Development of a Selective, Exosite-Binding Matrix Metalloproteinase-13 Inhibitor

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(1) General Procedure for Synthesis of MMP-13 Inhibitors 4, 20, and 24



5,6-Trimethylene-2-thiouracil (A) was synthesized following a literature procedure.¹ A mixture of 0.5 mmol A, 0.5 mmol *p*-substituted benzyl bromide, and 1.5 mmol potassium carbonate in 3 mL of acetone was heated at reflux for 12 h. The reaction was allowed to cool to ambient temperature, and the resulted slurry was diluted with water and extracted with methylene chloride. The organic layer was diluted with methanol (to dissolve residual solids), dried over magnesium sulfate and then filtered. Silica gel was added to the filtrate, which was then concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulted solid was loaded onto the top of a silica gel column and eluted with 1% to 5% methanol in methylene chloride to afford the targeted MMP-13 inhibitors.



Yield: 90%; **Rf** = 0.42 (CH₂Cl₂-MeOH = 9:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ ppm: 12.54 (s, 1 H), 7.42-7.46 (m, 2 H), 7.35-7.39 (m, 2 H), 4.38 (s, 2 H), 2.76 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.58 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.96 (dddd, *J* = 7.8, 7.6, 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 2 H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ ppm: 136.6, 131.8, 130.9, 128.3, 34.2, 32.7, 26.7, 20.5; IR: 3450, 1651, 1049, 826, 764; ESIMS: C₁₄H₁₃ClN₂OS 292.04 (calculated), 292.01 (found).



Yield: 92%; **Rf** = 0.54 (CH₂Cl₂-MeOH = 9:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ ppm: 12.48 (s, 1 H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.0, 2 H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.8, 2 H), 4.34 (s, 2 H), 2.76 (dd, J = 7.3, 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 2.59 (dd, J = 7.3, 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.95 (dddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 7.6, 7.5 Hz, 2 H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ ppm: 136.5, 133.9, 130.9, 129.0, 128.9, 34.2, 33.4, 26.7, 20.6, 20.5; IR: 3400, 1648, 992, 499, 482; ESIMS: C₁₅H₁₆N₂OS 272.10 (calculated), 271.96 (found).

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Yield: 85%; **Rf** = 0.52 (CH₂Cl₂-MeOH = 9:1); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ ppm: 12.54 (s, 1 H), 7.90 (d, J = 8.4, 2 H), 7.55(d, J = 8.4, 2 H), 4.45 (s, 2 H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.76 (dd, J = 7.3, 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.59 (dd, J = 7.2, 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.95 (dddd, J = 7.7, 7.7, 7.5, 7.4 Hz, 2 H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ ppm: 165.9, 143.2, 129.4, 129.2, 128.4, 52.1, 34.2, 33.0, 26.6, 20.6, 20.5; IR: 3417, 1660, 1530, 1434, 1283; ESIMS: C₁₆H₁₆N₂O₃S 316.09 (calculated), 315.98 (found).

(2) MMP Inhibition Assays

MMP inhibition assays were performed to determine whether compounds **4**, **20**, and **24** were nonselective. Assays were performed primarily using the triple-helical substrate fTHP-15 [(Gly-Pro-Hyp)₅-Gly-Pro-Lys(Mca)-Gly-Pro-Gln-Gly~Leu-Arg-Gly-Gln-Lys(Dnp)-Gly-Val-Arg-(Gly-Pro-Hyp)₅-NH₂], as this substrate can be used for screening of exosite binding compounds. Experiments with fTHP-15 were performed in 1536-well white microtiter plates (Greiner Bio-One, Monroe, NC). To begin the assay 2.5 μ L of 8 μ M fTHP-15 in enzyme assay buffer (EAB; 50 mM Tris•HCl, pH 7.5, 100 mM NaCl, 10 mM CaCl₂, 0.05% Brij-35) was added to the wells using a FRDTM IB Workstation (Aurora Discovery, Carlsbad, CA). 20 nL of DMSO-water (3:1) containing the control compounds, test compounds, or no compounds was dispensed using a 1536-head Pintool system (GNF Systems, San Diego, CA). The DMSO concentration in the assay was 0.3%. Reactions were initiated by addition of 2.5 μ L of 50 mM EDTA (product # E7889; Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA). All reagents were dispensed at ambient temperature. Plates were incubated for 10 min at 25 °C and emission fluorescence was read on the Viewlux (Perkin-Elmer, Turku, Finland) microplate reader ($\lambda_{\text{excitation}} = 325$ nm, $\lambda_{\text{emission}} = 450$ nm).

Figure S-1. Dose-dependent inhibition of MMP-1, MMP-2, MMP-8, MMP-9, MMP-13, or MMP-14 hydrolysis of fTHP-15 by compound **4**, **20**, or **24**.











To further examine the selectivity of inhibitors, MMP assays were performed using Knight SSP [Mca-Lys-Pro-Leu-Gly-Leu-Lys(Dnp)-Ala-Arg-NH₂]. This shorter substrate can be used to identify exosite inhibition based on differential activities between it and a triple-helical substrate (fTHP-15). Inhibitors were prepared as 10 mM solutions in DMSO and then further diluted with EAB. Assays were conducted in EAB by pretreating 1-10 nM enzyme with up to 100 μ M inhibitor for 1 h at 37 °C, then incubating 10 μ M Knight fSSP for 1.5-4 h. Fluorescence readings ($\lambda_{excitation} = 324$ nm and $\lambda_{emission} = 393$ nm) were obtained over time on a Molecular Devices SPECTRAmax Gemini EM Dual-Scanning Microplate Spectrofluorimeter, and the reaction was quenched by addition of 25 mM EDTA. Rates of hydrolysis (Δ RFU) were obtained from plots of fluorescence versus time, using data points from only the linear portion of the hydrolysis curve.

| Target | Activity (%) at [inhibitor] = 100 µM | | |
|--------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | 4 | 20 | 24 |
| MMP-1 | 92.7 ± 1.5 | 105.5 ± 7.2 | 101.9 ± 9.1 |
| MMP-2 | 83.0 ± 3.1 | 97.6 ± 2.8 | 84.7 ± 4.3 |
| MMP-3 | ~96 | ~100 | ~100 |
| MMP-8 | 81.7 ± 3.6 | 106.2 ± 12.3 | 93.8 ± 1.2 |
| MMP-12 | 91.6 ± 9.2 | 77.3 ± 10.1 | 80.6 ± 8.0 |
| MMP-13 | 44.0 ± 3.3 | 38.6 ± 4.8 | 35.1 ± 1.8 |
| MMP-14 | 106.6 ± 0.6 | 100.1 ± 6.4 | 104.0 ± 2.8 |
| MMP-20 | 105.0 ± 5.0 | 101.4 ± 0.9 | 96.4 ± 2.5 |

Table S-1: Inhibition of MMP hydrolysis of Knight fSSP by compounds 4, 20, and 24

Figure S-2. Dose-dependent inhibition of (A) MMP-2, (B) MMP-3, or (C) MMP-14/MT1-MMP hydrolysis of Knight fSSP by compound **4** (Q), **20** (Q1), or **24** (Q2). Compounds **20** and **24** did not inhibit MMP-1, MMP-2, MMP-3, and MMP-8 (see also Table S-1). This is distinct from compound **4**, which exhibited 20% inhibition of MMP-8 at 100 μ M. Compound **20** did not inhibit MMP-14, while compound **24** showed 15% inhibition of MMP-14 (see also Table S-1).



(3) Mode and Potency of Inhibition

MMP-13 assays were performed to determine the inhibition constant (K_i) and modality of these compounds. Kinetic assays were conducted by incubating a range of substrate concentrations (2 to 25 μ M) versus varying inhibitor concentrations with 4 nM enzyme at room temperature in EAB (50 mM Tris•HCl, pH 7.5, 100 mM NaCl, 10 mM CaCl₂, 0.05% Brij-35). Substrate hydrolysis was continuously monitored. Raw fluorescence was measured by a Tecan Safire2 using $\lambda_{\text{excitation}} = 324$ nm and $\lambda_{\text{emission}} = 393$ nm. Initial velocities were obtained from plots of fluorescence at $\lambda = 394$ nm versus time, using data points from only the linear portion of the hydrolysis curve. All kinetic parameters were calculated using GraphPad Prism version 5.01 (GraphPad Software, Inc., La Jolla, CA). All K_i values were determined by non-linear regression (hyperbolic equation) analysis using the mixed inhibition model which allows for simultaneous determination of the mechanism of inhibition. The mechanism of inhibition was determined using the "alpha" parameter derived from a mixed-model inhibition by GraphPad Prism. The mechanism of inhibition was additionally evaluated by Hanes-Woolf and Lineweaver-Burk plots.