## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

## Biological properties of new chiral 2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-amine based compounds

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Figure 1SI: Source of chirality: 2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-amine. The enantiomeric eccess by HPLC was evaluated after Boc protection step. Chiral column: Phonomenex Lux Cellulose-4; eluent hexane/isopropanol=90/10; $\lambda=254 \mathrm{~nm} ;$ flow $=1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$.


Retention time $R$-enantiomer: $7.3 \mathrm{~min} ; 99.3 \%$ e.e.


Retention time S-enantiomer: 8.0 min; 96.4 \% e.e.


Figure 2SI. Effect of compound (R)-5a on the electrophoretic mobility of supercoiled DNA. Supercoiled plasmid pBR322 DNA was incubated in the absence or in the presence of ( $R$ )-5a at indicated concentrations. The effect of solvent alone on DNA was also assayed (solvent).

## Unwinding assay

Supercoiled pBR322 plasmid DNA ( $0.15 \mu \mathrm{~g}$, Fermentas Life Sciences) was incubated in TAE buffer ( 0.04 M Tris, 0.02 M Acetic Acid, EDTA 1 mM , $\mathrm{pH}=8$ ) with test compound at indicated concentrations for 3 h at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in $10 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ final volume. $3 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ of loading buffer $(0.125 \%$ bromophenol blue, $0.125 \%$ xylene cyanol and $50 \%$ glycerol) was added to each sample and DNA was separated by electrophoresis on a $0.8 \%$ agarose gel at room temperature. The gels were stained with ethidium bromide ( $1 \mu \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{mL}$ ) in TAE buffer, transilluminated by UV light, and the fluorescence emission was visualized by a CCD camera coupled to a Bio-Rad Gel Doc XR apparatus.


Figure 3SI. Effect of compound (R)-5a on the relaxation of supercoiled pBR322 DNA by human recombinant topoisomerase I or II. Supercoiled plasmid pBR322 DNA (DNA) was incubated with topo I (topo I) or II in the absence (topo II) and in the presence of (R)-5a at indicated concentrations.

## Topoisomerase I and II relaxation assay

Supercoiled pBR322 plasmid DNA (20 ng, Fermentas Life Sciences) and 5U topoisomerase I (human topoisomerase I, TopoGEN) or alternatively, supercoiled pBR322 plasmid DNA ( $0.25 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ ) and 1 U topoisomerase II (human topoisomerase II alpha, Inspiralis) were incubated in the presence of test compound as indicated for 60 min at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in $20 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ reaction buffer.Reactions were stopped by adding $4 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ stop buffer ( $5 \%$ sodium dodecyl sulfate, $0.125 \%$ bromophenol blue, and $30 \%$ glycerol), $50 \mu \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{mL}$ proteinase K (Sigma) and incubating for a further 30 min at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The samples were separated by electrophoresis on a $1 \%$ agarose gel at room temperature. The gels were stained with ethidium bromide $1 \mu \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{mL}$ in TAE buffer ( 0.04 M Tris-acetate and 0.001 M EDTA), transilluminated by UV light, and fluorescence emission was visualized by a CCD camera coupled to a Bio-Rad Gel Doc XR apparatus.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(300 \mathrm{MHz})$ of (E)-2-methyl-6-(((2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8yl)imino)methyl)phenol 1a

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(75 \mathrm{MHz})$ of (E)-2-methyl-6-(((2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8yl)imino)methyl)phenol 1a


Log $P$ of (E)-2-methyl-6-(((2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)imino)methyl)phenol 1a


| Peak Name | CH | tR | Area | Height | Area\% | Height\% | Quantity | NTP | Resolution | Symmetry Factor |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unknown | 1 | 1,900 | 4251631 | 2581000 | 16,619 | 62,414 | N/A | 2259 | 7,126 | 1,604 |
| Unknown | 1 | 7,168 | 21330704 | 360415 | 83,301 | 37,606 | N/A | 471 | N/A | 3,716 |

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(300 \mathrm{MHz})$ of $(E)$-4-methyl-2-(((2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8yl)imino)methyl)phenol 2a

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(75 \mathrm{MHz})$ of $(E)$-4-methyl-2-(((2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8yl)imino)methyl)phenol 2a


Log $P$ of (E)-4-methyl-2-(((2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)imino)methyl)phenol 2a


| Peak Name | CH | tR | Area | Height | Area\% | Height\% | Quantity | NTP | Resolution | Symmetry Factor |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unknown | 1 | 2,017 | 2130436 | 310411 | 66,923 | 90,457 | N/A | 3290 | 9,778 | 1,324 |
| Unknown | 1 | 7,917 | 1679124 | 33691 | 44,077 | 9,543 | N/A | 876 | N/A | 3,058 |

Log $P_{o / N}=3.81$
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(300 \mathrm{MHz})$ of $(E)-\mathrm{N}$-(2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)-1-(pyridin-2yl)methanimine 3a

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(75 \mathrm{MHz})$ of $(E)$-N-(2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)-1-(pyridin-2yl)methanimine 3a


Log $P$ of $(E)$-N-(2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)methanimine 3a Chromatogram View mazen


| Peak Name | CH | tR | Area | Height | Area\% | Height\% | Quantity | NTP | Resolution | Symmetry Factor |
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| Unknown | 1 | 1,917 | 337959 | 27343 | 27,139 | 75,135 | N/A | 763 | 9,839 | 1,207 |
| Unknown | 1 | 9,985 | 907335 | 9049 | 72,861 | 24,865 | N/A | 608 | N/A | 1,151 |

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(300 \mathrm{MHz})$ of $(E)$-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)-N-(2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)methanimine $\mathbf{4 a}$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(75 \mathrm{MHz})$ of $(E)$-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)-N-(2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)methanimine $\mathbf{4 a}$


Log $P$ of $(E)$-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)-N-(2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8$\mathrm{yl})$ methanimine $\mathbf{4 a}$


| Peak Name | CH | tR | Area | Height | Area\% | Height\% | Quantity | NTP | Resolution | Symmetry Factor |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unknown | 1 | 2,042 | 336400 | 72577 | 37,762 | 64,704 | N/A | 6623 | 16,962 | 2,545 |
| Unknown | 1 | 11,992 | 664430 | 13025 | 62,238 | 15,216 | N/A | 1907 | N/A | 1,741 |

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(300 \mathrm{MHz})$ of $(E)$-1-(1H-imidazol-2-yl)-N-(2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8$\mathrm{yl})$ methanimine $\mathbf{5 a}$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(75 \mathrm{MHz})$ of $(E)$-1-(1H-imidazol-2-yl)-N-(2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8yl)methanimine 5a


Log $P$ of (E)-1-(1H-imidazol-2-yl)-N-(2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)methanimine 5a


| Peak Name | CH | tR | Area | Height | Area\% | Height\% | Quantity | NTP | Resolution | Symmetry Factor |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unknown | 1 | 2,542 | 512946 | 67412 | 49,967 | 63,154 | N/A | 1906 | 6,515 | 2,268 |
| Unknown | 1 | 10,975 | 550006 | 13044 | 50,033 | 14,349 | N/A | 1968 | N/A | 1,419 |

$\log P_{o / w}=4.30$
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(300 \mathrm{MHz})$ of $(E)$-9-(((2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)imino)methyl)-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H,5H-pyrido [3,2,1-ij]quinolin-8-ol 6a

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(75 \mathrm{MHz})$ of (E)-9-(((2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)imino)methyl)-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H,5H-pyrido [3,2,1-ij]quinolin-8-ol 6a


Log $P$ of $(E)$-9-(((2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)imino)methyl)-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H,5Hpyrido [3,2,1-ij]quinolin-8-ol 6a


| Peak Name | CH | tR | Area | Height | Area\% | Height\% | Quantity | NTP | Resolution | Symmetry Factor |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unknown | 1 | 2,030 | 537444 | 36293 | 47,225 | 55,874 | N/A | 1530 | 5,442 | 1,848 |
| Unknown | 1 | 10,238 | 407785 | 11254 | 52,775 | 36,125 | N/A | 1326 | N/A | 1,730 |

$\log P_{o / w}=4.09$
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(300 \mathrm{MHz})$ of 2-methyl-6-(((2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8yl)amino)methyl)phenol 1b

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(75 \mathrm{MHz})$ of 2-methyl-6-(((2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8yl)amino)methyl)phenol 1b


Log P of 2-methyl-6-(((2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)amino)methyl)phenol 1b


| Peak Name | CH | tR | Area | Height | Area\% | Height\% | Quantity | NTP | Resolution | Symmetry Factor |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unknown | 1 | 2,485 | 862136 | 21365 | 46,536 | 44,285 | N/A | 2458 | 3,125 | 2,025 |
| Unknown | 1 | 9,603 | 882436 | 10563 | 53,464 | 23,220 | N/A | 2156 | N/A | 1,985 |

$\log P_{o / w}=3.96$
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(300 \mathrm{MHz})$ of 4-methyl-2-(((2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8yl)amino)methyl)phenol 2b

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(75 \mathrm{MHz})$ of 4-methyl-2-(((2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8yl)amino)methyl)phenol 2b


Log P of 4-methyl-2-(((2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)amino)methyl)phenol 2b



| Peak Name | CH | tR | Area | Height | Area\% | Height\% | Quantity | NTP | Resolution | Symmetry Factor |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unknown | 1 | 2,538 | 552946 | 67412 | 47,139 | 63,135 | N/A | 1763 | 6,716 | 2,207 |
| Unknown | 1 | 9,987 | 610006 | 13044 | 52,861 | 34,865 | N/A | 1608 | N/A | 2,151 |

Log $P_{o / W}=4.03$
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(300 \mathrm{MHz})$ of 2-methyl-N-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-amine 3b

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(75 \mathrm{MHz}$ ) of 2-methyl-N-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-amine 3b



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Log $P$ of 2-methyl-N-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-amine 3b


| Peak Name | CH | tR | Area | Height | Area\% | Height\% | Quantity | NTP | Resolution | Symmetry Factor |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unknown | 1 | 2,008 | 3675874 | 401608 | 69,885 | 86,100 | N/A | 2439 | 13,279 | 0,962 |
| Unknown | 1 | 8,967 | 1540967 | 66016 | 30,115 | 11,892 | N/A | 2291 | N/A | 1,004 |

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\log P_{o / w}=4.12
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${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(300 \mathrm{MHz})$ of 2-methyl-N-((1-methyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)methyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-amine 4b

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(75 \mathrm{MHz})$ of 2-methyl-N-((1-methyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)methyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-amine 4b


Log $P$ of 2-methyl-N-((1-methyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl)methyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-amine 4b


| Peak Name | CH | tR | Area | Height | Area\% | Height\% | Quantity | NTP | Resolution | Symmetry Factor |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unknown | 1 | 2,542 | 797608 | 63240 | 50,490 | 66,797 | N/A | 1160 | 4,443 | 3,516 |
| Unknown | 1 | 10,933 | 794327 | 15976 | 49,510 | 20,043 | N/A | 1135 | N/A | 1,871 |

$\log P_{o / w}=4.11$
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(300 \mathrm{MHz})$ of N -((1H-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)-2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8amine 5b

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(75 \mathrm{MHz})$ of N -((1H-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)-2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8amine 5b


Log $P$ of N -((1H-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)-2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-amine 5b


| Peak Name | CH | tR | Area | Height | Area\% | Height\% | Quantity | NTP | Resolution | Symmetry Factor |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unknown | 1 | 1,908 | 23986026 | 2312227 | 25,406 | 66,239 | N/A | 949 | 8,464 | 1,022 |
| Unknown | 1 | 12,358 | 49218765 | 16640 | 74,594 | 8,169 | N/A | 221 | N/A | 1,891 |

$\log P_{o / W}=4.35$
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(300 \mathrm{MHz})$ of 9-(((2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)amino)methyl)-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H,5H-pyrido[3,2,1-ij]quinolin-8-ol 6b

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(75 \mathrm{MHz})$ of 9-(((2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)amino)methyl)-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H,5H-pyrido[3,2,1-ij]quinolin-8-ol 6b


Log $P$ of 9-(((2-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinolin-8-yl)amino)methyl)-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H,5H-pyrido[3,2,1-ij]quinolin-8-ol 6b


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unknown | 1 | 1,906 | 439682 | 23122 | 37,486 | 65,239 | N/A | 949 | 8,456 | 1,022 |
| Unknown | 1 | 10,467 | 573762 | 20266 | 62,514 | 27,692 | N/A | 423 | 1,130 | 1,601 |

$\log P_{o / w}=4.13$

