

**STRUCTURAL BASIS FOR THE BROAD-SPECTRUM INHIBITION
OF METALLO- β -LACTAMASES BY THIOLS**

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I. Crystallographic data

Table S1. Data collection and refinement statistics

Metallo- β -Lactamase Inhibitor	CphA 2	L1 5a
Data collection		
Wavelength (\AA)	0.93100	1.54179
Resolution (\AA) ^a	39.5 - 1.66 (1.70 - 1.66)	26.55 - 2.00 (2.11 - 2.00)
Total Observations	220003	292187
Unique Observations	30263	21311
Space group	C222 ₁	P6 ₄ 22
Unit cell		
(\AA)	43.0 101.0 116.8	105.3 105.3 98.0
($^{\circ}$)	90.0 90.0 90.0	90.0 90.0 120.0
Completeness (%) ^a	99.1 (99.1)	96.5 (94.2)
Multiplicity ^a	5.7 (3.2)	13.7 (11.0)
R merge (%) ^{a, b}	8.1 (22.2)	8.4 (40.4)
$\langle I / \delta(I) \rangle$ ^a	17.1(4.4)	28.1 (5.5)
Refinement statistics		
R factor / R free (%) ^{c, d}	14.8 / 17.0	17.0 / 19.2
R. m. s. deviations		
Bond lengths (\AA)	0.010	0.013
Bond angles ($^{\circ}$)	1.28	1.40
Number of atoms (non-H)		
Zn	1	2
Inhibitor ^e	1 \times 14	1 \times 11
Sulfate ^e	4 \times 5	2 \times 5
Glycerol ^e	2 \times 6	–
Water	202	235
Average B-factor (\AA^2)	12.0	30.5

^a Number in parentheses refer to the highest resolution shell.

^b $R_{\text{merge}} = \sum_{\text{hkl}} \sum_i |I_i - \langle I \rangle| / \sum_{\text{hkl}} \sum_i I_i$.

^c $R_{\text{fact}} = \sum_{\text{hkl}} |F_o(\text{hkl}) - F_c(\text{hkl})| / \sum_{\text{hkl}} |F_o(\text{hkl})|$.

^d R_{free} was calculated based on 5% of the total data omitted during structure refinement

^e Number of molecules \times number of atoms

III. NMR

III.1 Effect of the titration of **5a/5b** to BcII followed by ^1H -NMR

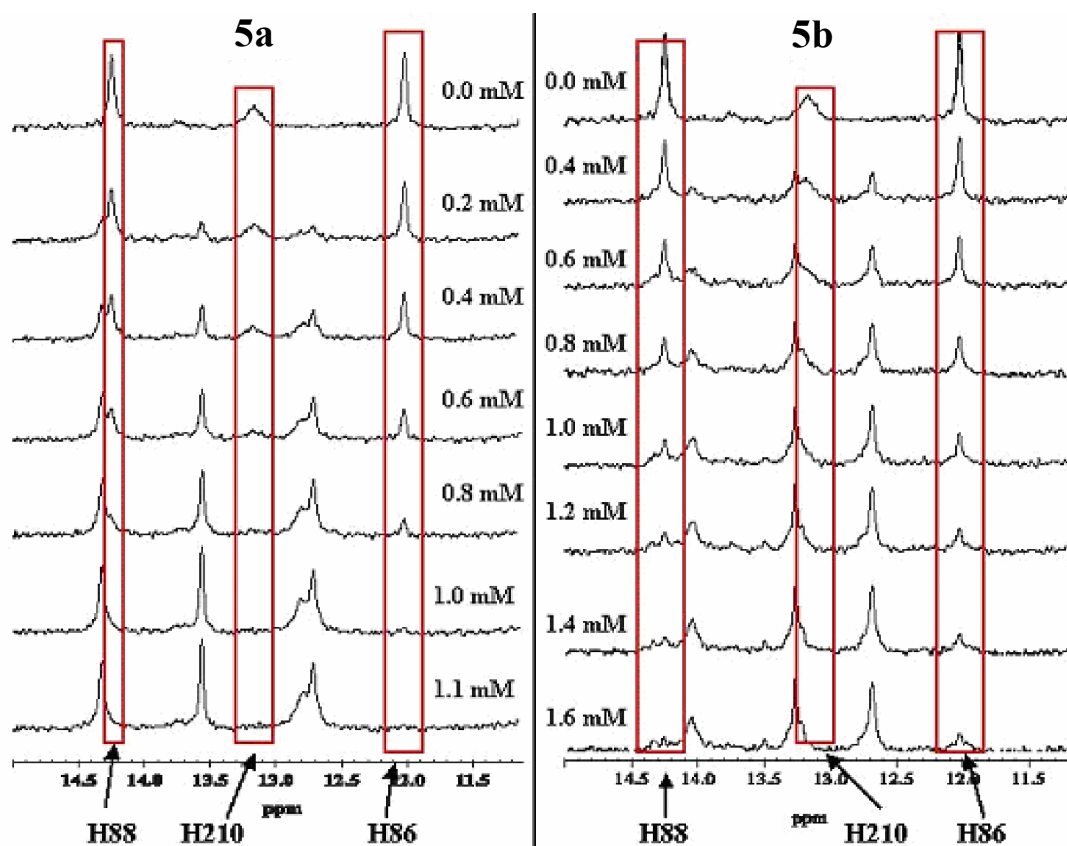


Figure S1. Selected region of the ^1H NMR spectra of the BcII MBL from *Bacillus cereus* showing the observed changes in the imidazole NH resonance signals of the metal binding histidine residues (His86, His88 and His210) during the titration of **5a** (left panel) and **5b** (right panel).

III.2 ^1H - ^{15}N HMQC spectra

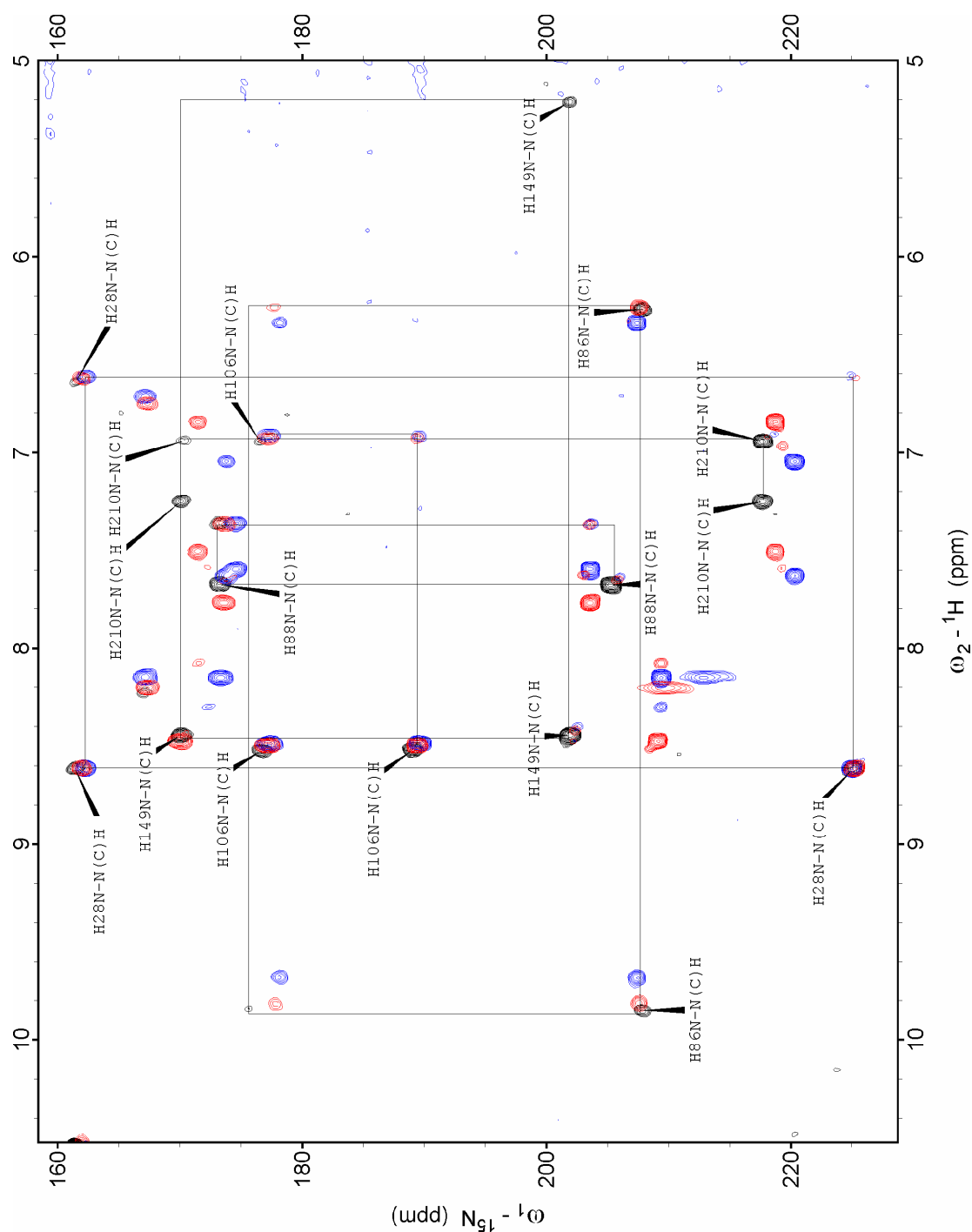


Figure S2. ^1H - ^{15}N HMQC spectrum optimized for the detection of long-range ^1H - ^{15}N couplings in the imidazole ring depicting the imidazole resonances. Cross peaks corresponding to the imidazole spin systems for BcII:Zn₂ are in black (connected by black lines), BcII:Zn₂:5a in red and BcII:Zn₂:5b in blue. Assigned spin systems are labelled by the individual cross peaks for the BcII:Zn₂ peaks only.

