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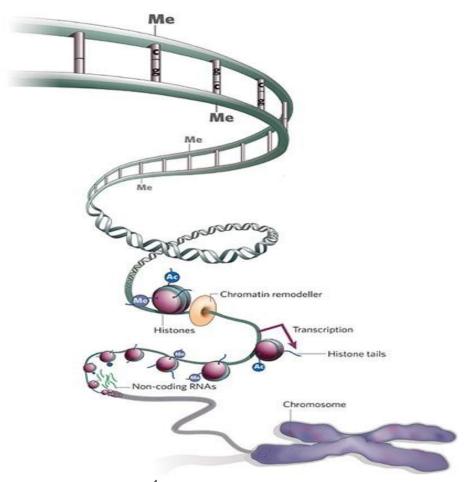
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#### **CHAPTER 1 - INTRODUCTION**

### 1.1 Gene expression by Histone Deacetylase (HDAC) proteins

The nucleosome is a unit of DNA packaged around a histone protein core (Figure 1.1).<sup>1</sup> The four core histone proteins (histone octomers, pink) are wrapped by the DNA double helix (gray), which form chromosomes (violet) through highly condensed nucleosomes. The nucleosomes carry epigenetically inherited information in the covalent modifications of the core histones. Covalent modifications of lysine residues located on histone N-terminal tails alter gene expression.



**Figure 1.1** Epigenetic mechanisms. Histone octomers (pink), DNA double stand (gray), and chromosomes (violet). *Reused with permission* 

Among the covalent modifications, the acetylation status of histone lysines histone deacetylase (HDAC) proteins is governed bν and histone acetyltransferase (HAT) proteins and is in equilibrium (Figure 1.2). HDAC and HAT proteins are two key enzymes that regulate gene transcription. The neutral, acetylated lysine allows DNA to interact with transcription factors to promote gene expression. Deacetylated positively charged lysine residues interact with the negatively charged phosphate backbone of DNA. The tight electrostatic interaction between the additional lysine residues and the negatively charged DNA backbone prevents activation with gene transcription. The overexpression of HDAC proteins shifts the equilibrium to the unmodified state and results in aberrant transcription in some cancer cells.<sup>2</sup> More specifically, overexpression of HDAC proteins induces repression of transcription and alteration in the accessibility of genes to transcriptional proteins causes reduced gene expression. Since decreasing gene expression can cause a variety of diseases, including cancers, the family of HDAC proteins has been studied.

Figure 1.2 The equilibrium activities of histone acetyltransferase (HAT) and deacetylase (HDAC)

### 1.2 HDAC protein family

The HDAC protein family consists of 18 members and is divided into four classes based on size, cellular localization, number of catalytic active site, and homology to yeast HDAC protein (Table 1.1).<sup>3</sup> Class I includes HDAC1, HDAC2, HDAC3, and HDAC8. Class II includes HDAC4, HDAC5, HDAC6, HDAC7, HDAC9, and HDAC10. Class IV includes HDAC11 as the sole member because it displays similarities to both class I and II. Class III are NAD\*-dependent proteins, referred to as sirtuins (SIRT 1-7).<sup>4</sup> Class I, II, and IV are metal ion-dependant proteins and are sensitive to the inhibitors in this dissertation.

Table 1.1. HDAC family

Metal ion-dependent			NAD⁺-dependent
Class I	Class II	Class IV	Class III
HDAC1	HDAC4	HDAC11	SIRT (1-7)
HDAC2	HDAC5		
HDAC3	HDAC6		
HDAC8	HDAC7		
	HDAC9		
	HDAC10		

Class I HDAC proteins (HDACs) are found in cancers, including ovarian (HDAC1, 2, and 3),<sup>5</sup> gastric (HDAC2),<sup>6</sup> and lung cancers (HDAC1 and HDAC3).<sup>7</sup> Class I HDACs are produced at higher levels in ovarian cancers compared to normal ovarian tissues, as assessed using small interfering RNA methodology.<sup>5</sup> Strong expression of HDAC2 was found in 44 out of a total of 71 gastric tumors.<sup>6</sup> HDAC3 is elevated in 92% of squamous cell lung carcinomas, as assessed using

immunoblot analysis.<sup>7</sup> HDAC8 is involved in acute myeloid leukemia (AML).<sup>8</sup> A common form of AML results from an abnormal fusion protein, Inv1, that binds HDAC 8. Overexpression of class II HDAC6 is observed in breast and ovarian cancer tissues.<sup>9</sup> Cell motility was increased by transfecting at HDAC6 expression plasmid into the breast cancer MCF-7 cells. Class II HDAC 10 protein is involved in the formation of tumors of skeletal muscle.<sup>10</sup> HDAC10 was detected at the highest level in the skeletal muscle tumor SJRH30 rhabdomyosarcoma cell line. The different activities that connect each HDAC isoform with cancer formation have been given significant attention on the pharmaceutical and carcinoma studies.<sup>5, 9</sup>

Even though each individual HDAC protein is involved in the formation of cancers, the role of each isoform in carcinogenesis is not clear yet. Therefore, elucidating the molecular mechanism connecting the HDAC activity of each isoform to cancer formation would facilitate studies that lead to treatment of diseases. To comprehensively understand the role of individual HDAC proteins in the growth and progression of cancer, development of selective HDAC inhibitors is required.

#### 1.3 HDAC inhibitors

New approaches towards studying the causes and treatments of cancer have been rigorously studied since cancers are one of major causes of death in the United States. With a role in cancer, several HDAC inhibitor drugs are in clinical trials for treatment of cancer. <sup>11</sup> Specifically, suberoyl anilide hydroxamic acid (SAHA, Vorinostat) was the first HDAC inhibitor approved by the Food and

Drug Administration (FDA) for treatment of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL).<sup>12</sup> Another recent FDA-approved HDAC inhibitor is depsipeptide (romidepsin, FK228), also for treatment for CTCL.<sup>13</sup> Currently, most HDAC inhibitors are paninhibitors, which similarly inhibit all HDAC proteins. Therefore, developing selective inhibitors would aid studies connecting HDAC activity to cancer formation.

Most metal ion-dependent HDAC inhibitors, including SAHA, have a similar structure construction consisting of a capping group that is solvent-exposed, a carbon linker that is surrounded by a hydrophobic tunnel, and a metal binding moiety that is buried in the protein active site (Figure 1.3).

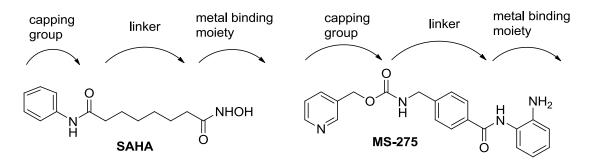
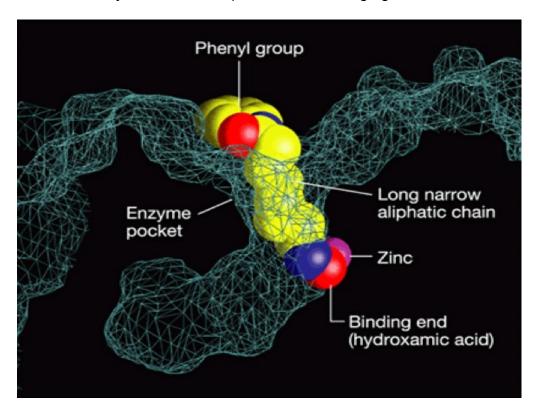


Figure 1.3. Structures of metal ion-dependent HDAC inhibitors

The crystal structure of SAHA bound in the active site of a bacterial homologue support that the SAHA anilide capping group is solvent-exposed near amino acids at the entrance of the active site, the linker positions in the hydrophobic channel, and the hydroxamic acid is located near the zinc atom at bottom of the active site (Figure 1.4). However, slight differences in the active sites of the human HDAC isoforms are not known in detail because limited crystallographic analysis is only available for HDAC2, 14 HDAC3, 15 HDAC4, 16

HDAC7 and HDAC8.<sup>17</sup> Therefore, design of isoform-selective HDAC inhibitors that inhibit only related HDAC proteins is challenging.



**Figure 1.4.** Structure of SAHA bound to an HDAC-like protein. <sup>18</sup> Reused with permission.

### 1.4 Inhibitor selectivity

Currently, most HDAC inhibitors, including SAHA, nonspecifically inhibit all eleven metal ion-dependent HDAC proteins. As a promising hypothesis, the nonselective HDAC inhibitors might cause cancer patients in the clinic to suffer from the side effects, such as fatigue, anorexia, diarrhea, and cardiac arrhythmia. <sup>19</sup> The clinical toxicity of selective inhibitors is unknown because there is no HDAC isoform selective inhibitor at present. In addition, the similarity in the active sites of the isoforms has challenged inhibitor design. <sup>20</sup> Elucidating the relationship between inhibitor selectivity and clinical toxicity might not only help understand

the role of the HDAC isoform function, but also contribute to the development of chemotherapies with fewer side effects for cancer patients.

# 1.5 Rationale for the synthesis of SAHA analogues containing substituents on the carbon linker

Towards creating isoform selective inhibitors, the structural regions of HDAC inhibitors have been studied. Particularly, the capping region and metal binding moiety have been extensively modified.<sup>21</sup> The influence of substituents on the linker region is relatively less studied, although the hydrocarbon linker has been investigated, such as varying chain length, producing points of unsaturated chain, and adding an aryl or cyclohexyl ring.<sup>22</sup> However, MS-275, which displays selectivity for class I<sup>23</sup>, contains an aryl ring in the linker region (Figure 1.3). The intra-chain aryl group structure of MS-275 suggests that selectivity may be influenced by the structure of the linker region. We designed structure activity relationship (SAR) studies of SAHA to investigate the role of the linker on inhibitory activity and selectivity. Moreover, synthesis of a library of SAHA analogs would be simple through only several steps since SAHA can be synthesized in three steps.<sup>21c</sup> With these advantages, SAHA analogue libraries and SAR studies led us to explore the impact of substituents in the linker region.

#### 1.6 Specific aims

Our goal is syntheses of SAHA analogues with substituents on the linker region. First of all, small molecule libraries of SAHA analogues would elucidate the structural requirements of potent HDAC inhibitors. Second, developing novel isoform or class selective inhibitors would be explored by testing the selectivity of

the SAHA analogues. Third, screening small molecule analogues by using Fluor de Lys™ activity assay (Enzo) would allow analyzing potency and selectivity, and exploiting veiled interaction between specific cancer formation and selectivity. The evaluation of these analogues will be helpful to improve chemotherapeutic drug design.

SAHA achieved the first FDA approval among HDAC inhibitors for cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (section 1.3). Cancer patients, however, are still suffering from side effects. Because side effects may be caused by the fact that SAHA is a pan inhibitor, the development of isoform or class-selective inhibitors would be critical to understand the relationship between toxicity and individual HDAC activity associated with cancer formation. Therefore, the development of selective inhibitors has been a significant aim for biological and pharmacological studies. Likewise, structure activity relationship (SAR) studies of small molecule HDAC inhibitors are required because only limited numbers of the selective inhibitors are reported. Therefore, our SAHA analogue syntheses and biological activity studies are a fitting starting point to design selective HDAC inhibitor and develop better chemotherapy with fewer side effects compared to current pan inhibitors.

#### 1.7 Development of isoform or class-selective inhibitors

Presently, a minority of examples of SAHA analogues containing modifications on the carbon linker are reported, in spite of the promising area. For example, a few studies of the impact of substituents on the linker have

explored hydrophobic substituents (Figure 1.5).<sup>24</sup> No potency improvement was observed in  $\omega$ -Alkoxy analogues  $A_a$ - $A_d$ . In contrast to the  $\omega$ -Alkoxy analogues of SAHA, aminosuberoyl hydroxamic acid analogue A<sub>e</sub> is slightly more potent than SAHA.<sup>24b</sup> Furthermore, studies modifying the chain, such as alternating chain length and creating an unsaturated chain, were performed as HDAC inhibitors. 22c, 25 None of the sulfonamides B<sub>a-d</sub> (HDAC1 IC<sub>50</sub> 0.1-1 µM) having different chain length and unsaturated chain displayed potency compared to highly potent HDAC inhibitors, such as trichostatin A (TSA, IC<sub>50</sub> 0.005 µM) and SAHA (HDAC1 IC<sub>50</sub> 0.096 µM).<sup>25a</sup> However, when polyaminohydroxamic acid derivatives C<sub>a</sub>, C<sub>b</sub> were altered in the polyamine chain and terminal group, these analogues promoted increased level of acetylated histones H3, H4 and acetylated  $\alpha$ -tubulin. <sup>25b</sup> In case of  $C_a$ , the increased level of acetylated  $\alpha$ -tubulin was significant while  $C_b$  had no effect on the acetylation status of  $\alpha$ -tubulin. Despite the modest change in chain length, distinct differences compared to SAHA were observed. As examples of various aryl or cycloalkyl groups in the linker, N-hydroxycarboxamides possessing the 1,4-cylohexylene group  $D_a$  and 1.4-phenylene group D<sub>b</sub> were synthesized and showed only modest activities (WST-1 IC<sub>50</sub> 77.9, 38.8 μM).<sup>20c</sup> In summary, SAR series of SAHA with substituents have been modestly explored. As a result, in our exploratory studies of the impact of substituents on the linker, several libraries of SAHA analogues were synthesized on the 2, 3, 6, and 7 positions to explore potency and selectivity (Figure 1.6).

**Figure 1.5**. Structure Activity Relationship (SAR) Studies: HDAC inhibitors modified at the linker. The examples of substituents on the linker (left). The modification of chain length, creation of unsaturated chain, and alternation of aryl and cycloalkyl groups (right).

Figure 1.6. SAHA analogues containing substituents on the C2, C3, C6, and C7 positions

# 1.8 Preparation of SAHA analogues containing substituents on the linker near the hydroxamic acid

Since the metal binding site may be partially responsible for the potency of inhibitors, substituents on the SAHA linker area near hydroxamic acid were introduced. Our research group initially reported the synthesis and biological activity of C2-SAHA analogues to explore the impact of substituents near

hydroxamic acid.<sup>26</sup> HDAC inhibitory activities of C2-SAHA analogues were measured using in vitro fluorescence activity assay kit (Table 1.2).

**Table 1.2.** HDAC inhibition by SAHA, MS-275, and the C2-SAHA analogues using HeLa cell lysates

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	C2-SAHA analogues			
Compounds	R	IC <sub>50</sub> , μM <sup>a</sup>		
SAHA		$0.090 \pm 0.004$		
MS-275		$3.2 \pm 0.1$		
	Methyl	$134\pm 6$		
	Ethyl	$449\pm17$		
	<i>n</i> -Propyl	$154\pm7$		
	<i>n</i> -Butyl	$72\pm 6$		
	<i>n</i> -Pentyl	$40\pm3$		
	n-Hexyl	$60\pm5$		
	Allyl	144 ± 9		
	Propargyl	$87\pm5$		
	Benzyl	226 ± 11		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Values are the mean of three experiments with standard error given.

The smallest compound, the methyl variant (IC $_{50}$  134  $\mu$ M), displayed 1500 and 50-fold decreased inhibition compared to SAHA (IC $_{50}$  0.09  $\mu$ M) and MS-275 (IC $_{50}$  134  $\mu$ M). Even the most potent pentyl variant showed 439 and 12-fold decreased activity compared to SAHA and MS-275. Regardless of the substituent size, SAHA analogues modified on the C2 position displayed inhibition in the  $\mu$ M range. The high IC $_{50}$  values of the C2-SAHA analogues indicate that only limited steric size is tolerated in the HDAC active site near the

hydroxamic acid. In other words, bulky substituents near the solvent exposed capping group might be more tolerated in the HDAC active site.

The tendency for significantly decreased inhibition due to substituents near the hydroxamic acid proposed designing potent inhibitors. Specifically, the poor inhibition of C2-SAHA analogues suggests that analogues with substituents positioned closer to the capping group on the C3 position might be more tolerated in the HDAC active site. However, we hypothesized that the inhibitory activity could be unpredictable because substituents on each linker position would have different impact in the HDAC active site channel. Besides, the substituents on the C3 position could favorably interact with HDAC active site since the 14 Å internal channel near the hydroxamic acid is nearer to C3 carbon linker than C2 carbon (Figure 1.4). Therefore, a library of C3-SAHA analogues would explore the interaction of the inhibitor with the HDAC active site for potent and selective inhibition. The detailed synthesis and biological activity of the library of C3-SAHA analogues are described in Chapter 2.

# 1.9 Preparation of SAHA analogues containing substituents on the linker near the capping group

Small molecules with substituents on the capping group or on the linker region near the capping group have shown great potency (nM range) and moderate selectivity (class-selectivity) (Figure 1.7).<sup>27</sup> Specifically, FK-228 (depsipeptide), which gained FDA approval for cutaneous T-cell lymphoma in 2009,<sup>28</sup> displayed about 300-fold greater potency for HDAC1 and HDAC2 over HDAC6.<sup>29</sup> Apicidin also displayed 17-230-fold greater potency for HDAC2, 3, and

8 over HDAC1, 4, 6, 7, and 9.<sup>30</sup> Trapoxin B showed HDAC1 selectivity over HDAC6.<sup>27c</sup> The large capping groups in these HDAC inhibitors suggest that selectivity is influenced by the capping group substituents.

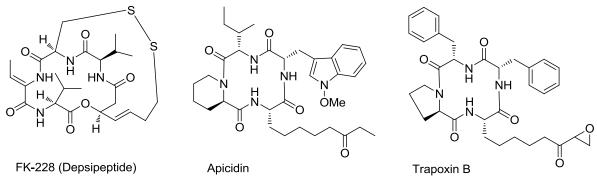


Figure 1.7. Known class-selective HDAC inhibitors with bulky groups

As an example of HDAC selective inhibitor SAR studies with bulky groups on the linker near the capping group, compound  $\mathbf{E_a}$  (IC<sub>50</sub> 730 nM) containing the unusual L-Aoda amino acid was selected and modified (Table 1.3). The compounds contain a ketone motif, pentyl chain, and indole group instead of macrocycle. Although most of compounds lost 2-10 fold activity in the antiproliferation assay, the 3-piperid-1-ylpropanamide variant  $\mathbf{E_h}$  demonstrated improved enzyme and cellular activities. As a result, this SAR study altering the substituents near the capping group demonstrates the structural requirement between inhibitor structures and HDAC functions and directs the design of specific cancer drugs.

**Table 1.3.** HDAC1 and PRO (HeLa) inhibition by SAHA, MS-275, Apicidin, the compound  $\mathbf{E}_{a}$ , and derivatives

Compounds	R	HDAC1 IC <sub>50</sub> , nM	PRO (HeLa)IC <sub>50</sub> , nM
SAHA		27	460
MS-275		110	1800
Apicidin		44	290
Ea		590	730
E <sub>b</sub>	Me	930	7600
E <sub>c</sub>	S	590	3000
E <sub>d</sub>	S-N N	480	3400
E <sub>e</sub>	Me	540	2500
E <sub>f</sub>	NMe	200	1200
$E_g$	NMe	220	2000
E <sub>h</sub>	, N	190	<390

Since selective inhibition could be influenced by bulky capping groups, SAHA analogues with large substituents on the capping group or on the linker

area near the capping group have been frequently designed, synthesized, and evaluated (Figure 1.8).24a, 32 33 Based on a docking analysis in the crystal structures of HDAC7 and HDAC8<sup>34</sup> of the  $\omega$ -alkoxy analogue  $A_b$ , a T-shape arrangement between substituents near the SAHA capping group and the lipophilic pockets surrounded by phenylalanine (Phe) residues was found. A  $\pi$ - $\pi$ interaction between the p-methoxybenzyl moieties and Phe208 and Phe152 residues in the HDAC active site might influence isoform selectivity. Although selective inhibition of the ω-alkoxy analogue was not improved, it had superior  $N^1$ -hydroxy- $N^8$ antiproliferative activity. On the other hand. ferrocenlyoctanediamide, JAHA, displayed picomolar inhibition against class IIa HDAC6 (IC<sub>50</sub> 8 pM) and anticancer action in intact cells (MCF7 cell line). Cytotoxicity against a breast cancer cell line indicated that SAHA is the most cytotoxic compound (IC<sub>50</sub> 730nM in MCF7 breast cancer cell lines) compared to the JAHA series ( $IC_{50}$  2-5µM in MCF7 breast cancer cell lines). The data suggest that the modification of SAHA with bulky groups improves selectivity with potency, but displays similar cytotoxicity against the cancer cell line to the parent compound in vivo.

**Figure 1.8**. Examples of SAHA analogues containing substituents on the linker area near the capping group (left) and on the capping group (right)

#### 1.10 Novel HDAC6-selective inhibitors

We have discussed potential isoform or class-selective inhibitors, and common efficacious compounds targeting class I-selectivity. 23a, 27c, 29-30 Fewer studies have focused on development of class II HDAC selective inhibitors. A recent cardiac study reported that stressed myocardium showed catalytic activity from the class IIb HDAC, HDAC6.35 Also, overexpression of HDAC6 was detected in ovarian and breast cancer tissues.9 Since HDAC6 contains two catalytic sites, development and design of HDAC6 selective inhibitor would elucidate the function and mechanism of HDAC6. Tubacin is a well-known HDAC6 selective inhibitor and displayed 4-fold greater potency for HDAC6 over HDAC1 (Figure 1.9).<sup>36</sup> Interestingly, the structure of tubacin has similarity with class I selective SAHA analogues with bulky substituents at the capping group. Slightly different modification on the capping group critically effects selectivity. The recent SAR studies of Tubastatin A showed improved selectivity (Figure 1.9).<sup>37</sup> Tubastatin A displayed greater than 1000-fold selectivity against HDAC6 (IC<sub>50</sub> 15 nM) compared to HDAC1 (16 μM). An extensive library of tubastatin A indicated that tricyclic compounds displayed highly selective inhibition compared to other compounds. The structure of Tubastatin A motivates designing new isoform selective inhibitors. A detailed discussion of tricyclic compounds will be discussed in Chapter 4.

Figure 1.9. Structures of HDAC6-selective inhibitors

# 1.11 Evaluation of SAHA analogues containing substituents on the linker near the hydroxamic acid and capping group

Our initial syntheses of libraries of SAHA analogues on the C2 and C3 position was achieved with substituents containing hydrophobic groups since the carbon linker region of SAHA is surrounded by hydrophobic channel (Figure 1.4). The data showed that only limited tolerance exists in the HDAC active site near the metal binding moiety. In contrast, small molecules with large bulky groups have been synthesized near or on the capping group, leading to potent inhibitors. The outcome suggests that the area near the capping group of HDAC inhibitors has great tolerance of steric bulky group in the HDAC active sites, confirming our hypothesis. Therefore, our syntheses of libraries of C6 and C7-SAHA analogues have introduced bulky substituents near the capping group (Chapter 3 and 4). Moreover, the substituents of the SAHA analogues on the C7 position, which is located closest to the capping group, might allow monitoring the interactions between hydrophilic substituents and the HDAC active sites

since the substituents would be placed on the entrance of the solvent exposed area.

# 1.12 Structure activity relationship (SAR) studies from matrix metalloproteinases (MMP), another hydroxamic acid binding protein

Several series of hydrophilic substituents were attached to small molecule inhibitors for improving anti-cancer drugs. Natural or medicinal compounds containing nitrogen have been designed and used in clinical studies or treatments of various diseases because of their outstanding chemical and biological activities. For instance, the matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs), like HDACs, are relevant enzymes involved in physiologically important processes. <sup>39</sup> Both MMP and HDAC protein are zinc-including metalloproteinases, which favorably interact with the hydroxamic acid moiety. Structural information on MMPs is related to HDACs because of their relationship as metal-dependent proteases. Since proteolysis of the extracellular matrix is found in numerous arthritis and cancers<sup>40</sup>, several MMP inhibitors as therapeutics were discovered and modified. Even though HDAC and MMP proteins have similar proteases activities, SAR studies of MMP inhibitors with substituents containing nitrogen have been more explored than with HDAC inhibitors.

**Table 1.4.** Collagenase 1 (MMP1), gelatinase-A (MMP2), stromelysin 1 (MMP3), gelatinase-B (MMP9), collagenase 3 (MMP13) inhibition by *N*-aryl sulfonyl homocysteine hydroxamate analogues

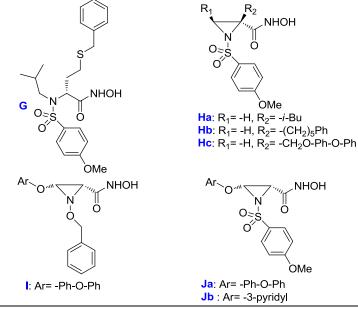
		IC <sub>50</sub> , nM			
R	MMP1	MMP2	MMP3	MMP9	MMP13
Fa	51	0.7	1.6	0.2	0.5
N H					
F <sub>b</sub>	20	1.2	2.2	0.2	1.1
N N					
Fc	nt	0.30	nt	0.01	nt
N H					
F <sub>d</sub>	nt	2.3	3.7	0.5	4.5
HZH					
F <sub>e</sub>	39	0.4	1.1	0.2	0.4
N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N					
F <sub>f</sub>	nt	8.82	nt	1.88	nt
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As one fruitful example, the design, synthesis, and evaluation of MMP inhibitors were studied with *N*-aryl sulfonyl homocysteine hydroxamate inhibitors (Table 1.4).<sup>41</sup>The data showed that hydrophobic aryl groups significantly influenced potency. The dipyridyl methyl amide analogue  $F_e$  displayed similar potency to the monopyridyl analogue  $F_b$  while the additional cyclohexyl analogue  $F_f$  lost potent activity compared to the single cyclohexyl analogue  $F_c$ . On the other hand, both monopyridyl  $F_b$  and dipyridyl  $F_e$  analogues displayed greater than 20-fold selectivity against MMP2, MMP3, MMP9, and MMP13 compared to MMP1. The polarity of the pyridyl derivatives containing nitrogen might be a significant factor for MMP selectivity.

As another representative example, MMP pyridyl derivatives enhanced biological inhibitory activity (Table 1.5). Compounds  $H_a$ ,  $H_b$ , and  $J_b$  displayed poor potency, while inactivity was observed in compounds  $H_c$ , I, and  $J_a$ . On the other hand, the pyridyl group on compound  $J_b$  lead to great potency with the selective inhibitory activity for MMP9 (IC<sub>50</sub> 83 nM) against MMP1 (IC<sub>50</sub> 15000 nM). The aliphatic substituents on compound  $H_a$  and  $H_b$  lead to greater inhibitory activity compared to analogues with the hydrophilic sustituents ( $H_c$ , I, and  $J_a$ ). Despite the hydrophilicity of pyridyl group, the favorable interaction of the pyridyl derivative with MM9 specified that the nitrogen atom may impart selectivity.

**Table 1.5.** Collagenase 1 (MMP1), gelatinase-A (MMP2), stromelysin 1 (MMP3), gelatinase-B (MMP9), collagenase 3 (MMP13) inhibition by *N*-arylsulfonylaziridine hydroxamic acid analogues



Compounds			IC <sub>50</sub> , nM		
Compounds	MMP1	MMP2	MMP3	MMP9	MMP13
G	104	0.7	0.7	2.5	12
H <sub>a</sub>	>10 000	617	213	184	380
H <sub>b</sub>	26 400	259	595	203	231
H <sub>c</sub>	>100 000	15 000	10 000	4 770	8 775
1	56 000	98 000	>100 000	>100 000	>100 000
$J_a$	50 000	3 600	2 000	500	>100 000
$J_{b}$	15 000	237	164	83	300

## 1.13 Evaluation of a pyridyl substituent on an HDAC inhibitor, Largazole

As the most recent example of the enhanced biological activity of an HDAC inhibitor containing nitrogen, natural product largazole analogues were reported with significant bioactivity (Figure 1.10).<sup>42</sup> Largazole was isolated from a marine cyanobacterium of the genus *Symploca* and showed selective activity against transformed human mammary epithelial cells (MDA-MB-231, GI<sub>50</sub> 7.7 nM) over nontransformed murine mammary epithelial cells (NMuMG, GI<sub>50</sub> 122 nM).<sup>43</sup> Also, the selectivity was displayed against transformed fibroblastic

osteosarcoma cells (U2OS,  $GI_{50}$  55 nM) over nontransformed fibroblasts (NIH3T3,  $GI_{50}$  480 nM). Analogues  $K_a$  and  $K_b$  showed significantly increased inhibitory activities for HDAC1 over HDAC6 (80%) while the parent compound (largazole) and analogue  $K_c$  displayed modest selective inhibition. Investigation of potential selective inhibitors has been an attractive target for chemists and biologists since specific isoforms might offer opportunities to develop selective anti-cancer drugs. With the biological activity trend, a compound containing a pyridyl group was synthesized, screened, and discussed in our research (Chapter 4).

Figure 1.10. Structures of largazole and analogues

Currently, SAHA and the other candidates inhibit multiple HDAC members. However, isoform-specific HDAC inhibitors are promising targets with respect to clinical efficacy due to the fact that broad-spectrum inhibitors have demonstrated toxicities in the clinic.44 The mechanism of relative action between the selectivity and toxicity of HDAC inhibitors in the clinic is not well-defined, but might reveal new mechanism-based therapeutics for cancers. Therefore, several studies have reported a link among different HDAC family members, specific tumor characteristics, and reduced toxicity profiles. 45 Specifically, HDAC inhibitor cytotoxicities of pediatric acute myeloid leukemia (AML) cell lines were tested by usina MTT (3-[4,5-dimethyl-thiazol-2-yl]-2,5-diphenylterazolium-bromide) assays. 45e At clinically practicable concentrations, dual HDAC inhibitors that inhibited both HDAC1 and HDAC6 displayed the best anti-leukemic activities in the four pediatric AML cell lines (THP-1, CMS, Kasumi-1, and MV4-11). As mentioned earlier, pre-clinical evaluation of HDAC6-selective inhibitors was highlighted in cardiovascular disease.<sup>35</sup> Furthermore, investigating HDAC inhibitors with hydrophilic substituents including a pyridyl group might enhance selective inhibition compared to common pan inhibitors. Even though the function or regulation of individual HDAC proteins is still not clear, the development of the specific-isoform HDAC protein inhibitors will lead optimal drugs for a variety of specific diseases.

# CHAPTER 2 – SYNTHESIS OF SAHA ANALOGUES MODIFIED AT THE C3 POSITION

# 2.1 Rationale for design of the SAHA analogues containing substituents on the C3 position

Inhibitor binding to a zinc atom at the bottom of the active site plays a critical role in potency. Therefore, introducing substituents near hydroxamic acid would help understand structural requirements of HDAC inhibitors. The SAR study of SAHA on the linker area is relatively unexplored, in spite of it is being a fruitful potential area (Chapter 1.5). Especially, there is the possibility to develop isoform selective inhibitors through designing a library of SAHA analogues on the linker. When SAHA is present in HDAC active site, it has been observed that the linker is tightly surrounded by a hydrophobic tunnel (Figure 1.4). We theorized that hydrophobic substituents attached at the linker would display better interaction with the HDAC active site than hydrophilic substituents.

To explore the impact of substituents in the liker area, we previously studied SAHA analogues with hydrophobic substituents attached on the C2 position (Figure 2.1).<sup>26</sup> In this case, inhibitor potency was significantly reduced regardless of substituent size. The lack of potency of the C2-SAHA analogues indicates that limited flexibility exists in the HDAC active site near the hydroxamic

**Figure 2.1**. Structures of SAHA analogues containing substituents on the C2 and C3 position

range) HDAC

inhibitors have been created with bulky substituent near the solvent-exposed region.<sup>27c, 31, 46</sup> Therefore, we proposed that HDAC proteins would be more tolerant of SAHA analogues containing substituents positioned closer to the solvent exposed surface.

To systematically probe the impact of substituents present in the linker, SAHA analogues with substituents on the C3 position were synthesized (Figure 2.1).<sup>47</sup> We theorized that analogues with substituents attached at the C3 position would display more potent inhibition compared to analogues with C2 substituents due to their location closer to the solvent-exposed region.

## 2.2 Initial synthesis

We initially synthesized the C3-SAHA n-butyl analogue 1a, as shown Scheme 1. The ring of commercially available  $\epsilon$ -caprolactone 2 was opened with aniline and trimethyl aluminum to give alcohol 3, which was subjected to Swern oxidation to give aldehyde 4. The Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction with trimethyl phosphonoacetate gave the corresponding  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsturated ester 5. The (E) and (Z)-isomers of ester 5 were separated by column chromatography and then individually treated with a copper (I) bromide dimethylsulfide complex to give the n-butyl ester 6a. Saponification of 6a gave carboxylic acid 7, which was coupled with O-benzyl-protected hydroxamine. O-benzyl-protected hydroxamic acid 8 was deprotected by hydrogenolysis to give the C3-n-butyl SAHA 1a.

**Scheme 2.1**. Initial synthesis of C3-SAHA analogue (*n*-butyl derivative **1a**)

## 2.3 Optimized synthesis

To create the remaining C3-SAHA analogues, several aspects of the synthesis were improved (Scheme 2.2).

Scheme 2.2. Optimized synthesis of C3-SAHA analogues 1d -1e

First, the 1,4-conjugate addition reaction (5 to 6) was performed using a mixture of (E) and (Z) isomers without the separation. Second, we found that when preparing compound 6e from methyl lithium, no addition product was observed. However, addition of trimethylsilane chloride (TMSCI) to the reaction gave excellent yield. 48 With this success, TMSCI was included in the addition reaction with all remaining analogues. Finally, we used a direct, one-step conversion of ester 6 to the final product 1. In the synthesis of C3-n-butyl SAHA 1a, a benzyl-protected hydroxamic acid intermediate 8 was used en route to the hydroxamic acid final product, as previously reported (Scheme 1).26 However, 40% yield after three steps (saponification, coupling O-benzyl hydroxylamine, and benzyl deprotection) was unsatisfying. The direct conversion using neutralized hydroxylamine in methanol was more efficient compared to the threestep conversion and was employed for all remaining analogues (1b-1e). Using theses modified conditions, the phenyl, ethyl, vinyl, and methyl analogues 1b-1e were synthesized (Scheme 2.2).

# 2.4 Biological analysis

The inhibitory activities of the C3-SAHA were measured using Fluor de Lys™ *in vitro* fluorescence activity assay kit (Biomol) using HeLA cell lysates as the source of HDAC activity by Dr. Sujith Weerasinghe (Table 2.1).<sup>26</sup>

The methyl variant  $\mathbf{1e}$  was the most potent analogue, displaying an IC<sub>50</sub> of 350 nM, which is only 4-fold less potent than SAHA (90 nM). Theses results indicate that the active site of HDAC proteins can accommodate a small methyl

substituent at the C3 position. The potency of the remaining analogues decreased with increasing size of the C3 substituent. The *n*-butyl and phenyl analogues (**1a** and **1b**) displayed the weakest inhibitory activity (184 µM and 73 µM, respectively). Interestingly, the ethyl-substituted analogue **1c** displayed 91-fold decreased activity compared to the methyl analogue **1e**, despite containing only one additional methylene. Likewise, the vinyl analogue **1d** showed significantly reduce activity compared to the methyl analogue **1e**. In total, the data indicated that a C3-methyl substituted SAHA analogue maintains nM potency, but substituents larger than methyl result in a reduction in potency.

**Table 2.1**. HDAC inhibition by SAHA, MS-275, and the C3-SAHA analogues using HeLa cell lysates

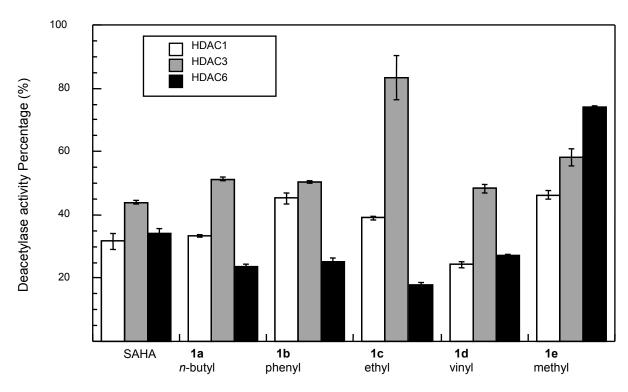
Compounds	R	IC <sub>50</sub> , μM <sup>a</sup>	
SAHA		0.090 ± 0.004	
MS-275		$3.2 \pm 0.1$	
1a	<i>n</i> -Butyl	184 ± 14	
1b	Phenyl	73 ± 14	
1c	Ethyl	32 ± 4	
1d	Vinyl	15 ± 1	
1e	Methyl	$0.350\pm0.05$	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Values are the mean of three experiments with standard error given.

The inhibition results are consistent with the hypothesis that linker substituents are accommodated in the HDAC active site when positioned closer to the solvent exposed capping group of SAHA. While the C3-methyl analogue displayed potency comparable to SAHA (4-fold reduced), the previously reported

C2-methyl analogue (IC $_{50}$  of 134  $\mu$ M) displayed 1488-fold reduced activity versus SAHA. <sup>26</sup> Interestingly, the C3-*n*-butyl variant **1a** is less potent (184  $\mu$ M IC $_{50}$ ) than the previously reported C2-*n*-butyl analogue (72  $\mu$ M IC $_{50}$ ), <sup>26</sup> suggesting that the area of the HDAC active site near the C2 and C3 linker position displays structural differences.

We next tested the isoform selectivity of the C3-SAHA analogues. Creating isoform selective HDAC inhibitors has been challenging. <sup>20</sup> However, the availability of selective inhibitors would provide powerful chemical tools to dissect the individual functions of the HDAC isoforms, in addition to providing lead antitumor drug candidates. To assess the isoform selectivity of the C3-SAHA analogues, HDAC1 and HDAC3 representing class I and HDAC6 representing class II were tested at a single concentration near to their IC<sub>50</sub> values using the Fluor de Lys™ kit (Figure 2.2). As expected, SAHA almost equally inhibited HDAC1, HDAC3, and HDAC6.<sup>30</sup> In contrast, the ethyl variant **1c** showed greater potency for HDAC6 over HDAC1 and HDAC3 at 32 μM. The butyl, phenyl, and vinyl variants (**1a**, **1b**, and **1c**) also showed similar, although more modest, preference for HDAC6 over HDAC3.



**Figure 2.2**. Screen of C3-SAHA analogues against HDAC1, HDAC3, and HDAC6 with 125 nM SAHA,  $32~\mu M$  **1a-d**, and 375~nM **1e**.

To more rigorously assess the selectivity observed in the initial screen, we determined the  $IC_{50}$  values of the C3-ethyl variant **1c** because it displayed the most promising results in the initial screen. The C3-ethyl analogue **1c** displayed 12-fold selectivity for HDAC6 over HDAC3 and 3-fold selectivity for HDAC6 over HDAC1 (Table 2.2). In addition, it displayed selectivity within class I, with 4-fold preference for HDAC1 over HDAC3. As a control, SAHA displayed similar inhibitor activity against the isoform, as expected (Table 2.2). The isoform selectivity analysis shows that a substituent on the C3 position can transform SAHA from non-selective inhibitor to an HDAC6-selective one. As a comparison, the HDAC6-selective inhibitor tubacin displays 7-fold selectivity for HDAC6 over

HDAC1<sup>49</sup> and has been used widely in cell biology studies.<sup>50</sup> Therefore, the data indicate that isoform selective SAHA analogues can be generated by attaching a substituent to the linker chain.

**Table 2.2**.  $IC_{50}$  values of SAHA and the C3-ethyl SAHA variant  ${f 1c}$  for HDAC1, HDAC3, and HDAC6

Compound	$IC_{50}/\mu M^a$				
	HDAC1	HDAC3	HDAC6		
SAHA	0.096 ± 0.016	0.146 ± 0.012	0.074 ± 0.009		
1c	22 ± 2	97 ± 6	8 ± 1		

SAHA analogues with substituents on the C3 position displayed HDAC6-selective inhibition, in contrast to the broad-spectrum inhibitor SAHA. These results reveal that small structural changes in the linker region of SAHA can significantly influence selectivity.

### 2.5 Experimentals

#### 2.5.1 General methods

Starting materials, reagents, and solvents for reactions obtained from Acros, Sigma-Aldrich, and VWR were used as purchased. Moisture-sensitive reactions were performed under argon with dried glassware and dry solvent. Iron-sensitive reactions were performed with acid-washed glassware and were purified with silica gel that was washed with 6M aqueous hydrochloric acid through at least 3 times. Thin-layer chromatography with 60Å, 250µm Partisil® K6F fluorescent indicator plates was used to monitor reactions. Flash

chromatography was performed with 60 Å, 230-400 mesh silica gel (Whatman). Solvents were removed by rotary evaporation (Büchi Rotavapor R-114 and Büchi Waterbath B-480) and a vacuum pump (Welch Vaccum, Thomas Industries, Inc.). NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl $_3$  or CD $_3$ OD using a Varian Unity 300 MHz or Varian L900 400 MHz. Mass spectrometric analysis was performed at Wayne State University's Central Instrumentation facility using a Waters LCT Premier XE ESI-LC-MS TOF or a Waters GCT EI-TOF. IR spectra were recorded in Jasco FT/IR – 4100. HPLC analysis was performed with a Waters 1525 Binary HPLC pump, Waters 2998 Photodiode Array detector, and a Symmetry® Reverse Phase C $_{18}$  5µm column (4.6x150 mm Diameter) using a gradient of 10% Buffer A to 90% Buffer B over 20 min (Buffer A = water with 0.1% TFA; Buffer B = HPLC grade acetonitrile) at 1.0 mL/min at room temperature.

## 2.5.2 Experimental Procedures and Compound Characterization

**5-Hydroxy-***N***-phenylpentanamide (3).** Trimethyl aluminum (1.88 mL, 3.75 mmol) and aniline (0.34 mL, 3.75 mmol) were stepwise added to a solution of  $\varepsilon$ -caprolactone (0.28 mL, 2.5 mmol) in dry THF (25 mL) at 0°C. The mixture was stirred and warmed to room temperature over 3 h. The reaction mixture was quenched by a dropwise addition of 1.0 M aqueous hydrochloric acid until evolution of gas was not observed. The mixture was subsequently diluted with anhydrous diethyl ether (10 mL) and washed with distilled water (5 mL). The

aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether (10 mL) at least 3 times. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (20% acetone/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) on silica gel to give **3** (469 mg, 91%).  $^{1}$ H-NMR ( $\bar{o}$ , ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.71 (m, 2H), 2.39 (bs, 1H), 2.60 (m, 2H), 3.59 (m, 2H), 7.10 (t, 1H), 7.29 (t, 2H), 7.59 (d, 2H), 7.90 (bs, 1H);  $^{13}$ C-NMR ( $\bar{o}$ , ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 25.8, 25.9, 32.1, 39.1, 61.9, 120.2, 124.1, 128.9, 138.8, 173.5; IR: 3298, 3136, 3063, 2936, 2863, 1663, 1599, 1544, 1498, 1442, 1309, 908, 730 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, m/z): found [M] 207.1259, calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>, 207.1259.

6-Oxo-6-(phenylamino)hexanal (4). To a solution of DMSO (1.75 mL, 24.62 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (75 mL) was added oxalyl chloride (5.60 mL, 11.19 mmol) dropwise and then 5-hydroxy-N-phenylpentanamide 3 (1.55 g, 7.46 mmol) stepwise at -78°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 45 min before triethylamine (TEA, 7.05 mL, 50.73 mmol) was added dropwise at -78 °C. The mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for an additional 1 h. The reaction mixture was quenched by adding distilled water (75 mL). The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25mL) and washed with 1.0 M aqueous hydrochloric acid (25 mL), an aqueous solution of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (100 mL), and brine (100 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (ether:petroleum ether 4:1) on silica gel to give 4 (1.25 g, 81%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm,

CHLOROFORM-D): 1.67-1.72 (m, 4H), 2.36 (t, 2H), 2.47 (t, 2H), 7.07 (t, 1H), 7.28 (t, 2H), 7.52 (d, 2H), 9.74 (bs, 1H);  $^{13}$ C-NMR ( $\delta$ , ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 21.7, 25.1, 37.4, 43.8, 120.2, 124.5, 129.2, 138.2, 171.3, 202.7; IR: 3305, 3198, 3140, 3059, 2940, 2866, 2826, 2726, 1721, 1664, 1599, 1543, 1498, 1442, 1310, 909, 730 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, m/z): found [M] 205.1106, calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>, 205.1103.

8-Oxo-8-(phenylamino)-oct-2-enoate (5). To a solution of NaH (435 mg, 10.88 mmol) in THF (64 mL) was added trimethyl phosphonoacetate (1.6 mL, 10.88 mmol) dropwise at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred for 15 min. To the solution was added 6-oxo-6-(phenylamino)hexanal 4 (1.3 g, 6.40 mmol) at -78 °C and the mixture was stirred for 15 min. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for an additional 1 h. The mixture was guenched by addition of an aqueous solution of saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl until evolution of gas was not observed. The mixture was washed with distilled H<sub>2</sub>O (64 mL) at least 3 times. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (ether:petroleum ether 2:3) on silica gel to give 5 (E-isomer; 1,136 mg, 68%, Z-isomer; 289mg, 17%). For preparation of butyl derivative **6a**, the E and Z isomers were used separately, as described below. For the other derivatives 6b-e, the E isomer alone or a mixture of E/Z isomers was used. Synthesis of the mixture of E/Z isomers was similar that of each isomer, except the following reagents were used: trimethyl

phosphonoacetate (391 mL, 2.57 mmol) in THF (15 mL), NaH (102 mg, 4.27 mmol) and 6-oxo-6-(phenylamino)hexanal **4** (310 mg, 1.51 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (ether:petroleum ether 2:3) on silica gel to give **5** (**E+Z**) (391 mg, 99%). (Z)-isomer <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.76 (m, 2H), 2.38 (t, 2H), 2.68 (q, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 5.79 (d, 1H, J=180 Hz), 6.24 (m, 1H), 7.09 (t, 1H), 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d, 2H), 7.64 (s, 1H); (E)-isomer <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.76 (m, 2H), 2.21 (q, 2H), 2.38 (t, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 5.82 (d, 1H, J=448 Hz), 6.94 (m, 1H), 7.08 (t, 1H) 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, 2H); (E+Z)-isomer <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 25.3, 27.8, 32.2, 37.5, 51.7, 120.1, 121.5, 124.3, 129.2, 138.2, 149.2, 150.4, 167.4, 171.3; IR: 3674, 3308, 2950, 1721, 1658, 1600, 1541, 1498, 1441, 1310, 910, 756, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, *m/z*): found [M] 261.1361, calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>, 261.1365.

**8-Oxo-8-(phenylamino)-3-***n***-butyloctanoate (6a).** To a solution of Cu(I)Br·SMe<sub>2</sub> (880 mg, 4.28 mmol) in THF (14.3 mL) was added *n*-butyl lithium (5.35 mL, 8.56 mmol) dropwise at -15 °C and the mixture was stirred for 20 min. The reaction mixture was cooled to -78 °C before addition of (Z)-8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)-oct-2-enoate **5** (373 mg, 1.43 mmol, Z isomer only) at -78 °C. The reaction was stirred for 3 h at -78 °C to room temperature and then quenched by addition of 1.0 M

aqueous hydrochloric acid until a color of the mixture changed to blue (CuCl<sub>2(aq)</sub>). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (ether:petroleum ether 2:3) on silica gel to give **6a** (378 mg, 83% from the Z isomer). The synthesis starting from the E isomer of 5 was similar to that above except the following reagents were used: Cu(I)Br·SMe<sub>2</sub> (470 mg, 2.28 mmol) in THF (11 mL), *n*-butyl lithium (2.85 mL, 4.56 mmol), and (E)-8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)-oct-2-enoate **5** (200 mg, 0.76 mmol, E isomer only) at -78 °C. Chromatography gave 6a (117 mg, 48%) from the E isomer).  $^{1}$ H-NMR ( $\delta$ , ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 0.87 (t, 3H), 1.24-1.32 (m, 10H), 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.84 (m, 1H), 2.21 (m, 2H), 2.33 (t, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 7.07 (t, 1H), 7.29 (t, 2H), 7.51 (d, 2H), 7.62 (bs, 1H);  $^{13}$ C-NMR ( $\delta$ , ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 14.3, 23.1, 25.9, 26.1, 29.0, 33.5, 33.7, 35.0, 37.7, 39.1, 51.7, 120.0, 124.3, 129.1, 138.3, 171.7, 174.4; IR: 3303, 3197, 3137, 3059, 2928, 2857, 1737, 1662, 1600, 1542, 1499, 1441, 1309, 903, 755, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, m/z): found [M] 319.2143, calc. for  $C_{19}H_{29}NO_3$ , 319.2147.

**8-Oxo-8-(phenylamino)-3-phenyloctanoate (6b).** To a solution of Cu(I)Br·SMe<sub>2</sub> (945 mg, 4.59 mmol) in THF (7.7 mL) was added phenyl lithium (4.59 mL, 9.19 mmol) dropwise at -15 °C and the mixture was stirred for 20 min. The reaction mixture was cooled to -78 °C. To the solution was added trimethylsilyl chloride (TMSCI, 1.76 mL, 13.78 mmol) dropwise and then 8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)-oct-2-

enoate 5 (200 mg, 0.77 mmol, only E isomer) stepwise at -78 °C. Only the E isomer of 5 was used because the presence of the Z isomer complicated purification. The mixture was stirred for 3 h at -78 °C and then guenched by addition of an aqueous solution of NH₄Cl:NH₄OH (1:1) until a color of the mixture turned to blue  $((NH_3)_4CuCl_{2(aq)})$ . The mixture was washed with the aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl:NH<sub>4</sub>OH (1:1) (7.7 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (ether:petroleum ether 1:1) on silica gel to give 6b (154 mg, 59%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 1.22 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.68 (m, 4H), 2.23 (m, 2H), 2.59 (m, 2H), 3.07 (m, 1H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 7.06 (t, 1H), 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.47 (d, 2H), 7.53 (bs, 1H);  $^{13}$ C-NMR ( $\delta$ , ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 25.6, 27.0, 35.8, 37.6, 41.8, 42.1, 51.8, 120.1, 124.4, 126.8, 127.6, 128.7, 129.1, 138.3, 144.0, 171.6, 173.2; IR: 3310, 3045, 2924, 2857, 1698, 1603, 1600, 1456, 1378, 1265, 910, 755, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI-TOF, m/z): found [M+Na] 362.1732, calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Na, 362.1732;

**8-Oxo-8-(phenylamino)-3-ethyloctanoate (6c).** The synthesis was similar that of **6b** except the following reagents were used: Cu(I)Br·SMe<sub>2</sub> (945 mg, 4.59 mmol) in THF (7.7 mL), ethyl lithium (5.41 mL, 9.19 mmol), TMSCI (1.76 mL, 13.78 mmol), and 8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)-oct-2-enoate **5** (200 mg, 0.77 mmol, E and Z mixture). The product was purified by column chromatography (ether:petroleum ether 1:1) on silica gel to give **6c** (215 mg, 96%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ.

ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 0.85 (t, 3H), 1.23-1.38 (m, 6H), 1.9 (m, 2H), 1.78 (m, 1H), 2.21 (m, 2H), 2.32 (t, 2H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 7.07 (t, 1H), 7.28 (t, 2H), 7.51 (d, 2H), 7.77 (bs, 1H);  $^{13}$ C-NMR ( $\delta$ , ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 11.0, 25.9, 26.2, 26.5, 33.1, 36.5, 37.7, 38.7, 51.7, 120.1, 124.3, 129.1, 138.4, 171.8, 174.4; IR: 3675, 3308, 3198, 3139, 3061, 2960, 2934, 1734, 1665, 1601, 1543, 1499, 1442, 1309, 911, 756, 733 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, m/z): found [M] 291.1830, calc. for  $C_{17}H_{25}NO_3$ , 291.1834.

**8-Oxo-8-(phenylamino)-3-vinyloctanoate (6d).** The synthesis was similar to that of **6b** except the following reagents were used: CuI (875 mg, 4.59 mmol) in THF (7.7 mL), vinyl magnesium bromide (6.56 mL, 4.59 mmol), TMSCI (1.76 mL, 13.78 mmol), and 8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)-oct-2-enoate **5** (200 mg, 0.77 mmol, only E isomer). Only the E isomer of **5** was used because the presence of the Z isomer complicated purification. The product was purified by column chromatography (ether:petroleum ether 1:1) on silica gel to give **6d** (191 mg, 86%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 1.33 (m, 2H), 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.70 (m, 2H), 2.30-2.34 (m, 4H), 2.50 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 5.00 (m, 2H), 5.57 (m, 1H), 7.08 (t, 1H), 7.29 (t, 2H), 7.50 (d, 2H), 7.57 (bs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 25.6, 26.7, 34.1, 37.7, 40.1, 40.4, 51.7, 115.6, 120.0, 124.4, 129.2, 138.3, 140.9, 171.7, 173.3; IR: 3315, 3199, 3138, 3076, 2939, 2859, 1737, 1601, 1543, 1499, 1442, 1308, 915, 755 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, *m/z*): found [M] 312.1564, calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Na, 312.1576.

**8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)-3-methyloctanoate (6e).** The synthesis was similar that of **6b** except the following reagents were used: Cu(I)Br·SMe<sub>2</sub> (945 mg, 4.59 mmol) in THF (7.7 mL), methyl lithium (5.74 mL, 9.19 mmol), TMSCI (1.76 mL, 13.78 mmol) and 8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)-oct-2-enoate **5** (200 mg, 0.77 mmol, E and Z mixture). The residue was purified by column chromatography (ether:petroleum ether 2:3) on silica gel to give **6e** (232 mg, 99%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 0.92 (d, 3H), 1.21-1.40 (m, 4H), 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.95 (m, 1H), 2.11-2.36 (m, 4H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 7.09 (t, 1H), 7.31 (t, 2H), 7.51 (d, 2H), 7.68 (bs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 19.9, 25.8, 26.6, 30.3, 36.3, 37.7, 41.7, 51.7, 120.0, 124.3, 129.2, 138.3, 171.7, 174.1; IR: 3305, 3197, 3137, 3060, 2931, 2859, 1738, 1662, 1600, 1539, 1499, 1442, 1309, 1008, 902, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, *m/z*): found [M] 277.1678, calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>, 277.1678.

**3-***n***-Butyl-** $N^1$ **-hydroxyl-** $N^8$ **-phenyloctanoic acid (7).** To a solution of 8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)-3-*n*-butyloctanoate **6a** (492mg, 1.54mmol) was added NaOH (6.16 mL, 30.79 mmol) in MeOH (15 mL) and the mixture was refluxed overnight. The reaction was quenched by adding conc. aqueous hydrochloric acid (up to pH 6) and then extracting with  $H_2O$  (5 mL) and ethyl acetate (20 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous  $Na_2SO_4$ , filtered, and concentrated. The residue

was purified by column chromatography (20% acetone/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) on silica gel to give **7** (189 mg, 40%).  $^{1}$ H-NMR ( $\bar{\delta}$ , ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 0.87 (t, 3H), 1.27-1.37 (m, 10H), 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.86 (m, 1H), 2.17-2.36 (m, 4H), 7.09 (t, 1H), 7.30 (t, 2H), 7.50 (d, 2H), 7.71 (bs, 1H);  $^{13}$ C-NMR ( $\bar{\delta}$ , ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 14.3, 23.1, 25.9, 26.1, 29.0, 33.5, 33.7, 35.0, 37.7, 39.1, 120.2, 124.5, 129.1, 138.2, 172.1, 179.5; IR: 3306, 3195, 3137, 3060, 2928, 2858, 1705, 1662, 1599, 1543, 1499, 1442, 1309, 907, 755, 692 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, m/z): found [M] 305.1993, calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>, 305.1991.

**3-***n*-**Butyl**-*N*<sup>1</sup>-benzyloxy-*N*<sup>8</sup>-phenyloctanediamide (8). *O*-benzylhydroxylamine hydrochloride salt (144g, 0.9mmol) and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (47g, 0.45mmol) were dissolved in distill H<sub>2</sub>O (9 mL), extracted with diethyl ether (9 mL) and concentrated. TBTU (289g, 0.9 mmol) and 3-*n*-butyl-*N*<sup>1</sup>-hydroxyl-*N*<sup>8</sup>-phenyloctanoic acid **7** (189mg, 0.6mmol) were added to the neutralized O-benzylhydroxylamine residue in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (6mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature and then quenched by adding NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (6 mL). The mixture was extracted with H<sub>2</sub>O and DCM (1:1). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (10% acetone/DCM) on silica gel to give **8** (121 mg, 49%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 0.86 (t, 3H), 1.22-1.35 (m, 12H), 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.94 (m, 2H), 2.30 (m, 2H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 7.07 (t, 1H), 7.28 (m, 7H), 7.55 (d, 2H), 8.12 (bs, 1H);

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 14.3, 23.1, 25.3, 25.7, 29.1, 32.5, 33.7, 35.0, 37.2, 37.9, 78.4, 120.1, 124.3, 128.8, 129.1, 129.4, 138.5, 171.0, 172.3; IR: 3724, 3195, 3140, 3064, 2929, 2858, 1656, 1620, 1600, 1544, 1498, 1442, 1380, 1309, 1253, 1046, 1030, 975, 911, 734, 695 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, m/z): found [M] 410.2566, calc. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 410.2569.

**3-***n***-Butyl-***N***<sup>1</sup>-hydroxyl-***N***<sup>8</sup>-phenyloctandiamide (1a). To a solution of 3-***n***-butyl-N^1-benzyloxy-N^8-phenyloctanediamide <b>8** (121 mg, 0.3 mmol) in methanol (3mL) was added 20% Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (32 mg, 0.03 mmol) in an acid-washed 25mL round-bottom flask and the reaction mixture was purged with H<sub>2 (g)</sub> for 30 s. The reaction solution was stirred under H<sub>2 (g)</sub> for 30 min and then filtered through a plug of Celite with MeOH (9 mL). The filtrate was concentrated to give **1a** (89 mg, 92%) as a clear oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, METHANOL-D4): 0.88 (t, 3H), 1.28-1.39 (m, 10H), 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.86 (m, 1H), 2.02 (d, 2H), 2.37 (t, 2H), 7.07 (t, 1H), 7.28 (t, 2H), 7.52 (d, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, METHANOL-D4): 13.2, 22.8, 25.9, 28.6, 33.1, 33.2, 35.0, 36.7, 37.6, 120.1, 123.9, 128.6, 138.7, 171.4, 173.5; IR: 3384, 3044, 2929, 2858, 1640, 1600, 1546, 1499, 1468, 1309, 976, 903, 755, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, *m/z*): found [M] 320.2108, calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 320.2100; HPLC analytical purity analysis: 92%.

3-Phenyl- $N^1$ -hydroxyl- $N^8$ -phenyloctandiamide (1b). To solution of NH<sub>2</sub>OH·HCl (315 mg, 4.54 mmol) in methanol (4.5 mL) was added KOH (509 mg, 9.08 mmol) at 0 °C in an acid-washed 25mL round-bottom flask. After stirring for 20 min, 8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)-3-phenyloctanoate (6b) (154 mg, 0.45 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 8 h at 0°C. The reaction mixture was quenched by adding 1mL of distilled water and adjusting to pH 6 by adding concentrated aqueous hydrochloric acid. The mixture was diluted with 30 mL of ethyl acetate, and washed with distilled water. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (10% methanol/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) on acid-washed silica gel to give **1b** (48 mg, 31%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ, ppm, METHANOL-D4): 1.22 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.73 (m, 4H), 2.25-2.43 (m, 4H), 3.09 (m, 1H), 7.06 (t, 1H), 7.12-7.29 (m, 7H), 7.47 (d, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, METHANOL-D4): 25.6, 26.8, 35.4, 36.6, 40.2, 42.3, 120.1, 124.0, 126.4, 127.5, 128.3, 128.5, 138.6, 143.9, 170.1, 173.4; IR: 3256, 3030, 2932, 2860, 2559, 1646, 1600, 1545, 1499, 1468, 1442, 1420, 1372, 1310, 1253, 906, 758 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, *m/z*): found [M] 340.1789, calc. for  $C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_3$ , 340.1787; HPLC analytical purity analysis: 91%.

**3-Ethyl-***N*<sup>1</sup>-hydroxyl-*N*<sup>8</sup>-phenyloctandiamide (1c). A similar procedure to that for **1b** was used, except for the following reagents: NH<sub>2</sub>OH·HCl (520 mg, 7.48 mmol) in methanol (7.4 mL), KOH (839 mg, 14.96 mmol), 8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)-3-ethyloctanoate (**6c**) (218 mg, 0.75 mmol) and stirring for 4 h. In this case, the product was purified by column chromatography (8 % methanol/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) on acid-washed silica gel to give **1c** (130 mg, 60%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, METHANOL-D4): 0.88 (t, 3H), 1.28-1.41 (m, 6H), 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.81 (m, 1H), 2.01 (m, 2H), 2.36 (t, 2H), 7.07 (t, 1H), 7.28 (t, 2H), 7.52 (d, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, METHANOL-D4): 9.8, 25.9, 32.6, 36.5, 36.7, 37.1, 120.1, 123.9, 128.6, 138.7, 171.4, 173.5; IR: 3857, 3404, 2935, 2862, 1649, 1600, 1544, 1501, 1469, 1311, 978, 904, 758, 691 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, *m/z*): found [M-H] 292.1718, calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 292.1709; HPLC analytical purity analysis: 99%.

**3-Vinyl-***N*<sup>1</sup>-hydroxyl-*N*<sup>8</sup>-phenyloctandiamide (1d). A similar procedure to that for **1b** was used, except for the following reagents: NH<sub>2</sub>OH·HCl (456 mg, 6.57 mmol) in methanol (6.6 mL), KOH (737 mg, 13.13 mmol), 8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)-3-vinyloctanoate (6d) (190 mg, 0.66 mmol), and stirring for 6 h. In this case, the product was purified by column chromatography (8 % methanol/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) on acidwashed silica gel to give **1d** (83 mg, 43%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR ( $\delta$ , ppm, METHANOL-D4): 1.33-1.47 (m, 4H),1.70 (m, 2H), 2.08 (m, 2H), 2.35 (t, 2H), 2.50 (m, 1H), 5.00 (q, 2H), 5.58 (m, 1H), 7.07 (t, 1H), 7.28 (t, 2H), 7.52 (d, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR ( $\delta$ , ppm,

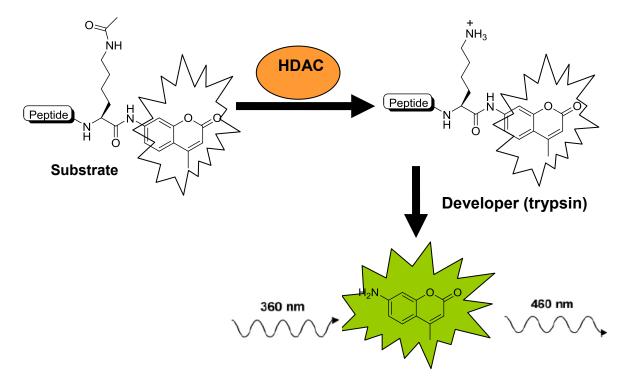
METHANOL-D4): 25.6, 26.5, 33.9, 36.6, 38.3, 40.8, 115.0, 120.1, 124.0, 128.6, 138.7, 140.7, 170.3, 173.4; IR: 3299, 3079, 2931, 1647, 1600, 1542, 1500, 1442, 1312, 920, 758, 692 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, m/z): found [M+Na] 313.1533, calc. for  $C_{16}H_{22}N_2O_3Na$ , 313.1528; HPLC analytical purity analysis: 94%.

**3-Methyl-***N*<sup>1</sup>-hydroxyl-*N*<sup>8</sup>-phenyloctandiamide (1e). A similar procedure to that for **1b** was used, except for the following reagents: NH<sub>2</sub>OH·HCl (533 mg, 7.67 mmol) in methanol (7.7 mL), KOH (860 mg, 15.33 mmol), 8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)-3-methyloctanoate (**6e**) (213 mg, 0.77 mmol), and stirring for 2 h. In this case, the product was purified by column chromatography (10 % methanol/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) on acid-washed silica gel to give **1e** (160 mg, 75%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, METHANOL-D4): 0.93 (d, 3H), 1.28 (m, 2H), 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.89 (m, 2H), 2.07 (m, 1H), 2.36 (t, 2H), 7.07 (t, 1H), 7.28 (t, 2H), 7.52 (d, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, METHANOL-D4): 18.6, 25.8, 26.4, 30.4, 36.2, 36.7, 40.1, 120.1, 123.9, 128.6, 138.7, 171.1, 173.4; IR: 3198, 2927, 2855, 2359, 1657, 1598, 1544, 1499, 1443, 755, 691 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, *m/z*): found [M] 278.1635, calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 278.1630; HPLC analytical purity analysis: 98%.

## 2.6 HDAC high-throughput assay

### 2.6.1 Fluorescence activity assay for libraries of SAHA analogues

A number of HDAC inhibitors have been attractive targets as chemotherapeutic drugs due to that the overexpression activity of HDAC, which leads malignant diseases, as discussed (Section 1.2). Our research is also focused on development of novel HDAC inhibitors based on SAHA. Therefore, SAHA analogues were screened compared to SAHA using a Fluorescence high-throughput assay. The deacetylase activity was measured using the Fluor de Lys® activity assay (Enzo) using the manufacturer's protocol(Figure 2.3).<sup>51</sup>



**Figure 2.3**. HDAC Fluorescent activity assay. Deacetylation of the substrate sensitizes to the developer.

To measure global HDAC inhibition, HeLa lysates, which contains a mixture of HDAC1-8 and HDAC10-11, were incubated with or without SAHA

analogues in HDAC assay buffer solution. After the initial incubation, Fluor de Lys® substrate in HDAC assay buffer was added to the reaction. The peptidic substrates consisted of an ε-acetylated lysine residue and a 4-methylcoumarin-7amide at the carboxy terminal unit. In the reaction catalyzed by HDACs, the acetylated lysine residue of the substrate was deacetylated, while acetylated lysine would remain in the reaction when inhibited by the SAHA analogues. To quench the reaction and allow color development, Fluor de Lys® developer was added to the reaction mixture. In this reaction, the only deacetylated peptidic lysine substrates containing the methylcoumarinamide were cleaved by trypsin to release the fluorescence molecule, methylcoumarin. In other word, the acetylated lysine substrate present when the reaction was inhibited by the SAHA analogues did not result in measurable cleavage by trypsin and did not release the fluorescence molecule (no fluorescence activity). As a result, the high level of deacetylated activity of the substrates indicated low inhibitory activity of the SAHA analogues. The fluorescence intensity was determined using a Geniosplus Fluorimeter (Tecan) with excitation at 360 nm and emission at 465 nm.

### 2.6.2 HDAC assay procedure

HDAC activity of the C3-SAHA analogues was measured using the Fluor de Lys<sup>™</sup> activity assay (Biomol) using the manufacturer's protocol by Dr. Sujith Weerasinghe. To measure global HDAC inhibition, HeLa lysates (approximately 4µg of total protein) were incubated with small molecule inhibitor or without small molecule inhibitor (2% DMSO) in HDAC assay buffer (50 mM Tris/Cl, pH 8.0, 137

mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, 1 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>) at a final volume of 25  $\mu$ L for 30 min at 30 °C with shaking. Concentrations of small molecule between 1 nM and 1 mM final concentration were used to determine IC<sub>50</sub> values. Because the small molecules were stored in DMSO, dilution with HDAC buffer ensured that a maximum of 2% DMSO was present in the final reaction mixture. After the initial incubation, Fluor de Lys<sup>TM</sup> substrate in HDAC assay buffer (100  $\mu$ M final concentration) was added to make a total reaction volume of 50 $\mu$ L. The reaction mixture was incubated at 30°C for 45 min with shaking. To quench the reaction and allow color development, Fluor de Lys<sup>TM</sup> developer (2.5  $\mu$ L of 20X diluted up to 50  $\mu$ L in HDAC assay buffer ) was added to give a final 100  $\mu$ L volume and incubated with shaking for 5 min at room temperature. The fluorescence intensity was determined using a Geniosplus Fluorimeter (Tecan) with excitation at 360 nm and emission at 465 nm.

To perform the isoform selectivity studies, the procedure was similar except that the HeLa cell lysates were replaced with 0.2  $\mu$ g HDAC1 (specific activity = 42.5 pmol/min/ $\mu$ g), 0.05  $\mu$ g HDAC3 (specific activity = 249 pmol/min/ $\mu$ g) or 0.25  $\mu$ g HDAC6 (specific activity = 257 pmol/min/ $\mu$ g), purchased from BPS Biosciences. In addition, the Fluor de Lys<sup>TM</sup> substrate was used at a final concentration of 50  $\mu$ M for HDAC1 or 25 $\mu$ M for HDAC3 and HDAC6.

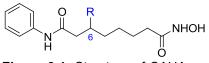
For each trial, a no enzyme control sample was used to assess the background. The background-corrected fluorescence units of small molecule-treated samples were then compared to that of untreated samples (set to 100%) to give a percentage deacetylase activity. IC<sub>50</sub> values were obtained by plotting

the percentage deacetylase activity versus the small molecule concentration and fitting the data to a sigmoidal dose-response curve  $(y=100/(1+(x/m3)^{m4}))$  using KaleidaGraph software where m1 is the IC<sub>50</sub> value in Molar units. All experiments were performed in triplicate with the mean and standard error reported in the tables and figures.

# CHAPTER 3 – SYNTHESIS OF SAHA ANALOGUES MODIFIED AT THE C6 POSITION

### 3.1 Rationale for design of SAHA analogues modified at the C6 position

A limited number of structure activity relationship (SAR) studies on the linker area of SAHA have been performed, even though the linker region might influence inhibitory activity and selectivity (Section 1.7). In fact, many number of inhibitors that have substituents on the linker have been discovered with great potency and selective inhibition when substituents were attached near or on the capping group (Section 1.9). Specifically, tubacin with a bulky substituent at the capping group has been used in pharmacokinetic and clinical studies (Figure 1.9). Also, based on data from previous C2 and C3-SAHA libraries<sup>26, 47</sup>. substituents on the C6 position might lead to potent inhibitory activities because C6-SAHA substituents would be located close to the solvent-exposed region of the active site. As discussed in the chapter 2, the C3-SAHA ethyl analogue showed selective inhibition for HDAC6 over HDAC1 and HDAC3.47 To expand our understanding of the impact of substituents, synthesis of C6-SAHA analogues with hydrophobic substituents was achieved because the carbon linker is surrounded by a hydrophobic tunnel.



**Figure 3.1**. Structure of SAHA analogues containing substituents on the C6 position

The earlier results from the C2 and C3-SAHA libraries showed that the steric environment on the SAHA carbon linker caused reduced inhibitory activity, in

addition to influencing selective inhibition.<sup>26, 52</sup> With the potential to improve selectivity, the C6-SAHA library (Figure 3.1) was synthesized. We proposed that the HDAC protein active site would not only be more tolerant of bulkier substituents on the C6 position near the solvent-exposed area but the C6-SAHA analogues would also display more selectivity compared to the C2 and C3-SAHA analogues based on the previous reports about several class-selective inhibitors with bulky substituents in the capping group region (Section 1.9).<sup>20</sup>

### 3.2 Initial synthesis

To elucidate the impact of substituents present near the solvent-exposed area, C6-SAHA analogues were synthesized. Like C2 and C3-SAHA analogues (Chapter 1 and 2), we selected hydrophobic substituents since the carbon linker is surrounded by a hydrophobic tunnel (Figure 1.4). Also, we theorized that bulky analogues on the C6 position would display more potent inhibition compared to C2 and C3-SAHA analogues due to their proximity to the solvent-exposed surface.

**Scheme 3.1**. Initial synthesis of C6-SAHA analogue (methyl derivative **14a**)

Initially, we synthesized the C6-SAHA methyl analogue **14a**, as outlined in Scheme 3.1. Due to symmetry compared to the C3-SAHA analogues, synthesis of the C6-SAHA analogues was straightforward and similar to that of the C3-SAHA library. The major differences between two syntheses are the following. Commercially available  $\epsilon$ -caprolactone **2** was opened to give methyl 6-hydrohexanoate **9** under Fisher conditions instead of building the anilide derivative. The alcohol compound **9** was subjected to Swern oxidation to give aldehyde **10** similar to the C3-aldehyde formation. For the Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction, using benzyl dimethyl phosphonoacetate instead of using trimethyl phosphonoacetate gave the corresponding  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsturated benzyl ester **11** that allowed incorporation of substituents, which provided the precursor for anilide derivative **13a**. A mixture of (E) and (Z)-isomers of ester **11** were treated with a copper (I) iodide to give the methyl substituted ester **12a**. Similar to the

previous optimized synthesis of the C3-methyl SAHA analogue (Scheme 2) where the 1,4-addition demonstrated quantitative yield, the C6-methyl ester 12a was synthesized and characterized without impurities according to thin layer chromatography (TLC) and <sup>1</sup>H & <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra analysis. Therefore, the methyl ester 12a without purification was deprotected by hydrogenolysis and coupled with aniline in 53% yield (over the three steps). In contrast to the C3-SAHA library where the anilide derivative was installed at the beginning stage, the anilide 13a was created from benzyl ester 12a at a late stage, which attached substituents near the capping group. The methyl ester derivative 13a was directly converted to the methyl hydroxamic acid 14a.

### 3.3 Modified synthesis

Scheme 3.2. Modified synthesis of C6-SAHA analogue 14b - 14d

To create the remaining C6-SAHA analogues, first, purification by column chromatography was required after 1,4-addition since the mixture of (E) and (Z)

isomers 11 were unable to completely react to produce phenyl ester 12b, as was observed with the methyl derivative 12a (Scheme 3.2). Using the additional purification step after the 1,4-addition, the *t*-butyl ester 12c, 2-ethylhexyl ester 12d, and isopropyl ester 12e were synthesized. The rest of syntheses for hydrogenolysis, coupling, and conversion to hydroxamic acid were similar to the methyl analogue synthesis. However, despite the purification, there was still remaining unsaturated ester 11 after 1, 4-addition for obtaining phenyl ester 12b due to the similar polarity. The mixture of unsaturated ester 11 and phenyl ester 12b were subjected to hydrogenolysis and coupling to give anilide 13b and unsaturated anilide compound 13b'. Fortunately, 14b was completely purified after conversion to hydroxamic acid in 60% yield (over the four steps).

# 3.4 Biological analysis

The HDAC inhibitory activities of the C6-SAHA library were measured using the Fluor de Lys<sup>®</sup> *in vitro* fluorescence activity assay kit (Enzo). Unlike the C3-SAHA library, the C6-SAHA analogue biological activities were performed by Sun Ea Choi. The activities of the C6-SAHA compounds are summarized in Table 3.1. Interestingly, the planar phenyl variant **14b** was the most potent analogue displaying an IC<sub>50</sub> of 344 nM similar to the C3-methyl variant **1e** (IC<sub>50</sub> of 350 nM) and comparable to SAHA (4-fold reduced), IC<sub>50</sub> of 86 nM. This is in contrast to the C3-phenyl variant **1b** (IC<sub>50</sub> of 73000 nM), which displayed 811-fold reduced activity versus SAHA.<sup>53</sup> In addition, the smallest C6-methyl variant **14a** (IC<sub>50</sub> of 349 nM) displayed similar potency to the phenyl variant. These results indicate that the active site of HDAC proteins can accommodate a bulky

substituent at the C6 position. Moreover, the longest analogues, the 2-ethylhexyl variant **14d**, still displayed potent inhibitory activity in the nM range. Likewise, the bulkiest substituent with three methyl groups at the  $\alpha$ -carbon, the t-butyl variant **14c**, displayed only 20-fold reduced activity versus SAHA. In summary, the inhibition data show that most C6-SAHA analogues maintain nM potency, but substitution at the  $\alpha$ -carbon decreases potent inhibitory activity.

**Table 3.1.** HDAC inhibition by SAHA, MS-275, and the C6-SAHA analogues using HeLa cell lysates

Compounds	R	IC <sub>50</sub> , nM <sup>a</sup>
SAHA		86 ± 4
MS-275		3200 ± 100
14a	Methyl	$349 \pm 20$
14b	Phenyl	$344 \pm 40$
14c	<i>t</i> -Butyl	$1940\pm300$
14d	2-Ethylhexyl	$456\pm30$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Values are the mean of at least three experiments with standard error given.

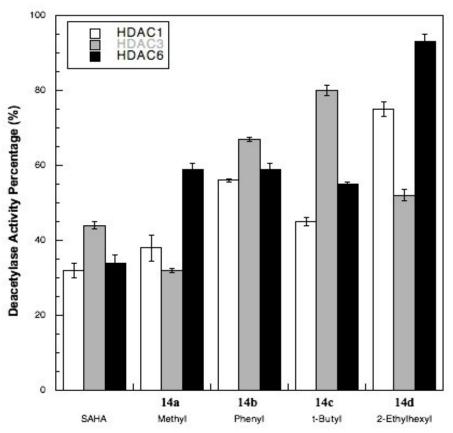
These results are consistent with the hypothesis that the active site of HDAC proteins accommodates large substituents near the solvent exposed area. As expected, one trend for the C6-SAHA analogues is that the increasing size of substituents has less influence on inhibitory activity compared to the C2 and C3-SAHA analogues.

As mentioned earlier, the presence of methyl groups at the  $\alpha$ -carbon decreased inhibitory activity. We speculate that the t-butyl variant **14c** might display specific selectivity since the C3-ethyl variant **1c**, which contains an  $\alpha$ -

methyl group, displayed selective inhibition for HDAC6 over HDAC1 and HDAC 3 and also showed significantly decreased inhibitory activity compared with the C3-methyl variant 1e. To explore the role of an  $\alpha$ -methyl group on selectivity, synthesis of the isopropyl derivative would reveal the effect of  $\alpha$ -carbon substituents. Another possibility is that the hybridization at the  $\alpha$ -carbon might influence selectivity. For example, the C6-SAHA phenyl 14b and methyl variant 14a have  $sp^2$  and  $sp^3$  orbital structures. The data might provide key structural information for binding site recognition. The long chain of the C6-SAHA 2-ethyl hexyl analogue 14d might also affect isoform selectivity. To verify the influence of sterics on isoform selectivity, testing the isoform selectivity of C6-SAHA analogues is described. The results of the isoform selectivity of the C6-SAHA analogues are outlined in Figure 3.2.

The isoform selectivity of C6-SAHA analogues was tested with HDAC1 and HDAC3 representing class I and HDAC6 representing class II. To assess the isoform selectivity, all compounds were tested at a single concentration near to their IC<sub>50</sub> values using the Fluor de Lys® kit (Figure 3.2). As observed from previous data, SAHA exhibited roughly equal inhibition against HDAC1, HDAC3, and HDAC6. The phenyl variant **14b**, which displayed the most potent inhibition among the C6-SAHA analogues with HeLa cell lysates, similarly inhibited HDAC1, HDAC3, and HDAC6 as well. In contrast, the methyl variant **14a** showed dual-preference for HDAC1 and HDAC3 over HDAC6 at 500 nM even though the methyl **14a** (IC<sub>50</sub> of 349 nM) and phenyl variant **14b** (IC<sub>50</sub> of 344 nM) displayed equal inhibition in the HeLa cell lysates. The difference between sp³ and sp²

orbital structures might affect selectivity but not potency. The 2-ethylhexyl variant **14d** with an additional carbon chain displayed selectivity for HDAC3 over HDAC1 and HDAC6 compared to the methyl variant 14a. Similar to the methyl variant **14a** ( $IC_{50}$  of 349 nM), the 2-ethylhexyl variant **14d** ( $IC_{50}$  of 456 nM) imparted selectivity but not potency. However, the bulkiest analogue at the  $\alpha$ -carbon position, t-butyl variant **14c**, displayed the opposite selectivity with preference for HDAC1 and HDAC6 over HDAC3. In this case, the α-carbon substituent lead to different interactions with each isoform HDAC active sites. The *t*-butyl substituent encouraged dual-selectivity toward HDAC1 and HDAC6 over HDAC3, while the inhibitory activity of t-butyl variant **14c** (IC<sub>50</sub> of 1.9  $\mu$ M) showed 5-fold reduced activity compared to the 2-ethylhexyl variant 14d (IC<sub>50</sub> of 456 nM) and 20-fold less potent than SAHA (IC<sub>50</sub> of 86 nM). In summary, the data indicated that the methyl, t-butyl, and 2-ethylhexyl variants (14a, 14c, and 14d) showed dissimilar preference for each isoform HDAC proteins despite parallel potency. The deacetylase activity of individual trial is summarized in Table C.5 in Appendix C.



**Figure 3.2.** Initial screen of isoform selectivity of C6-SAHA analogues against HDAC1, HDAC3, and HDAC6 with 125 nM SAHA, 500 nM **14a**, **b**, **d**, and 2  $\mu$ M **14c**.

To more thoroughly assess the selectivity observed in the initial screen, we determined the HDAC1, HDAC3, and HDAC6 IC<sub>50</sub> values of the C6-*t*-butyl variant **14c** because it showed the most potential to create a dual-selective inhibitor. The C6-*t*-butyl analogue **14c** displayed 6-fold greater potency for HDAC1 over HDAC3 and 2-fold greater potency for HDAC6 over HDAC3 (Table 3.2). In addition, it displayed selectivity within class I for HDAC1 over HDAC3. As a control, SAHA displayed non-selective inhibitor activity against the isoform, as expected (Table 3.2). The selectivity analysis shows that a substituent on the C6 position can influence the selectivity of SAHA from non-selective inhibitor to a dual-selective HDAC1 and HDAC6 inhibitor. Furthermore, the C6-SAHA *t*-butyl

analogue displays an IC $_{50}$  value of 1.9  $\mu$ M in the lowmicromolar range, while the C3-SAHA ethyl analogue (HDAC6-selective inhibitor) displayed 16-fold decreasing potency (IC $_{50}$  of 32  $\mu$ M). Therefore, the data indicate that attaching the *t*-butyl substituent to the linker chain on the C6 position may promote dual-selective inhibition as well as potency on SAHA.

**Table 3.2**. IC<sub>50</sub> values of SAHA and the C6-SAHA *t*-butyl variant **14c** for HDAC1. HDAC3, and HDAC6.

for HDAC1, HDAC3, and HDAC6						
Compound	IC <sub>50</sub> /μΜ					
	HDAC1	HDAC3	HDAC6			
SAHA	0.096 ± 0.016	0.136 ± 11	0.074 ± 0.009			
14c	0.993 ± 0.061	5.4 ± 0.7	2.4 ± 0.5			

Specific selective HDAC inhibitors support pathological cardiac remodeling studies. For example, a recent cardiac study reported that stressed myocardium increased the catalytic activity of the class IIb HDAC, HDAC6. HDAC6. Moreover, the best anti-leukemic activities in the four pediatric AML cell lines were observed by dual HDAC1 and HDAC6 inhibitors that inhibited both. The function or regulation of dual-selective HDAC inhibitors is not well informed in present even though dual-selective HDAC inhibitors might guide development of prospective drugs of anti-diverse diseases.

From the initial isoform selectivity screen (Figure 3.2), SAHA analogues with substituents on the C6 position displayed diverse selective inhibitions, such as class I selectivity (methyl **14a**), dual-class I, II selectivity (*t*-butyl **14c**), and isoform selectivity for HDAC3 (2-ethylhexyl **14d**). Our results reveal that small

structural changes in the C6 position linker region of SAHA can significantly influence selectivity with suitable potency.

### 3.5 Experimental

### 3.5.1 General methods

Additional details were shown in Section 2.5.1 of Chapter 2.

### 3.5.2 Experimental Procedures and Compound Characterization

**Methyl 6-hydroxyhexanoate (9).** Concentrated aqueous sulfuric acid (adjusted to pH 6 using neutral pH meter paper (pH 1 to pH 14 range) as assessed with) was dropwise added to a solution of ε–caprolactone (5.54 mL, 50 mmol) in MeOH (50 mL). The mixture was stirred for 20 min. The mixture was subsequently diluted with anhydrous diethyl ether (25 mL) and washed with distilled water (equal volume to organic layer). The aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether (equal volume to organic layer) at least 3 times. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (12% acetone/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) on silica gel to give **9** (7.23 g, 99%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR ( $\bar{o}$ , ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 1.30 (m, 2H), 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.56 (m, 2H), 2.24 (m, 2H), 2.59 (bs, 1H), 3.52 (m, 2H), 3.58 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR ( $\bar{o}$ , ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 24.8, 25.5, 32.4, 34.1, 51.8, 62.5, 174.5; IR: 3424, 2940, 2866, 1738, 1438, 1205, 857, 744 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, *m/z*): found [M+Na] 169.0840, calc. for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 169.0841.

**1-Benzyl 8-methyl oct-2-enedioate (11).** To a solution of DMSO (1.02 mL, 14.39 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (44 mL) was added 2 M oxalyl chloride in dichloromethane (3.27 mL, 6.54 mmol) dropwise and then methyl 6-hydroxyhexanoate **9** (0.638 g, 4.36 mmol) stepwise at -78°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 45 min before triethylamine (TEA, 4.12 mL, 29.66 mmol)

an aqueous solution of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (44 mL), and brine (44 mL). The organic layer **10** was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated.

To a solution of NaH (0.513 g, 12.8 mmol) in THF (85 mL) was added benzyl dimethyl phosphonoacetate (3.31 g, 12.8 mmol) dropwise at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred for 15 min. To the solution was added crude methyl 6-oxohexanoate 10 (1.23 g, 8.55 mmol) at -78 °C and the mixture was stirred for 15 min. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for an additional 1 h. The mixture was quenched by addition of an aqueous solution of saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl until evolution of gas was not observed. The mixture was washed with distilled  $H_2O$  (85 mL). The organic layer was collected and the aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether (equal volume to aqueous layer) at least 3 times. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous

Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (diethyl ether: petroleum ether 1:6) on silica gel to give **11** (2.17 g, 92%). (E+Z)-isomer  $^1$ H-NMR ( $\bar{\delta}$ , ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.63 (m, 2H), 2.20 (q, 2H), 2.30 (t, 2H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 5.84 (d, 1H, J=180 Hz), 6.98 (m, 1H), 7.35 (m, 5H);  $^{13}$ C-NMR ( $\bar{\delta}$ , ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 24.6, 27.6, 32.1, 33.9, 51.7, 66.2, 121.6, 128.3, 128.4, 128.8, 136.3, 149.5, 166.6, 174.0; IR: 3671, 2974, 1735, 1455, 1258, 1066, 907, 748, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, m/z): found [M+Na] 299.1269, calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na, 299.1259.

**1-Benzyl 8-methyl 3-methyloctanedioate (12a).** To a solution of Cu(I)I (1.06 g, 5.57 mmol) in THF (19 mL) was added 1.6M methyllithium in diethyl ether (6.97 mL, 11.15 mmol) dropwise at -15 °C and the mixture was stirred for 20 min. The reaction mixture was cooled to -78 °C before addition of trimethylsilyl chloride (TMSCI, 4.25 mL, 33.48 mmol). To the reaction mixture was dropwise added 1-benzyl 8-methyl oct-2-enedioate **11** (513 mg, 1.86 mmol) at -78 °C. The reaction was stirred for 3 h at -78 °C to room temperature and then quenched by addition of 1.0 M aqueous hydrochloric acid until a color of the mixture changed to blue (CuCl<sub>2(aq)</sub>). The organic layer was collected and the aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether (equal volume to aqueous layer) at least 3 times. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 0.91 (d, 3H), 1.30 (m, 4H), 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.96

(m, 1H), 2.19 (q, 1H), 2.32 (m, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 7.34 (m, 5H);  $^{13}$ C-NMR ( $\delta$ , ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 19.9, 25.2, 26.6, 30.4, 34.2, 36.4, 42.0, 51.7, 66.3, 128.4, 128.5, 128.8, 136.3, 173.2, 174.4; HRMS (EI-TOF, m/z): found [M+Na] 315.1569, calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na, 315.1572.

**1-Benzyl 8-methyl 3-phenyloctanedioate (12b).** To a solution of Cu(I)I (827 mg, 4.34 mmol) in THF (14.5 mL) was added phenyl lithium 2.0M (4.34 mL, 8.69 mmol) dropwise at -15 °C and the mixture was stirred for 20 min. The reaction mixture was cooled to -78 °C. To the solution was added trimethylsilyl chloride (TMSCI, 1.67 mL, 13.03 mmol) dropwise and then 1-benzyl 8-methyl oct-2-enedioate **11** (400 mg, 1.45 mmol) stepwise at -78 °C. The mixture was stirred for 3 h at -78 °C and then quenched by addition of an aqueous solution of saturated NH<sub>4</sub>CI: saturated NH<sub>4</sub>OH (1:1) until the color of the mixture turned to blue ((NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>CuCl<sub>2(aq)</sub>). The mixture was washed with the aqueous solution of saturated NH<sub>4</sub>CI: NH<sub>4</sub>OH (1:1) (14.5 mL). The organic layer was collected and the aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether (equal volume to the aqueous layer). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (diethyl ether: petroleum ether 1:6) on silica gel to give **12b + 11** (3:1).

**1-Benzyl 8-methyl 3-(***tert***-butyl)octanedioate (12c).** The synthesis was similar that of **12b** except the following reagents were used: Cu(I)I (827 mg, 4.34 mmol) in THF (10.9 mL), *tert*-butyllithium 1.6M (5.43 mL, 8.69 mmol), TMSCI (1.67 mL, 13.03 mmol), and 1-benzyl 8-methyl oct-2-enedioate **11** (300 mg, 1.09 mmol). The product was purified by column chromatography (diethyl ether: petroleum ether 1:6) on silica gel to give **12c** (313 mg, 89%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 0.84 (s, 9H), 1.05 (m, 1H), 1.17-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.62 (m, 3H), 1.68 (m, 1H), 2.10 (q, 1H), 2.23 (t, 2H), 2.41 (q, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 7.34 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 25.5, 27.6, 28.5, 31.0, 33.8, 34.2, 36.3, 45.2, 51.6, 66.4, 128.4, 128.6, 128.7, 136.3, 174.3, 174.5; IR: 2952, 2869, 1737, 1457, 1367, 1151, 914, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, *m/z*): found [M<sup>+</sup>+Li] 341.28, calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Li, 341.23.

**1-Benzyl 8-methyl 3-(2-ethylhexyl)octanedioate (12d).** The synthesis was similar to that of **12b** except the following reagents were used: Cu(I)Br·SMe<sub>2</sub> (1.89 g, 9.19 mmol) in THF (15.3 mL), 2-ethylhexyllithium (10.09 mL, 18.38 mmol), TMSCI (3.52 mL, 27.57 mmol), and 1-benzyl 8-methyl oct-2-enedioate **11** 

(400 mg, 1.53 mmol). The product was purified by column chromatography (diethyl ether: petroleum ether 1:8) on silica gel to give **12d** (485 mg, 81%).  $^{1}$ H-NMR ( $\delta$ , ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 0.79 (m, 3H), 0.88 (t, 3H), 1.23-1.31 (m, 15H), 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.91 (m, 1H), 2.25-2.30 (m, 4H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 7.35 (m, 5H);  $^{13}$ C-NMR ( $\delta$ , ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 10.7, 14.40, 23.4, 25.4, 26.1, 28.9, 32.8, 33.1, 34.2, 36.1, 38.5, 44.4, 66.3, 128.4, 128.6, 128.8, 129.2, 130.4, 173.2, 173.5; IR: 2956, 2858, 1739, 1457, 1167, 912, 741 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI, m/z): found [M<sup>+</sup>+K] 429.29, [M<sup>+</sup>+Li] 397.36, [M<sup>+</sup>+Na] 413.31, calc. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>4</sub>K, 429.65, C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Li, 397.50, C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na, 413.55.

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**1-Benzyl 8-methyl 3-isopropyloctanedioate (12e).** The synthesis was similar that of **12b** except the following reagents were used: Cu(I)I (875 mg, 4.59 mmol) in THF (7.7 mL), isopropyl magnesium bromide 1.94M (2.37 mL, 4.59 mmol), TMSCI (1.76 mL, 13.78 mmol) and 1-benzyl 8-methyl oct-2-enedioate **11** (200 mg, 0.77 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (diethyl ether: petroleum ether 1:6) on silica gel to give **12e** (109 mg, 45%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 0.80 (d, 3H), 0.84 (d, 3H), 1.16-1.33 (m, 4H), 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.78 (m, 1H), 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.27 (m, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 7.35 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 18.4, 19.4, 25.1, 26.8, 29.7, 30.7, 34.0, 36.0, 40.7, 51.5, 66.1, 128.2, 128.3, 128.5, 136.1, 173.9, 174.2; IR: 3033, 2954, 2873, 1737, 1458, 1332, 1261, 1008, 905, 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EITOF, *m/z*): found [M+Na] 343.1883, calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na, 343.1885.

Methyl 6-methyl-8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)octanoate (13a). To a solution of crude 1-benzyl 8-methyl 3-methyloctanedioate 12a (513 mg, 1.86 mmol) in ethyl acetate (19 mL) was added 20% Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (261 mg, 0.372 mmol) and the reaction mixture was purged with H<sub>2</sub> gas for 30 s. The reaction solution was stirred under H<sub>2</sub> gas for 3 h and then filtered through a plug of Celite with ethyl acetate (57 mL). The filtrate was concentrated to give 8-methoxy-3-methyl-8oxooctanoic acid as clear oil. The crude residue, 8-methoxy-3-methyl-8oxooctanoic acid, was transferred to a flask and dissolved in 19 mL of acetonitrile. TBTU (895 mg, 2.79 mmol), diisopropylethylamine (647 mL, 3.72 mmol), and aniline (254 mL, 2.79 mmol) was added to the flask. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h. The mixture was then guenched with 19 mL of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, transferred to a separatory funnel and extracted with ethyl acetate (equal volume to aqueous layer) at least 3 times. The combined organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and evaporated to oil. Flash silica gel chromatography (1:6 diethyl ether: petroleum ether → 1:1 diethyl ether: petroleum ether) afforded 274 mg of the anilide 13a as a clear oil (53% over 3 steps). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 0.91 (d, 3H), 1.13-1.34 (m, 4H), 1.56 (m, 2H), 2.09 (m, 2H), 2.27 (m, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 7.02 (t, 1H), 7.24 (t, 2H), 7.52 (d, 2H), 8.27 (bs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 19.9, 25.1, 26.6, 30.9, 34.2, 36.5, 45.6, 51.8, 120.0, 124.4, 129.2, 138.2, 171.1, 175.3;

IR: 3306, 2952, 2868, 1739, 1601, 1544, 1151, 913, 757 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, m/z): found [M+H] 278.1764, calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>, 278.1756, found [M+Na] 300.1584, calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Na, 300.1576.

6-(tert-butyl)-8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)octanoate Methyl (13c). A similar procedure to that for 13a was used, except for the following reagents: 20% Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C 0.299 mmol) 1-benzyl (210 mg, and 8-methyl 3-(*tert*butyl)octanedioate 12c (414 mg, 0.748 mmol) in ethyl acetate (7.5 mL), TBTU (360 mg, 1.121 mmol) in acetonitrile (7.5 mL), diisopropyethylamine (521 mL, 2.99 mmol), aniline (102 mL, 0.748 mmol) and stirring for 4 h. The mixture was then guenched with 7.5 mL of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, transferred to a separatory funnel and extracted with ethyl acetate (equal volume to aqueous layer) at least 3 times. The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate. filtered, and evaporated to oil. In this case, flash silica gel chromatography (1:6 diethyl ether: petroleum ether → 1:1 diethyl ether: petroleum ether) afforded 185 mg of the anilide **13c** as a clear oil (58% over 2 steps). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 0.91 (s, 9H), 1.13 (m, 1H), 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.42 (m, 1H), 1.55 (m, 3H), 1.82 (m, 1H), 2.09 (q, 1H), 2.28 (t, 2H), 2.49 (q, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 7.09 (t, 1H), 7.21 (bs, 1H), 7.31 (t, 2H), 7.50 (d, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR ( $\delta$ , ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 25.5, 27.8, 28.4, 31.2, 34.0, 34.1, 45.1, 56.1, 62.8, 119.2, 124.3, 129.2, 134.7, 168.5, 171.3; IR: 3055, 2952, 2865, 1732, 1600, 1265, 741,

706 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, m/z): found [M+H] 320.2229, calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>, 320.2226, found [M+Na] 342.2048, calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Na, 342.2045.

Methyl 8-ethyl-6-(2-oxo-2-(phenylamino)ethyl)dodecanoate (13d). A similar procedure to that for 13a was used, except for the following reagents: 20% Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (345)mq, 0.492 mmol) and 1-benzyl 8-methyl 3-(2ethylhexyl)octanedioate 12d (463 mg, 1.229 mmol) in ethyl acetate (12.3 mL), TBTU (592 mg, 1.844 mmol) in acetonitrile (12.3 mL), diisopropyethylamine (856 mL, 4.916 mmol), aniline (168 mL, 1.844 mmol) and stirring for 3 h. In this case, the mixture was quenched with 12.3 mL of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, transferred to a separatory funnel and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (equal volume to aqueous layer) at least 3 times. The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and evaporated to oil. The product was purified by column chromatography (diethyl ether: petroleum ether 1:8) on silica gel to give 13d (349 mg, 76%).  $^{1}$ H-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 0.81-0.87 (m, 6H),1.10-1.34 (m, 15H), 1.60 (m, 2H), 2.03 (m, 1H), 2.22-2.32 (m, 4H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 7.08 (t, 1H), 7.32 (t, 2H), 7.51 (d, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 10.7, 14.4, 23.4, 25.3, 25.8, 26.0, 28.9, 33.1, 33.2, 33.6, 33.8, 36.2, 38.5, 43.2, 51.7, 120.0, 124.3, 129.2, 138.3, 171.4, 174.6; IR: 3322, 3066, 2956, 1740, 1661,

1171, 912, 746, 694 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (ESI, *m/z*): found [M<sup>+</sup>+Li] 382.41, [M<sup>+</sup>+Na] 398.35, [M<sup>+</sup>+K] 414.31, calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>37</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Li, 382.49, C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>37</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Na, 398.53, C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>37</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>K, 414.64.

6-isopropyl-8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)octanoate (13e). Methyl similar procedure to that for 13a was used, except for the following reagents: 20% Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (88 mg, 0.125 mmol) and 1-benzyl 8-methyl 3-isopropyloctanedioate **12e** (0.312 mmol) in ethyl acetate (3 mL), TBTU (150 mg, 0.468 mmol) in acetonitrile (3 mL), diisopropyethylamine (218 mL, 1.248 mmol), aniline (43 mL, 0.468 mmol) and stirring for 3 h. In this case, the product was purified by column chromatography (1:6 diethyl ether: petroleum ether → 1:1 diethyl ether: petroleum ether) on silica gel to give **13e** (71 mg, 75%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 0.84 (d, 3H), 0.89 (d, 3H), 1.25-1.38 (m, 4H), 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.90 (m, 1H), 2.15 (q, 1H), 2.30 (t, 2H), 2.34 (q, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 7.09 (t, 1H), 7.31 (t, 2H), 7.41 (bs, 1H), 7.51 (d, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 18.9, 19.5, 25.3, 26.9, 29.7, 30.6, 34.1, 39.6, 41.1, 51.8, 120.0, 124.4, 129.2, 138.3, 171.8, 174.6; IR: 3297, 3140, 2954, 2870, 1739, 1601, 1368, 906, 757, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, m/z); found [M+H] 306.2071, calc. for  $C_{18}H_{28}NO_3$ , 306.2069, found [M+Na] 328.1884, calc. for  $C_{18}H_{28}NO_3Na$ , 328.1889.

 $N^8$ -Hydroxyl-3-methyl- $N^1$ -phenyloctanediamide (14a). To a solution of NH<sub>2</sub>OH·HCl (677 mg, 9.735 mmol) in methanol (10 mL) was added KOH (1.092 g, 19.469 mmol) at 0 °C in an acid-washed 25mL round-bottom flask. After stirring for 20 min, methyl 6-methyl-8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)octanoate **13a** (270 mg, 0.974 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 8 h at 0°C. The reaction mixture was adjusting to pH 6 by adding concentrated aqueous hydrochloric acid. The mixture was diluted with 30 mL of ethyl acetate, and washed with 30 mL of distilled water. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (9% methanol/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) on acid-washed silica gel to give <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, METHANOL-D4): 0.98 (d, **14a** (159 mg, 58%) as a clear oil. 3H), 1.24-1.44 (m, 4H), 1.61 (m, 2H), 2.02 (m, 1H), 2.09 (t, 2H), 2.16 (q, 1H), 2.34 (q, 1H), 7.07 (t, 1H), 7.29 (t, 2H), 7.52 (d, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, METHANOL-D4): 18.7, 25.7, 26.3, 30.8, 32.5, 36.3, 44.4, 120.2, 124.0, 128.6, 138.6, 171.8, 172.9; IR: 3270, 2928, 2868, 1643, 1600, 1500, 1418, 1116, 977, 759, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, m/z): found [M+H] 279.1710, calc. for  $C_{15}H_{23}N_2O_3$ , 279.1709, found [M+Na] 301.1531, calc. for  $C_{15}H_{23}N_2O_3Na$ , 301.1528.

 $N^8$ -Hydroxyl- $N^8$ , 3-diphenyloctanediamide (14b). The synthesis of methyl 6-phenyl-8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)octanoate 13b was similar to that of 14a except the following reagents were used: 20% Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (153 mg, 0.218 mmol) and 1-benzyl 8-methyl 3-phenyloctanedioate 12b (0.546 mmol) in ethyl acetate (5.5 mL), TBTU (263 mg, 0.818 mmol) in acetonitrile (5.5 mL), diisopropyethylamine (190 mL, 1.09 mmol), aniline (75 mL, 0.818 mmol) and stirring for 4 h. In this case, the reaction mixture was quenched with 5.5 mL of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, transferred to a separatory funnel and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (equal volume to aqueous layer) at least 3 times. The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and evaporated to oil. Flash silica gel chromatography (diethyl ether: petroleum ether 1:1) afforded the mixture of phenyl substituted anilide 13b and α, β unsaturated anilide 13b′ as a clear oil.

To a solution of NH<sub>2</sub>OH·HCl (696 mg, 10.721 mmol) in methanol (10.7 mL) was added KOH (1.203 g, 21.442 mmol) at 0  $^{\circ}$ C in an acid-washed 25mL round-bottom flask. After stirring for 20 min, the mixture of methyl 6-phenyl-8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)octanoate **13b** and  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  unsaturated anilide **13b** $^{\prime}$  (1.072 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 8 h at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. The rest of the reaction procedure was similar to that for **14a**. The residue was purified by column chromatography (4% methanol/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) on acid-washed silica gel to give **14b** (221 mg, 60% over 4 steps).  $^{1}$ H NMR ( $\delta$ , ppm, DIMETHYLSULFOXIDE-

D6): 0.85-1.25 (m, 3H), 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.83 (t, bs, 2H), 2.57 (m, 2H), 3.07 (m, 1H), 6.97 (t, 1H), 7.14-7.27 (m, 7H), 7.47 (d, 2H), 8.61 (s, 1H), 9.80 (s, 1H), 10.25 (s, 1H);  $^{13}$ C-NMR ( $\delta$ , ppm, METHANOL-D4): 25.5, 26.9, 32.5, 35.5, 42.8, 44.5, 120.4, 124.1, 126.4, 127.5, 128.4, 128.5, 138.4, 144.1, 171.7, 171.9; IR: 3235, 3027, 2928, 2859, 1874, 1641, 1599, 1544, 1498, 1467, 1116, 977, 757,699 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, m/z): found [M+H] 341.1877, calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 341.1865, found [M+Na] 363.1697, calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na, 363.1685.

**3-(***tert*-Butyl)-*N*<sup>8</sup>-hydroxyl-*N*<sup>1</sup>-phenyloctanediamide (14c). A similar procedure to that for 14a was used, except for the following reagents: NH<sub>2</sub>OH·HCl (348 mg, 5.008 mmol) in methanol (7.4 mL), KOH (562 mg, 10.018 mmol), methyl 6-(*tert*-butyl)-8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)octanoate **13c** (160 mg, 0.501 mmol) and stirring for 4 h. In this case, the product was purified by column chromatography (4 % methanol/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) on acid-washed silica gel to give **14c** (158 mg, 99%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, METHANOL-D4): 0.92 (s, 9H), 1.15 (m, 1H), 1.28 (m, 1H), 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.58 (m, 3H), 1.77 (m, 1H), 2.04 (t, 2H), 2.16 (q, 1H), 2.53 (q, 1H), 7.07 (t, 1H), 7.29 (t, 2H), 7.50 (d, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, METHANOL-D4): 26.1, 26.7, 28.6, 30.8, 32.6, 33.3, 38.5, 45.0, 120.2, 123.9, 128.6, 138.8, 171.8, 173.9; IR: 3350, 2956, 2870, 1938, 1648, 1547, 1500, 1119, 976, 757, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (El-TOF, *m/z*): found [M+H] 321.2180, calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 321.2178, found [M+Na] 343.1998, calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na, 343.1988.

**3-(2-Ethylhexyl)-N^8-hydroxyl-N^1-phenyloctanediamide** (14d). A similar procedure to that for 14a was used, except for the following reagents: NH<sub>2</sub>OH·HCl (629 mg, 9.054 mmol) in methanol (9 mL), KOH (1.016 g, 18.108 mmol), methyl 8-ethyl-6-(2-oxo-2-(phenylamino)ethyl)dodecanoate 13d (340 mg, 0.905 mmol), and stirring for 6 h. In this case, the product was purified by column chromatography (4 % methanol/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) on acid-washed silica gel to give 14d (199 mg, 58%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, METHANOL-D4): 0.85 (m, 6H), 1.19-1.37 (m, 16H),1.61 (m, 2H), 2.02 (bs, 1H), 2.09 (t, 2H), 2.24 (m, 2H), 7.07 (t, 1H), 7.29 (t, 2H), 7.53 (d, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, METHANOL-D4): 9.7, 9.9, 13.4, 23.0, 26.0, 28.5, 28.8, 32.6, 32.8, 33.0, 34.0, 36.1, 38.4, 42.3, 120.1, 124.0, 128.6, 138.7, 171.8, 173.1; IR: 3391, 3256, 3065, 2956, 1643, 1600, 1539, 1500, 1308, 903, 756, 692 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, m/z): found [M+H] 377.2798, calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 377.2804.

### 3.5 HDAC assay procedure

HDAC activity was measured using the Fluor de Lys® activity assay (Enzo) using the manufacturer's protocol. To measure global HDAC inhibition, HeLa lysates (approximately  $4\mu g$  of total protein) were incubated with small

molecule inhibitor or without small molecule inhibitor (2% DMSO) in HDAC assay buffer (50 mM Tris/Cl, pH 8.0, 137 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, 1 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>) in a final volume of 25 µL for 20 min at 23 °C with 600 rmp shaking. Concentrations of small molecule between 1 nM and 1 mM were used to determine IC<sub>50</sub> values (Appendix C. Table C.1-C.6). Because the small molecules were stored in DMSO, dilution with HDAC buffer ensured that a maximum of 2% DMSO was present in the final reaction mixture. After the initial incubation, Fluor de Lys® substrate in HDAC assay buffer (100 µM final concentration) was added to make a total reaction volume of 50µL. The reaction mixture was incubated at 30°C for 30 min with 600 rmp shaking. To quench the reaction and allow color development, Fluor de Lys® developer (2.5 µL of 20X diluted up to 50 µL in HDAC assay buffer ) was added to give a final 100 µL volume and incubated with shaking for 5 min at room temperature. The fluorescence intensity was determined using a Geniosplus Fluorimeter (Tecan) with excitation at 360 nm and emission at 465 nm.

To perform the isoform selectivity studies, the procedure was similar except that the HeLa cell lysates were replaced with 0.2  $\mu$ g HDAC1 (specific activity = 42.5 pmol/min/ $\mu$ g), 0.05  $\mu$ g HDAC3 (specific activity = 249 pmol/min/ $\mu$ g) or 0.25  $\mu$ g HDAC6 (specific activity = 257 pmol/min/ $\mu$ g), purchased from Enzo Life Sciences. In addition, the Fluor de Lys® substrate was used at a final concentration of 50  $\mu$ M for HDAC1 and HDAC6 or 25 $\mu$ M for HDAC3.

For each trial, a no enzyme control sample was used to assess the background. The background-corrected fluorescence units of small molecule-

treated samples were then compared to that of untreated samples (set to 100%) to give a percentage deacetylase activity.  $IC_{50}$  values were obtained by plotting the percentage deacetylase activity versus the small molecule concentration and fitting the data to a sigmoidal dose-response curve (y=100/(1+(x/m3)<sup>m4</sup>) using KaleidaGraph software where m1 is the  $IC_{50}$  value in Molar units. All experiments were performed in triplicate with the mean and standard error reported in the tables and figures.

# CHAPTER 4 – SYNTHESIS OF SAHA ANALOGUES MODIFIED AT THE C7 POSITION

# 4.1 Rationale for design of the SAHA analogues modified at the C7 position

SAHA analogues with substituents on C2 and C3 position displayed decreasing inhibitory activity while C6-SAHA analogues displayed similar potency to the parent compound, SAHA. These results indicate that only limited steric environment exists near hydroxamic acid. For example, the C6-SAHA analogue with the phenyl substituent displayed only 4-fold decreased inhibition while the C3-SAHA analogue with the phenyl substituent displayed more 800-fold decreased inhibitory activity compared to SAHA. Based on an analysis of the HDAC crystal structure (Figure 1.4)<sup>54</sup>, more space near the capping group area is available to accommodate bulky groups compared to the area near the hydroxamic acid. Moreover, large capping groups have been synthesized and displayed nM range inhibition.<sup>21b, 38</sup> Several class-selective HDAC inhibitors have been synthesized that contain large groups in capping group region.<sup>20</sup> Therefore. design, synthesis, and evaluation of a C7-SAHA library (Figure 4.1) are necessary to elucidate the structural requirement of HDAC inhibitors, since C7-SAHA analogues are located closest to the solvent-exposed region through the linker area.

NHOH

**Figure 4.1**. Structure of SAHA analogues containing substituents on the C7 position

C7-SAHA analogues with hydrophobic substituents were generated.

Synthesizing C7-SAHA analogues with

only hydrophobic substituents might be sub-optimal since the C7 position is between the hydrophobic tunnel and the solvent exposed area. Therefore, we synthesized the methyl pyridyl variant to study the influence of polar groups. In addition, since medicinal and natural compounds containing nitrogen were involved in diverse therapeutic areas (Chapter 1), we chose the pyridyl derivative. 41-42, 55 Since hydrophobic substituents attached at the C6 position, a position that is close to the solvent-exposed location, displayed more potent inhibition compared to the C2 and C3-SAHA libraries, C7-SAHA analogues might also display potent inhibition compared to the C2, C3, and C6-SAHA analogues. Therefore, large aromatic groups should be incorporated on the C7 position. We designed a variety of substituents from the small methyl substituent to the large 4-methylnaphthyl, methylbiphenyl, methylanthracene, and methyltetrahydroanthracene substituents to address what effect large groups impart on potency. Due to the structural similarity to the previously reported C2-SAHA analogues, a straightforward synthetic approach was envisioned.

## 4.2 Initial synthesis of C7-SAHA analogues

Initially, C7-SAHA analogues with methyl **22a**, benzyl **22b**, and 4-methylnaphthyl **22c** substituents were synthesized by Dr. A. Bieliauskas. The early synthetic route for C7-SAHA analogues is outlined in Scheme 4.1.

Scheme 4.1. Initial synthesis of C7-SAHA analogues 22a-22c

Benzyl ester **16** was obtained by coupling conditions with benzyl alcohol and 6-bromohexanoic acid **15**. *t*-Butyl malonate derivatives **17** after nucleophilic substitution reaction provided the scaffold to create alkylated malonate derivatives **18a-c**. In acidic conditions, the *t*-butyl groups in **18a-c** were deprotected and decarboxylation was accomplished under reflux to give monocarboxylic acid **19a-c**, which was coupled with aniline. The benzyl group in **20a-c** was removed by Pd/C, and was coupled with *O*-benzyl-protected hydroxamine. *O*-benzyl-protected hydroxamic acid **21a-c** was deprotected by hydrogenolysis to give the C7- SAHA methyl, benzyl, and methylnaphthyl **22a-c**.

HDAC inhibitory activities of the C7-methyl, benzyl, and 4-methylnaphthyl SAHA analogues **22a-c** were measured using the Fluor de Lys<sup>™</sup> *in vitro* fluorescence activity assay kit (Biomol) by Dr. S. V. W. Weerasinghe (Table 4.1).

**Table 4.1.** HDAC inhibition by SAHA, C7-methyl, benzyl, and 4-naphthyl variants

using HeLa cell lysates

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Compounds	s R	IC <sub>50</sub> , nM <sup>a</sup>
SAHA		86 ± 4
22a	Methyl	$105\pm 6$
22b	Benzyl	$109 \pm 5$
22c	1-Naphthylmethyl	16 ± 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Values are the mean of at least three experiments with standard error given.

The C7-methyl and benzyl analogues **22a-b** were equipotent in 100 nM range similar to SAHA (86 nM). The inhibition results are consistent with the hypothesis that greater steric tolerance exists in HDAC active site at the entrance area of capping group than the metal binding moiety region. Moreover, the largest compound, C7-SAHA naphthylmethyl analogue **22c** among three analogues, displayed greater than 5-fold increasing inhibitory activity compared to SAHA. The addition of certain groups at the C7 position showed favourable interaction between the entrance area of HDAC active site and large bulky groups at the C7 position.

# 4.3 Synthesis of the C7-SAHA analogues with pyridyl and bulky substituents

To thoroughly explore the impact of the large bulky groups at the C7 position, additional large groups should be investigated. For example, the 4methylbiphenyl and 9-methylanthracene variants 22e-f should be synthesized to verify how large groups at the C7 position could interact with the HDAC active site. In addition, the inclusion of polar groups should be included to validate interaction between HDAC active site and hydrophilic substituents at the C7 position, the end edge of the hydrophobic channel. However, the synthesis of C7-SAHA analogues containing bulkier and larger substituents than the methyl, benzyl, and 4-methylnaphthyl variants 22a-c faced issue in the nucleophilic substitution reaction (17->18) (Scheme 4.1). Therefore, the synthesis methodology was redesigned (Scheme 4.2). First of all, we used commercially available methyl 6-bromohexanoate 23 as the starting material instead of using coupling reaction to obtain benzylester **16** (two-step) (Scheme 4.1). Second, the nucleophilic substitution reaction was accomplished with dibenzylmalonate, which has a planar structure compared to the bulky t-butylmalonate (Scheme 4.1) to give the dibenzylmalonate derivatives **24** (Scheme 4.2). Finally, direct conversion to hydroxamic acid 22 was accomplished in one step without saponification, coupling O-benzyl hydroxylamine, and benzyl deprotection.<sup>47</sup> The 4-(1,1'-Biphenyl)methyl variant 22e was synthesized by Geetha Padige, the 9anthracenylmethyl **22f** and 9-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroanthracenyl)methyl **22**q

derivatives were synthesized by Satish Garre, and the 4-pyridylmethyl variant **22d** was synthesized under my responsibility.

The alternative synthetic route of the C7-SAHA library had been designed by the main concern for bulky substitutent attachment when the nucleophilic substitution (24->25) reaction was performed with large groups. Additionally, several steps were improved in Scheme 4.2.

Scheme 4.2. Redesigned synthesis of C7-SAHA library for bulky groups

After successful nucleophilic substitution reaction with the dibenzylmalonate derivatives **24** and remaining substituents (pyridylmethyl, biphenylmethyl, and anthracenylmethyl groups), alkylated malonate derivatives **25d-f** were deprotected by Pd/C under hydrogen gas. Interestingly, the pyridyl and anthracenylmethyl groups were reduced when the dibenzyl groups of compounds **25d-f** were deprotected. Zacharie and co-workers have proven the reduction from pyridine derivatives to piperidine derivatives in the mild condition. <sup>56</sup> After deprotection by Pd/C, decarboxylation under the reflux condition, and coupling with aniline (three-step), there were additional anilide

products, the anthracenylmethyl anilide derivative **26f** and the tetrahydro-anthracenylmethyl anilide derivative **26g**. In contrast, pyridyl and piperidylmethyl anilide derivatives **26d**, **26d** were unable to be isolated. The anthracenylmethyl and tetrahydroanthracenylmethyl anilide derivatives **26f**, **26g** were directly convert to hydroxamic acid **22f**, **22g**.

### 4.4 Optimized synthesis for the C7-pyridyl analogue

To synthesize the C7-pyridyl hydroxamic acid **22d**, the synthetic method was redesigned since the pyridyl and piperidylmethyl anilide derivatives were not isolated (Scheme 4.3). The initial synthesis performed by Dr. Bieliauskas was modified since the pyridylmethyl group is smaller than naphthylmethyl group. However, several reaction conditions were improved.

First of all, benzyl ester **16** was obtained under Fisher condition (95% yield) with benzyl alcohol and 6-bromohexanoic acid **15** instead of the coupling reaction (80% yield). The nucleophilic substitution reaction with *t*-butyl malonate generated derivative **17**, which was alkylated with bromomethyl pyridine to produce alkylated malonate derivatives **18d**. Compared to Dr. Bieliaskas' synthesis, the alkylation was performed under the kinetic condition in DMF at 0 °C (**16** in 99% yield and **18d** in 55% yield) for shorter time (2-3h). Under acidic condition, the *t*-butyl groups on compound **18d** were deprotected and decarboxylation was observed under reflux to give the monocarboxylated derivative. Without purification, the coupling reaction was performed to give anilide **20d** (yield 99% over three steps). To obtain the final C7-SAHA

pyridylmethyl hydroxamic acid **22d**, direct conversion was achieved in one step (43%).

**Scheme 4.3**. Redesigned and optimized synthesis for C7-SAHA pyridylmethyl analogue **22d** 

# 4.5 Biological analysis

HDAC inhibitory activities of the remaining C7-SAHA analogues were measured using the Fluor de Lys® *in vitro* fluorescence activity assay kit using Hela cell lysates (Table 4.2). HDAC inhibition of biphenylmethyl variant **22e** was tested by Geetha Padige.

**Table 4.2**. HDAC inhibition by C7-SAHA analogues and SAHA using HeLa cell lysates

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Compounds	R	IC <sub>50</sub> , nM <sup>a</sup>
SAHA		86 ± 4
22d	4-Pyridylmethyl	$450\pm35$
22e	4-(1,1'-Biphenyl)methyl	$4\pm0.3$
22f	9-Anthracenylmethyl	$20\pm1$
<b>22</b> g	9-(1,2,3,4-Tetrahydroanthracenyl)methyl	$102\pm30$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Values are means of more than three experiments with standard error given.

One of the large compounds, C7-SAHA 4-(1,1'-biphenyl)methyl analogue 22e displayed greater than 22-fold increase in inhibitory activity compared to SAHA (86 nM) or the smallest compound C7-SAHA methyl analogue 22a (105 nM). Variants 22b, 22e with the large groups, such as naphthylmethyl and biphenylmethyl, were more potent than the smallest variant 22a with methyl group for C7-SAHA inhibitory activities (Table 4.2). However, the bulky tetrahydroanthracenylmethyl subtituents displayed potency similar to SAHA. The data suggest that C7-SAHA analogues with planar aromatic groups interacted favourably in the binding area of HDAC active site. Moreover, the addition of certain groups at the C7 position likely promotes interaction between the entrance area of HDAC active site and the inhibitor.

Even though we found that greater steric tolerance exists in the HDAC active site in the entrance area of the capping group than the metal binding moiety region, the pyridylmethyl analogue displayed the weakest inhibitory activity ( $IC_{50}$  450 nM). The polarity of the nitrogen atom might interact

unfavorably the binding area of the HDAC active site. As a result, the potency was influenced not only by the size of substitutuents, but also the polarity, as shown by the fact that the pyridylmethyl group of equal size to the benzyl group ( $IC_{50}$  109 nM).

To more thoroughly verify the structural requirements of SAHA analogues, the isoform selectivity of the C7-SAHA analogues was tested by using HDAC1 and HDAC3 representing class I and HDAC6 representing class II (Figure 4.2). To assess the isoform selectivity of the C7-SAHA analogues, all compounds were initially tested at a single concentration near to their IC<sub>50</sub> values using the Fluor de Lys® kit (Enzo).

# C7-SAHA Isoform Selectivity Screen

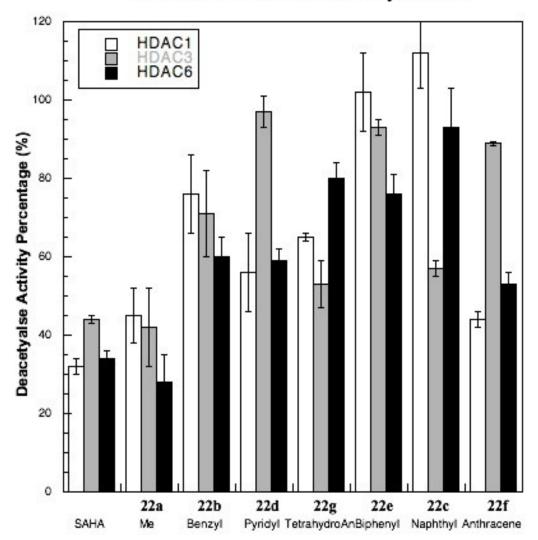


Figure 4.2. Screen of C7-SAHA analogues against HDAC1, HDAC3, and HDAC6 with 100 nM methyl, benzyl, tetrahydroanthracenylmethyl, and biphenylmethyl (22a, 22b, 22g, and 22e) variants, 500 nM pyridylmethyl and anthracenylmethyl variants (22d and 22f), and 10 nM naphthylmethyl variant (22c).

The methyl **22a**, and benzyl **22b** variants showed similar inhibition for HDAC1, HDAC3, and HDAC6 at 100 nM, despite slight selectivity for HDAC6 over HDAC1 and HDAC3. The biphenyl variant **22e**, which displayed the most potent inhibition from using Hela cell lysates, showed a slightly preference for

HDAC6 over HDAC1 and HDAC3 as well. In this case, however, two flexible perpendicular aromatic groups might enhance interaction with all of HDAC protein active sites to increase potency, not selectively. In addition, the biphenylmethyl variant 22e did not show inhibition at 10 nM concentration near to the Hela cell lysate IC<sub>50</sub> value (4 nM) for HDAC1, HDAC3, and HDAC6. In contrast, the naphthylmethyl 22c and tetrahydroanthracenylmethyl 22g variants showed greater potency for HDAC3 over HDAC1 and HDAC6 at 10 nM and 100 nM. Interestingly, both compounds contain two planar aromatic groups. Moreover, the pyridylmethyl 22d and anthracenylmethyl 22f variants showed unique dual-selective inhibition at 500 nM for HDAC1 and HDAC6 over HDAC3. Surprisingly, the C7-SAHA anthracenylmethyl compound 22f was unable to inhibit when tested at 10 nM concentration near to the Hela cell lysate IC<sub>50</sub> value (20 nM). After several screening, we found that the anthracenylmethyl variant 22f inhibited 50% at 500 nM against HDAC1 and HDAC6. The biphenylmethyl 22e and anthracenylmethyl 22f variants might display more selective inhibition for other HDAC proteins, such as HDAC2, HDAC4, HDAC5, HDAC7, HDAC8, and HDAC10 due to the fact that showed inhibition at 25-time higher concentration (100 nM and 500 nM) against HDAC1, HDAC3, and HDAC6 than their Hela cell lysate IC<sub>50</sub> values (4 nM and 20 nM).

With the potential of chemotherapeutic use of selective HDAC inhibitors, several class-selective and isoform-selective HDAC inhibitors have been studied.

Most of selective HDAC inhibitors displayed preference for HDAC1 or HDAC8

Figure 4.3. HDAC inhibitors modified at the linker regions with two parallel aligned aromatic groups

against HDAC3. 17b, 20, 38b, 57-58

For example, compounds **27a**and **27b**, which have twoaromatic group, showed

4.3).38b (Figure preference for HDAC8 Nevertheless, the C7-SAHA naphthylmethyl analogue 22c and tetrahydroanthracenylmethyl analogue 22g containing similar structures to the compounds 27a and 27b display unique HDAC3 selectivity. Two parallel aligned aromatic group subsitutuents on the linker region may influence selectivity due to the presence of favorable  $\pi$ - $\pi$ interactions with particular HDAC active site. Additionally, a dual-selective HDAC1 and HDAC6 inhibitor (pyridyl 22d and anthracene 22f) might promote design of drugs. Therefore, studying the C7-SAHA analogues, which displayed HDAC3 naphthylmethyl selective inhibition (the 22c and tetrahydroanthracenylmethyl 22g) and dual-HDAC1 and HDAC6 selective inhibition (the pyridylmethyl 22d and anthracenylmethyl 22f variants), might be a great starting point to develop a variety of dual or isoform-selective HDAC inhibitors.

To more thoroughly assess the selectivity observed in the initial screen, we determined individual HDAC1, HDAC3, and HDAC6 IC<sub>50</sub> values of the anthracene variant **22f**, and SAHA as a comparison. Pathological cardiac remodeling studies have been reported using selective HDAC inhibitors (Section

1.9). Specifically, development of dual-selective inhibitors has been an attractive target in pharmacokinetic study due to the hypothesis by that cancer formation is more complex than related to only single isoform HDAC protein. However, a lack of information on dual-selective HDAC inhibitors is a current challenge. For promising chemotherapeutic use, the anthracenylmethyl analogue 22f among C7-SAHA analogues, which displayed dual-selective inhibition for HDAC1 and HDAC6, was analyzed by using the Fluor de Lys® kit (Enzo). The C7anthracenylmethyl analogue 22f displayed 4-fold selectivity for HDAC1 over HDAC3 and 3-fold class selectivity for HDAC6 over HDAC3 (Table 4.3). In addition, it displayed selectivity within class I, with 4-fold preference for HDAC1 over HDAC3. As a control, SAHA displayed non-selective inhibitor activity against the isoform, as expected (Table 4.3).30 The selectivity analysis shows that substituents on the C7 position can influence selectivity. As a comparison, the C6-SAHA t-butyl analogue (dual-HDAC1 and HDAC6 selective inhibitor, IC<sub>50</sub> value of 1.9 μM) displayed 22-fold less potency compared to SAHA (86 nM) while the C7-SAHA anthracene analogue 22f (20 nM) showed 4-fold better potency compared to SAHA. Therefore, the data indicate that attaching the anthracene substituent on the linker chain on the C7 position promotes selectivity with potency.

**Table 4.3**.  $IC_{50}$  values of SAHA and the C7-SAHA anthracene **22f** for HDAC1, HDAC3 and HDAC6

Compound	IC <sub>50</sub> /nM		
	HDAC1	HDAC3	HDAC6
	1127101	1127100	7.157.100
SAHA	96 ± 16	136 ± 11	74 ± 9
201	000 - 00	1000 - 50	140 - 70
22f	300 ± 66	1200 ± 50	443 ± 73

SAHA analogues with substituents on the C7 position displayed selective inhibition, including dual-class I, II selectivity (pyridyl 22d and anthracene 22f selectivity for HDAC3 variants) and isoform (naphthyl 22c and tetrahydroanthracne 22g variants) and HDAC6 (biphenyl variant 22e). The results reveal that small structural changes in the C7 position linker region of SAHA will lead in designing drugs by improving selectivity and potency compared to the broad-spectrum inhibitor SAHA. Furthermore, studying selective inhibitor structures in detail will be able to be explored through our selective compound analysis in a variety of scope.

#### 4.6 Future direction

C4 and C5

We have synthesized and analyzed SAHA analogues that placed a variety of substituents in the carbon linker. The results from the C3, C6, and C7 library suggest that SAHA analogues with substituents on the carbon linker are promising to develop new anti-cancer drugs. To more systematically assess the structural effect in HDAC active site, more analogues positioning subsituetns at

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Figure 4.4. Structures of SAHA analogues containing substituents on the

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addition, analysis of isoform selectivity of the C3-SAHA analogues suggests that substituents on the SAHA linker influence selectivity. We have shown that the

steric environment of the C6 position displays less influences on potency compared to SAHA analogues with substituents near the hydroxamic acid. However, substituents at α-carbon on C6 position still decreased inhibitory activity. Interestingly, despite the poor potency of the C6-SAHA *t*-butyl analogue, it displayed selectivity. Likewise, the C3-SAHA ethyl analogue with an additional methylene group at the α-carbon compared to the C3-SAHA methyl analogue displayed selective inhibition (HDAC6 selectivity). The effect of the  $\alpha$ -carbon on C6 substituents could be thoroughly investigated with the synthesis of isopropyl and adamantyl group analogues. Besides, the long chain of the 2-ethyl hexyl SAHA analogues on the C6 position also affected isoform selectivity (HDAC3selectivity) with potency. Favourable interactions of the long aliphatic chain in HDAC active site could be verified through synthesis of C6-SAHA octyl to undecyl analogues. Furthermore, C7-SAHA analogues show potent inhibition with large and polar group substituents. The influence of the enantiomers with bulky or polar groups near the capping group would allow assessing the structural requirements of the compounds in detail. Therefore, screening the enantiomers of all SAHA analogues might show promising properties. Moreover, testing the inhibitory activities against all HDAC proteins, from HDAC1 to HDAC11, will provide the structures of selective inhibitors. Developing new costeffective, high through-put screening methods are needed to test selectivity against all HDAC1-11. Therefore, the biological evaluation of the current compound enantiomers, the additional synthesis of different structural

compounds, and the development of easy-access high through-put assay will contribute to develop promising cancer drugs.

# 4.7 Experimental

#### 4.7.1 General methods

Additional details were shown in Section 2.5.1 of Chapter 2.

#### 4.7.2 Experimental Procedures and Compound Characterizations

**1, 1-Dibenzyl 6-methyl hexane-1, 1, 6-tricarboxylate (24).** To a solution of NaH (144 mg, 6 mmol) in DMF (20 mL) was added dibenzylmalonate (1.14 mL, 6 mmol) dropwise at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred for 15 min. To the solution was added methyl 6-bromohexanoate **23** (0.57 g, 2 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for 3 h. The mixture was filtered through celite with ethyl acetate and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (diethyl ether:petroleum ether 1:19) on silica gel to give **24** (682 mg, 81%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 1.31 (m, 4H), 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.94 (q, 2H), 2.26 (t, 2H), 3.43 (t, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 5.14 (s, 4H), 7.31 (m, 10H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 24.8, 27.1, 28.8, 28.9, 34.1, 51.7, 52.1, 67.3, 128.4, 128.6, 128.8, 135.6, 169.4, 174.3; IR: 3033, 2949, 2862, 1734, 1498, 1456, 1333, 1214,

1156, 907, 741, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, m/z): found [M+Na] 435.1767, calc. for  $C_{24}H_{28}O_6$ , 435.1784.

6, 6-Dibenzyl 1-methyl 7-(pyridine-4-yl)heptane-1, 6, 6-tricarboxylate (25). To a solution of NaH (256 mg, 6.4 mmol) in DMF (53 mL) was added 1, 1-dibenzyl 6-methyl hexane-1, 1, 6-tricarboxylate 24 (2.20 g, 5.33 mmol) dropwise at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred for 15 min. Separately, 1.5 equivalents of 4-bromomethylpyridine hydrobromide salt (2.02 g, 8.00 mmol) was dissolved in distilled water (8 mL) and added to a separatory funnel, followed by 0.7 equivalent of Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (396 mg, 3.74 mmol). After the separatory funnel was shaken until gas evolution was not observed, the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (8 mL) at least 4 times. The organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated by rotary evaporation. To the flask containing the activated dibenzyl malonate derivatives solution 24 was added the solution of the neutralized and concentrated 4-bromo-methylpyridine and the mixture was stirred for 4h at 0 °C. The reaction was guenched with distilled water (26.5 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (equal volume to aqueous layer). The organic layer was pooled and extracted with distilled water (equal volume to organic layer) at least 4 times. The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated to oil. The residue was purified by column chromatography (ethyl

acetate:hexanes 1:3) on silica gel to give **25** (1.61 g, 60%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 1.21 (m, 4H), 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.75 (t, 2H), 2.20 (t, 2H), 3.19 (s, 2H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 5.08 (s, 4H), 6.82 (d, 1H), 6.91 (d, 1H), 7.24-7.31 (m, 7H), 8.35 (d, 1H), 8.36 (d, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 24.1, 24.8, 29.3, 32.3, 34.0, 37.8, 51.7, 58.7, 67.5, 125.3, 128.765, 128.787, 128.816, 135.3, 145.3, 149.9, 170.6, 174.1; IR: 3032, 2951, 1731, 1601, 1455, 1218, 1170, 912, 733, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, *m/z*): found [M+H] 504.2387, calc. for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>, 504.2386.

**Benzyl 6-bromohexanoate (16).** Benzyl alcohol (0.07 mL, 0.68 mmol) and concentrated aqueous sulfuric acid (3 μL, 0.056 mmol) were stepwise added to a solution of 6-bromohexanoic acid **15** (0.11 g, 0.56 mmol) in diethyl ether (5 mL) at 0°C. The mixture was stirred for 30min and warmed to room temperature. The reaction mixture was quenched with distilled water (5 mL). The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (5 mL) at least 4 times. The organic layer was evaporated. The concentrated organic layer was extracted with distilled water (equal volume to the concentrated organic layer) at least 3 times. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (diethyl ether:petroleum ether 1:19) on silica gel to give **16** (153 mg, 95%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 1.47

(m, 2H), 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.86 (m, 2H), 2.38 (t, 2H), 3.38 (t, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 7.36 (m, 5H);  $^{13}$ C-NMR ( $\delta$ , ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 24.3, 27.9, 32.6, 33.7, 34.3, 66.4, 128.5, 128.8, 136.3, 173.5; IR: 3033, 2939, 1733, 1455, 1254, 1165, 736, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, m/z): found [M+Na] 307.0314, calc. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NaBr, 307.0310.

**6-Benzyl 1,1-di-***tert*-**butyl hexane-1,1,6-tricarboxylate (17).** To a solution of NaH (589 mg, 14.7 mmol) in DMF (49 mL) was added di-*t*-butylmalonate (3.30 mL, 14.7 mmol) dropwise at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred for 15 min. To the solution was added benzyl 6-bromohexanoate **16** (1.4 g, 4.91 mmol) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature. The mixture was filtered through celite with ethyl acetate and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (diethyl ether:petroleum ether 1:19) on silica gel to give **17** (2.04 g, 99%). H-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 1.34 (m, 4H), 1.45 (s, 18H), 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.79 (q, 2H), 2.34 (t, 2H), 3.10 (t, 1H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 7.35 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 24.9, 27.1, 28.2, 28.6, 29.0, 34.4, 54.1, 66.3, 81.5, 128.4, 128.8, 135.6, 169.1, 173.7; IR: 3033, 2979, 2935, 2861, 1729, 1498, 1369, 1256, 1169, 1139, 748 cm<sup>-1</sup>; found MS(ESI): m/z = 427.30 (M<sup>+</sup>+Li), 443.30 (M<sup>+</sup>+Na), 459.27 (M<sup>+</sup>+K), calc. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>36</sub>LiO<sub>6</sub>, 427.48, C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>36</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>, 443.53, C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>36</sub>KO<sub>6</sub>, 459.64.

### 1-Benzyl 6,6-di-tert-butyl 7-(pyridine-4-yl)heptane-1,6,6-tricaboxylate (18d).

To NaH (171 mg, 4.28 mmol) and 4-bromo-methylpyridine hydrobromide salt (1.0 g, 4.28 mmol) was added DMF (16 mL) dropwise at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred for 20min. Separately, to NaH (171 mg, 4.28 mmol) in DMF (20 mL) was added 6-benzyl 1,1-di-tert-butyl hexane-1,1,6-tricarboxylate 17 (1.5 g, 3.57) mmol) dropwise at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred for 20 min. To the solution of the activated 6-benzyl 1,1-di-tert-butyl hexane-1,1,6-tricarboxylate 17 was added the solution of the neutralized 4-bromo-methylpyridine dropwise at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred for 3h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was filtered through celite with ethyl acetate and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (diethyl ether:petroleum ether 1:5) on silica gel to give **18d** (513 mg, 55%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 1.29 (m, 4H), 1.43 (s, 18H), 1.65 (m, 4H), 2.34 (t, 2H), 3.12 (s, 2H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 7.07 (d, 2H), 7.34 (m, 5H), 8.47 (d, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 24.0, 24.9, 28.1, 29.5, 32.2, 34.4, 37.4, 59.1, 66.4, 82.0, 125.6, 128.4, 128.8, 136.2, 146.3, 149.7, 170.3, 173.6; IR: 3036, 2976, 2935, 2867, 1727, 1605, 1248, 1159, 846, 737, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI-TOF, m/z): found [M+H] 512.3016, calc. for  $C_{30}H_{42}NO_{6}$ , 512.3012.

Benzyl 8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)-7-(pyridine-4-ylmethyl)octanoate (20d). To a flask equipped with a reflux condenser and containing 1-benzyl 6,6-di-tert-butyl 7-(pyridine-4-yl)heptane-1,6,6-tricaboxylate **18d** (510 mg, 997 mmol) was added 10 mL of 10% TFA in acetic acid. The reaction mixture was refluxed overnight and evaporated to oil. The residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate (10 mL) and transferred to a separatory funnel. The solution was extracted with saturated NaHCO<sub>3(ao)</sub> (equal volume to organic layer) at least 4 times. The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and evaporated. The crude residue was dissolved in acetonitrile (10 mL). To the solution of crude carboxylic acid derivative was added individually in order listed in a stepwise: TBTU (480 mg), diisopropylethylamine (695 mL), and aniline (136 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction was quenched by addition of an aqueous solution of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL). The mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (equal volume to aqueous layer) at least 4 times. The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated to an oil. The residue was purified by column chromatography (ether:petroleum ether 1:1) on silica gel to give **20d** (572 mg, 99%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): (m, 4H), 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.79 (m, 1H), 2.33 (t, 2H), 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.69 (q, 1H), 3.02 (q, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 7.09 (m, 3H), 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.38 (d, 2H), 7.89 (m, 1H), 8.40 (d, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-

D): 24.8, 27.1, 29.0, 33.1, 34.3, 38.6, 49.9, 66.4, 120.4, 124.7, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 128.8, 129.2, 136.2, 137.9, 149.4, 149.8, 173.0, 173.9; IR: 3304, 3221, 3035, 2931, 2858, 1734, 1602, 1443, 1173, 912, 752, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (EI-TOF, m/z): found [M+H] 431.2331, calc. for  $C_{27}H_{31}N_2O_3$ , 431.2335.

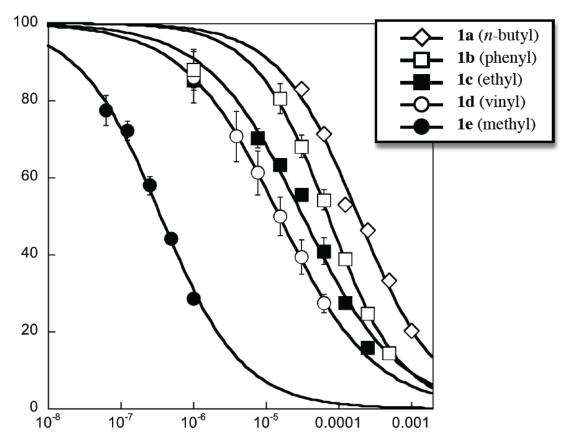
N<sup>8</sup>-hydroxy-N<sup>1</sup>-phenyl-2-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)octanediamide (22d). To a solution of NH<sub>2</sub>OH·HCl (536 mg, 7.67 mmol) in methanol (8 mL) was added KOH (860 mg, 15.3 mmol) at 0 °C in an acid-washed 25mL round-bottom flask. After stirring for 20 min, benzyl 8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)-7-(pyridine-4ylmethyl)octanoate **20d** (330 mg, 0.767 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 8h at 0°C. The reaction mixture was quenched by adding 1mL of distilled water and adjusting to pH 6 by adding concentrated aqueous hydrochloric acid. The mixture was diluted with 8 mL of ethyl acetate, and extracted with distilled water (equal volume to organic layer) at least 4 times. The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (8% methanol/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> with 0.1% Et<sub>3</sub>N) on acid-washed silica gel to give **22d** (116 mg, 43%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ, ppm, METHANOL-D): 1.39 (m, 4H), 1.60 (m, 3H), 1.77 (m, 1H), 2.08 (t, 2H), 2.86 (m, 2H), 2.93-3.00 (m, 2H), 7.06 (t, 1H), 7.25 (t, 2H), 7.43 (d, 2H), 7.50 (d, 2H), 8.48 (d, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (δ, ppm, CHLOROFORM-D): 25.4, 26.9, 28.8, 32.4, 32.8, 38.4, 120.3, 124.3, 125.8, 128.6, 138.1, 146.7, 153.8, 171.7, 174.1; IR: 3440, 3335,

2866, 1720, 1641, 1528, 1442, 1133, 759, 660 cm $^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI-TOF, m/z): found [M+H] 356.1966, calc. for  $C_{20}H_{26}N_3O_3$ , 356.1974. HPLC analytical purity analysis: 90%.

# 4.8 HDAC assay procedure

HDAC activity was measured using the Fluor de Lys® activity assay (Biomol & Enzo) using the manufacturer's protocol. Additional details were shown in Section 3.6 of Chapter 3.





**Figure A.1.** Dose response curve of C3-SAHA analogue **1a-e** tested using the HDAC activity from HeLa cells lysates from three independent trials with error bars indicating standard error. In some case, the error bars are smaller than the marker size. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the  $IC_{50}$ . The insets were the results of the data analysis. The data are reported in Table 2.1.

Table A.1 Inhibition of HDAC Activity of SAHA C3-Butyl with Hela Lysate

Concentration (M)	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	S.E
3.125 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	83	85	81	83	1
6.25 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	72	69	73	71	1
1.25 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	54	54	51	53	1
2.50 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	47	46	46	46	1
5.00 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	31	35	34	33	1
1.00 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	19	22	20	20	1

Table A.2 Inhibition of HDAC Activity of SAHA C3-Phenyl with Hela Lysate

Concentration (M)	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	S.E
1.00 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	98	80	86	88	5
1.5625 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	88	79	74	80	4
3.125 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	74	65	66	68	3
6.25 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	59	54	50	54	3
1.25 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	40	38	38	37	1
$2.50 \times 10^{-4}$	25	26	24	25	1
$5.00 \times 10^{-4}$	15	14	14	14	1

# Table A.3 Inhibition of HDAC Activity of C3-SAHA Ethyl with Hela Lysate

Concentration (M)	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	S.E
1.00 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	88	85	82	85	2
7.8125 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	75	69	67	70	2
1.5625 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	67	62	61	63	1
3.125 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	52	57	57	55	2
6.25 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	42	46	34	41	4
1.25 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	27	28	28	28	1
$2.50 \times 10^{-4}$	18	15	14	16	1

Table A.4 Inhibition of HDAC Activity of SAHA C3-Vinyl with Hela Lysate

Concentration (M)	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	S.E
1.00 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	84	75	99	86	7
3.906 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	83	60	69	71	7
7.8125 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	72	55	57	61	5
1.5625 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	60	43	47	50	5
3.125 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	48	34	37	40	4
6.25 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	32	23	27	27	3

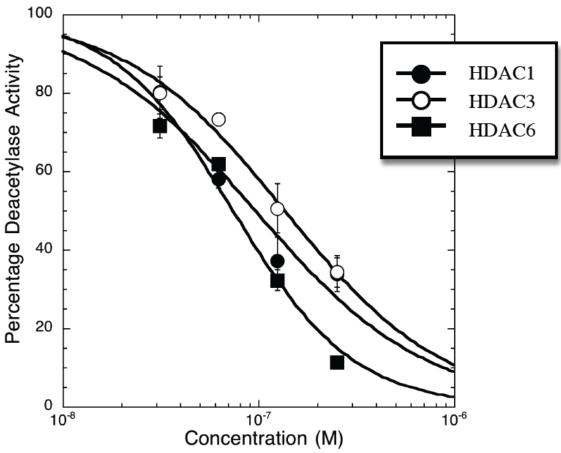
Table A.5 Inhibition of HDAC Activity of C3-SAHA Methyl with Hela Lysate

Concentration (M)	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	S.E
1.00 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>	95	93	77	88	4
6.25 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	85	75	72	77	4
1.25 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	77	72	62	72	3
2.50 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	62	58	54	58	2
5.00 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	45	46	43	44	1
1.00 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	31	28	29	29	1

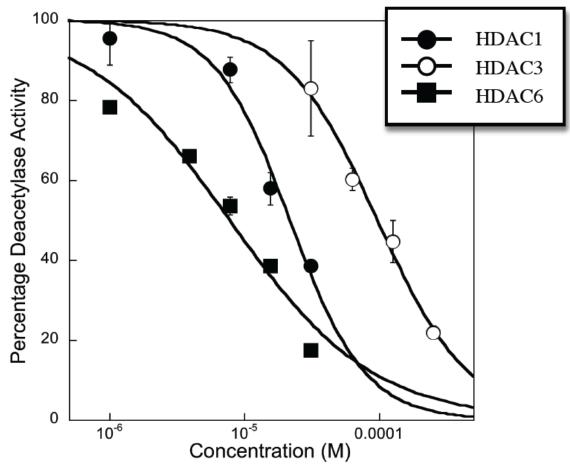
Table A.6 Isoform Selective HDAC Inhibition of SAHA C3 Analogues

Compound	HDAC Isoform	Trial 1	Trial 2	Mean	S.E
_	HDAC1	27	35	31	4
SAHA (125 nM)	HDAC3	44	45	45	1
(1231111)	HDAC6	32	37	35	3
	HDAC1	44	47	46	2
C3-Methyl	HDAC3	53	62	57	5
(375 nM)	HDAC6	73	75	74	1
	HDAC1	38	39	39	1
C3-Ethyl (32 µM)	HDAC3	71	95	83	12
(32 μΙΝΙ)	HDAC6	17	18	18	1
	HDAC1	23	26	25	2
C3-Vinyl	HDAC3	47	51	49	2
(32 µM)	HDAC6	26	28	27	1
	HDAC1	33	33	33	0
C3-Butyll	HDAC3	52	52	52	0
(32 µM)	HDAC6	22	25	24	2
	HDAC1	42	48	45	3
C3-Phenyl	HDAC3	50	51	51	1
(32 µM)	HDAC6	24	27	26	2

Deacetylase activity of HDAC1, HDAC3 and HDAC6 was determined with SAHA and with SAHA C3 analogs at given concentration using an in vitro fluorescence assay as described. The background fluorescence activity (No enzyme added) was subtracted and the percentage deacetylase activity was calculated with compared to the No small molecule treated (100%). Percentage deacetylase activity of each independent trial, mean percentage deacetylase activity and standard error (S.E) are shown.



**Figure A.2.** Dose response curves of SAHA tested against HDAC1, HDAC3, and HDAC6 from three independent trials with error bars indicating standard error. In some cases, the error bars are smaller than the marker size. The data is reported in the manuscript in Table 2.2.



**Figure A.3.** Dose response curves of the C3- SAHA ethyl analogue **1c** tested against HDAC1, HDAC3, and HDAC6 from three independent trials with error bars indicating standard error. In some cases, the error bars are smaller than the marker size. The data is reported in the manuscript in Table 2.2.

Table A.7 Inhibition of HDAC1 Activity by SAHA

Concentration (M)	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	S.E
3.125 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	68	91	82	80	7
6.25 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	55	62	57	58	2
1.25 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	48	27	37	37	6
$2.50 \times 10^{-7}$	37	40	25	34	5

Table A.8 Inhibition of HDAC3 Activity by SAHA

Concentration (M)	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	S.E
3.125 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	88	78	74	80	4
6.25 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	76	74	70	73	2
1.25 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	63	45	44	56	5
2.50 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	27	39	37	34	4

Table A.9 Inhibition of HDAC6 Activity by SAHA

Concentration (M)	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	S.E
3.125 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	66	76	73	72	3
6.25 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	64	62	60	62	1
1.25 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	37	28	32	32	2
2.50 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	13	12	9	11	1

# Table A.10 Inhibition of HDAC1 Activity by SAHA C3-Ethyl

Concentration (M)	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	S.E
1.00 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	102	89	ND	96	9
7.8125 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	83	94	86	88	6
1.5625 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	58	65	51	58	7
3.125 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	39	38	ND	39	1

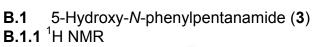
# Table A.11 Inhibition of HDAC3 Activity by SAHA C3-Ethyl

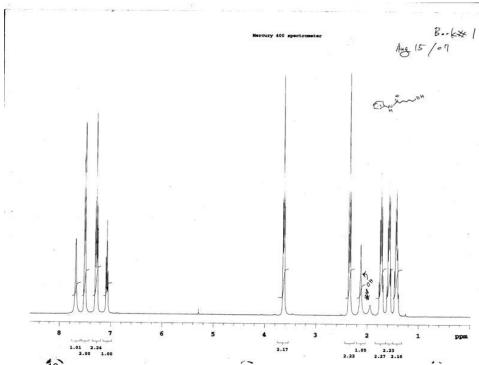
Concentration (M)	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	S.E
3.125 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	95	71	ND	83	12
62.50 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	58	57	66	60	3
1.25 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	46	35	53	45	5
2.50x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	20	21	25	22	2

# Table A.12 Inhibition of HDAC6 Activity by SAHA C3-Ethyl

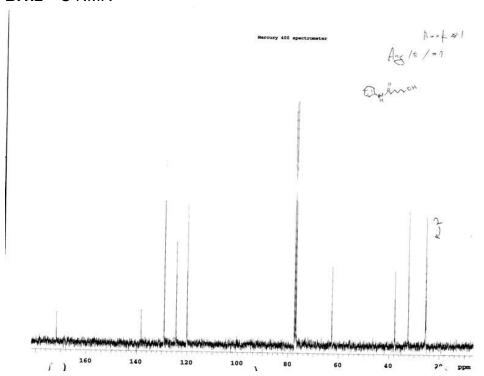
Concentration (M)	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	S.E
1.000 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	81	76	78	78	1
3.906 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	69	65	64	66	2
7.812 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	52	58	51	54	2
1.562 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	38	40	38	39	1
3.125 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	17	18	ND	18	1

# APPENDIX B. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR C3-SAHA LIBRARY

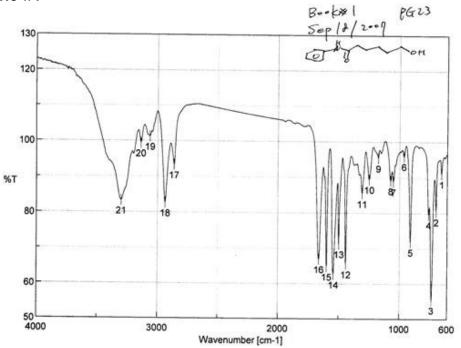




# **B.1.2** 13 C NMR



# **B.1.3** IR



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1	647.001	91.0387	2	692.32	80.474
3	729.925	55.4341	4	754.995	79.59
5	908.308	71.8178	6	961.341	95.907
7	1051.01	88.7738	8	1074.16	89.0851
9	1177.33	95.3979	10	1251.58	89.3905
11	1309.43	85.4377	12	1442.49	65.4784
13	1498.42	71.2467	14	1543.74	62.6047
15	1598.7	64.7477	16	1663.3	66.9215
17	2862.81	93.2437	18	2936.09	82.5852
19	3063.37	101.173	20	3136.65	99.3077
21	3297.68	83.2347			110010000000000000000000000000000000000

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Serial Number	B071461016
Light Source	Standard
Detector	TGS
Accumulation	Auto (66)
Resolution	4 cm-1
Zero Filling	On
Apodization	Cosine
Gain	Auto (4)
Aperture	Auto (7.1 mm)
Scanning Speed	Auto (2 mm/sec)
Filter	Auto (30000 Hz)

### **B.1.4** HRMS

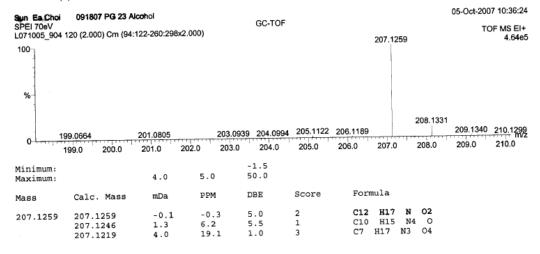
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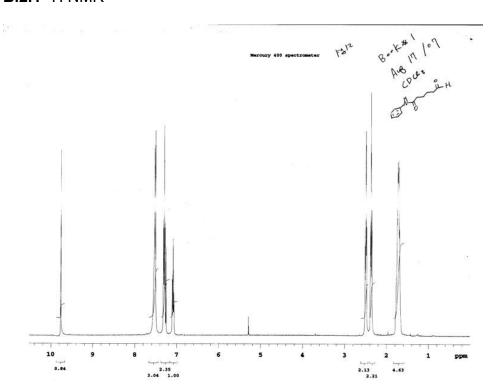
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, Isotope cluster parameters: Separation = 1.0 Abundance = 1.0%

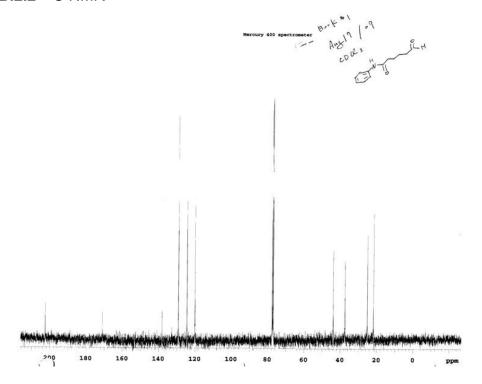
Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions 72 formula(e) evaluated with 3 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass)



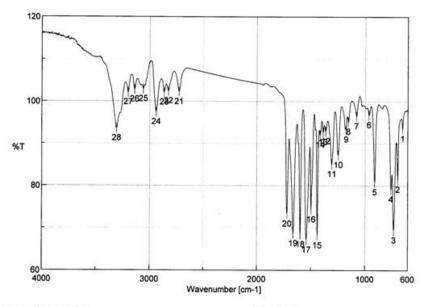
# **B.2** 6-Oxo-6-(phenylamino)hexanal (**4**) **B.2.1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR



**B.2.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR



# **B.2.3** IR

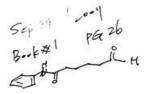


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5	909,272	80.7072	6	961.341	96.6682
7	1078.98	96.3849	8	1156.12	95.0621
9	1177.33	93.2351	10	1250.61	87.1809
11	1310.39	85.0071	12	1366.32	92.8652
13	1389.46	92.6047	14	1416.46	92.0052
15	1441.53	68.1541	16	1498.42	74.2736
17	1542.77	67.1488	18	1598.7	68.4163
19	1664.27	68.6768	20	1721.16	73.2593
21	2725.89	102.202	22	2826.17	102.371
23	2865.7	102.048	24	2939.95	97.4177
25	3058.55	102.895	26	3139.54	102.79
27	3198.36	102.098	28	3305.39	93.5273

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#### **B.2.4** HRMS

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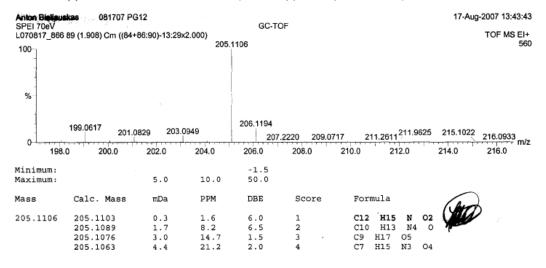
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Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 5.0 mDa / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0

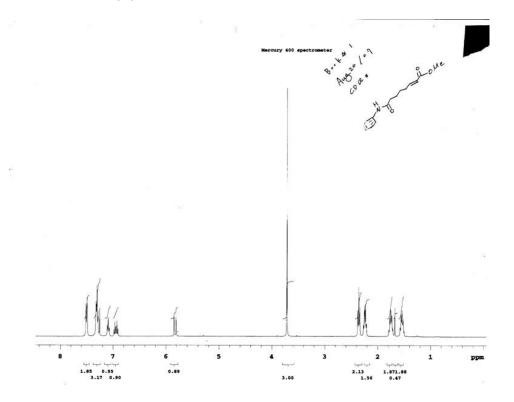
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Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions 190 formula(e) evaluated with 4 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass)

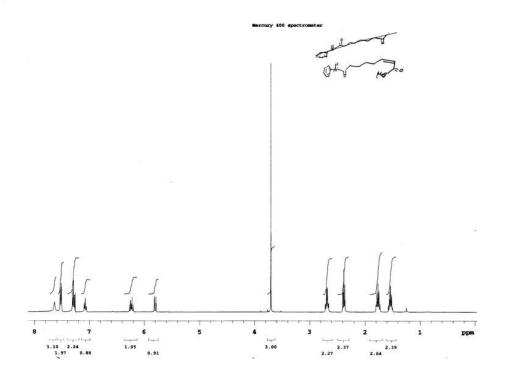


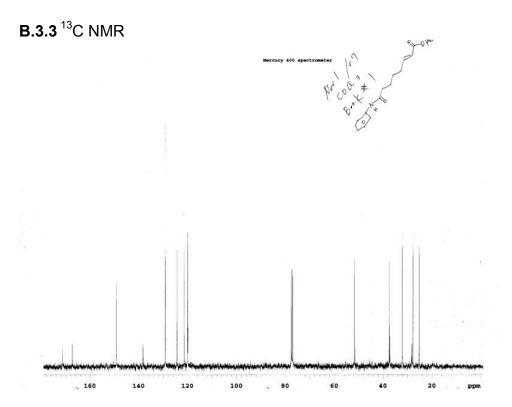
# **B.3** 8-Oxo-8-(phenylamino)-oct-2-enoate (5)

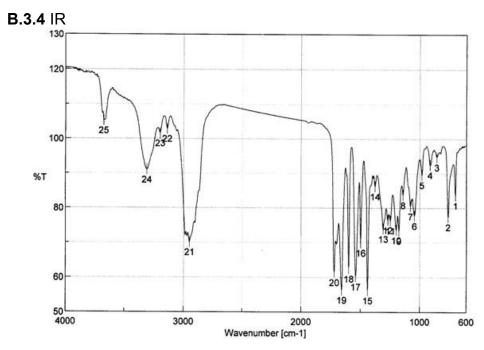
# **B.3.1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (E)

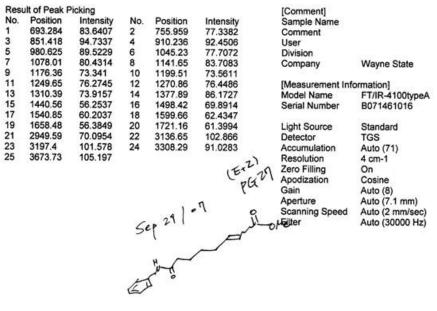


**B.3.2** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (**Z**)









**B.3.5** HRMS

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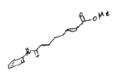
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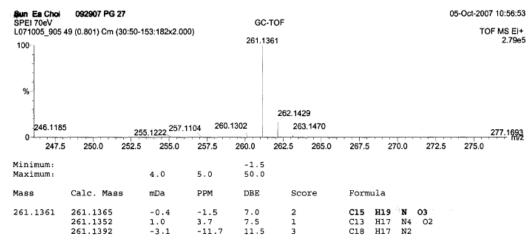
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Isotope cluster parameters: Separation = 1.0 Abundance = 1.0%

Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

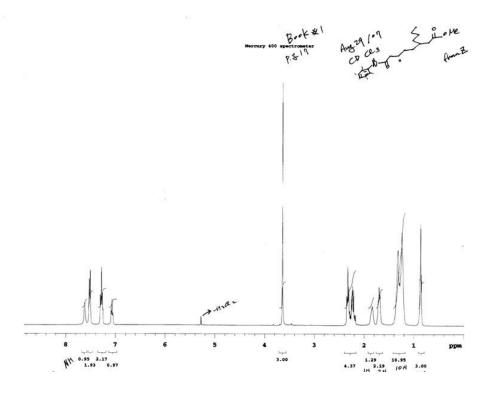
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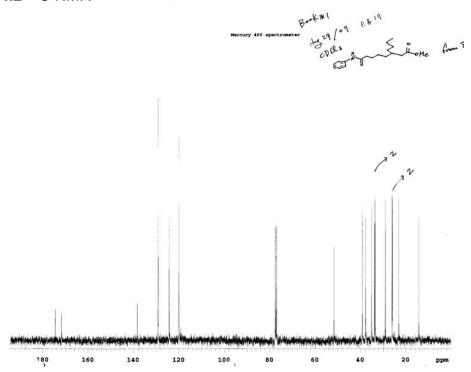


### **B.4** 8-Oxo-8-(phenylamino)-3-*n*-butyloctanoate (**6a**)

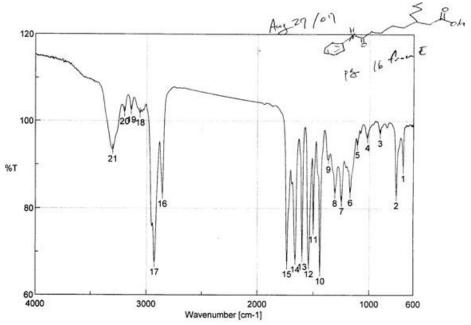
# **B.4.1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR



**B.4.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR



# **B.4.3** IR



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1	693.284	89.0843	2	754.995	82.8636
3	902.523	97.0722	4	1017.27	96.0388
5	1106.94	94.4572	6	1171.54	83.5348
7	1250.61	81.5591	8	1309.43	83.3787
9	1367.28	91.1232	10	1440.56	65.4473
11	1499.38	75.0844	12	1541.81	67.0899
13	1599.66	68.805	14	1662.34	68.1755
15	1736.58	67.0555	16	2857.99	83.1721
17	2928.38	67.5274	18	3058.55	101.764
19	3136.65	102.456	20	3197.4	102.06
21	3302.5	93.4479			

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#### **B.4.4** HRMS

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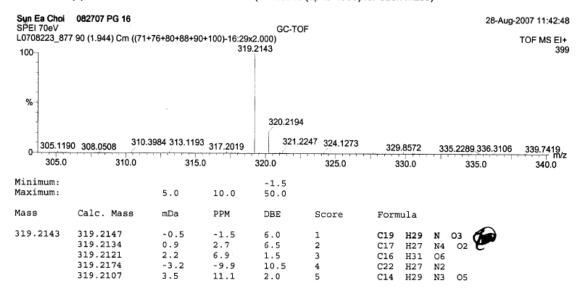
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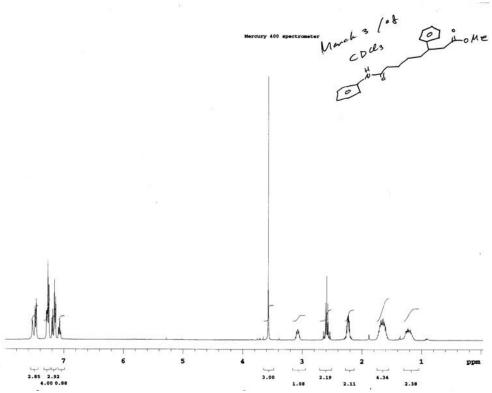
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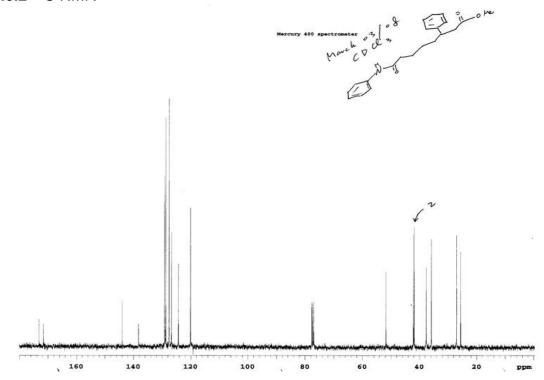


# **B.5** 8-Oxo-8-(phenylamino)-3-phenyloctanoate (**6b**)

# **B.5.1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR

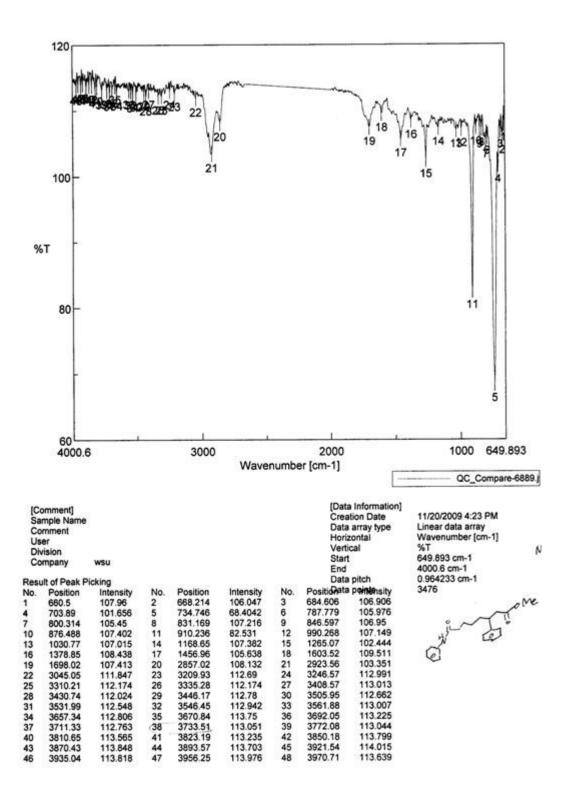


**B.5.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR



**B.5.3** IR

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#### **B.5.4** HRMS

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Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 5.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 100.0 Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

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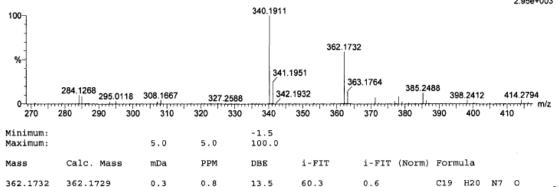
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62.6

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H24 N3

C18

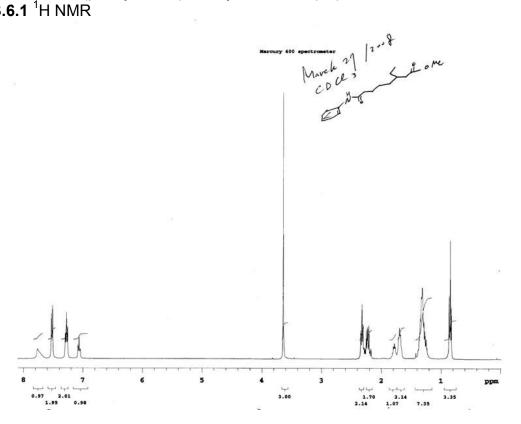
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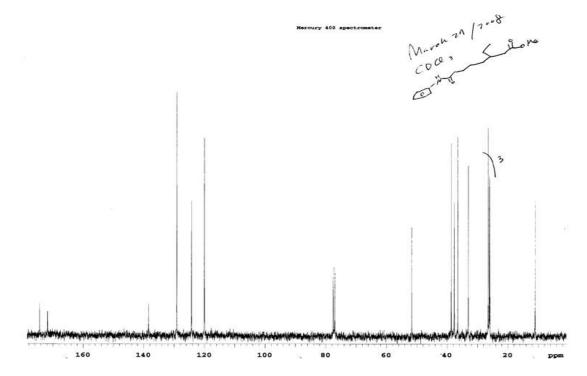
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# **B.6.1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR

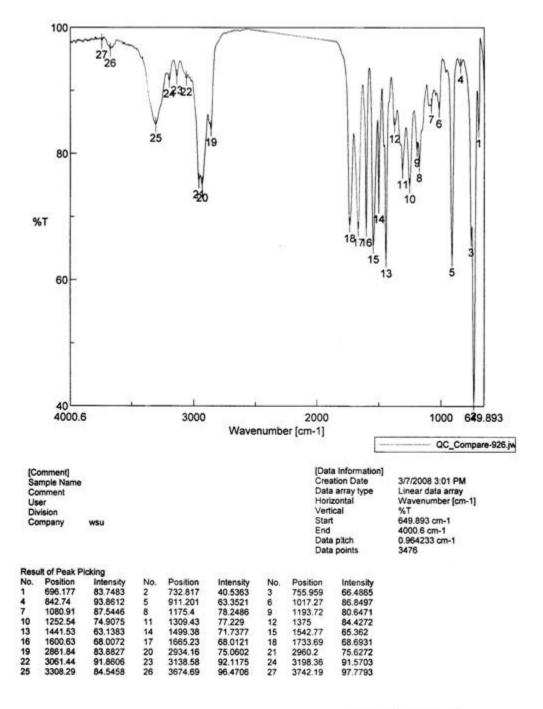


**B.6.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR



**B.6.3** IR

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#### **B.6.4** HRMS

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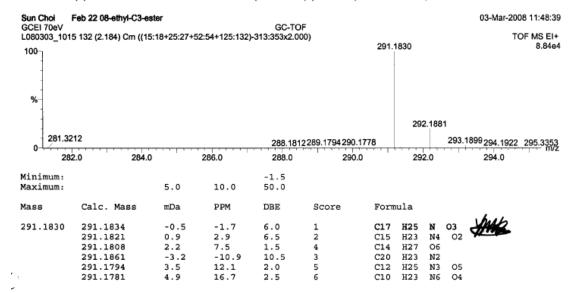
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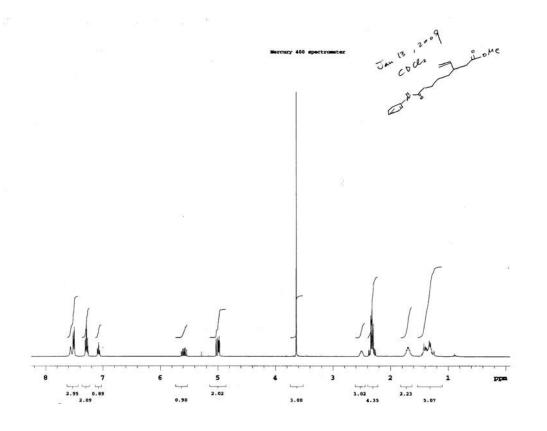
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Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

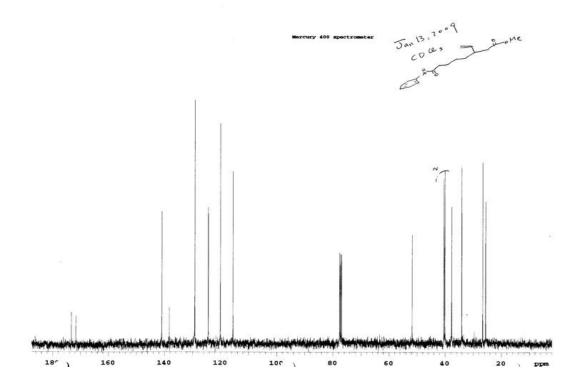
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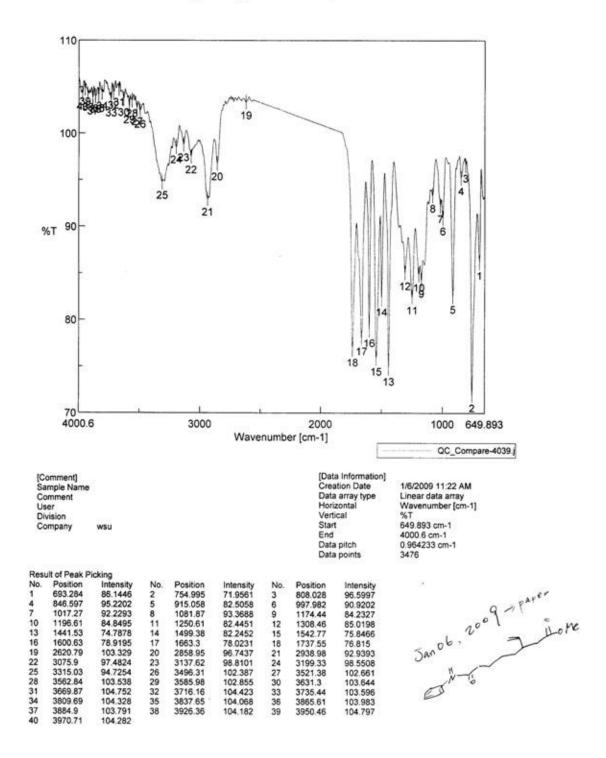


**B.7.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR



### **B.7.3** IR

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#### **B.7.4** HRMS

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Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 5.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0

Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

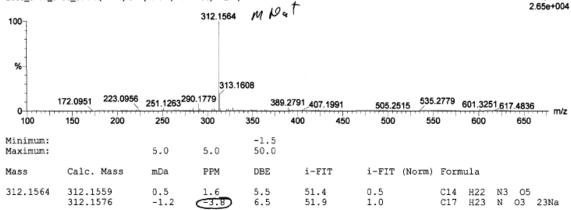
Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

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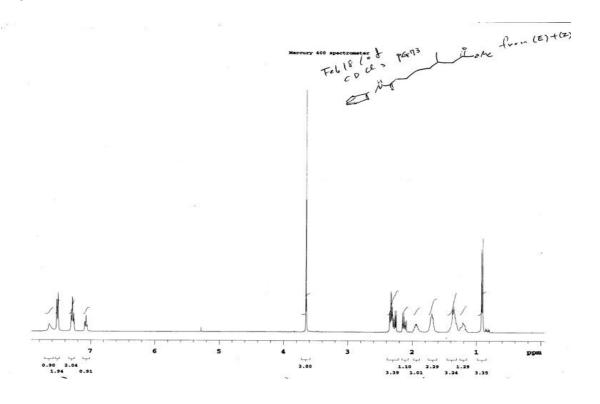
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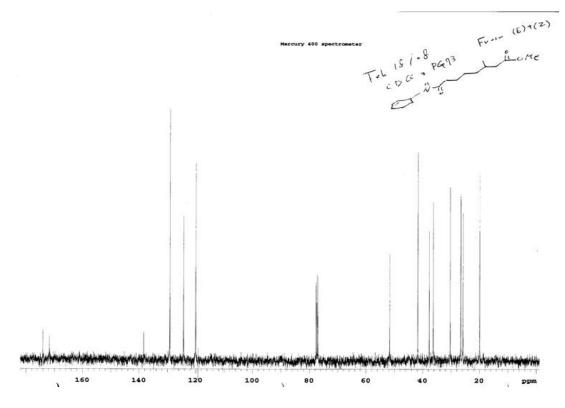
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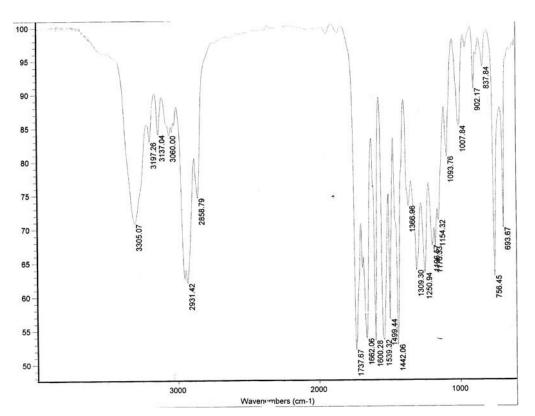
# **B.8** 8-Oxo-8-(phenylamino)-3-methyloctanoate (**6e**) **B.8.1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR



**B.8.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR



**B.8.3** IR



#### **B.8.1** HRMS

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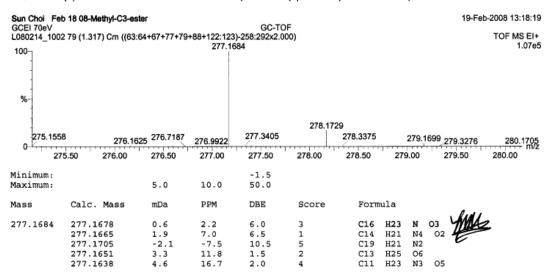
Single Mass Analysis

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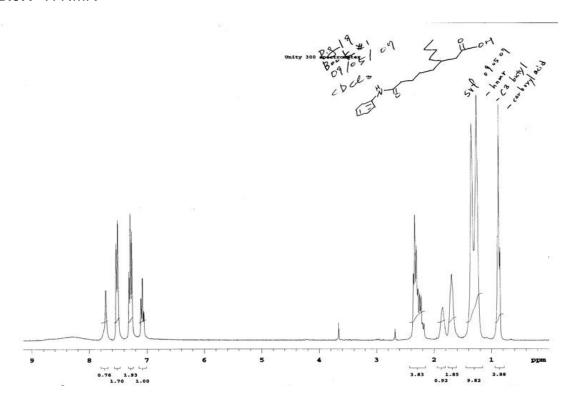
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Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

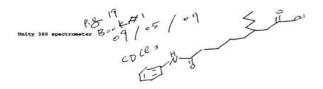
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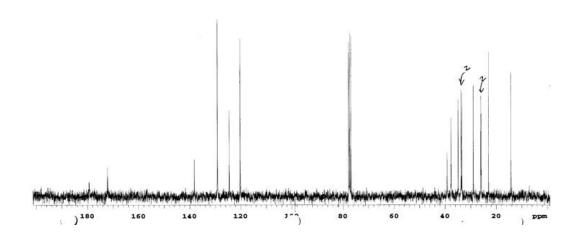


**B.9** 3-n-Butyl- $N^1$ -hydroxyl- $N^8$ -phenyloctanoic acid (**7**) **B.9.1**  $^1$ H NMR

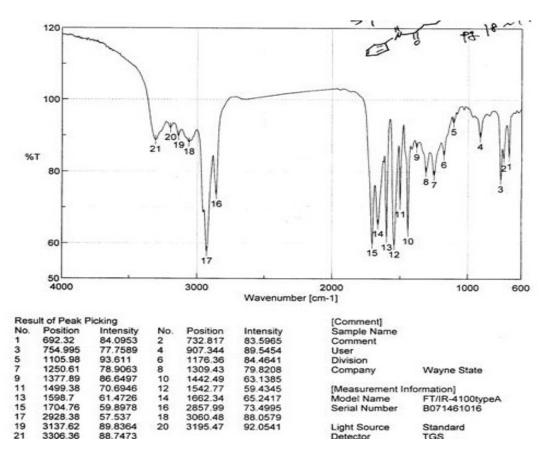


**B.9.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR





#### **B.9.3** IR



#### **B.9.4** HRMS

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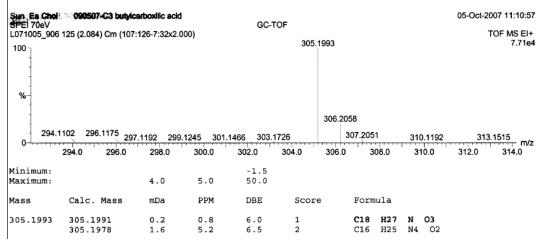
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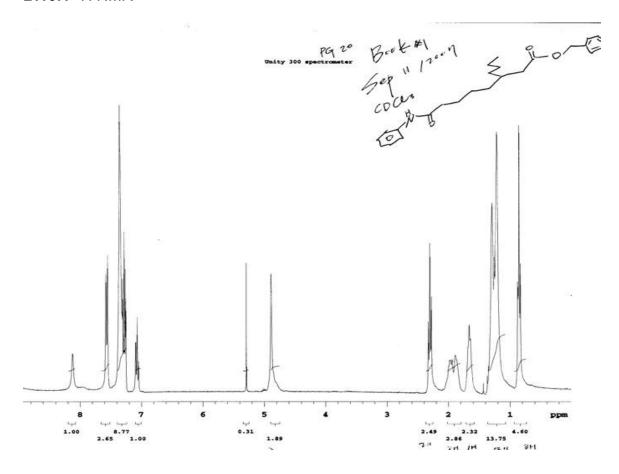
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Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

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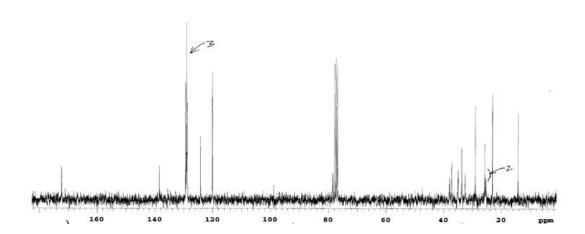


**B.10** 3-n-Butyl- $N^1$ -benzyloxy- $N^8$ -phenyloctanediamide (8) **B.10.1**  $^1$ H NMR

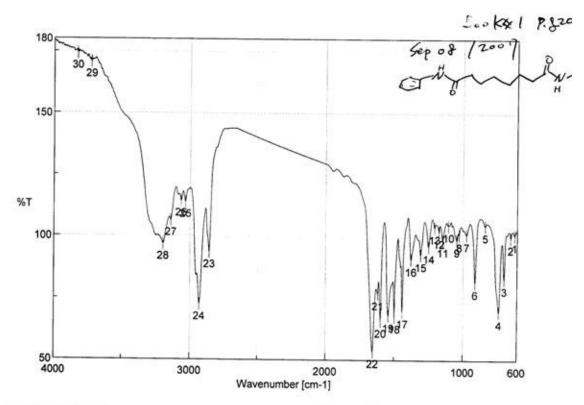


# **B.10.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR





# **B.10.3** IR



Resi	ult of Peak P	Picking			
No.	Position	Intensity	No.	Position	Intensity
1	618.074	100.423	2	647.965	99.5156
3	695.212	82.8082	4	733.782	69.2952
5	836.955	104.304	6	911.201	81,4994
7	974.84	100.684	8	1029.8	100.493
9	1046.19	98.4892	10	1107.9	104.443
11	1148.4	98.422	12	1176.36	101.871
13	1209.15	103.565	14	1252.54	95.8236
15	1309.43	92.4519	16	1379.82	90.6013
17	1442.49	69.6131	18	1498.42	67.5212
19	1543.74	67.9726	20	1599.66	65.7706
21	1619.91	76.8858	22	1655.59	53.4272
23	2857.99	93.3939	24	2929.34	72.3348
25	3033.48	113.73	26	3064.33	114.247
27	3139.54	106.298	28	3194.51	96.6941
29	3723.87	170.564	30	3826.08	174.068

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### **B.10.4** HRMS

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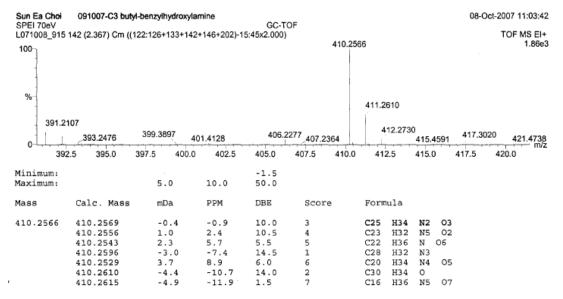
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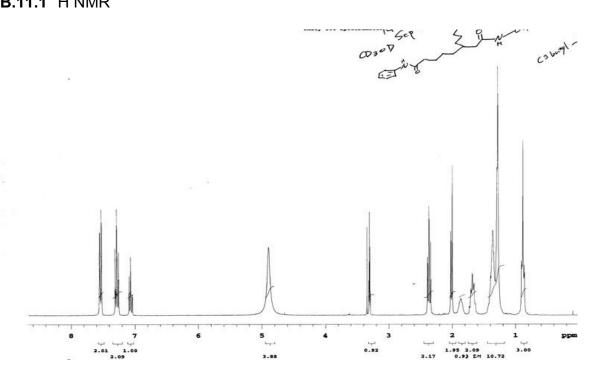
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Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

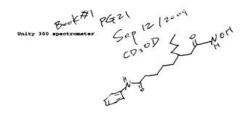
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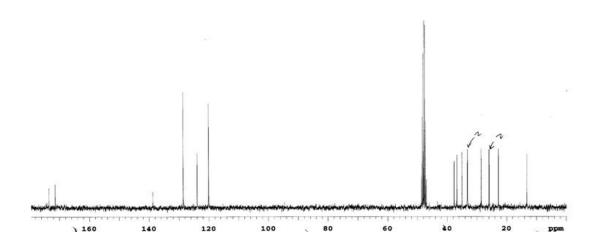


# **B.11** 3-n-Butyl- $N^1$ -hydroxyl- $N^8$ -phenyloctandiamide (**1a**) **B.11.1** $^1$ H NMR

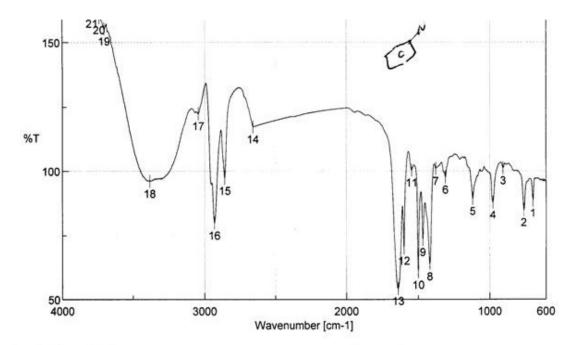


**B.11.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR





## **B.11.3** IR



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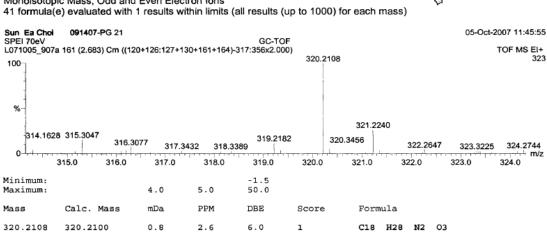
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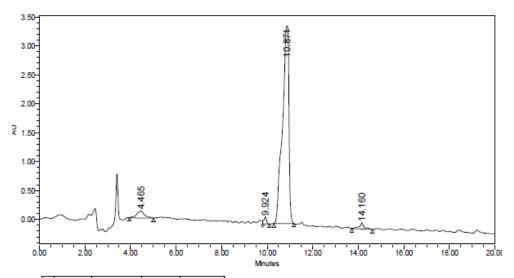
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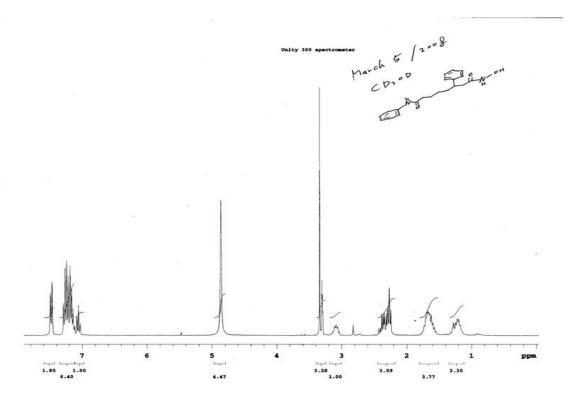
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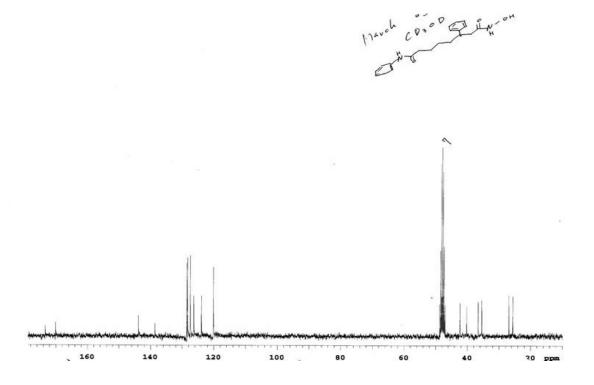
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# **B.12** 3-Phenyl- $N^1$ -hydroxyl- $N^8$ -phenyloctandiamide (**1b**)

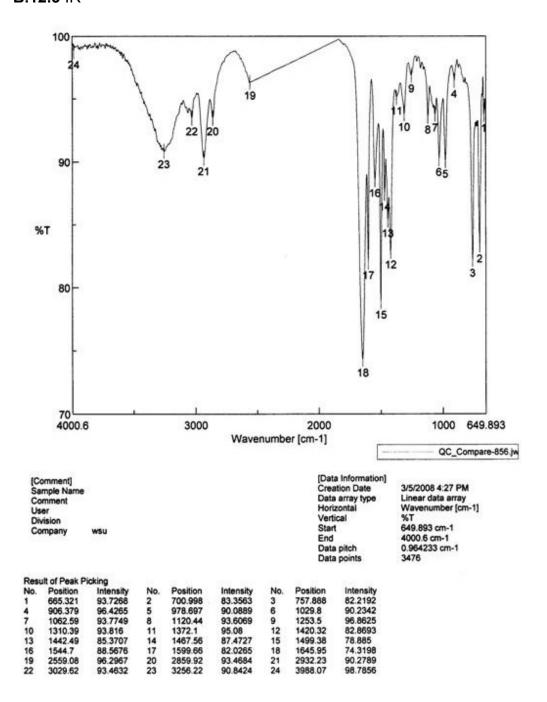
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**B.12.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR



### **B.12.3** IR



### **B.12.4** HRMS

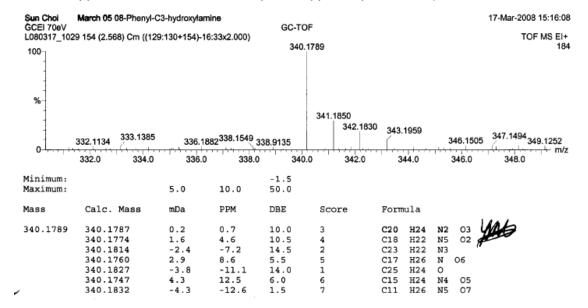
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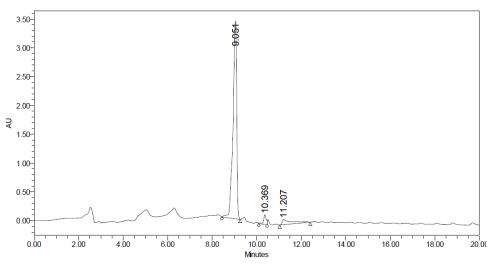
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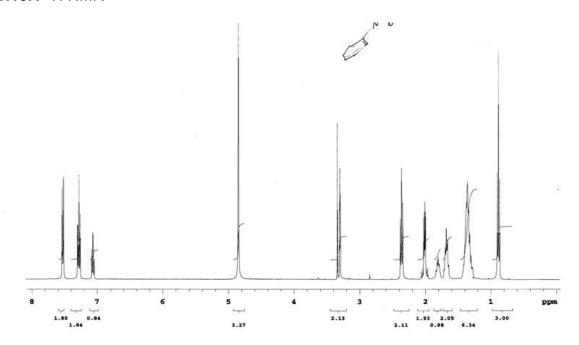
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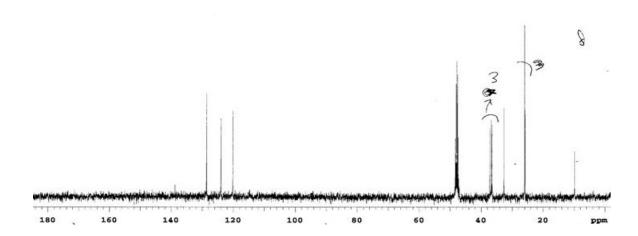
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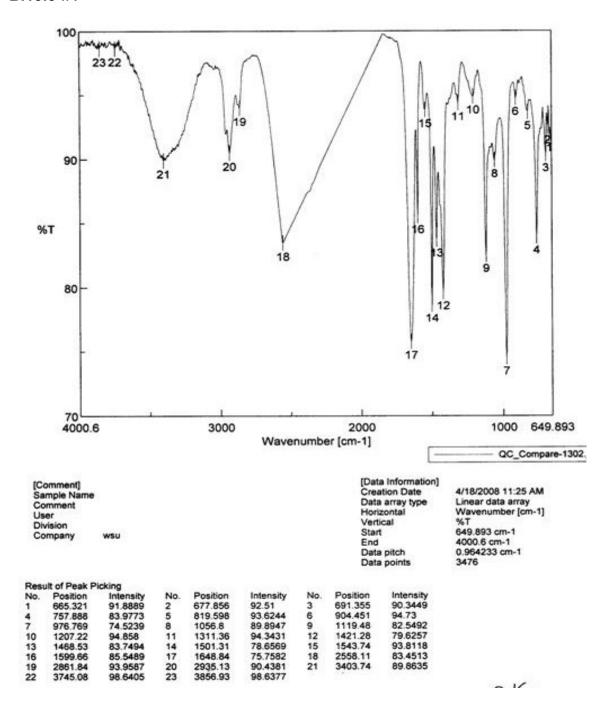


**B.13.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR





### **B.13.3** IR



### **B.13.4** HRMS

### Single Mass Analysis

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Element prediction: Off

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Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

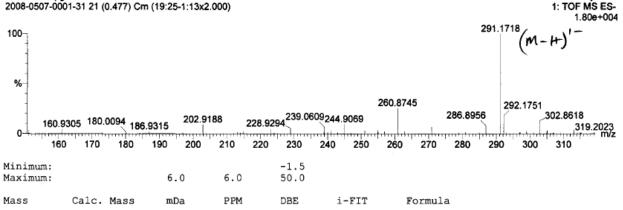
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### **B.13.5** HPLC

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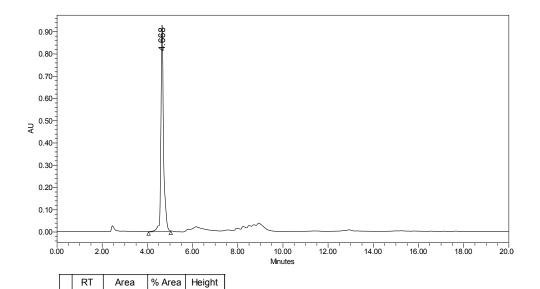
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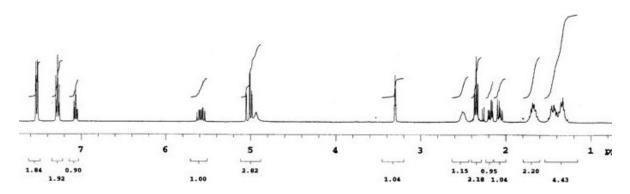


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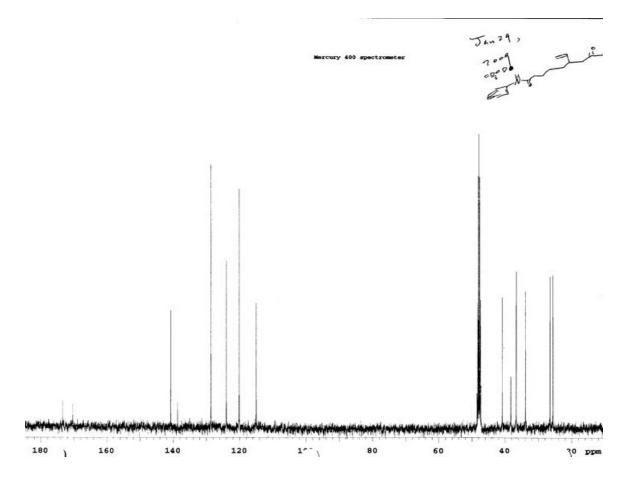
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# **B.14** 3-Vinyl- $N^1$ -hydroxyl- $N^8$ -phenyloctandiamide (**1d**)

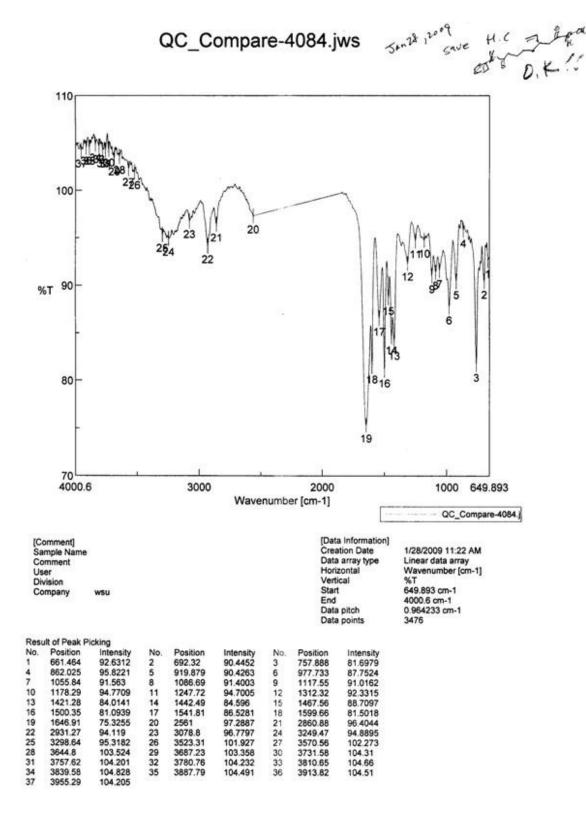
# **B.14.1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR



**B.14.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR



**B.14.3** IR



### **B.14.4** HRMS

Single Mass Analysis
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Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

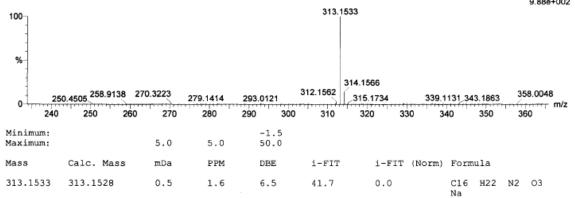
Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

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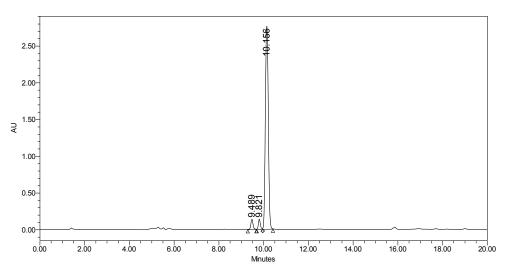
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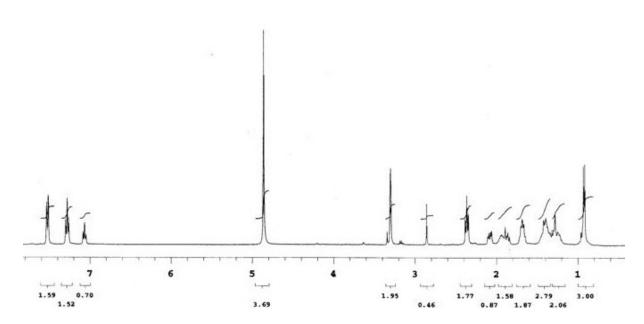
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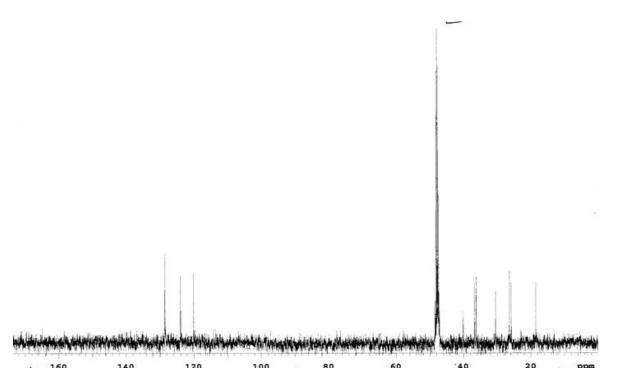
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# **B.15** 3-Methyl-*N*<sup>1</sup>-hydroxyl-*N*<sup>8</sup>-phenyloctandiamide (**1e**)

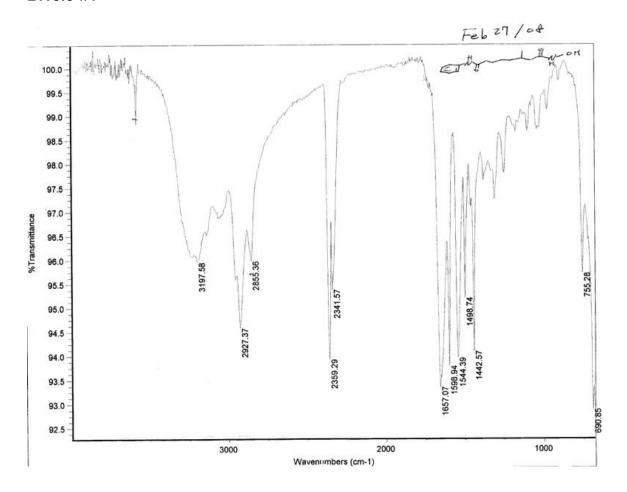
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**B.15.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR



**B.15.3** IR



### **B.15.4** HRMS

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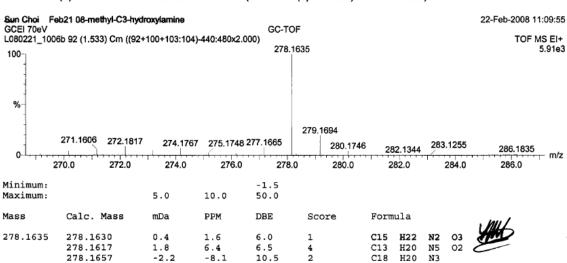
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### Single Mass Analysis

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Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

222 formula(e) evaluated with 6 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass)



### **B.15.5** HPLC

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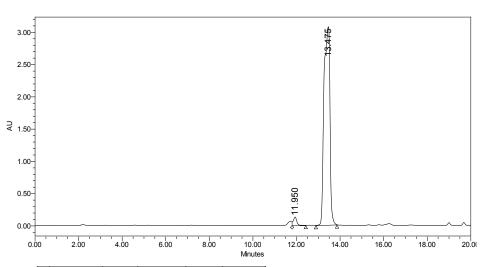
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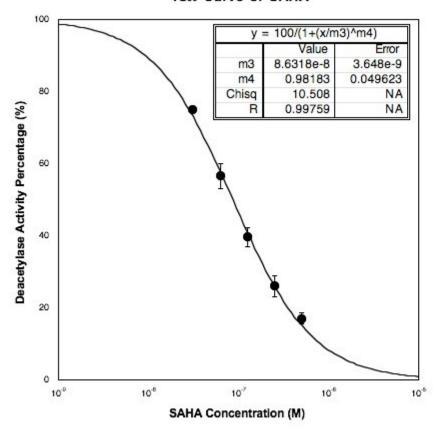
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# APPENDIX C. DOSE RESPONSE GRAPHS AND DATA FOR C6-SAHA LIBRARY

Table C.1. Percentage HDAC activity after incubation of SAHA with Hela Lysate

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Concentration	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	Standard
(M)					Error (S.E.)
3.125 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	75	75	ND	75	0
6.25 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	63	56	51	57	3
1.25 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	44	35	40	40	3
2.5 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	31	21	26	26	3
5.0 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	20	16	15	17	2

#### IC50 Curve of SAHA



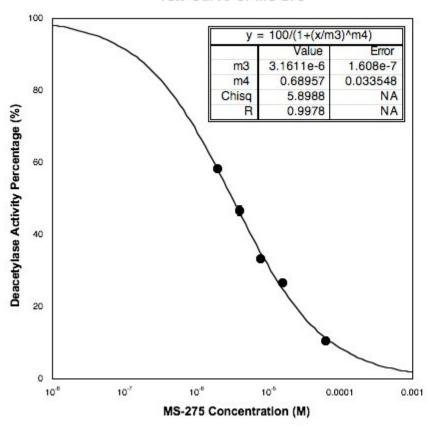
**Figure C.1.** Dose response curve of SAHA tested using the HDAC activity from HeLa cells lysates from three independent trials In some case, the error bar is smaller than the marker size. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the  $IC_{50}$ . The insets were the results of the data analysis. The data are reported in Table 3.1.

Table C.2. Percentage HDAC activity after incubation of MS-275 with Hela

Lysate

Concentration	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	Standard Error
(M)					(S.E.)
1.95 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	58	59	58	58	0.3
3.91 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	44	47	49	47	1
7.81 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	32	35	33	33	1
1.56 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	27	27	26	27	0.3
6.25 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	9	12	11	11	1





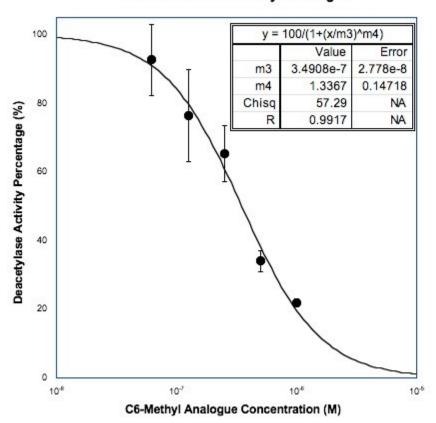
**Figure C.2.** Dose response curve of MS-275 tested using the HDAC activity from HeLa cells lysates from three independent trials. In some cases, the error bars are smaller than the marker size. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the  $IC_{50}$ . The insets were the results of the data analysis. The data are reported in Table 3.1.

Table C.3. Percentage HDAC activity after incubation of C6-SAHA methyl

analogue 14a with Hela Lysate

Concentration	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	Standard Error
(M)					(S.E.)
6.25 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	104	72	102	92	10
1.25 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	94	50	85	76	13
2.5 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	66	51	79	65	8
5.0 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	30	32	40	34	3
1.0 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	24	20	22	22	1

### IC50 Curve of C6-Methyl Analogue



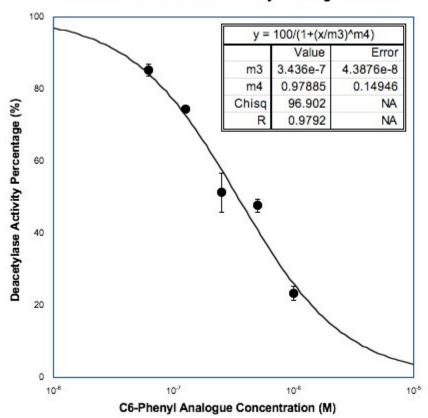
**Figure C.3.** Dose response curve of C6-SAHA methyl analogue **14a** tested using the HDAC activity from HeLa cells lysates from three independent trials. In some case, the error bar is smaller than the marker size. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the  $IC_{50}$ . The insets were the results of the data analysis. The data are reported in Table 3.1.

Table C.4. Percentage HDAC activity after incubation of C6-SAHA phenyl

analogue **14b** with Hela Lysate

Concentration	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	Standard Error	
(M)					(S.E.)	
6.25 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	87	87	82	85	1	
1.25 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	75	73	75	74	0.7	
2.5 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	59	41	54	51	5	
5.0 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	45	47	51	47	1	
1.0 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	27	23	20	23	2	

### IC50 Curve of C6-Phenyl Analogue



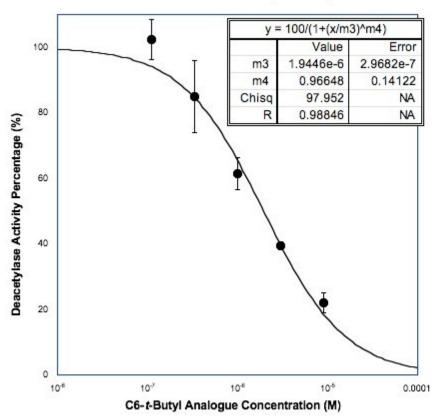
**Figure C.4.** Dose response curve of C6-SAHA phenyl analogue **14b** tested using the HDAC activity from HeLa cells lysates from three independent trials with error bars indicating standard error. In some case, the error bar is smaller than the marker size. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the  $IC_{50}$ . The insets were the results of the data analysis. The data are reported in Table 3.1.

**Table C.5.** Percentage HDAC activity after incubation of C6-SAHA *t*-butyl

analogue 14c with Hela Lysate

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Concentration	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	Standard	Error
(M)					(S.E.)	
1.11 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	94	99	114	102	6	
3.33 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	65	87	103	85	11	
1.0 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	55	58	71	61	4	
3.0 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	40	37	41	39	1	
9.0 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	28	20	18	22	3	

### ICso Curve of C6-t-Butyl Analogue



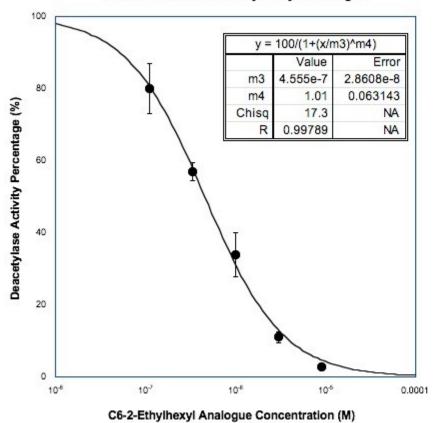
**Figure C.5.** Dose response curve of C6-SAHA t-butyl analogue **14c** tested using the HDAC activity from HeLa cells lysates from three independent trials. In some case, the error bar is smaller than the marker size. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the IC<sub>50</sub>. The insets were the results of the data analysis. The data are reported in Table 3.1.

 Table C.6. Percentage HDAC activity after incubation of C6-SAHA 2-ethylhexyl

analogue 14d with Hela Lysate

Concentration	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	Standard Error
(M)					(S.E.)
1.11 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	93	69	78	80	7
3.33 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	62	54	55	57	2
1.0 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	42	22	38	34	6
$3.0 \times 10^{-6}$	12	8	13	11	1
9.0 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	4	2	2	2.7	0.7

### IC50 Curve of C6-2-Ethylhexyl Analogue



**Figure C.6.** Dose response curve of C6-SAHA 2-ethylhexyl analogue **14d** tested using the HDAC activity from HeLa cells lysates from three independent trials with error bars indicating standard error. In some case, the error bar is smaller than the marker size. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the  $IC_{50}$ . The insets were the results of the data analysis. The data are reported in Table 3.1.

**Table C.7.** Deacetylase activity percentage remaining after incubation of HDAC1. HDAC3. or HDAC6 with SAHA or the C6-SAHA analogues **14a-e**.

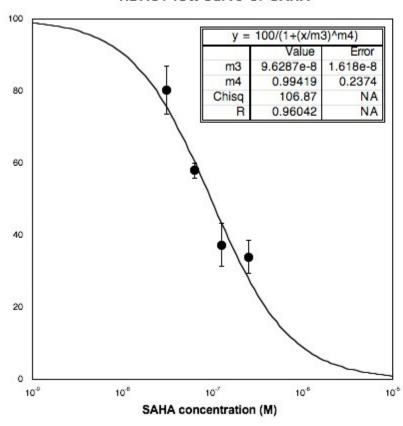
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Compound	HDAC Isoform	Trial 1	Trial 2	Mean	S.E.	
	HDAC1	30	35	32	2	
SAHA (125 nM)	HDAC3	44	45	44	1	
(12311111)	HDAC6	32	36	34	2	
	HDAC1	35	42	38	3	
C6-Methyl (500 nM)	HDAC3	32	33	32	0.5	
(300 11101)	HDAC6	61	58	59	1	
	HDAC1	57	56	56	0.5	
C6-Phenyl (500 nM)	HDAC3	68	67	67	0.5	
(300 11101)	HDAC6	61	58	59	1	
_	HDAC1	44	46	45	1	
C6- <i>t</i> -Butyl	HDAC3	79	82	80	1	
(2 μM)	HDAC6	56	55	55	0.5	
00.0 54. 11. 1	HDAC1	77	73	75	2	
C6-2-Ethylhexyl (500 nM)	HDAC3	51	54	52	1	
(300 11101)	HDAC6	91	95	93	2	
	HDAC1	42	48	45	3	
C6-Isopropyl (µM)	HDAC3	50	51	51	1	
(μινι)	HDAC6	24	27	26	2	

Deacetylase activity of HDAC1, HDAC3 and HDAC6 was determined with SAHA and with C6-SAHA analogues at given concentration using an in vitro fluorescence assay as described (Section 3.6). The fluorescence activity of background (No enzyme added) was subtracted from the no small molecule treated (positive control) and the percentage of the deacetylase activity was set to 100%. Deacetylase activity percentage of each independent trial, mean percentage of deacetylase activity, and standard error (S.E.) are illustrated. The data are reported in the manuscript in Figure 3.2.

Table C.8. HDAC1 activity percentage after incubation of SAHA.

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	Concentration	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	Standard E	Error
L	(M)					(S.E.)	
	3.125 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	68	91	82	80	7	
	6.25 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	55	62	57	58	2	
	1.25 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	48	27	37	37	6	
ſ	2.50 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	37	40	25	34	5	

### HDAC1 IC50 Curve of SAHA

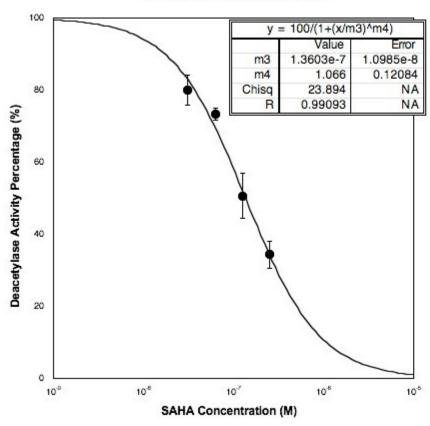


**Figure C.7.** Dose response curve of SAHA tested using the HDAC1 activity from three independent trials with error bars indicating standard error. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the  $IC_{50}$ . The insets were the results of the data analysis. The data are reported in Table 3.2.

**Table C.9.** HDAC3 activity percentage after incubation of SAHA.

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Concentration	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	Standard Err	or
(M)					(S.E.)	
3.125 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	88	78	74	80	4	
6.25 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	76	74	70	73	2	
1.25 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	63	45	44	56	5	
2.50 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	27	39	37	34	4	

### HDAC3 IC50 Curve of SAHA

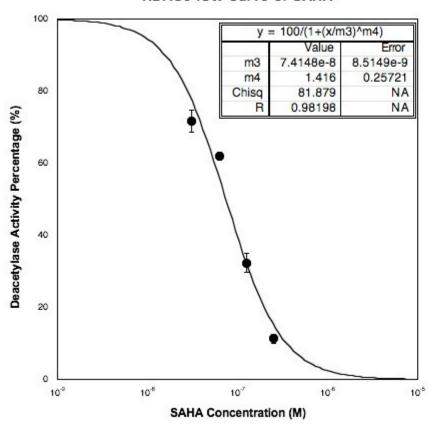


**Figure C.8.** Dose response curve of SAHA tested using the HDAC3 activity from three independent trials with error bars indicating standard error. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the  $IC_{50}$ . The insets were the results of the data analysis. The data are reported in Table 3.2.

Table C.10.	HDAC6 activity	v percentage	after incu	bation of SAHA
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Concentration	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	Standard	Error
(M)					(S.E.)	
3.125 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	66	76	73	72	3	
6.25 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	64	62	60	62	1	
1.25 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	37	28	32	32	2	
2.50 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	13	12	9	11	1	

### HDAC6 IC50 Curve of SAHA

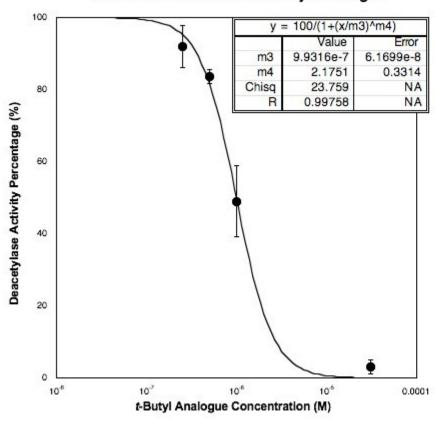


**Figure C.9.** Dose response curve of SAHA tested using the HDAC6 activity from three independent trials with error bars indicating standard error. In some case, the error bars are smaller than the marker size. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the IC<sub>50</sub>. The insets were the results of the data analysis. The data are reported in Table 3.2.

**Table C.11.** HDAC1 activity percentage after incubation of C6-SAHA *t*-butyl analogue **14c**.

Concentration	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	Standard Error
(M)					(S.E.)
2.50 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	102	92	82	92	5
5.00 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	86	85	80	84	1
1.00 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	68	44	35	49	9
3.125 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	7	1	1	3	2

### HDAC1 IC50 Curve of C64-Butyl Analogue

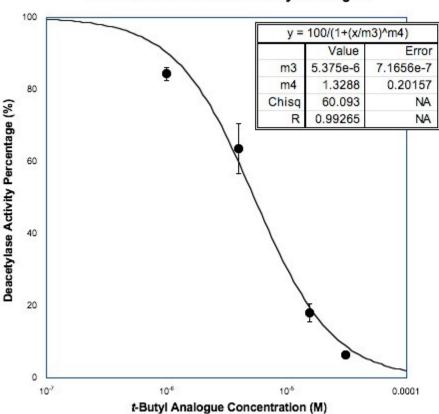


**Figure C.10.** Dose response curve of C6-SAHA t-butyl analogue **14c** tested using the HDAC1 activity from three independent trials with error bars indicating standard error. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the IC<sub>50</sub>. The insets were the results of the data analysis. The data are reported in Table 3.2.

**Table C.12.** HDAC3 activity percentage after incubation of C6-SAHA *t*-butyl analogue **14c**.

Concentration	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	Standard Error
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(M)					(S.E.)
1.00 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	87	85	81	84	1
4.00 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	76	63	52	64	6
1.5625 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	21	20	13	18	2
3.125 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	7	6	6	6	-

### HDAC3 IC50 Curve of C6-t-Butyl Analogue

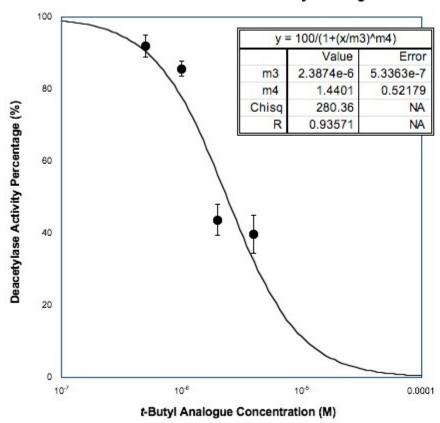


**Figure C.11.** Dose response curve of C6-SAHA t-butyl analogue **14c** tested using the HDAC3 activity from three independent trials. In some case, the error bar is smaller than the marker size. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the IC<sub>50</sub>. The insets were the results of the data analysis. The data are reported in Table 3.2.

**Table C.13.** HDAC6 activity percentage after incubation of C6-SAHA *t*-butyl analogue **14c**.

Concentration	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	Standard Erro
(M)					(S.E.)
5.00 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	98	90	88	92	3
1.00 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	89	82	86	85	2
2.00 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	48	35	48	44	4
4.00 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	45	29	45	40	5

### HDAC6 IC50 Curve of C6-t-BUtyl Analogue

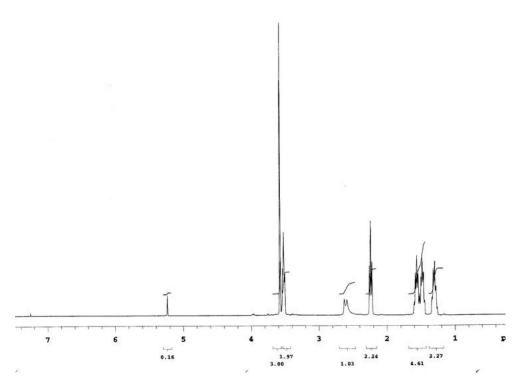


**Figure C.12.** Dose response curve of C6-SAHA t-butyl analogue **14c** tested using the HDAC6 activity from three independent trials with error bars indicating standard error. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the IC<sub>50</sub>. The insets were the results of the data analysis. The data are reported in Table 3.2.

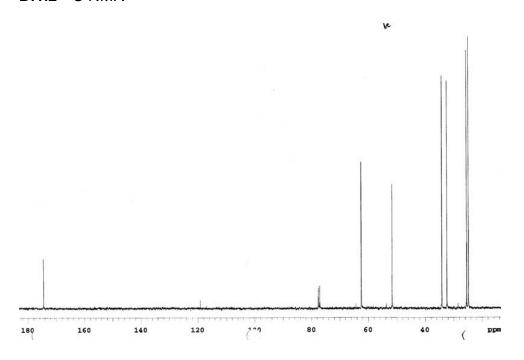
## APPENDIX D. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR C6-SAHA LIBRARY

**D.1** Methyl 6-hydroxyhexanoate (**9**)

## **D.1.1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR

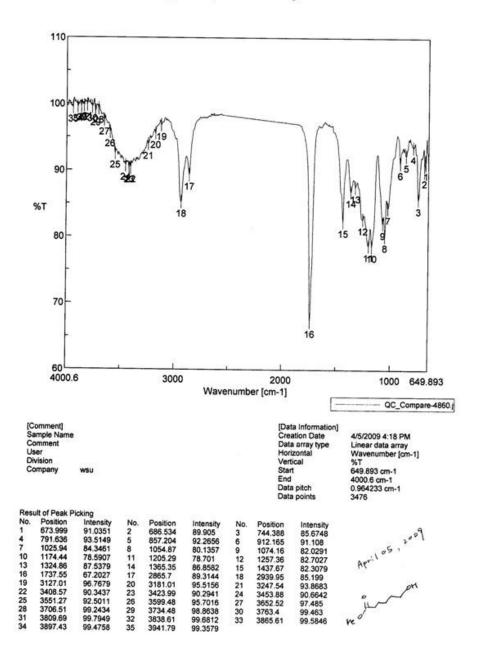


**D.1.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR

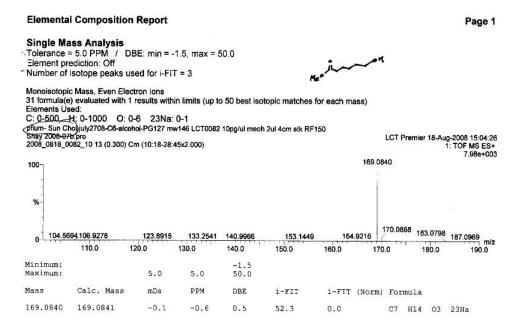


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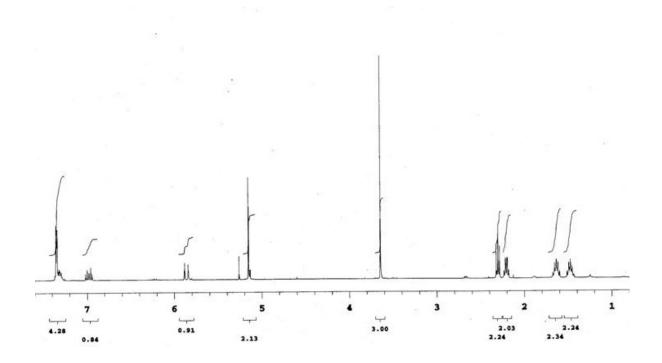


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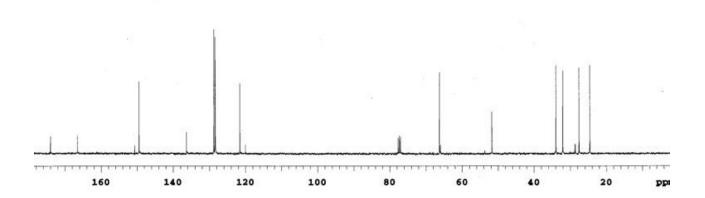


# D.2 1-Benzyl 8-methyl oct-2-enedioate (11)

# **D.2.1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR

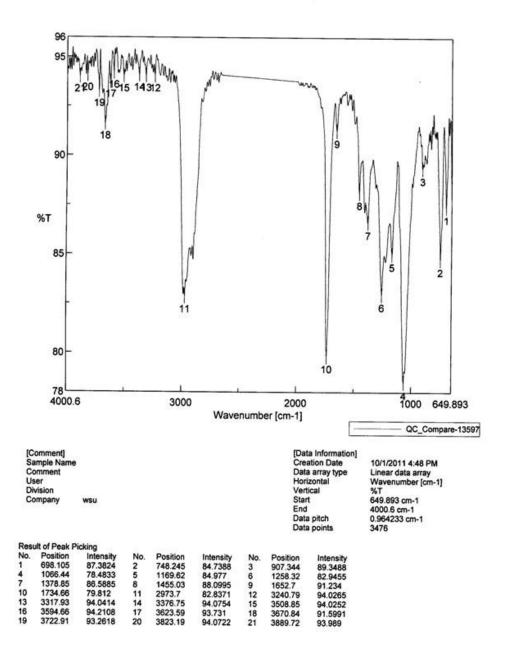


**D.2.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR

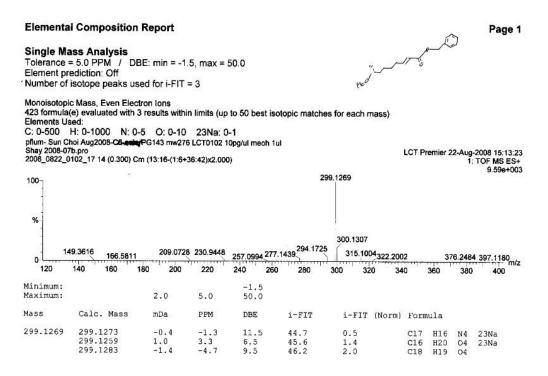


## **D.2.3** IR

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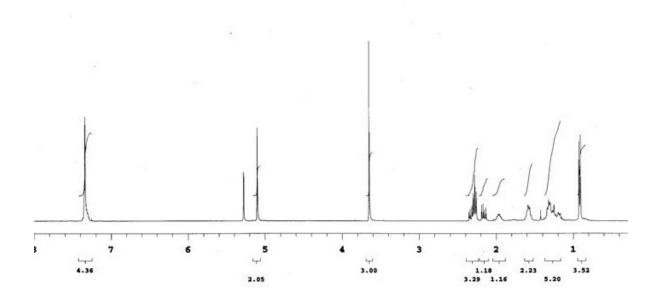


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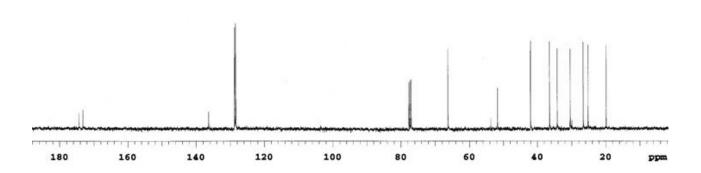


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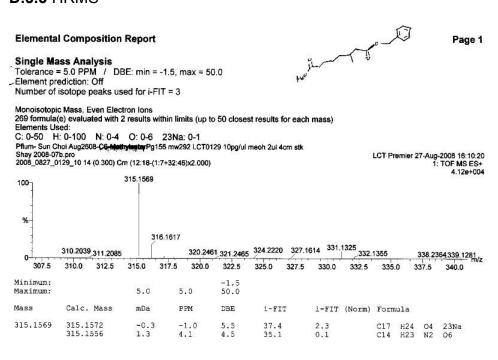
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## **D.3.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR

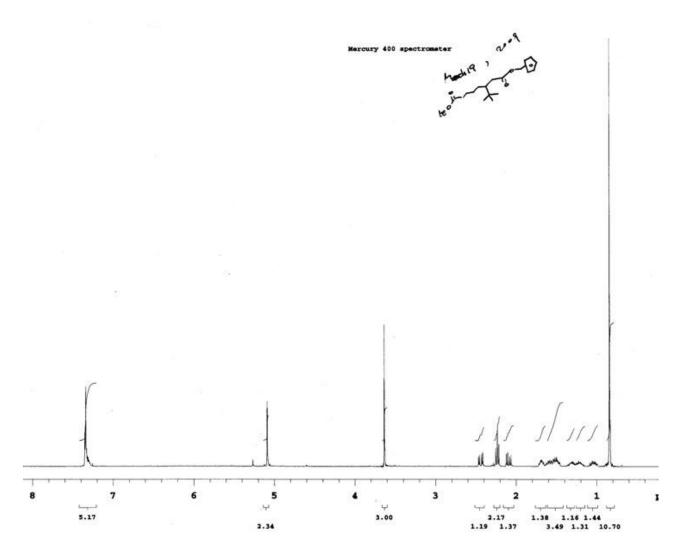


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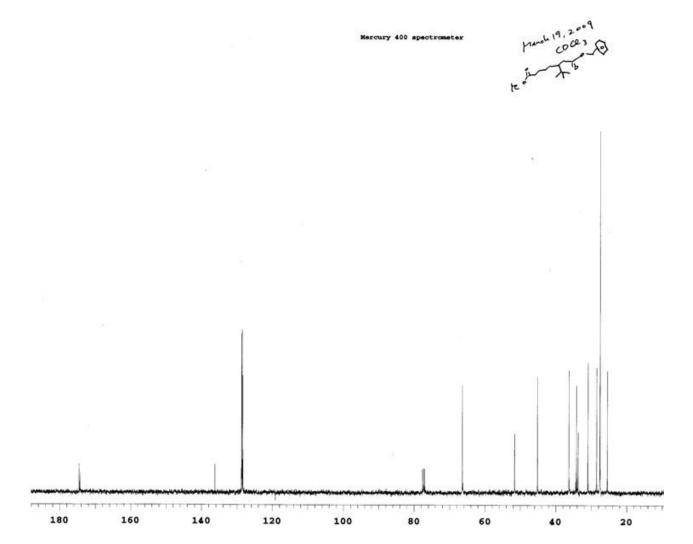


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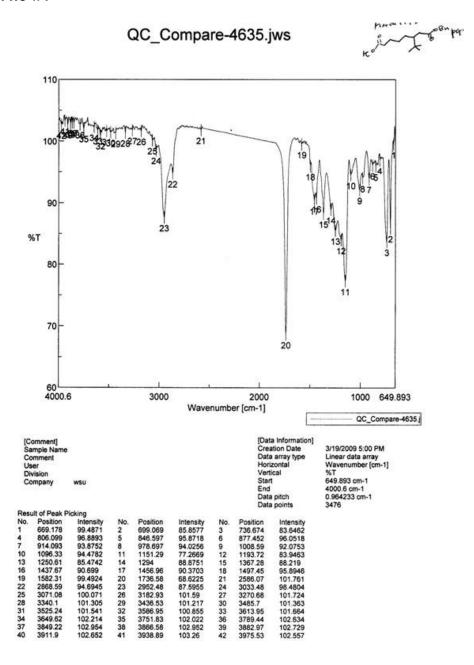
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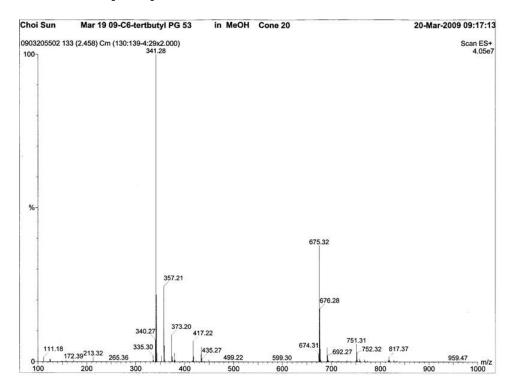
**D.4.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR



**D.4.3** IR

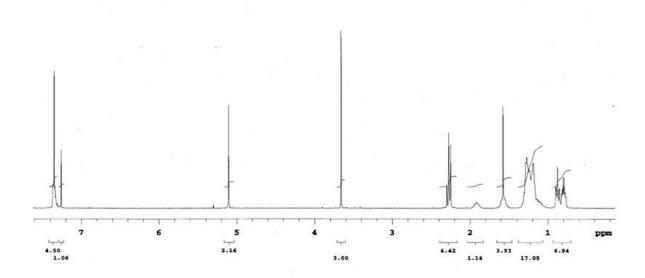


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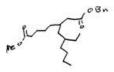


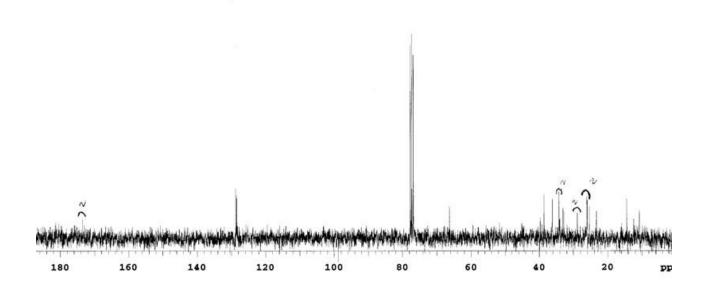
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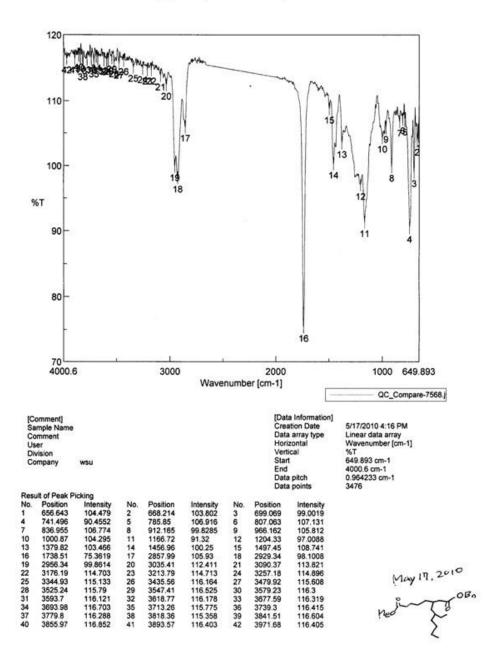
**D.5.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR

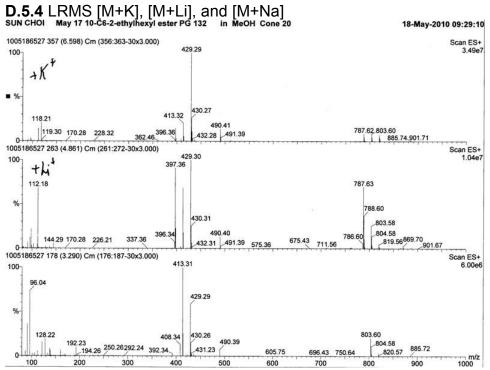




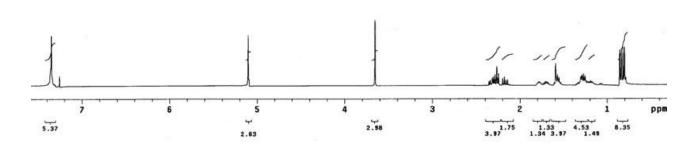
#### **D.5.3** IR

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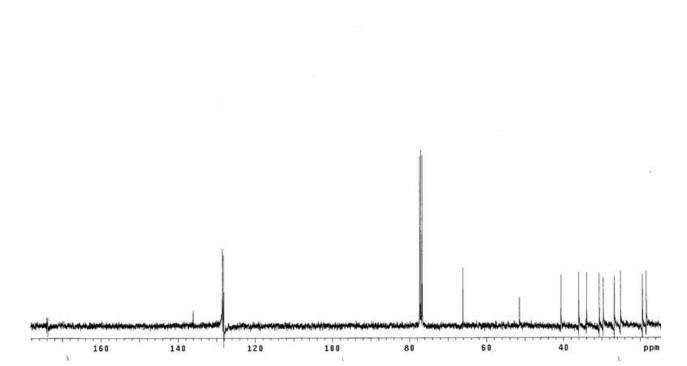


**D.6.1** 1-Benzyl 8-methyl 3-isopropyloctanedioate (**12e**) **D.6.1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR

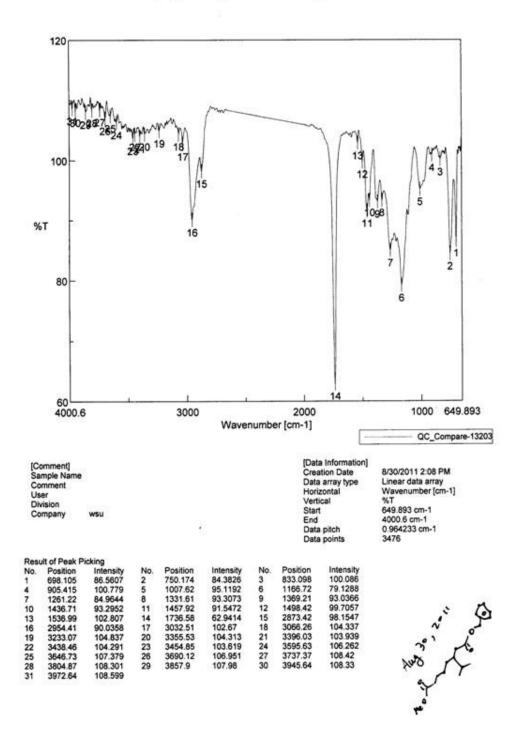


**D.6.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR

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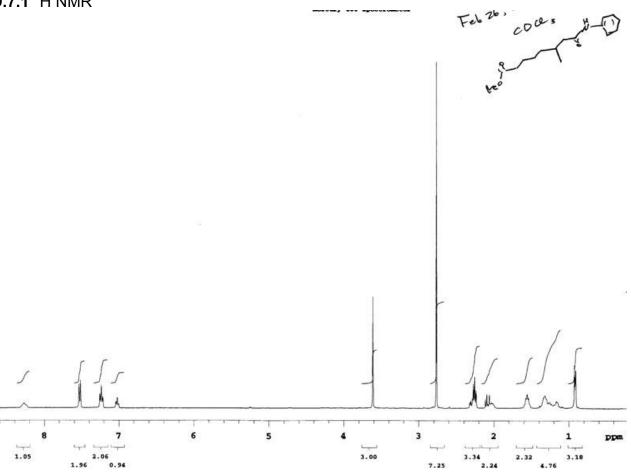
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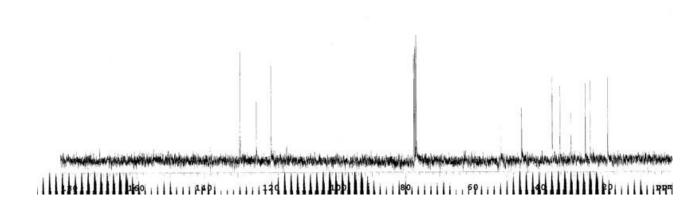
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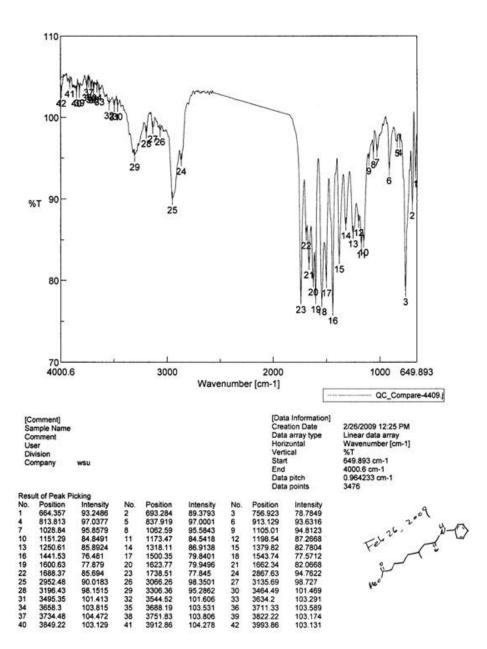
**D.7.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR

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#### **D.7.3** IR

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#### **D.7.4** HRMS

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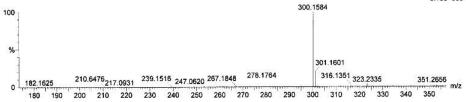
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Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions
768 formula(e) evaluated with 2 results within limits (up to 50 best isotopic matches for each mass)
Elements Used:
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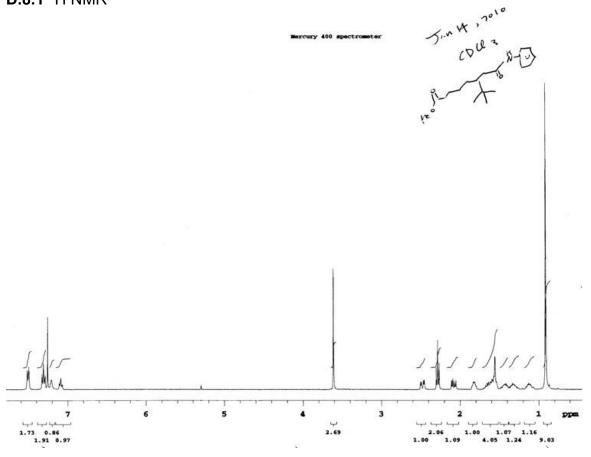
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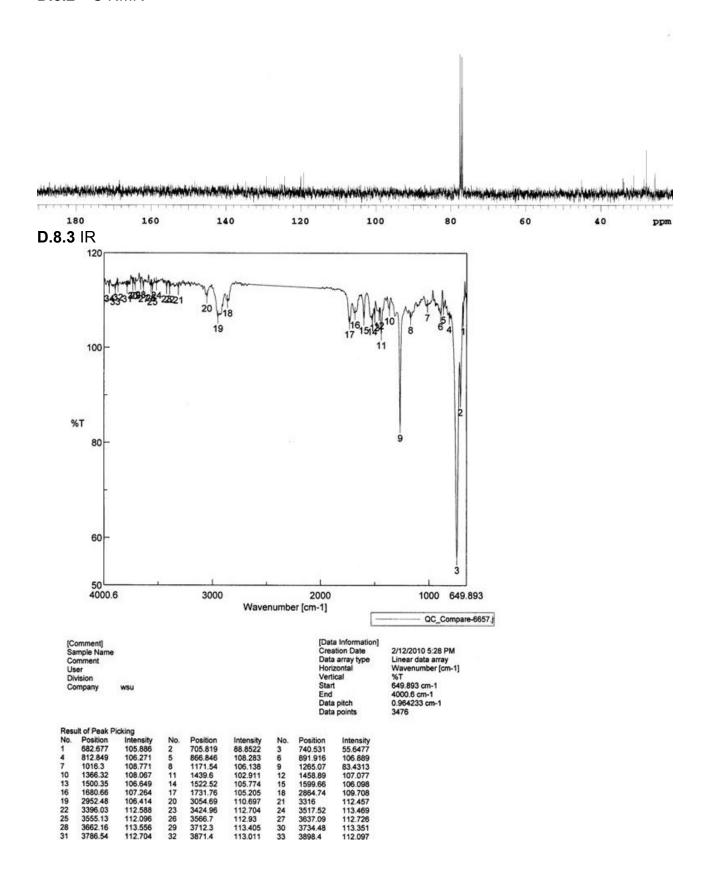


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**D.8** Methyl 6-(*tert*-butyl)-8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)octanoate (**13c**) **D.8.1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR



#### **D.8.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR





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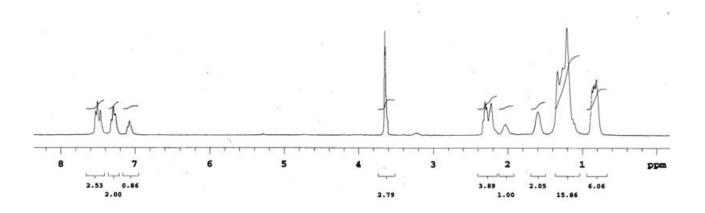
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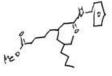
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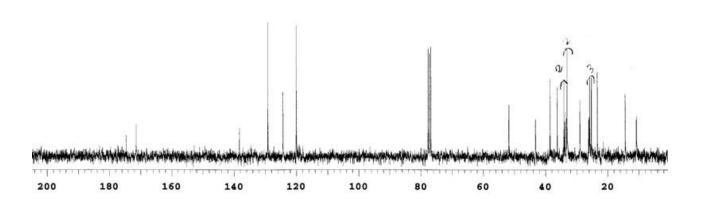
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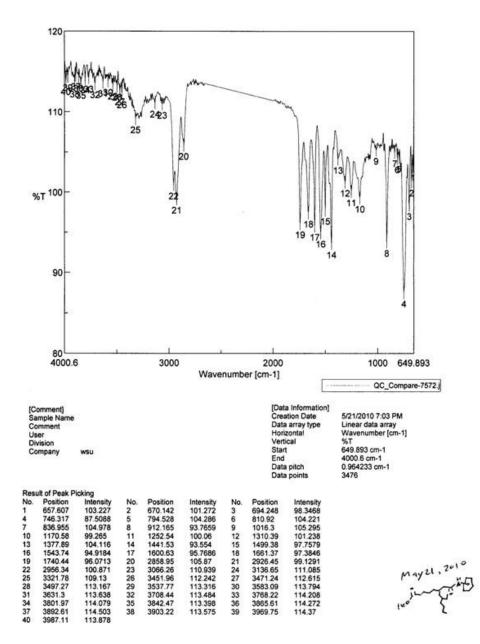
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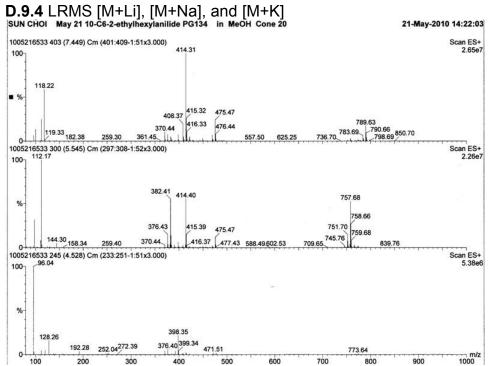




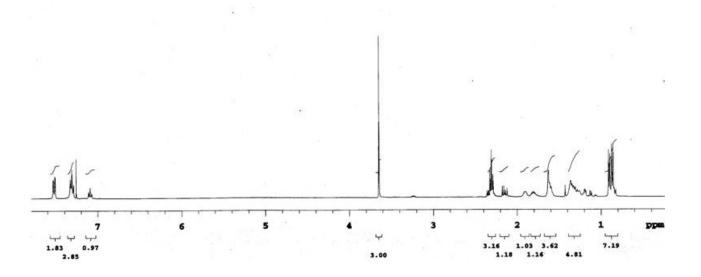
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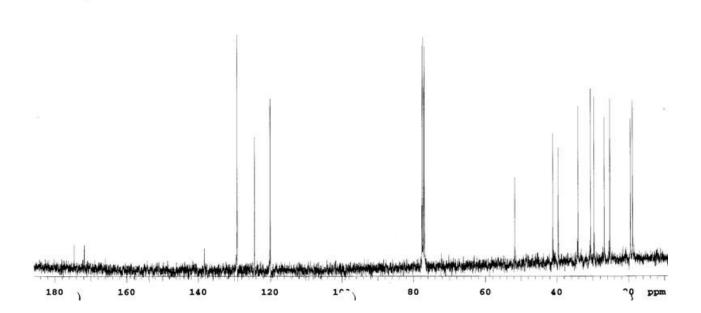
**D.10** Methyl 6-isopropyl-8-oxo-8-(phenylamino)octanoate (**13e**) **D.10.1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR



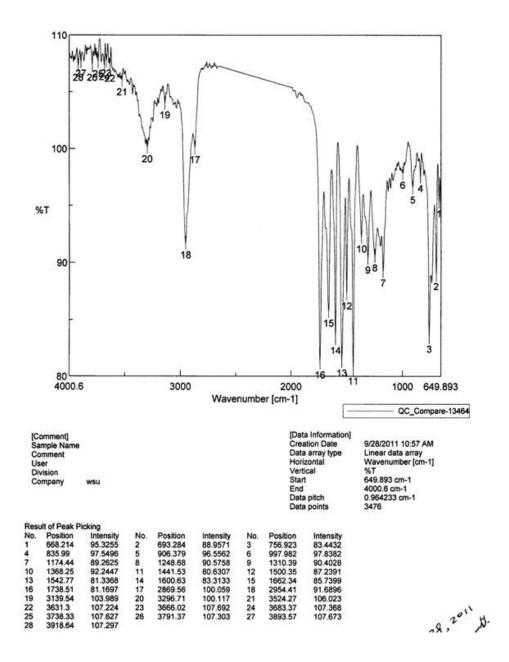
**D.10.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR

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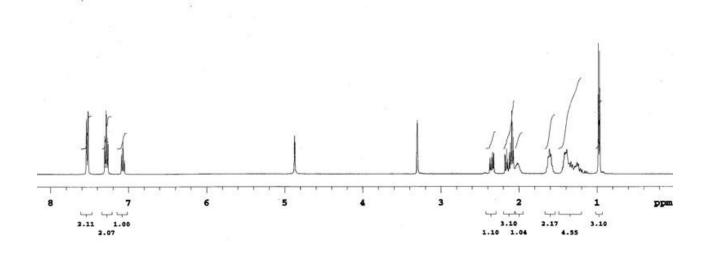
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846 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (up to 50 closest results for each mass)
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300.0	302.5 305.0	307.5 310.	0 312.5	315.0	317.5 320.0	322.5 325.0	0 327.5 330.0 332.5	335.0 337.5 340.0	342.5 345.0 347.5
Minimum: Maximum:		50.0	5.0	-1.5 150.0					
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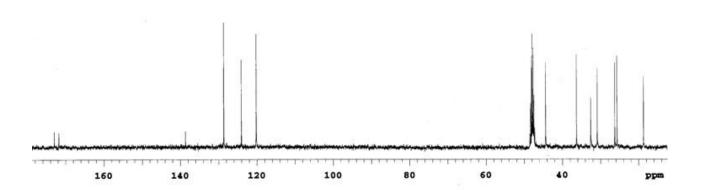
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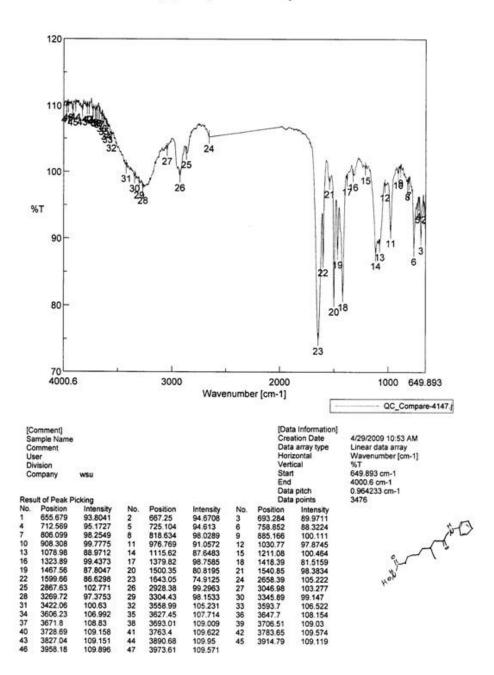
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#### **D.11.3** IR

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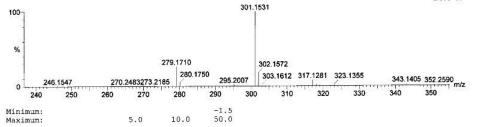
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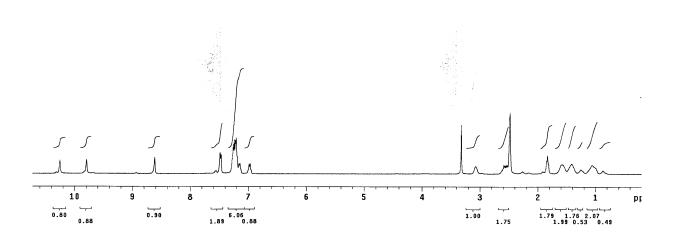
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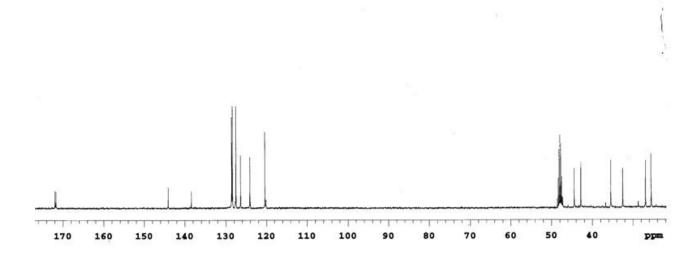
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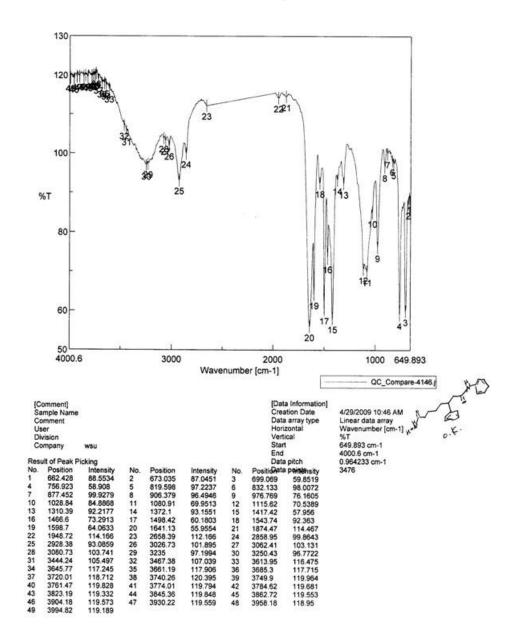
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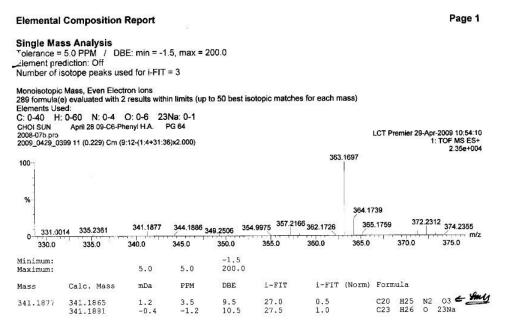


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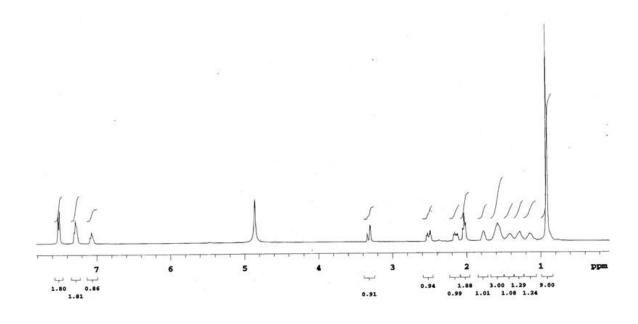
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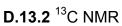


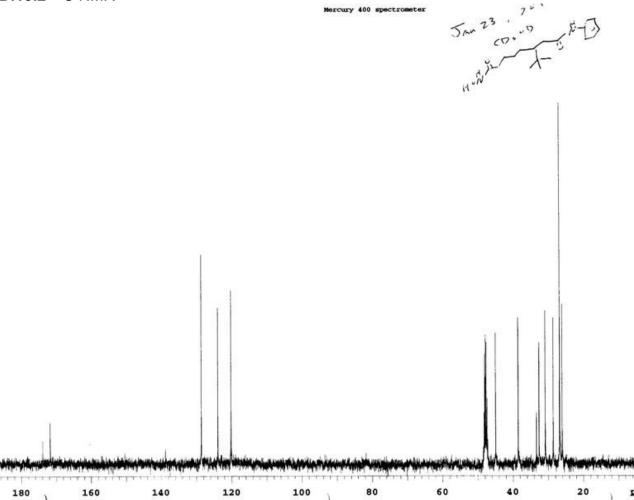
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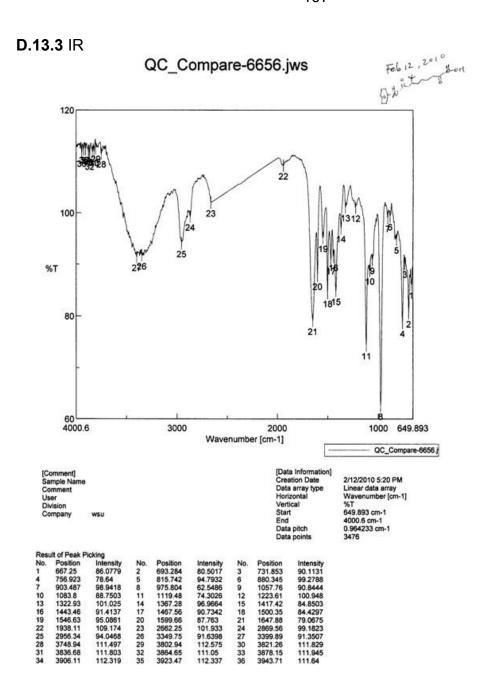
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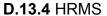










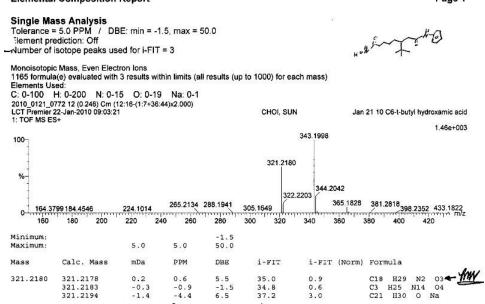


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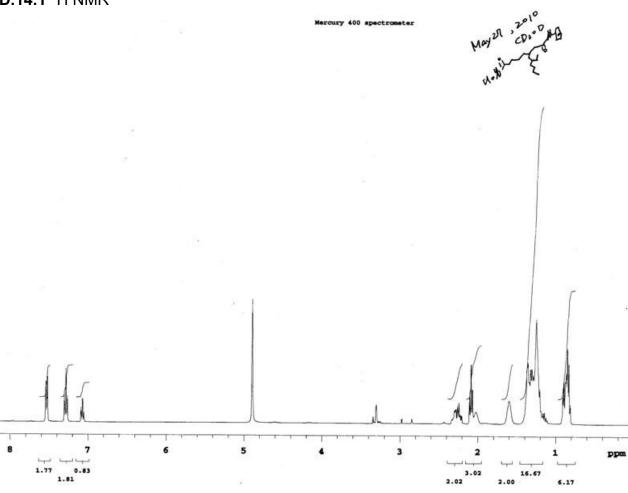
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5.5 -1.5 6.5 **D.14** 3-(2-Ethylhexyl)- $N^8$ -hydroxyl- $N^1$ -phenyloctanediamide (**14d**) **D.14.1** H NMR

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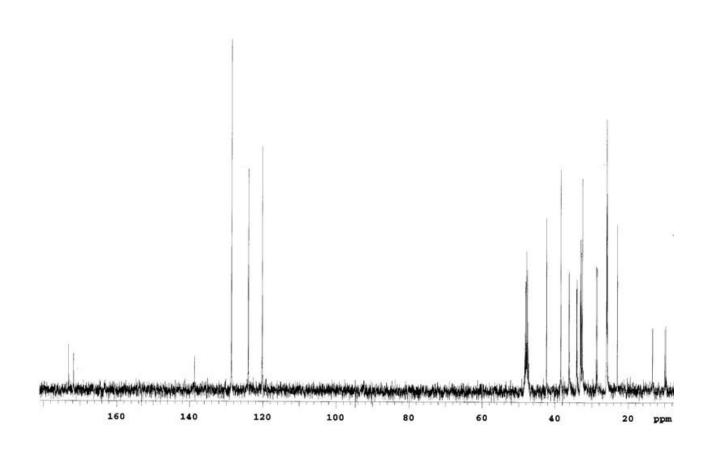
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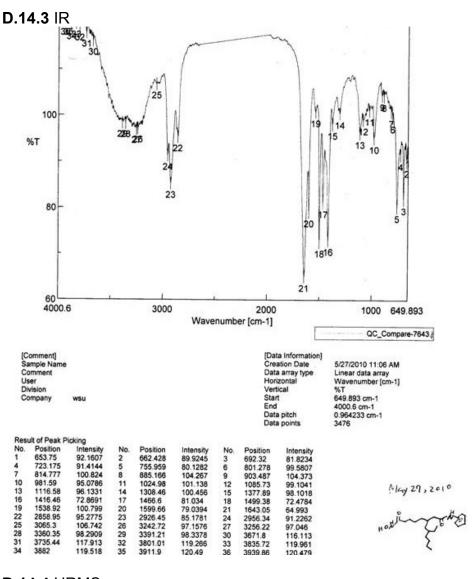


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**D.14.2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR

Mercury 400 spectrometer





#### **D.14.4** HRMS

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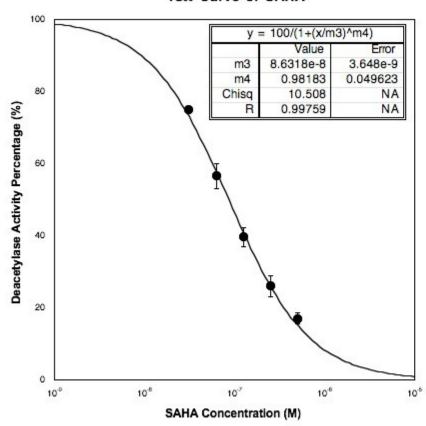
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## APPENDIX E. DOSE RESPONSE GRAPHS AND DATA FOR C7-SAHA LIBRARY

**Table E.1.** Percentage HDAC activity after incubation of SAHA with Hela Lysate

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Concentration	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	Standard	Error
(M)					(S.E.)	
3.125 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	75	75	76	75	0	
6.25 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	63	56	51	57	3	
1.25 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	44	35	40	40	3	
2.5 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	31	21	26	26	3	
5.0 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	20	16	15	17	2	

#### IC50 Curve of SAHA



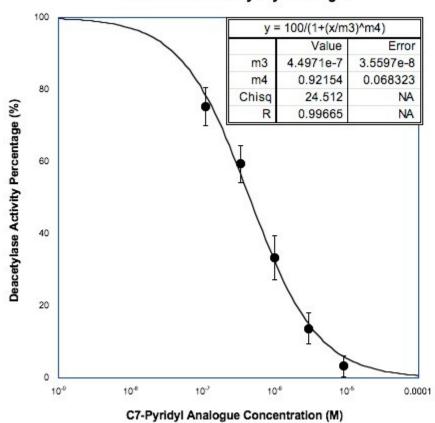
**Figure E.1.** Dose response curve of SAHA tested using the HDAC activity from HeLa cells lysates from three independent trials. In some case, the error bar is smaller than the marker size. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the  $IC_{50}$ . The insets were the results of the data analysis. The data are reported in Table 4.1.

 Table E.2. Percentage HDAC activity after incubation of C7-SAHA pyridyl

analogue **22d** with Hela Lysate

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Concentration	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	Standard	Error
(M)					(S.E.)	
1.11 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	70	70	86	75	5	
3.33 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	63	66	49	59	5	
1.00 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	45	24	31	33	6	
3.00 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	18	5	18	14	4	
9.00 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	8	-2	24	3	3	

#### IC50 Curve of C7-Pyridyl Analogue

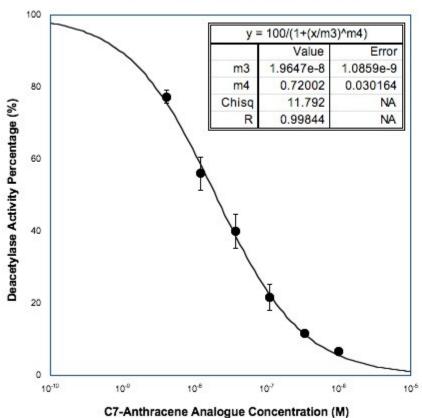


**Figure E.2.** Dose response curve of C7-SAHA pyridyl analogue **22d** tested using the HDAC activity from HeLa cells lysates from three independent trials. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the  $IC_{50}$ . The insets are the results of the data analysis. The data were reported in Table 4.2.

Table E.3. Percentage HDAC activity after incubation of C7-SAHA

Concentration (M)	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	S.E.
4.10 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>	81	76	75	77	2
1.23 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	47	60	61	56	4
3.70 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	33	38	49	40	4
1.11 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	27	15	23	22	3
3.33 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	10	12	13	12	1
1.00 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	7	5	8	7	1

#### IC50 Curve of C7-Anthracene Analogue

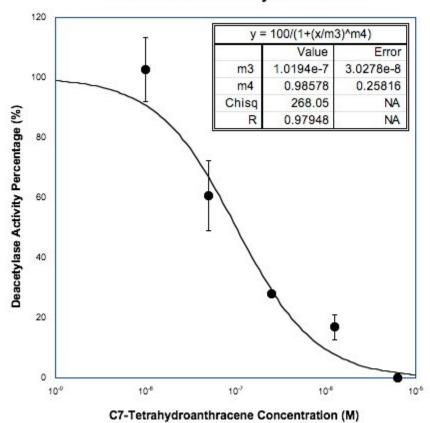


**Figure E.3.** Dose response curve of C7-SAHA anthracenylmethyl analogue **22f** tested using the HDAC activity from HeLa cells lysates from three independent trials. In some case, the error bars are smaller than the marker size. The insets were the results of the data analysis. The data are reported in Table 4.2.

**Table E.4.** Percentage HDAC activity after incubation of C7-SAHA methyltetrahydro-anthracene analogue **22g** with Hela Lysate.

Concentration (M)	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	S.E.
1.00 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	92	124	92	102	10
5.00 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	38	68	76	60	11
2.50 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	27	27	30	28	1
1.25 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	11	25	15	17	4
6.25 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	-2	2	0.5	0	1

#### IC50 Curve of C7-Tetrahydroanthracene



**Figure E.4.** Dose response curve of C7-SAHA tetrahydroanthracenylmethyl analogue 22g tested using the HDAC activity from HeLa cells lysates from three independent trials with error bars indicating standard error. In some case, the error bars are smaller than the marker size. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the IC<sub>50</sub>. The insets were the results of the data analysis. The data are reported in Table 4.2.

**Table E.5.** Deacetylase activity percentage remaining after incubation of HDAC1 HDAC3 or HDAC6 with SAHA and the C7-SAHA analogues **22a-q** 

Compound	HDACOW	Trial 1	Trial 2	Mean	S.E.
	Isoform				
0.4114	HDAC1	30	35	32	2
SAHA (125 nM)	HDAC3	44	45	44	1
(1231111)	HDAC6	32	36	34	2
	HDAC1	38	52	45	7
C7-Methyl (100 nM)	HDAC3	27	57	42	10
(100 11111)	HDAC6	21	35	28	7
	HDAC1	66	87	76	10
C7-Benzyl (100 nM)	HDAC3	54	88	71	11
(100 11111)	HDAC6	55	66	60	5
_	HDAC1	44	68	56	10
C7-Pyridyl	HDAC3	101	92	97	4
(500 nM)	HDAC6	62	55	59	3
	HDAC1	64	66	65	1
C7-Tetrahydro- anthracene	HDAC3	47	60	53	6
(100 nM)	HDAC6	76	84	80	4
	HDAC1	91	114	102	10
C7-Biphenyl (100 nM)	HDAC3	91	96	93	2
(100 HM)	HDAC6	71	82	76	5
07.11	HDAC1	103	121	112	9
C7-Naphthyl (10 nM)	HDAC3	55	60	57	2
	HDAC6	82	104	93	10
07.4.11	HDAC1	42	47	44	2
C7-Anthracene (500 nM)	HDAC3	89	90	89	0
, ,	HDAC6	50	56	53	3

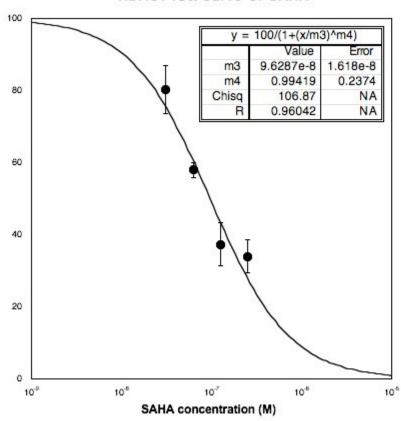
Deacetylase activity of HDAC1, HDAC3 and HDAC6 was determined with SAHA and with C7-SAHA analogues at given concentration using an in vitro fluorescence assay as described (Section 3.6). The fluorescence activity of background (No enzyme added) was subtracted from the no small molecule treated (positive control) and the percentage of the deacetylase activity was set

to 100%. Deacetylase activity percentage of each independent trial, mean percentage of deacetylase activity, and standard error (S.E.) are illustrated. The data are reported in the manuscript in Figure 4.2.

**Table E.6.** HDAC1 activity percentage after incubation of SAHA.

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Concentration	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	Standard	Error
(M)					(S.E.)	
3.125 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	68	91	82	80	7	
6.25 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	55	62	57	58	2	
1.25 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	48	27	37	37	6	
2.50 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	37	40	25	34	5	

### HDAC1 IC50 Curve of SAHA

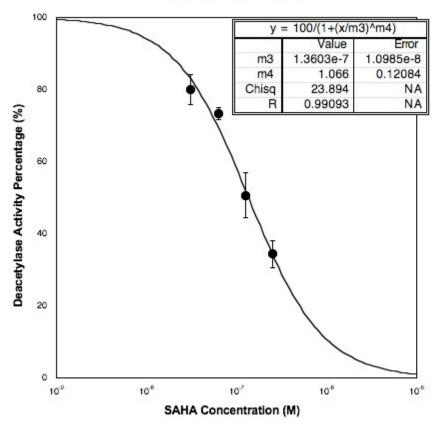


**Figure E.5.** Dose response curve of SAHA tested using the HDAC1 activity from three independent trials with error bars indicating standard error. In some case, the error bar is smaller than the marker size. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the  $IC_{50}$ . The insets were the results of the data analysis. The data are reported in Table 4.3.

**Table E.7.** HDAC3 activity percentage after incubation of SAHA.

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Concentration	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	Standard	Error
(M)					(S.E.)	
3.125 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	88	78	74	80	4	
6.25 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	76	74	70	73	2	
1.25 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	63	45	44	56	5	
2.50 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	27	39	37	34	4	•

### HDAC3 IC50 Curve of SAHA

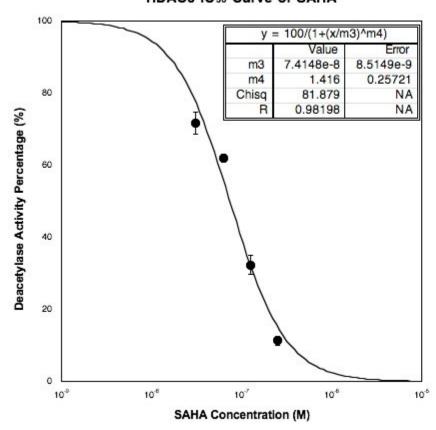


**Figure E.6.** Dose response curve of SAHA tested using the HDAC3 activity from three independent trials with error bars indicating standard error. In some case, the error bar is smaller than the marker size. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the  $IC_{50}$ . The insets were the results of the data analysis. The data are reported in Table 4.3.

**Table E.8.** HDAC6 activity percentage after incubation of SAHA.

Concentration	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	Standard	Error
(M)					(S.E.)	
3.125 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	66	76	73	72	3	
6.25 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	64	62	60	62	1	
1.25 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	37	28	32	32	2	
2.50 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	13	12	9	11	1	

### HDAC6 IC50 Curve of SAHA



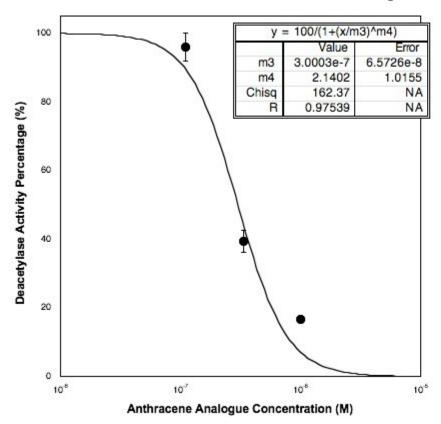
**Figure E.7.** Dose response curve of SAHA tested using the HDAC6 activity from three independent trials with error bars indicating standard error. In some case, the error bars are smaller than the marker size. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the  $IC_{50}$ . The insets were the results of the data analysis. The data are reported in Table 4.3.

 Table
 E.9.
 HDAC1
 activity
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 C7-SAHA

anthracenylmethyl 22f.

Concentration	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	Standard Error
(M)					(S.E.)
1.11 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	103	96	86	96	4
3.33 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	33	42	43	39	3
1.00 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	17	16	17	17	0

### HDAC1 IC50 Curve of C7-Anthracene Analogue



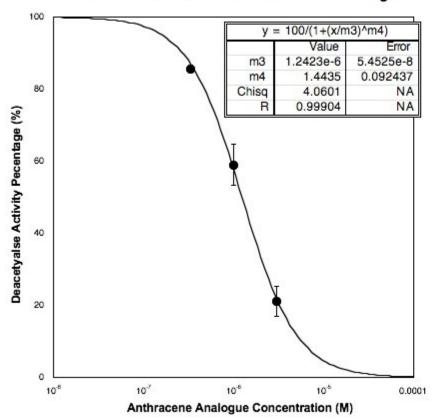
**Figure E.8.** Dose response curve of C7-SAHA anthracenylmethyl analogue **22f** tested using the HDAC1 activity from three independent trials with error bars indicating standard error. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the  $IC_{50}$ . The insets were the results of the data analysis. The data are reported in Table 4.3.

Table E.10. HDAC3 activity percentage after incubation of C7-SAHA

anthracenylmethyl 22f.

Concentration	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	Standard Error
(M)					(S.E.)
3.33 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	84	87	86	86	1
1.00 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	51	57	70	59	5
3.00 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	13	23	27	21	4

### HDAC3 IC50 Curve of C7-Anthracene Analogue



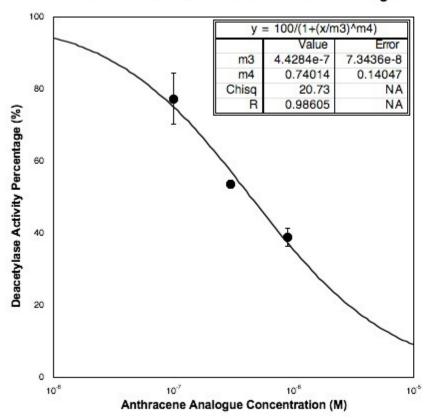
**Figure E.9.** Dose response curve of C7-SAHA anthracenylmethyl analogue **22f** tested using the HDAC3 activity from three independent trials with error bars indicating standard error. In some case, the error bar is smaller than the marker size. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the  $IC_{50}$ . The insets are the results of the data analysis. The data were reported in Table 4.3.

Table E.11. HDAC6 activity percentage after incubation of C7-SAHA

anthracenylmethyl 22f.

Concentration	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Mean	Standard Erro
(M)					(S.E.)
1.00 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	85	84	63	77	7
3.00 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	52	53	56	54	1
9.00 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	37	36	44	39	2

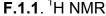
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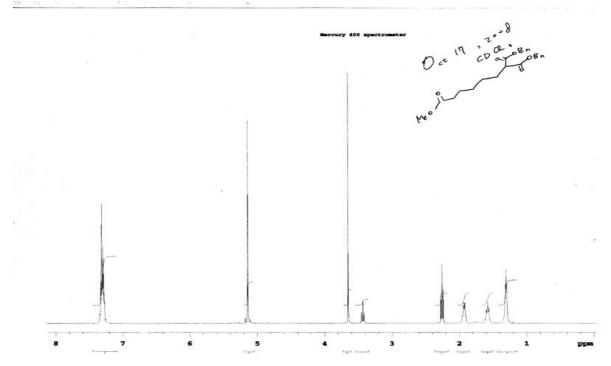


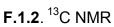
**Figure E.10.** Dose response curve of C7-SAHA anthracenylmethyl analogue **22f** tested using the HDAC6 activity from three independent trials with error bars indicating standard error. In some case, the error bar is smaller than the marker size. Data were fit to the sigmoidal curve using Kaleidograph 4.0 (Synergy Software) to determine the  $IC_{50}$ . The insets were the results of the data analysis. The data were reported in Table 4.3.

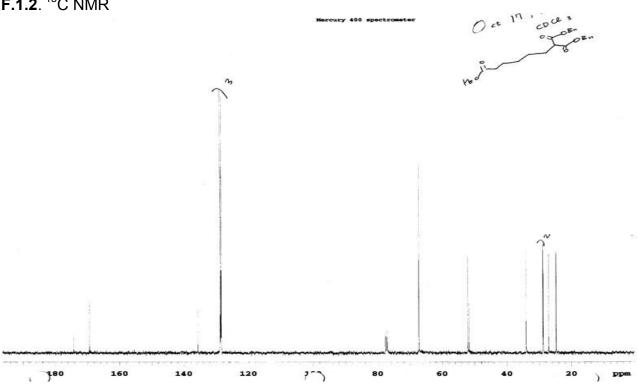
### APPENDIX F. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR C7-SAHA LIBRARY

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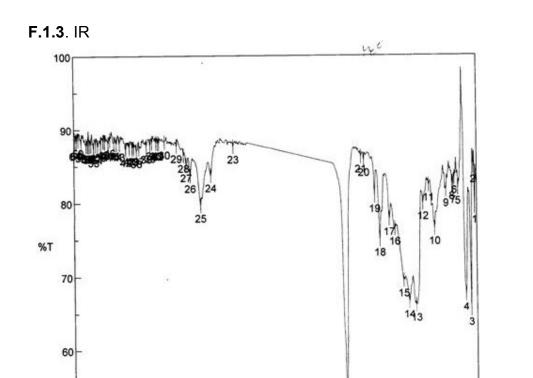




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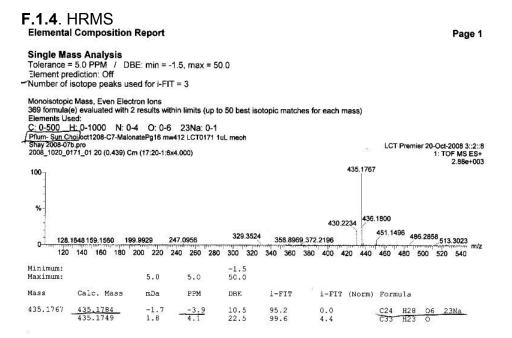
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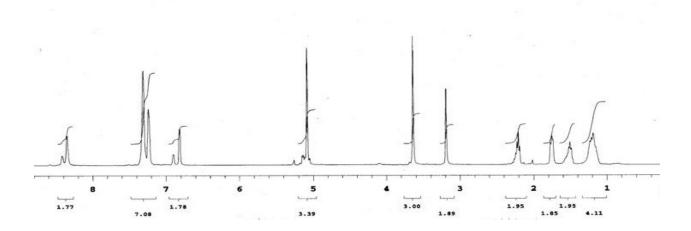
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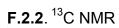
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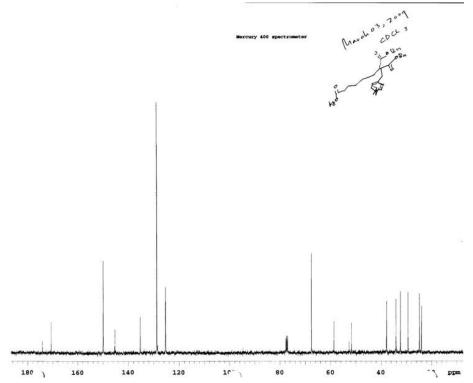
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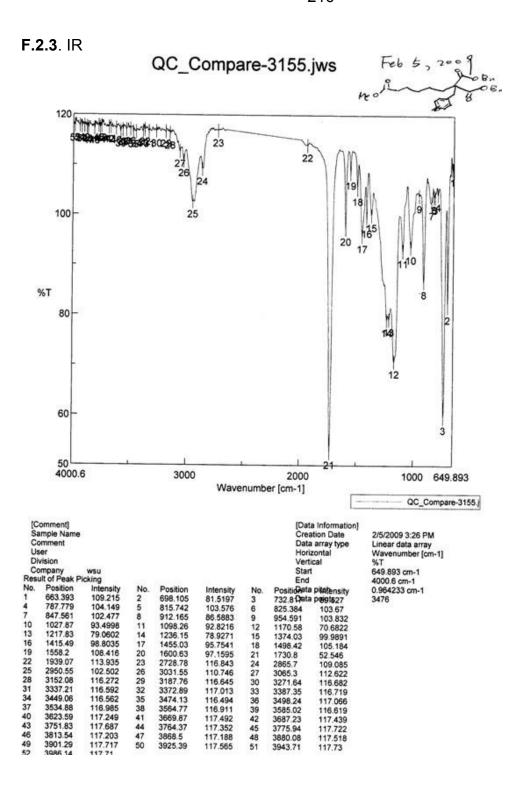


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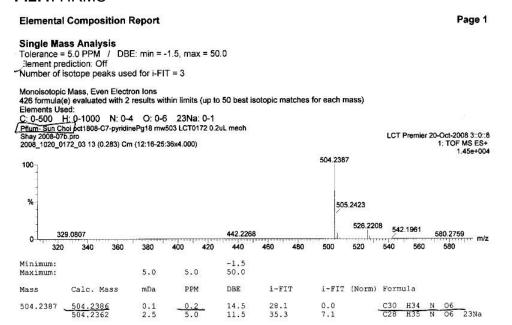








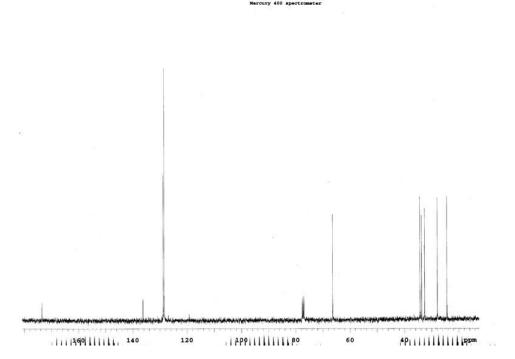
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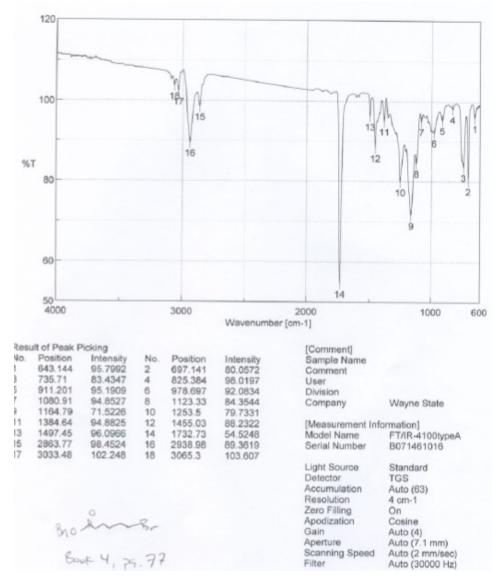
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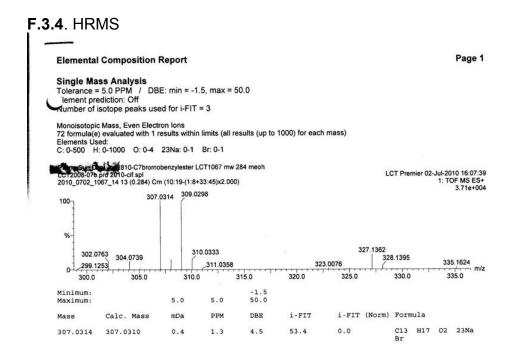
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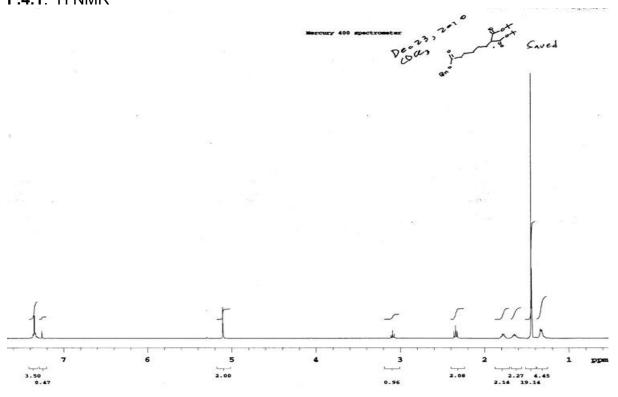




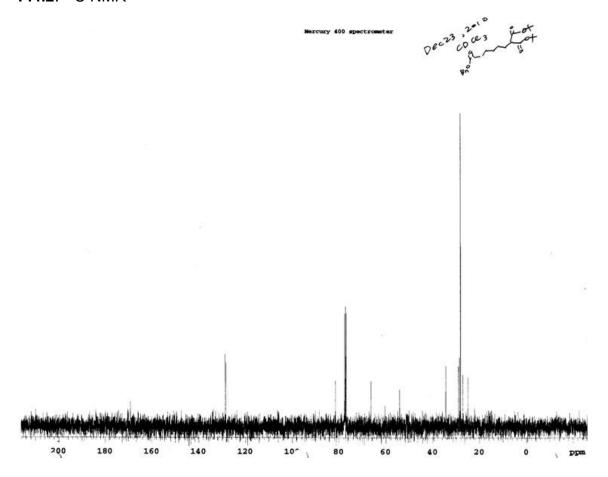




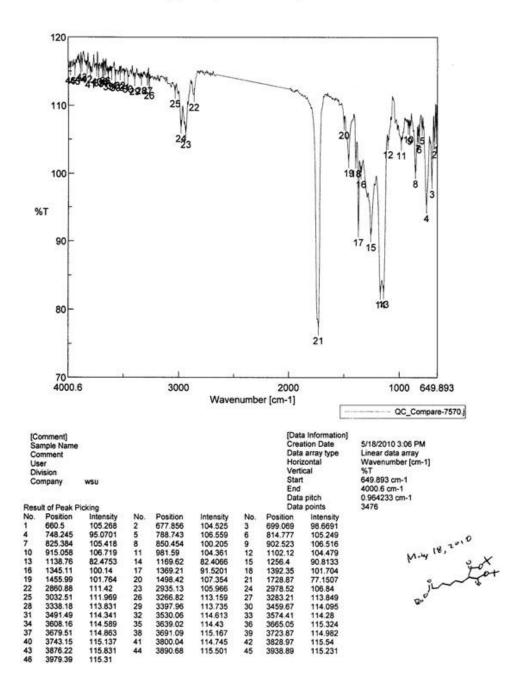
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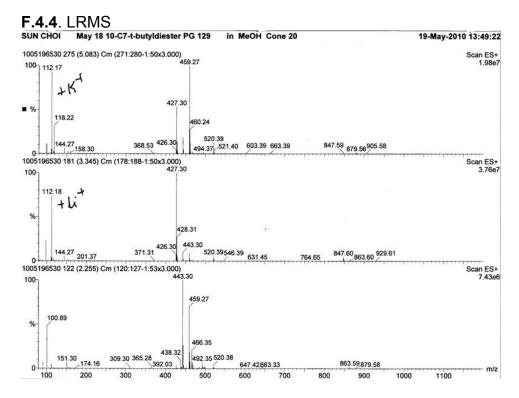


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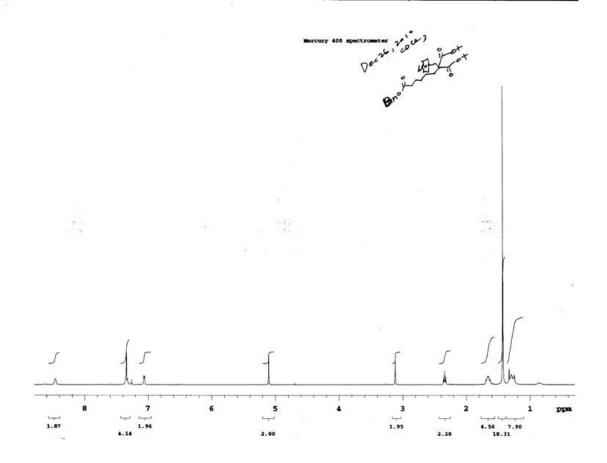


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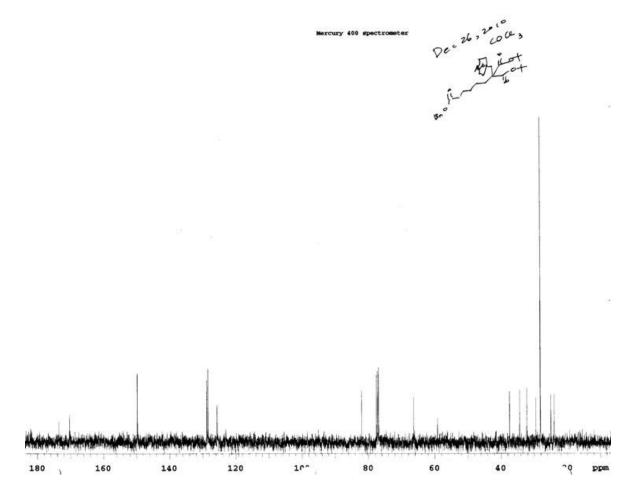




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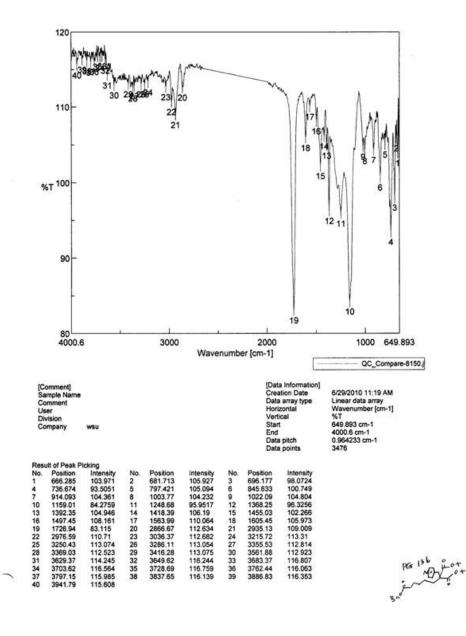


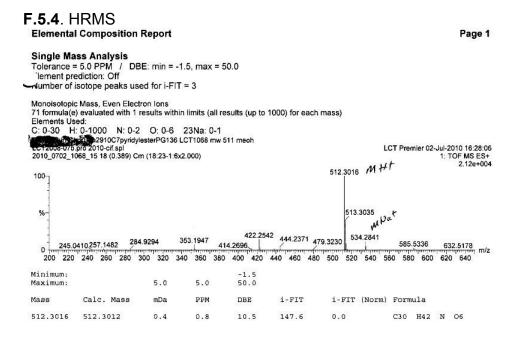
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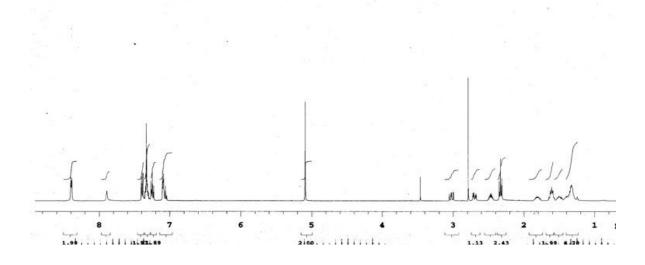
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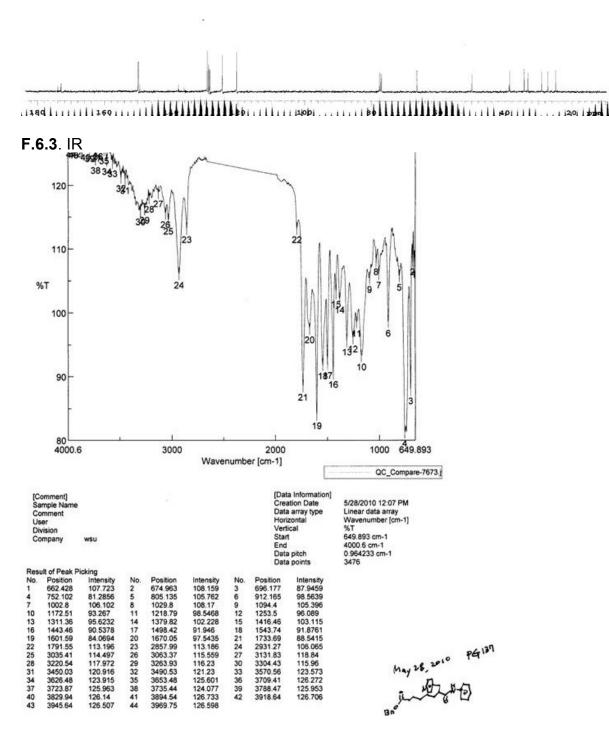




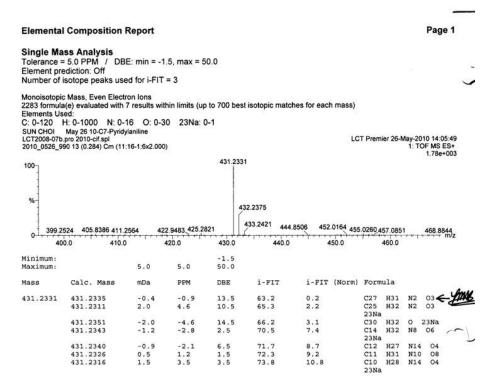
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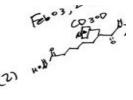
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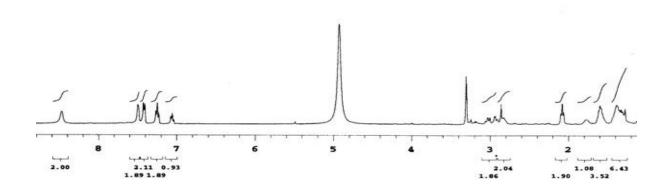


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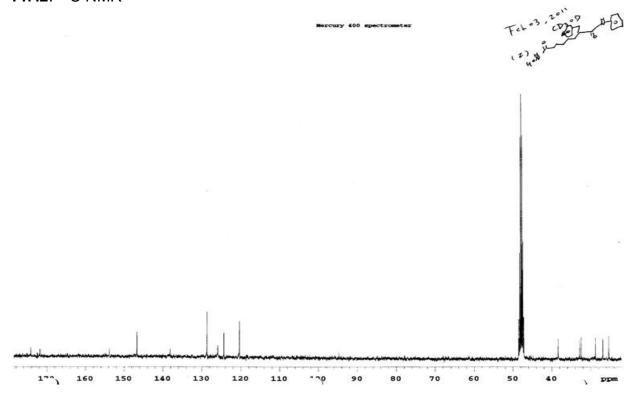


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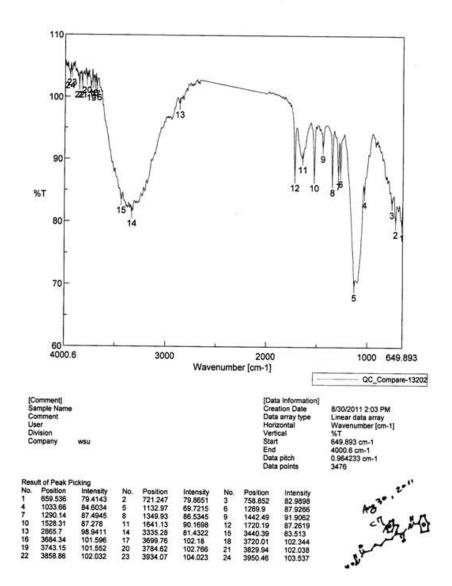


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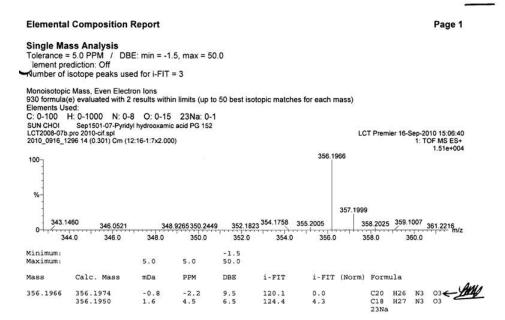


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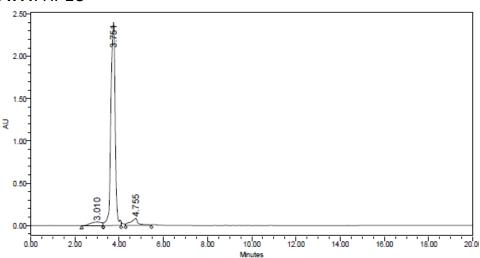
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### **ABSTRACT**

THE STRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS OF HISTONE DEACETYLASE INHIBITORS: SUBEROYLANILIDE HYDROXAMIC ACID (SAHA) ANALOGUES MODIFIED AT C3, C6, AND C7 POSITIONS ENHANCE SELECTIVITY

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Histone deacetylase (HDAC) proteins are targets for drug design towards the treatment of cancers since overexpression of HDAC proteins is linked to cancer. Several HDAC inhibitors, including the FDA approved drug suberoylanilide hydroxamic acid (SAHA, Vorinostat), have cleared clinical trials and emerged as anti-cancer drugs. However, SAHA inhibits all of the 11 metal ion-dependent HDAC proteins. Therefore, we synthesized several libraries of small molecule HDAC inhibitors based on SAHA to help understand the structural requirements of inhibitory potency and isoform selectivity.

In previous work,

SAHA analogues

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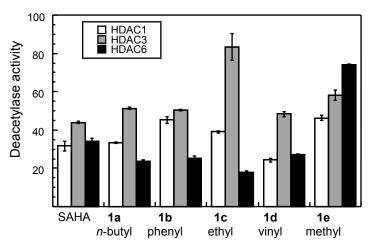
position (C2-SAHA

analogues) near the

metal binding hydroxamic

acid displayed decreased inhibitory activity compared to the parent compound, SAHA. The lack of potency of the C2 library indicated that limited flexibility exists in the HDAC active site near the hydroxamic acid. Therefore, we theorized the substituents on the C3, C4, C5, C6, and C7 positions would display more potent inhibition compared to the C2-SAHA library due to the more solvent exposed location. Interestingly, while the C2-SAHA analogues containing any substituents were poor potent, the C3-SAHA analogue with a methyl substituent displayed potency. The potency of the remaining analogues decreased with increasing size of the C3 substituents. Moreover, the C6-SAHA phenyl analogue even displayed potency in the submicromolar range. Finally, most of the C7-SAHA analogues displayed equal or greater potency compared to SAHA. The results indicate that more flexibility in the HDAC active site exists closer to the capping group region near the C6 and C7 positions, while only modest flexibility exists in the bottom of the active site near the C2 and C3 positions.

After analyzing the potency of SAHA analogues, isoform selective inhibition of the individual compounds was evaluated. Seven of the SAHA



analogues demonstrated selectivity. The C3-SAHA ethyl-substituted analogue showed preference for HDAC6 over HDAC1 HDAC3 though it even displayed decreased potency.

The C6-SAHA analogues displayed diverse selectivity; the C6-SAHA methyl variant displayed preference for class I, *t*-butyl variant showed a dual-HDAC1 and HDAC6 selectivity, and 2-ethylhexyl variant showed HDAC3-selectivity. The C7-SAHA analogues displayed selective inhibition as well; the C7-SAHA pyridylmethyl and anthracenylmethyl variants displayed a dual-HDAC1 and HDAC6 selectivity, and naphthylmethyl variant showed HDAC3-selectivity. The interesting potency and selectivity of linker-modified SAHA analogues suggest that linker region substituents can be exploited in the design of new anti-cancer drugs.

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