## **Supporting Information**

Gabriel Synthesis of Aminomethyl-Bicyclo[1.1.0]butanes

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General Experimental. All solvents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used without further purification. All reactions involving heating were performed in aluminum heating blocks. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out using EM Science silica gel 60 F254 plates; the developed plate was analyzed by UV lamp (254 nm). Column chromatography was performed with the Teledyne-Isco CombiFlash Rf200 system using pre-packed silica gel column cartridges and hexanes/ethyl acetate or DCM/MeOH as the solvent system. Reversephase HPLC was performed with a Teledyne ACCQPrep system. Solvents were UHPLC/MS grade purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, on Bruker Avance 500 or 400 MHz spectrometers at 298 K unless otherwise noted. NMR data were processed in ACD/Spectrus Processor (Advanced Chemistry Development, Inc). Chemical shifts are reported in ppm with the TMS or residual solvent signal as the reference and coupling constants (J) are given in Hertz (Hz). Liquid chromatography/mass spectrometry (UPLC/MS) was performed on a Shimadzu Nexera UHPLC/LCMS-2020 MS instrument with a Waters Acquity BEH C18 1.7 µm 2.1 x 50 mm column and mobile phase A: 5:95 MeCN:H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.05% trifluoroacetic acid; mobile phase B: 95:5 MeCN:H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.05% trifluoroacetic acid. Wavelength detection was performed at 220 and 254 nm. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was performed using a Thermo Fisher QExactive with an orbitrap (ion trap) mass analyzer. X-ray crystallography data collection procedures are described in the relevant section below.

## Synthesis of 3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid (1b)



To a cooled solution of methyl 3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylate  $1a^1$  (16 g, 64 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (150 mL) and THF (150 mL) was added concentrated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> dropwise (27 mL, 508 mmol). The reaction was stirred at 50° C for 16 h. Volatiles were removed under vacuum and the aqueous layer was extracted with 2 x equal volume DCM. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with sodium sulfate, and concentrated by rotary evaporation. The residue was triturated with petroleum ether and filtered through a vacuum filter to afford 3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid **1b** (6.0 g, 25 mmol, 40% yield) as an off-white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.58 (s, 6H) (COOH proton not observed). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.8, 60.5, 45.8, 5.1. HRMS (ESI): Compound **1b** did not ionize as the molecular ion.

Representative procedure for the synthesis of 3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1carboxamides (2)



To a 250 mL round bottom flask equipped with magnetic stirbar was added 3iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid **1b** (2.0 g, 8.4 mmol), adamantan-1-amine (1.4 g, 9.2 mmol), and DCM (80 mL). HATU (3.5 g, 9.2 mmol) followed by DIPEA (4.2 ml, 25 mmol) were added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After completion, the DCM was removed by rotary evaporation. The solid was resuspended in 100 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O and the aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (3 x 100 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated by rotary evaporation. The crude material was subjected to flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc as the eluant (120 g Gold column, 20–90% EtOAc over 40 minutes). Desired fractions were combined and concentrated by rotary evaporation to afford **2a** as an off-white solid (2.8 g, 7.5 mmol) in 90% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.06 - 4.91 (m, 1H), 2.50 (s, 6H), 2.11 - 2.05 (m, 3H), 1.99 - 1.94 (m, 6H), 1.70 - 1.65 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.5, 60.4, 52.2, 48.6, 41.5, 36.2, 29.4, 6.0. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>INO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 372.0819, found: 372.0808.

#### Characterization data for 3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxamides (2)



*N*-(adamantan-1-yl)-3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxamide (2a). The reaction between 3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid 1b (2.0 g, 8.4 mmol) and adamantan-1-amine (1.4 g, 9.2 mmol) gave 2a as an off-white solid (2.8 g, 7.5 mmol, 90% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (120 g column; 20–90% EtOAc over 40 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.06 - 4.91 (m, 1H), 2.50 (s, 6H), 2.11 - 2.05 (m, 3H), 1.99 - 1.94 (m, 6H), 1.70 - 1.65 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.5, 60.4, 52.2, 48.6, 41.5, 36.2, 29.4, 6.0. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>INO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 372.0819, found: 372.0808.



*Tert*-butyl 1-(3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carbonyl)piperidine-4-carboxylate (2b). The reaction between 3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid 1b (2.0 g, 8.4 mmol) and *tert*-butyl piperidine-4-carboxylate (1.7 g, 9.2 mmol) gave 2b (2.2 g, 5.5 mmol, 66% yield) as an off-white solid after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g column; 0–40% EtOAc over 30 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.28 (br d, *J*=13.0 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (br d, *J*=13.0 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (br t, *J*=12.3 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (br t, *J*=12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (br s, 6H), 2.49 - 2.39 (m, 1H), 1.89 (br d, *J*=12.5 Hz, 2H), 1.65 - 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.3, 164.6, 80.8, 61.9, 48.4, 44.7, 41.8, 41.6, 28.0, 7.2. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>25</sub>INO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 406.0874, found: 406.0866.



**Benzyl 1-(3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carbonyl)piperidine-4-carboxylate (2c).** The reaction between 3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid **1b** (2.0 g, 8.4 mmol) and benzyl piperidine-4-carboxylate TFA salt (3.1 g, 9.2 mmol; an extra equivalent of DIPEA was

used) gave **2c** (2.7 g, 6.1 mmol, 72% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g column; 0 - 40% EtOAc over 30 min. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.40 - 7.32 (m, 5H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 4.34 - 4.25 (m, 1H), 4.00 - 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.18 - 3.09 (m, 1H), 2.85 - 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.69 - 2.53 (m, 7H), 1.99 - 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.71 - 1.62 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.7, 164.6, 135.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 66.5, 61.8, 48.3, 44.7, 41.7, 40.8, 7.1. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>INO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 440.0717, found: 440.0710.



*N*-benzyl-3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxamide (2d). The reaction between 3iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid **1b** (2.0 g, 8.4 mmol) and benzylamine (1.0 g, 9.2 mmol) gave **2d** (1.5 g, 4.7 mmol, 56% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g column; 0 – 40% EtOAc over 30 min. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37 - 7.23 (m, 5H), 5.70 (br s, 1H), 4.40 (d, *J*=6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.3, 137.6, 128.8, 127.9, 127.8, 60.3, 47.8, 43.6, 5.5. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>INO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 328.0193, found: 328.0191.



(3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanone (2e). The reaction between 3iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid 1b (2.0 g, 8.4 mmol) and pyrrolidine (0.66 g, 9.2 mmol) gave 2e as a light yellow solid (2.0 g, 6.9 mmol, 82% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g column; 0 – 40% EtOAc over 30 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.45 (dt, *J*=10.1, 7.0 Hz, 4H), 2.64 (s, 6H), 1.96 (quin, *J*=6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.88 - 1.78 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.7, 61.1, 48.6, 46.6, 46.5, 26.5, 23.7, 7.5. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>INO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 292.0193, found: 292.0186.



(3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1H)-yl)(3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)methanone (2f). The reaction between 3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid 1b (2.0 g, 8.4 mmol) and 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (1.1 g, 9.2 mmol) gave 2f (2.4 g, 6.7 mmol, 80% yield) as a white solid after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80g column; 0 – 40% EtOAc over 30 min. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.24 - 7.06 (m, 4H), 4.73 - 4.63 (m, 2H), 3.76 (q, *J*=6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.92 - 2.82 (m, 2H), 2.71 - 2.66 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.2, 165.1, 134.8, 133.7, 133.0, 132.1, 129.0, 128.3, 127.1, 126.7, 126.7, 126.7, 126.5, 125.9, 61.8, 61.7, 48.5, 47.3, 44.8, 43.2, 40.5, 29.4, 28.2, 7.2 (rotamers observed). **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>INO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 354.0349, found: 354.0337.



(3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)(4-phenylpiperidin-1-yl)methanone (2g). The reaction between 3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid 1b (2.0 g, 8.4 mmol) and 4-phenylpiperidine (1.5 g, 9.2 mmol) gave 2g (2.5 g, 6.6 mmol, 79% yield) as an off-white solid after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g column; 0 – 40% EtOAc over 30 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35 - 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J*=7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 - 7.15 (m, 2H), 4.67 (br d, *J*=13.0 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (br d, *J*=13.0 Hz, 1H), 3.22 - 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.81 - 2.60 (m, 8H), 1.90 (br t, *J*=12.0 Hz, 2H), 1.69 - 1.58 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.7, 144.8, 128.6, 126.7, 126.6, 61.9, 48.5, 46.2, 43.2, 42.6, 33.9, 32.6, 7.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>INO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 382.0662, found: 382.0656.



**3-iodo-***N***-isopropylbicyclo**[**1.1.1**]**pentane-1-carboxamide** (**2h**). The reaction between 3-iodobicyclo[**1.1.1**]**pentane-1-carboxylic acid 1b** (2.0 g, 8.4 mmol) and propan-2-amine (0.55 g, 9.2 mmol) gave **2h** (1.7 g, 6.1 mmol, 73% yield) as an off-white solid after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g column; 0 – 40% EtOAc over 30 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.21 (br s, 1H), 4.09 - 3.94 (m, 1H), 2.52 (s, 6H), 1.14 (d, *J*=6.5 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.5, 60.3, 48.0, 41.5, 22.7, 5.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>INO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 280.0193, found: 280.0191.



*N*-(*tert*-butyl)-3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxamide (2i). The reaction between 3iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid 1b (2.0 g, 8.4 mmol) and 2-methylpropan-2amine (0.68 g, 9.2 mmol) gave 2i (1.9 g, 6.5 mmol, 77% yield) as an off-white solid after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g column; 0 – 40% EtOAc over 30 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.14 (br s, 1H), 2.50 (s, 6H), 1.34 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.8, 60.3, 51.5, 48.6, 28.7, 5.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>17</sub>INO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 294.0349, found: 294.0348.



**1-(1-(3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)ethan-1-one** (2j). The reaction between 3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid **1b** (2.0 g, 8.4 mmol) and 1-(piperidin-4-yl)ethan-1-one HCl (2.2 g, 9.2 mmol) gave **2j** (2.2 g, 6.5 mmol, 79% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g column; 0 – 40% EtOAc over 30 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.48 - 4.35 (m, 1H), 4.07 - 3.95 (m, 1H), 3.15 - 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.82 - 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.68 - 2.59 (m, 6H), 2.58 - 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.96 - 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.61 - 1.45 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  209.3, 164.7, 61.8, 48.6, 48.3, 44.8, 41.9, 27.9, 27.6, 27.3, 7.1. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>INO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 348.0455, found: 348.0437.



(3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)(morpholino)methanone (2k). The reaction between 3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid 1b (2.0 g, 8.4 mmol) and morpholine (0.80 g, 9.2 mmol) gave 2k (2.2 g, 7.2 mmol, 85% yield) as a white solid after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g column; 0 – 40% EtOAc over 30 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.71 - 3.62 (m, 4H), 3.61 - 3.52 (m, 4H), 2.64 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.9, 66.7, 66.5, 61.7, 48.1, 46.0, 42.5, 6.9. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>INO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 308.0142, found: 308.0132.



(3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)(thiomorpholino)methanone (2l). The reaction between 3iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid **1b** (2.0 g, 8.4 mmol) and thiomorpholine (0.95 g, 9.2 mmol) gave **2l** (2.2 g, 6.7 mmol, 80% yield) as a white solid after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g column; 0 – 40% EtOAc over 30 min). <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.82 (br dd, *J*=4.6, 2.9 Hz, 4H), 2.64 (s, 6H), 2.62 - 2.56 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.8, 61.8, 48.3, 48.2, 44.9, 27.9, 27.1, 6.9. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>INOS<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 323.9914, found: 323.9911.



*N*-cyclohexyl-3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxamide (2m). The reaction between 3iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid **1b** (2.0 g, 8.4 mmol) and cyclohexanamine (0.92 g, 9.2 mmol) gave **2m** (2.2 g, 7.0 mmol, 83% yield) as an off-white solid after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g column; 0 – 40% EtOAc over 30 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.20 (br d, *J*=6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 - 3.61 (m, 1H), 2.52 (s, 6H), 1.96 - 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.71 - 1.58 (m, 3H), 1.47 - 1.26 (m, 2H), 1.21 - 1.01 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.5, 60.3, 48.3, 48.0, 33.1, 25.4, 24.8, 5.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>19</sub>INO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 320.0506, found: 320.0497.



*N*-cyclopentyl-3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxamide (2n). The reaction between 3iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid **1b** (2.0 g, 8.4 mmol) and cyclopentanamine (0.79 g, 9.2 mmol) gave **2n** (1.8 g, 6.1 mmol, 72% yield) as an off-white solid after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g column; 0 – 40% EtOAc over 30 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.28 (br s, 1H), 4.13 (sxt, *J*=7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 6H), 2.05 - 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.73 - 1.62 (m, 3H), 1.60 - 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.39 - 1.28 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.0, 77.2, 60.3, 51.2, 33.1, 23.7, 5.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for  $C_{11}H_{17}INO^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 306.0349, found: 306.0349.



*N*-cyclopropyl-3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxamide (20). The reaction between 3iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid **1b** (2.0 g, 8.4 mmol) and cyclopropanamine (0.53 g, 9.2 mmol) gave **2o** (1.8 g, 6.5 mmol, 77% yield) as a light yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g column; 0 – 40% EtOAc over 30 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.56 (br s, 1H), 2.72 - 2.63 (m, 1H), 2.51 (s, 6H), 0.81 - 0.74 (m, 2H), 0.54 - 0.47 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.7, 60.3, 47.8, 22.6, 6.6, 5.6. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>13</sub>INO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 278.0036, found: 278.0033.



**Indolin-1-yl(3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentan-1-yl)methanone** (**2p**). The reaction between 3iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid **1b** (2.0 g, 8.4 mmol) and indoline (1.1 g, 9.2 mmol) gave **2p** (1.9 g, 5.6 mmol, 67% yield) as a white solid after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g column; 0 – 40% EtOAc over 30 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.15 (d, *J*=8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 - 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.07 - 6.99 (m, 1H), 4.11 (t, *J*=8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (t, *J*=8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.1, 142.8, 130.7, 127.7, 124.5, 124.3, 117.3, 61.2, 49.5, 47.9, 28.4, 7.1. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>INO<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 340.0193, found: 340.0188.



*Tert*-butyl 4-(3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carbonyl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (2q). The reaction between 3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid 1b (2.0 g, 8.4 mmol) and *tert*-butylpiperazine-1-carboxylate (1.7 g, 9.2 mmol) gave 2q (2.9 g, 7.1 mmol, 85% yield) as an off-white solid after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g column; 0 – 40% EtOAc over 30 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.58 - 3.49 (m, 4H), 3.47 - 3.34 (m, 4H), 2.65 (s, 6H), 1.47 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.0, 154.4, 80.5, 61.8, 48.2, 45.3, 42.1, 28.3, 6.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H-tBu]<sup>+</sup>: 351.0200, found: 351.0196.



**3-Iodo-***N***-**(**4-oxocyclohexyl**)**bicyclo**[**1.1.1**]**pentane-1-carboxamide** (**2r**). The reaction between 3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]**pentane-1-carboxylic** acid **1b** (2.0 g, 8.4 mmol) and 4-aminocyclohexan-1-one (1.0 g, 9.2 mmol) gave **2r** (2.4 g, 7.2 mmol, 86% yield) as an off-white solid after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g column; 0 – 40% EtOAc over 30 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.32 (br d, *J*=6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.24 - 4.11 (m, 1H), 2.54 (s, 6H), 2.50 - 2.35 (m, 4H), 2.24 (ddd, *J*=12.8, 6.3, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 1.72 - 1.55 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  209.1, 166.0, 60.2, 47.8, 46.6, 39.1, 31.9, 5.2. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>INO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 334.0298, found: 334.0294.



*N*-(4,4-difluorocyclohexyl)-3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxamide (2s). The reaction between 3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid 1b (2.0 g, 8.4 mmol) and 4,4-difluorocyclohexan-1-amine (1.2 g, 9.2 mmol) gave 2s (2.5 g, 6.9 mmol, 82% yield) as an off-white solid after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g column; 0 – 40% EtOAc over 30 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.20 (br d, *J*=5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.94 - 3.71 (m, 1H), 2.52 (s, 6H), 2.20 - 2.04 (m, 2H), 2.02 - 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.93 - 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.54 - 1.43 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.9, 122.2 (dd, *J*=243.4, 239.8 Hz), 58.7, 47.8, 46.4 (d, *J*=1.8 Hz), 32.72 - 31.48, 28.6 (d, *J*=10.0 Hz), 5.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -215.50 (br d, *J*=237.2 Hz), -222.57 (br d, *J*=238.6 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calculated for  $C_{12}H_{17}F_2INO^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 356.0317, found: 356.0313.



**Methyl 1-(3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carbonyl)azetidine-3-carboxylate (2t).** The reaction between 3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxylic acid **1b** (2.0 g, 8.4 mmol) and methyl azetidine-3-carboxylate (1.1 g, 9.2 mmol) gave **2t** (2.2 g, 6.5 mmol, 77% yield) as a white solid after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g column; 0 - 40% EtOAc over 30 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.46 - 4.31 (m, 2H), 4.25 - 4.09 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.51 - 3.38 (m, 1H), 2.58 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.3, 165.8, 60.8, 53.0, 52.5, 51.3, 46.3, 32.4, 6.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>INO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 336.0091, found: 336.0079.

## NMR optimization experiments



durene (NMR internal standard)

To a 4 mL vial was added **2q** (20 mg, 0.049 mmol, 1.0 equiv), potassium phthalimide (11 mg, 0.059 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in the corresponding solvent system (0.4 mL) and heated to 100 °C for 4 h. 1,2,4,5-tetramethylbenzene (durene, 1.0 equiv, 0.0049 mmol) was added and sample was dissolved in 600  $\mu$ L CDCl<sub>3</sub>. A 1D <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum was acquired at 298 K (NS = 16, D1 = 3 s). The singlet corresponding **3q** at 2.3 ppm (s, 2H) was integrated relative to the singlet from the internal standard at 6.9 ppm (s, 2H).

Table S1. Solvent Optimization for BCP-I 2q to BCB-Phthalimide 3q Transformation

| Entry | Solvent                   | NMR Yield (%) <sup>a,b</sup> |  |
|-------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 1     | Sulfolane 30 <sup>c</sup> |                              |  |
| 2     | DMSO 21°                  |                              |  |
| 3     | Ethanol                   | <5°                          |  |
| 4     | n-Butanol                 | <5°                          |  |
| 5     | HFIP 0°                   |                              |  |
| 6     | THF                       | Oc                           |  |
| 7     | NMP                       | 9°                           |  |
| 8     | DMF                       | 7 °                          |  |
| 9     | AcOH 0                    |                              |  |
| 10    | Cyrene 0                  |                              |  |

<sup>a</sup>**2q** (1.0 equiv), phthalimide (1.2 equiv), and additive (1.2 equiv) were heated to 100 °C for 4 h unless otherwise noted. <sup>*b*</sup>NMR yields using 1,2,4,5-tetramethylbenzene as an internal standard. <sup>c</sup>16 h reaction time.



durene (NMR internal standard)

To a 4 mL vial was added **2q** (20 mg, 0.049 mmol, 1.0 equiv), phthalimide (8.7 mg, 0.059 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in the corresponding solvent system (0.4 mL) and heated to 100 °C for 4 h. 1,2,4,5-tetramethylbenzene (durene, 1.0 equiv, 0.049 mmol) was added and sample was dissolved in 600  $\mu$ L CDCl<sub>3</sub>. A 1D <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum was acquired at 298 K (NS = 16, D1 = 3 s). The singlet corresponding **3q** at 2.3 ppm (s, 2H) was integrated relative to the singlet from the internal standard at 6.9 ppm (s, 2H).

| Table S2. Base O | ptimization for l | BCP-I 2q to | BCB-Phthalimide 30 | <b>Transformation</b> |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
|                  |                   |             |                    |                       |

| Entry | Base                            | T (°C) | NMR Yield (%) <sup>a,b</sup> |
|-------|---------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|
| 1     | -                               | 100    | 30°                          |
| 2     | Pyridine                        | 100    | 0                            |
| 3     | DIPEA                           | 100    | < 5                          |
| 4     | DBU                             | 100    | 20                           |
| 5     | Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> | 100    | 16                           |
| 6     | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>  | 100    | 0                            |
| 7     | K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>  | 100    | < 5                          |

<sup>a</sup>**2q** (1.0 equiv), phthalimide (1.2 equiv), and additive (1.2 equiv) were heated to 100 °C for 4 h unless otherwise noted. <sup>*b*</sup>NMR yields using 1,2,4,5-tetramethylbenzene as an internal standard. <sup>c</sup>Potassium phthalimide used as control.

## **Representative procedure for the synthesis of bicyclo**[1.1.0]**butane-1-carboxamides** (3)



3a

To a 100 mL round bottom flask equipped with magnetic stirbar was added *N*-(adamantan-1-yl)-3-iodobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane-1-carboxamide **2a** (2.5 g, 6.7 mmol), potassium phthalimide (1.5 g, 8.1 mmol), and sulfolane (50 mL). The mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 16 h. After completion, reaction was resuspended in 100 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 100 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated by rotary evaporation. The crude material was subjected to flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc as the eluant (120g Gold column, 50-90% EtOAc over 40 minutes). Desired fractions were combined and concentrated by rotary evaporation to afford an off-white solid (0.78 g, 2.0 mmol) in 30% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.93 - 7.80 (m, 4H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 2H), 2.25 (s, 2H), 1.97 (br s, 3H), 1.91 (br s, 6H), 1.59 (br s, 6H), 1.00 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  167.4, 166.9, 134.4, 131.6, 123.1, 51.3, 41.0, 36.6, 36.5, 36.0, 28.8, 21.5, 15.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 391.2016, found: 391.2003.

Characterization data for bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxamides (3)



*N*-(adamantan-1-yl)-3-((1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1carboxamide (3a). The reaction between 2a (2.5 g, 6.7 mmol) and potassium phthalimide (1.5 g, 8.1 mmol) gave 3a as an off-white solid (0.78 g, 2.0 mmol, 30% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (120 g Gold column; 50 - 90% EtOAc over 40 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.93 - 7.80 (m, 4H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 2H), 2.25 (s, 2H), 1.97 (br s, 3H), 1.91 (br s, 6H), 1.59 (br s, 6H), 1.00 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  167.4, 166.9, 134.4, 131.6, 123.1, 51.3, 41.0, 36.6, 36.5, 36.0, 28.8, 21.5, 15.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 391.2016, found: 391.2003.



**Tert-butyl** 1-(3-((1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1carbonyl)piperidine-4-carboxylate (3b). The reaction between 2b (2.0 g, 4.9 mmol) and potassium phthalimide (1.1 g, 5.9 mmol) gave 3b as an off-white solid (0.63 g, 1.1 mmol, 23% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g Gold column; 40 – 80% EtOAc over 60 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.91 - 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.72 (br dd, *J*=5.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 4.32 (dt, *J*=13.4, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 3.25 (br t, *J*=11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.94 - 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.54 - 2.38 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 2H), 1.92 (br dd, *J*=13.5, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 1.72 - 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.27 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.5, 168.0, 167.8, 133.9, 132.3, 123.2, 80.6, 46.1, 42.0, 41.5, 39.1, 37.1, 28.7, 28.1, 27.9, 22.5, 12.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 425.2071, found: 425.2062.



Benzyl 1-(3-((1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1carbonyl)piperidine-4-carboxylate (3c). The reaction between 2c (2.0 g, 4.6 mmol) and potassium phthalimide (1.0 g, 5.5 mmol) gave 3c as a light yellow solid (0.54 g, 1.2 mmol, 26% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g Gold column; 40 – 80% EtOAc over 60 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.90 - 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.76 - 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.41 - 7.31 (m, 5H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 4.35 (br d, *J*=13.5 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 3.25 (br t, *J*=11.4 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (br t, *J*=11.1 Hz, 1H), 2.71 - 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 2H), 2.03 -1.94 (m, 2H), 1.82 - 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.27 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.9, 168.0, 167.8, 135.9, 133.9, 132.3, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 123.2, 66.4, 46.0, 41.5, 41.2, 39.1, 37.0, 28.6, 27.7, 22.6, 12.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated for  $C_{27}H_{27}N_2O_5^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 459.1914, found: 459.1908.



*N*-Benzyl-3-((1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxamide (3d). The reaction between 2d (2.0 g, 6.1 mmol) and potassium phthalimide (1.4 g, 7.3 mmol) gave 3d as an off-white solid (0.47 g, 1.3 mmol, 22% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g Gold column; 40 – 80% EtOAc over 60 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92 - 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.78 - 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.28 (m, 5H), 5.98 - 5.83 (m, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J*=6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 2.36 (s, 2H), 1.19 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.6, 167.9, 138.3, 134.0, 132.1, 128.7, 127.9, 127.6, 123.3, 44.0, 36.8, 36.4, 23.6, 15.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 347.1390, found: 347.1381.



**2-((3-(pyrrolidine-1-carbonyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butan-1-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (3e).** The reaction between **2e** (2.0 g, 6.9 mmol) and potassium phthalimide (1.5 g, 8.2 mmol) gave **3e** as an off-white solid (0.62 g, 2.0 mmol, 29% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g Gold column; 40 – 80% EtOAc over 60 min). <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.94 - 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.77 - 7.63 (m, 2H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 3.74 - 3.56 (m, 2H), 3.51 - 3.38 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 2H), 1.90 (br dd, *J*=11.4, 6.6 Hz, 4H), 1.24 (br s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.0, 167.3, 133.9, 132.3, 123.2, 48.4, 46.1, 38.7, 37.3, 26.2, 24.3, 22.8, 14.0. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 311.1390, found: 311.1377.



#### 2-((3-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-2-carbonyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butan-1-

yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (3f). The reaction between 2f (2.0 g, 5.7 mmol) and potassium phthalimide (1.3 g, 6.8 mmol) gave 3f as an off-white solid (0.63 g, 1.7 mmol, 30% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g Gold column; 40 – 80% EtOAc over 60 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.94 - 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.76 - 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.25 - 7.08 (m, 4H), 4.94 (br s, 1H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 4.21 (br s, 2H), 4.01 (br t, *J*=5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.90 - 3.79 (m, 1H), 2.90 (t, *J*=6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 2H), 1.33 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, T = 353 K)  $\delta$  167.0, 166.8, 134.2, 133.8, 133.0, 131.3, 128.0, 125.9, 125.8, 125.6, 122.5, 37.8, 35.8, 28.5, 28.1, 22.1, 12.0. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 373.1547, found: 373.1541.



**2-((3-(4-phenylpiperidine-1-carbonyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butan-1-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3dione (3g).** The reaction between **2g** (2.0 g, 5.3 mmol) and potassium phthalimide (1.6 g, 8.6 mmol) gave **3g** as an off-white solid (0.59 g, 1.5 mmol, 28% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g Gold column; 40 – 80% EtOAc over 60 min). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92 - 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.78 - 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.38 - 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.26 - 7.20 (m, 3H), 4.76 - 4.56 (m, 2H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 3.28 - 3.13 (m, 1H), 2.85 - 2.67 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 2H), 1.92 (br d, *J*=12.5 Hz, 2H), 1.76 - 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.30 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.1, 167.7, 145.3, 133.9, 132.3, 128.6, 126.8, 126.5, 123.3, 47.5, 43.0, 39.1, 39.1, 37.1, 34.1, 32.9, 22.4, 12.5. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 401.1860, found: 401.1853.



#### 3-((1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)methyl)-N-isopropylbicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxamide

(3h). The reaction between 2h (2.0 g, 7.2 mmol) and potassium phthalimide (1.6 g, 8.6 mmol) gave 3h as a light yellow solid (0.36 g, 1.2 mmol, 17% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g Gold column; 40 – 80% EtOAc over 60 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 - 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.78 - 7.67 (m, 2H), 5.45 (br d, *J*=7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.17 - 4.01 (m, 3H), 2.32 (s, 2H), 1.20 - 1.13 (m, 8H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.9, 167.7, 134.0, 132.1, 123.3, 41.8, 36.8, 36.2, 23.0, 22.9, 15.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 299.1390, found: 299.1383.



#### *N*-(*tert*-butyl)-3-((1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxamide

(3i). The reaction between 2i (2.0 g, 6.8 mmol) and potassium phthalimide (1.5 g, 8.2 mmol) gave 3i as a light yellow solid (0.43 g, 1.4 mmol, 20% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g Gold column; 40 – 80% EtOAc over 60 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.89 - 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.73 (dd, *J*=5.4, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 5.47 (br s, 1H), 4.12 (s, 2H), 2.30 (s, 2H), 1.37 (s, 9H), 1.12 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.9, 167.9, 133.9, 132.2, 123.3, 51.7, 37.0, 36.3, 29.0, 22.6, 16.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 313.1547, found: 313.1530.



**2-((3-(4-acetylpiperidine-1-carbonyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butan-1-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3dione (3j).** The reaction between **2j** (2.0 g, 5.8 mmol) and potassium phthalimide (1.3 g, 6.9 mmol) gave **3j** as an off-white solid (0.51 g, 1.4 mmol, 24% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g Gold column; 40 – 80% EtOAc over 60 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92 - 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.77 - 7.67 (m, 2H), 4.53 - 4.36 (m, 2H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 3.19 (br t, *J*=11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (br t, *J*=11.3 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (tt, *J*=11.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 2.00 - 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.66 - 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.27 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  209.6, 168.0, 167.9, 133.9, 132.2, 123.2, 49.2, 46.2, 41.7, 39.0, 37.0, 28.0, 27.8, 27.4, 22.7, 12.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 367.1652, found: 367.1633.



## 2-((3-(morpholine-4-carbonyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butan-1-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione

(3k). The reaction between 2k (2.0 g, 6.5 mmol) and potassium phthalimide (1.5 g, 7.8 mmol) gave 3k as a white solid (0.68 g, 2.1 mmol, 32% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g Gold column; 40 – 80% EtOAc over 60 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.93 - 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.78 - 7.68 (m, 2H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 3.85 - 3.76 (m, 2H), 3.74 - 3.67 (m, 4H), 3.66 - 3.58 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 2H), 1.30 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, T = 353 K)  $\delta$  167.0, 166.6, 133.9, 131.4, 122.6, 65.8, 50.2, 44.2, 37.9, 35.7, 22.1, 21.6, 11.5. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 327.1339, found: 327.1336.



**2-((3-(thiomorpholine-4-carbonyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butan-1-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (31).** The reaction between **2l** (2.0 g, 6.2 mmol) and potassium phthalimide (1.4 g, 7.4 mmol)

gave **3l** as a white solid (0.64 g, 1.9 mmol, 30% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g Gold column; 40 – 80% EtOAc over 60 min). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 - 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.76 - 7.68 (m, 2H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 4.12 - 3.80 (m, 4H), 2.70 - 2.62 (m, 4H), 2.30 (s, 2H), 1.28 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.1, 168.0, 133.9, 132.2, 123.3, 49.3, 44.7, 39.0, 36.8, 28.2, 27.3, 22.9, 12.4. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 343.1111, found: 343.1107.



*N*-cyclohexyl-3-((1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxamide

(3m). The reaction between 2m (2.0 g, 6.3 mmol) and potassium phthalimide (1.4 g, 7.5 mmol) gave 3m as a light yellow solid (0.53 g, 1.6 mmol, 25% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g Gold column; 40 – 80% EtOAc over 60 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92 - 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.73 (br dd, *J*=5.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 5.47 (br d, *J*=8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (s, 2H), 3.85 - 3.71 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 2H), 1.99 - 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.77 - 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.66 - 1.55 (m, 1H), 1.44 - 1.31 (m, 2H), 1.28 - 1.00 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.9, 167.7, 134.0, 132.2, 123.3, 48.6, 36.9, 36.4, 33.4, 25.6, 24.9, 22.9, 15.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 339.1703, found: 339.1700.



## N-cyclopentyl-3-((1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxamide

(3n). The reaction between 2n (2.0 g, 6.6 mmol) and potassium phthalimide (1.5 g, 7.9 mmol) gave 3n as a light yellow solid (0.51 g, 1.6 mmol, 24% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g Gold column; 40 – 80% EtOAc over 60 min). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.91 - 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.72 (dd, *J*=5.4, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 5.58 (br d, *J*=6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.26 - 4.15 (m, 1H), 4.12 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 2H), 2.05 - 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.74 - 1.52 (m, 4H), 1.38 (dq, *J*=12.6, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.15 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.1, 167.9, 133.9, 132.1, 123.3, 51.6, 36.8, 36.3, 33.3, 23.7, 22.9, 15.8. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 325.1547, found: 325.1538.



*N*-cyclopropyl-3-((1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxamide (30). The reaction between 20 (2.0 g, 7.2 mmol) and potassium phthalimide (1.6 g, 8.6 mmol) gave 30 as a light yellow solid (0.51 g, 1.7 mmol, 24% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g Gold column; 40 – 80% EtOAc over 60 min. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 - 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.78 - 7.68 (m, 2H), 5.75 (br s, 1H), 4.13 (s, 2H), 2.71 (tq, *J*=7.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 2H), 1.15 (s, 2H), 0.82 - 0.72 (m, 2H), 0.58 - 0.48 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.9, 167.9, 134.0, 132.1, 123.3, 36.7, 36.2, 23.5, 22.8, 15.6, 6.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 297.1234, found: 297.1227.



**2-((3-(indoline-1-carbonyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butan-1-yl)methyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione** (3p). The reaction between **2p** (2.0 g, 5.9 mmol) and potassium phthalimide (1.3 g, 7.1 mmol) gave **3p** as a white solid (0.69 g, 1.9 mmol, 33% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g Gold column; 40 – 80% EtOAc over 60 min. <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.91 - 7.81 (m, 4H), 7.82 - 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J*=7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J*=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.03 - 6.94 (m, 1H), 4.35 - 4.20 (m, 2H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 3.19 - 3.05 (m, 2H), 2.42 - 2.31 (m, 2H), 1.32 (br s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (126 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  166.9, 165.7, 142.5, 133.8, 131.5, 131.3, 126.1, 124.1, 122.6, 122.5, 115.9, 48.8, 38.0, 35.6, 27.2, 24.6, 13.9. **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 359.1390, found: 359.1381.



*tert*-Butyl 4-(3-((1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1carbonyl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (3q). The reaction between 2q (2.0 g, 4.9 mmol) and potassium phthalimide (1.1 g, 5.9 mmol) gave 3q as an off-white solid (0.58 g, 1.4 mmol, 28% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g Gold column; 40 – 80% EtOAc over 60 min. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 - 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.77 - 7.68 (m, 2H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 3.84 - 3.71 (m, 2H), 3.64 - 3.53 (m, 2H), 3.51 - 3.40 (m, 4H), 2.31 (s, 2H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.30 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.2, 168.0, 154.6, 133.9, 132.2, 123.3, 80.2, 46.7, 42.1, 39.1, 36.8, 28.4, 23.1, 12.4 (two carbons broadened). **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 426.2023, found: 426.2012.



## 3-((1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)methyl)-N-(4-oxocyclohexyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-

**carboxamide** (**3r**). The reaction between **2r** (2.0 g, 6.0 mmol) and potassium phthalimide (1.3 g, 7.2 mmol) gave **3r** as a light yellow solid (0.38 g, 1.1 mmol, 18% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g Gold column; 40 – 80% EtOAc over 60 min. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.91 - 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.81 - 7.70 (m, 2H), 5.57 (br d, *J*=7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.31 - 4.20 (m, 1H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 2.55 - 2.38 (m, 4H), 2.34 - 2.22 (m, 4H), 1.70 - 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.20 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  209.5, 168.4, 167.9, 134.1, 132.1, 123.4, 46.9, 39.2, 36.4, 36.1, 32.2, 24.0, 15.9. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 353.1496, found: 353.1491.



## N-(4,4-difluorocyclohexyl)-3-((1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-

**carboxamide** (**3**s). The reaction between **2**s (2.0 g, 5.6 mmol) and potassium phthalimide (1.3 g, 7.2 mmol) gave **3**s as a light yellow solid (0.40 g, 1.1 mmol, 19% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g Gold column; 40 – 80% EtOAc over 60 min. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 - 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.79 - 7.67 (m, 2H), 5.52 (br d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (s, 2H), 4.00 - 3.74 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 2H), 2.17 - 1.98 (m, 4H), 1.95 - 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.59 - 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.18 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.2, 167.8, 134.0, 132.1, 123.3, 124.92 - 120.11, 46.7, 36.4, 36.2, 32.3 (t, *J*=24.5 Hz), 28.8 (d, *J*=10.0 Hz), 23.7, 15.8. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -275.77 (br d, *J*=239.3 Hz), -282.48 (br d, *J*=239.3 Hz). **HRMS** (ESI) calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 375.1515, found: 375.1505.



Methyl 1-(3-((1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carbonyl)azetidine-3-carboxylate (3t). The reaction between 2t (2.0 g, 6.0 mmol) and potassium phthalimide (1.3 g, 7.2 mmol) gave 3t as a light yellow solid (0.44 g, 1.3 mmol, 22% yield) after purification by flash column chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (80 g Gold column; 40 – 48% EtOAc over 60 min. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.90 - 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.77 - 7.68 (m, 2H), 4.49 - 4.34 (m, 2H), 4.25 - 4.08 (m, 4H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.49 - 3.37 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 2H), 1.24 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.6, 170.1, 167.9, 133.9, 132.1, 123.3, 54.1, 52.4, 51.4, 38.0, 36.9, 32.5, 24.0, 12.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated for  $C_{19}H_{19}N_2O_5^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 355.1288, found: 355.1276.

## **Representative procedure for the synthesis of aminomethyl-bicyclo**[1.1.0]butanes (4)



To a 8 mL vial equipped with magnetic stirbar was added *N*-(adamantan-1-yl)-3-((1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)methyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxamide **3a** (0.1 g, 0.26 mmol), and THF (4 mL). Hydrazine monohydrate (64 mg, 1.3 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at 23 °C for 16 h. After completion, the clear THF supernatant was decanted and the precipitate was triturated with THF. The THF solution was evaporated and subjected to reverse-phase prep HPLC purification using NH<sub>4</sub>OAc/MeCN as the eluant, and desired fractions was concentrated by rotary evaporation followed by lyophilisation to afford the acetate salt of **4a** as a white solid (56 mg, 0.21 mmol) in 80% yield.

Characterization data for aminomethyl-bicyclo[1.1.0]butanes (4)



**N-(adamantan-1-yl)-3-(aminomethyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxamide** (4a). The reaction between **3a** (100 mg, 0.26 mmol) and hydrazine hydrate (64 mg, 1.3 mmol) gave **4a** as a white solid (56 mg, 0.21 mmol, 80% yield) after purification by preparative reverse-phase HPLC with NH<sub>4</sub>OAc buffer/MeCN as the eluant and XSelectC18 (250 x 20 mm, 5 μm) column. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.37 (br s, 1H), 3.24 (br s, 2H), 2.61 (br s, 2H), 2.19 (s, 2H), 2.10 - 2.02 (m, 3H), 1.98 (d, *J*=3.0 Hz, 6H), 1.66 (t, *J*=2.8 Hz, 6H), 1.05 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.4, 52.1, 41.7, 39.8, 36.3, 34.2, 29.4, 14.9, 1.0. HRMS (ESI) calculated  $C_{16}H_{25}N_2O^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 261.1961, found: 261.1947.



4c

Benzyl 1-(3-(aminomethyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carbonyl)piperidine-4-carboxylate (4c). The reaction between 3c (100 mg, 0.22 mmol) and hydrazine hydrate (55 mg, 1.1 mmol) gave 4c as a white solid (55 mg, 0.16 mmol, 76% yield) after purification by preparative reverse-phase HPLC with NH<sub>4</sub>OAc buffer/MeCN as the eluant and XSelectC18 (250 x 20 mm, 5 µm) column. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, METHANOL-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 7.40 - 7.27 (m, 5H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 4.43 - 4.24 (m, 2H), 3.40 (s, 2H), 2.94 (br t, *J*=11.4 Hz, 1H), 2.81 - 2.67 (m, 1H), 2.21 (br d, *J*=2.3 Hz, 2H), 2.06 - 1.86 (m, 5H), 1.77 - 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.38 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, METHANOL-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 175.7, 169.9, 137.7, 129.7, 129.4, 129.3, 67.6, 47.5, 42.8, 42.1, 40.2, 38.8, 38.7, 30.0, 29.1, 21.5, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) calculated C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 329.1860, found: 329.1847.



**3-(aminomethyl)-N-benzylbicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxamide (4d).** The reaction between **3d** (100 mg, 0.29 mmol) and hydrazine hydrate (72 mg, 1.4 mmol) gave **4d** as a light-yellow solid (60 mg, 0.20 mmol, 70% yield) after purification by preparative reverse-phase HPLC with NH<sub>4</sub>OAc buffer/MeCN as the eluant and XSelectC18 (250 x 20 mm, 5  $\mu$ m) column. <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.30 (br t, *J*=5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.26 - 7.18 (m, 3H), 4.29 (d, *J*=6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (s, 2H), 2.28 (s, 2H), 1.01 (s, 2H) (two exchangeable protons obscured). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  169.2, 140.0, 128.2, 127.0, 126.6, 42.3, 35.0, 26.2, 14.0 (one carbon obscured). **HRMS** (ESI) calculated C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 217.1335, found: 217.1322.



(3-(aminomethyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butan-1-yl)(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanone (4e). The reaction between 3e (100 mg, 0.32 mmol) and hydrazine hydrate (80 mg, 1.6 mmol) gave 4e as a light-yellow solid (45 mg, 0.24 mmol, 77% yield) after purification by preparative reverse-phase HPLC with NH4OAc buffer/MeCN as the eluant and XSelectC18 (250 x 20 mm, 5 μm) column. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 3.59 (t, *J*=6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.30 (t, *J*=6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (br s, 2H), 2.21 (s, 2H), 1.84 - 1.73 (m, 6H), 1.08 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 167.5, 47.8, 45.8, 36.4, 26.3, 25.7, 23.8, 22.2, 12.2. HRMS (ESI) calculated  $C_{10}H_{17}N_2O^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 181.1335, found: 181.1325.



**3-(aminomethyl)-N-isopropylbicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxamide** (4h). The reaction between **3h** (100 mg, 0.33 mmol) and hydrazine hydrate (84 mg, 1.7 mmol) gave **4h** as an off-white solid (36 mg, 0.21 mmol, 64% yield) after purification by preparative reverse-phase HPLC with NH4OAc buffer/MeCN as the eluant and XSelectC18 (250 x 20 mm, 5  $\mu$ m) column. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 (br d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.93 - 3.83 (m, 1H), 2.95 (s, 2H), 2.24 (s, 2H), 1.03 (d, *J*=6.5 Hz, 6H), 0.95 (s, 2H) (two exchangeable protons obscured). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  168.2, 40.5, 34.8, 25.8, 22.5, 13.7 (one carbon obscured). HRMS (ESI) calculated C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 169.1335, found: 169.1325.



**3-(aminomethyl)-N-(tert-butyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxamide** (**4i**). The reaction between **3i** (100 mg, 0.32 mmol) and hydrazine hydrate (80 mg, 1.6 mmol) gave **4i** as a colorless viscous oil (38 mg, 0.21 mmol, 65% yield) after purification by preparative reverse-phase HPLC with NH4OAc buffer/MeCN as the eluant and XSelectC18 (250 x 20 mm, 5  $\mu$ m) column. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  2.98 (br s, 2H), 2.21 (s, 2H), 1.22 (s, 9H), 1.03 (s, 2H) (three exchangeable protons obscured). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  168.6, 50.4, 35.2, 28.6, 14.3 (two carbons obscured). HRMS (ESI) calculated C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 183.1492, found: 183.1480.



(3-(aminomethyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butan-1-yl)(morpholino)methanone (4k). The reaction between 3k (100 mg, 0.30 mmol) and hydrazine hydrate (70 mg, 1.5 mmol) gave 4k as an off-white solid (40 mg, 0.20 mmol, 67% yield) after purification by preparative reverse-phase HPLC with NH<sub>4</sub>OAc buffer/MeCN as the eluant and XSelectC18 (250 x 20 mm, 5  $\mu$ m) column. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  3.78 - 3.54 (m, 10H), 3.06 (s, 2H), 2.17 (s, 2H), 1.13 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.2, 66.9, 66.7, 47.4, 42.6, 38.4, 37.0, 23.8, 11.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 197.1285, found: 197.1274.



(3-(aminomethyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butan-1-yl)(thiomorpholino)methanonecarboxamide (4l). The reaction between 3l (100 mg, 0.29 mmol) and hydrazine hydrate (73 mg, 1.5 mmol) gave 4l as an off-white solid (50 mg, 0.24 mmol, 82% yield) after purification by preparative reverse-phase HPLC with NH<sub>4</sub>OAc buffer/MeCN as the eluant and XSelectC18 (250 x 20 mm, 5  $\mu$ m) column. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 353 K)  $\delta$  4.03 - 3.89 (m, 6H), 3.10 (s, 2H), 2.63 - 2.58 (m, 4H), 2.16 (s, 2H), 1.12 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 353 K)  $\delta$  168.3, 46.0, 38.2, 35.9, 27.3, 26.5, 10.1 (two carbons obscured). HRMS (ESI) calculated C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 213.1056, found: 213.1045.



**3-(aminomethyl)-N-cyclohexylbicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxamide (4m).** The reaction between **3m** (100 mg, 0.30 mmol) and hydrazine hydrate (74 mg, 1.5 mmol) gave **4m** as an off-white solid (50 mg, 0.24 mmol, 80% yield) after purification by preparative reverse-phase HPLC with NH<sub>4</sub>OAc buffer/MeCN as the eluant and XSelectC18 (250 x 20 mm, 5  $\mu$ m) column. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, METHANOL-d<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  3.73 - 3.63 (m, 1H), 3.15 (s, 2H), 2.31 (s, 2H), 1.90 (s, 2H), 1.87 - 1.72 (m, 4H), 1.68 - 1.58 (m, 1H), 1.42 - 1.25 (m, 3H), 1.25 - 1.10 (m, 4H) (one proton obscured). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, METHANOL-d<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  171.2, 50.6, 41.3, 36.9, 34.1, 26.7, 26.5, 23.5, 16.3. HRMS (ESI) calculated C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 209.1648, found: 209.1644.



**3-(aminomethyl)-N-cyclopentylbicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxamide** (**4n**). The reaction between **3n** (100 mg, 0.30 mmol) and hydrazine hydrate (77 mg, 1.5 mmol) gave **4n** as a colorless viscous oil (40 mg, 0.22 mmol, 73% yield) after purification by preparative reverse-phase HPLC with NH<sub>4</sub>OAc buffer/MeCN as the eluant and XSelectC18 (250 x 20 mm, 5  $\mu$ m) column. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.65 (br d, *J*=5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (sxt, *J*=7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 2H), 2.24 (s, 2H), 2.03 - 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.71 - 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.41 - 1.29 (m, 2H), 1.11 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.8, 51.6, 39.6, 34.5, 33.3, 26.1, 23.7, 14.7. HRMS (ESI) calculated C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 195.1492, found: 195.1485.



**3-(aminomethyl)-N-cyclopropylbicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carboxamide (40).** The reaction between **30** (100 mg, 0.33 mmol) and hydrazine hydrate (84 mg, 1.7 mmol) gave **40** as a colorless viscous oil (45 mg, 0.27 mmol, 80% yield) after purification by preparative reverse-phase HPLC with NH<sub>4</sub>OAc buffer/MeCN as the eluant and XSelectC18 (250 x 20 mm, 5  $\mu$ m) column. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72 (br d, *J*=2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (s, 2H), 2.61 (tq, *J*=7.3, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 2H), 0.94 (s, 2H), 0.62 - 0.53 (m, 2H), 0.43 - 0.36 (m, 2H) (two

protons obscured). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  172.5, 34.8, 26.3, 22.6, 13.6, 5.7 (one carbon obscured). HRMS (ESI) calculated C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 167.1179, found: 167.1177.



(3-(aminomethyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butan-1-yl)(indolin-1-yl)methanone (4p). The reaction between 3p (100 mg, 0.28 mmol) and hydrazine hydrate (70 mg, 1.4 mmol) gave 4p as a white solid (50 mg, 0.21 mmol, 75% yield) after purification by preparative reverse-phase HPLC with NH<sub>4</sub>OAc buffer/MeCN as the eluant and XSelectC18 (250 x 20 mm, 5 µm) column. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.01 - 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J*=7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 - 6.94 (m, 1H), 4.24 (br s, 2H), 3.16 (s, 2H), 3.10 (br t, *J*=8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (br s, 2H), 1.25 (s, 2H) (two protons obscured). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 353 K) δ 167.6, 142.8, 131.6, 126.4, 126.2, 124.3, 122.5, 115.7, 48.9, 38.4, 36.5, 27.2, 12.4. HRMS (ESI) calculated C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 229.1335, found: 229.1324.



tert-butyl 4-(3-(aminomethyl)bicyclo[1.1.0]butane-1-carbonyl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (4q). The reaction between 3q (100 mg, 0.23 mmol) and hydrazine hydrate (60 mg, 1.2 mmol) gave 4q as an off-white solid (53 mg, 0.27 mmol, 77% yield) after purification by preparative reverse-phase HPLC with NH<sub>4</sub>OAc buffer/MeCN as the eluant and XSelectC18 (250 x 20 mm, 5  $\mu$ m) column. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  3.83 - 3.36 (m, 10H), 3.15 (s, 2H), 2.18 (s, 2H), 1.41 (s, 9H), 1.22 (s, 2H) (piperazine protons overlapping). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  167.7, 153.8, 79.2, 46.0, 44.2, 41.5, 40.1, 38.6, 37.7, 28.0, 23.7, 11.1. HRMS (ESI) calculated C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 296.1969, found: 296.1960.

# NMR Spectra





















































































































## X-ray crystallography for 2q, 3q, 4a

### Crystal structure determination of compound 2q

Single crystals of compound **2q**  $[C_{15}H_{23}IN_2O_3]$  were obtained from DCM:n-Heptane (2:1) solvent mixture using slow evaporation method at room temperature. A suitable crystal was mounted on a nylon cryoloop using paratone oil. Data were collected on a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer equipped with a PHOTON-III area detector, at 150 K. Initial structure solution was achieved with 'Intrinsic Phasing' method in Bruker APEX4 software suite. Using Olex2<sup>2</sup>, further structure refinements were performed with the ShelXL<sup>3-5</sup> refinement package using Least Squares minimization.

**Crystal Data** for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>23</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (*M* =406.25 g/mol): orthorhombic, space group  $Pca2_1$  (no. 29), a = 10.2188(3) Å, b = 6.0975(2) Å, c = 28.0255(8) Å, V = 1746.24(9) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 4, T = 150(2) K,  $\mu$ (CuK $\alpha$ ) = 14.505 mm<sup>-1</sup>, Dcalc = 1.545 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 10600 reflections measured (6.308°  $\leq 2\Theta \leq 144.326^{\circ}$ ), 3003 unique ( $R_{int} = 0.0742$ ,  $R_{sigma} = 0.0682$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $R_1$  was 0.0745 (I > 2 $\sigma$ (I)) and  $wR_2$  was 0.1999 (all data).



#### Crystal structure determination of compound 3q

Single crystals of compound **3q**  $[C_{23}H_{27}N_3O_5.H_2O]$  were obtained from DMF:acetone (1:1) solvent mixture using slow evaporation method at room temperature. A suitable crystal was mounted on a nylon cryoloop using paratone oil. Data were collected on a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer equipped with a PHOTON-III area detector, at 150 K. Initial structure solution was achieved with 'Intrinsic Phasing' method in Bruker APEX4 software suite. Using  $Olex2^2$ , further structure refinements were performed with the ShelXL<sup>3-5</sup> refinement package using Least Squares minimization.

**Crystal Data** for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O (M =443.49 g/mol): monoclinic, space group  $P2_1/c$ (no. 14), a = 21.4556(10) Å, b = 6.6688(3) Å, c = 16.0801(8) Å,  $\beta = 106.089(2)^\circ$ , V = 2210.67(18) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 4, T = 150(2) K,  $\mu$ (CuK $\alpha$ ) = 0.802 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *Dcalc* = 1.333 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 3853 reflections measured (4.286°  $\leq 2\Theta \leq 133.158^\circ$ ), 3853 unique ( $R_{int} = ?$ ,  $R_{sigma} = 0.0730$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $R_1$  was 0.1382 (I > 2 $\sigma$ (I)) and  $wR_2$  was 0.3797 (all data).



## Crystal structure determination of compound 4a

Single crystals of compound **4a**  $2[(C_{16}H_{25}N_2O)^+(CH_3COO)^-$ . H<sub>2</sub>O] were obtained from a clear solution of chloroform:n-heptane (2:1) solvent mixture by slow evaporation method at room temperature. A suitable crystal was selected and mounted on a nylon cryoloop using paratone oil on a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer equipped with a PHOTON-III area detector. The crystal was kept at 120(2) K during data collection. Using Olex2<sup>2</sup>, the structure was solved with the XT<sup>4</sup> structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the SHELXL<sup>3</sup> refinement package using Least Squares minimization.

**Crystal Data** for  $2[(C_{16}H_{25}N_2O)^+(CH_3COO)^-$ .  $H_2O]$  (M =658.86 g/mol): orthorhombic, space group *Pna2*<sub>1</sub> (no. 33), a = 9.9209(3) Å, b = 8.6208(3) Å, c = 41.4159(12) Å, V = 3542.14(19) Å3, Z = 4, T = 120 (2) K,  $\mu$ (CuK $\alpha$ ) = 0.688 mm-1, Dcalc = 1.235 g/cm3, 44391 reflections measured (4.266°  $\leq 2\Theta \leq 133.418^\circ$ ), 6172 unique (Rint = 0.0664, Rsigma = 0.0398) which were used in all calculations. The final *R*<sub>1</sub> was 0.0577 (I > 2 $\sigma$ (I)) and w*R*<sub>2</sub> was 0.1372 (all data).



| Identification code                            | compound 2q  | compound 3q  | compound 4a  |
|--|--|--|--|
| CCDC Number                                    | 2315016  | 2336718  | 2336719  |
| Empirical formula                              | $C_{15}H_{23}IN_2O_3$  | C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>5</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O                            | $2[(C_{16}H_{25}N_2O)^+(CH_3COO)^ H_2O]$   |
| Formula weight                                 | 406.25   | 443.49   | 658.86   |
| Temperature/K                                  | 150(2)   | 150(2)   | 120(2)   |
| Crystal system                                 | orthorhombic   | monoclinic   | orthorhombic   |
| Space group                                    | $Pca2_1$   | $P2_{1}/c$   | $Pna2_1$   |
| a/Å  | 10.2188(3)   | 21.4556(10)  | 9.9209(3)  |
| b/Å  | 6.0975(2)  | 6.6688(3)  | 8.6208(3)  |
| c/Å  | 28.0255(8)   | 16.0801(8)   | 41.4159(12)  |
| α/°  | 90   | 90   | 90   |
| β/°  | 90   | 106.089(2)   | 90   |
| γ/°  | 90   | 90   | 90   |
| Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>                          | 1746.24(9)   | 2210.67(18)  | 3542.14(19)  |
| Z  | 4  | 4  | 4  |
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$                            | 1.545  | 1.333  | 1.235  |
| µ/mm <sup>-1</sup>                             | 14.505   | 0.802  | 0.688  |
| F(000)   | 816.0  | 944.0  | 1432.0   |
| Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>                   | $\begin{array}{c} 0.199 \times 0.101 \times \\ 0.081 \end{array}$                            | $0.25 \times 0.18 \times 0.018$  | $0.438 \times 0.201 \times 0.132$  |
| Radiation                                      | CuK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 1.54178)  | CuKa ( $\lambda = 1.54178$ )   | CuKa ( $\lambda = 1.54178$ )   |
| 2⊖ range for data collection/°                 | 6.308 to 144.326   | 4.286 to 133.158   | 4.266 to 133.418   |
| Index ranges                                   | $\begin{array}{l} -12 \leq h \leq 11,  -7 \leq k \\ \leq 7,  -29 \leq l \leq 34 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c} -25 \leq h \leq 25,  \text{-}7 \leq k \leq \\ 7,  \text{-}18 \leq l \leq 18 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c} -11 \leq h \leq 11,  -10 \leq k \leq 10,  -49 \\ \leq l \leq 49 \end{array}$ |
| Reflections collected                          | 10600  | 3853   | 44391  |
| Independent reflections                        | $\begin{array}{l} 3003 \; [R_{int} = 0.0742, \\ R_{sigma} = 0.0682] \end{array}$             | $3853 [R_{int} = ?, R_{sigma} = 0.0730]$   | 6172 [Rint = 0.0664, Rsigma<br>= 0.0398]   |
| Data/restraints/parameters                     | 3003/1/194   | 3853/0/248   | 6172/17/504  |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>              | 1.122  | 1.215  | 1.052  |
| Final R indexes [I>=2σ<br>(I)]                 | $R_1 = 0.0745, wR_2 = 0.1894$  | $R_1 = 0.1382, wR_2 = 0.3741$  | R1 = 0.0577, $wR2 = 0.1330$  |
| Final R indexes [all data]                     | $\begin{array}{c} R_1 = 0.0826, \ wR_2 = \\ 0.1999 \end{array}$                              | $R_1 = 0.1476, wR_2 = 0.3797$  | R1 = 0.0637, wR2 = 0.1372  |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e<br>Å <sup>-3</sup> | 0.97/-0.95   | 0.60/-0.62   | 0.30/-0.23   |
| Flack parameter                                | 0.026(14)  | -  | 0.46(14)   |

 Table S3. X-ray crystallography data table

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