Supporting Information for

Structural basis of metallo-β-lactamase inhibition by N-sulfamoylpyrrole-2-carboxylates

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1 Compound Synthesis

1.1 General information

Commercially available reagents and solvents were from Merck or Fluorochem and were used as received. All manipulations with air- and moisture-sensitive compounds were carried out under a positive pressure of argon in flame-dried glassware. Reactions under microwave conditions were carried out in Biotage® Initiator EXP microwave reactor with Robot Sixty sample processor.

Chromatographic separation/purification was performed either using manually packed columns with Silica gel 60 (Merck, $15 - 40 \mu m$) for dry column vacuum chromatography (DCVC)) or using Reveleris® X2 Flash Chromatography Purification System (BÜCHI) with FlashPure Silica pre-packed columns. Reactions were monitored by TLC on silica gel 60 F254 plates (Merck).

NMR-spectra were acquired using 600 MHz Bruker Avance III HD machine equipped with 5 mm DCH cryoprobe and 400 MHz Bruker Avance II equipped with a 5 mm BBFO probe. Chemical shifts were referenced to residual protio- and perdeuterio-solvent resonances (δ _H 7.26 and δ _C 77.16 for CDCl₃; δ _H 2.50 and δ _C 39.52 for DMSO-*d*₆) as internal standards for ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra, respectively. ¹⁹F NMR spectra were referenced indirectly via the ²H signal of the lock substance (CDCl₃ or DMSO- d_6) and the $\Xi(^{19}F)$ value. All NMR spectra were processed with MestReNova software v. 14.1.

LRMS machine (low resolution mass spectrometry) data were obtained using a Waters Acquity H-class UPLC with a Sample Manager FTN and a TUV dual wavelength detector coupled to a QDa single quadrupole analyzer using electrospray ionization (ESI). UPLC separation was achieved with a C18 reversed-phase column (Acquity UPLC BEH C18, 2.1 mm \times 50 mm, 1.7 μ m) operated at 40 °C, using a linear gradient of the binary solvent system of buffer A (H₂O:MeCN:formic acid, 95:5:0.1 v/v/v%) to buffer B (MeCN:formic acid, 100:0.1 v/v%) from 0 to 100% B in 3.5 min, then 1 min at 100% B, maintaining a flow rate of 0.8 mL⁄min. High resolution mass spectra were recorded using a Bruker μ TOF (ESI) spectrometer. The m/z values are reported in Daltons.

Analytical HPLC was carried out on an Ultimate HPLC system (Thermo Scientific) consisting of a LPG-3400A pump (1 mL/min), a WPS-3000SL autosampler and a DAD-3000D diode array detector (220 and 254 nm) using a Gemini-NX C18 column (4.6 \times 250 mm, 3 µm, 110 Å, Phenomenex); gradient elution 0 to 100% B (MeCN-H₂O-TFA 90:10:0.1 v/v/v%) in solvent A (H2O-TFA 100:0.1 v/v%) over 15 min.

Preparative HPLC (prepHPLC) was carried out on an Ultimate HPLC system (Thermo Scientific) consisting of a LPG-3200BX pump (20 mL/min), a Rheodyne 9725i injector, a 10 mL loop, a MWD-300SD detector (220 and 254 nm) and an AFC-3000SD automated fraction collector using a Gemini-NX C18 column (21.2 \times 250 mm, 5 µm, 110 Å, Phenomenex); gradient elution 0 to 100% B (MeCN-H₂O-formic acid 90:10:0.1 v/v/v%) in solvent A (H2O-formic acid 100:0.1 v/v%) over 15 min (unless noted otherwise).

Data for both analytical and preparative HPLC were acquired and processed using Chromeleon software v. 6.80.

1.2 Synthesis and characterization of compounds

Scheme S1. Synthesis of common bromopyrrole intermediate 4.

3-Bromo-1-(phenylsulfonyl)-1*H***-pyrrole (2)**

N[1](#page-14-1)-Sulfonylation.¹ Sodium hydride (2.20 g, 55.0 mmol, 60 wt. %, 1.1 equiv) was added portionwise to the solution of pyrrole (3.47 mL, 50.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dry DMF (150 mL) at 0° C. The obtained mixture was stirred for 1 h at the same temperature (*Note for this step*: a constant flow of nitrogen gas was used to reduce foaming). Benzenesulfonyl chloride (7.66 mL, 66.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added

slowly over 5 min at 0° C, the cooling bath was removed, and the reaction was further stirred for 0.5 h at room temperature (starting pyrrole was consumed, TLC). The reaction mixture was carefully quenched with half-saturated NH₄Cl (200 mL) at 0° C and diluted with 200 mL EtOAc. The organic phase was washed with water $(4\times150 \text{ mL})$, brine (150 mL), dried over Na2SO4 and concentrated under reduced pressure providing 10.64 g of crude 1- (phenylsulfonyl)-1*H*-pyrrole as a beige solid which was taken through to the next step without further purification.

Bromination^{[2](#page-14-2)} A solution of bromine (2.57 mL, 50 mmol, 1 equiv) in acetic acid (40 mL) was added dropwise to the solution of 1-(phenylsulfonyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (10.64 g, \sim 50 mmol, 1 equiv) in AcOH (90 mL). The mixture was refluxed for 1 h, then cooled to rt, concentrated and coevaporated with toluene $(2\times150 \text{ mL})$. Purification by DCVC (5% EtOAc - heptane) afforded 11.53 g of the desired product as a purple oil which solidified upon standing. Further purification by crystallization from MeOH (20 mL) gave 7.69 g (54% from pyrrole) of **2** as a white crystalline solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.90 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl3) δ 138.6, 134.4, 129.7, 127.1, 121.4, 119.9, 116.5, 102.4. The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature.[2](#page-14-2)

Benzyl 3-bromo-1-(phenylsulfonyl)-1*H***-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3)**

According to a modified version of the reported procedure,^{[3](#page-14-3)} a 1.6 M solution of *n*-BuLi in cyclohexane (25.0 mL, 40.0 mmol, 1.25 equiv) was slowly added to a precooled to -78 °C stirred solution of *i-*Pr2NH (5.87 mL, 41.6 mmol, 1.3 equiv) in anhydrous THF (24 mL) under argon atmosphere. After addition was complete, the

reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min at -10 °C, then recooled back to -78 °C. A solution of pyrrole derivative **2** (9.15 g, 32.0 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (30 mL) was added over 20 min at -78 °C. The reaction flask was stirred at the same temperature for 1 h, followed by dropwise addition (~15 min) of benzyl chloroformate (CbzCl) (8.22 mL, 57.6 mmol, 1.8 equiv) in 10 mL THF. (*Note*: the traces of $CO₂$ from the CbzCl solution in THF were removed with the stream of argon before use). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at - 78 °C, then slowly warmed to 0 °C (\sim 2 h), quenched with 50 mL NH₄Cl_{sat} and diluted with EtOAc (100 mL) and H_2O (100 mL) . The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc $(2\times100 \text{ mL})$, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by DCVC (2%, then 10% EtOAc – Hept) to give 12.16 g of crude product as an orange oil; impure fractions containing the desired compound were repurified by DCVC (2%, then 10% EtOAc – Hept) and afforded ester **3** (10.94 g, purity >80% by ¹H NMR) as a pale orange oil which solidified upon storage in the refrigerator.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.93 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 2H). The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature.^{[3](#page-14-3)}

Benzyl 3-bromo-1*H***-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (S1)[3](#page-14-3)**

A 1 M solution of TBAF in THF (28.6 mL, 28.6 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of *N*-sulfonylpyrrole **3** (10.94 g, ~26 mmol, 1 equiv) in dry THF (75 mL) at room temperature. The obtained reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h, then H2O (100 mL) was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc

 $(3\times75 \text{ mL})$; the organic extracts were combined, washed with water $(2\times100 \text{ mL})$, brine (100 mL), dried over $Na₂SO₄$ and concentrated to dryness. Purification by DCVC (5%, then 20% EtOAc – Hept) afforded two fractions containing the product: **S1**

- 1. *Less polar fraction* (1.32 g) was repurified by column chromatography on $SiO₂$ (Reveleris[®], 0 \rightarrow 15% EtOAc – Hept gradient) providing 942 mg of **S1** as a white solid;
- 2. *More polar fraction* (5.87 g) was crystallized from 30 mL 20% EtOAc Hept mixture. The precipitate (1.08 g) was discarded, the mother liquor was concentrated to give 4.69 g of **S1** as a colorless oil, quickly solidifying upon standing.

The repurified product obtained from both fractions was of analogous purity $({}^{1}H$ NMR) and equally acceptable for the next chemical step. Total yield – 5.64 g (63% over 2 steps from **2**).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 9.35 (br s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 6.85 (t, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (t, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl3) δ 160.1, 135.9, 128.7, 128.3, 122.9, 120.1, 115.1, 104.2, 66.5. The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature. [3](#page-14-3)

((Benzyloxy)carbonyl)((4-(dimethyliminio)pyridin-1(4*H***)-yl)sulfonyl)azanide (7)**

A solution of benzyl alcohol (6.28 ml, 60.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (100 ml) was cooled to 0 °C followed by the dropwise addition of chlorosulfonyl isocyanate $(5.21 \text{ ml}, 60 \text{ mmol}, 1.0 \text{ equiv})$. After stirring at 0 °C for 10 minutes, 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (14.7 g, 120 mmol, 2 equiv) was added portionwise, and the reaction mixture allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight.

The resulting mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (100 ml), washed with water $(3\times100 \text{ ml})$, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure to give the desired product as a white solid (18.0 g, 90%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.51 – 8.43 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 6.98 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 4.87 (s, 2H), 3.22 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 157.5, 156.6, 138.4, 136.9, 128.2, 127.6, 127.6, 106.3, 65.9, 40.0. The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature.^{[4](#page-14-4)}

Benzyl 1-(*N***-((benzyloxy)carbonyl)sulfamoyl)-3-bromo-1***H***-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (4)[3](#page-14-3)**

Sodium hydride (60% in mineral oil, 822 mg, 20.6 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added portionwise to a precooled to 0° C solution of benzyl 3-bromo-1-pyrrole-2carboxylate (**S1**) (3.84 g, 13.7 mmol, 1 equiv) in dry THF (41 mL). After stirring at 0° C for 30 min, sulfamoylating reagent **7** (5.06 g, 15.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added, and the reaction mixture heated to reflux for 4 hours. After cooling to $0^{\circ}C$, the reaction was quenched by the dropwise addition of water (40 ml), concentrated

under reduced pressure to remove organic solvents and extracted into ethyl acetate $(3\times100 \text{ ml})$. The combined organic phases were washed with brine (40 ml) , dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on SiO_2 (Reveleris®, 20 \rightarrow 100% EtOAc – Hept, then 0 \rightarrow 20% MeOH – EtOAc gradients) to give 7.03 g of the product **4** as the sodium salt as a beige foam. The residue was taken up in EtOAc (40 mL), sequentially washed with 0.5 M HCl_{aq} (2×40 mL), brine (40 ml), dried over Na2SO4 and evaporated to dryness *in vacuo* and purified by column chromatography (Reveleris[®], 10 \rightarrow 50% EtOAc – heptane gradient) to afford 4.68 g (69%) of the desired compound **4** as a yellowish oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.24 (m, 9H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (s, 2H), 5.14 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl3) δ 159.5, 149.6, 134.7, 134.1, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 121.6, 114.9, 112.4, 69.5, 68.0. The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature.^{[3](#page-14-3)}

General Procedure A – Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction

A microwave vial charged with bromide **4** (197 mg, 0.40 mmol, 1 equiv), the corresponding boronate (0.52 mmol, 1.3 equiv), $Na₂CO₃$ (127 mg, 1.20 mmol, 3 equiv), Pd(dppf)Cl₂•DCM $(16.3 \text{ mg}, 0.02 \text{ mmol}, 0.05 \text{ equity})$ and degassed dioxane – H₂O mixture $(2.1, 2 \text{ mL})$ was purged with argon, sealed and stirred under microwave irradiation at 100 °C for 3 h. After cooling to rt, the reaction mixture was diluted with 2 mL EtOAc and 2 mL H2O; the organic phase was separated; the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc $(2\times2 \text{ mL})$. The combined organic phases were filtered through a pad of $Na₂SO₄$ with Celite[®] on top and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and further purified by column chromatography on $SiO₂$ (Reveleris® purification system) to afford the desired C3 substituted pyrrole.

Sodium ((benzyloxy)carbonyl)((2-((benzyloxy)carbonyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1*H***-pyrrol-1-yl)sulfonyl)azanide (5)**

Use of General Procedure A with 4-fluorophenyl)boronic acid as the coupling partner gave, after purification by column chromatography (Reveleris[®], $20\rightarrow90\%$ EtOAc – Hept gradient), the desired compound 5 as a yellow amorphous solid in 70% yield (149 mg).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.03 (m, 5H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 6.69 – 6.61 (m, 4H), 5.84 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (s, 2H), 4.81 (s, 2H);

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl3) δ 162.2 (d, *J* = 246.5 Hz), 161.8, 158.4 (br), 136.5, 136.1, 134.5, 131.2 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 130.9 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 129.7, 128.44, 128.40, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 118.9, 114.6 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz), 110.9, 67.9, 67.2; **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl3) δ -115.4; **LRMS** (ESI) m/z : [M-Na]⁻ calcd for $C_{26}H_{20}FN_{2}NaO_{6}S$ 507.1, found 507.2.

Sodium ((benzyloxy)carbonyl)((2-((benzyloxy)carbonyl)-3-(4-carbamoylphenyl)-1*H***pyrrol-1-yl)sulfonyl)azanide** (**S2)**

Use of General Procedure A with 4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzamide as the coupling partner gave, after purification by column chromatography (Reveleris®, $0\rightarrow 20\% \ \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 - \text{MeOH}$ gradient), the desired compound **S2** as a beige solid in 72% yield (159 mg).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 7.93 (br s, 1H), 7.81 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 10H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 4.87 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 167.6, 162.4, 157.3 (br), 137.7,

137.3, 135.6, 132.2, 128.2, 128.13, 128.09, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 127.0, 126.1 (br), 124.8 (br), 120.7, 107.3, 66.6, 65.4; LRMS (ESI) m/z : [M+2H-Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₇H₂₄N₃O₇S 534.1, found 534.4; [M-Na] calcd for $C_{27}H_{22}N_3NaO_7S$ 532.1, found 532.1.

Sodium ((3-(6-aminopyridin-3-yl)-2-((benzyloxy)carbonyl)-1*H***-pyrrol-1-yl)sulfonyl)- ((benzyloxy)carbonyl)azanide (S3)**

Use of General Procedure A with 5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)pyridin-2-amine as the coupling partner gave, following purification by column chromatography (Reveleris®, $0\rightarrow 20\%$ CH₂Cl₂– MeOH gradient), the desired compound **S3** as a brown amorphous solid (film) in 70% yield (147 mg).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 9H), 7.14 (br s, 2H), 6.70 (d,

J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 4.85 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 161.8, 157.6, 154.8 (br), 141.3 (br), 138.5 (br), 137.9, 135.7, 128.2, 128.1, 128.1, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 125.9, 123.9 (br), 120.0, 119.2, 110.8 (br), 107.0, 66.4, 65.3; **LRMS** (ESI) m/z : [M+2H-Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₅H₂₁N₄NaO₆S 507.1, found 507.3; [M-Na]⁻ calcd 505.1, found 505.1. The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature.^{[3](#page-14-3)}

Sodium ((benzyloxy)carbonyl)((2-((benzyloxy)carbonyl)-3-(1*H***-pyrazol-4-yl)-1***H***-pyrrol-1-yl)sulfonyl)azanide (S4)**

Use of General Procedure A with 4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazole as the coupling partner gave, after purification by column chromatography (Reveleris®, $0\rightarrow 20\%$ CH₂Cl₂ – MeOH gradient), the desired compound **S4** as a beige solid in 26% yield (52.3 mg).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 12.74 (br s, 1H), 7.87 – 7.58 (m, 2H, $Na⁺ N₂$ Cbz contains 7.79 (br s, 1H) and 7.64 (br s, 1H)), $7.51 - 7.47$ (m, 2H), $7.33 - 7.23$ (m, 9H), 6.21 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 4.84 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 162.5, 157.7, 138.0, 137.5 (br), 136.1, 128.14, 128.10, 128.06, 127.6, 127.4, 127.2, 126.2 (br), 125.8, 120.5, 118.9, 114.1, 106.8, 66.2, 65.2; **LRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M+2H-Na]⁺ calcd for $C_{23}H_{19}N_4NaO_6S$ 481.1, found 481.2; [M-Na] calcd 479.1, found 479.1.

Sodium ((3-(2-aminopyrimidin-5-yl)-2-((benzyloxy)carbonyl)-1*H***-pyrrol-1 yl)sulfonyl)((benzyloxy)carbonyl)azanide (S5)**

Use of General Procedure A with 5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)pyrimidin-2-amine as the coupling partner gave, following purification by column chromatography (Reveleris®, $0\rightarrow 10\%$ CH₂Cl₂ – MeOH gradient), the desired compound **S5** as a light brown solid in 77% yield (163 mg).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.24 (s, 2H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 9H), 6.66 (br s, 2H), 6.19 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 4.86 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 162.2, 161.8, 157.5 (br), 156.7, 137.9,

135.8, 128.1, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 126.2, 123.5 (br), 119.7, 117.1, 107.0, 66.3, 65.3; LRMS (ESI) m/z : [M+2H-Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₀N₅NaO₆S 508.1, found 508.4; [M-Na]⁻ calcd 506.1, found 506.1.

Sodium ((benzyloxy)carbonyl)((2-((benzyloxy)carbonyl)-3-(4-morpholinophenyl)-1*H***pyrrol-1-yl)sulfonyl)azanide (S6)**

Use of General Procedure A with (4-morpholinophenyl)boronic acid as the coupling partner gave, following purification by column chromatography (Reveleris[®], $0 \rightarrow 10\%$ CH₂Cl₂ – MeOH gradient), the desired compound **S6** as a beige solid in 88% yield (211 mg).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 7.38 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 9H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.88 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.19 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 4.89 (s, 2H), 3.76 – 3.72 (m, 4H), 3.12 – 3.08 (m, 4H); **¹³C NMR**

(151 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 162.5, 156.8 (br), 149.7, 137.6, 135.7, 128.3, 128.2, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.5, 127.4, 125.1, 125.0 (br), 119.5, 114.8, 107.5 (br), 66.4, 66.1, 65.6, 48.3; **LRMS** (ESI) m/z : [M+2H-Na]⁺ calcd for C₃₀H₂₈N₃NaO₇S 576.2, found 576.4; [M-Na]⁻ calcd 574.1, found 574.3.

Potassium ((3-(2-amino-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl)-2-((benzyloxy)carbonyl)-1*H***pyrrol-1-yl)sulfonyl)-((benzyloxy)carbonyl)azanide (S7)**

Step 1, borylation. A microwave vial with stirring bar charged with aryl bromide **4** (493 mg, 1 mmol, 1 equiv), bis(pinacolato)diboron (279 mg, 1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv), KOAc (294 mg, 3.0 mmol, 3 equiv), Pd(dppf)Cl2•DCM (40.8 mg, 0.05 mmol, 5 mol%) and degassed dioxane (4 mL) was purged with argon, then sealed and stirred at 100° C overnight. After being cooled to rt, the reaction mixture was diluted with 4 mL EtOAc and 4 mL H₂O. The organic phase was separated; the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2×4 mL). Combined organic phases were filtered through a pad of Na₂SO₄ with Celite® on top. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give 792 mg of the crude aryl boronate as a dark solid residue.

Step 2, Suzuki – Miyaura coupling. Half of crude boronate obtained above (~ 0.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv), 6-bromo[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridin-2-amine (71.0 mg, 0.333 mmol, 1 equiv), K_2CO_3 (138 mg, 1.0 mmol, 3 equiv), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (19.3 mg, 17.7 µmol, 0.05 equiv) followed by degassed DMF – H_2O mixture (2:1, 2.5 mL) were placed into a microwave vial equipped with a stirring bar. The reaction vessel was purged with argon, sealed and kept under microwave irradiation at 100 °C for 3 h. After being cooled to rt, the reaction mixture was concentrated to dryness, then redissolved in 10 mL CH₂Cl₂– MeOH (3:1) and 10 mL H₂O. The organic phase was separated, the aqueous one was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 – MeOH (3:1, 3×5 mL); the combined organic extracts were filtered through a pad of $Na₂SO₄$ with Celite® on top and concentrated under reduced pressure. The solid residue was further purified by column chromatography on SiO₂ (Reveleris[®], 0→10% MeOH – CH₂Cl₂ gradient) providing 38.9 mg (20%) of **S7** as a pale beige solid.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.52 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.21 (m, 10H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (br s, 2H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 4.86 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 166.3, 162.1, 157.7, 149.2, 137.9, 135.6, 129.7, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 125.5, 125.1, 123.6, 120.4, 118.8, 111.6, 107.5, 66.5, 65.3; LRMS (ESI) m/z : [M+2H-Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₂₁N₆NaO₆S 547.1, found 547.4; [M-Na] calcd 545.1, found 545.2.

General Procedure B – hydrogenolysis of *N***-Cbz and** *O***-Bn protected pyrrole-2 carboxylates**

A one-necked round-bottom flask containing 0.025 M methanol solution of the corresponding *O*-Bn- and *N*-Cbz-protected pyrrole (1 equiv) was charged with Pd on carbon (10% w/w, 0.2 equiv), sealed and evacuated/backfilled with dihydrogen gas (3 times). The reaction mixture was hydrogenated at atmospheric pressure (H2 balloon) overnight under vigorous stirring, then filtered through a pad of Celite® and the filter cake was washed with methanol; the combined filtrates were concentrated to dryness under reduced pressure. Details of further purification are specified below. (NOTE: compounds **4-8**, obtained after purification by prepHPLC and lyophilization contain low levels of formic acid/formate $\ll 2$ w/w% by ¹H NMR) and considered as they are in neutral $(4,5.7,8)$ or zwitterionic (6) form).

3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-sulfamoyl-1*H***-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (6a)**

The *N*-Cbz sodium salt **5** (72.7 mg, 0.137 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL EtOAc, transferred to a separatory funnel and successively washed with 1 M HCl_{aq} $(2\times5$ mL), brine (5 mL) and dried over Na2SO4. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* to give **S8** as a yellow oil in 96% yield (67.2 mg).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl3) δ 8.69 (br s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 4H, overlapped with solvent peak), 7.04 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.94 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H); **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl3) δ -114.1.

The oil obtained above (67.2 mg) was hydrogenated according to General Procedure B; then the crude residue was further purified by prepHPLC to give the desired compound **6a** in 72% yield (27.0 mg) as a white fluffy solid.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 13.17 (br s, 1H), 8.17 (br s, 2H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO*d*6) δ 162.5, 161.5 (d, *J* = 244.1 Hz), 131.7, 130.75 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 130.69 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 125.2, 120.8, 114.8 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz), 110.7; **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ -115.8; **HPLC analysis** t_R 11.3 min, purity >99.6%; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : [M-H] calcd for $C_{11}H_8FN_2O_4S$ 283.0194, found 283.0189.

Sodium 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-sulfamoyl-1*H***-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (6b)**

Use of General Procedure B with protected pyrrole **5** (0.111 mmol) gave the desired compound **6b** without further purification in 93% yield (31.5 mg) as an off-white solid. The sample for testing was prepared by dispersing in water and freeze-drying.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.89 (br s, 2H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5.6 Hz, 2H), ∩=Ś=O 7.14 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) $NH₂$ δ 164.0, 160.8 (d, *J* = 242.5 Hz), 132.2 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 130.4 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 128.6 (br), 126.3 (br), 120.2 (br), 114.2 (d, $J = 21.1$ Hz), 108.9; ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -117.6; **HPLC** analysis t_R 11.3 min, purity >96.3%; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : [M-Na] calcd for $C_{11}H_8FN_2O_4S$ 283.0194, found 283.0189. The analytical data are consistent with those reported in the literature.^{[3](#page-14-3)}

Sodium 3-(4-carbamoylphenyl)-1-sulfamoyl-1*H***-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (8)**

Use of General Procedure B with protected pyrrole **S2** (0.265 mmol) gave the desired compound **8** without further purification in 96% yield as a pale beige solid (84.1 mg). The sample for testing was prepared by dissolution in minimal amount of water, filtration through 0.22 μm nylon syringe filter followed by lyophilization.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.82 (br s, 2H), 7.93 (br s, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (br s, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 167.9, 164.2, 138.8, 131.6, 129.5 (br), 128.0, 126.9, 126.0 (br), 120.1 (br), 108.7; **HPLC analysis** t_R 9.0 min, purity >95.6%; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M-Na]⁻ calcd for C₁₂H₁₀N₃O₅S 308.0347, found 308.0343.

Sodium 3-(6-aminopyridin-3-yl)-1-sulfamoyl-1*H***-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (9)**

Use of General Procedure B with protected pyrrole **S3** (0.125 mmol) gave the desired compound **9** without further purification in 45% yield as a brown solid (16.9 mg). The sample for testing was prepared by dissolution in minimal amount of water, filtration through 0.22 μm nylon syringe filter followed by lyophilization.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.98 (br s, 2H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.60 $NH₂$ (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (br s, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 164.5, 157.8, 147.0, 137.6, 129.2, 124.4, 120.4, 119.4, 108.0, 106.6; **HPLC analysis** t_R 6.7 min, purity >94.8%; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : [M-Na] calcd for C₁₀H₉N₄O₄S 281.0350, found 281.0347. Analytical data is consistent with that reported in the literature.^{[3](#page-14-3)}

3-(1*H***-Pyrazol-4-yl)-1-sulfamoyl-1***H***-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (10)**

Use of General Procedure B with protected pyrrole **S4** (78.8 µmol) followed by purification by prepHPLC (standard conditions) and lyophilization gave the desired compound **10** as a white fluffy solid in 75% yield (15.1 mg).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 13.06 (br s, 2H), 8.04 (br s, 2H), 7.90 (s, 2H), ŃН_о 7.39 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H); **13C NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO d_6) δ 162.6, 133.2 (br), 126.1, 125.5, 119.3, 113.4, 109.9; **HPLC analysis** t_R 7.8 min, purity >97.0%; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₈H₉N₄O₄S 257.0339, found 257.0340.

3-(2-Aminopyrimidin-5-yl)-1-sulfamoyl-1*H***-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (11) and 3-(2 iminohexahydropyrimidin-5-yl)-1-sulfamoyl-1***H***-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (12)**

Use of General procedure B for 60 h at room temperature with protected pyrrole **S5** (68.6 µmol) followed by purification by prepHPLC $(0\rightarrow 70\%$ mobile phase B gradient, 30 min) and lyophilization afforded the aminopyrimidine **11** as a white fluffy solid in 42% yield (8.2 mg) and the guanidine **12** as a white fluffy solid in 35% yield (7.0 mg).

Analytical data for **11**: **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 13.17 (br s, 1H), 8.28 (s, 2H), 8.16 (br s, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (br s, 2H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 162.5, 162.1, 157.6, 128.8 (br), 126.3 (br), 120.3 (br), 116.8, 110.2. **HPLC analysis**, t_R 6.4 min and 6.5 min (insufficient protonation by mobile phase), purity >99.8%; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₉H₁₀N₅O₄S 284.0448, found 284.0447.

Analytical data for **12**: **¹H NMR** (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.93 (br s, 2H), 8.53 (br s, 2H), 7.24 (br s, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (tt, *J* = 10.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dt, $J = 11.6$, 4.3 Hz, 2H, overlapped with residual water peak), 3.21 (t, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 2H, overlapped with residual water peak); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 164.5, 153.8, 128.6 (br), 128.0 (br), 121.6 (br), 106.0, 42.9, 28.6; **HPLC analysis** t_R 6.1 min, purity >98.9%; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₉H₁₄N₅O₄S 288.0761, found 288.0761.

3-(4-Morpholinophenyl)-1-sulfamoyl-1*H***-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (13)**

Use of General Procedure B with protected pyrrole **S6** (0.132 mmol) followed by purification by prepHPLC (standard conditions) and lyophilization gave the desired compound **13** as an off-white fluffy solid in 44% yield (20.2 mg).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 13.01 (br s, 1H), 8.13 (br s, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* $= 3.2$ Hz, 1H), $7.32 - 7.27$ (m, 2H), $6.96 - 6.91$ (m, 2H), 6.31 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.76 – 3.73 (m, 4H), 3.15 – 3.11 (m, 4H); **13C NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO*d*6) δ 163.0, 150.1, 132.5 (br), 129.3, 124.8 (br), 124.8, 120.5 (br), 114.4, 110.5, 66.1, 48.2; **HPLC analysis** tR 9.0 min, purity >96.3%; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*:

 $[M+H]^{+}$ calcd for $C_{15}H_{18}N_3O_5S$ 352.0962, found 352.0962.

3-(2-Amino-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridin-6-yl)-1-sulfamoyl-1*H***-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (14)**

Use of General Procedure B with protected pyrrole **S7** (63.3 µmol) followed by purification by prepHPLC (standard conditions) and lyophilization gave the desired compound **13** as a white solid in 10% yield (2.0 mg).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.65 – 8.58 (m, 1H), 8.26 (br s, 2H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (br s, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 166.4, 162.2, 149.5, 130.7, 128.6 (br), 126.4, 125.4 (br), 121.6 (br), 118.5, 111.2, 110.7; **HPLC analysis** t_R 7.1 min, purity >99.1%; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z : [M+H]⁺

calcd for $C_{11}H_{11}N_6O_4S$ 323.0557, found 323.0557.

2 Biochemical Assays

The inhibitory activity of NSPCs **6**, **8-14** against representative B1 subfamily MBLs [obtained according to previously reported production and purification procedures: $VIM-1$,^{[5](#page-14-5)} $VIM-2$, NDM-1 and IMP-1^{[6](#page-14-6)}] was determined using a fluorogenic assay monitoring the enzymatic breakdown of the cephalosporin probe FC5.^{[6](#page-14-6)} The FC5/meropenem assays were conducted at room temperature in clear-bottomed Greiner 384 black well microplates (FC5) or Greiner 96 well UV star microplates (meropenem), using a ClarioStar or PHERAstar FS microplate reader (BMG LabTech). Representative β-lactamases were tested at the following concentrations: VIM-1, 100 pM; NDM-1, 20 pM; IMP-1, 20 pM; and VIM-2, 500 pM. The concentration of FC5 employed was 5 μM for all enzymes. IMP-1, VIM-1, VIM-2 and NDM-1 inhibition assays were screened in "MBL buffer" (50 mM HEPES, pH 7.2, 1 μM ZnSO4, 1 μg mL−1 BSA, 0.01% v/v Triton X-100). The initial rates of reaction (measured after 10 min pre-incubation of the NSPC with the enzyme) were assessed by monitoring the fluorescence intensity at λ_{ex} = 380 nm and $\lambda_{\rm em} = 460$ nm. Following the determination of initial rates of reaction, the data were fitted using a four-parameter function: log (inhibitor) vs. response, variable slope in GraphPad Prism 6 to obtain IC50 values.^{[6,](#page-14-6) [7](#page-14-7)}

3 Crystallography

Single VIM-1 crystals were grown as reported previously.^{[8](#page-14-8)} The VIM-1:Zn₂:6 complex was obtained by mixing the crystal containing droplet (4.5 mL) with the same volume of the sulfamoyl compound (4.5 mL, 12.5 mM in VIM-1 crystallization buffer (2.4 mM NH4H2PO4, 0.1 M Tris pH 8.5)). The crystals were harvested and cryo-cooled in liquid N_2 . Data for the single crystal were collected at 100 K using synchrotron radiation at the Diamond Light Source beamline I24 and processed using the Xia2 pipelines (Table S1).^{[9](#page-14-9)} Structures were solved by isomorphous molecular replacement using reported structural data file of VIM-1 (PDB: $5N5G$ ^{[8](#page-14-8)} as a search model. The structure was iteratively fitted and refined using PHENIX^{[10](#page-14-10)} and Coot.^{[11](#page-14-11)} Processing and refinement statistics are shown in Table S1.

Table S1: Data collection and Refinement statistics.

*Highest resolution shell in parentheses. DLS = Diamond Light Source.

Figure S1. **Comparison of the binding mode of 6 with those of CB2 and meropenem.** a) Ribbons view of VIM-1:Zn2:**6** (PDB: 7AYJ). The *N*-sulfamoylpyrrole-2-carboxylate **6** NSPC **6**, yellow) and Zn-interacting residues (H114, H116, D118, H179, C198, H240) are shown as sticks. The secondary structure elements α -helices (orange) and β -strands (cyan) are shown as cartoons. b) Composite $2mF_0-DF_c$ omit map of VIM-1: Zn_2 :6 (PDB: 7AYJ, 1.21 Å resolution, 1.0σ contour level) showing the NSPC binding to VIM-1. Note, C198 is partially oxidized so that the structure was deposited with 75% Cys198 and 25% Csd198 (3-sulfonoalanine, data not shown). c) Superimposition of VIM-1:Zn₂:6 (PDB: 7AYJ) and VIM-1:Zn₂:meropenem (hydrolyzed meropenem, Δ^2 -pyrroline form, PDB: 5N5I)^{[8](#page-14-8)} structures. Note, while the hydrolyzed meropenem structure has a Zn-coordinated water present, the sulfamoyl NH2 group of **6** replaces this water. d) Key interactions at the active site. Comparison of the Zn(1)-Zn(2) distances in e) VIM-1:Zn₂:6 (PDB: 7AYJ, 3.60 Å, this study), f) VIM-1:Zn₂: meropenem (Δ^2 -pyrroline form, PDB: 5N5I, 3.50 Å),^{[8](#page-14-8)} and the cyclic boronate VIM-2: Zn_2 :CB2 complex (PDB:

5FOC, 4.34 Å)^{[12](#page-14-12)} reveal the impact of the cyclic boronate ligand on the $Zn(1)-Zn(2)$ distance, whereas the impact of the sulfamoyl ligand on the $Zn(1)-Zn(2)$ distance is negligible. Note, VIM-1: Zn_2 (PDB: 5N5G, not shown)^{[8](#page-14-8)} and VIM-2: Zn_2 (PDB: 4NQ2, not shown)^{[13](#page-15-0)} structures without ligands reveal $Zn(1)$ - $Zn(2)$ distances of 3.62 Å and 3.47 Å, respectively in accord with former reports.[14](#page-15-1)

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5 NMR spectra

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¹⁹F NMR of **5** (376 MHz, CDCl3)

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C NMR of **S2** (151 MHz, DMSO-*d6*)

H NMR of **S2** (600 MHz, DMSO-*d6*)

C NMR of **S4** (151 MHz, DMSO-*d6*)

H NMR of **S6** (600 MHz, DMSO-*d6*)

¹H NMR of **S7** (600 MHz, DMSO-*d6*)

¹H NMR of **S8** (600 MHz, CDCl3)

H NMR of **6a** (600 MHz, DMSO-*d6*)

¹⁹F NMR of **6a** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d6*)

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¹⁹F NMR of **6b** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d6*)

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H NMR of **10** (600 MHz, DMSO-*d6*)

C NMR of **11** (151 MHz, DMSO-*d6*)

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6 HPLC chromatograms of final compounds

