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.¹ 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. ¹H 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 (CHCl₃ 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 ¹³C 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 (CDCl₃ 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 CH₂Cl₂ (0.2 M). The reaction vial was cooled to -78 °C. BF₃•OEt₂ (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 BF₃•OEt₂ (2.0 equiv). The reaction was stirred at 0 °C, and the reaction progress was monitored by UPLC-MS until complete consumption of the β -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 CH₂Cl₂ 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 β -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 CH₂Cl₂, 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 β -keto ester (1.0 equiv), which was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 M). To the solution was added CH₂Br₂ (6 equiv) and Et₂NH (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

¹H 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). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) 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 C₂₀H₂₆NO₅ [M+H]⁺: 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

¹H 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). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) 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 C₁₈H₂₃O₄ [M+H]⁺: 303.1518, Found 303.1522



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

¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 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). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 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 C₁₄H₂₃O₄ [M+H]⁺: 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

¹H 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). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 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 C₁₈H₂₂FO₄ [M+H]⁺: 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 ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 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). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 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 C₁₉H₂₂F₃O₄ [M+H]⁺: 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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¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 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). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 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 C₁₉H₂₅O₅ [M+H]⁺: 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

¹H 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). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) 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 C₂₀H₂₆NO₅ [M+H]⁺: 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

¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 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). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 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 C₁₈H₂₂FO₄ [M+H]⁺: 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

¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 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). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 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 C₂₃H₃₂NO₅ [M+H]⁺: 402.2202, Found 402.2210



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

¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 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). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 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 C₂₇H₃₂NO₅ [M+H]⁺: 449.2202, Found 449.2198



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

¹H 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). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) 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 C₂₂H₃₀NO₅ [M+H]⁺: 388.2046, Found 388.2044



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

¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 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). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 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 C₂₃H₃₀NO₅ [M+H]⁺: 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 ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 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). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 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 C₂₆H₃₀NO₅ [M+H]⁺: 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

¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 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). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 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 C₂₃H₃₂NO₅ [M+H]⁺: 402.2202, Found 402.2185



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

¹H 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). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) 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 C₂₂H₃₀NO₆ [M+H]⁺: 404.1995, Found 404.2001



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

¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 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). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 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]⁺: 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

¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 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). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 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 C₂₂H₃₀NO₅ [M+H]⁺: 388.2123, Found 388.2110

Correlation Analysis Between Binding Energy and IC₅₀ Values for 1st Gen Library



The binding energies and IC₅₀ of all compounds in Table 1 and Table 2 that demonstrated the ability to inhibit telomerase activity by TRAP assay <100 μ M were analyzed to see if a correlation existed between binding energies and IC₅₀. Linear regression analysis demonstrated that a positive correlation was observed, with an R² = 0.8069

2nd Generation Library Subset





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

Prepared according to literature precedent.² 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, H₂O: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

(MgSO₄), rotary evaporated, and chromatographed (hexanes:EtOAc 3:2) to give S1 as pale yellow crystals.

Analytical Data: ¹H NMR spectroscopy (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.35 (s, 1H), 3.37 (s, 2H), 2.25, (s, 3H), 1.72 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR spectroscopy (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 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.³



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

Prepared according to literature precedent.⁴ 160 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 β -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 MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain >99% pure β -hydroxydioxinone S2

Analytical Data: ¹H NMR spectroscopy (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 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). ¹³C NMR spectroscopy (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 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.³



(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 NEt₃/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 NH₄Cl. 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.⁵ 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.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 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). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 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 C₂₁H₂₄F₂N₃O₄ [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_{1/2}): 41 min Mouse Liver Microsomes (t_{1/2}): 31 min N-acetyl cysteine kinetics (t_{1/2}): 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: IC₅₀ curve of chrolactomycin measured in MCF-7 cell lysates. IC₅₀ = 0.5 μ M



Fig S6: IC₅₀ curve of okilactomycin measured in MCF-7 cell lysates. IC₅₀ = $2.1 \mu M$



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



Fig S8: IC₅₀ curve of enantiopure 4a measured in MCF-7 cell lysates. IC₅₀ = $4.5 \mu M$



Fig S9: IC₅₀ curve of enantiopure 4a measured in MCF-7 cell lysates. IC₅₀ = $0.9 \ \mu M$

Full List of 2nd 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



title: molecule_97



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



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title: molecule_56



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title: Set_2_27



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title: molecule_111



title: molecule_163







title: molecule_94



title: molecule_41



title: Set_2_8



title: molecule_47













title: molecule_31



title: molecule_101



title: molecule_100





title: molecule_190



title: molecule_17



title: molecule_173



title: molecule_19



title: molecule_110

title: molecule_233



title: molecule_54



title: molecule_89



title: molecule_115







title: Set_2_17





title: Set_2_18



title: molecule_206



title: molecule_128



title: Set_2_23





title: molecule_13





title: molecule_114









title: molecule_53





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title: molecule_27



title: molecule_46



title: molecule_9



title: molecule_102

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title: molecule_26



title: Set_2_26



title: molecule_169





title: molecule_88



title: molecule_108



title: molecule_18



title: molecule_177



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title: molecule_113



title: molecule_202



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title: Set_2_20



title: molecule_51



title: molecule_86







title: Set_2_1







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title: molecule_33



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