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# Synthesis and Structure—Activity Relationship (SAR) Studies of Novel Pyrazolopyridine Derivatives as Inhibitors of Enterovirus Replication

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Supporting Information

**ABSTRACT:** A series of novel pyrazolopyridine compounds have been designed and prepared by a general synthetic route. Their activities against the replication of poliovirus-1, EV-A71, and CV-B3 enteroviruses were evaluated. The comprehensive understanding of the structure—activity relationship was obtained by utilizing the variation of four positions, namely, N1, C6, C4, and linker unit. From the screened analogues, the inhibitors with the highest selectivity indices at 50% inhibition of viral replication (SI<sub>50</sub>) were those with isopropyl at the N1 position and thiophenyl-2-yl unit at C6 position. Furthermore,

Strong activity vs enteroviruses, e.g., JX040, EC $_{50}$  = 0.5  $\mu$ M vs EV-A71 in LLC cells

the C4 position offered the greatest potential for improvement because many different *N*-aryl groups had better antiviral activities and compatibilities than the lead compound **JX001**. For example, **JX040** with a 2-pyridyl group was the analogue with the most potent activity against non-polio enteroviruses, and **JX025**, possessing a 3-sulfamoylphenyl moiety, had the best activity against polioviruses. In addition, analogue **JX037**, possessing a novel pyrazolopyridine heterocycle, was also shown to have good antienteroviral activity, which further enlarges the compound space for antienteroviral drug design.

#### ■ INTRODUCTION

The human enteroviruses (EVs) are a group of more than 110 distinct viruses, each composed of a single stranded RNA genome packaged within a protein capsid. Enteroviruses were originally classified into groups of polioviruses, coxsackieviruses, and echoviruses and later simply assigned consecutive numbers as they were discovered. Poliovirus circulation and poliomyelitis have been nearly eliminated by immunization, but other EVs, now organized into alphabetically organized species, remain clinically and economically significant pathogens with global impact. For example, enterovirus 71 (EV-A71) has been the cause of numerous epidemics of central nervous system infections in Europe and the Asia-Pacific Region over the past 15 years, 2 causing an estimated 7 million cases in China between 2008 and 2012.3 Widespread reports of coxsackievirus B1 (CV-B1) myocarditis in the United States in 2007 highlighted the epidemic potential of enteroviruses and their danger to infants. 4,5 Similarly, a nationwide outbreak of enterovirus D68 (EV-D68) occurred in the summer of 2014. Beginning with reports in the midwest United States, EV-D68 was linked to severe respiratory illness, most often in young children. EV-D68 was also detected in respiratory specimens of some patients with polio-like paralysis, meningitis, and encephalitis.<sup>6-8</sup> In addition, enteroviruses are perennial causes of encephalitis, acute heart failure, sepsis in newborns, and other serious and life-threatening illnesses.1

No antiviral agents are currently approved to treat enterovirus infections, and supportive care is the mainstay of treatment.<sup>1,9</sup> Extensive studies in pursuit of candidate antiviral

agents have targeted the viral capsid, the virus-encoded RNA polymerase and proteases, and other viral proteins involved in replication.<sup>9,10</sup> Candidates that have reached preclinical or early clinical phases of development have included the viral capsid binding agent BTA-798 (vapendavir), the viral protease inhibitor AG7088 (rupintrivir), and the viral 3D polymerase inhibitor DTriP-22. 9-11 Two drugs, enviroxime and pleconaril, were unable to move beyond initial clinical studies due to limited efficacy or safety concerns, respectively. 10,12 Faced with this lack of progress, several recent studies have been performed in hopes of repurposing medications found to have in vitro antiviral activity against enteroviruses. For example, the selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor fluoxetine was found to have modest antienteroviral activity, likely reflecting its interference with the activity of the viral 2C protein <sup>13–15</sup> protein.1

We previously applied a rapid, live virus assay to identify enterovirus inhibitors from nearly 86 000 compounds held by the Molecular Screening Shared Resource (MSSR) core facility of the CNSI (California NanoSystems Institute) at UCLA. <sup>13,15</sup> Using a commonly encountered enterovirus, CV-B3, we identified a novel group of antienteroviral compounds: 1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide derivatives. <sup>15</sup> These compounds are structurally unlike (distinct from) any previously described inhibitors of EV replication <sup>9,10</sup> and also exhibit antiviral activity against an array of clinically relevant

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enterovirus types at micromolar concentrations. <sup>15</sup> To identify the target of these compounds, we selected for resistance by intentionally exposing the molecularly cloned CVB3-H3 virus to them at subinhibitory concentrations. This resistance was genetically mapped to the coding domain for the viral 2C protein. On the basis of these data, we constructed a missense mutant, CVB3-H3-C179F. This virus replicated normally and was not inhibited by these compounds, indicating that they interfere with the activities of the viral 2C protein, which plays a role in viral RNA replication and other processes. <sup>13–15</sup>

We herein describe an extensive structure—activity relationship (SAR) study of a series of pyrazolopyridine carboxamides and their structural analogues. We have developed a simple synthetic route to these compounds that allows one to prepare many analogues rapidly. All of these new compounds have been tested for their ability to inhibit the growth of three enteroviruses representing the major species of enteroviruses that infect humans. We have identified compounds with higher antiviral activity and lower cytotoxicity in vitro than the original lead compounds described previously. <sup>15</sup>

### ■ RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

**Chemistry.** The synthesis of these molecules, which were labeled **JX001–JX076**, was carried out as shown in the various schemes. The syntheses of the 1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridines are shown in Scheme 1. The key step was the condensation of the 1-alkylpyrazole-5-amine 2 with the 4-aryl-2,4-diketoester 3 to give the 1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxylic ester 11. The components for this key coupling reaction were prepared as follows. Formation of the hydrazone 6 was easily accomplished by mixing the desired ketone 4 with 3-hydrazinopropanitrile 5.

# Scheme 1. Synthesis of 1*H*-Pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamides JX001

Reaction of 6 with sodium butylate, prepared in situ, gave the desired 1-alkylpyrazole-5-amine 2. <sup>16</sup> This compound could also be prepared by another route, namely, reaction of the alkylhydrazine hydrochloride salt 7 with commercially available 2-chloropropenenitrile 8 to give 2. <sup>17</sup> The second component 3 was synthesized by the condensation of an alkyl or aryl methyl ketone 9 with diethyl oxalate 10 to give the product of the Claisen condensation, the salt 3. <sup>18</sup> Addition of 2 and 3 in acetic acid afforded good yields of the desired heterocycle 11. <sup>19</sup> Basic hydrolysis of the ester of 11 gave the acid 12. Formation of the acid chloride 13 with oxalyl chloride was followed by addition of the desired aniline 14 to give the amides. These were labeled as JX compounds starting with JX001. Overall a total of 76 analogues in all series were prepared and tested.

In general, the yields of the synthesis were quite good and reasonable quantities of the materials were easily available. Although this general synthetic route was used for the synthesis of most of the analogues, other methods could be used for specific substitution patterns and will be given in the Experimental Section. The compounds were purified by normal synthetic medicinal chemistry means, usually column chromatography, and their structures were determined by high field NMR spectroscopy.

In addition, we also prepared several ring systems different from but similar to the 1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine system by an analogous chemical synthesis, as shown in Scheme 2. Thus,

# Scheme 2. Synthesis of 1*H*-Pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamides 22 (JX037, JX062-63, and JX072)

several 1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamides **22** were prepared by a route that involved a protected form of 2-aminopyrrole, namely, the 2-(hydroxymethyl)benzamide **17**. This compound was prepared from pyrrole itself in four steps, namely, nitration and isopropylation of **15** to give the 2-nitropyrrole **16** followed by tin reduction in the presence of phthalic anhydride and reduction of the imide to give **17**. Condensation of **17** with the 4-(2-thiophenyl)-2,4-diketoester **18** (prepared as in Scheme 1) gave, via the free aminopyrrole formed in situ, the 1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxylic ester **19**. The remainder of the synthesis follows that of Scheme 1, namely, hydrolysis of the ethyl ester of **19** to give the acid **20** followed by activation to the acid chloride with oxalyl chloride and final coupling with one of several anilines **21** to afford the analogue **22**. In particular, we varied the aniline to give the

following analogues: Ar = 4-FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, JX037; 2-pyridyl, JX072; 3-pyridyl, JX062; 4-pyridyl, JX063.

In addition, one analogue in each of three additional biheterocyclic ring systems was prepared and tested. Again, a very similar route was used for the preparation of each of these three new analogues (Scheme 3). Thus, beginning with the 5-

# Scheme 3. Synthesis of 3*H*-Imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine-7-carboxamide 27 (JX034)

amino-1-isopropylimidazole **23**, condensation with **18** gave the imidazopyridine **24**, which, after hydrolysis to give **25** and amide formation with 4-fluoroaniline **26**, afforded the desired 3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine-7-carboxamide **27** (JX034).

In a similar manner (Scheme 4), the known 1-isopropyl-5aminotriazole 28 was condensed with 18 to give, after

# Scheme 4. Synthesis of 1*H*-Triazolo[2,3-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide 29 (JX035)

hydrolysis and amide formation with **26**, the desired 3H-[1,2,3]triazolo[4,5-b]pyridine-7-carboxamide **29** (JX035).

Finally the 1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*d*]pyrimidine-4-carboxamide analogue, 37 (JX036), was prepared by a completely different route (Scheme 5). Thus, reaction of 2-(ethoxyvinylidene)-malononitrile 30 with isopropylhydrazine followed by treatment with basic hydrogen peroxide gave the known amino-amide 31.<sup>20</sup> Condensation of this compound with methyl thiophene-2-carboxylate 32 afforded the desired 1*H*-pyrazolo-[4,5-*d*]pyrimidinol 33. Conversion of the hydroxyl to a bromide furnished 34 which was converted into the carboxamide 35 with copper cyanide and wet *N*-methylpyrrolidone (NMP). Hydrolysis of the amide gave the carboxylic acid 36 which was then converted, via the acid chloride, into the desired 4-fluorophenylamide 37 (JX036).

Biological Evaluation. SAR Analysis of Original Compounds. We recently described the identification of an array of chemical structures with antiviral activity against commonly encountered enteroviruses. There were 144 1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide compounds tested in the primary screen, and 22 of these were confirmed to be active against the enterovirus strain used (CVB3-H3) (Table S1 in Supporting Information, structures footnoted with the letter b). CV-B3 was chosen because it has been annually reported to the Center for Disease Control since 1975 as cause of severe disease and because the availability of the molecularly cloned pathogenic variant of CV-B3 (CVB3-H3) enhances the reproducibility of in vitro studies. The antiviral activity of this class of compounds is greatly affected by variations at the N1 (R¹), C6 (R⁶), and C4 positions (Figure 1, 1). Among the 22

**Figure 1.** 1*H*-Pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamides.

### Scheme 5. Synthesis of 1H-Pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine-4-carboxamide 37 (JX036)

Table 1. Antiviral Activities of Analogues with Various Substituents at the 6-Position

compd (JX)	$R^6$	anti-EV-A71 in LLC cells $(\mu M)^a$	anti-CV-B3 in HeLa cells $(\mu M)^a$	anti-PV-1 in HeLa cells $(\mu M)^{a,b}$
1a (or 001)	2-thiophenyl	$EC_{50}$ : 2.3 ± 1.2	$EC_{50}$ : 1.4 ± 0.6	$EC_{50}$ : 7.0 ± 0.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : 50.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 12.5	CC <sub>50</sub> : 12.5
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 21.7	SI <sub>50</sub> : 8.9	SI <sub>50</sub> : 1.8
002	phenyl	$EC_{50}$ : 5.7 ± 1.5	$EC_{50}$ : 4.5 $\pm$ 1.5	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 37.5	CC <sub>50</sub> : 37.5
		SI <sub>50</sub> : >35.1	SI <sub>50</sub> : 8.3	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
003	4-pyridyl	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	$EC_{50}$ : 5.1 $\pm$ 0.1	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : 45.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 37.5	CC <sub>50</sub> : 37.5
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : 7.4	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
004	2-pyridyl	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	$EC_{50}$ : 6.9 $\pm$ 0.7	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : 100.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0
		SI <sub>so</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : >29.0	SI <sub>so</sub> : N/A
005	3-pyridyl	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	$EC_{50}$ : 7.0 ± 2.4	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : 50.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 37.5	CC <sub>50</sub> : 37.5
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : 5.4	SI <sub>so</sub> : N/A
007	2-thiazolyl	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
010	5-thiazolyl	$EC_{50}$ : 3.7 ± 0.2	$EC_{50}$ : 3.3 ± 1.4	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : 100.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 27.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : >60.6	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
011	5-oxazolyl	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
026	2-furyl	$EC_{50}$ : 2.6 ± 0.3	$EC_{50}$ : 2.4 ± 0.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : >76.9	SI <sub>50</sub> : >83.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
030	3-thiophenyl	$EC_{50}$ : 1.4 ± 0.2	$EC_{50}$ : 1.3 ± 0.1	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0
	• •	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 25.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 25.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : >142.9	SI <sub>50</sub> : 19.2	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
038	cyclopropyl	$EC_{50}$ : 3.2 ± 0.1	$EC_{50}$ : 3.3 ± 0.1	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0
	, 1 1,	CC <sub>50</sub> : 12.5	CC <sub>50</sub> : 10.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 10.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 3.9	SI <sub>50</sub> : 3.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
055	cyclopropyl	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
	7 1 17	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A
		SI <sub>so</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>so</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>so</sub> : N/A
070	phenyl	EC <sub>50</sub> : 0.7	$EC_{50}$ : 1.6 ± 0.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0
	1 ,	CC <sub>50</sub> : 12.5	CC <sub>50</sub> : 18.8	CC <sub>50</sub> : 18.8
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 17.9	SI <sub>50</sub> : 11.8	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
071	cyclopropyl	EC <sub>50</sub> : 4.7	EC <sub>50</sub> : 4.7	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0
	.,	CC <sub>50</sub> : 25.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 25.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 25.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 5.3	SI <sub>50</sub> : 5.3	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>For compounds that were tested against certain viruses in three separate experiments, mean  $\pm$  SD values are shown. Otherwise, a single value represents an average of triplicates in one experiment. <sup>b</sup>Similar results were observed against anti-PV-1 and anti-PV-3 activities.

active library compounds, the number of variations decreased in the order of C4 > C6 > N1. In particular, the compound N-(2-fluorophenyl)-1-(propan-2-yl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-pyrazolo-[3,4-b]pyridine-4-carboxamide (Figure 1, 1a) has been shown to exhibit activity against 12 commonly encountered members of the enterovirus B species, as well as enterovirus A71 (EV species A) and two polioviruses (EV species C).

Here we used the 1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridine-4-carboxamide 1a as a reference compound and designed new compounds in the 1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridine-4-carboxamide series 1 in order to vary the four most easily altered positions, namely, (1) the alkyl group at N1 ( $R^1$ ), (2) the usually aryl or heteroaryl ring at C6 ( $R^6$ ), (3) the aniline unit on the carboxamide at C4, varying the substituents at essentially every available carbon and introducing heterocyclic amines, and (4) a few changes in the

amide linking unit between the two rings. Our goal was to identify candidate compounds for the development of antienteroviral drugs with significant improvements in potency and exhibiting reduced cytotoxicity. Specifically, we sought compounds that would inhibit the replication of enteroviruses in the EV-A, EV-B, and EV-C species at concentrations less than 1  $\mu$ M, yet with relatively low cytotoxicity.

Analogues at the N1 Position (R¹). For the group attached to N1, we began with the isopropyl group since it was the substituent in the lead compound 1a (henceforth referred to as JX001). We changed the substituent and examined aryl, secondary cycloalkyl, substituted methyl units, and even H. The compounds prepared with this variation were the following: R¹ = phenyl, JX012; tert-butyl, JX013; cyclobutyl, JX014; 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl, JX022; cyclopentyl, JX027; cyclohexyl, JX028;

Table 2. Antiviral Activities of Analogues with Various Substituents of the Aniline Units

006	4-sulfamoylphenyl			$(\mu M)^{a,b}$
	4-sunamoyiphenyi	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
008	$2,4-F_2C_6H_3$	$EC_{50}$ : $1.6 \pm 0.4$	$EC_{50}$ : 1.4 ± 0.5	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : >125.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : >142.9	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
009	$2,6-F_2C_6H_3$	$EC_{50}$ : 3.4 ± 0.7	$EC_{50}$ : 3.2 $\pm$ 0.5	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : >58.8	SI <sub>50</sub> : >62.5	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
015	$3,4-F_2C_6H_3$	$EC_{50}$ : >25.0	$EC_{50}$ : 1.3 ± 0.1	$EC_{50}$ : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : >153.8	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
016	$3,5-F_2C_6H_3$	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
017	$4-FC_6H_4$	$EC_{50}$ : 0.9 $\pm$ 0.3	$EC_{50}$ : 0.7 ± 0.2	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0
		CC50: >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : >222.2	SI <sub>50</sub> : >285.7	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
018	$2,5-F_2C_6H_3$	EC <sub>50</sub> : 3.5	$EC_{50}$ : 2.7 ± 0.4	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : 100.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 28.6	SI <sub>50</sub> : >74.1	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
019	$2,3-F_2C_6H_3$	EC <sub>50</sub> : 3.0	$EC_{50}$ : 2.7 ± 0.4	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : 75.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 25.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : >74.1	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
020	2,4,6-F <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	EC <sub>50</sub> : 3.0	$EC_{50}$ : 1.8 $\pm$ 0.7	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : >66.7	SI <sub>50</sub> : >111.1	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
021	$3-FC_6H_4$	$EC_{50}$ : 2.4 ± 0.8	$EC_{50}$ : 0.8 ± 0.3	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25
		CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : >83.3	SI <sub>50</sub> : >250.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
023	2-CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	$EC_{50}$ : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
024	4-CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
025	3-sulfamoylphenyl	$EC_{50}$ : 1.3 ± 0.1	$EC_{50}$ : 1.3 ± 0.2	$EC_{50}$ : 5 ± 0.0
	,, ,	CC <sub>50</sub> : 25.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 50.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 19.2	SI <sub>50</sub> : 166.7	SI <sub>50</sub> : 10.0
033	2-sulfamoylphenyl	$EC_{50}$ : 2.5 ± 0.7	$EC_{50}$ : 2.6 ± 0.4	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0
	, ,	CC <sub>50</sub> : 25.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 10.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 10.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 10.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : 3.8	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
040	2-pyridyl	$EC_{50}$ : 0.5 ± 0.1	$EC_{50}$ : 0.8 $\pm$ 0.3	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
	- [//-	$CC_{50}$ : >200.0	$CC_{50}$ : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : >400.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : >250.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
041	2-pyrimidyl	$EC_{50}$ : 0.5 $\pm$ 0.1	$EC_{50}$ : 0.6 ± 0.1	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
	- [//-	CC <sub>50</sub> : 75.0	$CC_{50}$ : 37.5	CC <sub>50</sub> : 37.5
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 150.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : 62.5	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
042	4-pyridyl	$EC_{50}$ : 0.4 ± 0.0	$EC_{50}$ : 0.6 ± 0.1	$EC_{50}$ : >10.0
V.2	. [//-	CC <sub>50</sub> : 6.3	CC <sub>50</sub> : 6.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 6.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 15.8	SI <sub>50</sub> : 10.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
043	4-pyrimidyl	$EC_{50}$ : 0.5 ± 0.1	$EC_{50}$ : 0.6 ± 0.1	$EC_{50}$ : >10.0
0.10	· [//-	$CC_{50}$ : 50.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 20.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 20.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 100.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : 33.3	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
045	1-isopropyl-6-(2-thiophenyl)-1 <i>H</i> -pyrazolo[3,4-	S1 <sub>50</sub> : 100.0 EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	S1 <sub>50</sub> : S3.5 EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	$SI_{50}$ : N/A EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
043	b]pyridin-4-yl	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
	-* · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	CC N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC · N/A
		$CC_{so}$ : N/A	CCsn: IV/A	$CC_{50}$ : $IV/A$
		CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A		CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
047	4-methylsulfonylphenyl	$CC_{50}$ : N/A $SI_{50}$ : N/A $EC_{50}$ : 0.5 ± 0.1	$SI_{50}$ : N/A $SI_{50}$ : N/A $EC_{50}$ : 1.0 ± 0.4	$SI_{50}$ : N/A $EC_{50}$ : >10.0

Table 2. continued

compd (JX)	N-aryl group	anti-EV-A71 in LLC cells $\left(\mu\mathrm{M}\right)^a$	anti-CV-B3 in HeLa cells $(\mu \mathrm{M})^a$	anti-PV-1 in HeLa cells $(\mu \mathrm{M})^{a,b}$
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 100.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : 200.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
050	$2$ -Br- $4$ -FC $_6$ H $_3$	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
052	3-N,N-dimethylsulfamoylphenyl	$EC_{50}$ : 0.8 $\pm$ 0.1	$EC_{50}$ : 1.0 $\pm$ 0.4	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 12.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 12.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : >250.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : 12.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
053	3-N-methylsulfamoylphenyl	$EC_{50}$ : 0.7 ± 0.1	$EC_{50}$ : 0.5 ± 0.1	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : 25.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 12.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 12.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 35.7	SI <sub>50</sub> : 24.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
056	3-pyridyl	$EC_{50}$ : 0.5 ± 0.1	$EC_{50}$ : 0.4 ± 0.3	EC <sub>50</sub> : 10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 25.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 25.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : >400.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : 62.5	SI <sub>50</sub> : 2.5
057	2-pyridyl	EC <sub>50</sub> : 0.8	EC <sub>50</sub> : 1.2	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : 25.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 18.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 18.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 31.3	SI <sub>50</sub> : 15.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
058	2-pyrimidyl	EC <sub>50</sub> : 1.2	EC <sub>50</sub> : 1.2	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : 50.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 40.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 40.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 41.7	SI <sub>50</sub> : 33.3	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
059	4-pyrimidyl	EC <sub>50</sub> : 0.8	$EC_{50}$ : 1.2 ± 0.0	$EC_{50}$ : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : >250.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : >166.7	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
060	3-pyridyl	EC <sub>50</sub> : 2.4	EC <sub>50</sub> : 0.6	$EC_{50}$ : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : 37.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 18.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 18.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 15.4	SI <sub>50</sub> : 30.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
061	4-pyridyl	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	$EC_{50}$ : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
064	3-carbamoylphenyl	EC <sub>50</sub> : 0.8	$EC_{50}$ : 0.7 $\pm$ 0.1	EC <sub>50</sub> : 6.3
		CC <sub>50</sub> : 25.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 18.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 18.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 31.3	SI <sub>50</sub> : 25.7	SI <sub>50</sub> : 2.9
066	5-pyrimidyl	EC <sub>50</sub> : 0.4	$EC_{50}$ : 0.7 ± 0.2	EC <sub>50</sub> : 10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : 20.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 18.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 18.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 50.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : 25.7	SI <sub>50</sub> : 1.8
068	2-fluoro-5-sulfamoylphenyl	EC <sub>50</sub> : 0.5	$EC_{50}$ : 0.7 ± 0.1	EC <sub>50</sub> : 6.3
		CC <sub>50</sub> : 25.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 18.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 18.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 50.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : 25.7	SI <sub>50</sub> : 2.9
069	4-fluoro-3-sulfamoylphenyl	EC <sub>50</sub> : 0.8	$EC_{50}$ : 1.1 $\pm$ 0.3	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : 50.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 62.5	SI <sub>50</sub> : >181.8	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
073	2-fluoro-5-carbamoylphenyl	EC <sub>50</sub> : 0.5	EC <sub>50</sub> : 0.8	EC <sub>50</sub> : 5.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : 25.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 18.8	CC <sub>50</sub> : 18.8
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 50.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : 23.5	SI <sub>50</sub> : 3.8
075	4-fluoro-2-pyridyl	EC <sub>50</sub> : 1.2	$EC_{50}$ : 0.7 ± 0.1	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 37.5	CC <sub>50</sub> : 37.5
		SI <sub>50</sub> : >166.7	SI <sub>50</sub> : 53.6	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A

<sup>&</sup>quot;For compounds that were tested against certain viruses in three separate experiments, mean  $\pm$  SD values are shown. Otherwise, a single value represents an average of triplicates in one experiment. "Similar results were observed against anti-PV-1 and anti-PV-3 activities."

cycloheptyl, JX029; 4-methoxybenzyl, JX031; hydrogen, JX032. In general, those substituents were not as favorable for activity as the isopropyl group since none of the above analogs demonstrated antiviral activities against EV-A71, coxsackievirus B3(CV-B3), or poliovirus-1 (PV-1). This result is consistent with the SAR analysis of the initial 144 library compounds, in which the isopropyl group at the N1 position seemed crucial for the antiviral activity (Table S1 in Supporting Information). The only two exceptions were those with an ethyl group replacing the isopropyl group, namely, *N*-(4-cyanophenyl)-1-ethyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]-

pyridine-4-carboxamide and 1-ethyl-N-(4-methyl-3-sulfamoyl-phenyl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridine-4-carboxamide (highlighted groups in Table S1). Therefore, we retained the isopropyl group at the N1 position in the other analogues in this study.

Analogues at the 6-Position (R<sup>6</sup>). The group attached at the 6-position in 1a (JX001) is a thiophen-2-yl group; this was also present in 11 other active compounds of our primary screen (Table S1). Besides, cyclopropyl, phenyl, and isopropyl groups were also found at the 6-positions of active compounds. We tested the effect of variation at this position by changing R<sup>6</sup>

Table 3. Antiviral Activities of Analogues with Different Linker Units

compd (JX)	structure	anti-EV-A71 in LLC cells $(\mu M)^a$	anti-CV-B3 in HeLa cells $(\mu M)^a$	anti-PV-1* in HeLa cells $(\mu M)^{a,b}$
044	reverse sulfonamide	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
046	thioamide	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
048	indolineamide	$EC_{50}$ : 1.3 ± 0.2	$EC_{50}$ : 1.9 $\pm$ 0.6	EC <sub>50</sub> : 10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 18.8	CC <sub>50</sub> : 18.8
		SI <sub>50</sub> : >153.4	SI <sub>50</sub> : 9.9	SI <sub>50</sub> : 1.9
049	sulfonamide	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
051	benzoxazole	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
054	reverse amide	EC <sub>50</sub> : 4.0	$EC_{50}$ : 4.7 ± 0.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : 50.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 12.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 12.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 12.5	SI <sub>50</sub> : 2.6	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
065	amidine	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
067	amidine	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
074	N-methylamide	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
	•	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A
		SI <sub>so</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
076	7-azaindolineamide	EC <sub>50</sub> : 12.5	$EC_{50}$ : 9.4 ± 0.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : 50.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 37.5	CC <sub>50</sub> : 37.5
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 4.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : 4.0	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>For compounds that were tested against certain viruses in three separate experiments, mean  $\pm$  SD values are shown. Otherwise, a single value represents an average of triplicates in one experiment. <sup>b</sup>Similar results were observed against anti-PV-1 and anti-PV-3 activities.

to cycloalkyl, aryl, and heteroaryl units. New compounds prepared with this variation were the following:  $R^6$  = cyclopropyl, JX038, JX055, JX071; phenyl, JX002, JX070; and heteroaryl, e.g., 2-pyridyl, JX004; 3-pyridyl, JX005; 4pyridyl, JX003; 2-thiazolyl, JX007; 5-thiazolyl, JX010; 5oxazolyl, JX011; 2-furyl, JX026; and thiophen-3-yl, JX030, IX057-IX061. Several of these compounds also had different aniline units, namely, 4-fluorophenyl in JX026, JX030, and JX038; 3-sulfamoylphenyl in JX055; 2-pyridyl in JX070 and JX071. Those changes in the aniline units were generally associated with increased antiviral activities as discussed below. The highest activity was seen with thiophen-2-yl unit at the 6position, although the thiophen-3-yl unit was also associated with antiviral activity in low micromolar concentrations (Table 1). By contrast, the presence of azole groups, 2-thiazolyl (JX007), thiazolyl (JX010), and 5-oxazolyl (JX011) at R<sup>6</sup>, clearly reduced antiviral activity. Other groups phenyl (JX002 and JX070) and cyclopropyl (JX038 and JX055) were also associated with decreases in antiviral activities. It seemed that cytotoxicity decreased significantly with 2-furyl (JX026) at the 6-position. Furthermore, we found that many derivatives with a thiophen-3-yl unit replacing the thiophen-2-yl unit (JX030, JX057, JX058, JX059, and JX060) retained antiviral activity. The direct comparison of the effects of thiophen-2-yl and thiophen-3-yl units on antiviral activity was manifested in the following pairs: JX017 vs JX030, JX040 vs JX057, JX041 vs JX058, JX042 vs JX061, JX043 vs JX059, and JX056 vs JX060,

where the thiophen-2-yl group was generally associated with higher antiviral activities (Table 1 and Table 2).

Analogues at the Aniline Unit. In addition, we varied extensively the substitution pattern of the N-aryl group of the amide as shown in the Table 2. Many new compounds were prepared having halo substituted anilines (especially fluoro substituents), sulfamoyl and carbamoyl units, and especially heterocyclic amine units, pyridyl and pyrimidyl rings. We evaluated the effect of the position of a single fluorine atom on the phenyl ring in JX017 and JX021. We also prepared analogues in which the position and number of fluorine atoms were varied: JX008, JX009, JX015, JX016, JX018, JX019, JX020, and JX050. Although nearly all of the analogues had antiviral activity against the virus test strains, JX017 with a 4fluorophenyl unit had substantially lower cytotoxicity and lower EC<sub>50</sub> concentrations against EV-A71 and CV-B3 compared to original lead JX001 with a 2-fluorophenyl group. We also prepared and tested compounds with a sulfamoyl unit: JX006, JX025, JX033, and JX055. Of these, the 3-sulfamoyl analogue JX025 showed the best antiviral activity, with EC50 values for EV-A71 and CVB-B3 that were similar to those for lead JX001, in addition to a lower EC50 value against poliovirus, and generally lower cytotoxicity.

In light of this result, we synthesized other sulfamoyl analogues having also a fluorine atom, e.g., JX068 and JX069, the 4-methylsulfonyl analogue JX047, the monomethyl- and dimethylsulfamoyl analogues JX053 and JX052, and two

Table 4. Antiviral Activities of Analogues with New Heterocyclic Ring Systems

compd (JX)	structure	anti-EV-A71 in LLC cells $(\mu \text{M})^a$	anti-CV-B3 in HeLa cells $(\mu \text{M})^a$	anti-PV-1 in HeLa cells $(\mu M)^{a,b}$
034	3 <i>H</i> -imidazo[4,5- <i>b</i> ]pyridine-7-carboxamide	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
035	1H-triazolo $[4,5-b]$ pyridine-4-carboxamide	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	$EC_{50} > 10.0$	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
036	1 <i>H</i> -pyrazolo[3,4- <i>d</i> ]pyrimidine-4-carboxamide	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
037	1H-pyrrolo $[2,3-b]$ pyridine-4-carboxamide	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0	$EC_{50}$ : 3.1 $\pm$ 0.1	EC <sub>50</sub> : >25.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : 64.5	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
062	1H-pyrrolo $[2,3-b]$ pyridine-4-carboxamide	EC <sub>50</sub> : 0.8	$EC_{50}$ : 1.3 $\pm$ 0.1	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : 25.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 18.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 18.0
		SI <sub>50</sub> : 31.3	SI <sub>50</sub> : 13.8	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
063	1H-pyrrolo $[2,3-b]$ pyridine-4-carboxamide	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A	CC <sub>50</sub> : N/A
		SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A
072	1 <i>H</i> -pyrrolo[2,3- <i>b</i> ]pyridine-4-carboxamide	EC <sub>50</sub> : 1.2	$EC_{50}$ : 2.2 ± 0.4	EC <sub>50</sub> : >10.0
		CC <sub>50</sub> : >200.0	CC <sub>50</sub> : 18.8	CC <sub>50</sub> : 18.8
		SI <sub>50</sub> : >166.7	SI <sub>50</sub> : 8.5	SI <sub>50</sub> : N/A

<sup>&</sup>quot;For compounds that were tested against certain viruses in three separate experiments, mean  $\pm$  SD values are shown. Otherwise, a single value represents an average of triplicates in one experiment. "Similar results were observed against anti-PV-1 and anti-PV-3 activities."

carbamoyl analogues JX064 and JX073, to further explore the effect of such substituents on activity. All of these exhibited antiviral activity against EV-A71 and CV-B3 with the sulfone JX047 and the 4-fluoro-3-sulfamoyl analogues, JX069, being the least cytotoxic of the compounds tested. They therefore had the best selectivity indices against EV-A71 and CV-B3, but they were not active against polioviruses. The best antiviral activity (lowest EC<sub>50</sub> values) against PV-1 was seen with the analogues JX025, JX064, and JX068, which had either sulfamoyl or carbamoyl moieties at the 3- position of the phenyl ring.

In addition, we prepared many compounds with heterocyclic amines in the amides, some of which had excellent activity. The heterocyclic units prepared were the following: 2-pyridyl, JX040, JX057, JX070, JX071, JX072, and JX074; 3-pyridyl, JX056, JX060, JX062, and JX065; 4-pyridyl, JX042, JX061, and JX063; 2-pyrimidyl, JX041 and JX058; 4-pyrimidyl, JX043 and JX059; 5-pyrimidyl, JX066. As mentioned earlier, the five analogues JX057, JX058, JX059, JX060, and JX061 all had a 3thiophenyl group at the 6-position. In general, analogues with pyridylamides showed significantly better activity than those with substituted phenylamides. Among the isomeric pyridyl analogues, generally the 2-pyridyl unit was associated with excellent antiviral activity and 4-pyridyl was associated with poor activity. In particular, the 2-pyridyl amide JX040 had substantially lower EC<sub>50</sub> values for EV-A71 and CV-B3 and higher CC<sub>50</sub> concentration than the lead 1a (JX001), resulting in a markedly higher SI<sub>50</sub>. Unfortunately, this substitution appeared to reduce activity against poliovirus. The effects of the pyrimidyl units were complicated as they were associated with excellent EC<sub>50</sub> values and below average CC<sub>50</sub> values. In this group, JX059 was the best analogue as it had exceptional and excellent CC<sub>50</sub> values.

Analogues at the Linker Unit. We also synthesized analogues with linker units other than the original carboxamide: reverse amide, JX054; *N*-Me amide, JX074; imide, JX039;

thioamide, JX046; sulfonamide, JX049; reverse sulfonamide, JX044; amidines, JX065, JX067. In addition two unusual linkers were made and tested: the benzoxazole JX051 and the indoline amide JX048. Testing of these analogues indicated that the normal amide linker was crucial for the antiviral activity since many new linker units failed in the tests of antiviral activity even though we put the most favorable groups at the N1, the R<sup>6</sup>, and the N-aryl positions. JX054 demonstrated modest antiviral activity, while JX048 had comparable activity to the original compound 1a (JX001) (Table 3). The indoline amide may be a promising alternative linker unit if the issue of compound stability might not allow a carboxamide in the antiviral drug design.

New Heterocyclic Ring Systems. Finally, we also prepared several new heterocyclic ring systems other than the 1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridine system shown in compound 1. In particular, we developed syntheses of the 1H-pyrrolo[2,3b pyridine-4-carboxamides, 22 (JX037, JX062, JX063, and JX072), as shown in Scheme 2. We also prepared the 3Himidazo [4,5-b] pyridine-7-carboxamide, 27 (JX034), depicted in Scheme 3 and the 1*H*-1,2,3-triazolo[4,5-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, 29 (JX035), as shown in Scheme 4, changing the pyrazole unit for an imidazole and a 1,2,3-triazole, respectively. Finally a different synthetic route was used to make the 1Hpyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine-4-carboxamide, 37 (JX036), depicted in Scheme 5, in which the pyrimidine unit was substituted for the pyridine. These changes also had profound impact on the activity. The first three heterocyclic ring systems (the imidazopyridine, the triazolopyridine, and the pyrazolopyrimidine) abrogated antiviral activity in our test system. By contrast, pyrrolopyridine analogues were active with the best analogue, JX062, having EC<sub>50</sub> concentrations for EV-A71 and CV-B3 that were similar to the original lead 1a (Table 4).

The direct of comparison of pyrazolopyridine and pyrrolopyridine was shown in the following pairs: JX017 vs

JX037, JX040 vs JX072, JX042 vs JX063, and JX056 vs JX062 (Tables 2 and 4). The pyrrolopyridine analogues with either 4-fluorophenyl (JX037) or 3-pyridyl (JX062) had good antiviral activity against CV-B3, a commonly encountered representative of the EV-B species. Thus, this new heterocyclic ring system represents a new class of antiviral compounds with a different heterocyclic core than the original lead 1a.

#### CONCLUSIONS

In this report, we reported the synthesis and in vitro testing of novel pyrazolopyridine analogues for possible development into antiviral drugs for the treatment or prevention of enterovirus infections. We modified four sites around the core structure and carried out antiviral testing to establish a structure-activity relationship for this system. The best analogues with the highest SI<sub>50</sub> values were those with isopropyl group at the 1position and a thiophen-2-yl unit at the 6-position. The 4position allowed the most variation since many different N-aryl groups had equal or better antiviral activity than 2-fluorophenyl unit in the lead compound 1a (JX001). The 4-fluorophenyl group (JX017) had the best antiviral activity in its class, while the 3-sulfamoylphenyl moiety (JX025) also exhibited antiviral activity against polioviruses, albeit with an EC<sub>50</sub> of 5  $\mu$ M, which fell short of our target (1 µM). Furthermore, several heterocyclic amines as the N-aryl group also had very favorable antiviral activities. Of all the pyridine and pyrimidine analogues, those with the 2-pyridyl group had perhaps the best overall activity; e.g., JX040 had the greatest antiviral activity against non-polio enteroviruses, although it had weak antiviral activity against polioviruses. Given the fact that enteroviruses have more than 110 types and that many important pathogenic viruses may belong to different species (A-D), the diversity at the N-aryl position may provide options against different enteroviruses. The antiviral breadth of these variations at the Naryl position will be studied in further research. We also screened different linker units, and while most of those had reduced activity compared to carboxamides, the indolineamide, reverse amide, and imide showed some activity. Finally, we changed the core structure from pyrazolopyridine to pyrrolopyridine with minimal loss in activity, thus further expanding the compound space for antienteroviral drugs. We infected cells with CVB3-H3 or CVB3-H3-C179F, which has a missense mutation in the 2C coding domain. As previously described, 15 CVB3-H3-C179F was resistant to JX001, which inhibited the wild-type virus. Similarly, CVB3-H3-C179F was not inhibited by JX017, JX034, and JX048 (data not shown), indicating that these compounds also target activities of the 2C protein.

We acknowledge that in vitro studies of the biological activity of antiviral compounds may not predict in vivo efficacy or toxicity; additional in vitro characterization and animal model studies are key to the preclinical development of antiviral agents. In addition, we focused in this study on examining one representative each of the EV-A, EV-B, and EV-C species of enteroviruses, which are the most commonly encountered types in most of the world. The recent outbreak of EV-D68 in the US re-emphasizes the need for antienteroviral drugs, and several studies have looked at existing candidates such as fluoxetine. Pyrazolopyridine analogues, which also target the viral 2C protein, represent a novel class of antiviral candidates, and their activity against EV-D68 warrants additional studies.

#### EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General. Toluene was distilled from sodium under an argon atmosphere. Dichloromethane was distilled from calcium hydride under an argon atmosphere. All other solvents or reagents were purified according to literature procedures. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker spectrometers at 400 MHz and are reported relative to deuterated solvent signals. Data for <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$  ppm), multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz), and integration. Splitting patterns are designated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; br, broad. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker spectrometers at 100 MHz. Data for <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$  ppm), multiplicity, and coupling constant (Hz). Splitting patterns are designated the same way as in <sup>1</sup>H NMR. High resolution mass spectrometry was taken on a Thermo Fisher Scientific Exactive Plus mass spectrometer equipped with an IonSense ID-CUBE DART ion source. The purity of all final compounds was determined to be >95% by analytical HPLC analysis. For most final compounds, purity was determined using a Shimadzu LC-20 HPLC with a Nova-Pak silica 60 Å 4  $\mu$ m HPLC column (3.9 mm × 150 mm, Waters) and UV 254 nm detection. Elution was at 0.5 mL/min with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (A) and EtOAc (B) isocratic at 90% A and 10% B, or CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (A) and MeOH (B) isocratic at 90% A and 10% B. The purity of compounds JX042, JX056, JX060-JX063, JX066, and JX067 was determined using a Waters Acquity UPLC connected to a Waters LCT-Premier XE time of flight instrument with an Acquity BEH C18 1.7  $\mu$ m UPLC column (2.1 mm × 50 mm, Waters). Elution was with a gradient of 0.4 mL/min H<sub>2</sub>O/MeCN/0.3% formic acid with a gradient of 3-90% MeCN between 0 and 5 min. Mass spectra were recorded from 70 to 2000 Da. All solvents were LC-MS/MS grade and purchased from Fisher Scientific.

General Procedure for the Preparation of 2. Method A. To a solution of compound 5 (10.0 mmol) in ethanol (10.0 mL) cooled to 0 °C was added dropwise compound 4 (10.0 mmol) with stirring. The mixture was stirred overnight at 21 °C, then the solvent was evaporated in vacuo to give product 6 in almost quantitative yield. The product 6 was added to a solution of sodium (12.0 mmol) in *n*-butanol (20.0 mL), and the resulting mixture was refluxed for 12 h under an argon atmosphere, then cooled and the solvent evaporated in vacuo. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate) to give the desired product 2.

Method B. To 20.0 mL of ethanol were added successively 10.0 mmol of compound 7, 20.0 mmol of sodium acetate, and 10.0 mmol of compound 8 at 21 °C, followed by stirring the reaction mixture at 80 °C for 12 h under an argon atmosphere. After removal of the solvent in vacuo, water was added to the residue. The mixture was neutralized with sodium bicarbonate and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined ethyl acetate solution was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate) to give the desired product 2.

General Procedure for the Preparation of 3. Potassium tertbutoxide (24.0 mmol) was added to a solution of the substrate 9 (20.0 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (100 mL) at 0 °C under an argon atmosphere in one portion. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min. Then diethyl oxalate 10 (4.0 mL) was added via syringe, and the resulting mixture was stirred at 21 °C for 12 h. The precipitated product was collected by filtration, washed with toluene, and dried in vacuo to give the desired product 3.

General Procedure for the Preparation of 11. To 25.0 mL of acetic acid were added successively 5.0 mmol of compound 2 and 5.0 mmol of compound 3 at 21 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at 21 °C for 15 min, then refluxed for 4 h under an argon atmosphere. After removal of the solvent in vacuo, the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate) to give the desired product 11.

General Procedure for the Preparation of 12. To a solution of compound 11 (3.0 mmol) in 2-propanol (15.0 mL) was added

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potassium hydroxide (6.0 mmol) in one portion. The resulting mixture was stirred at  $21\,^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 2 h. After removal of the solvent in vacuo, the resulting residue was dissolved in water (100 mL) and neutralized with acetic acid. The precipitated product was collected by filtration and dried in vacuo over phosphorus pentoxide to give the desired product 12.

General Procedure for the Preparation of JX001-JX076. To a solution of the substrate 12 (0.5 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (5.0 mL) cooled to 0 °C was added dropwise oxalyl chloride (1.0 mL, 2.0 M in dichloromethane) with stirring under an argon atmosphere. Then a catalytic amount of DMF was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 21 °C for 2 h. After removal of the solvent in vacuo, product 13 was obtained in almost quantitative yield. The product 13 was dissolved in anhydrous toluene (15.0 mL), and compound 14 (2.5 mmol) was added at 21 °C. The resulting mixture was refluxed for 12 h under an argon atmosphere, then cooled to 21 °C, diluted with ethyl acetate, washed successively with 2 M hydrochloric acid and brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate) to give the desired JX compounds (JX001-JX076). The yields are generally quite good: for example, the yield of JX001 in this coupling of 13 and 14 was 82%.

Characterization Data for JX001–JX076. *N*-(2-Fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX001.  $^1$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.49 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (br s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.12 (m, 4H), 5.41–5.34 (m, 1H), 1.64 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.3, 152.8 (d, J = 242.4 Hz), 151.6, 150.2, 144.3, 135.9, 130.5, 128.9, 128.2, 126.6, 125.8 (d, J = 10.3 Hz), 125.3 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 124.8 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 122.0, 115.0 (d, J = 18.8 Hz), 111.7, 110.7, 49.2, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{20}H_{16}FN_4OS$  ([M - H] $^-$ ): 379.1029. Found: 379.1031. Mp 171–172  $^\circ$ C.

*N*-(2-Fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX002. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.51 (td, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (m, 2H), 8.19–8.16 (m, 2H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.54–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.25–7.14 (m, 3H), 5.52–5.45 (m, 1H), 1.67 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.5, 156.6, 152.8 (d, J = 242.5 Hz), 150.7, 138.5, 136.0, 130.4, 129.8, 128.9, 127.5, 125.9 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 125.3 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 124.8 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 122.0, 115.0 (d, J = 18.8 Hz), 112.9, 110.9, 49.0, 22.1. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 373.1465. Found: 373.1465.

*N*-(2-Fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(pyridin-4-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX003. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.71 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 8.62 (br s, 1H), 8.43–8.39 (m, 2H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22–7.13 (m, 3H), 5.48–5.41 (m, 1H), 1.65 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.2, 153.4, 153.0 (d, J = 242.9 Hz), 150.5, 150.4, 145.6, 136.5, 130.6, 125.65 (d, J = 10.3 Hz), 125.59 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 124.8 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 122.4, 121.4, 115.1 (d, J = 19.1 Hz), 112.7, 112.1, 49.3, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O ([M − H]<sup>-</sup>): 374.1417. Found: 374.1414.

*N*-(2-Fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX004. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.71–8.70 (m, 2H), 8.58 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.48–8.44 (m, 3H), 7.86 (td, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.34 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.13 (m, 3H), 5.48–5.42 (m, 1H), 1.67 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.6, 155.3, 155.1, 153.0 (d, J = 242.5 Hz), 150.4, 149.2, 137.0, 136.0, 131.8, 125.8 (d, J = 10.3 Hz), 125.3 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 124.7 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 124.4, 122.4, 121.5, 115.1 (d, J = 18.8 Hz), 112.9, 111.9, 49.0, 22.1. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{21}H_{17}FN_5O$  ([M – H] $^-$ ): 374.1417. Found: 374.1419.

*N*-(2-Fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(pyridin-3-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX005. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.37 (s, 1H), 8.67 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.48-8.42 (m, 2H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.14 (m, 3H), 5.48-5.41 (m, 1H), 1.65 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.3, 153.8, 152.9 (d, J = 242.4 Hz), 150.6, 150.5, 148.8, 136.5, 134.7, 134.1, 130.5, 125.8 (d, J = 9.9

Hz), 125.5 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 124.8 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 123.6, 122.2, 115.1 (d, J = 19.2 Hz), 112.5, 111.4, 49.3, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{21}H_{17}FN_5O$  ([M - H] $^-$ ): 374.1417. Found: 374.1417.

1-Isopropyl-*N*-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX006. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 10.96 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (s, 2H), 7.23 (t, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.24–5.18 (m, 1H), 1.52 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 164.4, 151.6, 150.0, 144.3, 141.9, 139.9, 137.1, 132.4, 130.3, 129.1, 128.3, 127.1, 120.7, 112.1, 111.8, 49.0, 22.4. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{20}H_{18}N_5O_3S_2$  ([M – H] $^-$ ): 440.0851. Found: 440.0849.

*N*-(2-Fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiazol-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX007. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.48–8.44 (m, 3H), 8.37 (br s, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.15 (m, 3H), 5.43–5.36 (m, 1H), 1.67 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.6, 163.0, 153.0 (d, J = 242.8 Hz), 150.1, 150.0, 144.2, 136.4, 132.0, 125.7 (d, J = 9.9 Hz), 125.5 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 124.8 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 122.4, 122.3, 115.1 (d, J = 19.1 Hz), 113.5, 110.8, 49.4, 22.1. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>OS ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 380.0981. Found: 380.0984.

*N*-(2,4-Difluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX008. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.46–8.40 (m, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 8.21 (br s, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 3.6,1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.13 (m, 1H), 6.99–6.93 (m, 2H), 5.41–5.34 (m, 1H), 1.65 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.4, 159.2 (dd, *J* = 246.3, 11.5 Hz), 153.0 (dd, *J* = 245.1, 11.9 Hz), 151.7, 150.2, 144.2, 135.7, 130.4, 129.0, 128.3, 126.6, 123.2 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.0 Hz), 122.1 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 3.8 Hz), 111.7, 111.5 (dd, *J* = 21.5, 3.5 Hz), 110.7, 104.0 (dd, *J* = 26.5, 23.0 Hz), 49.3, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OS ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 397.0935. Found: 397.0936.

*N*-(2,6-Difluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX009. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 3.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (br, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.15–7.13 (m, 1H), 7.05–7.00 (m, 2H), 5.41–5.34 (m, 1H), 1.64 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.9, 157.8 (dd, J = 250.1, 4.6 Hz), 151.6, 150.2, 144.3, 134.9, 131.1, 128.9, 128.3 (t, J = 9.8 Hz), 126.5, 113.3 (t, J = 16.1 Hz), 112.0, 111.9 (d, J = 18.4 Hz), 111.8, 111.2, 49.2, 22.1. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OS ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 397.0935. Found: 397.0936.

*N*-(2-Fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiazol-5-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX010. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.87 (s, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.46 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (s, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.25–7.14 (m, 3H), 5.39–5.32 (m, 1H), 1.64 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.0, 155.4, 152.9 (d, J = 242.4 Hz), 150.1, 149.3, 142.0, 140.1, 136.4, 130.6, 125.7 (d, J = 9.9 Hz), 125.5 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 124.8 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 122.2, 115.1 (d, J = 19.2 Hz), 112.3, 111.3, 49.4, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FN<sub>5</sub>OS ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 380.0981. Found: 380.0986.

*N*-(2-Fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(oxazol-5-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo-[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX011. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.47 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (m, 2H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.24–7.14 (m, 3H), 5.43–5.36 (m, 1H), 1.63 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.9, 152.8 (d, J = 242.5 Hz), 151.7, 150.8, 150.2, 145.7, 136.4, 131.0, 126.4, 125.7 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 125.5 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 124.8 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 122.1, 115.1 (d, J = 18.8 Hz), 111.7, 111.3, 49.1, 22.1. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub> ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 364.1210. Found: 364.1214.

*N*-(2-Fluorophenyl)-1-phenyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX012. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.51–8.47 (m, 2H), 8.38–8.36 (m, 2H), 8.33 (br s, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.77 (dd, J = 4.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.49 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.27–7.17 (m, 3H), 7.16–7.14 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.0, 152.9 (d, J = 242.5 Hz), 152.5, 150.7, 144.1, 139.3, 136.5, 133.0, 129.5, 129.1, 128.4, 126.9, 126.3, 125.8 (d, J = 9.9 Hz), 125.6 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 124.9 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 122.2, 121.1, 115.1 (d, J = 19.2 Hz), 112.5,

111.8. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{23}H_{14}FN_4OS$  ([M - H]<sup>-</sup>): 413.0872. Found: 413.0874.

1-(*tert*-Butyl)-*N*-(2-fluorophenyl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX013. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.52 (td, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (br s, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.14 (m, 4H), 1.91 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.4, 152.7 (d, J = 242.4 Hz), 150.8, 150.7, 144.8, 135.8, 129.1, 128.9, 128.3, 126.2, 125.9 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 125.3 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 124.8 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 122.0, 115.0 (d, J = 18.7 Hz), 111.8, 111.0, 60.7, 29.2. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>OS ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 393.1185. Found: 393.1190.

1-Cyclobutyl-*N*-(2-fluorophenyl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX014.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.50 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.31 (br s, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.14 (m, 4H), 5.65–5.56 (m, 1H), 2.95–2.85 (m, 2H), 2.61–2.53 (m, 2H), 2.05–1.94 (m, 2H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.3, 152.8 (d, J = 242.5 Hz), 151.8, 150.5, 144.2, 136.0, 130.8, 129.0, 128.3, 126.6, 125.9 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 125.4 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 124.8 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 122.0, 115.0 (d, J = 19.2 Hz), 111.8, 110.8, 51.0, 30.1, 15.1. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>OS ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 391.1029. Found: 391.1031.

*N*-(3,4-Difluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX015. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 10.84 (s, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.02 (dd, J = 4.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.98–7.92 (m, 1H), 7.74 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.54 (m, 1H), 7.50–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.23 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.24–5.17 (m, 1H), 1.52 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 164.2, 151.5, 150.1, 149.5 (dd, J = 242.1, 13.0 Hz), 146.5 (dd, J = 241.3, 12.6 Hz), 144.4, 137.1, 136.0 (dd, J = 9.1, 3.0 Hz), 132.4, 130.3, 129.1, 128.1, 118.0 (d, J = 17.6 Hz), 117.4 (dd, J = 6.2, 3.5 Hz), 111.9, 111.8, 110.1 (d, J = 21.4 Hz), 49.0, 22.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OS ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 397.0935. Found: 397.0935.

*N*-(3,5-Difluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX016. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 10.93 (s, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.01 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 9.6, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (dd, J = 5.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (tt, J = 8.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.23–5.17 (m, 1H), 1.51 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 164.5, 163.0 (dd, J = 241.7, 15.0 Hz), 151.5, 150.1, 144.3, 141.5 (t, J = 13.8 Hz), 136.8, 132.3, 130.3, 129.1, 128.1, 112.0, 111.7, 103.8 (dd, J = 20.7, 8.5 Hz), 100.0 (t, J = 26.1 Hz), 49.0, 22.4. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OS ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 397.0935. Found: 397.0932.

*N*-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX017.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 10.67 (s, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.00 (dd, J = 4.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.82–7.79 (m, 2H), 7.69 (dd, J = 5.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.16 (m, 3H), 5.25–5.18 (m, 1H), 1.52 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 163.8, 159.1 (d, J = 240.2 Hz), 151.4, 150.1, 144.4, 137.4, 135.2 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 132.4, 130.0, 128.9, 127.8, 122.9 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 115.7 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 111.9, 111.7, 48.9, 22.3. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>OS ([M – H] $^-$ ): 379.1029. Found: 379.1023.

*N*-(2,5-Difluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX018. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.38 (br, 1H), 8.36–8.31 (m, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.72 (dd, J = 4.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14–7.08 (m, 2H), 6.85–6.80 (m, 1H), 5.38–5.32 (m, 1H), 1.64 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.3, 158.6 (dd, J = 240.9, 2.3 Hz), 151.6, 150.1, 148.8 (dd, J = 237.9, 3.1 Hz), 144.1, 135.3, 130.3, 129.0, 128.2, 126.7 (t, J = 11.9 Hz), 126.6, 115.5 (dd, J = 21.8, 9.5 Hz), 111.7, 111.2 (dd, J = 24.1, 7.6 Hz), 110.5, 109.1 (d, J = 29.9 Hz), 49.2, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OS ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 397.0935. Found: 397.0934.

*N*-(2,3-Difluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX019.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.33 (br, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 8.26–8.22 (m, 1H), 7.89

(s, 1H), 7.75 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18–7.12 (m, 2H), 7.03–6.97 (m, 1H), 5.40–5.33 (m, 1H), 1.64 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.4, 151.6, 150.3 (dd, J = 246.3, 10.8 Hz), 150.2, 144.2, 141.7 (dd, J = 244.0, 15.0 Hz), 135.5, 130.4, 129.0, 128.3, 127.5 (dd, J = 7.3, 2.0 Hz), 126.6, 124.4 (dd, J = 7.3, 4.6 Hz), 117.1 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 113.0 (d, J = 16.8 Hz), 111.7, 110.6, 49.3, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{20}H_{15}F_2N_4OS$  ([M - H] $^-$ ): 397.0935. Found: 397.0936.

1-Isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-*N*-(2,4,6-trifluorophenyl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX020. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.61 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.99 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39—7.34 (m, 2H), 7.23 (dd, J = 5.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.25—5.18 (m, 1H), 1.52 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  164.2, 161.0 (dt, J = 245.5, 15.0 Hz), 158.8 (ddd, J = 248.2, 15.7, 7.7 Hz), 151.7, 150.2, 144.3, 135.4, 132.5, 130.4, 129.1, 128.1, 112.2, 111.9, 111.5 (td, J = 17.2, 5.0 Hz), 101.7 (td, J = 26.4, 2.6 Hz), 49.0, 22.4. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{20}H_{14}F_3N_4OS$  ([M - H] $^-$ ): 415.0840. Found: 415.0842.

*N*-(3-Fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX021. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.23 (s, 1H), 8.20 (br, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69–7.66 (m, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.12 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94–6.89 (m, 1H), 5.38–5.31 (m, 1H), 1.63 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.8, 163.0 (d, J = 244.4 Hz), 151.5, 150.1, 144.3, 138.9 (d, J = 10.7 Hz), 136.2, 130.9, 130.3 (d, J = 9.2 Hz), 128.9, 128.2, 126.5, 115.6 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 112.0 (d, J = 21.4 Hz), 111.2, 111.0, 107.9 (d, J = 26.4 Hz), 49.2, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>OS ([M − H]<sup>-</sup>): 379.1029. Found: 379.1029.

*N*-(2-Fluorophenyl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX022.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.25 (br s, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.16 (m, 4H), 5.17 (q, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.8, 152.8 (d, J = 242.5 Hz), 153.1, 152.0, 143.5, 136.7, 133.7, 129.7, 128.4, 127.3, 125.7 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 125.6 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 124.9 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 123.2 (q, J = 278.4 Hz), 122.1, 115.1 (d, J = 19.2 Hz), 112.3, 111.0, 47.9 (q, J = 35.6 Hz). HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OS ([M – H] $^{-}$ ): 419.0590. Found: 419.0589.

1-Isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-*N*-(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX023. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.45 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (br s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 3.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.42–5.35 (m, 1H), 1.66 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.6, 151.6, 150.3, 144.2, 135.8, 134.7 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 133.1, 130.6, 128.9, 128.3, 126.5, 126.3 (q, J = 5.2 Hz), 125.3, 124.5, 124.1 (q, J = 271.3 Hz), 120.5 (q, J = 29.5 Hz), 111.4, 110.7, 49.2, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OS ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 429.0997. Found: 429.0996.

1-Isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-*N*-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX024. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.96 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.04–8.02 (m, 3H), 7.76–7.73 (m, 3H), 7.23 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.24–5.17 (m, 1H), 1.52 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  164.5, 151.6, 150.1, 144.4, 142.7, 137.2, 132.4, 130.4, 129.1, 128.2, 126.6 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 124.82 (q, J = 270.0 Hz), 124.77 (q, J = 32.2 Hz), 120.9, 112.1, 111.8, 49.0, 22.4. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OS ([M - H]<sup>-</sup>): 429.0997. Found: 429.0993.

1-Isopropyl-*N*-(3-sulfamoylphenyl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX025. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.92 (s, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.03 (dd, J = 3.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dt, J = 7.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, J = 5.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.41 (s, 2H), 7.23 (dd, J = 5.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.24–5.18 (m, 1H), 1.52 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  164.3, 151.6, 150.1, 145.2, 144.4, 139.4, 137.1, 132.4, 130.4, 130.0, 129.1, 128.2, 123.9, 121.9, 118.0, 112.0, 111.9, 49.0, 22.4. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{20}H_{18}N_3O_3S_2$  ([M — M] $^-$ ): 440.0851. Found: 440.0844.

*N*-(4-Fluorophenyl)-6-(furan-2-yl)-1-isopropyl-1*H*-pyrazolo-[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX026. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.33 (br s, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.67–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.56–6.55 (m, 1H), 5.37–5.30 (m, 1H), 1.59 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.7, 159.9 (d, J = 243.6 Hz), 153.2, 150.2, 147.9, 144.1, 136.3, 133.3 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 131.3, 122.3 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 115.9 (d, J = 22.6 Hz), 112.5, 111.2, 110.4, 110.3, 48.7, 22.1. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 363.1257. Found: 363.1258.

1-Cyclopentyl-*N*-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX027.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.70 (s, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 8.02 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.83–7.78 (m, 2H), 7.73 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.19 (m, 3H), 5.40–5.33 (m, 1H), 2.17–2.13 (m, 2H), 2.08–2.00 (m, 2H), 1.95–1.88 (m, 2H), 1.73–1.68 (m, 2H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  163.9, 159.2 (d, J = 239.4 Hz), 151.6, 150.5, 144.4, 137.5, 135.3 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 132.5, 130.3, 129.1, 128.2, 123.0 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 115.9 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 112.0, 111.9, 57.9, 32.5, 24.9. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{22}H_{18}FN_4OS$  ([M - H] $^-$ ): 405.1185. Found: 405.1184.

1-Cyclohexyl-*N*-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX028. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 10.72 (s, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 8.03 (dd, J = 3.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83–7.80 (m, 2H), 7.73 (dd, J = 5.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.20 (m, 3H), 4.82–4.75 (m, 1H), 2.04–1.95 (m, 4H), 1.88–1.84 (m, 2H), 1.72–1.69 (m, 1H), 1.52–1.43 (m, 2H), 1.31–1.24 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 163.9, 159.1 (d, J = 239.8 Hz), 151.5, 150.1, 144.4, 137.6, 135.4 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 132.3, 130.3, 129.1, 128.2, 123.0 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 115.9 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 111.91, 111.86, 56.4, 32.5, 25.6, 25.5. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{23}H_{20}FN_4OS$  ([M - H] $^-$ ): 419.1342. Found: 419.1339.

1-Cycloheptyl-*N*-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX029. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.69 (s, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.02 (dd,  $J=3.6,\ 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.73 (dd,  $J=5.2,\ 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 3H), 5.07-4.99 (m, 1H), 2.18-2.13 (m, 2H), 2.04-1.99 (m, 2H), 1.86-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.57 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  163.9, 159.1 (d, J=239.8 Hz), 151.5, 149.8, 144.4, 137.5, 135.4 (d, J=2.7 Hz), 132.3, 130.3, 129.1, 128.1, 123.0 (d, J=7.7 Hz), 115.9 (d, J=22.2 Hz), 111.8 (2C), 58.3, 34.5, 28.5, 24.6. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{24}H_{22}FN_4OS$  ([M - H] $^-$ ): 433.1498. Found: 433.1495.

*N*-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-3-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX030. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.29 (br s, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.77–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.65–7.61 (m, 2H), 7.39 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.40–5.33 (m, 1H), 1.61 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.0, 159.9 (d, J = 243.6 Hz), 152.3, 150.4, 141.6, 136.3, 133.2 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 130.7, 126.59, 126.55, 125.1, 122.3 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 115.9 (d, J = 22.6 Hz), 112.5, 110.8, 49.0, 22.1. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>OS ([M − H]<sup>-</sup>): 379.1029. Found: 379.1027.

*N*-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX031. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 10.70 (s, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82–7.79 (m, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24–7.20 (m, 3H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.59 (s, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 163.8, 159.3, 159.2 (d, J = 239.7 Hz), 152.0, 150.7, 144.4, 137.7, 135.3 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 133.0, 130.5, 129.9, 129.6, 129.2, 128.2, 123.0 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 115.9 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 114.4, 112.0, 111.8, 55.5, 50.4. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{25}H_{18}FN_4O_2S$  ([M – H] $^-$ ): 457.1135. Found: 457.1122.

*N*-(4-Fluorophenyl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]-pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX032.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $^{4}$ 6) δ 13.87 (s, 1H), 10.70 (s, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.02 (dd,  $^{4}$ 5 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.84–7.80 (m, 2H), 7.72 (dd,  $^{4}$ 5 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.20 (m, 3H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $^{4}$ 6) δ 164.1, 159.2 (d,  $^{4}$ 5 239.8 Hz), 153.0, 151.9, 144.6, 137.3, 135.4 (d,  $^{4}$ 5 2.7 Hz), 134.0, 130.1, 129.1, 128.0, 123.0 (d,  $^{4}$ 5 8.0 Hz), 115.9 (d,  $^{4}$ 7 = 22.2

Hz), 111.7, 111.3. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{17}H_{10}FN_4OS$  ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 337.0559. Found: 337.0563.

1-Isopropyl-*N*-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX033.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.54 (s, 1H), 8.38–8.36 (m, 2H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.95–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.76–7.74 (m, 3H), 7.68 (td, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (td, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, J = 5.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.26–5.19 (m, 1H), 1.53 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  163.6, 151.6, 150.2, 144.2, 137.1, 134.9, 133.7, 133.6, 132.2, 130.5, 129.3, 128.7, 127.9, 125.6, 124.1, 111.64, 111.59, 49.1, 22.4. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{20}H_{18}N_5O_3S_2$  ([M — H] $^-$ ): 440.0851. Found: 440.0851.

*N*-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-isopropyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine-7-carboxamide, JX034. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 10.98 (s, 1H), 8.73 (s, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78–7.74 (m, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.78–4.72 (m, 1H), 1.46 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 164.5, 159.2 (d, J = 239.8 Hz), 157.2, 147.5, 145.9, 145.2, 135.3 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 130.7, 128.9, 128.5, 125.8, 122.5 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 120.7, 116.1 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 112.7, 49.1, 23.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>OS ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 379.1029. Found:379.1036.

*N*-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-isopropyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-3*H*-[1,2,3]-triazolo[4,5-*b*]pyridine-7-carboxamide, JX035. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.97 (s, 1H), 8.48 (s, 1H), 7.87 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.86–7.83 (m, 2H), 7.52 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13–7.09 (m, 2H), 5.46–5.39 (m, 1H), 1.84 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.2, 159.7 (d, J = 243.2 Hz), 154.1, 146.0, 143.5, 134.0 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 132.8, 131.9, 130.1, 128.6, 128.0, 122.0 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 116.7, 115.8 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 51.5, 22.1. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FN<sub>5</sub>OS ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 380.0981. Found: 380.0972.

*N*-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*d*]pyrimidine-4-carboxamide, JX036. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.91 (s, 1H), 8.70 (s, 1H), 8.12 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.79–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.53 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, J = 5.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.08 (m, 2H), 5.33–5.26 (m, 1H), 1.65 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.5, 159.7 (d, J = 243.2 Hz), 156.5, 154.3, 150.9, 142.6, 134.4, 133.0 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 130.3, 129.5, 128.4, 121.5 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 115.9 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 109.9, 49.4, 21.9. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FN<sub>5</sub>OS ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 380.0981. Found: 380.0991.

*N*-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX037. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 10.53 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.84 (dd, J = 3.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82–7.78 (m, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.15 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.12–5.05 (m, 1H), 1.50 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 165.4, 158.9 (d, J = 239.4 Hz), 147.6, 145.8, 145.6, 135.7 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 135.6, 128.8, 128.5, 127.9, 125.4, 122.7 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 117.4, 115.8 (d, J = 21.9 Hz), 110.1, 100.5, 46.3, 22.8. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{21}H_{17}FN_3OS$  ([M - H] $^-$ ): 378.1076. Found: 378.1078.

**6-Cyclopropyl-***N***-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-1***H***-pyrazolo-[3,4-***b***]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX038. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.58 (br s, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.57–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 6.98–6.94 (m, 2H), 5.20–5.13 (m, 1H), 2.04–1.99 (m, 1H), 1.50 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.12–1.08 (m, 2H), 1.01–0.96 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.3, 163.1, 159.7 (d, J = 243.7 Hz), 150.4, 135.2, 133.3 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 130.7, 122.4 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 115.7 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 113.6, 110.4, 48.7, 21.8, 17.6, 11.1. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 337.1465. Found: 337.1464.** 

4-Fluoro-*N*-(4-fluorobenzoyl)-*N*-(1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridin-4-yl)benzamide, JX039. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.87–7.82 (m, 4H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.50 (dd, J = 4.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.09–7.03 (m, 5H), 5.34–5.27 (m, 1H), 1.61 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.4, 165.6 (d, J = 254.7 Hz), 152.1, 150.8, 144.1, 141.4, 131.8 (d, J = 9.2 Hz), 129.9 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 129.2, 128.8, 128.1, 126.2, 116.3 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 111.3, 110.5, 49.3, 22.0. HRMS

(ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{27}H_{21}F_2N_4O_2S$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 503.1353. Found: 503.1317.

1-Isopropyl-*N*-(pyridin-2-yl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo-[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX040. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.25 (s, 1H), 8.45–8.43 (m, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.23–8.21 (m, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.80–7.76 (m, 1H), 7.70 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (ddd, J = 7.6, 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.39–5.33 (m, 1H), 1.64 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.8, 151.5, 151.1, 150.2, 148.0, 144.3, 138.6, 136.0, 131.3, 128.9, 128.2, 126.4, 120.5, 114.6, 111.2, 111.1, 49.1, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{19}H_{16}N_5OS$  ([M – H] $^-$ ): 362.1076. Found: 362.1086.

1-Isopropyl-*N*-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX041.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.39 (s, 1H), 8.63 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.71 (dd, J = 3.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09–7.05 (m, 2H), 5.35–5.32 (m, 1H), 1.61 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.3, 158.5, 157.4, 151.5, 150.2, 144.2, 135.7, 131.5, 128.8, 128.2, 126.5, 117.3, 111.2, 111.1, 49.1, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{18}H_{15}N_6OS$  ([M - H] $^-$ ): 363.1028. Found: 363.1034.

1-Isopropyl-*N*-(pyridin-4-yl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo-[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX042. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.46 (s, 1H), 8.45 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.66 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (dd, J = 3.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, J = 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, J = 5.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.29–5.26 (m, 1H), 1.58 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.7, 151.3, 150.5, 150.0, 145.1, 144.0, 135.6, 131.0, 129.0, 128.2, 126.4, 114.3, 111.2, 110.9, 49.1, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 362.1076. Found: 362.1080.

1-Isopropyl-*N*-(pyrimidin-4-yl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX043.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.27 (s, 1H), 8.86 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.69 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (dd, J = 6.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.71 (dd, J = 4.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.38–5.31 (m, 1H), 1.62 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.5, 158.8, 158.4, 156.9, 151.5, 150.2, 144.0, 134.7, 131.0, 129.1, 128.3, 126.6, 111.2, 110.8, 110.7, 49.3, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{18}H_{15}N_6OS$  ([M - H] $^-$ ): 363.1028. Found: 363.1034.

4-Fluoro-*N*-(1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridin-4-yl)benzenesulfonamide, JX044.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.07 (m, 3H), 7.63 (dd, J = 4.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.42 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18–7.11 (m, 3H), 5.27–5.20 (m, 1H), 1.55 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H), one low-field proton not observed;  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.7 (d, J = 255.9 Hz), 152.4, 150.6, 144.8, 138.3, 134.4 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 130.2 (d, J = 9.5 Hz),128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 126.0, 116.9 (d, J = 23.0 Hz), 106.0, 99.8, 48.9, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 415.0699. Found: 415.0706.

1-Isopropyl-*N*-(1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo-[3,4-*b*]pyridin-4-yl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]-pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX045.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.68 (s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.70–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.10–7.06 (m, 2H), 5.37–5.29 (m, 2H), 1.63 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.62 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.2, 152.7, 151.6, 150.7, 150.1, 144.9, 144.0, 138.2, 135.3, 130.3, 129.1, 128.6, 128.34, 128.26, 128.1, 126.6, 126.2, 111.7, 110.6, 106.2, 102.7, 49.3, 49.0, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{27}H_{24}N_7OS_2$  ([M - H] $^-$ ): 526.1484. Found: 526.1488.

*N*-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carbothioamide, JX046. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.33 (s, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.83–7.80 (m, 2H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, J = 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.11 (m, 3H), 5.36–5.30 (m, 1H), 1.61 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 194.3, 161.0 (d, J = 246.7 Hz), 151.7, 150.1, 144.3, 143.8, 134.3 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 130.6, 128.8, 128.2, 126.5, 125.6 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 116.1 (d, J = 22.6 Hz), 111.0, 110.2, 49.2, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> ([M − H]<sup>-</sup>): 395.0800. Found: 395.0805.

1-Isopropyl-*N*-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX047. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 11.04 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.07 (dt, J = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 8.03 (dd, J = 4.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (dt, J = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.24–5.18 (m, 1H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 1.52 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 164.6, 151.6, 150.0, 144.3, 143.6, 137.0, 136.2, 132.3, 130.4, 129.1, 128.6, 128.2, 120.8, 112.1, 117.8, 49.0, 44.3, 22.4. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> ([M − H]<sup>-</sup>): 439.0899. Found: 439.0882.

(5-Fluoroindolin-1-yl)(1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridin-4-yl)methanone, JX048. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.29 (br s, 1H), 8.00 (br s, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.44 (dd, J = 5.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, J = 4.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98–6.92 (m, 2H), 5.39–5.32 (m, 1H), 4.01 (br s, 12H), 3.11 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.0, 159.9 (d, J = 243.6 Hz), 151.5, 149.7, 144.4, 138.3 (d, J = 10.7 Hz), 138.1, 134.2 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 130.7, 128.7, 128.1, 126.3, 118.7 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), 113.9 (d, J = 23.8 Hz), 112.1 (d, J = 24.2 Hz), 110.6, 110.4, 50.5, 49.0, 28.3, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{22}H_{20}FN_4OS$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 407.1342. Found: 407.1306.

*N*-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-sulfonamide, JX049. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.33 (s, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94–6.89 (m, 2H), 5.34–5.27 (m, 1H), 1.57 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), one low-field proton not observed; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.7 (d, J = 244.4 Hz), 154.6, 148.9, 137.2, 136.9, 134.8, 132.2 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 131.4, 128.0 (d, J = 25.2 Hz), 124.7 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 116.2, 115.9, 113.7, 110.7, 49.5, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 415.0699. Found: 415.0689.

*N*-(2-Bromo-4-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX050. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.57 (dd, J = 9.2, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (br s, 1H), 8.43 (s, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.78 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, J = 7.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.12 (m, 2H), 5.42–5.36 (m, 1H), 1.65 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.3, 158.9 (d, J = 248.2 Hz), 151.7, 150.3, 144.3, 135.8, 131.9 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 130.6, 129.0, 128.3, 126.6, 123.1 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 119.6 (d, J = 25.7 Hz), 115.5 (d, J = 21.4 Hz), 114.0 (d, J = 9.2 Hz), 111.9, 110.5, 49.3, 22.1. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{20}H_{17}BrFN_4OS$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 459.0290. Found: 459.0251.

**6-Fluoro-2-(1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1***H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridin-4-yl)benzo[*d*]oxazole, JX051. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.59 (s, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.83–7.78 (m, 2H), 7.46 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.14 (m, 2H), 5.41–5.34 (m, 1H), 1.67 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 161.4 (d, J = 244.8 Hz), 161.1 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 151.4, 150.7 (d, J = 15.0 Hz), 150.2, 144.6, 138.2 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 132.4, 128.7, 128.2, 127.8, 126.4, 121.3 (d, J = 10.4 Hz), 113.4 (d, J = 24.9 Hz), 111.2, 110.5, 98.9 (d, J = 27.9 Hz), 49.1, 22.1. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>OS ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 379.1029. Found: 379.0998.

*N*-(3-(*N*,*N*-Dimethylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX052. 
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.92 (br s, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.15 (dt, J = 8.0, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.77 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, J = 5.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.35–5.28 (m, 1H), 2.63 (s, 6H), 1.60 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.3, 151.5, 150.1, 144.3, 138.4, 136.2, 136.0, 131.4, 129.9, 128.9, 128.2, 126.7, 124.9, 123.7, 119.5, 111.2, 111.1, 49.1, 37.8, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{22}H_{22}N_5O_3S_2$  ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 468.1164. Found: 468.1146.

1-Isopropyl-*N*-(3-(*N*-methylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX053.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.93 (s, 1H), 8.35 (t, J=1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.05 (ddd, J=8.0, 2.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (dd, J=3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, J=5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (ddd, J=8.0, 1.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.47 (m, 1H), 7.22 (dd, J=4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.25–5.18 (m, 1H), 2.44 (d, J=4.8 Hz, 3H), 1.53 (d, J=6.8 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-

 $d_6$ )  $\delta$  164.3, 151.5, 150.1, 144.4, 140.4, 139.7, 137.0, 132.4, 130.3, 130.2, 129.0, 128.1, 124.4, 122.7, 119.0, 112.0, 111.9, 49.0, 29.2, 22.4. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{21}H_{20}N_5O_3S_2$  ([M - H] $^-$ ): 454.1008. Found: 454.0992.

4-Fluoro-*N*-(1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridin-4-yl)benzamide, JX054. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.39 (br s, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.95–7.91 (m, 2H), 7.67 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 5.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.08 (dd, J = 5.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.34–5.28 (m, 1H), 1.60 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.3 (d, J = 252.8 Hz), 165.0, 152.7, 150.7, 145.1, 138.9, 130.1 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.8 (d, J = 9.2 Hz), 128.7, 128.2, 128.0, 126.1, 116.1 (d, J = 21.9 Hz), 106.3, 102.5, 48.8, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>OS ([M − H]<sup>-</sup>): 379.1029. Found: 379.1017.

6-Cyclopropyl-1-isopropyl-*N*-(3-sulfamoylphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX055.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.82 (s, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.39 (s, 2H), 5.16–5.09 (m, 1H), 2.33–2.30 (m, 1H), 1.45 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.16–1.09 (m, 4H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  164.7, 163.3, 150.4, 145.1, 139.5, 136.0, 131.9, 130.0, 123.8, 121.8, 117.9, 114.2, 111.2, 48.6, 22.3, 18.0, 11.5. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{19}H_{20}N_5O_3S$  ([M - H] $^-$ ): 398.1287. Found: 398.1272.

1-Isopropyl-*N*-(pyridin-3-yl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo-[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX056.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.01 (s, 1H), 8.71 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.34–8.32 (m, 2H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.61 (dd, J = 4.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.06 (dd, J = 4.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.34–5.27 (m, 1H), 1.60 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.4, 151.4, 150.1, 145.9, 144.1, 141.6, 135.8, 134.6, 131.1, 128.9, 128.2, 128.1, 126.4, 123.9, 111.2, 111.0, 49.2, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{19}H_{16}N_5OS$  ([M - H] $^-$ ): 362.1076. Found: 362.1066.

1-Isopropyl-*N*-(pyridin-2-yl)-6-(thiophen-3-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo-[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX057.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.18 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d, J = 6.8 Hz), 8.40 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.04 (dd, J = 2.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.83–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11–7.08 (m, 1H), 5.45–5.38 (m, 1H), 1.64 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.0, 152.3, 151.1, 150.5, 148.0, 141.6, 138.7, 135.9, 131.2, 126.63, 126.59, 125.1, 120.5, 114.6, 112.4, 111.0, 48.9, 22.1. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 362.1076. Found: 362.1066.

1-Isopropyl-*N*-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-6-(thiophen-3-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX058. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.31 (s, 1H), 8.65 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.05 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 1.2, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.82 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.43–5.36 (m, 1H), 1.63 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.4, 158.5, 157.4, 152.3, 150.5, 141.6, 135.7, 131.4, 126.63, 126.56, 125.1, 117.3, 112.4, 111.1, 48.9, 22.1. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>6</sub>OS ([M - H]<sup>-</sup>): 363.1028. Found: 363.1019.

1-Isopropyl-*N*-(pyrimidin-4-yl)-6-(thiophen-3-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX059.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.08 (br s, 1H), 8.91 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.73 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (dd, J = 6.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 80.8 (dd, J = 2.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.84 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, J = 5.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.45-5.38 (m, 1H), 1.64 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.6, 158.8, 158.5, 156.9, 152.4, 150.5, 141.4, 134.7, 130.9, 126.8, 126.6, 125.3, 112.5, 110.70, 110.68, 49.1, 22.1. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{18}H_{15}N_6OS$  ([M - H]<sup>-</sup>): 363.1028. Found: 363.1018.

1-Isopropyl-*N*-(pyridin-3-yl)-6-(thiophen-3-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo-[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX060. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.90 (br s, 1H), 8.71 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.35–8.32 (m, 2H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.97 (dd, J = 3.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.30 (m, 1H), 5.40–5.33 (m, 1H), 1.61 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.6, 152.3, 150.4, 145.9, 141.6, 141.5, 135.8, 134.6, 130.9, 128.0, 126.61, 126.56, 125.1, 123.9, 112.5, 110.9, 48.9, 22.1.

HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{19}H_{16}N_5OS$  ([M - H] $^-$ ): 362.1076. Found: 362.1064.

1-Isopropyl-*N*-(pyridin-4-yl)-6-(thiophen-3-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo-[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX061. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.00 (br s, 1H), 8.51 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.96 (dd, J = 2.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (dd, J = 4.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.40–5.33 (m, 1H), 1.61 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.7, 152.3, 150.7, 150.4, 144.8, 141.5, 135.6, 130.7, 126.7, 126.6, 125.1, 114.2, 112.5, 110.7, 49.0, 22.1. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{19}H_{16}N_5OS$  ([M − H]<sup>-</sup>): 362.1076. Found: 362.1065.

1-Isopropyl-*N*-(pyridin-3-yl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrrolo-[2,3-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX062. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.71 (br s, 1H), 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.37–8.34 (m, 2H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.59 (dd, J = 4.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.33–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.06 (dd, J = 5.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.26–5.16 (m, 1H), 1.56 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.7, 147.8, 146.1, 145.6, 145.5, 141.4, 134.7, 133.8, 128.0, 127.6, 127.2, 126.8, 124.3, 123.8, 116.2, 110.3, 98.8, 46.2, 22.7. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OS ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 361.1123. Found: 361.1112.

1-Isopropyl-*N*-(pyridin-4-yl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrrolo-[2,3-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX063. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.80 (br s, 1H), 8.49 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.64 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.24–5.17 (m, 1H), 1.55 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.6, 150.7, 147.8, 146.0, 145.4, 145.0, 133.6, 128.0, 127.3, 126.8, 124.3, 116.1, 113.9, 110.2, 98.8, 46.2, 22.7. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OS ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 361.1123. Found: 361.1112.

*N*-(3-Carbamoylphenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX064. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 10.76 (s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, J=2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.99–7.97 (m, 2H), 7.74 (dd, J=4.8, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.23 (dd, J=4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.24–5.17 (m, 1H), 1.52 (d, J=6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 168.2, 164.0, 151.6, 150.1, 144.4, 139.0, 137.3, 135.6, 132.5, 130.3, 129.1, 128.2, 123.8, 123.5, 120.8, 112.0, 111.9, 49.0, 22.4. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{21}H_{18}N_5O_2S$  ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 404.1181. Found: 404.1166.

(*Z*)-1-Isopropyl-*N'*-(pyridin-3-yl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboximidamide, JX065. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.38–8.34 (m, 2H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, J = 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.38 (m, 1H), 7.34–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.14 (dd, J = 4.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.40–5.33 (m, 1H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 1.63 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.7, 151.4, 150.2, 145.1, 144.9, 144.6, 143.1, 137.5, 131.6, 128.9, 128.6, 128.2, 126.3, 124.2, 111.6, 111.1, 49.0, 22.1. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>6</sub>S ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 361.1235. Found: 361.1224.

1-Isopropyl-*N*-(pyrimidin-5-yl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX066.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.16 (s, 2H), 9.03 (s, 1H), 8.51 (br s, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, J = 5.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.36-5.29 (m, 1H), 1.61 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.3, 154.9, 151.5, 150.1, 148.4, 144.0, 134.9, 133.1, 130.8, 129.2, 128.3, 126.6, 111.3, 110.7, 49.3, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{18}H_{15}N_6OS$  ([M - H] $^-$ ): 363.1028. Found: 363.1019.

(*Z*)-*N*′-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboximidamide, JX067. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.30 (s, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, J = 5.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.08 (m, 3H), 7.03–6.99 (m, 2H), 5.39–5.33 (m, 1H), 5.10 (br s, 2H), 1.63 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.3 (d, J = 240.2 Hz), 153.3, 153.1, 151.3, 150.1, 144.6, 137.8, 131.6, 128.5, 128.1, 126.2, 122.5 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 116.3 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 111.6, 111.0, 48.9, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FN<sub>5</sub>S ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 378.1189. Found: 378.1176.

*N*-(2-Fluoro-5-sulfamoylphenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX068.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_{6}$ ) δ 10.79 (s, 1H), 8.32–8.26 (m, 3H),

8.02 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.77–7.73 (m, 2H), 7.58–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.49 (br s, 2H), 7.23 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.25–5.18 (m, 1H), 1.52 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  164.3, 157.3 (d, J = 252.0 Hz), 151.6, 150.1, 144.3, 141.0 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 136.2, 132.3, 130.4, 129.2, 128.2, 126.1 (d, J = 13.0 Hz), 125.4 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 124.6 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 117.2 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 112.3, 111.9, 49.0, 22.4. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{20}H_{17}FN_5O_3S_2$  ([M - H] $^-$ ): 458.0757. Found: 458.0761.

*N*-(4-Fluoro-3-sulfamoylphenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX069.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_{6}$ ) δ 10.92 (s, 1H), 8.35 (dd, J = 6.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.07-8.02 (m, 2H), 7.74 (dd, J = 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (br s, 2H), 7.46 (t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.24-5.17 (m, 1H), 1.52 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_{6}$ ) δ 164.2, 154.8 (d, J = 249.0 Hz), 151.5, 150.1, 144.4, 137.0, 135.2 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 132.4, 132.0 (d, J = 15.3 Hz), 130.4, 129.1, 128.2, 126.3 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 120.7, 117.9 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 112.0, 111.9 (d, J = 12.3 Hz), 49.0, 22.4. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{20}H_{17}$ FN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> ([M - H]<sup>-</sup>): 458.0757. Found: 458.0741.

1-Isopropyl-6-phenyl-*N*-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]-pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX070.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.21 (br s, 1H), 8.46–8.44 (m, 2H), 8.25–8.23 (m, 1H), 8.15–8.11 (m, 2H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.81–7.76 (m, 1H), 7.53–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.09–7.06 (m, 1H), 5.50–5.43 (m, 1H), 1.66 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.0, 156.5, 151.1, 150.7, 148.0, 138.6, 138.5, 136.0, 131.2, 129.8, 128.9, 127.5, 120.5, 114.5, 112.3, 111.3, 49.0, 22.1. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 356.1511. Found: 356.1503.

**6-Cyclopropyl-1-isopropyl-N-(pyridin-2-yl)-1***H*-**pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX071.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.37 (br s, 1H), 8.41 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.77–7.72 (m, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.04–7.01 (m, 1H), 5.26–5.19 (m, 1H), 2.14–2.09 (m, 1H), 1.55 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.16–1.12 (m, 2H), 1.07–1.02 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.3, 163.1, 151.2, 150.6, 147.8, 138.5, 134.9, 131.0, 120.3, 114.5, 113.6, 110.6, 48.7, 21.9, 17.7, 11.1. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 320.1511. Found: 320.1503.

1-Isopropyl-*N*-(pyridin-2-yl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrrolo-[2,3-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX072. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.09 (br s, 1H), 8.46 (dt, J = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (ddd, J = 5.2, 1.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.79–7.75 (m, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 4.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, J = 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (ddd, J = 7.2, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.29–5.23 (m, 1H), 1.58 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.3, 151.4, 148.1, 147.9, 146.1, 145.6, 138.5, 133.9, 128.0, 127.1, 126.7, 124.3, 120.1, 116.3, 114.3, 110.3, 99.1, 46.2, 22.7. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{20}H_{17}N_4OS$  ([M – H]<sup>-</sup>): 361.1123. Found: 361.1110.

N-(5-Carbamoyl-2-fluorophenyl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX073.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 10.67 (s, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.22 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.03–8.01 (m, 2H), 7.85–7.81 (m, 1H), 7.74 (dd, J = 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.23 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.24–5.18 (m, 1H), 1.52 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 170.8, 167.0, 164.1, 157.9 (d, J = 250.9 Hz), 151.6, 150.1, 144.3, 136.3, 132.4, 131.3 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 130.3, 129.2, 128.1, 127.32, 127.28 (d, J = 12.3 Hz), 125.3 (d, J = 13.1 Hz), 116.3 (d, J = 20.3 Hz), 112.0 (d, J = 13.8 Hz), 49.0, 22.4 HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{21}H_{17}FN_5O_2S$  ([M - H] $^-$ ): 422.1087. Found: 422.1094.

1-Isopropyl-*N*-methyl-*N*-(pyridin-2-yl)-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX074. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.42 (ddd, J = 4.8, 2.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.52 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (td, J = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.08 (dd, J = 5.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (ddd, J = 7.6, 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.28–5.22 (m, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 1.56 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.6, 155.6, 151.0, 149.6, 149.0, 144.5, 137.8, 131.2, 128.5, 128.1, 126.1, 121.7, 120.5, 112.4, 111.4, 48.9, 35.8, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 378.1389. Found: 378.1387.

*N*-(5-Fluoropyridin-2-yl)-1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine-4-carboxamide, JX075. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.99 (br s, 1H), 8.45 (dd, J = 9.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.74 (dd, J = 3.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (ddd, J = 9.2, 7.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.39–5.33 (m, 1H), 1.64 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.5, 156.7 (d, J = 251.2 Hz), 151.5, 150.2, 147.1 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 144.2, 135.6, 135.4 (d, J = 30.2 Hz), 131.1, 128.9, 128.3, 126.5, 125.7 (d, J = 19.1 Hz), 115.4 (d, J = 4.2 Hz), 111.1, 111.0, 49.2, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{19}H_{17}FN_5OS$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>): 382.1138. Found: 382.1128.

(2,3-Dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridin-1-yl)(1-isopropyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridin-4-yl)methanone, JX076.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.80 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.49 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, J = 7.6, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.38–5.31 (m, 1H), 4.34 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.6, 154.9, 151.0, 149.8, 146.1, 145.0, 137.9, 133.7, 131.0, 128.2, 128.1, 126.0, 125.8, 119.1, 112.1, 111.6, 48.8, 47.3, 25.0, 22.0. HRMS (ESI, m/z) calcd for  $C_{21}H_{20}N_5OS$  ([M + H] $^+$ ): 390.1389. Found: 390.1386.

**Cells and Viruses.** HeLa-RW cells or LLC-MK2 cells were used as the host cells for the enteroviruses as described previously.<sup>15</sup> The cells were grown in DMEM supplemented with penicillin, streptomycin, glutamine, and 10% fetal bovine serum. The strains and sources of CVB3-H3, EV-A71, and poliovirus-1 types used and the conditions for their propagation and quantification were described previously.<sup>15</sup>

In Vitro Evaluation of Antiviral Activities of the New Compounds. Each compound was dissolved in DMSO and tested at concentration of 10  $\mu M$  in two separate experiments. The compounds that protected the cells from cytopathic effects (CPE) were further evaluated for their in vitro efficacies against the representative viruses EV-A71, CV-B3, and poliovirus-1. Serial 2-fold dilutions of each compound were prepared. Cells growing in 96-well plates were infected with enteroviruses at low multiplicities of infection predetermined to result in 100% cytopathic effects (CPE) in the cultures after 3-4 days incubation. Each dilution of compound was tested in triplicate. Cultures were monitored daily for microscopic signs of typical CPE: rounding of cells and detachment. When CPE appeared maximal in the control wells without the antiviral compounds, the cells were fixed with 4% formaldehyde before staining with 0.25% crystal violet solution. Dead cells and debris were washed out, and the remaining blue stain intensity in each well was quantified by spectrophotometry at a wavelength of 590 nm (OD<sub>590</sub>) as a measurement of viability. A seven-point dose-response curve was constructed, and the EC50 value was estimated using four-parameter model or sigmoidal model. For CC<sub>50</sub> value determination, cells were incubated with serial 2-fold dilutions of a compound for the same period as the virus CPE assay, and then cells were fixed, stained and the plate was read; CC<sub>50</sub> was not always quantified for a compound if no antiviral activity was demonstrated. We report the EC50, CC50, and the calculated selectivity index ( $SI_{50} = CC_{50}/EC_{50}$ ).

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High field proton and carbon NMR spectra for compounds JX001–JX076 and Table S1 (PDF) Molecular formula strings (CSV)

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#### ABBREVIATIONS USED

EV, enterovirus; CV, coxsackievirus; SAR, structure—activity relationship; LLC, Lewis lung carcinoma; SI, selectivity index; DMF, dimethylformamide

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