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#### Abbreviations:

βarr2-KO, βarrestin2 knockout; CP, chloroquine phosphate; CPA, conditioned place aversion; DMSO, dimethyl sulfoxide; 5'-GNTI, 5'-guanidinonaltrindole; GPCR, G protein coupled receptor; GRK3, GPCR kinase 3; [<sup>35</sup>S]GTPγS, guanosine 5'-O-(3-[<sup>35</sup>S]thio)triphosphate; KOR, kappa opioid receptor; KOR-KO, kappa opioid receptor knockout; MOR, mu opioid receptor; NorBNI, nor-binaltorphimine; WT, wild type

#### Highlights:

KOR agonists are clinically used for pruritis yet most KOR agonists induce sedation.

G protein/ $\beta$ arrestin2 biased KOR agonists are antipruritic yet not sedating in mice.

Biased KOR agonists may have therapeutic utility in treating pruritis.

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