Inhibition of Clinically Relevant Mutant Variants of HIV-1 by Quinazolinone Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors

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A series of 4-alkenyl and 4-alkynyl-3,4-dihydro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2-(1*H*)-quinazolinones were found to be potent non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTIs) of human immunodeficiency virus type-1 (HIV-1). The 4-alkenyl-3,4-dihydro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2-(1*H*)-quinazolinones DPC 082 and DPC 083 and the 4-alkynyl-3,4-dihydro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2-(1*H*)-quinazolinones DPC 961 and DPC 963 were found to exhibit low nanomolar potency toward wild-type RF virus (IC₉₀ = 2.0, 2.1, 2.0, and 1.3 nM, respectively) and various single and many multiple amino acid substituted HIV-1 mutant viruses. The increased potency is combined with favorable plasma serum protein binding as demonstrated by improvements in the percent free drug in human plasma when compared to efavirenz: 3.0%, 2.0%, 1.5%, 2.8%, and 0.2–0.5% for DPC 082, DPC 083, DPC 961, DPC 963, and efavirenz, respectively.

Introduction

The fact that human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection is a global health problem is apparent from the estimated emergence of 16 000 new cases daily. $^{1-3}$ There is substantial evidence to suggest that immediate therapy be considered for persons with acute HIV infection to effectively inhibit the replication of HIV virus. Unfortunately, mutant virus forms appear in clinical situations where there is continued replication of HIV virus in the presence of suboptimal levels of drug(s) and through acute HIV infection with drug resistant strains. These phenomena require the development of new therapeutics capable of suppressing the viral replication of these mutant virus forms.

One therapeutic target in the treatment of AIDS is the inhibition of HIV reverse transcriptase (RT), the enzyme responsible for the formation of proviral DNA from viral RNA.⁶ The inhibition of HIV RT results in DNA chain termination, a decrease in viral replication, and a concomitant decrease in viremia. The first generation of therapeutics designed to inhibit viral RT were nucleoside substrate analogues, which bind to the ATP-binding pocket and act as substrate decoys and chain terminators. Clinical evidence has demonstrated limited long-term efficacy for these agents in certain combinations, due to the appearance of drug-resistant mutant viruses and because of hematological toxicities frequent with this class of drug.

A second class of RT inhibitors are the non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTIs), which bind to an allosteric site in the HIV-1 RT enzyme.⁷ Three NNRTIs have been approved for the treatment of HIV-1 infection: nevirapine, delavirdine, and, most recently, efavirenz (Figure 1).

In clinical trials with NNRTIs as monotherapy,⁸ and in in vitro selection experiments,⁹ rapid emergence of

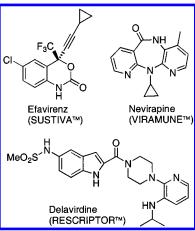


Figure 1. Structures of marketed non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors.

resistant virus with greatly decreased susceptibility to the particular NNRTI has been observed. Although specific mutations unique to individual NNRTIs (e.g., P236L for delavirdine, Y181C for nevirapine or delavirdine) have been documented in vitro or in genotyping data, the RT mutation at amino acid lysine 103 to asparagine is frequently observed in patients failing therapy, either alone or in combination with additional mutations. ¹⁰ This has led to the designation of K103N as a "pan-class resistance mutation".

Efavirenz is an NNRTI with nanomolar potency, substantial plasma protein binding, and pharmacokinetics allowing once-daily dosing which has demonstrated significant clinical activity, both in combination with protease inhibitors or in a protease-sparing regimen consisting of efavirenz plus two nucleoside RT inhibitors. In clinical trials in which efavirenz is combined with other highly active antiretroviral agents, viral load response is at least as significant and durable as any other HIV compound tested to date. In 1,12 Although the majority of patients on efavirenz-containing regiments.

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Scheme 1. Synthesis of 8e, 8h, and 8i^a

 a (a) NaHMDS, Boc₂O, THF; (b) (i) t-BuLi, TMEDA, THF, (ii) CF₃CO₂Et; (c) 4 N HCl in dioxane; (d) NCS, DMF, 80 °C; (e) (i) n-BuLi, THF, (ii) CF₃CO₂Et; (f) 6 N HCl, DME, reflux.

mens have shown a sustained antiviral response, patients whose viral load levels have rebounded after an initial response to drug have the K103N mutation in over 90% of sequences examined. 12 Following the appearance of virus with the K103N mutation, viruses with multiple mutations arise more slowly. For instance, the double mutations K103N+V108I or K103N+P225H are observed in a large number of samples approximately 4 months after initial viral load rebound.¹² The highly resistant virus with the double mutation K103N+L100I is much less prevalent. Considering the significant antiviral benefit apparent from ongoing clinical trials with efavirenz, development of additional NNRTIs which retain similar ease of administration and safety profiles, but with superior overall profiles against mutant viruses such as K103N, K103N+V108I, and K103N+P225H, should provide even more powerful drugs to serve as cornerstones of combination regimens and as components of salvage therapy when other treatment modalities have failed.

The structure—activity relationship leading to the identification of four new NNRTI analogues is described wherein we simultaneously considered intrinsic potency, plasma protein binding, and pharmacokinetics during the iterative synthesis process. We have identified a cohort of four related analogues that combine improved potency against mutant HIV variants with substantial oral bioavailability, long plasma half-life, and moderate plasma protein binding.

Chemistry and Biological Results

Amino ketones **8a-h** (Scheme 2) were prepared as previously reported, ^{13,14} with the exception of **8e**, **8h**, and **8i**, which were prepared as described in Scheme 1. N-Boc-protected 3-chloro-4-fluoro aniline **1**, prepared via Kelly's procedure using sodium hexamethyldisilazide (NaHMDS), ¹⁵ was metalated under conditions previously described in the literature ¹⁶ and quenched with ethyl trifluoroacetate to give **2**. Removal of the N-Boc protecting group delivered amino ketone **8e**. Pivaloylated 3-fluoroaniline **3**¹⁷ was chlorinated using N-

Scheme 2. Synthesis of 4-Alkynyl-3,4-dihydro-4-trifluoromethylquinazolin-2(1*H*)-ones^a

 a (a) (i) TMSNCO, THF, (ii) TBAF/THF; (b) KOCN, AcOH/H₂O; (c) toluene or xylenes, reflux, 4 Å molecular sieves; (d) Li≡R, BF₃·OEt₂, THF.

chlorosuccinimide in hot DMF to give the 5-fluoro-6-chloro derivatized aniline **4**. Metalation of **4** with n-butyllithium at -78 °C followed by quenching the anion with ethyl trifluoroacetate gave **5**. Hydrolysis of the pivaloyl group afforded the desired aniline **8h**. Similar to the synthesis of **8e**, 3,4-dichloroaniline was functionalized as the N-Boc derivative **6** and metalated using a mixture of *tert*-butyllithium and N, N, N', N'-tetramethylethylenediamine (TMEDA) in tetrahydrofuran (THF) at -78 °C, and the resultant anion was quenched with ethyl trifluoroacetate to afford **7**. Removal of the Boc group from **7** gave aniline **8i**.

Treatment of amino ketones 8a-i with either trimethylsilylisocyanate¹⁸ followed by tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF) or potassium cyanate in aqueous acetic acid delivered aminols **9a**-**i** (Scheme 2). Heating **9a**-**i** with 4 Å molecular sieves in either toluene or xylenes at reflux effected the desired dehydration to afford the trifluoromethyl ketimines 10a-i. Aminols containing a 5-halogen substituent required higher temperatures to effect dehydration and were therefore dehydrated using xylenes as the solvent. Ketimines **10a**–**i** were alkylated with a THF solution of lithiated alkynes in the presence of a catalytic amount of boron trifluoride etherate (BF₃· OEt₂) to give the desired quinazolinones. It was found necessary to use a Lewis acid since the rate of lithium acetylide addition to ketimine **10** in the absence of BF₃· OEt₂ was sluggish, while use of greater than 0.5 equiv of BF₃·OEt₂ resulted in reduced yields of the desired products.

The ability of the racemic quinazolinones to inhibit HIV-1 RT in an in vitro enzyme assay (IC_{50} data)³ and to inhibit wild-type RF strain of HIV-1¹⁹ (IC_{90} data) is represented in Table 1. To get an estimate of the extent of protein binding, and its subsequent impact on antiviral potency, a rapid assay to determine the effects of plasma protein binding was devised. The addition of heat inactivated human serum at concentrations in excess of about 25% is cytotoxic, precluding a direct assessment. However, since albumin and acid glycoprotein comprise the major proteins of serum, the impact of these two components was examined at concentrations found in human serum. In the "protein binding shift assay", the antiviral potency is determined by measurement of viral RNA in standard tissue culture

Table 1. In Vitro Biological Activity of 4-Alkynyl, 4-Trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2(1*H*)-quinazolinones

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compd	X	R	enzyme IC_{50} (nM) ³	antiviral activity ¹⁹	PB adj wild-type IC ₉₀ (nM)	PB fold shift
25	5,6-F ₂	ethyl	74 ± 27	1.5	10	6.9
11	5-F	cyclopropyl	62 ± 13	1.4	14	10
22	5-Cl,6-F	isopropyl	78 ± 25	3.0	15	5
12	5-Cl	cyclopropyl	72 ± 15	2.5	18	7
13	$5,6-F_{2}$	cyclopropyl	74 ± 35	2.1	19	9
20	$5,6-F_{2}$	isopropyl	91 ± 13	2.1 ± 1.4	21	9.8
16	6-F	cyclopropyl	50 ± 4	2.0	24	12
28	$5,6-F_{2}$	2-pyridyl	68 ± 17	2.0	24	12
27	6-F	ethyl	54 ± 9	2.5	25	10
15	5-Cl,6-F	cyclopropyl	59 ± 12	2.7	27	10
efavirenz		see Figure 1	47 ± 25	1.7 ± 0.5	28	16.5
17	6-MeO	cyclopropyl	124 ± 90	2.9	29	10
31	6-F	2-pyridyl	126 ± 30	5	33	7
18	5-F,6-Cl	cyclopropyl	102 ± 67	4.8	40	8.4
30	5-Cl,6-F	2-pyridyl	80 ± 15	2.3	41	18
14	6-Cl	cyclopropyl	111 ± 34	2.7 ± 0.6	41	15
24	6-MeO	isopropyl	401 ± 182	3.8	42	11
36	6-MeO	phenyl	219 ± 34	3.2	42	13
33	$5,6-F_{2}$	phenyl	181 ± 83	6.2	43	7
35	6-F	phenyl	143 ± 30	6.6	66	10
29	6-Cl	2-pyridyl	129 ± 36	3.4	79	23
26	6-Cl	ethyl	110 ± 61	3.3	83	25
34	6-Cl	phenyl	277 ± 94	7.1	86	12
23	6-F	isopropyl	39 ± 8	2.6	86	33
19	$5,6-Cl_2$	cyclopropyl	166 ± 38	8.0	88	11
21	6-Cl	isopropyl	281 ± 105	3.0 ± 0.2	90	30
nevirapine		see Figure 1	4848 ± 1739	50 ± 10	100	2
32	6-MeO	2-pyridyl	237 ± 99	8.1	138	17
delavirdine		see Figure 1	422 ± 92	37 ± 9	1406	38

medium or in tissue culture medium to which 45 mg/ mL human serum albumin and 1 mg/mL alpha-1 acid glycoprotein have been added. The ratio of the measured 90% inhibitory concentrations were then expressed as a fold increase in measured IC90 (PB fold shift).

As seen in Table 1, except for 32, all compounds tested were more potent inhibitors of wild-type HIV-1 than either nevirapine or delavirdine and most analogues had wild-type antiviral potency similar to that of efavirenz, with compounds 11 and 25 appearing potentially more potent (racemates contain only 50% of the active enantiomer). Taking into account the estimated effect of human plasma protein binding by multiplying the observed IC90 value by the PB fold shift gave the protein binding adjusted (PB Adj) IC₉₀ data. When this was done, it became evident that several analogues appeared more potent than efavirenz. It was also apparent that incorporation of a 5-halo substitutent, either in the presence or the absence of a 6-halo substituent, conferred beneficial activity as exemplified by the six most active compounds in Table 1. Small groups on the alkyne, such as the ethyl analogue 25, appear to be favored over larger groups, such as phenyl analogue **33**.²⁰ Two 2-pyridyl containing compounds, **28** and **31**, are also very potent, but less so than their corresponding cyclopropylalkynyl (13 and 16, respectively) and butynyl (25 and 27, respectively) analogues. Comparing similar pairs of analogues, 5,6-difluoro substituents confer improvements in potency compared to 6-chloro analogues.

The ability of racemic quinazolinones to inhibit replication of mutant viruses possessing the amino acid substitution K103N or L100I is listed in Table 2. The clinically significant HIV single mutant K103N is the most prevalent mutation observed in vivo in patients who have failed efavirenz-containing regimens and is

frequently observed alone, or in combination with other mutations in nevirapine and delayirdine failures. 10,12 The L100I mutation was selected by efavirenz through in vitro selection experiments.¹⁹ The compounds in Table 2 are ranked by their potency against the K103N mutant virus, adjusting for the effects of protein binding using the PB shift assay. The potency of some of the new analogues against the K103N mutant virus was significantly increased compared to that of efavirenz. When the estimated effects of protein binding were taken into account, the superior potency of the new analogues became even more evident. It was found that compounds having a 5-halogen substitution, with or without a halogen in the 6-position, showed the most potent activity against the K103N mutant. In particular, the racemate 22 exhibited exceptional activity toward inhibiting the K103N containing virus, as exhibited by its 74 nM protein binding adjusted IC₉₀. The improvement of racemic 22 toward the protein binding adjusted K103N IC₉₀ value over delayirdine, nevirapine, and efavirenz is striking: 510-, 140-, and 14-fold improvement, respectively.

Prior to the discovery of 22, several of the best quinazolinones, 13, 14, and 20, were synthesized on gram scale and the enantiomers separated by chiral HPLC. The active isomers of these compounds are DPC 961, DPC 963, and 37 (Figure 2). The absolute stereochemistry of DPC 961 was determined from a singlecrystal X-ray, while the absolute stereochemistry of DPC 963 and **37** was inferred from the data obtained in the enzyme and whole cell assays, with the undesired enantiomers exhibiting virtually no activity (Table 3).

Upon oral dosage of a mixture of 37, DPC 961, and DPC 963 in rhesus monkeys, only DPC 961 and DPC 963 were found to be present in micromolar concentrations, whereas **37** was undetectable in plasma. Studies

Table 2. Resistance Profiles of 4-Alkynyl, 4-Trifluoromethyl-3,4-dihydro-2(1H)-quinazolinones

			IC ₉₀ (nM)				
compd	X	R	antiviral activity K103N	antiviral activity L100I	PB adj antiviral activity toward K103N		
22	5-Cl,6-F	isopropyl	15	13	74		
25	$5,6$ - F_2 e	ethyl	14	18	93		
13	$5,6-F_{2}$	cyclopropyl	13	12	119		
20	$5,6-F_2$	isopropyl	14	10	139		
18	5-F,6-Cl	cyclopropyl	18	ND^a	151		
15	5-Cl,6-F	cyclopropyl	18	16	178		
19	5,6-Cl ₂	cyclopropyl	18	ND	196		
14	6-Cl	cyclopropyl	22	18	336		
17	6-MeO	cyclopropyl	40	46	396		
12	5-Cl	cyclopropyl	63	70	441		
16	6-F	cyclopropyl	48	29	566		
24	6-MeO	isopropyl	56	28	599		
21	6-Cl	isopropyl	22	28	653		
27	6-F	ethyl	71	74	710		
26	6-Cl	ethyl	26	ND	826		
23	6-F	isopropyl	27	17	891		
11	5-F	cyclopropyl	89	108	917		
efavirenz			64 ± 24	77 ± 26	1056		
30	5-Cl,6-F	2-pyridyl	73	44	1307		
28	$5,6$ - F_2	2-pyridyl	109	37	1308		
33	$5,6$ - F_2	phenyl	191	256	1337		
34	6-Cl	phenyl	250	365	3000		
31	6-F	2-pyridyl	483	255	3140		
35	6-F	phenyl	322	677	3220		
36	6-MeO	phenyl	283	462	3594		
29	6-Cl	2-pyridyl	160	64	3728		
32	6-MeO	2-pyridyl	338	98	5881		
nevirapine			5100 ± 830	ND	10200		
delavirdine			1000 ± 270	ND	38000		

^a ND = not determined.

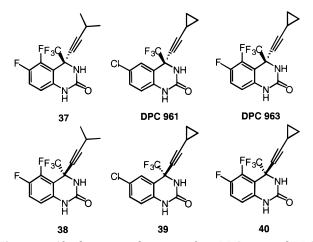


Figure 2. Absolute stereochemistry of **37**, DPC 961, and DPC 963.

Table 3. Activity of Resolved Quinazolinones

	IC ₉₀		
compd	antiviral activity K103N	antiviral activity wild-type	enzyme IC ₅₀ (nM)
37	9	1.6	15 ± 8
38	ND^a	229	1519 ± 49
DPC 961	10 ± 3.2	2.0 ± 0.7	31 ± 8
39	ND	34000	267
DPC 963	11 ± 4.8	1.3 ± 0.6	18 ± 5
40	ND	101	6600

 $^{^{}a}$ ND = not determined.

indicated that the 3-methylbutynyl substituent present in **37** was rapidly metabolized by liver homogenate fractions when compared to efavirenz. The metabolic liability found with compound **37** precluded its further evaluation in the other assay systems shown in Tables 4 and 5. Using the same line of reasoning, the chiral resolution of other compounds possessing a metabolically labile iso-propyl substituted alkyne, such as is found in compound **22**, and evaluation of the single enantiomer in the assay systems described in Tables 4 and 5 would not lead to an advancement of our ultimate goal: identifying compounds which possess not only excellent virologic profiles but have physical properties consistent with once-daily dosing in humans.

With the favorable pharmacokinetic results obtained with DPC 961 and DPC 963, we turned our attention to trying to obtain compounds which might possess better overall qualities. It was known from previous SAR for efavirenz that olefin analogues had a slightly improved profile. Therefore, the olefin analogues were prepared by lithium aluminum hydride reduction of DPC 961 and DPC 963 to afford DPC 083 and DPC 082, respectively (Scheme 3). 1,2-Dichlorobenzene was used in order to suppress dehalogenation of the aromatic rings during the reduction.

Table 4 compares the virologic profile and protein binding properties of DPC 961, DPC 963, DPC 082, and DPC 083 to that of efavirenz using laboratory strains and clinical isolates of HIV-1 and detection by several different methods. Like efavirenz, DPC 961, DPC 963, DPC 082, and DPC 083 are potent in the nanomolar range against both laboratory and clinical isolates, maintain that potency against zidovudine resistant isolates, and are inactive against HIV-2. Within the standard deviations of the assays, the four new analogues are equal in measured potency to efavirenz.

Many drugs bind to plasma proteins, and the effect of such binding is to decrease the concentration of free drug available to equilibrate across cell membranes and interact with the target. For AIDS therapeutics, clinical failure has been associated with significant and unex-

Table 4. Antiviral Activity and Protein Binding of Second-Generation NNRTIs

		IC ₉₀ nM						
virus	cells	assay	DPC 961	DPC 963	DPC 082	DPC 083	efavirenz	
RF	MT-2	RNA	2.0 ± 0.7	1.3 ± 0.6	2.0 ± 0.2	2.1 ± 0.8	1.7 ± 0.5	
RF	MT-2	yield	2.7 ± 0.4	2.3 ± 0.8	2.7 ± 0.2	1.9 ± 0.9	2.4 ± 0.5	
Thai 9466 ^a	PBMC	P24	5.0 ± 3.5	1.9 ± 0.1	ND^d	0.9	8.5	
$A018C^b$	PBMC	P24	2.5 ± 0.4	1.6 ± 0.1	ND	ND	2.8	
E^b	MT-2	Yield	ND	1.7	2.9	1.3 ± 0.7	2.8	
HIV-2	MT-2	Yield	>2800	>950	>2800	>2800	>3000	
PB shift	MT-2	RNA	17	6.9	3.5	3.7	17	
		I	DPC 961	DPC 963	DAC 082	DPC 083	efavirenz	
% free in human serum ^c			1.5%	2.8%	3.0%	2.0%	0.2-0.5%	
% free in tissue culture medium			31%	37%	53%	39%	27%	
plasma IC ₉₀ for RF virus			40 nM	18 nM	33 nM	40 nM	92-220 nM	

^a Thai 9466 is a wild-type clinical isolate. ^b A018C and E are zidovudine-resistant clinical isolates. The genotype of A018C is unknown and the genotype of E contains the mutations D67N and K70R. ^c Data from ref 3. ^d ND = Not determined.

Table 5. Potency of Second-Generation NNRTIs against Mutant HIV-1 Variants

parameter	efavirenz	DPC 961	DPC 963	DPC 082	DPC 083
K103N measured IC ₉₀ (nM)	64 ± 24	10 ± 3.2	11 ± 4.8	21 ± 9.2	27 ± 11
K103N free drug IC ₉₀ (nM)	17	3.1	4.0	11	11
K103N plasma IC ₉₀ (nM)	3400-8100	210	140	370	550
sL100I measured IC ₉₀ (nM)	120 ± 30	13 ± 7.9	8.0 ± 5.7	5.9 ± 3.8	11 ± 6.8
sL100I free drug IC ₉₀ (nM)	33	4.0	3.0	3.1	4.3
sL100I plasma IC ₉₀ (nM)	6600 - 15700	270	110	100	220
sV179D/L100I/Y181C measured IC ₉₀ (nM)	2400 ± 420	190 ± 28	110 ± 44	250 ± 34	320
sV179D/L100I/Y181C free drug IC ₉₀ (nM)	650	59	41	130	120
sV179D/L100I/Y181C plasma IC ₉₀ (nM)	130000-309500	3900	1460	4300	6000

Scheme 3. Synthesis of DPC 082 and DPC 083^a

pected protein binding. The influence of albumin and acid glycoprotein can be estimated by the increase in the measured IC90 in the presence of these purified components in the tissue culture medium. As shown in Table 4, the PB shift assay indicated that all four analogues showed some binding by the albumin in the tissue culture medium, as reflected by an increase in the measured IC₉₀. Importantly, tissue culture medium is supplemented with heat-inactivated calf serum to maintain cell integrity. The shift data suggested that binding to the albumin in the fetal calf serum might likely occur. To accurately assess binding to tissue culture medium and human serum in order to predict drug levels required for adequate inhibition of replication, ultrafiltration was used to determine the free fraction at equilibrium. The percent free drug in tissue culture medium or human serum is shown in Table 4. Note that for efavirenz and the new analogues, the PB shift assay underpredicts the extent of plasma protein binding measured by physical separation and detection.

To maintain suppression of virus replication, the concentration of free drug in the plasma must exceed the free drug concentration required for inhibition of replication. Table 4 shows that the percentage binding of the second-generation NNRTIs by proteins in human

plasma is 3-14-fold lower than that of efavirenz, depending on the value used for efavirenz free fraction. We have defined the property plasma IC₉₀ as the total drug concentration needed to achieve 90% suppression of HIV replication. The plasma IC₉₀ is determined by dividing the concentration of free drug required for inhibition of HIV (calculated by adjusting the measured IC₉₀ values by the tissue culture medium binding) by the free fraction present in human serum. The plasma IC₉₀ is thus a calculated parameter based on three different measured values. In the case of efavirenz, the high degree of plasma protein binding was characterized by a number of different assays. The data are expressed as a range of free drug values for this inhibitor (Sustiva (efavirenz capsules) Product Information Leaflet). The plasma IC₉₀ for the RF form of HIV-1 is shown in Table 4. The plasma IC_{90} for all four analogues is 2–12-fold less than the range determined for efavirenz, an effect driven almost exclusively by improvements in plasma protein binding properties. More importantly, a lower plasma IC₉₀ indicates that at comparable total plasma levels, greater inhibition of replication should be observed with the second-generation analogues.

Table 5 shows the measured potency, calculated free drug potency and plasma IC₉₀ for the second-generation compounds against mutant HIV-1 variants, including recombinant K103N, and viruses selected for in tissue culture after exposure of infected cells to efavirenz. Such selected viruses are indicated by an "s" prefix and contain the L100I mutation or the triple mutation V179D/L100I/Y181C.²¹

Table 5 indicates that all four second-generation analogues show improved measured potency against K103N, sL100I, and the triple substituted virus selected in tissue culture by exposure to efavirenz. This improvement in measured potency ranges from 2.3-fold (K103N potency for DPC 083 versus efavirenz) to 22-fold (triple

^a (a) LiAlH₄, 1,2-dichlorobenzene, THF.

Conclusions

A series of trifluoromethyl-containing quinazolinones were synthesized and evaluated for their ability to inhibit wild-type and various mutant forms of HIV-1. Quinazolinones were examined since previous work had shown that potency toward HIV-1 reverse transcriptase could be achieved with these compounds, although the previously reported materials had a poor resistance profile.²² It was felt that an improvement in the overall resistance profile could be achieved by the incorporation of a trifluoromethyl group into the molecule, as found in efavirenz, and by manipulating the alkyne side chain.

We simultaneously considered potency, protein binding, and pharmacokinetic properties when characterizing and ranking new analogues. It was found that the presence of the cyclopropyl acetylene moiety was critical in order to achieve satisfactory blood plasma levels. An increase in the overall resistance profile was observed for compounds possessing a 5,6-dihalogen substitution pattern when compared to the 5- or 6-monohalogensubstituted analogues. The improvement in potency of the 5,6-dihalogen-substituted analogues was due in large part to less protein binding when compared to monohalogenated compounds. The overall profile of DPC 961, DPC 963, DPC 082, and DPC 083 suggests strongly that any of these new analogues could provide superior coverage of wild type and mutant HIV variants relative to efavirenz, provided that the pharmacokinetics in humans are similar to those previously observed for efavirenz. Considering the powerful antiviral benefit apparent from ongoing clinical studies with efavirenz, development of additional NNRTIs that retain similar ease of administration and safety profile, but with superior overall profiles against mutant variants, should provide even more durable drugs to serve as constituents of combination drug regiments and as components of salvage therapy when other treatment modalities have failed.

Experimental Section

Chemical Methods. All procedures were carried out under argon in oven-dried glassware unless otherwise indicated. Proton NMR spectra were obtained on VXR or Unity 300 MHz instruments (Varian Instruments, Palo Alto) with chemical shifts δ in ppm downfield from TMS as an internal reference standard. Melting points were determined on a Büchi 535 melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Elemental analyses were performed by Quantitative Technologies, Inc., Bound Brook, NJ 08805. Mass spectra were measured with a HP 5988A mass spectrometer with particle beam interface using NH₃ for chemical ionization or a Finnigan MAT 8230 mass spectrometer with NH₃-DCI or VG TRIO 2000 for ESI. High-resolution mass spectra were measured on a VG 70-VSE instrument with NH₃ ionization. Optical rotations were obtained on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter. Solvents and reagents were obtained from commercial vendors in the appropriate grade and used without further purification unless otherwise indicated.

(3-Chloro-4-fluorophenyl)carbamic Acid *tert*-Butyl Ester (1). To a solution of 3-chloro-4-fluoroaniline (10.0 g, 68.7 mmol) in anhydrous THF (69 mL) was slowly added sodium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (137 mL of 1.0 M solution in THF). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h before addition of a solution of Boc_2O (15.0 g, 68.7 mmol) in anhydrous THF (5 mL). The mixture was aged at room temperature for 3 h, concentrated under reduced pressure, diluted with EtOAc (200 mL), and washed with 0.5 N HCl (250 mL). The aqueous phase was back-extracted with EtOAc (100 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated, to give 16.1 g of crude 1 which was used without further purification (95% yield): mp 130–132 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 8.59 (br s, 1H), 7.80 (dd, J = 6.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.39, (m, 1H), 7.22–7.16 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H).

[3-Chloro-4-fluoro-2-(2,2,2-trifluroethanone)phenyl]carbamic Acid tert-Butyl Ester (2). To a solution of anhydrous THF (15 mL) containing TMEDA (2.37 g, 3.08 mL, 20.4 mmol) at −78 °C was added t-BuLi (12.0 mL of 1.7 M solution). The mixture was aged at -78 °C for 0.5 h, before addition of a -78 °C solution of 1 (2.50 g, 10.2 mmol) in anhydrous THF (20 mL) via cannula over approximately 10 min. The mixture was aged at -78 °C for 2 h and then ethyl trifluoroacetate (2.90 g, 2.43 mL, 20.4 mmol) was added. The cooling bath was removed and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. The mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl after 2 h and extracted with EtOAc (150 mL), washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (80 mL) and aqueous NaCl (80 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The concentrate was purified by flash chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to give 1.03 g of 2 as a yellow solid (30% yield): mp 144 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ 7.83 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.25 (m, 1H), 1.68 (s, 9H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ -77.7 (s, 3F), -117.8 (s, 1F).

2,2-Dimethyl-*N***-(3-fluorophenyl)propanamide (3)** was prepared according to a literature procedure: 17b mp 112.5–113 °C (lit. mp 100–101 °C 17a and 112–114 °C 17b).

1-(2-Amino-6-chloro-5-fluorophenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroethanone (8e). A solution of **2** (1.03 g, 3.01 mmol) in 4 N HCl in dioxane (3 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h before addition of water (5 mL). Solid NaHCO₃ was added until basic. The mixture was diluted with Et₂O (25 mL) and water (25 mL) and the phases were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with more Et₂O (15 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The concentrate was purified by flash chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to give 245 mg of **8e** (34% yield): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 7.30 (t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd, J = 9.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (br s, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ -75.4 (s, 3F), -132.1 (s, 1F).

2,2-Dimethyl-*N***-(4-chloro-3-fluorophenyl)propanamide (4).** A solution of **3** (2.00 g, 10.2 mmol) in DMF (20 mL) containing N-chlorosuccinimide (1.50 g, 11.2 mmol) was heated at 80 $^{\circ}$ C for approximately 20 min before cooling to room

temperature. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc; washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, water, and saturated aqueous NaCl; dried over MgSO₄; filtered; and concentrated to afford a white solid, which was purified by flash chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to give 1.48 g of 4 as a white solid (63% yield): $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 8.85 (br s, 1H), 7.86 (dd, J=12, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.34 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 9H); $^1\mathrm{9F}$ NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –116.74 to –116.89 (m, 1F). Anal. (C₁₁H₁₃ClFNO) C, H, N.

2,2-Dimethyl-N-(4-chloro-3-fluoro-2-trifluoroacetylphe**nyl)propanamide (5).** To a solution of **4** (1.00 g, 4.35 mmol) in anhydrous THF (14.5 mL) at -78 °C was added n-BuLi (6.5 mL of 1.6 M solution in hexanes, 10.4 mmol) via an addition funnel over 10 min. The mixture was aged at −78 °C for 1.5 h before the dropwise addition of ethyl trifluoroaceate (1.4 g, 1.2 mL, 10 mmol). The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 0.5 h and then the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature. The reaction was quenched by addition of saturated aqueous NH₄Cl and poured into Et₂O (50 mL) and water (50 mL). The organic phase was isolated, washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated. The concentrate was purified by flash chromatography to yield 1.20 g of **5** (85% yield): mp 106–108 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.61 (br s, 1H), 7.70 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, $J = 8.8, 1.5 \text{ Hz}, 1), 1.21 \text{ (s, 9H); }^{19}\text{F NMR (282 MHz, acetone$ d_6) δ -76.1 to -76.2 (m, 3F), -109.8 to -110.2 (m, 1F). Anal. $(C_{13}H_{12}ClF_4NO_2)$ C, H, N.

1-(2-Amino-5-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroethanone (8h). A solution of 5 (5.32 g, 16.3 mmol) in ethylene glycol dimethyl ether (13 mL) and 6 N HCl (65 mL) was heated at reflux for 1.5 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, and solid Na₂CO₃ (CO₂ evolution!) was slowly added until the solution was basic. Water (150 mL) was added and the mixture was extract with Et₂O (200 mL). The aqueous phase was back-extract with Et₂O (100 mL), and the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Baseline material was removed by passage through a plug of silica (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to give 3.45 g of 8h as a yellow oil which was used without further purification (88% yield): 1 H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- 4 G) 5 7.48–7.39 (m, 3H), 6.84 (dd, 5 J = 9.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H); 19 F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- 4 G) 5 -76.1 to -76.2 (m, 1F), -76.0 to -76.2 (m, 3F).

(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)carbamic Acid tert-Butyl Ester (6). To a solution of 3,4-dichloroaniline (10.0 g, 61.7 mmol) in anhydrous THF (62 mL) was slowly added sodium bis-(trimethylsilyl)amide (123 mL of 1.0 M solution in THF). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h before addition of a solution of Boc₂O (13.5 g, 61.7 mmol) in anhydrous THF (5 mL). The mixture was aged at room temperature for 3 h, concentrated under reduced pressure, diluted with EtOAc (200 mL), and washed with 0.5 N HCl (250 mL). The aqueous phase was back-extracted with EtOAc (100 mL), and the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give 15.4 g of crude **6**, which was used without further purification (95% yield): mp 112–113 °C (lit. 26 mp 114–115 °C); 1 H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 8.70 (br s, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.43 (s, 2), 1.46 (s, 9H).

[3,4-Dichloro-2-(2,2,2-trifluroethanone)phenyl]carbamic Acid tert-Butyl Ester (7). To a solution of anhydrous THF (14 mL) containing TMEDA (2.22 g, 2.88 mL, 19.1 mmol) at -78 °C was added t-BuLi (11.2 mL of 1.7 M solution). The mixture was aged at -78 °C for 0.5 h, before addition of a -78°C solution of 6 (2.50 g, 9.54 mmol) in anhydrous THF (19 mL) via cannula over approximately 10 min. The mixture was aged at -78 °C for 2 h, and then ethyl trifluoroacetate (2.71 g, 2.27 mL, 19.1 mmol) was added. The cooling bath was removed and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl after 2 h and extracted with EtOAc (150 mL), washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO3 (80 mL) and aqueous NaCl (80 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The concentrate was purified by flash chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to give 0.76 g of 7 as an impure yellow oil which was used without further purification (22% yield): 1H NMR (300 MHz, acetone d_6) δ 7.72 (d, J = 8.4 Hz. 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (s, 9H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ -77.4 (s, 3F).

1-(2-Amino-5,6-dichlorophenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroethanone (8i). A solution of **7** (0.76 g, 2.12 mmol) in 4 N HCl in dioxane (2 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h before addition of water. Solid NaHCO₃ (CO₂ evolution!) was added until the mixture was basic. The mixture was diluted with Et₂O (25 mL) and water (25 mL), and the phases were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with more Et₂O (15 mL), and the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The concentrate was purified by flash chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to give 100 mg of **8i** (19% yield); the major byproduct was recovered **6**: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 7.41 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (br s, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ -75.6 (s, 3F).

General Procedure for Aminol Formation. Procedure A. To a solution of ketone **8** in anhydrous THF (0.5 M) were added N,N-(dimethylamino)pyridine (0.1 equiv) and trimethylsilylisocyanate (2.6 equiv). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h before addition of tetrabutylammonium fluoride (2 equiv of a 1 M solution in THF). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for an additional 0.5 h; diluted with EtOAc; washed sequentially with 1 N HCl, saturated aqueous NaHCO $_3$, and saturated aqueous NaCl; dried over MgSO $_4$, filtered; and concentrated. The resulting solid was triturated with hexanes and dried.

Procedure B. To a solution of ketone **8** in acetic acid (0.55 M) and water (5.5 M) was added potassium cyanate (2.5 equiv). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, diluted with water (4 mL/mmol of **8**), and stirred for 15 min before collection of the precipitate. The white solid was washed with water and dried under reduced pressure.

- **3,4-Dihydro-5-fluoro-4-hydroxy-4-trifluoromethylquinazolin-2(1***H***)-one (9a)** was prepared as described in procedure A to afford 323 mg of **9a** (85% yield): 1 H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.08 (br s, 1H), 7.43–7.30 (m, 2H), 6.96 (br s, 1H), 6.85–6.74 (m, 2H); 19 F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –86.4 (s, 3F), –111.8 (s, 1F).
- **5-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-4-hydroxy-4-trifluoromethylquinazolin-2(1***H***)-one (9b)** was prepared as described in procedure A to afford 234 mg of 9b (99% yield): 1 H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.03 (br s, 1H), 7.33 (t, J=8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (br s, 1H), 7.07 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (br s, 1H); 19 F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ -85.6 (s. 3F).
- **5,6-Difluoro-3,4-dihydro-4-hydroxy-4-trifluoromethylquinazolin-2(1***H***)-one (9c) was prepared as described in procedure A to afford 110.9 g of 9c (92% yield): mp 215 (dec); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, acetone-d_6) \delta 9.13 (br s, 1H), 7.45–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.18 (br s, 1H), 6.85–6.80 (m, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, acetone-d_6) \delta –86.6 (d, J=17.2 Hz, 3F), –137.5 to –137.7 (m, 1F), –148.5 to –148.6 (m, 1F). Anal. (C_9H_5F_5N_2O_2 \cdot 0.2C_4H_8O_2) C, H, N.**
- **6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-4-hydroxy-4-trifluoromethylquinazolin-2(1***H***)-one (9d)** was prepared as described in procedure B to afford 2.70 g of **9d** (85% yield): mp 235 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.06 (br s, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.40 (br s, 1H), 7.34 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ -86.4 (s, 3F); MS (CI) 266 (MH⁺, 100). Anal. ($C_9H_6ClF_3N_2O_2$) C, H, N.
- **5-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-6-fluoro-4-hydroxy-4-trifluoromethylquinazolin-2(1***H***)-one (9e)** was prepared as described in procedure A to afford 2.10 g of **9e** (99% yield): mp 220 °C (dec); 1H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.08 (br s, 1H), 7.39–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.21 (br s, 1H), 7.08–7.03 (m, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –85.5 (s, 3F), –121.9 (s, 1F). Anal. (C9H₅-ClF₄N₂O₂-0.1C₃H₆O) C, H, N.
- **3,4-Dihydro-6-fluoro-4-hydroxy-4-trifluoromethylquinazolin-2(1***H***)-one (9f)** was prepared as described in procedure A to afford 3.22 g of **9f** (87% yield): mp 202–204 °C (dec); 1 H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.02 (br s, 1H), 7.38 (br s, 1H), 7.30 (dd, J=9.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.16 (m, 1H),

- **3,4-Dihydro-4-hydroxy-6-methoxy-4-trifluoromethylquinazolin-2(1***H***)-one (9g) was prepared as described in procedure B to afford 244 mg of 9g (83% yield): mp 195 °C (dec); ^1\text{H} NMR (300 MHz, acetone-d_6) \delta 8.81 (br s, 1H), 7.17 (br s, 1H), 7.11 (br s, 1H), 7.00–6.92 (m, 2H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H); ^{19}\text{F} NMR (282 MHz, acetone-d_6) \delta –86.0 (s, 3F); HRMS calcd for C_{10}H_9F_3N_2O_2 [M + H]+ 246.0613, 246.0616 found. Anal. (C_{10}H_9F_3N_2O_3) C, H, N.**
- **6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-5-fluoro-4-hydroxy-4-trifluoromethylquinazolin-2(1***H***)-one (9h)** was prepared as described in procedure B to afford 1.93 g of **9h** (79% yield): mp 216 °C (dec); 1 H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_{6}) δ 9.27 (br s, 1H), 7.55–7.49 (m, 2H), 6.88 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.54 Hz, 1H); 19 F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_{6}) δ -86.5 to -86.6 (m, 3F), -112.8 to -113.0 (m, 1F).
- **5,6-Dichloro-3,4-dihydro-4-hydroxy-4-trifluoromethylquinazolin-2(1***H***)-one (9i)** was prepared as described in procedure A to afford 116 mg of **9i** (99% yield): mp 249–252 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.11 (br s, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (br s, 1H), 7.04–7.01 (m, 2H); ¹9F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –85.4 (s, 3F).
- **General Procedure for Ketimine Formation.** A solution of aminol **9** in either toluene or xylene containing 4 Å molecular sieves was heated at reflux until the CF_3 signal of **9** was no longer present as determined by ^{19}F NMR. The solution was cooled to room temperature, and the molecular sieves were removed by vacuum filtration and rinsed with acetone. The filtrate was concentrated and triturated with hexanes to afford the desired ketimine **10**.
- **5-Fluoro-4-trifluoromethylquinazolin-2(1***H***)-one (10a).** Prepared according to the general procedure using xylenes to afford 238 mg of **10a** (80% yield): mp >275 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 7.90–7.83 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.08 (m, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –70.7 (s, 3F), –108.7 (s, 1F); Anal. ($C_9H_4F_4N_2O$) C, H, N.
- **5-Chloro-4-trifluoromethylquinazolin-2(1***H***)-one (10b).** Prepared according to the general procedure using xylenes to afford 177 mg of **10b** (81% yield): mp 222 °C (dec); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 7.75 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ -64.3 (s, 3F); Anal. ($C_9H_4ClF_3N_2O\cdot0.2C_3H_6O$) C, H, N.
- **5,6-Difluoro-4-trifluoromethylquinazolin-2(1***H***)-one (10c).** Prepared according to the general procedure using xylenes to afford 9.91 g of **10c** (97% yield): mp 208 °C (dec);

 ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 7.92–7.83 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.44 (m, 1H);

 ¹PF NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –70.7 (d, J = 38.7 Hz, 3F), –136.7 (s, 1F), –146.5 to –146.6 (m, 1F); Anal. ($C_{10}H_7F_5N_2O_2$) C, H, N.
- **6-Chloro-4-trifluoromethylquinazolin-2(1***H***)-one (10d).** Prepared according to the general procedure using toluene to afford 2.30 g of **10d** (96% yield): mp 217 °C (dec); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 7.86–7.82 (m, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –67.9 (s, 3F).
- 5-Chloro-6-fluoro-4-trifluoromethylquinazolin-2(1*H*)-one (10e). Prepared according to the general procedure using xylenes to afford 175 mg of 10e (65% yield): mp 190 °C (dec); 1 H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 7.79 (br s, 1H), 7.64 (br s, 1H); 1 F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ -64.2 (s, 3F), -116.7 (s, 1F).
- **6-Fluoro-4-trifluoromethylquinazolin-2(1***H***)-one (10f).** Prepared according to the general procedure using toluene to afford 6.64 g of **10f** (93% yield): mp 156 °C (dec); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 7.77–7.71 (m, 1H), 7.64–7.59 (m, 3H); ¹9F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –68.2 (s, 3F), –119.5 (s, 1F).
- **6-Methoxy-4-trifluoromethylquinazolin-2(1***H***)-one (10 g).** Prepared according to the general procedure using toluene to afford 0.50 g of **10g** (93% yield): mp 267 °C (dec); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 7.52 (br s, 2H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ -68.1 (s, 3F).

- **6-Chloro-5-fluoro-4-trifluoromethylquinazolin-2(1***H***)-one (10h).** Prepared according to the general procedure using xylenes to afford 1.39 g of **10h** (79% yield): mp 239 °C (dec); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 7.94–7.88 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.40 (m, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –70.5 to –70.7 (m, 3F), –110.2 to –110.5 (m, 1F).
- **5,6-Dichloro-4-trifluoromethylquinazolin-2(1***H***)-one (10i)**. Prepared according to the general procedure using xylenes to afford 75 mg of **10i** (69% yield): 1 H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_{6}) δ 7.90 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.55 (m, 2H); 19 F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_{6}) δ -63.8 (s, 3F).
- General Procedure for Lithium Acetylide Addition to Ketimines 10. A 0 °C solution of lithiated acetylide (4 equiv) in anhydrous THF (0.5 M) was cannulated into a solution of ketimine 10 in anhydrous THF (0.2 M) at -78 °C. To this was then added BF $_3$ ·OEt $_2$ (0.5 equiv), the -78 °C cooling bath was removed, and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. After stirring overnight at room temperature, the reaction was quenched by the addition of 1 M citric acid and diluted with EtOAc, and the phases were separated. The organic solution was sequentially washed with water, saturated aqueous NaHCO $_3$, and saturated aqueous NaCl; dried over MgSO $_4$; filtered; and concentrated. The crude product was purified either by flash chromatography, HPLC, or crystallization.
- **5-Chloro-4-(cyclopropylethynyl)-3,4-dihydro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (12). Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by HPLC (2.5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) and crystallized from acetone to afford 25 mg of 12 (20% yield): mp 184 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone-d_6) δ 8.98 (br s, 1H), 7.36–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.10 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.42–1.37 (m, 1H), 0.87–0.72 (m, 4H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone-d_6) δ –81.6 (s, 3F); HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₁ClF₃N₂O [M + H]⁺ 315.0512, found 315.0494. Anal. (C₁₄H₁₀ClF₃N₂O·0.3H₂O) C, H, N.**
- **4-(Cyclopropylethynyl)-5,6-difluoro-3,4-dihydro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (13).** Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by crystallization from acetone to afford 8.16 g of **13** (63% yield): mp 192 °C;

 ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.01 (br s, 1H), 7.46 (br s, 1H), 7.44–7.35 (m, 1H), 6.86–6.81 (m, 1H), 1.41–1.37 (m, 1H), 0.90–0.83 (m, 1H), 0.74–0.69 (m, 1H);

 ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –83.3 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 3F), -136.0 to -136.2 (m, 1F), -148.1 to -148.3 (m, 1F); HRMS (CI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₀F₅N₂O [M + H]⁺ 317.0713, found 317.0708. Anal. (C₁₄H₉H₅N₂O) C, H, N.
- **6-Chloro-4-(cyclopropylethynyl)-3,4-dihydro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (14). Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by flash chromatography (3% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford 3.85 g of 14 (97% yield): mp 86.6–88 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone-d_6) δ 8.95 (br s, 1H), 7.51 (br s, 1H), 7.43 (br s, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.49–1.41 (m, 1H), 0.93–0.82 (m, 1H), 0.77–0.74 (m, 1H); ¹³F NMR (282 MHz, acetone-d_6) δ –83.0 (s, 3F); HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₀ClF₃N₂O [M + H]⁺ 315.0512, found 315.0516. Anal. (C₁₄H₁₀N₂ClF₃O·0.25H₂O) C, H, N.**
- **5-Chloro-4-(cyclopropylethynyl)-3,4-dihydro-6-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (15).** Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by HPLC (2.5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford 70 mg of **15** (56% yield): mp 88–90 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.23 (br s, 1H), 7.64 (br s, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.46–1.37 (m, 1H), 0.89–0.73 (m, 4H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz,

- **4-(Cyclopropylethynyl)-3,4-dihydro-6-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (16).** Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by HPLC (2.5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford 44 mg of **16** (34% yield): mp 155 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 8.86 (br s, 1H), 7.36 (br s, 1H), 7.30–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.22–7.15 (m, 1H), 7.04–6.99 (m, 1H), 1.47–1.42 (m, 1H), 0.90–0.87 (m, 2H), 0.76–0.75 (m, 2H); ¹9F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ -82.9 (m, 3F), -123.4 to -123.4 (m, 1F); HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₁F₄N₂O [M + H]⁺ 299.0808, found 299.0800. Anal. (C₁₄H₁₀F₄N₂O) C, H, N.
- **4-(Cyclopropylethynyl)-3,4-dihydro-6-methoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (17).** Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by HPLC (2.5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford 103 mg of **17** (81% yield): mp 208 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 8.77 (br s, 1H), 7.29 (br s, 1H), 7.06 (br s, 1H), 6.99–6.90 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.46–1.38 (m, 1H), 0.91–0.85 (m, 2H), 0.79–0.72 (m, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –82.6 (s, 3F); HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₄F₃N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺ 311.1007, found 311.1000. Anal. (C₁₅H₁₂F₃N₂O₂·O.5 C₃H₆O) C, H, N.
- **6-Chloro-4-(cyclopropylethynyl)-3,4-dihydro-5-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (18).** Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by HPLC (2.5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford 156 mg of **18** (62% yield): mp 202–203 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.11 (br s, 1H), 7.56–7.50 (m, 2H), 6.88 (dd, J=8.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 1.44–1.36 (m, 1H), 0.90–0.84 (m, 2H), 0.79–0.70 (m, 2H); ¹9F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ -83.2 (s, 3F), -111.7 (s, 1F); HRMS Calc'd for C₁₄H₁₀ClF₄N₂O [M + H]⁺ 333.0418, found 333.0431. Anal. (C₁₄H₉ClF₄N₂O·0.3C₃H₆O) C, H, N.
- **4-(Cyclopropylethynyl)-5,6-dichloro-3,4-dihydro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (19).** Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by HPLC (2.5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford 20 mg of **19** (16% yield): mp 175–176 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.05 (br s, 1H), 7.60 (d, J=8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (br s, 1H), 7.04 (d, J=8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.48–1.42 (m, 1H), 0.86–0.84 (m, 2H), 0.77–0.76 (m, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –81.3 (s, 3F); HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₀Cl₂F₃N₂O [M + H]⁺ 349.0122, found 349.0141; HPLC purity, 96.4%.
- **5,6-Difluoro-3,4-dihydro-4-(3-methylbutyn-1-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (20).** Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by crystallization from acetone to afford 6.77 g of **20** (74% yield): mp 86.5–88.5 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.02 (br s, 1H), 7.50 (br s, 1H), 7.44–7.35 (m, 1H), 6.87–6.82 (m, 1H), 2.69–2.65 (m, 1H), 1.17 (d, J=7.0 Hz, 6H); ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –83.4 (d, J=12.9 Hz, 1F), -135.8 to -135.9 (m, 1F), -148.1 to -148.3 (m, 1F); HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_5\text{N}_2\text{O}$ [M + H]+ 319.0870, found 319.0874. Anal. (C₁₄H₁₁F₅N₂O) C, H, N.
- **6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-4-(3-methylbutyn-1-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (21). Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by flash chromatography (35% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford 26 mg of 21** (41% yield): mp 180 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz,) δ 9.08 (br s, 1H), 7.59 (br s, 1H), 7.53 (br s, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.81–2.68 (m, 1H), 1.20 (dd, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ¹9F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –83.1 (s, 3F); HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₂-ClF₃N₂O [M + H]⁺ 317.0669, found 317.0694. Anal. (C₁₄H₁₂-ClF₃N₂O) C, H, N.
- 5-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-6-fluoro-4-(3-methylbutyn-1-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1*H*)-quinazolinone (22). Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by HPLC (2.5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford 28 mg of 22 (22% yield): mp 208 °C;

 ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.19 (br s, 1H), 7.62 (br s, 1H), 7.04 (dd, J=9.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.74–2.65 (m, 1H), 1.18 (d, J=7.0 Hz, 1H); ^{¹9}F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ -81.6 (s, 3F), -121.0 (s, 1F); HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₂ClF₄N₂O [M + H]⁺ 335.0574, found 355.0570. Anal. (C₁₄H₁₁ClF₄N₂O) C, H, N.

- **3,4-Dihydro-6-fluoro-4-(3-methylbutyn-1-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (23).** Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by HPLC (2.5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford 24 mg of **23** (19% yield): mp 158 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.07 (br s, 1H), 7.60 (br s, 1H), 7.32–7.30 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.05–6.99 (m, 1H), 2.77–2.67 (m, 1H), 1.20 (dd, J=7.0, 2.6 Hz, 6H); ¹9F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –83.0 (s, 3F), –123.4 to –123.5 (s, 1F); HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₃F₄N₂O [M + H]⁺ 301.0964, found 301.0962. Anal. (C₁₄H₁₂F₄N₂O) C, H, N.
- **3,4-Dihydro-6-methoxy-4-(3-methylbutyn-1-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (24). Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by flash chromatography (3% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford 30 mg of 24** (24% yield): mp 228–229 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 8.72 (br s, 1H), 7.27 (br s, 1H), 7.10 (br s, 1H), 7.00–6.91 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.73–2.67 (m, 1H), 1.20 (dd, J = 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 6H); ¹9F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –82.7 (s, 3F); HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₆F₃N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺ 313.1164, found 313.1159. Anal. (C₁₅H₁₅F₃N₂O₂) C, H, N.
- **4-(1-Butyn-1-yl)-5,6-difluoro-3,4-dihydro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (25). Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by HPLC (2.5% MeOH/CH₂-Cl₂) to afford 69 mg of 25** (57% yield): mp 191–194 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.03 (br s, 1H), 7.50 (br s, 1H), 7.45–7.35 (m, 1H), 6.87–6.82 (m, 1H), 2.34–2.27 (m, 2H), 1.20–1.15 (m, 3H); ¹°F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –83.3 (d, J=12.9 Hz, 3F), -135.8 to -136.0 (m, 1F), -148.2 to -148.3 (m, 1F); HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₀F₅N₂O [M + H]⁺ 305.0713, found 305.0711. Anal. (C₁₃H₉F₅N₂O) C, H, N.
- **4-(1-Butyn-1-yl)-6-chloro-3,4-dihydro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (26).** Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by HPLC (2.5% MeOH/CH₂-Cl₂) to afford 25 mg of **26** (20% yield): mp 217–219 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.05 (br s, 1H), 7.54 (br s, 2H), 7.41–7.39 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.36–2.32 (m, 2H), 2.18–1.13 (m, 3H); ¹¹§F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –83.0 (s, 3F); HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₀ClF₃N₂O [M + H]⁺ 303.0512, found 303.0519. Anal. (C₁₃H₁₀ClF₃N₂O) C, H, N.
- **4-(1-Butyn-1-yl)-3,4-dihydro-6-fluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (27).** Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by HPLC (2.5% MeOH/CH₂-Cl₂) to afford 40 mg of **27** (33% yield): mp 190 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 8.86 (br s, 1H), 7.38 (br s, 1H), 7.34–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.22–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.05–7.00 (m, 1H), 2.04–2.01 (m, 2H), 1.19–1.14 (m, 3H); ¹9F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –75.4 (s, 3F), –123.4 to –123.5 (m, 1F); HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₁F₄N₂O [M + H]⁺ 287.0808, found 287.0807. Anal. (C₁₃H₁₀F₄N₂O) C, H, N.
- **5,6-Difluoro-3,4-dihydro-4-[(2-pyridyl)ethynyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (28).** Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by HPLC (2.5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford 83 mg of **28** (59% yield): mp 219–220 °C; 1 H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.15 (br s, 1H), 8.61 (d, J=4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.88–7.82 (m, 2H), 7.63 (dd, J=7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.42 (m, 2H), 6.94–6.88 (m, 1H); 19 F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –82.8 (d, J=12.9 Hz, 3F), –135.8 to –135.9 (m, 1F), –147.9 to –148.0 (m, 1F); HRMS calcd for C $_{16}$ H $_9$ F $_5$ N $_3$ O [M + H] $^+$ 354.0666, found 354.0678. Anal. (C $_{16}$ H $_8$ F $_5$ N $_3$ O·0.45C $_4$ H $_8$ O $_2$) C, H, N.
- **6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-4-[(2-pyridyl)ethynyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (29). Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by HPLC (2.5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford 110 mg of 29** (78% yield): mp 105 °C (dec); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone-d 6) δ 9.14 (br s, 1H), 8.64–8.61 (m, 1H), 7.89–7.84 (m, 2H), 7.70–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone-d6) δ –82.5 (s, 3F); HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₁₀ClF₃N₃O [M + H]⁺ 352.0465, found 352.0470. Anal. (C₁₆H₉ClF₃N₃O·0.12H₂O) C, H. N.
- 5-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-6-fluoro-4-[(2-pyridyl)ethynyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1*H*)-quinazolinone (30). Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by HPLC (2.5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford 50 mg of 30 (36% yield): mp 186 °C;

- **3,4-Dihydro-6-fluoro-4-[(2-pyridyl)ethynyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (31). Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by HPLC (2.5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford 65 mg of 31** (45% yield): mp 155 °C; 1 H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_{6}) δ 9.02 (br s, 1H), 8.60 (d, J=4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87–7.78 (m, 2H), 7.66 (d, J=7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.20 (m, 1H), 7.09–7.05 (m, 1H); 19 F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_{6}) δ –82.4 (s, 3F), –122.9 to –123.0 (m, 1F); HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₁₀F₄N₃O [M + H]⁺ 336.0760, found 336.0742. Anal. (C₁₆H₉F₄N₃O·0.25H₂O) C, H, N.
- **3,4-Dihydro-6-methoxy-4-[(2-pyridyl)ethynyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (32).** Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by HPLC (2.5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford 56 mg of **32** (39% yield): mp 97–98 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 8.81 (br s, 1H), 8.61 (d, J=4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88–7.82 (m, 1H), 7.66 (d, J=7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (br s, 1H), 7.46–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.23 (br s, 1H), 7.06–6.97 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –82.1 (s, 3F); HRMS calcd for $C_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ [M + H]+ 348.0960, found 348.0956. Anal. ($C_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_2 \cdot 0.25\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O})$ C, H, N.
- **5,6-Difluoro-3,4-dihydro-4-(phenylethynyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (33). Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by HPLC (2.5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford 92 mg of 33** (65% yield): mp 215–217 °C;

 ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.14 (br s, 1H), 7.80 (br s, 1H), 7.57–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.40 (m, 4H), 6.92–6.87 (m, 1H);

 ¹§F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –83.0 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 3F),

 –136.1 to –136.3 (m, 1F), –147.9 to –148.0 (m, 1F); HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₁₀F₅N₂O [M + H]⁺ 353.0713, found 353.0717. Anal. (C₁₇H₉F₅N₂O) C, H, N.
- **6-Chloro-3,4-dihydro-4-(phenylethynyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (34). Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by HPLC (2.5% MeOH/CH₂-Cl₂) to afford 54 mg of 34** (38% yield): mp 104–107 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.07 (br s, 1H), 7.74 (br s, 1H), 7.67 (br s, 1H), 7.62–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.40 (m, 4H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –82.7 (s, 3F); HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₁₀F₅N₂O [M]⁺ 353.0713, found 353.0717. Anal. (C₁₇H₁₀ClF₃N₂0·0.25H₂O) C, H, N.
- **3,4-Dihydro-6-fluoro-4-(phenylethynyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (35).** Prepared according to the general procedure and purified by HPLC (2.5% MeOH/CH₂-Cl₂) to afford 41 mg of **35** (29% yield): mp 107 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.00 (br s, 1H), 7.69 (br s, 1H), 7.63–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.40 (m, 4H), 7.27–7.20 (m, 1H), 7.10–7.05 (m, 1H); ¹9F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –82.6 (s, 3F), –123.0 to –123.1 (m, 1F); HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₁₁F₄N₂O [M + H]⁺ 335.0808, found 335.0821.

Isolation of Optically Active Compounds. The enantiomers of **20** (**37** and **38**) were separated by HPLC using Chiralpak AD, 5% H₂O in methanol with a flow rate of 0.5 mL/min at ambient temperature. A UV detector set to 250 nm was used, and the first enantiomer to elute was **37**. The ee of **37** was 99% and the ee of **38** was 100%, as determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

(4.5)-5,6-Difluoro-3,4-dihydro-4-(3-methylbutyn-1-yl)-4- (trifluoromethyl)-2(1*H***)-quinazolinone (37):** mp 155 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -2.14^\circ$ (c = 0.280, MeOH); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.15 (br s, 1H), 7.62 (br s, 1H), 7.44–7.35 (m,

1H), 6.86–6.81 (m, 1H), 2.72–2.63 (m, 1H), 1.17 (d, J=6.6 Hz, 6H); $^{19}\mathrm{F}$ NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –83.3 (s, 3F), –135.7 to –135.9 (m, 1F), –148.0 to –148.1 (m, 1F); HRMS calcd for $C_{14}H_{12}F_5N_2O$ [M + H]+ 319.0870, found 319.0864. Anal. ($C_{14}H_{11}F_5N_2O$) C, H, N.

(4*R*)-5,6-Difluoro-3,4-dihydro-4-(3-methylbutyn-1-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1*H*)-quinazolinone (38): mp 98 °C; $[α]_D^{20} = +4.45^\circ$ (c = 0.292, MeOH); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.19 (br s, 1H), 7.66 (br s, 1H), 7.44–7.35 (m, 1H), 6.86–6.81 (m, 1H), 2.74–2.60 (m, 1H), 1.17 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –83.3 (s, 3F), –135.7 to –135.9 (m, 1F), –148.0 to –148.1 (m, 1F); HRMS calcd for $C_{14}H_{12}F_5N_2O$ [M + H]⁺ 319.0870, found 319.0864. Anal. ($C_{14}H_{11}F_5N_2O$) C, H, N.

The enantiomers of **14** (DPC 961 and **39**) were separated by HPLC using Chiralcel OD, 3% 2-propanol, 5% CH₂Cl₂, and 92% hexanes with a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min at ambient temperature. A UV detector set to 250 nm was used and the first enantiomer to elute was DPC 961. The ee of DPC 961 was 99% and the ee of **39** was 99.4%, as determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

- (4.5)-6-Chloro-4-(cyclopropylethynyl)-3,4-dihydro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1*H*)-quinazolinone (DPC 961): mp 180–181 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -60.34^\circ$ (c = 0.274, MeOH); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.01 (br s, 1H), 7.51 (br s, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.49–1.41 (m, 1H), 0.93–0.86 (m, 2H), 0.77–0.72 (m, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –83.0 (s, 3F); HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₁-ClF₃N₂O [M + H]⁺ 315.0512, found 315.0525. Anal. (C₁₄H₁₀-ClF₃N₂O), C, H, N.
- (4*R*)-6-Chloro-4-(cyclopropylethynyl)-3,4-dihydro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1*H*)-quinazolinone (39): mp 105–107 °C; [α]_D²⁰ = +58.33° (c = 0.288, MeOH); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.21 (br s, 1H), 7.69 (br s, 1H), 7.52–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.49–1.40 (m, 1H), 0.92–0.86 (m, 2H), 0.77–0.72 (m, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –83.0 (s, 3F); HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₁ClF₃N₂O [M + H]⁺ 315.0512, found 315.0500. Anal. (C₁₄H₁₀ClF₃N₂O), C, H, N.

The enantiomers of 13 (DPC 963 and 40) were separated by HPLC using Chiralpak AD, 5% H₂O in methanol with a flow rate of 0.8 mL/min at ambient temperature. A UV detector set to 250 nm was used, and the first enantiomer to elute was DPC 963. The ee of DPC 963 was 100% and the ee of 40 was 99%, as determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

- (4*S*)-4-(Cyclopropylethynyl)-5,6-difluoro-3,4-dihydro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1*H*)-quinazolinone (DPC 963): mp 187 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +1.46^\circ$ (c = 0.274, MeOH); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.00 (br s, 1H), 7.45–7.35 (m, 2H), 6.84 (dq, J = 9.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.42–1.35 (m, 1H), 0.90–0.83 (m, 1H), 0.74–0.69 (m, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –83.3 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 3F), –136.0 to –136.2 (m, 1F), –148.1 to –148.3 (m, 1F); HRMS calcd for $C_{14}H_{10}F_5N_2O$ [M + H]⁺ 317.0713, found 317.0715. Anal. ($C_{14}H_9F_5N_2O$) C, H, N.
- (4*R*)-4-(Cyclopropylethyn-1-yl)-5,6-difluoro-3,4-dihydro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1*H*)-quinazolinone (40): mp 188–189 °C; $[\alpha]_D{}^{20}=-1.45$ ° (c=0.278, MeOH); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.04 (br s, 1H), 7.50 (br s, 1H), 7.44–7.35 (m, 1H), 6.86–6.81 (m, 1H), 1.44–1.35 (m, 1H), 0.90–0.83 (m, 2H), 0.74–0.69 (m, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ –83.3 (d, J=12.9 Hz, 3F), -136.0 to -136.2 (m, 1F), -148.1 to -148.2 (m, 1F); HRMS calcd for $C_{14}H_{10}F_5N_2O$ [M + H]⁺ 317.0713, found 317.0704. Anal. ($C_{14}H_9F_5N_2O$) C, H, N.

General Procedure for Alkyne Reduction. To a $-78\,^{\circ}$ C solution of either DPC 961 or DPC 963 in anhydrous THF (0.5 M) containing 1,2-dichlorobenzene (2 equiv) was added dropwise via an addition funnel a 1 M solution in THF of lithium aluminum hydride (LAH) (2 mol equiv). Following the addition of the LAH, the cooling bath was removed and the mixture was allowed to reach room temperature. The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, and the reaction was monitored for completion by analyzing for the presence of the CF₃ from the starting material, as determined by 19 F NMR. If necessary, more LAH (0.4 mol equiv) was added and the

mixture monitored for completion as previously described. Upon completion of the reaction, determined by the absence of the starting material's CF_3 signal in ^{19}F NMR, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C and carefully quenched with 20% aqueous KHSO₄. The solids were removed by vacuum filtration and washed with EtOAc. The organic extract was separated from the filtrate. The aqueous phase was back-extracted with EtOAc, and the combined organic extracts were washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated to afford a yellow oil. The material was then purified flash chromatography and/or crystallization.

(4S)-4-[(1E)-2-Cyclopropylethenyl)-5,6-difluoro-3,4-dihydro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1H)-quinazolinone (DPC 082). Prepared by reduction of DPC 963 according to the general procedure and purified by flash chromatography (30% EtOAc/ hexanes) followed by crystallization from hexanes to afford a white solid. This material was dried at 75 °C/0.5 mmHg overnight to give 13.65 g of DPC 082 as a white powder (55% yield): mp 188.7–189.4 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +72.77^\circ (c = 0.382, \text{MeOH});$ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 9.03 (br s, 1H), 7.37–7.28 (m, 1H), 6.90 (br s, 1H), 6.90–6.79 (m, 1H), 6.27 (dd, J = 15, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (dd, J = 15, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 1.66–1.54 (m, 1H), 0.82-0.71 (m, 2H), 0.51-0.40 (m, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ -82.6 to -82.8 (m, 3F), -135.0 to -135.2 (m, 1F), -148.5 to -148.6 (m, 1F); HRMS calcd for $C_{14}H_{12}F_5N_2O$ $[M + H]^+$ 319.0870, found 319.0878. Anal. ($C_{14}H_{11}F_5N_2O$) C, H, N.

(4.5)-6-Chloro-4-[(1*E***)-cyclopropylethenyl)-3,4-dihydro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1***H***)-quinazolinone (DPC 083). Prepared by reduction of DPC 961 according to the general procedure and purified by crystallization from EtOAc/hexanes to afford a white solid. This material was dried at 80 °C/0.5 mmHg overnight to give 22.8 g of DPC 083 as a white powder (91% yield): mp 167–168 °C; [\alpha]_D^{20} = -6.81° (c = 0.382, MeOH); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone-d_6) δ 8.94 (br s, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (br s, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 15 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (dd, J = 15, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 1.68–1.56 (m, 1H), 0.83–0.71 (m, 2H), 0.53–0.41 (m, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, acetone-d_6) δ -81.7 (s, 3F); HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₃ClF₃N₂O [M + H]⁺ 317.0669, found 317.0659. Anal. (C₁₄H₁₂ClF₃N₂O) C, H, N.**

Biological Assays. The ability of NNRTI analogues to inhibit the HIV-1 reverse transcriptase was assessed using purified, recombinant, radiolabeled dTTP and a poly r(A)·oligo d(T)_{12–18} template/primer as substrate. The ability of NNRTI analogues to inhibit HIV replication in tissue culture was assessed using several assay systems. The yield of infectious virus produced in 3-day acute infections by laboratory strains or clinical isolates of HIV-1 in MT-2 cells or viruses previously selected for in tissue culture by exposure to efavirenz was measured using a plaque assay of the culture fluid containing progeny virions as previously described.²⁴ The antiviral activity was also determined by measurement of viral RNA accumulation in HIV-1(RF)-infected MT-2 cells using biotinylated capture and alkaline phosphatase-derivatized reporter oligonucleotides. 19 In a third system, the effects of analogues on the replication of recombinant viruses in the HXB2 or NL4-3 background was determined by measurement of viral p24 antigen from MT-4 infections as previously described.³ In all assays, the concentration of compound which reduced the measured parameter by 90% was designated the IC90.

To estimate the effect of human plasma protein binding on antiviral efficacy, a functional assay and, in some cases, physical measurement of the extent of binding to serum proteins were used. For the functional assay, in vitro antiviral assays were conducted in the presence or absence of the two major components of human plasma, namely human serum albumin (HSA) and alpha-1-acid glycoprotein (AAG) (antiviral protein binding shift assay). Under the latter condition, the tissue culture medium contained a final concentration of 45 mg/mL HSA and 1 mg/mL AAG, concentrations of serum proteins likely found in the plasma of AIDS patients. The IC $_{90}$ in the presence and absence of these added components were

then compared and reported as the fold increase in IC_{90} observed (PB shift).

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