

1    **A conserved and druggable pocket in class B G protein coupled receptors for**  
2    **orally active small molecule agonists**

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19 **Abstract**

20 **Class B G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs), including glucagon-like receptor 1  
21 (GLP-1R) and parathyroid hormone receptor 1 (PTH1R), are peptide hormone  
22 receptors and important drug targets. Injectable peptide drugs targeting class B  
23 GPCRs have been developed for the treatment of many diseases, including type 2  
24 diabetes, obesity, and osteoporosis, but orally available small molecule drugs are  
25 hotly pursued in the field, especially small molecule agonists of GLP-1R and  
26 PTH1R. Here we report the first high-resolution structure of the human PTH1R  
27 in complex with the stimulatory G protein (G<sub>s</sub>) and a small molecule agonist,  
28 PCO371, which reveals an unexpected binding mode of PCO371 at the interface  
29 of PTH1R and G<sub>s</sub>. The binding site of PCO371 is totally different from all binding  
30 sites previously reported for small molecules or peptide ligands in GPCRs.  
31 Residues that make up the PCO371 binding pocket are mostly conserved in class  
32 B GPCRs and a single mutation in PTH type 2 receptor (PTH2R) and two residue  
33 mutations in GLP-1R convert these receptors to respond to PCO371 activation.  
34 Functional assays reveal that PCO371 is a G-protein biased agonist that is  
35 defective in promoting PTH1R-mediated arrestin signaling. Together, these results  
36 uncover a distinct binding site for designing small molecule agonists for PTH1R  
37 and possible other members of class B GPCRs and define a receptor conformation  
38 that is only specific for G protein activation but not arrestin signaling. These  
39 insights should facilitate the design of distinct types of class B GPCR small  
40 molecule agonists for various therapeutic indications.**

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42 **Introduction**

43 Class B G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs) are peptide hormone receptors that are  
44 drug targets for many diseases, including osteoporosis, type 2 diabetes, obesity, bone  
45 metabolism diseases, cardiovascular disease, migraine, and depression<sup>1-4</sup>. Structures of  
46 all 15 members of class B GPCRs with peptide agonists have been determined in recent  
47 years<sup>2</sup>, providing important molecular mechanisms of hormone recognition and  
48 receptor activation for the whole class B GPCRs and rational templates for designing  
49 better peptidic and small-molecule drugs<sup>2</sup>. Class B GPCRs are different from class A  
50 GPCRs because many therapeutic small molecule agonist drugs have been developed  
51 for class A but not for class B GPCRs<sup>5</sup>. For class B GPCRs, despite great efforts toward  
52 discovering orally available non-peptidic agonists, few small molecule agonists of class  
53 B GPCRs are known<sup>6,7</sup>. This is a difficult problem in class B GPCRs, because their  
54 natural ligands are peptide hormones, which activate the receptor through peptide  
55 binding to a large open pocket within the receptor transmembrane domain (TMD) and  
56 the high affinity binding of peptide hormones requires the interaction with the receptor  
57 extracellular domain (ECD)<sup>8</sup>. To date, only a few small molecule agonists of GLP-1R  
58 and PTH1R have been reported<sup>9-17</sup>. Several structures of GLP-1R with a partial or full  
59 non-peptidic small molecule agonist have also been reported<sup>9,13,18-20</sup>, which reveals that  
60 they bind to the same binding site of peptide hormones or to an allosteric site at the  
61 cytoplasmic end of TM6<sup>9,11,13,18,21</sup>. Nonetheless, there is no orally available small  
62 molecule drugs of class B GPCRs. It is challenging but remains a long-term goal to  
63 replace the injectable peptide drugs with oral drugs, with aims to improve the quality  
64 of life of patients, the profiles of side-effects, and the costs of peptide drugs.

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66 Parathyroid hormone receptor 1 (PTH1R) is a classic member of class B GPCRs that  
67 regulates calcium homeostasis and skeleton development through activation by two  
68 endogenous peptide hormones, parathyroid hormone (PTH) and PTH-related peptide  
69 (PThrP)<sup>8,22,23</sup>. PTH1R is a clinically proven target for hypoparathyroidism and  
70 osteoporosis, which can be treated with injections of PTH or PThrP analogs<sup>8,17</sup>.

71 Recently Nishimura et al<sup>24</sup> reported a human PTH1R agonist, PCO371, as a potent and  
72 orally available small molecule agonist that is currently being evaluated in a phase 1  
73 clinical study for the treatment of hypoparathyroidism<sup>17,25</sup>. However, the molecular  
74 mechanism of PTH1R activation by PCO371 remains unknown. In this paper, we report  
75 the structure of PTH1R bound to PCO371 and its functional characterization as a G-  
76 protein biased agonist. To our surprise, the structure reveals that PCO371 binds to an  
77 unexpected site at the interface between PTH1R and G-protein, distinct from all other  
78 sites known for GPCR ligands. Importantly, the PCO371 pocket is mostly conserved in  
79 class B GPCRs, thus opening a new avenue for designing small drug molecules  
80 targeting specifically to this pocket.

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## 82 **Results**

### 83 **Characterization of PCO371 and structure determination**

84 PCO371 is a potent and orally available small molecule for treatment of  
85 hypoparathyroidism<sup>24</sup>. PCO371 was characterized as an agonist of PTH1R as it can  
86 induce cAMP production to the same level as did PTH (1–34)<sup>17</sup>, but it remains unknown  
87 whether PCO371 could induce PTH1R-mediated β-arrestin signaling (Fig. 1a). We first  
88 investigated their effects on G protein signaling pathways using cAMP accumulation,  
89 and their effects on β-arrestin signaling using β-arrestin recruitment assay. We  
90 confirmed that PCO371 is a full G-protein agonist, but discovered that PCO371, unlike  
91 PTH peptide, is defective in promoting PTH1R-mediated arrestin signaling (Fig. 1b-d).  
92 These data suggest that PCO371 is a G-protein biased agonist.

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94 To study the G-protein-biased agonism of PCO371, we prepared the PCO371-bound  
95 PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> complex using the NanoBiT tethering strategy, which details are described  
96 in methods<sup>26,27</sup>. The carboxyl terminus of PTH1R was truncated to residue H502 to  
97 increase the expression level of PTH1R as we showed previously (Extended Data  
98 Fig.1a)<sup>28</sup>. The complex was purified by size-exclusion chromatography and verified by  
99 SDS gel (Extended Data Fig.1b). The structure of PCO371-PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> complex was

100 solved by cryo-EM to high resolution of 2.57 Å (Fig. 1e, Extended Data Fig. 2, and  
101 Extended Data Table 1). The high resolution cryo-EM map is sufficiently clear to place  
102 the receptor, the G<sub>s</sub> heterotrimer, and the small molecule agonist in the PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub>  
103 protein complex (Fig. 1e-h and Extended Data Fig. 3). Unlike the peptide-bound  
104 PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> structures, the PTH1R ECD was invisible in this PCO371-bound PTH1R-  
105 G<sub>s</sub> structure due to the flexibility of the ECD in the absence of the peptide binding.

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107 **Overall architecture**

108 The overall structure of PTH1R exhibits a canonical seven-transmembrane domain fold  
109 of GPCRs and the hallmark of class B GPCRs activation with a kink in the middle of  
110 the TM6 (Extended Data Fig. 4a and b). We also observed several remarkably distinct  
111 features in PCO371-PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> structure compared to three cryo-EM structures of  
112 PTH1R in complexes with PTH, PTHrP, and LA-PTH as previously reported (Extended  
113 Data Fig. 4, Extended Data Fig. 5)<sup>28,29</sup>. The notable difference is that PCO371 occupies  
114 a distinct ligand-binding pocket of PTH1R, comprising of intracellular portion of TM2,  
115 TM3, TM6 and TM7 as well as helix H8, at the interface between PTH1R and the G  
116 protein (Fig. 1h, Extended Data Fig. 4a and b). This binding pocket is different from  
117 the peptide hormone binding pockets of class B GPCRs and the small-molecule binding  
118 pockets of GLP-1R (Fig. 2, Extended Data Fig. 4b, 5, 6). In responding to PCO371  
119 binding, the extracellular tips of helices TM1, TM6, and TM7 in the PCO371-PTH1R-  
120 G<sub>s</sub> structure shift counterclockwise by as much as 7–8 Å, relative to their positions in  
121 the PTH-PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> structure (Extended Data Fig. 4c), which results in a collision  
122 between the extracellular end of TM6 and the bound PTH peptide, consistent with the  
123 report that the presence of PCO371 would inhibit the binding of PTH to its TMD<sup>17</sup>. On  
124 the other hand, relative to the peptide-bound PTH1R structures, we observed a ~4 Å  
125 inward shift at the cytoplasmic end of TM6 as measured by the C $\alpha$  of R400<sup>6,32b</sup> and a  
126 1.4 Å outward shift at the cytoplasmic end of TM7 as measured by the C $\alpha$  of I458<sup>7,56</sup>  
127 (Extended Data Fig. 4d). Together, these observations suggest that PCO371 induced a  
128 very distinct PTH1R conformation, unseen for structures of all other class B GPCRs,

129 to couple with downstream signal transducers.

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131 **PCO371 has an unanticipated binding pattern**

132 Within the structure, PCO371 adopted a horizontal “U”-shape pose that wraps around  
133 the bottom half (intracellular half) of TM6, (Fig. 2a-c), forming extensive interactions  
134 with residues within TM2, TM3, TM6, TM7 and H8 of receptor and the  $\alpha$ 5 helix of  $\text{G}\alpha_s$   
135 (Fig. 2d). The chemical structure of PCO371 is comprised of the head imidazolidinone,  
136 the middle dimethylphenyl, the sulfonamide linker, the piperidine motif, the middle  
137 spiro-imidazolone, and the tail trifluoromethoxy phenyl (Fig. 1f and Extended Data Fig.  
138 7a). The head imidazolidione and the middle phenyl of PCO371 are embedded in the  
139 interface between the receptor and the  $\text{G}\alpha_s$  protein and form interactions with the  
140 residues within TM2, TM6, TM7 and H8, as well as with  $\alpha$ 5 helix of  $\text{G}\alpha_s$  (Figure 2d-e).  
141 The head imidazolidione of PCO371 also forms a hydrogen bond with R219<sup>2.46b</sup> and a  
142 polar interaction with Y391 from  $\alpha$ 5 helix of  $\text{G}\alpha_s$ . In addition, the head imidazolidione  
143 and the middle phenyl of PCO371 form extensive hydrophobic interactions with the  
144 receptor and  $\alpha$ 5 helix of  $\text{G}\alpha_s$  (Fig. 2d-e). Specifically, both Y459<sup>7.57b</sup> and Y391 of  $\text{G}\alpha_s$ -  
145  $\alpha$ 5 form pi stacking interactions with the middle phenyl of PCO371. (Fig. 2d-e).

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147 In the middle of PCO371, the sulfonamide group forms polar interactions with E302<sup>3.50b</sup>,  
148 the piperidine group form hydrophobic contacts with I299<sup>3.47b</sup> (Fig. 2d-e). The middle  
149 spiro-imidazolone group of PCO371 forms hydrogen bond interactions with the main  
150 chain amine of F417<sup>6.49b</sup> and side chain of Y459<sup>7.57b</sup>. The middle spiro-imidazolone  
151 together with the tail phenyl group form extensive hydrophobic interactions with  
152 PTH1R residues from TM3, TM6 and TM7 (Fig. 2d-e). In addition, the tail phenyl  
153 inserts into the detergent micelle, probably interacts with the lipid bilayer in a native  
154 system (Fig. 2f). Compared to peptide bound PTH1R structures, the binding of PCO371  
155 pushes the middle of TM6 outward by  $\sim$ 8 Å as measured by the C $\alpha$  of P415<sup>6.47b</sup> to leave  
156 space to accommodate PCO371 (arrows in Extended Fig. 4b&4d).

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158 To investigate the key residues for ligand binding and the receptor activation, we  
159 assessed PCO371-induced G<sub>s</sub> activation by the wild-type and mutant PTH1Rs using  
160 cAMP assays. Alanine mutations in hydrophobic pocket residues (I299<sup>3.47b</sup>, L413<sup>6.45b</sup>,  
161 P415<sup>6.47b</sup>, and I458<sup>7.56b</sup>) significantly reduced the potency as measured by pEC50 for  
162 PCO371 relative to the wild-type PTH1R (Fig.2g, Extended Data Fig. 7b and Extended  
163 Data Table 2), indicating these hydrophobic residues play important roles in  
164 transmitting PTH1R G-protein signaling. It is in line with the previously reported result  
165 that P415<sup>6.47b</sup> of PTH1R is a key residue for PCO371-mediated PTH1R activation<sup>17</sup>. In  
166 addition, alanine substitutions of R219<sup>2.46b</sup> and Y459<sup>7.57b</sup> showed clearly a great  
167 reduction in the potency of PCO371-mediated G<sub>s</sub> activation. Alanine substitutions of  
168 E302<sup>3.50b</sup> and H223<sup>2.50b</sup> also diminished PCO371-induced cAMP production (Fig. 2g,  
169 Extended Data Fig. 7b and Extended Data Table 2), which suggests the importance of  
170 these residues in PCO371 function. Taken together, the unexpected interface bound by  
171 PCO371 between PTH1R and G-protein demonstrates the important roles of individual  
172 pocket residues in PCO371 recognition and specificity.

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#### 174 **PTH1R conformational changes and activation**

175 Despite all the active PTH1R structures were solved in the same G protein-bound  
176 state<sup>23,28,30</sup>, yet they display conformational differences at their TMD bundles between  
177 the PCO371-bound and the PTH-bound PTH1R structures. The most notable  
178 observation is a 7.5 Å inward shift of at the extracellular end of TM6 in the PCO371-  
179 bound PTH1R structure (as measured by the C $\alpha$  of M425<sup>6.57b</sup>, Fig. 3a), which causes  
180 the extracellular end of TM6 (residues M425<sup>6.57b</sup>, Y421<sup>6.53b</sup> and F424<sup>6.56b</sup>) to collide  
181 with the PTH N-terminal residues (S1, V2, and S3) (Fig. 3a). This is consistent with the  
182 report that PCO371 can inhibit the binding of peptides to their TMD<sup>17</sup>. The conserved  
183 PxxG motif (P415<sup>6.47b</sup>–L416<sup>6.48b</sup>–F417<sup>6.49b</sup>–G418<sup>6.50b</sup>) at the middle of TM6 in the  
184 PTH-bound PTH1R structure also collide with PCO371 (Fig. 3b), therefore the PxxG  
185 motif in the PCO371-PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> complex structure is shifted outward to create the  
186 binding pocket of PCO371 (Fig. 3b-c). Corresponding to the outward movement of

187 P415<sup>6.47b</sup> in the PCO371-PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> complex structure, the kink of TM6 at P415<sup>6.47b</sup> is  
188 less pronounced than the TM6 kink in the PTH-bound structure (Fig. 3b), leading to  
189 less pronounced outward movement (~4 Å) of TM6 in the cytoplasmic side.

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191 Compared with the PTH-PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> complex structure, the PCO371-PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub>  
192 complex structure displays large differences in the extracellular half of the TMD  
193 structures but retains very similar structure in the intracellular half of the TMD structure  
194 (Extended Data Fig.4b). Specifically, a large inward movement at the extracellular end  
195 of TM6, which pushes large outward movements at the extracellular ends of TM7 and  
196 TM1 (Extended Data Fig.4c). The rearrangement of these structural elements at  
197 extracellular side has cascaded into changes of three conserved polar interaction  
198 networks in class B GPCR activation as shown in Figure 3d-f. The conformational  
199 changes of H420<sup>6.52b</sup> and Q451<sup>7.49b</sup> in the central polar network of the PCO371-bound  
200 PTH1R structure would resolve the steric clash with F417<sup>6.49b</sup>, which is flipped upward  
201 in the PCO371-bound structure from the PTH-bound structure (Fig. 3d). Y459<sup>7.57b</sup> from  
202 the HETY network is shifted upward and outward to bind with PCO371. The outward  
203 shift of P415<sup>6.48b</sup> resolve the steric clash with conformational changes of Y459<sup>7.57b</sup> (Fig.  
204 3e). The outward shift of N463<sup>7.61b</sup> and E465<sup>8.49b</sup> from the TM2-TM6-TM7-H8 network  
205 also resolves the steric clash with each other, and the clash of E465<sup>8.49b</sup> with R219<sup>2.46b</sup>  
206 (Fig. 3f). These conformational rearrangements together illustrate the structural  
207 changes of PTH1R in response to the change of ligand binding from PTH to PCO371,  
208 therefore highlighting the capacity of PTH1R to adopt totally different ligands, which  
209 induce very distinct receptor conformations in the peptide binding pocket but the  
210 receptor can coalesce into a very similar intracellular pocket to couple downstream G  
211 proteins.

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### 213 **The unique aspect of G protein coupling of PTH1R by PCO371**

214 Although the different binding patterns between peptide agonists and the small  
215 molecule agonist, PCO371, they activate PTH1R by inducing a consensus kink at the

216 middle of TM6 and subsequent outward shift of the cytoplasmic end of TM6 to form a  
217 binding cavity for G protein coupling ([Extended Data Fig. 8a-b](#)). Different from the  
218 binding modes of all reported peptides and small molecule agonists, PCO371 is at the  
219 interface between the receptor and the C-terminus of  $\text{G}\alpha_s$ - $\alpha 5$  in the PCO371-bound  
220 PTH1R structure ([Extended Data Fig. 8c-e](#)). The C-terminal  $\alpha 5$  helix of  $\text{G}\alpha_s$  makes  
221 interactions with TM2, TM3, TM5, TM6 and H8 in both PCO371- and PTH-bound  
222 PTH1R structures ([Extended Data Fig. 8d-f](#)). In addition, L393 of  $\text{G}\alpha_s$ - $\alpha 5$  forms  
223 hydrophobic contact with PCO371, E392 and Y391 of  $\text{G}\alpha_s$ - $\alpha 5$  make polar interactions  
224 with PCO371 ([Extended Data Fig. 8e](#)). These additional interactions are supported by  
225 well-resolved density in the cryo-EM map ([Extended Data Fig. 8c](#)) and they can  
226 stabilize the active receptor conformation in the G-protein coupling state ( $\text{R}^G$ )<sup>17</sup>. The  
227 direct contact of PCO371 with both PTH1R and G protein is consistent with the data  
228 reported by Tamura *et al.*<sup>17</sup>, which has showed that the duration of cAMP response  
229 induced by PCO371 is much shorter than that of PTH because PCO371 would bind  
230 weakly to PTH1R in the absence of a G protein, consistent with that PCO371 exhibits  
231 as an  $\text{R}^G$ -selective ligand<sup>17</sup>.

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### 233 **Structural basis of selectivity of PCO371 for PTH1R**

234 To investigate the mechanisms underlying the selectivity of PCO371 for PTH1R over  
235 other class B GPCRs, we performed cAMP production assays using transfected wild  
236 type receptors of PTH1R, PTH2R and GLP-1R in AD293 cells. PCO371 did not have  
237 activity in wild type PTH2R and GLP-1R ([Fig. 4a-b](#)). A single residue replacement of  
238 L370<sup>6,47b</sup>P of PTH2R converts its response to PCO371-induced activation, while  
239 P415<sup>6,47b</sup>A mutation inactivated PTH1R to respond PCO371 but the mutated receptor  
240 retained full activation by PTH ([Fig. 4a, c](#)). It is worth noting that P<sup>6,47b</sup> is a conserved  
241 residue in TM6 of class B GPCRs except for L370<sup>6,47b</sup> in PTH2R ([Fig. 4d](#)), and our data  
242 suggest that P<sup>6,47b</sup> in PTH receptors is a key residue for the selective activation of PTH  
243 receptors by PCO371.

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245 Structure-based sequence alignment of class B GPCRs reveals that the PCO371 binding  
246 interface has three non-conserved residues between PTH1R and PTH2R and five non-  
247 conserved residues between PTH1R and GLP-1R (Fig. 4d, Extended Data Fig. 9a-e).  
248 In contrast to single mutation in PTH2R that can converts its response to PCO371, all  
249 single mutations that change GLP-1R residue to PTH1R residue at the five non-  
250 conserve PCO371 pocket residues, which mutated receptors retained full activation by  
251 GLP-1 peptide, did not convert GLP-1R to respond to PCO371 activation (Extended  
252 Data Fig. 9f-g). Combined pocket mutations of two residues, four residues, or five  
253 residues can convert the mutated GLP-1R to be activated by PCO371 but not by PTH  
254 (Fig. 4b-c). The degree of PCO371 activation by the two-residue mutated GLP-1R is  
255 the same (if not better) as that by the four-residue or five-residue mutated GLP-1R,  
256 suggesting these two residues are key for PCO371 selectivity.

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### 258 **A conserved binding site in class B GPCRs for small molecule ligands**

259 The ability of PCO371 activation by one-residue mutated PTH2R or two-residue  
260 mutated GLP-1R suggest a possibility of a similar PCO371 binding pocket conserved  
261 in members of class B GPCRs. To validate this hypothesis, we performed sequence  
262 alignment and homology modeling based on the PCO371-bound PTH1R structure (Fig.  
263 4d and Fig. 5a). Sequence alignment reveals that most residues of the 15 PTH1R  
264 residues that comprise the PCO371 pocket are conserved across class B GPCRs (Fig.  
265 4d). Structural modeling of all other members of class B GPCRs suggest the existence  
266 of a similar PCO371 binding pocket in these receptors, in which PCO371 could adopt  
267 a similar binding mode to the PCO371-PTH1R structure (Fig. 5a). To corroborate the  
268 sequence and structure analyses, we tested the ability of PCO371 to activate other  
269 members of class B GPCRs (Fig. 5b). In addition to PTH1R, seven wildtype class B  
270 GPCRs (GCGR, GIPR, PAC1R, GHRHR, SCTR, VIP1R, and VIP2R) can be activated  
271 by PCO371 (Fig 5b). For GLP-1R, GLP-2R, PTH2R, and CRF2R, their wildtype  
272 receptors cannot be activated by PCO371 but one or two mutations in the pocket  
273 residues can convert them to respond to PCO371 activation. Based on these results, we

274 conclude that a PCO371-like pocket is mostly conserved in class B GPCRs.

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276 **Conclusions**

277 In summary, the structure of PCO371-bound PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> complex provides a structural  
278 basis of small molecule agonist binding and activation of PTH1R. This work reveals an  
279 unanticipated small molecule agonist-binding site and serve as a template for homology  
280 modelling of class B GPCRs. The PCO371 binding site is within the TMD at the  
281 interface with G protein, which is far away from the receptor ECD, thus small molecule  
282 agonists at this site may not require to mimic the interactions of peptides with ECD to  
283 promote the binding affinity. Class B GPCRs have higher sequence homology in their  
284 TMDs than their ECDs. Our modeling and receptor activation studies suggest that a  
285 PCO371-like pocket is likely conserved in most members of class B GPCRs, thus  
286 providing a general and exciting direction for structure-based design of small-molecule  
287 drugs targeting this new binding site at class B GPCRs.

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290 **Materials and Methods**

291 **Constructs of PTH1R and heterotrimeric G proteins**

292 The human PTH1R (residues 27-502) with G188A and K484R mutations was cloned  
293 into pFastBac vector (Invitrogen) with the haemagglutinin signal peptide (HA),  
294 followed by a TEV protease cleavage site and a double MBP (2MBP) and His tag to  
295 facilitate expression and purification<sup>28</sup>. To facilitate a stable complex, the above PTH1R  
296 construct was added the LgBiT subunit (Promega) at the C terminus of PTH1R with a  
297 17-amino acid linker. Based on the published DNG $\alpha_s$ , a modified bovine G $\alpha_s$   
298 (mDNG $\alpha_s$ ), its N terminus (M1-K25) and  $\alpha$ -helical domain (AHD F68-L203) of G $\alpha_s$   
299 were replaced with the N terminus (M1-M18) and AHD (Y61-K180) of the human G $\alpha_i$ ,  
300 which can bind scFv16 and Fab\_G50<sup>31</sup> and the residues N254-T263 of G $\alpha_s$  were deleted.  
301 In addition, eight mutations (G49D, E50N, L63Y, A249D, S252D, L272D, I372A, and  
302 V375I) were added to improve stability of G protein subunits<sup>32</sup>. To facilitate the folding  
303 of the G protein, mDNG $\alpha_s$  was co-expressed with GST-Ric-8B<sup>33</sup>. Rat G $\beta_1$  was fused  
304 with a His-tag at the N terminus and with a SmBiT subunit (peptide 86, Promega)<sup>34</sup>  
305 after a 15-amino acid linker at its C terminus. The wild type (WT) and mutants of  
306 PTH1R, PTH2R, GLP-1R, GLP-2R, GCGR, GIPR, GHRHR, SCTR, PAC1R, VIP1R,  
307 VIP2R and CRF2R were constructed into the pcDNA6.0 vector (Promega) for cAMP  
308 accumulation. PTH1R,  $\beta$ -arrestin1 and  $\beta$ -arrestin2 were constructed into pBiT vector  
309 for arrestin recruitment. All constructs were cloned using Phanta Max Super-Fidelity  
310 DNA Polymerase (Vazyme Biotech Co., Ltd).

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312 **Expression of PCO371-PTH1R-Gs complex**

313 To facilitate a stable complex assembly and purification, PTH1R and G proteins were  
314 co-expressed in *Sf9* insect cells (Invitrogen). The *Sf9* cells grew to a density of  $3.5 \times$   
315  $10^6$  cells/mL in ESF 921 cell culture medium (Expression Systems) for expression. We  
316 infected the cells with five separate virus preparations at a ratio of 1:2:2:2:2, including  
317 PTH1R (27-502)-17AA-LgBiT-2MBP, mDNG $\alpha_s$ , G $\beta_1$ -peptide 86, G $\gamma_2$ , and GST-Ric-  
318 8B. The infected cells were cultured at 27°C for 48 h, the cells were harvested by

319 centrifugation and washed with PBS once. The cell pellets were frozen at -80°C for  
320 further usage.

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### 322 **Expression and purification of Nb35**

323 Nanobody-35 (Nb35) was expressed in *E. coli* BL21 cells, the cultured cells were  
324 grown in 2TB media with 100 µg/mL ampicillin, 2 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.1% glucose at 37°C  
325 for 2.5 h until OD600 of 0.7-1.2 was reached. Then the culture was induced with 1 mM  
326 IPTG at 37°C for 4-5 h, and harvested and frozen at -80°C for further purification. Nb35  
327 was purified by nickel affinity chromatography and followed by size-exclusion  
328 chromatography using HiLoad 16/600 Superdex 75 column or following overnight  
329 dialysis against 20 mM HEPES, pH 7.4, 100 mM NaCl, 10% glycerol. The Nb35  
330 protein was verified by SDS-PAGE and store at -80 °C.

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### 332 **Purification of PCO371-PTH1R-Gs complex**

333 The complex was purified according to previously described methods<sup>28,35</sup>. The cell  
334 pellets were resuspended in 20 mM HEPES pH 7.4, 100 mM NaCl, 10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 10  
335 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, 2 mM MnCl<sub>2</sub>, 10% glycerol, 0.1 mM TCEP, 15 µg/mL Nb35, 25 mU/mL  
336 apyrase (Sigma), 200 µM PCO371 (Hefei Fuya Biotechnology Co., Ltd), supplemented  
337 with Protease Inhibitor Cocktail (TargetMol, 1 mL/100 mL suspension). The lysate was  
338 incubated for 1 h at room temperature and then solubilized by 0.5% (w/v) lauryl maltose  
339 neopentylglycol (LMNG, Anatrace) supplemented with 0.1% (w/v) cholesteryl  
340 hemisuccinate TRIS salt (CHS, Anatrace) for 2 h at 4°C. The supernatant of the  
341 solubilized membranes was collected by centrifugation at 65,000 × g for 40 min, then  
342 incubated with Amylose resin (Smart-lifesciences) for 2 h at 4°C. The resin was loaded  
343 onto a gravity flow column and washed with 20 column volumes of 20 mM HEPES,  
344 pH 7.4, 100 mM NaCl, 10% glycerol, 5 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, 5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 1 mM MnCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.01%  
345 (w/v) LMNG, 0.01% glyco-diosgenin (GDN, Anatrace) and 0.004% (w/v) CHS, 100  
346 µM PCO371, and 25 µM TCEP. After washing, the protein was cut with TEV protease  
347 on column overnight at 4°C. Next day the flow through was collected and concentrated,

348 then PCO371-PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> flow through was loaded onto a Superdex200 10/300 GL  
349 column (GE Healthcare), with the buffer consisting of 20 mM HEPES, pH 7.4, 100 mM  
350 NaCl, 2 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.00075% (w/v) LMNG, 0.00025% GDN, 0.0005% (w/v)  
351 digitonin (Biosynth), 0.0002% (w/v) CHS, 50 μM PCO371, and 100 μM TCEP. The  
352 complex fractions were collected and concentrated for electron microscopy  
353 experiments.

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### 355 **Cryo-EM grid preparation and data acquisition**

356 For cryo-EM grid preparation of PCO371-PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> complex, 3.0 μL purified protein  
357 at a concentration of ~4.95 mg/mL was used for the glow-discharged holey carbon grids  
358 (Quantifoil, R1.2/1.3, Au, 300 mesh). The grids were blotted for 2s at 4°C, in 100%  
359 humidity using a Vitrobot Mark IV (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and then plunge-frozen  
360 in liquid ethane. The frozen grid of PCO371-PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> complex was transferred to a  
361 Titan Krios G4 equipped with a Gatan K3 direct electron detector and cryo-EM movies  
362 were performed automatic data collection. with super-resolution mode at a pixel size of  
363 0.412 Å using EPU at Advanced Center for Electron Microscopy at Shanghai Institute  
364 of Materia Medica, Chinese Academy of Sciences. A total of 8,002 Movies were  
365 recorded with pixel size of 0.824 Å at a dose of 50 electron per Å<sup>2</sup> for 36 frames. The  
366 defocus range of this dataset was -0.8 μm to -1.8 μm. For dimer complex, another 5,364  
367 movies were obtained with same parameters.

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### 369 **Cryo-EM data processing**

370 All dose-fractionated image stacks were subjected to beam-induced motion correction  
371 by Relion 4.0<sup>36</sup>. The defocus parameters were estimated by CTFFIND 4.1<sup>37</sup> of  
372 Cryosparc<sup>38</sup>. For PCO371-PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> dataset, template auto-picking yielded 7,124,33  
373 particles, which were processed two rounds by reference-free 2D classification using  
374 Cryosparc<sup>38</sup>. With initial model, after two rounds of 3D classification using Relion,  
375 local masks were used on receptor. 1,099,315 particles were used to further refinement  
376 and polishing. Particle subtractions were used on complex to subtract micelle and do  
377 refinement, yielding reconstructions with global resolution of 2.57 Å, and subsequently

378 post-processed by DeepEMhancer<sup>39</sup>.

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### 380 **Model building and refinement**

381 The cryo-EM structure of the LA-PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub>-Nb35 complex (PDB code 6NBF) was  
382 used as the start for model building and refinement against the electron microscopy  
383 map. The model was docked into the electron microscopy density map using Chimera<sup>40</sup>,  
384 followed by iterative manual adjustment and rebuilding in COOT<sup>41</sup>. Real space and  
385 Rosetta refinements were performed using Phenix<sup>42</sup>. The model statistics were  
386 validated using MolProbity<sup>43</sup>. Fitting of the refined model to the final map was analyzed  
387 using model-versus-map FSC. To monitor the potential over-fitting in model building,  
388 FSC<sub>work</sub> and FSC<sub>free</sub> were determined by refining ‘shaken’ models against unfiltered  
389 half-map-1 and calculating the FSC of the refined models against unfiltered half-map-  
390 1 and half-map-2. The final refinement statistics are provided in Supplementary Table  
391 2. Structural figures were prepared in Chimera and PyMOL (<https://pymol.org/2/>).

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### 393 **Modeling and volume calculation**

394 The homology modeling of class B GPCRs was based on the PTHR structure using  
395 MODELLER<sup>44</sup>. The sequence of PTHR in our cryo-EM structure was used as the  
396 reference sequence. After alignment from the receptor sequence from other class B  
397 GPCR structures, AutoModel of MODELLER was applied for homology modeling.  
398 The structure with the lowest Discrete Optimized Protein Energy (DOPE) potential was  
399 used for the following volume calculation using PyVOL<sup>45</sup>. In volume calculation, the  
400 minimum radius was 1.2, while the maximum radius was 3.4. The pocket was defined  
401 as the residues around 5 Å of ligand and during calculation, the G<sub>α</sub> protein of PTHR  
402 was kept.

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### 404 **cAMP accumulation assay**

405 PTH, PCO371, TIP39 and GLP-1 stimulated cAMP accumulations were measured by  
406 a LANCE Ultra cAMP kit (PerkinElmer). After 24 h culture, the transfected AD293

407 cells were seeded into 384-well microtiter plates at a density of 3,000 cells per well in  
408 HBSS supplemented with 5 mM HEPES, 0.1% (w/v) BSA or 0.1% (w/v) casein and  
409 0.5 mM 3-isobutyl-1-methylxanthine. The cells were stimulated with different  
410 concentrations of peptide agonists for 30 min at RT. Eu-cAMP tracer and ULight<sup>TM</sup>-  
411 anti-cAMP were then diluted by cAMP detection buffer and added to the plates  
412 separately to terminate the reaction. Plates were incubated at RT for 15min and the  
413 fluorescence intensity measured at 620 nm and 665 nm by an EnVision multilabel plate  
414 reader (PerkinElmer).

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#### 416 **NanoBiT β-Arrestin recruitment assay**

417 The recruitment of PTH1R to β-arrestin was detected in HEK293 cells using the  
418 NanoLuc Binary System (NanoBiT; Promega). The LgbiT subunit was fused to the C-  
419 terminus of PTH1R and the SmBiT subunit was fused to the N-terminus of β-arrestin.  
420 The HEK293 cells were harvested and plated into 384-wells microtiter plates at a  
421 density of 3000 cells per well 24 h after co-transfection of PTH1R-LgBiT and SmBiT-  
422 β-arrestin. Coelenterazine was then added to the plates in the dark with the final  
423 concentration of 10 μM (5μL/well). The ligands of different concentrations were finally  
424 added to the plates and then the bioluminescence signal was measured using an  
425 EnVision plate reader (PerkinElmer).

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#### 427 **Surface expression assay**

428 Surface expression of PTH1R WT and mutants were cloned into pcDNA6.0 (Invitrogen)  
429 with 3x Flag tag at C-terminal and determined by flow cytometry. AD293 cells were  
430 collected after 24 hours of transient transfection and then blocked with 5% BSA in PBS  
431 at RT for 15 min followed by incubation with primary mouse anti-Flag antibody at RT  
432 for 1 hour. The cells were then washed three times with PBS containing 1% BSA and  
433 incubated with anti-mouse Alexa-488-conjugated secondary antibody at 4 °C in the  
434 dark for 1h. After another three washes, the cells were resuspended with 500 μl PBS  
435 containing 1% BSA for detection in BD Accuri C6 flow cytometer system (BD

436 Biosciences) at excitation 488 nm and emission 519 nm. For each sample,  
437 approximately 5000 cellular events were collected and the data were normalized to  
438 PTH1R WT.

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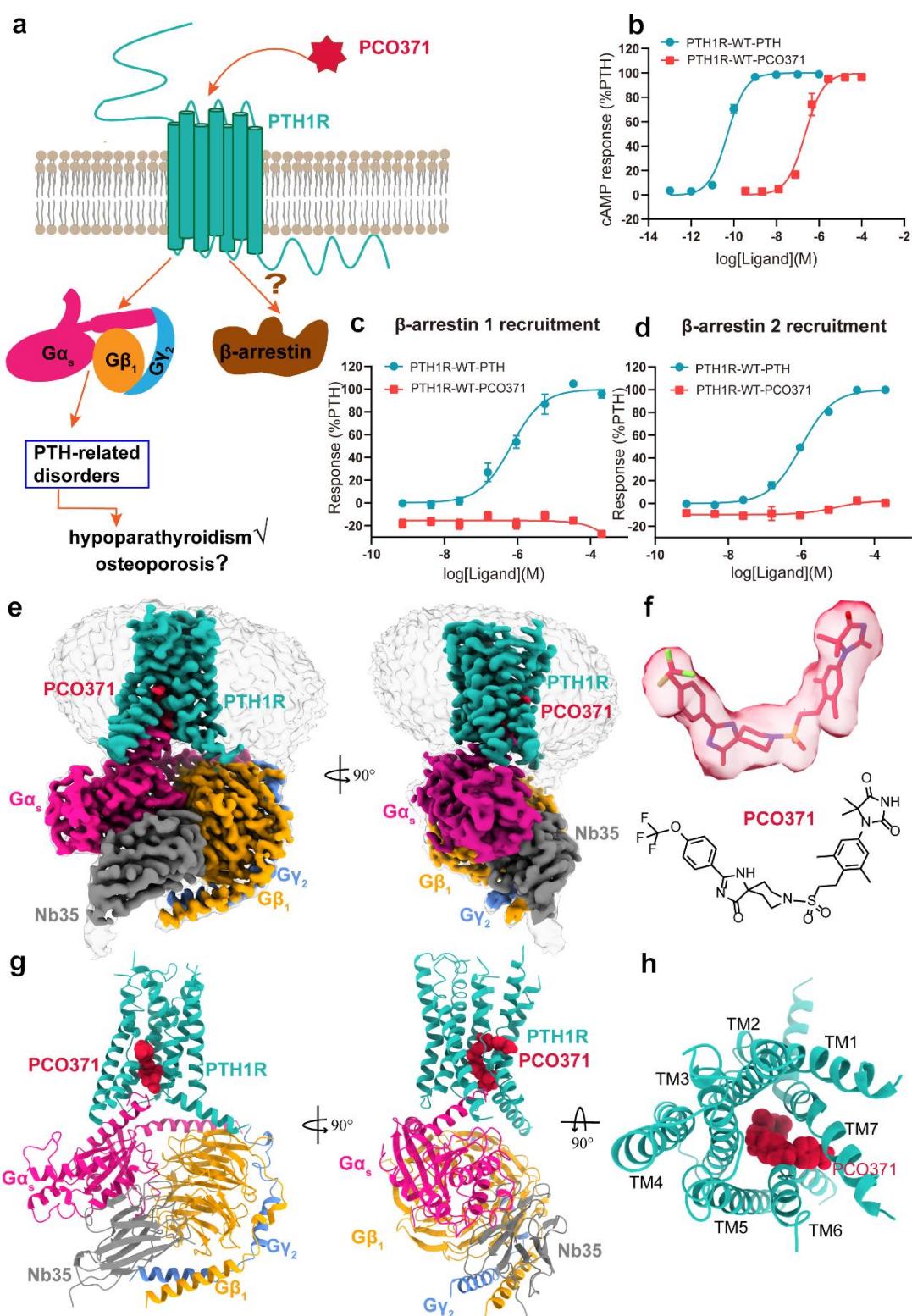
440 **Statistical analysis**

441 All functional data were displayed as means  $\pm$  standard error of the mean (S.E.M.).  
442 Statistical analysis was performed using GraphPad Prism 8.0 (GraphPad Software).  
443 Experimental data were evaluated with a three-parameter logistic equation. The  
444 significance was determined with either two-tailed Student's t-test or one-way ANOVA.  
445  $P < 0.05$  was considered statistically significant.

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447 **Data availability**

448 Cryo-EM map has been deposited in the Electron Microscopy Data Bank under  
449 accession code: EMD-XXXX (PCO371-bound PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> complex). The atomic  
450 coordinate has been deposited in the Protein Data Bank under accession codes: XXXX  
451 (PCO371-bound PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> complex).

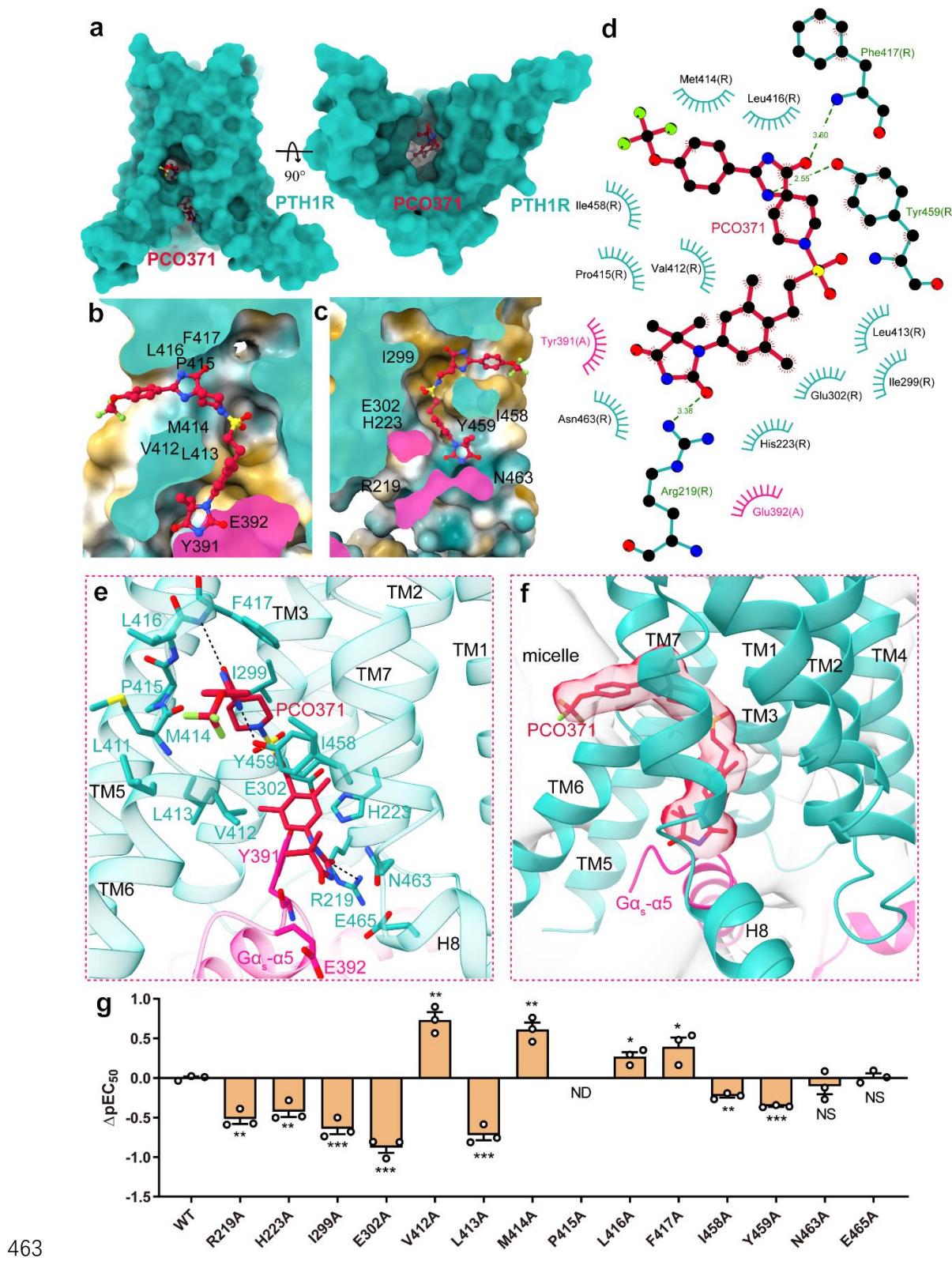


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453 **Fig. 1 | Cryo-EM structure of G<sub>s</sub>-coupled PTH1R bound to PCO371. (a)** PCO371  
454 induced PTH1R signaling and potential pharmacological effects. **(b-d)** Concentration-  
455 dependent response curves of PCO371 to induce cAMP accumulation **(b)** and  $\beta$ -  
456 arrestin recruitment **(c-d)**. Data were presented and graphed as means  $\pm$  S.E.M. of three

457 independent experiments, and each experiment was performed in triplicate. The data  
458 were normalized according to the maximal response of PTH. **(e)** Cryo-EM maps of  
459 PCO371-PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> complex. **(f)** Chemical structure of PCO371. **(g)** Cryo-EM  
460 structure model of PTH-PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> complex. **(h)** The top view shows the binding site  
461 of PCO371.

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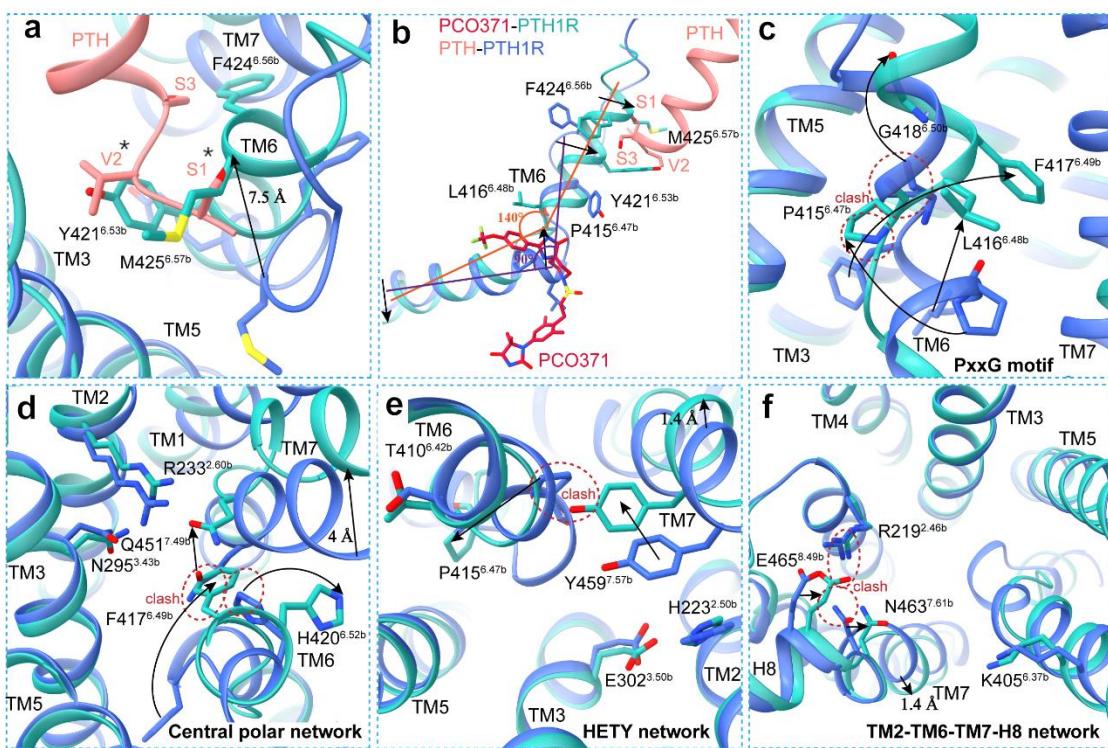


**Fig. 2 | Interactions of PCO371 with PTH1R.** (a) The PCO371-binding pocket of PTH1R viewed from the side view and intracellular side. (b-c) Cross-section of the PCO371-binding pocket in PTH1R. (d) Interacting residues predicted by LigPlot using

468 the full-length model. **(e)** Detailed interactions of PCO371 with residues in the binding  
469 pocket. **(f)** The bound PCO371 at the interface between PTH1R and G<sub>s</sub> protein and the  
470 tail phenyl inserts into the detergent micelle. **(g)** Signaling profiles of PTH1R mutants  
471 of key residues on PCO371-induced cAMP accumulation.  $\Delta pEC50$  represents the  
472 difference between pEC50 values of the wild-type (WT) and the mutated PTH1Rs. Data  
473 from three independent experiments, each of which was performed in triplicate, are  
474 presented as mean  $\pm$  SEM. Statistical differences between WT and mutations were  
475 determined by two-sided one-way ANOVA with Tukey's test. \* $P<0.05$ ; \*\* $P<0.01$ ;  
476 \*\*\* $P<0.001$  vs. WT receptor, ND, not detectable. NS, no significant difference. All data  
477 were analyzed by two-side, one-way ANOVA with Tukey's test.

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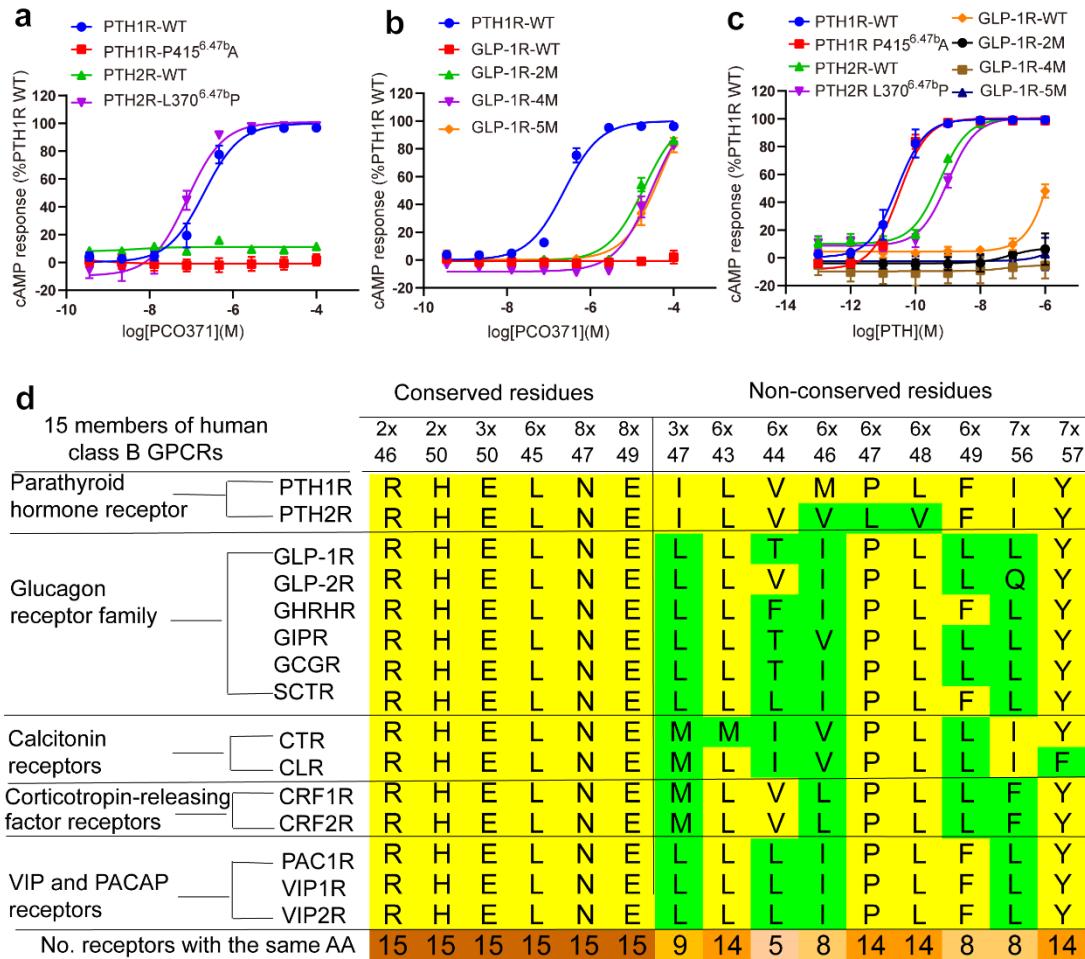


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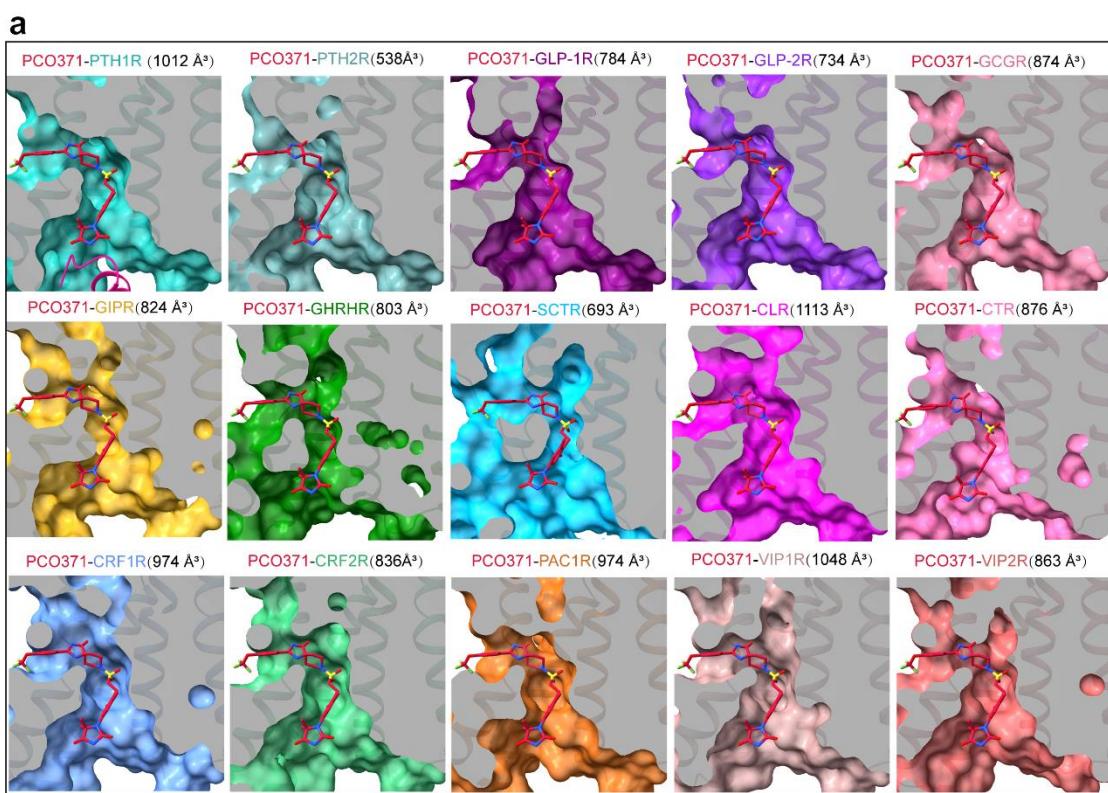
482 **Fig. 3 | Conformational changes of TMD helix bundles during receptor activation**  
483 **between PTH-bound and PCO371-bound PTH1R.** **(a)** Structural comparison of the  
484 TMD bundles of the active PTH1R (light sea green) with PCO371 (crimson), PTH1R  
485 (royal blue) with PTH (light coral) (PDB: 8HA0). Hormone peptide, PCO371, G  
486 protein and Nb35 are omitted for clarity. **(b)** Comparison of TM6 conformational  
487 changes between the PCO371-bound and peptide-bound PTH1R structures. **(c-f)**  
488 Different conformations are shown for conserved residues and motifs in the active  
489 PTH1R, including the conserved PxxG motif (P415<sup>6.47b</sup>-L416<sup>6.48b</sup>-F417<sup>6.49b</sup>-G418<sup>6.50b</sup>),  
490 the central polar network (R233<sup>2.60b</sup>-N295<sup>3.43b</sup>-H420<sup>6.52b</sup>-Q451<sup>7.49b</sup>), the HETY  
491 network (H223<sup>2.50b</sup>-E302<sup>3.50b</sup>-T410<sup>6.42b</sup>-Y459<sup>7.57b</sup>) and the TM2-TM6-TM7-H8  
492 network (R219<sup>2.46b</sup>-K405<sup>6.37b</sup>-N463<sup>7.61b</sup>-E465<sup>8.49b</sup>).

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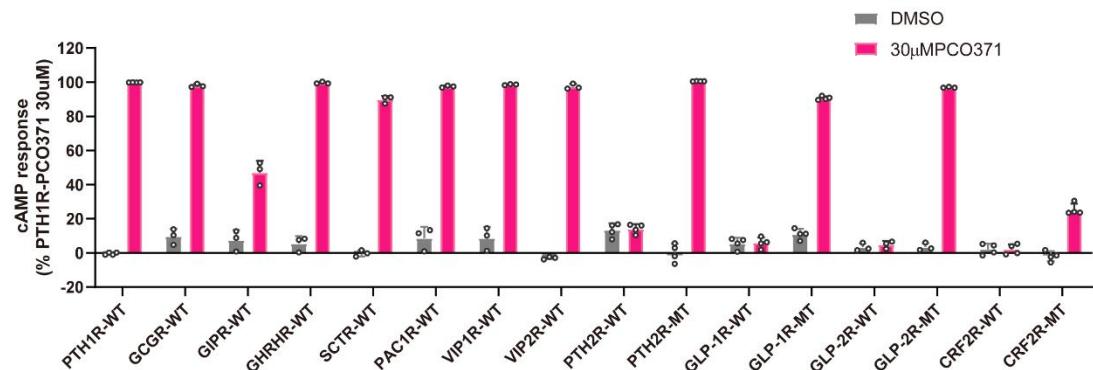


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495 **Fig. 4 | Selectivity of PCO371 for PTH1R and the conservation of the PCO371-  
496 binding site in class B GPCRs. (a)** The cAMP production stimulated by PCO371 in  
497 the wild-types (WTs) and mutants of PTH receptors. **(b)** Stimulation of cAMP  
498 production by PCO371 in the WT and mutants of GLP-1R. Data from three independent  
499 experiments (n=3), each of which was performed in triplicate, are presented as mean  $\pm$   
500 SEM. **(c)** Stimulation of cAMP production of wildtype or mutated PTH1R, PTH2R and  
501 GLP-1R by PTH. Data from three independent experiments (n=3) performed in  
502 technical triplicate are presented as mean  $\pm$  SEM. GLP-1R-2M, GLP-1R-4M and GLP-  
503 1R-5M are the combined mutations of two residues (L244<sup>3.47b</sup>I and L360<sup>6.49b</sup>F), four  
504 residues (L244<sup>3.47b</sup>I/T355<sup>6.44b</sup>V/L360<sup>6.49b</sup>F/L401<sup>7.56b</sup>I), and five residues  
505 (L244<sup>3.47b</sup>I/T355<sup>6.44b</sup>V/L360<sup>6.49b</sup>F/L401<sup>7.56b</sup>I/N407<sup>8.48b</sup>G). **(d)** Sequence alignment of  
506 conserved and non-conserved residues forming the pocket of PCO371 in class B  
507 GPCRs.



**b** The ability of PCO371 to activate other members of class B GPCRs



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509 **Fig. 5 | A mostly conserved PCO371-like binding pocket in class B GPCRs. (a)** The  
510 PCO371-like binding pocket is mostly conserved in other members of class B GPCRs  
511 by structural modeling. The volume calculation shows these pockets in different  
512 receptors are similar in all class B GPCR receptors. Peptides, G protein and Nb35 are  
513 omitted for clarity. PDB: 7F16, PTH2R: cadet blue; PDB: 6X1A, GLP-1R: purple; PDB:  
514 7D68, GLP-2R: blue violet; PDB: 7CZ5, GHRHR: green; PDB: 7DTY, GIPR:  
515 goldenrod; PDB: 6WPW, GCGR: pale violet red; PDB: 6WZG, SCTR: deep sky blue;  
516 PDB: 6NIY, CTR: hot pink; PDB: 6E3Y, CLR(CGRPR): magenta; PDB: 6PB0, CRF1R:  
517 cornflower blue; PDB: 6PB1, CRF2R: medium sea green; PDB: 6P9Y, PAC1R:

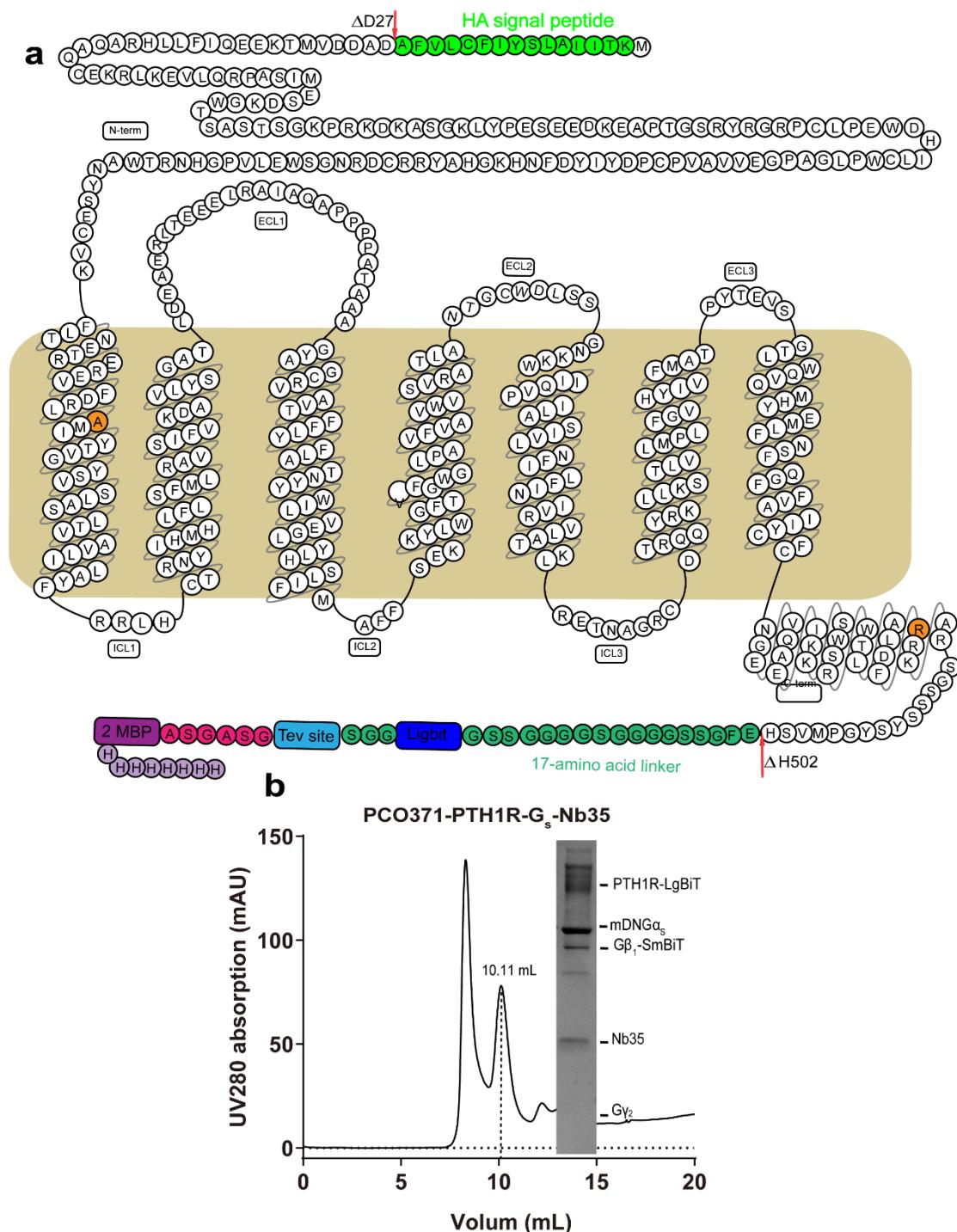
518 chocolate; PDB: 6VN7, VIP1R: rosy brown; PDB: 7VQX, VIP2R: Indian red. **(b)**

519 PCO371 has pan-agonist activity in wildtype and mutated class B GPCRs. The mutated

520 receptors have two corresponding mutations as GLP-1R that regain response to

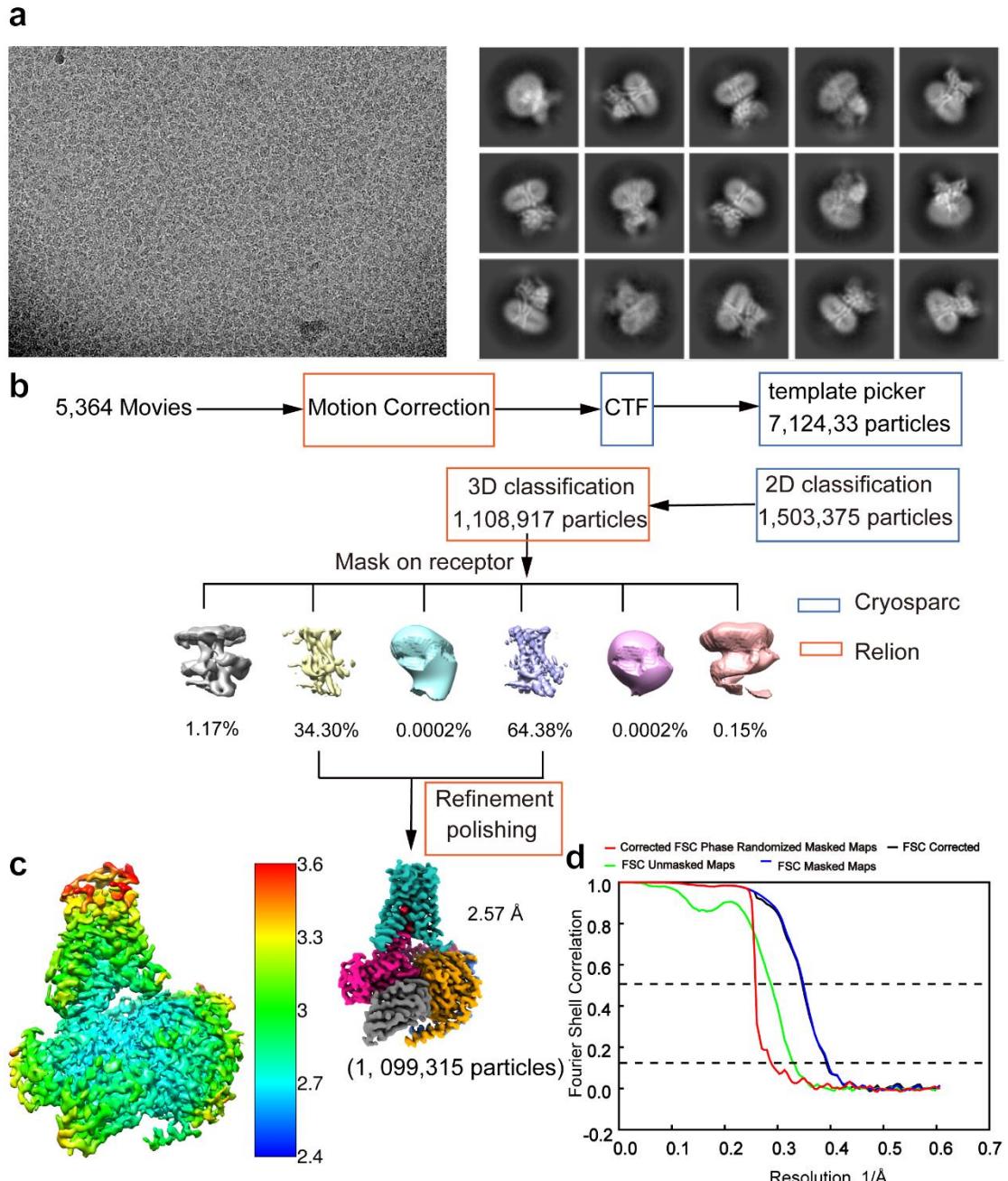
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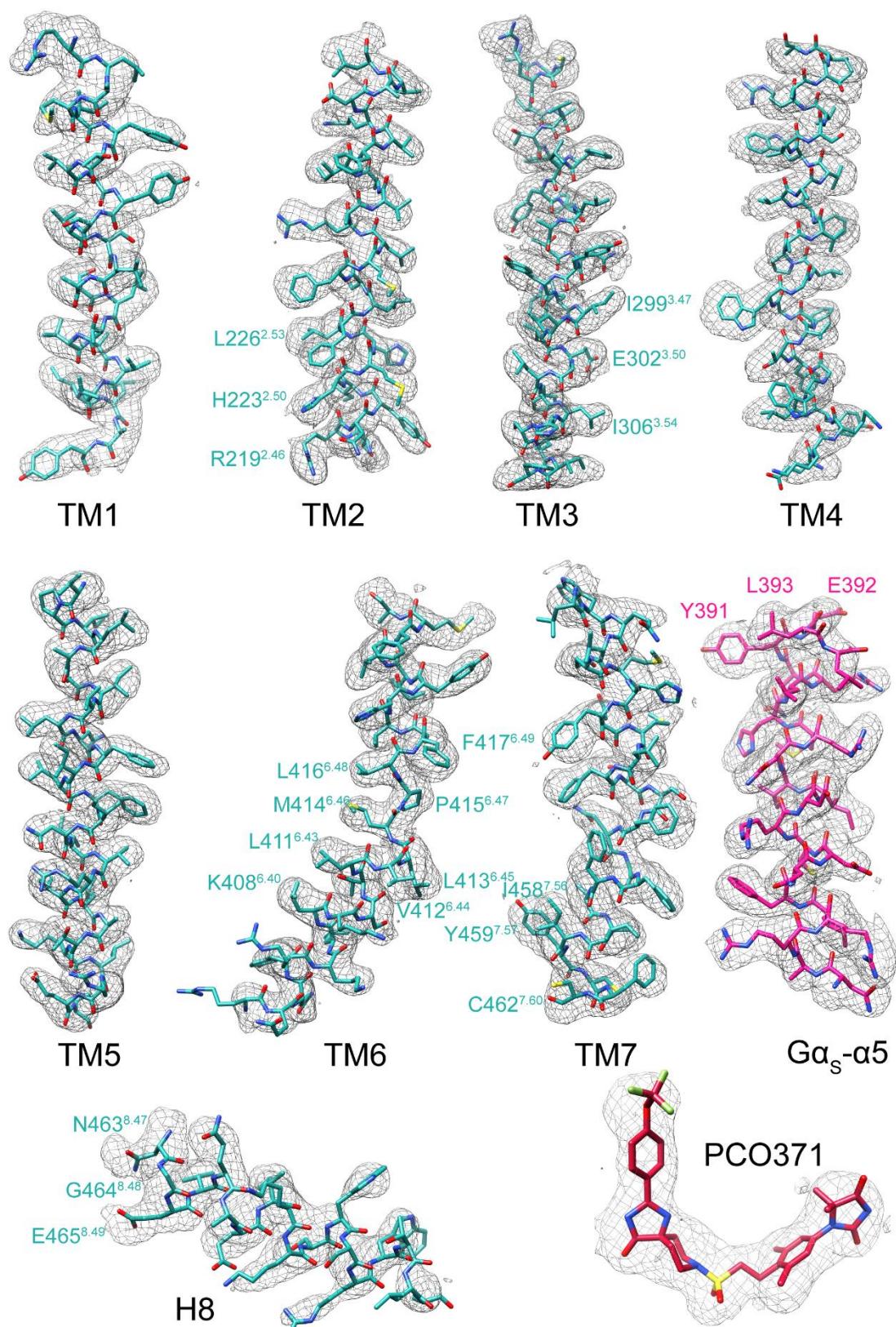
524 **Extended Data Fig. 1 | Construct of receptor and purification of the PCO371-**  
525 **PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> complex. (a)** Snake plot diagram of the PTH1R-LgBiT construct. **(b)** The  
526 size-exclusion chromatography elution profile on Superdex200 Increase 10/300GL (left  
527 panel) and SDS-PAGE analysis (right panel) of the PCO371-PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> complex.



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529 **Extended Data Fig. 2 | Single particle cryo-EM data analysis of the PCO371-**  
530 **PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> complex. (a)** A representative cryo-EM micrograph of the PCO371-  
531 PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> complex and representative 2D class averages with distinct secondary  
532 structure features from different views. **(b)** Data processing flowchart of PCO371-  
533 PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> complex by CryoSPARC and Relion. **(c)** Color cryo-EM map of the  
534 PCO371-PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> complex, showing local resolution (Å) calculated using Relion. **(d)**  
535 “Gold-standard” FSC curve of the PCO371-PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> complex, with the global  
536 resolution defined at the FSC = 0.143 is 2.57 Å.

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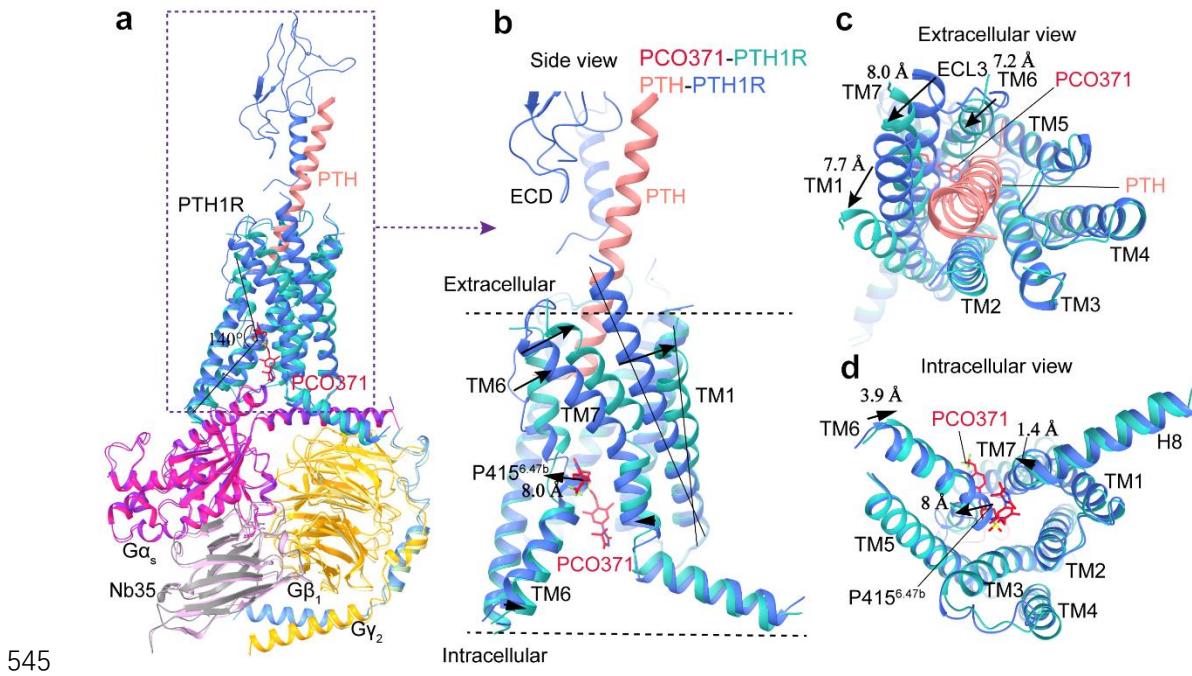
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539 **Extended Data Fig. 3 | Cryo-EM density maps of the PCO371-PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> protein**  
540 **structures.** Cryo-EM density map and the model of the PCO371-PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> structure

541 are shown for all transmembrane helices and helix 8 of PTH1R, PCO371, and G $\alpha$ s- $\alpha$ 5  
542 helix. The model is shown in stick representation. All of them display good density.

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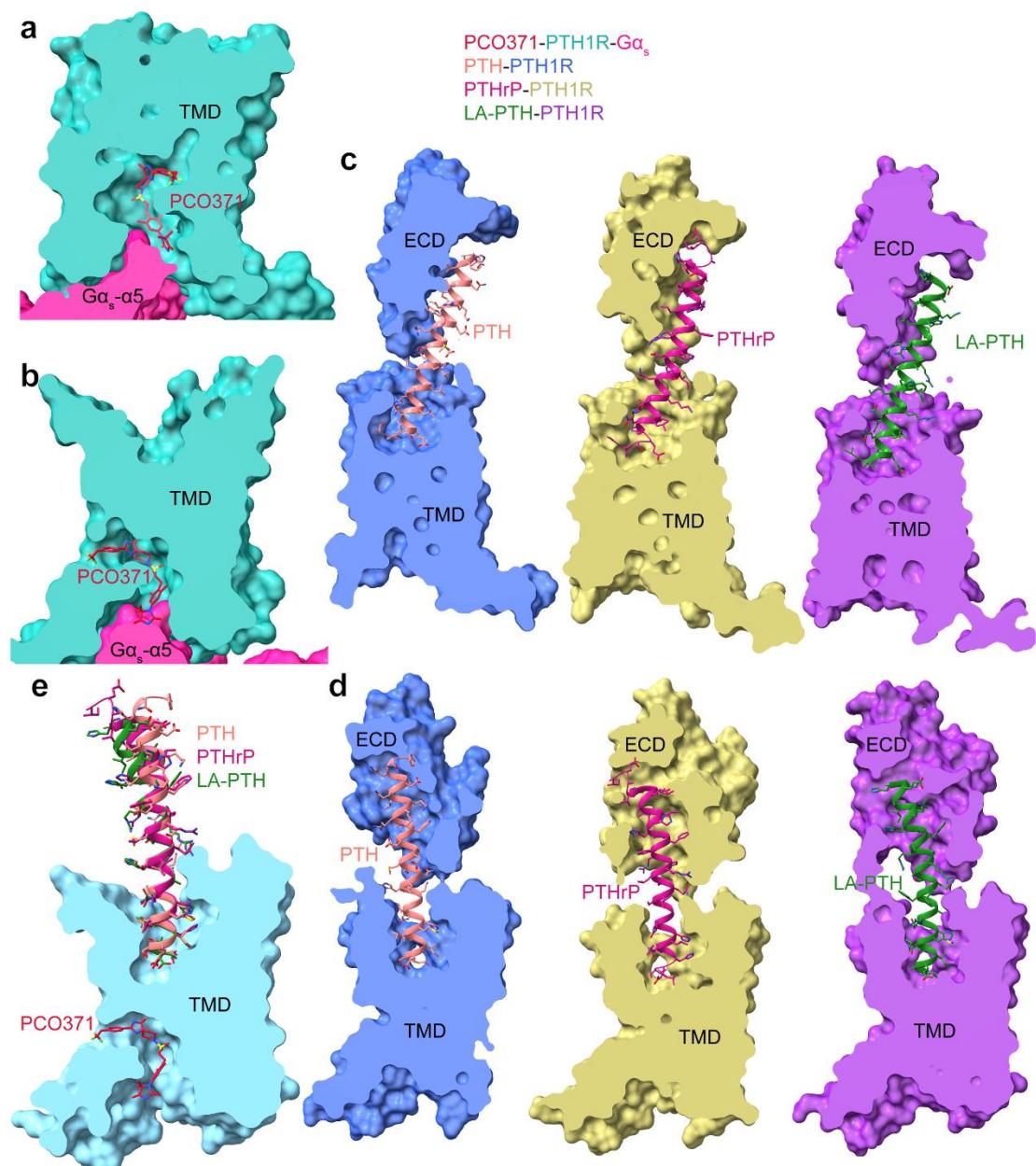
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546 **Extended Data Fig. 4 | Comparisons of the agonist binding pockets and PTH1R**  
547 **conformations stabilized by PCO371 and PTH.** **(a)** Superimposition of PTH1R from  
548 PDB:8HA0 (PTH1R: royal blue, PTH34: light coral,  $\text{G}\alpha_s$ : blue violet,  $\text{G}\beta_1$ : khaki,  $\text{G}\gamma_2$ :  
549 dark sea green, Nb35: plum) and the PCO371-bound PTH1R structure (PTH1R: light  
550 sea green, PCO371: crimson,  $\text{G}\alpha_s$ : deep pink,  $\text{G}\beta_1$ : orange,  $\text{G}\gamma_2$ : cornflower blue, Nb35:  
551 gray) reveals different peptide- and PCO371-binding sites. **(b)** Side view of different  
552 binding pockets and conformational changes in receptors; **(c)** Extracellular view and **(d)**  
553 intracellular view of PTH1R conformational changes.

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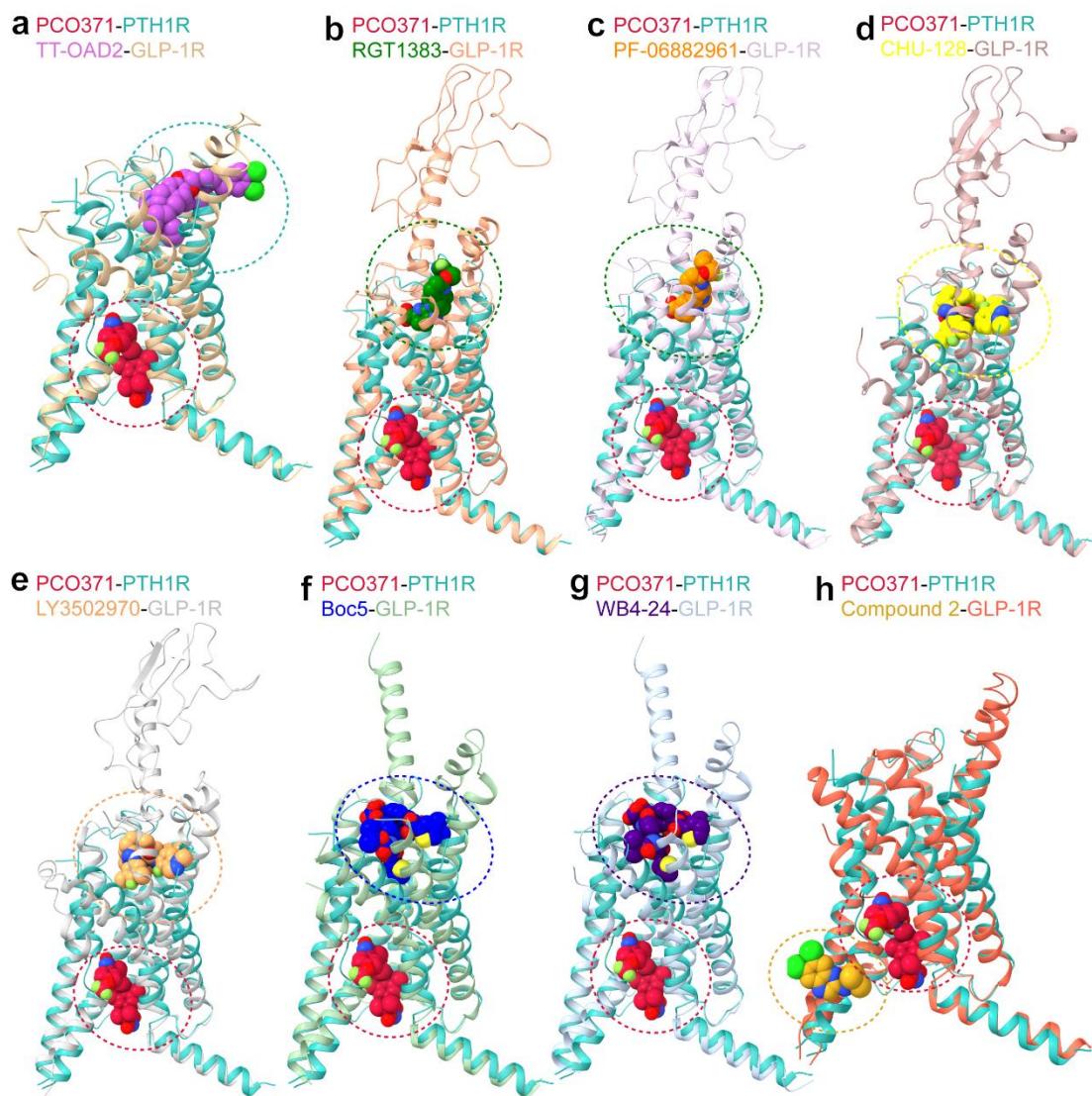
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557 **Extended Data Fig. 5 | Differences of ligand-binding pockets between a small**  
558 **molecule agonist and peptides of PTH1R. (a-b)** The binding pocket of PCO371 in  
559 PCO371-PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> complex structure. The receptor is shown in surface representation  
560 and colored in light sea green and PCO371 in crimson is shown as sticks. G protein and  
561 Nb35 are omitted for clarity. **(c-d)** The binding pockets of different peptides of PTH1R  
562 in the G protein-bound state. In three PTH-, PTHrP- and LA-PTH-bound PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub>  
563 complex structures, the receptors are shown in surface representation and colored in  
564 royal blue, dark khaki and dark orchid, respectively. PTH, PTHrP and LA-PTH are  
565 colored in light coral, medium violet red and forest green, respectively. They are shown

566 as sticks and ribbon (PDB: 8HA0, 8HAF and 6NBF). G protein and Nb35 are omitted  
567 for clarity.  
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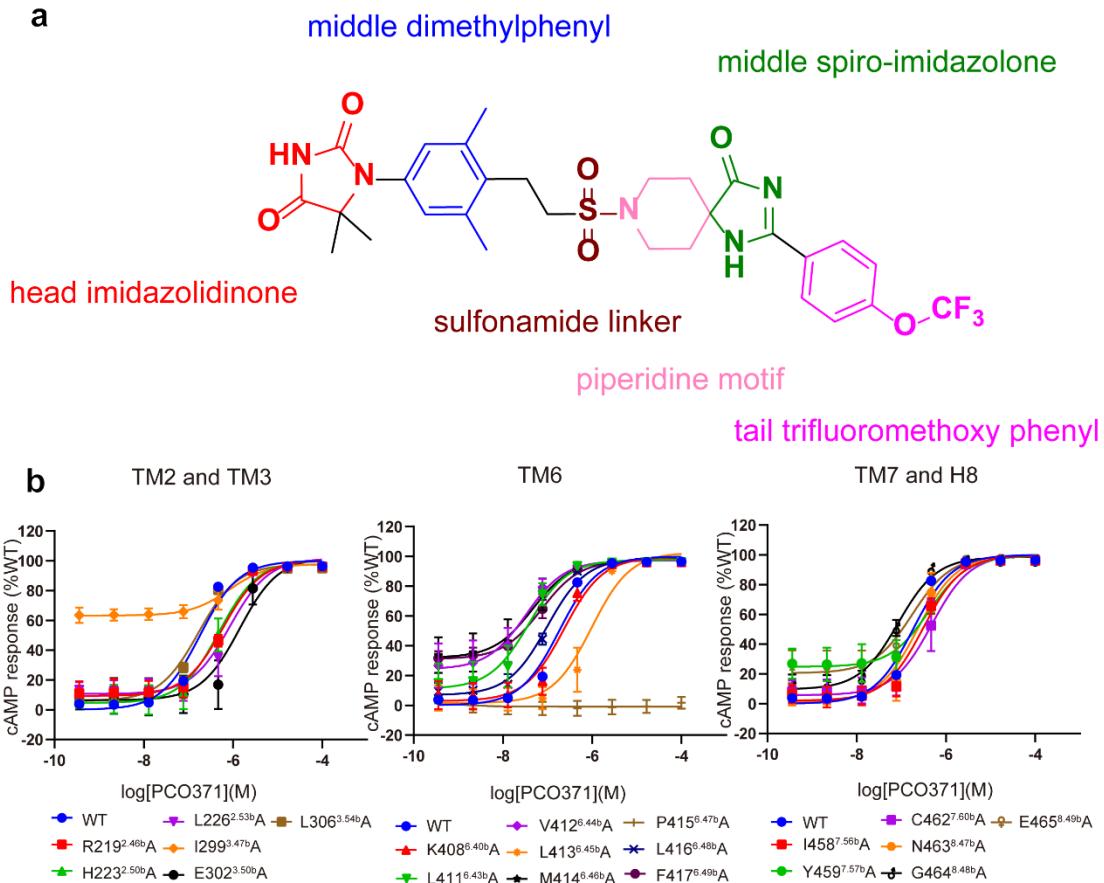
#### Extended Data Fig. 6 | Comparisons of small molecule agonist binding sites of class

**B GPCRs. (a-h)** Comparisons of the overall backbone conformations of helical bundles

and the ligand binding pockets between PCO371-PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> and non-peptidic ligand-GLP-1R-G<sub>s</sub> complexes. Superimposition of the PTH1R (light sea green) in complex with G<sub>s</sub> bound to PCO371 (crimson) with the GLP-1R in complexes with G<sub>s</sub> bound to different non-peptidic ligands, including small molecule agonists: TT-OAD2(PDB: 6ORV; TT-OAD2: dark orchid, GLP-1R: burly wood); RGT1383 (PDB: 7C2E; RGT1383: green, GLP-1R: light salmon); PF-06882961(PDB: 6X1A; PF-06882961: dark orange, GLP-1R: thistle); CHU-128 (PDB: 6X19; CHU-128: yellow, GLP-1R: rosy brown); LY3502970 (PDB: 6XOX; LY3502970: sandy brown, GLP-1R: silver); Boc5 (PDB: 7x8r; Boc5:blue, GLP-1R: dark sea green) and WB4-24 (PDB:7x8s; WB4-

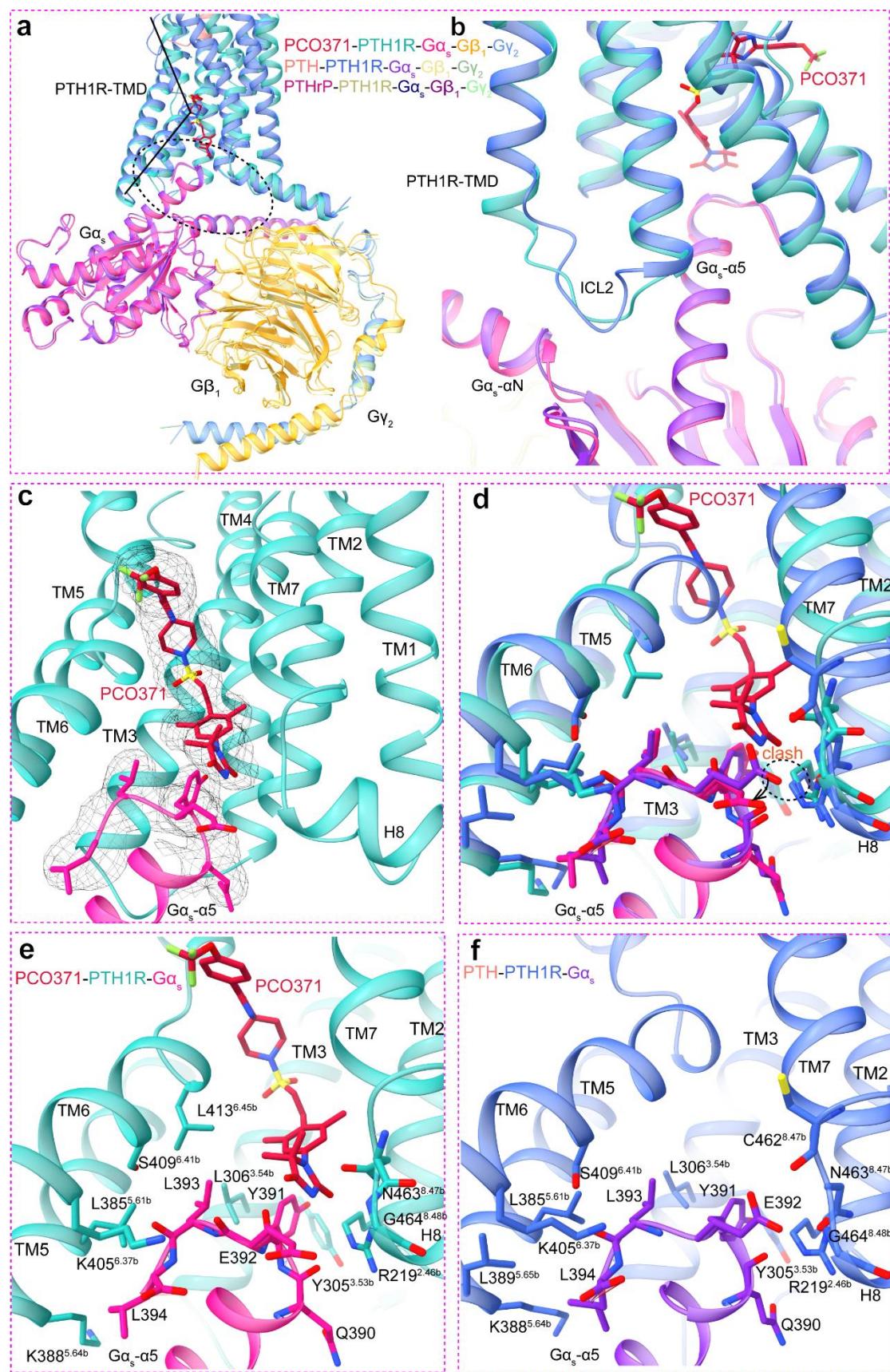
581 24: indigo, GLP-1R: light steel blue) and with an allosteric ligand, Compound 2, (PDB:  
582 7EVM; Compound 2: goldenrod, GLP-1R: tomato).  $G\alpha_s$ ,  $G\beta_1$  and  $G\gamma_2$  were omitted for  
583 clarity. **(a)** PCO371-PTH1R- $G_s$  and TT-OAD2-GLP-1R- $G_s$  complexes. **(b)** PCO371-  
584 PTH1R- $G_s$  and RGT1383-GLP-1R- $G_s$  complexes. **(c)** PCO371-PTH1R- $G_s$  and GLP-  
585 1R-PF-06882961- $G_s$  complexes. **(d)** PCO371- PTH1R - $G_s$  and CHU-128-GLP-1R- $G_s$   
586 complexes. **(e)** PCO371-PTH1R- $G_s$  and LY3502970-GLP-1R-  $G_s$  complexes. **(f)**  
587 PCO371-PTH1R- $G_s$  and Boc5-GLP-1R-  $G_s$  complexes. **(g)** PCO371-PTH1R- $G_s$  and  
588 WB4-24-GLP-1R- $G_s$  complexes. **(h)** PCO371-PTH1R- $G_s$  and Compound 2- GLP-1R-  
589  $G_s$  complexes. G protein and Nb35 are omitted for clarity.

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593 **Extended Data Fig.7 | Chemical structure of PCO371 and PCO371-mediated**  
594 **cAMP production by receptors containing alanine mutants of key residues in**  
595 **PCO371 binding pocket. (a)** The chemical structure of PCO371 is comprised of the  
596 head imidazolidinone, the middle dimethylphenyl, the sulfonamide linker, the  
597 piperidine motif, the middle spiro-imidazolone, and the tail trifluoromethoxy phenyl.  
598 **(b)** PCO371-mediated cAMP production by receptors containing alanine mutants of  
599 key residues within TM2, TM3, TM6, TM7 and H8. Data from three independent  
600 experiments (n=3) performed in technical triplicate are presented as mean  $\pm$  SEM.

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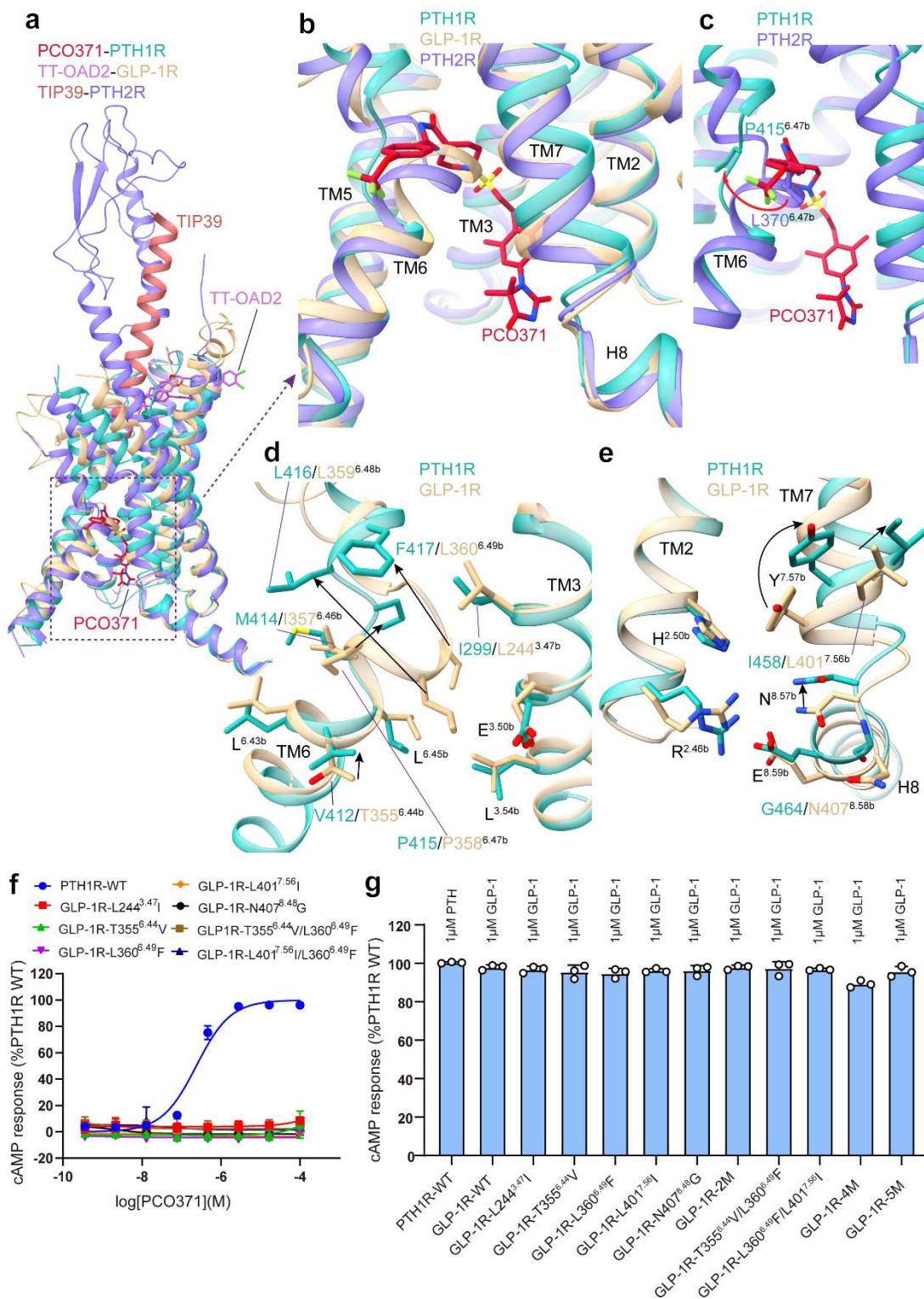


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604 **Extended Data Fig. 8 | The similarity and the difference of PTH1R in G protein-  
605 coupling by hormone peptide and small molecule agonist.** **(a)** Structural comparison  
606 of G protein in different ligands bound PTH1R-G<sub>s</sub> complex structures. **(b)** Close up of  
607 the  $\alpha$ N and G $\alpha$ <sub>s</sub>- $\alpha$ 5 helix of G $\alpha$ <sub>s</sub>, which form interactions with ICL2 and TMD helix  
608 bundles in all G protein bound complex structures, showing similar G protein  
609 conformation, but the noteworthy difference is that the C-terminal of G $\alpha$ <sub>s</sub>- $\alpha$ 5 helix  
610 makes additional interactions with the small molecule agonist. **(c)** Good cryo-EM  
611 density supports ligand interact with G $\alpha$ <sub>s</sub>. **(d-f)** The similar set of interactions between  
612 the C-terminal of G $\alpha$ <sub>s</sub>- $\alpha$ 5 helix with the receptor. E392 shifts outward due to steric clash.  
613 Y391, E392, and L393 form additional interactions with PCO371.

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616 **Extended Data Fig. 9 | Key residues for PCO371 selectivity among class B GPCRs.**

617 (a) Structural comparison of receptors and ligands among PCO371-PTH1R-Gs and TT-  
 618 OAD2-GLP-1R-Gs and TIP39-PTH1R-Gs complexes. **(a-b)** Structural comparison of  
 619 the cytoplasmic regions of PTH1R, PTH2R and GLP-1R during the receptor activation.  
 620 **(c)** Structural comparison of P415<sup>6.47b</sup> and L370<sup>6.47b</sup> in PTH receptors. **(d-e)** Different

621 conformations of residues in the active PTH1R, and GLP-1R that are involved the  
622 interface of PCO371 in receptor activation. (f) Stimulation of cAMP production by  
623 PCO371 in the WT and mutants of GLP-1R. Data from three independent experiments  
624 (n=3) performed in technical triplicate are presented as mean  $\pm$  SEM. (g) Stimulation  
625 of cAMP production by the cognate ligands of PTH1R, PTH2R and GLP-1R in mutants  
626 of receptors. Data from three independent experiments (n=3) performed in technical  
627 triplicate are presented as mean  $\pm$  SEM.

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630 **Extended Data Table 1 | Cryo-EM data collection, refinement and validation**  
631 **statistics.**

	PCO371- PTH1R- G <sub>s</sub> -complex
<b>Data collection and processing</b>	
Magnification	105000
Voltage (kV)	300
Electron exposure (e-/Å <sup>2</sup> )	50
Defocus range (μm)	-1.2 to -1.8
Pixel size (Å)	0.824
Symmetry imposed	C1
Initial particle images (no.)	7,124,33
Final particle images (no.)	1,099,315
Map resolution (Å)	
FSC threshold	0.143
Map resolution (Å)	2.57
Map sharpening B factor (Å <sup>2</sup> )	-69.24
Refinement	
Initial model used (PDB code)	6NBF
Model resolution (Å)	3.1
FSC threshold	0.5
Model-Map CC (mask)	0.81
Model composition	
Non-hydrogen atoms	8138
Protein residues	1019
B factors (Å <sup>2</sup> )	
Protein	66.78
Ligand	60.37
R.m.s. deviations	
Bond lengths (Å)	0.002
Bond angles (Å)	0.527
Validation	
MolProbity score	1.40
Clash score	7.2
Rotamer outliers (%)	0
Ramachandran plot	
Favored (%)	98
Allowed (%)	2
Disallowed (%)	0

633 **Extended Data Table 2 | Effects of PCO371 bind to PTH1R WT and mutants.**

Mutant	PCO371		Cell surface expression
	pEC <sub>50</sub> ± S.E.M.	E <sub>max</sub> ± S.E.M. (%) WT)	(% WT)
WT	6.74 ± 0.07	100 ± 2.245	100.00 ± 1.45
R219 <sup>2.46b</sup> A	6.23 ± 0.08**	100.66 ± 2.76	46.17 ± 1.96
H223 <sup>2.50b</sup> A	6.31 ± 0.09*	100.30 ± 3.19	40.93 ± 0.66
L226 <sup>2.53b</sup> A	6.07 ± 0.10***	101.63 ± 3.62	32.35 ± 0.99
I299 <sup>3.47b</sup> A	6.09 ± 0.12***	98.02 ± 1.62	60.52 ± 0.38
E302 <sup>3.50b</sup> A	5.85 ± 0.14***	102.31 ± 5.59	47.56 ± 0.63
L306 <sup>3.54b</sup> A	6.78 ± 0.06	97.62 ± 1.76	78.32 ± 1.30
K408 <sup>6.40b</sup> A	6.63 ± 0.09	99.61 ± 2.98	77.45 ± 1.02
L411 <sup>6.43b</sup> A	7.43 ± 0.11***	97.72 ± 2.60	63.42 ± 1.36
V412 <sup>6.44b</sup> A	7.49 ± 0.12***	97.29 ± 2.44	97.10 ± 2.27
L413 <sup>6.45b</sup> A	6.01 ± 0.11***	102.69 ± 4.35	72.94 ± 1.34
M414 <sup>6.46b</sup> A	7.34 ± 0.14**	97.30 ± 2.55	88.78 ± 0.59
P415 <sup>6.47b</sup> A	N. A	N. A	96.36 ± 0.75
L416 <sup>6.48b</sup> A	7.01 ± 0.06	98.75 ± 1.71	75.75 ± 2.54
F417 <sup>6.49b</sup> A	7.14 ± 0.05	97.42 ± 1.09	89.05 ± 1.82
I458 <sup>7.56b</sup> A	6.51 ± 0.07	99.67 ± 2.56	80.93 ± 1.81
Y459 <sup>7.57b</sup> A	6.38 ± 0.09	99.33 ± 3.05	94.38 ± 1.22
C462 <sup>7.60b</sup> A	6.32 ± 0.08	100.42 ± 3.12	86.41 ± 1.82
N463 <sup>8.47b</sup> A	6.63 ± 0.10	99.76 ± 3.19	103.10 ± 0.87
G464 <sup>8.48b</sup> A	7.07 ± 0.06	98.56 ± 1.65	100.36 ± 2.23
E465 <sup>8.49b</sup> A	6.76 ± 0.12	99.19 ± 3.05	90.05 ± 1.83

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