## Supplementary Data

## Lewis acidity and sugar receptor activity of 3-aminosubstituted benzoxaboroles and their *ortho*-aminomethylphenylboronic acids analogues

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	HOBO	HO, B-O NO	HO_B_O N_S	HO B-O	HO_B_OH	HO <sub>B</sub> OH	HO <sub>B</sub> OH
	1	2a	2b	2c	<b>3</b> a	<b>3</b> b	3c
pK <sub>a1</sub>	7,391	7,484	7,485	7,469	4,895	5,212	6,298
pK <sub>a2</sub>	7,387	7,480	7,326	7,376	4,943	5,134	6,371
pK <sub>a3</sub>		7,219	7,324	7,335	4,965	5,252	6,350
pK <sub>a</sub>	7,389	7,394	7,378	7,393	4,934	5,199	6,340
+/-	0,002	0,124	0,075	0,056	0,029	0,049	0,031

Table 1.  $pK_a$  values of 1, 2a-c and 3a-c determined in three independent experiments

Figure 1. Spectral data and  $pK_a$  determination; a) UV/vis spectral scans for compounds **1**, **3c** and phenylboronic acid (PBA) in solutions at various pH values; b) Normalized spectral scans (Aborbance<sub>310nm</sub> = 0); c) Spectral differences between solutions of the compounds under study; d)  $pK_a$  plots



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Table 2. The apparent binding constants (K [M<sup>-1</sup>]) of **1**, **2a-c**, **3a-c** with ARS, fructose, galactose and glucose.

	HOBO	HO, B-O N O	HO, B-O N S	HO_B-O	HO_B_OH	HO_B_OH	HO <sub>B</sub> OH
	1	2a	<b>2b</b>	<b>2c</b>	$\mathbf{3a}^1$	$\mathbf{3b}^1$	<b>3</b> c
$K_{\rm ARS}$	659	$1750 \pm 105$	2556	$2315 \pm 124$	$2900 \pm 120$	$720 \pm 40$	$3209 \pm 159$
$K_{\rm Fru}$	50	395.8±31.7	263	$930.1\pm8.9$	$120 \pm 30$	$55 \pm 4$	$449 \pm 12,7$
$K_{\text{Gal}}$	$19.1\pm0.6$	$78.4 \pm 12.1$	17.46	$58.7\pm0.2$	$100 \pm 20$	$5.7 \pm 0.8$	$48.5 \pm 15.5$
$K_{\rm Glu}$	3.9	$10.05 \pm 0.17$	14.22	$33.05 \pm 1.65$	13 ±5	$2.4 \pm 0.9$	$32.10\pm9.02$

Figure 2) The apparent binding constants determination by ARS method; a) Fluorescence spectrum of ARS at different concentrations of boronic acid; b)  $1/\Delta I_F$  versus  $1/C_{\text{boronic acid}}$ ; c) Titration of fructose into a solution of ARS and boronic acid where 20% of ARS is in a free form; d) [S]/P versus Q



Equations for binding constant determination:

$$\frac{1}{\Delta I_F} = (\Delta k p_0 K_{eq1})^{-1} \frac{1}{[C_{boronicacid}]} + (\Delta k p_0 I_0)^{-1}$$

The binding constant of ARS-phenylboronic acid (K<sub>ARS</sub>) is the quotient of the intercept and the slope in a plot of  $1/\Delta I_F$  versus  $1/C_{phenylboronic acid}$ . We compared value of K<sub>ARS</sub> =1331M<sup>-1</sup> (obtained in our lab) to the previously reported<sup>2,3</sup> (K<sub>ARS</sub>=1300M<sup>-1</sup>) to validate our method.



The binding constant of fructose-phenylboronic acid ( $K_{FRU}$ ) is determined by plotting [S]/P versus Q where:

$$P = [L_0] - \frac{1}{QK_{ARS}} - \frac{[I_0]}{Q+1} \qquad \qquad L_0 - 1 \text{ for al concentration of phenyiboromic acid} \\ I_0 - \text{Total concentration of ARS} \\ Q - \text{ratio of concentration of free ARS to complexed ARS}$$

The binding constant of fructose-phenylboronic acid ( $K_{FRU}$ ) can be calculated by dividing  $K_{ARS}$  by the slope of the plot equation:

$$\frac{[S_0]}{P} = \frac{K_{ARS}}{K_{FRU}}Q + 1 \text{ where } [S_0] - \text{Total concentration of fructose}$$









Table 3.	Selected	geometrical	parameters	for	5a.
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bond lengths, Å		bond angles, °			
O1–C12	1.3541(15)	C11-N1-C7	112.16(9)		
C1–B1	1.6230(17)	C11-N1-C8	109.83(9)		
O1–B1	1.5152(15)	C8-N1-C7	112.16(9)		
O3–C10	1.4259(15)	C6C1B1	120.08(10)		
O3–C9	1.4243(15)	C2C1B1	122.68(10)		
O4–B1	1.4580(15)	O1-B1-C1	109.74(9)		
O4–C18	1.4306(15)	O4-B1-O1	111.77(10)		
O2–C13	1.3572(15)	O4-B1-O2	110.21(9)		
O2–B1	1.5102(15)	O4-B1-C1	109.55(9)		
N1-C11	1.4940(15)	O2-B1-O1	103.20(9)		
N1-C7	1.5094(15)	O2-B1-C1	112.27(9)		
N1–C8	1.4969(15)	N1-C7-C2	110.97(9)		
torsion angles, °					
C2C1B1O4	-59.21(14)	C2C1B1O2	178.00(10)		
C1-C2-C7-N1	70.77(13)	C11-N1-C7-C2	68.01(12)		
C11-N1-C8-C9	-55.25(13)	C7-N1-C8-C9	179.30(9)		

	HA	DA	D–HA
N1-H104	1.75(2)	2.6250(13)	157(2)
O5–H5AO2 <sup>i</sup>	1.97(2)	2.7940(14)	171(2)
C8–H8BO3 <sup>ii</sup>	2.46	3.3787(15)	154
C11-H11BO1 <sup>iii</sup>	2.53	3.3267(15)	138
C17-H17O5	2.56	3.3863(17)	145
C9–H9AO5 <sup>iv</sup>	2.57	3.2996(17)	131
C10–H10A <i>Cg1</i> <sup>iii a</sup>	2.55	3.3643(13)	139
C18–H18B <i>Cg1</i>	2.62	2.8736(14)	95
C18–H18A $Cg2^{\vee}$	2.80	3.4091(14)	121
C5–H5 $Cg2^{vi}$	2.96	3.8364(13)	154

Table 4. Geometry of intra- and intermolecular interactions in 5a (Å,°).

Symmetry codes: (i) x,-1+y,z; (ii) 1-x,2-y,2-z; (iii) 1/2-x,1/2+y,3/2-z; (iv) 1/2+x,3/2-y,1/2+z; (v) 1-x,2-y,1-z;

(vi) -x,2-y,1-z.

 ${}^{a}Cg1$  and Cg2 denote the gravity centers of the phenyl and catechol ring, respectively.

Figure 3. Packing diagram<sup>4</sup> of 5a (view along [010] direction). The intermolecular hydrogen bonds are denoted with dashed lines.



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