Supporting Information

Photo-induced Coupling Reaction of Tetrazoles and Carboxylic Acids in

Aqueous Solution: Application in the Protein Labelling

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1. General information

Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically homogeneous materials. Reagents were purchased at the highest commercial quality and used without further purification, unless otherwise stated. Reactions were monitored by Thin Layer Chromatography on plates (GF254) supplied by Yantai Chemicals (China) using UV light as visualizing agent and an ethanolic solution of phosphomolybdic acid and cerium sulfate, and heat as developing agents. If not specially mentioned, flash column chromatography uses silica gel (200-300 mesh) supplied by Tsingtao Haiyang Chemicals (China). NMR spectra were recorded on Brüker Advance 500 (¹H 500 MHz, ¹³C 125 MHz) and Brüker Advance 400 (¹H 400 MHz, ¹³C 100 MHz). TMS was used as internal standard for ¹H NMR (TMS, 0.00; CDCl₃, 7.26; DMSO-d₆ 2.50; MeOD-d₄, 3.31), and solvent signal was used as reference for ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 77.0; DMSO-d₆, 39.5; MeOD-d₄, 49.0). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br =broad. Mass spectrometric data were obtained using Brüker Apex IV FTMS using ESI (electrospray ionization) and Waters GCT (GC-MS) using EI (electron impact ionization).

Human cell lines HepG2 was grown in RPMI medium 1640 containing 10% FBS and 1% PS. After harvesting, cell pellets were lysed with 0.1% NP-40 containing protease inhibitors and sonicated, followed by centrifugation at 21,000 x g (30 min) to provide soluble cellular proteome fractions. The soluble fractions were stored at -80 °C until use. For Western blotting experiments, the samples were run on tris-glycine gels and transferred to polyvinylidene fluoride. The blots were blocked with 5% BSA in TBST, probed with monoclonal HDAC1 and HDAC2 (1:10000 in TBST, Cell Signaling Technology, Danvers, MA), monoclonal α -Actin (1:10000 in TBST, Cell Signaling Technology, Danvers, MA) for 2h at RT, washed with TBST, incubated with goat- α -mouse IgG (H + L) HRP conjugate or goat- α -rabbit IgG (H + L) HRP conjugate (1:10000, Cell Signaling Technology, Danvers, MA) for 1 h at RT, washed again in TBST, and visualized using Chemi system (Bio-Red) after treated with Enhanced chemiluminescent reagent.

2. Experimental procedures for chemical synthesis and spectroscopic

data of the synthesized compounds

All tetrazoles were synthesized according to literature procedures^{1,2}.

General procedure of the photo-induced coupling reaction of tetrazoles and carboxylic acids: The solution of carboxlic acid (1.5 equiv) and tetrazole (1 equiv) within a quartz test tubes was irradiated for 2 h using a hand-held 302 nm UV lamp under stirring. The organic solvents were evaporated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was further purified by silica gel chromatography.

Table S1. Photo-induced Coupling Reactions of Tetrazoles with Carboxylic Acids



Table S1. Photo-induced Coupling Reactions of Tetrazoles with Carboxylic Acids (continued)



^{*a*} Reactions were conducted by irradiating 0.011 M of tetrazole and 1.5 equiv of acid dissolving in EtOAc within a quartz test tubes for 2 h using a hand-held 302 nm UV lamp. ^{*b*} Isolated yield after column chromatography. ^{*c*} [**1b**] = 0.011 M in EtOH, 1.5 equiv penicillin G sodium salt, pH=2 by HCl. ^{*d*} 5 equiv acid was used.



N'-phenyl-N'-propionylbenzohydrazide

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 11.51 (s, H), 7.92-7.94 (d, 2H, J = 7.93), 7.21-7.63 (m, 8H), 2.36-2.62 (br, 2H), 1.05 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 174.12, 165.61, 141.71, 132.43, 128.69, 128.49, 127.50, 125.70, 123.46, 26.07, 8.81. HRMS (ESI)

calcd for $C_{16}H_{17}N_2O_2^+$ 269.1245[M+H]⁺, $C_{16}H_{16}N_2O_2Na^+$ 291.1245[M+Na]⁺, found 289.1289, 291.1109.



N'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N'-propionylbenzohydrazide:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 11.43 (s, H), 10.98* (s, H), 7.89-7.91 (d, 2H, J = 7.90), 7.85-7.86* (d, 2H, J = 7.86), 7.36-7.64 (m, 5H), 7.00-7.02* (d, 2H, J = 7.01), 6.92-6.94 (d, 2H, J = 6.93), 3.78* (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.16-2.61 (br, 2H),

0.96-1.06 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 174.09, 171.54, 165.56, 157.27, 134.80, 132.37, 131.81, 129.02, 128.69, 128.46, 127.46, 125.87, 114.47, 113.64, 55.23, 54.87, 26.70, 25.68, 9.28, 8.81. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₉N₂O₃⁺ 299.1351 [M+H]⁺, found 299.13973. * represents the minor isomer.



4-methoxy-N'-phenyl-N'-propionylbenzohydrazide:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 11.35 (s, H), 7.92-7.93 (d, 2H, J = 7.93), 7.07-7.50 (m, 7H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.33-2.60 (br, 2H), 1.04 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 174.26,

165.07, 162.51, 141.85, 129.49, 128.44, 125.59, 123.77, 123.37, 113.94, 55.44, 26.08, 8.82. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{17}H_{19}N_2O_3^+$ 299.1351 [M+H]⁺, found 299.13947.



Methyl 4-(2-benzoyl-1-propionylhydrazinyl)benzoate:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 11.58 (s, H), 7.95-7.99 (t, 4H, J = 7.97), 7.64-7.67 (t, 3H, J = 7.65), 7.55-7.58 (t, 2H, J = 7.57), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.40-2.62 (br, 2H), 1.04-1.07 (t, 3H, J = 1.05); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 165.65,

165.61, 145.59, 132.59, 131.47, 129.83, 128.77, 127.59, 122.03, 54.86, 52.04, 26.54, 8.76. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{18}H_{19}N_2O_4^+$ 327.13393 [M+H]⁺, found 327.13462.



Methyl 4-(2-phenyl-2-

propionylhydrazinecarbonyl)benzoate:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 11.72 (s, H), 11.29* (s, H), 7.95-8.11 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.68 (m, 5H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.84* (s, 3H), 2.37-2.62 (br, 2H), 1.04-1.08 (m, 3H); ¹³C

NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 174.00, 165.51, 164.97, 141.55, 135.81, 132.77, 132.58, 131.47, 129.82, 128.75, 128.53, 127.95, 127.59, 125.86, 123.63, 54.85, 52.42, 52.03, 26.55, 26.02, 8.75. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₂O₄⁺ 327.13393 [M+H]⁺, found 327.13471. * represents the minor isomer.



Methyl 4-(2-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1propionylhydrazinyl)benzoate:

COOME ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 11.42 (s, H), 7.92-7.94 (m, 4H), 7.63-7.65 (d, 2H, J = 7.64), 7.08-7.11 (d,

2H, J = 7.09), 3.84 (d, 6H), 2.37-2.60 (br, 2H), 1.03-1.06 (t, 3H, J = 1.04); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 165.62, 165.07, 162.64, 145.73, 129.79, 129.59, 123.47, 121.93, 114.03, 55.51, 54.87, 52.04, 26.54, 8.76. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O₅⁺ 357.1445 [M+H]⁺, found 357.14520.



Methyl 4-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2propionylhydrazinecarbonyl)benzoate:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 11.63 (s, H), 11.19* (s, H), 7.97-8.11 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.47* (d, 2H, J = 7.46), 7.37-7.39 (d, 2H, J = 7.38), 7.00-7.02* (d, 2H, J =

7.01), 6.92-6.94 (d, 2H, J = 6.93), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.77* (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.17-2.59 (br, 2H), 0.98-1.06 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 173.99, 171.53, 165.50, 164.89, 164.24, 158.90, 157.40, 135.87, 134.64, 132.74, 129.42, 129.29, 129.05, 127.91, 126.07, 114.51, 113.69, 55.32, 55.21, 52.41, 26.67, 25.64, 9.23, 8.77. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O₅⁺ 357.1445 [M+H]⁺, found 357.14534. * represents the minor isomer.



4-methoxy-N'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N'propionylbenzohydrazide:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.62 (s, H), 9.42* (s, H),

4h 60 7.80 (b, 2H), 7.69-7.71 (d, 2H, J = 7.70), 7.46-7.48 (d, 2H, J = 7.47), 7.40* (b, 2H), 6.88-6.90 (d, 2H, J = 6.89), 6.80* (b, 2H), 6.70-6.73 (d, 2H, J = 6.72), 3.78-3.80 (d, 6H, J = 3.79), 2.53* (b, 2H), 2.26-2.32 (m, 2H), 1.10-1.16 (t, 3H, J = 1.13); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.35, 165.80, 162.49, 159.59, 134.79, 129.36, 123.93, 114.58, 113.57, 55.50, 55.32, 27.43, 9.46. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₂₁N₂O₄⁺ 329.14958 [M+H]⁺, found 329.15009. * represents the minor isomer.



N'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N'-benzoylbenzohydrazide:¹H

NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 11.51 (s, H), 7.38-7.99 (m, 12H), 6.95 (s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 165.25, 157.64, 132.13, 131.86, 130.17, 128.55, 127.83, 127.26, 113.91, 55.25. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₉N₂O₃⁺ 347.1351 [M+H]⁺, found 347.13959.



N'-((R)-4-((5S,8R,9S,10S,13R,14S,17R)-10,13-dimethyl-3,7,12trioxohexadecahydro-1Hcyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17yl)pentanoyl)-4-methoxy-N'-

phenylbenzohydrazide

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.49 (s, H), 7.71-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.53 (m, 5H), 6.75-6.90 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.78-2.92 (m, 3H), 1.91-2.29 (m, 16H), 1.58-1.63 (m, H),1.26-1.39 (m, 7H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 0.70 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.07, 209.22, 208.77, 173.49, 165.92, 162.60, 141.92, 129.42, 127.95, 123.89, 113.64, 56.90, 55.39, 51.71, 48.96, 46.79, 45.57, 44.96, 42.78, 38.62, 36.46, 35.98, 35.49, 35.22, 31.03, 27.55, 25.12, 21.88, 18.73, 11.85. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₈H₄₇N₂O₆⁺ 627.34286 [M+H]⁺, found 627.34150.



(1R,4aR,4bR,10aR)-N'-benzoyl-7-isopropyl-N-(4methoxyphenyl)-1,4a-dimethyl-1,2,3,4,4a,4b,5,6,10,10adecahydrophenanthrene-1-carbohydrazide:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.55 (s, H), 7.73-7.75 (d, 2H, J = 7.74), 7.50-7.52 (d, 2H, J = 7.51), 7.30-7.38 (m, 3H), 6.85-6.87 (d, 2H, J = 6.86), 5.77 (s, H), 5.41 (s, H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.39-2.43 (m, H), 2.20-2.23 (m, H), 2.04-2.10 (m, 3H), 1.75-1.83 (m, 3H),1.60 (s, 2H), 1.48 (s, 2H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.01-1.02 (m, 6H), 0.80 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 180.09, 167.14,

163.58, 145.60, 145.07, 136.29, 130.20, 129.90, 129.41, 129.18, 125.40, 123.46, 121.86, 114.68, 56.26, 52.34, 49.28, 45.94, 38.81, 38.54, 38.08, 35.73, 35.57, 34.31, 30.55, 28.26, 26.76, 24.83, 23.34, 22.28, 21.74, 19.98, 19.07, 15.05. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{34}H_{43}N_2O_3^+$ 527.3229 [M+H]⁺, found 527.32790.



N-((2S,5R,6R)-2-(2-benzoyl-1-(4-

methoxyphenyl)hydrazinecarbonyl)-3,3-dimethyl-7-oxo-4-thia-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptan-6-yl)-2-phenylacetamide: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.48* (s, H), 10.20 (s, H), 7.86-7.88 (d, 2H, J = 7.87), 7.58-7.60 (d, 2H, J = 7.59), 7.40-7.48 (m, H), 7.28-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.20-7.24 (m, 2H), 6.93-6.95 (d, 2H, J = 6.94), 6.29-6.31 (d, H, J = 6.30), 5.59-5.60 (d, H, J = 5.59), 5.49-5.52 (m, H), 4.70 (s, H), 3.82 (s,

3H), 3.60-3.62 (d, 2H, J = 3.61), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.48, 170.69, 167.19, 166.49, 160.08, 133.84, 133.63, 132.14, 131.83, 129.75, 129.58, 129.18, 128.95, 128.41, 127.76, 127.71, 127.58, 115.17, 68.44, 66.52, 65.28, 59.11, 55.53, 43.51, 34.06, 26.63. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₃₁N₄O₅S⁺ 559.1970 [M+H]⁺, found 559.20140.



(S)-benzyl 2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(2-(4methoxybenzoyl)-1-phenylhydrazinyl)-4oxobutanoate:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 12.46* (s, H), 11.49 (s, H), 11.41* (s, H), 11.05* (s, H), 7.89-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.47 (m, 10H), 7.08-7.10 (m, 2H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 4.60 (br, H), 4.44* (br, H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.59-3.32 (br, 2H), 1.37 (s, 9H), 1.27* (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 171.40, 170.89, 165.11, 162.61, 155.13, 141.34, 135.92, 129.62, 128.48, 128.29, 127.88, 127.54, 125.93, 123.54, 123.44, 113.97, 78.42, 65.99, 55.49, 49.94, 49.68, 35.43, 28.08. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₃₄N₃O₇⁺ 548.2352 [M+H]⁺, found 548.23893. * represents the minor isomer.



(S)-benzyl 5-(2-benzoyl-1-(4methoxyphenyl)hydrazinyl)-2-((tertbutoxycarbonyl)amino)-5-oxopentanoate:
¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 12.18* (s, H), 11.38 (s, H), 10.98* (s, H), 7.93-7.94 (d, 2H, J = 7.93), 7.48-7.50 (d, 2H, J = 7.49), 7.34-7.37 (m, 8H), 7.20 (br, H), 7.06-7.08 (d, 2H, J = 7.07), 5.10 (s, 2H), 4.12 (br, H),

3.82 (s, 3H), 2.33-2.73 (br, 2H), 1.91-2.07 (br, 2H), 1.25-1.39 (m, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 173.68, 172.23, 165.04, 162.55, 155.54, 141.67, 135.93, 129.54, 128.44, 128.33, 127.94, 127.73, 127.65, 125.73, 123.45, 113.91, 78.22, 65.80, 55.44, 53.08, 52.95, 29.94, 29.31, 28.08, 27.76, 25.85. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₁H₃₆N₃O₇⁺ 562.2509 [M+H]⁺, found 562.25411. * represents the minor isomer.



(S)-tert-butyl 4-(2-benzoyl-1-(4methoxyphenyl)hydrazinyl)-2-((tertbutoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-oxobutanoate:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.81* (s, H), 9.73 (s, H), 7.84-7.85* (d, 2H, J = 7.85), 7.867-7.69 (d, 2H, J = 7.68), 7.38-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.28 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.90 (d, 2H, J = 6.89), 6.79-6.81* (d, 2H, J = 6.80), 5.72-5.75 (d, H, J = 5.73), 4.38 (br, H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.74* (s, 3H), 2.94-3.00 (d,

H, J = 2.97), 2.66-2.71 (d, H, J = 2.69), 1.40-1.48(m, 18H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 170.81, 170.56, 159.77, 158.33, 156.03, 155.74, 134.01, 132.61, 132.01, 131.62, 129.47, 128.83, 128.38, 127.54, 127.45, 126.58, 114.75, 114.02, 82.15, 79.72, 77.43, 77.31, 77.11, 76.79, 55.50, 55.40, 50.67, 36.86, 28.35, 28.32, 27.88. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₇H₃₆N₃O₇⁺ 514.2509 [M+H]⁺, found 514.25504. * represents the minor isomer.





Reagents and conditions: a) BBr₃ (10 equiv), DCM, -78 °C to RT, 82%; b) NaH (1.2 equiv), propargyl bromide (1.2 equiv), DMF, 0 °C to RT, 95%; c) LiOH (5 equiv), THF/MeOH/H₂O, 65°C reflux, 95%; d) (PhO)₂P(O)N₃ (1.5 equiv), TEA (1.5 equiv), 'BuOH/toluene (1:1), 3Å molecular sieves, reflux, 98%; e) TFA, DCM, RT, 82%; f) **13** (1 equiv), THF, RT; g) 'PrCH₂OCOCl (5 equiv), TEA, THF, NH₂OH (5 equiv), 20%, purified by HPLC; h) **14** (1.2 equiv), TEA, DCM, 25%, purified by HPLC.



Under the N₂ atmosphere, **1f** (325 mg) was dissolved in dried DCM (6.3 mL) at -78 $^{\circ}$ C, and then added BBr₃ (10 equiv, diluted with dried DCM) slowly. After raising the temperature to RT gradually, the solution was stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated sodium bicarbonate, extracted with EtOAc and dried over sodium sulfate. Then the organic solvent was removed under vacuum, and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using PE/EtOAc as the eluent to give product **s1** (255 mg, 82% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 10.13 (s, H), 8.30-8.32 (d, 2H, J = 8.31), 8.23-8.26 (d, 2H, J = 8.25), 8.01-8.03 (d, 2H, J = 8.02), 6.96-6.99 (d, 2H, J = 6.98), 3.92 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.52, 160.47, 139.60, 131.67, 131.01, 128.99, 120.33, 117.40, 116.63, 53.01. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃N₄O₃⁺ 297.09822 [M+H]⁺, found 297.09838.



Under a nitrogen atmosphere, to a dry DMF solution (5 mL) of **s1** (150 mg) at 0 °C were added NaH (1.2 equiv) and propargyl bromide (1.2 equiv) slowly. After raising the reaction temperature to RT gradually, the solution was stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride, extracted with EtOAc and dried over sodium sulfate. Then the organic solvent was removed under vacuum, was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using PE/EtOAc as the eluent to give product **s2** (161 mg, 95% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21-8.31 (m, 6H), 7.12-7.14 (d, 2H, J = 7.13), 4.78-4.79 (d, 2H, J = 4.79), 3.98 (s, 3H), 2.56-2.57 (t, H, J = 2.57); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.90, 165.33, 159.60, 139.80, 131.26, 131.00, 128.74, 120.32, 119.51, 115.43, 78.07, 75.99, 55.93, 52.49. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₅N₄O₃⁺ 335.11387 [M+H]⁺, found 335.11408.



Compound **s2** (222 mg) was first dissolved in a mixture solution of THF/MeOH/H2O (3/1/1). Then LiOH (5 equiv) was added. The reaction mixture was reflux at 65 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was acidized with 2M HCl to obtain precipitates, which was collected by filtering to give product **s3** (202 mg, 95% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 8.27-8.29 (d, 2H, J = 8.28), 8.21-8.23 (d, 2H, J = 8.22), 8.12-8.14 (d, 2H, J = 8.13), 7.21-7.23 (d, 2H, J = 7.22), 4.92-4.92 (d, 2H, J = 4.92), 3.64-3.65 (t, 1H, J = 3.65); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 166.20, 164.55, 159.32, 138.84, 131.87, 131.26, 128.31, 119.76, 119.26, 115.69, 78.83, 78.63, 55.65. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₁N₄O₃⁻ 319.082567 [M+H]⁻, found 319.08239.



Compound **s3** (150 mg) was first dissolved in a mixture solution of THF/t-BuOH (1:1). To this solution were added 2.1g/mmol 3Å molecular sieves, Et₃N (2.5 equiv) and (PhO)₂PON₃ (2.5 equiv) subsequently. The reaction mixture was reflux at 115 °C until complete conversion was observed (monitored by TLC). The reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was

dissolved in DCM and TFA (10 equiv) was added. After complete conversion was observed (monitored by TLC) at RT, the reaction was quenched by NaHCO₃ (s, aq) and the extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was concentrated under vacuum and purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using PE/EtOAc as the eluent to give product **11** (109 mg, 80% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD-D₄) δ 8.11-8.13 (d, 2H, J = 8.12), 7.84-7.86 (d, 2H, J = 7.85), 7.14-7.17 (d, 2H, J = 7.15), 6.82-6.84 (d, 2H, J = 6.83), 4.82-4.83 (d, 2H, J = 4.82), 2.99-3.00 (t, 1H, J = 2.99); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-D₆) δ 164.10, 159.42, 151.12, 128.47, 125.90, 121.75, 120.50, 116.08, 114.19, 79.40, 79.30, 56.12. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₄N₅O⁺ 292.11929 [M+H]⁺, found 292.11917.



Under the N₂ atmosphere, compound 11 (25 mg) was dissolved in dry THF (0.3 mL). To this solution were added 12 (1.1 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT until complete conversion was observed (monitored by HPLC-MS). The reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum. Under the N2 atmosphere, the residue was dissolved in THF (0.3 mL). To this solution were added iPrCH₂OCOCl (5 equiv), and Et₃N (5 equiv) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred overnight at RT, after which NH₂OH (5 equiv) dissolved in MeOH was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at RT (monitored by HPLC-MS). The product 13 were purified by HPLC-MS (8 mg, 20% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD-D₄) δ 8.11-8.16 (m, 4H), 7.84-7.86 (d, 2H, J = 7.85), 7.15-7.17 (d, 2H, J = 7.16), 4.83-4.84 (d, 2H, J = 4.84), 3.00-3.01 (t, 1H, J = 4.84) 3.00), 2.40-2.44 (t, 2H, J = 2.42), 2.08-2.12 (t, 2H, J = 2.10), 1.71-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.42 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, MeOD-D₄) δ 173.43, 171.56, 164.77, 159.76, 140.29, 132.38, 128.03, 120.31, 120.10, 115.17, 114.16, 78.00, 75.74, 55.38, 39.06, 36.51, 32.30, 28.50, 28.42, 25.17. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{24}H_{27}N_6O_4^+$ 463.20883 [M+H]⁺, found 463.20915; $C_{24}H_{26}N_6NaO_4^+$ 485.19077 [M+Na]⁺, found 485.19102.



Under the N₂ atmosphere, compound **11** (30 mg) was dissolved in DCM (0.5 mL). To this solution were added **14** (1.2 equiv) and Et₃N (1.5 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT until complete conversion was observed (monitored by HPLC-MS). The product **15** were purified by HPLC-MS (11.7 mg, 25% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 8.18-8.21 (d, 2H, J = 8.19), 8.12-8.15 (d, 2H, J = 8.13), 7.75-7.77 (d, 2H, J = 7.76), 7.49 (s, H), 7.10-7.13 (d, 2H, J = 7.12), 4.77-4.78 (d, 2H, J = 4.78), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.56-2.57(t, H, J = 2.57), 2.39-2.42 (t, 2H, J = 2.41), 2.31-2.35 (t, 2H, J = 2.33), 1.74-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.47 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 174.29, 172.34, 164.85, 159.33, 139.19, 128.57, 120.57, 120.22,

115.30, 78.12, 75.94, 55.88, 51.55, 37.52, 33.90, 28.66, 28.61, 25.15, 24.60. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{25}H_{28}N_5O_4^+$ 462.2063 [M+H]⁺, found 462.21405.

3. Kinetic study of the photo-induced acid addition reaction between

tetrazoles and propionic acid (10 equiv) upon 302-nm UV irradiation



Aliquots of tetrazole 1 stock solution (100mM in DMSO) and propionic acid were added into 5 mL CH₃CN/PBS buffer (1:1 v/v) in quartz test tube to obtain the final tetrazole concentration of 100 μ M and the final acid concentration of 1 mM. Under vigorous stirring, the reaction mixtures were photoirradiated with a handheld 302nm UV lamp for a period of seconds, respectively. Then, aliquots of 0.5 mL reaction mixtures from each sample were withdrawn and injected into a reverse phase HPLC-

MS system (C₁₈ column, 5 μ m, 150×4.6 mm, gradient of 70:30 water/acetonitrile to

10:90 water/acetonitrile). The tetrazole 1, nitrile imine intermediate I and product 4 in the mixtures were monitored by UV absorbance at 254 nm respectively. The integrated areas at high absorbance of product were compared to the standard curve in order to obtain the concentration of product.

The photolysis of tetrazoles were found to be very fast and almost all of **1** has been converted to the nitrile imine intermediate (**I**) within 40s, thus $k_I >> k_{obs.}$ The subsequent reactions of the nitrile imine proceed through three pathways: (a) the addition and rearrangement reaction with propionic acid; (b) the water quenching reaction with bulk water; (c) the cycloaddition reaction with acetonitrile. For parallel

$$-\frac{d[I]}{dt} = k_2[I] + k_h[I] + k_{ACN}[I] = k_{obs}[I]$$

reactions, the rate expression are:

Given the intramolecular O \rightarrow N acyl transfer was very rapid, thus $k_{AT} >> k_2$, $k_{AT}[A] = k_2[I]$

$$\frac{d[4]}{dt} = k_2[I]$$
$$\frac{d[5]}{dt} = k_h[I]$$

$$\frac{d[6]}{dt} = k_{ACN}[I]$$

According to the first-order rate law, the solution to the first equation is:

$$ln\frac{[I]}{[I]_{0}} = -(k_{2} + k_{h} + k_{ACN})t = -k_{obs}t$$
$$[I] = [I]_{0}e^{-(k_{2} + k_{h} + k_{ACN})t}$$

To find out how products [4], [5] and [6] change with time, we substitute for [I] from the last equation:

$$\frac{d[4]}{dt} = k_2[I] = k_2[I]_0 e^{-(k_2 + k_h + k_{ACN})t}$$
$$\frac{d[5]}{dt} = k_h[I] = k_h[I]_0 e^{-(k_2 + k_h + k_{ACN})t}$$
$$\frac{d[6]}{dt} = k_{ACN}[I] = k_{ACN}[I]_0 e^{-(k_2 + k_h + k_{ACN})t}$$

Assuming $[4]_0 = [5]_0 = [6]_0 = 0$

$$[4] = \frac{k_2[I]_0}{k_2 + k_h + k_{ACN}} (1 - e^{-(k_2 + k_h + k_{ACN})t})$$

$$[5] = \frac{k_h[I]_0}{k_2 + k_h + k_{ACN}} (1 - e^{-(k_2 + k_h + k_{ACN})t})$$

$$[6] = \frac{k_{ACN}[I]_0}{k_2 + k_h + k_{ACN}} (1 - e^{-(k_2 + k_h + k_{ACN})t})$$

Herein, we focus on the rate of acid addition product 4. The change in concentration of 4 was fitted to an one phase decay equation:

$$Y = (Y_0 - Plateau)e^{(-KX)} + Plateau$$

When $Y_0 = 0$, $k_{obs} = k_2 + k_h + k_{ACN}$

$$Plateau = \frac{k_2[I]_0}{k_2 + k_h + k_{ACN}} = \frac{k_2[I]_0}{k_{obs}}$$
$$k_2 = \frac{Plateau * k_{obs}}{[I]_0}$$
$$k_{COOH} = \frac{k_2}{[CH_3CH_2COOH]_0}$$

	Y ₀	Plateau/10-6M-1	K_{obs}/S^{-1}	R ²	$[I]_{0/10^{-6}M^{-1}}$	K_2/S^{-1}	$K_{COOH}/S^{-1}M^{-1}$
1a	0	56.06	0.005063	0.9797	100	0.002838	2.8
1b	0	58.65	0.009434	0.9027	100	0.005533	5.5
1c	0	95.73	0.007752	0.9955	100	0.007421	7.4
1d	0	5.582	0.005053	0.9392	100	0.0002821	0.28
1e	0	4.071	0.009374	0.4570	100	0.0003816	0.050
1f	0	35.54	0.002490	0.9772	100	0.00088495	0.88
1g	0	8.570	0.002490	0.8482	100	0.0002134	0.21

Table S2. Kinetic Study of Photo-induced reactions of tetrazoles with propionic acid





Fig. S1. Kinetic Study of Photo-induced reaction of tetrazole 1a with propionic acid













Fig. S2. Kinetic Study of Photo-induced reaction of tetrazole 1b with propionic acid

















Fig. S4. Kinetic Study of Photo-induced reaction of tetrazole 1d with propionic acid









Fig. S6. Kinetic Study of Photo-induced reaction of tetrazole 1f with propionic acid







Fig. S7. Kinetic Study of Photo-induced reaction of tetrazole 1g with propionic acid

4. The effect of pH on the product distribution of reaction of propionic



acid with tetrazole 1b

pH=2.52





Fig. S8. HPLC-MS analysis of the reactions of tetrazole **1b** and propionic acid in varied pH solution



5. Evaluating the functional group compatibility of the coupling

reaction by HPLC-MS







Fig. S9. HPLC-MS analysis of tetrazole **1b** reacting with Boc-Asp-OtBu **8** in the presence of various additives

6. Photo-labelling of Myoglobin

Tetrazole **1b** (3 mM) and myoglobin protein (150 μ M) in water was UVirradiated for 10 min at room temperature, followed by trypsin digestion and peptide extraction. The peptides samples were desalted by C18 column and dried. LC-MS/MS analysis was performed on a nanoAcquity (Waters) LC system coupled with Q-Exactive Orbitrap mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific Inc.).

Table S3.										
VEADIAGHGQEVLIR VR-3791										
Res.	mass	b ion	b++	y ion	y++	z	m/z			
V	99.1			1830.9		2	915.9745			
E_Z	353.1	453.2		1731.9	866.4	3	610.9830			
А	71.0	524.3	262.6	1378.7	689.9	4	458.4873			
D	115.0	639.3	320.1	1307.7	654.4					
Ι	113.1	752.4	376.7	1192.7	596.8					
А	71.0	823.4	412.2	1079.6	540.3					
G	57.0	880.4	440.7	1008.6	504.8					
Н	137.1	1017.5	509.2	951.5	476.3					
G	57.0	1074.5	537.8	814.5	407.7					
Q	128.1	1202.6	601.8	757.5	379.2					
Е	129.0	1331.6	666.3	629.4	315.2					
V	99.1	1430.7	715.8	500.4	250.7					
L	113.1	1543.8	772.4	401.3	201.1					
Ι	113.1	1656.8	828.9	288.2						
R	156.1	1812.9	907.0	175.1						

Table S4. VEADIAGHGQ<mark>E</mark>VLIR

VR-4440

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Res.	mass	b ion	b++	y ion	y++	z	m/z
V	99.1			1830.9		2	915.9745
Е	129.0	229.1		1731.9	866.4	3	610.9830
А	71.0	300.2		1602.8	801.9	4	458.4873
D	115.0	415.2	208.1	1531.8	766.4		
Ι	113.1	528.3	264.6	1416.8	708.9		
А	71.0	599.3	300.2	1303.7	652.3		
G	57.0	656.3	328.7	1232.7	616.8		
Н	137.1	793.4	397.2	1175.6	588.3		
G	57.0	850.4	425.7	1038.6	519.8		
Q	128.1	978.5	489.7	981.6	491.3		
Ez	353.1	1331.6	666.3	853.5	427.2		
V	99.1	1430.7	715.8	500.4	250.7		
L	113.1	1543.8	772.4	401.3	201.1		
Ι	113.1	1656.8	828.9	288.2			
R	156.1	1812.9	907.0	175.1			

Table S5. VEADIAGHGQEVLIR

VR-3905

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Res.	mass	b ion	b++	y ion	y++	Z	m/z
V	99.1			1830.9		2	915.9745
Е	129.0	229.1		1731.9	866.4	3	610.9830
А	71.0	300.2		1602.8	801.9	4	458.4873
D	115.0	415.2	208.1	1531.8	766.4		
Ι	113.1	528.3	264.6	1416.8	708.9		
А	71.0	599.3	300.2	1303.7	652.3		
G	57.0	656.3	328.7	1232.7	616.8		
Н	137.1	793.4	397.2	1175.6	588.3		
G	57.0	850.4	425.7	1038.6	519.8		
Q	128.1	978.5	489.7	981.6	491.3		
Ez	353.1	1331.6	666.3	853.5	427.2		
V	99.1	1430.7	715.8	500.4	250.7		
L	113.1	1543.8	772.4	401.3	201.1		
Ι	113.1	1656.8	828.9	288.2	144.6		
R	156.1	1812.9	907.0	175.1	88.1		

Table S6. LFTGHPETLEK

LK-3788

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Res.	mass	b ion	b++	y ion	y++	z	m/z
L	113.1			1495.8		2	748.3787
F	147.1	261.2		1382.7	691.8	3	499.2525
Т	101.0	362.2		1235.6	618.3	4	374.6893
G	57.0	419.2	210.1	1134.6	567.8		
Н	137.1	556.3	278.6	1077.5	539.3		
Р	97.1	653.3	327.2	940.5	470.7		
E_{z}	353.1	1006.5	503.7	843.4	422.2		
Т	101.0	1107.5	554.3	490.3	245.6		
L	113.1	1220.6	610.8	389.2	195.1		
Е	129.0	1349.7	675.3	276.2			
Κ	128.1	1477.7	739.4	147.1			

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-	L	113.1			1495.8		2	748.3787
	F	147.1	261.2		1382.7	691.8	3	499.2525
	Т	101.0	362.2		1235.6	618.3	4	374.6893
	G	57.0	419.2	210.1	1134.6	567.8		
	Н	137.1	556.3	278.6	1077.5	539.3		
	Р	97.1	653.3	327.2	940.5	470.7		
	Е	129.0	782.4	391.7	843.4	422.2		
	Т	101.0	883.4	442.2	714.4	357.7		
	L	113.1	996.5	498.8	613.3	307.2		
	Ez	353.1	1349.7	675.3	500.2			
	Κ	128.1	1477.7	739.4	147.1			

7. In Vitro and In Situ Proteome Labelling Experiments

In vitro Proteome labelling. HepG2 cell lysate samples were diluted in PBS to a final concentration of 1 mg protein per mL. The total volume with small molecule probes was 800 µL for gel analysis, 2 ml for MS analysis. All samples were placed into the wells of an ice-cooled 24-well plate. After incubating at room temperature for 30min. samples were irradiated using a hand-held 302 nm light for 10min, then incubating at room temperature for another 30min. Next, the proteins were precipitated with methanol/CCl₄ (4:1) and water, dissolved in 240 µL 1.2% SDS/PBS. After distributing 20 µL sample as input samples, 20 µL sample for SDS-PAGE analysis and 200 µL sample for western blotting analysis, reporter-tagged azide reagents (rhodamine-azide for SDS-PAGE analysis, biotin-azide for western blotting) were added, followed by TCEP and ligand. Samples were gently vortexed and the cycloaddition initiated by the addition of CuSO₄. The reactions were incubated at RT for 1 h. For gel-based ABPP, standard SDS loading buffer was added and the samples separated by 1D SDS-PAGE and visualized by in-gel fluorescent scanning using a Bio-RAD ChemiDocMP Imager. For protein input samples, standard SDS loading buffer was added and the samples separated by 1D SDS-PAGE. For western blotting, the samples were added streptavidin beads (Sigma) and incubated for 3 h at room temperature to bind and enrich biotin-labeled proteins. The beads were then washed with 0.2% SDS/PBS (1 x 1 mL), PBS (3 x 1 mL) and water (3 x 1 mL). Then SDS loading buffer was added to the beads for heating at 90 °C for 5-10 min. The samples were separated by SDS-PAGE and immunoblotted with anti-HDAC1 or anti-HDAC2 antibodies.

In situ **Proteome labelling.** 90% confluent 10mm dishes of HepG2 cells were washed with PBS (3 x 5 mL) and subjected to tetrazole-SAHA (10 μ M in complete medium) or tetrazole-SAHA and excess SAHA (10 μ M tetrazole-SAHA and 200 μ M

SAHA in complete medium) (5 mL total volume). The cells were incubated at 37°C for 2h, washed with PBS (3 x 5 mL) and irradiated at 302 nm at RT for 10min. After irradiation, the cells were incubated at RT for 30min, scraped, and pelleted by centrifugation. The cell pellet was lysed with NP-40 containing protease inhibitors and resuspended in PBS and homogenized by sonication, and diluted to 2 mg/mL with PBS. The lysates were then subjected to the gel-based ABPP and western blotting procedures as described above in the section of "in vitro proteome labeling".



Fig. S10. In-gel fluorescence protein profiling in living HepG2 cells with Probe 11.

8. LC-MS/MS Site-Mapping Analysis of HDAC1 by SAHA-tetrazole

probe 11

The purified HDAC1 protein (5 µg protein in 50 µL PBS buffer) was incubated with probe 11 (10 µM) for 30 min at room temperature, then UV-irradiated for 10 min on ice, and incubated for 30 min at room temperature again. The samples were then subjected to in-solution trypsin digestion. Briefly, the samples were denatured in 8 M urea (150 µL of 100mg urea in PBS was added), reduced by 10 mM of dithiothreitol for 30 min at room temperature (10 µL of 200 mM stock in water was added) and alkylated by 10 mM iodoacetamide for 30 min at room temperature in dark (20 µL of 100 mM stock in water was added). The samples were diluted with ammonium bicarbonate (25 mM, 460 µL) to 2 M urea and subjected to trypsin digestion (Promega; 4 μ L of 0.5 μ g/ μ L) overnight at 37 °C in the presence of 2 mM CaCl2. Digested peptide samples were desalted and re-solubilized in 50uL Buffer A (95% water, 5% acetonitrile, 0.1% formic acid). 25uL of each sample was analyzed by LC-MS/MS on a Ultimate 3000 LC system coupled with Q-Exactive Orbitrap mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific Inc.). Peptides were eluted from the C18 column using a 75 min gradient of 96.3%-0 Buffer B (80% acetonitrile, 20% water, 0.1% formic acid) and 3.7%-100% Buffer C (95% water, 5% acetonitrile, 0.1% formic acid, 500mM ammonium acetate). The flow rate through the column was 5 μ L/min and the spray voltage was 2.0 kV. The QE-Orbitrap was operated in data-dependent scanning

mode, with one full MS scan (400–1800 m/z) in the orbitrap followed by MS/MS scans of the 20 most abundant ions using the linear ion trap with dynamic exclusion enabled. The MS data was analyzed by Mascot v2.3.02 using a SwissProt database with two differential modifications: Carbamidomethyl modification of 57.02146 on cysteine (C) and SAHA-tetrazole probe modification of 418.2005 on aspartic acid (D) or glutamic acid (E).



Fig. S11. HPLC-MS analysis of SAHA after the treatment of the MS sample preparation

Table S8. MS/MS spectrum and b/y ion assignments by Mascot confirming 203E of HDAC1 was labeled by probe **11**

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Res.	mass	b ion	b++	y ion	y++	Z	m/z			
Y	163.1	164.1	82.5			2	895.9129			
G	57.0	221.1	111.0	1629.8	815.4	3	597.2752			
E_{Z}	101.0	768.3	384.7	1572.7	786.9	4	447.9564			
Y	163.1	931.4	466.2	1025.5	513.3					
F	147.1	1078.5	539.7	862.4	431.7					
Р	97.1	1175.5	588.3	715.4	358.2					
G	128.1	1232.5	616.7	618.3	309.7					
Т	101.0	1333.6	667.3	561.3	281.2					
G	128.1	1390.6	695.8	460.3	230.6					
D	115.0	1505.6	753.8	403.2	202.1					
L	113.1	1618.7	809.9	288.2	144.6					
R	156.1			175.1	88.1					



Fig. S12. The amino acid sequences of HDAC1 were aligned with HDAC2. The 203E (HDAC1) is marked by the arrow.



Fig. S13. The 208E residue of HDAC2 is spatially close to the phenyl ring of SAHA. View derived from the X-ray structure of HDAC2-SAHA complex (PDB ID: 4LXZ)

9. ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of Compounds













































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