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ABSTRACT: Two novel compounds were identified as Naa50 binders/inhibitors using DNA-encoded technology screening. Biophysical and biochemical data as well as co-crystal structures were obtained for both compounds (**3a** and **4a**) to understand their mechanism of action. These data were also used to rationalize the binding affinity differences observed between the two compounds and a MLGP peptide-containing substrate. Cellular target engagement experiments further confirm the Naa50 binding of **4a** and demonstrate its selectivity toward related enzymes (Naa10 and Naa60). Additional analogs of inhibitor **4a** were also evaluated to study the binding mode observed in the co-crystal structures. Keywords: Naa50, N- α -acetyltransferase, acetyl-CoA, DEL

Protein acetylation has received significant attention in the past decade due to its important roles in regulating cell signaling. In particular, N-terminal (Nt) acetylation is known to be a highly abundant co-translational protein modification that is controlled by a family of acetyltransferases (NAT).¹ The Nt-acetylation of a protein can affect its nuclear import and export and can also act

as a degradation signal to control the protein's cellular stability.¹ The eukaryotic protein N-terminal acetylation machinery is composed of six NAT protein complexes (NatA-NatF). Knockdown studies have shown that each complex associated with the NAT machinery (i.e., NatA-NatF) is important for cell proliferation and normal cell cycle progression.² The N α -terminal acetyltransferase (Naa50) enzyme is a member of the N-alpha-terminal acetyltransferase NAT protein family. It co-exists with Naa10 and Naa15 in the NatE complex and is responsible for the enzymatic function of the complex. Naa50 is also found to be essential for normal sister chromatid cohesion and chromosome condensation.³⁻⁵ Therefore, an inhibitor of the Naa50 enzyme might have therapeutic applications in oncology indications.

Recently, a potent inhibitor of Naa50 was described in the literature (compound **1**, Figure 1a).⁶ This molecule combines the acetyl-CoA (AcCoA) co-factor that is known to associate with the enzyme and a tetra-peptide derived from the N-terminal protein sequence common to optimal Naa50 substrates (MLGP)^{7,8}. Construction of inhibitor **1** was also influenced by studies of the Naa50 biochemical mechanism which indicated formation of a ternary complex between the AcCoA cofactor, an appropriate protein substrate, and the enzyme.⁹ Although compound **1** is a potent Naa50 inhibitor, the molecule is not particularly efficient due to its large molecular weight (ligand efficiency (LE)¹⁰ = 0.13). In addition, its high molecular weight (MW = 1223) and high polarity (TPSA = 577 and clogP = -4.1) likely prevents facile permeability across cell membranes and may thus compromise the use of the molecule as a robust in vitro tool compound. In this report, we describe our initial efforts to identify a potent and selective Naa50 inhibitor with improved physiochemical properties relative to compound **1** (i.e., reduced molecular weight and TPSA; increased logD). As part of these studies, we were also interested in finding a more ligand

efficient inhibitor that could serve as an appropriate starting point for future medicinal chemistry optimizations.

We first explored whether the pyrophosphate adenosine moiety present in compound **1** was required for potent Naa50 inhibition. As shown in Figure 1a, a truncated analog of **1** that lacked this functionality displayed significantly weaker anti-Naa50 activity (compound **2**). Separate co-crystal structures obtained with compounds **1** and **2** in complex with Naa50 demonstrated that, in spite of its weaker potency, the latter molecule occupied the same region of the Naa50 active site as the MLGP portion of **1** along with part of the co-factor binding site (Figures 1b and S1, more details regarding the specific interactions formed between compounds **1** and **2** and the Naa50 protein are provided below). This observation afforded confidence that molecules which lacked a pyrophosphate adenosine moiety could appropriately recognize the Naa50 active site and further encouraged our search for new inhibitors that improved upon compounds **1** and **2**.

As one approach to the identification of new Naa50 inhibitors, we screened a 2.2 billion-member DNA encoded library (DEL) to find novel ligands with potent affinity to the protein.^{11,12} Affinity selection was performed using the library with a selectively polyhistidine-tagged human Naa50 protein construct (250 pmol enzyme concentration) in solution incubation for 60 minutes. The polyhistidine-tagged Naa50 protein was then immobilized to magnetic beads and was washed extensively to remove non-binding molecules. Bound library members were subsequently eluted from the beads by heat denaturation of the protein at 75 °C. The eluent was then incubated with fresh protein in solution to initiate a new round of affinity selection. A parallel selection against buffer lacking the target protein was also performed to allow for the identification of molecules that were enriched via non-target affinity mechanisms. After three rounds of such selection, the DNA tags of the eluted molecules were PCR amplified and sequenced, and the sequences were

translated to identify the chemical structures of putative Naa50 binders. Importantly, we also screened the library against Naa50 in the presence of either the AcCoA cofactor or inhibitor **1**. Inclusion of AcCoA was envisioned to bias screening results toward molecules which mimicked the MLGP tetra-peptide substrate. In contrast, screening in the presence of **1** was anticipated to help identify compounds which bound to Naa50 outside of the catalytic site. To further increase confidence that the identified hits were genuine Naa50 binders, we repeated the above selections using a 5-fold lower enzyme concentration (50 pmol). It was expected that this alternative protein concentration would help us identify the most potent binders to the Naa50 enzyme.^{13,14}

As shown in Figure 2, the described affinity selections afforded a large number of enrichments associated with one specific portion of the 2.2 B-member DEL. This sub-library (DEL951) was constructed in 3 synthesis cycles and involved derivatization of diamine-containing core scaffolds using a variety of carboxylic acid, aldehyde, sulfonyl chloride, and isocyanate-containing building blocks (Figure 3a, see supporting information for more details). The affinity selection results obtained in the presence of the AcCoA co-factor indicated that three R₁ building blocks produced multiple library members that were significantly enriched via the selection process (4 vertical rows highlighted in Figure 2, structures 2a-2c). The observed enrichments associated with these R₁ moieties were dramatically attenuated when the affinity selections were conducted in the absence of AcCoA (supplementary information, Figure S2). This outcome suggested that the library members derived from the 2a-2c R₁ building blocks cooperatively bound to Naa50 with AcCoA in the vicinity of the co-factor binding site and might possibly mimic the MLGP tetra-peptide substrate. Further support for the hypothesis that the compounds bound to the MLGP site was obtained from affinity selections performed with DEL951 in the presence of compound **1**. As shown in Figure S2, these assessments generated no significant enrichments

associated with the DEL951 library members consistent with the blocking of the MLGP binding site by **1** during the enrichment process.

Encouraged by these findings, we initially selected two structurally-diverse library members for off-DNA synthesis to confirm affinity of their non-nucleic acid portions with the Naa50 protein (structures A and B, Figure 3b). Both of these members afforded high copy number outcomes from the affinity-selection process using either high (250 pmol) or low (50 pmol) Naa50 concentrations (Figure 3b). The 50 pmol results provided us with increased confidence that the molecules were genuine and relatively potent Naa50 binders. Given the structural similarity between R₁ building blocks 2b and 2c (oxazole and thiazole moieties) and the corresponding similar affinity selection data, we chose to only conduct the off-DNA synthesis of the thiazole-containing compound during this initial exploration phase. The off-DNA syntheses of library members A and B and the corresponding diastereomers from Figure 3 are described in Schemes S2-S4 (supporting information).

As shown in Figure 4, the synthesized compound (compound **3**, supporting information) corresponding to DEL library member A increased the thermal stability of the Naa50 protein in the presence of AcCoA using a protein thermal-shift assessment¹⁵. This result provided evidence of direct-target engagement for the compound (Figure S3). As predicted from the affinity selection outcomes performed with DEL951, the thermal shift outcomes were attenuated when the assay was performed in the absence of the AcCoA (Figure 4). This observation suggested that the compound did not bind to the Naa50 AcCoA pocket and instead bound cooperatively with the co-factor. Biochemical testing further demonstrated the functional activity of **3** (IC₅₀ = 2.7 μM). Therefore, both diastereomers of the compound were synthesized (**3a** and **3b**; **3a**: Scheme S2, supporting information; **3b**, supporting information) and were further evaluated in surface

plasmon resonance (SPR, Table 1, Figure S6) and biochemical assessments (Figure 4). SPR methodology subsequently confirmed specific association of **3a** with the Naa50 protein ($K_d = 1.9 \mu\text{M}$) in the presence of AcCoA, and the corresponding Naa50 biochemical inhibition activity closely matched the SPR binding result ($\text{BC IC}_{50} = 2.0 \mu\text{M}$, Figure 4). In addition, a cellular thermal shift assay (CETSA)¹⁶ conducted using A549 cell lysates demonstrated that compound **3a** could stabilize the Naa50 protein against thermal denaturation without impacting the thermal stabilities of the related Naa10 and Naa60 enzymes (Figure S4a). Collectively, these data demonstrated that **3a** was a genuine, selective, and relatively potent Naa50 inhibitor. Similar profiling of the **3b** diastereomer demonstrated that it inhibited Naa50 in a less potent manner relative to **3a** ($K_d = 7.0 \mu\text{M}$; $\text{BC IC}_{50} = 12 \mu\text{M}$, Figure 4). Because of this weaker activity, additional profiling of **3b** was not performed.

Since the thiazole-containing library members were prepared and screened as 1:1 diastereomeric mixtures (see supporting information), we synthesized a related mixture (**4**, supporting information) as well as both single diastereomers (compounds **4a** (Schemes S4 and S5) and **4b** (Scheme S3) corresponding to DEL library member B for off-DNA characterization. As shown in Figure 4, mixture **4** displayed significant thermal stabilization of Naa50 in the thermal shift assay that was stronger than that exhibited by **3** and which was similarly weakened in the absence of AcCoA (Figure S3). The biochemical Naa50 inhibition activity determined for **4** was also correspondingly more potent than that associated with **3** (Figure 4). Both single diastereomers **4a** and **4b** displayed measurable Naa50 binding affinity and biochemical inhibitory activity with **4a** having the better binding affinity and better biochemical potency relative to both **4b** and **3a** (Figure 4 and Table 1). Compound **4a** was also a considerably stronger binder than **3a** in CETSA testing (Figure S4a, compare results obtained at 55 °C and 61 °C for **3a** and **4a**, respectively,

relative to DMSO control at 52 °C). Compound **4a** maintained good selectivity for Naa50 over Naa10 and Naa60 just like compound **3a**.

To demonstrate the ability of **4a** to engage Naa50 in a complex proteome we performed competitive chemoproteomic profiling experiments using Lys-CoA Sepharose.¹⁷ This affinity reagent captures Naa50 through a bidentate interaction involving the substrate-binding site,¹⁸ which should be competed in the presence of **4a**. Consistent with our in vitro inhibition studies, pre-incubation of cell lysates with **4a** led to potent inhibition of Naa50 capture by Lys-CoA Sepharose, with substantial competition observed at concentrations as low as 50 nM (Figure S4b). This closely resembles the binding constant of **4a** for recombinant *holo* (acetyl-CoA bound) Naa50 determined by SPR. These results provide additional evidence that **4a** can engage the Naa50 active site even in cellular contexts where it may exist in multiprotein complexes, and demonstrates the utility of chemoproteomic capture probes to provide insight into the biochemical mechanism of acetyltransferase inhibitors in complex proteomes.

We obtained co-crystal structures of compounds **3a** and **4a** with the CoA-bound Naa50 to further understand their binding modes. CoA was utilized in these experiments to facilitate crystallization. As demonstrated later in this work, the orientation of the bound ligand did not vary significantly when a representative compound (**4a**) was co-crystallized in the presence of either the CoA or the co-factor, AcCoA. As shown in Figure 5a and 5b, both compounds (**3a** and **4a**) bound to the region of the Naa50 active site adjacent to the CoA-binding pocket. Both **3a** and **4a** formed H-bond interactions with the side chains of the Tyr31 and Tyr139 residues. They also formed similar common interactions with the backbone carbonyl moieties of Met75 and His112 as well as the backbone NH of Gln114 (Figures 5a and 5b, residues depicted in green sticks). Other H-bond interactions unique to compounds **3a** and **4a** include the backbone NH moieties of Arg62

(compound **3a**) and of Arg141 and Lys140 (compound **4a**) (Figures 5a and 5b, residues depicted in orange sticks). The methyl amide moiety, R1 thiazole moiety and the R2 carboxyl amide carbonyl moiety of **4a** do not form hydrogen bonds with the protein. The R2 phenyl moiety forms hydrophobic interactions with a hydrophobic pocket created by three tyrosine residues (Y138, Y139, and V29). The R2 tetrazole substituent of **4a** forms an H-bond with the backbone NHs of Arg141 and Lys140. It may also form a charge-charge interaction with the side chain of Arg141. However, the precise nature of this association is uncertain as the side chain of Arg141 is disordered in the crystal structures.

To further investigate the binding mechanism, we performed in-depth kinetic and thermodynamic analyses of the interactions between **4a** and Naa50 in apo as well as AcCoA and CoA complexed forms using both SPR methods (Tables 1, Figure S6). These kinetic measurements suggested that **4a** bound to the Naa50•AcCoA complex with ~4-fold greater affinity than the apo form of enzyme. Notably, the gain in affinity for the Naa50•AcCoA complex was associated with a decrease in the dissociation rate (k_{off}) or increase in the dissociative half-life ($t_{1/2}$) of the complex (Table 1). To this end, significant evidence exists linking longer $t_{1/2}$ to binding-induced conformational changes leading to greater steric and electronic complementarity in protein-ligand interactions¹⁹. Interestingly, previous NMR-based biophysical studies determined that a peptide substrate (MLGP-RRR) displayed very weak affinity for the Naa50 protein. Our own SPR assessments confirmed this weak binding affinity ($K_d > 100 \mu\text{M}$). These results suggest that the **4a** inhibitor recognizes a pre-existing Naa50 binding pocket more efficiently than the peptide substrate.

We also obtained a co-crystal structure of Naa50 bound to AcCoA and compound **4a** (Figure 6). This structure-enabled investigation of the differences in **4a** binding modes in the

presence of either CoA or AcCoA. In the Naa50•AcCoA crystal structure, the acetyl group of AcCoA formed two hydrogen bonds with Naa50 including one to the backbone NH of Gln114 and one to the sidechain of Asn117 (Figure S6). In contrast, in the Naa50•AcCoA•**4a** complex, **4a** formed a hydrogen bond with the NH of Gln114 instead of AcCoA. The acetyl group of AcCoA repositioned to make only a long (3.1 Å) hydrogen bond with backbone NH of Leu77 of Naa50. Interestingly, this rearrangement was not observed in co-crystal structures obtained with CoA and Naa50 in the presence and absence of **4a**. Consistent with the similar K_d values observed for **4a**-Naa50 binding with either CoA or AcCoA, the bound inhibitor conformation and protein-ligand interactions were identical in the **4a**-CoA-Naa50 and **4a**-AcCoA-Naa50 crystal structures. These observations suggested that conclusions drawn via analysis of Naa50-CoA-inhibitor complexes (e.g. Figures 5a and 5b) could also be applied to Naa50-AcCoA-inhibitor structure.

Since compound **4a** displayed significantly improved Naa50 binding and inhibition activity compared to **3a** (with an improved LE value), we chose to further explore other hits related to **4a** from the on-DNA affinity selections as part of our follow-up activities. Accordingly, we expanded the structure-activity relationships associated with **4a** by synthesizing several closely related DEL951 members in off-DNA form. As shown in Table 2, these molecules all afforded robust copy numbers at both 250 pmol and 50 pmol Naa50 protein concentrations. The syntheses of compounds **5-8** in Table 2 are described in Scheme S5-S7 (supporting information). Replacement of the thiazole moiety in **4a** with an oxazole provided a nearly equipotent Naa50 inhibitor (compound **5**). This result was consistent with the prior analysis of the DEL951 affinity selection data which suggested that thiazole and oxazole-containing R₁ building blocks produced library members with similar Naa50 affinities (**2b** and **2c** in Figure 2). Removal of the R₂ substituent from **4a** drastically weakened Naa50 biochemical inhibition activity (**6**, Table 2). Deletion of the

R₂ amide carbonyl group (**7**) or repositioning of the tetrazole present in the R₂ substituent (**8**) also weakened anti-Naa50 potency but to a lesser extent than was observed for compound **6** (compound **6** is a truncated analog, not actually present in the original DEL). Interestingly, the biochemical potencies displayed by compounds **4a** and **5-8** loosely paralleled the corresponding copy numbers (compounds with the highest copy numbers at low protein concentrations displayed the most potent Naa50 biochemical inhibition). This observation suggested that meaningful SAR information could be extracted from the affinity selection data generated for DEL951 prior to off-DNA synthesis.

In order to investigate whether the co-crystal structure of **4a** could be used for further compound optimization, several analogs of **4a** were subsequently designed based on the compound's observed Naa50 interactions and binding mode. The syntheses of compounds **9-14** in Table 3 are described in Scheme S8-S9 (supporting information). As shown in Table 3, replacement of the **4a** carboxyl amide thiazole substituent with a methyl group afforded similar anti-Naa50 biochemical activity (Table 3, compound **9**; compare to **4a**). In contrast, replacement of the tetrazole moiety of **4a** with hydrogen (**10**), triazole (**11**), N-linked triazole (**12**), and N-linked tetrazole (**13**) all resulted in significant (>100 fold) loss of biochemical potency (Table 3). Interestingly, the only compound from this sub-series which retained reasonable biochemical potency relative to **4a** contained a carboxylic acid moiety in the place of the tetrazole (**14**, Table 3). These results suggested the importance of maintaining a negative charge on the inhibitor even if no specific charge-charge interaction is observed in the **4a**-Naa50 co-crystal structure.

The co-crystal structure of **4b** (the less active diastereomer of **4a**) in complex with Naa50 was also solved. As shown in Figure S10, **4b** formed the same H-bonds with the protein residues as was observed in the **4a**-Naa50 co-crystal structure (Figure 5b). These interactions include the

tetrazole moiety of **4b** forming hydrogen bonds with the backbone NH of Arg141 (as shown in Figure 5b). These observations reinforce the importance of maintaining a negatively-charged ligand fragment in close proximity to Arg141 and Lys140. Differences between the **4a** and **4b** bound conformations occurred in areas where both ligands did not form H-bonds with the protein (e.g., the thiazole methyl amide and the carboxylamide moiety connected to the phenyltetrazole). The bound conformation of **4b** exhibited conformational strain in the pendant methyl amide (about 5 kcal/mol calculated at the B3LYP-D3/DFT 6-311g**+ level in gas phase²⁰). This strain was needed to avoid unfavorable contacts between the ligand and the protein. It seems likely that strain could be partly responsible for the loss of SPR and biochemical potency relative to **4a** (compare **4a** and **4b** in Figure 4).

As shown in Figure S5, compounds **3a** and **4a** occupied the same region of the Naa50 binding site as the tetra-peptide (MLGP) moiety present in **2**. These binding modes were consistent with biochemical experiments which suggested that **3a** and **4a** bound un-competitively to Naa50 with respect to the AcCoA co-factor and competitively to the MLGP-containing peptide substrate analog (Figure S8 and Figure S9). In addition to making similar hydrogen bonding interactions with Naa50 observed for the MLGP tetrapeptide, **3a** and **4a** also formed additional hydrophobic interactions with protein. Therefore, stronger binding affinities were observed for both molecules relative to the MLGP tetrapeptide. Collectively, these results suggest a biochemical inhibition mechanism for compounds **3a** and **4a** in which AcCoA binding enhances the compound's binding affinity. Detailed comparisons among the Naa50 binding interactions observed for **3a** and **4a**, and the MLGP peptide are described in the supplementary material (Figures S11 and Figure S12).

In conclusion, we utilized DEL technology to identify potent and selective Naa50 inhibitors (compounds **3a** and **4a**) that bound to the substrate binding pocket. Specifically, compound **4a**

displayed potent biochemical inhibitory potency (7 nM v.s. 30 nM), reduced TPSA (224 v.s. 557), improved LE (0.3 v.s. 0.13) and increased clogP (0.6 v.s. -4) relative to compound **1**. Further optimization using co-crystal structure information and structure-based design strategy may provide a cell permeable tool compound that could be used to probe the effects of inhibiting Naa50 in cancer cells.

ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Supporting Information

Details of protein purification, crystallization conditions, compound synthesis, compound characterization, and biochemical and biophysical experiments are included in the Supporting Information.

Accession Codes

PDB numbers:

compound 1: 6WF3

compound 2: 6WF5

compound 3a+CoA: 6WFG

compound 4a+CoA: 6WFK

compound 4a+AcCoA: 6WFN

compound 4b+AcCoA: 6WFO

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ABBREVIATIONS

NAT, N-terminus acetyltransferase; MLGP: methionine-leucine-glycine-proline; CoA: co-enzyme A; DEL: DNA-encoded library; PCR: polymerase chain reaction.

Figure 1a. Chemical structures of AcCoA, CoA, literature reported bi-substrate inhibitor (1), and its truncated analog: des-A (2)

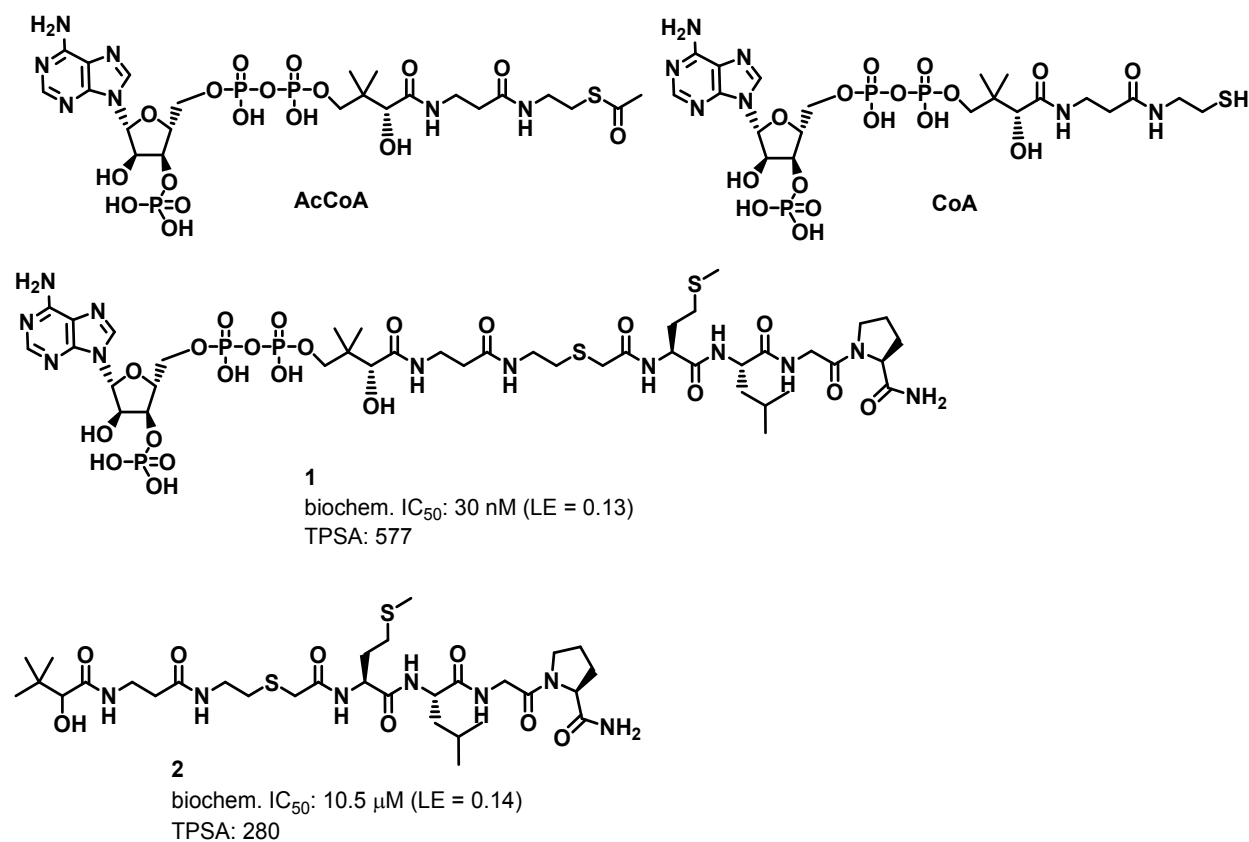


Figure 1b. Co-crystal structure of 1 bound to Naa50 (2.3 Å, PDB ID 6WF3). Compound 1 is drawn in orange stick representation and spans the binding pocket, from the cofactor binding site on the left to the peptide binding site on the right. Residues that form hydrogen bonds with the ligand (dashed lines) are drawn as green sticks. Hydrogen bonds are drawn as dashed lines. Protein Cα trace is shown in grey.

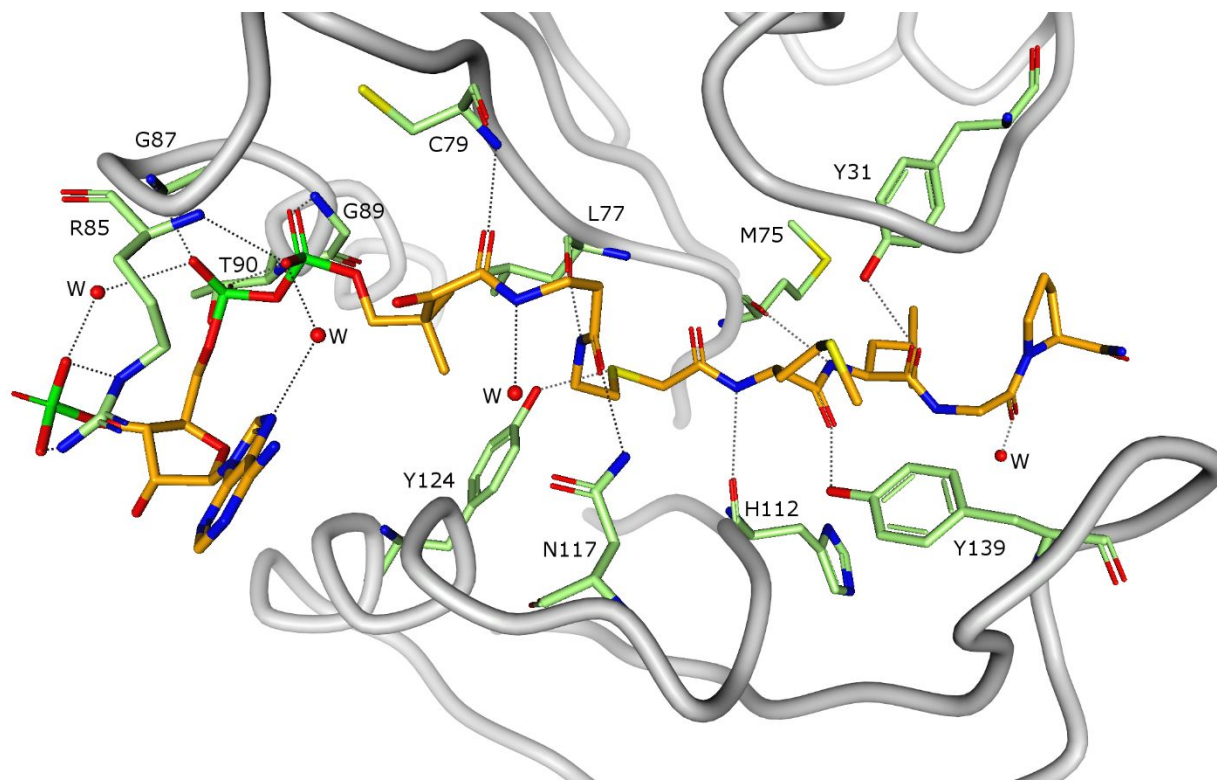
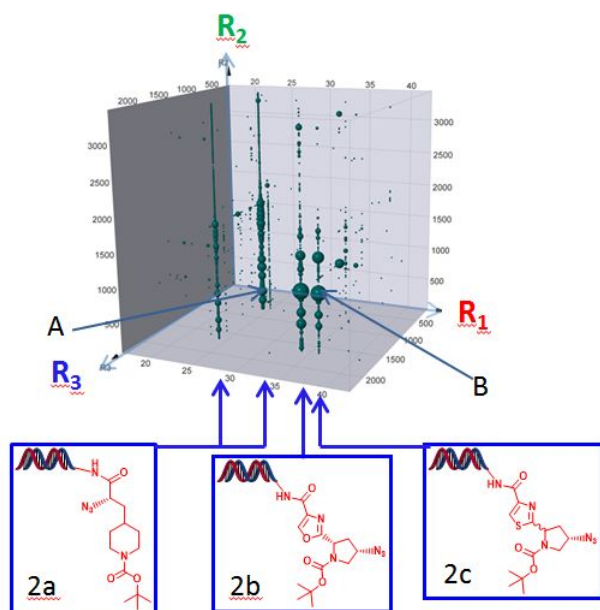
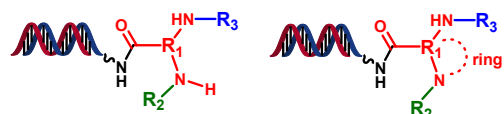


Figure 2. Cube view of DEL951 analysis

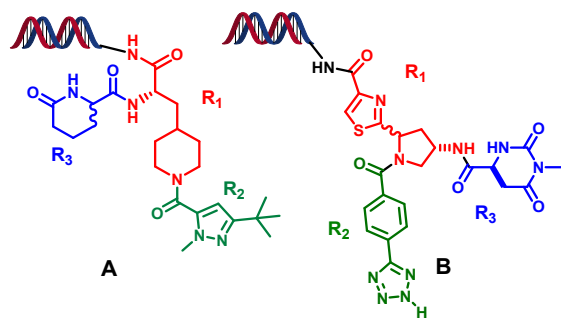
Points represent enrichment of library member after 3 rounds of affinity selection using biotinylated Naa50 protein (larger size = greater enrichment). Affinity selection was performed using 250 pmol Naa50 in the presence of the AcCoA co-factor. The cube axes depict the R₁, R₂, and R₃ building blocks employed during construction of the library. R₁ build block structures which afforded enrichment of multiple library members are also shown (2a-2c). Note that the 2a building block afforded two vertical rows of enriched library members.

Figure 3. (a) general construction of DEL951 and (b) specific library members (A and B) initially selected for off-DNA synthesis

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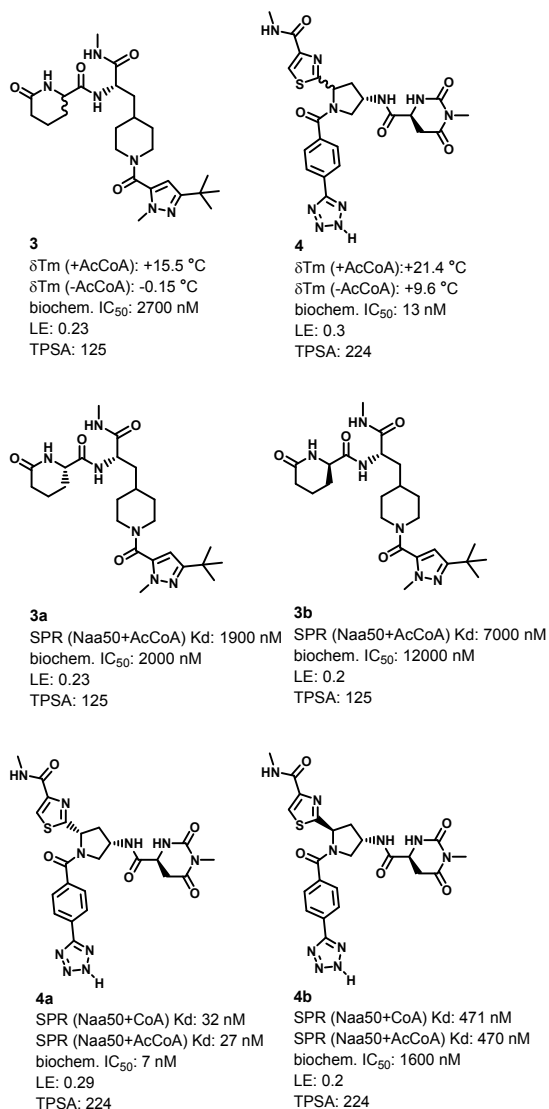
Figure 4. Re-synthesis hits from DEL951 displayed binding affinity and functional activities

Figure 5. Crystals structures of the complex of Naa50 with CoA and **3a** (2.16 Å, PDB ID 6WFG) (a) or **4a** (1.87 Å, PDB ID 6WFK) (b). CoA is drawn in yellow stick representation, **3a** in blue stick representation and **4a** in magenta stick representation. Residues that form hydrogen bond interactions (dashed lines) that are common to both **3a** and **4a** are drawn as green sticks, while those that are unique to each ligand as drawn as orange sticks.

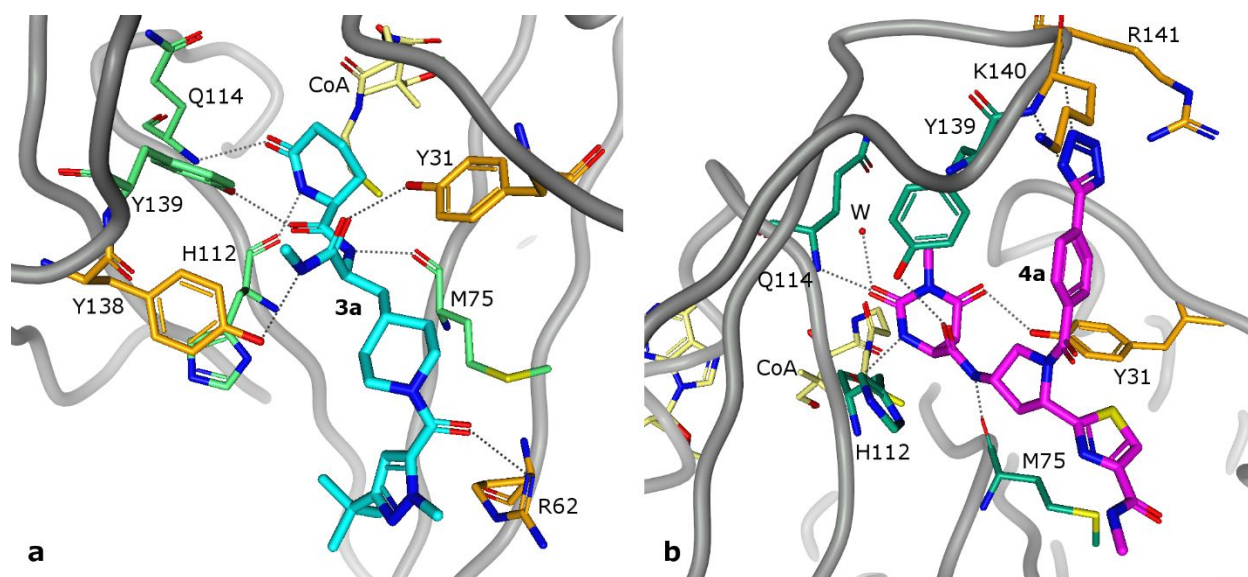


Figure 6. Crystal structure of the complex of **4a** with Naa50 in the presence of AcCoA (1.07 Å, PDB ID 6WFN). View from the top of the binding pocket. AcCoA is drawn in pale blue stick representation while **4a** is in magenta stick representation. The binding mode and hydrogen bonds (dashed lines) between **4a** and Naa50 are identical to those observed in the presence of CoA.

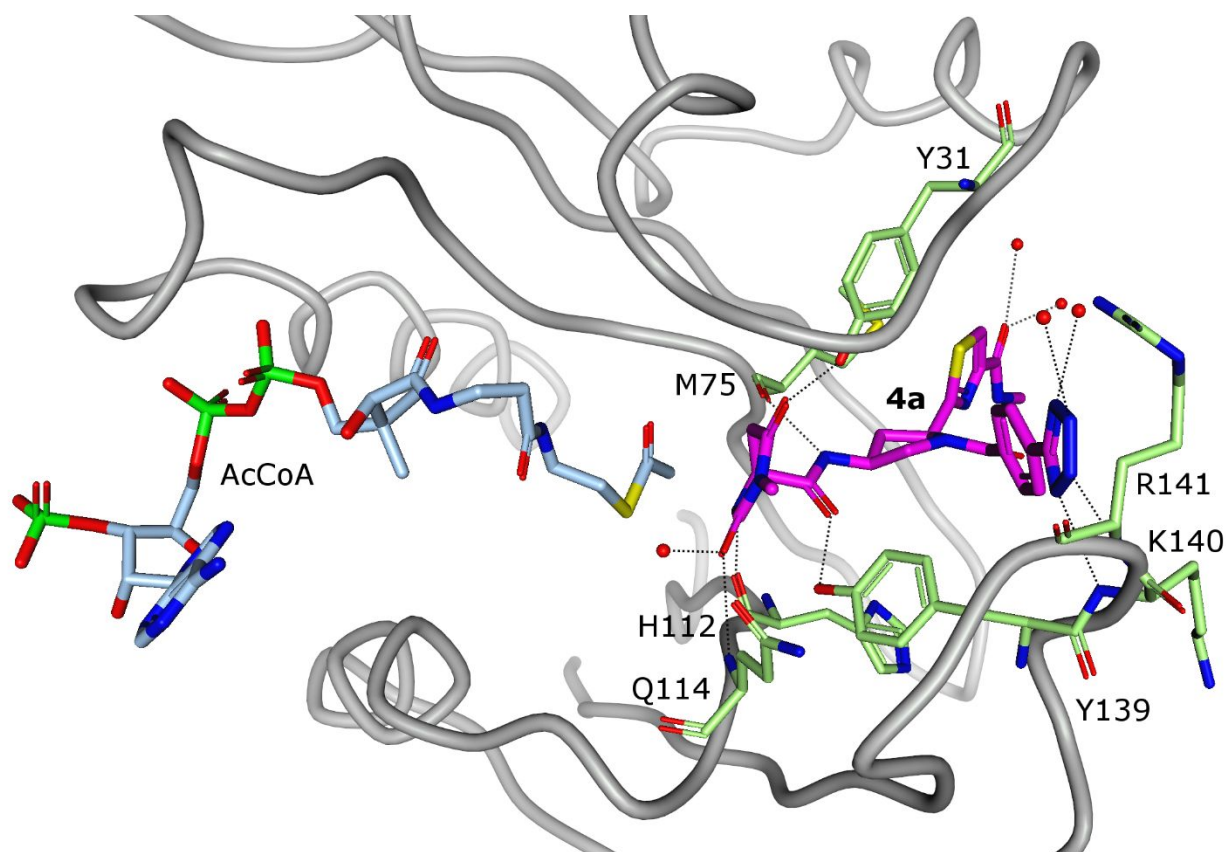
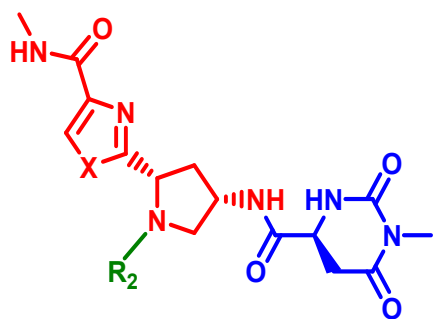


Table 1. Kinetics of compound binding to Naa50_apo, Naa50•AcCoA by SPR

Protein	Compound	k_{on} ($\text{M}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$)	k_{off} (s^{-1})	$t_{1/2}$ (min)	SPR K_{D} (nM)
Naa50_apo	AcCoA	1.8×10^5	3.1×10^{-3}	4	17.6 ± 2.8
Naa50_apo	CoA	2.0×10^5	3.2×10^{-2}	0.4	156 ± 27
Naa50_apo	4a	4.26×10^4	4.5×10^{-3}	2.6	105 ± 4.8
Naa50•AcCoA	4a	5.5×10^4	1.4×10^{-3}	8.4	26.7 ± 7.3
Naa50•AcCoA	4b	3.6×10^3	1.7×10^{-3}	8.6	470 ± 25
Naa50•AcCoA	3a	4.3×10^3	6.0×10^{-3}	3.1	1010 ± 963
Naa50•AcCoA	3b	ND	ND	ND	>10,000

Measured at 10 °C in 25 mM HEPES, 150 mM NaCl, 0.5 mM TCEP, 5% glycerol, 0.02% Tween 20, 2% DMSO, pH 7.5

Table 2. biochemical and TPSA data of analogs from DEL 951



#	X	R ₂	Copy number (250 pmol) (50 pmol)	Biochem. IC ₅₀ (μM)	TPSA
4a	S		2161 1819	0.007	224
5	O		1991 796	0.014	208
6	S		ND	13	169
7	S		338 164	0.088	223

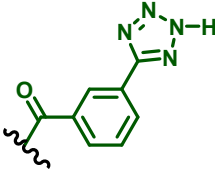
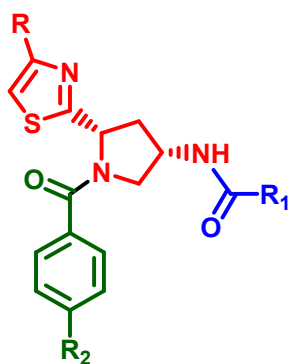
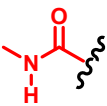
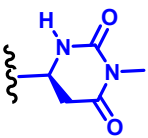
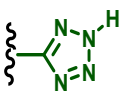
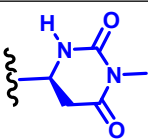
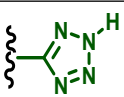

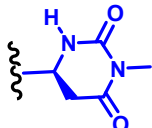

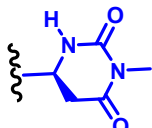

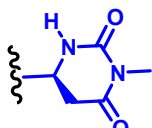

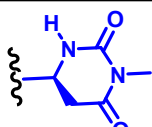

8	S		796 13	0.43	206
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Table 3. biochemical and TPSA data of analogs of **4a**

#	R	R ₁	R ₂	TPSA	Biochem. IC ₅₀ (μM)	pKa
4a				224	0.007	4.0
9	CH ₃			194	0.013	3.7

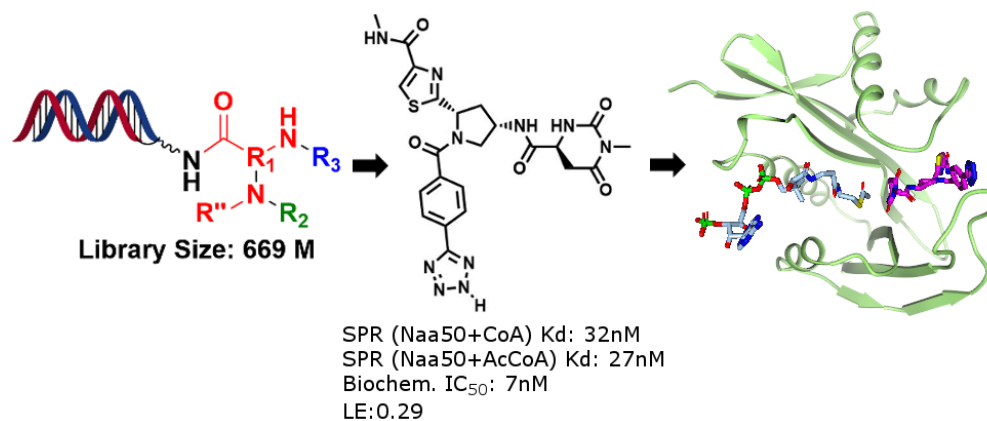
10	CH ₃		H	140	21	ND
11	CH ₃			182	1	8.9
12	CH ₃			171	2.9	ND
13	CH ₃			184	3.9	ND
14	CH ₃			177	0.17	3.6

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