize the selectivity displayed, *in silico* experiments were performed on the phenoxycyclopentyl adenosine derivative 27, the most A<sub>1</sub>R-selective and potent agonist, and its benzyloxycyclopentyl congener 20. A<sub>1</sub>R and A<sub>2A</sub>R structures solved in complex with adenosine or NECA (or homology models obtained from them, see the Experimental Section) present a closed conformation of the extracellular vestibule due to the lack of induced fit by  $N^6$  substituents, not present on adenosine or NECA. This structural feature does not allow molecular docking of compounds bearing bulky  $N^6$  groups to reproduce the binding mode of AR full agonists (Figure S2), which is characterized by the fundamental hydrogen bonds between the purine scaffold and the conserved Asn residue in position 6.55 and between the ribose ring and the Ser/Thr<sup>7.42</sup> or His<sup>7.43</sup>. Therefore, molecular dynamics (MD) simulations of the four ARs subtypes were performed in the absence of any orthosteric agonists to sample receptors' conformations more open at the extracellular loop 2 (ECL2) and ECL3 levels. Molecular docking results for **20** and **27** on the MD-derived AR

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			$pK_i^a$ (cmpd)			
A <sub>1</sub> R	BnOCPA	п	20	п	27	n
WT	$6.24 \pm 0.04$	3	$6.38 \pm 0.17$	3	$7.20 \pm 0.16$	3
I69 <sup>2.64</sup> A	$5.03 \pm 0.02^*$	3	$5.06 \pm 0.04^*$	3	$6.37 \pm 0.10^*$	3
N70 <sup>2.65</sup> A	$6.01 \pm 0.05$	3	$5.48 \pm 0.15^*$	3	$7.00 \pm 0.24$	3
T257 <sup>6.58</sup> A	$6.93 \pm 0.10^{*}$	3	$6.23 \pm 0.02$	3	$8.09 \pm 0.18^*$	3
Y271 <sup>7.36</sup> A	$5.40 \pm 0.23^*$	3	$5.19 \pm 0.13^*$	3	$6.33 \pm 0.10^*$	3

<sup>*a*</sup>Compound affinity ( $pK_i$ ) determined through NanoBRET competition-binding assays with CA200645 in wild-type (WT) or mutant Nluc-A<sub>1</sub>R stably expressing HEK293 cells. The resulting concentration-dependent decrease in BRET ratio at 10 min was used to calculate  $pK_i$ . Data are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM obtained in *n* separate experiments. All individual experiments were conducted in duplicate. Statistical significance (\**p* < 0.05) compared to WT was determined by one-way ANOVA with Dunnett's post-test and presented according to ref 31.

structures were remarkably enhanced in the case of experimental structures  $A_1R$  and  $A_{2A}R$ , were slightly improved for the structural  $A_3R$  model, and produced very little improvement for the  $A_{2B}R$  model (Figure S3).

The best pose (in terms of similarity to adenosine) of 20 within  $A_1R$  and the best pose of 27 within  $A_1R$  or  $A_{2A}R$  were further evaluated during 6  $\mu$ s of MD simulations. For a complete comparison (Movie S1) of all four ARs subtypes, the best docking pose of 27 obtained on A2AR was superimposed on both A<sub>2B</sub>R and A<sub>3</sub>R and subjected to MD simulations. During the MD trajectories, 27 remained stably bound to  $A_1R$ and A2AR but displayed less stable binding modes within A3R and, in particular, the  $A_{2B}R$  orthosteric site (Movie S1, Figure S4A). Compound 20 within  $A_1R$  (Movie S2) was steady throughout the simulations (Movie S2), as indicated by RMSD values in line with 27 (Figure S4A). In terms of flexibility,  $N^6$ substituents explored divergent conformations in the different systems (Figure 5A, Movies S1 and S2): the 3-bromophenyl group of 27 was highly flexible in  $A_3R$  or  $A_{2A}R$  and more stable in A1R, while the 3-bromobenzyl group of 20 displayed intermediate flexibility.

Compound 27 bound to A1R formed key hydrogen bonds with N254<sup>6.55</sup> and hydrophobic contacts with F171<sup>ECL2</sup> and oriented the 3-bromophenyl moiety in a hydrophobic subpocket formed by 169<sup>2.64</sup>, N70<sup>2.65</sup>, Y271<sup>7.36</sup>, and T270<sup>7.35</sup> (Figure 5B, Movies S1 and S2). The bulkier analog 20 was not able to completely accommodate the 3-bromobenzyl group within this pocket and therefore displayed higher flexibility at the  $N^6$  level (Figure 5A, Movie S2). It is plausible that this contributes to the reduced  $A_1R$  affinity and potency of **20** (p $K_i$  $= 6.16 \pm 0.10$ , pEC<sub>50</sub> = 7.74  $\pm 0.13$ ) compared to 27 (pK<sub>i</sub> =  $7.55 \pm 0.11$ , pEC<sub>50</sub> = 10.0  $\pm 0.24$ ). On the other hand, the interaction fingerprints of 20 (bound to  $A_1R$ ) and 27 are unique for each simulated complex (Figure S4B) and do not allow a straightforward rationalization of the selectivity displayed by the agonists. We therefore focused on the water molecule network present in the apo forms of the four AR subtypes (Figure 5C, Figure S4C-F). Our data suggest the presence of structural water molecules  $(A_{2A}/A_{2B}/A_3)$  water cluster in Figure 5C) in the proximity of positions 2.64 and 2.65 of A2AR, A2BR, and A3R but not A1R stabilized by the short polar side chain of Ser<sup>2.65</sup> (Asn<sup>2.65</sup> in A<sub>1</sub>R, Figure S4B). It follows that the hydrophobic subpocket is putatively present only in  $A_1R$ ; hence, 27 cannot be completely stabilized by the other AR subtypes.

Taken together, computational results suggest that a oneatom linker between the  $N^6$ -cyclopentane and the phenyl rings is optimal for stable binding to the hydrophobic pocket in A<sub>1</sub>R. The absence of this pocket and the presence of stable water molecules competing with the ligands in  $A_{2A}R$ ,  $A_{2B}R$ , and  $A_3R$  are probably responsible for the loss in affinity and potency of the tested agonists. The better complementarity with  $A_1R$  could explain why adenosine and NECA benzyloxycyclopentyl derivatives (Table 4) displayed RT comparable to adenosine and NECA at  $hA_1R$  (~21 min), while the phenoxycyclopentyl analogs generally had RT > 20 min (Table 5). Indeed, the shorter linker, as present in 27, would stabilize the compounds and increase the energy required to produce dissociation.

Validating the Predictions from the In Silico Experiments for A<sub>1</sub>R Bound to 20 and 27. As described in Figure 5B, MD simulations suggested that the 3-bromophenyl moiety binds in a hydrophobic subpocket formed by I69<sup>2.64</sup>, N70<sup>2.65</sup>, Y271<sup>7.36</sup>, and T270<sup>7.35</sup>, while **20** was not able to completely accommodate the 3-bromobenzyl group within this pocket (Movie S2). To test these observations, we made use of previously described mutants (I69<sup>2.64</sup>A, N70<sup>2.65</sup>A, Y271<sup>7.36</sup>A) of the Nluc-A<sub>1</sub>R<sup>24</sup> that enable comparison of ligand affinities with the wild-type receptor. We also included the mutant  $T257^{6.58}$ A since we have previously shown that this residue is a good discriminator between different  $A_1R$  agonists.<sup>24</sup> We did not consider mutations of N254<sup>6.55</sup> or F171<sup>ELC2</sup> since these are known to prevent ligand binding to the A1R (including CA200645) and therefore cannot be studied.<sup>24,37</sup> Furthermore, we did not consider mutating T2707.35 since, when we compared the sequences of the  $hA_1R$  and the  $rA_1R$ , we observed that, in the rA1R, the equivalent residue at position  $T270^{7.35}$  is an Ile. Comparison of the binding affinities  $(pK_i)$ for 20 and 27 between the  $hA_1R$  and the  $rA_1R$  shows that 20 is equipotent between the two species while 27 has reduced affinity at the rA<sub>1</sub>R ( $pK_i$  (hA<sub>1</sub>R) = 7.55 ± 0.11;  $pK_i$  (rA<sub>1</sub>R) =  $6.94 \pm 0.08$ ). Initially, we determined the  $K_d$  for CA200645 at each of the four  $A_1R$  mutants (I69<sup>2.64</sup>A, N70<sup>2.65</sup>A, T257<sup>6.58</sup>A, and Y271<sup>7.36</sup>A) and found the values to show close agreement with those previously reported.<sup>24</sup> We next performed a NanoBRET competition binding assay for the four mutants with BnOCPA (as a reference agonist), 20, and 27 (Table 6, Figure S5).

Consistent with MD simulation predictions, mutation of  $169^{2.64}$  and  $Y271^{7.36}$  reduced the affinity of BnOCPA, **20**, and **27**. Interestingly, while the affinity at the A<sub>1</sub>R of BnOCPA and **27** was not affected by the mutation of N70<sup>2.65</sup>, **20** was significantly reduced. A closer analysis of the MD simulations suggested that the side chain of N70<sup>2.65</sup> orients differently between **20** and **27**. For **20**, simulations predicted N70<sup>2.65</sup> amidic side chain group interactions with the purine ring (Figure S6, Movie S2), which are lost in N70<sup>2.65</sup>A. These interactions can comprise water bridges involving the first solvation shell around the purine scaffold of the ligand.<sup>38</sup>

Conversely, for 27, the N70<sup>2.65</sup> amidic side chain group does not interact with the purine ring, but instead, it forms hydrophobic interactions through its methylene group with the bromobenzene ring (Figure 5B, Movie S2), implying that the mutation to Ala does not play a significant role in binding. Finally, as we have previously reported,<sup>24</sup> the mutation of T257<sup>6.58</sup>A did provide a clear discriminator between the three different agonists. 27 together with BnOCPA both showed increases in binding affinity, while 20 displayed no significant change. In our previous studies, we observed that both CPA and BnOCPA displayed increased affinities at the T257<sup>6.58</sup>A mutant, while NECA showed reduced affinity and there was no change for adenosine. We attributed these changes to an increase in the lipophilicity of the protein environment underneath extracellular loop 3 (ECL3), which surrounds the cyclopentyl groups of the molecules. It is therefore apparent that the small molecule 27 favors a more hydrophobic environment within the binding pocket that is already suitable for 20.

# CONCLUSIONS

Herein, we report the synthesis of novel N<sup>6</sup>-benzyloxycyclopentyl and  $N^{6}$ -phenoxycyclopentyl derivatives of adenosine and NECA. These compounds were evaluated using the cAMP accumulation assay in CHO-K1 cells and the NanoBRET binding assay in HEK293 cells for potency, selectivity, and binding at ARs. Our pharmacology data show that compounds including halogen substituents, chloride in particular, on the aromatic phenoxy and benzyloxy rings confer high affinity for the human and rat A1R. These compounds also have high potency at the A1R, particularly ones with a meta substituent on the aromatic rings. Furthermore, we also show that NECAbased derivatives have generally higher A1R selectivity over the other AR subtypes. Molecular modeling studies suggest that the selectivity is driven by a short linker and the absence of stable water molecules within a subpocket of the hA1R orthosteric site. It is worth noting that compounds 45 and 51 show approximately 1500 times improved A1R selectivity over NECA itself. Overall, we have identified very selective and very potent A<sub>1</sub>R agonists with high affinity for the receptor, namely, phenoxycyclopentyl compounds 27, 49, and 51-54, which have great therapeutic promise for overcoming insufficient receptor selectivity and potency that many current compounds face.

# EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**General Chemistry.** All reactions were performed in dry glassware under an inert argon atmosphere. Anhydrous solvents were purchased as dry over molecular sieves from Sigma-Aldrich (Merck). Solvents were evaporated under reduced pressure at approximately 45 °C using a Büchi Rotavapor or under high vacuum on a Schlenk line. Reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (Merck), Fluorochem, or Brunschwig and used without further purification. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using aluminum sheets precoated with 0.2 mm silica (Macherey-Nagel ALUGRAM Xtra SII, G/UV<sub>254</sub>) or aluminum oxide (Macherey-Nagel POLYGRAM Alox N/UV<sub>254</sub>). Detection was under a UV light source ( $\lambda_{max}$  254 nm or 366 nm) or through staining with a vanillin solution, with subsequent heating. Flash column chromatography was carried out on a Teledyne ISCO CombiFlash using prepacked RediSep Normal-phase Silica Flash Columns.

Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) and carbon nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) spectra were recorded at room temperature using a Bruker Avance IIIHD-400, II-400, or IIIHD-300

spectrometer operating at 400 or 300 MHz, respectively, for <sup>1</sup>H and at 101 and 75 MHz, respectively, for <sup>13</sup>C. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) and are referenced to the residual solvent peak (DMSO- $d_6$ :  $\delta_H = 2.50$  ppm,  $\delta_C = 39.52$  ppm; CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta_H$ = 7.26 ppm,  $\delta_{\rm C}$  = 77.16 ppm; methanol- $d_4$ :  $\delta_{\rm H}$  = 3.31 ppm,  $\delta_{\rm C}$  = 49.00 ppm) or Me<sub>4</sub>Si ( $\delta_{\rm H}$  = 0.00 ppm). The order of citation in parentheses is (1) multiplicity: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), quint (quintet), m (multiplet), etc., and br (broad); (2) coupling constants (J) in hertz (Hz); and (3) number of equivalent nuclei (by integration). COSY, HSQC, and DEPT were routinely used to assign peaks in <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra. Addition of D<sub>2</sub>O was used to confirm the assignment of OH and NH peaks. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Thermo-Scientific LTQ Orbitrap XL spectrometer consisting of a linear ion trap (LTQ) featuring an HCD collision cell, coupled to the Orbitrap mass analyzer, equipped with a nanoelectrospray ion source (NSI). HRMS spectra were determined by the Mass Spectrometry Group at the Department of Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Bern, Switzerland (Prof. Dr. S. Schürch).

The purity of the compounds was determined with UPLC-MS on a Dionex UltiMate 3000 Rapid Separation LC system using a reversed-phase column (Acclaim RSLC, 120 C18,  $3 \times 50$  mm, 2.2  $\mu$ m, pore size 120 Å, flow rate 1.2 mL/min), which was coupled to a ESI-MS Micromass Platform (quadrupole mass spectrometer). The gradient used was 100% A to 100% D over 7 min, with A = MilliQ H<sub>2</sub>O + 0.1% TFA and D = 10% MilliQ H<sub>2</sub>O/90% HPLC-grade MeCN + 0.1% TFA. Compounds **24** and **29** were measured on a Thermo-Scientific UltiMate 3000 HPLC equipped with a reverse-phase column (Acclaim 120 C18, 4.6 × 150 mm, 5  $\mu$ m, pore size 120 Å) and eluted with a gradient of MilliQ H<sub>2</sub>O/HPLC-grade MeCN + 0.1% TFA. Purity was determined by total absorbance at 254 nm. All tested compounds were >95% pure, except for **24** and **29** that were 95 and 94% pure, respectively (Tables S1 and S2).

**Established Adenosine Receptor Agonists.** Adenosine and 5'-*N*-ethylcarboxamidoadenosine (NECA) were purchased from R & D Systems (Bristol, UK). Where possible, compounds were prepared as 10 mM stocks in DMSO.

**Chemical Synthesis.** Intermediates 1, 7, and 31 and BnOCPA were synthesized as described previously.<sup>13,39</sup>

General Procedure A (O-Alkylation) for the Synthesis of Intermediates 2a-i. Boc-protected (1R,2R)-2-aminocyclopentanol 1 and the appropriate benzyl bromide were dissolved in dry THF (50–100 mM). The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil) was added. After stirring at 0 °C, the reaction was quenched with MeOH (0.1 mL) and sat. aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc, and the organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography.

General Procedure B (Mitsunobu) for the Synthesis of Intermediates **5a,c,e,f,h–j**. Boc-protected (1S,2R)-2-aminocyclopentanol 4, the appropriate phenol, and PPh<sub>3</sub> were dissolved in dry THF (50-100 mM) and cooled to 0 °C. DIAD was added dropwise. Cooling was removed, and the reaction mixture was left to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. Water was added, and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc. The organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography.

General Procedure C (Boc Deprotection) for the Synthesis of Intermediates 3b-i and 6a,c,e,f,h-j. Boc-protected precursors 2b-i and 5a,c,e,f,h-j were dissolved in dioxane (85-830 mM), and HCl (4 M in dioxane) was added. After stirring the reaction mixture at room temperature, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residual ammonium chloride salt was co-evaporated with  $CH_2Cl_2$ and dried.

General Procedure D ( $S_N$ Ar Reaction) for the Synthesis of Intermediates 8–14 and 32–43. The appropriate 6-chloropurine (7 or 31) and the appropriate benzyloxy- or phenoxycyclopentyl amine intermediate (3b-i or 6a,c,e,f,h-j) were dissolved in *i*-PrOH (11–36 mM). NaHCO<sub>3</sub> was added, and the reaction mixture was heated at

reflux (*ca.* 105 °C) overnight. After cooling, the solid was filtered off and washed with EtOH, and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography. In some examples, loss of acetate groups on the secondary alcohols was observed during the  $S_NAr$  reaction with 7. In these cases, the crude material was subjected directly to the deprotection protocol (see general procedure G).

General Procedure È (Acetate Deprotection) for the Synthesis of Compounds 15–17, 19, 24, 26, and 30. Acetate-protected intermediates 8–14 were dissolved in MeOH (9–22 mM), and  $K_2CO_3$  was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography.

General Procedure F (Acetonide Deprotection) for the Synthesis of Compounds 44–55. Acetonide-protected intermediates 32–43 were dissolved in water (38–75 mM) and acetic acid and stirred at 80 °C overnight. The water and acetic acid were removed in vacuo, and the crude material was purified by flash column chromatography.

General Procedure G ( $S_NAr$  Reaction and Subsequent Acetate Deprotection) for the Synthesis of Compounds 20–23, 25, and 27–29. 6-Chloropurine 7 and the appropriate benzyloxy- or phenoxycyclopentyl amine intermediate (3f-i or  $6c_if_ih_i$ ) were dissolved in *i*-PrOH (23–46 mM). NaHCO<sub>3</sub> was added, and the reaction mixture was heated at reflux (*ca.* 105 °C) overnight. After cooling, the solid was filtered off and washed with EtOH, and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was dissolved in MeOH (11–17 mM), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography.

*tert-Butyl* ((1*R*,2*R*)-2-(*Benzyloxy*)*cyclopentyl*)*carbamate* (2*a*). 2a was synthesized according to general procedure A using 1 (0.497 mmol), benzyl bromide (0.497 mmol), and NaH (0.994 mmol). The reaction was run for 2 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/cHex, 15%), 2a was obtained (83 mg, 0.285 mmol, 58%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30 (m, 5H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 7.7, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 12.2, 1H), 4.58–4.41 (m, 1H), 3.82–3.74 (m, 1H), 3.73–3.66 (m, 1H), 1.95–1.73 (m, 2H), 1.60 (m, 3H), 1.43–1.36 (m, 1H) 1.40 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  155.5, 139.4, 128.6, 127.8, 127.7, 85.0, 78.0, 70.3, 56.9, 30.6, 30.5, 28.8, 21.8. HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 292.1902, found 292.1907.

tert-Butyl ((1R,2R)-2-((4-Isopropylbenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)carbamate (**2b**). **2b** was synthesized according to general procedure A using **1** (1.242 mmol), 4-isopropylbenzyl bromide (1.242 mmol), and NaH (2.484 mmol). The reaction was run for 1 h 20 min. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/cHex, 15%), **2b** was obtained (135 mg, 0.406 mmol, 33%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.24–7.18 (m, 4H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.8, 1H), 4.5–4.38 (m, 2H), 3.80–3.72 (m, 1H), 3.72–3.65 (m, 1H), 2.87 (sept, *J* = 6.9, 1H), 1.93–1.73 (m, 2H), 1.67–1.49 (m, 3H), 1.42–1.32 (m, 1H) 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 6.9, 6H). HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 334.2369, found 334.2377.

tert-Butyl ((1R,2R)-2-((4-(tert-Butyl)benzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)carbamate (2c). 2c was synthesized according to general procedure A using 1 (1.242 mmol), 4-tert-butylbenzyl bromide (1.242 mmol), and NaH (2.484 mmol). The reaction was run for 1 h 30 min. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/cHex, 20%), 2c was obtained as an oil (126 mg, 0.363 mmol, 30%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.35 (d, J = 8.2, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.2, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.8, 1H), 4.51–4.40 (m, 2H), 3.82–3.72 (m, 1H), 3.71– 3.64 (m, 1H), 1.94–1.72 (m, 2H), 1.65–1.51 (m, 3H), 1.45–1.33 (m, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.27 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (101 MHz, DMSO $d_6$ )  $\delta$  155.4, 150.1, 136.3, 127.8, 125.3, 84.8, 78.0, 70.1, 56.9, 34.7, 31.6, 30.7, 30.6, 28.8, 21.9. HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 348.2533, found 348.2533.

tert-Butyl ((1R,2R)-2-((4-Cyanobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)carbamate (2d). 2d was synthesized according to general procedure A using 1 (1 mmol), 4-(bromomethyl)benzonitrile (1 mmol), and NaH (2 mmol). The reaction was run for 6 h 30 min. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/cHex, 20%), 2d was obtained as an oil (287 mg, 0.91 mmol, 91%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  7.69 (d, J = 8.3, 2H), 7.58–7.47 (m, 2H), 4.71–4.56 (m, 2H), 3.96–3.83 (m, 1H), 3.83–3.71 (m, 1H), 2.14– 1.61 (m, 5H), 1.44 (s, 10H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (101 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$ 151.2, 146.3, 133.2, 129.0, 118.9, 87.0, 71.0, 58.2, 31.3, 31.3, 28.8, 22.5. HRMS: (NSI+) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 317.1860, found 317.1858.

*tert-Butyl* ((1*R*,2*R*)-2-((3-Methoxybenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)carbamate (2e). 2e was synthesized according to general procedure A using 1 (0.497 mmol), 3-methoxybenzyl bromide (0.497 mmol), and NaH (0.994 mmol). The reaction was run for 3 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/cHex, 20%), 2e was obtained (76 mg, 0.235 mmol, 47%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.24 (t, *J* = 8.0, 1H), 6.93–6.80 (m, 3H), 4.53–4.42 (m, 2H), 3.82–3.72 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.72–3.65 (m, 1H), 1.95– 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.69–1.49 (m, 3H), 1.44–1.32 (m, 1H),1.39 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  159.7, 155.5, 141.0, 129.7, 119.9, 113.2, 84.8, 78.0, 70.1, 56.9, 55.4, 30.6, 30.5, 28.7, 21.8. HRMS: (NSI +) *m*/z calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 322.2021, found 322.2013.

*tert-Butyl* ((1*R*,2*R*)-2-((3-Bromobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)carbamate (2*f*). 2*f* was synthesized according to general procedure A using 1 (1.242 mmol), 3-bromobenzyl bromide (1.242 mmol), and NaH (2.484 mmol). The reaction was run for 3 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/cHex, 15–20%), 2*f* was obtained (268 mg, 0.725 mmol, 58%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSOd<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.51–7.46 (m, 1H), 7.38–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.27–7.13 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.7, 1H), 4.57–4.45 (m, 2H), 3.81–3.72 (m, 1H), 3.72– 3.64 (m, 1H), 1.95–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.68–1.49 (m, 3H), 1.46–1.33 (m, 1H), 1.40 (*s*, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ 156.5, 141.5, 130.1, 130.1, 129.7, 125.9, 121.9, 85.2, 78.6, 69.7, 56.7, 30.0, 27.5, 26.6, 21.1. HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrNNaO<sub>3</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 392.0830, found 392.0832.

*tert-Butyl* ((1*R*,2*R*)-2-((4-Bromobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)carbamate (**2g**). **2g** was synthesized according to general procedure A using **1** (0.8 mmol), 4-bromobenzyl bromide (0.8 mmol), and NaH (1.6 mmol). The reaction was run for 3 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/cHex, 20%), **2g** was obtained (198 mg, 0.535 mmol, 67%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.52 (d, *J* = 8.4, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.4, 2H), 4.48 (m, 2H), 3.82–3.78 (m, 1H), 3.70–3.59 (m, 1H), 1.94–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.59 (m, 3H), 1.44–1.34 (m, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (101 MHz, methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  156.5, 144.9, 131.8, 127.6, 118.4, 110.6, 85.6, 78.6, 69.6, 56.8, 29.9, 27.4, 21.1.

tert-Butyl ((1R,2R)-2-((2-Chlorobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)carbamate (2h). 2h was synthesized according to general procedure A using 1 (0.994 mmol), 2-chlorobenzyl bromide (0.994 mmol), and NaH (1.987 mmol). The reaction was run for 1.5 h at 0 °C and then for another 1.5 h at room temperature. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/cHex, 20%), 2h was obtained (178 mg, 0.504 mmol, 51%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.53– 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.37–7.29 (m, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.7, 1H), 4.65–4.50 (m, 2H), 3.85–3.70 (m 2H), 1.99–1.78 (m, 2H), 1.68–1.53 (m, *J* = 9.3, 3H), 1.46–1.35 (m, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ 156.5, 136.3, 132.6, 129.05, 128.8, 128.5, 126.5, 85.6, 78.6, 67.9, 56.8, 30.0, 29.8, 27.4, 21.0. HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClNNaO<sub>3</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 348.1336, found 348.1337.

tert-Butyl ((1R,2R)-2-((3-Chlorobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)carbamate (2i). 2i was synthesized according to general procedure A using 1 (0.994 mmol), 3-chlorobenzyl bromide (0.994 mmol), and NaH (1.987 mmol). The reaction was run for 3 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/cHex, 20%), 2i was obtained (224 mg, 0.688 mmol, 70%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSOd<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.42–7.23 (m, 4H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.7, 1H), 4.58–4.45 (m, 2H), 3.81–3.73 (m, 1H), 3.73–3.65 (m, 1H), 1.96–1.71 (m, 2H), 1.68– 1.47 (m, 3H), 1.46–1.33 (m, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 156.5, 141.3, 133.8, 129.4, 127.2, 127.1, 125.5, 85.2, 78.6, 69.7, 56.7, 30.0, 29.9, 27.4, 21.1. HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClNNaO<sub>3</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 348.1338, found 348.1337. (1*R*,2*R*)-2-((4-lsopropylbenzyl)oxy)cyclopentan-1-aminium Chloride (**3b**). **3b** was synthesized according to general procedure C using **2b** (0.405 mmol) and HCl (2.03 mmol). The reaction was run for 3 h. **3b** was obtained as a solid (100 mg, 0.43 mmol, quant.). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.05 (br s, 3H), 7.32–7.19 (m, 4H), 4.54–4.40 (m, 2H), 3.95–3.87 (m, 1H), 3.42 (br s, 1H), 2.88 (sept, *J* = 6.9, 1H), 2.09–1.90 (m, 2H), 1.76–1.45 (m, 4H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 6.9, 6H). HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO [M]<sup>+</sup> 234.1849, found 234.1852.

(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((4-(tert-Butyl)benzyl)oxy)cyclopentan-1-aminium Chloride (**3c**). **3c** was synthesized according to general procedure C using **2c** (0.329 mmol) and HCl (1.649 mmol). The reaction was run for 5 h. **3c** was obtained as a colorless solid (93 mg, 0.328 mmol, 99%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.02 (br s, 3H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.4, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.4, 2H), 4.54–4.39 (m, 2H), 3.93–3.86 (m, 1H), 3.47–3.36 (m, 1H), 2.11–1.92 (m, 2H), 1.75–1.48 (m, 4H), 1.28 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  150.4, 135.7, 128.0, 125.4, 82.8, 70.7, 56.3, 34.7, 31.6, 30.3, 28.9, 21.6. HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/ *z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO [M]<sup>+</sup> 248.2005, found 248.2009.

(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((4-Cyanobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentan-1-aminium Chloride (3d). 3d was synthesized according to general procedure C using 2d (0.825 mmol) and HCl (8 mmol). After stirring for 1 h, a colorless precipitate formed. Drops of water were added until all the solid dissolved. The reaction mixture was then stirred for an additional 3 h. 3d was obtained as a colorless solid (209 mg, 0.825 mmol, quant.). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.02 (s, 3H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.2, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.3, 2H), 4.68–4.57 (m, 2H), 3.99–3.93 (m, 1H), 3.44 (s, 1H), 2.11–1.92 (m, 2H), 1.76–1.49 (m, 4H). HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup> 217.1335, found 217.1333.

(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((3-Methoxybenzyl)oxy)cyclopentan-1-aminium Chloride (3e). 3e was synthesized according to general procedure C using 2e (0.69 mmol) and HCl (3.49 mmol). The reaction was run for 4 h. 3e was obtained as a colorless solid (88 mg, 0.341 mmol, 50%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.20 (br s, 3H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 8.1, 1H), 6.98–6.82 (m, 3H), 4.57–4.42 (m, 2H), 3.98–3.88 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.47–3.37 (m, 1H), 1.76–1.49 (m, 2H), 1.76– 1.49 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  159.7, 140.4, 129.7, 117.5, 113.5, 113.4, 82.9, 70.8, 56.3, 55.5, 30.2, 28.9, 21.6. HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 222.1491, found 222.1489.

(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((3-Bromobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentan-1-aminium Chloride (**3f**). **3f** was synthesized according to general procedure C using **2f** (0.716 mmol) and HCl (14.3 mmol). The reaction was run for 1 h, after which a few drops of MeOH were added to dissolve precipitate. The reaction mixture was then stirred for another 1.5 h. **3f** was obtained as a solid (224 mg, 0.732 mmol, quant.). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 (t, *J* = 1.9, 1H), 7.37–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.27– 7.13 (m, 2H), 4.50 (d, *J* = 12.0, 1H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 12.0, 1H), 3.92– 3.80 (m, 1H), 3.45–3.34 (m, 1H), 2.16–1.91 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.44 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  140.7, 130.4, 130.3, 129.9, 126.1, 122.0, 82.8, 70.3, 56.6, 29.1, 27.6, 20.3. HRMS: (NSI+) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrNO [M]<sup>+</sup> 270.0489, found 270.0488.

(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((4-Bromobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentan-1-aminium Chloride (**3g**). **3g** was synthesized according to general procedure C using **2g** (0.481 mmol) and HCl (9.61 mmol). The reaction was run for 30 min, after which a few drops of MeOH were added to dissolve precipitate. The reaction mixture was then stirred for another 30 min. **3g** was obtained as a solid (114 mg, 0.373 mmol, 77%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  7.40 (d, *J* = 8.4, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.1, 2H), 4.51–4.37 (m, 2H), 3.89–3.80 (m, 1H), 3.44–3.34 (m, 1H), 2.17– 1.90 (m, 2H), 1.79–1.41 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanold<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  137.3, 131.1, 129.4, 121.1, 82.7, 70.4, 56.6, 29.1, 27.6, 20.3. HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrNO [M]<sup>+</sup> 270.0493, found 270.0488.

(1R,2R)-2-((2-Chlorobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentan-1-aminium Chloride (3h). 3h was synthesized according to general procedure Cusing 2h (0.467 mmol) and HCl (9.33 mmol). The reaction was runfor 45 min, after which a few drops of MeOH were added to dissolveprecipitate. The reaction mixture was then stirred for another 1.5 h.3h was obtained as a solid (121 mg, 0.462 mmol, 99%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  7.50–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.34–7.12 (m, 3H), 4.63–4.49 (m, 2H), 4.00–3.89 (m, 1H), 3.49–3.35 (m, 1H), 2.20–1.94 (m, 2H), 1.85–1.48 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  132.8, 129.5, 128.93, 128.92, 126.7, 83.2, 68.5, 56.6, 29.2, 27.7, 20.4. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNO [M]<sup>+</sup> 226.0995, found 226.0993.

(1*R*,2*R*)-2-((3-Chlorobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentan-1-aminium Chloride (3i). 3i was synthesized according to general procedure C using 2i (0.687 mmol) and HCl (13.75 mmol). The reaction was run for 45 min, after which a few drops of MeOH were added to dissolve the precipitate. The reaction mixture was then stirred for another 1.5 h. 3i was obtained as a solid (176 mg, 0.671 mmol, 97%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.26 (br s, 3H), 7.48–7.29 (m, 4H), 4.60–4.46 (m, 2H), 4.00–3.92 (m, 1H), 3.49–3.37 (m, 1H), 2.09–1.93 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.50 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  140.5, 133.9, 129.6, 127.4, 127.3, 125.7, 82.8, 66.8, 56.6, 29.1, 27.6, 20.3. HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>CINO [M]<sup>+</sup> 226.1002, found 226.0993.

*tert-Butyl* ((1*R*,2*R*)-2-Phenoxycyclopentyl)carbamate (**5a**). **5a** was synthesized according to general procedure B using **4** (0.994 mmol), phenol (1.242 mmol), PPh<sub>3</sub> (1.242 mmol), and DIAD (1.242 mmol). The reaction was run for 21 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/cHex, 20%), **5a** was obtained (165 mg, 0.594 mmol, 60%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.33–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.3, 1H), 6.99–6.86 (m, 3H), 4.57–4.48 (m, 1H), 3.89–3.79 (m, 1H), 2.09–1.87 (m, 2H), 1.79–1.42 (m, 4H), 1.39 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  157.6, 155.2, 129.4, 120.4, 115.3, 82.2, 77.7, 56.54, 29.8, 29.6, 28.2, 21.2. HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 278.1756, found 278.1747.

*tert-Butyl* ((1*R*,2*R*)-2-(4-(*tert-Butyl*)*phenoxy*)*cyclopentyl*)*carbamate* (*5c*). *sc* was synthesized according to general procedure B using 4 (0.994 mmol), 4-*tert*-butylphenol (1.242 mmol), PPh<sub>3</sub> (1.242 mmol), and DIAD (1.242 mmol). The reaction was run for 19 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/ cHex, 20%), *sc* was obtained (189 mg, 0.567 mmol, 57%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.31–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.3, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.5, 2H), 4.52–4.45 (m, 1H), 3.88–3.75 (m, 1H), 2.07– 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.43 (m, 4H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 1.25 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  156.5, 155.7, 143.0, 125.7, 114.8, 82.6, 78.7, 56.9, 33.5, 30.6, 29.8, 29.7, 27.4, 21.0. HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 334.2364, found 334.2377.

*tert-Butyl* ((1*R*,2*R*)-2-(3-Methoxyphenoxy)cyclopentyl)carbamate (**5e**). **5e** was synthesized according to general procedure B using 4 (1.987 mmol), 3-methoxyphenol (2.484 mmol), PPh<sub>3</sub> (2.484 mmol), and DIAD (2.484 mmol). The reaction was run for 18 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/ cHex, 20%), **5e** was obtained (381 mg, 1.236 mmol, 62%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.15 (t, *J* = 8.2, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.3, 1H), 6.58–6.44 (m, 3H), 4.54–4.47 (m, 1H), 3.88–3.78 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.05–1.87 (m, 2H), 1.77–1.54 (m, 3H), 1.53–1.42 (m, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (101 MHz, methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ 161.0, 159.2, 156.5, 129.4, 107.6, 106.1, 101.4, 82.7, 78.7, 56.9, 54.3, 29.8, 27.4, 21.1. HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 330.1683, found 330.1687.

tert-Butyl ((1R,2R)-2-(3-Bromophenoxy)cyclopentyl)carbamate (5f). Sf was synthesized according to general procedure B using 4 (0.497 mmol), 3-bromophenol (0.621 mmol), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.621 mmol), and DIAD (0.621 mmol). The reaction was run for 18 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/cHex, 20%), Sf was obtained (90 mg, 0.253 mmol, 51%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.26-6.91 (m, 4H), 4.58-4.51 (m, 1H), 3.88-3.76 (m, 1H), 2.09-1.86 (m, 2H), 1.80-1.42 (m, 4H), 1.39 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 158.9, 156.4, 130.4, 123.33, 122.3, 118.6, 114.2, 83.2, 78.7, 56.9, 29.8, 29.7, 21.1, 20.4. HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrNNaO<sub>3</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 378.0686, found 378.0675.

tert-Butyl ((1R,2R)-2-(2-Chlorophenoxy)cyclopentyl)carbamate (5h). Sh was synthesized according to general procedure B using 4 (0.994 mmol), 2-chlorophenol (1.242 mmol), PPh<sub>3</sub> (1.242 mmol), and DIAD (1.242 mmol). The reaction was run for 19 h. After

purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/cHex, 10%), **5h** was obtained (187 mg, 0.597 mmol, 60%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.44–7.38 (m, 1H), 7.32–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.2, 1H), 6.98–6.90 (m, 1H), 4.64–4.57 (m, 1H), 3.92–3.81 (br s, 1H), 2.08–1.91 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.44 (m, 4H), 1.39 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  156.4, 153.5, 129.8, 127.5, 123.2, 121.2, 115.3, 83.9, 78.7, 56.8, 29.9, 29.6, 27.4, 21.1. HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 312.1359, found 312.1361.

tert-Butyl ((1R,2R)-2-(3-Chlorophenoxy)cyclopentyl)carbamate (5i). Si was synthesized according to general procedure B using 4 (0.994 mmol), 3-chlorophenol (1.242 mmol), PPh<sub>3</sub> (1.242 mmol), and DIAD (1.242 mmol). The reaction was run for 18 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/cHex, 10%), Si was obtained (170 mg, 0.544 mmol, 55%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.29 (t, *J* = 8.1, 1H), 7.11–6.90 (m, 4H), 4.59–4.52 (m, 1H), 3.89–3.77 (m, 1H), 2.12–1.86 (m, 2H), 1.81–1.42 (m, 4H), 1.39 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ 158.9, 156.5, 134.4, 130.1, 120.3, 115.59, 113.8, 83.2, 78.7, 56.9, 29.74, 29.65, 27.4, 21.1. HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 312.1354, found 312.1361.

tert-Butyl ((1*R*,2*R*)-2-(4-Chlorophenoxy)cyclopentyl)carbamate (5*j*). 5*j* was synthesized according to general procedure B using 4 (0.994 mmol), 4-chlorophenol (1.242 mmol), PPh<sub>3</sub> (1.242 mmol), and DIAD (1.242 mmol). The reaction was run for 20 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/cHex, 10%), 5*j* was obtained (191 mg, 0.611 mmol, 62%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.30 (d, *J* = 9.0, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.3, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.9, 2H), 4.56–4.47 (m, 1H), 3.87–3.77 (m, 1H), 2.08–1.86 (m, 2H), 1.78–1.43 (m, 4H), 1.38 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 157.0, 155.6, 129.7, 124.6, 117.6, 83.2, 78.3, 57.0, 30.2, 30.0, 28.7, 21.6. HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClNNaO<sub>3</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 334.1182, found 334.1180.

(1*R*,2*R*)-2-Phenoxycyclopentan-1-aminium chloride (**6***a*). 6a was synthesized according to general procedure C using **5**a (0.804 mmol) and HCl (16.09 mmol). The reaction was run for 18 h. 6a was obtained as a solid (173 mg, 0.809 mmol, quant.). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.20 (s, 3H), 7.39–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.04–6.91 (m, 3H), 4.77–4.68 (m, 1H), 3.64–3.55 (m, 1H), 2.25–2.02 (m, 2H), 1.83–1.56 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ 157.3, 129.3, 121.1, 115.3, 80.6, 57.0, 29.4, 28.0, 20.7. HRMS: (NSI+) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO [M]<sup>+</sup> 178.1228, found 178.1226.

(1*R*,2*R*)-2-(4-(tert-Butyl)phenoxy)cyclopentan-1-aminium Chloride (6c). 6c was synthesized according to general procedure C using 5c (0.507 mmol) and HCl (10.14 mmol). The reaction was run for 20 h, after which a few drops of MeOH were added to dissolve the precipitate. Stirring was continued for another 21 h, and more 4 M HCl in dioxane (1 mL) was added to bring the reaction to completion. 6c was obtained as a solid (117 mg, 0.432 mmol, 85%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.11 (br s, 3H), 7.37–7.28 (m, 2H), 6.92–6.85 (m, 2H), 4.69–4.63 (m, 1H), 3.65–3.53 (m, 1H), 2.23–2.02 (m, 2H), 1.84–1.54 (m, 4H), 1.26 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  155.0, 144.0, 126.0, 114.9, 80.7, 57.0, 33.6, 30.6, 29.5, 28.0, 20.7. HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO [M]<sup>+</sup> 234.1850, found 234.1852.

(1R,2R)-2-(3-Methoxyphenoxy)cyclopentan-1-aminium chloride (**6e**). **6e** was synthesized according to general procedure C using **5e** (1.236 mmol) and HCl (6.18 mmol). The reaction was run for 19 h, after which more 4 M HCl in dioxane (2 mL) was added to bring the reaction to completion. **6e** was obtained as a solid (322 mg, 1.23 mmol, quant.). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.33 (br s, 3H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 8.2, 1H), 6.61–6.47 (m, 3H), 4.80–4.71 (m, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.61–3.51 (m, 1H), 2.25–2.04 (m, 2H), 1.86–1.59 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (101 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  161.1, 158.5, 129.8, 107.4, 106.6, 102.0, 80.8, 57.0, 54.4, 29.5, 27.9, 20.7. HRMS: (NSI+) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 208.1329, found 208.1332.

(1R,2R)-2-(3-Bromophenoxy)cyclopentan-1-aminium chloride (6f). 6f was synthesized according to general procedure C using 5f (0.253 mmol) and HCl (5.05 mmol). The reaction was run for 1 h, after which a few drops of MeOH were added to dissolve precipitate. Stirring was then continued for another 19 h. 6f was obtained as a solid (74 mg, 0.252 mmol, quant.). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.20 (br s, 3H), 7.29 (t, J = 8.3, 1H), 7.20–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.03–6.96 (m, 1H), 4.77–4.71 (m,1H), 3.63–3.53 (m, 1H), 2.24–2.03 (m, 2H), 1.84–1.56 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (101 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  158.2, 130.7, 124.2, 122.4, 118.7, 114.2, 81.1, 56.9, 29.3, 27.9, 20.7. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrNO [M]<sup>+</sup> 256.0330, found 256.0332.

(1*R*,2*R*)-2-(2-Chlorophenoxy)cyclopentan-1-aminium chloride (**6h**). **6h** was synthesized according to general procedure C using **5 h** (0.6 mmol) and HCl (12 mmol). The reaction was run for 69 h. **6h** was obtained as a solid (149 mg, 0.6 mmol, quant.). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.30 (br s, 3H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.6, 1H), 7.36– 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.5, 1H), 7.05–6.97 (m, 1H), 4.90– 4.83 (m, 1H), 3.68–3.59 (m, 1H), 2.24–2.09 (m, 2H), 1.86–1.62 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ 152.7, 130.1, 127.8, 123.4, 122.2, 115.6, 82.1, 57.0, 29.6, 28.4, 21.0. HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>CINO [M]<sup>+</sup> 212.0832, found 212.0837.

(1*R*,2*R*)-2-(3-Chlorophenoxy)cyclopentan-1-aminium chloride (*6i*). *6i* was synthesized according to general procedure C using *5i* (0.481 mmol) and HCl (4.81 mmol). The reaction was run for 48 h. *6i* was obtained as a solid (118 mg, 0.476 mmol, 99%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ 7.29 (t, *J* = 8.1, 1H), 7.06–6.91 (m, 3H), 4.90–4.80 (m, 1H), 3.78–3.69 (m, 1H), 2.38–2.23 (m, 2H), 1.99– 1.67 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ 158.2, 134.6, 130.5, 121.2, 115.85, 113.9, 81.0, 57.0, 29.4, 28.1, 20.9. HRMS: (NSI +) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>CINO [M]<sup>+</sup> 212.0830, found 212.0837.

(1*R*,2*R*)-2-(4-Chlorophenoxy)cyclopentan-1-aminium chloride (*6j*). *6j* was synthesized according to general procedure C using *5j* (0.611 mmol) and HCl (12.22 mmol). The reaction was run for 1.5 h, after which a few drops of MeOH were added to dissolve the precipitate. Stirring was continued for another hour. *6j* was obtained as a solid (150 mg, 0.604 mmol, 99%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.59 (br s, 3H), 7.38–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.07–6.93 (m, 2H), 4.85– 4.75 (m, 1H), 3.59–3.50 (m, 1H), 2.29–2.01 (m, 2H), 1.87–1.57 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  156.4, 129.8, 125.2, 117.8, 81.5, 56.4, 30.0, 28.7, 21.6. HRMS: (NSI+) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>CINO [M]<sup>+</sup> 212.0840, found 212.0837.

(2R, 3R, 4R, 5R)-2-(Acetoxymethyl)-5-(6-(((1R, 2R)-2-((4-isopropylbenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)tetrahydrofuran-3,4-diyl Diacetate (8). 8 was synthesized according to general procedure D using 7 (0.286 mmol), 3b (0.428 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.857 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux overnight. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/EtOAc, 2%), 8 was obtained as a ~1:1 mixture with starting material 7 (determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR). This mixture was used in the next step without further purification to obtain 15.

(2R,3R,4R,5R)-2-(Acetoxymethyl)-5-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-((4-(tert-butyl)benzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)tetrahydrofuran-3,4diyl Diacetate (9). 9 was synthesized according to general procedure D using 7 (0.235 mmol), 3c (0.352 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.705 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 15 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/cHex, 80%), 9 was obtained as a solid (53 mg, 0.0845 mmol, 36%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.31 (s, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.5, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.4, 2H), 6.25 (d, J = 5.3, 1H), 6.03 (t, J = 5.5, 1H), 5.74-5.71 (m, 1H), 4.75-4.65 (m, 1H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 4.50-4.35 (m, 3H), 4.04-3.98 (m, 1H), 2.32-2.19 (m, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.05-1.99 (m, 1H), 1.90-1.57 (m, 4H), 1.29 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (101 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 170.8, 170.0, 169.7, 154.3, 152.9, 150.2, 148.5, 139.2, 135.5, 127.34, 124.7, 119.5, 86.4, 84.7, 80.2, 78.0, 73.0, 70.7, 70.6, 62.8, 33.9, 30.4, 30.3, 30.0, 21.1, 19.2, 19.0, 18.9. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for  $C_{32}H_{42}N_5O_8$  [M + H] 624.3012, found 624.3028.

(2R, 3R, 4R, 5R)-2-(Acetoxymethyl)-5-(6-(((1R, 2R)-2-((4-cyanobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)tetrahydrofuran-3,4-diyl Diacetate (10). 10 was synthesized according to general procedure D using 7 (0.83 mmol), 3d (0.83 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2.5 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 16 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/cHex, 80%), 10 was obtained as a solid (492 mg, 0.83 mmol, quant.). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.37 (s, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 6.0, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.8, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.8, 2H), 6.21 (d, J = 5.4, 1H), 6.04 (t, J = 5.6, 1H), 5.63 (t, J = 5.2, 1H), 4.70–4.52 (m, 1H), 4.66 (s, 2H), 4.45–4.32 (m, 2H), 4.28–4.19 (m, 1H), 4.02–3.87 (m, 1H), 2.15–1.88 (m, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.81–1.54 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.4, 169.7, 169.5, 153.8, 149.4, 144.5, 138.7, 132.2, 127.8, 120.3, 119.0, 111.2, 86.5, 85.69, 85.67, 80.5, 77.4, 73.4, 70.7, 70.5, 63.2, 31.02, 30.99, 30.5, 21.7, 20.9, 20.6, 20.5. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>8</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 593.2360, found 593.2362.

(2R, 3R, 4R, 5R)-2-(Acetoxymethyl)-5-(6-(((1R, 2R)-2-((3methoxybenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)tetrahydrofuran-3,4-diyl Diacetate (11). 11 was synthesized according to general procedure D using 7 (0.18 mmol), 3e (0.271 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.542 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 23 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/cHex, 80%), 11 was obtained (68 mg, 0.114 mmol, 67%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 7.9, 1H, 7.19 (t, J = 7.8, 1H), 6.89–6.75 (m, 3H), 6.22 (d, J =5.4, 1H), 6.04 (t, J = 5.7, 1H), 5.64 (t, J = 5.3, 1H), 4.66–4.57 (m, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 4.46-4.33 (m, 3H), 4.28-4.21 (m, 1H), 4.02-3.96 (m, 1H) 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.10-1.88 (m, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H) 1.77-1.55 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (101 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  170.8, 170.0, 169.8, 159.7, 154.3, 152.8, 148.5, 140.3, 139.2, 128.8, 119.7, 119.5, 112.62, 112.61, 86.4, 84.9, 80.2, 73.0, 70.9, 70.6, 62.8, 57.0, 54.1, 30.2, 30.0, 21.1, 19.2, 19.0, 18.9. HRMS: (NSI +) m/z calcd for  $C_{29}H_{36}N_5O_9$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 598.2506, found 598.2508.

(2R, 3R, 4R, 5R)-2-(Acetoxymethyl)-5-(6-(((1R, 2R)-2-phenoxycyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)tetrahydrofuran-3,4diyl Diacetate (12). 12 was synthesized according to general procedure D using 7 (0.137 mmol), **6a** (0.206 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.412 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 18 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc, 100%), 12 was obtained (50 mg, 0.09 mmol, 65%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.30 (s, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.7, 2H), 7.06–6.82 (m, 3H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 5.2, 1H), 6.02 (t, *J* = 5.6, 1H), 5.72 (t, *J* = 5.2, 1H), 4.85–4.73 (m, 2H), 4.50–4.33 (m, 3H), 2.38–2.18 (m, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 6H), 1.98–1.69 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (101 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  170.8, 170.0, 169.8, 158.0, 154.4, 152.8, 148.6, 139.4, 129.0, 120.3, 119.5, 115.4, 86.4, 82.5, 80.2, 73.0, 70.6, 62.8, 57.1, 30.0, 29.7, 21.1, 19.2, 19.0, 18.9 HRMS: (NSI+) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>8</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 554.2239, found 554.2245.

(2R,3R,4R,5R)-2-(Acetoxymethyl)-5-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-(3methoxyphenoxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)tetrahydrofuran-3,4-diyl Diacetate (13). 13 was synthesized according to general procedure D using 7 (0.196 mmol), 6e (0.197 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.394 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 23 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/cHex, 80%), 13 was obtained (63 mg, 0.108 mmol, 55%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.38 (s, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 6.5, 1H), 7.14 (t, J = 8.1, 1H), 6.57–6.44 (m, 3H), 6.22 (d, J = 5.4, I1H), 6.07-6.01 (m, 1H), 5.66-5.61 (m, 1H), 4.89-4.83 (m, 1H), 4.70-4.60 (m, 1H), 4.46-4.34 (m, 2H), 4.28-4.20 (m, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.23-2.13 (m, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.89–1.62 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  170.8, 170.0, 169.8, 160.9, 159.1, 154.3, 152.8, 139.4, 129.4, 119.5, 107.8, 106.0, 101.7, 86.4, 82.6, 80.2, 73.0, 70.6, 62.8, 57.0, 54.3, 30.0, 29.8, 21.1, 19.2, 19.1, 18.9. HRMS: (NSI+) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>9</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 584.2343, found 584.2351.

(2R, 3R, 4R, 5R)-2-(Acetoxymethyl)-5-(6-(((1R, 2R)-2-(4-chlorophenoxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)tetrahydrofuran-3,4-diyl Diacetate (14). 14 was synthesized according to general procedure D using 7 (0.347 mmol), 6j (0.52 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1.04 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 17 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/cHex, 80%), 14 was obtained (192 mg, 0.327 mmol, 82%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.19 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.12–7.04 (m, 2H), 6.94–6.84 (m, 2H), 6.12 (d, J = 5.2, 1H), 5.91 (t, J = 5.5, 1H), 5.60 (t, J = 5.5, 1H), 4.68–4.63 (m, 1H), 4.63–4.55 (m, 1H), 4.35–4.22 (m, 3H), 2.23–2.05 (m, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 6H), 1.87–1.55 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  170.8, 170.0, 169.8, 156.7, 154.3, 152.8, 139.4, 128.8, 125.1, 119.5, 116.9, 86.4, 82.9, 80.2, 73.0, 70.6, 62.8, 56.9, 29.8, 29.6, 21.0, 19.3, 19.1, 18.9. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for  $C_{27}H_{31}ClN_5O_8$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 588.1854, found 588.1856.

(2R, 3S, 4R, 5R)-2-(Hydroxymethyl)-5-(6-(((1R, 2R)-2-((4-isopropylbenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)tetrahydrofuran-3,4-diol (15). 15 was synthesized according to general procedure E using the ~1:1 mixture of 7 and 8 from above and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.137 mmol). The reaction was run for 1.5 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/EtOAc, 2%), 15 was obtained as a colorless solid (27 mg, 0.055 mmol, 19% over two steps). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.37 (s, 1H), 8.23 (br s, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 5.6, 1H), 7.22–7.12 (m, 4H), 5.89 (d, J = 6.1, 1H), 5.46–5.37 (m, 2H), 5.18 (d, J = 4.6, 1H), 4.66–4.44 (m, 3H), 4.62 (q, J = 6.0, 1H), 4.18–4.12 (m, 1H), 4.04–3.94 (m, 2H), 3.72– 3.63 range (m, 1H), 3.61–3.50 (m, 1H), 2.84 (sept, J = 6.7, 1H), 2.13–1.88 (m, 2H), 1.78–1.56 (m, 4H), 1.17 (d, J = 6.9, 6H). HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/z calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 484.2539, found 484.2554. UPLC analysis: <sup>1</sup>R = 2.87 min; peak area > 95% (detection at 254 nm).

(2R,3R,4S,5R)-2-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-((4-(tert-Butyl)benzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-5-(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydrofuran-3,4-diol (16). 16 was synthesized according to general procedure E using 9 (0.083 mmol) and  $K_2CO_3$  (0.05 mmol). The reaction was run for 30 min. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/CH $_2$ Cl $_2$ , 5%), 16 was obtained as a colorless solid (30 mg, 0.06 mmol, 73%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.16 (s, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.4, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.3, 2H), 5.85 (d, J = 6.5, 1H), 4.60-4.44 (m, 4H), 4.22 (dd, J = 5.1, 2.5, 1H), 4.06-4.09 (m, 1H), 3.87-3.91 (m, 1H), 3.79 (dd, J = 12.6, 2.5, 1H), 3.64 (dd, J = 12.5, 2.6, 1H), 2.20–2.09 (m, 1H), 1.99–1.85 (m, 1H), 1.80–1.45 (m, 3H), 1.58–1.18 (m, 1H) 1.18 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (101 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  154.5, 152.2, 150.2, 147.8, 140.1, 135.5, 127.3, 124.7, 120.0, 90.0, 86.9, 84.6, 74.1, 71.3, 70.7, 62.1, 56.9, 33.9, 30.4, 30.2, 30.0, 21.1. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 498.2690, found 498.2711. UPLC analysis:  ${}^{t}R = 3.01 \text{ min}; \text{ peak area} > 95\% \text{ (detection at 254 nm)}.$ 

4-((((1R,2R)-2-((9-((2R,3R,4S,5R)-3,4-Dihydroxy-5-(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-9H-purin-6-yl)amino)cyclopentyl)oxy)methyl)benzonitrile (17). 17 was synthesized according to general procedure E using 10 (0.552 mmol) and  $K_2CO_3$  (0.552 mmol). The reaction was run for 3 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc, 100%), 17 was obtained as a colorless solid (183 mg, 0.392 mmol, 71%).  $^1\mathrm{H}$  NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.37 (s, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 6.0, 1H), 7.76 (d, I = 8.3, 2H, 7.48 (d, I = 8.0, 2H), 5.89 (d, I = 6.2, 1H), 5.42 (d, I =6.3, 1H), 5.38 (dd, J = 7.1, 4.5, 1H), 5.18 (d, J = 4.7, 1H), 4.69–4.50 (m, 1H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 4.61 (q, J = 5.9, 1H), 4.28–4.11 (m, 1H), 4.08-3.88 (m, 2H), 3.68 (dt, J = 12.0, 4.1, 1H), 3.55 (ddd, J = 11.7, 7.2, 3.7, 1H), 2.10-2.01 (m, 1H), 2.00-1.89 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.55 (m, 4H). HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for  $C_{23}H_{27}N_6O_5 [M + H]^+$  467.2037, found 467.2031. UPLC analysis:  ${}^{t}R = 2.28$  min; peak area > 95% (detection at 254 nm).

4-((((1R,2R)-2-((9-((2R,3R,4S,5R)-3,4-Dihydroxy-5-(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-9H-purin-6-yl)amino)cyclopentyl)oxy)methyl)benzamide (18). 10 (0.186 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (15 mL) and  $K_2CO_3$  (0.186 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in MeOH (1.5 mL), and aq. 30%  $\mathrm{H_2O_2}$  (0.15 mL) was added. The solution was heated to 40 °C and stirred for 3 h. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/EtOAc, 20%), 18 was obtained as a colorless solid (75 mg, 0.155 mmol, 83%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 400 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.24 (s, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.3, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.9, 2H), 5.95 (d, J = 6.5, 1H), 4.76 (dd, J = 6.5, 5.1, 1H), 4.75-4.56 (m, 1H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 4.33 (dd, J = 5.1, 2.5, 1H), 4.17 (q, J = 2.6, 1H), 4.00 (dt, J = 6.5, 4.1, 1H), 3.89 (dd, J = 12.6, 2.5, 1H), 3.75 (dd, J = 12.6, 2.7, 1H), 2.29-2.18 (m, 1H), 2.14-1.96 (m, 1H), 1.96-1.72 (m, 3H), 1.72–1.55 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (101 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$ 172.1, 155.8, 153.5, 149.2, 144.5, 141.5, 133.8, 128.6, 128.4, 121.4, 91.4, 88.2, 86.6, 75.4, 72.7, 71.7, 63.5, 58.3, 31.5, 31.4, 22.5. HRMS:

(NSI+) m/z calcd for  $C_{23}H_{28}N_6NaO_6$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 485.2143, found 485.2156. UPLC analysis:  ${}^{t}R = 1.79$  min; peak area > 95% (detection at 254 nm).

(2R,3S,4R,5R)-2-(Hydroxymethyl)-5-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-((3methoxybenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)tetrahydrofuran-3,4-diol (19). 19 was synthesized according to general procedure E using 11 (0.084 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.05 mmol). The reaction was run for 30 min. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/EtOAc, 5-10%), 19 was obtained as a colorless solid (36 mg, 0.076 mmol, 93%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.36 (s, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 4.9, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.7, 1H), 6.89–6.73 (m, 3H), 5.89 (d, *J* = 6.2, 1H), 5.46–5.37 (m, 2H), 5.18 (d, J = 4.6, 1H), 4.71-4.56 (m, 2H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 4.18-4.11 (m, 1H), 4.06-3.92 (m, 2H), 3.72-3.67 (m, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.61-3.52 (m, 1H), 2.12-1.89 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.57 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (101 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  159.8, 154.4, 152.1, 147.8, 140.2, 140.0, 128.8, 120.0, 119.5, 112.7, 112.6, 90.0, 86.9, 84.8, 74.1, 71.3, 70.8, 62.1, 56.7, 54.1, 30.1, 30.0, 21.1. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for  $C_{23}H_{30}N_5O_6 [M + H]^+$  472.2186, found 472.2191. UPLC analysis: <sup>t</sup>R = 2.33 min; peak area > 95% (detection at 254 nm).

(2R,3R,4S,5R)-2-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-((3-Bromobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-5-(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydrofuran-3,4-diol (20). 20 was synthesized according to general procedure G using 7 (0.296 mmol), 3f (0.326 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.652 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 18 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc, 100%) a mixture of the substitution product and fully and semi-deacetylated products was isolated (53 mg). This mixture was dissolved in MeOH (5 mL), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.05 mmol) was added. After stirring for 30 min at room temperature, the reaction mixture was filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/EtOAc, 5%), 20 was obtained as a colorless solid (33 mg, 0.063 mmol, 66% over two steps). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanold<sub>4</sub>) δ 8.15 (s, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.25-6.99 (m, 3H), 5.85 (d, J = 6.5, 1H), 4.69–4.62 (m, 1H), 4.62–4.45 (m, 3H), 4.25–4.20 (m, 1H), 4.07 (q, J = 2.5, 1H), 3.89–3.82 (m, 1H), 3.79 (dd, J = 12.6, 2.4, 1H), 3.64 (dd, J = 12.6, 2.6, 1H), 2.19-2.05 (m, 100)1H), 1.97–1.85 (m, 1H), 1.81–1.45 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 154.4, 152.2, 141.5, 140.1, 130.1, 130.0, 129.6, 125.8, 121.9, 120.0, 90.0, 86.9, 85.1, 74.1, 71.3, 70.0, 62.2, 56.7, 30.1, 29.9, 21. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for  $C_{22}H_{27}BrN_5O_5$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 520.1189, found 520.1189. UPLC analysis:  ${}^{t}R = 2.58$  min; peak area > 95% (detection at 254 nm).

(2R,3R,4S,5R)-2-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-((4-Bromobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-vl)-5-(hvdroxvmethvl)tetrahvdrofuran-3,4-diol (21). 21 was synthesized according to general procedure G using 7 (0.209 mmol), 3g (0.209 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.417 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 18 h. The crude material was deacetylated using K2CO3 (0.125 mmol) in MeOH for 30 min at room temperature. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/EtOAc, 5%), 21 was obtained (25 mg, 0.048 mmol, 23% over two steps). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.15 (s, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.4, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.3, 2H), 5.85 (d, J = 6.4, 1H, 4.65 (dd, J = 6.4, 5.1, 1H), 4.62–4.51 (m, 1H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 4.23 (dd, J = 5.1, 2.5, 1H), 4.07 (q, J = 2.5, 1H), 3.90-3.84 (m, 1H), 3.79 (dd, J = 12.6, 2.5, 1H), 3.64 (dd, J = 12.6, 2.6, 1H), 2.19– 2.07 (m, 1H), 1.97-1.84 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.44 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  154.4, 152.1, 140.1, 138.1, 130.9, 129.1, 120.7, 120.0, 90.0, 86.9, 85.0, 74.1, 71.3, 70.1, 62.1, 56.9, 30.1, 30.0, 21. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for  $C_{22}H_{27}BrN_5O_5$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 520.1187, found 520.1190. UPLC analysis:  ${}^{t}R = 2.64$  min; peak area > 99% (detection at 254 nm).

(2R,3R,4S,5R)-2-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-((2-Chlorobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-5-(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydrofuran-3,4-diol (22). 22 was synthesized according to general procedure G using 7 (0.229 mmol), **3h** (0.229 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.458 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 19 h. The crude material was deacetylated using K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.22 mmol) in MeOH for 30 min at room temperature. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/EtOAc, 5%), **22** was obtained (51 mg, 0.107 mmol, 47% over two steps). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.13 (br s, 2H), 7.39–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.22–7.02 (m, 3H), 5.84 (d, J = 6.5, 1H), 4.71–4.47 (m, 4H), 4.25–4.20 (m, 1H), 4.07 (q, J = 2.5, 1H), 3.94– 3.87 (m, 1H), 3.84–3.72 (m, 1H), 3.67–3.59 (m, 1H), 2.20–2.06 (m, 1H), 2.00–1.85 (m, 1H), 1.82–1.62 (m, 3H), 1.61–1.45 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  154.4, 152.1, 147.8, 140.0, 136.3, 132.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 126.5, 120.0, 90.0, 86.9, 85.5, 74.1, 71.3, 68.1, 62.2, 56.7, 30.1, 30.0, 21.2. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for  $C_{22}H_{27}ClN_5O_5$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 476.1673, found 476.1695. UPLC analysis: <sup>1</sup>R = 2.51 min; peak area > 99% (detection at 254 nm).

(2R,3R,4S,5R)-2-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-((3-Chlorobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-5-(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydrofuran-3,4-diol (23). 23 was synthesized according to general procedure G using 7 (0.336 mmol), 3i (0.336 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.732 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 19 h. The crude material was deacetylated using  $K_2CO_3$  (0.22 mmol) in MeOH for 30 min at room temperature. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/EtOAc, 4%), 23 was obtained (45 mg, 0.095 mmol, 26% over two steps). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.14 (s, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.04–7.03 (m, 3H), 5.85 (d, J = 6.4, 1H), 4.69-4.61 (m, 1H), 4.61-4.44 (m, 3H), 4.26-4.20 (m, 1H), 4.07 (q, J = 2.5, 1H, 3.89–3.82 (m, 1H), 3.82–3.74 (m, 1H), 3.69–3.60 (m, 1H), 2.18-2.05 (m, 1H), 1.96-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.45 (m, 4H).  $^{13}$ C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  154.4, 152.2, 148.0, 141.3, 140.1, 133.8, 129.3, 127.1, 127.0, 125.4, 120.0, 90.0, 86.9, 85.1, 74.1, 71.3, 70.0, 62.15, 56.8, 30.1, 29.9, 21.1. HRMS: (NSI+) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 476.1699, found 476.1695. UPLC analysis:  ${}^{t}R = 2.56$  min; peak area > 99% (detection at 254 nm).

(2R,3S,4R,5R)-2-(Hydroxymethyl)-5-(6-(((1R,2R)-2phenoxycyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)tetrahydrofuran-3,4diol (24). 24 was synthesized according to general procedure E using 12 (0.089 mmol) and  $K_2CO_3$  (0.053 mmol). The reaction was run for 30 min. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc, 100%), 24 was obtained as a colorless solid (16 mg, 0.038 mmol, 42%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.15 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.9, 2H), 6.94–6.87 (m, 2H), 6.77 (t, J = 7.3, 1H), 5.85 (d, J = 6.4, 1H), 4.72-4.67 (m, 1H), 4.66-4.54 (m, 2H), 4.22 (dd, J = 5.1, 2.5, 1H), 4.07 (q, J = 2.6, 1H), 3.79 (dd, J = 12.6, 2.5, 1H)1H), 3.64 (dd, J = 12.5, 2.7, 1H), 2.26–2.05 (m, 2H), 1.60–1.56 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  158.0, 154.5, 152.1, 148.0, 140.1, 129.0, 120.4, 120.0, 115.4, 89.9, 86.8, 82.5, 74.1, 71.3, 62.1, 57.2, 29.9, 29.7, 21.0. HRMS: (NSI+) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M  $+ H^{+}$  428.1924, found 428.1928. HPLC analysis: <sup>*t*</sup>R = 7.22 min; peak area 95% (detection at 254 nm).

(2R,3R,4S,5R)-2-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-(4-(tert-Butyl)phenoxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-5-(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydrofuran-3,4-diol (25). 25 was synthesized according to general procedure G using 7 (0.241 mmol), 6c (0.241 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.482 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 19 h. The crude material was deacetylated using K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.144 mmol) in MeOH for 30 min at room temperature. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/EtOAc, 3%), 25 was obtained (46 mg, 0.095 mmol, 40% over two steps). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 8.14 (s, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.16-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.84-6.77 (m, 2H), 5.85 (d, J = 6.4, 1H), 4.68-4.51 (m, 3H), 4.25-4.20 (dd, J = 5.1, 2.5, 1H), 4.07 (q, J = 2.3, 1H), 3.78 (dd, J = 12.6, 2.5, 1H)1H), 3.63 (dd, J = 12.6, 2.7, 1H), 2.24-1.98 (m, 2H), 1.85-1.54 (m, 2H)4H), 1.14 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 155.6, 154.4, 152.1, 147.9, 143.1, 140.1, 125.7, 120.0, 115.0, 90.0, 86.8, 82.5, 74.1, 71.3, 62.1, 57.0, 33.5, 30.6, 30.0, 29.7, 21.1. HRMS: (NSI+) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 484.2568, found 484.2554. UPLC analysis:  ${}^{t}R = 3.21$  min; peak area > 99% (detection at 254 nm).

 $(2R,3S,4R,\overline{S}R)$ -2-(Hydroxymethyl)-5-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-(3-methoxyphenoxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)tetrahydrofuran-3,4-Diol (**26**). **26** was synthesized according to general procedure E using **13** (0.12 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.072 mmol). The reaction was run for 30 min. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc, 100%), **26** was obtained as a solid (36 mg, 0.079 mmol, 66%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.38 (s, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, J = 7.6, 1H), 7.14 (t, J = 8.1, 1H), 6.57–6.42 (m, 3H), 5.89 (d, J = 6.1, 1H), 5.44 (d, J = 6.2, 1H), 5.41–5.35 (m, 1H), 5.19 (d, J = 4.7, 1H), 4.90–4.82 (m, 1H), 4.74–4.64 (m, 1H), 4.64–4.56 (m, 1H), 4.15 (q, J = 4.5, 1H), 3.99–3.94 (m, 1H), 3.73–3.64 (m, 1H) 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.60–3.51 (m, 1H), 2.23–2.09 (m, 2H), 1.87–1.62 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  160.9, 159.1, 154.4, 152.1, 140.1, 129.4, 120.0, 107.8, 105.9, 101.7, 90.0, 86.8, 82.6, 74.1, 71.3, 62.1, 57.1, 54.3, 29.9, 29.8, 21.1. HRMS: (NSI +) m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>6</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 458.2030, found 458.2034. UPLC analysis: <sup>t</sup>R = 2.50 min; peak area > 95% (detection at 254 nm).

(2R,3R,4S,5R)-2-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-(3-Bromophenoxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-5-(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydrofuran-3,4-diol (27). 27 was synthesized according to general procedure G using 7 (0.12 mmol), 6f (0.12 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.239 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 18 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc, 100%), a mixture of the substitution product and fully and semi-deacetylated products was isolated (40 mg). This mixture was dissolved in MeOH (5 mL), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.033 mmol) was added. After stirring for 30 min at room temperature, the reaction mixture was filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc, 100%), 27 was obtained as a solid (21 mg, 0.042 mmol, 35% over two steps). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$ 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.49 (br s, 1H), 7.02 (t, J = 8.0, 1H), 6.96–6.82 (m, 2H), 5.86 (d, J = 6.4, 1H), 4.70–4.62 (m, 2H), 4.61– 4.51 (m, 1H), 4.23 (dd, J = 5.1, 2.5, 1H), 4.09-4.05 (m, 1H), 3.79 (dd, J = 12.6, 2.5, 1H), 3.65 (dd, J = 12.5, 2.6, 1H), 2.23-1.97 (m, M)2H), 1.90-1.58 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 158.9, 154.3, 152.2, 140.2, 130.3, 123.3, 122.3, 120.0, 118.4, 114.8, 90.0, 86.9, 82.8, 74.1, 71.3, 62.1, 56.6, 29.6, 29.4, 21.0. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>BrN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 506.1025, found 506.1034. UPLC analysis:  ${}^{t}R = 2.83$  min; peak area > 95% (detection at 254 nm).

(2R,3R,4S,5R)-2-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-(2-Chlorophenoxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-5-(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydrofuran-3,4-diol (28). 28 was synthesized according to general procedure G using 7 (0.322 mmol), 6 h (0.322 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.644 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 18 h. The crude material was deacetylated using  $K_2CO_3$  (0.193 mmol) in MeOH for 45 min at room temperature. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc, 100%), 28 was obtained (29 mg, 0.063 mmol, 20% over two steps). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.15 (s, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.30-7.01 (m, 3H), 6.80-6.71 (m, 1H), 5.85 (d, J = 6.4, 1H), 4.76–4.72 (m, 1H), 4.70–4.60 (m, J = 6.4, 5.1, 2H), 4.22 (dd, J = 5.1, 2.5, 1H), 4.07 (q, J = 2.5, 1H), 3.79 (dd, J = 12.6, 2.5, 1H)1H), 3.64 (dd, J = 12.6, 2.6, 1H), 2.31-2.19 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.93–1.75 (m, 3H), 1.70–1.57 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  154.4, 153.5, 152.1, 140.2, 129.8, 127.4, 123.2, 121.3, 120.0, 115.6, 89.9, 86.8, 83.8, 74.1, 71.3, 62.1, 56.9, 29.7, 29.6, 21.1. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for  $C_{21}H_{25}ClN_5O_5$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 462.1529, found 462.1539. UPLC analysis:  ${}^{t}R = 2.72$  min; peak area > 99% (detection at 254 nm).

(2R,3R,4S,5R)-2-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-(3-Chlorophenoxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-5-(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydrofuran-3,4-diol (29). 29 was synthesized according to general procedure G using 7 (0.234 mmol), 6i (0.234 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.467 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 18 h. The crude material was deacetylated using K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.138 mmol) in MeOH for 2 h at room temperature. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/EtOAc, 6%), 29 was obtained (36 mg, 0.078 mmol, 33% over two steps). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.39 (s, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 7.1, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 8.2, 2H), 7.00-6.91 (m, 2H), 5.90 (d, J = 6.1, 1H), 5.43 (d, J = 6.2, 1H), 5.41–5.34 (m, 1H), 5.19 (d, J = 4.7, 1H), 4.91–4.83 (m, 1H), 4.71–4.57 (m, 2H), 4.15 (q, J = 4.7, 2H), 4.00–3.95 (m, 1H), 3.73–3.64 (m, 1H), 3.61– 3.51 (m, 1H), 2.22-2.07 (m, 2H), 1.88-1.64 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (101 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 158.9, 154.4, 152.1, 152.1, 140.2, 134.4, 130.0, 120.3, 120.0, 115.6, 114.3, 90.0, 86.8, 82.9, 74.1, 71.3, 62.1, 56.8, 29.6, 29.5, 21.0. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for  $C_{21}H_{25}ClN_5O_5$  $[M + H]^+$  462.1543, found 462.1539. HPLC analysis:  $^{t}R = 7.16$  min; peak area 94% (detection at 254 nm).

(2R,3R,4S,5R)-2-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-(4-Chlorophenoxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-5-(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydrofuran-3,4-diol (30). 30 was synthesized according to general procedure E using 14 (0.325 mmol) and  $K_2CO_3$  (0.195 mmol). The reaction was run for 45 min. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/ EtOAc, 10%), 30 was obtained as a solid (54 mg, 0.117 mmol, 36%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.38 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 7.5, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.9, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.3, 2H), 5.90 (d, J = 6.1, 1H), 5.43 (d, J = 6.0, 1H), 5.40-5.33 (m, 1H), 5.18 (d, J = 4.6, 1H), 4.87–4.80 (m, 1H), 4.74–4.56 (m, 2H), 4.15 (q, J = 4.2, 1H), 3.97 (dd, J = 9.9, 3.3, 2H), 3.72-3.63 (m, 1H), 3.59-3.50 (m, 1H), 2.24-2.06 (m, 2H), 1.88-1.60 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 156.7, 154.4, 152.1, 148.0, 140.2, 128.8, 125.2, 120.0, 116.9, 89.9, 86.8, 82.9, 74.1, 71.3, 62.1, 57.0, 29.7, 29.6, 21.0. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for  $C_{21}H_{25}CIN_5O_5$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 462.1525, found 462.1539. UPLC analysis:  ${}^{t}R = 2.81$  min; peak area > 99% (detection at 254 nm).

(3aS,4S,6R,6aR)-N-Ethyl-6-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-((3-methoxybenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-2,2dimethyltetrahydrofuro[3,4-d][1,3]dioxole-4-carboxamide (32). 32 was synthesized according to general procedure D using 31 (0.256 mmol), 3e (0.256 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.698 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 19 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/EtOAc, 3%), 32 was obtained (92 mg, 0.166 mmol, 71%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.25 (s, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 8.1, 1H), 6.89–6.82 (m, 2H), 6.77– 6.72 (m, 1H), 6.32 (d, J = 1.4, 1H), 5.60 (dd, J = 6.1, 1.9, 1H), 5.48 (dd, J = 6.1, 1.0, 1H), 4.72–4.57 (m, 1H), 4.63 (d, J = 1.9, 1H), 4.60 (s, 2H), 4.01-3.94 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.95-2.74 (m, 2H), 2.30-2.17 (m, 1H), 2.06-1.96 (m, 1H), 1.91-1.69 (m, 3H), 1.67-1.59 (m, 1H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 0.63 (t, J = 7.3, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 170.0, 159.7, 154.3, 152.7, 148.3, 140.4, 140.3, 128.9, 119.5, 119.3, 113.5, 112.7, 112.5, 91.0, 87.2, 84.8, 83.8, 83.7, 70.7, 56.8, 54.2, 33.4, 30.2, 30.0, 25.8, 24.0, 21.1, 12.8. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for  $C_{28}H_{37}N_6O_6$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 553.2774, found 553.2769.

(3aS,4S,6R,6aR)-6-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-((3-Bromobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-N-ethyl-2,2dimethyltetrahydrofuro[3,4-d][1,3]dioxole-4-carboxamide (33). 33 was synthesized according to general procedure D using 31 (0.359 mmol), 3f (0.326 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.978 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 18 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc, 100%), 33 was obtained (119 mg, 0.198 mmol, 55%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 8.14 (s, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.32 (br s, 1H), 7.23–6.97 (m, 3H), 6.20 (d, J = 1.6, 1H), 5.47 (dd, J = 6.1, 1.9, 1H), 5.39–5.32 (m, 1H), 4.62–4.42 (m, 4H), 3.87-3.80 (m, 1H) 2.85-2.65 (m, 2H), 2.17-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.94-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.77–1.56 (m, 3H), 1.55–1.46 (m, 1H), 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 0.52 (t, J = 7.3, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$ 170.0, 154.2, 152.7, 148.2, 141.5, 140.5, 130.0, 130.0, 129.7, 125.8, 121.9, 119.3, 113.5, 91.0, 87.2, 85.0, 83.8, 83.7, 69.9, 56.7, 33.4, 30.2, 30.0, 25.8, 24.1, 21.1, 12.8. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for  $C_{27}H_{34}BrN_6O_5 [M + H]^+$  601.1767, found 601.1796.

(3aS,4S,6R,6aR)-6-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-((4-Bromobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-N-ethyl-2,2dimethyltetrahydrofuro[3,4-d][1,3]dioxole-4-carboxamide (34). 34 was synthesized according to general procedure D using 31 (0.163 mmol), 3g (0.163 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.489 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 17 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc, 100%), 34 was obtained (65 mg, 0.108 mmol, 66%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 8.12 (s, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.29-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.21 (d, J = 1.4, 1H), 5.49 (dd, J = 6.1, 1.9, 1H), 5.37 (dd, J = 6.1, 1.4, 1H), 4.60-4.42 (m, 4H), 3.90-3.82 (m, 1H), 2.84-2.63 (m, 2H), 2.18-2.04 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.83 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.56 (m, 3H), 1.54-1.42 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 0.51 (t, J = 7.3, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  170.1, 154.2, 152.7, 148.3, 140.5, 138.1, 130.9, 129.1, 120.7, 119.3, 113.5, 91.0, 87.3, 85.0, 83.9, 83.7, 70.1, 56.7, 33.4, 30.2, 30.0, 25.7, 24.0, 21.1, 12.8. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for  $C_{27}H_{34}BrN_6O_5 [M + H]^+$  601.1789, found 601.1769.

(3aS,4S,6R,6aR)-6-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-((2-Chlorobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-N-ethyl-2,2dimethyltetrahydrofuro[3,4-d][1,3]dioxole-4-carboxamide (35). 35 was synthesized according to general procedure D using 31 (0.221 mmol), 3h (0.221 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.663 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 19 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc/cHex, 90%), 35 was obtained (79 mg, 0.141 mmol, 64%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.13 (s, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.40–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.21–7.02 (m, 3H), 6.21 (d, J = 1.4, 1H), 5.48 (dd, J = 6.1, 1.9, 1H), 5.35 (dd, J = 6.1, 1.4, 1H), 4.69-4.52 (m, 3H), 4.51 (d, J = 1.9, 1H), 3.94-3.86 (m, 1H), 2.84-2.62 (m, 1H)2H), 2.22-2.05 (m, 1H), 2.00-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.58 (m, 3H), 1.57–1.45 (m, 1H), 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 0.51 (t, J = 7.3, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 170.1, 154.2, 152.7, 148.3, 140.5, 136.3, 132.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 126.5, 119.3, 113.5, 91.0, 87.2, 85.4, 83.8, 83.7, 68.1, 56.9, 33.4, 30.2, 30.0, 25.7, 24.0, 21.2, 12.8. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for  $C_{27}H_{34}ClN_6O_5$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 557.2265, found 557.2274.

(3aS,4S,6R,6aR)-6-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-((3-Chlorobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-N-ethyl-2,2dimethyltetrahydrofuro[3,4-d][1,3]dioxole-4-carboxamide (36). 36 was synthesized according to general procedure D using 31 (0.305 mmol), 3i (0.305 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.915 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 18 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc, 100%), 36 was obtained (115 mg, 0.206 mmol, 68%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.30 (br s, 1H), 7.27-7.14 (m, 3H), 6.33 (d, J = 1.5, 1H), 5.60 (dd, J = 6.1, 1.9, 1H), 5.48 (dd, J = 6.1, 1.5, 1H), 4.72-4.57 (m, 4H), 4.00-3.93 (m, 1H), 2.98-2.75 (m, 2H), 2.30-2.17 (m, 1H), 2.08-1.96 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.59 (m, 4H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 0.64 (t, J = 7.3, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  170.0, 154.2, 152.7, 148.2, 141.3, 140.5, 133.7, 129.4, 127.1, 127.0, 125.4, 119.3, 113.5, 91.0, 87.2, 85.0, 83.8, 83.7, 70.0, 56.8, 33.4, 30.2, 29.9, 25.8, 24.0, 21.1, 12.8. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>34</sub>ClN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub>  $[M + H]^+$  557.2277, found 557.2274.

(3aS,4S,6R,6aR)-N-Ethyl-2,2-dimethyl-6-(6-(((1R,2R)-2phenoxycyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)tetrahydrofuro[3,4-d]-[1,3]dioxole-4-arboxamide (37). 37 was synthesized according to general procedure D using 31 (0.234 mmol), 6a (0.234 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.702 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 18 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc, 100%), 37 was obtained (90 mg, 0.176 mmol, 75%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.26-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.05-6.94 (m, 2H), 6.86 (t, J = 7.3, 1H), 6.32 (d, J = 1.4, 1H), 5.60 (dd, J = 6.1, 2.0, 1H), 5.47 (dd, J = 6.0, 1.2, 1H), 4.82-4.68 (m, 2H), 4.63 (d, J = 1.9, 1H, 2.97–2.74 (m, 2H), 2.35–2.12 (m, 2H), 1.97–1.64 (m, 4H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 0.62 (t, J = 7.3, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  170.0, 157.9, 154.3, 152.6, 148.6, 140.6, 129.0, 120.3, 119.3, 115.4, 113.5, 91.0, 87.2, 83.8, 83.7, 82.4, 57.1, 33.4, 30.0, 29.7, 25.8, 24.1, 21.1, 12.8. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for  $C_{26}H_{33}N_6O_5$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 509.2505, found 509.2507.

(3aS,4S,6R,6aR)-6-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-(4-(tert-Butyl)phenoxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-N-ethyl-2,2dimethyltetrahydrofuro[3,4-d][1,3]dioxole-4-carboxamide (38). 38 was synthesized according to general procedure D using 31 (0.185 mmol), 6c (0.185 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.556 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 18 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc, 100%), 38 was obtained (58 mg, 0.103 mmol, 56%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.12 (s, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.8, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.8, 2H), 6.21 (d, J = 1.4, 1H), 5.49 (dd, J = 6.1, 2.0, 1H), 5.36 (dd, J = 6.1, 1.4, 1H), 4.67–4.54 (m, 2H), 4.51 (d, J = 1.9, 1H), 2.82–2.62 (m, 2H), 2.22–2.02 (m, 2H), 1.87-1.51 (m, 4H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 9H), 0.50 (t, J = 7.3, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  170.1, 155.6, 154.3, 152.6, 148.4, 143.1, 140.6, 125.7, 119.3, 114.9, 113.5, 91.0, 87.3, 83.9, 83.71, 82.5, 57.2, 33.5, 33.4, 30.6, 30.1, 29.8, 25.7, 24.0, 21.1, 12.7.

(3aS,4S,6R,6aR)-N-Ethyl-6-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-(3-methoxyphenoxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-2,2-dimethyltetrahydrofuro-[3,4-d][1,3]dioxole-4-carboxamide (**39**). **39** was synthesized according to general procedure D using **31** (0.27 mmol), **6e** (0.27 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.738 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 18 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc, 100%), **39** was obtained (92 mg, 0.166 mmol, 71%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.25 (s, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 8.2, 1H), 6.64–6.53 (m, 2H), 6.48–6.41 (m, 1H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 1.4, 1H), 5.60 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 1.9, 1H), 5.48 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 1.4, 1H), 4.80–4.66 (m, 2H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 1.9, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.95–2.74 (m, 2H), 2.34–2.11 (m, 2H), 1.98–1.63 (m, 4H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 0.63 (t, *J* = 7.3, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  170.0, 160.9, 159.1, 154.3, 152.6, 148.4, 140.6, 129.4, 119.3, 113.5, 107.7, 105.9, 101.7, 91.0, 87.2, 83.8, 83.7, 82.5, 57.3, 54.3, 33.4, 30.0, 29.8, 25.7, 24.0, 21.1, 12.7. HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>35</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>6</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 539.2598, found 539.2613.

(3aS,4S,6R,6aR)-6-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-(3-Bromophenoxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-N-ethyl-2,2-dimethyltetrahydrofuro[3,4-d]-[1,3]dioxole-4-carboxamide (40). 40 was synthesized according to general procedure D using 31 (0.109 mmol), 6f (0.109 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.218 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 18 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc, 100%), 40 was obtained (47 mg, 0.081 mmol, 73%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.54 (s, 1H), 8.40 (s, 1H), 7.77 (br s, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 8.0, 1H), 7.25–7.12 (m, 2H), 6.53 (d, J = 1.4, 1H), 5.81 (dd, J = 6.1, 2.0, 1H), 5.68 (dd, J = 6.1, 1.4, 1H), 4.99-4.93 (m, 1H), 4.92-4.80 (m, 1H), 4.83 (d, J = 1.9, 1H), 3.15-2.94 (m, 2H), 2.53-2.31 (m, 2H), 2.21–1.85 (m, 4H), 1.78 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 0.83 (t, J = 7.3, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  170.1, 158.9, 154.2, 152.7, 148.5, 140.7, 130.3, 123.3, 122.3, 119.3, 118.4, 114.76, 113.5, 91.1, 87.3, 83.9, 83.7, 82.8, 56.7, 33.4, 29.6, 29.5, 25.7, 24.0, 21.0, 12.7. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>32</sub>BrN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 587.1595, found 587.1612.

(3aS,4S,6R,6aR)-6-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-(2-Chlorophenoxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-N-ethyl-2,2-dimethyltetrahydrofuro[3,4-d]-[1,3]dioxole-4-carboxamide (41). 41 was synthesized according to general procedure D using 31 (0.282 mmol), 6h (0.282 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.846 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 19 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc, 100%), 41 was obtained (114 mg, 0.21 mmol, 74%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.25 (s, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 5.8, 1H), 7.35-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.16 (m, 1H), 6.91-6.81 (m, 1H), 6.33 (d, J = 1.4, 1H), 5.60 (dd, J = 6.1, 1.9, 1H), 5.48 (dd, J = 6.1, 1.4, 1H), 4.86-4.80 (m, 1H), 4.80–4.66 (m, 1H), 4.63 (d, J = 1.9, 1H), 2.96–2.75 (m, 2H), 2.40-2.27 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.11 (m, 1H), 2.00-1.83 (m, 3H), 1.80–1.65 (m, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 0.63 (t, J = 7.3, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ 170.0, 154.2, 153.5, 152.6, 148.4, 140.6, 129.8, 127.5, 123.2, 121.3, 119.3, 115.5, 113.5, 91.0, 87.2, 83.8, 83.8, 83.7, 57.0, 33.4, 29.8, 29.7, 25.8, 24.0, 21.1, 12.8. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for  $C_{26}H_{32}ClN_6O_5$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 543.2106, found 543.2117.

(3aS,4S,6R,6aR)-6-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-(3-Chlorophenoxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-N-ethyl-2,2-dimethyltetrahydrofuro[3,4-d]-[1,3]dioxole-4-carboxamide (42). 42 was synthesized according to general procedure D using 31 (0.243 mmol), 6i (0.243 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.73 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 19 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc, 100%), 42 was obtained (101 mg, 0.186 mmol, 78%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.31 (s, 1H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.38 (br s, 1H), 7.17 (t, J = 8.1, 1H), 6.99-6.84 (m, 2H), 6.33 (d, J = 1.5, 1H), 5.61 (dd, J = 6.1, 2.0, 1H), 5.48 (dd, J = 6.0, 1.5, 1H), 4.80-4.72 (m, 1H), 4.71-4.59 (m, 2H), 2.97–2.74 (m, 2H), 2.34–2.09 (m, 2H), 2.00–1.65 (m, 4H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 0.64 (t, J = 7.3, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 170.0, 158.9, 154.2, 152.6, 148.4, 140.6, 134.4, 130.0, 120.3, 119.3, 115.6, 114.2, 113.5, 91.1, 87.2, 83.8, 83.7, 82.8, 56.8, 33.4, 29.6, 29.5, 25.8, 24.0, 21.0, 12.8. HRMS: (NSI+) *m/z* calcd for  $C_{26}H_{32}ClN_6O_5$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 543.2123, found 543.2117.

(3a5,45,6R,6aR)-6-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-(4-Chlorophenoxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-N-ethyl-2,2-dimethyltetrahydrofuro[3,4-d]-[1,3]dioxole-4-carboxamide (43). 43 was synthesized according to general procedure D using 31 (0.35 mmol), 6j (0.35 mmol), and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1.052 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 20 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (EtOAc, 100%), 43 was obtained (118 mg, 0.217 mmol, 65%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ ) δ 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.21–7.12 (m, 2H), 7.05– 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.32 (d, J = 1.4, 1H), 5.60 (dd, J = 6.1, 2.0, 1H), 5.47 (dd, J = 6.1, 1.5, 1H), 4.77–4.65 (m, 2H), 4.63 (d, J = 1.9, 1H), 2.95–2.76 (m, 2H), 2.32–2.11 (m, 2H), 1.97–1.65 (m, 4H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 0.63 (t, J = 7.2, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ ) δ 170.0, 156.7, 154.2, 152.6, 148.4, 140.6, 128.8, 125.1, 119.3, 116.9, 113.5, 91.0, 87.2, 83.8, 83.7, 82.8, 57.0, 33.39, 29.8, 29.6, 25.8, 24.1, 21.0, 12.8. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>32</sub>ClN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 543.2109, found 543.2117.

(2S,3S,4R,5R)-N-Ethyl-3,4-dihydroxy-5-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-((3methoxybenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxamide (44). 44 was synthesized according to general procedure F using 32 (0.075 mmol) and acetic acid (4 mL). The reaction was run for 23 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 6%), 44 was obtained (23 mg, 0.046 mmol, 60%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.20 (s, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 8.0, 1H), 6.79-6.72 (m, 2H), 6.68-6.62 (m, 1H), 5.90 (d, J = 7.7, 1H), 4.65 (dd, J = 7.7, 4.8, 1H), 4.62-4.52 (m, 1H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 4.37 (d, J = 1.5, 1H), 4.21 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.6, 1H), 3.92-3.85 (m, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.32-3.23 (m, 2H), 2.20-2.07 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.79-1.46 (m, 4H), 1.10 (t,  $I = 7.3, 3H.^{13}C$  NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  170.7, 159.8, 154.4, 152.4, 148.1, 140.6, 140.3, 128.9, 120.1, 119.5, 112.7, 112.6, 89.2, 85.1, 84.8, 73.6, 72.0, 70.8, 58.8, 54.2, 33.7, 30.1, 30.0, 21.1, 13.7. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>6</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 513.2441, found 513.2456. UPLC analysis:  ${}^{t}R = 2.59$  min; peak area > 99% (detection at 254 nm).

(2S,3S,4R,5R)-5-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-((3-Bromobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-N-ethyl-3,4-dihydroxytetrahydrofuran-2carboxamide (45). 45 was synthesized according to general procedure F using 33 (0.196 mmol) and acetic acid (16 mL). The reaction was run for 18 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 2%), 45 was obtained (69 mg, 0.123 mmol, 63%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.33 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.46 (br s, 1H), 7.37–7.07 (m, 3H), 6.02 (d, J = 7.7, 1H), 4.77 (dd, J = 7.7, 4.8, 1H), 4.71-4.55 (m, 1H), 4.61 (s, 3H), 4.50 (d, J = 1.5, 1H), 4.38–4.28 (m, 1H), 3.42–3.28 (m, 2H), 2.29–2.10 (m, 1H), 1.87–1.59 (m, 4H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.3, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 174.0, 154.4, 152.4, 147.9, 141.5, 140.7, 130.1, 130.0, 129.7, 125.8, 121.9, 120.1, 113.6, 89.2, 85.1, 73.6, 72.1, 70.0, 56.8, 33.7, 30.1, 29.9, 19.5, 13.8. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>30</sub>BrN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 561.1439, found 561.1456. UPLC analysis:  ${}^{t}R = 2.97$  min; peak area > 95% (detection at 254 nm).

(2S,3S,4R,5R)-5-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-((4-Bromobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-N-ethyl-3,4-dihydroxytetrahydrofuran-2carboxamide (46). 46 was synthesized according to general procedure F using 34 (0.108 mmol) and acetic acid (8 mL). The reaction was run for 20 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 10%), 46 was obtained (36 mg, 0.064 mmol, 64%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.19 (s, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.4, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.3, 2H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 7.7, 1H), 4.65 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 4.8, 1H), 4.62–4.46 (m, 1H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 4.37 (d, J = 1.5, 1H), 4.21 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.6, 1H), 3.92–3.82 (m, 1H), 3.32-3.21 (m, 2H), 2.20-2.06 (m, 1H), 1.97-1.84 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.58 (m, 3H), 1.58-1.45 (m, 1H), 1.10 (t, J = 7.3, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  170.7, 154.4, 152.4, 148.1, 140.7, 138.1, 130.9, 129.1, 120.7, 120.1, 89.2, 85.1, 85.0, 73.6, 72.0, 70.1, 56.9, 33.7, 30.1, 30.0, 21.1, 13.7. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for  $C_{24}H_{30}BrN_6O_5$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calculated 561.1458, found 561.1456. UPLC analysis:  ${}^{t}R = 2.94$  min; peak area > 99% (detection at 254 nm).

(25,35,4R,5R)-5-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-((2-Chlorobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-N-ethyl-3,4-dihydroxytetrahydrofuran-2carboxamide (47). 47 was synthesized according to general procedure F using 35 (0.141 mmol) and acetic acid (15 mL). The reaction was run for 19 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 8%), 47 was obtained (33 mg, 0.069 mmol, 49%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.90 (t, *J* = 5.6, 1H), 8.42 (s, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.07 (br s, 1H), 7.50–7.45 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.38 (m, 1H), 7.33–7.27 (m, 2H), 5.98 (d, *J* = 7.5, 1H), 5.75 (d, *J* = 4.3, 1H), 5.54 (d, *J* = 6.5, 1H), 4.75–4.58 (m, 4H), 4.32 (d, J = 1.5, 1H), 4.18–4.12 (m, 1H), 4.10–4.03 (m, 1H), 3.28–3.17 (m, 2H), 2.15–1.94 (m, 2H), 1.84–1.59 (m, 4H), 1.09 (t, J = 7.2, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  169.6, 154.7, 152.6, 148.8, 141.0, 136.8, 132.3, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 127.6, 120.5, 88.3, 85.3, 85.1, 73.6, 72.5, 68.0, 56.9, 33.8, 30.8, 30.7, 22.0, 15.2. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>30</sub>ClN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calculated 517.1943, found 517.1961. UPLC analysis: <sup>t</sup>R = 2.82 min; peak area > 99% (detection at 254 nm).

(2S,3S,4R,5R)-5-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-((3-Chlorobenzyl)oxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-N-ethyl-3,4-dihydroxytetrahydrofuran-2carboxamide (48). 48 was synthesized according to general procedure F using 36 (0.206 mmol) and acetic acid (16 mL). The reaction was run for 20 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/CH2Cl2, 8%), 48 was obtained (64 mg, 0.123 mmol, 60%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.32 (s, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.32 (br s, 1H), 7.27-7.14 (m, 3H), 6.02 (d, J = 7.7, 1H), 4.77 (dd, J = 7.7, 4.8, 1H), 4.70–4.60 (m, 1H) 4.62 (s, 2H), 4.50 (d, *J* = 1.5, 1H), 4.34 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.6, 1H), 4.01–3.94 (m, 1H) 3.43-3.29 (m, 2H), 2.31-2.15 (m, 1H), 2.07-1.94 (m, 1H), 1.90-1.58 (m, 4H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.3, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$ 170.6, 154.4, 152.4, 148.0, 141.3, 140.7, 133.7, 129.3, 127.1, 127.0, 125.3, 120.1, 89.2, 85.1, 73.6, 72.0, 70.0, 56.8, 33.7, 30.1, 29.9, 21.1, 13.8. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for  $C_{24}H_{30}ClN_6O_5$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 517.1956, found 517.1961. UPLC analysis: <sup>t</sup>R = 2.87 min; peak area > 99% (detection at 254 nm).

(25, 35, 4*R*, 5*R*)-*N*-Ethyl-3, 4-dihydroxy-5-(6-(((1*R*, 2*R*)-2-phenoxycyclopentyl)amino)-9*H*-purin-9-yl)tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxamide (**49**). 49 was synthesized according to general procedure F using **37** (0.175 mmol) and acetic acid (16 mL). The reaction was run for 23 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 7%), **49** was obtained (56 mg, 0.12 mmol, 68%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 8.31 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.26–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.05–6.96 (m, 2H), 6.87 (t, *J* = 7.3, 1H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 7.7, 1H), 4.83–4.66 (m, 3H), 4.49 (d, *J* = 1.6, 1H), 4.37–4.30 (m, 1H), 3.42–3.31 (m, 2H), 2.39–2.13 (m, 2H), 2.02–1.65 (m, 4H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.3, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 170.6, 157.9, 154.5, 152.4, 148.2, 140.8, 129.0, 120.3, 120.2, 115.4, 89.2, 85.1, 82.5, 73.6, 72.0, 57.1, 33.7, 29.9, 29.7, 21.1, 13.7. HRMS: (NSI +) *m*/z calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 469.2186, found 469.2194. UPLC analysis: '*R* = 2.77 min; peak area > 99% (detection at 254 nm).

(2S,3S,4R,5R)-5-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-(4-(tert-Butyl)phenoxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-N-ethyl-3,4-dihydroxytetrahydrofuran-2-carboxamide (50). 50 was synthesized according to general procedure F using 38 (0.103 mmol) and acetic acid (8 mL). The reaction was run for 19 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/CH2Cl2, 7%), 50 was obtained (31 mg, 0.059 mmol, 57%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.88 (t, J = 5.6, 1H), 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 6.5, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.8, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.3, 2H), 5.98 (d, J = 7.5, 1H), 5.75 (d, J = 4.3, 1H), 5.54 (d, J = 6.5, 1H), 4.88-4.77 (m, 1H), 4.70-4.57 (m, 2H), 4.32(d, J = 1.6, 1H), 4.17-4.12 (m, 1H), 3.27-3.18 (m, 2H), 2.22-1.97 (m, 2H), 1.87-1.63 (m, 4H), 1.23 (s, 9H), 1.09 (t, J = 7.2, 3H); (300)MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.20 (s, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.19–7.10 (m, 2H), 6.85–6.73 (m, 2H), 5.90 (d, J = 7.7, 1H), 4.70–4.56 (m, 3H), 4.36 (d, J = 1.6, 1H), 4.21 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.6, 1H), 3.31-3.21 (m, 2H),2.24-2.02 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.54 (m, 4H), 1.15 (s, 9H), 1.09 (t, J = 7.3, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  170.6, 155.6, 154.5, 152.4, 148.1, 143.1, 140.7, 125.7, 120.2, 115.0, 89.2, 85.1, 82.6, 73.6, 72.0, 57.1, 33.7, 33.5, 30.6, 30.0, 29.8, 21.1, 13.7. HRMS: (NSI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 525.2816, found 525.2820. UPLC analysis:  ${}^{t}R = 3.44$  min; peak area > 99% (detection at 254 nm).

(25, 35, 4R, 5R)-N-Ethyl-3, 4-dihydroxy-5-(6-(((1R, 2R)-2-(3-methoxyphenoxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)tetrahydrofuran-2-carboxamide (51). 51 was synthesized according to general procedure F using 39 (0.231 mmol) and acetic acid (16 mL). The reaction was run for 22 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 8%), 51 was obtained (49 mg, 0.099 mmol, 43%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.87 (t, J = 5.7, 1H), 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 7.6, 1H), 7.14 (t, J = 8.1, 1H), 6.59–6.43 (m, 3H), 5.98 (d, *J* = 7.5, 1H), 5.75 (d, *J* = 4.3, 1H), 5.54 (d, *J* = 6.4, 1H), 4.93–4.84 (m, 1H), 4.76–4.54 (m, 2H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 1.6, 1H), 4.18–4.13 (m, 1H), 3.28–3.20 (m, 2H), 2.25–2.06 (m, 2H), 1.88–1.60 (m, 4H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.2, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  170.6, 160.9, 159.1, 154.4, 152.4, 148.1, 140.7, 129.4, 120.2, 107.74, 105.9, 101.7, 89.2, 85.1, 82.6, 73.6, 72.0, 57.1, 54.3, 33.7, 29.9, 29.8, 21.1, 13.7. HRMS: (NSI+) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>6</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 499.2296, found 499.2300. UPLC analysis: <sup>1</sup>R = 2.78 min; peak area > 99% (detection at 254 nm).

(2S,3S,4R,5R)-5-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-(3-Bromophenoxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-N-ethyl-3,4-dihydroxytetrahydrofuran-2carboxamide (52). 52 was synthesized according to general procedure F using 40 (0.07 mmol) and acetic acid (4 mL). The reaction was run for 18 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/CH2Cl2, 8%), 52 was obtained (28 mg, 0.052 mmol, 74%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.30 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.50 (br s, 1H), 7.01 (t, J = 8.0, 1H), 6.94-6.82 (m, 2H), 5.90 (d, J = 7.7, 1H), 4.70–4.61 (m, 2H), 4.60–4.48 (m, 1H), 4.36 (d, J = 1.5, 1H), 4.25-4.18 (m, 1H), 3.30-3.21 (m, 2H), 2.22-1.98 (m, 2H), 1.93-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.80-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.10 (t, I = 7.3, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  170.6, 158.9, 154.4, 152.4, 148.2, 140.8, 130.3, 123.3, 122.3, 118.4, 114.8, 89.2, 85.1, 82.8, 73.6, 72.1, 56.7, 33.7, 29.6 29.4, 21.0, 13.7. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BrN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 547.1295, found 547.1299. UPLC analysis:  ${}^{t}R = 3.17$  min; peak area > 99% (detection at 254 nm).

(2S,3S,4R,5R)-5-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-(2-Chlorophenoxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-N-ethyl-3,4-dihydroxytetrahydrofuran-2carboxamide (53). 53 was synthesized according to general procedure F using 41 (0.21 mmol) and acetic acid (16 mL). The reaction was run for 19 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 8%), 53 was obtained (55 mg, 0.109 mmol, 52%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.87 (t, J = 5.6, 1H), 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.20 (br s, 1H), 7.42-7.24 (m, 3H), 6.97–6.87 (m, 1H), 5.98 (d, J = 7.5, 1H), 5.75 (d, J = 4.3, 1H), 5.54 (d, J = 6.4, 1H), 4.97-4.90 (m, 1H), 4.77-4.66 (m, 1H), 4.66-4.57 (m, 1H), 4.32 (d, J = 1.6, 1H), 4.18-4.12 (m, 1H), 3.29-3.19 (m, 2H), 2.24–2.14 (m, 2H), 1.91–1.67 (m, 4H), 1.09 (t, J = 7.2, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  170.6, 154.4, 153.4, 152.4, 148.2, 140.8, 129.8, 127.4, 123.2, 121.2, 120.2, 115.5, 89.2, 85.1, 83.8, 73.6, 72.0, 56.9, 33.71, 29.7, 29.6, 21.1, 13.7. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for  $C_{23}H_{28}ClN_6O_5$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 503.1810, found 503.1804. UPLC analysis:  ${}^{t}R = 3.00$  min; peak area > 95% (detection at 254 nm).

(2S,3S,4R,5R)-5-(6-(((1R,2R)-2-(3-Chlorophenoxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-N-ethyl-3,4-dihydroxytetrahydrofuran-2carboxamide (54). 54 was synthesized according to general procedure F using 42 (0.184 mmol) and acetic acid (16 mL). The reaction was run for 20 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/CH2Cl2, 8%), 54 was obtained (68 mg, 0.135 mmol, 73%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.86 (t, J = 5.6, 1H), 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 6.4, 1H), 7.32-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.99-6.92 (m, 2H), 5.98 (d, J = 7.5, 1H), 5.75 (d, J = 4.3, 1H), 5.54 (d, J = 6.4, 1H), 4.94–4.87 (m, 1H), 4.70–4.57 (m, 2H), 4.32 (d, J = 1.6, 1H), 4.18-4.13 (m, 1H), 3.29-3.17 (m, 2H), 2.23-2.08 (m, 2H), 1.90–1.64 (m, 4H), 1.09 (t, J = 7.2, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, methanol-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 170.6, 158.8, 154.3, 152.3, 148.2, 140.8, 134.4, 129.9, 120.3, 120.1, 115.6, 114.3, 89.2, 85.1, 82.8, 73.6, 72.1, 56.7, 33.7, 29.6, 29.4, 21.0, 13.7. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>ClN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 503.1780, found 503.1804. UPLC analysis:  ${}^{t}R = 3.10 \text{ min; peak area} > 95\% \text{ (detection at 254 nm).}$ 

(25,35,4*R*,5*R*)-5-(6-(((1*R*,2*R*)-2-(4-Chlorophenoxy)cyclopentyl)amino)-9H-purin-9-yl)-N-ethyl-3,4-dihydroxytetrahydrofuran-2carboxamide (55). 55 was synthesized according to general procedure F using 43 (0.217 mmol) and acetic acid (8 mL). The reaction was run for 23 h. After purification with flash column chromatography (MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 7%), 55 was obtained (74 mg, 0.146 mmol, 67%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.87 (t, *J* = 5.7, 1H), 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 6.5, 1H), 7.34–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.1, 2H), 5.98 (d, *J* = 7.5, 1H), 5.75 (d, *J* = 4.3, 1H), 5.54 (d, *J* = 6.4, 1H), 4.90–4.80 (m, 1H), 4.76–4.58 (m, 2H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 1.6, 1H), 4.18–4.12 (m, 1H), 3.28–3.17 (m, 2H), 2.26– 2.10 (m, 2H), 1.91–1.57 (m, 4H), 1.09 (t, J = 7.2, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  170.6, 156.6, 154.4, 152.4, 148.2, 140.8, 128.8, 125.1, 120.1, 116.8, 89.2, 85.1, 82.8, 73.6, 72.1, 56.9, 33.7, 29.7, 29.6, 21.0, 13.7. HRMS: (NSI+) m/z calcd for  $C_{23}H_{28}ClN_6O_5$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 503.1789, found 503.1804. UPLC analysis: <sup>t</sup>R = 3.10 min; peak area > 99% (detection at 254 nm).

**Cell Culture.** CHO-K1-hA<sub>1</sub>R, CHO-K1-hA<sub>2A</sub>R, CHO-K1-hA<sub>2B</sub>R, and CHO-K1-hA<sub>3</sub>R cells were routinely cultured in Ham's F-12 supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS). HEK293 human Nluc-A<sub>1</sub>R and HEK293 rat Nluc-A<sub>1</sub>R were cultured in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM)/Nutrient Mixture F12 supplemented with 10% FBS. All cells were maintained at 37 °C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub> in humidified air.

**cAMP Accumulation Assay.** cAMP accumulation experiments were performed using a LANCE Ultra cAMP detection kit as described previously.<sup>25,40</sup> Briefly, CHO-K1 cells stably expressing human WT A<sub>1</sub>R, A<sub>2A</sub>R, A<sub>2B</sub>R, and A<sub>3</sub>R were seeded at 2000 cells per well in a white 384-well OptiPlate. Cells were then incubated with adenosine receptor ligands (ranging between 100  $\mu$ M and 1 pM) for 30 min at room temperature. For A<sub>1</sub>R and A<sub>3</sub>R expressing cells, 10 and 1  $\mu$ M forskolin, respectively, was added at the same time as the addition of the adenosine receptor ligands, as we have described previously.<sup>13,24,25</sup>

**NanoBRET Assay for Binding.** To determine the affinity  $(pK_i)$  of adenosine receptor ligands, a NanoBRET competition binding assay was performed as described previously.<sup>24,25</sup> Briefly, CA200645 was used at 20 nM. Kinetic data were fitted with the "kinetic of competitive binding" model<sup>35</sup> (built into Prism v9.1 (GraphPad Software, San Diego, CA)) to determine affinity  $(pK_i)$  values and the association rate constant  $(k_{on})$  and dissociation rates  $(k_{off})$  for AR ligands. In agreement with our previous studies, we determined the  $K_d$ of CA200645 to be  $18.29 \pm 2.4$  nM at the human A<sub>1</sub>R and  $32.96 \pm$ 2.8 nM at the rat A<sub>1</sub>R.<sup>25,40</sup> The "one-site- $K_i$  model" derived from the Cheng and Prusoff correction and available in Prism was fitted with the BRET ratio at 10 min post simulation, and affinity  $(pK_i)$  constant values at equilibrium for adenosine receptor ligands were determined.

**Data and Statistical Analysis.** Data were analyzed using Prism v9.1 (GraphPad Software, San Diego, CA). Dose–response curves were fitted using a three-parameter logistic equation to calculate response range and pEC<sub>50</sub>, and normalized to forskolin stimulation ( $A_{2A}R$  and  $A_{2B}R$ ) or forskolin inhibition ( $A_1R$  and  $A_3R$ ), expressed as percentage of 100  $\mu$ M forskolin. Adenosine and NECA stimulations were used as intrinsic controls across all experiments.

Receptor binding kinetics was determined as described previously<sup>25</sup> using the Motulsky and Mahan method<sup>35</sup> (built into Prism v9.1) to determine the test compound association rate constant and dissociation rate constant. The  $k_{on}$  and  $k_{off}$  values for binding of CA200645 were determined to be  $k_{on} = 3.67 \pm 0.34 \times 10^{6} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ min}^{-1}$ and  $k_{off} = 0.064 \pm 0.0023 \text{ min}^{-1}$  at the human A<sub>1</sub>R and  $k_{on} = 2.93 \pm$  $0.24 \times 10^{6} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ min}^{-1}$  and  $k_{off} = 0.066 \pm 0.0022 \text{ min}^{-1}$  at the rat A<sub>1</sub>R. To calculate the relative activities (RA) of compounds (Figure 2), eq 1 was used:

$$RA = \frac{EC_{50} \times E_{max}(reference \ compound)}{EC_{50} \times E_{max}(compound)}$$
(1)

where  $E_{\rm max}$  is the maximal response and EC<sub>50</sub> is the agonist concentration required to produce a half-maximal response, and web plot was plotted using Microsoft Excel. Since the receptors are expressed in the same cell background and adenosine and NECA are full potent agonists across all the adenosine subtypes, we reasoned that changes in log(RA) for a given ligand, relative to NECA or adenosine at A<sub>1</sub>R, would provide a quantitative means of comparing receptor selectivity of individual adenosine receptor ligands.

The statistical analysis was performed in Prism v9.1 using one-way ANOVA with a Dunnett's post-test for multiple comparisons following the guidelines as described by Curtis *et al.*<sup>31</sup> All experiments were performed in a minimum of three repeats conducted in duplicate, and data were reported as mean  $\pm$  SEM.

Adenosine Receptor Structures. The active state  $A_1R$  coordinates were retrieved from Protein Data Bank (PDB) database<sup>41</sup> entry 7LD4.<sup>19</sup> PDB ID 5G53<sup>42</sup> was used for  $A_{2A}R$  in active conformation.  $A_{2B}R$  in active conformation was modeled using 5G53 as a template through Modeller 9.19.<sup>43</sup> The  $A_{2B}R$  ECL2 (L142<sup>ECL2</sup>-K170<sup>ECL2</sup>) was retrieved from the inactive state model by AlphaFold2<sup>44</sup> (entry P29275) and inserted in the homology model by superposition.  $A_3R$  in active conformation was modeled using 7LD4 as a template through Modeller 9.19.<sup>43</sup> The  $A_3R$  ECL2 (K152<sup>ECL2</sup>-S165<sup>ECL2</sup>) was retrieved from the inactive state model by AlphaFold2<sup>44</sup> (entry P09275) and inserted in the homology model by superposition. All the ARs structures did not present either the ICL3 or the G protein bound to its intracellular binding site.

Force Field and Ligand Parameters for MD Simulations. The CHARMM36<sup>45,46</sup>/CGenFF  $3.0.1^{47-49}$  force field combination was employed in this work. The force field, topology, and parameter files for **20** and **27** were obtained from the ParamChem webserver.<sup>47</sup>

System Preparations for MD Simulations. For all systems, hydrogen atoms were added by means of the  $pdb2pqr^{50}$  and  $propka^{5}$ software (considering a simulated pH of 7.0). The protonation of titratable side chains was checked by visual inspection. The resulting receptors were separately inserted in a square  $90 \times 90$  Å 1-palmitoyl-2-oleyl-sn-glycerol-3-phosphocholine (POPC) bilayer (previously built by using the VMD Membrane Builder plugin 1.1, Membrane Plugin, Version 1.1. at http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/vmd/ plugins/membrane/) through an insertion method,<sup>52</sup> along with their co-crystallized ligand (and the crystallographic water molecules within 5 Å of the ligand). The receptor orientation was obtained by superposing the coordinates on the corresponding structure retrieved from the OPM database.<sup>53</sup> Lipids overlapping the receptor transmembrane helical bundle were removed, and TIP3P water molecules<sup>54</sup> were added to the simulation box by means of the VMD Solvate plugin 1.5 (Solvate Plugin, Version 1.5. at http://www. ks.uiuc.edu/Research/vmd/plugins/solvate/). Finally, overall charge neutrality was reached by adding Na<sup>+</sup>/Cl<sup>-</sup> counterions up to the final concentration of 0.150 M using the VMD Autoionize plugin 1.3 (Autoionize Plugin, Version 1.3. at http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/ Research/vmd/plugins/autoionize/).

System Equilibration and MD Settings. The MD engine ACEMD<sup>55</sup> was employed for both the equilibration and productive simulations. The equilibration was achieved in isothermal-isobaric conditions (NPT) using a Berendsen barostat<sup>56</sup> (target pressure 1 atm) and Langevin thermostat<sup>57</sup> (target temperature 300 K) with low damping of 1 ps<sup>-1</sup>. A multistage procedure was performed (integration time step of 2 fs): first, clashes between protein and lipid atoms were reduced through 1500 conjugate-gradient minimization steps, and then 1 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> Å<sup>-2</sup> positional restraints on lipid phosphorus atoms, protein atoms other than  $C\alpha$ , and protein  $C\alpha$  atoms were gradually removed over 2, 60, and 80 ns, respectively. The last 20 ns of equilibration was performed without any positional restraints. Productive trajectories were computed with an integration time step of 4 fs in the canonical ensemble (NVT). The target temperature was set at 300 K using a thermostat damping of 0.1 ps<sup>-1</sup>. The M-SHAKE algorithm<sup>58,59</sup> was employed to constrain the bond lengths involving hydrogen atoms. The cutoff distance for electrostatic interactions was set at 9 Å, with a switching function applied beyond 7.5 Å. Long-range Coulomb interactions were handled using the particle mesh Ewald summation method (PME)<sup>60</sup> by setting the mesh spacing to 1.0 Å.

**Molecular Docking.** A first attempt to dock **20** and **27** into all the four ARs subtypes was performed on structures prepared as reported above using Vina<sup>61</sup> in a  $30 \times 30 \times 30$  Å cube centered on the atom CZ of the ECL2 conserved phenylalanine residue (F171 in A<sub>1</sub>R, F168 in A<sub>2A</sub>R, F173 in A<sub>2B</sub>R, and F168 in A<sub>3</sub>R). Successive molecular docking simulations of **20** and **27**, with the same settings, were performed into the AR structure extracted from MD simulations (see below). A<sub>1</sub>R, A<sub>2A</sub>R, and A<sub>2B</sub>R were extracted from adiabatic MD simulations, while the A<sub>3</sub>R structure was the equilibrated apo structure.

Adiabatic MD of the apo Adenosine Receptors. The apo AR structures were prepared and equilibrated as reported above.  $A_1R$ ,  $A_{2A}R$ , and  $A_{2B}R$  were subjected to 50 ns of adiabatic MD.<sup>62</sup> A target distance of 13 Å and a force constant of 100 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> Å<sup>-2</sup> were set to favor the opening of the salt bridge between ECL2 and ECL3: E172<sup>ECL2</sup>(C $\delta$ )-K265<sup>ECL3</sup>(N $\zeta$ ) on  $A_1R$ , E169<sup>ECL2</sup>(C $\delta$ )-H264(H $\epsilon$ 2) on  $A_{2A}R$ , and E174(C $\delta$ )-K265(N $\zeta$ ) and K267(N $\zeta$ ) on  $A_{2B}R$ .

**MD** Analysis. Root mean square deviations (RMSD) and fluctuation (RMSF) were computed using VMD.<sup>63</sup> Interatomic contacts and hydrogen bonds were detected using the GetContacts scripts tool (https://getcontacts.github.io). Contacts and hydrogen bond persistency were quantified as the percentage of frames (over all the frames obtained by merging the different replicas) in which protein residues formed contacts or hydrogen bonds with the ligand. Structural water molecules were detected in the apo ARs using AquaMMapS.<sup>64</sup> Short 10 ns simulations were performed with a time step 2 fs, restraining the C $\alpha$  atoms and saving a frame every 20 ps of simulation.

Residue Numbering System. Throughout the manuscript, the Ballesteros–Weinstein residue numbering system for GPCRs is adopted.  $^{65}$ 

# ASSOCIATED CONTENT

#### **Supporting Information**

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Summary of O-alkylation studies (Scheme S1); synthetic confirmation of 2-aminocyclopentanol stereochemistry (Figure S1); molecular docking of **20** and **27** (Figures S2–S3); molecular dynamics simulations (Figures S4 and S6); mutagenesis study (Figure S5); purity assessment for all tested compounds (Tables S1 and S2); molecular formula strings of all final compounds (Table S3); and reproduction of <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for all tested compounds (PDF)

MD simulations of 27 (orange stick representation) in complex with the four AR subtypes (MP4)

MD simulations of **27** and **20** in complex with  $A_1R$  (white transparent ribbon) during three MD simulations of 2  $\mu$ s each (MP4)

Coordinates of 27 bound to  $A_1R$  (PDB)

Molecular formula strings of all final compounds (CSV)

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AC, adenylyl cyclase; AR, adenosine receptor; A<sub>1</sub>R, adenosine A<sub>1</sub> receptor; A<sub>2A</sub>R, adenosine A<sub>2A</sub> receptor; A<sub>2B</sub>R, adenosine A<sub>2B</sub> receptor; A<sub>3</sub>R, adenosine A<sub>3</sub> receptor; BRET, bioluminescence resonance energy transfer; DAIB, (diacetoxyiodo)benzene; DIAD, diisopropyl azodicarboxylate; NECA, S'-N-ethylcarboxamidoadenosine; RA, relative activity; RT, residence time; TEMPO, (2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-1-yl)oxyl

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