

## SUPPLEMENTARY FILES





**Figure S1.** Inverse orientations of the AAT derivative **4** from docking simulations. The ligand is represented as sticks and the protein as ribbon. The different orientations are indicated with Arabic numbers.



Figure S2: Inverse orientations of the AAT derivative 5 from docking simulations. The ligand is represented as sticks and the protein as ribbon. The different orientations are indicated with Arabic numbers.



**Figure S3:** Inverse orientations of the AAT derivative **6** from docking simulations. The ligand is represented as sticks and the protein as ribbon. The different orientations are indicated with Arabic numbers.



Figure S4: Ligplot interaction map of compound VX809.



Figure S5: Ligplot interaction map of the AAT derivative 4.



Figure S6: Ligplot interaction map of the AAT derivative 5.



Figure S7: Ligplot interaction map of the AAT derivative 6.



**Figure S8:** Plot of the correlation existing between the number of docked poses and SPR-generated values of maximal RU bound at equilibrium for the interaction of immobilized- $\Delta$ F508-NBD1 with the various ligands. SPR responses taken from a single experiment out of three giving consistent results.

AAT	Cluster	Lowest binding energy	Number of conformations in the
derivatives		(Kcai/m01)	cluster
4	1	-7.66	14
	2	-7.53	41
	3	-7.46	17
5	1	-8.9	14
	2	-8.85	11
	3	-8.84	7
	4	-8.58	27
	5	-8.24	22
6	1	-10.05	65
	2	-9.37	2
	3	-9.30	6
	4	-9.12	21

Table S1. AAT derivatives clustered by structural conformation (RMSD) and grouped by similar energy of the docking.

**Table S2.** Relationship existing between docking poses along the  $\Delta$ F508-NBD1 trajectory and SPR-generated values of maximal RU bound at equilibrium. The number of docking poses obtained using 1000 conformations of  $\Delta$ F508-NBD1 MD and RU units from SPR analysis at equilibrium are reported for each ligand. The RU units from SPR analysis are the mean ± s.d. of two-three separate analyses.

Ligand	Docking poses	RU of ligand bound
	of $\Delta$ F508-NBD1-ligand	to $\Delta$ F508-NBD1 at equilibrium
VX809	431 (48%)	$163.7 \pm 23.7$
4	133 (15%)	$32.0 \pm 4.2$
5	135 (15%)	$13.0 \pm 1.4$
6	199 (22%)	$114.0 \pm 5.6$
7	n.d. *	n.d. **

\* Compound 7 was instable from the first MD runs. \*\* The binding of compound 7 to  $\Delta$ F508-NBD1 is not dose-dependent and varies from 0 to 4 RU among the doses tested. n.d.: not determinable.