# **Supporting Information**

### **Targeted Covalent Inhibition of Telomerase**

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### **General Information for Chemistry**

All reactions were carried out under an argon or nitrogen atmosphere in flame-dried glassware with magnetic stirring. Solvents used in reactions were purified by passage through a bed of activated alumina. Unless stated otherwise, reagents were purified prior to use following the guidelines of Perrin and Armarego.<sup>1</sup> Purification of reaction products was carried out by flash chromatography on Biotage Isolera 4 systems with Ultra-grade silica cartridges. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on EM Reagent 0.25 mm silica gel 60-F plates. Visualization was accomplished with UV light. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Bruker Tensor 37 FT-IR spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on an AVANCE III 500 MHz spectrometer with direct cryoprobe (500 MHz) and Bruker Avance III 600 MHz (151 MHz) system. Spectra are reported in ppm using solvent as an internal standard (CHCl<sub>3</sub> at 7.26 ppm). Peak multiplicities are reported as (s = singlet, d = doublet, t =triplet, q = quartet, quint= quintet, m = multiplet, br= broad; coupling constant(s) in Hz; integration.) Proton-decoupled <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on an AVANCE III 500 MHz with direct cryoprobe (125 MHz) spectrometer or Bruker Avance III 600 MHz (151 MHz) system. These are reported in ppm using solvent as an internal standard (CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 77.16 ppm). Low-resolution mass spectra were obtained on WATERS Acquity-H UPLC-MS with a single quad detector (ESI) Varian1200 Quadrupole Mass Spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained using an Agilent 6120A LC-time of flight mass spectrometer. Gas chromatography experiments were run on Agilent 7890A/5975C GC/MS System.

#### **General Procedure for Synthesis of Racemic Analogues**



tert-butyl((2,2-dimethyl-4-methylene-4H-1,3-dioxin-6-yl)oxy)dimethylsilane (1.0 equiv) and the desired aldehyde (1.2 equiv) were added to a 20 mL oven dried scintillation vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar. 4 Å MS (200 wt% relative to tert-butyl((2,2-dimethyl-4-methylene-4H-1,3-dioxin-6-yl)oxy)dimethylsilane) was added, and the vial was sealed and placed under inert atmosphere, followed by addition of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.2 M). The reaction vial was cooled to -78 °C. BF<sub>3</sub>•OEt<sub>2</sub> (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise over a period of 15 minutes. The reaction was monitored by UPLC-MS until complete consumption of tert-butyl((2,2-dimethyl-4methylene-4H-1,3-dioxin-6-yl)oxy)dimethylsilane was observed (typically 2-4 hours). When consumption was complete, the reaction was warmed to 0 °C. Subsequently, the second aldehyde (1.2 equiv) was added by syringe, followed by BF<sub>3</sub>•OEt<sub>2</sub> (2.0 equiv). The reaction was stirred at 0 °C, and the reaction progress was monitored by UPLC-MS until complete consumption of the  $\beta$ -hydroxydioxinone was observed. Upon complete consumption, 0.1 M potassium phosphate buffer (pH 7.0) was added by syringe and the reaction was warmed to room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the suspension was then filtered through a Biotage Isolute phase separator and then concentrated. Typically, reactions were of sufficient purity for the subsequent reaction.



To a microwave vial equipped with a stir bar was added bicyclic dioxinone pyran (1.0 equiv), which was dissolved in toluene (0.2 M). The corresponding alcohol (10 equiv) was added, the microwave vial was capped, and the reaction was heated in a Biotage microwave reactor at 150 °C for 90 min. After the vial was cooled to room temperature, the solution was concentrated, and the crude product was of sufficient purity for the subsequent reaction.



In a microwave vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added  $\beta$ -keto ester (1.0 equiv), which was dissolved in acetonitrile (0.2 M). To the solution was added potassium carbonate (4 equiv) and alkyl halide (10 equiv). The reaction mixture was heated to 70 °C, and conversion of the starting material was monitored by UPLC-MS (typically 2-4 hours) before cooling to room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, filtered through a Biotage Isolute phase separator and concentrated to afford the crude product, which was of sufficient purity for the subsequent reaction. When benzyl bromide was used, the concentrated vial was dried under high vacuum at 40 °C overnight to remove residual benzyl bromide.



To a microwave vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added the alkylated  $\beta$ -keto ester (1.0 equiv), which was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 M). To the solution was added CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> (6 equiv) and Et<sub>2</sub>NH (12 equiv). The container was sealed and the reaction heated in a Biotage microwave reactor at 100 °C for 1 hour. After the vial was cooled to room temperature, the reaction solution was concentrated. Diethyl ether was added to the crude reaction mixture to precipitate out the ammonium salts. The mixture was filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography to yield the desired product.

### **Characterization of Racemic Telomerase Inhibitors**



(±) methyl (2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-2-(4-acetamidophenethyl)-3,6-dimethyl-5-methylene-4-oxotetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.50 – 4.41 (m, 1H), 4.09 – 4.02 (m, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.63 (dt, J = 14.8, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.92 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.46 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.5, 171.2, 168.2, 142.5, 137.9, 129.0, 124.4, 122.7, 119.9, 117.4, 77.9, 74.7, 60.9, 52.4, 32.2, 29.7, 24.8, 20.2, 14.6. LCMS (ESI): Mass calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 360.1733, Found 360.1745



(±) methyl (2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-3,6-dimethyl-5-methylene-4-oxo-2-phenethyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.30 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 6.14 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.73 – 3.61 (m, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.94 – 2.79 (m, 2H), 2.73 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.44 (d, J = 2.1 Hz 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.4, 171.1, 144.3, S-7

141.4, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 126.0, 122.6, 77.9, 74.7, 60.9, 52.3, 32.2, 32.2, 20.2, 14.5. LCMS (ESI): Mass calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 303.1518, Found 303.1522



(±) methyl (2S,3R,6R)-2-isobutyl-3,6-dimethyl-5-methylene-4-oxotetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  6.15 (d, J = 2.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, J = 2.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.52 – 4.44 (m, 1H), 4.19 – 4.13 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 1.89 – 1.50 (m, 3H), 1.43 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 0.98 – 0.82 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.7, 171.3, 144.4, 122.5, 77.2, 74.6, 61.1, 52.3, 39.6, 25.0, 23.4, 21.7, 20.3, 14.4. LCMS (ESI): Mass calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 255.1518, Found 255.1522



(±) methyl (2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-2-(4-fluorophenethyl)-3,6-dimethyl-5-methylene-4-oxotetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.34 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.48 – 4.39 (m, 1H), 4.04 – 3.94 (m, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.87 (dq, *J* = 13.0, 7.3, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 1.94 – 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.46 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.32 S-8

(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  201.1, 162.9 (d, J = 248 Hz), 144.1, 130.0 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 124.8, 124.6 (d, J = 8.2 Hz) 122.8, 115.2 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 77.7, 74.7, 67.1, 52.4, 32.0, 31.9, 20.2, 14.5. LCMS (ESI): Mass calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>FO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 321.1424, Found 321.1430



(±) methyl (2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-3,6-dimethyl-5-methylene-4-oxo-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenethyl)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.51 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.91 – 4.65 (m, 1H), 4.55 – 4.39 (m, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.99 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 2.11 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.45 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.32 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.2, 171.1, 145.5, 144.0, 128.8 (q, J = 32.6 Hz), 127.7, 125.4 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 123.2 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 100.3, 77.8, 74.8, 60.8, 52.5, 32.1, 29.4, 20.2, 14.5. LCMS (ESI): Mass calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 371.1392, Found 371.1401



(±) methyl (2S,3R,6R)-2-(4-methoxyphenethyl)-3,6-dimethyl-5-methylene-4-oxotetrahydro-2H-pyran-3-carboxylate
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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.26 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.97 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.30 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.64 – 4.55 (m, 1H), 4.19 – 4.10 (m, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.74 – 2.68 (m, 2H), 2.07 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.62 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.47 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.4, 171.2, 157.8, 144.3, 133.7, 129.3, 129.3, 122.6, 113.8, 77.9, 74.7, 55.3, 52.7, 34.3, 30.0, 20.2, 14.6. LCMS (ESI): Mass calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 333.1624, Found 333.1609

(±) methyl (2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-2-(3-acetamidophenethyl)-3,6-dimethyl-5-methylene-4-oxotetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.39 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 2H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.43 – 4.38 (m 1H), 4.02 (m, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.61 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.92 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.45 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.4, 171.1, 168.2, 144.2, 137.4, 135.9, 135.2, 129.7, 128.9, 122.7, 120.0, 77.8, 74.7, 60.9, 52.4, 32.1, 31.5, 24.6, 20.3, 14.5. LCMS (ESI): Mass calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 360.1733, Found 360.1745



(±) methyl (2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-2-(3-fluorophenethyl)-3,6-dimethyl-5-methylene-4-oxotetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.17 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.95 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.15 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.02 – 3.92 (m, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.81 – 2.63 (m, 2H), 2.05 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.46 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.2, 171.1, 160.4, 144.2, 137.0, 129.7 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 122.7, 115.2 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 103.6, 100.5, 77.8, 74.7, 60.9, 52.8, 35.8, 32.3, 20.2, 14.5. LCMS (ESI): Mass calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>FO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 321.1424, Found 321.1432



( $\pm$ ) methyl (2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-2-(4-acetamidophenethyl)-6-isobutyl-3-methyl-5-methylene-4oxotetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.24 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.14 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.77 – 3.71 (m, 1H), 3.56 – 3.51 (m, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 2.26 – 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.79 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.55 – 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.07 – 0.99 (m, 1H), 0.82 – 0.69 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  206.6, 171.4, 168.3, 144.2, 137.3, 136.0, 128.9, 120.0, 79.3, 75.3, 62.4, 52.2, 45.4, 32.3, 31.7, 24.5, 24.4, 23.3, 22.0, 14.3. LCMS (ESI): Mass calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 402.2202, Found 402.2210



(±) methyl (2S,3R,6R)-2-(4-acetamidophenethyl)-3-methyl-5-methylene-4-oxo-6phenethyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.54 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.14 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.75 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.22 – 3.18 (m, 1H), 2.98 – 2.90 (m, 1H), 2.83 – 2.73 (m, 1H), 2.73 – 2.62 (m, 1H), 2.61 – 2.57 (m, 2H), 2.50 – 2.27 (m, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.09 – 1.90 (m, 2H), 1.36 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  206.3, 171.3, 168.9, 162.6, 141.2, 136.7, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 126.0, 120.0, 79.2, 75.9, 62.3, 52.1, 46.8, 43.6, 37.8, 36.5, 31.4, 24.2, 14.2, 8.7. LCMS (ESI): Mass calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 449.2202, Found 449.2198



(±) isopropyl (2S,3R,6R)-2-(4-acetamidophenethyl)-3,6-dimethyl-5-methylene-4oxotetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.12 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.43 – 4.33 (m, 1H), 4.04 – 3.98 (m, 1H), 2.89 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.06 – 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.46 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.26 – 1.09 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.6, 170.1, 168.1, 144.4, S-12

137.4, 135.9, 129.0, 122.4, 120.0, 77.6, 77.2, 74.7, 68.8, 60.7, 31.5, 29.7, 24.7, 21.4, 20.2, 14.5. LCMS (ESI): Mass calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 388.2046, Found 388.2044



(±) cyclopropylmethyl (2S,3R,6R)-2-(4-acetamidophenethyl)-3,6-dimethyl-5-methylene-4oxotetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.42 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.14 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.45 – 4.28 (m, 1H), 4.13 – 4.04 (m, 1H), 4.02 – 3.79 (m, 2H), 2.94 – 2.80 (m, 2H), 2.63 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.46 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.06 – 0.95 (m, 1H), 0.56 – 0.43 (m, 2H), 0.29 – 0.15 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.5, 170.8, 168.2, 144.3, 137.4, 129.0, 126.6, 122.6, 120.0, 77.9, 74.7, 69.9, 60.9, 32.1, 31.6, 24.7, 20.2, 14.6, 9.7, 3.3, 3.2. LCMS (ESI): Mass calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 400.2046, Found 400.2040



(±) benzyl (2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-2-(4-acetamidophenethyl)-3,6-dimethyl-5-methylene-4-oxotetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.31 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.10 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 6.98 – 6.90 (m, 3H), 6.14 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.20 – 5.03 (m, 2H), 4.42 – 4.33 (m, 1H), 4.03 – 3.94 (m, 1H), 2.87 – 2.46 (m, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.89 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.45 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.32 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.2, 170.5, 168.1, 144.3, 137.3, 135.8, 135.6, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 122.6, 119.9, 77.9, 74.7, 66.9, 60.9, 32.1, 31.6, 24.6, 20.2, 14.6. LCMS (ESI): Mass calculated for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 436.2046, Found 436.2061



(±) butyl (2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-2-(4-acetamidophenethyl)-3,6-dimethyl-5-methylene-4-oxotetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.43 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.18 – 6.11 (m, 1H), 5.40 – 5.32 (m, 1H), 4.15 – 3.99 (m, 2H), 2.85 – 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.79 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.46 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.38 – 1.20 (m, 4H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 32.3 Hz, 3H), 0.94 – 0.82 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.5, 170.7, 168.1, 144.4, 137.4, 135.9, 129.0, 122.4, 119.9, 77.9, 74.7, 65.2, 60.9, 32.2, 31.6, 30.4, 24.6, 20.3, 19.0, 14.5, 13.7. LCMS (ESI): Mass calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 402.2202, Found 402.2185



(±) 2-methoxyethyl (2S,3R,6R)-2-(4-acetamidophenethyl)-3,6-dimethyl-5-methylene-4oxotetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.37 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.14 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.50 – 4.40 (m, 1H), 4.33 – 4.14 (m, 2H), 4.12-4.08 (m, 1H), 3.58 – 3.44 (m, 2H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.90 – 2.80 (m, 1H), 2.73 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.89-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.46 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.3, 170.6, 168.1, 144.2, 137.5, 135.8, 129.0, 122.6, 120.0, 78.0, 77.2, 74.7, 70.2, 64.0, 60.9, 58.9, 32.1, 31.7, 24.7, 20.2, 14.5. LCMS (ESI): Mass calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 404.1995, Found 404.2001



(±) methyl (2S,3R,6R)-2-(4-acetamidophenethyl)-3-ethyl-6-methyl-5-methylene-4oxotetrahydro-2H-pyran-3-carboxylate

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.42-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.53 – 4.45 (m, 1H), 4.15 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.66 (dt, *J* = 14.8, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.99 – 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.49 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.99-0.91 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.8, 171.5, S-15

168.5, 142.9, 138.4, 129.5, 124.7, 123.1, 120.3, 117.7, 78.3, 75.0, 61.3, 52.7, 32.6, 30.1, 25.1, 20.6, 14.9, 14.8. LCMS (ESI): Mass calculated for  $C_{21}H_{28}NO_5$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 374.1967, Found 374.1962



( $\pm$ ) methyl (2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-2-(4-acetamidophenethyl)-3-isopropyl-6-methyl-5-methylene-4oxotetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.36-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.47 – 4.40 (m, 1H), 4.09 – 43.99 (m, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.61 (dt, *J* = 14.8, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.92 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.45 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.93-0.86 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.5, 171.3, 168.3, 142.7, 138.1, 129.1, 124.5, 122.9, 120.1, 117.6, 78.1, 74.9, 61.1, 52.6, 32.3, 29.9, 24.9, 20.4, 14.8, 14.7. LCMS (ESI): Mass calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 388.2123, Found 388.2110

Correlation Analysis Between Binding Energy and IC<sub>50</sub> Values for 1<sup>st</sup> Gen Library



The binding energies and IC<sub>50</sub> of all compounds in Table 1 and Table 2 that demonstrated the ability to inhibit telomerase activity by TRAP assay <100  $\mu$ M were analyzed to see if a correlation existed between binding energies and IC<sub>50</sub>. Linear regression analysis demonstrated that a positive correlation was observed, with an R<sup>2</sup> = 0.8069

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Library Subset





2,2-Dimethyl-6-(2-oxo-2-methylethyl)-4H-1,3-dioxin-4-one (S1)

Prepared according to literature precedent.<sup>2</sup> Dioxinone (1.0 equiv) in THF (2.0 M) was added dropwise to LiHMDS in THF (1.4 equiv, 1.0 M) and THF (1.0 M) at -20 °C, and after 45 min, diethylzinc in hexanes (1.4 equiv, 1.0 M) was added over 2 h. After a further 30 min, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to -10 °C and *N*-acetylimidazole (1.4 equiv) was added portionwise over 15 min. After 3.5 h, H<sub>2</sub>O:THF (1:9; 75 mL) was added dropwise, followed by 6.0 M HCl (100 mL) and EtOAc (250 mL). The pH was adjusted to pH 1-2 using 1.0 M HCl (265 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (250 mL), and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine (250 mL), dried S-19

(MgSO<sub>4</sub>), rotary evaporated, and chromatographed (hexanes:EtOAc 3:2) to give S1 as pale yellow crystals.

Analytical Data: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.35 (s, 1H), 3.37 (s, 2H), 2.25, (s, 3H), 1.72 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 200.9, 164.4, 160.7, 107.2, 96.6, 47.9, 30.2, 25.0. All physical data for this product correspond with literature values.<sup>3</sup>



(R)-6-(2-hydroxypropyl)-2,2-dimethyl-4*H*-1,3-dioxin-4-one (S2)

Prepared according to literature precedent.<sup>4</sup> 160 mL of 0.1 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.0) was added to a 500 mL 3 neck round bottom flask equipped with an overhead stirrer, a nitrogen inlet, and a septum. 100 mg of KRED-P01-C01 was then added followed by 50 mg of NADPH. In a separate 100 mL round bottom flask, 20.0 g of S1, 20 mL isopropanol (IPA), and 20 mL cyclopentylmethyl ether (CPME) were added. Upon the  $\beta$ -ketodioxinone substrate completely dissolving (required slight heating and stirring), this solution was added to the solution containing KRED-P01-C01. The reaction was stirred for 72 hours at 30 °C. Upon reaction completion, solid NaCl was added to the reaction mixture. The solution was then filtered, extracted with ethyl acetate (5 x 150 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain >99% pure  $\beta$ -hydroxydioxinone S2

Analytical Data: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.33 (s, 1H), 4.16-4.08 (m, 1H), 2.38 (1H, d, *J* = 2.8), 2.37 (s, 1H), 1.70 (s, 6H), 1.27 (3H, d, *J* = 6.2). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.3, 161.3, 106.6, 94.9, 65.1, 43.2, 25.2, 24.9, 23.5.

All physical data for this product corresponds with literature values.<sup>3</sup>



(5S,7R)-5-(but-3-yn-1-yl)-2,2,7-trimethyl-7,8-dihydro-4H,5H-pyrano[4,3-d][1,3]dioxin-4one (S3)

A flask was charged with 4 Å MS (2:1 by wt), pent-4-ynal (4.0 equiv) and S2 (1.0 equiv). Dichloromethane (0.25 M) was added and the reaction was cooled to -78 °C. Then, TMS-OTf (2.0 equiv) was added dropwise and stirred for 5 h. The reaction was quenched at -78 °C with a 1:1 mixture of NEt<sub>3</sub>/MeOH and allowed to warm to room temperature. The suspension was then filtered through a Biotage Isolute phase separator and then concentrated. The crude product was of sufficient purity and immediately used in the next reaction.



methyl (2S,3R,6R)-2-(but-3-yn-1-yl)-6-methyl-4-oxotetrahydro-2H-pyran-3-carboxylate (S4) In a microwave vial S3 (1.0 equiv) was dissolved in toluene (0.2 M). Dry methanol (10 equiv) was added, the reaction vial was capped, and the reaction heated in a Biotage microwave reactor at 150 °C for 40 m. After the vial was cooled to room temperature, the solution was concentrated. The crude product was of sufficient purity and was immediately used in the next reaction.



methyl (2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-2-(but-3-yn-1-yl)-3,6-dimethyl-4-oxotetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate (S5)

S4 (1.0 equiv) was dissolved in acetonitrile (0.2 M) in a vial with stir bar. To the solution was added potassium carbonate (4 equiv) and methyl iodide (10 equiv). The reaction mixture was heated to 70 °C for 2 hours before cooling to room temperature and quenching with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The mixture was diluted with  $CH_2Cl_2$ , filtered through a Biotage Isolute phase separator, and concentrated. The crude product was of sufficient purity and immediately used in the next reaction.



methyl (2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-2-(but-3-yn-1-yl)-3,6-dimethyl-5-methylene-4-oxotetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate (S6)

Prepared according to literature precedent.<sup>5</sup> To a solution of S5 (1.0 equiv) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (0.2 M) in a microwave vial,  $CH_2Br_2$  (6.0 equiv) and  $Et_2NH$  (12.0 equiv) were added. The container was sealed, and the reaction heated in a Biotage microwave reactor at 100 °C for 1 hour. After the vial was cooled to room temperature, the reaction solution was concentrated. Diethyl ether was added to the crude reaction mixture to precipitate out the ammonium salts.

The mixture was filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated. The crude product was of sufficient purity and immediately used in the next reaction.



methyl (2S,3R,6R)-2-(2-(1-(2,4-difluorobenzyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)ethyl)-3,6-dimethyl-5methylene-4-oxotetrahydro-2H-pyran-3-carboxylate (NU-1)

1-(Azidomethyl)-2,4-difluorobenzene (1.0 equiv) and S6 (1.0 equiv) were dissolved in t-BuOH (0.2 M) room temperature. To this, a solution of copper (II) sulfate pentahydrate (0.12 equiv) and sodium (R)-2-((S)-1,2-dihydroxyethyl)-4-hydroxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-olate (0.25 equiv) in water (0.2 M) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 5 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, and the excess solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography to yield NU-1.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  7.36 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (s, 2H), 5.38 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.45 – 4.24 (m, 1H), 4.05 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.73 – 2.56 (m, 2H), 2.10 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.48 – 1.39 (m, 3H), 1.32 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.2, 171.1, 163.5, 160.4, 144.2, 137.0, 136.8, 129.8 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 125.8, 115.2 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz), 103.6, 100.5, 77.8, 77.3, 77.0, 76.8, 74.7, 60.9, 52.8, 35.8, 32.3, 20.2, 14.5. LCMS (ESI): Mass calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]+ 420.1657, Found 420.1650

## **Supplemental Figures**



Fig S1: HPQDEIPYCGK Peptide of DMSO control treated tcTERT.



Fig S2: HPQDEIPYCGK Peptide of chrolactomycin (1) treated tcTERT.



Fig S3: HPQDEIPYCGK Peptide of NU-1 treated tcTERT.



Experimental *in vitro* drug like properties Human Plasma Stability (t<sub>1/2</sub>): 41 min Mouse Liver Microsomes (t<sub>1/2</sub>): 31 min N-acetyl cysteine kinetics (t<sub>1/2</sub>): 42 min logD: 2.8 CYP1A2 inhibition: 13% (@ 10 μM) PAMPA (pH 5.0, 6.2, 7.4, Log(Pe)): -3.6, -3.8, -3.7

Fig S4: Experimental in vitro drug like properties of NU-1



Fig S5: IC<sub>50</sub> curve of chrolactomycin measured in MCF-7 cell lysates. IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.5  $\mu$ M



Fig S6: IC<sub>50</sub> curve of okilactomycin measured in MCF-7 cell lysates. IC<sub>50</sub> =  $2.1 \mu M$ 



Fig S7: IC  $_{50}$  curve of racemic 4a measured in MCF-7 cell lysates. IC  $_{50}$  = 1.5  $\mu M$ 



Fig S8: IC<sub>50</sub> curve of enantiopure 4a measured in MCF-7 cell lysates. IC<sub>50</sub> =  $4.5 \mu M$ 



Fig S9: IC<sub>50</sub> curve of enantiopure 4a measured in MCF-7 cell lysates. IC<sub>50</sub> =  $0.9 \ \mu M$ 

# Full List of 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Compounds Computationally Modeled



title: molecule\_198



title: molecule\_171



title: molecule\_134



title: molecule\_71



title: molecule\_70



title: molecule\_236



title: molecule\_67



title: Set\_2\_24



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title: molecule\_170



title: molecule\_198



title: molecule\_228



title: molecule\_68





title: molecule\_44





title: molecule\_165



title: molecule\_99



title: molecule\_134





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title: molecule\_79

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title: Set\_2\_10



title: molecule\_52



title: molecule\_96



title: molecule\_56



title: Set\_2\_28















title: Set\_2\_27



title: molecule\_73



title: molecule\_42



title: molecule\_20



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title: molecule\_163







title: molecule\_94



title: molecule\_41



title: Set\_2\_8



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title: molecule\_31



title: molecule\_101



title: molecule\_100





title: molecule\_190



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title: molecule\_19



title: molecule\_110

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title: molecule\_206



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title: Set\_2\_23





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title: Set\_2\_6



title: molecule\_148



title: Set\_2\_7

title: molecule\_165



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