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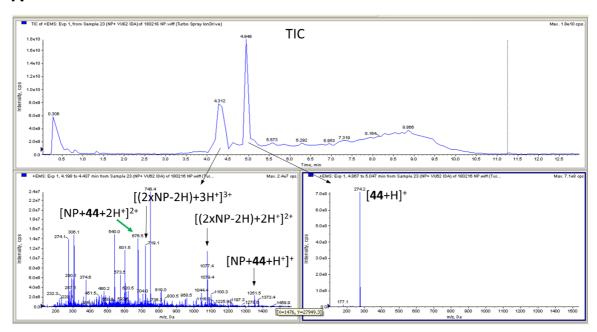
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Nonapeptide binding

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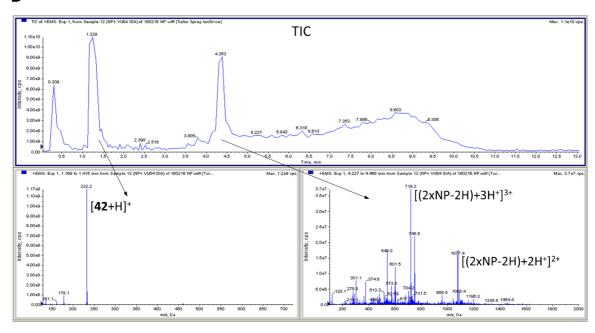


Figure S1. LC-MS analysis of nonapeptide (NP) incubated with (**A**) **44** and (**B**) **42** in PBS buffer pH 7.4 with 10 % MeCN at rt for 16 h. The formation of a NP disulfide is a competing background reaction. The green signal at m/z=676.5 in the lower left panel of Figure S1A was chosen for the MS/MS analysis shown in Figure 4 of the main text.

NanoBRET displacement assay

NanoBRET displacement assays were performed as previously described [1]. In brief, Nluc-H₄R expressing HEK293T cells were incubated with 50 nM clobenpropit-BODIPY (HelloBio, UK) and increasing concentration of unlabeled ligand (10^{-5} M to 10^{-11} M) in HBSS for 2 h at 25°C. Subsequently, binding of clobenpropit-BODIPY was detected by addition of Nanoglo (Promega, UK) as BRET ratio between Nluc (460 ± 80 nm) and clobenpropit-BODIPY (>610 nm) using a PHERAstar plate reader (BMG, Germany).

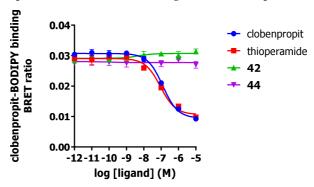


Figure S2. Displacement of clobenpropit-BODIPY by **42**, **44** and reference ligands clobenpropit and thioperamide from the Nluc- H_4R .

Synthesis of final compounds 10-12, 20-23, 34-37 and 43

4-Chloro-6-isopropylpyrimidin-2-amine (5). A preparation for this compound was previously published by us [46]. 2-Amino-6-isopropylpyrimidin-4(3*H*)-one **3** (4.87 g, 31.8 mmol) was dissolved in POCl₃ (40 mL, 0.43 mol). The mixture was heated to reflux for 3 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Ice (150 g) was carefully added to the residue. The pH of the mixture was adjusted to 9-10 with aq. NaOH (2.5 M). The mixture was extracted with DCM (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 10:0 to 9:1) gave the title compound as an off-white solid (1.41 g, 26 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.53 (s, 1H), 5.33 (br, 2H), 2.77 (hept, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.22 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). HPLC-MS (acidic mode): t_R = 3.5 min, purity: 96.8 %, [M + H]⁺: 172.

4-Chloro-6-methylpyrimidin-2-amine (6). 2-Amino-6-methypyrimidin-4(3*H*)-one **4** (5.00 g, 40.0 mmol) was dissolved in POCl₃ (60 mL, 0.64 mol). The mixture was heated to reflux for 3 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Ice (150 g) was carefully added to the residue. The pH of the mixture was adjusted to 9-10 with aq. NaOH (2.5 M). The mixture was extracted with DCM (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was recrystallized from EtOH. The title compound was obtained as off-white crystals (1.91 g, 33 %). ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.54 (s, 1H), 5.32 (br, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H). HPLC (acidic mode): t_R = 2.5 min, purity: >99 %, mass too low to be detectable under used analytical conditions.

Tert-butyl (1-(2-amino-6-isopropylpyrimidin-4-yl)azetidin-3-yl)(methyl)carbamate (7). A preparation for this compound was previously published by us [46] .A microwave vial charged with chloride **5** (300 mg, 1.75 mmol), *tert*-butyl azetidin-3-yl(methyl)carbamate hydrochloride (389 mg, 1.75 mmol), DIPEA (0.61 mL, 3.50 mmol) and dioxane (10 mL) was heated for 30 min at 150 °C under microwave irradiation. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (20 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 10:0 to 9:1) gave the title compound as a yellow oil (280 mg, 50 %). ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.50 (s, 1H), 5.03 (br, 1H), 4.79 (br, 2H), 4.20 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.07 − 3.95 (m, 2H), 2.93 (s, 3H), 2.65 (hept, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.20 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). HPLC-MS (acidic mode): t_R = 3.4 min, purity: >99 %, [M + H]⁺: 322.

Tert-butyl 4-(2-amino-6-isopropylpyrimidin-4-yl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (8). A microwave vial charged with chloride 5 (560 mg, 3.26 mmol), *tert*-butyl piperazine-1-carboxylate (608 mg, 3.26 mmol), DIPEA (0.57 mL, 3.26 mmol) and dioxane (15 mL) was heated for 30 min at 150 °C under microwave irradiation. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (30 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 10:0 to 9:1) gave the title compound as an off-white solid (1.05 g) which has an LC purity of >99 % but an estimated purity > 90 % by ¹H NMR analysis. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.80 (s, 1H), 4.77 (br, 2H), 3.62 − 3.53 (m, 4H), 3.52 − 3.44 (m, 4H), 2.67 (hept, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.21 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). HPLC-MS (acidic mode): t_R = 3.8 min, purity: >99 %, [M + H]*: 322.

Tert-butyl 4-(2-amino-6-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (9). A microwave vial charged with chloride 6 (1.15 g, 8.00 mmol), *tert*-butyl piperazine-1-carboxylate (1.49 g, 8.00 mmol), DIPEA (1.40 mL, 8.00 mmol) and dioxane (30 mL) was heated for 30 min at 150 °C under microwave irradiation. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (60 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 20:0 to 19:1) gave the title compound as an off-white solid (2.01 g, 85 %). ¹H

NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.82 (s, 1H), 4.76 (br, 2H), 3.62 – 3.52 (m, 4H), 3.52 – 3.40 (m, 4H), 2.22 (d, J = 0.5 Hz, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H). HPLC-MS (acidic mode): t_R = 3.0 min, purity: >99 %, $[M + H]^+$: 294.

4-(3-(Dimethylamino)azetidin-1-yl)-6-isopropylpyrimidin-2-amine (10). A preparation for this compound was previously published by us [46]. A microwave vial charged with chloride **5** (248 mg, 1.44 mmol), N,N-dimethylazetidin-3-amine dihydrochloride (250 mg, 1.44 mmol), DIPEA (0.76 mL, 4.33 mmol) and dioxane (10 mL) was heated for 30 min at 150 °C under microwave irradiation. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (20 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH:TEA 100:0:0 to 90:9:1) gave the title compound as a white solid (220 mg, 65 %). Mp: 123.6-123.8 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.87 (br, 2H), 4.04 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.94 – 3.81 (m, 2H), 3.21 (p, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (hept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (s, 6H), 1.20 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.0, 164.6, 162.1, 89.1, 56.2, 53.9, 41.8, 35.5, 21.7. HPLC-MS (basic mode): t_R = 3.4 min, purity: 97.8 %, [M + H]+: 236. HR-MS [M + H]+ calcd for C₁₂H₂₂N₅+: 236.1870, found 236.1878.

4-(4-Cyclobutylpiperazin-1-yl)-6-isopropylpyrimidin-2-amine (11). A microwave vial charged with chloride **5** (453 mg, 2.64 mmol), 1-cyclobutylpiperazine (370 mg, 2.64 mmol), DIPEA (0.46 mL, 2.64 mmol) and dioxane (15 mL) was heated for 30 min at 150 °C under microwave irradiation. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (30 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH:TEA 100:0:0 to 90:9:1) gave the title compound as a white solid (428 mg, 59 %). Mp: 126.3-126.7 °C. 1 H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.81 (s, 1H), 4.77 (br, 2H), 3.60 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 4H), 2.78 – 2.62 (m, 2H), 2.35 (t, J = 5.1 Hz, 4H), 2.09 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.95 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.21 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). 13 C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.1, 163.6, 162.3, 90.1, 60.3, 49.2, 43.7, 36.0, 27.2, 21.9, 14.4. HPLC-MS (basic mode): t_R = 4.2 min, purity: 97.7 %, [M + H]+: 276. HR-MS [M + H]+ calcd for C₁₅H₂₆N₅+: 276.2183, found 276.2177.

4-(4-Cyclobutylpiperazin-1-yl)-6-methylpyrimidin-2-amine (12). To a solution of carbamate 9 (960 mg, 1.88 mmol) in dioxane (18 mL) was added HCl in dioxane (4N, 8.2 mL, 32.8 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at rt. The reaction mixture was diluted with satd. aq. Na₂CO₃ (10 mL) and brine (40 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting crude 4-methyl-6-(piperazin-1-yl)pyrimidin-2-amine (305 mg) was used for the next step without further purification. To a solution of crude amine intermediate in DCM (8 mL) was added cyclobutanone (140 μL, 1.88 mmol). After 10 min of stirring at rt, NaBH(OAc)3 (446 mg, 2.36 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at rt overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched with satd. aq. Na₂CO₃ solution (10 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 10:0 to 9:1). The selected fractions were collected and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was triturated with Et₂O to give the title compound as a white solid (155 mg, 33 % over two steps). Mp: 162.5-163.4 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl³) δ 5.79 (s, 1H), 4.78 (br, 2H), 3.65 - 3.46 (m, 4H), 2.70 (p, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.36 - 2.28 (m, 4H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.07 - 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.93 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.61 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.2, 163.4, 162.5, 93.1, 60.2, 49.2 43.6, 27.2, 24.2, 14.4. HPLC-MS (basic mode): t_R = 3.8 min, purity: 97.7 %, [M + H]⁺: 248. HR-MS [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₂₂N₅+: 248.1870, found 248.1872.

Tert-butyl (1-(2-chloro-6-isopropylpyrimidin-4-yl)azetidin-3-yl)(methyl)carbamate (13). To a solution of amine 7 (500 mg, 1.56 mmol) in DCM (20 mL) was added SbCl₃ (710 mg, 3.11 mmol) and *t*BuONO (0.72 mL, 6.22 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at rt. Aq. Na₂CO₃ (1.0 M, 20 mL)

was added. The suspension was filtered. The filtrate was extracted with DCM (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 10:0 to 9:1) gave the title compound as a yellow oil (202 mg, 40 %). ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.91 (s, 1H), 5.03 (br, 1H), 4.30 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, J = 9.2, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (s, 3H), 2.90 – 2.73 (m, 1H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.24 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). HPLC-MS (acidic mode): t_R = 5.0 min, purity: 82.7 %, [M + H]*: 341.

Tert-butyl 4-(2-chloro-6-isopropylpyrimidin-4-yl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (14). To a solution of amine 8 (1.10 g, 3.42 mmol) in DCM (40 mL) was added SbCl₃ (1.56 g, 6.84 mmol) and tBuONO (1.57 mL, 13.7 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at rt. Aq. Na₂CO₃ (1.0 M, 40 mL) was added. The suspension was filtered. The filtrate was extracted with DCM (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 100:0 to 93:7) gave the title compound as a yellow oil (337 mg, 29 %). ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.22 (s, 1H), 3.71 – 3.58 (m, 4H), 3.58 – 3.42 (m, 4H), 2.82 (hept, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 9H), 1.24 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). HPLC-MS (acidic mode): t_R = 5.3 min, purity: 91.5 %, [M + H]⁺: 341.

Tert-butyl 4-(2-chloro-6-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (15). To a solution of amine 9 (2.00 g, 6.82 mmol) in DCM (40 mL) was added SbCl₃ (3.11 g, 13.6 mmol) and iPeONO (3.66 mL, 27.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at rt. Aq. Na₂CO₃ (1.0 M, 50 mL) was added. The suspension was filtered. The filtrate was extracted with DCM (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated $in \ vacuo$. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 20:0 to 19:1) gave the title compound as a yellow oil (496 mg, 23 %). ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.25 (s, 1H), 3.69 – 3.58 (m, 4H), 3.57 – 3.45 (m, 4H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 9H). HPLC-MS (acidic mode): tR = 4.5 min, purity: 98.9 %, [M+H]+: 313.

1-(2-Chloro-6-isopropylpyrimidin-4-yl)-N,N-dimethylazetidin-3-amine (16). To a solution of carbamate 13 (200 mg, 0.59 mmol) in dioxane (5 mL) was added HCl in dioxane (4N, 1.47 mL, 5.87 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at rt. The solvent was evaporated. The residue was diluted with aq. Na₂CO₃ (1.0 M, 10 mL) and extraction with DCM (3 x 8 mL) was performed. The combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting crude 1-(2-chloro-6-isopropylpyrimidin-4-yl)-N-methylazetidin-3-amine (131 mg) was used for the next step without further purification. To a solution of crude amine intermediate in DCM (5 mL) was added formalin (37 %, 46 μL, 0.62 mmol). After 10 min of stirring at rt, NaBH(OAc)₃ (220 mg, 1.04 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at rt overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched with satd. aq. NaHCO₃ (10 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 20:0 to 19:1) gave the title compound as a colourless oil (110 mg, 73 % over two steps). ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.89 (s, 1H), 4.12 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.02 – 3.87 (m, 2H), 3.33 – 3.19 (m, 1H), 2.79 (hept, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 6H), 1.22 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). HPLC-MS (acidic mode): t_R = 2.5 min, purity: 98.8 %, [M + H]*: 255.

2-Chloro-4-(4-cyclobutylpiperazin-1-yl)-6-isopropylpyrimidine (17). To a solution of carbamate 14 (330 mg, 0.97 mmol) in dioxane (5 mL) was added HCl in dioxane (4N, 3.60 mL, 14.4 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at rt. The solvent was evaporated. The residue was diluted with aq. Na₂CO₃ (1.0 M, 10 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 8 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting crude 2-chloro-4-isopropyl-6-(piperazine-1-yl)pyrimidin (234 mg) was used for the next step without further purification. To a solution of crude amine intermediate in DCM (10 mL) was added cyclobutanone (85 μ L, 1.14 mmol). After 10 min of stirring at rt, NaBH(OAc)₃ (301 mg, 1.42 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at rt overnight. The reaction mixture

was quenched with satd. aq. NaHCO $_3$ (20 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na $_2$ SO $_4$, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 20:0 to 19:1) gave the title compound as a colourless oil (200 mg, 70 % over two steps). 1 H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl $_3$) δ 6.21 (s, 1H), 3.68 (app. s, 4H), 2.91 – 2.69 (m, 2H), 2.48 – 2.34 (m, 4H), 2.14 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 2.00 – 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.24 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). HPLC-MS (acidic mode): tr = 3.2 min, purity: >99 %, [M + H] $_5$: 295.

2-Chloro-4-(4-cyclobutylpiperazin-1-yl)-6-methylpyrimidine (18). To a solution of carbamate **15** (490 mg, 1.57 mmol) in dioxane (10 mL) was added HCl in dioxane (4N, 4.50 mL, 18.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt overnight. The solvent was evaporated. The residue was diluted with aq. Na₂CO₃ (1.0 M, 10 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting crude 2-chloro-4-methyl-6-(piperazine-1-yl)pyrimidin (232 mg) was used for the next step without further purification. To a solution of crude amine intermediate in DCM (8 mL) was added cyclobutanone (95 μL, 1.27 mmol). After 10 min of stirring at rt, NaBH(OAc)₃ (336 mg, 1.59 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at rt overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched with satd. aq. Na₂CO₃ (15 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 20:0 to 19:1) gave the title compound as an off-white solid (236 mg, 56 % over two steps). ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.23 (s, 1H), 3.65 (app. s, 4H), 2.74 (p, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.42 – 2.34 (m, 4H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.13 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.96 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.61 (m, 2H). HPLC-MS (acidic mode): t_R = 2.1 min, purity: >99 %, [M + H]⁺: 267.

4-(4-Cyclobutylpiperazin-1-yl)-6-methyl-2-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)pyrimidine (19). A microwave vial was charged with chloride **18** (72 mg, 0.27 mmol), DME (2 mL), TEA (0.5 mL) and ethynyltrimethylsilane (76 μL, 0.54 mmol). The mixture was degassed with N₂ for 10 min. Pd(dppf)Cl₂ (11 mg, 0.013 mmol) and CuI (5.1 mg, 0.027 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was heated for 1 h at 100 °C under microwave irradiation. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 8 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 20:0 to 19:1) gave the title compound as a colourless oil (48 mg, 54 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.28 (s, 1H), 3.65 (br, 4H), 2.72 (p, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 4H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.10 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.96 – 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 0.25 (s, 9H). HPLC-MS (acidic mode): t_R = 3.5 min, purity: 96.4 %, [M + H]*: 329.

4-(4-Cyclobutylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-ethynyl-6-methylpyrimidine (20). To a solution of alkyne **19** (48 mg, 0.15 mmol) in MeOH (2 mL) was added K₂CO₃ (20 mg, 0.15 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at rt. The solvent was evaporated. The residue was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 8 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 98:2 to 94:6) gave the title compound as a colourless oil (27 mg, 72 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.29 (s, 1H), 3.62 (br, 4H), 2.91 (s, 1H), 2.70 (p, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.36 – 2.32 (m, 4H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.07 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.59 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.6, 161.9, 150.8, 101.2, 82.8, 73.1, 60.1, 49.0, 43.6, 27.1, 24.3, 14.3. HPLC-MS (basic mode): t_R = 4.3 min, purity: 96.2 %, [M + H]⁺: 257. HR-MS [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₂₁N₄⁺: 257.1761, found 257.1766.

1-(6-Isopropyl-2-vinylpyrimidin-4-yl)-N,N-dimethylazetidin-3-amine (21). To a solution of chloride 16 (105 mg, 0.41 mmol) and vinylboronic acid MIDA ester (75 mg, 0.41 mmol) in DME (2.5 mL) was added Na₂CO₃ (87 mg, 0.82 mmol) in H₂O (0.8 mL). The mixture was degassed with N₂ for 10 min and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (23.8 mg, 0.021 mmol) in DME (0.5 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was heated for 1 h at 120 °C under

microwave irradiation. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (20 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 100:0 to 93:7) gave the title compound as a yellow oil (63 mg, 62 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.70 (dd, J = 17.2, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, J = 17.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 5.56 (dd, J = 10.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (dd, J = 8.3, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.29 – 3.19 (m, 1H), 2.81 (hept, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 6H), 1.23 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.8, 163.8, 163.2, 137.6, 122.3, 96.2, 56.6, 54.1, 42.0, 35.9, 22.0. HPLC-MS (basic mode): t_R = 4.7 min, purity: >99 %, [M + H]+: 257. HR-MS [M + H]+ calcd for C₁4H₂3N₄+: 247.1917, found 247.1918.

4-(4-Cyclobutylpiperazin-1-yl)-6-isopropyl-2-vinylpyrimidine (22). To a solution of chloride **17** (195 mg, 0.66 mmol) and vinylboronic acid MIDA ester (121 mg, 0.66 mmol) in DME (4 mL) was added Na₂CO₃ (140 mg, 1.32 mmol) in H₂O (1 mL). The mixture was degassed with N₂ for 10 min and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (76 mg, 0.066 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was heated for 30 min at 120 °C under microwave irradiation. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (20 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 20:0 to 19:1) gave the title compound as a yellow oil (40 mg, 21 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.71 (dd, J = 17.2, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, J = 17.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (s, 1H), 5.57 (dd, J = 10.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.79 – 3.60 (m, 4H), 2.90 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 2.48 – 2.34 (m, 4H), 2.13 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 2.00 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.25 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.7, 163.1, 162.6, 137.8, 122.2, 96.9, 60.3, 49.2, 43.6, 36.2, 27.1, 22.1, 14.4. HPLC-MS (acidic mode): t_R = 1.8 min, purity: 98.6 %, [M + H]⁺: 287. HR-MS [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₇N₄⁺: 287.2222, found 287.2230.

4-(4-Cyclobutylpiperazin-1-yl)-6-methyl-2-vinylpyrimidine (23). To a solution of chloride **18** (80 mg, 0.30 mmol) and vinylboronic acid MIDA ester (58 mg, 0.32 mmol) in DME (1.6 mL) was added Na₂CO₃ (64 mg, 0.60 mmol) in H₂O (0.4 mL). The mixture was degassed with N₂ for 10 min and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (35 mg, 0.030 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was heated for 1 h at 120 °C under microwave irradiation. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 8 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 100:0 to 94:6) gave the title compound as a yellow oil (20 mg, 26 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.69 (dd, J = 17.3, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (dd, J = 17.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 5.58 (dd, J = 10.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 4H), 2.74 (p, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 – 2.37 (m, 4H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.11 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.97 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.64 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.5, 163.2, 162.3, 137.5, 122.4, 99.9, 60.3, 49.2, 43.5, 27.2, 24.5, 14.4. HPLC-MS basic mode): t_R = 4.5 min, purity: 96.9 %, [M + H]*: 259. HR-MS [M + H]* calcd for C₁₅H₂₅N₄*: 259.1917, found 259.1919.

6-Isopropyl-2-methylpyrimidin-4(3*H***)-one (26).** To an ice-cold solution of acetamidine hydrochloride **24** (2.08 g, 22.0 mmol) and methyl 4-methyl-3-oxopentanoate (2.88 g, 20.0 mmol) in MeOH (25 mL) was added NaOMe (3.24 g, 60.0 mmol) in portions. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt overnight. The reaction mixture was concentrated to half the volume and diluted with water (50 mL). The pH of the filtrate was adjusted to 4 with aq. HCl (3.0 M). The mixture was extracted with DCM (3 x 40 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 10:0 to 9:1) gave the title compound as a white solid (2.77 g, 91 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.36 (br, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 2.75 (hept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.22 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). HPLC-MS (acidic mode): t_R = 1.9 min, purity: >99 %, [M + H]*: 153.

2-Ethyl-6-isopropylpyrimidin-4(3*H***)-one (27).** To an ice-cold solution of propionamidine hydrochloride **25** (1.00 g, 9.21 mmol) and methyl 4-methyl-3-oxopentanoate (1.21 g, 8.37 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL) was added NaOMe (1.36 g, 25.1 mmol) in portions. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt overnight.

The reaction mixture was concentrated to half the volume and diluted with water (20 mL). The pH of the filtrate was adjusted to 4 with aq. HCl (3.0 M). The mixture was extracted with DCM (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 10:0 to 9:1) gave the title compound as a white solid (1.35 g, 97 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.28 (s, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 2.88 – 2.61 (m, 3H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.21 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). HPLC-MS (acidic mode): t_R = 1.9 min, purity: >99 %, [M + H]⁺: 167.

4-Chloro-6-isopropyl-2-methylpyrimidine (28). Pyrimidin-4(3*H*)-one **26** (2.76 g, 18.1 mmol) was dissolved in POCl₃ (30 mL, 0.32 mol). The mixture was heated to reflux for 3 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Ice (60 g) was carefully added to the residue. The pH of the mixture was adjusted to 9-10 with aq. NaOH (2.5 M). The mixture was extracted with DCM (3 x 60 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 20:0 to 19:1) gave the title compound as a yellow oil (2.70 g, 87 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.03 (s, 1H), 2.95 (hept, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 1.28 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). HPLC-MS (acidic mode): t_R = 4.1 min, purity: >99 %, [M + H]⁺: 171.

4-Chloro-2-ethyl-6-isopropylpyrimidine (29). Pyrimidin-4(3H)-one **27** (1.34 g, 8.06 mmol) was dissolved in POCl₃ (10 mL, 107 mmol). The mixture was heated to reflux for 3 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Ice (30 g) was carefully added to the residue. The pH of the mixture was adjusted to 9-10 with aq. NaOH (2.5 M). The mixture was extracted with DCM (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 20:0 to 19:1) gave the title compound as a yellow oil (1.27 g, 86 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.03 (s, 1H), 3.07 – 2.85 (m, 3H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). HPLC-MS (acidic mode): δ 7.0 min, purity: >99 %, [M + H]+: 185.

Tert-butyl (1-(6-isopropyl-2-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)azetidin-3-yl)(methyl)carbamate (30). A microwave vial charged with chloride 28 (853 mg, 5.00 mmol), *tert*-butyl azetidin-3-yl(methyl)carbamate hydrochloride (1.11 g, 5.00 mmol), DIPEA (1.75 mL, 10.0 mmol) and dioxane (30 mL) was heated for 30 min at 150 °C under microwave irradiation. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (60 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 40 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 10:0 to 9:1) gave the title compound as an off-white solid (602 mg, 38 %). ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.87 (s, 1H), 5.04 (br, 1H), 4.26 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.06 (dd, J = 9.4, 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (s, 3H), 2.81 (hept, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.23 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). HPLC-MS (acidic mode): t_R = 3.2 min, purity: >99 %, [M + H]⁺: 321.

Tert-butyl (1-(2-ethyl-6-isopropylpyrimidin-4-yl)azetidin-3-yl)(methyl)carbamate (31). A microwave vial charged with chloride 29 (739 mg, 4.00 mmol), *tert*-butyl azetidin-3-yl(methyl)carbamate hydrochloride (891 mg, 4.00 mmol), DIPEA (1.40 mL, 8.00 mmol) and dioxane (20 mL) was heated for 30 min at 150 °C under microwave irradiation. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (40 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 10:0 to 9:1) gave the title compound as a colourless oil (460 mg, 34 %). ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.87 (s, 1H), 5.03 (br, 1H), 4.26 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (dd, J = 9.4, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (s, 3H), 2.90 – 2.68 (m, 3H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H)). HPLC-MS (acidic mode): t_R = 4.3 min, purity: >99 %, [M + H]+: 335.

1-(6-Isopropyl-2-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)-N-methylazetidin-3-amine (32). To a solution of carboxylate **30** (590 mg, 1.84 mmol) in dioxane (10 mL) was added HCl in dioxane (4N, 4.60 mL, 18.4 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at rt. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue

was mixed with aq. Na₂CO₃ (1.0 M, 40 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 10:0 to 9:1) gave the title compound as a colourless oil (314 mg, 77 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.84 (s, 1H), 4.28 – 4.20 (m, 2H), 3.76 (dd, J = 8.6, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.74 – 3.68 (m, 1H), 2.80 (hept, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.22 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). HPLC-MS (basic mode): t_R = 3.2 min, purity: 98.1 %, [M + H]*: 221.

1-(2-Ethyl-6-isopropylpyrimidin-4-yl)-N-methylazetidin-3-amine (33). To a solution of carboxylate **31** (450 mg, 1.34 mmol) in dioxane (8 mL) was added HCl in dioxane (4N, 4.60 mL, 18.4 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt overnight. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was mixed with aq. Na₂CO₃ (1.0 M, 20 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 10:0 to 9:1) gave the title compound as a colourless oil (283 mg, 90 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.28 – 4.20 (m, 2H), 3.77 (dd, J = 8.6, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.74 – 3.69 (m, 1H), 2.82 (hept, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). HPLC-MS (basic mode): t_R = 3.6 min, purity: 95.4 %, [M + H]⁺: 235.

1-(6-Isopropyl-2-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)-N,N-dimethylazetidin-3-amine (34). To a solution of carbamate 32 (200 mg, 0.91 mmol) in dioxane (5 mL) was added formalin (37 %, 102 μL, 1.34 mmol). After 10 min of stirring at rt, NaBH(OAc)₃ (481 mg, 2.27 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at rt overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched with satd. aq. Na₂CO₃ (20 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 20:0 to 19:1) gave the title compound as a colourless oil (175 mg, 82 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.84 (s, 1H), 4.09 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (dd, J = 8.3, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.22 (tt, J = 7.0, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (hept, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 6H), 1.21 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.7, 166.9, 163.8, 94.7, 56.5, 54.2, 42.0, 35.8, 26.2, 22.0. HPLC-MS (basic mode): t_R = 3.5 min, purity: >99 %, [M + H]+: 235. HR-MS [M + H]+ calcd for C₁₃H₂₃N₄+: 235.1917, found 235.1924.

1-(2-Ethyl-6-isopropylpyrimidin-4-yl)-N,N-dimethylazetidin-3-amine (35). To a solution of carbamate **33** (170 mg, 0.72 mmol) in dioxane (5 mL) was added formalin (37 %, 81 μL, 1.09 mmol). After 10 min of stirring at rt, NaBH(OAc)₃ (384 mg, 1.81 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at rt overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched with satd. aq. Na₂CO₃ (20 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 20:0 to 19:1) gave the title compound as a colourless oil (148 mg, 82 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.09 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (dd, J = 8.3, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 3.22 (tt, J = 7.0, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (hept, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (s, 6H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.6, 171.1, 164.0, 94.8, 56.6, 54.2, 42.0, 35.8, 32.8, 22.0, 13.2. HPLC-MS (basic mode): t_R = 4.0 min, purity: >99 %, [M + H]*: 249. HR-MS [M + H]* calcd for C₁₄H₂₅N₄*: 249.2074, found 249.2080.

4-(4-Cyclobutylpiperazin-1-yl)-6-isopropyl-2-methylpyrimidine (36). A microwave vial charged with chloride **28** (213 mg, 1.25 mmol), 1-cyclobutylpiperazine (175 mg, 1.25 mmol), DIPEA (218 μL, 1.25 mmol) and dioxane (10 mL) was heated for 30 min at 150 °C under microwave irradiation. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (20 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 10:0 to 9:1) gave the title compound as a colourless oil (123 mg, 36 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.15 (s, 1H), 3.70 - 3.60 (m, 4H), 2.86 - 2.70 (m, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.43 - 2.34 (m, 4H), 2.10 - 2.01 (m,

2H), 1.97 - 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.79 - 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.23 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). 13 C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.5, 166.8, 162.7, 95.4, 60.3, 49.2, 43.6, 36.1, 27.1, 26.2, 22.1, 14.4. HPLC-MS (basic mode): $t_R = 4.7$ min, purity: 96.3 %, $[M + H]^+$: 275. HR-MS $[M + H]^+$ calcd for $C_{16}H_{27}N_4^+$: 275.2230, found 275.2229.

4-(4-Cyclobutylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-ethyl-6-isopropylpyrimidine (37). A microwave vial charged with chloride **29** (277 mg, 1.50 mmol), 1-cyclobutylpiperazine (210 mg, 1.50 mmol), DIPEA (262 μL, 1.50 mmol) and dioxane (8 mL) was heated for 30 min at 150 °C under microwave irradiation. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (20 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 10:0 to 9:1) gave the title compound as a colourless oil (220 mg, 51 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.16 (s, 1H), 3.72 – 3.60 (m, 4H), 2.86 – 2.69 (m, 4H), 2.40 (s, 4H), 2.10 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.97 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.5, 170.9, 162.8, 95.4, 60.3, 49.2, 43.6, 36.2, 32.7, 27.2, 22.1, 14.4, 12.8. HPLC-MS (basic mode): t_R = 5.3 min, purity: 98.6 %, [M + H]⁺: 289. HR-MS [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₉N₄⁺: 289.2384, found 289.2387.

2-Chloro-N-(3-(4-cyclobutylpiperazin-1-yl)phenyl)acetamide (43). To a solution of aniline **42** (46 mg, 0.20 mmol) and TEA (33 μL, 0.24 mmol) in DCM (2 mL) was added 2-chloroacetyl chloride (17 μL, 0.22 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at rt. The reaction mixture was diluted with satd. aq. Na₂CO₃ (10 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM:MeOH 20:0 to 19:1) gave the title compound as a white solid (42 mg, 68 %). Mp: 136.4-137.0 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.23 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 3.27 – 3.16 (m, 4H), 2.77 (p, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 4H), 2.10 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.97 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.64 (m, 2H). 13 C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.8, 152.1, 137.6, 129.7, 112.7, 111.1, 107.6, 60.3, 49.4, 48.6, 43.1, 27.1, 14.4. HPLC-MS (acidic mode): t_R = 2.7 min, purity: >99 %, [M + H]+: 308. HR-MS [M + H]+ calcd for C₁₆H₂₃ClN₃O+: 308.1524, found 308.1524.

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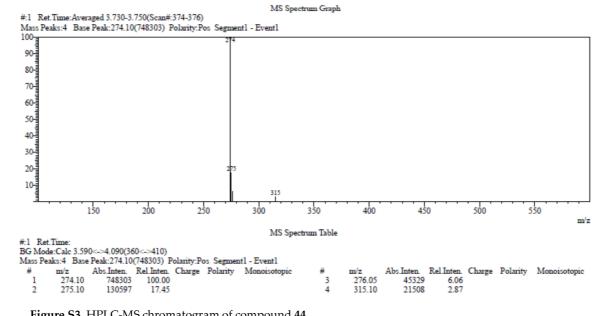


Figure S3. HPLC-MS chromatogram of compound 44.

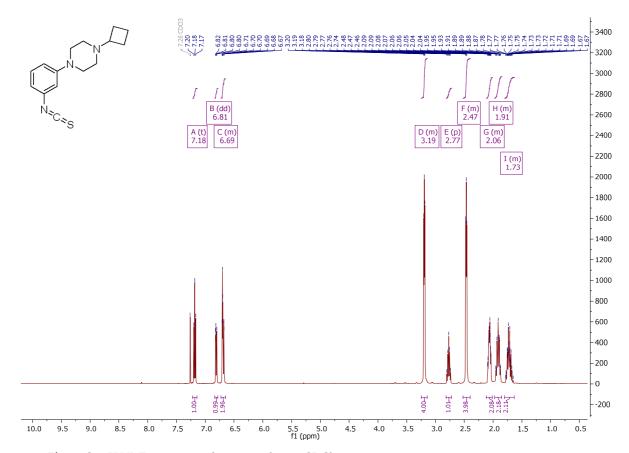


Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 44 in CDCl₃.

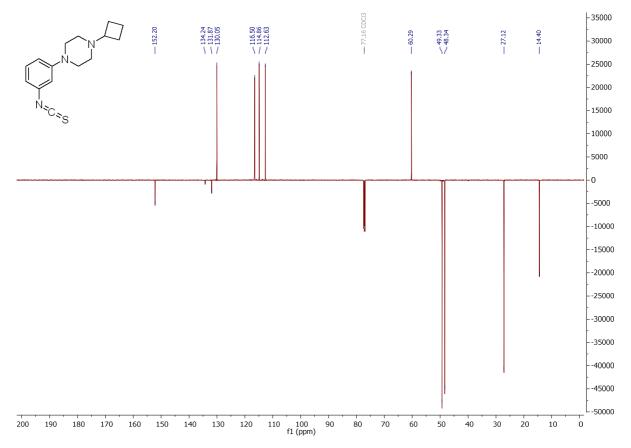


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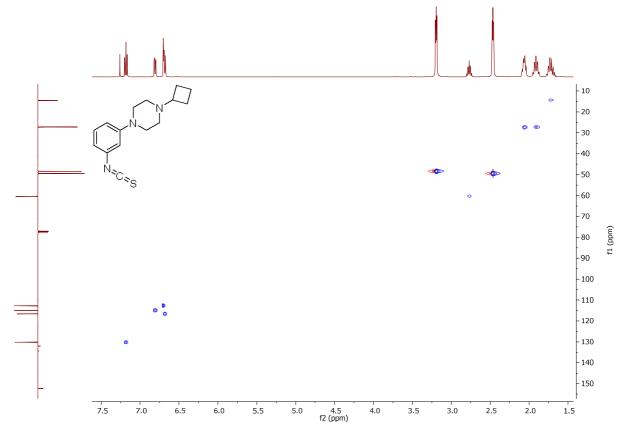


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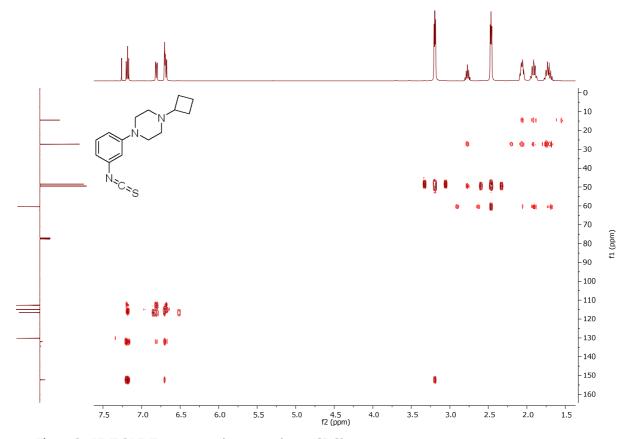
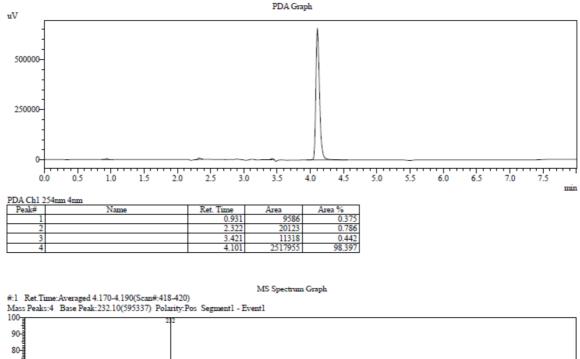


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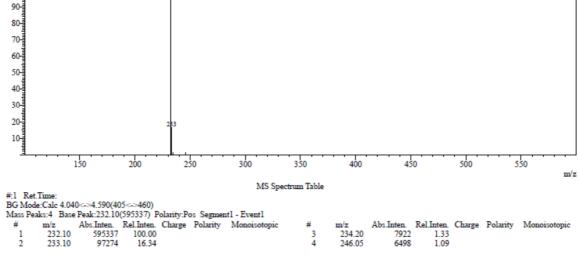


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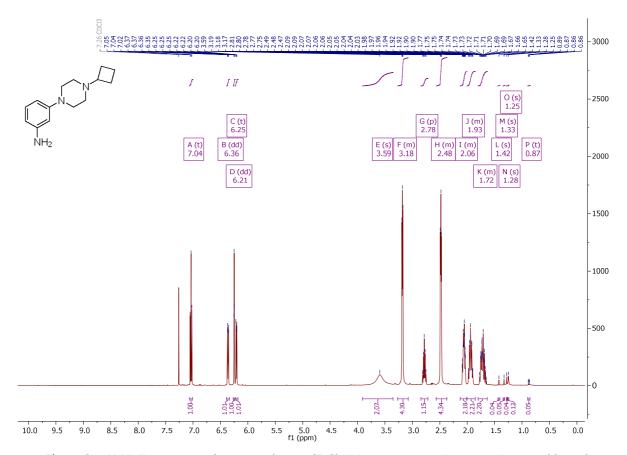


Figure S9. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **42** in CDCl₃. Minor impurities (e.g. grease) are visible in the aliphatic range.

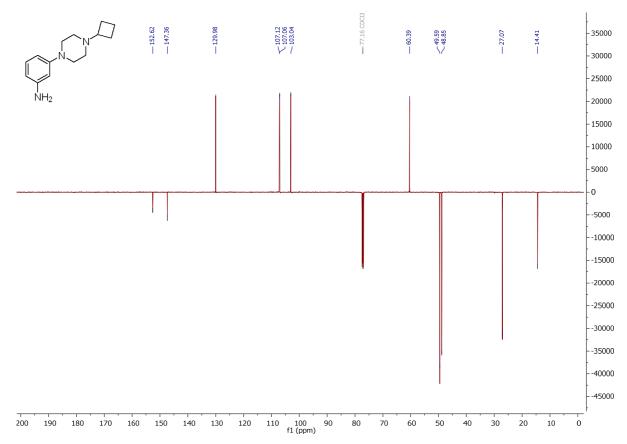


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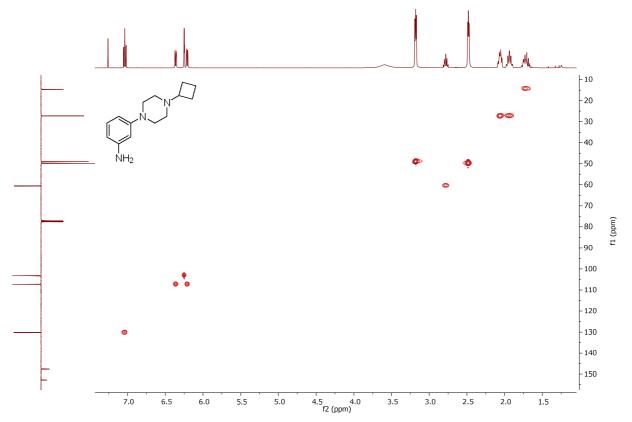


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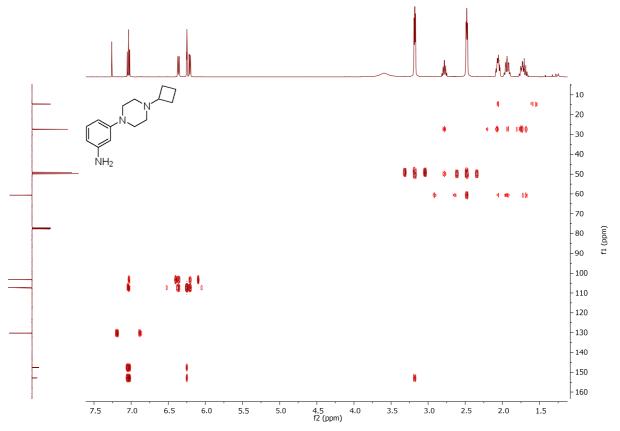


Figure S12. HMBC NMR spectrum of compound 42 in CDCl₃.

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