

α -Alkyl Substituted Pirinixic Acid Derivatives as Potent Dual Agonists of the Peroxisome Proliferator Activated Receptor alpha and gamma

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Supplemental Data

2-[4-Chloro-6-(2,3-dimethyl-phenylamino)-pyrimidin-2-ylsulfanyl]-propionic acid 5. mp = 176 °C. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 1.56 (d, 3H, S-CHCH₃, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.19 (s, 3H, Ph-2-CH₃), 2.39 (s, 3H, Ph-3-CH₃), 4.38 (q (br), 1H, S-CH), 6.28 (s, 1H, Pyr-5-*H*), 7.19-7.25 (m, 3H, Ph-4,5,6-*H*), 9.65 (s (br), 1H, NH), 12.90 (s (br), 1H, COOH). ¹³C NMR (50.32 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 13.97 (Ph-2-CH₃), 17.88 (Ph-3-CH₃), 20.09 (S-CHCH₃), 42.07 (S-CH), 98.75 (Pyr-5-C), 124.01 (Ph-6-C), 125.75 (Ph-4-C), 127.89 (Ph-5-C), 132.33 (Ph-2-C), 135.58 (Ph-3-C), 137.66 (Ph-1-C), 157.62 (Pyr-4-C), 162.27 (Pyr-2-C), 169.60 (Pyr-6-C), 172.86 (COOH). MS (ESI⁻): *m/e* = 335.9 (*M* – 1). Anal. (C₁₅H₁₆ClN₃O₂S) C, H, N: Calc. C 53.33, H 4.77, N 12.44; Found C 53.31, H 4.59; N 12.17.

2-[4-Chloro-6-(2,3-dimethyl-phenylamino)-pyrimidin-2-ylsulfanyl]-butyric acid 6. mp = 178 °C. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 0.99 (t (br), 3H, S-CHCH₂CH₃), 1.79-1.96 (m, 2H, S-CHCH₂CH₃), 2.15 (s, 3H, Ph-2-CH₃), 2.36 (s, 3H, Ph-3-CH₃), 4.27-4.33 (m, 1H, S-CH), 6.29 (s, 1H, Pyr-5-*H*), 7.19-7.22 (m, 3H, Ph-4,5,6-*H*), 9.60 (s (br), 1H, NH), 12.93 (s (br), 1H, COOH). ¹³C NMR (50.32 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 11.31 (Ph-2-CH₃), 14.01 (S-CHCH₂CH₃), 20.08 (Ph-3-CH₃), 25.32 (S-CHCH₂CH₃), 48.49 (S-CH), 98.87 (Pyr-5-C), 124.01 (Ph-6-C), 125.74 (Ph-4-C), 127.88 (Ph-5-C), 132.39 (Ph-2-C), 135.62 (Ph-3-C), 137.68 (Ph-1-C), 157.76 (Pyr-

4-C), 162.19 (Pyr-2-C), 169.65 (Pyr-6-C), 172.27 (COOH). MS (ESI⁻): m/e = 350.0 ($M - 1$). Anal. (C₁₆H₁₈ClN₃O₂S) C, H, N: Calc. C 54.62, H 5.16, N 11.94; Found C 54.81, H 5.23; N 11.68.

2-[4-Chloro-6-(2,3-dimethyl-phenylamino)-pyrimidin-2-ylsulfanyl]-pentanoic acid 7. mp = 166-167 °C. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 0.93 (t, 3H, CH₃ (*n*-Pr), J = 7.2 Hz), 1.26-1.30 (m, 2H, S-CHCH₂CH₂), 1.74-1.96 (m, 2H, S-CHCH₂CH₂), 2.17 (s, 3H, Ph-2-CH₃), 2.38 (s, 3H, Ph-3-CH₃), 4.34 (m, 1H, S-CH), 6.32 (s, 1H, Pyr-5-*H*), 7.20-7.24 (m, 3H, Ph-4,5,6-*H*), 9.63 (s (br), 1H, NH), 12.94 (s (br), 1H, COOH). ¹³C NMR (50.32 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 13.42 (Ph-2-CH₃), 14.01 (CH₃ (*n*-Pr)), 19.81 (S-CHCH₂CH₂), 20.07 (Ph-3-CH₃), 34.01 (S-CHCH₂CH₂), 46.70 (S-CH), 98.91 (Pyr-5-C), 124.02 (Ph-6-C), 125.71 (Ph-4-C), 127.88 (Ph-5-C), 132.42 (Ph-2-C), 135.62 (Ph-3-C), 137.62 (Ph-1-C), 157.73 (Pyr-4-C), 162.20 (Pyr-2-C), 169.64 (Pyr-6-C), 172.50 (COOH). MS (ESI⁻): m/e = 364.1 ($M - 1$). Anal. (C₁₇H₂₀ClN₃O₂S) C, H, N: Calc. C 55.81, H 5.51, N 11.48; Found C 55.79, H 5.58; N 11.32.

2-[4-Chloro-6-(2,3-dimethyl-phenylamino)-pyrimidin-2-ylsulfanyl]-decanoic acid 10

¹H-NMR: (300.13 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 0.84 (t, 3H, CH₃-Octyl, J =6.6Hz); 1.19-1.33 (m, 12H, CH₂-Octyl); 1.68-1.77 (m, 2H, CH₂-Octyl); 2.05 (s, 3H, Ph-2-CH₃); 2.26 (s, 3H, Ph-3-CH₃); 4.40 (br s, 1H, S-CH); 6.21 (br s, 1H, Pyr-5-*H*); ; 7.09 (t, 3H, Ph-*H*, J =6.2Hz); 9.49 (s, 1H, -NH). ¹³C-NMR: (75.45 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO) δ 13.86 (Ph-2-CH₃); 13.97 (CH₃-Octyl); 20.03 (Ph-3-CH₃); 22.01 (CH₂-Octyl); 26.36 (CH₂-Octyl); 28.37 (CH₂-Octyl); 28.44 (CH₂-Octyl); 28.64 (CH₂-Octyl); 31.16 (CH₂-Octyl); 31.92 (CH₂-Octyl); 46.93 (S-CH); 98.87 (Pyr-C₅); 123.97 (Ph-C₆); 125.64 (Ph-C₄); 127.81 (Ph-C₅); 132.33 (Ph-C₂); 135.61 (Ph-C₃); 137.57 (Ph-C₁); 157.71 (Pyr-C₄); 162.15 (Pyr-C₆); 169.62 (Pyr-C₂); 172.45 (COOH). MS (ESI⁺): m/e = 435.8 [M+H]⁺. Anal. (C₂₂H₃₀ClN₃O₂S x 0.4 C₄H₈O₂ [471.25]; C₄H₈O₂ = ethyl acetate) C, H, N: Calc. C 60.15, H 7.10, N 8.92; Found C 60.21, H 7.06; N 8.80.

[4-Chloro-6-(2,3-dimethyl-phenylamino)-pyrimidin-2-ylsulfanyl]-phenyl-acetic acid 11.

mp = 192–200 °C (degradation). ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 2.05 (s, 3H, Ph-2-CH₃), 2.28 (s, 3H, Ph-3-CH₃), 5.37 (s, 1H, S-CH), 6.20 (s, 1H, Pyr-5-*H*), 7.08-7.17 (m, 3H, N-Ph-4,5,6-*H*), 7.28-7.36 (m, 5H, C-Ph-2,3,4,5,6-*H*), 9.57 (s (br), 1H, NH), 13.05 (s (br), 1H,

COOH). ^{13}C NMR (50.32 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$): δ 14.04 (N-Ph-2-CH₃), 20.08 (N-Ph-3-CH₃), 52.01 (S-CH), 98.94 (Pyr-5-C), 124.22 (N-Ph-6-C), 125.83 (N-Ph-4-C), 128.03 (N-Ph-5-C), 128.33 (C-Ph-4-C), 128.57 (C-Ph-3,5-C), 128.88 (C-Ph-2,6-C), 132.60 (N-Ph-2-C), 135.65 (C-Ph-1-C), 136.07 (N-Ph-3-C), 137.73 (N-Ph-1-C), 157.76 (Pyr-4-C), 162.19 (Pyr-2-C), 169.31 (Pyr-6-C), 170.72 (COOH). MS (ESI⁻): m/e = 398.1 ($M - 1$). Anal. ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$) C, H, N: Calc. C 60.07, H 4.54, N 10.51; Found C 59.86, H 4.70; N 10.35.

[4-Chloro-6-(2,3-dimethyl-phenylamino)-pyrimidin-2-ylsulfanyl]-naphthalen-1-yl-acetic

acid 12. mp = 150 °C. ^1H NMR (300.13 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$): δ 2.08 (s, 3H, Ph-2-CH₃), 2.27 (s, 3H, Ph-3-CH₃), 6.16 (s, 1H, S-CH), 6.25 (s, 1H, Pyr-5-H), 7.11-7.15 (m, 3H, Ph-4,5,6-H), 7.43-7.46 (m, 2H, Naph-2,3-H), 7.53-7.56 (m, 2H, Naph-6,7-H), 7.88-7.97 (m, 3H, Naph-4,5,8-H), 9.60 (s (br), 1H, NH), 13.15 (s (br), 1H, COOH). ^{13}C NMR (50.32 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$): δ 13.98 (Ph-2-CH₃), 20.01 (Ph-3-CH₃), 49.00 (S-CH), 99.01 (Pyr-5-C), 123.19 (Ph-6-C), 124.00 (Ph-4-C), 125.40 (Naph-8-C), 125.77 (Naph-6-C), 126.01 (Naph-7-C), 126.67 (Ph-5-C), 126.81 (Naph-4-C), 127.94 (Naph-2-C), 128.71 (Naph-3-C), 128.78 (Naph-5-C), 130.37 (Ph-2-C), 131.88 (Naph-8a-C), 132.49 (Naph-4a-C), 133.52 (Naph-1-C), 135.57 (Ph-3-C), 137.67 (Ph-1-C), 157.82 (Pyr-4-C), 162.16 (Pyr-2-C), 169.32 (Pyr-6-C), 171.04 (COOH). MS (ESI⁺): m/e = 450.1 ($M + 1$). Anal. ($\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_2\text{S} \times 0.4 \text{ C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$ [520.45]; $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$ = ethyl acetate) C, H, N: Calc. C 62.77, H 5.10, N 8.07; Found C 62.44, H 4.81; N 8.19.

[4-Chloro-6-(4-bromo-2,3-dimethyl-phenylamino)-pyrimidin-2-ylsulfanyl]-acetic acid 14.

mp = 181 °C. ^1H NMR (300.13 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$): δ 2.28 (s, 3H, Ph-2-CH₃), 2.50 (s, 3H, Ph-3-CH₃), 3.63 (s, 2H, S-CH₂), 6.33 (s (br), 1H, Pyr-5-H), 7.28 (d, 1H, Ph-6-H, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.57 (d, 1H, Ph-5-H, J = 8.6 Hz), 9.63 (s (br), 1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR (50.32 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$): δ 15.62 (Ph-2-CH₃), 19.98 (Ph-3-CH₃), 38.02 (S-CH₂), 98.23 (Pyr-5-C), 121.58 (Ph-3-C), 125.35 (Ph-6-C), 129.58 (Ph-5-C), 134.46 (Ph-2-C), 135.77 (Ph-4-C), 136.57 (Ph-1-C), 157.65 (Pyr-4-C), 161.70 (Pyr-2-C), 169.54 (Pyr-6-C), 172.75 (CO). MS (ESI⁻): m/e = 401.9 ($M(^{37}\text{Cl}) - 1$). Anal. ($\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrClN}_3\text{O}_2\text{S} \times 2 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$ [440.54]) C, H, N: Calc. C 38.17, H 3.94, N 9.54; Found C 38.33, H 3.52; N 8.70.

[4-Chloro-6-(4-bromo-3-methyl-phenylamino)-pyrimidin-2-ylsulfanyl]-acetic acid 15. mp = 185-186 °C. ^1H NMR (300.13 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$): δ 2.34 (s, 3H, Ph-3- CH_3), 3.94 (s, 2H, S- CH_2), 6.50 (s, 1H, Pyr-5- H), 7.36 (dd, 1H, Ph-6- H , $^4J = 3.8$ Hz, $^3J = 13$ Hz), 7.48-7.56 (m, 2H, Ph-2,5- H), 9.94 (s (br), 1H, NH), 12.76 (s (br), 1H, COOH). ^{13}C NMR (50.32 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$): δ 22.52 (Ph-3- CH_3), 32.96 (S- CH_2), 101.06 (Pyr-5-C), 117.62 (Ph-4-C), 119.49 (Ph-6-C), 122.33 (Ph-2-C), 131.98 (Ph-5-C), 137.64 (Ph-3-C), 138.07 (Ph-1-C), 157.39 (Pyr-4-C), 160.35 (Pyr-2-C), 169.77 (Pyr-6-C), 170.28 (COOH). MS (ESI $^-$): $m/e = 387.7$ ($M - 1$). Anal. ($\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrClN}_3\text{O}_2\text{S} \times 0.1 \text{ C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$ [397.49]; $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$ = ethyl acetate) C, H, N: Calc. C 40.49, H 2.99, N 10.57; Found C 40.63, H 2.95; N 10.29.

[4-Chloro-6-(4-chloro-2,3-dimethyl-phenylamino)-pyrimidin-2-ylsulfanyl]-acetic acid 16. mp = 189-190 °C. ^1H NMR (300.13 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$): δ 2.25 (s, 3H, Ph-2- CH_3), 2.45 (s, 3H, Ph-3- CH_3), 3.92 (s, 2H, S- CH_2), 6.40 (s (br), 1H, Pyr-5- H), 7.29 (d, 1H, Ph-6- H , $J = 8.6$ Hz), 7.40 (d, 1H, Ph-5- H , $J = 8.6$ Hz), 9.63 (s (br), 1H, NH), 12.82 (s (br), 1H, COOH). ^{13}C NMR (50.32 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$): δ 15.37 (Ph-2- CH_3), 16.97 (Ph-3- CH_3), 32.88 (S- CH_2), 99.42 (Pyr-5-C), 125.15 (Ph-6-C), 126.66 (Ph-5-C), 131.18 (Ph-2,4-C, superposition), 134.71 (Ph-3-C), 135.26 (Ph-1-C), 158.05 (Pyr-4-C), 162.00 (Pyr-2-C), 170.00 (Pyr-6-C), 170.12 (COOH). MS (ESI $^-$): $m/e = 355.9$ ($M - 1$). Anal. ($\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$) C, H, N: Calc. C 46.94, H 3.66, N 11.73; Found C 46.83, H 3.63; N 11.54.

[4-Chloro-6-(indan-4-ylamino)-pyrimidin-2-ylsulfanyl]-acetic acid 17. mp = 164-165 °C. ^1H NMR (300.13 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$): δ 2.13 (quin, 2H, Indane-2- H , $J = 7.4$ Hz), 2.91 (t, 2H, Indane-3- H , $J = 7.4$ Hz), 3.02 (t, 2H, Indane-1- H , $J = 7.4$ Hz), 3.99 (s, 2H, S- CH_2), 6.57 (s, 1H, Pyr-5- H), 7.18-7.29 (m, 2H, Indane-5,7- H), 7.45-7.49 (m, 1H, Indane-6- H), 9.55 (s (br), 1H, NH), 12.87 (s (br), 1H, COOH). ^{13}C NMR (50.32 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$): δ 24.55 (Indane-3-C), 30.44 (Indane-2-C), 32.71 (Indane-1-C), 32.85 (S- CH_2), 99.86 (Pyr-5-C), 121.16 (Indane-5,7-C, superposition), 126.80 (Indane-6-C), 133.79 (Indane-3a-C), 137.20 (Indane-7a-C), 145.28 (Indane-4-C), 157.63 (Pyr-4-C), 161.20 (Pyr-2-C), 169.88 (Pyr-6-C), 169.98 (COOH). MS (ESI $^-$): $m/e = 333.9$ ($M - 1$). Anal. ($\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$) C, H, N: Calc. C 53.65, H 4.20, N 12.51; Found C 53.38, H 4.22; N 12.38.

