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Non-invasive analysis of a protein-templated dynamic combinatorial library by ¹⁹F NMR

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Non-invasive DCL rationale



Methods of protein removal from a 3-membered DCL templated by ecFabH

Figure S1 - HPLC chromatograms showing four aliquots of a 3-membered DCL containing NAHs **A2 (**6.23 mins), **A5** (7.59 mins), **A4** (12.52 mins) where ecFabH was removed by different methods prior to HPLC infusion.

The library was assembled with each of the hydrazides 2, 4 and 5, and aldehyde A at a final concentration of 200 μ M, buffered at pH 6.2 using 50 mM sodium phosphate with 50% D₂O, 10% DMSO, 50 mM NaCl and 3 mM 4-APA. The library cocktail also contained either 200 μ M *ec*FabH or an equivalent volume of enzyme purification buffer. The libraries were equilibrated at RT overnight and the histidine affinity tagged protein was removed by either affinity chromatography (HisTrap 1 mL GE Healthcare Ni²⁺-affinity chromatography column pre-equilibrated in purification buffer), ultrafiltration (30 kDa MWCO Sartorius micro-spin filter) or injected directly onto the column without protein removal (note: this impacted the

performance of the C18(2) column, requiring several gradient washes to restore optimal column back pressure). The control mixture was not templated by ecFabH and was injected directly.

Column: Luna 5µ C18(2) 50 mm x 4.6 mm, flow rate 1 mL/min, 30 °C

Solvents: A = Water (0.1% formic acid), B = Acetonitrile (0.1% formic acid)

Method: 5% B for 1 minute, 5-95% B over 7 minutes, 95% B for 1 minute, re-equilibrate at 5% B for 5 minutes.

¹⁹F NMR sensitivity



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO) δ -110.58



Figure S2 - showing two very closely related NAHs with individually resolved ¹⁹F NMR signals.

Nucleophilic catalysis of NAH exchange

NAH formation from 1-membered library



Figure S3 - HPLC chromatograms used to monitor the formation of NAH A4 over time. This example used NAH equilibration catalyst 4-APA at 1 mM. The area under each peak was used to plot a time course of the reaction at different concentrations of nucleophilic catalyst (see figure 3 in the main text).

HPLC chromatograms were collected at hourly intervals over a 9 h period. The following cocktail was prepared to characterise the catalysis of aniline and 4-APA at different concentrations:

2-Fluoro-5-formylbenzoic acid **A** (200 μ M), 4-tert-butylbenzohydrazide **4** (200 μ M), aniline (0 mM, 0.1 mM, 1 mM, 10 mM) *or* 4-aminophenylalanine (0 mM, 0.1 mM, 1 mM, 3 mM, 10 mM), sodium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 6.2), 10% DMSO.

Column: Luna 5 μ C18(2) 50 mm x 4.6 mm, flow rate 1 mL/min, 30 °C

Solvents: A = Water (0.1% formic acid), B = Acetonitrile (0.1% formic acid)

Method: 5% B for 1 minute, 5-95% B over 7 minutes, 95% B for 1 minute, re-equilibrate at 5% B for 5 minutes.

NAH formation from 3-membered forward library



Forward reaction, 3 mM 4-APA

Figure S4 - HPLC chromatograms were collected every 60 minutes up to 9 h. The integral under each peak was calculated using LabSolutions (Shimadzu) and plotted as a percentage of total concentration for each time point. The following cocktail was prepared to characterise the catalysis of the forward reaction 4-APA at 3 mM and 10 mM: 2-Fluoro-5-formylbenzoic acid A (200 μ M), 3-methoxybenzhydrazide **3** (200 μ M), 4-tertbutylbenzhydrazide **4** (200 μ M), 4-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzhydrazide **5** (200 μ M), 4-

aminophenylalanine (3 mM or 10 mM), sodium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 6.2), 10% DMSO.

Column: Luna 5µ C18(2) 50 mm x 4.6 mm, flow rate 1 mL/min, 30 °C

Solvents: A = Water (0.1% formic acid), B = Acetonitrile (0.1% formic acid)

Method: 5% B for 1 minute, 5-95% B over 7 minutes, 95% B for 1 minute, re-equilibrate at 5% B for 5 minutes.

NAH formation from 3-membered reverse library



Reverse reaction, 3 mM 4-APA

Figure S5 - HPLC chromatograms were collected every 60 minutes up to 9 h. The integral under each peak was calculated using LabSolutions (Shimadzu) and plotted as a percentage of total concentration for each time point. The following cocktail was prepared to characterise the catalysis of the forward reaction 4-APA at 3 mM and 10 mM:
NAH A5 (200 μM), 4-tert-butylbenzhydrazide 4 (200 μM), 3-methoxybenzhydrazide 3 (200 μM), 4-aminophenylalanine (3 mM *or* 10 mM), sodium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 6.2), 10% DMSO.
Column: Luna 5μ C18(2) 50 mm x 4.6 mm, flow rate 1 mL/min, 30 °C

- NAH A5 -

-NAH A3

- NAH A4

Solvents: A = Water (0.1% formic acid), B = Acetonitrile (0.1% formic acid)

-Aldehvde A

Method: 5% B for 1 minute, 5-95% B over 7 minutes, 95% B for 1 minute, re-equilibrate at 5% B for 5 minutes.

Inhibitory activity of NAH DCL members



Figure S6 - The activity of FabH was quantified by 5,5-dithio-bis-(2-nitrobenzoic acid) (DTNB) assay with the following procedure. An assay cocktail was prepared from DTNB (1 mL, 4 mM in 50 mM NH₄OAc), HEPES buffer (1 mL, 1 M, pH 8.0) and ddH₂O (8 mL). The assay was run in 96-well plate format with the following protocol (the following bracketed figures refer to final concentrations): 100 µL DTNB assay cocktail, 25 µL *ec*FabH (0.63 µM), 25 µL Acetyl-CoA (375 µM), 25 µL Malonyl-CoA (375 µM), 5 µL ddH₂O, 20 µL NAH A1-A5 (3 mM) *or* HR45 (200 µM) in DMSO *or* DMSO control. Following 20 mins incubation at 37 °C, the reaction was initiated by the addition of malonyl-CoA and followed by monitoring absorbance change at 412 nm over 20 mins at 37 °C. The DMSO concentration was maintained at 10% to aid the solubility of the NAH compounds.

Synthetic Chemistry

Numbering of *N*-acylhydrazones

A1 - 2-fluoro-5-[(1E/Z)-[(pyridin-4-yl-formamido)imino]methyl]benzoic acid



A2 - 2-fluoro-5-[(1E/Z)-[(pyridin-3-ylformamido)imino]methyl]benzoic acid



A3 - 2-fluoro-5-[(1E/Z)-{[(3-methoxyphenyl)formamido]imino}methyl]benzoic acid



A4 - 5-[(1E/Z)-{[(4-tert-butylphenyl)formamido]imino}methyl]-2-fluorobenzoic acid



A5- 2-fluoro-5-[(1E/Z)-{[(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)formamido]imino}methyl] benzoic acid



NAH A1 ¹H NMR



NAH A1 ¹³C NMR



NAH A1 ¹⁹F NMR



NAH A2 ¹H NMR



NAH A2 ¹³C NMR



NAH A2 ¹⁹F NMR



NAH A3 ¹H NMR



NAH A3 ¹³C NMR



NAH A3 ¹⁹F NMR



NAH A4¹H NMR



NAH A4 ¹³C NMR



NAH A4 ¹⁹F NMR



NAH A5¹H NMR



NAH A5 ¹³C NMR



NAH A5 ¹⁹F NMR

