

## Supplementary information

### Extending cross metathesis to identify selective HDAC inhibitors: synthesis, modelling and biological activities.

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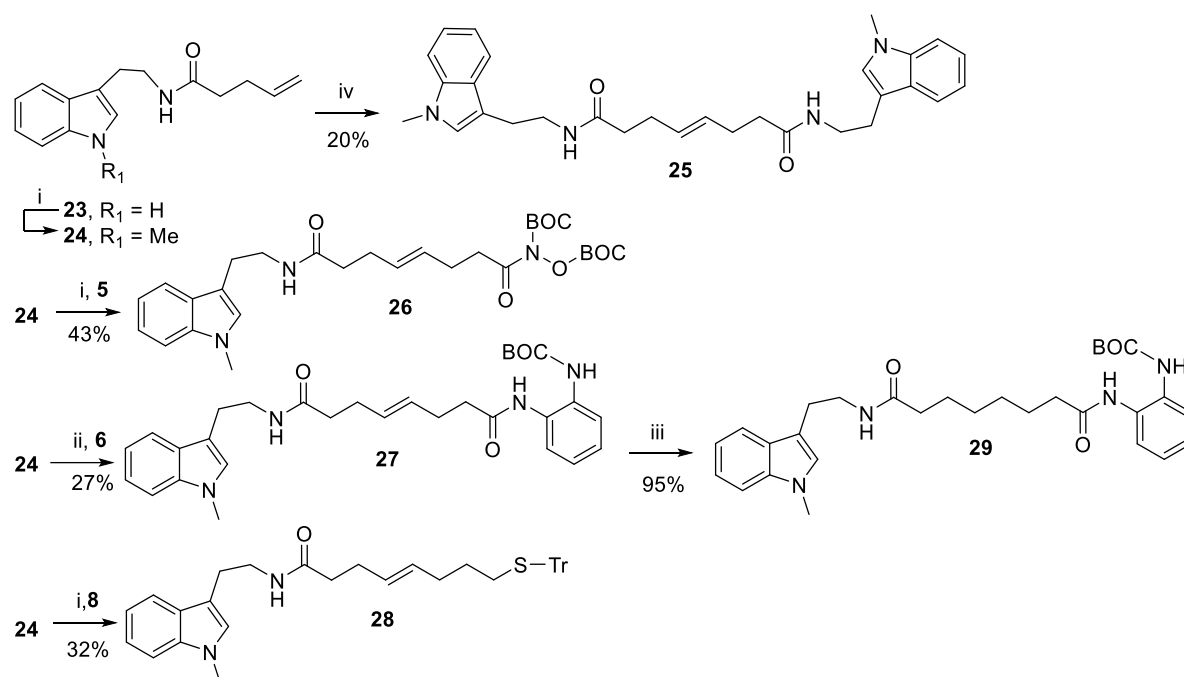
## Molecular Formula Strings

compound SMILES

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- 7 SC(c1ccccc1)(c1ccccc1)c1ccccc1
- 8 C=CCCCSC(c1ccccc1)(c1ccccc1)c1ccccc1
- 9 C(C/C=C/CCCSC(c1ccccc1)(c1ccccc1)c1ccccc1)CSC(c1ccccc1)(c1ccccc1)c1ccccc1
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- 23 C=CCCC(=O)NCCc1c[nH]c2c1cccc2
- 24 C=CCCC(=O)NCCc1cn(c2c1cccc2)C
- 25 O=C(CC/C=C/CCC(=O)NCCc1cn(c2c1cccc2)C)NCCc1cn(c2c1cccc2)C
- 26 O=C(CC/C=C/CCC(=O)N(C(=O)OC(C)(C)C)OC(=O)OC(C)(C)C)NCCc1cn(c2c1cccc2)C
- 27 O=C(NCCc1cn(c2c1cccc2)C)CC/C=C/CCC(=O)Nc1ccccc1NC(=O)OC(C)(C)C
- 28 O=C(NCCc1cn(c2c1cccc2)C)CC/C=C/CCCSC(c1ccccc1)(c1ccccc1)c1ccccc1
- 29 O=C(NCCc1cn(c2c1cccc2)C)CCCCCCC(=O)Nc1ccccc1NC(=O)OC(C)(C)C

## Scheme S1.

### Preparation of the tryptaminoyl series.<sup>a</sup>



a: i) CH<sub>3</sub>I, NaH, THF. ii) Grubbs 1<sup>st</sup> generation catalyst, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, reflux. iii,iv) Grubbs 2<sup>nd</sup> generation catalyst, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, reflux. iii) H<sub>2</sub>, Pd/C, AcOEt.

## Syntheses

Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography when applicable with 0.25 mm silica gel plates (60F-254, E. Merck) and revealed with phosphomolybdic acid 5% weight in ethanol. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded in 5 mm diameter tubes with a Bruker spectrometer (<sup>1</sup>H 400 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C 100 MHz), in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, acetone D<sub>6</sub> or DMSO D<sub>6</sub> (for compound 2) at 25 °C. The chemical shift scale expressed in ppm was calibrated on the basis of the deuterated solvent or tetramethylsilane as reference. High resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Waters Micro-TOF-Q and Q-2.

Pent-4-en-1-yl(trityl)sulfane 8. To a solution of tritylthiol (19.49g, 70.5 mmol) and bromide (10.51g, 70.5mmol) in ACN (350 mL) was added K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (73.1g, 7.5 eq.). After stirring overnight at room temperature the solution was diluted with water (200 mL) and extracted (Et<sub>2</sub>O, 3\*200 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under vacuum. Purification (Flash chromatography silica gel PE:EA 98:2) gave the expected compound 8 as a yellow oil (23g, 92%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 1.49 (m, 2H), 2.03 (m, 2H), 2.18 (t, 2H, J=7.33Hz), 4.94 (m, 2H), 5.67 (m, 1H), 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.30 (m, 6H), 7.44 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 27.9, 31.4, 33.0, 66.5, 115.0, 126.5, 127.8, 129.6, 137.8, 145.0.

(Z/E)-1,8-bis(tritylthio)oct-4-ene 9. Grubbs I catalyst (60mg) in DCM (3mL) was added over 6h (0.5mL/h rate) to a boiling solution of 8 (130mg, 0.38mmol) in DCM (3mL). The cool solution was then purified (Flash chromatography silica, PE/EA 100/0 (100mL), 95/5 (250mL), 90/10 (250mL), 85/15 (500mL)) and gave 9 (107mg, 86%) as a brown oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 1.30 (m, 2H), 1.79 (m, 2H), 2.02 (t, 2H, J=7.7Hz), 5.05 (m, 1H), 7.11 (m, 3H), 7.18 (m, 6H), 7.32 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 27.4, 30.4, 30.7, 65.4, 125.5, 126.8, 126.9, 128.6, 144.0. HRMS Calcd. for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>44</sub>NaS<sub>2</sub>: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 683.2777, Found:683.2809.

Methyl 1-(pent-4-en-1-yloxy)-2-naphthoate 12. To a solution of phenol 11 (2g, 10 mmol) in DMF (10 mL) was added pentenylbromide (1.2 mL, 10 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.34 g, 10mmol) and NaI (1.5 g, 10 mmol). After stirring overnight at ambient temperature the reaction is almost complete. NaI (10 mmol) was added and 12h more stirring gave total reaction. Saturated aqueous NaCl was added (100 mL) and the mixture extracted (Et<sub>2</sub>O, 3x100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. Purification (Flash chromatography silica, PE/EA 100/0 (100mL), 95/5 (250mL), 90/10 (250mL), 85/15 (500mL)) gave the ether as a brown oil (2.4 g, 91%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 2.06 (m, 2H), 2.35 (m, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 4.12 (t, 2H, J=6.6Hz), 5.09 (m, 2H), 5.93 (m, 1H), 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.83 (m, 2H), 8.26 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm : 18.1, 23.8, 29.6, 30.3, 33.7, 52.2, 75.8, 115.1, 119.3, 123.5, 123.7, 123.8, 126.4, 126.7, 126.9, 127.8, 128.3, 128.8, 136.7, 138.0, 157.3, 166.9.

Dimethyl 1,1'-(oct-4-ene-1,8-diylbis(oxy))(E)-bis(2-naphthoate) **13**. Grubbs catalyst (30mg) in DCM (3mL) was added over 6h (0.5mL/h rate) to a boiling solution of **12** (150mg, 0.55mmol) in DCM (3mL) and refluxed 1h more. The cool solution was then purified (flash chromatography silica PE/EA gradient 100/0 to 95/5 in 40 min, 90/10 in 10 min and 50/50 in 10min) to yield **13** (55mg, 39%) as an orange oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 2.05 (m, 4H), 2.34 (m, 4H), 3.96 (2s, 6H), 4.13 (t, 4H, J=6.4Hz), 5.60 (m, 2H), 7.58 (m, 6H), 7.85 (m, 4H), 8.29 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 22.9, 29.2, 30.3, 33.7, 52.2, 75.9, 119.2, 123.7, 123.8, 126.6, 127.8, 128.3, 128.8, 29.7, 130.2, 136.7, 157.4, 166.9. HRMS Cald. for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 535.2091, Found: 535.2105.

(Z/E)-methyl 1-((8-((2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)phenyl)amino)-8-oxooct-4-en-1-yl)oxy)-2-naphthoate **15**. Prepared as **14** from **6** (92mg, 0.34mmol) and **12** (100mg, 0.34mmol) in DCM (3mL) and Grubbs II (50mg) in DCM (3mL). Purification (flash chromatography silica, PE/EA 100/0 to 85/15 over 60 min) gave **15** (65mg, 36%) as an orange oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 0.87 (m, 4H), 1.30 (m, 2H), 1.50 (3s, 9H), 1.65 (s large, 1H), 2.46 (2s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 4.12 (m, 2H), 6.97 (s large, 1H), 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.84 (dd, 2H, J=7.2, 8.7Hz), 8.11 (s large, 1H), 8.26 (dd, 1H). HRMS Cald. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 555.2466, Found: 555.2555.

Methyl 1-((8-((2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)phenyl)amino)-8-oxooctyl)oxy)-2-naphthoate **19**. Prepared as **17** from **15** (62mg, 0.12mmol) in EA (2mL) and Pd/C 10% (40mg). After dilution with DCM filtration gave **19** (57mg, 93%) as an orange oil directly used for next step. HRMS Cald. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 557.2622, Found: 557.2563.

Methyl 1-((8-((2-aminophenyl)amino)-8-oxooctyl)oxy)-2-naphthoate **20**. TFA (0.5mL, 6mmol) was added to a solution of **19** (57mg, 0.11mmol) in DCM (1.5mL) and the solution stirred for 3h. After dilution with EA, the solution was washed (3x5mL saturated aqueous NaCl). The combined aqueous extracts were neutralized to pH 7 (saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>) and extracted (3x20mL, EA). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and the solvents removed under vacuum. Purification (flash chromatography silica, PE/EA 100:0, 90:10, 82:18, 75:25, 50:50, 30:70, 0:100 100 mL each) gave **20** (38mg, 83%) as a yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 1.49 (m, 4H), 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.97 (p, 2H, J=7.40Hz), 2.45 (t, 2H, J=7.30 Hz), 4.16 (t, 2H, J=7.40Hz), 4.55 (sb, 2H), 6.62 (td, 1H, J=1.44, 7.72Hz), 6.81 (dd, 1H, J=1.32, 7.96Hz), 6.94 (td, 1H, J=1.44, 7.96 Hz), 7.22 (dd, 1H, J=1.32, 7.84 Hz), 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.72 (d, 1H, J=8.64Hz), 7.82 (d, 1H, J=8.64Hz), 7.97 (m, 1H), 8.31 (m, 1H), 8.60 (sb, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Acetone D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 171.2, 166.4, 156.9, 142.1, 136.6, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 126.6, 126.5, 125.9, 125.1, 124.7, 123.5, 123.4, 123.2, 119.7, 117.2, 116.8, 76.0, 51.5, 36.2, 30.2, 29.1 (x2 at 29.1 & 29.09 by DEPT135 and H-C correlation), 25.8, 25.6. HRMS Cald. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 457.2098, Found: 457.2094.

(Z/E)-methyl 1-((8-(tritylthio)oct-4-en-1-yl)oxy)-2-naphthoate **16**. Prepared as **12** from **11** (270mg, 1mmol), **14** (688mg, 2mmol) in DCM (9mL) and Grubbs I (150mg) in DCM (4.5mL) added at 0.8mL/h. After dilution with DCM purification (flash chromatography silica, PE/EA/TEA: 99.5/0/0.5, 250mL, 97/2.5/0.5, 500mL) gave **25** (294mg, 50%) as an orange oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 1.55 (p, 2H), 2.06 (m, 4H), 2.23 (m, 2H), 2.32 (q, 2H), 4.04 (2s, 3H), 4.18 (m, 2H), 5.45 (m, 2H), 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.35 (m, 6H), 7.49 (m, 6H), 7.66 (m, 3H), 7.93 (td, 2H, J=6.3, 6.8Hz), 8.35 (dd, 1H, J=7.0, 7.2Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 22.4, 22.7, 23.8, 26.7, 28.5, 28.7, 29.1, 30.3, 30.4, 31.5, 31.6, 31.8, 52.2, 60.4, 66.5, 66.5, 75.9, 76.0, 77.3, 119.2, 119.3, 123.4, 123.7, 126.4, 126.5, 126.8, 127.6, 128.3, 128.8, 129.5, 129.6, 130.0, 130.1, 136.7, 145.0, 145.1, 157.4, 166.9, 166.9. HRMS Cald. for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>38</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 609.2434, Found: 609.2420.

Methyl 1-((8-(tritylthio)octyl)oxy)-2-naphthoate **21**. Prepared as **17** from **16** (280mg, 0.48mmol) in EA (5mL) and Pd/C 10% (150mg). Filtration of the resulting solution gave **21** (235mg, 84%) as an orange oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 1.34 (m, 4H), 1.43 (m, 2H), 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.93 (m, 2H), 2.16 (t, 2H, J=7.2Hz), 3.98 (s, 3H), 4.11 (t, 2H, J=7.2Hz), 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.3 (m, 6H), 7.45 (m, 6H), 7.6 (m, 3H), 7.87 (m, 2H), 8.28 (dd, 1H, J=Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 28.5, 28.7, 29.1, 30.4, 31.6, 31.8, 52.2, 60.4, 66.5, 76.0, 119.2, 123.4, 123.7, 126.5, 126.8, 127.6, 128.3, 128.8, 129.6, 130.1, 136.7, 145.1, 157.4, 166.9. HRMS Cald. for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>40</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 611.2590, Found: 611.2427.

Methyl 1-((8-mercaptooctyl)oxy)-2-naphthoate **22**. To a solution of tritylthiol **21** (136 mg, 0.23 mmol) in DCM (1.5 mL) was added at 0°C TFA (1.5 mL) and TES (0.15 mL). The solution was stirred 3h at room temperature, diluted with DCM (5mL), and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (2\*20 mL). The resulting organic layer was dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under vacuum. The crude oil was purified (Flash chromatography silica gel EA:PE 0:100, 100 mL, 2:98 250mL, 5:95 250 mL, 10:90 250 mL and 20:80 to finish) to yield **22** as a colourless oil (59.5 mg, 74.7%) with traces of disulphide, also isolated. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 1.40 (m, 6H), 1.60 (m, 4H), 1.97 (p, 2H, J=6.72Hz), 2.55 (q, 2H, J=7.53Hz), 3.99 (s, 3H), 4.13 (t, 2H, J=6.68Hz), 7.6 (m, 3H), 7.86 (dd, 1H, J=1.72, 7.44Hz), 7.88 (d, 1H, J=8.68Hz), 8.28 (d, 1H, J=1.4, 7.92Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: . HRMS Cald. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 369.1495, Found: 369.1768.

(Z/E)-N1,N8-bis(2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)oct-4-ene-1,8-diamine **25**. Prepared as **13** from **24** (75mg, 0.30mmol) in DCM (3mL) and Grubbs I (20mg) in DCM (3mL). Purification (flash chromatography silica, PE/EA 100/0 to 85/15 over 30min, then to 0/100 over 20min) gave **25** (15mg, 20%) as a brown oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 2.11 (m, 2H), 2.23 (m, 2H), 2.95 (m, 2H), 3.56 (q, 2H, J=6.5Hz), 3.76 (s, 3H), 5.35 (m, 1H), 5.50 (m, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 7.12 (t, 1H, J=7.0Hz), 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, 1H, J=7.85Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 25.3, 28.4, 32.7, 36.4, 39.8, 109.3, 111.6, 118.9, 119.0, 121.8, 126.8, 127.8, 129.8, 137.1, 172.3. HRMS Cald. for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>4</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 507.2730, Found: 507.2713.

(Z/E)-tert-butyl (tert-butoxycarbonyl)oxy(8-((2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)amino)-8-oxooct-4-enoyl)carbamate **26**. Prepared as **14** from **24** (106mg, 0.41mmol) and **5** (258mg, 0.82mmol) in DCM (3mL) with Grubbs I (50mg) in DCM (3mL). Purification (flash chromatography silica, PE/EA/TEA 99.5/0/0.5 250, 50/49.5/0.5 1L, 0/99.5/0.5 500mL followed by preparative TLC PE/EA 85/15 once and 50/50 twice) gave **26** (96, 43%) as a brown oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 1.52 (3s, 18H), 1.64 (s large, 1H), 2.15 (m, 2H), 2.29 (m, 2H), 2.36 (m, 2H), 2.88 (m, 2H), 2.95 (t, 2H J=6.8Hz), 3.58 (q, 2H, J=6.5Hz), 3.76 (2s, 3H), 5.50 (4m, 2H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 7.11 (td, 1H, J=7.9Hz), 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.30 (2s, 1H), 7.60 (d, 1H, J=7.9Hz). HRMS Cald. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>41</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO<sub>7</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 566.2837, Found: 566.2969.

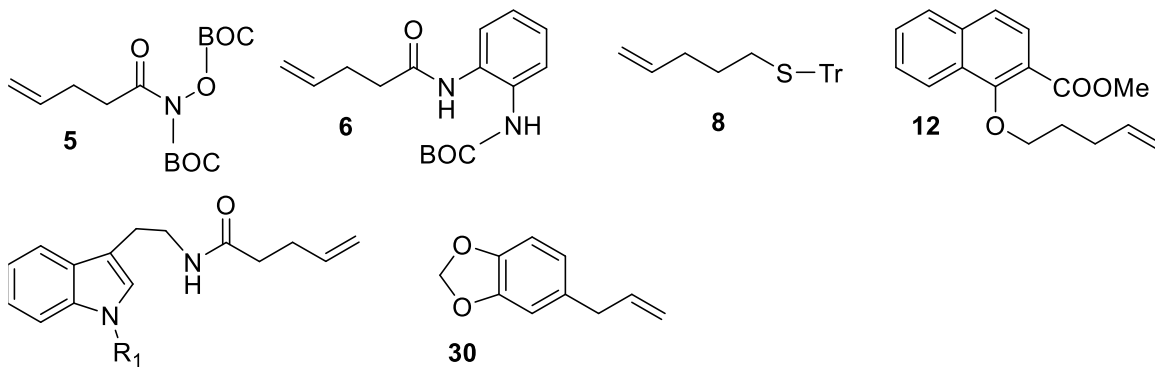
(E/Z)-tert-butyl (2-(8-((2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)amino)-8-oxooct-4-enamido)phenyl)carbamate **27**. Prepared as **26** from **25** (77mg, 0.3mmol) and **6** (89mg, 0.3mmol) in DCM (3mL) with Grubbs II (40mg) in DCM (3mL). Purification (flash chromatography silica, PE/EA 100/0 to 95/5 over 15min, to 85/15 over 15min, to 0/100 over 30min) gave **27** (41mg, 27%) as an orange oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 1.52 (2s, 9H), 1.61 (m, 4H), 2.15 (m, 2H), 2.38 (m, 2H), 2.91 (m, 2H), 3.50 (q, 2H, J=6.3Hz), 3.76 (3s, 3H), 5.49 (m, 1H), 5.50 (s large, 1H), 5.58 (m, 1H), 6.86 (3s, 1H), 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.44 (2m, 1H), 7.58 (m, 1H), 8.08 (s broad, 1H), 8.48 (s broad, 1H). HRMS Cald. for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>4</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 541.2785, Found: 541.2773.

(E)-N-(2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-8-(tritylthio)oct-4-enamide **28**. Prepared as **26** from **25** (120mg, 0.5mmol) and **8** (344mg, 1mmol) in DCM (9mL) with Grubbs I (150mg) in DCM (7mL) at 1.2mL/h flow rate. Purification (flash chromatography silica, PE/EA/TEA 99.5/0/0.5 250mL, 50/49.5/0.5 1L, 0/99.5/0.5 500mL followed by preparative TLC PE/EA 50:50 once and 65:35 twice) gave **28** (91mg, 32%) as a brown oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 1.27 (s, 1H), 1.40 (p, 2H, J=7.3Hz), 1.88 (q, 2H), 2.11 (td, 4H), 2.23 (q, 2H), 2.95 (t, 2H, J=6.7Hz), 3.57 (q, 2H, J=6.6Hz), 3.75 (s, 3H), 5.25 (m, 2H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.28 (m, 8H), 7.41 (m, 6H), 7.59 (d, 1H, J=7.9Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 25.3, 28.3, 28.5, 31.4, 31.7, 32.7, 36.7, 39.8, 66.4, 77.2, 109.3, 111.6, 118.9, 119.0, 121.8, 126.5, 126.8, 127.8, 129.3, 129.6, 130.4, 137.1, 145.0, 172.3. HRMS Cald. for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaOS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 595.2754, Found: 595.2754.

tert-butyl (2-(8-((2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)amino)-8-oxooctanamido)phenyl)carbamate **29**. Prepared as **17** from **27** (40mg, 0.08mmol) in EA (1mL) and Pd/C 10% (25mg). The resulting solution was diluted with DCM and filtered to give **29** (38mg, 95%) as an orange oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 1.37 (m, 2H), 1.53 (s, 9H), 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.72 (m, 6H), 2.12 (t, 2H, J=7.4Hz), 2.37 (t, 2H, J=7.4Hz), 2.96 (t, 2H, J=6.8Hz), 3.58 (q, 2H, J=6.6Hz), 3.77 (2s, 3H), 5.64 (s large, 1H), 6.89 (2s, 1H), 7.05 (s large, 1H), 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.46 (2m, 2H), 7.60 (m, 1H), 8.24 (s large, 1H). HRMS Cald. for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>4</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 543.2942, Found: 543.2779.

**Table S1.** Summary of current and previous CM results

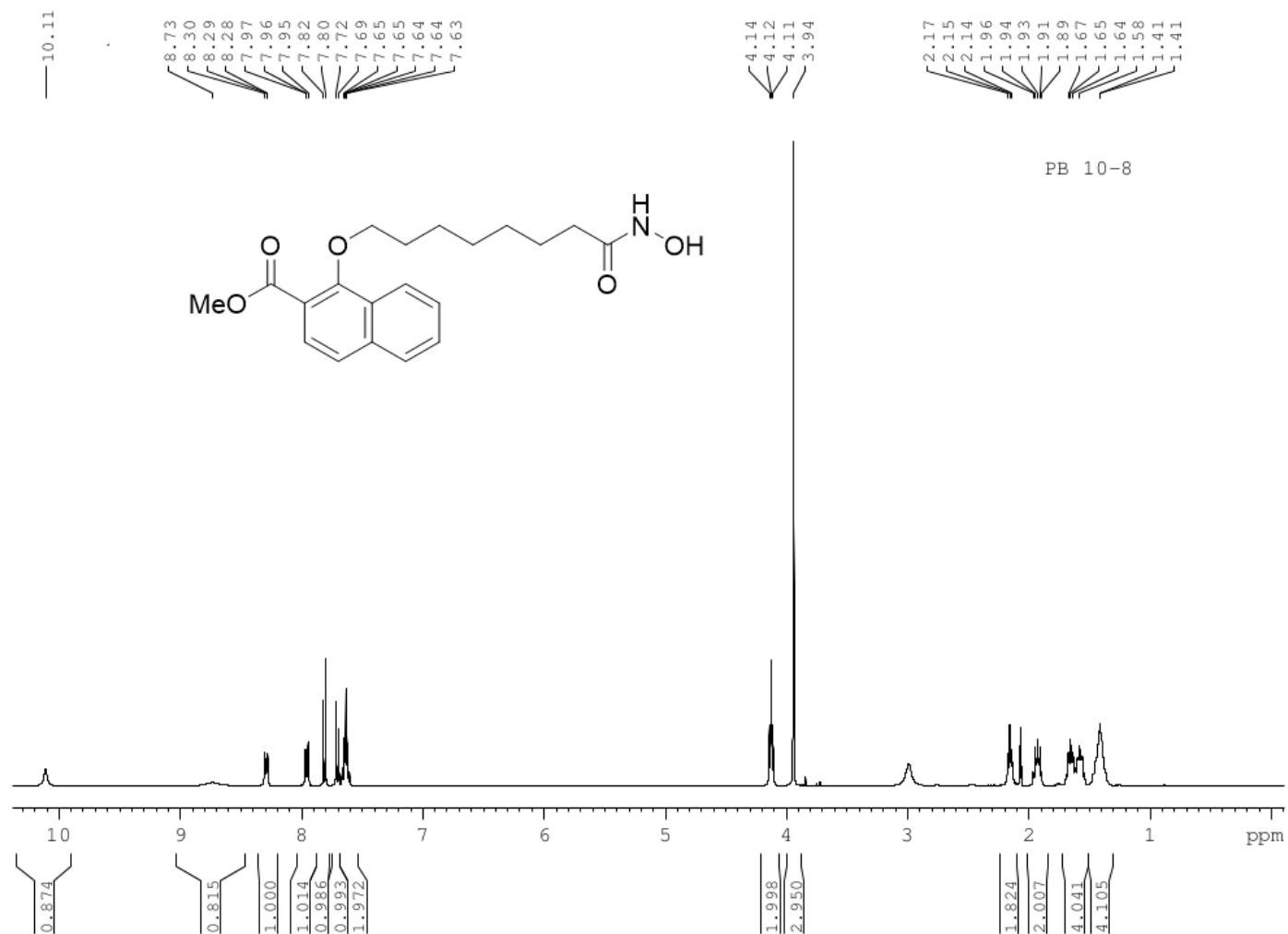
Isolated yields are given with Grubbs catalyst used in parentheses (I) for Grubbs 1st generation and (ii) for 2<sup>nd</sup> generation.



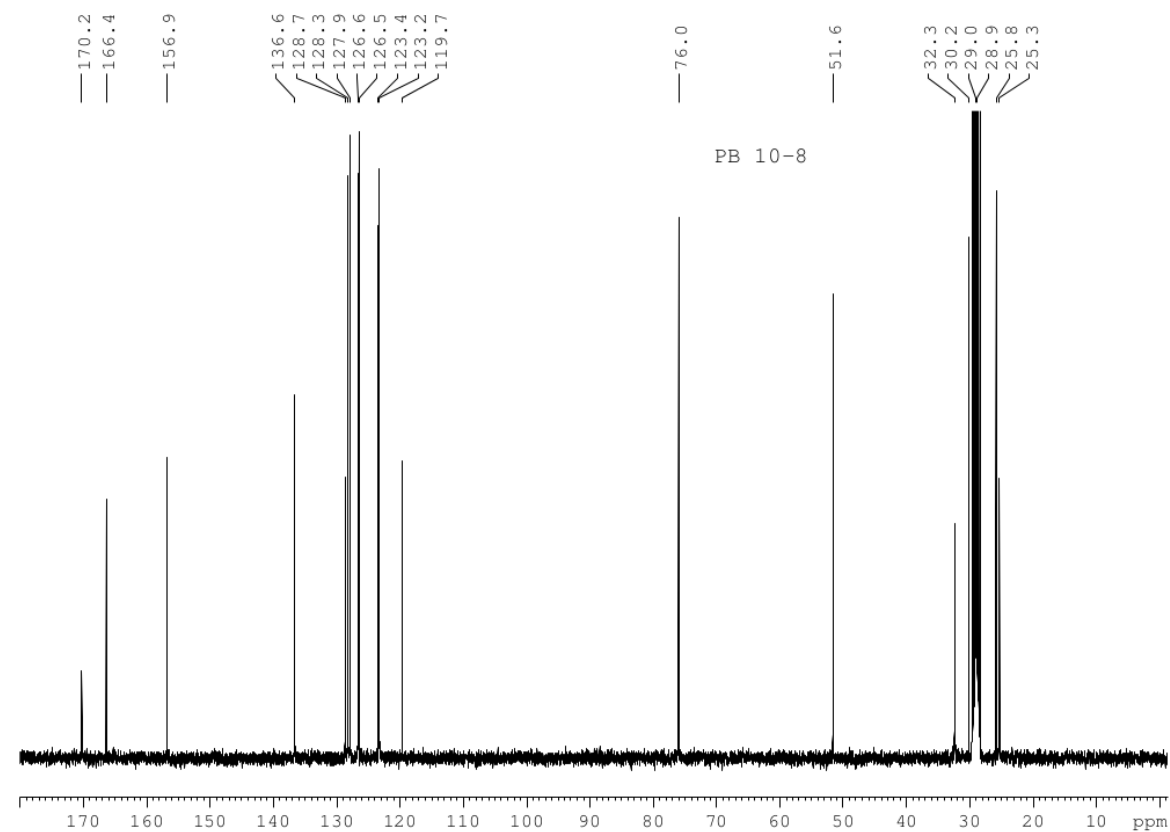
	8	5	6	12	23	24	30
8	86 (I)			50 (I)		32 (I)	
5		70 (I)		48 (I)		43 (I)	59 (I)
6			72 (II)	36 (II)		27 (II)	
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**$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra**

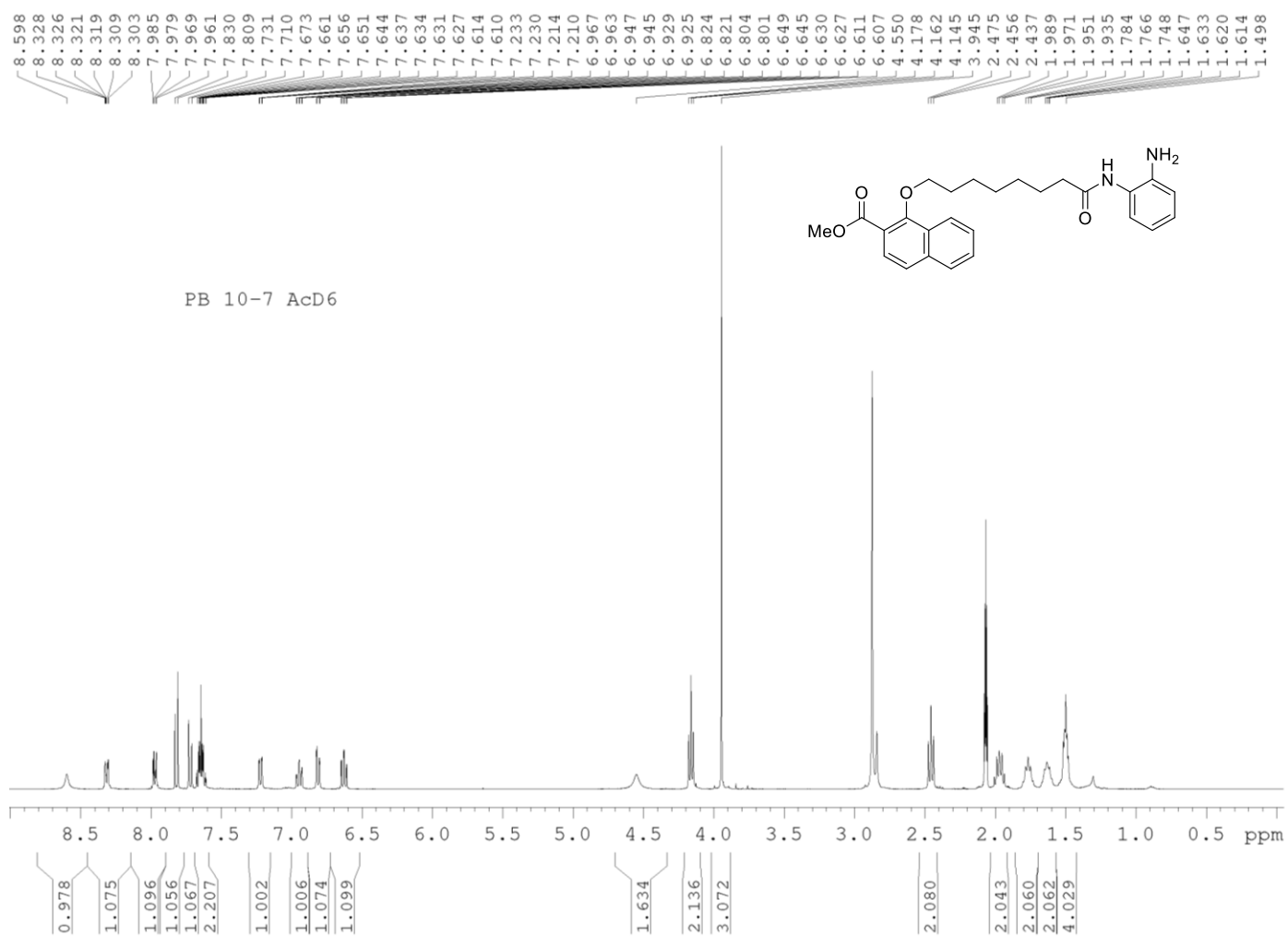
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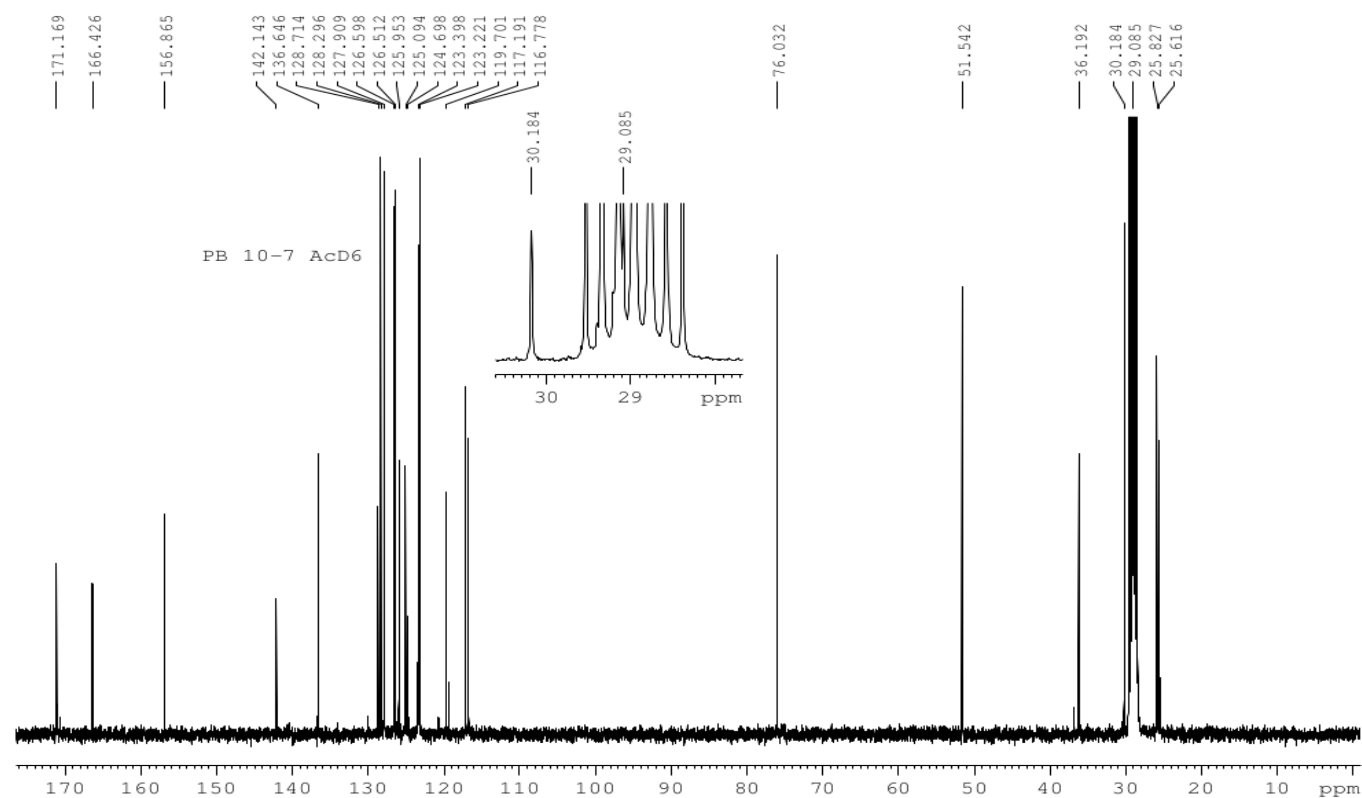
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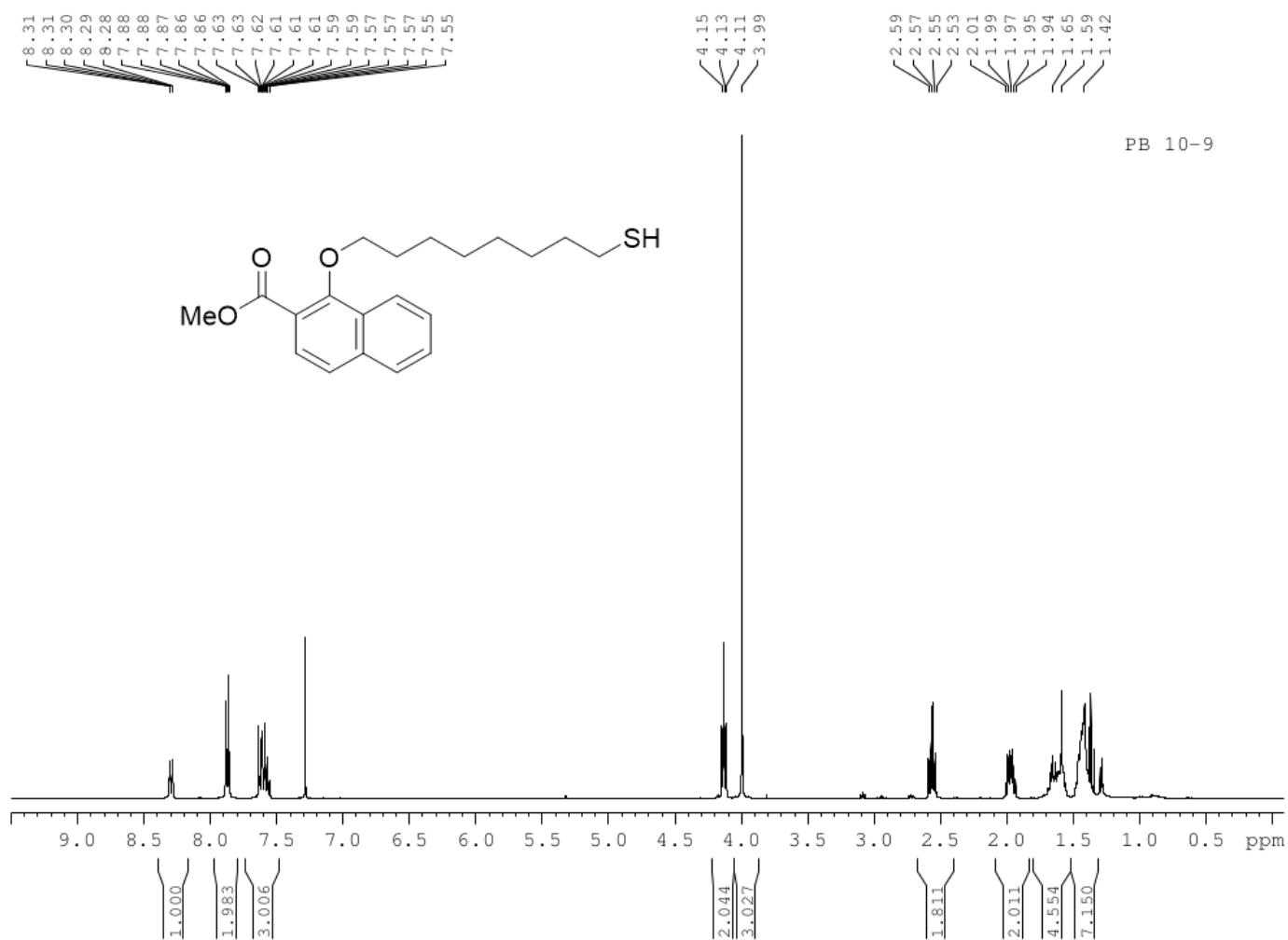
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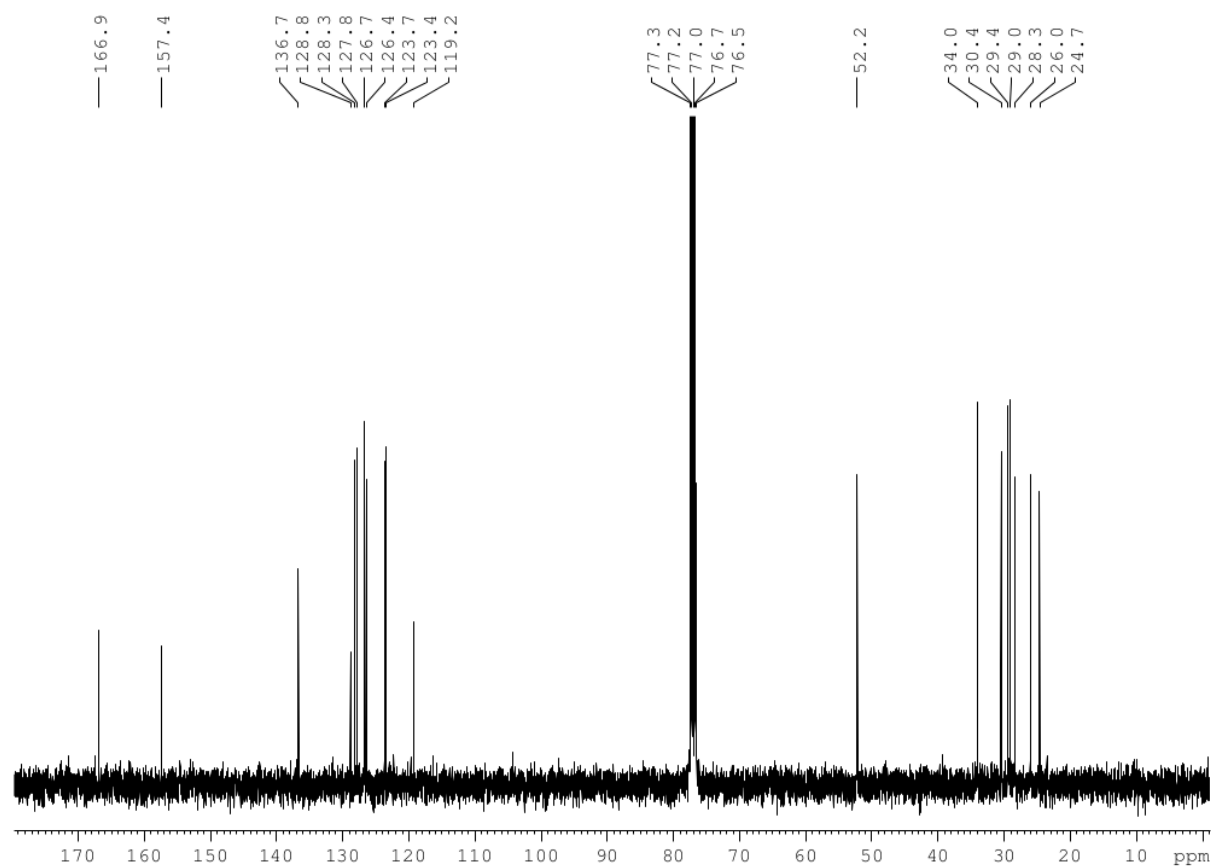
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<sup>1</sup>H NMR **22** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR **22** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

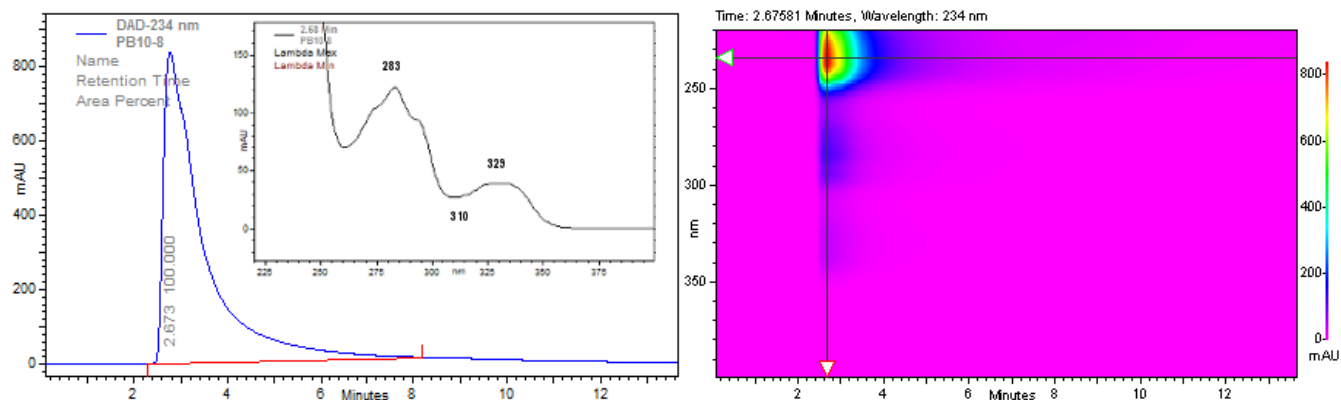


## HPLC chromatograms

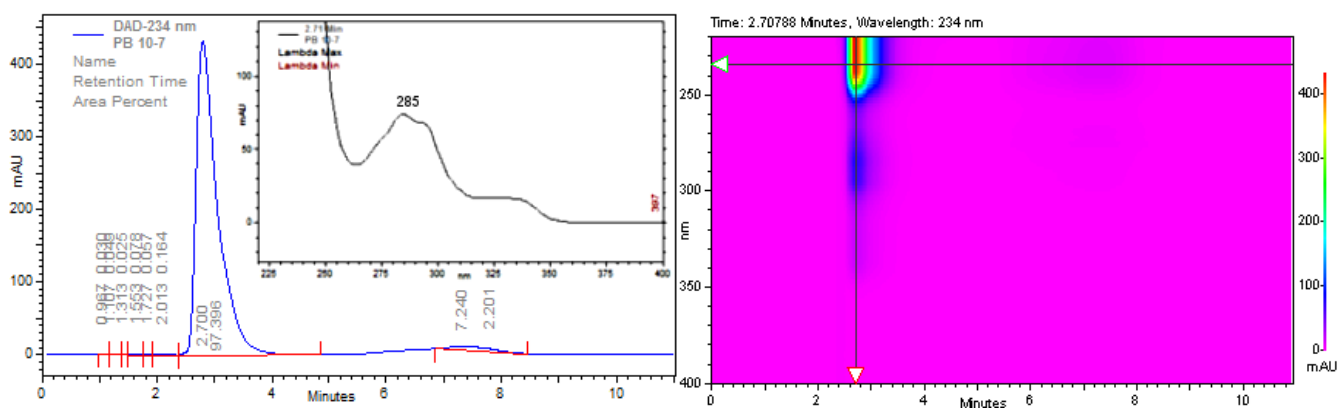
HPLC for compounds **18**, **20** and **22** were performed on Hitachi equipped with an auto-sampler, a diode array detection DAD L-2455. 1  $\mu$ L of MeOH solution of compound at 1-4mg/2mL concentrations was injected. Two methods were used to assess the compound purity  $\geq 95\%$ . The purity is in brackets after compound number.

Method A with Column Phenomenex POLAR-RP (4  $\mu$ m. 4.6 x 150mm)

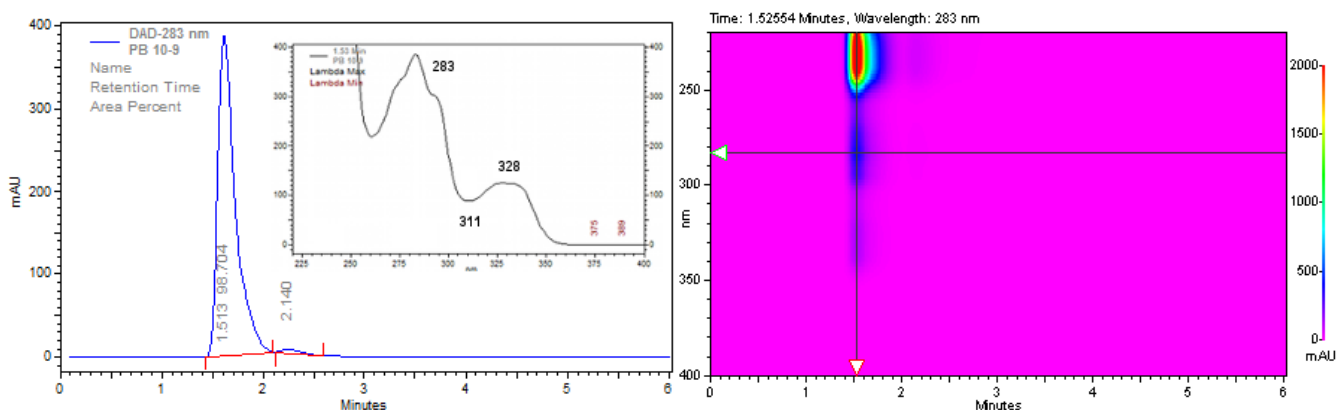
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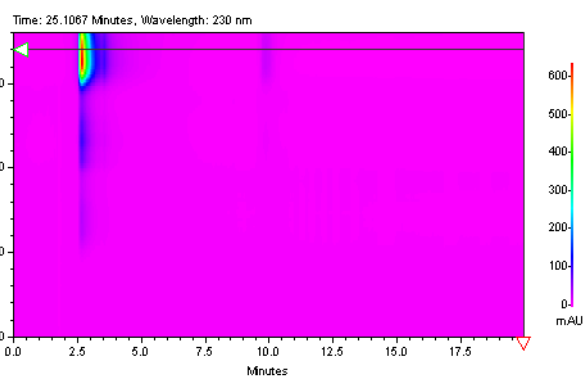
Compound **20** (97%): Eluting system ACN:iPrOH 1/1 v/v flow 0.25 mL/min.



Compound **22** (98%): Eluting system ACN 100%, flow 0.5 mL/min. Column



Compound **18** (96%): Eluting system ACN:H<sub>2</sub>O 1/1 v/v flow 0.25 mL/min.



Time: 30 Minutes, Wavelength: 233 nm

Minutes

mAU

A 2D heatmap showing absorbance (mAU) as a function of time (Minutes) and wavelength (nm). The x-axis represents time from 0 to 30 minutes, and the y-axis represents wavelength from 0 to 300 nm. A color scale on the right indicates absorbance values from 0 (purple) to 80 (red). A prominent vertical band of high absorbance (yellow/red) is visible around 22-23 minutes, peaking at approximately 233 nm. A green arrow points to the 0-minute mark on the x-axis, and a red arrow points to the 30-minute mark on the x-axis.

## Biology

### HDAC profiling

Compounds were tested *in vitro* for their inhibitory effect of HDACs (1 to 11) and sirtuins (1-3, 6) on lysine deacetylation on the platform at Cerep/Eurofins (Celle L'Evescault, France). Briefly, each recombinant HDAC was incubated with its fluorogenic acetylated substrate in presence or absence of the tested compound, and acetylation was further measured by fluorometry. Reference compounds include TSA for HDAC1-10, Scriptaid for HDAC11, suramin for sirtuin1-2, niacinamide for sirtuin3, EX-527 for sirtuin6.

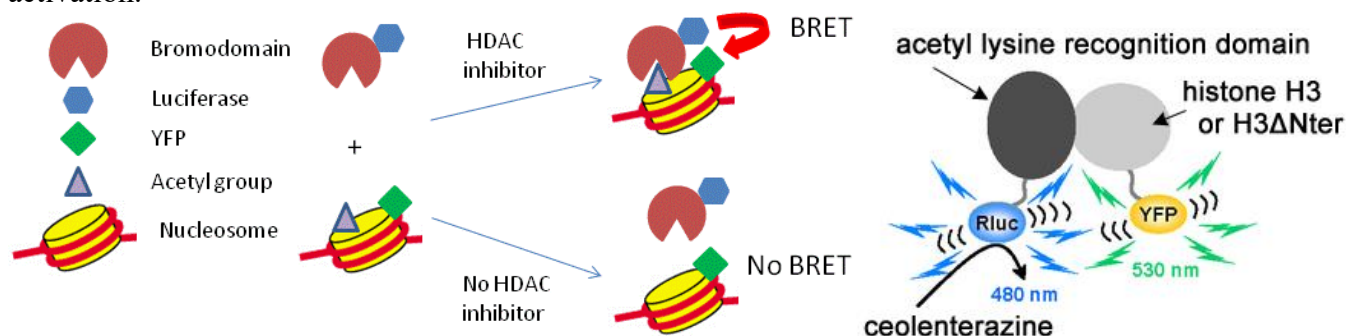
### Cell culture

The human pleural mesothelial cell line, MeT-5A and the human lung cancer cell line, A549 were obtained from ATCC. The mesothelioma, Meso13, Meso 163, and adenocarcinoma (ADCA) ADCA 72 cell lines were established from the pleural fluids of mesothelioma or lung ADCA patients, respectively. Cell lines were characterized by measuring mRNA expression of usual mesothelioma (P16, Podoplanin, keratin 5, Wilm's Tumor antigen-1 (WT-1) and calretinin) and lung ADCA (Thyroid Transcription Factor-1 (TTF-1), Epithelial cell adhesion molecule (EPCAM) and Carcinoembryonic Antigen Related Cell Adhesion Molecule 1 (CEACAM-1)) differential markers (Gueugnon et al., Am J of Pathol, 2011). All cell lines were maintained in RPMI medium (Invitrogen) supplemented with 2 mM L-glutamine, 100 IU/ml penicillin, 0.1 mg/ml Streptomycin and 10% heat inactivated fetal calf serum (FCS) (Eurobio).

### BRET experiments.

Principle for the global HDAC inhibition in cells by BRET assay.

A bioluminescence resonance energy transfer is used in this assay, the luminescence being obtained directly in living cells transfected with a histone H3 tagged with a yellow fluorescent protein, the counterpart being a bromodomain tagged with *Renilla luciferase*, and coelenterazine is used as the reagent for luminescence activation.



**Transfections-** MeT-5A cells were seeded at a density of  $2.5 \times 10^5$  cells per 35 mm dish. Transient transfections were performed 1 day later using Attractene (Qiagen), according to the manufacturer's protocol. MeT-5A cells were transfected with 0.6  $\mu$ g Rluc-Brd cDNA and 1.2  $\mu$ g YFP-fused histone H3 cDNA. One day after transfection, cells were transferred into 96-well microplates (microplate 96 well, white, Berthold Technologies) at a density of  $3 \times 10^4$  cells per dish. After 8h, cells were treated with the different compounds. The following day, BRET measurements were performed as described below.

**BRET measurements-** All BRET measurements were performed at room temperature using the Mithras LB 940 microplate analyzer (Berthold Technologies). Cells were pre-incubated for 15 min in PBS in the presence of 2.5  $\mu$ M coelenterazine, following with light-emission acquisition at 485 and 530 nm done five times. The BRET signal was expressed in milliBRET units (mBu). The BRET unit has been defined previously as the ratio of emission 530 nm/485 nm obtained when the two partners are present, corrected by the ratio 530 nm/485 nm obtained under the same experimental conditions, when only the partner fused to *Renilla luciferase* was present in the assay.

### Cell viability and toxicity evaluation.

Cells were seeded in 96-well plates at a density of  $5 \times 10^3$  cells per well. After 24 h, cells were treated with increasing doses of HDACi for 72 h. Toxicity and viability were sequentially determined. Cell toxicity was measured using CellTox™ Green Cytotoxicity Assay (Promega) (measure of cell permeability), followed by cell viability evaluated using CellTiter-Glo® Luminescent Cell Viability Assay (measure of ATP).

### RNA isolation and measure of gene expression

Cells were seeded in 6-well plates at a density of  $2 \times 10^5$  cells per well. After 24 h, cells were treated with HDACi for 24 h. Total RNA was isolated using the Nucleospin® RNAII Kit according to the manufacturer's protocol (Macherey-Nagel). One microgram of total RNA was reverse-transcribed using Moloney murine leukemia virus reverse transcriptase (Invitrogen). Real-time PCR (qPCR) was carried out using an Mx3500P thermocycler (Stratagene). PCR reactions were performed using QuantiTect Primer Assays (Qiagen) and the RT<sup>2</sup> Real- Time SYBR-Green/ROX PCR Mastermix (Qiagen), according to the manufacturer's instructions. The relative amount of the target RNA, called the starting quantity (SQ), was determined using the Mx4000 software, by comparison with the corresponding standard curve for each sample performed in duplicate. Each transcript level was normalized by division with the expression values of the acidic ribosomal phosphoprotein P0 housekeeping gene (*RPLP0*), used as an internal standard.

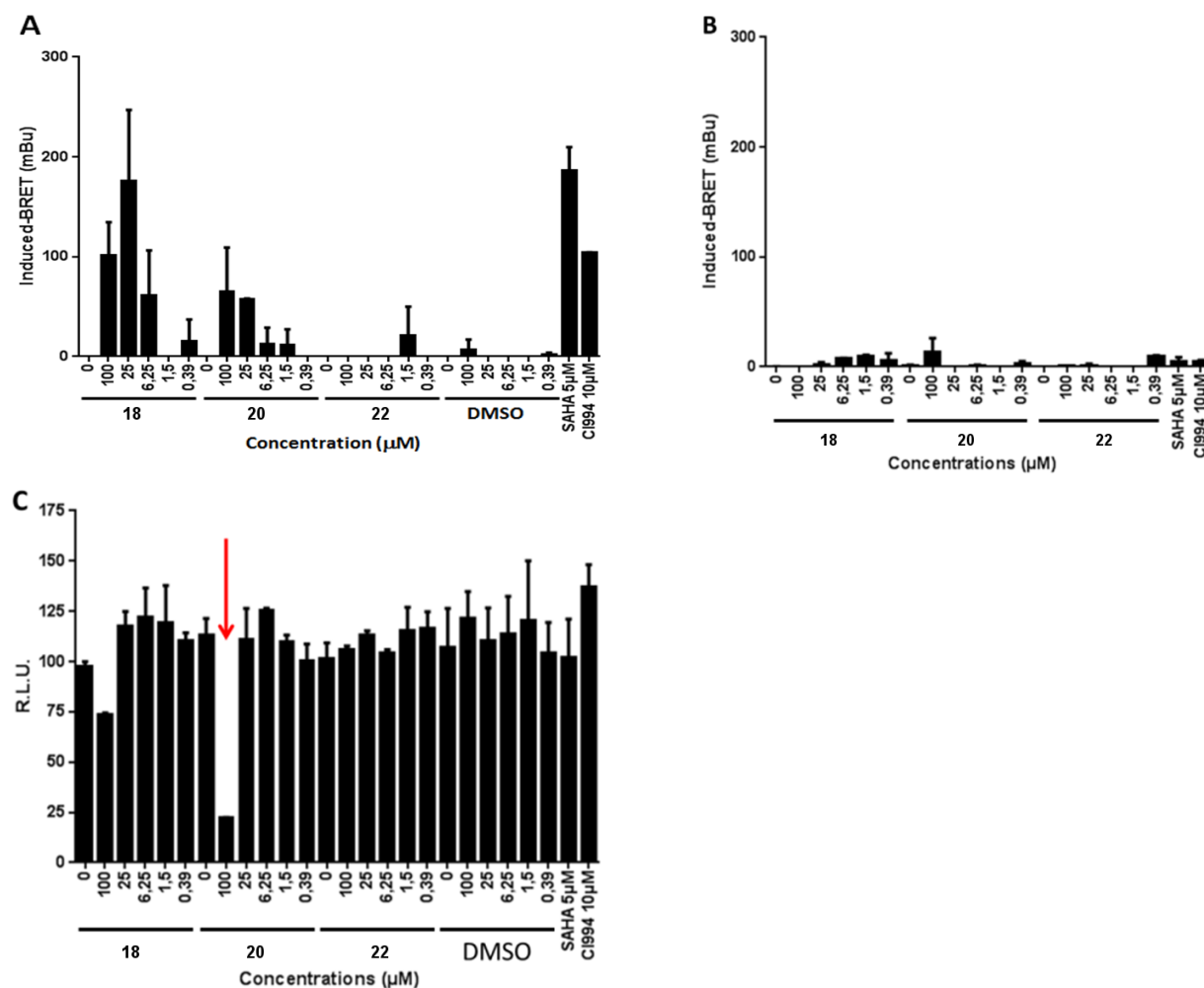
### Western blot analysis

Cells were seeded in 6-well plates at a density of  $2 \times 10^5$  cells per well. After 24 h, cells were treated with HDACi for 6 h or 20 h. Cells were washed with cold PBS and lysed with ice-cold RIPA buffer (Sigma-Aldrich) supplemented with protease inhibitor cocktail (Sigma-Aldrich). Cell lysates were transferred into 1.5 ml tubes. DNA was fragmented using sonication. After centrifugation at 13,000 g for 5 min at 4 °C, supernatant protein levels were determined using BCA kit according to the manufacturer's recommendations. 10 µg from each sample were electrophoresed through a 4-20 % polyacrylamide-SDS gel and transferred onto nitrocellulose membrane (Millipore). After blocking in PBS containing 0.2% Tween 20 (Sigma-Aldrich) (PBS-T) and 3% (w/v) bovine serum albumin (BSA) for 1 h at room temperature (RT), the membrane was incubated overnight at 4 °C with primary antibody diluted in blocking buffer. The membrane was washed three times with PBS-T and incubated for 1 h with secondary antibody conjugated to fluorophore diluted 1/1000 in blocking buffer. After three washes with PBS-T, analysis of the membrane was performed using a ChemiDoc™ MP Imaging System (Bio-Rad).

Antibody	Company	References	Used Concentration
Anti-Histone H3	Active Motif	39763	1 µg/ml
Anti-acetylated histone H3	Active Motif	39140	1 µg/ml
Anti-α tubulin	Abcam	ab4074	1 µg/ml
Anti-acetylated α tubulin	Abcam	ab24610	0.1 µg/ml
Alexa Fluor® 488 goat anti-mouse IgG	Molecular probes	A11029	1µg/ml
Alexa Fluor® 647 goat anti-rabbit IgG	Molecular probes	A21245	1µg/ml

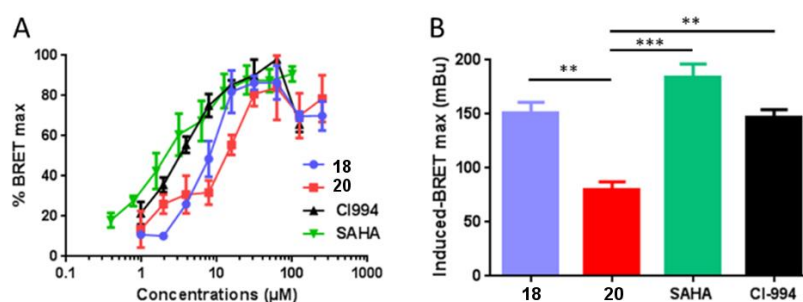
**Figure S1.**

Characterisation of compounds' activities. MeT-5A cells were transfected with phRluc-C1-BrD and pEYFP-C1 histone H3 and treated for 24 h with increasing doses of the different compounds. Then, BRET signals were measured as described in the materials and methods section. A: Dose-dependent HDAC inhibition in cells determined by a BRET assay (n=2). B: Evaluation of possible interference of compound with BRET signal measurement (n=2). None of them presented intrinsic properties that could modify the measured BRET signal. C: Dose-dependent toxicities indicating that none of the compounds are toxic at the tested doses except compound 24 at 100 $\mu$ M (red arrow).



**Figure S2.**

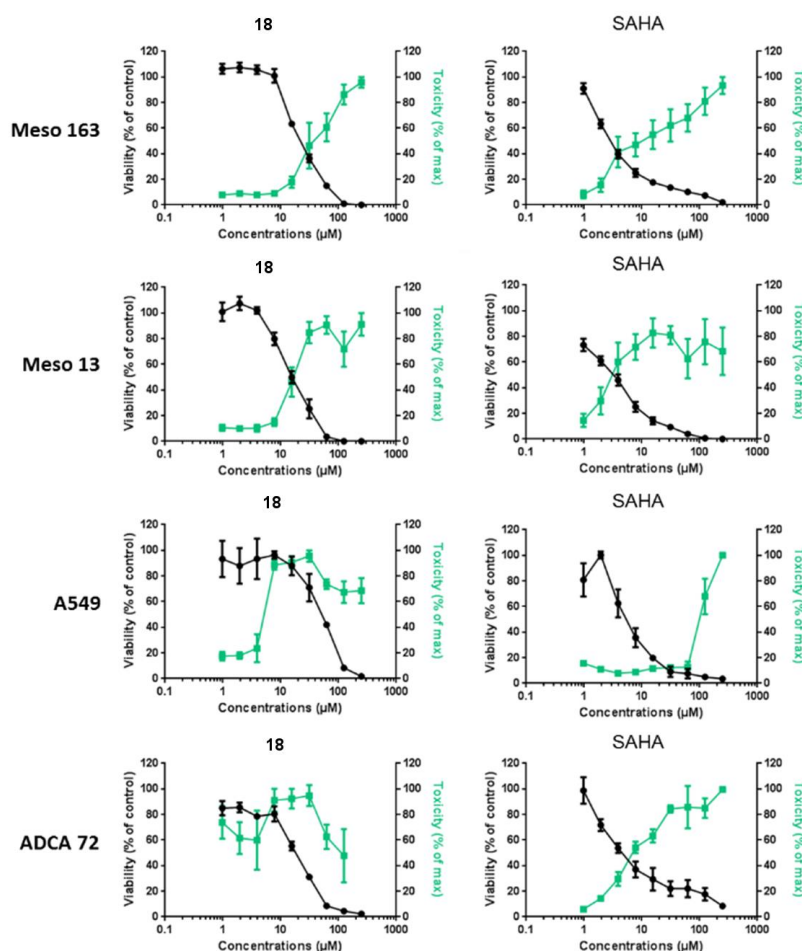
Pharmacological characterization of drugs for their ability to lead to histone acetylation using BRET. MeT-5A cells were transfected with phRluc-C1-BrD and pEYFP-C1 histone H3 and treated for 24 h with increasing doses of the different compounds.



Then, BRET signals were measured as described in the materials and methods section. A) Dose response curves for the different drugs. 100% corresponds to the maximal induced BRET signal measured. B) HDACi-induced BRET max values measured for the different drugs. Results are the means  $\pm$  SEM of three independent experiments. \*\* p<0.01; \*\*\* p<0.001.

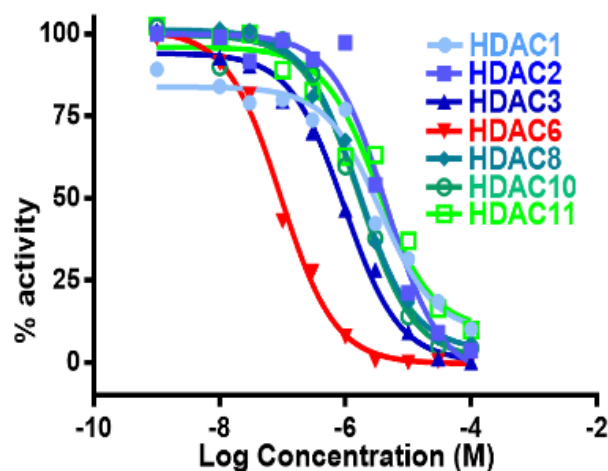
**Figure S3.**

Pharmacological characterization of compound **18** toxicity on MPM and lung ADCA cells. Meso 163, Meso 13, ADCA 72 and A549 cells were treated with increasing doses of SAHA or of compound **18** for 72h. Then, viability (black curves) and toxicity (green curves) were determined. Results are means  $\pm$  S.E.M. of three independent experiments.



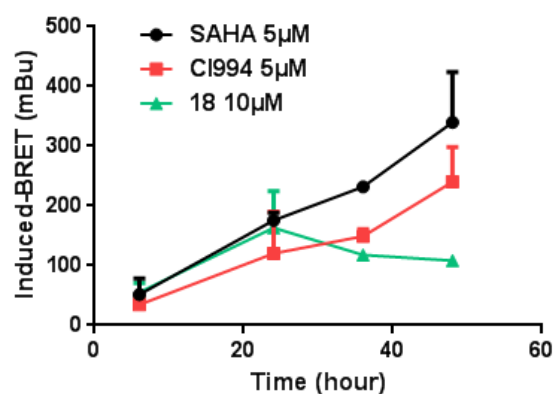
**Figure S4.**

Compound **18** inhibition of HDAC isoforms *in vitro*.



**Figure S5.**

Kinetic of BRET induction. MeT-5A cells were transfected with phRLuc-C1-BrD and pEYFP-C1 histone H3 and treated for 6, 24, 26 or 48h with the different compounds.



## Molecular Docking

Crystal structures of HDAC isoforms (downloaded from Protein Data Bank: HDAC1 – 5ICN, HDAC2 – 4LXZ, HDAC3 – 4A69, HDAC4 - 4CBY, first catalytic domain of HDAC6- 5G0G, second catalytic domain of HDAC6 – 5EDU, HDAC7 – 3ZNR, HDAC8 – 1T64 ) and homology models of three HDAC isoforms (HDAC5, HDAC9 and HDAC11) from Professor Olaf Wiest group (<http://www3.nd.edu/~owiest/>) were used for virtual docking study of (*S*)-TSA and synthesized compound **18**.

Docking studies were performed with GOLD software 5.6.0, using ChemScore as the scoring function. The protein structures were prepared with PlayMolecule web server (<https://playmolecule.org/>). The binding cavity for (*S*)-TSA and **18** was set around Zn<sup>2+</sup> ion in area within 15 Å. All torsion angles in TSA and compound **18** were allowed to rotate freely. The water molecules from the crystal structures were left in the active pocket to toggle and spin in order to examine their importance during ligand-protein recognition. For each ligand 30 docking runs were performed and tested several different docking setups in order to find the best concordance with the crystal structure of inhibitor (HDAC1, HDAC2, HDAC3, HDAC4, HDAC6, HDAC7, HDAC8 and HDAC10) complexes. The validity of homology and crystal structure models were confirmed by comparing experimentally observed binding modes of HDAC inhibitors and re-docked binding modes of the same inhibitors (calculation of RMSD values). We performed the geometrical optimization with (*S*)-TSA and compound **18** (Hartree-Fock method, 3-21 G basis set).

**Table S2.**

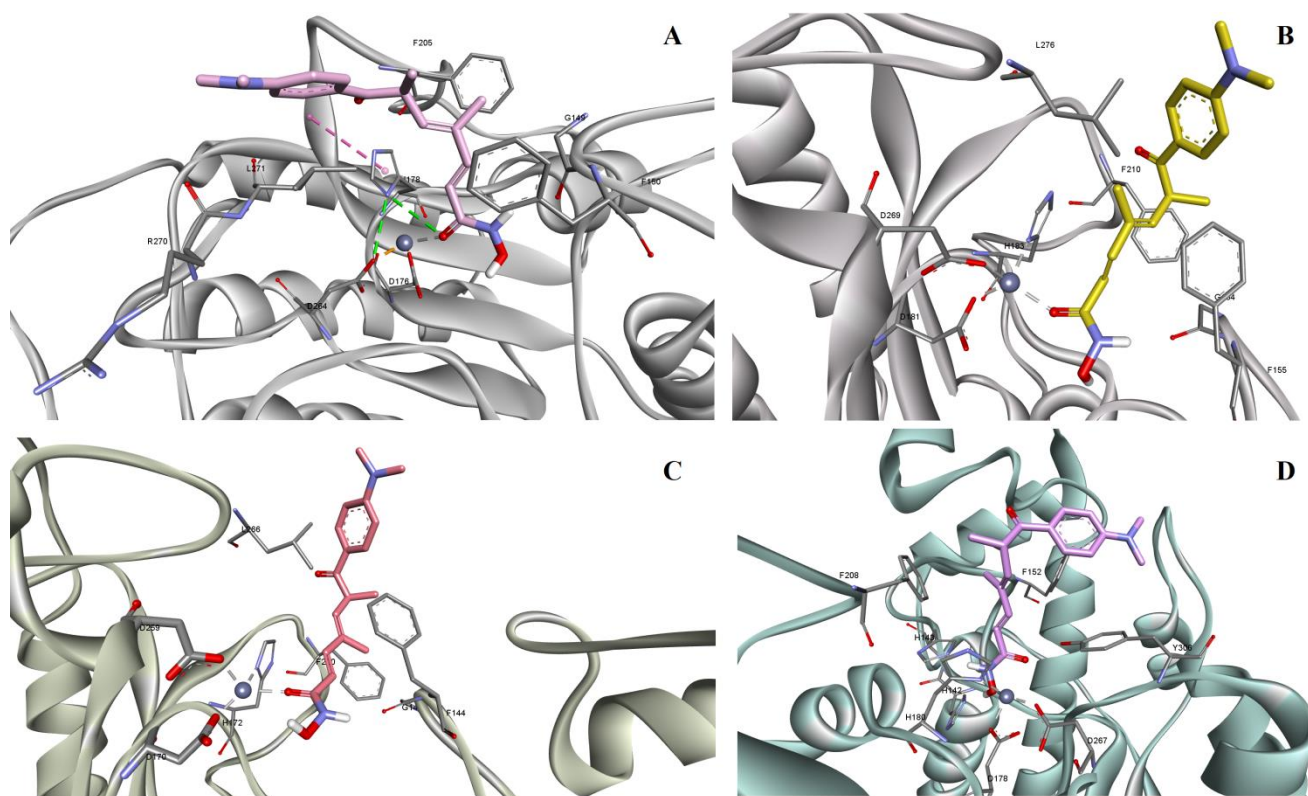
Inhibitory profile of (*S*)-TSA against zebrafish<sup>i</sup> and human HDAC6 as well as against human HDAC1–11 and calculated GOLD ChemScore Fitness Function calculated after docking of (*S*)-TSA and compound **18** into each HDAC isoform. The important interactions between compounds and amino acid residues are detailed, in bold for those common to (*S*)-TSA and **18**.

	Protein model	<i>(S)</i> -TSA			Compound <b>18</b>		
		IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	GOLD ChemScore	Important interactions with amino acid residues	GOLD ChemScore	IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	Important interactions with amino acid residues
HDAC1	PDB: <b>5ICN</b>	206.30±15.84	29.6285	G149, F150, H178, F205, R270, L271	25.3775	3500	H140, H141, D176, H178 and L271
HDAC2	PDB: <b>4LXZ</b>	612.65±116.60	34.9495	G144, F155, H183, F210, L276, Y308	33.1958	3400	H145, H146, Y209, F210, G306 and Y308
HDAC3	PDB: <b>4A69</b>	320.80±27.01	30.1326	P23, G143, F144, H172, F200 and L266	25.7446	1000	P23, D93, F144, D170, Q255 and G296
HDAC4	PDB: <b>4CBY</b>	6341±627.91	33.2653	P676, H802, H803, F812, F871, P942 and L943	31.3067	n.a.	H802, H803, F871 and G974
HDAC5	Homology model	6325±117.38	25.5396	a	23.1221	n.a.	a
HDAC6 CDII	PDB: <b>5EDU</b>	11.1±0.62	35.9805	H610, G619, F620, C621, H651, F679, F680, L749 and E779	30.7607	95	H610, F680, M682 and Y782
HDAC6 CDI	PDB: 5G0G		40.0427	H193, F202, D230, W261, K330 and G361	34.5816		H82, P83, S150, H193 and G361 (H <sub>2</sub> O-2095)
HDAC7	PDB: <b>3ZNR</b>	1823.50±6.36	31.6455	a	31.6097	n.a.	a
HDAC8	PDB: <b>1T64</b>	312.20±3.96	41.2816	H142, H143, F152, F208 and Y306	35.6581	1600	H142, P273 and Y306
HDAC9	Homology model	4824±228.40	31.8168	a	28.812	n.a.	a
HDAC10	PDB: <b>5TD7</b>	403.35±10.25	30.0848	A24, H136, H137, G145, F146, S203 and W205	26.5149	1600	A24, I27, H136, H137, W205 and E274
HDAC11	Homology model	2684.00±398.81	35.8161	H142, H143, F152, Y209, R267 and L268	31.3563	6600	G151, F152, I208 and Y304

a: Physical closure of the active site. In case of HDAC5, HDAC7 and HDAC9 enzymes none of predicted binding poses of **18** had shown metal-ligand coordination)

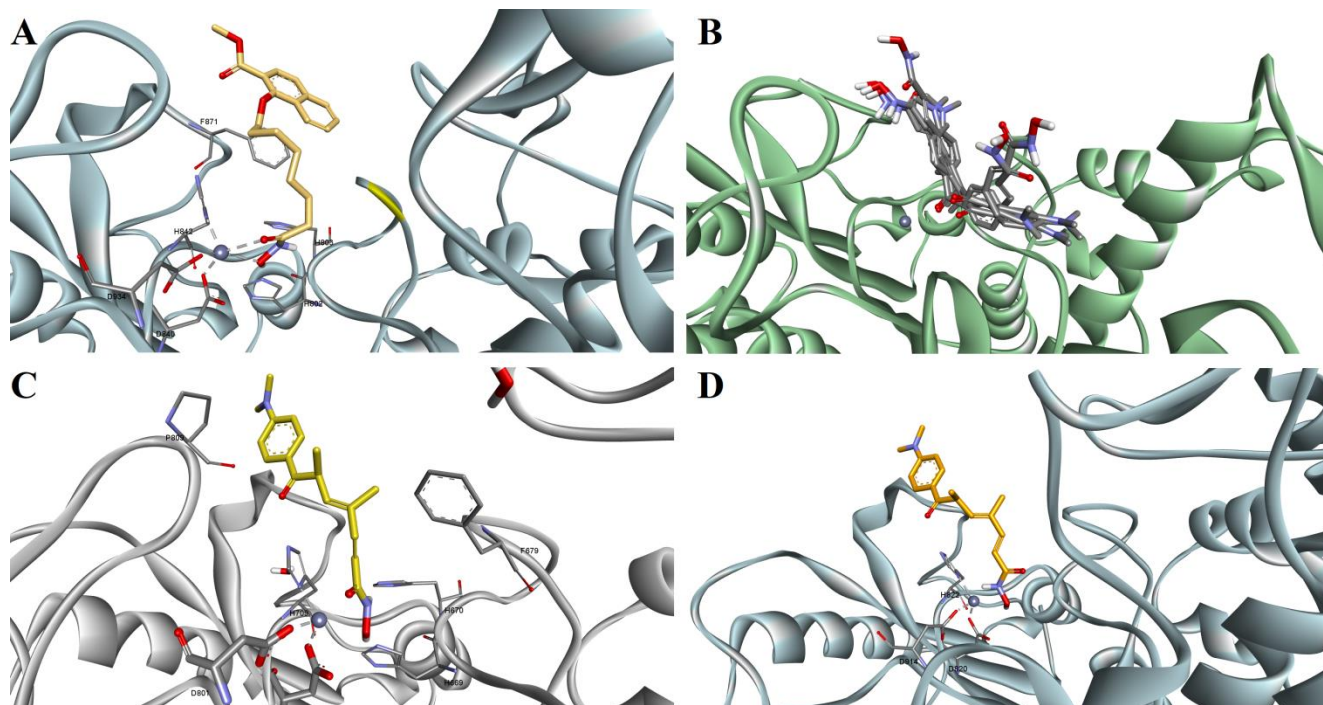
**Figure S6.**

(*S*)-TSA binding into the homology models of Class I (A-HDAC1, B-HDAC2, C-HDAC3 and D-HDAC8)



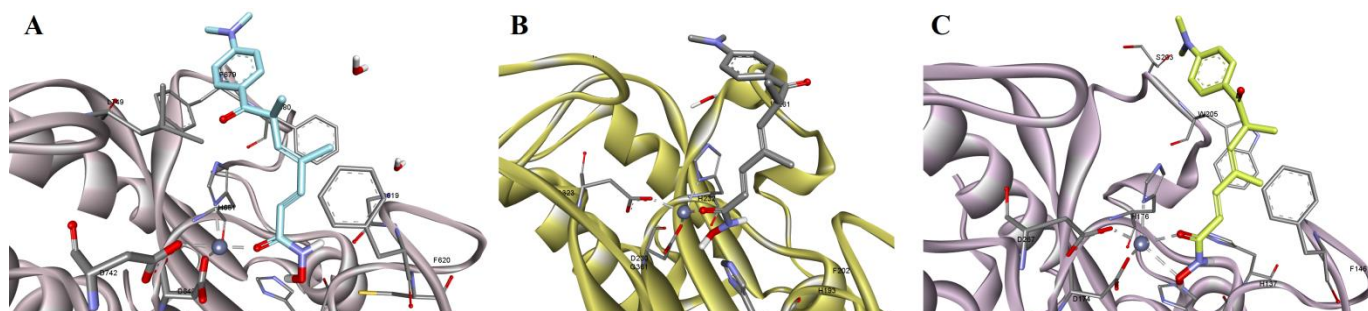
**Figure S7**

(*S*)-TSA binding into the homology models of Class IIa (A-HDAC4, B-HDAC5, C-HDAC7 and D-HDAC9)



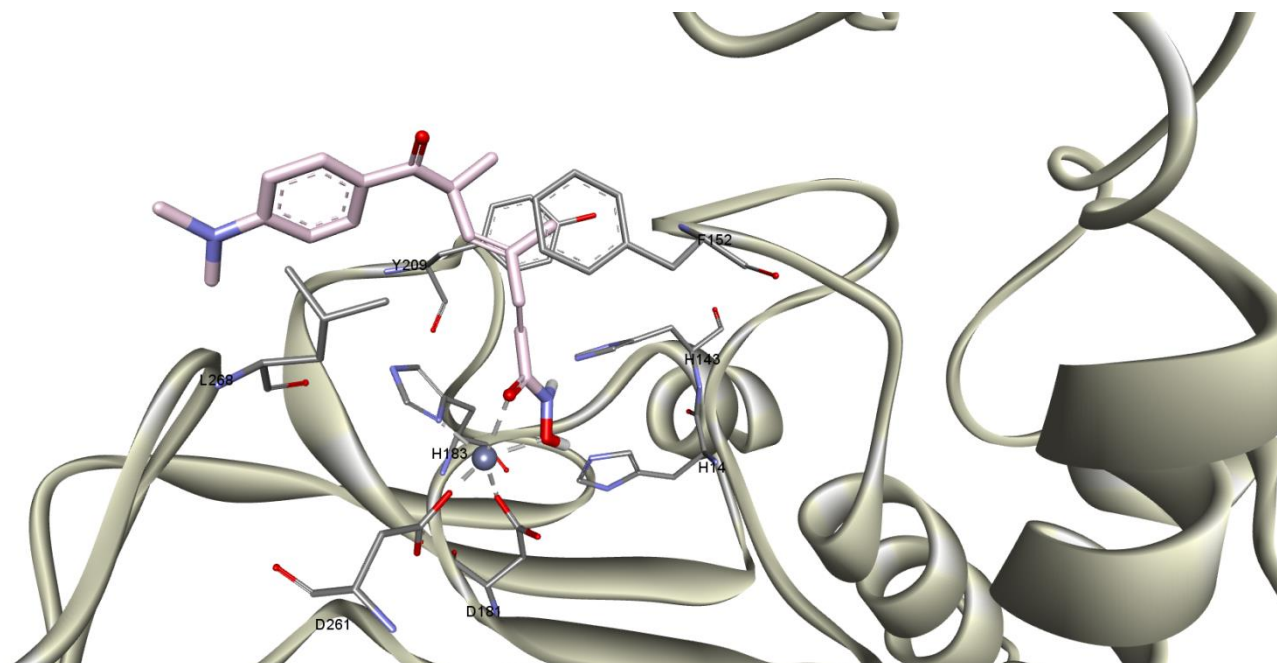
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(*S*)-TSA binding into the homology models of Class IIb (*A*-HDAC6 (CD2) *B*-HDAC6 (CD1) and *C*-HDAC10)



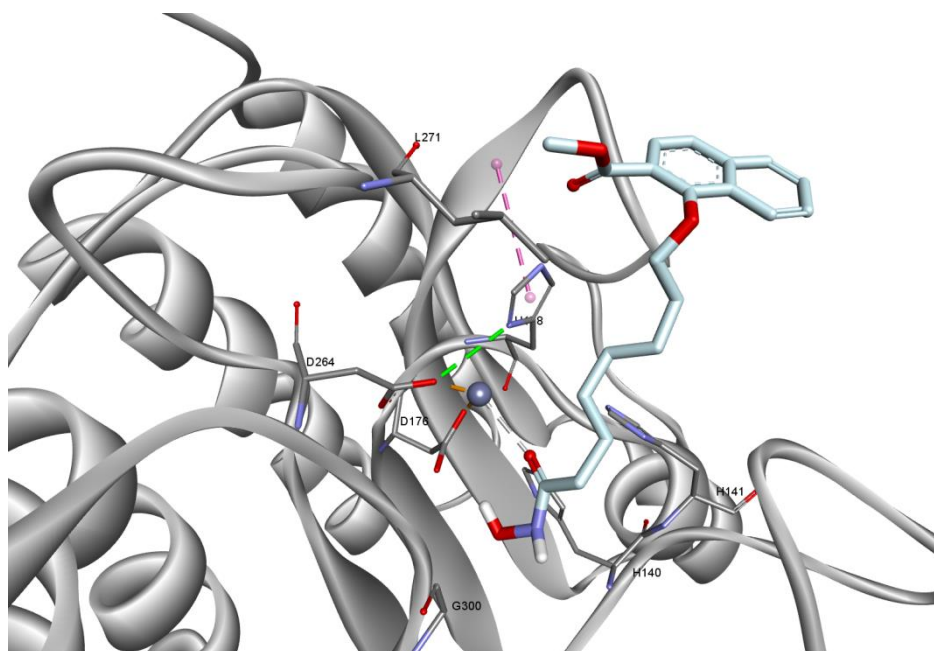
**Figure S9**

(*S*)-TSA binding into the homology models of Class IV (HDAC11)



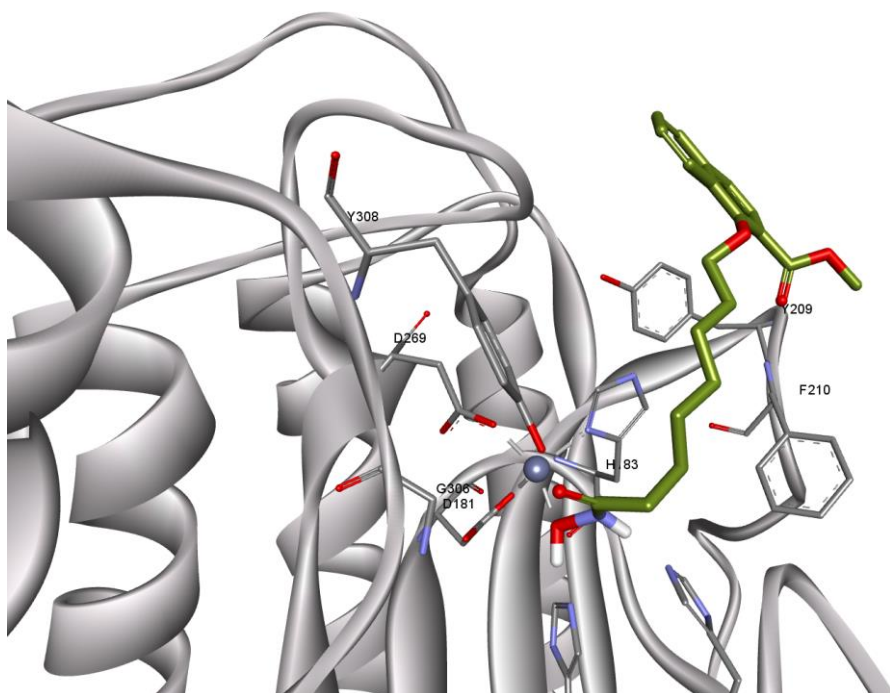
**Figure S10**

Position of ligand 18 inside the binding site of the HDAC1 seen from the extracellular side



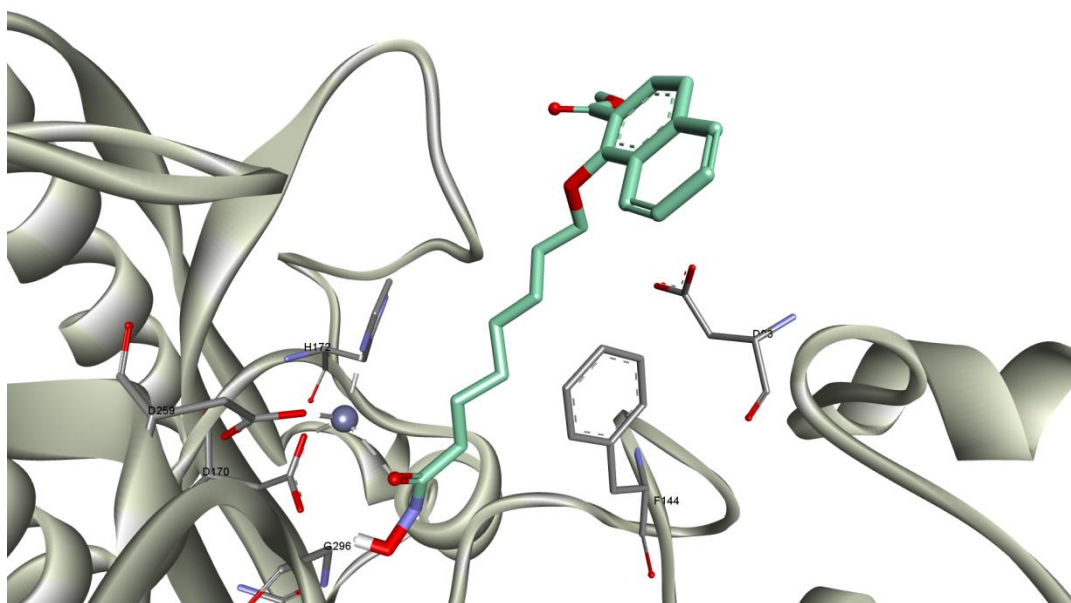
**Figure S11**

Position of ligand **18** inside the binding site of the HDAC2 seen from the extracellular side



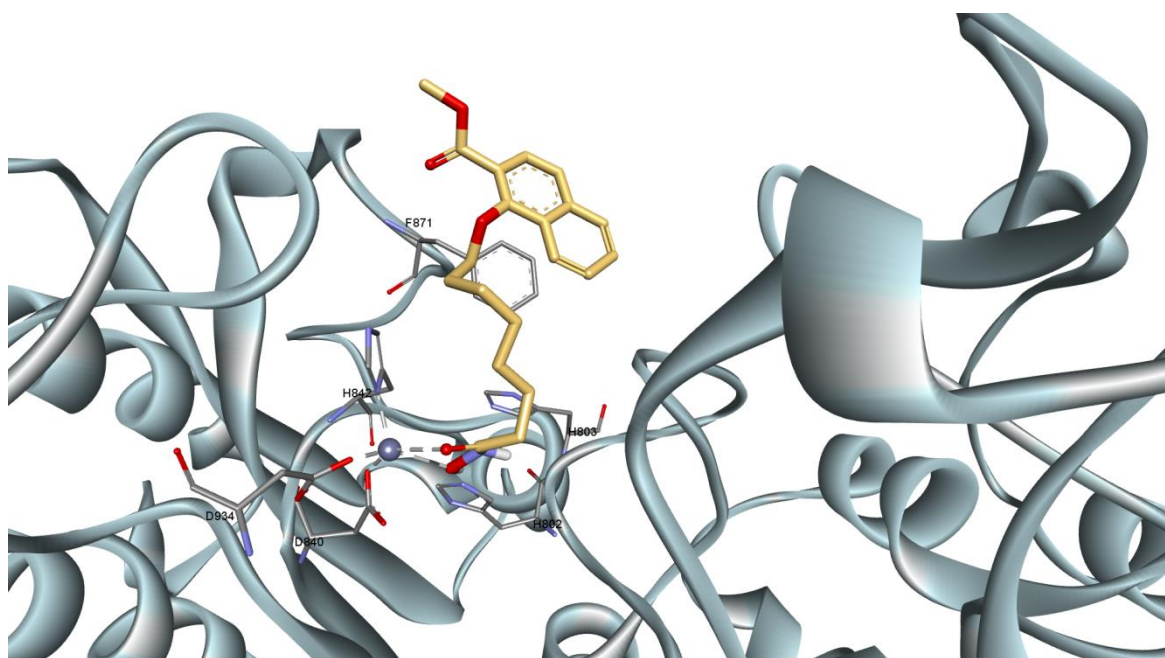
**Figure S12**

Position of ligand **18** inside the binding site of the HDAC3 seen from the extracellular side



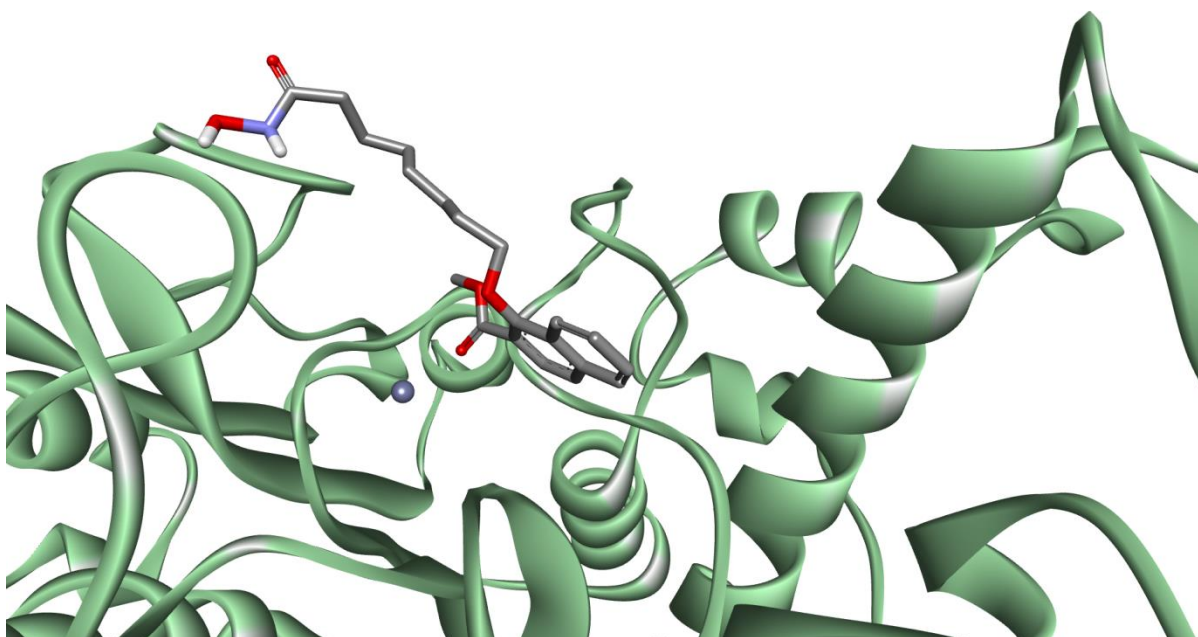
**Figure S13**

Position of ligand **18** inside the binding site of the HDAC4 seen from the extracellular side



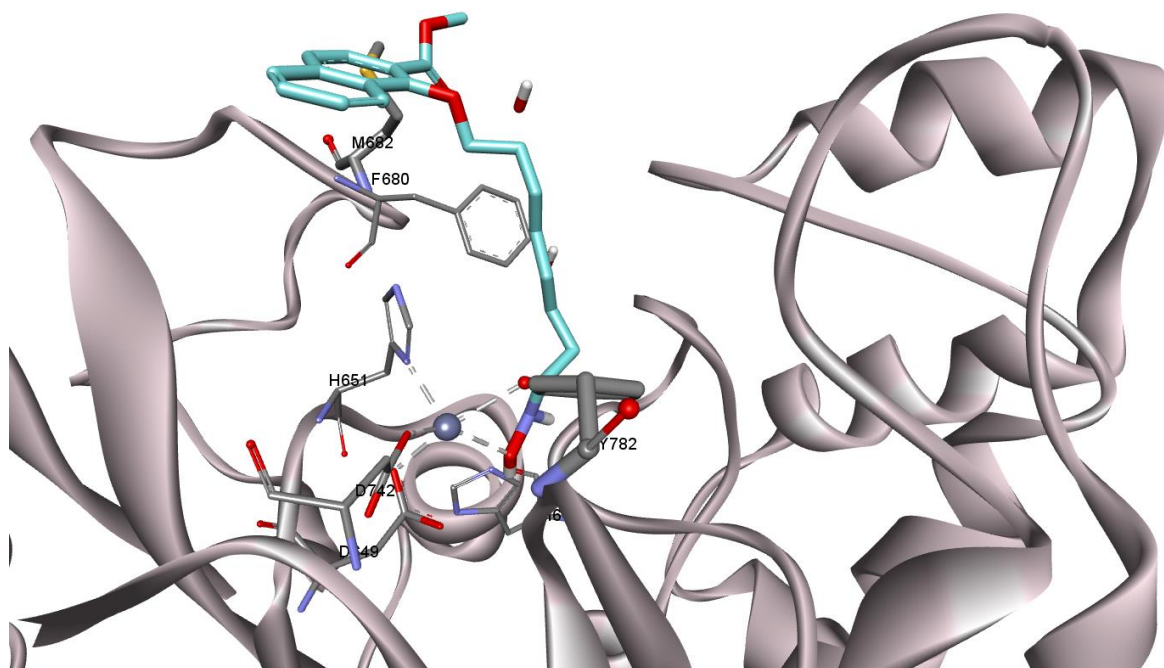
**Figure S14**

Different binding modes of ligand **18** inside the binding site of the HDAC5 seen from the extracellular side



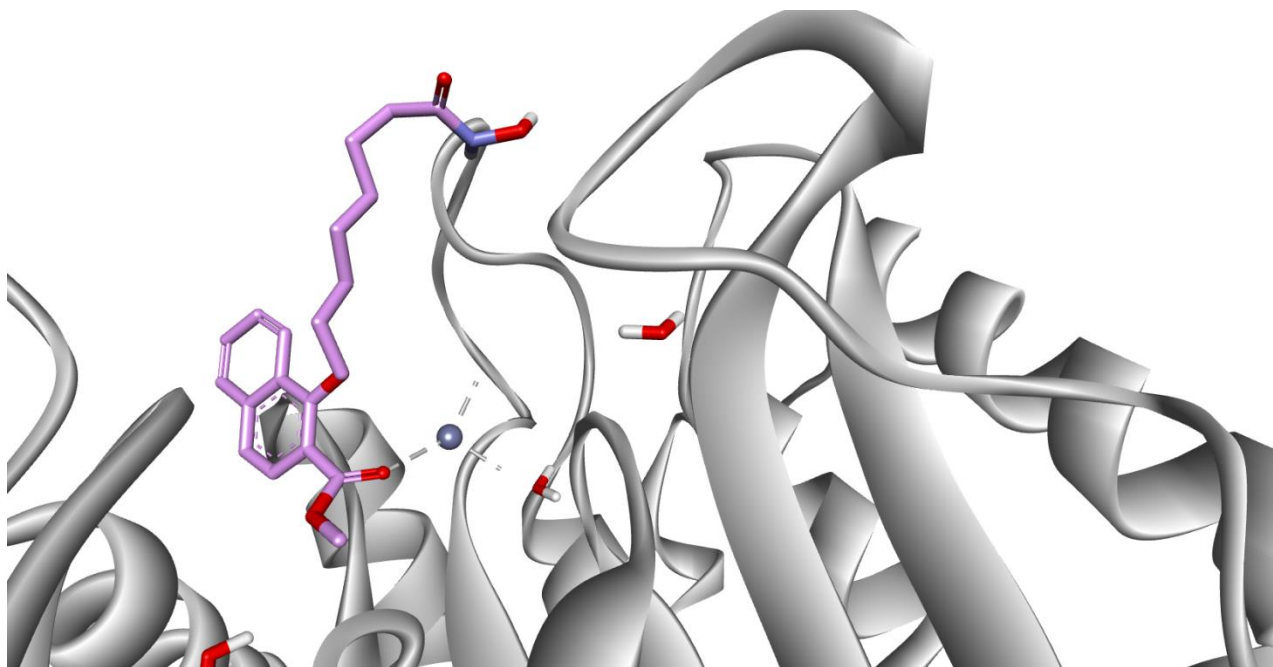
**Figure S15**

Position of ligand **18** inside the binding site of the HDAC6 (second catalytic domain) seen from the extracellular side



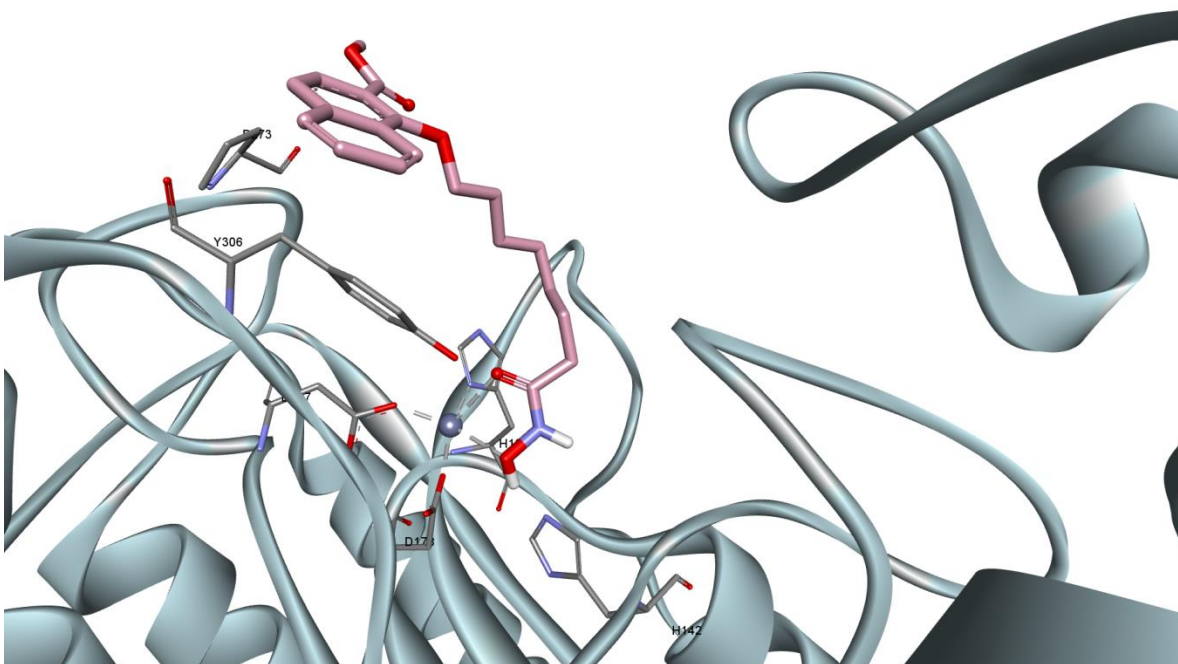
**Figure S16**

Different binding modes of ligand **18** inside the binding site of the HDAC7 seen from the extracellular side



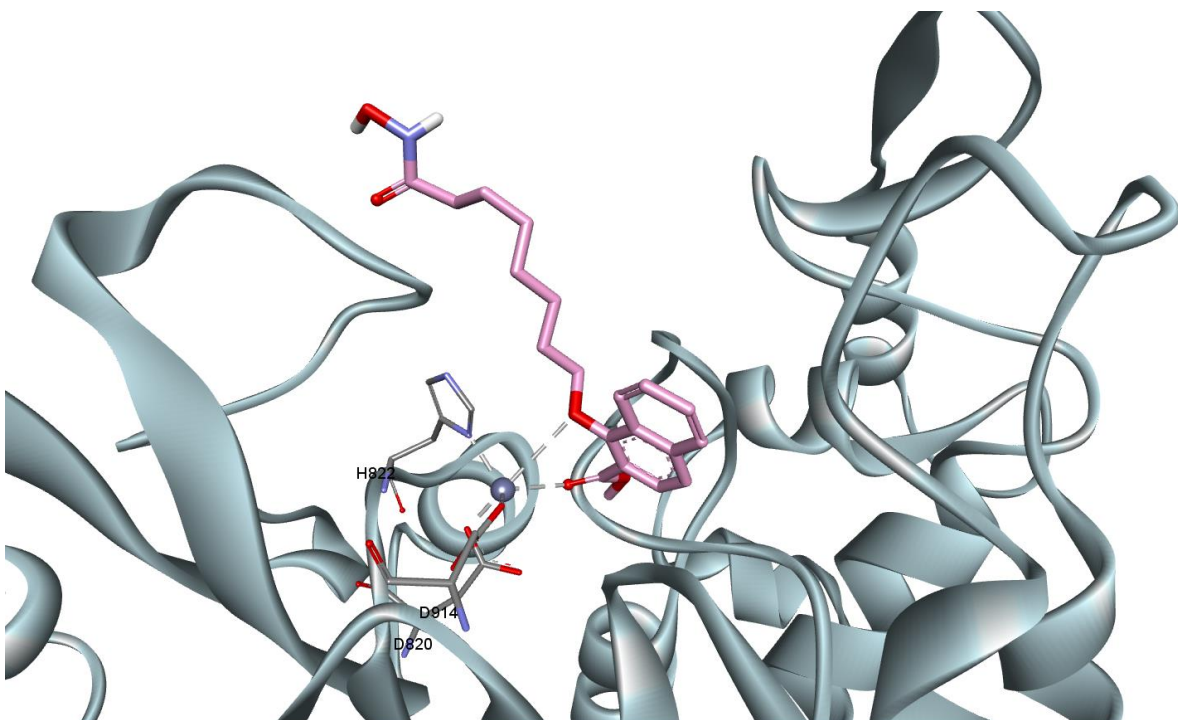
**Figure S17**

Position of ligand **18** inside the binding site of the HDAC8 seen from the extracellular side



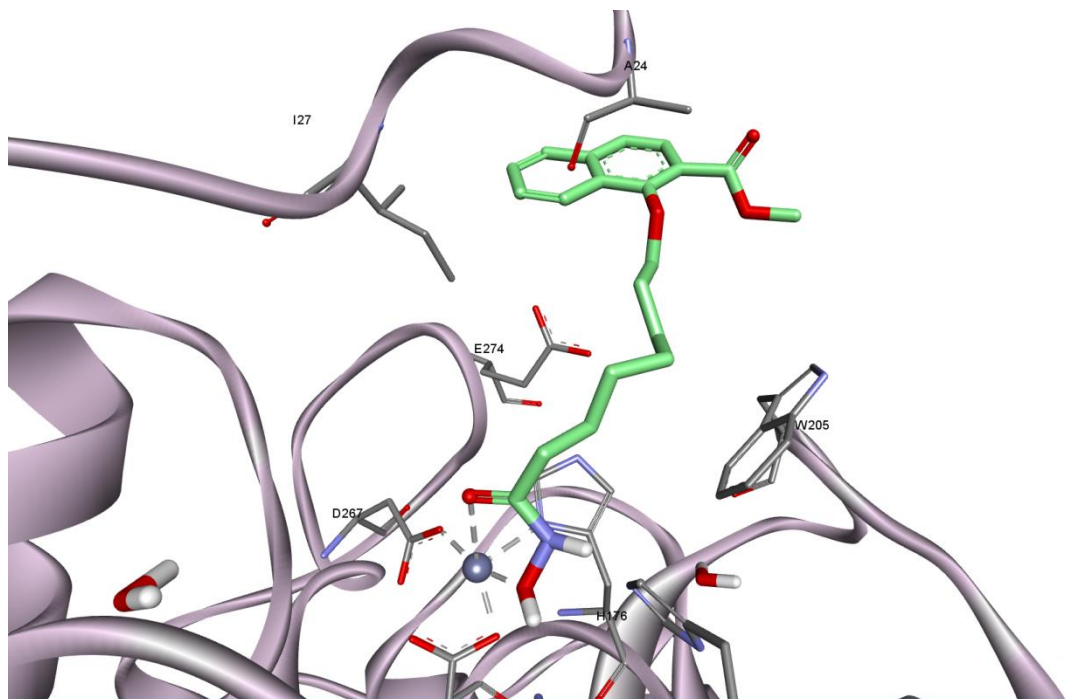
**Figure S18**

Position of ligand **18** inside the binding site of the HDAC9 seen from the extracellular side



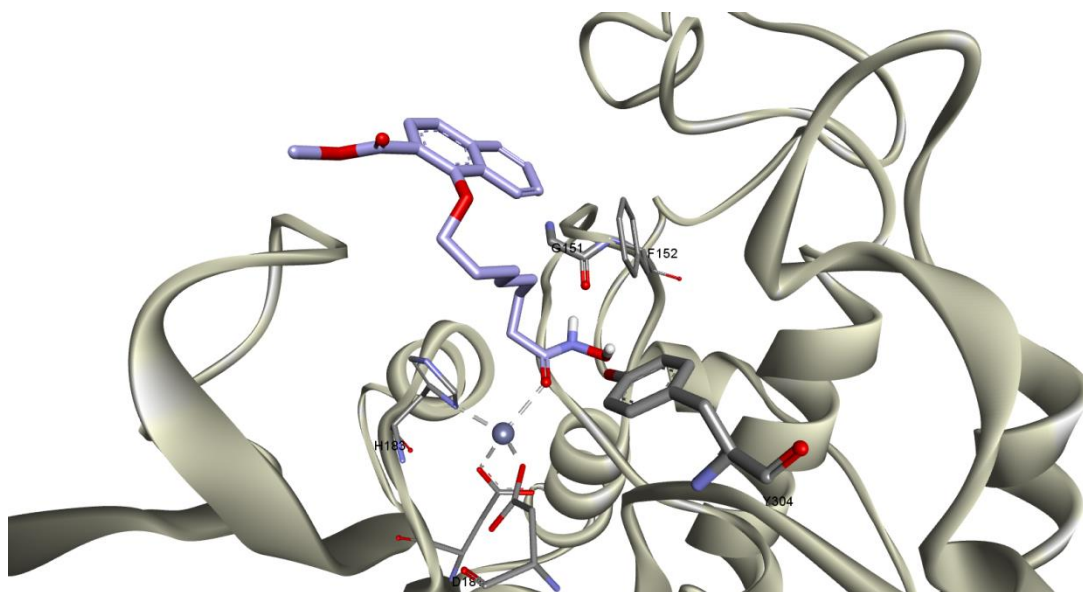
**Figure S19**

Position of ligand **18** inside the binding site of the HDAC10 seen from the extracellular side



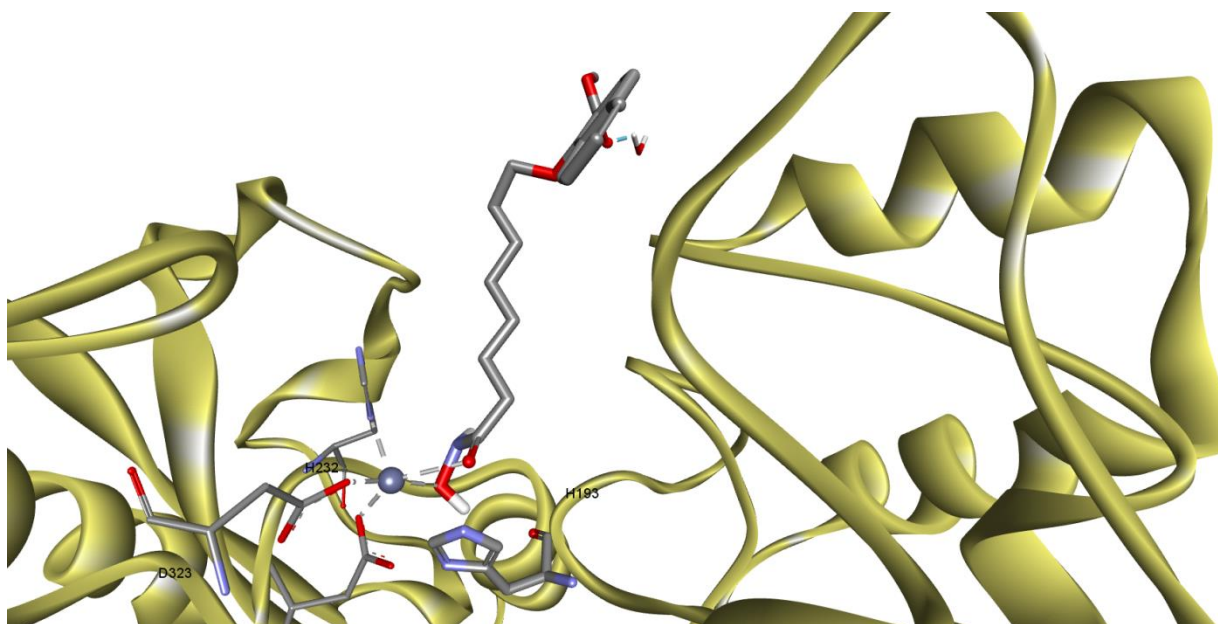
**Figure S20**

Position of ligand **18** inside the binding site of the HDAC11 seen from the extracellular side



### Figure S21

Position of ligand **18** inside the binding site of the HDAC6 (first catalytic domain) seen from the extracellular side



### Atomic coordinates

They are provided in a separate zipped file containing the pdf files

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