Supporting Information

Pyridazine Nucleobase in Peptide Nucleic Acids Improves Triple Helical Recognition of Cytosine Interruptions of Polypurine Tracts in Double-Stranded RNA

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General Synthetic Procedures. Solvents and reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and were used without further purification unless stated otherwise. THF and methylene chloride were dried by passing over activated alumina. The anhydrous reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen using a Schlenk line or argon from a balloon. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out using either Merck silica gel 60 F254 plates (0.2 mm) or Silacycle 60 Å silica gel F254 plates (0.25 mm) and visualization was aided by UV light, iodine, or KMnO₄ stain. Column chromatography was performed using either Merck Kieselgel 60 H or Silacycle P60 230–400 mesh silica gel or using flash chromatography system using CM modified silica (Agela Technologies). NMR spectra were obtained using Bruker AM 400 or 300 spectrometers with the chemical shift (δ) reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to TMS or to the solvent peak [dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO)-d6 or CDCl₃] as a reference. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) analyses using positive electrospray ionization (ESI+) were recorded on a Micromass quadrupole time-of-flight (Q-TOF) microinstrument.

N-(2-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)ethyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-4-yl)acetyl)glycine (1)

FmocHN

TSTU (262 mg, 0.87 mmol) was added under nitrogen to a solution of 2-(pyridin-4-yl)acetic acid HCl salt (SIgmaAldrich Cat.No. P65851) (137 mg, 0.79 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (275 μ L, 2.00 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (4 mL). After 30 minutes at room temperature solution of N-Fmoc-Aeg-OH HCl salt (**14**, 297 mg, 0.79 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (137 μ L, 0.79 mmol, 1 equiv.) in anhydrous DMF (2

mL) were added. The resulting solution was stirred for 12 h at room temperature, then acidified to pH 6-7 using a 1 M aqueous HCl solution and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on CM-modified silica (Agela Technologies) using a linear gradient (0-8%) of CH₂Cl₂ in MeOH to afford the title compound as white foam (66 mg, 18% yield). R_f = 0.36 (20% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂). HRMS (ESI/TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₆H₂₆N₃O₅, 460.1872; found 460.1870. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ : 8.44 (2H, s), 7.88 (2H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.67 (2H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.47 (1H, m), 7.40 (2H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 7.36 – 7.13 (4H, m), 4.32 (1H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 4.29 – 4.15 (2H, m), 4.03 – 3.84 (2H, m), 3.75 (1H, s), 3.62 (1H, s), 3.51 – 3.32 (2H, m), 3.18 (2H, q, *J* = 7.6, 6.1 Hz), 2.91 (1H, q, *J* = 7.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d6, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ : 170.64, 156.59, 149.76, 149.61, 145.63, 144.40, 144.34, 141.24, 141.18, 128.11, 128.08, 127.57, 125.72, 125.57, 125.22, 120.62, 120.57, 65.96, 52.85, 52.21, 48.70, 48.45, 47.55, 47.20, 41.07, 39.23, 39.05, 38.68, 38.62, 18.56.

N-(2-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)ethyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-3-yl)acetyl)glycine (2)



TSTU (331 mg, 1.10 mmol) was added under nitrogen to a solution of 2-(pyridin-3-yl)acetic acid (FluoroChem Cat.No. 076680) (137 mg, 1.00 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (226 μL, 1.30 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in anhydrous DMF (3.5 mL). After 30 minutes at room temperature solution of N-Fmoc-Aeg-OH HCl salt (14, 377 mg, 1.00 mmol) and i-Pr₂NEt (226 µL, 1.30 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in anhydrous DMF (2 mL) were added. The resulting solution was stirred for 12 h at room temperature, then acidified to pH 6-7 using a 1 M aqueous HCl solution and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on CM-modified silica (Agela Technologies) using a linear gradient (0-8%) of CH₂Cl₂ in MeOH to afford the title compound as white foam (67 mg, 15% yield). $R_f = 0.40 (20\% \text{ MeOH in CH}_2\text{Cl}_2)$. HRMS (ESI/TOF) m/z: $[M + H]^+$ calcd. for C₂₆H₂₆N₃O₅, 460.1872; found 460.1868. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ: 12.65 (1H, s), 8.40 (2H, d, J = 19.5 Hz), 7.88 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.67 (2H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.63 – 7.53 (1H, m), 7.51 – 7.36 (3H, m), 7.31 (3H, td, J = 7.6, 2.7 Hz), 4.34 (1H, d, J = 6.7 Hz), 4.28 (1H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 4.22 (1H, d, J = 6.6 Hz), 3.96 (1H, s), 3.76 (1H, s), 3.67 - 3.54 (2H, m), 3.45 (2H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 3.22 (2H, q, J = 6.4 Hz), 3.12 (1H, ddd, J = 11.0, 7.6, 5.5 Hz). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d6, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ: 171.21, 170.70, 156.84, 150.74, 148.02, 144.38, 144.33, 141.24, 141.21, 137.61, 137.36, 128.11, 127.55, 125.63, 125.55, 120.62, 65.93, 53.87, 48.34, 48.04, 47.20, 42.14, 36.21.

2-(Pyridin-2-yl)acetic acid (26)

NaOH (339 mg, 8.47 mmol, 2 equiv.) in water (3 mL) was added to a solution of ethyl 2-pyridylacetate (Fluorochem Cat.No. 2739-98-2) (700 mg, 4.23 mmol) in EtOH (10 mL). After 1 h at room temperature Amberlite was added till pH ~3-4, the mixture was filtered, solids were washed with a mixture of water and EtOH (1:1), and evaporated under reduced pressure to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (442 mg, 75% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d6, ppm) δ : 13.0 – 12.2 (1H, br s), 8.48 (1H, ddd, *J* = 4.9, 1.9, 1.1 Hz), 7.76 (1H, td, *J* = 7.7, 1.9 Hz), 7.35 (1H, dt, *J* = 7.7, 1.1 Hz), 7.27 (1H, ddd, *J* = 7.7, 4.9, 1.1 Hz), 3.75 (2H, s). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, DMSO-d6, ppm) δ : 171.8, 157.6, 148.5, 136.7, 123.3, 121.0, 23.8.

N-(2-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)ethyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)acetyl)glycine (3)

TSTU (472 mg, 1.56 mmol) was added under argon to a solution of 2-(pyridin-2-yl)acetic acid (26) (215 mg, 1.56 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (540 μ L, 3.13 mmol, 2 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (10 mL). After 1h at room temperature solution of N-Fmoc-Aeg-OH (14, 534 mg, 1.56 mmol) and i-Pr₂NEt $(542 \,\mu\text{L}, 3.13 \,\text{mmol}, 2 \,\text{equiv})$ in a mixture of H₂O/MeCN (1:1, 14 mL) were added. The resulting solution was stirred for 14 h at room temperature, then acidified to pH 2-3 using a 20% aqueous solution of citric acid, extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 15 mL). Organic phases were combined, extracted with saturated aqueous NaCl, dried with Na₂SO₄, evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by reverse phase column chromatography using a linear gradient (0-60%) of MeCN in water to afford the title compound as an off-white solid (253 mg, 35% yield). HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₆H₂₆N₃O₅ 460.1872; found 460.1875. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ: 13.6 – 11.9 (1H, br s), 8.47 – 8.40 (1H, m), 7.89 (2H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.73 – 7.63 (3H, m), 7.47 – 7.19 (7H, m), 4.45 – 4.15 (4H, m), 3.96 (1H, s), 3.89 (1H, s), 3.74 (1H, s), 3.53 – 3.30 (2H, m), 3.25 – 3.09 (2H, m). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, DMSO-d6, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ: 170.8, 170.0, 156.3, 156.0, 155.8, 148.81, 148.75, 143.88, 143.85, 140.74, 140.71, 136.39, 136.36, 127.6, 127.1, 125.2, 125.1, 124.0, 123.9, 121.8, 120.1, 65.4, 48.0, 47.5, 46.7, 42.5, 41.7. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3334, 3066, 2940, 1717, 1653, 1646, 1539, 1260, 1208.



Diethyl 2-(pyrimidin-5-yl)malonate (27)

Diethyl malonate (4.42 mL, 29.1 mmol, 2 equiv.) was added under argon to a solution of 5iodopyrimidine (3.00 g, 14.6 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (10.1 g, 33.50 mmol, 2.3 equiv.), Cul (277 mg, 1.45 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and picolinic acid (358 mg, 2.91 mmol, 0.2 equiv.) in anhydrous dioxane (40 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80°C for 2 days, then cooled to room temperature, diluted with EtOAc (50 mL) and extracted with NH₄Cl (30 mL). The organic layer was dried with Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using a linear gradient (30-100%) of EtOAc in petrol ether to afford the title compound as a light yellow oil (2.53 g, 73% yield). R_f = 0.29 (hexanes/EtOAc, 3:1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 9.20 (1H, s), 8.81 (2H, s), 4.59 (1H, s), 4.34 – 4.18 (4H, m), 1.29 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 166.7, 158.5, 157.6, 127.3, 62.8, 53.9, 14.1. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₁₁H₁₅N₂O₄ 239.1032; Found 239.1034. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3049, 2984, 2940, 2909, 1748, 1563, 1315, 1244.

2-(Pyrimidin-5-yl)acetic acid (28)

3 M solution of NaOH in water (1.00 g, 25.0 mmol, 2.36 equiv.) was added to a solution of diethyl 2-(pyrimidin-5-yl)malonate (**27**, 2.52 g, 10.6 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL). After 3 days at room temperature Amberlite was added till pH = 3-4, the mixture was filtered, solids were washed with EtOH, evaporated under reduced pressure to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (1.30 g, 89% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d6, ppm) δ : 12.9 – 12.3 (1H, br s), 9.07 (1H, s), 8.71 (2H, s), 3.70 (2H, s). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, DMSO-d6, ppm) δ : 171.8, 157.7, 156.8, 129.2, 35.0.

N-(2-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)ethyl)-N-(2-(pyrimidin-5-yl)acetyl)glycine (4)

TSTU (1.20 g, 3.98 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added under argon to a solution of 2-(pyrimidin-5yl)acetic acid (**28**, 500 mg, 3.62 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (0.82 ml, 4.71 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (20 mL) and the reaction was stirred for 1h 45min (suspension) at room temperature followed by the addition of a solution of N-Fmoc-Aeg-OH (**14**, 1.23 g, 3.62 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (0.82 mL, 4.71 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in mixture of H₂O/MeCN (15 mL, 1:1). After 20 h at room temperature, the reaction mixture was acidified to pH 3 using 20% aqueous solution of citric acid and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 50 mL). Organic phases were combined, dried with Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by reverse phase column chromatography using a linear gradient (20-60%) of MeCN in water to afford the title compound as a white solid (530 mg, 31% yield). HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: $[M+H]^+$ calcd. for C₂₅H₂₅N₄O₅ 461.1825; found 461.1819. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d6, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ : 13.0 – 12.5 (1H, br s), 9.04 (1H, d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 8.61 (2H, d, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 7.88 (2H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.27 (5H, m), 4.43 – 4.14 (4H, m), 3.97 (1H, s), 3.83 (1H, s), 3.67 (1H, s), 3.52 – 3.33 (2H, m), 3.26 – 3.08 (2H, m). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, DMSO-d6, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ : 170.6, 170.2, 169.6, 157.7, 157.6, 156.6, 156.5, 156.3, 156.1, 143.9, 143.8, 140.73, 140.71, 127.6, 127.0, 125.1, 125.0, 120.1, 65.4, 47.9, 47.7, 46.7, 38.1, 33.4, 33.1. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3347, 3064, 2949, 2496, 1700, 1653, 1246.



Diethyl 2-(pyrimidin-2-yl)malonate (29)

2-lodopyridine (10.0 g, 48.5 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (38.0 g, 117 mmol, 2.4 equiv.), Cul (1.85 g, 9.71 mmol, 0.2 equiv.) and picolinic acid (2.39 , 19.4 mmol, 0.4 equiv.) were placed into a dry flask under atmosphere of argon. DMF (75 mL) was added followed by diethyl malonate (14.7 mL, 97.1 mmol, 2 equiv.) and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 16 h. The brown mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through a pad of celite, and celite was washed with EtOAc (4 × 30 mL). The mixture was extracted with NH₄Cl (70 mL), the organic layer was dried with Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using a linear gradient (20-50%) of EtOAc in petrol ether to afford the title compound as a yellow oil (7.12 g, 61% yield). R_f = 0.63 (hexanes/EtOAc, 1:1). HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: $[M+H]^+$ calcd. for C₁₁H₁₅N₂O₄ 239.1032; found 239.1040. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 8.75 (2H, d, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 7.25 (1H, t, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 5.10 (1H, s), 4.28 (4H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 1.29 (6H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 166.7, 163.7, 157.6, 120.0, 62.2, 62.0, 14.1. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3473, 2984, 2941, 2907, 1756, 1568, 1423, 1308, 1255, 1179, 1153.

2-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)acetic acid (30)

NaOH (1.91 g, 47.85 mmol, 15 mL, 3 M in water, 3eq) in water was added to a solution of diethyl 2-(pyrimidin-2-yl)malonate (**29**, 3.80 g, 16.0 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 22 h, then partly evaporated under reduced pressure, and acidified with 1M HCl. Water phase was separated and extracted with EtOAc (8 × 25 mL). All organic phases were combined, dried with Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced

pressure to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (1.73 g, 73% yield), which was used in the next reaction without further purification.

N-(2-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)ethyl)-N-(2-(pyrimidin-2-yl)acetyl)glycine (5)

TSTU (1.20 g, 3.98 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added to a solution of the 2-(pyrimidin-2-yl)acetic acid (500 mg, 3.62 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (0.81 mL, 4.70 mmol, 1.3 equiv) in anhydrous THF (20 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 4h (suspension) at room temperature followed by the addition of a solution of N-Fmoc-Aeg-OH (14, 1.20 g, 3.62 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (0.81 mL, 4.70 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in a H₂O/MeCN mixture (20 mL, 1:1). The resulting solution was stirred for 18 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was acidified to pH 3-4 using a 20% aqueous solution of citric acid and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 50 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried with Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by reverse phase column chromatography using a linear gradient (0-45%) of MeCN in water to afford the title compound as an off-white foam (800 mg, 46% yield). HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₅H₂₅N₄O₅ 461.1825; found 461.1831. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSOd6, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ : 13.2 – 12.3 (1H, br s), 8.71 (1H, d, J = 4.9 Hz), 8.70 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz) 7.88 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.67 (2H, d, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.44 - 7.24 (6H, m), 4.47 - 4.17 (4H, m), 4.05 (1H, s), 3.97 (1H, s), 3.90 (1H, s), 3.55 – 3.30 (2H, m), 3.25 – 3.07 (2H, m). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, DMSO-d6, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ: 171.2, 170.7, 169.6, 169.3, 165.4, 165.2, 157.2, 156.3, 143.88, 143.85, 140.73, 140.71, 127.6, 127.1, 125.2, 125.1, 120.1, 119.4, 65.4, 48.0, 47.5, 46.7, 46.4, 44.3, 43.5. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3316, 3049, 2945, 2507, 1706, 1565, 1231.



Diethyl 2-(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)malonate (31)

Diethylmalonate (7.13 mL, 47.0 mmol, 2 equiv) was added dropwise at 0 °C to a suspension of NaH (1.88 g, 47.0 mmol, 2 equiv) in anhydrous DMF (40 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature till it become clear (15 min), then 2,4-dichloropyrimidine (3.50 g, 24.5 mmol) was added and mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 35 h. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (60 mL) and saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (30 mL) was added. The water phase was separated and extracted with EtOAc (15 mL). The organic phases were combined, extracted with saturated aqueous NaCl (30 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using a linear gradient (0-25%) of EtOAc in petrol ether to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (4.24 g, 66% yield). R_f = 0.40 (hexanes/EtOAc, 3:1). HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₁H₁₄ClN₂O₄ 273.0642; found 273.0635. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 8.64 (1H, d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 7.55 (1H, d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 4.84 (1H, s), 4.31 – 4.20 (4H, m), 1.28 (6H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 165.8, 164.5, 161.2, 159.9, 119.8, 62.8, 59.9, 14.1. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3462, 2985, 2941, 2908, 1756, 1569, 1542, 1348, 1308.

Ethyl 2-(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)acetate (32)

A 21% EtONa solution in absolute EtOH (2.9 mL, 7.8 mmol, 0.5 eq) was added to a solution of diethyl 2-(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)malonate (**31**, 4.24 g, 15.5 mmol) in absolute EtOH (20 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 75 °C for 21 h. After cooling to room temperature, 1M HCl was added to adjust pH to 7. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using a linear gradient (10-30%) of EtOAc in petrol ether to afford the title compound as a yellow oil (1.94 g, 62% yield). R_f = 0.36 (hexanes/EtOAc, 3:1). HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: $[M+H]^+$ calcd. for C₈H₁₀ClN₂O₂ 201.0431; found 201.0429. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 8.59 (1H, d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 7.33 (1H, d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 4.21 (2H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.82 (2H, s), 1.28 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 168.7, 166.3, 161.4, 159.7, 120.0, 61.8, 43.1, 14.3. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3467, 2984, 2940, 2908, 2524, 1737, 1576, 1542, 1345, 1267, 1183.

Ethyl 2-(pyrimidin-4-yl)acetate (33)

NEt₃ (0.8 mL, 6.0 mmol, 2 equiv.) and Pd/C (100 mg) were added to a solution of ethyl 2-(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)acetate (**32**, 600 mg, 2.99 mmol) in EtOH (7 mL). H₂ gas (1 atm) was bubbled through the reaction mixture for 2 h. The mixture was filtered through pad of celite, celite was washed with EtOH (3 × 3 mL), and the solutions were evaporated under reduced pressure to afford the title compound as a yellow oil that contained some residual NEt₃ (875 mg, 95% estimated yield). For analytical purpose product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography using a linear gradient (30-50%) of EtOAc in petrol ether. Rf = 0.46 (hexanes/EtOAc, 1:1). HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd. for C₈H₁₁N₂O₂ 167.0821; found 167.0826. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 9.15 (1H, d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 8.68 (1H, d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 7.35 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.2, 1.4 Hz), 4.19 (2H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.80 (2H, s), 1.26 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 169.3, 162.9, 159.0, 157.2, 121.5, 61.6, 43.5, 14.2. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3461, 3043, 2983, 2940, 2908, 1739, 1582, 1389, 1258, 1184.

N-(2-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)ethyl)-N-(2-(pyrimidin-4-yl)acetyl)glycine (6)

A solution of LiOH (159 mg, 6.60 mmol, 3 equiv.) in water (4 mL) was added to a solution of ethyl 2-(pyrimidin-4-yl)acetate (33, 2.20 mmol) in EtOH (8 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, the residual orange solid was dried in vacuum for 5 h and used directly in the next step without purification. 2-(Pyrimidin-4-yl)acetic acid Li salt (2.17 mmol) was suspended in DMF (8 mL) and Nmethylmorpholine (0.478 mL, 4.34 mmol, 2 equiv.) was added. Then TSTU (654 mg, 2.17 mmol, 1 eq) was added and, after stirring for 1 h at room temperature, a solution of Fmoc-Aeg-OH (14, 0.739 g, 2.17 mmol, 1 equiv.) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (0.75 mL, 4.34 mmol, 2 equiv.) in a mixture of water and MeCN (15 mL, 1:1) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature overnight. The solvent was partially evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by reverse phase column chromatography using a linear gradient (0-60%) of MeCN in water to afford the title compound as a brown foam after lyophilized (115 mg, 11% yield). HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₅H₂₅N₄O₅ 461.1825; found 461.1813. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) (mixture of rotamers, 3:2) δ 13.4 – 12.5 (1H, br s), 9.06 (0.6H, d, J = 1.4 Hz), 9.04 (0.4H, d, J = 1.4 Hz), 8.70 (0.6H, d, J = 5.2 Hz), 8.66 (0.4H, d, J = 5.2 Hz), 7.88 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.67 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.45 – 7.29 (6H, m), 4.35 – 4.13 (4H, m), 3.96 (1H, s), 3.92 (1H, s), 3.78 (1H, s), 3.48 (1H, t, J = 6.7 Hz), 3.35 (1H, t, J = 6.7 Hz), 3.23 (1H, q, J = 6.4 Hz), 3.13 (1H, q, J = 6.4 Hz).¹³C NMR $(100.6 \; \text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3, \text{ppm}) \; \delta \; 170.7, 169.4, 168.9, 164.6, 158.1, 158.0, 156.8, 156.6, 143.9, 143.8,$ 140.73, 140.69, 127.6, 127.1, 125.2, 125.1, 122.1, 121.9, 120.1, 65.4, 54.9, 48.0, 47.6, 46.7, 41.8, 41.2, 38.1. IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹) 3284, 2942, 2688, 2493, 2251, 1447, 1377.

N-(2-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)ethyl)-N-(2-(pyrazin-2-yl)acetyl)glycine (7)



TSTU (720 mg, 2.39 mmol) was added under nitrogen to a solution of 2-(pyrazin-2-yl)acetic acid (FluoroChem Cat.No 040103) (300 mg, 2.17 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (490 μL, 2.82 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in anhydrous DMF (11 mL). After stirring for 30 minutes at room temperature, a solution of N-Fmoc-Aeg-OH (HCl salt) (14, 818 mg, 2.17 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (490 µL, 2.82 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in anhydrous DMF (4 mL) were added. The resulting solution was stirred for 12 hr at room temperature, then acidified to pH 6-7 with 1 M aqueous HCl solution, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on CM-modified silica (Agela Technologies) using a linear gradient (0-8%) of MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ to afford the title compound as a white foam (394 mg, 39% yield). $R_f = 0.16$ (20% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂). HRMS (ESI/TOF) m/z: $[M + H]^+$ calcd. for C₂₅H₂₅N₄O₅, 461.1825; found 461.1818. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ : 12.78 (1H, s), 8.67 – 8.40 (3H, m), 7.89 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.68 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.56 – 7.38 (3H, m), 7.32 (3H, tdd, J = 7.5, 3.6, 1.2 Hz), 4.35 (1H, d, J = 6.8 Hz), 4.30 (1H, d, J = 6.2 Hz), 4.22 (1H, q, J = 6.6 Hz), 4.00 (2H, d, J = 4.9 Hz), 3.86 (1H, s), 3.56 (2H, dt, J = 21.7, 6.6 Hz), 3.37 (1H, t, J = 6.7 Hz), 3.27 (2H, q, J = 6.4 Hz), 3.12 (2H, dt, J = 14.7, 7.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d6, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ: 171.13, 169.98, 156.83, 146.31, 146.14, 144.38, 144.34, 144.30, 144.21, 143.10, 143.01, 141.24, 141.21, 128.10, 127.55, 125.64, 125.56, 120.60, 65.94, 53.78, 50.62, 48.43, 48.06, 47.22, 40.01, 12.66.

Allyl N-(2-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)ethyl)-N-(2-(pyridazin-4yl)acetyl)glycinate (19)



HATU (130 mg, 0.34 mmol) was added under nitrogen to a solution of sodium 2-(pyridazin-4yl)acetate (FluoroChem Cat.No 464382) (**17**, 50 mg, 0.31 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (108 μ L, 0.62 mmol, 2 equiv.) in anhydrous DMF (2 mL). After stirring for 30 minutes at room temperature, solid N-Fmoc-Aeg-O-Allyl HCl salt (**18**, 130 mg, 0.31 mmol) was added. The resulting solution was stirred for 12 h at room temperature, then concentrated under reduced pressure. The product mixture was redissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and washed with 5% aqueous NaHCO₃ (10 mL). The aqueous layer was back-extracted in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL), the organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography using a linear gradient of MeOH (0-5%) in CH₂Cl₂ to afford the title compound as yellow oil (46 mg, 29% yield). $R_f = 0.25$ (5% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂). HRMS (ESI/TOF) *m/z*: $[M + H]^+$ calcd. for $C_{28}H_{29}N_4O_5$, 501.2138; found 501.2134. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ : 9.19 – 9.03 (2H, m), 7.89 (2H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.68 (2H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 7.55 – 7.37 (4H, m), 7.32 (2H, tdd, *J* = 7.5, 2.9, 1.1 Hz), 6.05 – 5.82 (1H, m), 5.42 – 5.16 (2H, m), 4.62 (2H, ddt, *J* = 26.9, 5.4, 1.5 Hz), 4.47 – 4.18 (3H, m), 4.11 (1H, s), 3.88 (1H, s), 3.74 (1H, s), 3.50 (1H, t, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 3.36 (1H, d, *J* = 17.8 Hz), 3.33 – 3.20 (1H, m), 3.20 – 3.10 (1H, m). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d6, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ : 169.72, 169.35, 156.86, 156.65, 153.79, 153.63, 151.52, 151.48, 144.38, 144.33, 141.25, 136.23, 132.79, 132.68, 128.11, 128.03, 127.79, 127.54, 125.61, 125.52, 120.62, 118.78, 118.36, 65.92, 65.34, 50.54, 48.52, 48.30, 47.21, 38.58, 36.12, 35.78.

N-(2-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)ethyl)-N-(2-(pyridazin-4-yl)acetyl)glycine (8)



The allyl ester of pyridazin-4-yl monomer (**19**, 98 mg, 0.20 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (7 mL), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (9 mg, 0.01 mmol) was added followed by *N*-ethylaniline (50 μ L, 0.34 mmol). The solution was stirred under nitrogen for 3 h at room temperature. After the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography using CM-modified silica gel (Agela Technologies) and a linear gradient (0-10%) of MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ to afford the title compound as a yellow oil (24 mg, 25% yield). R_f = 0.03 (20% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂). HRMS (ESI/TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₅H₂₅N₄O₅, 461.1825; found 461.1816. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ : 12.78 (1H, s), 9.19 – 8.95 (2H, m), 7.89 (2H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.68 (2H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.50 (1H, dt, *J* = 5.1, 2.4 Hz), 7.42 (3H, t, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 3.43 – 3.29 (3H, m). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d6, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ : 171.09, 169.52, 156.84, 153.82, 153.68, 151.50, 151.45, 144.38, 144.32, 141.25, 141.22, 136.38, 128.11, 128.05, 127.85, 127.55, 125.63, 125.54, 120.62, 65.94, 65.87, 48.40, 48.13, 47.21, 39.27, 36.11, 35.80.

Benzyl N-(2-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)ethyl)-N-acetylglycinate (16)



N-Fmoc-Aeg-O-Bn HCl salt (**15**, 2.00 mg, 4.29 mmol) was suspended in anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL) followed by addition of *i*-Pr₂NEt (970 μ L, 5.57 mmol, 1.3 equiv.). The solution became clear

over 5 min, and acetic anhydride (530 µL, 5.57 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature, concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using a linear gradient (0-3%) of MeOH CH₂Cl₂ to afford the title compound as transparent oil (2.02 g, 99% yield). R_f = 0.44 (5% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂). HRMS (ESI/TOF) m/z: $[M + H]^+$ calcd. for C₂₈H₂₉N₂O₅, 473.2076; found 473.2075. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ : 7.88 (2H, dd, *J* = 7.7, 2.5 Hz), 7.67 (2H, dd, *J* = 7.5, 2.5 Hz), 7.51 – 7.28 (10H, m), 5.19 (1H, s), 5.13 (1H, s), 4.42 – 4.16 (3H, m), 4.06 (1H, s), 3.47 – 3.29 (2H, m), 3.27 – 3.07 (2H, s), 2.00 (2H, s), 1.91 (1H, s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ : 170.82, 169.92, 156.76, 144.39, 144.34, 141.26, 141.23, 136.41, 128.96, 128.91, 128.70, 128.52, 128.30, 128.09, 127.54, 125.63, 125.53, 120.60, 66.89, 66.26, 65.82, 48.99, 47.87, 47.23, 39.27, 21.76, 21.12.



1-(tert-Butyl)-3-ethyl-2-(6-chloropyridazin-3-yl)malonate (21). *tert*-Butyl ethyl malonate (2.8 mL, 15 mmol) was added to a solution of 3,6-dichloropyridazine (**20**, 1.5 g, 10 mmol) in DMSO (3 mL). Then Cs₂CO₃ (6.5 g, 20 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was kept at 110 °C for 1 h. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (100 mL) and water (50 mL) and the aqueous phase was washed with EtOAc (2 × 100 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography using a linear gradient (0-30%) of EtOAc in hexanes to afford the title compound as a yellow oil (1.7 g, 58% yield). R_f = 0.43 (25% EtOAc in hexanes). HRMS (ESI/TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₃H₁₇N₂O₄ClNa, 323.0775; found 323.0771.¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ: 7.76 (1H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 7.51 (1H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 5.10 (1H, s), 4.31 – 4.05 (2H, m), 1.40 (9H, s), 1.23 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ: 166.76, 165.41, 156.74, 155.94, 130.06, 128.28, 83.72, 62.38, 59.00, 27.76, 13.98.

Ethyl 2-(6-chloropyridazin-3-yl)acetate (22). TFA (6 mL) was added to a solution of 1-(tertbutyl) 3-ethyl 2-(6-chloropyridazin-3-yl)malonate (**21**, 1.6 g, 5.4 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL). The reaction was completed in 30 min at room temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel chromatography using a linear gradient (0-50%) of EtOAc in hexanes to afford the title compound as a pale yellow oil (1.0 g, 94% yield). R_f = 0.68 (5% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂). HRMS (ESI/TOF) *m/z*: $[M + H]^+$ calcd. for C₈H₁₀N₂O₂Cl, 201.0431; found 201.0433. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ: 7.55 (1H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.48 (1H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 4.14 (2H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 4.00 (2H, s), 1.22 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ: 169.39, 156.40, 155.97, 130.03, 128.31, 61.52, 40.84, 14.07.

Ethyl 2-(pyridazin-3-yl)acetate (23). NEt₃ (1.26 mL, 9.01 mmol) was added to a solution of ethyl 2-(6-chloropyridazin-3-yl)acetate (**22**, 909 mg, 4.53 mmol) in EtOH (12 mL). The mixture was purged with nitrogen followed by addition 10% Pd/C (182 mg). Hydrogen gas (1 atm) was bubbled through the mixture for 4 h at room temperature. Then reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite, the filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using a linear gradient (0-4%) of MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ to afford the title compound as a pale yellow oil (708 mg, 94% yield). R_f = 0.38 (5% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂). HRMS (ESI/TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₈H₁₁N₂O₂, 167.0821; found 167.0826. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ: 9.07 (1H, dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.8 Hz), 7.53 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.7 Hz), 7.43 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.5, 4.9 Hz), 4.15 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.02 (2H, s), 1.22 (3H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz).¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ: 169.78, 157.16, 150.35, 127.45, 126.49, 61.35, 41.73, 14.08.

Allyl N-(2-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl) amino)ethyl)-N-(2-(pyridazin-3-

yl)acetyl)glycinate (24). A solution of LiOH (50 mg, 2.1 mmol) water (2.2 mL) was added to a solution of ethyl 2-(pyridazin-3-yl)acetate (23, 315 mg, 1.90 mmol) in EtOH (5.4 mL). After 1 h at room temperature, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was dried on high vacuum for 6 h and used directly in the next step without further purification. *i*-Pr₂NEt (430 μL, 2.47 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) was added under nitrogen to a solution of the crude lithium 2-(pyridazin-3-yl)acetate (1.90 mmol), HBTU (722 mg, 1.90 mmol), N-Fmoc-Aeg-O-Allyl HCl salt (18, 632 mg, 1.52 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (13 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at room temperature, and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) and washed with aqueous 5% NaHCO₃ (30 mL). The aqueous layer was back-extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL), the organic layers were combined, dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography using a linear gradient (0-5%) of MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ to afford the title compound as a yellow oil (757 mg, 80% yield). R_f = 0.27 (5% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂). HRMS (ESI/TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₈H₂₉N₄O₅, 501.2138; found 501.2133. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ: 9.30 – 8.80 (1H, m), 7.74 (2H, dd, J = 7.6, 3.8 Hz), 7.64 – 7.49 (3H, m), 7.37 (3H, tt, J = 6.3, 3.2 Hz), 7.29 (2H, dt, J = 7.4, 1.7 Hz), 5.88 (1H, tq, J = 11.7, 5.8 Hz), 5.39 - 5.19 (2H, m), 4.62 (2H, dt, J = 6.0, 1.3 Hz), 4.47 – 4.29 (2H, m), 4.26 – 3.96 (4H, m), 3.76 – 3.50 (2H, m), 3.38 (2H, tt, J = 12.1, 5.8 Hz). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ : 170.02, 169.63, 158.14, 156.61, 150.43, 150.35, 143.97, 143.86, 141.31, 131.43, 131.16, 127.88, 127.73, 127.71, 127.11, 127.07, 126.65, 126.55, 125.09, 119.99, 119.97, 119.63, 119.00, 66.82, 66.71, 66.58, 66.10, 51.15, 49.79, 49.02, 47.23, 41.41, 40.46, 39.44, 39.21.

N-(2-((((9H-Fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl) amino)ethyl)-N-(2-(pyridazin-3-yl)acetyl)glycine (9). $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (37 mg, 0.03 mmol) and N-ethylaniline (173 μ L, 1.38 mmol) were added sequentially to a solution of allyl ester of pyridazin-3-yl monomer (24, 407 mg, 0.81 mmol) in anhydrous THF (30 mL). The solution was stirred under nitrogen for 3 h at room temperature. After the reaction was complete, the mixture was acidified to pH 5-6 with 1 M aqueous HCl and solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by C18 reverse phase flash chromatography using a linear gradient (0-80%) of MeCN in water to afford the title compound as a pale yellow foam (202 mg, 54% yield). $R_f = 0.06$ (20% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂). HRMS $(ESI/TOF) m/z: [M + H]^{+}$ calcd. for C₂₅H₂₅N₄O₅, 461.1825; found 461.1827. ¹H NMR (400 MHz. DMSO- d_6 , ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ : 9.07 (1H, dd, J = 4.4, 2.2 Hz), 7.88 (3H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.68 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.62 – 7.49 (2H, m), 7.40 (2H, t, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.31 (2H, t, J = 7.4 Hz), 4.34 – 4.16 (3H, m), 4.04 (1H, d, J = 4.6 Hz), 3.97 (2H, d, J = 3.4 Hz), 3.81 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 3.56 – 3.47 (1H, m), 3.39 (2H, d, J = 6.2 Hz), 3.26 (1H, d, J = 6.3 Hz), 3.18 (2H, q, J = 6.2 Hz). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ: 170.59, 159.70, 156.57, 150.59, 144.42, 141.14, 128.72, 128.07, 127.63, 126.80, 125.83, 125.66, 120.59, 120.54, 66.04, 47.87, 47.18, 40.75, 39.07, 38.66.

N-(2-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)ethyl)-N-acetylglycine (10)



The benzyl ester of acetyl monomer (**16**, 1.70 g, 3.59 mmol) was dissolved in EtOH (10 mL). The reaction mixture was purged with nitrogen followed by addition Pd/C 10% (145 mg). Hydrogen gas (1 atm) was bubbled through the reaction mixture for 2 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite, filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography using CM-silica gel (Agela Technologies) and a linear gradient (0-5%) of MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ to afford the title compound as a white foam (1.25 g, 91% yield). $R_f = 0.24$ (20% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂). HRMS (ESI/TOF) *m/z*: $[M + H]^+$ calcd. for C₂₁H₂₃N₂O₅, 383.1607; found 383.1596. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ : 12.69 (1H, s), 7.89 (2H, dt, *J* = 7.6, 0.9 Hz), 7.68 (2H, dd, *J* = 7.5, 3.2 Hz), 7.42 (2H, td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz), 7.34 (3H, td, *J* = 7.4, 1.2 Hz), 4.35 (1H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 4.30 (1H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 4.22 (1H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 4.10 (1H, s), 3.92 (1H, s), 3.34 (3H, dt, *J* = 17.3, 6.6 Hz), 3.15 (2H, dq, *J* = 21.8, 6.3 Hz), 1.99 (2H, s), 1.91 (1H, s).¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ : 171.43, 170.60, 156.73, 144.39, 144.34, 141.25, 141.22, 128.10, 127.54, 125.65, 125.53, 120.60, 65.83, 51.08, 48.89, 47.57, 47.22, 46.66, 39.16, 38.74, 21.76, 21.19

N-(2-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)ethyl)-N-(2-phenylacetyl)glycine (11)



TSTU (240 mg, 0.80 mmol) was added under nitrogen to a solution of 2-phenylacetic acid (100 mg, 0.73 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (165 μ L, 0.95 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in anhydrous DMF (4.2 mL). After 30 minutes at room temperature, a solution of N-Fmoc-Aeg-OH HCl salt (14, 275 mg, 0.73 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (165 µL, 0.95 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in anhydrous DMF (2 mL) were added. The resulting solution was stirred for 12 h at room temperature, then acidified to pH 6-7 using a 1 M aqueous HCl solution, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by C18 reverse phase flash chromatography using a linear gradient (0-90%) of MeCN in water to afford the title compound as a white solid (125 mg, 37% yield). $R_f = 0.41$ (20% MeOH in CH_2Cl_2). HRMS (ESI/TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₇H₂₇N₂O₅, 459.1920; found 459.1912. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ : 7.89 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.69 (2H, dd, J = 7.8, 2.8 Hz), 7.42 (3H, t, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.37 – 7.15 (7H, m), 4.37 (1H, d, J = 6.8 Hz), 4.30 (1H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 4.23 (1H, t, J = 6.6 Hz), 4.17 (1H, s), 3.99 (1H, s), 3.73 (1H, s), 3.59 (1H, s), 3.41 (2H, dt, J = 21.5, 6.5 Hz), 3.28 - 3.11 (3H, m). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ: 171.36, 171.24, 156.85, 144.39, 144.35, 141.26, 141.22, 136.16, 129.78, 129.56, 128.66, 128.59, 128.11, 127.56, 126.81, 126.77, 125.65, 125.55, 120.62, 120.59, 65.94, 50.85, 48.40, 47.98, 47.23, 47.09, 39.28.



Ethyl 2-(2-methoxypyrimidin-5-yl)acetate (34)¹

Potassium trifluoro(2-methoxypyrimidin-5-yl)borate (1.00 g, 4.17 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), Cs_2CO_3 (3.87 g, 11.91 mmol, 3 equiv.), Xphos-Pd-G2 (62 mg, 0.08 mmol, 0.02 equiv.) were added to the first flask and purged with nitrogen for 30 min. Ethyl 2-chloroacetate (420 μ L, 3.97 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in THF (13 mL) and DI water (3 mL) in the second flask, mixture was purged with nitrogen for 20 min, then mixture was transferred to the first flask through

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cannula. Reaction was refluxed under slow flow of nitrogen at 100°C for 20 h. Reaction was brought to room temperature, diluted with DI water (30 mL) and EtOAc (50 mL), aqueous layer was washed three times with EtOAC (50 mL). Organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography Hexanes/EtOAc = 0-50% to afford the title compound as pale yellow oil (420 mg, 51% yield). R_f = 0.45 (50% EtOAc in hexanes). HRMS (ESI/TOF) *m/z*: $[M + H]^+$ calcd for C₉H₁₃N₂O₃, 197.0926; found 197.0922. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*, ppm) δ : 8.40 (s, 2H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.50 (s, 2H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*, ppm) δ : 170.29, 164.94, 159.61, 120.96, 61.38, 54.90, 34.98, 14.10.

2-(2-methoxypyrimidin-5-yl)acetic acid (35)

1 M aqueous NaOH (10 mL) was added to a solution of ethyl 2-(2-methoxypyrimidin-5-yl)acetate (**34**, 420 mg, 2.14 mmol) in THF (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature and THF was evaporated under reduced pressure. The aqueous residual solution was brought to pH 5-6 with 1 M aqueous HCl resulting in precipitation. The precipitate was filtered and dried yielding the title compound as a white solid (218 mg, 61% yield). HRMS (ESI/TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₇H₉N₂O₃, 169.0613; found 169.0607. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, ppm) δ : 12.57 (1H, s), 8.48 (2H, s), 3.90 (3H, s), 3.60 (2H, s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, ppm) δ : 172.65, 164.59, 160.45, 122.83, 54.97, 34.36.

N-(2-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)ethyl)-N-(2-(2-methoxypyrimidin-5-yl)acetyl)glycine (12)

TSTU (316 mg, 1.05 mmol) was added under nitrogen to a solution of 2-(2-methoxypyrimidin-5yl)acetic acid (**35**, 159 mg, 0.95 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (180 μ L, 1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) in anhydrous DMF (5.5 mL). After 30 minutes at room temperature, a solution of N-Fmoc-Aeg-OH HCl salt (14, 358 mg, 0.95 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (330 μ L, 1.9 mmol, 2 equiv.) in anhydrous DMF (2.5 mL) were added. The resulting solution was stirred for 12 h at room temperature, then acidified to pH 6-7 using a 1 M aqueous HCl solution and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography using CM-modified silica (Agela Technologies) and a linear gradient (0-10%) of MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ to afford the title compound as white foam (156 mg, 33% yield). $R_f = 0.16$ (20% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂). HRMS (ESI/TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₆H₂₇N₄O₆, 491.1931; found 491.1927. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ: 12.88 (1H, s), 8.39 (2H, d, J = 10.6 Hz), 7.89 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.68 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.42 (3H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.32 (2H, tt, J = 7.4, 1.3 Hz), 4.34 (1H, d, J = 6.8 Hz), 4.27 (1H, d, J = 6.9 Hz), 4.25 – 4.19 (1H, m), 4.17 (1H, s), 3.96 (1H, s), 3.89 (2H, s), 3.87 (1H, s), 3.73 (1H, s), 3.57 (1H, s), 3.48 (1H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 3.36 (1H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 3.25 (1H, q, J = 6.4 Hz), 3.19 - 3.06 (1H, m). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ : 171.20, 170.45, 164.49, 160.37, 160.27, 156.82, 156.61, 144.39, 144.32, 141.24, 141.20, 128.09, 127.55, 125.67, 125.53, 120.62, 120.58, 65.92, 54.93, 54.87, 48.24, 47.43, 47.19, 38.59, 32.93, 32.60.



Ethyl 2-(2-chloropyrimidin-5-yl)acetate (36) and ethyl 2-(5-fluoropyrimidin-2-yl)acetate (37)

2-chloro-5-fluoropyrimidine (0.7 mL, 7.55 mmol) was dissolved in DMSO (2.5 mL) followed by addition of *tert*-butyl ethyl malonate (1.5 mL, 7.92 mmol). Then Cs_2CO_3 (4.9 g, 15 mmol) was added and reaction was kept at 110°C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (100 mL) and water (50 mL), aqueous phase was washed with EtOAc (2 x 100 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography using a linear gradient (0-30%) of EtOAc in Hexanes to afford useparable mixture of fluoro- and chloro-malonates that was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) followed by addition of TFA (10 mL). The reaction mixture was kept at room temperature for 15 h and concentrated under reduced pressure. Crude products were purified by silica gel chromatography using a linear gradient (0-50%) of EtOAc in Hexanes to afford useparable mixture of the title compounds as pale yellow oils.

Ethyl 2-(2-chloropyrimidin-5-yl)acetate 36: 383 mg, 25% yield over two steps. $R_f = 0.32$ (25% EtOAc in hexanes). HRMS (ESI/TOF) m/z: $[M + H]^+$ calcd. for $C_8H_{10}N_2O_2Cl$, 201.0431; found 201.0430. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 8.60 (2H, s), 4.18 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.63 (2H, s), 1.26 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz).¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 169.24, 160.07, 159.79, 126.84, 61.94, 35.00, 14.07.

Ethyl 2-(5-fluoropyrimidin-2-yl)acetate 37: 273 mg, 20% yield over two steps. $R_f = 0.38$ (25% EtOAc in hexanes). HRMS (ESI/TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for C₈H₁₀N₂O₂F, 185.0726; found 185.0728. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ: 8.58 (2H, s), 4.22 (2H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 4.04 (2H, s), 1.28 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ: 169.45, 160.53, 160.48, 145.25, 145.05, 61.39, 44.33, 14.10.

N-(2-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)ethyl)-N-(2-(5-fluoropyrimidin-2-yl)acetyl)glycine (13)

LiOH (14 mg, 0.60 mmol) in water (0.6 mL) was added to a solution of ethyl 2-(5fluoropyrimidin-2-yl)acetate (**37**, 100 mg, 0.54 mmol) in EtOH (1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature, concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was dried on high vacuum for 6 h. The crude product was used in the next step without further purification. TSTU (177 mg, 0.59 mmol) was added under nitrogen to a solution of lithium 2-(5fluoropyrimidin-2-yl)acetate (0.54 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (122 μL, 0.70 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in anhydrous DMF (3 mL). After 30 minutes at room temperature, a solution of N-Fmoc-Aeg-OH HCl salt (14, 203 mg, 0.54 mmol) and *i*-Pr₂NEt (122 µL, 0.70 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in anhydrous DMF (1.5 mL) were added. The resulting solution was stirred for 12 hr at room temperature, then acidified to pH 6-7 using a 1 M aqueous HCl solution, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by C18 reverse phase flash chromatography (Agela Technologies) using a linear gradient (0-80%) of MeCN in water to afford the title compound as yellow oil (77 mg, 30% yield). $R_f = 0.24$ (20% MeOH in CH_2Cl_2). HRMS (ESI/TOF) m/z: $[M + H]^+$ calcd. for C₂₅H₂₄N₄O₅F, 479.1731; found 479.1725. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ: 8.74 (2H, d, J = 18.5 Hz), 7.87 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.65 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.39 (2H, t, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.30 (2H, t, J = 7.4 Hz), 4.30 (1H, d, J = 6.9 Hz), 4.27 – 4.11 (2H, m), 4.04 (1H, s), 3.92 (3H, d, J = 17.4 Hz), 3.56 - 3.44 (1H, m), 3.34 (1H, d, J = 6.5 Hz), 3.28 - 3.05 (3H, m).NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, ppm) (mixture of rotamers) δ: 174.86, 162.93, 161.31, 160.34, 149.12, 149.08, 145.95, 145.91, 132.82, 132.31, 130.47, 130.34, 125.31, 70.72, 51.95, 51.91, 48.46, 48.03, 43.83, 43.36.





Figure S1. LCMS analysis of PNA P.



Figure S2. LCMS analysis of PNA P1.







Figure S3. LCMS analysis of PNA P2.











Figure S4. LCMS analysis of PNA P3.





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Figure S5. LCMS analysis of PNA P4.

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Figure S6. LCMS analysis of PNA P5.











Figure S7. LCMS analysis of PNA P6.



Figure S8. LCMS analysis of PNA P7.



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Figure S9. LCMS analysis of PNA P8.









Figure S10. LCMS analysis of PNA P9.







Figure S11. LCMS analysis of PNA P10.











Figure S12. LCMS analysis of PNA P11.







Figure S13. LCMS analysis of PNA P12.







Figure S14. LCMS analysis of PNA P13.





Figure S15. LCMS analysis of PNA_{TPM}.





Figure S16. LCMS analysis of PNA_{TP4M}.



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Figure S17. LCMS analysis of PNA_{TP5M}.

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Figure S18. LCMS analysis of PNA_{TP7M}.









Figure S19. LCMS analysis of PNA_{TP9M}.






Figure S20. LCMS analysis of PNA_{MPM}.

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Figure S21. LCMS analysis of PNA_{MP4M}.







Figure S22. LCMS analysis of PNA_{MP5M}.

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Figure S23. LCMS analysis of PNA_{MP7M}.











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Figure S24. LCMS analysis of PNA_{MP9M}.

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Figure S25. LCMS analysis of PNA_{TPT}.

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Figure S26. LCMS analysis of PNA_{TP4T}.

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Figure S27. LCMS analysis of PNA_{TP5T}.

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Figure S28. LCMS analysis of PNA_{TP7T}.

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Figure S29. LCMS analysis of PNA_{TP9T}.

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Figure S30. LCMS analysis of PNA 2_{P4}.

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Figure 31. LCMS analysis of PNA 2_{P5}.

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Figure S32. LCMS analysis of PNA 2_{P9}.

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Figure S33. LCMS analysis of PNA 3_{P4}.





Figure S34. LCMS analysis of PNA 3_{P5}.





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Figure S35. LCMS analysis of PNA 3_{P9}.

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Figure S36. LCMS analysis of PNA T_{MPT}.







Figure S37. LCMS analysis of PNA T_{TPM}.

m/z





Figure S38. LCMS analysis of PNA T_{MPM}.

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Figure S39. LCMS analysis of PNA T_{TPT}.

| Table S1. | LC/MS | analysis | of syr | nthetic | PNAs. |
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| PNA | Sequence | Mass calc. | Deconvoluted mass found (M+2H) ²⁺ , (M+3H) ³⁺ , (M+4H) ⁴⁺ , (M+5H) ⁵⁺ |
|----------------------------|--|------------|---|
| PNA P | $H_2N - K MTM TMP TMM - CONH_2$ | 2350 | 1176, 784, 589, 471 |
| PNA P ₁ | $H_2N - K MTM TMP_1 TMM - CONH_2$ | 2333 | 1168, 779, 584, 468 |
| PNA P ₂ | $H_2N - K MTM TMP_2 TMM - CONH_2$ | 2333 | 1168, 779, 584, 468 |
| PNA P ₃ | $H_2N - K MTM TMP_3 TMM - CONH_2$ | 2333 | 1168, 779, 584, 468 |
| PNA P ₄ | $H_2N - K MTM TMP_4 TMM - CONH_2$ | 2334 | 1168, 779, 585, 468 |
| PNA P ₅ | $H_2N - K MTM TMP_5 TMM - CONH_2$ | 2334 | 1168, 779, 585, 468 |
| PNA P ₆ | $H_2N - K MTM TMP_6 TMM - CONH_2$ | 2334 | 1168, 779, 585, 468 |
| PNA P ₇ | $H_2N - K MTM TMP_7 TMM - CONH_2$ | 2334 | 1168, 779, 585, 468 |
| PNA P ₈ | $H_2N - K MTM TMP_8 TMM - CONH_2$ | 2334 | 1168, 779, 585, 468 |
| PNA P ₉ | $H_2N - K MTM TMP_9 TMM - CONH_2$ | 2334 | 1168, 779, 585, 468 |
| PNA P ₁₀ | $H_2N - K MTM TMP_{10} TMM - CONH_2$ | 2256 | 1129, 753, 565, 452 |
| PNA P ₁₁ | $H_2N - K MTM TMP_{11} TMM - CONH_2$ | 2332 | 1167, 778, 584, 467 |
| PNA P ₁₂ | $H_2N - K MTM TMP_{12} TMM - CONH_2$ | 2364 | 1183, 789, 592, 474 |
| PNA P ₁₃ | $H_2N - K MTM TMP_{13} TMM - CONH_2$ | 2352 | 1177, 785, 589, 471 |
| PNA _{TPM} | H ₂ N – K MTM TPM TMM – CONH ₂ | 2350 | 1176, 784, 589, 471 |
| PNA _{TP4M} | $H_2N - K MTM TP_4M TMM - CONH_2$ | 2334 | 1168, 779, 585, 468 |
| PNA _{TP5M} | $H_2N - K MTM TP_5M TMM - CONH_2$ | 2334 | 1168, 779, 585, 468 |
| PNA _{TP7M} | $H_2N - K MTM TP_7M TMM - CONH_2$ | 2334 | 1168, 779, 585, 468 |
| PNA _{TP9M} | $H_2N - K MTM TP_9M TMM - CONH_2$ | 2334 | 1168, 779, 585, 468 |
| PNA _{MPM} | H ₂ N – K MTT MPM TMM – CONH ₂ | 2350 | 1176, 784, 589, 471 |
| PNA _{MP4M} | $H_2N - K MTT MP_4M TMM - CONH_2$ | 2334 | 1168, 779, 585, 468 |
| PNA _{MP5M} | $H_2N - K MTT MP_5M TMM - CONH_2$ | 2334 | 1168, 779, 585, 468 |
| PNA _{MP7M} | $H_2N - K MTT MP_7M TMM - CONH_2$ | 2334 | 1168, 779, 585, 468 |
| PNA _{MP9M} | $H_2N - K MTT MP_9M TMM - CONH_2$ | 2334 | 1168, 779, 585, 468 |
| PNA _{TPT} | H ₂ N – K MTM TPT MMM – CONH ₂ | 2350 | 1176, 784, 589, 471 |
| PNA _{TP4T} | $H_2N - K MTM TP_4T MMM - CONH_2$ | 2334 | 1168, 779, 585, 468 |
| PNA _{TP5T} | $H_2N - K MTM TP_5T MMM - CONH_2$ | 2334 | 1168, 779, 585, 468 |
| PNA _{TP7T} | H ₂ N – K MTM TP ₇ T MMM – CONH ₂ | 2334 | 1168, 779, 585, 468 |
| PNA _{TP9T} | $H_2N - K MTM TP_9T MMM - CONH_2$ | 2334 | 1168, 779, 585, 468 |
| PNA 2 _{P4} | $H_2N - K MTM MP_4P_4 TMM - CONH_2$ | 2288 | 1145, 764, 573, 459 |
| PNA 2 _{P5} | $H_2N - K MTM MP_5P_5 TMM - CONH_2$ | 2288 | 1145, 764, 573, 459 |
| PNA 2 _{P9} | $H_2N - K MTM MP_9P_9 TMM - CONH_2$ | 2288 | 1145, 764, 573, 459 |
| PNA 3 _{P4} | $H_2N - K MP_4M P_4MP_4 TMM - CONH_2$ | 2242 | 1122, 748, 562, 449 |
| PNA 3 _{P5} | $H_2N - K MP_5M P_5MP_5 TMM - CONH_2$ | 2242 | 1122, 748, 562, 449 |
| PNA 3 _{P9} | $H_2N - K MP_9M P_9MP_9 TMM - CONH_2$ | 2242 | 1122, 748, 562, 449 |
| PNA T _{MPT} | $H_2N - MTM TMT TMM K - CONH_2$ | 2380 | 1191, 794, 596, 477 |
| PNA T _{TPM} | H ₂ N – K MTM TTM TMM – CONH ₂ | 2380 | 1191, 794, 596, 477 |
| PNA T _{MPM} | $H_2N - K MTT MTM TMM - CONH_2$ | 2380 | 1191, 794, 596, 477 |
| PNA T _{TPT} | H ₂ N – K MTM TTT MMM – CONH ₂ | 2380 | 1191, 794, 596, 477 |

 Table S2. ITC results for Figure 3.

| Name | K _D (M) | K _a (M ⁻¹) | ΔH (kcal/mol) | ∆G (kcal/mol) | -T∆S (kcal/mol) |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| PNA P vs HRP C 01 | 2.79E-07 | 3.6E+06 | -35.3 | -8.9 | 26.4 |
| PNA P vs HRP C 02 | 2.76E-07 | 3.6E+06 | -33.6 | -9.0 | 24.7 |
| PNA P vs HRP C 03 | 3.08E-07 | 3.2E+06 | -32.5 | -8.9 | 23.6 |
| Average | 2.88E-07 | 3.5E+06 | -33.8 | -8.9 | 24.9 |
| St. Dev. | 1.44E-08 | 1.7E+05 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| PNA P1 vs HRP C 01 | 4.11E-07 | 2.4E+06 | -16.9 | -8.7 | 8.2 |
| PNA P1 vs HRP C 02 | 6.35E-07 | 1.6E+06 | -20.0 | -8.5 | 11.5 |
| PNA P1 vs HRP C 03 | 4.51E-07 | 2.2E+06 | -18.9 | -8.7 | 10.3 |
| Average | 4.99E-07 | 2.1E+06 | -18.6 | -8.6 | 10.0 |
| St. Dev. | 9.75E-08 | 3.6E+05 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 1.4 |
| PNA P2 vs HRP C 01 | 4.11E-07 | 2.4E+06 | -29.0 | -8.7 | 20.3 |
| PNA P2 vs HRP C 02 | 3.02E-07 | 3.3E+06 | -27.6 | -8.9 | 18.7 |
| Average | 3.57E-07 | 2.9E+06 | -28.3 | -8.8 | 19.5 |
| St. Dev. | 4.45E-08 | 3.6E+05 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| PNA P3 vs HRP C 01 | 2.38E-07 | 4.2E+06 | -27.0 | -9.0 | 18.0 |
| PNA P3 vs HRP C 02 | 3.45E-07 | 2.9E+06 | -26.6 | -8.8 | 17.8 |
| PNA P3 vs HRP C 03 | 3.76E-07 | 2.7E+06 | -27.6 | -8.8 | 18.8 |
| Average | 3.20E-07 | 3.3E+06 | -27.1 | -8.9 | 18.2 |
| St. Dev. | 5.91E-08 | 6.8E+05 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| PNA P4 vs HRP C 01 | 1.34E-07 | 7.5E+06 | -36.1 | -9.4 | 26.7 |
| PNA P4 vs HRP C 02 | 1.29E-07 | 7.8E+06 | -32.1 | -9.4 | 22.7 |
| PNA P4 vs HRP C 03 | 1.89E-07 | 5.3E+06 | -35.8 | -9.2 | 26.6 |
| Average | 1.51E-07 | 6.8E+06 | -34.7 | -9.3 | 25.3 |
| St. Dev. | 2.72E-08 | 1.1E+06 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 1.9 |
| PNA P5 vs HRP C 01 | 3.67E-07 | 2.7E+06 | -47.2 | -8.8 | 38.4 |
| PNA P5 vs HRP C 02 | 2.01E-07 | 5.0E+06 | -28.0 | -9.1 | 18.9 |
| PNA P5 vs HRP C 03 | 2.81E-07 | 3.6E+06 | -26.2 | -8.9 | 17.3 |
| Average | 2.83E-07 | 3.8E+06 | -33.8 | -9.0 | 24.9 |
| St. Dev. | 6.78E-08 | 9.3E+05 | 9.5 | 0.1 | 9.6 |
| PNA P6 vs HRP C 01 | 2.37E-07 | 4.2E+06 | -33.6 | -9.0 | 24.6 |
| PNA P6 vs HRP C 02 | 2.09E-07 | 4.8E+06 | -31.9 | -9.1 | 22.8 |
| PNA P6 vs HRP C 03 | 2.39E-07 | 4.2E+06 | -37.2 | -9.0 | 28.1 |
| Average | 2.28E-07 | 4.4E+06 | -34.2 | -9.1 | 25.2 |
| St. Dev. | 1.37E-08 | 2.8E+05 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 2.2 |
| PNA P7 vs HRP C 01 | 2.45E-07 | 4.1E+06 | -40.1 | -9.0 | 31.1 |
| PNA P7 vs HRP C 02 | 4.50E-07 | 2.2E+06 | -30.4 | -8.7 | 21.7 |
| PNA P7 vs HRP C 03 | 4.88E-07 | 2.0E+06 | -35.8 | -8.6 | 27.2 |
| Average | 3.94E-07 | 2.8E+06 | -35.4 | -8.8 | 26.7 |
| St. Dev. | 1.07E-07 | 9.2E+05 | 4.0 | 0.2 | 3.9 |

| PNA P8 vs HRP C 01 | 4.63E-07 | 2.2E+06 | -18.1 | -8.6 | 9.4 |
|---------------------|----------|---------|-------|------|------|
| PNA P8 vs HRP C 02 | 3.17E-07 | 3.2E+06 | -19.0 | -8.9 | 10.1 |
| PNA P8 vs HRP C 03 | 4.94E-07 | 2.0E+06 | -19.3 | -8.6 | 10.7 |
| Average | 4.25E-07 | 2.4E+06 | -18.8 | -8.7 | 10.1 |
| St. Dev. | 7.72E-08 | 5.0E+05 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| PNA P9 vs HRP C 01 | 1.91E-07 | 5.2E+06 | -48.9 | -9.2 | 39.7 |
| PNA P9 vs HRP C 02 | 1.36E-07 | 7.4E+06 | -34.8 | -9.4 | 25.5 |
| PNA P9 vs HRP C 03 | 1.61E-07 | 6.2E+06 | -49.3 | -9.3 | 40.0 |
| Average | 1.63E-07 | 6.3E+06 | -44.3 | -9.3 | 35.1 |
| St. Dev. | 2.25E-08 | 8.7E+05 | 6.7 | 0.1 | 6.8 |
| PNA P10 vs HRP C 01 | 2.61E-07 | 3.8E+06 | -35.9 | -9.0 | 26.9 |
| PNA P10 vs HRP C 02 | 4.24E-07 | 2.4E+06 | -40.6 | -8.7 | 31.9 |
| PNA P10 vs HRP C 03 | 2.85E-07 | 3.5E+06 | -35.5 | -8.9 | 26.5 |
| Average | 3.23E-07 | 3.2E+06 | -37.3 | -8.9 | 28.4 |
| St. Dev. | 7.19E-08 | 6.3E+05 | 2.3 | 0.1 | 2.5 |
| PNA 11 vs HRP C 01 | 1.04E-06 | 9.6E+05 | -39.8 | -8.2 | 31.6 |
| PNA 11 vs HRP C 02 | 1.09E-06 | 9.2E+05 | -30.2 | -8.1 | 22.0 |
| PNA 11 vs HRP C 03 | 8.22E-07 | 1.2E+06 | -30.8 | -8.3 | 22.5 |
| Average | 9.84E-07 | 1.0E+06 | -33.6 | -8.2 | 25.4 |
| St. Dev. | 1.16E-07 | 1.3E+05 | 4.4 | 0.1 | 4.4 |
| PNA P12 vs HRP C 01 | 9.66E-07 | 1.0E+06 | -29.9 | -8.2 | 21.7 |
| PNA P12 vs HRP C 02 | 7.69E-07 | 1.3E+06 | -33.7 | -8.3 | 25.3 |
| PNA P12 vs HRP C 03 | 5.42E-07 | 1.8E+06 | -28.5 | -8.6 | 19.9 |
| Average | 7.59E-07 | 1.4E+06 | -30.7 | -8.4 | 22.3 |
| St. Dev. | 1.73E-07 | 3.4E+05 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 2.2 |
| PNA P13 vs HRP C 01 | 4.24E-07 | 2.4E+06 | -28.5 | -8.7 | 19.8 |
| PNA P13 vs HRP C 02 | 3.06E-07 | 3.3E+06 | -22.0 | -8.9 | 13.1 |
| PNA P13 vs HRP C 03 | 3.41E-07 | 2.9E+06 | -21.9 | -8.8 | 13.0 |
| Average | 3.57E-07 | 2.9E+06 | -24.1 | -8.8 | 15.3 |
| St. Dev. | 4.95E-08 | 3.8E+05 | 3.1 | 0.1 | 3.2 |

 Table S3. ITC data, MPT sequence context.

| Name | K _d (M) | K _a (M ⁻¹) | ∆H (kcal/mol) | ∆G (kcal/mol) | -T∆S (kcal/mol) |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| PNA P vs HRP MPT 01 | 9.23E-07 | 1.1E+06 | -43.1 | -8.2 | 34.8 |
| PNA P vs HRP MPT 02 | 7.42E-07 | 1.3E+06 | -41.3 | -8.4 | 33.0 |
| PNA P vs HRP MPT 03 | 7.18E-07 | 1.4E+06 | -38.9 | -8.4 | 30.5 |
| Average | 7.94E-07 | 1.3E+06 | -41.1 | -8.3 | 32.8 |
| St. Dev. | 9.15E-08 | 1.4E+05 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 1.8 |
| PNA P4 vs HRP MPT 01 | 2.41E-07 | 4.1E+06 | -40.2 | -9 | 31.2 |
| PNA P4 vs HRP MPT 02 | 2.36E-07 | 4.2E+06 | -38.7 | -9.1 | 29.6 |
| PNA P4 vs HRP MPT 03 | 3.03E-07 | 3.3E+06 | -40.9 | -8.9 | 32 |
| Average | 2.60E-07 | 3.9E+06 | -39.9 | -9 | 30.9 |
| St. Dev. | 3.05E-08 | 4.2E+05 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 1 |
| PNA P5 vs HRP MPT 01 | 4.25E-07 | 2.4E+06 | -41.2 | -8.7 | 32.5 |
| PNA P5 vs HRP MPT 02 | 3.27E-07 | 3.1E+06 | -36.0 | -8.9 | 27.1 |
| PNA P5 vs HRP MPT 03 | 3.38E-07 | 3.0E+06 | -38.3 | -8.8 | 29.5 |
| Average | 3.63E-07 | 2.8E+06 | -38.5 | -8.8 | 29.7 |
| St. Dev. | 4.38E-08 | 3.1E+05 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 2.2 |
| PNA P7 vs HRP MPT 01 | 6.29E-07 | 1.6E+06 | -37.8 | -8.5 | 29.3 |
| PNA P7 vs HRP MPT 02 | 5.59E-07 | 1.8E+06 | -35.3 | -8.5 | 26.8 |
| PNA P7 vs HRP MPT 03 | 5.83E-07 | 1.7E+06 | -37.8 | -8.5 | 29.3 |
| Average | 5.90E-07 | 1.7E+06 | -37.0 | -8.5 | 28.5 |
| St. Dev. | 2.90E-08 | 8.2E+04 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| PNA P9 vs HRP MPT 01 | 1.41E-07 | 7.1E+06 | -59.3 | -9.4 | 49.9 |
| PNA P9 vs HRP MPT 02 | 1.61E-07 | 6.2E+06 | -42.4 | -9.3 | 33.1 |
| Average | 1.51E-07 | 6.7E+06 | -50.9 | -9.3 | 41.5 |
| St. Dev. | 1.00E-08 | 4.4E+05 | 8.5 | 0.0 | 8.4 |

 Table S4. ITC data, TPM sequence context.

| Name | K _d (M) | K _a (M ⁻¹) | ΔH (kcal/mol) | ∆G (kcal/mol) | -T∆S (kcal/mol) |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| PNA TPM vs HRP TPM 01 | 1.21E-07 | 8.3E+06 | -60.9 | -9.5 | 51.4 |
| PNA TPM vs HRP TPM 02 | 9.03E-08 | 1.1E+07 | -58.0 | -9.6 | 48.4 |
| PNA TPM vs HRP TPM 03 | 9.41E-08 | 1.1E+07 | -63.5 | -9.6 | 53.9 |
| Average | 1.02E-07 | 1.0E+07 | -60.8 | -9.6 | 51.2 |
| St. Dev. | 1.37E-08 | 1.2E+06 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 2.2 |
| PNA TP4M vs HRP TPM 01 | 5.19E-08 | 1.9E+07 | -62.8 | -9.9 | 52.9 |
| PNA TP4M vs HRP TPM 02 | 5.54E-08 | 1.8E+07 | -58.4 | -9.9 | 48.5 |
| PNA TP4M vs HRP TPM 03 | 5.95E-08 | 1.7E+07 | -61.0 | -9.8 | 51.2 |
| Average | 5.56E-08 | 1.8E+07 | -60.7 | -9.9 | 50.9 |
| St. Dev. | 3.11E-09 | 1.0E+06 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 1.8 |
| PNA TP5M vs HRP TPM 01 | 8.71E-08 | 1.1E+07 | -68.2 | -9.7 | 58.5 |
| PNA TP5M vs HRP TPM 02 | 8.41E-08 | 1.2E+07 | -66.8 | -9.7 | 57.1 |
| PNA TP5M vs HRP TPM 03 | 7.94E-08 | 1.3E+07 | -64.0 | -9.7 | 54.3 |
| Average | 8.35E-08 | 1.2E+07 | -66.3 | -9.7 | 56.6 |
| St. Dev. | 3.17E-09 | 4.6E+05 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 1.7 |
| PNA TP7M vs HRP TPM 01 | 7.30E-08 | 1.4E+07 | -41.3 | -9.7 | 31.6 |
| PNA TP7M vs HRP TPM 02 | 8.51E-08 | 1.2E+07 | -37.8 | -9.7 | 28.1 |
| PNA TP7M vs HRP TPM 03 | 8.22E-08 | 1.2E+07 | -40.3 | -9.7 | 30.6 |
| Average | 8.01E-08 | 1.3E+07 | -39.8 | -9.7 | 30.1 |
| St. Dev. | 5.16E-09 | 8.4E+05 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 1.5 |
| PNA TP9M vs HRP TPM 01 | 5.09E-08 | 2.0E+07 | -62.0 | -9.9 | 52.1 |
| PNA TP9M vs HRP TPM 02 | 5.26E-08 | 1.9E+07 | -62.1 | -9.9 | 52.2 |
| PNA TP9M vs HRP TPM 03 | 6.52E-08 | 1.5E+07 | -61.8 | -9.8 | 52.0 |
| Average | 5.62E-08 | 1.8E+07 | -62.0 | -9.9 | 52.1 |
| St. Dev. | 6.38E-09 | 1.9E+06 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

 Table S5. ITC data, MPM sequence context.

| Name | K _d (M) | K _a (M ⁻¹) | ∆H (kcal/mol) | ∆G (kcal/mol) | -T∆S (kcal/mol) |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| PNA MPM vs HRP MPM 01 | 1.03E-07 | 9.7E+06 | -65.4 | -9.5 | 55.9 |
| PNA MPM vs HRP MPM 02 | 1.06E-07 | 9.4E+06 | -62.7 | -9.5 | 53.2 |
| PNA MPM vs HRP MPM 03 | 9.91E-08 | 1.0E+07 | -62.8 | -9.5 | 53.3 |
| Average | 1.03E-07 | 9.7E+06 | -63.6 | -9.5 | 54.1 |
| St. Dev. | 2.82E-09 | 2.7E+05 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| PNA MP4M vs HRP MPM 01 | 6.76E-08 | 1.5E+07 | -65.5 | -9.8 | 55.7 |
| PNA MP4M vs HRP MPM 02 | 6.66E-08 | 1.5E+07 | -66.0 | -9.8 | 56.2 |
| PNA MP4M vs HRP MPM 03 | 7.96E-08 | 1.3E+07 | -65.5 | -9.7 | 55.8 |
| Average | 7.13E-08 | 1.4E+07 | -65.7 | -9.8 | 55.9 |
| St. Dev. | 5.91E-09 | 1.1E+06 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| PNA MP5M vs HRP MPM 01 | 6.02E-08 | 1.7E+07 | -64.2 | -9.8 | 54.4 |
| PNA MP5M vs HRP MPM 02 | 6.39E-08 | 1.6E+07 | -66.3 | -9.8 | 56.5 |
| PNA MP5M vs HRP MPM 03 | 6.50E-08 | 1.5E+07 | -64.6 | -9.8 | 54.8 |
| Average | 6.30E-08 | 1.6E+07 | -65.0 | -9.8 | 55.2 |
| St. Dev. | 2.05E-09 | 5.3E+05 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| PNA MP7M vs HRP MPM 01 | 8.09E-08 | 1.2E+07 | -55.6 | -9.7 | 45.9 |
| PNA MP7M vs HRP MPM 02 | 9.29E-08 | 1.1E+07 | -57.0 | -9.6 | 47.4 |
| PNA MP7M vs HRP MPM 03 | 8.86E-08 | 1.1E+07 | -59.6 | -9.7 | 49.9 |
| Average | 8.75E-08 | 1.1E+07 | -57.4 | -9.7 | 47.7 |
| St. Dev. | 4.96E-09 | 6.6E+05 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 1.6 |
| PNA MP9M vs HRP MPM 01 | 6.02E-08 | 1.7E+07 | -50.2 | -9.8 | 40.4 |
| PNA MP9M vs HRP MPM 02 | 5.82E-08 | 1.7E+07 | -54.6 | -9.9 | 44.7 |
| PNA MP9M vs HRP MPM 03 | 5.62E-08 | 1.8E+07 | -52.7 | -9.9 | 42.8 |
| Average | 5.82E-08 | 1.7E+07 | -52.5 | -9.9 | 42.6 |
| St. Dev. | 1.63E-09 | 4.8E+05 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 1.8 |

 Table S6. ITC data, TPT sequence context.

| Name | K _d (M) | K _a (M ⁻¹) | ∆H (kcal/mol) | ∆G (kcal/mol) | -T∆S (kcal/mol) |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| PNA TPT vs HRP TPT 01 | 2.88E-07 | 3.5E+06 | -57.6 | -8.9 | 48.7 |
| PNA TPT vs HRP TPT 02 | 3.13E-07 | 3.2E+06 | -55.4 | -8.8 | 46.6 |
| PNA TPT vs HRP TPT 03 | 2.70E-07 | 3.7E+06 | -54.1 | -9.0 | 45.1 |
| Average | 2.90E-07 | 3.5E+06 | -55.7 | -8.9 | 46.8 |
| St. Dev. | 1.76E-08 | 2.1E+05 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 1.5 |
| PNA TP4T vs HRP TPT 01 | 7.07E-08 | 1.4E+07 | -61.2 | -9.8 | 51.4 |
| PNA TP4T vs HRP TPT 02 | 7.62E-08 | 1.3E+07 | -60.9 | -9.7 | 51.2 |
| PNA TP4T vs HRP TPT 03 | 7.13E-08 | 1.4E+07 | -62.0 | -9.8 | 52.2 |
| Average | 7.27E-08 | 1.4E+07 | -61.4 | -9.8 | 51.6 |
| St. Dev. | 2.46E-09 | 4.6E+05 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| PNA TP5T vs HRP TPT 01 | 2.73E-07 | 3.7E+06 | -48.1 | -9.0 | 39.1 |
| PNA TP5T vs HRP TPT 02 | 3.61E-07 | 2.8E+06 | -51.6 | -8.8 | 42.8 |
| PNA TP5T vs HRP TPT 03 | 2.82E-07 | 3.5E+06 | -49.1 | -8.9 | 40.2 |
| Average | 3.05E-07 | 3.3E+06 | -49.6 | -8.9 | 40.7 |
| St. Dev. | 3.95E-08 | 4.0E+05 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| PNA TP7T vs HRP TPT 01 | 2.71E-07 | 3.7E+06 | -55.7 | -9.0 | 46.7 |
| PNA TP7T vs HRP TPT 02 | 2.24E-07 | 4.5E+06 | -56.3 | -9.0 | 47.3 |
| PNA TP7T vs HRP TPT 03 | 3.08E-07 | 3.2E+06 | -57.1 | -8.9 | 48.2 |
| Average | 2.68E-07 | 3.8E+06 | -56.4 | -9.0 | 47.4 |
| St. Dev. | 3.44E-08 | 5.0E+05 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| PNA TP9T vs HRP TPT 01 | 5.40E-08 | 1.9E+07 | -40.6 | -9.9 | 30.7 |
| PNA TP9T vs HRP TPT 02 | 5.50E-08 | 1.8E+07 | -45.2 | -9.9 | 35.3 |
| PNA TP9T vs HRP TPT 03 | 5.81E-08 | 1.7E+07 | -43.7 | -9.9 | 33.8 |
| Average | 5.57E-08 | 1.8E+07 | -43.2 | -9.9 | 33.3 |
| St. Dev. | 1.75E-09 | 5.5E+05 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 1.9 |

 Table S7. ITC data, P4 selectivity.

| Name | K _d (M) | K _a (M ⁻¹) | ΔH (kcal/mol) | ∆G (kcal/mol) | -T∆S (kcal/mol) |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| PNA P4 vs HRP G 01 | 2.66E-06 | 3.8E+05 | -38.5 | -7.6 | 30.9 |
| PNA P4 vs HRP G 02 | 2.98E-06 | 3.4E+05 | -40.1 | -7.6 | 32.5 |
| PNA P4 vs HRP G 03 | 3.16E-06 | 3.2E+05 | -41.8 | -7.5 | 34.3 |
| Average | 2.93E-06 | 3.4E+05 | -40.1 | -7.6 | 32.6 |
| St. Dev. | 2.07E-07 | 2.5E+04 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 1.4 |
| PNA P4 vs HRP U 01 | 1.19E-06 | 8.4E+05 | -36.2 | -8.1 | 28.1 |
| PNA P4 vs HRP U 02 | 1.57E-06 | 6.4E+05 | -39.0 | -7.9 | 31.1 |
| PNA P4 vs HRP U 03 | 1.13E-06 | 8.8E+05 | -36.3 | -8.1 | 28.2 |
| Average | 1.30E-06 | 7.9E+05 | -37.2 | -8.0 | 29.1 |
| St. Dev. | 1.95E-07 | 1.1E+05 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 1.4 |
| PNA P4 vs HRP A 01 | 4.93E-07 | 2.0E+06 | -47.5 | -8.6 | 38.9 |
| PNA P4 vs HRP A 02 | 5.50E-07 | 1.8E+06 | -46.2 | -8.5 | 37.7 |
| PNA P4 vs HRP A 03 | 4.97E-07 | 2.0E+06 | -45.0 | -8.6 | 36.4 |
| Average | 5.13E-07 | 2.0E+06 | -46.2 | -8.6 | 37.7 |
| St. Dev. | 2.60E-08 | 9.5E+04 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 |

 Table S8. ITC data, P5 selectivity.

| Name | K _d (M) | K _a (M ⁻¹) | ΔH (kcal/mol) | ∆G (kcal/mol) | -T∆S (kcal/mol) |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| PNA P5 vs HRP G 01 | 2.78E-06 | 3.6E+05 | -31.0 | -7.6 | 23.4 |
| PNA P5 vs HRP G 02 | 2.80E-06 | 3.6E+05 | -35.5 | -7.5 | 28.0 |
| PNA P5 vs HRP G 03 | 2.34E-06 | 4.3E+05 | -30.9 | -7.7 | 23.2 |
| Average | 2.64E-06 | 3.8E+05 | -32.5 | -7.6 | 24.9 |
| St. Dev. | 2.12E-07 | 3.3E+04 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 2.2 |
| PNA P5 vs HRP U 01 | 1.61E-06 | 6.2E+05 | -31.1 | -7.9 | 23.2 |
| PNA P5 vs HRP U 02 | 9.76E-07 | 1.0E+06 | -29.6 | -8.2 | 21.4 |
| PNA P5 vs HRP U 03 | 1.27E-06 | 7.9E+05 | -35.3 | -8.1 | 27.2 |
| Average | 1.29E-06 | 8.1E+05 | -32.0 | -8.1 | 23.9 |
| St. Dev. | 2.59E-07 | 1.7E+05 | 2.4 | 0.1 | 2.4 |
| PNA P5 vs HRP A 01 | 8.14E-07 | 1.2E+06 | -29.4 | -8.3 | 21.1 |
| PNA P5 vs HRP A 02 | 1.12E-06 | 8.9E+05 | -33.3 | -8.2 | 25.1 |
| PNA P5 vs HRP A 03 | 9.30E-07 | 1.1E+06 | -30.3 | -8.3 | 22.0 |
| Average | 9.55E-07 | 1.1E+06 | -31.0 | -8.3 | 22.7 |
| St. Dev. | 1.26E-07 | 1.4E+05 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 1.7 |

 Table S9. ITC parameters, P9 selectivity.

| Name | K _d (M) | K _a (M ⁻¹) | ∆H (kcal/mol) | ∆G (kcal/mol) | -T∆S (kcal/mol) |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| PNA P9 vs HRP G 01 | 6.09E-07 | 1.6E+06 | -49.4 | -8.4 | 41.0 |
| PNA P9 vs HRP G 02 | 7.70E-07 | 1.3E+06 | -49.1 | -8.4 | 40.7 |
| PNA P9 vs HRP G 03 | 6.46E-07 | 1.5E+06 | -44.8 | -8.4 | 36.4 |
| Average | 6.75E-07 | 1.5E+06 | -47.8 | -8.4 | 39.4 |
| St. Dev. | 6.89E-08 | 1.4E+05 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 2.1 |
| PNA P9 vs HRP U 01 | 6.69E-07 | 1.5E+06 | -37.0 | -8.4 | 28.6 |
| PNA P9 vs HRP U 02 | 8.22E-07 | 1.2E+06 | -37.7 | -8.3 | 29.4 |
| PNA P9 vs HRP U 03 | 8.90E-07 | 1.1E+06 | -39.0 | -8.3 | 30.7 |
| Average | 7.94E-07 | 1.3E+06 | -37.9 | -8.3 | 29.6 |
| St. Dev. | 9.24E-08 | 1.6E+05 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| PNA P9 vs HRP A 01 | 6.52E-07 | 1.5E+06 | -46.7 | -8.4 | 38.3 |
| PNA P9 vs HRP A 02 | 8.10E-07 | 1.2E+06 | -40.9 | -8.3 | 32.6 |
| PNA P9 vs HRP A 03 | 7.41E-07 | 1.3E+06 | -43.3 | -8.4 | 34.9 |
| Average | 7.34E-07 | 1.4E+06 | -43.6 | -8.4 | 35.3 |
| St. Dev. | 6.47E-08 | 1.2E+05 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 2.3 |

 Table S10.
 ITC data, PNA2 and PNA3 P4, P5, P9.

| Name | K _d (M) | K _a (M ⁻¹) | ΔH (kcal/mol) | ∆G (kcal/mol) | -T∆S (kcal/mol) |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| PNA 2 P4 vs HRP 2 01 | 1.11E-06 | 9.0E+05 | -45.2 | -8.1 | 37.0 |
| PNA 2 P4 vs HRP 2 02 | 1.15E-06 | 8.7E+05 | -46.5 | -8.1 | 38.4 |
| PNA 2 P4 vs HRP 2 03 | 1.10E-06 | 9.1E+05 | -46.1 | -8.1 | 38.0 |
| Average | 1.12E-06 | 8.9E+05 | -45.9 | -8.1 | 37.8 |
| St. Dev. | 2.16E-08 | 1.7E+04 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| PNA 2 P5 vs HRP 2 01 | 4.70E-06 | 2.1E+05 | -45.3 | -7.3 | 38.0 |
| PNA 2 P5 vs HRP 2 02 | 4.61E-06 | 2.2E+05 | -48.5 | -7.3 | 41.2 |
| PNA 2 P5 vs HRP 2 03 | 3.54E-06 | 2.8E+05 | -43.7 | -7.4 | 36.2 |
| Average | 4.28E-06 | 2.4E+05 | -45.8 | -7.3 | 38.5 |
| St. Dev. | 5.27E-07 | 3.2E+04 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 2.1 |
| PNA 2 P9 vs HRP 2 01 | 7.27E-07 | 1.4E+06 | -45.9 | -8.4 | 37.5 |
| PNA 2 P9 vs HRP 2 02 | 7.23E-07 | 1.4E+06 | -41.2 | -8.3 | 32.9 |
| PNA 2 P9 vs HRP 2 03 | 7.92E-07 | 1.3E+06 | -46.6 | -8.3 | 38.3 |
| Average | 7.47E-07 | 1.3E+06 | -44.6 | -8.3 | 36.2 |
| St. Dev. | 3.16E-08 | 5.5E+04 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 2.4 |
| PNA 3 P4 vs HRP 3 01 | 1.15E-06 | 8.7E+05 | -38.7 | -8.1 | 30.6 |
| PNA 3 P4 vs HRP 3 02 | 1.39E-06 | 7.2E+05 | -37.3 | -8.0 | 29.3 |
| PNA 3 P4 vs HRP 3 03 | 1.09E-06 | 9.2E+05 | -36.9 | -8.1 | 28.8 |
| Average | 1.21E-06 | 8.4E+05 | -37.6 | -8.1 | 29.6 |
| St. Dev. | 1.30E-07 | 8.4E+04 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| PNA 3 P5 vs HRP 3 01 | 6.94E-06 | 1.4E+05 | -35.9 | -7.0 | 28.9 |
| PNA 3 P5 vs HRP 3 02 | 5.46E-06 | 1.8E+05 | -37.8 | -7.2 | 30.7 |
| PNA 3 P5 vs HRP 3 03 | 4.44E-06 | 2.3E+05 | -34.6 | -7.3 | 27.3 |
| Average | 5.61E-06 | 1.8E+05 | -36.1 | -7.2 | 29.0 |
| St. Dev. | 1.03E-06 | 3.3E+04 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 1.4 |
| PNA 3 P9 vs HRP 3 01 | 3.75E-07 | 2.7E+06 | -36.9 | -8.7 | 28.2 |
| PNA 3 P9 vs HRP 3 02 | 3.21E-07 | 3.1E+06 | -35.4 | -8.9 | 26.5 |
| PNA 3 P9 vs HRP 3 03 | 4.26E-07 | 2.3E+06 | -36.5 | -8.7 | 27.8 |
| Average | 3.74E-07 | 2.7E+06 | -36.3 | -8.8 | 27.5 |
| St. Dev. | 4.29E-08 | 3.1E+05 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.7 |

Table S11. ITC data, T controls.

| Name | K _d (M) | K _a (M ⁻¹) | ∆H (kcal/mol) | ∆G (kcal/mol) | -T∆S (kcal/mol) |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| PNA Tcon MPT vs HRP MPT 01 | 7.98E-08 | 1.3E+07 | -42.4 | -9.7 | 32.7 |
| PNA Tcon MPT vs HRP MPT 02 | 8.34E-08 | 1.2E+07 | -41.4 | -9.7 | 31.7 |
| PNA Tcon MPT vs HRP MPT 03 | 8.44E-08 | 1.2E+07 | -40.4 | -9.7 | 30.7 |
| Average | 8.25E-08 | 1.2E+07 | -41.4 | -9.7 | 31.7 |
| St. Dev. | 1.98E-09 | 2.9E+05 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| PNA Tcon TPM vs HRP TPM 01 | 4.28E-08 | 2.3E+07 | -49.7 | -10.0 | 39.7 |
| PNA Tcon TPM vs HRP TPM 02 | 4.04E-08 | 2.5E+07 | -44.1 | -10.1 | 34.0 |
| PNA Tcon TPM vs HRP TPM 03 | 3.91E-08 | 2.6E+07 | -45.9 | -10.1 | 35.8 |
| Average | 4.08E-08 | 2.5E+07 | -46.6 | -10.1 | 36.5 |
| St. Dev. | 1.53E-09 | 9.1E+05 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 2.4 |
| PNA Tcon MPM vs HRP MPM 01 | 4.08E-08 | 2.5E+07 | -46.9 | -10.1 | 36.8 |
| PNA Tcon MPM vs HRP MPM 02 | 5.33E-08 | 1.9E+07 | -45.0 | -9.9 | 35.1 |
| PNA Tcon MPM vs HRP MPM 03 | 4.81E-08 | 2.1E+07 | -47.9 | -9.9 | 38.0 |
| Average | 4.74E-08 | 2.1E+07 | -46.6 | -10.0 | 36.6 |
| St. Dev. | 5.13E-09 | 2.4E+06 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 1.2 |
| PNA Tcon TPT vs HRP TPT 01 | 3.35E-08 | 3.0E+07 | -46.2 | -10.2 | 36.0 |
| PNA Tcon TPT vs HRP TPT 02 | 4.00E-08 | 2.5E+07 | -48.2 | -10.1 | 38.1 |
| PNA Tcon TPT vs HRP TPT 03 | 3.38E-08 | 3.0E+07 | -46.8 | -10.2 | 36.6 |
| Average | 3.58E-08 | 2.8E+07 | -47.1 | -10.2 | 36.9 |
| St. Dev. | 3.00E-09 | 2.2E+06 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.9 |



Figure S40. ITC titration of PNA_{MP9T} vs HRP_{MPT}.



Figure S41. ITC titration of PNA_{TP9M} vs HRP_{TPM}.



Figure S42. ITC titration of PNA_{MP9M} vs HRP_{MPM}.



Figure S43. ITC titration of PNA_{TP9T} vs HRP_{TPT}.

| Name | PNA P | PNA P1 | PNA P2 | PNA P3 | PNA P4 | PNA P5 | PNA P6 |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 39.717 | 41.850 | 43.595 | 40.325 | 41.514 | 38.635 | 42.619 |
| Melting | 39.452 | 40.712 | 43.754 | 40.555 | 41.648 | 37.670 | 41.979 |
| | 39.413 | 41.464 | 42.296 | 40.571 | 41.996 | 37.823 | 42.113 |
| temp. (°C) | 38.930 | 41.601 | 42.887 | 40.140 | 41.587 | 37.569 | 42.515 |
| | 40.101 | 41.585 | 43.232 | 41.210 | 41.823 | 37.632 | 42.642 |
| Average | 39.5 | 41.4 | 43.2 | 40.6 | 41.7 | 37.9 | 42.4 |
| St. Dev. | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 |

 Table S12.
 Melting temperatures of PNA Pn - HRP C triplexes.

| Name | PNA P7 | PNA P8 | PNA P9 | PNA P10 | PNA P11 | PNA P12 | PNA P13 |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 39.347 | 40.699 | 48.769 | 49.759 | 39.230 | 41.506 | 40.140 |
| Melting | 39.155 | 39.387 | 48.403 | 48.613 | 39.458 | 41.946 | 40.075 |
| | 39.005 | 40.504 | 47.907 | 48.853 | 38.464 | 41.630 | 40.056 |
| temp. (°C) | 39.250 | 39.460 | 48.245 | 48.681 | 39.321 | 41.314 | 40.140 |
| | 39.132 | 41.273 | 47.581 | 47.898 | 38.603 | 41.509 | 41.328 |
| Average | 39.2 | 40.3 | 48.2 | 48.8 | 39.0 | 41.6 | 40.3 |
| St. Dev. | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.5 |

 Table S13. Melting temperatures of PNA Pn - HRP MPT triplexes.

| Name | PNA P | PNA P4 | PNA P5 | PNA P7 | PNA P9 |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 42.495 | 44.311 | 41.040 | 42.769 | 48.268 |
| Melting | 42.391 | 44.001 | 42.014 | 42.137 | 48.581 |
| | 42.728 | 44.789 | 41.715 | 42.313 | 48.241 |
| temp. (°C) | 42.417 | 44.490 | 41.440 | 43.822 | 48.697 |
| | 42.879 | 45.125 | 40.767 | 42.957 | 48.616 |
| Average | 42.6 | 44.5 | 41.4 | 42.8 | 48.5 |
| St. Dev. | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.2 |
| Name | PNA TPM | PNA TP4M | PNA TP5M | PNA TP7M | PNA TP9M |
|------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 45.956 | 48.613 | 43.782 | 43.259 | 51.428 |
| Melting | 46.501 | 49.402 | 42.585 | 43.319 | 50.664 |
| | 45.296 | 49.488 | 42.871 | 44.689 | 50.775 |
| temp. (°C) | 46.757 | 48.786 | 42.432 | 44.874 | 51.369 |
| | 45.748 | 49.173 | 43.226 | 44.237 | 50.534 |
| Average | 46.1 | 49.1 | 43.0 | 44.1 | 51.0 |
| St. Dev. | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.4 |

 Table S14.
 Melting temperatures of PNA TPnM - HRP TPM triplexes.

 Table S15. Melting temperatures of PNA MPnM - HRP MPM triplexes.

| Name | PNA MPM | PNA MP4M | PNA MP5M | PNA MP7M | PNA MP9M |
|-----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 49.093 | 49.489 | 47.407 | 48.962 | 49.904 |
| Melting | 49.300 | 50.383 | 48.476 | 48.885 | 49.538 |
| | 48.784 | 50.329 | 46.672 | 49.055 | 50.655 |
| temp (°C) | 48.065 | 51.225 | 47.421 | 49.167 | 49.713 |
| | 47.686 | 51.020 | 48.127 | 49.113 | 49.224 |
| Average | 48.6 | 50.5 | 47.6 | 49.0 | 49.8 |
| St. Dev. | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.5 |

 Table S16.
 Melting temperatures of PNA TPnT - HRP TPT triplexes.

| Name | PNA TPT | PNA TP4T | PNA TP5T | PNA TP7T | PNA TP9T |
|------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 38.161 | 43.479 | 35.384 | 37.244 | 48.444 |
| Melting | 38.441 | 42.958 | 34.929 | 37.49 | 48.571 |
| | 37.400 | 42.048 | 34.297 | 36.802 | 48.874 |
| temp. (°C) | 37.942 | 43.252 | 35.402 | 36.354 | 48.083 |
| | 38.163 | 42.377 | 34.982 | 37.791 | 47.946 |
| Average | 38.0 | 42.8 | 35.0 | 37.1 | 48.4 |
| St. Dev. | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 |

| Name | PNA P4 vs HRP G | PNA P4 vs HRP U | PNA P4 vs HRP A |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 35.280 | 38.162 | 48.179 |
| Melting | 34.462 | 37.828 | 47.379 |
| | 34.577 | 38.241 | 47.977 |
| temp. (°C) | 34.577 | 38.271 | 47.862 |
| | 34.550 | 37.217 | 47.294 |
| Average | 34.7 | 37.9 | 47.7 |
| St. Dev. | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 |

 Table S17. Melting temperatures of PNA P4 triplexes, selectivity.

 Table S18.
 Melting temperatures of PNA P5 triplexes, selectivity.

| Name | PNA P5 vs HRP G | PNA P5 vs HRP U | PNA P5 vs HRP A |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 31.548 | 35.726 | 37.963 |
| Melting | 31.612 | 35.469 | 38.063 |
| | 31.046 | 35.610 | 38.259 |
| temp. (°C) | 32.142 | 35.583 | 39.601 |
| | 31.731 | 35.480 | 38.826 |
| Average | 31.6 | 35.6 | 38.5 |
| St. Dev. | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.6 |

 Table S19.
 Melting temperatures of PNA P9 triplexes, selectivity.

| Name | PNA P9 vs HRP G | PNA P9 vs HRP U | PNA P9 vs HRP A |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 36.816 | 36.576 | 36.377 |
| Melting | 36.083 | 36.140 | 36.399 |
| | 36.261 | 36.241 | 36.680 |
| Temp. (°C) | 35.796 | 36.271 | 36.846 |
| | 36.159 | 36.774 | 35.989 |
| Average | 36.2 | 36.4 | 36.5 |
| St. Dev. | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 |

Table S20. Melting temperatures of PNA 2 P4, P5, P9 – HRP 2 triplexes.

| Name | PNA 2 P4 | PNA 2 P5 | PNA 2 P9 |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 33.885 | 28.506 | 34.236 |
| Melting | 34.028 | 27.839 | 34.222 |
| | 33.654 | 29.316 | 34.358 |
| temp. (°C) | 34.025 | 28.822 | 34.666 |
| | 34.014 | 28.932 | 34.154 |
| Average | 33.9 | 28.7 | 34.3 |
| St. Dev. | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.2 |

| Name | PNA 3 P4 | PNA 3 P5 | PNA 3 P9 |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 36.959 | 23.305 | 39.464 |
| Melting | 37.015 | 22.279 | 41.184 |
| | 37.999 | 23.000 | 41.713 |
| temp. (°C) | 37.902 | 22.564 | 43.453 |
| | 37.783 | 23.986 | 41.602 |
| Average | 37.5 | 23.0 | 41.5 |
| St. Dev. | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.3 |

 Table S21. Melting temperatures of PNA 3 P4, P5, P9 – HRP 3 triplexes.

 Table S22. Melting temperatures of T control triplexes.

| Name | T cont MTT | T cont TTM | T cont MTM | T cont TTT |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 70.130 | 76.893 | 77.206 | 71.043 |
| Melting | 70.137 | 75.076 | 77.298 | 71.061 |
| | 70.420 | 74.924 | 76.425 | 70.263 |
| temp. (°C) | 68.668 | 75.176 | 76.075 | 69.864 |
| | 68.639 | 75.359 | 76.405 | 70.215 |
| Average | 69.6 | 75.5 | 76.7 | 70.5 |
| St. Dev. | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 |

Table S23. Comparison of ΔG_{25} obtained by Van't Hoff analysis of melting curves and ITC.

| | UV melting (Van't Hoff) ΔG ₂₅ (kcal/mol) | ITC ΔG ₂₅ (kcal/mol) |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| PNA MP9T - HRP _{MPT} | -12.6 ± 0.1 | -9.3 ± 0.0 |
| PNA TP9M - HRP _{TPM} | -14.8 ± 0.1 | -9.9 ± 0.0 |
| PNA MP9M - HRP _{MPM} | -13.5 ± 0.1 | -9.9 ± 0.0 |
| PNA TP9T - HRPTPT | -12.6 ± 0.1 | -9.9 ± 0.0 |
| PNA T cont MTT - HRP _{MPT} | -18.2 ± 0.1 | -9.7 ± 0.0 |
| PNA T cont TTM - HRP _{TPM} | -19.6 ± 0.5 | -10.1 ± 0.0 |
| PNA T cont MTM - HRP _{MPM} | -21.6 ± 0.5 | -10.0 ± 0.1 |
| PNA T cont TTT - HRP _{TPT} | -18.3 ± 0.3 | -10.2 ± 0.0 |



Figure S44. UV thermal melting curves of left: P₉-modified PNA binding different sequence contexts of dsRNA and right HRP TPT alone (green and red) and P₉-modified matched PNA TP9T complex with HRP TPT (black and blue).



Figure S45. UV thermal melting curves of PNA9 binding matched (HRP C) and mismatched dsRNA.



Figure S46. UV thermal melting curves of PNA TP9T and PNA TP9M binding their matched hairpins measured while heating (red and blue curves) or cooling (green and black curves) at 0.5 °C per minute. The results illustrate minimal hysteresis of ~ 1 °C.





















































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