## **Supporting Information**

New Amidated 3,6-diphenylated Imidazopyridazines with Potent Antiplasmodium Activity are Dual Inhibitors of *Plasmodium* phosphatidylinositol-4-kinase and cGMPdependent protein kinase

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### 1.0 Synthetic Procedures and/or Characterization Data for Other Compounds

### (4-(6-(3-(Methylsulfinyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-b]pyridazin-3-yl)phenyl)(piperazin-1-

*yl)methanone (6).* To the solution of the boc-protected intermediate **6i** (0.0181 g, 0.033 mmol) in DCM (2 mL) cooled in an ice bath was added trifluoroacetic acid (0.2 mL, 2.6 mmol) dropwise over 30 min. The reaction mixture was left to stir at room temperature for 90 min (Note: The reaction generates gaseous products and was, therefore, left to take place under open atmosphere). Trifluoroacetic acid and DCM were removed *in vacuo* where after the resulting residue was taken up in 10% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM and neutralized using Amberlyst A21 for 90 min. After removing the solvent *in vacuo*, the obtained residue was purified by prep-TLC (developed in 10% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM). Yellow solid (0.015 g, 98%);  $R_f$  (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 5 : 95) = 0.14; <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ<sub>H</sub> (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) 8.99 (s, 1H), 8.43 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (s, 1H), 3.76 (m, 4H), 3.52 (m, 4H), 2.86 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR δ<sub>C</sub> (151 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ ) 172.0, 152.3, 147.6, 141.1, 138.2, 136.2, 134.3, 131.5, 131.3, 131.0, 129.3, 128.7 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 127.1, 126.5, 123.4, 117.9, 49.9, 46.8, 46.3, 44.2, 43.7; LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 446.1, calculated exact mass = 445.1572, purity = 98%, t<sub>r</sub> = 2.65 min.

4-(6-(3-(Methylsulfonyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-b]pyridazin-3-yl)benzoic acid (7a). Yellow solid (0.798 g, 41%);  $R_f$  (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 4 : 96) = 0.38; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR δ<sub>H</sub> (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) 8.67 (t, J = 1.76 Hz, 1H), 8.52 (dt, J = 7.92, 1.91 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d, J = 9.51 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, J = 8.70 Hz, 2H), 8.12 (dt, J = 7.84, 1.85 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 8.31 Hz, 2H), 8.05 (d, J = 9.55 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (t, J = 7.85 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR δ<sub>C</sub> (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) 168.44, 150.23, 142.44, 140.08, 136.79, 135.04, 132.36, 131.21, 130.96 (2C), 130.06 (2C), 128.82, 127.78, 127.17, 126.09 (2C), 125.87, 116.57, 43.96; LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 393.8, calculated exact mass = 393.0783, Purity = 97%, t<sub>r</sub> = 3.56 min.

### (4-(6-(3-(Methylsulfinyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-b]pyridazin-3-

yl)phenyl)(morpholino)methanone (7). Purified by prep-TLC (developed in 2% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM, then 3% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM). Yellow solid (0.0653 g, 46.6%); m.p = 248.3 – 250.3 °C;  $R_f$  (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 5 : 95) = 0.43; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.48 – 8.33 (br s, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.23 – 8.17 (m, 4H), 7.86 – 7.71 (m, 3H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.17 Hz, 2H), 3.88 – 3.58 (m, 8H), 2.84 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta_C$  (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 169.95, 150.87, 147.34, 136.99 (2C), 134.86, 130.23, 129.62, 127.79 (3C), 126.86 (2C), 126.74, 126.45, 125.15, 122.10 (2C), 116.10, 67.10 (2C), 66.93 (2C), 44.12; LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: *m*/*z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 447.1, calculated exact mass = 446.1413, purity = 99.9%, t<sub>r</sub> = 3.48 min.

(4-Hydroxypiperidin-1-yl)(4-(6-(3-(methylsulfinyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-b]pyridazin-3yl)phenyl)methanone (8). Purified by prep-TLC (developed in 4% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM). Yellow solid (0.0127 g, 9%);  $R_f$  (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 5 : 95) = 0.41; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR δ<sub>H</sub> (600 MHz, Methanol $d_4$ ) 8.38 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.28 – 8.24 (m, 2H), 8.22 (ddd, J = 7.8, 1.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (ddd, J = 7.8, 1.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 4.26 - 4.14 (m, 1H), 3.91 (tt, J = 8.2, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 1H), 3.43 – 3.27 (m, 2H), 2.86 (s, 3H), 2.06 - 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.66 - 1.45 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR δ<sub>C</sub> (151 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ ) 172.0, 152.3, 147.6, 141.1, 138.1, 136.5, 134.2, 131.5, 131.2, 131.0, 129.3, 128.4 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 127.0, 126.5, 123.4, 117.9, 67.7, 44.4, 43.7, 38.0, 35.6, 34.2; LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 461.1, calculated exact mass = 460.1569, purity = 99.9%, t<sub>r</sub> = 3.39 min.

(3-Hydroxypyrrolidin-1-yl)(4-(6-(3-(methylsulfinyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-b]pyridazin-3yl)phenyl)methanone (9). Purified by prep-TLC (developed in 2% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM, then 4% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM). Yellow solid (0.028 g, 20%);  $R_f$  (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 5 : 95) = 0.55; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ ) 8.49 (t, J = 1.10 Hz, 1H), 8.41 – 8.31 (m, 3H), 8.30 – 8.21 (m, 2H), 7.96 (d, J = 9.40 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dt, J = 7.49, 1.88 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (t, J = 8.49 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.76 Hz, 2H), 4.57 – 4.50 (m, 1H), 4.46 – 4.39 (m, 1H), 3.89 – 3.71 (m, 3H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 2.23 – 1.87 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta_{C}$  (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 169.57, 150.58, 150.39, 147.14, 147.04, 137.05, 136.28, 136.06, 133.85, 133.62, 130.16, 129.61, 129.50 (2C), 127.74 (2C), 126.46, 125.06, 122.04, 115.70, 53.40, 44.07, 29.68, 22.67; LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 447.1, calculated exact mass = 446.1413, purity = 99.9%, t<sub>r</sub> = 3.27 min.

(3-Hydroxyazetidin-1-yl)(4-(6-(3-(methylsulfinyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-b]pyridazin-3yl)phenyl)methanone (10). Purified by prep-TLC (developed in 2% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM, then 5% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM). Yellow solid (0.0249 g, 13.4%);  $R_f$  (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 5 : 95) = 0.21; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.32 – 8.30 (br s, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 8.48 Hz, 2H), 8.17 – 8.11 (m, 3H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.46 Hz, 2H), 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 9.45 Hz, 1H), 4.82 – 4.71 (m, 1H), 4.64 – 4.47 (m, 2H), 4.23 (m, 2H), 2.83 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta_C$  (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 169.79, 150.53, 147.08, 137.06, 134.19, 132.37, 131.09 (2C), 130.23, 129.61, 128.41 (2C), 126.49 (2C), 126.39, 125.07, 122.06 (3C), 115.70, 61.97, 44.05, 29.68; LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 433.1, calculated exact mass = 432.1256, purity = 96%, t<sub>r</sub> = 3.29 min.

*N-Methyl-4-(6-(3-(methylsulfinyl)phenyl)imidazo*[*1,2-b*]*pyridazin-3-yl)benzamide* (11). Purified by column chromatography (silica, 0 - 4% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM) followed by trituration in diethyl ether. Yellow solid (0.0329 g, 28%);  $R_f$  (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 4 : 96) = 0.23; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) 8.53 (q, *J* = 4.60 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.43 (t, *J* = 1.87 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 10.09 Hz, 2H), 8.32 (dt, *J* = 7.56, 1.16 Hz, 1H), 8.09 – 7.98 (m, 4H), 7.90 (dt, *J* = 7.75, 1.51 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (t, *J* = 7.66 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (s, 3H), 2.83 (d, *J* = 4.47 Hz, 3H); LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 391.1, calculated exact mass = 390.1150, purity = 97%, t<sub>r</sub> = 3.50 min.

*N,N-Dimethyl-4-(6-(3-(methylsulfinyl)phenyl)imidazo*[*1,2-b*]*pyridazin-3-yl)benzamide* (*12*). Purified by prep-TLC (developed twice in 3% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM). Yellow oil (0.0285 g, 24%);  $R_f$  (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 5 : 95) = 0.69; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) 8.43 – 8.41 (m, 2H), 8.38 – 8.30 (m, 4H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 9.54 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dt, *J* = 7.73, 2.35 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (t, *J* = 7.68 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.20 Hz, 2H), 3.06 – 2.97 (br s, 6H), 2.86 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta_C$  (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 171.17, 150.46, 147.25, 137.15, 135.79 (2C), 130.21, 129.62 (3C), 127.68 (3C), 126.64, 125.01, 122.05 (3C), 115.61, 44.15, 29.68 (2C); LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 405.1, calculated exact mass = 404.1307, purity = 98%, t<sub>r</sub> = 3.60 min.

*N-Allyl-4-(6-(3-(methylsulfinyl)phenyl)imidazo*[1,2-*b*]*pyridazin-3-yl)benzamide* (13). Purified by prep-TLC (developed twice in 2% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM). Yellow solid (0.0232 g, 14%);  $R_f$  (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 2 : 98) = 0.32; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (600 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) 8.41 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.29 – 8.25 (m, 2H), 8.24 – 8.21 (m, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.86 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.75 (t, *J* = 7.57 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.3, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dq, *J* = 17.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (dq, *J* = 10.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.36 – 3.28 (m, 2H), 2.89 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (151 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) 167.97, 150.86, 146.36, 139.85, 136.81, 134.26, 133.54, 133.10, 131.25, 130.02, 129.53, 127.94, 127.34 (2C), 126.17 (2C), 125.64, 125.11, 121.99, 116.34, 114.98, 42.34, 41.98; LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 416.8, calculated exact mass = 416.1307, purity = 97%, t<sub>r</sub> = 2.66 min.

*N*-(2-*Methoxyethyl*)-4-(6-(3-(*methylsulfinyl*)*phenyl*)*imidazo*[1,2-*b*]*pyridazin*-3*yl*)*benzamide* (14). Purified by prep-TLC (developed in 2% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM). Yellow solid (0.158 g, 69%);  $R_f$  (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 2 : 98) = 0.40; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ ) 8.45 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.35 – 8.25 (m, 3H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 9.37 Hz, 2H), 7.94 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.79 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 4H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 2.91 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta_C$  (101 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ ) 168.19, 150.70, 146.16, 136.61, 133.33, 133.06, 131.16, 130.04, 129.48, 127.33 (2C), 125.99 (2C), 125.57 (2C), 125.12 (2C), 121.91, 116.32, 70.66, 57.60, 42.30, 39.42; LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 434.8, calculated exact mass = 434.1413, purity = 98%, t<sub>r</sub> = 3.01 min.

*N-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-4-(6-(3-(methylsulfinyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-b]pyridazin-3-yl)benzamide (15).* Purified by prep-TLC (developed in 4% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM). Yellow solid (0.071 g, 10%);  $R_f$  (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 10 : 90) = 0.48; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ ) 8.62 (t, J = 1.59 Hz, 1H), 8.58 – 8.51 (m, 2H), 8.44 (d, J = 9.64 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (dt, J = 7.84, 1.40 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, J = 8.45 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d, J = 8.55 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (dt, J = 7.87, 1.48 Hz,

1H), 7.86 (t, J = 7.76 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (t, J = 5.79 Hz, 2H), 3.58 (t, J = 5.83 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta_{C}$  (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_{6}$ ) 166.26, 151.58, 148.21, 139.41, 136.33, 134.18, 132.77, 130.77, 130.72, 129.74, 128.18, 127.71 (2C), 126.51 (2C), 125.99 (2C), 122.73, 118.20, 60.23, 43.70, 42.70; LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 421.1, calculated exact mass = 420.1256, purity = 95%, t<sub>r</sub> = 2.08 min.

*N*-(*1*-Hydroxybutan-2-yl)-4-(6-(3-(methylsulfinyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-b]pyridazin-3yl)benzamide (**16**). Purified by prep-TLC (developed in 4% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM). Yellow solid (0.0273 g, 38%);  $R_f$  (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 8 : 92) = 0.36; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.42 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.40 – 8.35 (m, 3H), 8.32 (dt, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.19 – 8.02 (m, 3H), 8.00 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dt, J = 8.20, 2.94 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.97 – 3.85 (m, 1H), 3.52 (dt, J = 10.8, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dt, J = 11.0, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (s, 3H), 1.78 – 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.57 – 1.42 (m, 1H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta_C$  (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) 166.22, 150.96, 148.27, 140.14, 136.71, 135.03, 134.24, 131.26, 130.66, 129.62, 128.27 (2C), 127.48, 127.12, 126.12 (2C), 125.73, 122.70, 116.80, 63.61, 53.63, 43.76, 24.17, 11.12; LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 449.0, calculated exact mass = 448.1569, purity = 99.9%, t<sub>r</sub> = 0.834 min.

*N-Cyclopropyl-4-(6-(3-(methylsulfinyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-b]pyridazin-3-yl)benzamide* (*17*). Purified by prep-TLC (developed in 6% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM). Yellow solid (0.071 g, 43%); *R*<sub>f</sub> (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 10 : 90) = 0.59; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) 8.53 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.45 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.43 – 8.34 (m, 4H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.05 – 7.96 (m, 3H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (m, 4H), 0.73 (q, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 0.66 – 0.58 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) 167.39, 150.93, 148.26, 140.14, 136.69, 135.04, 133.74, 131.35, 130.63, 129.62, 128.12 (2C), 127.42, 127.09, 126.12 (2C), 125.72, 122.67, 116.80, 43.77, 23.58, 6.22 (2C); LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 417.0, calculated exact mass = 416.1307, purity = 97%, t<sub>r</sub> = 0.858 min. Purified by prep-TLC (developed in 3.5% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM). Yellow solid (0.0263 g, 17%);  $R_f$  (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 10 : 90) = 0.73; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) 8.65 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (dt, J = 7.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.39 (m, 3H) 8.13 (dt, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (m, 3H), 7.90 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 2.86 – 2.81 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta_C$  (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) 166.55, 150.37, 142.43, 136.83, 135.17, 133.88, 132.37, 131.25, 130.92, 128.83, 127.99, 127.46, 127.19, 126.24 (2C), 125.90, 116.73 (2C), 43.94, 40.50, 26.74; LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 406.8, calculated exact mass = 406.1100, purity = 99%, t<sub>r</sub> = 3.33 min.

## N-(2-Methoxyethyl)-3-(3-(4-(methylsulfinyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-b]pyridazin-

*6yl)benzamide* (20). Purified by prep-TLC (developed in 0-10% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM with a few drops of 7 M aqueous ammonia). Yellow solid (0.049 g, 43%);  $R_f$  (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 10 : 90) = 0.49; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta_H$  (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) 8.74 (t, J = 5.15 Hz, 1H), 8.56 (t, J = 1.82 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (d, J = 8.53 Hz, 2H), 8.42 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, J = 9.51 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (dt, J = 7.80, 1.90 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (dt, J = 7.79, 1.34 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 9.57 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.50 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.52 – 3.46 (m, 4H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.81 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta_C$  (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) 166.25, 151.38, 145.82, 140.14, 135.75, 135.63, 134.98, 131.13, 130.06, 129.80, 129.53 (2C), 127.18 (2C), 127.15, 127.07, 126.33, 124.63, 116.93, 71.01, 58.45, 43.64, 42.78; LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 435.1, calculated exact mass = 434.1413, purity = 97%, t<sub>r</sub> = 2.93 min.

*N-Allyl-3-(3-(4-(methylsulfinyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-b]pyridazin-6-yl)benzamide* (22). Purified by prep-TLC (developed in 6% EtOH/DCM). Yellow solid (0.066 g, 60%);  $R_f$  (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 10 : 90) = 0.49; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) 8.74 (t, J = 5.15 Hz, 1H), 8.56 (t, J = 1.82 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (d, J = 8.53 Hz, 2H), 8.42 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, J = 9.51 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (dt, J = 7.80, 1.90 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (dt, J = 7.79, 1.34 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 9.57 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.50 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.52 – 3.46 (m, 4H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.81 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta_C$  (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) 166.25, 151.38, 145.82, 140.14, 135.75, 135.63, 134.98, 131.13, 130.06, 129.80, 129.53 (2C), 127.18 (2C), 127.15, 127.07, 126.33, 124.63, 116.93, 71.01, 58.45, 43.64, 42.78; LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 417.1, calculated exact mass = 416.1307, purity = 99%, t<sub>r</sub> = 2.57 min.

*N*-(*1*-Hydroxybutan-2-yl)-3-(3-(4-(methylsulfinyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-b]pyridazin-6yl)benzamide (23). Purified by prep-TLC (developed once in 3% EtOH/DCM, once in 6% EtOH/DCM and once in 8% EtOH/DCM). Yellow solid (0.0039 g, 13%); *R*<sub>f</sub> (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 10 : 90) = 0.35; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR δ<sub>H</sub> (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) 8.59 (t, *J* = 1.10 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, *J* = 8.44 Hz, 2H), 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d, *J* = 9.55 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (dt, *J* = 7.85, 1.25 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (dt, *J* = 8.34, 1.65 Hz, 1H), 8.07 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.44 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (t, *J* = 7.79 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (t, *J* = 5.69 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (m, 1H), 3.49 (dt, *J* = 11.35, 5.80 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (s, 3H), 1.79 – 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.41 (m, 1H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.40 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR δ<sub>C</sub> (151 MHz, DMSO*d*<sub>6</sub>) 166.30, 151.36, 145.83, 140.14, 136.32, 135.45, 134.98, 131.14, 129.87 (2C), 127.21 (2C), 127.16, 127.06, 126.33 (2C), 124.62 (2C), 116.93, 63.56, 53.69, 43.65, 24.17, 11.15; LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: *m*/*z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 449.1, calculated exact mass = 448.1569, purity = 99%, t<sub>r</sub> = 3.45 min.

*N-Cyclopropyl-3-(3-(4-(methylsulfinyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-b]pyridazin-6-yl)benzamide* (*24*). Purified by prep-TLC (developed in 4% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM). Yellow solid (0.050 g, 45%);  $R_f$ (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 10 : 90) = 0.44; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) 8.62 (d, *J* = 4.19 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (t, *J* = 1.81 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (d, *J* = 8.54 Hz, 2H), 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 9.33 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.99 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.58 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.75 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (m, 1H), 2.80 (s, 3H), 0.73 (td, *J* = 7.04, 4.74 Hz, 2H), 0.60 (td, *J* = 15.64, 6.26 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) 167.46, 151.34, 145.83, 140.13, 135.78, 135.56, 134.96, 131.13, 129.98, 129.74, 129.44 (2C), 127.20 (2C), 127.16, 127.06, 126.30 (2C), 116.92, 43.65, 23.58, 6.28 (2C); LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 417.1, calculated exact mass = 416.1307, purity = 99%, t<sub>r</sub> = 2.68 min.

*N,N-Dimethyl-3-(3-(4-(methylsulfinyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-b]pyridazin-6-yl)benzamide* (25). Purified by prep-TLC (developed once in 3% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM and once in 5% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM). Yellow solid (0.011 g, 10%);  $R_f$  (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 10 : 90) = 0.48; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) 8.52 – 8.38 (m, 3H), 8.33 (d, J = 9.41 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (dt, J = 7.43, 1.25 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 9.47 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.00 Hz, 2H), 7.74 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 3.14 – 2.92 (br s, 6H), 2.83 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta_C$  (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) 169.96, 151.35, 145.81, 140.11, 137.81, 135.63, 134.94, 131.13, 129.76, 129.20 (2C), 128.42 (2C), 127.16, 127.13, 127.01, 126.05 (2C), 124.59, 117.00, 43.63, 26.79; LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 405.1, calculated exact mass = 404.1307, purity = 97%, t<sub>r</sub> = 2.49 min.

*N-Methyl-3-(3-(4-(methylsulfinyl)phenyl)imidazo*[*1,2-b*]*pyridazin-6-yl)benzamide* (**26**). Purified by prep-TLC (developed in 0-10% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM with a few drops of 7 M aqueous ammonia). Yellow solid (0.019 g, 18%); *R<sub>f</sub>* (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 10 : 90) = 0.40; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) 8.64 (q, *J* = 5.14 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (t, *J* = 2.03 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (d, *J* = 8.60 Hz, 2H), 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 9.52 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (dt, *J* = 7.80, 1.25 Hz, 1H), 8.05 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.43 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (t, *J* = 7.76 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) 166.58, 151.44, 145.82, 140.13, 135.85, 134.98, 131.13, 129.97 (2C), 129.82 (2C), 129.29 (2C), 127.18 (2C), 127.09, 126.27 (2C), 124.64, 43.63, 26.79; LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 391.1, calculated exact mass = 390.1150, purity = 96%, t<sub>r</sub> = 2.46 min.

(3-(3-(4-(Methylsulfinyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-b]pyridazin-6-

yl)phenyl)(morpholino)methanone (27). Purified by prep-TLC (developed once in 3% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM and once in 5% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM). Yellow solid (0.060 g, 51%);  $R_f$  (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 10 : 90) = 0.51; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (300 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ ) 8.48 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.28 – 8.18 (m, 3H), 7.96 – 7.88 (m, 3H), 7.71 (t, J = 8.21 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dt, J = 7.66, 1.47 Hz, 1H), 3.89 – 3.60 (m, 8H), 2.90 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (151 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) 168.97, 151.26, 145.88, 140.13, 136.97, 135.77, 134.98, 131.14 (2C), 129.98, 129.29 (2C), 128.65 (2C), 127.19, 127.05, 126.04, 124.61, 117.02, 66.56 (2C), 43.66, 40.55 (2C); LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 447.1, calculated exact mass = 446.1413, purity = 97%, t<sub>r</sub> = 2.61 min.

(3-(3-(4-(Methylsulfinyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-b]pyridazin-6-yl)phenyl)(piperidin-1-

*yl)methanone (29).* Purified by prep-TLC (developed once in 3% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM and once in 5% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM). Yellow solid (0.042 g, 36%);  $R_f$  (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 10 : 90) = 0.53; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ ) 8.48 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.26 – 8.13 (m, 3H), 7.97 – 7.85 (m, 3H), 7.70 (t, J = 7.70 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dt, J = 7.66, 1.00 Hz, 1H), 3.86 – 3.70 (m, 2H), 3.53 – 3.40 (m, 2H), 2.90 (s, 3H), 1.81 – 1.54 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta_C$  (151 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ ) 170.16, 151.63, 143.96, 139.97, 137.00, 135.77, 133.10, 131.51, 129.29 (2C), 128.20 (2C), 128.18, 127.57, 127.32, 125.64, 125.11, 123.99, 116.98, 48.74, 43.05, 42.15, 26.25, 25.36, 24.03; LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 445.1, calculated exact mass = 444.1620, purity = 98%,  $t_r = 2.69$  min.

*N*-(*4*-*Methoxycyclohexyl*)-*3*-(*3*-(*4*-(*methylsulfinyl*)*phenyl*)*imidazo*[*1*,*2*-*b*]*pyridazin*-6*yl*)*benzamide* (*30*). Purified by prep-TLC (developed once in 3% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM and once in 5% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM). Yellow solid (0.058 g, 45%); *R<sub>f</sub>* (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 10 : 90) = 0.65; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) 8.55 (t, *J* = 1.77 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (d, *J* = 8.23 Hz, 2H), 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 9.56 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (dt, *J* = 8.26, 0.83 Hz, 1H), 8.05 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.12 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (t, *J* = 7.76 Hz, 1H), 3.93 – 3.74 (m, 1H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 3.23 – 3.08 (m, 1H), 2.83 (s, 3H), 2.14 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 2.01 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.14 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) 165.76, 151.36, 146.05, 140.16, 136.40, 135.53, 134.92, 131.20, 129.80 (2C), 129.62, 129.55 (2C), 127.28 (2C), 127.00, 126.35, 124.59, 116.83, 78.29, 55.51 (2C), 48.57 (2C), 43.75, 30.68, 30.42; LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 489.2, calculated exact mass = 488.1882, purity = 95%, t<sub>f</sub> = 2.35 min.

N-(2-(Methylamino)ethyl)-3-(3-(4-(methylsulfinyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-b]pyridazin-6yl)benzamide (21). Purified by prep-TLC (developed in 0-10% CH<sub>3</sub>OH/DCM with a few drops $of 7 M aqueous ammonia). Pale yellow solid (0.015 g, 30%); <math>R_f$  (CH<sub>3</sub>OH : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 3 : 97) = 0.25; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ ) 8.55 (s, 1H), 8.26 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.17 -8.06 (m, 4H), 8.01 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.13 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta_{C}$  (101 MHz, Methanol- $d_{4}$ ) 168.80, 151.21, 139.18, 135.84, 134.61, 131.70 (2C), 129.96, 129.09 (2C), 128.52, 126.84 (3C), 125.97 (2C), 125.34, 124.72, 115.99, 49.78, 40.88, 37.36, 33.31; LC-MS, APCI<sup>+</sup>: m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> = 434.53, calculated exact mass = 433.1572, purity = 99.9%, t<sub>r</sub> = 2.017 min.

### 2.0 Biological and Solubility Evaluation

In vitro Asexual Blood Stage Antiplasmodium Testing. A modified [3H]-hypoxanthine incorporation assay<sup>1</sup> was used to screen compounds 5, 7 - 12, 14, 17 and 18 against multidrug resistant (K1) and sensitive (NF54) strains of P. falciparum in vitro. A variation of the medium previously described<sup>2,3</sup> consisting of RPMI 1640 supplemented with 0.5% ALBUMAX<sup>®</sup> II, 25 mM Hepes, 25 mM NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (pH 7.3), 0.36 mM hypoxanthine and 100 µg/mL neomycin was used to cultivate P. falciparum parasites. Human erythrocytes served as host cells. Humidified modular chambers at 37 °C with an atmosphere of 3% O<sub>2</sub>, 4% CO<sub>2</sub> and 93% N<sub>2</sub> were used to maintain cultures. DMSO was used to dissolve the compounds (10 mg/mL) with the aid of sonication after which the stock solutions were diluted in hypoxanthine-free culture medium. To each drug titrated in 100 µL duplicates over a 64-fold range, infected erythrocytes (100 µL per well with 2.5% hematocrit and 0.3% parasitemia) were added. 0.5 µCi of [<sup>3</sup>H]hypoxanthine in 50 µL medium was then added after 48 hours incubation, and plates were incubated for an additional 24 hours. The radioactivity of the parasites harvested onto glass-fiber filters was recorded using a Betaplate liquid scintillation counter (Wallac, Zurich). At each drug concentration, the results were recorded as counts per minute (cpm) per well and expressed as a percentage of the untreated controls. Linear interpolation was used to estimate fifty percent inhibitory concentrations (IC<sub>50</sub>).<sup>4</sup>

The parasite lactate dehydrogenase assay using a modified method described by Makler  $et \ al^5$  was used to quantitatively assess the *in vitro* antiplasmodium activity of compounds **6**,

**13**, **15**, **16**, **19** – **30** and **3b**. The chloroquine sensitive strain of *P. falciparum* (NF54) was used to test the test samples in triplicate on two occasions. A modified method of Trager and Jensen<sup>3</sup> was used to maintain continuous *in vitro* cultures of asexual erythrocyte stages of *P. falciparum*. DMSO was used to dissolve (with sonication) test samples to prepare 20 mg/mL stock solutions which were kept at – 20 °C until required. If not completely dissolved, samples were tested as a suspension. On the day of the experiment, further dilutions were prepared. In all experiments, chloroquine and artesunate were used as reference drugs. To determine the IC<sub>50</sub> values, a full dose response was performed for all the compounds 72 hours post-incubation. 10 concentrations were obtained by serially diluting the test samples 2-fold. A starting concentration of 1000 ng/mL was used to test control compounds. Parasite viability was not affected to any measurable extent by the highest concentration of solvent they were exposed to. A non-linear dose-response curve fitting analysis via Graph Pad Prism v.4.0 software was used to obtain the IC<sub>50</sub> values.

*In vitro* Gametocidal Screening. Early-stage (> 95% stage II/III) and late-stage (> 95% stage IV/V) gametocytes (2% gametocytemia, 2% hematocrit) were generated from a *P*. *f* NF54-*pfs16*-GFP-Luc line, and incubated for 48 h under drug pressure with hypoxic conditions at 37 °C.<sup>6</sup> IC<sub>50</sub> values were determined using a luciferase reporter assay as previously described.<sup>6</sup>

Male Gamete Exflagellation Inhibition Assay (EIA). The EIA was performed by inducing gametogenesis on a > 98% stage V gametocyte population with 100  $\mu$ M xanthurenic acid (XA, Sigma Aldrich), in ookinete medium (RPMI 1640 with 25 mM HEPES, 0.2% sodium bicarbonate, pH 8.0, and 20% human serum) followed by a > 15 min incubation at room temperature. Exflagellating centers were recorded by video using a Carl Zeiss NT 6V/10W Stabmicroscope with a MicroCapture camera, at 10x magnification in a Neubauer chamber at room temperature. Centers were semi-automatically quantified from 15 randomly located videos of 8-10 s each between 15-22.5 min after gametogenesis induction.<sup>7</sup>

In vitro PvPI4K Inhibition Assays. Full-length PvPI4K (PVX 098050) recombinant protein was expressed in a baculovirus-insect cell expression system and purified as previously described.<sup>8</sup> PvPI4K kinase inhibition assays were performed based on previously described methods<sup>8,9</sup> and the ADP-Glo assay kit (Promega) was used to measure ADP formation. Lalpha-phosphatidylinositol (PI; Avanti Polar Lipid, cat. 840042P) dissolved in 3% n-Octylglucoside to a stock concentration of 20 mg/ml was used as the lipid substrate. Briefly, final kinase reactions contained ~8 nM purified PvPI4K (or ~2 nM PvPI4K for IC<sub>50</sub> determination of Compound 1), 10 µM ATP, 0.1 mg/mL PI, 0.1% DMSO, +/- inhibitor in assay buffer (25 mM HEPES pH 7.4, 100 mM NaCl, 3 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 1 mM DTT, 0.025 mg/ml BSA, 0.2% Triton-X-100). Reactions were initiated by the addition of PvPI4K and incubated for 40 minutes at 22 °C. ADP formation was measured using the ADP-Glo kinase kit (Promega) according to manufacturer's instructions. Briefly, 4 µL ADP-Glo reagent (containing 10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> for *Pv*PI4K assays) was added to 4 µL kinase reaction in white 384 shallow well plates (Nunc, Cat no. 264706) and incubated for 40 minutes at 22 °C to deplete the remaining ATP. 8 µL of Kinase Detection Reagent was then added and the reaction was incubated for a further 40 minutes at 22 °C. Luminescent signal was measured using the EnSpire Multimode Plate Reader (PerkinElmer) with crosstalk correction. Data were normalized based on the DMSO controls (no inhibitor, 100% activity) and the 100% inhibition controls. Reactions were carried out in triplicate and percentage inhibition was calculated based on the average of two independent experiments.

*In vitro Pf*PKG Inhibition Assays. Full length *Pf*PKG (PF3D7\_1436600) was expressed in *Escherichia coli* and purified as previously described.<sup>10,11</sup> *Pf*PKG kinase inhibition assays were performed based on previously described methods using ADP-Glo assay to measure ADP formation.<sup>11,12</sup> Briefly, final kinase reactions contained ~1 nM purified *Pf*PKG protein, 10  $\mu$ M ATP, 20  $\mu$ M peptide substrate GRTGRRNSI-NH2 (Sigma-Aldrich, Cat no. SCP0212), 0.1% (v/v) DMSO, +/- inhibitor in assay buffer (25 mM HEPES pH 7.4, 0.01% (w/v) BSA, 0.01% (v/v) Triton-X 100, 20 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 2 mM DTT, 10  $\mu$ M cGMP). Reactions were initiated by the addition of *Pf*PKG and incubated for 30 minutes at 22 °C (resulting in ~10% ATP conversion). ADP formation was measured using the ADP-Glo Kinase Kit (Promega) according to manufacturer's instructions and data was analysed as described for the *Pv*PI4K inhibition assays above.

*In vitro Hu*PI4KIII $\beta$  Inhibition Assays. *Hu*PI4KIII $\beta$  (Q9UBF8) inhibition assays were performed by Reaction Biology Corp. using the ADP-Glo kinase assay format. Reactions were carried out at 10  $\mu$ M ATP and 100  $\mu$ M PI. Compounds were tested at a single dose of 1  $\mu$ M in duplicate.

In silico Modelling. Protein Preparation and Docking Grid Generation. A PfPI4k homology model<sup>13</sup> was selected for PfPI4K docking while the PvPKG PDB structure 5EZR<sup>10</sup> was selected for PfPKG docking. The PfPI4K homology model had been previously prepared for docking while the 5EZR PDB structure (full-length PvPKG with small molecule inhibitor ML10 bound within the ATP-binding site) was prepared for docking using the Maestro Protein Preparation Wizard<sup>14</sup> from the Schrodinger2020-1 (Schrödinger Release 2020-1: Maestro, Schrödinger, LLC, New York, NY, 2020) release. Under the Protein Preparation Wizard's import tab, the protein preprocess was run with the "assign bond order," "add hydrogens," "create disulfide bonds," "fill in missing side chains using Prime" and "generate het states using Epik" at pH 7.0 +/- 2.0 options selected. The only problems reported by the preprocess protein report were two residues (S168 and N401) with alternate positions saved to the original PDB file. S168 being a surface residue was committed arbitrarily to the position with an occupancy of 0.6 while N401 was committed to a position where it could form a H-bond with the proximal N476. The prepared structure was then reviewed under the review and modify tab where five possible protonation states for the ML10 ligand were examined. The zwitterionic protonation state S2 was selected for the ML10 ligand with a protonated dimethyl amine and a deprotonated sulfonamide forming salt-bridge interactions with the charged E618 and K563 respectively. Under the refine tab, the H-bond assignments were optimised using the automated H-bond optimisation with the PROPKA set to pH 7.0. After the H-bond optimisation, all waters more than 3.0 Å away from het groups were removed. A restrained minimisation was then run with a heavy atom convergence set to an RMSD of 0.30 Å using the OPLS3e<sup>15</sup> forcefield.

Docking grids were then generated for the *Pf*PI4K model and the prepared *Pv*PKG structures using the Glide<sup>16–18</sup> Receptor Grid Generation application. In both structures, the receptor was defined as a region around the ligand (ML10 for *Pv*PKG and MMV390048 for *Pf*PI4K). The van der Waals radius scaling factor was left as default (1.0) with a partial charge cut-off of 0.25. The grid centre was set to the centroid of the receptor ligand and the grid size was set to a "size similar to the receptor ligand." An H-bond donor constraint from the backbone amide of hinge (*Pf*PI4K – V1357; *Pv*PKG – V614) region was added for each receptor. No rotatable groups or excluded volumes were included in the grid generation panel. Docking grids were then generated for each receptor.

*Ligand Docking*. The set of SFK52 imidazopyridazine ligands from this study were prepared using the Maestro's LigPrep tool. Ionisation was set to generate all ionisation states in a pH range of 7.0 +/- 1.0 using the Epik<sup>19,20</sup> algorithm with the desalt and generate tautomer options selected. The option to retain all specified tautomers and vary other chiral centres was set. The 3D ligand structures with protonation states expected at biological pH were then generated. The output was then visually inspected and most compounds in this set gave rise to two enantiomers on account of the unspecified sulfoxide stereocentre.

The prepared set of ligands was then docked into the respective docking grids for *Pf*PI4K and *Pv*PKG using Glide Ligand Docking. In the Ligand docking panel, the van der Waal radii scaling factor was set to 0.80 with a partial charge cut-off of 0.15. Docking was run at the standard precision (SP) setting with flexible ligand sampling set to sample nitrogen inversions and ring conformations. A bias sampling of torsions for all predefined functional groups was

set. The add Epik state penalty to docking score box was selected. The H-bond constraint parameter from each docking grid was implemented ensuring every output ligand pose contained that H-bond. The output was then set to write out only one pose per ligand.

Post Docking Energy Minimisation and MMGBSA Scoring. The docking outputs were visually inspected. Ligands with reasonable poses were submitted for minimisation and molecular mechanics generalised Born surface area (MMGBSA) free energy of binding (MMGBSA  $\Delta G_{bind}$ ) calculations. MMGBSA calculations were conducted using Prime<sup>21</sup>. The VSGB implicit solvation model was selected using the OPLS3e forcefield. Flexible residues were defined as all residues within 5.0 Å of the docked ligand. The hierarchical sampling method was selected. Both the final protein-ligand pose and the MMGBSA score were used to evaluate the binding of each ligand to both the *Pf*PI4K and *Pv*PKG proteins.

*In vitro* hERG Testing. The hERG inhibition studies were carried out using a QPatch hERG assay employing a four-point concentration-response format by the UK-based Metrion Biosciences Ltd. The CHO cell line grown and passaged under standard culture conditions was used to stably express the hERG gene. The following compositions for the external (e) and internal (i) recording solutions were used (mM): NaCl – 140 (e) : 0 (i); KCl – 2 (e) : 70 (i); KF – 0 (e) : 60 (i); HEPES – 10 (e) : 10 (i); MgCl<sub>2</sub> – 1 (e) : 0 (i); CaCl<sub>2</sub> – 2 (e) : 0 (i); Glucose – 5 (e) : 0 (i); EGTA – 0 (e) : 5 (i); Mg<sub>2</sub>ATP – 0 (e) : 5 (i) and pH – 7.4 (NaOH) (e) : 7.2 (KOH) (i). During recording, the external recording solution was maintained at room temperature. This solution was also prepared regularly and stored at 4 °C until required. The internal recording solution was prepared and stored at – 20 °C until needed.

The QPatch is an automated chip-based planar patch clamp method. A Giga-ohm seal between the membrane surface and a treated silicon surface is created by drawing cells added to each well across a small aperture using suction. To a reservoir on the chip is added a small volume of bathing solution containing the test compound or control bathing solution which perfuses across the cell through quartz-lined microfluidic channels. Before the next sample is added, the solution is removed by capillary action. From a holding potential of 90 mV, and at a stimulus frequency of 0.1 Hz, currents were triggered using the industry + 40/- 40 voltage protocol.

Concentration-response curves were established by cumulatively adding four escalating concentrations of the test compounds to an individual cell. To do this, the whole-cell configuration was firstly allowed to be achieved. Secondly, the vehicle (0.1% DMSO v/v in external recording solution) was added to each well in two bolus additions allowing a two-minute recording time between each addition. The four concentrations ( $0.3 - 10 \mu M$ ) of test compounds were then added in two bolus additions at 2-minute intervals. During the 4-minute recording time, the effect on the hERG tail current amplitude was measured. The final concentration of DMSO for all the concentrations (0.3, 1, 3 and  $10 \mu M$ ) of the test samples was 0.1% v/v in the external recording solution. The experiments at each concentration were done in triplicate for each compound. The percent inhibition, as a reduction in mean peak current relative to the value measured at the end of the vehicle control period, was calculated with the aid of a bioinformatics suite developed and running in Pipeline Pilot (Biovia, USA). The concentration-response curves, which enabled calculation of the IC<sub>50</sub> values, were constructed from the obtained percent inhibition even at the highest tested concentration of 10  $\mu$ M.

*In vitro* Cytotoxicity Assay.<sup>22</sup> Cytotoxicity was measured using the MTT-assay which measures cellular growth and survival calorimetrically. All growth and chemosensitivity was measured by the formation of tetrazolium salt. The test samples were assayed in triplicate on one occasion. Stock solutions of 2 mg/mL of test samples in DMSO were prepared with poorly soluble samples being tested as suspensions. The test samples were kept at -20 °C until required. In all experiments, emetine was used as a reference drug. 10-fold serial dilutions in complete medium to give 6 concentrations were made from an initial concentration of 100  $\mu$ g/mL with the lowest concentration being 0.001  $\mu$ g/mL. The cell viability was not affected

by the highest concentration of the solvent to which the cells were exposed. The full doseresponse curves plotted using a non-linear dose-response curve fitting analysis via GraphPad Prism V 4 software enabled the determination of the  $IC_{50}$  values.

Solubility Determination. The solubilities of compounds 5 - 12, 19, 21, 26 - 28 and 3b were determined using a miniaturised shake flask method.<sup>23</sup> Calibration standards (10 - 220  $\mu$ M in DMSO) were prepared from 10 mM stock solutions of the test compounds in DMSO. Duplicate aqueous samples in phosphate buffered saline (pH 6.5) were spiked (1:50) with 10 mM stock solutions. After drying off the DMSO in a GeneVac (MiVac, 90 min, 37 °C), the samples were incubated while shaking for 20 hours at 25 °C. The solutions were then filtered, and their absorbance recorded using HPLC-DAD (Agilent 1200 Rapid Resolution HPLC with a diode array detector). Calibration curves were plotted from the prepared calibration standards, which enabled the determination of solubility of aqueous samples.

For compounds 14, 16 – 18, 20, 22, 24, 29 and 30, kinetic (turbidimetric) solubility<sup>24</sup> assay was used to determine solubility. In this method, one intact PBS buffer tablet was dissolved in 1 L of water to make a phosphate buffered saline (PBS) solution constituting 0.14 M NaCl, 0.003 M KCl and 0.01 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.4). The solution was then filtered through a 0.22  $\mu$ m nylon filter to remove particulate contaminants. The pH was then verified using a pH meter. Test compounds were dissolved in DMSO to give 10 mM stock solutions. Starting from 8 mM to 0.25 mM (also referred to as predilution), serial dilutions of the compounds in DMSO and PBS buffer in each well of the first six and last six columns of the 96-well plate respectively was prepared. By pipetting 4  $\mu$ L aliquots from the predilution plate to corresponding wells in the secondary plate containing 196  $\mu$ L DMSO and PBS buffer (final volume of 200  $\mu$ L in each well), secondary serial dilutions (5 – 200  $\mu$ M) in DMSO and PBS buffer, also in triplicate, were prepared. The DMSO serial dilutions served as controls to ensure the test compounds in solution did not absorb electromagnetic radiation at the test

wavelength. The plate was covered, placed in an oven maintained at 26 °C and left to incubate for 2 hours. A UV-Visible Multiskan Go 1510-05438 spectrometer (Thermo Scientific) was then used to measure the absorbance values of the wells. The absorbance of the blank wells containing only DMSO and 2% DMSO in PBS were then subtracted from the absorbance values of cells containing the samples to get corrected values. Employing excel, the corrected absorbance values were plotted as a function of concentration. For a compound soluble at all concentrations, a constant absorbance value of 0 at all concentrations is observed. For insoluble compounds, the precipitate formed at a certain concentration causes turbidity, the absorbance of which was measured by a UV-Visible spectrometer. The concentration above which the test compound precipitates from solution causing a sustained upward deviation of absorbance values from zero was taken to be the solubility value.

## 3.0 Supplementary Tables S1, S2 and S3

 Table S1. In vitro Asexual Blood Stage Antiplasmodium Activity

 against P. falciparum (NF54 and K1) of some Analogues

$R^1$ $R^2$						
Code	<b>R</b> 1	<b>R</b> <sup>2</sup> —	$P.fIC_5$	50, μM <sup>a,b</sup>		
Couc	ĸ	N	NF54	K1		
5	SOMe	of N	0.317	0.284		
6	SOMe	O NH	0.103			
7	SOMe	n − N − O	0.162	0.164		
8	SOMe	о М ОН	0.106	0.084		
9	SOMe	O N N OH	0.055	0.04		

against <i>P. falciparum</i> (NF54 and K1) of some Analogues "continued"							
$R^1$ $R^2$							
Celle	D1	D?	P. fIC	50, μM <sup>a,b</sup>			
Code	K'	R <sup>2</sup> -	NF54	K1			
10	SOMe	ot N T OH	0.097	0.085			
11	SOMe	NHMe	0.067	0.0515			
12	SOMe	NMe <sub>2</sub>	0.146	0.123			
13	SOMe	Ĩ, N	0.141				
14	SOMe	OMe OMe	0.144	0.136			
15	SOMe	ми _ OH	0.371				
16	SOMe		0.290				
17	SOMe	M N A	0.209	0.181			
18	SO <sub>2</sub> Me	NHMe	0.019	0.017			

Table	<b>S1.</b>	In	vitro	Asexual	Blood	Stage	Antiplasmodium	Activity
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<sup>*a*</sup>Mean from  $n \ge 2$  independent experiments (Individual IC<sub>50</sub> values differed by  $\le 2$ -fold). <sup>*b*</sup>Artesunate [IC<sub>50</sub> = 4.0 nM (NF54), 3.0 nM (K1)] and chloroquine [IC<sub>50</sub> = 16 nM (NF54), 194 nM (K1)] were used as reference drugs.

Blank cells = data not available

Table S2. *In vitro* Asexual Blood Stage Antiplasmodium Activity against *P. falciparum* NF54, hERG Activity and Cytotoxicity of some Analogues



Code	<b>D</b> 1	<b>R</b> <sup>2</sup>	<i>P. f</i> IC <sub>50</sub> , μM NF54 -	hERG activity		Cytotoxicity, <sup>f</sup> CHO cells	
	K	K		IC <sub>50</sub> , μM (SD) <sup>d</sup>	SI <sup>e</sup>	IC <sub>50</sub> , μM	SIg
5	SOMe	M N	0.317	9.01 (0.66)	28	83	275
7	SOMe	M N CO	0.162	23.4 (3.69)	144	185	1360
8	SOMe	0 N OH	0.106	36.0 (5.26)	340	> 217	> 2067
9	SOMe	N OH	0.055	30.4 (2.12)	553		
10	SOMe	of NJ OH	0.097	20.9 (3.56)	215	> 231	> 2381
11	SOMe	NHMe	0.067	17.9 (0.27)	267	75.5	1127
12	SOMe	NMe <sub>2</sub>	0.146	20.3 (4.19)	139	165	932
21		SOMe	0.088	30 (0)	341		
26		SOMe	0.012	30 (0)	2500		
27		SOMe	0.016	30 (0)	1900		
28		SOMe	0.024	30 (0)	1200		

<sup>*d*</sup>Mean from n = 3 independent experiments; SD, standard deviation; Verapamil was used as a positive control ( $IC_{50} = 0.560 \pm 0.0961 \mu M$ ).

eSI = selectivity index = IC<sub>50</sub> (hERG)/IC<sub>50</sub> (*P. f* NF54).

/Mean from n = 3 independent experiments; SD, standard deviation; Emetine was used as a reference drug ( $IC_{50} = 0.033 \pm 0.006 \mu M$ ).

 ${}^{g}SI =$  selectivity index = IC<sub>50</sub> (CHO)/IC<sub>50</sub> (*P. f* NF54).

Blank cells = data not available

$R^1$							
Code	R <sup>1</sup>	<b>R</b> <sup>2</sup>	<del>R'</del> % <i>P. f</i> EG inh. @ 1 μM (SD) <sup>k</sup>	% <i>P. f</i> EG inh. @ 5 μM (SD) <sup>k</sup>	% <i>P. f</i> LG inh. @ 1 μM (SD) <sup>k</sup>	% <i>P. f</i> LG inh. @ 5 μM (SD) <sup>k</sup>	
13	SOMe	T NH	23.9 (2.1)	70.9 (3.0)	73.5 (2.7)	94.5 (3.5)	
14	SOMe	OMe OMe	39.5 (15.2)	57.9 (11.2)	53.4 (10.1)	91.4 (1.7)	
15	SOMe	or H → OH	19.2 (5.2)	61.7 (2.6)	68.8 (4.8)	90.5 (3.7)	
16	SOMe	N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	6.3 (8.9)	41.9 (11.7)	44.7 (6.8)	80.7 (2.8)	
17	SOMe	AT A	41.0 (11.6)	48.8 (6.2)	34.3 (1.9)	79.8 (4.1)	
18	SO <sub>2</sub> Me	NHMe	84.9 (1.0)	96.4 (0.6)	98.4 (0.8)	99.5 (0.2)	
20		SOMe	38.5 (2.6)	70.3 (2.0)	79.2 (4.5)	95.7 (1.0)	
22	°,↓ <sup>™</sup>	SOMe	62.3 (10.1)	72.7 (7.0)	80.3 (3.1)	94.9 (0.6)	
24		SOMe	53.4 (15.0)	67.4 (7.5)	62.7 (5.6)	94.1 (0.8)	
28	O NH	SOMe	83.3 (3.4)	78.5 (3.2)	95.4 (0.3)	96.7 (0.3)	
29	o T <sub>N</sub>	SOMe	88.6 (3.0)	86.4 (2.6)	96.2 (0.5)	97.6 (0.6)	

Table S3. In vitro % Inhibition of P. falciparum Early- and Late-Stage Gametocytes for some Analogues

<sup>*k*</sup> Percentage EG and LG inhibition, n = 1, carried out in triplicate.

# 4.0 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR Spectra of Selected Compounds











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