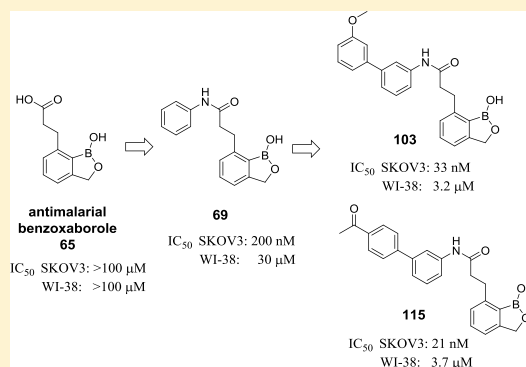


Design, Synthesis, and Structure–Activity Relationship of  
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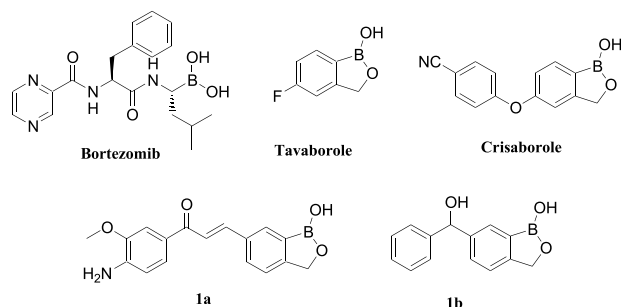
## Supporting Information

**ABSTRACT:** Benzoxaboroles, as a novel class of bioactive molecules with unique physicochemical properties, have been shown to possess excellent antimicrobial activities with tavaborole approved in 2014 as an antifungal drug. Although urgently needed, the investigation of benzoxaboroles as anticancer agents has been lacking so far. In this study, we report the design, synthesis, and anticancer structure–activity relationship of a series of 7-propanamide benzoxaboroles. Compounds **103** and **115** showed potent activity against ovarian cancer cells with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 33 and 21 nM, respectively. Apoptosis was induced by these compounds and colony formation was effectively inhibited. Furthermore, they also showed excellent efficacy in ovarian tumor xenograft mouse model.



## INTRODUCTION

In the past 15 years, boron-containing compounds have gradually emerged as a novel class of useful structures that possess fascinating chemical properties and unique biological activities.<sup>1–3</sup> Due to the rare existence of boron-containing organic compounds in nature and the historical lack of experience in the development of boron-containing drugs, they are largely ignored in drug discovery with assumed concerns on their toxicity and lack of druglikeness. In 2003, the first approved boron-containing drug, i.e., bortezomib (Velcade) (Figure 1), a boronic acid-based proteasome inhibitor, was



**Figure 1.** Chemical structures of bortezomib, tavaborole, crisaborole, and compounds **1a** and **1b**.

used for the treatment of multiple myeloma.<sup>4</sup> Interestingly, although benzoxaboroles, a class of cyclic boronic acids, were first synthesized and studied in the 1950s,<sup>5,6</sup> their medical use had remained literally unknown for 50 years until tavaborole (**tb**, Kerydin) (Figure 1) was approved in 2014 as a topical treatment of fungal infection of the toenails.<sup>7,8</sup> As the second benzoxaborole drug, crisaborole (Eucrisa) was approved in

2016 as a nonsteroidal topical treatment of atopic dermatitis.<sup>9</sup> There are also a number of compounds in the pipelines as well, including acoziborole for trypanosomiasis, GSK656 for tuberculosis, and AN13762 for malaria.<sup>10–12</sup> We have reported a number of potent antiparasitic and antibacterial benzoxaboroles such as compounds **1a** and **1b** in the past.<sup>13–17</sup> At the same time, antiviral and anti-inflammatory properties have also been reported by researchers.<sup>18,19</sup>

Today, cancer still remains one of the major causes of human death despite efforts and progress in the past decades. About 2.8 and 0.6 million cancer deaths occurred in 2015 alone in China<sup>20</sup> and the United States,<sup>21</sup> respectively. While chemotherapy remains the main treatment, clinically used anticancer drugs are generally limited by toxicity, side effects, and resistance.<sup>22,23</sup> Thus, it remains urgent to develop novel anticancer agents.

Benzoxaboroles have unique physicochemical properties that are distinct from any previously known drug classes.<sup>1–3</sup> In light of their recently proven druglikeness and success in anti-infective application, it is imperative and urgent to explore the potential of benzoxaboroles as anticancer agents. However, an investigation of their anticancer activity has been lacking to date. Although several preliminary efforts toward this goal have been reported, the anticancer activity of benzoxaboroles has not been convincingly defined in those studies.<sup>24,25,29</sup> We have previously reported a small group of chalcone–benzoxaborole hybrids as preliminary anticancer agents.<sup>26</sup> Here, we report the design, synthesis, and structure–activity relationship of a series of 7-propanamide benzoxaboroles with potent anticancer activity. Compounds **103** and **115** showed inhibitory activity

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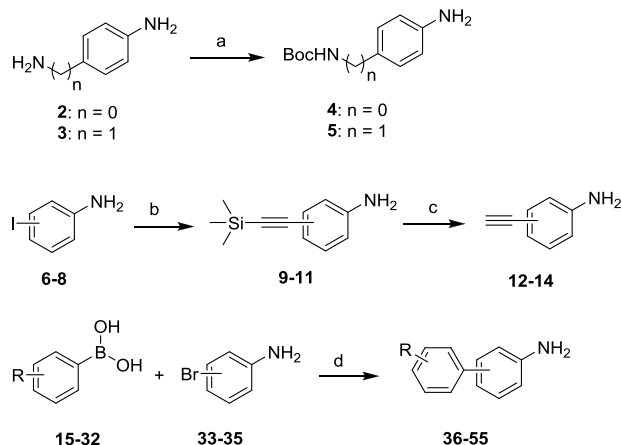
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against ovarian cancer cells with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 33 and 21 nM, respectively, and excellent selectivity between cancerous and normal cells. They effectively induced cancer cell apoptosis and inhibited colony formation. Furthermore, they demonstrated satisfactory efficacy and safety in ovarian tumor xenograft mouse model.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

**Chemistry.** Various amines were synthesized following the procedure shown in Scheme 1. Analines **4** and **5** were prepared

**Scheme 1. Synthesis of Various Amine Intermediates<sup>a</sup>**



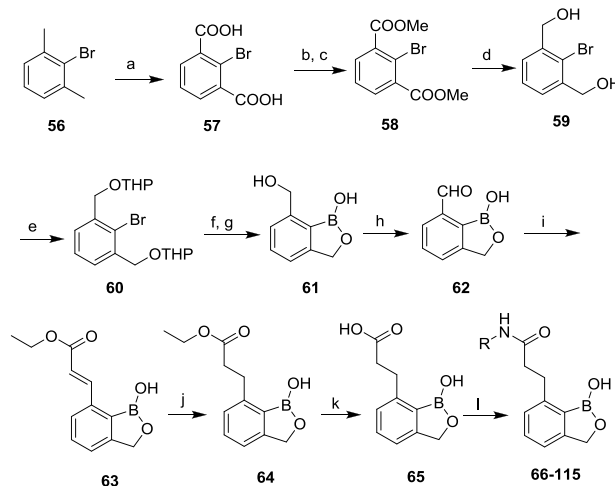
<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (a) Boc<sub>2</sub>O, tetrahydrofuran (THF); (b) trimethylsilylacetylene, Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, CuI, THF, TEA; (c) KOH, MeOH; (d) Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, sat. aqueous (aq) Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, EtOH, toluene.

by *tert*-butyloxycarbonyl (Boc) protection of the corresponding aminoalkylated analines **2** and **3**. The acetylenylanilines **12–14** were prepared from iodoanilines **6–8** by installation of the trimethylsilylacetylenyl group under the conditions of Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, CuI, and triethylamine (TEA) followed by removal of the trimethylsilyl group by KOH. Phenylanilines **36–55** were prepared by the Suzuki–Miyaura coupling reaction of arylboronic acids **15–32** and bromoanilines **33–35**.

The 7-propanamide benzoxaborole derivatives **66–115** were prepared following the procedures shown in Scheme 2. The key aldehyde intermediate **62** was prepared as we previously reported.<sup>27</sup> Aldehyde **62** was converted to ester **63** by the Wittig reaction. Compound **63** underwent reduction by Pd/C and H<sub>2</sub> and hydrolysis under alkaline condition, to give carboxylic acid **65**. Subsequent condensation with various amines under the conditions of 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide (EDCI) gave the 7-propanamide benzoxaboroles **66–115**.

As shown in Scheme 3, acrylate **63** was hydrolyzed to acrylic acid **126**, which was subsequently coupled with aniline to give acrylamide **127**. Compounds **129–132** were prepared by the condensation of hydrocinnamic acid and corresponding amines. Meanwhile, three nonboron analogues **145–147** were synthesized as shown in Scheme 3C. First, the diol **59** was converted to mono-methoxymethyl (MOM)-protected compound **133**, which was oxidized by PCC to give aldehyde **134**. Ester **135** was obtained by the Wittig reaction and then reduced to **136**. Next, a vinyl group was introduced by the Stille reaction to give compound **137**, which was subsequently

**Scheme 2. Synthesis of 7-Propanamide Benzoxaboroles<sup>a</sup>**

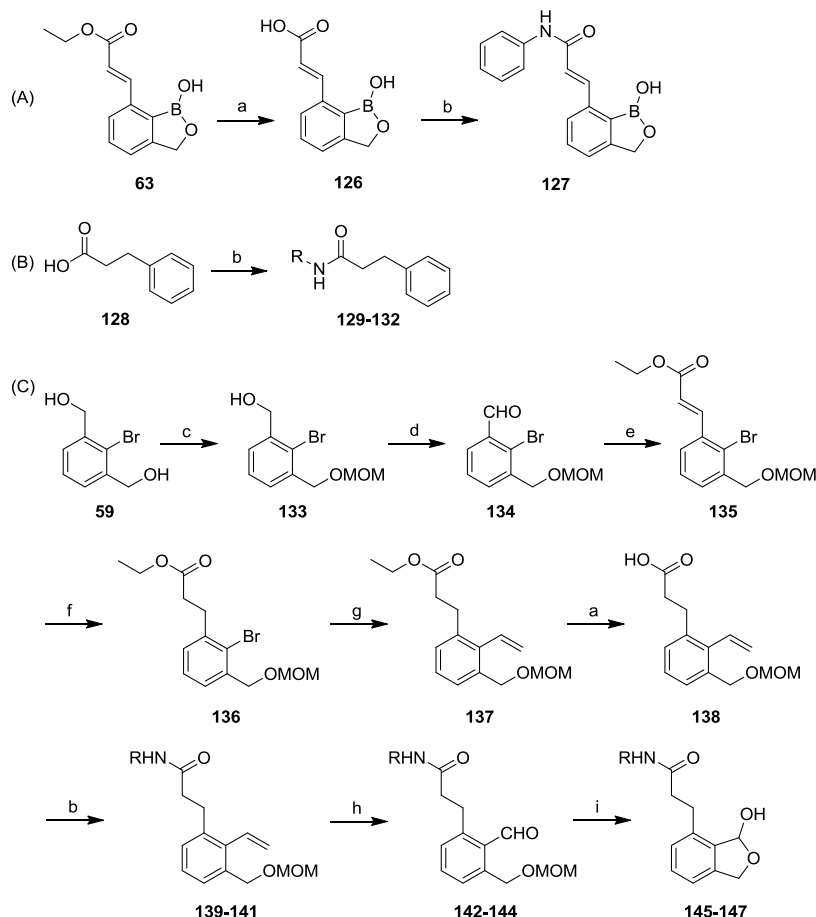


<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (a) KMnO<sub>4</sub>, *t*-BuOH, H<sub>2</sub>O; (b) SOCl<sub>2</sub>; (c) MeOH, Et<sub>3</sub>N; (d) LiBH<sub>4</sub>, MeOH, THF; (e) dihydropyran, *p*-TsOH–H<sub>2</sub>O, dimethylformamide (DMF); (f) *n*-BuLi, B(*i*-PrO)<sub>3</sub>, THF; (g) 6 M HCl, MeOH; (h) pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC), Celite, dichloromethane (DCM); (i) ethyl (triphenylphosphoranylidene)acetate, toluene; (j) Pd/C, H<sub>2</sub>, EtOH; (k) NaOH, MeOH, H<sub>2</sub>O; (l) RNH<sub>2</sub>, EDCI, DCM.

hydrolyzed under alkaline condition. Next, condensation with various amines gave compounds **139–141**, which was followed by oxidation of the vinyl group to give aldehydes **142–144**. Finally, compounds **142–144** were hydrolyzed, which was followed by cyclization under the acidic condition to provide lactols **145–147**.

**Discovery of Initial Hit Compound 69.** To explore the therapeutic value of benzoxaborole derivatives with high efficiency, we have previously developed a type of versatile formyl benzoxaborole intermediates that could be obtained in large scale and rapidly derivatized into benzoxaboroles bearing a variety of functional groups at the 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-position of the phenyl ring.<sup>27</sup> The 7-propionic acid derivative **65** was consequently obtained and found to possess potent antimalarial activity.<sup>28</sup> However, it did not show any antiproliferation activity on cancer cells. To explore the anticancer potential of benzoxaboroles, the amide analogues **66–72** were synthesized. As shown in Table 1, compounds **66–68** with aliphatic chains showed no inhibitory activity on cancer cell proliferation. Interestingly, the phenyl compound **69** gave submicromolar inhibitory potency on the three cancer cell lines tested (SKOV3: ovarian carcinoma; MDA-MB231: breast cancer; HCT116: colon colorectal carcinoma), while toxicity was low on normal cells (WI-38: human lung fibroblast). However, when the phenyl group was spaced by one or two carbons from the amide bond (compounds **70** and **71**), the anticancer potency was abolished. The thiazolyl substitution in compound **72** also gave abolished activity.

**Modification on Phenyl Group of Compound 69 Did Not Improve Antiproliferation Potency.** We explored the effect of various substitutions of the phenyl ring of compound **69** on its anticancer activity, as shown in Table 2. First, the para-substituted phenyl groups (compounds **73–84**) were explored. The fluoro compound **73** gave submicromolar activity that was slightly weaker than the unsubstituted compound **69**. When the larger halogen atoms were introduced, the inhibitory activity gradually decreased from

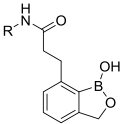
Scheme 3. Synthesis of Analogue Compounds<sup>a</sup>

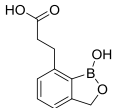







<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (a) NaOH, MeOH, H<sub>2</sub>O; (b) RNH<sub>2</sub>, EDCI, DCM; (c) methoxymethyl chloride (MOMCl), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA), THF; (d) PCC, Celite, DCM; (e) ethyl (triphenylphosphoranylidene)acetate, toluene; (f) NaBH<sub>4</sub>, NiCl<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O; (g) tributyl(vinyl)tin, Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, DMF; (h) NaIO<sub>4</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>OsO<sub>4</sub>, THF, H<sub>2</sub>O; (i) 4 M aqueous HCl, THF.

chloro compound 74 to iodo compound 76 that showed near-100-fold decreased activity compared to the fluoro compound 73. Analogues 77–84 also showed a similar tendency of lower activity associated with bulkier substituents. The methyl and methoxy compounds 77 and 80 gave submicromolar activity, while larger substituents in compounds 78, 79, 81, 83, and 84 all gave significantly diminished activity. However, an exception is compound 82 with a bulky Boc group that showed significantly higher activity than its shorter analogue 81, which may be due to the flexibility of alkyl chain by addition of an extra carbon atom. Next, we investigated the effect of moving the substituents from para- to meta- and ortho-positions. The *m*-bromo analogue 85 showed improved potency compared to the *p*-bromo compound 75. The *m*-iodo compound 86 also showed similar tendency. This observation implied that the meta-position may be a favorable spot for further optimization. Therefore, larger groups such as isopropyl and acetylenyl were introduced into the meta-position in compounds 87 and 88, which both showed submicromolar activity. Interestingly, the ortho-substituted analogues 89 and 90 also showed good activity. The disubstituted and trisubstituted analogues showed diminished activity as shown by compounds 92 and 93. However, the *m,p*-disubstituted analogue 91 gave good inhibitory activity. Thus, the simple halogen or alkyl modifications on the phenyl ring only achieved inhibitory activity comparable to the unsub-

stituted compound 69. This series of compounds implied that bulky groups may be tolerated as demonstrated by compound 82, and substitutions at the ortho- and meta-position of the phenyl ring are more favorable than the para-substitution. At the same time, it was demonstrated that selectivity between cancerous and normal cells is tunable depending on the substitution patterns. For example, compound 82 showed nearly no selectivity while compound 77 showed good selectivity, although these two compounds possess similar antiproliferative potency. Thus, it proved feasible to fine-tune the structure–activity relationship to obtain good selectivity between cancerous and normal cells while retaining the antiproliferative potency. These observations led to the design and synthesis of the naphthyl and biphenyl compounds in Table 3 to improve the potency.

**Discovery of Biphenyl Compounds with Significantly Improved Antiproliferation Potency.** As shown in Table 3, the 1-naphthyl compound 94 showed antiproliferation activity comparable to the phenyl compound 69, but its selectivity between cancer cells and normal cells was low. The 2-naphthyl analogue 95 showed a 10-fold decrease of potency. Next, biphenyl compounds 96–98 were explored. The biphenyl-2-yl and 4-yl compounds 96 and 98 only showed moderate activity; however, the 3-yl compound 97 showed submicromolar potency and good selectivity between cancerous and normal cells. Based on this observation and the chemical accessibility

**Table 1. Inhibitory Effect of Compounds 65–72 on Cancerous and Normal Cell Proliferation**


| Structure  | <sup>a</sup> IC <sub>50</sub> (μM) |           |        |       |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------|--------|-------|
|  | SKOV3                              | MDA-MB231 | HCT116 | WI-38 |
| <b>65</b><br>   | >100                               | >100      | >100   | >100  |
| <b>66</b><br>   | >100                               | >100      | >100   | >100  |
| <b>67</b><br>   | >100                               | >100      | >100   | >100  |
| <b>68</b><br>   | >100                               | >100      | >100   | >100  |
| <b>69</b><br>   | 0.20                               | 0.23      | 0.35   | 30    |
| <b>70</b><br> | >100                               | >100      | >100   | >100  |
| <b>71</b><br> | >100                               | >100      | >100   | >100  |
| <b>72</b><br> | >100                               | >100      | >100   | >100  |
| <b>Doxorubicin</b>   | 0.032                              | 0.0069    | 0.023  | 0.59  |

<sup>a</sup>IC<sub>50</sub> indicates compound concentration required to inhibit cell viability by 50%. Values are expressed as the mean of triplicate experiments.

of various biphenyls, we took compound **97** for further structural modification. Introduction of a fluoro atom at the 4'-position gave compound **100**, which is the first compound with IC<sub>50</sub> value below 100 nM in this work. It also showed good selectivity (ca. 44-fold) between SKOV3 and normal cells. However, the 3'-fluoro compound **99** and the chloro compounds **101** and **102** only gave slightly diminished potency. When the hydrogen-bond acceptor group, methoxy, was installed in compounds **103–105**, the potency was further improved for all three compounds. The most potent compound **103** gave an IC<sub>50</sub> value as low as 33 nM, which is the most active compound so far in this study. At the same time, it also showed good selectivity between cancerous and normal cells (ca. 100-fold selectivity: SKOV3 vs WI-38 cells). When the methoxy group was replaced by the electronegative trifluoromethyl group (compounds **106** and **107**), they showed more than 10-fold decrease of activity. The thioether, trifluoromethyl, and cyano derivatives **108–113** all showed

submicromolar activity that is comparable to the unsubstituted compound **97**, but no improvement of potency. When acetyl group, which is a hydrogen-bond acceptor, was introduced in compounds **114** and **115**, the potency was significantly improved. Especially in compound **115**, an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 21 nM on SKOV3 cells was achieved, which represents the highest potency in this study. It also showed good selectivity between cancerous and normal cells (ca. 180-fold selectivity: SKOV3 vs WI-38 cells), which is better than the low-potency compounds such as the phenyl compound **69** (ca. 150-fold selectivity: SKOV3 vs WI-38 cells). We believe with a further elucidation of the intracellular targets, there is sufficient space to further improve the selectivity by rational design.

**Both Oxaborole Ring and 7-Propanamide Substitution Are Essential for Antiproliferation Potency.** To evaluate the essentiality of the oxaborole moiety and the 7-propanamide substitution, a number of control compounds were synthesized and tested as shown in Table 4. In compounds **103**, **105**, and **115**, when the substituting position on the phenyl was changed from 7- to 4-, 5-, and 6- as in compounds **116–124**, the antiproliferation activity was significantly diminished. Furthermore, the parent benzoxaborole **125** and the antifungal drug tavaborole (**tb**) did not show any antiproliferation activity at all, which suggests that the 7-propanamide substitution is essential for the antiproliferation activity. Compound **127** with a double bond showed abolished activity compared to its saturated counterpart **69**, which suggests that the saturated chain is favorable owing to its conformational flexibility. When the oxaborole ring was removed as in compounds **129–132** or when the boron was replaced by carbon as in lactols **145–147**, they showed either completely abolished activity or significantly diminished activity compared to their corresponding benzoxaboroles **69**, **103**, **105**, and **115**. This observation suggests that the oxaborole moiety is essential for the antiproliferation activity. Thus, both the oxaborole ring and the 7-propanamide substitution are essential for the potent antiproliferation activity of the compounds in this study.

**Membrane Permeability and Pharmacokinetic (PK) Profile of Compounds 103 and 115.** Compounds **103** and **115** were evaluated for their membrane permeability and pharmacokinetic properties. Compound **103** showed high permeability in the caco-2 assay with a high  $P_{app}$  (A → B 19.5 and B → A  $26.5 \times 10^{-6}$  cm/s) and a low efflux ratio of 1.36. Compound **115** showed a medium permeability with a moderate  $P_{app}$  (A → B 3.95 and B → A  $2.23 \times 10^{-6}$  cm/s) and a low efflux ratio of 0.56. In the PK study as shown in Table 5, when dosed orally at 10 mg/kg, compound **103** showed an oral (po) bioavailability of 19.5% and a half-life ( $T_{1/2}$ ) of 2.2 h, while compound **115** has a very low bioavailability of 4.6%, which may be ascribed to its relatively low permeability and a half-life ( $T_{1/2}$ ) of 2.0 h. Both compounds showed reasonable peak plasma concentration ( $C_{max}$ ) (434 and 373 ng/mL) and area under the curve (AUC) values of 551 and 1920 h ng/mL, respectively.

**Apoptosis Was Induced by Compound 103.** To determine whether the proliferative inhibition induced by compound **103** was attributed to apoptosis, SKOV3 cells were treated with vehicle and compound **103** at different concentrations (1, 3, or 10 μM) for 48 h and then stained with annexin V–fluorescein isothiocyanate (FITC) and propidium iodide (PI). As shown in Figure 2, the percentages of apoptotic SKOV3 cells were determined by flow cytometry.

Table 2. Inhibitory Effect of Compounds 73–93 on Cancerous and Normal Cell Proliferation

|    | Structure | <sup>a</sup> IC <sub>50</sub> (μM) |           |        |       |
|----|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|--------|-------|
|    |           | SKOV3                              | MDA-MB231 | HCT116 | WI-38 |
| 73 |           | 0.72                               | 0.44      | 0.65   | 12    |
| 74 |           | 5.0                                | 3.6       | 12     | >100  |
| 75 |           | 9.2                                | 5.3       | 46     | 42    |
| 76 |           | 51                                 | 33        | 50     | 49    |
| 77 |           | 0.86                               | 1.1       | 4.5    | >100  |
| 78 |           | 6.3                                | 6.6       | 45     | >100  |
| 79 |           | 4.2                                | 33        | 19     | 55    |
| 80 |           | 0.90                               | 0.85      | 1.7    | >100  |
| 81 |           | >100                               | 29        | 24     | >100  |
| 82 |           | 2.0                                | 1.3       | 2.3    | 4.8   |
| 83 |           | >100                               | >100      | >100   | >100  |

|    | Structure | <sup>a</sup> IC <sub>50</sub> (μM) |           |        |       |
|----|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|--------|-------|
|    |           | SKOV3                              | MDA-MB231 | HCT116 | WI-38 |
| 84 |           | 83                                 | 36        | >100   | >100  |
| 85 |           | 0.54                               | 0.72      | 1.4    | 20    |
| 86 |           | 0.63                               | 5.3       | 2.3    | 71    |
| 87 |           | 0.51                               | 1.6       | 1.6    | 22    |
| 88 |           | 0.98                               | 1.6       | 3.6    | >100  |
| 89 |           | 0.20                               | 0.93      | 0.43   | 1.6   |
| 90 |           | 0.82                               | 1.3       | 1.4    | 18    |
| 91 |           | 0.60                               | 0.87      | 1.2    | 15    |
| 92 |           | >100                               | >100      | >100   | >100  |
| 93 |           | 19                                 | 71        | 64     | 74    |

<sup>a</sup>IC<sub>50</sub> indicates compound concentration required to inhibit cell viability by 50%. Values are expressed as the mean of triplicate experiments.

Compound **103** induced apoptosis in a concentration-dependent manner, resulting in 28.2, 31.6, and 51.3% of apoptotic cells (early and late apoptosis) at 1, 3, and 10 μM, respectively.

**Cleavage of Poly(ADP-ribose) Polymerase (PARP) and Caspase 3/9 Was Induced by Compound 103.** To further elucidate the potential mechanisms of apoptosis induced by compound **103**, cleaved PARP and caspase 3/9 were determined by Western blotting as the markers of apoptosis. As shown in Figure 3, treatment of H460 cells with compound **103** triggered cleavage of PARP and caspase 3/9 at low concentrations, which indicated that compound **103** induced the apoptosis at least partially through the cleavage of caspase 3/9 and PARP.

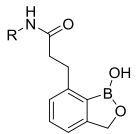
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






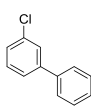
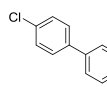
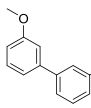
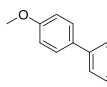

The ability of compound **103** to inhibit the colony formation of SKOV3 cells was tested. As shown in Figure 4, the exposure of SKOV3 cells to low concentrations of compound **103** resulted in a significant inhibition of colony formation. The cancer cell growth was completely abolished at the concentration of 500 nM and above.

**Tumor Growth in Xenograft Mouse Model Was Reduced.** Finally, we evaluated the in vivo efficacy of compounds **103** and **115** in SKOV3 xenograft mouse model. Six BALB/c mice per group were administered via intraperitoneal injection with vehicle, compounds **103** and **115**, at a dosage of 2 and 10 mg/kg, respectively, once a day for 33 days. As shown in Figure 5, compounds **103** and **115** both

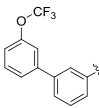
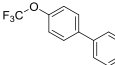
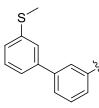
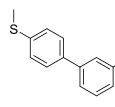
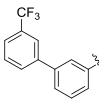
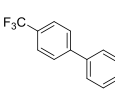
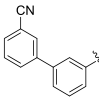
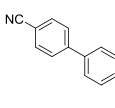
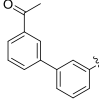
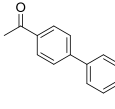


Table 3. Inhibitory Effect of Compounds 94–115 on Cancerous and Normal Cell Proliferation



|     | Structure   | <sup>a</sup> IC <sub>50</sub> (μM) |           |         |       |
|-----|---|------------------------------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|     |   | SKOV3                              | MDA-MB231 | HCT 116 | WI-38 |
| 94  |    | 0.17                               | 0.15      | 0.20    | 1.2   |
| 95  |    | 1.4                                | 1.8       | 1.7     | >100  |
| 96  |    | 26                                 | 18        | 23      | 77    |
| 97  |    | 0.25                               | 0.22      | 0.89    | 12    |
| 98  |    | 48                                 | 8.8       | 13      | 32    |
| 99  |  | 0.48                               | 0.57      | 0.46    | 37    |
| 100 |  | 0.093                              | 0.25      | 0.55    | 4.1   |
| 101 |  | 0.30                               | 0.25      | 0.35    | 58    |
| 102 |  | 0.22                               | 0.26      | 0.38    | 9.8   |
| 103 |  | 0.033                              | 0.037     | 0.26    | 3.2   |
| 104 |  | 0.048                              | 0.088     | 0.16    | 1.4   |
| 105 |  | 0.044                              | 0.040     | 0.053   | 1.7   |

|     | Structure  | <sup>a</sup> IC <sub>50</sub> (μM) |           |         |       |
|-----|--|------------------------------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|     |  | SKOV3                              | MDA-MB231 | HCT 116 | WI-38 |
| 106 |    | 0.46                               | 0.46      | 0.31    | 9.8   |
| 107 |    | 0.56                               | 0.64      | 0.73    | 25    |
| 108 |    | 0.15                               | 0.15      | 0.11    | 2.0   |
| 109 |    | 0.14                               | 0.14      | 0.18    | 3.8   |
| 110 |   | 0.39                               | 0.41      | 0.58    | 23    |
| 111 |  | 0.50                               | 0.51      | 0.55    | 26    |
| 112 |  | 0.12                               | 0.11      | 0.14    | 7.3   |
| 113 |  | 0.34                               | 0.38      | 0.41    | 12    |
| 114 |  | 0.068                              | 0.052     | 0.086   | 2.2   |
| 115 |  | 0.021                              | 0.056     | 0.11    | 3.7   |

<sup>a</sup>IC<sub>50</sub> indicates compound concentration required to inhibit cell viability by 50%. Values are expressed as the mean of triplicate experiments.

significantly inhibited tumor growth in a dose-dependent manner as measured by tumor volume and weight. At the same

time, the body weight of the treated mice did not show any significant decrease, which implied that the two compounds

Table 4. Inhibitory Effect of Compounds 116–147 on Cancer Cell Proliferation

| <sup>a</sup> IC <sub>50</sub> (μM) |  |       |           |         |       | <sup>a</sup> IC <sub>50</sub> (μM) |  |       |           |         |       |
|------------------------------------|--|-------|-----------|---------|-------|------------------------------------|--|-------|-----------|---------|-------|
| Structure                          |  | SKOV3 | MDA-MB231 | HCT 116 | WI-38 | Structure                          |  | SKOV3 | MDA-MB231 | HCT 116 | WI-38 |
| 116                                |  | 62    | 49        | 21      | >100  | tb                                 |  | >100  | >100      | 65      | 32    |
| 117                                |  | 29    | 21        | 3.7     | >100  | 127                                |  | >100  | >100      | >100    | >100  |
| 118                                |  | >100  | 59        | 19      | >100  | 129                                |  | >100  | >100      | >100    | >100  |
| 119                                |  | >100  | 90        | 81      | >100  | 130                                |  | 24    | 25        | 40      | >100  |
| 120                                |  | 93    | 77        | 56      | >100  | 131                                |  | >100  | 87        | >100    | >100  |
| 121                                |  | 79    | 66        | 63      | >100  | 132                                |  | 3.2   | 2.7       | 4.0     | 13    |
| 122                                |  | 78    | 76        | 46      | >100  | 145                                |  | 78    | 12        | 22      | 42    |
| 123                                |  | 88    | 93        | 50      | >100  | 146                                |  | 61    | 52        | 49      | 93    |
| 124                                |  | 57    | 41        | 48      | >100  | 147                                |  | 41    | 29        | 18      | >100  |
| 125                                |  | >100  | >100      | >100    | 58    |                                    |  |       |           |         |       |

<sup>a</sup>IC<sub>50</sub> indicates compound concentration required to inhibit cell viability by 50%. Values are expressed as the mean of triplicate experiments.

Table 5. Oral (po) and Intravenous (iv) Pharmacokinetic (PK) Parameters<sup>a</sup> of Compounds 103 and 115 in SD Rats

|     |    | dose (mg/kg) | T <sub>max</sub> (h) | C <sub>max</sub> (ng/mL) | AUC <sub>inf</sub> (h ng/mL) | CL (mL/(h kg)) | V <sub>ss</sub> (mL/kg) | T <sub>1/2</sub> (h) | F (%) |
|-----|----|--------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| 103 | iv | 2            | NA                   | NA                       | 551                          | 3750           | 7630                    | 1.4                  | NA    |
|     | po | 10           | 0.2                  | 434                      | 547                          | NA             | NA                      | 2.2                  | 19.5  |
| 115 | iv | 2            | NA                   | NA                       | 1920                         | 1050           | 882                     | 0.6                  | NA    |
|     | po | 10           | 0.25                 | 373                      | 459                          | NA             | NA                      | 2.0                  | 4.6   |

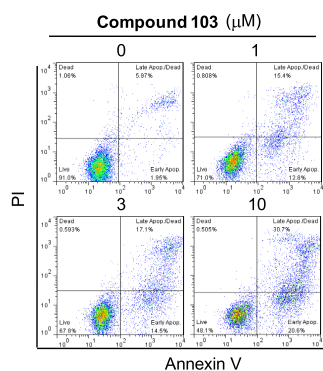
<sup>a</sup>PK parameters were based on mean plasma concentration–time profiles of three animals per time points. PK parameters were calculated by noncompartmental analysis using DAS 2.0.

may have desired toxicity properties, but further comprehensive toxicity evaluation is needed.

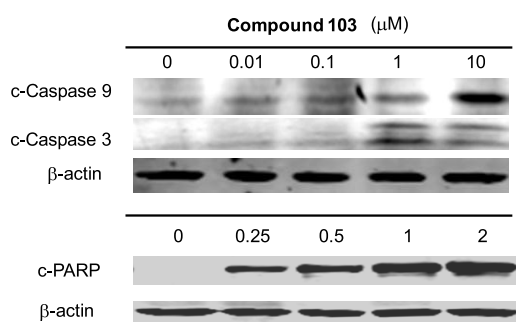
## CONCLUSIONS

Benzoxaboroles, as a novel class of bioactive molecules with unique chemical properties, have been shown to possess

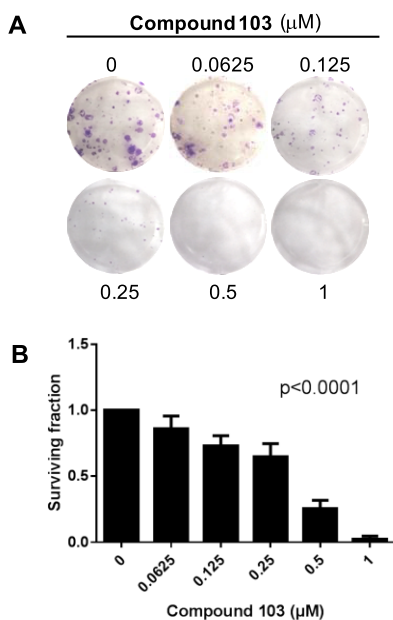
excellent antimicrobial activities with tavaborole approved in 2014 as an antifungal drug. Although urgently needed, the investigation of benzoxaboroles as anticancer agents has been lacking to date. In this work, based on an antimalarial benzoxaborole **65**, which does not show any anticancer activity, a series of 7-propanamide derivatives were designed and synthesized to give an initial hit compound **69**, which



**Figure 2.** Induction of apoptosis on SKOV3 cells by compound **103**: flow cytometry analysis of apoptotic SKOV3 cells induced by compound **103** at different concentrations. Cells were treated with vehicle or compound **103** at 1.0, 3.0, and 10  $\mu$ M for 48 h.



**Figure 3.** Western blot analysis of biological markers for apoptosis induction by compound **103** on H460 cells for 48 h.



**Figure 4.** Inhibitory effects of compound **103** on colony formation of SKOV3 cells. (A) Cells were treated with compound **103** at various concentrations. Digital image was taken and all visible colonies were counted. (B) Data were normalized to untreated control. The error bars represent standard deviations from triplicates. The statistical significance was obtained with one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) ( $P < 0.0001$ ).

showed submicromolar antiproliferation activity on three cancer cell lines. Further structure–activity relationship studies

found that replacement of the phenyl by biphenyl and installation of hydrogen-bond acceptor group were critical for the significant improvement of antiproliferation potency. Both the benzoxaborole moiety and the 7-propanamide modifications are essential for the anticancer activity. Thus, it led to the identification of a series of potent anticancer compounds. Among them, the most potent compound **115** showed an  $IC_{50}$  value of 21 nM on ovarian cancer cells and near-200-fold selectivity versus normal cells. More importantly, it also demonstrated *in vivo* efficacy and low toxicity on tumor xenograft mouse model at a dosage of 2 and 10 mg/kg.

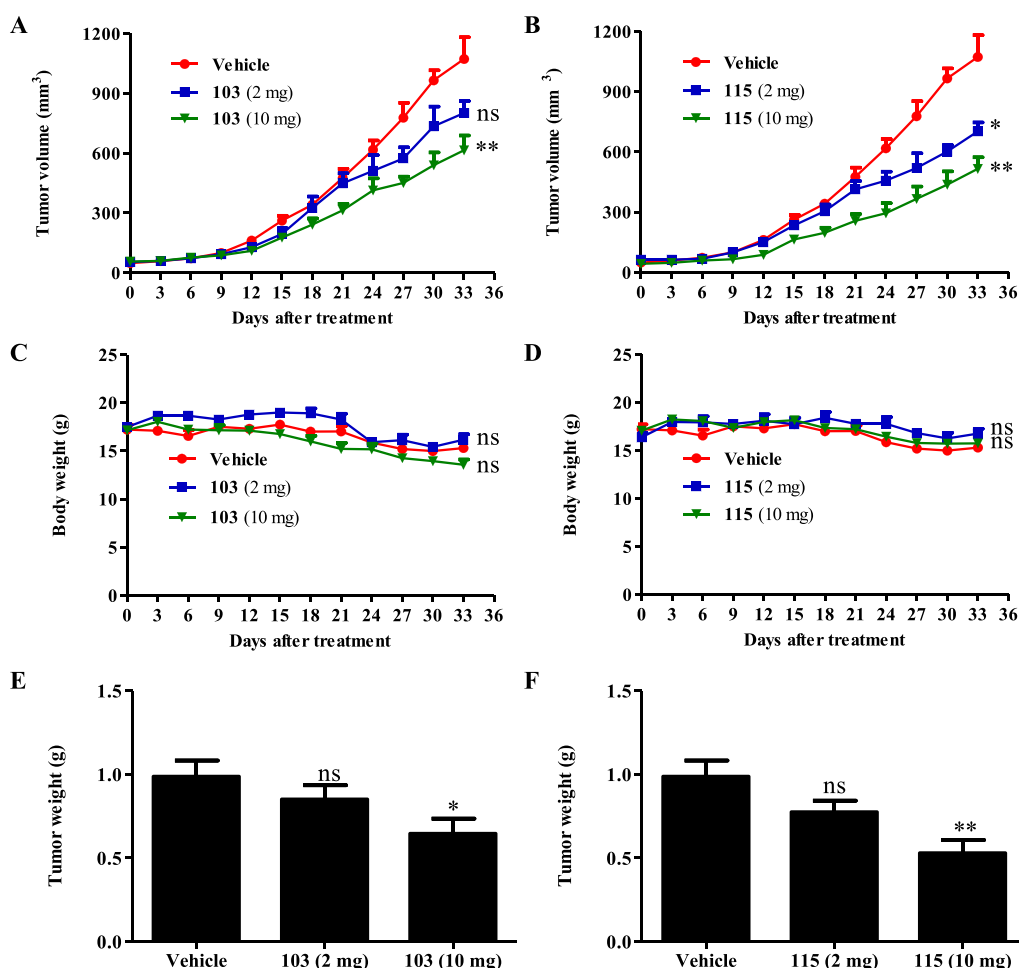
This work is the first to show that benzoxaboroles may serve as potent and efficacious anticancer agents. Although there are existing reports commenting on their anticancer activity, the reported potency at cellular level was not ideal and *in vivo* efficacy was not reported.<sup>30</sup> However, the intracellular target of our benzoxaboroles remains to be elucidated. They were demonstrated to effectively induce cancer cell apoptosis through the caspase 3/9 and PARP pathways and inhibited colony formation. In previous reports, the biological activities of benzoxaboroles were mainly assessed by phenotypic screening while the cellular targets largely remained unknown. Although leucyl-tRNA synthetases (LeuRS) have been identified as the cellular target of the antifungal benzoxaborole tavorole,<sup>8</sup> compounds **103** and **115** did not inhibit human LeuRS, which is consistent with our previously reported observation that the eukaryotic helix blocked the 7-position of the benzoxaborole.<sup>16</sup> Tavorole did not show any anticancer activity, either. At the same time, benzoxaborole has been used as a novel chemotype in the development of enzyme inhibitors. An interesting example was the carbonic anhydrase inhibitors reported by Winum and Simone et al.<sup>31,32</sup> As a continuous development, we are currently making efforts to decipher the cellular targets of the anticancer benzoxaboroles reported herein.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**Chemistry: General Procedures.** All solvents and reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification if not indicated. Column chromatography was performed using Huanghai silica gel (48–75  $\mu$ m). NMR spectra were recorded on AVANCE 400 (Bruker). Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are expressed in parts per million (ppm) relative to residual solvent as an internal reference. High-resolution mass spectroscopy (HRMS) images were obtained on an Agilent 6530 accurate-mass quadrupole time-of-flight LC/MS. High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analysis was performed on an Agilent 1200 with a flow rate of 1 mL/min and a gradient of 10% MeCN/90% H<sub>2</sub>O to 100% MeCN in 20 min using a diode array detector. An Agilent Eclipse XDB-C18 column (4.6 mm  $\times$  150 mm, 5  $\mu$ m) was used. Purity was based on the integrated UV chromatogram (220 nm). All compounds used for biological evaluation have purity of  $\geq 95\%$ . Melting points were measured on a SGWX-4 melting point apparatus.

***t*-Butyl (4-Aminophenyl)carbamate (4).** To a solution of *p*-aminoaniline (3.24 g, 30 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.52 g, 11 mmol) in THF (30 mL) was added Boc<sub>2</sub>O (2.18 g, 10 mmol) dropwise over 0.5 h. After stirred overnight at room temperature (rt), the mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (70 mL) and extracted with DCM (50 mL  $\times$  3). The organic phase was combined, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and evaporated in vacuum followed by purification on silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 2:1) to give compound **4** (2.02 g, 100%) as a yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO)-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  8.77 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.72 (s, 2H), 1.44





**Figure 5.** In vivo anticancer activity of compounds **103** and **115** on SKOV3 xenograft mouse model. Female nude BALB/c mice were administered by intraperitoneal injection with vehicle, compounds **103** and **115**, at a dosage of 2 and 10 mg/kg, respectively ( $n = 6$  each group), once a day for 33 days. Average tumor volume (A, B), average body weight (C, D), and average tumor weight (E, F) were measured every 3 days. Data are expressed as the mean  $\pm$  standard error ( $n = 6$ ). \* indicates  $P < 0.05$  and \*\* indicates  $P < 0.01$  vs control.

(s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  153.0, 143.8, 128.4, 120.1, 113.8, 78.0, 28.1 ppm.

***t*-Butyl (4-Aminobenzyl)carbamate (5).** Compound **5** (0.97 g, 53.4%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **4** as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.07 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 4.18 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.64 (s, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  155.8, 145.6, 128.8, 128.7, 115.1, 79.2, 44.3, 28.4 ppm.

**2-((Trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)aniline (9).** To a solution of 2-iodoaniline (1.1 g, 5.0 mmol),  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$  (105.3 mg, 0.15 mmol), and CuI (19.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) in a mixture of dry THF (10 mL) and TEA (3 mL) was added trimethylsilylacetylene (915  $\mu\text{L}$ , 7.0 mmol) dropwise over 1 h. After stirred overnight at rt, the mixture was evaporated in vacuum and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 50:1) to obtain compound **9** as a yellow oil (797 mg, 83.9%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  7.13 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.49 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 0.24 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  149.7, 131.6, 129.9, 115.7, 113.7, 105.4, 102.6, 98.6, 0.0 ppm.

**3-((Trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)aniline (10).** Compound **10** (888 mg, 93.4%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **9** as a yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  6.99 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 6.57 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 5.20 (s, 2H), 0.20 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  149.2, 129.6, 122.9, 119.4, 117.0, 115.3, 106.8, 92.7, 0.5 ppm.

**4-((Trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)aniline (11).** Compound **11** (565 mg, 59.4%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **9** as a yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  7.09 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 5.53 (s, 2H), 0.18 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  150.1, 137.5, 133.3, 117.0, 113.9, 108.6, 107.9, 90.5, 0.7 ppm.

**2-Ethynylaniline (12).** To a solution of KOH (4.46 g, 32.3 mmol) in MeOH (20 mL) was added a solution of **9** (612 mg, 3.23 mmol) in DCM (20 mL). After stirred at rt for 3 h, the reaction mixture was filtered. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10:1) to obtain compound **12** as a yellow oil (210 mg, 55.5%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.33 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.71–6.66 (m, 2H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 3.38 (s, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  148.5, 132.6, 130.1, 117.8, 114.3, 106.6, 82.4, 80.6 ppm.

**3-Ethynylaniline (13).** Compound **13** (208 mg, 43.1%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **12** as a yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  7.00 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 6.59–6.57 (m, 2H), 5.20 (s, 2H), 3.96 (s, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  149.2, 129.6, 122.4, 119.5, 117.0, 115.2, 84.9, 79.5 ppm.

**4-Ethynylaniline (14).** Compound **14** (267 mg, 64.4%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **12** as a brown solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  7.11 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 5.49 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  149.4, 132.7, 113.4, 107.6, 85.0, 77.1 ppm.

**1,1'-Biphenyl-2-amine (36).** To a solution of 2-bromoaniline (1.0 g, 5.8 mmol) in a mixture of toluene (25 mL) and EtOH (9 mL) were added Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (203.5 mg, 0.29 mmol), phenylboronic acid (708 mg, 5.8 mmol), and sat aq Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3 mL). The reaction mixture was refluxed overnight under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL) and extracted with DCM (30 mL × 3). The organic phase was combined, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and evaporated in vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 25:1) to obtain compound **36** as a white solid (837 mg, 85.1%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.46–7.40 (m, 4H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (s, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 144.9, 139.6, 129.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 126.7, 125.7, 116.7, 115.2 ppm.

**1,1'-Biphenyl-3-amine (37).** Compound **37** (338.7 mg, 68.9%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **36** as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.58–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 146.7, 142.4, 141.3, 129.6, 128.6, 127.2, 127.1, 117.6, 114.0, 113.8 ppm.

**1,1'-Biphenyl-4-amine (38).** Compound **38** (195.2 mg, 39.7%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **36** as a brown solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.55–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.38 (m, 4H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 145.8, 141.1, 131.6, 128.6, 128.0, 126.4, 126.2, 115.4 ppm.

**3'-Fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl-3-amine (39).** Compound **39** (493.4 mg, 90.7%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **36** as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.46 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 162.5 (d, *J* = 241.8 Hz), 149.1, 143.5 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 139.4 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 130.6 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 129.5, 122.4, 114.4, 113.7, 113.6 (d, *J* = 20.8 Hz), 113.9 (d, *J* = 21.6 Hz), 112.1 ppm.

**4'-Fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl-3-amine (40).** Compound **40** (407.8 mg, 75.1%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **36** as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 162.3 (d, *J* = 244.4 Hz), 146.7, 141.4, 137.4 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 129.7, 128.5 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 117.4, 115.4 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 114.0, 113.6 ppm.

**3'-Chloro-1,1'-biphenyl-3-amine (41).** Compound **41** (481.1 mg, 81.3%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **36** as a yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 149.1, 143.2, 139.2, 133.4, 130.5, 129.5, 126.8, 126.0, 125.0, 114.2, 113.7, 112.0 ppm.

**4'-Chloro-1,1'-biphenyl-3-amine (42).** Compound **42** (564.0 mg, 95.3%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **36** as a yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (s, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 149.2, 139.8, 139.5, 131.9, 129.5, 128.7, 128.2, 114.3, 113.5, 112.0 ppm.

**3'-Methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-amine (43).** Compound **43** (465.0 mg, 70.9%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **36** as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.33 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.05 (m, 3H), 6.89 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 159.5, 149.0, 142.6, 140.7, 129.7, 129.3, 118.8, 114.4, 113.2, 112.6, 112.1, 111.9, 55.0 ppm.

**4'-Methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-amine (44).** Compound **44** (347.5 mg, 60.1%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **36** as a yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97–6.94 (m, 3H), 6.87 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 159.0, 146.7, 142.0, 133.9, 129.6, 128.1, 117.3, 114.0, 113.5, 113.4, 55.3 ppm.

**3',5'-Methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-amine (45).** Compound **45** (425.0 mg, 79.7%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **36** as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 6H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 160.6, 148.9, 143.3, 140.8, 129.2, 114.4, 113.3, 112.2, 104.6, 98.9, 55.1 ppm.

**3'-Trifluoromethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-amine (46).** Compound **46** (674.9 mg, 91.7%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **36** as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.60 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 149.2, 148.8, 143.4, 139.1, 130.6, 129.5, 125.5, 120.1 (q, *J* = 254.7 Hz), 119.3, 118.7, 114.3, 113.8, 112.0, ppm.

**4'-Trifluoromethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-amine (47).** Compound **47** (553.0 mg, 75.1%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **36** as a yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (s, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 149.2, 147.5, 140.3, 139.4, 129.5, 128.1, 121.2, 120.1 (q, *J* = 254.5 Hz), 114.3, 113.5, 112.1 ppm.

**3'-Methylthio-1,1'-biphenyl-3-amine (48).** Compound **48** (355.2 mg, 56.9%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **36** as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.38–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 149.0, 141.7, 140.3, 138.5, 129.3, 129.2, 124.5, 123.6, 123.0, 114.3, 113.3, 112.0, 14.6 ppm.

**4'-Methylthio-1,1'-biphenyl-3-amine (49).** Compound **49** (456.0 mg, 73.1%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **36** as a yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 3.35 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 149.0, 140.1, 137.5, 136.8, 129.3, 126.8, 126.2, 113.9, 113.0, 111.6, 14.6 ppm.

**3'-Trifluoromethyl-1,1'-biphenyl-3-amine (50).** Compound **50** (619.3 mg, 89.8%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **36** as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.85–7.84 (m, 2H), 7.65–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (s, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 149.3, 142.1, 139.3, 130.4, 129.9, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 125.6, 123.5 (t, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 122.9, 122.7 (t, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 114.5, 114.0, 112.3 ppm.

**4'-Trifluoromethyl-1,1'-biphenyl-3-amine (51).** Compound **51** (561.0 mg, 81.4%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **36** as a yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.76 (s, 4H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 149.2, 145.0, 139.2, 129.6, 127.1, 125.6 (t, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 114.4, 114.0, 112.1 ppm.

**3'-Cyano-1,1'-biphenyl-3-amine (52).** Compound **52** (507.1 mg, 89.8%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **36** as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.98 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 149.2, 142.1, 138.6,

131.2, 130.6, 129.9, 129.8, 129.6, 118.8, 114.3, 113.9, 112.0, 111.8 ppm.

**4'-Cyano-1,1'-biphenyl-3-amine (53).** Compound **53** (438.8 mg, 77.7%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **36** as a yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  7.88 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.83 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  149.3, 145.5, 138.9, 132.6, 129.6, 127.2, 118.9, 114.4, 114.3, 112.1, 109.5 ppm.

**3'-Acetyl-1,1'-biphenyl-3-amine (54).** Compound **54** (544.8 mg, 88.7%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **36** as a yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.11 (t,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  197.9, 149.2, 141.4, 139.9, 137.2, 131.0, 129.5, 129.1, 126.9, 125.8, 114.4, 113.5, 112.1, 26.8 ppm.

**4'-Acetyl-1,1'-biphenyl-3-amine (55).** Compound **55** (523.3 mg, 85.4%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **36** as a yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.01 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  197.8, 146.9, 146.0, 141.0, 135.7, 129.8, 128.8, 127.1, 117.6, 114.9, 113.7, 26.6 ppm.

**Ethyl (E)-3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-acrylate (63).** To a solution of aldehyde **62** (1.68 g, 10.4 mmol) in toluene (150 mL) was added ethyl (triphenylphosphoranylidene)-acetate (4.34 g, 12.4 mmol). After stirred overnight at rt, the reaction mixture was evaporated in vacuum followed by purification on silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 2:1) to obtain compound **63** as a white solid (1.6 g, 66.7%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.33 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d,  $J$  = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J$  = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 4.19 (q,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  166.3, 154.5, 143.0, 137.2, 131.1, 125.0, 123.0, 119.1, 69.6, 59.9, 14.1 ppm.

**Ethyl 3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)propanoate (64).** To a solution of compound **63** (1.3 g, 5.6 mmol) in EtOH (120 mL) was added 10% Pd/C (592 mg). After stirred overnight under hydrogen atmosphere at rt, the reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate was evaporated in vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 2:1) to obtain compound **64** as a white solid (1.2 g, 93.2%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.98 (s, 1H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 4.02 (q,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.30 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.14 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  172.2, 154.1, 144.6, 130.8, 126.7, 119.1, 69.7, 59.6, 35.4, 29.2, 14.0 ppm.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)propanoic Acid (65).** To a solution of compound **64** (1.51 g, 6.45 mmol) in MeOH (66 mL) was added 1 M NaOH aq solution (33 mL). After stirred overnight at rt, the reaction mixture was acidified with conc. HCl to pH = 3. Then, the mixture was filtered to obtain compound **65** (1.23 g, 92.9%) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  12.04 (s, 1H), 8.96 (s, 1H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 2.99 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  173.8, 154.1, 145.0, 130.8, 126.6, 119.0, 69.7, 35.5, 29.2 ppm; HRMS [electrospray ionization (ESI)]:  $[M + H]^+$  C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BO<sub>4</sub> calcd 207.0829, found 207.0827; mp: 159–162 °C; HPLC: purity 99.1%, retention time 3.5 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-ethylpropanamide (66).** Compound **65** (200 mg, 0.97 mmol) was dissolved in SOCl<sub>2</sub> (4 mL). After refluxed for 2 h, the mixture was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was dissolved in DCM (12 mL). To the mixture were added ethylamine hydrochloride (238 mg, 2.9 mmol) and TEA (324 mg, 3.2 mmol). After stirred at room

temperature overnight, the mixture was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH = 150:1) to obtain compound **66** as a white solid (81 mg, 35.8%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.97 (s, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.34 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 3.05–2.97 (m, 4H), 2.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.1, 154.0, 145.6, 130.6, 126.5, 118.7, 69.5, 37.2, 33.1, 29.6, 14.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$  C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BNO<sub>3</sub> calcd 234.1301, found 234.1304; mp: 121–125 °C; HPLC: purity 96.4%, retention time 7.5 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(tert-butyl)propanamide (67).** Compound **67** (90 mg, 27.5%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **66** as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.96 (s, 1H), 7.35 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 2.97 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  171.1, 153.9, 145.8, 130.5, 126.5, 118.7, 69.5, 49.7, 37.9, 29.7, 28.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$  C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BNO<sub>3</sub> calcd 262.1614, found 262.1635; mp: 151–157 °C; HPLC: purity 96.0%, retention time 11.0 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-cyclohexylpropanamide (68).** To a solution of compound **65** (60 mg, 0.29 mmol) in dry DCM (10 mL) were added aminocyclohexane (30 mg, 0.30 mmol) and EDCI (220 mg, 0.58 mmol). After stirred overnight at rt, the reaction mixture was evaporated in vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH = 150:1) to obtain compound **68** as a white solid (32.7 mg, 39.1%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.99 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 3.53–3.46 (m, 1H), 2.98 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.68–1.62 (m, 4H), 1.53 (d,  $J$  = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 1.24–1.18 (m, 2H), 1.11–1.02 (m, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.5, 154.0, 145.7, 130.6, 126.6, 118.8, 69.6, 47.2, 37.3, 32.4, 29.7, 25.2, 24.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$  C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BNO<sub>3</sub> calcd 288.1771, found 288.1779; mp: 221–224 °C; HPLC: purity 97.9%, retention time 11.0 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-phenylpropanamide (69).** Compound **69** (192 mg, 70.5%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **68** as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.82 (s, 1H), 8.99 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.10 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.5, 154.1, 145.4, 139.2, 130.7, 128.5, 126.6, 122.8, 118.9, 118.8, 69.6, 38.1, 29.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$  C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BNO<sub>3</sub> calcd 282.1301, found 282.1299; mp: 197–199 °C; HPLC: purity 95.6%, retention time 11.3 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-benzylpropanamide (70).** Compound **70** (25.4 mg, 35.5%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **68** as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.95 (s, 1H), 8.25 (t,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.15–7.11 (m, 3H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 4.24 (d,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  171.4, 154.0, 145.5, 139.5, 130.7, 128.1, 127.0, 126.7, 126.5, 118.8, 69.6, 41.8, 37.1, 29.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$  C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BNO<sub>3</sub> calcd 296.1458, found 296.1462; mp: 158–162 °C; HPLC: purity 96.5%, retention time 10.1 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-phenethylpropanamide (71).** Compound **71** (28.4 mg, 37.9%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound **68** as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.96 (s, 1H), 7.85 (t,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 3.26–3.21 (m, 2H), 2.99 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  171.4, 154.0, 145.6, 139.4, 130.7, 128.5, 128.2, 126.5, 125.9, 118.8,



69.6, 37.2, 35.1, 29.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{18}H_{21}BNO_3$  calcd 310.1614, found 310.1611; mp: 145–149 °C; HPLC: purity 99.4%, retention time 11.0 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(thiazol-2-yl)propanamide (72).** Compound 72 (34.5 mg, 32.9%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  12.04 (s, 1H), 8.98 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J$  = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.10 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.4, 157.8, 154.0, 144.8, 137.4, 126.4, 119.0, 113.0, 69.6, 36.6, 28.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{13}H_{14}BN_2O_3S$  calcd 289.0818, found 289.0823; mp: 204–206 °C; HPLC: purity 98.8%, retention time 9.0 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(4-fluorophenyl)propanamide (73).** Compound 73 (46.1 mg, 63.8%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_3OD$ ):  $\delta$  7.49–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.35 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 3.16 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.4, 154.1, 145.4, 135.6, 130.8, 126.6, 120.6 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz), 119.0, 115.1 (d,  $J$  = 22.0 Hz), 69.7, 38.1, 29.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{16}H_{16}BFNO_3$  calcd 300.1207, found 300.1210; mp: 234–237 °C; HPLC: purity 98.0%, retention time 11.6 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(4-chlorophenyl)propanamide (74).** Compound 74 (46.0 mg, 57.8%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_3OD$ ):  $\delta$  7.48 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 3.16 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.6, 154.0, 145.2, 138.0, 130.6, 128.4, 126.5, 120.4, 118.9, 69.6, 38.0, 29.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{16}H_{16}BClNO_3$  calcd 316.0912, found 316.0909; mp: 216–219 °C; HPLC: purity 97.2%, retention time 13.0 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(4-bromophenyl)propanamide (75).** Compound 75 (53.8 mg, 51.3%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.96 (s, 1H), 8.99 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 3.09 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.7, 154.1, 145.3, 138.5, 131.4, 130.7, 126.6, 120.8, 119.0, 114.4, 69.7, 38.1, 29.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{16}H_{16}BBrNO_3$  calcd 360.0407, found 360.0402; mp: 232–235 °C; HPLC: purity 95.7%, retention time 13.5 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(4-iodo-phenyl)propanamide (76).** Compound 76 (32.6 mg, 27.5%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as an off-white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_3OD$ ):  $\delta$  7.59 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 3.15 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CD_3OD$ ):  $\delta$  173.9, 155.7, 146.4, 139.9, 138.9, 132.3, 128.2, 123.1, 120.1, 72.2, 40.1, 31.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{16}H_{16}BI NO_3$  calcd 408.0268, found 408.0268; mp: 228–231 °C; HPLC: purity 95.6%, retention time 13.9 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(4-methylphenyl)propanamide (77).** Compound 77 (49.5 mg, 57.6%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.73 (s, 1H), 8.99 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 3.09 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.8, 154.6, 146.0, 137.2, 132.2, 131.3, 129.5, 127.1, 119.5, 119.4, 70.2, 38.7, 30.0, 20.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{17}H_{19}BNO_3$  calcd 296.1458, found 296.1460; mp: 179–182 °C; HPLC: purity 96.2%, retention time 12.3 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(4-ethynylphenyl)propanamide (78).** Compound 78 (14.5 mg, 12.2%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a yellow solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  10.00 (s, 1H), 9.00 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 4.06 (s, 1H), 3.09 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.7, 154.1, 145.3, 139.7, 132.2, 130.7, 126.6, 119.0, 118.7, 115.7, 83.5, 79.6, 69.7, 38.2, 29.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{18}H_{17}BNO_3$  calcd 306.1301, found 306.1305; mp: 193–196 °C; HPLC: purity 95.2%, retention time 11.5 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(4-*t*-butylphenyl)propanamide (79).** Compound 79 (30.9 mg, 38.2%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.74 (s, 1H), 8.99 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 3.09 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.3, 154.1, 145.5, 145.1, 136.6, 130.7, 126.6, 125.1, 118.9, 118.8, 69.6, 38.1, 33.9, 31.1, 29.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{20}H_{25}BNO_3$  calcd 338.1927, found 338.1927; mp: 145–147 °C; HPLC: purity 99.1%, retention time 15.2 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanamide (80).** Compound 80 (51.3 mg, 40.5%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.68 (s, 1H), 8.99 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.09 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.3, 155.2, 154.3, 145.6, 132.4, 131.0, 126.8, 120.8, 119.2, 113.9, 69.8, 55.2, 38.2, 29.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{17}H_{19}BNO_4$  calcd 312.1407, found 312.1403; mp: 200–203 °C; HPLC: purity 95.5%, retention time 10.9 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(4-(*t*-butoxycarbonylamino)phenyl)propanamide (81).** Compound 81 (36.5 mg, 37.9%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.71 (s, 1H), 9.22 (s, 1H), 9.00 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.09 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.2, 154.2, 152.9, 145.5, 134.7, 133.7, 130.8, 126.7, 119.6, 119.0, 118.5, 78.9, 69.7, 38.1, 29.5, 28.1 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{21}H_{26}BN_2O_5$  calcd 397.1935, found 397.1931; mp: >270 °C; HPLC: purity 99.6%, retention time 12.9 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(4-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)aminomethyl)-phenyl)propanamide (82).** Compound 82 (338.2 mg, 84.9%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.78 (s, 1H), 8.98 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t,  $J$  = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16–7.12 (m, 3H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 4.04 (d,  $J$  = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.3, 155.6, 154.1, 145.4, 137.7, 134.6, 130.7, 127.2, 126.6, 118.9, 77.6, 69.6, 42.9, 38.1, 29.4, 28.1 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + Na]^+$   $C_{22}H_{27}BN_2NaO_5$  calcd 433.1911, found 433.1911; mp: 171–174 °C; HPLC: purity 99.1%, retention time 12.7 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(4-ethoxycarbonylphenyl)propanamide (83).** Compound 83 (90.3 mg, 26.3%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  10.19 (s, 1H), 9.02 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 4.26 (q,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  171.2, 165.3, 154.2, 145.3, 143.5, 130.8, 130.2, 126.7, 123.9, 119.1, 118.3, 69.7, 60.4, 38.3, 29.3, 14.2 ppm; HRMS

(ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{19}H_{21}BNO_5$  calcd 354.1513, found 354.1515; mp: 155–157 °C; HPLC: purity 98.9%, retention time 11.9 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(4-nitrophenyl)propanamide (84).** Compound 84 (19.9 mg, 12.6%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_3OD$ ):  $\delta$  8.18 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 4.56 (s, 1H), 3.17 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CD_3OD$ ):  $\delta$  174.3, 155.8, 146.3, 146.2, 144.6, 132.3, 128.3, 125.7, 120.4, 120.2, 72.2, 40.1, 32.8, 31.3, 23.7, 14.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{16}H_{16}BN_2O_5$  calcd 327.1152, found 327.1148; mp: 243–247 °C; HPLC: purity 98.5%, retention time 12.4 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(3-bromophenyl)propanamide (85).** Compound 85 (37.8 mg, 36.1%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  10.0 (s, 1H), 9.00 (s, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.19 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.09 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  171.4, 154.7, 145.8, 141.3, 131.3, 131.1, 127.2, 126.0, 122.0, 121.8, 119.5, 118.2, 70.2, 38.7, 29.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{16}H_{16}BrBNO_3$  calcd 360.0407, found 360.0405; mp: 188–192 °C; HPLC: purity 97.7%, retention time 13.3 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(3-iodophenyl)propanamide (86).** Compound 86 (44.0 mg, 37.1%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as an off-white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.91 (s, 1H), 8.98 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.08 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.7, 154.1, 145.2, 140.5, 131.3, 130.7, 130.6, 127.1, 126.5, 118.9, 118.1, 94.4, 69.6, 38.1, 29.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{16}H_{16}IBNO_3$  calcd 408.0268, found 408.0272; mp: 199–202 °C; HPLC: purity 96.7%, retention time 13.9 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(3-isopropylphenyl)propanamide (87).** Compound 87 (33.0 mg, 42.1%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.77 (s, 1H), 9.00 (s, 1H), 7.43–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (m, 3H), 6.89 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.09 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.85–2.78 (m, 1H), 2.63 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.17 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 6H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.4, 154.1, 148.8, 145.5, 139.2, 130.8, 128.4, 126.6, 121.0, 118.9, 116.9, 116.6, 69.7, 38.1, 33.4, 29.4, 23.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{19}H_{23}BNO_3$  calcd 324.1771, found 324.1775; mp: 117–120 °C; HPLC: purity 99.4%, retention time 14.3 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(3-ethynylphenyl)propanamide (88).** Compound 88 (43.7 mg, 36.9%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a yellow solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.93 (s, 1H), 9.00 (s, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 4.16 (s, 1H), 3.09 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.7, 154.1, 145.3, 139.3, 130.7, 129.0, 126.5, 126.1, 121.8, 121.7, 119.5, 118.9, 83.3, 80.3, 69.6, 38.1, 29.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{18}H_{17}BNO_3$  calcd 306.1301, found 306.1306; mp: 177–179 °C; HPLC: purity 98.8%, retention time 12.4 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(2-methoxyphenyl)propanamide (89).** Compound 89 (18.5 mg, 24.5%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_3OD$ ):  $\delta$  7.92 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.17 (m, 2H), 7.08 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.16 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CD_3OD$ ):  $\delta$  173.9, 155.8, 151.4, 146.4, 132.3, 128.2, 126.1, 123.3, 121.5, 120.2, 111.8, 72.2, 56.3, 40.3,

32.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{17}H_{19}BNO_4$  calcd 312.1407, found 312.1412; mp: 158–162 °C; HPLC: purity 98.0%, retention time 12.0 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(2-ethynylphenyl)propanamide (90).** Compound 90 (9.7 mg, 8.2%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a yellow solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.20 (s, 1H), 8.98 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.21 (t,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 4.43 (s, 1H), 3.11 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  171.5, 155.0, 145.2, 139.4, 132.2, 131.5, 130.3, 127.4, 123.6, 119.8, 119.4, 110.8, 84.2, 79.3, 70.8, 40.5, 31.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{18}H_{17}BNO_3$  calcd 306.1301, found 306.1296; mp: 182–185 °C; HPLC: purity 97.6%, retention time 12.5 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(3-bromo-4-methylphenyl)propanamide (91).** Compound 91 (51.2 mg, 47.0%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.91 (s, 1H), 9.00 (s, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.38–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 3.08 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.6, 154.1, 145.3, 138.3, 131.2, 130.8, 130.7, 126.6, 123.6, 122.0, 119.0, 118.1, 69.7, 38.1, 29.3, 21.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{17}H_{18}BrBNO_3$  calcd 374.0563, found 374.0564; mp: 174–177 °C; HPLC: purity 98.6%, retention time 14.3 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)propanamide (92).** Compound 92 (27.4 mg, 33.1%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as an off-white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_3OD$ ):  $\delta$  7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.16 (m, 3H), 6.94 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.16 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CD_3OD$ ):  $\delta$  173.7, 155.7, 150.4, 147.2, 146.5, 133.6, 132.2, 128.3, 120.1, 113.8, 113.3, 106.9, 72.2, 56.8, 56.4, 40.0, 31.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{18}H_{21}BNO_5$  calcd 342.1513, found 342.1512; mp: 201–204 °C; HPLC: purity 98.1%, retention time 10.1 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)propanamide (93).** Compound 93 (17.3 mg, 7.4%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_3OD$ ):  $\delta$  7.37 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.19 (m, 2H), 6.85 (s, 2H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 4.57 (s, 1H), 3.19 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 6H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CD_3OD$ ):  $\delta$  174.5, 155.8, 146.5, 138.0, 136.6, 133.0, 132.3, 129.6, 128.5, 120.2, 72.2, 38.9, 31.7, 21.0, 18.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{19}H_{23}BNO_3$  calcd 324.1771, found 310.1776; mp: 262–266 °C; HPLC: purity 95.1%, retention time 10.5 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(naphthalene-1-yl)propanamide (94).** Compound 94 (22.2 mg, 27.6%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (600 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.81 (s, 1H), 9.02 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.39 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 3.17 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  171.3, 154.2, 145.4, 133.6, 133.5, 130.8, 128.0, 127.8, 126.8, 125.9, 125.6, 125.5, 125.1, 122.8, 121.8, 119.0, 69.7, 37.8, 29.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{20}H_{19}BNO_3$  calcd 332.1458, found 332.1456; mp: 172–175 °C; HPLC: purity 96.2%, retention time 11.8 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(naphthalene-2-yl)propanamide (95).** Compound 95 (36.0 mg, 37.3%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as an off-white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  10.04 (s, 1H), 9.02 (s, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.84–7.78 (m, 3H), 7.55 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.98 (s, 2H), 3.14 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.7, 154.1, 145.4, 136.7,



133.3, 130.7, 129.5, 128.1, 127.3, 127.1, 126.6, 126.2, 124.3, 119.8, 118.9, 114.9, 69.6, 38.2, 29.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{22}H_{19}BNO_3$  calcd 332.1458, found 332.1462; mp: 230–233 °C; HPLC: purity 95.2%, retention time 13.3 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(1,1'-biphenyl-2-yl)propanamide (96).** Compound 96 (12.3 mg, 11.8%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_3OD$ ):  $\delta$  7.48 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.26 (m, 9H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 3.05 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CD_3OD$ ):  $\delta$  174.5, 155.7, 146.4, 140.4, 138.5, 135.5, 132.3, 131.5, 130.1, 129.5, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 120.2, 72.2, 39.5, 31.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{22}H_{21}BNO_3$  calcd 358.1614, found 358.1620; mp: 161–164 °C; HPLC: purity 98.4%, retention time 13.4 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (97).** Compound 97 (52.4 mg, 50.4%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.94 (s, 1H), 9.01 (s, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.30 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.12 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.6, 154.1, 145.4, 140.6, 140.1, 139.7, 130.7, 129.2, 128.9, 127.4, 126.6, 126.5, 121.3, 118.9, 118.0, 117.2, 69.7, 38.2, 29.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{22}H_{21}BNO_3$  calcd 358.1614, found 358.1619; mp: 146–149 °C; HPLC: purity 98.8%, retention time 14.7 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)propanamide (98).** Compound 98 (51.6 mg, 49.6%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.93 (s, 1H), 9.00 (s, 1H), 7.68–7.59 (m, 6H), 7.43 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.12 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.5, 154.1, 145.4, 139.7, 138.6, 134.5, 130.7, 128.8, 126.8, 126.7, 126.6, 126.1, 119.3, 118.9, 69.7, 38.2, 29.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{22}H_{21}BNO_3$  calcd 358.1614, found 358.1612; mp: 272–274 °C; HPLC: purity 95.0%, retention time 14.5 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(3'-fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (99).** Compound 99 (58.8 mg, 53.8%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.96 (s, 1H), 9.02 (s, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.49 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.34 (m, 5H), 7.22–7.17 (m, 3H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.12 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.7, 162.6 (d,  $J$  = 242.0 Hz), 154.1, 145.4, 142.6 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz), 139.8, 139.2, 130.9 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz), 130.8, 129.4, 126.6, 122.6, 121.4, 119.0, 118.6, 117.3, 114.3 (d,  $J$  = 20.9 Hz), 113.2 (d,  $J$  = 21.9 Hz), 69.7, 38.2, 29.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{22}H_{20}BFNO_3$  calcd 376.1520, found 376.1514; mp: 140–143 °C; HPLC: purity 97.9%, retention time 14.6 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(4'-fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (100).** Compound 100 (48.3 mg, 44.2%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.93 (s, 1H), 9.01 (s, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.63 (dd,  $J$  = 8.6, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 3H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.11 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.6, 154.1, 145.4, 139.7, 139.6, 130.7, 129.2, 128.5 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz), 126.6, 121.2, 118.9, 118.0, 117.2, 115.6 (d,  $J$  = 21.3 Hz), 69.6, 38.2, 29.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{22}H_{20}BFNO_3$  calcd 376.1520, found 376.1522; mp: 158–160 °C; HPLC: purity 97.7%, retention time 14.9 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(3'-chloro-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (101).** Compound 101 (44.8 mg, 39.3%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$

9.96 (s, 1H), 9.02 (s, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.60–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.50 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.11 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.7, 154.1, 145.4, 142.3, 139.8, 139.0, 133.6, 130.8, 129.4, 127.3, 126.6, 126.2, 125.2, 121.4, 119.0, 118.6, 117.3, 69.7, 38.2, 29.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{22}H_{20}BClNO_3$  calcd 392.1225, found 392.1234; mp: 122–125 °C; HPLC: purity 98.8%, retention time 15.2 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(4'-chloro-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (102).** Compound 102 (52.6 mg, 46.1%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.95 (s, 1H), 9.01 (s, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.57–7.52 (m, 3H), 7.40–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.11 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.7, 154.1, 145.4, 139.8, 139.2, 138.9, 132.3, 130.8, 129.3, 128.9, 128.3, 126.6, 121.2, 119.0, 118.3, 117.1, 69.7, 38.2, 29.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{22}H_{20}BClNO_3$  calcd 392.1225, found 392.1220; mp: 184–187 °C; HPLC: purity 97.2%, retention time 15.9 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(3'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (103).** Compound 103 (33.0 mg, 35.1%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.93 (s, 1H), 9.01 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.15 (m, 3H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 6.94 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.11 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.6, 159.6, 154.1, 145.4, 141.6, 140.5, 139.7, 130.7, 129.9, 129.1, 126.6, 121.4, 118.9, 118.8, 118.1, 117.3, 113.0, 112.0, 69.7, 55.0, 38.2, 29.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{23}H_{23}BNO_4$  calcd 388.1720, found 388.1718; mp: 133–136 °C; HPLC: purity 99.2%, retention time 14.6 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(4'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (104).** Compound 104 (59.6 mg, 52.8%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.89 (s, 1H), 9.01 (s, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.11 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.6, 158.8, 154.1, 145.4, 140.2, 139.7, 132.4, 130.7, 129.1, 127.6, 126.6, 120.8, 118.9, 117.3, 116.8, 114.3, 69.7, 55.1, 38.2, 29.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{23}H_{23}BNO_4$  calcd 388.1720, found 388.1718; mp: 170–172 °C; HPLC: purity 99.6%, retention time 14.5 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(3',5'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (105).** Compound 105 (35.3 mg, 29.1%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.92 (s, 1H), 9.01 (s, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.29 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (t,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 6H), 3.11 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.7, 160.8, 154.2, 145.4, 142.4, 140.6, 139.6, 130.8, 129.2, 126.7, 121.5, 119.0, 118.4, 117.4, 104.7, 99.3, 69.7, 55.2, 38.3, 29.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{24}H_{25}BNO_5$  calcd 418.1826, found 418.1826; mp: 161–164 °C; HPLC: purity 98.2%, retention time 14.4 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(3'-tri-fluoromethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (106).** Compound 106 (66.5 mg, 51.8%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.98 (s, 1H), 9.02 (s, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.67–7.59 (m, 3H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.42–7.35 (m, 4H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.12 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.7, 154.1,

148.8, 145.3, 142.4, 139.8, 138.8, 130.8, 130.7, 129.4, 126.5, 125.6, 121.4, 118.9, 118.7, 117.3, 69.6, 38.2, 29.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{23}H_{20}BF_3NO_4$  calcd 442.1437, found 442.1432; mp: 129–132 °C; HPLC: purity 97.4%, retention time 16.5 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(4'-trifluoromethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (107).** Compound 107 (46.5 mg, 36.2%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.97 (s, 1H), 9.02 (s, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.12 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.7, 154.1, 145.4, 139.8, 139.4, 139.1, 130.8, 129.3, 128.4, 126.6, 121.4, 119.0, 118.4, 117.3, 69.7, 38.2, 29.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{23}H_{20}BF_3NO_4$  calcd 442.1437, found 442.1438; mp: 174–177 °C; HPLC: purity 96.6%, retention time 16.5 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(3'-methylthio-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (108).** Compound 108 (42.8 mg, 36.4%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.22 (s, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.40–7.32 (m, 5H), 7.29–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 3.25 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.78 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  172.9, 156.9, 147.8, 143.6, 143.0, 141.9, 141.8, 141.4, 132.9, 131.2, 131.1, 129.0, 127.2, 126.6, 125.5, 123.7, 121.0, 120.4, 119.7, 72.1, 41.2, 32.2, 16.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{23}H_{23}BNO_3S$  calcd 404.1492, found 404.1497; mp: 152–154 °C; HPLC: purity 95.7%, retention time 14.3 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(4'-methylthio-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (109).** Compound 109 (60.1 mg, 51.1%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.93 (s, 1H), 9.01 (s, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.56–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.39–7.34 (m, 4H), 7.29 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.11 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.6, 154.1, 145.4, 139.9, 139.8, 137.5, 136.5, 130.7, 129.2, 126.9, 126.6, 126.3, 120.9, 118.9, 117.9, 116.8, 69.7, 38.2, 29.4, 14.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{23}H_{23}BNO_3S$  calcd 404.1492, found 404.1491; mp: 158–162 °C; HPLC: purity 95.5%, retention time 15.5 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(3'-trifluoromethyl-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (110).** Compound 110 (52.5 mg, 42.4%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.99 (s, 1H), 9.01 (s, 1H), 7.94–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.76–7.70 (m, 2H), 7.64 (dt,  $J$  = 7.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.37 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.12 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.7, 154.1, 145.3, 141.1, 139.9, 138.9, 130.7, 130.6, 130.0, 129.4, 126.5, 125.4, 124.0 (d,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz), 122.8 (d,  $J$  = 4.1 Hz), 121.5, 118.9, 118.7, 117.3, 69.6, 38.2, 29.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{23}H_{20}BF_3NO_3$  calcd 426.1488, found 426.1485; mp: 149–152 °C; HPLC: purity 98.7%, retention time 16.2 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(4'-trifluoromethyl-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (111).** Compound 111 (56.5 mg, 45.6%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  10.00 (s, 1H), 9.02 (s, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.83 (s, 4H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.12 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  171.6, 154.9, 146.2, 144.9, 140.7, 139.8, 131.6, 130.3, 128.1, 127.4, 126.6 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz), 122.4, 119.8, 118.3, 70.5, 39.1, 30.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{23}H_{20}BF_3NO_3$  calcd 426.1488, found 426.1483; mp: 197–200 °C; HPLC: purity 98.6%, retention time 16.1 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(3'-cyano-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (112).** Compound 112 (29.2 mg, 26.2%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.99 (s, 1H), 9.02 (s, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.95–7.93 (m, 2H), 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.12 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.7, 154.1, 145.4, 141.3, 139.9, 138.5, 131.4, 131.1, 130.8, 130.2, 130.1, 129.5, 126.6, 121.5, 119.0, 118.9, 118.7, 117.4, 112.0, 69.7, 38.2, 29.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{23}H_{20}BN_2O_3$  calcd 383.1567, found 383.1563; mp: 113–116 °C; HPLC: purity 98.1%, retention time 13.6 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(4'-cyano-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (113).** Compound 113 (51.0 mg, 60.7%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a yellow solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  10.01 (s, 1H), 9.02 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.12 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.7, 154.1, 145.3, 144.6, 139.9, 138.6, 132.7, 130.7, 129.4, 127.3, 126.5, 121.5, 119.2, 118.9, 118.6, 117.4, 110.0, 69.6, 38.1, 29.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{23}H_{20}BN_2O_3$  calcd 383.1567, found 383.1571; mp: 181–184 °C; HPLC: purity 97.9%, retention time 13.3 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(3'-acetyl-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (114).** Compound 114 (71.2 mg, 30.6%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.99 (s, 1H), 9.02 (s, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.65–7.61 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.12 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  197.9, 170.7, 154.1, 145.4, 140.5, 139.9, 139.7, 137.4, 131.2, 130.8, 129.4, 127.4, 126.6, 125.9, 121.4, 119.0, 118.5, 117.3, 69.7, 38.2, 29.4, 26.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + Na]^+$   $C_{24}H_{23}BNO_4$  calcd 422.1540, found 422.1541; mp: 122–126 °C; HPLC: purity 95.4%, retention time 13.3 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(4'-acetyl-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (115).** Compound 115 (37.0 mg, 31.8%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a gray solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.98 (s, 1H), 9.01 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.12 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  197.4, 170.7, 154.1, 145.3, 144.4, 139.9, 139.3, 135.6, 130.7, 129.4, 128.9, 126.7, 126.6, 121.5, 118.9, 118.8, 117.4, 69.7, 38.2, 29.4, 26.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{24}H_{23}BNO_4$  calcd 400.1720, found 400.1722; mp: 167–171 °C; HPLC: purity 98.1%, retention time 13.4 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-N-(3'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (116).** Compound 116 was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 103 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.98 (s, 1H), 9.09 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.66–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.30 (m, 5H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.96 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  171.0, 160.2, 152.2, 142.1, 141.0, 140.1, 140.0, 131.4, 131.0, 130.6, 130.5, 129.7, 122.1, 121.7, 119.4, 118.8, 117.9, 113.5, 112.6, 70.2, 55.6, 38.8, 31.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[M + H]^+$   $C_{23}H_{23}BNO_4$  calcd 388.1720, found 388.1712; mp: 153–155 °C; HPLC: purity 97.1%, retention time 17.7 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-6-yl)-N-(3',5'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (117).** Compound 117 was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 105 as a white solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.97 (s, 1H), 9.09 (s, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.60 (s, 2H), 7.43–7.22 (m, 4H), 6.69 (s, 2H),



6.51 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 2.96 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  171.7, 161.2, 142.7, 141.0, 139.9, 139.6, 131.6, 130.5, 129.9, 122.5, 121.8, 119.3, 118.1, 105.2, 99.6, 70.3, 55.7, 31.1 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{BNO}_5$  calcd 418.1826, found 418.1823; mp: 58–60 °C; HPLC: purity 97.8%, retention time 17.8 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-6-yl)-*N*-(4'-acetyl-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (118).** Compound 118 was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 115 as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  10.05 (s, 1H), 9.11 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.60 (s, 2H), 7.45–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.93 (s, 2H), 2.97 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  198.1, 171.2, 152.2, 144.9, 140.2, 140.0, 139.9, 136.2, 131.4, 130.6, 130.0, 129.4, 127.3, 122.3, 121.7, 119.5, 118.0, 70.2, 38.8, 31.2, 27.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{BNO}_4$  calcd 400.1720, found 400.1715; mp: 199–201 °C; HPLC: purity 97.0%, retention time 16.6 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-5-yl)-*N*-(3'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (119).** Compound 119 was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 103 as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.98 (s, 1H), 9.05 (s, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.27 (m, 4H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.97 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  171.0, 160.2, 154.9, 144.5, 142.2, 141.1, 140.2, 130.9, 130.5, 129.8, 127.7, 122.1, 121.6, 119.4, 118.7, 117.9, 113.6, 112.6, 70.3, 55.6, 38.4, 31.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{BNO}_4$  calcd 388.1720, found 388.1713; mp: 128–130 °C; HPLC: purity 98.9%, retention time 17.5 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-5-yl)-*N*-(3',5'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (120).** Compound 120 was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 105 as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  10.00 (s, 1H), 9.08 (s, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.50 (t,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 2.97 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  171.0, 161.3, 154.9, 144.5, 142.8, 141.1, 140.0, 130.9, 129.7, 127.7, 122.2, 121.6, 118.9, 117.9, 105.2, 99.8, 70.3, 55.7, 38.4, 31.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{BNO}_5$  calcd 418.1826, found 418.1818; mp: 59–61 °C; HPLC: purity 96.0%, retention time 17.6 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-5-yl)-*N*-(4'-acetyl-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (121).** Compound 121 was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 115 as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.97 (s, 1H), 9.11 (s, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.58 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.38–7.28 (m, 4H), 6.69 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.50 (t,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 2.87 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  198.0, 171.0, 154.9, 145.0, 144.5, 140.4, 139.9, 136.2, 130.9, 130.0, 129.5, 127.7, 127.3, 122.2, 121.6, 119.5, 118.0, 70.3, 38.4, 31.5, 27.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{BNO}_4$  calcd 400.1720, found 400.1722; mp: 174–176 °C; HPLC: purity 97.5%, retention time 16.5 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-4-yl)-*N*-(3'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (122).** Compound 122 was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 103 as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.98 (s, 1H), 9.11 (s, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.42–7.25 (m, 5H), 7.15 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.87 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.9, 160.2, 152.8, 142.1, 141.1, 140.1, 134.8, 130.6, 130.5, 129.8, 128.8, 127.8, 122.1, 119.4, 118.4, 117.9, 113.6, 112.6, 69.6, 55.6, 36.8, 27.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{BNO}_4$  calcd 388.1720, found 388.1714; mp: 60–62 °C; HPLC: purity 98.7%, retention time 17.7 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-4-yl)-*N*-(3',5'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (123).** Compound 123 was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 105 as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.97 (s, 1H), 9.11 (s, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.58 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.38–7.28 (m, 4H), 6.69 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.50 (t,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 2.87 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  171.0, 161.3, 152.8, 142.8, 141.1, 140.0, 134.8, 130.6, 129.7, 128.8, 127.8, 122.2, 118.9, 117.9, 105.2, 99.8, 69.6, 55.7, 36.8, 27.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{BNO}_5$  calcd 418.1826, found 418.1819; mp: 58–60 °C; HPLC: purity 96.4%, retention time 17.8 min.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-4-yl)-*N*-(4'-acetyl-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (124).** Compound 124 was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 115 as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  10.04 (s, 1H), 9.12 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.60–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.4 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.26 (m, 2H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 2.87 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  198.8, 171.6, 152.7, 144.9, 139.9, 139.8, 136.1, 134.6, 130.8, 130.1, 129.5, 128.8, 127.9, 127.3, 122.6, 119.7, 118.2, 69.6, 36.7, 27.5, 27.1 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{BNO}_4$  calcd 400.1720, found 400.1714; mp: 175–177 °C; HPLC: purity 95.8%, retention time 16.7 min.

**(E)-3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)acrylic Acid (126).** Compound 126 (338.5 mg, 74.0%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 65 as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  12.38 (s, 1H), 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d,  $J = 16.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d,  $J = 16.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.02 (s, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  167.7, 154.5, 142.6, 137.4, 131.2, 124.7, 122.8, 120.1, 69.7 ppm.

**3-(1,3-Dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborol-7-yl)-*N*-phenylacrylamide (127).** Compound 127 (26.5 mg, 32.3%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  10.20 (s, 1H), 9.26 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.67 (m, 3H), 7.56 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.07 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.03 (s, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  163.9, 154.7, 139.3, 139.1, 138.1, 131.4, 128.9, 126.6, 123.5, 123.1, 122.5, 119.4, 69.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{BNO}_3$  calcd 280.1145, found 280.1150; mp: 200–203 °C; HPLC: purity 99.4%, retention time 11.2 min.

***N*-3-Diphenylpropanamide (129).** Compound 129 (77.0 mg, 51.3%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.89 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d,  $J = 7.76$  Hz, 2H), 7.30–7.24 (m, 6H), 7.18 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.91 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.8, 141.7, 139.7, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 126.4, 123.5, 119.5, 38.4, 31.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$  calcd 226.1232, found 226.1230; mp: 91–94 °C; HPLC: purity 99.3%, retention time 10.9 min.

***N*-(3'-Methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)-3-phenylpropanamide (130).** Compound 130 (123.7 mg, 56.0%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  10.02 (s, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.25 (m, 5H), 7.20–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.93 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.5, 159.6, 141.6, 141.1, 140.5, 139.7, 130.0, 129.2, 128.3, 128.2, 125.9, 121.5, 118.9, 118.2, 117.3, 113.0, 112.1, 55.0, 37.9, 30.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$  calcd 332.1651, found 332.1650; mp: 78–80 °C; HPLC: purity 99.4%, retention time 16.0 min.

***N*-(3',5'-Dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)-3-phenylpropanamide (131).** Compound 131 (92 mg, 52.0%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  10.02 (s, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.25 (m, 6H), 7.18 (t,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 2H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 6H), 2.93 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H)

ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.4, 160.8, 142.3, 141.1, 140.6, 139.6, 129.1, 128.2, 128.1, 125.9, 121.5, 118.3, 117.3, 104.7, 99.3, 55.2, 37.9, 30.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3$  calcd 362.1756, found 362.1743; mp: 94–96 °C; HPLC: purity 96.4%, retention time 18.0 min.

**N-(4'-Acetyl-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)-3-phenylpropanamide (132).** Compound 132 (128.6 mg, 56.2%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  10.07 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.25 (m, 4H), 7.18 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  197.4, 170.6, 144.4, 141.1, 139.9, 139.4, 135.7, 129.5, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 126.7, 125.9, 121.7, 118.9, 117.4, 37.9, 30.7, 26.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$  calcd 344.1651, found 344.1648; mp: 131–132 °C; HPLC: purity 99.6%, retention time 14.7 min.

**(2-Bromo-3-((methoxymethoxy)methyl)phenyl)methanol (133).** To a solution of compound 59 (15.0 g, 69 mmol) and DIPEA (10.5 g, 81 mmol) in dry THF (150 mL) was added MOMCl (6.2 g, 77 mmol) dropwise. After stirred at room temperature for 12 h, the reaction mixture was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between DCM (100 mL) and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (100 mL). The separated aqueous phase was then extracted with DCM (100 mL  $\times$  3). Organic phase was combined, dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM) to give compound 133 (5.6 g, 31.0%) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  7.49–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.39 (m, 2H), 5.47 (t,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 4.53 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.32 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  141.4, 137.0, 127.6, 127.2, 127.0, 121.5, 95.6, 68.3, 62.8, 54.9 ppm.

**2-Bromo-3-((methoxymethoxy)methyl)benzaldehyde (134).** To a solution of compound 133 (5.5 g, 21 mmol) in DCM (100 mL) was added pyridinium chlorochromate (9.1 g, 42 mmol) and Celite (9.1 g). After stirred at room temperature for 12 h, the reaction mixture was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 100/1) to give compound 134 (4.5 g, 82.5%) as a yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  10.44 (s, 1H), 7.83 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (s, 2H), 4.73 (s, 2H), 3.43 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  192.0, 139.0, 134.4, 133.7, 128.9, 127.6, 127.2, 96.2, 68.3, 55.6 ppm.

**Ethyl (E)-3-(2-Bromo-3-((methoxymethoxy)methyl)phenyl)acrylate (135).** Compound 135 (4.7 g, 82.2%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 63 as a yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.12 (d,  $J$  = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d,  $J$  = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (s, 2H), 4.69 (s, 2H), 4.27 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.3, 143.3, 138.7, 135.1, 130.1, 127.4, 126.8, 125.3, 121.4, 96.2, 69.1, 60.7, 55.6, 14.3 ppm.

**Ethyl 3-(2-Bromo-3-((methoxymethoxy)methyl)phenyl)propanoate (136).** To a solution of compound 135 (1.5 g, 4.6 mmol) in a mixture of MeOH (15 mL) and THF (15 mL) was added  $\text{NaBH}_4$  (870 mg, 23 mmol) and  $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.1 g, 4.6 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirred at 0 °C for 1 h, the reaction was quenched with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (100 mL) and then extracted with EtOAc (100 mL  $\times$  3). Organic phase was combined, dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20:1) to give compound 136 (0.5 g, 33%) as a yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.35 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (s, 2H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 4.12 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.10 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  172.6, 140.3, 138.0, 129.5, 127.3, 127.2, 124.8, 96.1, 69.4, 60.5, 55.5, 34.1, 31.7, 14.2 ppm.

**Ethyl 3-(3-((Methoxymethoxy)methyl)-2-vinylphenyl)propanoate (137).** To a solution of compound 136 (950 mg, 2.9

mmol) in DMF (20 mL) was added tributyl(vinyl)tin (1.1 g, 3.5 mmol) and  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (170 mg, 0.15 mmol) under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere. After heated to 120 °C for 12 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (100 mL). Then, the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (100 mL  $\times$  3). Organic phase was combined, dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20:1) to give compound 137 (0.7 g, 87.7%) as a yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.33 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd,  $J$  = 18.0, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (dd,  $J$  = 11.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (dd,  $J$  = 18.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 4.12 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 2.98 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  173.0, 138.5, 137.8, 135.5, 133.4, 128.4, 127.2, 127.1, 120.7, 95.9, 67.6, 60.4, 55.4, 35.1, 28.7, 14.2 ppm.

**3-(3-((Methoxymethoxy)methyl)-2-vinylphenyl)propanoic Acid (138).** Compound 138 (0.3 g, 71.0%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 65 as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  12.15 (s, 1H), 7.29 (dd,  $J$  = 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.17 (m, 2H), 6.82 (dd,  $J$  = 18.0, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (dd,  $J$  = 11.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (dd,  $J$  = 18.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.84 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  179.0, 138.0, 137.7, 135.5, 133.4, 128.4, 127.4, 127.3, 121.0, 95.9, 67.7, 55.4, 34.8, 28.4 ppm.

**3-(3-((Methoxymethoxy)methyl)-2-vinylphenyl)-N-phenylpropanamide (139).** Compound 139 (135 mg, 86.5%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.45 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd,  $J$  = 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.24–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.11–7.07 (m, 2H), 6.82 (dd,  $J$  = 18.0, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (dd,  $J$  = 11.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (dd,  $J$  = 18.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 3.09 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.3, 138.5, 137.8, 137.7, 135.6, 133.5, 128.9, 128.6, 127.4, 127.3, 124.2, 120.9, 119.8, 95.9, 67.7, 55.4, 38.5, 29.2 ppm.

**N-(3'-Methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)-3-(3-((methoxymethoxy)methyl)-2-vinylphenyl)propanamide (140).** Compound 140 (150 mg, 79.0%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.67 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 5H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 6.89 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd,  $J$  = 18.0, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (dd,  $J$  = 11.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (dd,  $J$  = 18.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (s, 2H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 3.11 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.5, 159.8, 142.1, 141.9, 138.5, 138.1, 137.7, 135.6, 133.5, 129.7, 129.3, 128.6, 127.4, 127.3, 123.1, 120.9, 119.6, 118.8, 118.6, 112.9, 112.8, 95.9, 67.7, 55.4, 55.3, 38.5, 29.2 ppm.

**N-(4'-Acetyl-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)-3-(3-((methoxymethoxy)methyl)-2-vinylphenyl)propanamide (141).** Compound 141 (160 mg, 70.0%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 68 as a yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.02 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.20–7.15 (m, 2H), 6.80 (dd,  $J$  = 18.0, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d,  $J$  = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d,  $J$  = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (s, 2H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.10 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  198.0, 170.9, 145.2, 140.4, 138.6, 138.4, 137.6, 135.7, 135.5, 133.3, 129.4, 128.8, 128.4, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 122.8, 120.7, 119.6, 118.6, 95.8, 67.6, 55.3, 38.2, 29.1, 26.6 ppm.

**3-(2-Formyl-3-((methoxymethoxy)methyl)phenyl)-N-phenylpropanamide (142).** To a solution of compound 139 (130 mg, 0.4 mmol) in a mixture of THF (4 mL) and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.8 mL) were added  $\text{NaIO}_4$  (200 mg, 0.94 mmol) and  $\text{K}_2\text{OsO}_4$  (5 mg, 0.015 mmol). After stirred at room temperature for 12 h, the reaction mixture was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1) to give compound 142 (90 mg, 69.0%) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  10.56 (s, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t,  $J$  = 7.6



Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.07 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 4.70 (s, 2H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.30 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  193.5, 170.5, 143.5, 141.4, 138.0, 133.4, 131.6, 131.3, 128.8, 128.1, 124.0, 119.8, 95.9, 67.0, 55.6, 39.8, 30.2 ppm.

**3-(2-Formyl-3-((methoxymethoxy)methyl)phenyl)-*N*-(3'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (143).** Compound 143 (70 mg, 58.3%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 142 as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  10.56 (s, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.25 (m, 4H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.88 (s, 2H), 4.69 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 3.31 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  193.5, 170.7, 159.7, 143.5, 142.1, 141.7, 141.3, 138.4, 133.4, 131.5, 131.3, 129.6, 129.1, 128.1, 122.8, 119.5, 118.8, 118.5, 112.7, 112.6, 95.9, 67.0, 55.6, 55.1, 39.7, 30.2 ppm.

**3-(2-Formyl-3-((methoxymethoxy)methyl)phenyl)-*N*-(4'-acetyl-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (144).** Compound 144 (95 mg, 67.6%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 142 as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  10.59 (s, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.43–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.32 (m, 2H), 4.92 (s, 2H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.33 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  193.7, 170.7, 145.3, 143.4, 141.7, 140.6, 138.7, 135.9, 133.6, 131.7, 131.6, 129.5, 128.8, 128.5, 127.3, 122.9, 119.4, 118.5, 96.0, 67.1, 55.7, 40.2, 30.7, 26.7 ppm.

**3-(3-Hydroxy-1,3-dihydroisobenzofuran-4-yl)-*N*-phenylpropanamide (145).** To a solution of compound 142 (90 mg, 0.28 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added 4 M aqueous HCl (1 mL). After stirred at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction mixture was diluted in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (20 mL  $\times$  3). Organic phase was combined, dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 1:1) to give compound 145 (45 mg, 97.8%) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.87 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.02 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d,  $J = 12.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d,  $J = 12.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.01–2.88 (m, 2H), 2.64–2.59 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.2, 139.9, 139.1, 136.5, 135.9, 129.3, 128.6, 127.1, 122.9, 119.0, 118.8, 102.0, 71.6, 36.7, 26.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$   $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}$  calcd 306.1106, found 306.1096; mp: 154–156 °C; HPLC: purity 97.8%, retention time 15.5 min.

**3-(3-Hydroxy-1,3-dihydroisobenzofuran-4-yl)-*N*-(3'-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (146).** Compound 146 (30 mg, 96.1%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 145 as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  10.00 (s, 1H), 7.87 (t,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.14 (m, 3H), 7.11 (t,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.47 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d,  $J = 13.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d,  $J = 13.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.09–2.91 (m, 2H), 2.76–2.64 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  170.5, 159.6, 141.6, 140.5, 139.6, 139.5, 138.3, 136.5, 129.9, 129.2, 128.8, 127.1, 121.5, 118.8, 118.7, 118.2, 117.3, 113.0, 112.0, 99.8, 70.6, 55.0, 36.9, 26.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$   $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}$  calcd 412.1525, found 412.1512; mp: 134–136 °C; HPLC: purity 96.2%, retention time 17.5 min.

**3-(3-Hydroxy-1,3-dihydroisobenzofuran-4-yl)-*N*-(4'-acetyl-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanamide (147).** Compound 147 (50 mg, 65.3%) was prepared following a similar procedure to compound 145 as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  10.17 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.29 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.14 (m, 2H), 6.72 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.48 (dd,  $J = 7.2, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d,  $J = 12.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d,  $J = 12.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.09–2.91 (m, 2H), 2.77–2.66 (m, 2H), 2.62 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100

MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  197.4, 170.6, 144.4, 139.9, 139.6, 139.3, 138.3, 136.5, 135.6, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 127.2, 126.7, 121.6, 118.9, 118.7, 117.4, 99.8, 70.6, 37.0, 26.9, 26.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI):  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$   $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}$  calcd 424.1525, found 424.1512; mp: 136–138 °C; HPLC: purity 96.5%, retention time 16.6 min.

**Biology: Cell Culture.** All of the human cancer cell lines (MDA-MB231, SKOV3, HCT116, and H460) and human normal cell lines (WI-38) were obtained from the American Type Culture Collection. All of the three cancer cells were cultured in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM) complete growth medium (high-glucose DMEM medium, supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum, 100 units/mL penicillin, and 100 mg/mL streptomycin). WI-38 was cultured in minimum essential medium (MEM) complete growth medium (MEM, supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum, and 1% nonessential amino acid). The cells were cultured in an incubator with 5%  $\text{CO}_2$  at 37 °C under a humidified atmosphere.

**In Vitro Cell Viability Assessment.** 3-(4,5-Dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) assays were performed to evaluate the cell viability. Cells were seeded into 96-well plates for 24 h, treated with compounds at various concentrations for 72 h. Subsequently, 20  $\mu\text{L}$  of MTT (5 mg/mL) was added to each well. After incubation for 4 h, MTT solution was removed and DMSO (150  $\mu\text{L}$ ) was added to each well. Optical density was determined at 550 nm on a plate reader (Thermo Varioskan Flash). Each compound was tested in triplicate wells for each concentration. Data were analyzed by GraphPad Prism 5.

**Annexin V-FITC/PI Apoptosis Assay.** SKOV3 cells were seeded into six-well plates, cultured overnight, and treated with compound 103 at indicated concentrations. After 48 h of treatment, the cells were harvested, washed with phosphate-buffered saline (PBS), and co-stained with annexin V-FITC and PI according to the kit manual. Cell apoptosis was detected with an FACS Calibur cytometer. Samples were analyzed by flow cytometry, and 10 000 events were counted each time.

**Western Blot Analysis.** H460 cells were seeded into six-well plates, cultured overnight, and treated with compound 103 at indicated concentrations. After 48 h of incubation, the cells were harvested and lysed by radioimmunoprecipitation assay lysis buffer. Protein concentrations were quantified by the method of bicinchoninic acid with bovine serum albumin as the standard. Equal amounts of total cellular protein extract were separated by electrophoresis on sodium dodecyl sulfate-polyacrylamide gels and transferred to nitrocellulose membranes. After blocking with 5% nonfat milk, the membrane was incubated with the desired primary antibody overnight at the following dilutions: anticlaved caspase-9 (1:200), anticlaved caspase-3 (1:200), anticlaved PARP (1:200), and anti- $\beta$ -actin (1:2000). Subsequently, the membrane was incubated with appropriate fluorescent secondary antibody and scanned by Odyssey CLx infrared laser imaging system.

**Colony Formation Assay.** SKOV3 cells were seeded in six-well tissue culture plates with a density of 100 cells per well and maintained in regular culture media. After 24 h, the cells were treated with compounds 103 at indicated concentrations. The culture media with the compounds were changed every 72 h. At the end of 2 weeks, the wells were washed twice with PBS and 2 mL of 0.05% crystal violet staining buffer was added to each well and incubated for 30 min. The wells were then washed with PBS for 5 min three times and allowed to dry. Photographs were then taken, visible colonies were counted, and surviving fractions were calculated. Experiments were performed in triplicate, and the surviving fractions were analyzed with one-way ANOVA using GraphPad Prism 5 software package. The error bars represent standard deviation.

**In Vivo Tumor Growth Assessment.** Female BALB/c nude mice of age 5 weeks were purchased from Shanghai Lingchang and maintained in pathogen-free conditions. SKOV3 cells were harvested during log phase growth and resuspended in DMEM at  $5 \times 10^7$  cells/mL. Each mouse was inoculated subcutaneously with  $5 \times 10^6$  cells. When the volume of tumors reached approximately 50  $\text{mm}^3$ , the mice were divided into three groups ( $n = 6$ ) randomly and treated intraperitoneally with compounds 103 and 115 at doses of 2 and 10



mg/kg or vehicle control (5% ethanol, 20% poly(ethylene glycol)400, and 75% ddH<sub>2</sub>O) once a day for 33 days. Tumor diameter and body weight were monitored once every 3 days by digital caliper and electronic balance, respectively. Tumor volume was calculated using the formula  $(a \times b^2)/2$ , where  $a$  is the larger diameter and  $b$  is the smaller diameter of tumor. Eventually, the mice were sacrificed and tumors were dissected. The experiment was approved by the Animal Ethics Committee of Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

## ■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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## ■ ABBREVIATIONS

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