### Supporting information for

## A Practical Synthesis of the PDE4 inhibitor, KW-4490

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#### 1. General information

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were obtained on a JEOL JNM-LA300 spectrometer (300 MHz) or Bruker AVANCE 500 spectrometer (500 MHz). Proton-decoupled <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were obtained on a JEOL JNM-LA300 spectrometer (75 MHz) or Bruker AVANCE 500 spectrometer (125 MHz).

#### 2. HPLC and GC methods

HPLC analysis were performed on a Hitachi L-4000 system.

Column: YMC-Pack, C8,  $150\times60$  mm;  $\lambda=230$  nm; temperature:  $35^{\circ}$ C; eluant: phosphate buffer\* : methanol = 38:62 (\*0.01 mol of K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> and 0.01 mol of KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> were dissolved in 1L of water, then pH was adjusted to 3 by H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>); flow rate: 1mL/min.  $t_R$ : 11 = 4.2 min; 15 = 4.8 min; 1 (KW-4490) = 5.0 min; 16 = 5.6 min; 3 = 8.7 min; 18 = 10.5 min; cis-8 = 10.6 min; trans-8 = 12.4 min; 9 = 20.3 min; 19 = 21.0 min; diphenyl (internal standard) = 23.5 min.

GC analyses were performed on a Shimadzu GC-14A.

Column: TC-5 30 m×0.25 mm; detection: FID (Flame ionization detector); carrier gas: helium; carrier gas pressure: 1.5 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>; injection temp: 250°C; detection temp: 260°C; flow late: split 60.0 mL/min; time program: 5 min at 100°C, 5.0°C/min to 250°C, 210 min at 50°C.

 $t_{\rm R}$ : 5 11.5 = min; 12 = 14.9 min.

# 3. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of new compounds















