

## CORRECTION

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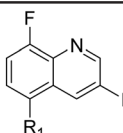
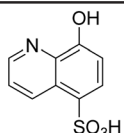
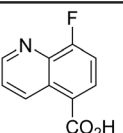
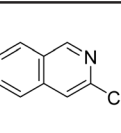
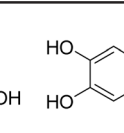
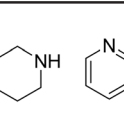
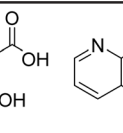

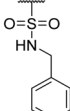

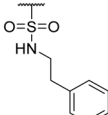

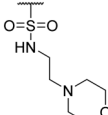

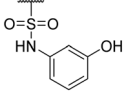

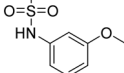
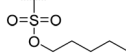

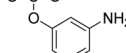










The authors would like to correct the activity data reported in Table 1 and adjust the associated conclusions. Compound 2, a simple sulfonic acid-based quinoline scaffold, was synthesized *via* hydrolysis of the corresponding sulfonic acid chloride, and an IC<sub>50</sub> of 2.3  $\mu$ M for the inhibition of the iron/ $\alpha$ KG-dependent dioxygenase hTET2 was obtained from a MALDI-based inhibition assay. Compound 2 is structurally related to the known broad-spectrum iron/ $\alpha$ KG-dependent dioxygenase inhibitor IOX-1 that features an iron-chelating 8-hydroxyquinoline (8HQ) core. In contrast, 2 bears a fluorine substituent in the 8-position that is expected to significantly attenuate iron affinity (supported by DFT calculations). This led to the conclusion that 2 acts as an isostere of IOX1 with low iron affinity, making it a starting point for TET2 inhibitors without this property. However, a later re-synthesis of 2 using a different starting material yielded an inactive compound. After consultation with the manufacturer, the authors suspect trace impurities of undefined polychlorinated quinoline species in the sulfonic acid chloride to be responsible for the observed activity, but attempts to purify these impurities proved unsuccessful. The authors thus conclude that the activity data of the compounds obtained *via* this sulfonic acid chloride are not trustable, and apologize for any confusion this data may have caused.

The authors conducted additional SAR, revealing that the sulfonic acid group of 2 can replace the carboxyl group of IOX1, leading to a simple sulfonic acid-based quinoline 18 with a virtually identical IC<sub>50</sub>. In contrast, a replacement of IOX1's 8-hydroxyl group with a fluorine atom led to inactivity (19). The authors further identified and validated other IOX1-derived compounds without the 8HQ core that nevertheless showed micromolar IC<sub>50</sub> values, such as isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid (20), tetrahydroisoquinoline-6,7-diol (21), and 3-hydroxypicolinic acid (22). This combined data indicates that the 8HQ core is essential for hTET2 inhibition by IOX1 itself, whereas it is not essential for IOX1-derived compounds in general, providing new starting points for TET2 inhibitors without the 8HQ core.

An updated version of Table 1 is included here.



Table 1 Structure–activity relationship (SAR)

						
1-17	18	19	20	21	22	IOX1
Compound ID	R <sub>1</sub>	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)	Compound ID	R <sub>1</sub>	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)	
1		>200	13		>200	
2		>200	14		>200	
3		>200	15		>200	
4		>200	16		>200	
5		>200	17		>200	
6		>200	18		12.1 ± 4.2	
7		>200	19		>200 <sup>a</sup>	
8		>200	20		170 ± 25 <sup>a</sup>	
9		>200	21		8.6 <sup>a</sup>	
10		>200	22		48.6	
11		>200	IOX1		2.3 ± 0.6	
12		>200				

<sup>a</sup> Only one replicate was performed.

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