Ultralarge Virtual Screening Identifies SARS-CoV-2 Main Protease Inhibitors with Broad-Spectrum Activity against Coronaviruses

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Supplementary Table 1a. Data collection parameters

Beamline	BioMAX MAX IV
Wavelength (Å)	0.976
Beam size (µM)	50
Temperature (K)	100
Resolution (Å)	1.6-1.7
Images	3600
Omega range per image (°)	0.1
Exposure per image (s)	0.011
Transmission (%)	30.00
Flux (photon s ⁻¹)	0.9-1.2×10 ¹²

Supplementary Table 1b. Data collection and refinement statistics. Values given in parentheses are for the highest resolution shell. RMS deviations for bond geometries were calculated with MolProbity⁶³

PDB ID	7B2U	7AU4	7B2J	7B5Z
Ligand Enamine ID	Z3349773787	Z1470552630	Z73239323	Z1127023064
Ligand identifier	Compound 1	Compound 3	Compound 5	Compound 6
		Data collection		
Space group	<i>P</i> 1 2 ₁ 1	C 1 2 1	C 1 2 1	C 1 2 1
Unit cell, a, b, c (Å)	44.52, 53.68, 114.51	113.83, 53.23, 44.59	114.55, 53.65, 44.57	114.46, 53.66, 44.48
Unit cell, a, b, c (°)	90.00, 100.59, 90.00	90, 102.44, 90	90.00, 100.56, 90.00	90.00, 100.51, 90.00
Resolution (Å)	53.68-1.55	55.58-1.82	48.44-1.55	48.63-1.63
Highest resolution shell (Å)	1.58-1.55	1.86-1.82	1.58-1.55	1.68-1.63
R _{merge}	0.057 (0.964)	0.056 (0.962)	0.063 (0.65)	0.055 (0.312)
R _{pim}	0.036 (0.776)	0.038 (0.461)	0.04 (0.513)	0.035 (0.209)
Reflections	481597 (13748)	119963 (7311)	244033 (6883)	206479 (8580)
Unique reflections	74540 (3130)	23453 (1401)	37807 (1554)	31557 (1437)
Ι/σ(Ι)	10.1 (1.3)	8.4 (1.5)	13.2 (2.1)	18.6 (5.2)
CC _{1/2}	0.999 (0.708)	0.999 (0.707)	0.999 (0.727)	0.999 (0.948)
Completeness (%)	96.5 (82.6)	99.8 (99.9)	97.8 (81.4)	98.6 (92.9)
Multiplicity	6.5 (4.4)	5.1 (5.2)	6.5 (4.4)	6.5 (6)
		Refinement		
N. refl. Test set	3649	2222	1914	1504
R/R _{free} (%/%)	0.21/0.25	0.17/0.21	0.16/0.20	0.16/0.20
Ramachandran plot (%)				
Favored	98.18	98.35	98.67	98.67
Outliers	0	0.33	0	0
Rotamer outliers (%)	0.19	0	0.73	0.37
RMS deviations				
Bond (Å)	0.008	0.006	0.008	0.02
Angle (°)	1.14	0.934	1.33	1.59
Clashscore	3.94	4.04	2.65	4.27
Nr. atoms/Av. B-factor				
Protein	4796/27.68	2358/40.43	2434/24.27	2434/21.34
Ligand	74/42.04	30/49.86	44/36.81	43/33.05
Water	525/36.97	135/45.45	357/35.55	266/28.77

(Supplementary Table 1b Continued.)

PDB ID	7B77	7BIJ	7NEO	7046
Ligand Enamine ID	Z1022393778	Z4685004274	Z3798380755	-
Ligand identifier	Compound 8	Compound 13	Compound 15	Compound 17
		Data collection		
Space group	C 1 2 1	C 1 2 1	P 1 2 ₁ 1	C 1 2 1
Unit cell, a, b, c (Å)	114.54, 53.60, 44.57	114.75, 53.84, 44.59	44.57, 53.82, 114.77	113.67, 54.06, 44.93
Unit cell, a, b, c (°)	90.00, 100.50, 90.00	90.00, 100.58, 90.00	90.00, 100.49, 90.00	90.00, 101.47, 90.00
Resolution (Å)	48.4-1.6	31.91-1.47	48.58-1.64	48.64-2.23
Highest resolution shell (Å)	1.63-1.6	1.50-1.47	1.67-1.64	2.31-2.23
R _{merge}	0.055 (0.42)	0.058 (0.459)	0.065 (0.431)	0.052 (1.336)
R _{pim}	0.035 (0.324)	0.037 (0.372)	0.045 (0.302)	0.023 (0.587)
Reflections	230000 (7728)	292309 (8348)	366074 (18018)	89181 (8644)
Unique reflections	34900 (1587)	44811 (1891)	65712 (3232)	13122 (1242)
Ι/σ(Ι)	15 (3.2)	13.7 (2.4)	11.3 (3.2)	14.6 (1.4)
CC _{1/2}	0.999 (0.931)	0.998 (0.839)	0.998 (0.94)	0.998 (0.537)
Completeness (%)	99.3 (92.5)	98.5 (85.4)	99.9 (100)	99.7 (97.7)
Multiplicity	6.6 (4.9)	6.5 (4.4)	5.6 (5.6)	6.8 (7.0)
		Refinement		
N. refl. Test set	1726	2183	3193	638
R/R _{free} (%/%)	0.17/0.21	0.18/0.21	0.20/0.24	0.20/0.25
Ramachandran plot (%)				
Favored	99	99.01	98.5	94.59
Outliers	0	0	0	0.34
Rotamer outliers (%)	0	0	0.19	1.54
RMS deviations				
Bond (Å)	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.014
Angle (°)	1.13	1.82	1.88	1.85
Clashscore	2.91	3.1	2.61	2.37
Nr. atoms/Av. B-factor				
Protein	2393/26.7	2414/23.09	4781/19.25	2329/84.78
Ligand	45/43.32	38/39.93	70/31.66	24/116.54
Water	228/34.14	322/34.3	492/27.84	2/66.68

(Supplementary Table 1b Continued.)

	7OPP	7NPT		
		71101		
Ligand Enamine ID	-	Z226482770		
Ligand identifier	Compound 18	Compound 21		
	Data collection			
Space group	C 1 2 1	C 1 2 1		
Unit cell, a, b, c (Å)	113.77, 53.82, 44.99	114.58, 53.77, 44.52		
Unit cell, a, b, c (°)	90.00, 101.46, 90.00	90.00, 100.53, 90.00		
Resolution (Å)	48.47-2.00	56.33-1.63		
Highest resolution shell (Å)	2.07-2.00	1.66-1.63		
R _{merge}	0.066 (1.654)	0.06 (0.747)		
R _{pim}	0.041 (1.025)	0.043 (0.55)		
Reflections	122406 (11897)	166095 (8406)		
Unique reflections	18097 (1754)	32705 (1649)		
Ι/σ(Ι)	11.9 (1.1)	11.1 (2)		
CC _{1/2}	0.997 (0.534)	0.998 (0.774)		
Completeness (%)	99.7 (98.3)	98.1 (100)		
Multiplicity	6.8 (6.8)	5.1 (5.1)		
Refinement				
N. refl. Test set	891	1621		
R/R _{free} (%/%)	0.21/0.26	0.19/0.23		
Ramachandran plot (%)				
Favored	96.99	98.33		
Outliers	0.33	0		
Rotamer outliers (%)	0.77	0.75		
RMS deviations				
Bond (Å)	0.014	0.01		
Angle (°)	1.78	1.65		
Clashscore	3.2	2.72		
Nr. atoms/Av. B-factor				
Protein	2347/69.76	2389/29.08		
Ligand	34/85.02	34/37.96		
Water	18/68.32	149/34.37		

Compound	MW (g mol ⁻¹)	cLogP ^a	HAC ^b	LE (kcal mol ⁻¹ HAC ⁻¹) ^c	LLE (kcal mol ⁻¹) ^d
1	291.3	2.1	21	0.30	8.6
16	323.4	2.7	24	0.39	13.1
17	321.3	2.3	24	0.39	13.4
18	343.4	2.8	26	0.36	12.8
19	377.8	3.4	27	0.37	13.7
20	356.8	2.6	25	0.29	9.6
21	312.4	2.6	22	0.35	10.3
X77 (rac)	459.6	4.0	34	0.23	9.2
ML188 (rac)	433.6	4.2	32	0.22	7.9

Supplementary Table 2. Properties of compounds 1, 16-21, and reference inhibitors.

^a Calculated log of partition coefficient (n-octanol / water). ^b Heavy atom count. ^c Ligand efficiency: negative change in free energy divided by number of ligand heavy atoms. Change in free energy was derived from the K_D value obtained by steady state SPR interaction analysis (Supplementary Figure 2). ^d Ligand-lipophilic efficiency: negative log of the ratio between the K_D value obtained by steady state SPR interaction analysis and the calculated partition coefficient (n-octanol / water).

Coursel	M ^{pro} (IC ₅₀ , µM) ^a		Cathepsin S	
Стра	Enzyme inhibition assay	+ DTT ^b	+ Triton X-100 ^c	(IC50, µM) ^a
16	0.46 ± 0.06 (3)	0.34 ± 0.05 (3)	0.53 ± 0.04 (2)	> 50 (1)
17	0.33 ± 0.04 (3)	0.29 ± 0.04 (3)	0.31 ± 0.08 (2)	> 50 (1)
18	0.39 ± 0.05 (3)	0.46 ± 0.08 (2)	0.42 ± 0.06 (2)	> 50 (1)
19	0.077 ± 0.006 (3)	0.080 ± 0.004 (1)	0.10 ± 0.01 (1)	> 50 (1)
20	7.2 ± 3.1 (3)	10 ± 1 (2)	9.5 ± 8.2 (2)	> 50 (1)
21	2.1 ± 0.7 (3)	2.2 ± 1.2 (2)	2.3 ± 0.7 (2)	> 50 (1)
GC376	0.073 ± 0.004 (6)	0.067 ± 0.005 (4)	0.10 ± 0.01 (3)	0.0022 ± 0.0002 (2)
PF-07321332	0.033 ± 0.002 (2)	-	-	5.7 ± 2.1 (1)

Supplementary Table 3. Summary of counter screens for compounds 16-21, GC376 and PF-07321332.

^a IC₅₀ values are expressed as mean \pm SEM from (n>1) independent experiments or mean \pm standard error of the fit SE (n=1). ^b Addition of dithiothreitol (DTT), a reducing agent, to identify compounds with covalent mechanism of action. ^c Addition of Triton X-100 (0.01%) as a control for promiscuous inhibition by colloidal aggregation.

Cmpd	M ^{pro} (IC ₅₀ , μM) ^a	SARS-CoV-2 (EC50, µM) ^b
16a	0.24 ± 0.02	0.95 ± 0.10
16b	1.4 ± 0.3	16 ± 1
17a	0.37 ± 0.05	1.5 ± 0.1
17b	0.35 ± 0.03	1.4 ± 0.1

Supplementary Table 4. Summary of potencies of compounds 16a, 16b, 17a and 17b.

 $^a\,IC_{50}$ values are expressed as mean \pm SEM from three independent experiments. b Inhibitory effect of compounds on CPE induced by SARS-CoV-2 infection in Huh7 cells. EC_{50} values are expressed as mean \pm SEM from two independent experiments.

Human Protease	IC ₅₀ (μM) ^a
Cathepsin K	>10
Cathepsin D	>10
Cathepsin B	>10
Cathepsin L	>10
Thrombin	>10
Caspase-2	>10
Elastase	>10
Calpain 1	>10
Trypsin	>10

Supplementary Table 5. Enzyme inhibition induced by compound 19 for a set of human proteases.

 a Compound was tested in duplicate at 10 μM in a Cerep/Panlabs/Eurofins protease panel screen.

Supplementary Table 6. CC₅₀ (compound concentration that reduces viability of uninfected cells to 50%) for compounds 16, 17, 19 and PF-07321332.

Cmpd	Vero E6 (µM) ^a	Huh7 (µM) ^b
16	>20	>100
17	>20	>100
19	>20	>5
PF-07321332	-	>100

^a Highest tested concentration was 20 µM. ^b Highest tested concentration was 100 µM.

Supplementary	Table	7.	Docking	of	compound	19	to	homology	models	of]	M ^{pro}	active	site
mutants.													

Mutant ^a	Ligand RMSD (Å) ^b	Docking score (kcal mol ⁻¹) ^c
H41Y	0.5	-53.8
H41L	1.1	-45.0
H41Q	1.2	-38.6
C44S	1.2	-54.9
M49L	1.0	-50.2
M49V	1.3	-35.9
M49T	1.2	-42.3
M49I	1.1	-48.5
P52S	1.2	-41.3
P52L	0.9	-42.8
L141I	1.1	-51.4
L141F	0.8	-55.5
N142H	1.3	-48.6
N142D	1.2	-44.1
N142S	0.6	-53.4
N142I	0.7	-55.5
S144A	0.8	-54.6
C145S	0.9	-51.2
C145Y	0.7	-35.9
C145F	0.6	-52.6
M165L	1.2	-51.7
M165V	1.1	-50.0
M165K	1.2	-48.7
M165I	1.4	-34.8
E166G	1.0	-45.7
H172Y	0.9	-53.4
Q189K	1.2	-50.6
Q189L	0.9	-54.7
Q189H	0.9	-54.8

^a Active site residues were identified as residues within 7 Å of the co-crystalized inhibitor **X77** in M^{pro} crystal structure (PDB accession code 6W63). ^b The RMSD value of the docking pose of compound **19** was calculated to the corresponding atoms of compound **18** bound to M^{pro} in crystal structure (PDB accession code: 7QBB) after alignment to the structure used in the virtual screen (PDB accession code: 6W63). ^c DOCK3.7 docking energy score.



Supplementary Fig. 1. Inhibition of M^{pro} activity by compounds 16-21, ML188 (rac), X77 (rac) and PF-07321332. Data points represent mean \pm SD from 2-7 independent experiments. IC₅₀ values are expressed as mean \pm SEM from three independent experiments, unless stated otherwise. Note that the data for PF-07321332 in this steady-state assay is not directly comparable to those for the other compounds due to its covalent mechanism.







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Supplementary Fig. 2. Analysis of interactions between inhibitors and M^{pro} using an SPR biosensor assay. K_D were estimated from report points at the end of the injection, assuming steady-state and a 1:1 single interaction. K_D values are reported as mean \pm standard error of the fit SE (n=1). K_D values for compounds **X77**, **18** and **19** are expressed as mean \pm SD from at least two independent experiments.



Supplementary Fig. 3. Binding mode of compound **13** with (F_o-F_c) electron density difference maps at $+3\sigma$ carved at 1.5 Å from the ligand as a green isomesh (PDB accession code: 7BIJ).



Supplementary Fig. 4. Docking pose of the scaffold of compound **2** (55% enzyme activity at 50 μ M, Table 1) with growing vectors shown as arrows (left panel). Decoration of the phenyl-ring led to the discovery of compound **20** with an IC₅₀ value of 7.2 μ M (Supplementary Fig. 1). The docking pose of compound **20** in M^{pro} is also shown (right panel).



Supplementary Fig. 5. Summary of counter screens for compounds 16-19, GC376 and PF-07321332. Enzyme inhibition assays for M^{pro} were performed in the presence of either DTT or Triton X-100 (0.01%). Enzyme inhibition assay for human cathepsin S were also carried out for the same compounds. Data points represent mean \pm SD from 1-3 independent experiments. IC₅₀ values are expressed as mean \pm SEM from (n>1) independent experiments or mean \pm standard error of the fit (n=1). Note that the data for GC376 and PF-07321332 in these steady-state assays are not directly comparable to those for the other compounds due to their covalent mechanisms.



Supplementary Fig. 6. Inhibitory effect of compounds **16** and **17** on CPE induced by SARS-CoV-2 infection in Huh7 cells and Vero E6 cells (72h post infection, assay performed with a 3h preincubation step). EC_{50} values are expressed as mean \pm SEM from two independent experiments. CPE inhibition in infected Vero E6 cells without pre-incubation is shown in Supplementary Fig. 8.



Supplementary Fig. 7. Inhibitory effect of compounds **16**, **17**, **19** and **GC376** on viral replication induced by SARS-CoV-2 infection in Vero E6 cells (RT-qPCR assay). EC_{50} values are expressed as mean \pm SD from one experiment performed with triplicates.



Supplementary Fig. 8. Inhibitory effect of compounds **16** and **17** on CPE induced by SARS-CoV-2 infection in Vero E6 cells without incubation. EC_{50} values are expressed as mean \pm SEM from two independent experiments.

General Synthetic Procedures. All reagents were purchased from Fluorochem, Sigma-Aldrich, Enamine and Chemtronica. DCM, methanol, DMF, and acetonitrile (99.9%) were purchased from VWR International AB, whereas THF was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Reagents and solvents were used as such without further purification. All reactions involving air, or moisture-sensitive reagents or intermediates, were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere. LC-MS was used for monitoring reactions and assessing purity using an Agilent 1100 series HPLC having a C18 Atlantis T3 column (3.0×50 mm, 5 µm). Acetonitrile–water (both containing 0.1% HCOOH, flow rate 0.75 ml/min, and with a gradient of 5-95% acetonitrile over 6 min) was used as mobile phase. A Waters micromass Z_Q (model code: MM1) mass spectrometer with electrospray ionization was used for detection of molecular ions. Silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ TLC plates from Merck were also sometimes used for monitoring reactions and particularly during purification of compounds. Visualization of the developed TLC was done using UV light (254 nm) and staining with ninhydrin or anisaldehyde. After workup, organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄/MgSO₄ and filtered before being concentrated under reduced pressure. Silica gel (Matrex, 60 Å, 35–70 µm, Grace Amicon) was used for purification of intermediate compounds with flash column chromatography. Preparative reversed-phase HPLC was performed on a Kromasil C8 column (250×21.2 mm, 5 µm) on a Gilson HPLC equipped with Gilson 322 pump, UV/Visible-156 detector and 202 collector using acetonitrile-water gradients as eluents with a flow rate of 15 ml/min and detection at 210 or 254 nm. Unless otherwise stated, all the tested compounds were purified by HPLC. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra for the synthesized compounds were recorded at 298 K on an Agilent Technologies 400 MR spectrometer at 400 MHz or 100 MHz, or on Bruker Avance Neo spectrometers at 500/600 MHz or 125/150 MHz. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm, δ) referenced to the residual ¹H resonance of the solvent [(CD₃)₂CO, δ 2.05; CDCl₃, δ 7.26;

CD₃OD δ 3.31; DMSO-*d*₆ δ 2.50]. Splitting patterns are designated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), m (multiplet) and br (broad). Coupling constants (*J* values) are listed in hertz (Hz). The purity of the tested compounds **10**, **11**, **12**, **16**, **17**, **18**, **19**, **22**, **23**, **24** and **25** is \geq 95% as determined by high resolution ¹H NMR spectroscopy (600 MHz) and LCMS.



Scheme S1: General strategy for synthesis of hydantoin analogues



Scheme S2: Building blocks for synthesis of hydantoin analogues

General synthetic description

Triphosgene mediated formation of isocyanates from aryl amine derivatives F_1 , followed by addition of amino acid ester F_2 afforded the key urea ester intermediates F_3^1 . Hydantoin analogues could be prepared directly by cyclization of urea ester intermediates F_3 under basic condition using NaH¹. Alternatively, hydrolysis of esters F_3 afforded urea acid intermediates F_4 which were cyclized under acidic condition using TFA to afford hydantoin analogues².

General procedure for synthesis of urea ester intermediates F₃, modified from¹

Et₃N (3 equiv) was added to a mixture of the aromatic amine derivative (F_1 , 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv) in DCM (2 ml) at 0 °C. A solution of triphosgene (0.5 equiv) in DCM (0.5 ml) was added dropwise to the mixture. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 45 min. Then, amino acid ester hydrochloride (F_2 , 0.2 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture in one portion. The mixture was stirred overnight at rt, then diluted with DCM (15 ml) and washed with brine. The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated to give crude urea ester intermediate F_3 , which was used as such for the next step without purification.

General procedure for cyclization of urea ester intermediates F₃ to form hydantoin analogues using NaH¹

NaH (3-6 equiv) was added to a mixture of urea ester intermediates F_3 in THF (2 ml) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min and then neutralized with TFA. The solvent was removed and the residue was dissolved in DMSO, filtered and purified by HPLC using 5-100% of CH₃CN in H₂O to afford the desired product as slightly yellow solid. Repurification by HPLC using 5-100% of CH₃CN in H₂O (H₂O + 0.1% TFA) afforded pure compounds as solid TFA salts.

General 2-step procedure for cyclization of urea ester intermediates F₃ to form hydantoin analogues using TFA²

NaOH (2 equiv) was added to a mixture of urea ester intermediates F_3 in MeOH (2 ml) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at rt for 15 min, after which LCMS showed complete ester hydrolysis to acid intermediate F_4 and partial cyclization. The reaction mixture was neutralized with TFA, then concentrated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in TFA (2 ml) and heated overnight at 60 °C. Then the solution was cooled and concentrated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in DMSO, filtered and purified by HPLC using 5-100% of CH₃CN in H₂O to afford the desired product as slightly yellow solid. Repurification by HPLC using 5-100% of CH₃CN in H₂O (H₂O + 0.1% TFA) afforded pure compounds as solid TFA salts.

General procedure for synthesis of reference compounds

HR-MS analysis was conducted using an Orbitrap mass analyzer (LTQ-Velos Pro, Thermo Fisher), loaded with an Agilent 1100 Autosampler (direct injection, methanol).

ML188: To a solution of 2-furoic acid (0.100 g, 0.89 mmol) in methanol (4 ml) was added sequentially 4-*tert*-butyl aniline (0.133 g, 142 μ l, 0.89 mmol), 3-pyridine carboxaldehyde (0.096 g, 84 μ l, 0.89 mmol) and *tert*-butyl isocyanide (0.074 g, 101 μ l, 0.89 mmol). The mixture was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 16 hours. At completion, the vessel was opened and heated to 50 °C. After concentration of the mixture to dryness, purification was performed by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc: isohexanes, 2:3 to 4:1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (racemic mixture).

X77: To a solution of 4-imidazolecarboxylic acid (0.51 g, 0.45 mmol) in methanol (2 ml) was added sequentially 4-*tert*-butyl aniline (0.067 g, 72 μ l, 0.45 mmol), 3-pyridine carboxaldehyde (0.048 g, 42 μ l, 0.45 mmol) and cyclohexyl isocyanide (0.049 g, 56 μ l, 0.45 mmol). The mixture was sealed and stirred at 40 °C for 16 hours. At completion, the vessel was opened and heated to 50 °C. After concentration of the mixture to dryness, purification was performed by silica gel column chromatography (MeOH: DCM, 3:97 to 1:9) to afford the title compound as a white solid (racemic mixture).

Preparative stereoisomeric separation of compound 16

After purification by reversed phase chromatography the stereoisomers of compound **16** were separated by preparative supercritical fluid chromatography (SFC). The sample for chiral separation was prepared by dissolving 15 mg of the isomeric mixture in 0.75 mL of MeOH and the preparative run was performed by stacked injections on a SFC system connected to a PDA detector. The column used was a 5 μ m, YMC Chiral Cellulose-SB, 10 mm × 250 mm (diameter x length) and the column temperature was set to 45 °C. An isocratic condition of 80% CO₂ and 20% MeOH was applied at a flow rate of 15 mL/min. The back pressure was set to 120 Bar. The PDA scanned from 220 to 400 and the stereoisomers were collected in separate fractions (with the aid of 2 mL/min of MeOH as make up solvent for the collection) and pooled from each injection.

Preparative stereoisomeric separation of compound 17

After purification by reversed phase chromatography the stereoisomers of compound **17** were separated by preparative supercritical fluid chromatography (SFC). The sample for chiral separation was prepared by dissolving 15 mg of the isomeric mixture in 0.75 mL of MeOH and the preparative run was performed by stacked injections on a SFC system connected to a PDA detector. The column used was a 5 μ m, YMC Chiral Cellulose-SB, 10 mm × 250 mm (diameter x length) and the column temperature was set to 45 °C. An isocratic condition of 85% CO₂ and 15% MeOH was applied at a flow rate of 15 mL/min. The back pressure was set to 120 Bar. The PDA scanned from 220 to 400 and the stereoisomers were collected in separate fractions (with the aid of 2 mL/min of MeOH as make up solvent for the collection) and pooled from each injection.

Structural elucidation of stereoisomers via NOESY NMR

The structures of compound **16a**, **16b**, **17a** and **17b** were assigned based on 1D and 2D NMR data. Spectra for these compounds are shown below.

The assignment of the relative configuration of the compounds at C-7 was deduced from the NOESY spectra. In the NOESY spectra of compounds **16a** and **17a** missing a cross peak between H-21 and H-26 indicates that the two protons are oriented in anti-position. In the NOESY spectra of **16b** and **17b** a cross peak between H-22 and H-26 was observed, revealing that the two protons are oriented in syn-position. From these observations, the relative configuration of the compounds was determined.



Supplementary Fig. 9. Relative configuration of stereoisomers elucidated via NOESY NMR.



ML188 Racemic mixture.

Yield: 0.236 g (61%).

HRMS (ESI-MS): calculated for $C_{26}H_{31}N_3O_3$ (M+H)⁺: 434.2434; found: 434.2439.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.46-8.43 (m, 2H), 7.50 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (br s, 2H), 6.27 (br s, 1H), 6.13 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 5.36 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 1.25 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.8, 159.6, 152.5, 151.3, 149.3, 146.2, 144.9, 138.3, 136.5, 130.6, 130.2, 126.1, 122.9, 117.1, 111.2, 63.6, 51.8, 34.7, 31.3, 28.6.



X77 Racemic mixture.

Yield: 0.091 g (44%).

HRMS (ESI-MS): calculated for C₂₇H₃₃N₅O₂ (M+H)⁺: 460.2707; found: 460.2707.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.27 (br s, 1H), 8.23 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.50 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 3.63-3.57 (m, 1H), 1.80 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 1.66-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.31-1.19 (m, 2H), 1.16 (s, 9H), 1.14-0.93 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.3, 163.8, 154.8, 152.8, 150.5, 141.1, 138.7, 138.6, 133.8, 133.3, 130.2, 127.9, 125.6, 65.0, 51.2, 36.4, 34.41, 34.37, 32.5, 27.4, 26.95, 26.86.



Compound 10 Stereoisomeric mixture. Hydantoin prepared using the TFA procedure. Yield: 20 mg (35%).

LCMS (ESI+): calculated for C₁₆H₂₂N₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 288.2; found: 288.3.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.72-8.48 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.03 (br s, 1H, dias), 6.78 (br s, 1H, dias), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.96-0.91 (m, 13H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.9, 155.1, 149.5, 149.0, 147.0, 146.8, 146.3, 128.9, 128.8,

126.7, 126.6, 55.8, 55.7, 39.5, 34.3, 33.9, 33.7, 32.3, 32.2, 26.2, 26.0, 25.8, 18.2.



Compound 11 Stereoisomeric mixture. Hydantoin prepared using the TFA procedure.

Yield: 31 mg (42%).

LCMS (ESI+): calculated for $C_{16}H_{21}BrN_3O_2 (M+H)^+$: 366.1; found: 366.2.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.75 (s, 1H, dias), 8.74 (s, 1H, dias), 8.51 (s, 1H, dias), 8.42 (s,

1H, dias), 6.72 (br s, 1H, dias), 6.55 (br s, 1H, dias), 4.31-4.36 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H, dias), 2.32 (s, 3H, dias), 1.94-0.94 (m, 13H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.7, 155.0, 150.1, 149.6, 148.2, 147.9, 146.4, 146.3, 128.9, 128.8, 124.3, 55.9, 55.7, 40.0, 39.5, 34.4, 33.8, 32.3, 32.2, 26.1, 26.0, 25.8, 18.6, 18.5.



Compound 12 Stereoisomeric mixture as TFA salt. Hydantoin prepared using the TFA procedure. Yield: 20 mg (31%).

LCMS (ESI+): calculated for C₁₉H₁₁N₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 324.2; found: 324.3.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 9.47 (s, 1H), 8.81 (s, 1H, dias), 8.78 (s, 1H, dias), 8.50 (s, 1H, dias), 8.47 (s, 1H, dias), 8.31-8.28 (m, 1H), 7.95-7.61 (m, 3H), 4.59-4.40 (m, 1H), 1.96-0.83 (m, 13H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 174.4, 174.3, 155.5, 153.0, 152.9, 142.4, 142.1, 132.7, 132.4, 131.9, 131.7, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 124.2, 124.0, 122.1, 121.3, 33.3, 33.2, 33.1, 31.6, 25.8, 25.6, 25.4.



Compound 16 Stereoisomeric mixture as TFA salt. Hydantoin prepared using the TFA

procedure. Yield: 21 mg (30%).

LCMS (ESI+): calculated for C₁₉H₂₂N₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 324.2; found: 324.3.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 9.54 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.05-8.01 (m, 1H), 7.90 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.81 (m, 1H), 2.75-2.23 (m, 5H), 0.93 (s, 9H. dias), 0.92 (s, 9H, dias).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 178.7, 176.9, 156.9, 156.4, 152.8, 152.7, 140.1, 140.0, 135.7, 135.6, 135.3, 130.8, 127.4, 127.2, 123.3, 123.2, 59.9, 58.2, 40.8, 38.9, 35.6, 35.1, 34.7, 34.3, 32.1, 31.9, 26.5, 26.4.



Compound 17 Stereoisomeric mixture as TFA salt. Hydantoin prepared using the TFA procedure. Yield: 29 mg (45%).

LCMS (ESI+): calculated for C₁₉H₂₀N₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 322.2; found: 322.3.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 9.51 (s, 1H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.02-7.98 (m, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.78 (m, 1H), 2.80-1.69 (m, 12H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 178.7, 177.3, 156.7, 156.4, 153.1, 153.0, 140.6, 140.5, 135.5, 135.1, 130.6, 130.4, 130.3, 127.2, 127.0, 123.2, 123.2, 60.5, 59.0, 41.7, 40.8, 37.6, 37.2, 36.8, 36.4, 33.9, 32.6, 26.2, 25.9, 18.8, 18.7.



Compound 18 TFA salt. Hydantoin prepared using the TFA procedure.

Yield: 10 mg (14%).

LCMS (ESI+): calculated for $C_{21}H_{18}N_3O_2$ (M+H)⁺: 344.1; found: 344.2.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 9.55 (s, 1H), 8.61 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.06-8.03 (m, 1H), 7.93-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 1H), 3.79-3.72 (m, 1H), 3.21-3.11 (m, 2H), 2.75-2.65 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 178.5, 156.4, 153.0, 145.2, 140.3, 135.7, 135.2, 130.7, 130.3, 129.7, 127.7, 127.1, 123.3, 59.1, 42.0, 41.6, 32.7.



Compound 19 Single stereoisomer as TFA salt. Hydantoin prepared using the TFA procedure. Yield: 40 mg (41%).

LCMS (ESI+): calculated for C₂₁H₁₇ClN₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 378.1; found: 378.2.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 9.46 (s, 1H), 9.00 (s, 1H), 8.56 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 8.2 Hz,

1H), 7.89 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* =

7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 1H), 3.89-3.74 (m, 1H), 3.19-3.06 (m, 2H), 2.64-2.59 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 176.4, 154.1, 153.2, 142.9, 140.5, 132.5, 132.4, 131.7, 129.2, 128.4, 128.1, 128.1, 128.0, 127.4, 127.3, 123.6, 121.6, 56.9, 38.7, 28.7.



Compound 22 Stereoisomeric mixture. Hydantoin prepared using the NaH procedure.

Yield: 20 mg (35%).

LCMS (ESI+): calculated for C₁₆H₂₂N₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 288.2; found: 288.3.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.45 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, J = 4.6

Hz, 1H), 6.60 (br s, 1H, dias), 6.18 (br s, 1H, dias), 2.78-2.11 (m, 8H), 0.89 (s, 9H, dias), 0.86 (s, 9H, dias).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 175.6, 173.9, 154.9, 154.4, 149.1, 149.0, 148.8, 148.7, 146.5, 128.1, 128.0, 125.9, 58.4, 56.6, 39.8, 37.3, 34.9, 34.4, 33.7, 33.2, 31.2, 31.0, 26.0, 25.9, 17.7, 17.6.



Compound 23 Stereoisomeric mixture. Hydantoin prepared using the NaH procedure. Yield: 10 mg (13%).

LCMS (ESI+): calculated for $C_{16}H_{21}BrN_3O_2$ (M+H)⁺: 366.1; found: 366.2.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.74 (s, 1H), 8.49 (s, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H, dias), 6.66 (s, 1H, dias), 2.73-2.66 (m, 1H), 2.59-2.42 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H, dias). 2.29 (s, 3H, dias), 2.23-2.15 (m, 2H), 0.89 (s, 9H, dias), 0.87 (s, 9H, dias).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.4, 173.6, 154.4, 153.9, 149.8, 149.6, 148.1, 146.4, 146.3, 129.1, 129.0, 124.4, 58.5, 56.8, 39.7, 37.4, 34.9, 33.8, 33.2, 31.2, 31.0, 26.0, 25.9, 18.6, 18.5.



Compound 24 Stereoisomeric mixture. Hydantoin prepared using the NaH procedure.

Yield: 9 mg (16%).

LCMS (ESI+): calculated for C₁₆H₂₀N₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 286.2; found: 286.3.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54-8.42 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.22 (br s, 1H, dias), 6.85 (br s, 1H, dias), 2.72-2.29 (m, 5H), 2.26 (s, 3H, dias), 2.24 (s, 3H, dias), 2.07-1.51 (m, 7H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.7, 174.5, 154.9, 154.5, 148.6, 148.5, 148.4, 147.1, 128.3,

128.2, 126.1, 59.0, 57.5, 40.4, 39.1, 37.1, 36.6, 36.0, 35.5, 32.6, 31.3, 25.2, 24.9, 17.9, 17.7, 17.7.



Compound 25 Stereoisomeric mixture. Hydantoin prepared using the NaH procedure. Yield: 33 mg (45%).

LCMS (ESI+): calculated for C₁₆H₁₉BrN₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 364.1; found: 364.2.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.75 (s, 1H), 8.57 (s, 1H), 7.35 (br s, 1H, dias), 6.98 (br s, 1H, dias), 2.71-2.34 (m, 5H), 2.34 (s, 3H, dias), 2.32 (s, 3H, dias), 2.14-1.61 (m, 7H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.3, 174.0, 154.0, 153.7, 149.4, 149.3, 148.6, 148.4, 145.6,

145.4, 129.4, 129.3, 124.4, 59.2, 57.7, 39.1, 37.1, 36.6, 36.1, 35.4, 32.6, 31.3, 25.2, 24.9, 18.9, 18.8, 17.9, 17.8.



Compound 17a single stereoisomer

¹H NMR (601 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.43 (s, 1H), 8.98 (s, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (ddd, J = 11.9, 7.8, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (ddd, J = 12.5, 7.9, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (q, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (dt, J = 15.6, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (dt, J = 21.7, 10.4 Hz, 3H), 1.96 (qd, J = 8.2, 4.0 Hz, 3H), 1.87 – 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.77 (td, J = 9.5, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (p, J = 8.9 Hz, 3H).



Compound 17b single stereoisomer

¹H NMR (601 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.44 (s, 1H), 9.26 (s, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.61 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 2.50 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.46 – 2.37 (m, 3H), 1.97 (qd, *J* = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 1.87 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.63 (p, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H).



Compound 16a single stereoisomer

¹H NMR (601 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.44 (s, 1H), 8.98 (s, 1H), 8.51 (s, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 6H), 2.35 - 2.18 (m, 4H), 0.86 (s, 9H).



Compound 16b single stereoisomer

¹H NMR (601 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.43 (s, 1H), 9.33 (s, 1H), 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.59 – 2.51 (m, 3H), 2.23 (dq, *J* = 12.1, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (dq, *J* = 11.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 0.86 (s, 9H).

NMR spectra of synthesized compounds



¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 10





¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 11

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 11





210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 f1 (ppm)

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) spectrum of compound 12



¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD) spectrum of compound 16

 ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CD₃OD) spectrum of compound 16





¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD) spectrum of compound 17



¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD) spectrum of compound 18







¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 19







¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 22



210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 f1 (ppm)

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 23

0 -10

30 20 10



¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 24





¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 25

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of compound 25





¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) spectrum of compound **17a**

HSQC spectrum of compound 17a







Expanded NOESY spectrum of compound 17a





¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) spectrum of compound **17b**

HSQC spectrum of compound 17b







Expanded NOESY spectrum of compound 17b





¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) spectrum of compound **16a**









Expanded NOESY spectrum of compound 16a





¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) spectrum of compound **16b**



NOESY spectrum of compound 16b

Expanded NOESY spectrum of compound 16b







220 210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 f1 (ppm)

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