A KLK6 activity-based probe reveals a role for KLK6 activity in pancreatic cancer cell invasion

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S2. Positional scanning combinatorial substrate library screenings

Figure S2. Positional scanning combinatorial substrate library screening of KLK6 (blue) and KLK8 (orange). The P2, P3 and P4 sublibraries were incubated with recombinant human KLK6 and KLK8 in triplicates. Relative fluorescence units (RFU) was measured over time (s) and the initial rate of cleavage for each substrate (RFU/s) was calculated and presented on a bar chart. The substrate with the highest rate for each sublibrary was normalised as 100%. The highest RFU/s value (100%) for each bar chart is as follows: KLK6 P2 = 24,600 RFU/s, KLK6 P3 = 12,700 RFU/s, KLK6 P4 = 15,600 RFU/s, KLK8 P2 = 952 RFU/s, KLK8 P3 = 1640 RFU/s and KLK8 P4 = 762 RFU/s. The Error bars indicate standard deviation between the three replicates.

S3. Positional scanning combinatorial substrate library amino acid legend

 $S4.$ Fluorogenic substrate K_M values

tPA Assays

uPA Assays

KLK6 Assays

KLK7 Assays

KLK8 Assays

S5. Probe optimisation kobs/l

tPA Assays

uPA Assays

KLK7 Assays

KLK8 Assays

KLK6 Assays

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S10. X-ray co-crystal structure of bABP 16 with KLK6

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S15. X-ray crystallography data collection and refinement statistics. Statistics for the highestresolution shell are shown in parentheses.

2. Experimental

Materials and methods

Reagents were obtained from VWR, Sigma Aldrich, Sartorius, Fluorochem, AGTC, Novabiochem, TCI, Alfa Aesar, Iris Biotech, Thermofisher and Bachem. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were measured on 400 MHz Bruker AV instruments. Cells were obtained directly from the ATCC. A Waters LC-MS system (2767 sample manager, 2998 UV detector and 3100 mass detector) was used for the analysis and purification of peptides. The analytical column was an Xbridge C_{18} 4.6 mm x 100 mm. The preparative column used to purify the peptides was an Xbridge C_{18} 19 mm x 100 mm. For analytical LC-MS, the flow rate was 1.2 mL/min, while preparative runs were at 20 mL/min. Injection volumes were 20 µL for analytical runs and 1 to 5 mL for preparative runs. Solvent gradients started at 5:95 MeCN:H₂O (for substrates) or 20:80 MeCN:H2O (for probes), finishing at 98:2 MeCN:H2O in 10 mins. This was followed by 98:2 MeCN:H2O wash for 3 mins and re-equilibration of the column to the starting eluent for 5 mins. All solvents contained an additive (0.1% formic acid). High resolution mass was recorded on a Micromass Autospec Premier through the Imperial College London mass spectrometry services. Active recombinant FGFBP1 (Code 1593-FB), HSPG2 (Code 2364-ER), uPA (Code 1310-SE), tPA (Code 7449-SE) and KLK8 (Code 2025-SE) were obtained from BioTechne. KLK6 was obtained from the group of Aubry Miller (DKFZ) and KLK7 was obtained from the group of Judith Clements (QUT). The manufacturer's recommended buffers were used with uPA and tPA but not KLK8. The KLK6 assay buffer was as follows: 50 mM Tris 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 0.05% Tween20, pH 7.5. The KLK7/8 buffer was as follows: 100 mM Na2PO4, 0.01% Tween20, pH 8.5. Fluorescence measurements were measured using an Envision plate reader. Fluorescence data was processed using Graphpad Prism 8. Cell proliferation and toxicity assays were performed using a Sartorius Incucyte. Western blots were imaged using a LAS4000 and in-gel fluorescence results were obtained using a Typhoon 9000.

General methods for peptide preparation

Peptides were prepared using standard fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl (Fmoc) solid phase peptide synthesis. Reactions were monitored using the ninhydrin test. All fluorogenic substrates (combinatorial and purified substrates) were synthesised on rink amide resin following a procedure published by Drag and coworkers 3 . Fluorogenic substrates in the library were dissolved in DMSO at 10 mM based on the average molecular weight of the 400 peptide sequences per sample. Optimised substrates were purified using preparative HPLC-MS (5-95% MeCN gradient). Inhibitors and probes were synthesised on 2-chlorotrityl chloride resin.

Loading onto 2-chlorotrityl resin. 70 mg of resin was used per peptide. 2-Chlorotrityl chloride resin (1.42 mmol/g loading) was swelled in dry DCM for 5 min. The DCM was removed, followed by the addition of the appropriate fmoc-protected amino acid for the P2 position (5 eq). The mixture was dissolved in DCM (1 mL per 70 mg resin) and the loading reaction was activated with DIPEA (10 eq) The reaction mixture was agitated for 2 h. The solvent was removed, and unreacted sites were capped with the addition of MeOH and 1 h agitation. The resin was washed with DMF (3x), DCM (3x), MeOH $(3x)$ and Et₂O $(3x)$ and desiccated. Resin loading was determined by adding 1 mg of resin to 20%

piperidine in DMF (3 mL) and leaving for 20 min. The absorbance at 290 nm was recorded and the loading was determined with the following equation, where A is absorbance and m is the mass of the resin in mg.

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loading \left(\frac{mmol}{g}\right) = \frac{A_{290nm}}{(m_{resin})(1.65)}
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Coupling of amino acids. The resin with a preloaded P2 fmoc-protected amino acid was swollen in DMF. The fmoc group was removed with the addition of 20% piperidine in DMF (2 x 10 minutes). The resin was washed with DMF (3x), DCM (3x) and DMF (3x). The next (P3 position) fmoc-protected amino acid (5 eq) was premixed in a falcon tube with HATU (5 eq) and DIPEA (10 eq) in DMF (1.5 mL per 70 mg resin). The mixture was added into the resin, followed by a 1 h agitation. The solution was drained, and the resin was washed with DMF $(3x)$, DCM $(3x)$ and DMF $(3x)$. The coupling procedure was repeated to add the P4 position, linkers and tags.

Cleavage from resin. The resin was swollen in DCM. The peptide was cleaved from the resin using a solution of HFIP (25% in DCM) and agitation for 2 h. The solvent was removed through a stream of nitrogen and the peptide was precipitated using cold diethyl ether. The sample was centrifuged (4000 rpm, 3 min) and the supernatant was removed. The pellet was redissolved in a 2:1 solution of MeCN:H2O (3 mL) and freeze dried overnight, yielding the desired peptide.

Coupling of the warhead to the peptide. The warhead (10 mg, 1.2 eq) was weighed into a small glass container. In a separate container, the peptide (1 eq) was preactivated with HATU (1.1 eq) and collidine (5 eq) in DMF (1 mL). The activated peptide solution was added into the warhead and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. Reaction progress was monitored by LC-MS. The DMF was removed using a stream of nitrogen and the protecting groups were removed through the addition of a solution (1 mL) containing 95% TFA, 2.5% triisopropylsilane and 2.5% H₂O. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The solvent was removed using a stream of nitrogen and the crude product was purified using preparative HPLC-MS (20%-98% MeCN gradient). For fully optimised probes and inhibitors, the two diastereoisomers corresponding to the warhead were separated during HPLC, yielding an active compound and an inactive control.

Click reaction to synthesise fluorescent ABPs. An ABP with a warhead, specificity region and alkyne linker was synthesised using the above procedure. A stock solution of CuSO₄ (1 mL, 7.5 eq.) and a stock solution of sodium ascorbate (1 mL, 7.5 eq.) were degassed using nitrogen. The alkyne-ABP (1 eq.) and azido-fluorophore (1 eq.) were dissolved in DMF (800 µL) and degassed using nitrogen. 100 µL of the CuSO4 and sodium ascorbate stocks were added into the reaction mixture, followed by stirring at RT for 16 h to give the final equivalents of CuSO₄ and sodium ascorbate at 0.75 eq. each. The solvent was removed using a stream of nitrogen and the fluorophore-tagged ABP was purified using preparative HPLC-MS (20%-98% MeCN gradient).

Synthesis of ABPs

Yn-Thr(Z)-Ala-Phg-Phg(4-guan)-DPP. 1 was obtained *via* the general peptide synthesis method at 0.1 mmol scale (yield 1.5 mg). HRMS (ESI *m/z*) calculated for C₄₇H₅₁N₇O₈P [M+H]⁺ 872.3537, found 872.3532.

Yn-Thr(Z)-Chg-His(Z)-Phg(4-guan)-DPP. 2 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.1 mmol scale (yield 1.1 mg). HRMS (ESI *m/z*) calculated for C₅₇H₆₅N₉O₈P [M+H]⁺ 1034.4694, found 1034.4728.

Yn-Thr(Z)-Cha-His(Z)-Phg(4-guan)-DPP. 3 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.1 mmol scale (yield 4.6 mg). HRMS (ESI *m/z*) calculated for C₅₈H₆₇N₉O₈P [M+H]⁺ 1048.4850, found 1048.4894.

Yn-Asp(Chx)-Cha-His(Z)-Phg(4-guan)-DPP. 4 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.1 mmol scale (yield 1.2 mg). HRMS (ESI m/z) calculated for C₅₇H₆₉N₉O₉P [M+H]⁺ 1054.4956, found 1054.4943.

Yn-Thr(Z)-Ala-Dht-Phg(4-guan)-DPP. 5 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.1 mmol scale (yield 2.2 mg). HRMS (ESI *m/z*) calculated for C₅₀H₅₆N₈O₈P [M+H]⁺ 927.3959, found 927.3973.

Yn-Thr(Z)-Ala-Tyr(Z)-Phg(4-guan)-DPP. 6 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.1 mmol scale (yield 1.8 mg). HRMS (ESI m/z) calculated for C₅₅H₅₉N₇O₉P [M+H]⁺ 992.4112, found 992.4139.

Yn-Thr(Z)-Ala-Ser(Z)-Phg(4-guan)-DPP. 7 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.1 mmol scale (yield 1.5 mg). HRMS (ESI *m/z*) calculated for C₄₉H₅₅N₇O₉P [M+H]⁺ 916.3799, found 916.3807.

Yn-Thr(Z)-Ala-Dab(Z)-Phg(4-guan)-DPP. 8 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.1 mmol scale (yield 2.0 mg). HRMS (ESI *m/z*) calculated for C₅₁H₅₈N₈O₁₀P [M+H]⁺ 973.4014, found 973.4023.

Biotin-Ahx-Thr(Z)-Ala-Dht-Phg(4-guan)-DPP. 9 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.1 mmol scale (yield 6 mg). HRMS (ESI m/z) calculated for C61H77N11O10PS [M+H]⁺ 1186.5313, found 1186.5330.

Biotin-Ahx-Thr(Z)-Cha-Dht-Phg(4-guan)-DPP. 10 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.1 mmol scale (yield 3.2 mg). HRMS (ESI m/z) calculated for C67H87N11O10PS [M+H]⁺ 1268.6096, found 1268.6115.

Biotin-Ahx-DPhe-Cha-Dht-Phg(4-guan)-DPP. 11 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.1 mmol scale (yield 4.3 mg). HRMS (ESI m/z) calculated for C₆₅H₈₃N₁₁O₉PS [M+H]⁺ 1224.5834, found 1224.5854.

Biotin-Ahx-DhPhe-Cha-Dht-Phg(4-guan)-DPP. 12 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.1 mmol scale (yield 1.9 mg). HRMS (ESI m/z) calculated for C₆₆H₈₅N₁₁O₉PS [M+H]⁺ 1238.5990, found 1238.5977.

Biotin-Ahx-DPhe-Lys-Dht-Phg(4-guan)-DPP. 13 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.1 mmol scale (yield 8.7 mg). HRMS (ESI m/z) calculated for C₆₂H₇₉N₁₂O₉NaPS [M+Na]⁺ 1221.5449, found 1221.5450.

Biotin-Ahx-DPhe-Dlys-Dht-Phg(4-guan)-DPP. 14 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.1 mmol scale (yield 3.4 mg). HRMS (ESI m/z) calculated for C $_{62}H_{80}N_{12}O_{9}PS$ [M+H]⁺ 1199.5630, found 1199.5641.

Biotin-Ahx-DPhe-Cha-Ser(Ac)-Phg(4-guan)-DPP. 15 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.1 mmol scale (yield 5.1 mg). HRMS (ESI m/z) calculated for C₅₉H₇₈N₁₀O₁₁PS [M+H]⁺ 1165.5304, found 1165.5309.

Biotin-Ahx-DPhe-Cha-Dht-Arg-DPP. 16 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.1 mmol scale (yield 5.7 mg). HRMS (ESI *m/z*) calculated for C₆₂H₈₅N₁₁O₉PS [M+H]⁺ 1190.5990, found 1190.6025.

Biotin-Ahx-DPhe-Ser(Z)-Dht-Arg-DPP. 17 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.1 mmol scale (yield 5.3 mg). HRMS (ESI *m/z*) calculated for C₆₃H₈₁N₁₁O₁₀PS [M+H]⁺ 1214.5626, found 1214.5638.

Biotin-Ahx-DPhe-Ser(Z)-Dht-DArg-DPP. 18 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.1 mmol scale (yield 6.7 mg). HRMS (ESI m/z) calculated for C63H81N11O10PS [M+H]⁺ 1214.5626, found 1214.5629.

Yn-DPhe-Ser(Z)-Dht-Arg-DPP. 19 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.1 mmol scale (yield 5 mg). HRMS (ESI *m/z*) calculated for C₅₂H₆₀N₈O₈P [M+H]⁺ 955.4272, found 955.4285.

Yn-DPhe-Ser(Z)-Dht-DArg-DPP. 20 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.1 mmol scale (yield 4 mg). HRMS (ESI *m/z*) calculated for C₅₂H₆₀N₈O₈P [M+H]⁺ 955.4272, found 955.4318.

Scheme 1. Copper catalysed azide-alkyne cycloaddition reaction for the synthesis of KLK6_fABP **21**.

Cy5-DPhe-Ser(Z)-Dht-Arg-DPP. 21 was obtained from **19** and azido-Cy5 with the click reaction procedure (yield 2 mg). HRMS (ESI m/z) calculated for C₈₇H₁₀₅N₁₄O₉P [M+H]⁺ 1520.7916, found 1520.7897.

Synthesis of purified fluorogenic substrates

Ac-Thr(Z)-Ala-Phg-Arg-ACC. 22 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.03 mmol scale (yield 3.9 mg). HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calculated for C₄₁H₅₀N₉O₉ [M+H]+ 812.3731, found 812.3760.

Ac-DPhe-Ser(Z)-Dht-Arg-ACC. 23 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.03 mmol scale (yield 7 mg). HRMS (ESI, m/z) calculated for C₄₉H₅₇N₁₀O₉ [M+H]+ 929.4310, found 929.4326.

Ac-Lys-His-Leu-Phe-ACC. 24 was obtained via the general peptide synthesis method at 0.03 mmol scale (yield 7.5 mg). HRMS (ESI, *m/z*) calculated for C₄₀H₅₂N₉O₈ [M+H]+ 786.3939, found 786.3947.

Synthesis of H2N-ArgPP

2-(4-hydroxybutyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (25). To a solution of phthalic anhydride (4.5 g, 30.5 mmol, 1 eq.) in toluene (100 mL) was added 4-aminobutan-1-ol (2.8 mL, 30.5 mmol, 1 eq.) and triethylamine (4.2 mL, 30.5 mmol, 1 eq.) before heating to 125 °C for 3 h. The organic solvents were removed under reduced pressure to afford **25** as a colourless oil (6.7 g, 30.5 mmol, 100%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.91 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.80 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 3.83 – 3.66 (m, 4H), 1.85 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.70 – 1.60 (m, 2H). The analytical data is consistent that reported in the literature⁴.

4-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)butanal (26). To a solution of (COCl)₂ (2.34 mL, 27.4 mmol, 2 eq.) in DCM (102 mL) was added a solution of DMSO (3.9 mL, 54.8 mmol, 4 eq.) in DCM (27 mL) at -78 C over a period of 30 min. After 5 mins a solution of 2-(4-hydroxybutyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (3 g, 13.7 mmol, 1 eq.) in DCM (27 mL) was added dropwise over 30 mins. After a further 40 mins, triethylamine (11.4 mL, 82.2 mmol, 6 eq.) was added dropwise over 10 min and the reaction was warmed to 0 °C for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with water (70 mL) and the organic layer was isolated. The organic layer was washed with water (2×50 mL) and brine (1×50 mL). The organics were dried (MgSO₄), filtered and removed under reduced pressure to yield **26** as a colourless liquid (2.1 g, 9.6 mmol, 70%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 9.76 (s, 1H), 7.87 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.71 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.0, 2H), 3.73 (t, *J* = 6.8, 2H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 7.2, 2H), 2.00 (p, *J* = 7.0, 2H). The analytical data is consistent that reported in the literature⁴ .

Benzyl (4-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-1-(diphenoxyphosphoryl)butyl)carbamate (27). Benzyl carbamate (1.04 g, 6.9 mmol, 1 eq.), 4-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)butanal (1.5 g, 6.9 mmol, 1 eq.) and triphenyl phosphite (1.5 mL, 6.9 mmol, 1 eq.) were dissolved in acetic acid (35 mL) and stirred at 90 °C for 2 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the compound was purified via flash column chromatography (1.87 g, 3.2 mmol, 46%) to afford **27** as a white powder. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.83 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.1, 2H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.1, 2H), 7.38 – 7.00 (m, 15H), 5.19 – 5.01 (m, 2H), 4.61 – 4.47 (m, 1H), 3.74 (t, *J* = 6.8, 2H), 2.14 – 1.76 (m, 4H). The analytical data is consistent that reported in the literature⁴.

Benzyl (4-amino-1-(diphenoxyphosphoryl)butyl)carbamate (28). To a solution of benzyl (4-(1,3 dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-1-(diphenoxyphosphoryl)butyl)carbamate (1.86 g, 3.2 mmol, 1 eq.) in THF (30 mL) was added hydrazine (310 µL, 6.4 mmol, 2 eq.). The reaction was stirred at RT for 20 h. The precipitate was filtered away and discarded. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was redissolved in CHCl₃, washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield **28** (0.85 g, 1.87 mmol, 58%) as a white powder. The crude compound was used without further purification.

Diphenyl N-benzyloxycarbonylamino-(3-(*N***,***N***'-bis(tert-butyloxycarbonyl)guanyl)propyl) methane-phosphonate (29).** To a solution of *N*,*N*'-Di-Boc-1H-pyrazole-1-carboxamidine (580 mg, 1.87 mmol, 1 eq.) and Benzyl (4-amino-1-(diphenoxyphosphoryl)butyl)carbamate (850 mg, 1.87 mmol, 1 eq.) in DCM (20 mL) was added triethylamine (521 µL, 3.74 mmol, 2 eq.). The reaction was stirred at RT for 16 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was redissolved in EtOAc. The solution was washed with 1N HCl, saturated NaHCO₃ and brine. The organic layer was dried with MgSO4, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography afforded **29** (510 mg, 0.73 mmol, 39%) as a white powder. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 11.48 (s, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.40 – 7.02 (m, 15H), 5.23 – 5.03 (m, 2H), 4.52 (m, 1H), 3.63 – 3.29 (m, 2H), 2.18 – 1.70 (m, 4H), 1.57 (s, 18H). The analytical data is consistent that reported in the literature $^4\!$.

Diphenyl (1-amino-4-guanidinobutyl)phosphonate hydrobromide (30). Diphenyl *N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-amino-(3-(*N*,*N*'-bis(tert-butyloxycarbonyl)guanyl)propyl)-methanephosphonate (510 mg, 0.73 mmol, 1 eq.) was dissolved in 33% HBr in AcOH (3.6 mL)The reaction was stirred at RT for 2 h and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was washed with cold $Et₂O$ and dried under high vacuum to afford **30** (300 mg, 0.68 mmol, 93%) as a yellow powder. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 7.59 – 7.16 (m, 10H), 4.25 (dt, *J* = 14.2, 7.0, 1H), 3.38 – 3.30 (m, 2H), 2.36 – 2.05 (m, 2H), 2.03 – 1.87 (m, 2H). 13C NMR (101 MHz, Methanol-*d*4) δ 129.9, 129.8, 126.0, 120.4, 120.3, 120.3, 40.4, 25.5, 25.2. (HRMS (ESI *m/z*) calculated for C17H24N4O3P [M+H]⁺ 363.1581, found 363.1580.

Benzyl ((diphenoxyphosphoryl)(4-nitrophenyl)methyl)carbamate 31. Benzyl carbamate (3.02 g, 20 mmol, 1 eq.), 4-nitrobenzayldehyde (3.02 g, 20 mmol, 1 eq.) and triphenyl phosphite (5.2 mL, 20 mmol, 1 eq.) were dissolved in acetic acid (35 mL) and stirred at 90 °C for 2 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and a minimum amount of MeOH was added to dissolve the residue.

The mixture was stored at -20 °C for 16 h to allow the product to precipitate. The product was filtered, washed with cold MeOH and cold Et₂O to yield 31 (6.1g, 11.8 mmol, 59%) as a white powder. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 9.13 (d, *J* = 9.9, 1H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.4, 2H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.1, 2H), 7.50 – 7.27 (m, 9H), 7.22 (dt, *J* = 10.3, 5.2, 2H), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 13.0, 8.1, 4H), 5.89 (dd, *J* = 23.7, 10.1, 1H), 5.17 (d, ${\tt J}$ = 12.5, 1H), 5.08 (d, ${\tt J}$ = 12.4, 1H). The analytical data is consistent that reported in the literature⁴.

Benzyl ((4-aminophenyl)(diphenoxyphosphoryl)methyl)carbamate 32. Benzyl ((diphenoxyphosphoryl)-(4-nitrophenyl)methyl)carbamate $(6.1 g, 11.8 mmol, 1 eq.)$ and iron $(5.95 g, 1.1 g, 1.1 g, 1.1 g)$ 106.2 mmol, 9 eq.) were dissolved in acetic acid (46 mL). The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 2 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude solid was dissolved in EtOAc. The mixture was centrifuged at 4000 rpm for 5 min and the supernatant was separated. The supernatant was concentrated under reduced pressure to yield **32** (4 g) as a brown powder. The crude product was used without further purification.

Benzyl((diphenoxyphosphoryl)(4-(*N***,** *N***' di-Boc)guanidinophenyl)methyl)carbamate 33.** To a solution of *N*,*N*'-Di-Boc-1H-pyrazole-1-carboxamidine (2.5 g, 8.4 mmol, 1 eq.) and Benzyl ((4-aminophenyl)-(diphenoxyphosphoryl)methyl)carbamate (4 g, 8.4 mmol, 1 eq.) in DCM (20 mL) was added triethylamine (2.3 mL, 16.4 mmol, 2 eq.). The reaction was stirred at RT for 16 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was redissolved in EtOAc. The solution was washed with aqueous 1N HCl, aqueous saturated N aHCO₃ and brine. The organic layer was dried with MgSO4, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography yielded the **33** (1.3 mg, 1.8 mmol, 21%) as a white powder. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 11.41 (s, 1H), 10.03 (s, 1H), 8.90 (d, *J* = 10.1, 1H), 7.65 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.41 – 7.30 (m, 9H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.4, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.1, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.2, 2H), 5.60 (dd, *J* = 22.2, 10.1, 1H), 5.15 (d, *J* = 12.5, 1H), 5.07 (d, *J* = 12.5, 1H), 1.52 (s, 9H), 1.41 (s, 9H). The analytical data is consistent that reported in the literature $^{\rm 4}.$

Diphenyl (amino(4-guanidinophenyl)methyl)phosphonate hydrobromide 34. Benzyl((diphenoxyphosphoryl)(4-(N, N' di-Boc)guanidinophenyl)methyl)carbamate (1.3 g, 1.8 mmol, 1 eq.) was dissolved in 4 mL of a solution of HBr (33% in acetic acid). The reaction was stirred at RT for 2 h and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in a minimum amount of MeOH and excess Et₂O was added, followed by storage at -20 °C for 16 h. The precipitate was filtered, wash with cold Et₂O and dried under high vacuum to yield 34 (820 mg, 1.72 mmol, 95%) as a yellow powder. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 9.90 (s, 1H), 9.47 (s, 3H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.1, 2H), 7.57 (s, 4H), 7.47 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.0, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.0, 2H), 5.74 (d, J = 18.4, 1H). The analytical data is consistent that reported in the literature⁴.

Biological experiments

Substrate screening assays. All screening assays were performed in triplicates. For the 20 natural amino acids, the triplicates were performed on the same 96 well plate. For the 81 unnatural amino acids, the triplicates were performed on three separate plates. As a control, the top hit from the natural amino acid screen was added as part of the unnatural amino acid screen, thereby allowing all the results to be presented in the same bar chart. 25 µL of assay buffer was added into each well, followed by 1 µL of fluorogenic peptide (10 mM stock). The reaction was initiated via the addition of 25 µL of enzyme to a final concentration of 10 nM for KLK6 and 1.5 nM for KLK8. At room temperature, fluorescence was read once every 30 s for 30 min from an Envision plate reader at excitation/emission wavelengths of 380nm/440nm. The data was analysed using Graphpad Prism 8. The initial slopes of each plot were calculated and presented in a bar chart, which represents the substrate specificity of the KLK. Error bars represent the standard deviation between the three replicates.

Enzyme kinetics to calculate K_M. Purified fluorogenic substrates were measured in triplicates. 72 µL of assay buffer was added into the top well of a 96 well plate, followed by 3 μ L of substrate to a final substrate concentration of 1 mM and a DMSO concentration of 4%. 25 µL of assay buffer (with 4% DMSO) was added to all of the wells below. The substrate was serially diluted downwards by pipetting 50 µL. Thus, a concentration range from 1mM to 58 µM was established. The reaction was initiated via the addition of enzyme (25 µL) to a final concentration of 1.5 nM for KLK6, 34 nM for KLK7, 1 nM for KLK8, 2 nM for tPA and uPA. The final substrate concentration range was therefore 500 µM to 29 µM with 2% DMSO. Less soluble substrates had a concentration range of 250 µM to 15 µM. At room temperature, fluorescence was read once every 30 s for 30 min from an Envision plate reader at excitation/emission wavelengths of 380nm/440nm. The data was analysed with Graphpad Prism 8, using the Michaelis-Menten model.

Enzyme kinetics to calculate kobs/I. All ABPs and inhibitors were measured in triplicates. A 2x stock of fluorogenic substrate was prepared in assay buffer to a final DMSO concentration of 1%. The fluorogenic substrates and final assay concentrations were: **22** (5 µM) for KLK6, **24** (5 µM) for KLK7, Boc-VPR-AMC (30 µM) for KLK8 and Z-GGR-AMC (60 µM) for uPA and tPA. 73.5 µL of this buffer was added to the leftmost wells of a 96 plate, followed by the addition of the ABP or inhibitor (1.5 µL). Final concentrations of ABP or inhibitor depends on its potency. DMSO was added into the buffer stock to match the concentration of the leftmost wells. 25 µL of this modified buffer was added into the rest of the wells in the same row. The test compound was serially diluted rightwards by pipetting 50 µL. A DMSO control was also included. The assay was initiated by the addition of enzyme ($25 \mu L$) to a final concentration of 1.5 nM for KLK6, 34 nM for KLK7, 1 nM for KLK8, 2 nM for uPA and tPA. At room temperature, fluorescence was read once every 30 s for 30 min from an Envision plate reader at excitation/emission wavelengths of 380nm/440nm. The data was analysed with Graphpad Prism 8, using a pseudo first order kinetics model. The observed rate of inhibition (K_{obs}) was calculated by plotting a one-phase association. The k_{obs} value was plotted against inhibitor concentration. The slope of this plot was multiplied by a substrate competition factor $(1 + [S]/K_M)$, where [S] is the substrate concentration used and K_M is the concentration of substrate required to reach half of the maximum rate. This gives the final kobs/I value.

Cell culture. Cells were cultured in their recommended culture media supplemented with 10% (v/v) foetal bovine serum at 37 °C and 5% CO2.

Preparation of conditioned media. Cells were grown in standard growth media to 80% confluency in a T175 flask. The medium was removed, and the cells were washed with serum-free, phenol-red free RPMI. The cells were incubated with the same RPMI for 2 h. The medium was replaced once again with serum-free, phenol-red free RPMI and the cells were incubated for 48 h. The condition medium was collected and filtered through a 0.2 µm syringe filter. The medium was concentrated (25 mL to 0.75 mL) using a 3 kDa Mw cutoff spin filter to a final concentration of around 1 mg/mL. The protein concentration was measured using a BioRad DCTM protein assay.

Pulldown experiments (western blot). Conditioned media was diluted with PBS to exactly 1 mg/mL. 200 µg of total protein was used per condition. The ABP or DMSO was added at a 1:100 dilution and the samples were shaken at RT for 1 h. The proteins were precipitated using the MeOH/H₂O/CHCl₃ method. The pellet was washed twice with MeOH and dried in air for 5 min. The protein was resuspended in 2% SDS in PBS to a concentration of 10 mg/mL. PBS was added to gradually dilute the protein back to 1 mg/mL and the samples were centrifuged (17,000 g, 5 min). 5 µg of protein was set aside as the "before pulldown" samples. Magnetic streptavidin beads were washed three times with PBS. The rest of the protein was added into the beads and shaken at RT for 2 h. 5 µg of the supernatant was set aside for analysis, while the rest was discarded. The beads were washed three times with 1% SDS in PBS. The beads were suspended in 1 × Laemmli loading buffer and boiled at 95 °C for 10 min. Loading buffer was also added to the "before pulldown" and "supernatant" samples and the samples were boiled at 95 °C for 5 min. The proteins were analysed via SDS-PAGE and western blot analysis.

SDS-PAGE. 10 well or 15 well 12% Bis-Tris polyacrylamide gels were hand casted using a National Diagnostics Protogel kit. The BioRad Precision Plus Protein™ All Blue ladder was used. A Tris/Glycine running buffer (7.2 mM Tris, 58.6 mM glycine, 0.06% SDS) was used. Samples were run at 80V for 10 min, followed by 180 V for 60 min. Gels were then taken for western blot or in-gel fluorescence.

Western Blot. The proteins were transferred from the gel into a nitrocellulose membrane at 100V for 60 min in transfer buffer (192 mM glycine, 25 mM tris, 20% MeOH in H2O). The membrane was stained with Ponceau S to check for transfer efficiency. The membrane was washed with ultrapure water to remove the excess Ponceau S. A photo of the membrane was taken as a loading control. The membrane was blocked with BSA (5% in TBST) at room temperature for 1 h or at 4 °C overnight. The membrane was incubated with NeutrAvidin-HRP (Thermo 31030) or the primary antibody for KLK6 (Abcam ab190924), FGFBP1 (Abcam ab215353) or HSPG2 (BioTechne AF2364) in TBST at 4 °C overnight. Four TBST washes were performed (5 min each), followed by incubation with the secondary

antibody in TBST at room temperature for 1 h. The membrane was washed with TBST four times (5 min each). Chemiluminescence was imaged after the addition of the Immobilon-Crescendo HRP substrate.

Pulldown experiments (LC-MS/MS) Conditioned media was diluted with PBS to exactly 1 mg/mL. 300 µg of total protein was used per replicate. Each condition was performed in triplicate. The inhibitor or DMSO control (1:100 dilution) was incubated with the media at RT for 2 h with a gentle agitation. The ABP, inactive control or DMSO was added at a 1:100 dilution and the samples were shaken at RT for 1 h. The proteins were precipitated using the MeOH/H₂O/CHCl₃ method. The pellet was washed twice with MeOH and dried in air for 5 min. The proteins were resuspended in 2% SDS, 50 mM HEPES in H2O (pH 8) to a concentration of 10 mg/mL. 50 mM HEPES was added to gradually dilute the protein back to 1 mg/mL and the samples were centrifuged (17,000 g, 5 min). A 1:1 mixture of NeutrAvidin agarose resin (15 µL per 300 µg protein) and control agarose resin (15 µL per 300 µg protein) was prepared and washed with 0.2% SDS, 50 mM HEPES. The test samples were added into the resin and the mixture was shaken at RT for 2 h. The supernatant was removed, and the beads were washed with 3 × 0.2% SDS, 50 mM HEPES and 3 × 50 mM HEPES. The beads were resuspended in 50 mM HEPES (50 µL). TCEP was added to a final concentration of 5 mM (1:20 dilution). Chloroacetamide was added to a final concentration of 10 mM (1:20 dilution). The mixture was shaken at RT for 30 min. To digest the peptides off the resin, 0.5 µL of trypsin (0.2 mg/mL stock) was added into each sample and the samples were shaken at 37 °C overnight. The supernatant was taken into a clean sample tube. 50 mM HEPES (50 µL) was added into the resin and the washings were combined with the original supernatant. Trifluoroacetic acid $(0.8 \mu L)$ was added into the samples to deactivate the trypsin. The samples were centrifuged (17,000 g, 5 min) and desalted.

Desalting (stage-tipping). Stage tips were prepared using 3 layers of SDB-XC disks into 200 µL pipette tips. The stage tips were washed with MeOH (150 µL) and water (150 µL). The peptide samples were loaded into the stage tips, followed by a water wash (150 µL). The peptides were eluted with 60:40 MeCN:H₂O (60 µL) and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure at 45 °C using a Genevac EZ-2 evaporator. The peptides were resuspended in 0.5% TFA, 2% MeCN in H₂O (10 μ L) and filtered through 3 layers of Durapore membrane. The peptides were stored at 4 °C until submission. Sample injection volume was between 1 µL to 3 µL.

LC-MS/MS methodology. Peptide samples prepared in the above procedure were run using a Thermofisher Q-Exactive LC-MS/MS equipped with a Thermo EASY-SPRAY column (500 mm x 75 µm inner diameter, 2 μ m particle size). The gradient was for 70 min, from 5:95 MeCN:H₂O to 35:65 MeCN:H2O with 0.1% formic acid. The flow rate was 250 nl/min. The chromatography was coupled to the Q-Exactive using an EASY-SPRAY source. The instrument was run at data-dependent mode and the resolution of the survey scans was 70,000 at m/z 200. Scans were acquired from 350 to 1650 m/z. The maximum ion injection time for the survey scan was 20 ms. The MS/MS scan was acquired at 35,000 at m/z 200. Up to the 10 most abundant isotopes with charge +2 from the survey scan were selected with a window of 2.0 m/z and fragmented by HCD with normalized collision energy of 31. The maximum ion injection time for the MS/MS scan was 120 ms. The ion target value for MS was set to 10 6 and for MS/MS to 2 \times 10⁵. The intensity threshold was set to 8.3 \times 10².

Sample preparation for N-terminomics. The N-terminal enrichment procedure was adapted from a reported protocol⁵. Capan-2 cells were grown to 80% confluency and washed with serum-free, phenol red-free RPMI (2 × 15 mL). The cells were incubated for 24 h (in 25 mL serum-free, phenol red-free RPMI) in the presence of the KLK6 ABP 17 (2 µM) or DMSO. The media was collected and filtered through a 0.2 µm syringe filter. The media was concentrated (25 mL to 0.75 mL) using a 3 kDa Mw cutoff spin filter to a final concentration of c.a. 1 mg/mL. The protein concentration was measured using a BioRad DCTM protein assay. The two conditions were split into three replicates for proteomics sample preparation. Each replicate contained 200 µg of total protein at 1 mg/mL. The samples were reduced and alkylated using TCEP and chloroacetamide. TCEP was added to a final concentration of 5 mM (1:20 dilution). Chloroacetamide was added to a final concentration of 10 mM (1:20 dilution). The samples were shaken for 45 min. The excess reagents were removed via MeOH/CHCl₃ precipitation. The pellet was washed with MeOH and dried in air for 5 min. The proteins were resuspended in HEPES (200 mM, pH 7) to 1 mg/mL. To ensure full solubilisation, the samples were shaken for 30 min and sonicated for 5 min. Formaldehyde was added to final concentration of 30 mM. Light formaldehyde was used for the DMSO treated samples, while heavy formaldehyde (CAS: 63101-50-8) was used for the ABP treated samples. Sodium cyanoborohydride was added to a final concentration of 15 mM. The samples were shaken for 1 h at 37 °C, followed by the addition of fresh formaldehyde and sodium cyanoborohydride. The samples were shaken for a further 3 h at 37 °C. To quench the reagents, tris buffer (4M, pH 6.8) was added to a final concentration of 500 mM. The samples were shaken at RT for 30 min. The proteins were precipitated again using MeOH/CHCl₃ and the pellet was washed with MeOH. The protein was resuspended in HEPES buffer (200 mM, pH 8), shaken for 30 min and sonicated for 5 min. 10 µL of trypsin (0.2 mg/mL stock) was added into each sample and the samples were shaken at 37 °C overnight. The heavy and light proteomes were combined and 5% of each sample was transferred into a fresh sample tube for whole proteome analysis and demethylation efficiency checks. Ethanol was added to a final percentage of 40%. To hydrophobically modify the newly generated Ntermini, undecanal (10.8 µL) was added at a 20:1 w/w ratio of undecanal:total protein. Sodium cyanoborohydride was added to a final concentration of 30 mM. The pH was confirmed to be between pH 7 – 8 using pH paper and the samples were shaken for 1 h at 37 °C. The samples were acidified to pH 3 – 4 using TFA (4 µL). To remove the hydrophobically labelled peptides, C18 Sep-Pak columns (Waters WAT054960) were first preconditioned with MeOH (700 µL) and a solution of 0.1% TFA in 40% EtOH (700 µL). A nitrogen line was used to flow the mobile phase through the column. The peptide sample was filtered through the column and the filtrate was collected in a clean tube. The solvents were evaporated in a Speedvac at 45 °C overnight. The samples were resuspended in 0.5% TFA (100 μ L). The N-terminally enriched samples and whole proteome samples were stage tipped as mentioned above.

Proteomic data analysis using label free quantification. The MS raw files were loaded into MaxQuant (Version 1.6.10.43). The spectral data was searched against the human FASTA file (UniProt, taxonomy 9606, accessed 3/12/2020). Trypsin/P was used as the digestion method, with three maximum missed cleavages. Cysteine carbamidomethylation was set as a fixed modification for all searches. For activity-based probe selectivity experiments, the probe adduct, along with methionine oxidation and N-terminal acetylation were set as variable modifications. For N-terminomics samples, heavy/light dimethylation, Gln/Glu to PyroGlu, methionine oxidation and N-terminal acetylation were set as variable modifications. Match between runs was switched on. LFQ intensity values or dimethylation efficiencies were processed using Perseus.

Proteomic data analysis using dimethyl labelling. The MS raw files were loaded into MaxQuant (Version 1.6.10.43). The spectral data was searched against the human FASTA file (UniProt, taxonomy 9606, accessed 3/12/2020). Trypsin/P was used as the digestion method, with three maximum missed cleavages. Heavy (34.06311 Da) or light (28.0313 Da) dimethylations (on N-terminus or Lys) were set as labels. Heavy/light dimethylation, Gln/Glu to PyroGlu, methionine oxidation and N-terminal acetylation were set as variable modifications. Requantify and match between runs were switched on.

Pulldown volcano plots using Perseus. The ProteinGroups text file generated from the MaxQuant search was imported to Perseus. The LFQ intensity values were chosen for quantification and the protein list was filtered against only ID by site, reverse and potential contaminants. The intensity values were transformed to log₂. The mean values within each replicate (row) were subtracted, followed by the subtraction each condition (column) by the median. Volcano plots were made using a t-test to compare the DMSO conditions and the probe treated conditions ($n = 3$, FDR = 0.05, s0 = 0.1).

Dimethylation efficiency and % N-terminal peptide checks using Perseus. Evidence and Peptide text files generated from the MaxQuant search was imported into Perseus. The variable modifications were extracted from the evidence file and matched with the corresponding peptides in the peptide file using the peptide ID column. The dimethylation efficiency was calculated by the sum of the heavy and light lysine dimethylation counts divided by the total lysine count. The percentage of N-terminal peptides was also calculated by examining the percentage of peptides in the dataset that have starting positions 1 or 2.

HUNTER quantification using Perseus. The "ratio H/L normalised" values were extracted from the Peptide text file from the MaxQuant Search into Perseus. The rows were filtered against reverse and potential contaminants. Rows with two or more NaN's were filtered away. The ratio values were transformed to log2. The columns were subtracted by median, and rows were annotated as one condition. A one sample t-test was performed to isolate the significant hits ($p = 0.05$). The t-test positive hits that had log₂ values lower than -0.5 or higher than 0.5 were kept. These hits were further filtered by searching for the P3 and P2 cleavage positions of each N-terminal peptide and comparing it with the substrate specificity data of KLK6 (**Figure S2**). For peptides with negative ratios, the P3 and P2 positions of the N-terminus was analysed. Hits with P2 or P3 amino acids that were not tolerated by KLK6 were filtered out. This analysis was not performed for peptides with positive ratios because the exact cleavage site of these hits were uncertain.

Expression and purification of KLK6. The full-length Kallikrein 6 protein with three point mutations (KLK6mut), with a 6xHis purification tag followed by TEV and enterokinase protease sites, inserted after the signal peptide, was expressed in mammalian Expi293F cells. In brief, the pXLG vector containing the KLK6 cDNA harbouring the following mutations (R78G, R80Q, N134Q) introduced to prevent proteolysis and N-linked glycosylation respectively⁶, was transfected into 500 ml of Expi293F cells grown in suspension in FreeStyle 293F medium (ThermoFisher) using ExpiFectamine at 37° C, 8% CO₂ shaking at 125 rpm. The supernatant containing secreted mature KLK6mut protein was filtered and pH-adjusted with 25 ml Tris, pH 8.0 and NaCl was added to a final concentration of 100 mM. The supernatant was then passed over a 5 ml NiNTA Excel (Cytiva) column at 5 ml/min, washed with 10 CV running buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 150 mM NaCl, 20 mM Imidazole) before elution with 250 mM imidazole in running buffer. The fractions containing eluted KLK6mut were pooled, 50 µl Enterokinase (800 U)(New England Biolabs, P8070S) was added and the cleavage mixture was dialysed overnight against the enterokinase buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 150 mM NaCl, 2 mM CaCl₂). The following day, the cleaved KLK6mut protein was concentrated and applied to a Superdex75 (10/300) (Cytiva) size-exclusion column with a running buffer of 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 100 mM NaCl with a flow-rate of 0.5 ml/min. The KLK6mut protein eluted as a single peak and was concentrated to 8.5 mg/ml.

X-ray crystallography. Initial KLK6 crystals were obtained in a previously published condition with 0.1 M Tris-HCl pH 8.5, 18-24% PEG MME 2000, 0.20 M trimethylamine N-oxide and 5mM benzamidine $^6\!$. Before crystallization, KLK6 at 10 mg/ml was incubated with 5 mM benzamidine. Crystals were set up with the SPT Labtech mosquito instrument in 96 well plates and were obtained by sitting drop vapour diffusion method by mixing 200 nL of protein and 200 nL mother liquor. Crystals appeared in 3-4 days at 20 \degree C and were then soaked in 1 mM of inhibitors for 2-3 days. The soaked crystals were cryoprotected in 0.1 M Tris-HCl pH 8.5, 18-24% PEG MME 2000, 0.20 M trimethylamine N-oxide, 30 % glycerol and the inhibitor and were snap frozen in liquid nitrogen. Multiple datasets were collected at the ID30A beamline at the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF), Grenoble, France. Datasets were indexed and scaled with XDS⁷ and the structures were solved by molecular replacement in Phaser 8 with the KLK6 structure published previously 6 (PDB ID: 3VFE) as the search model. Structures along with the inhibitor coordinates were built in the electron density with multiple rounds of model building and refinement in coot 9 and phenix.refine from the Phenix suite 10 .

Incucyte (proliferation and toxicity) assays. Capan-2 cells were seeded in a sterile 96 well plate (10,000 cells per well). The outermost wells were left empty to mitigate edge effects. Cells were grown in growth media (10% FBS) overnight to adhere. The next day, the media was replaced with serum-free DMEM (117 µL) containing Sytox green (250 nM) or a DMSO control. The inhibitor or inactive control were serially diluted in a separate sterile 96 well plate as a 10x stock and were added into the cells (13 µL per condition). Control conditions included puromycin (100 µg/mL), DMSO only, Sytox green only or DMSO + Sytox green. The final inhibitor concentrations ranged from 2 µM to 125 nM. The cells were placed into an Incucyte with the incubator set at 37 °C and 5% CO₂. Phase and green fluorescence were analysed every 4 h for 5 days.

Invasion/migration assays. Cell invasion was measured using Corning Fluoroblok inserts following a modified procedure¹¹. Fluoroblok inserts were placed into the wells of a 24-well plate. Matrigel was suspended to 300 µg/mL in coating buffer (0.01M Tris, 0.7% NaCl, pH 8). The matrigel suspension (100 µL) was added into the Fluoroblok insert and the plate was left at 37 °C for 2 h. A migration control (with no matrigel) was also included. Cells were trypsinised and resuspended in serum-free DMEM. The leftover buffer in the chambers was decanted and 500 µL of cells (100,000 per well) were seeded into the apical chamber of the insert. DMEM with 10% FBS (750 µL) was added into the basal chamber as a chemoattractant. The plate was incubated at 37 °C and 5% $CO₂$ for 24 h. The chambers were removed and placed into a new 24-well plate containing 50 µM of CellTracker CMHC dye in HBSS. The cells were stained for 0.5 h and the chamber was removed and placed into the previous plate containing DMEM with 10% FBS. The cells were imaged for blue fluorescence (ex/em = 375/460) using a Celena S inverted fluorescence microscope. Percentage invasion was calculated by quantifying the cell area using ImageJ.

3. Compound Characterisation (Structure, HPLC and HRMS)

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23 Ac-DPhe-Ser(Z)-Dht-Arg-ACC

24 Ac-Lys-His-Leu-Phe-ACC

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1 Yn-Thr(Z)-Ala-Phg-Phg(4-guan)-DPP

2 Yn-Thr(Z)-Chg-His(Z)-Phg(4-guan)-DPP

3 Yn-Thr(Z)-Cha-His(Z)-Phg(4-guan)-DPP

4 Yn-Asp(Chx)-Cha-His(Z)-Phg(4-guan)-DPP

5 Yn-Thr(Z)-Ala-Dht-Phg(4-guan)-DPP

6 Yn-Thr(Z)-Ala-Tyr(Z)-Phg(4-guan)-DPP

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7 Yn-Thr(Z)-Ala-Ser(Z)-Phg(4-guan)-DPP

8 Yn-Thr(Z)-Ala-Dab(Z)-Phg(4-guan)-DPP

9 Biotin-Ahx-Thr(Z)-Ala-Dht-Phg(4-guan)-DPP

10 Biotin-Ahx-Thr(Z)-Cha-Dht-Phg(4-guan)-DPP

11 Biotin-Ahx-DPhe-Cha-Dht-Phg(4-guan)-DPP

12 Biotin-Ahx-DhPhe-Cha-Dht-Phg(4-guan)-DPP

13 Biotin-Ahx-DPhe-Lys-Dht-Phg(4-guan)-DPP

14 Biotin-Ahx-DPhe-Dlys-Dht-Phg(4-guan)-DPP

Biotin-Ahx-DPhe-Cha-Ser(Ac)-Phg(4-guan)-DPP

16 Biotin-Ahx-DPhe-Cha-Dht-Arg-DPP

(Double peak may represent separation of the P2 diastereomers)

Biotin-Ahx-DPhe-Ser(Z)-Dht-Arg-DPP

18 Biotin-Ahx-DPhe-Ser(Z)-Dht-DArg-DPP

(Double peak may represent separation of the P2 diastereomers)

19 Yn-DPhe-Ser(Z)-Dht-Arg-DPP

20 Yn-DPhe-Ser(Z)-Dht-DArg-DPP

21 Cy5-DPhe-Ser(Z)-Dht-Arg-DPP

Warheads

4. Original gels and blots

Figure 3A

Figure 3B

Before pulldown extensive pulldown Pulldown

Figure 3C

Before pulldown extending the Pulldown Pulldown

Figure 3D

Figure 3E

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5. References

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