1	Supporting Information
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3	Structure-Dependent Activity of Phthalate Esters and Phthalate Monoesters Binding to
4	Human Constitutive Androstane Receptor
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10	Contents:
11	Chemicals and Reagents.
12	6-(4-Chlorophenyl)imidazo[2,1- <i>b</i> ][1,3]thiazole-5-carbaldehyde $O-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)$ oxime
13	(CITCO, >99.0%) and Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (St.
14	Louis, MO, USA). Dimethyl phthalate (DMP, >99.7%), diethyl phthalate (DEP, >99.5%),
15	di-n-propyl phthalate (DPRP, >99.7%), diisopropyl phthalate (DIPRP, >98%), diallyl
16	phthalate (DAP, AR), di-n-butyl phtalate (DnBP, >99.5%), diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP, >99%),
17	di-n-pentyl phthalate (DnPP, >98%), diheptyl phthalate (DHP, AR), di-n-octyl phthalate
18	(DnOP, >99%), diisononyl phthalate (DINP, >99%), diisodecyl phthalate (DIDP, >99.5%),
19	dicyclohexyl phthalate (DCHP, >99%), benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP, >98%), and
20	di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP, >99.4%) were purchased from Aladdin Reagent Co. Ltd.
21	(Shanghai, China). Di-n-hexyl phthalate (DHXP, >99%), diisopentyl phthalate (DIPP, >99%),
22	di-n-nonyl phthalate (DnNP, >99%), di-iso-octyl phthalate (DIOP, >99.5%), phthalic acid

bis-4-methyl-2-pentyl ester (BMPP, >99.0%), mono-methyl phthalate (MMP, >99%), 23 mono-hexyl phthalate (MHXP, >99%), mono-isobutyl phthalate (MIBP, >99%), mono-n-butyl 24 phthalate (MnBP, >99%), mono-cyclohexyl phthalate (MCHP, >99%), mono-ethyl phthalate 25 (MEP, >99%), mono-2-ethylhexyl phthalate (MEHP), monooctyl phthalate (MOP), and 26 27 mono-benzyl phthalate (MBZP) were purchased from J&K Scientific Ltd (Beijing, China). Diphenyl 1.2-phthalate (DPHP, >98.0%) and dibenzyl phthalate (DBzP, >98.0%) were 28 purchased from the Hengyezhongyuan Company (Beijing, China). Bis-(2-ethylhexyl) 29 tetrabromophthalate (TBPH) and mono-(2-ethyhexyl) tetrabromophthalate (TBMEHP) were 30 purchased from Wellington Laboratories (Guelph, Ontario, Canada). Zymolyase (20T) was 31 32 purchased from Seikagaku Kogyo Co. Ltd. (Tokyo, Japan), and 2-nitrophenyl-β-D-galactoside 33 (ONPG) was purchased from Tokyo Kasei Kogyo Co. Ltd. (Tokyo, Japan). All reagents used in this study were of molecular biology grade unless otherwise described. All the target 34 35 chemicals were prepared in DMSO solution with the concentration of 100  $\mu$ M and stored at -20°C. 36

## 37 Measurement of Atom-Atom Distance.

The atom-atom distances between activated phthalates (DMP, DEP, DPRP, DAP, DIPRP, DnBP, DIBP, DIPP, DnPP, DHXP, DPHP, DBzP, BBP, DCHP, and BMPP) and the neighbored aromatic amino acid residues (Phe132, Phe161, Phe217, Tyr224, Phe234, Phe238, Phe243, and Tyr326) were measure by means of Scigress Explorer user interface and adjust tools. The distances are shown in red dashed lines (Figure S3).

## 44 Supplementary Figure Legends

Figure S1: Mechanism of the yeast two-hybrid assay to determine the human CAR binding activities of phthalate esters.

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Figure S2 : Molecular docking conformation of DINP in human CAR pocket. DINP represented as ball and cylinder, and the amino acid residues in the active site are represented as sticks. They are all colored according to element type: carbon atom (grey), oxygen atom (red), and nitrogen atom (blue).

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