Supporting Information

N-terminal peptidic boronic acids selectively inhibit human ClpXP

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Benzyl 2-methyl-3-(5,5,7a-trimethylhexahydro-4,6-methanobenzo[d][1,3,2]dioxaborol-2-

yl)propanoate (A1, A2). Using general procedure A, beginning with benzyl methacrylate and using bis[(+)-pinanediolato]diboron, the title product was isolated in 75% (403 mg) yield as a colorless oil. The diastereomers (using 150 mg) were resolved using a ChiralPak IA semi-prep column to yield 26mg (A1) and 32mg (A2). Note that the absolute configurations were not assigned.

A1: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 - 7.26 (m, 5H), 5.09 (q, J = 12.5 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.78 - 2.68 (m, 1H), 2.31 - 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.20 - 2.11 (m, 1H), 2.01 - 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.85 (ddd, J = 8.6, 6.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (ddd, J = 14.6, 3.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H),

1.22 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (dd, J = 10.1, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 1.10 (t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.03 – 0.95 (m, 1H), 0.80 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl3) δ 177.₂₆, 136.66, 128.66, 128.20, 128.17, 85.80, 77.96, 66.23, 51.56, 39.80, 38.34, 35.77, 35.65, 28.79, 27.31, 26.61, 24.19, 19.72, (B-C) 15.98. MS-ESI (*m*/*z*): [M+]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₃₀[¹¹B]O₄, 357.22; found, 357.16.



Hz, 1H), 2.18 – 2.11 (m, 1H), 1.99 (dd, J = 10.9, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.89 – 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.78 (ddd, J = 14.6, 3.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.23 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.10 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 0.99 (dd, J = 16.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 0.80 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.24, 136.67, 128.64, 128.14, 128.11, 85.78, 77.94, 66.18, 51.52, 39.77, 38.32, 35.68, 35.66, 28.82, 27.29, 26.61, 24.17, 19.56, (B-C) 15.87. MS-ESI (m/z): [M+]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₃₀[¹¹B]O₄, 357.22; found, 357.17.

2-methyl-3-((3aR,7aR)-5,5,7a-trimethylhexahydro-4,6-methanobenzo[d] [1,3,2]dioxaborol -



2-yl)propanoic acid (B1). A1 was dissolved in 2 ml MeOH in the presence of catalytic amount of 10% Pd/C and a balloon of hydrogen. After 30 minutes, the mixture was filtered through celite, the solvent dried, and the crude mixture was used without further purification. Note that the absolute configuration was not

assigned.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.22 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.33 – 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.00 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (s, 1H), 1.78 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.03 – 0.89 (m, 2H), 0.82 (s, 3H). MS-ESI (*m*/*z*): [M-H]⁻ calcd for $C_{21}H_{30}[^{11}B]O_4$, 265.16; found, 265.15.

2-methyl-3-((3aR,7aR)-5,5,7a-trimethylhexahydro-4,6-methanobenzo[d] [1,3,2]dioxaborol -2-yl)propanoic acid (B2). A2 was dissolved in 2 ml MeOH in the presence of catalytic amount



of 10% Pd/C and a balloon of hydrogen. After 30 minutes, the mixture was filtered through celite, the solvent dried, and the crude mixture was used without further purification. <u>Note that the absolute configuration was not</u>

assigned.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.23 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.34 – 2.25 (m, 1H), 2.20 – 2.12 (m, 1H), 2.00 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (s, 1H), 1.80 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.17 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.09 – 0.91 (m, 2H), 0.82 (s, 3H). MS-ESI (m/z): [M-H]⁻ calcd for C₂₁H₃₀[¹¹B]O₄, 265.16; found, 265.15.

Determination of IC₅₀ of WLS6a inhibiting ClpXP peptidase activity

Reactions contained 50mM HEPES (pH 8.1), 5mM Mg(OAc)₂, 2mM DTT, and 300nM ClpXP. Varying amounts of inhibitor were added and the reaction was incubated at room temperature for 30 min. The reaction was then incubated with 1mM ATP for 1 min at 37°C, then initiated with the addition of 500 μ M FRETN 89-98. Fluorescent emission of the cleaved peptide was monitored at 420nm for 1200 seconds with excitation at 320nm. All experiments were performed in triplicate. The rate constants for peptidase activity were determined as above and normalized to 1 by dividing by k_{obs} in the absence of inhibitor. These normalized values were plotted against concentration of 6a and fit to Equation 1¹ using Prism 4 (GraphPad)

$$\frac{v_i}{v_0} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{[I]}{IC_{50}}}$$
 Equation 1

¹ Copeland, R. A. *Enzymes: A Practical Introduction to Structure, Mechanism, and Data Analysis*, 2nd ed., John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, **2000**.

Where [I] is concentration of inhibitor and IC_{50} is the concentration of inhibitor at which cleavage is inhibited by 50%.



Figure 2: Apparent IC₅₀ determination for WLS6a inhibition of ClpXP. Varying amounts of **WLS6a** (0-1000 μ M) were incubation with 300nM ClpXP at room temperature for 30 minutes. 1mM ATP was added and the reaction was incubated at 37°C for 1 min. The reaction was initiated by the addition of 500 μ M FRETN 89-98. Normalized average k_{obs} values were fit to Equation 1 (solid line) to reveal an IC₅₀ of 29 μ M ± 9. All experiments were done in triplicate.



















































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