

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### ENHANCED PROPERTIES OF A BENZIMIDAZOLE BENZYLPIRAZOLE LYSINE DEMETHYLASE INHIBITOR: MECHANISM-OF-ACTION, BINDING SITE ANALYSIS AND ACTIVITY IN CELLULAR MODELS OF PROSTATE CANCER

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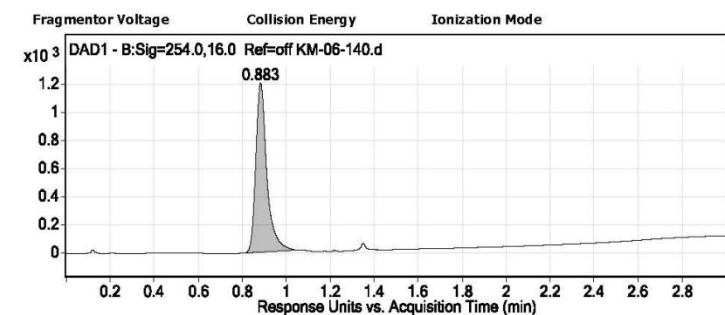
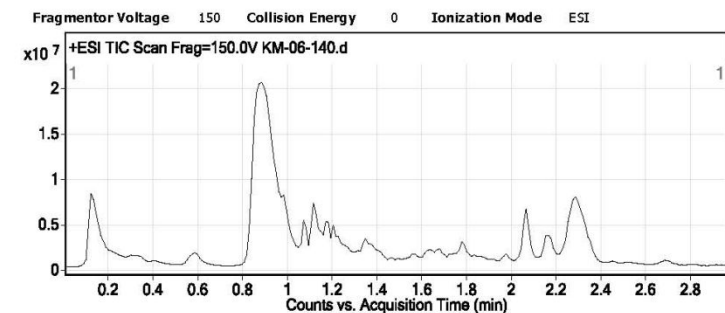
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\*No Inhibition

## QC data: Compound 2

### Qualitative Compound Report



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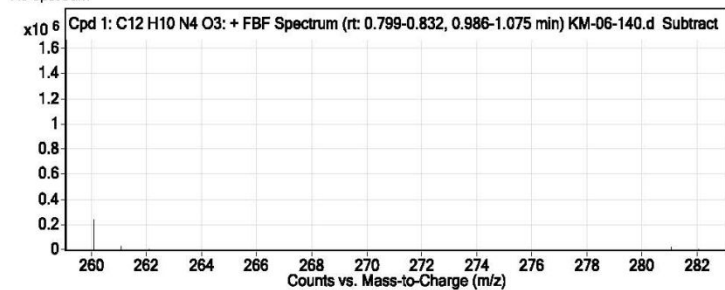
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#### Compound Table

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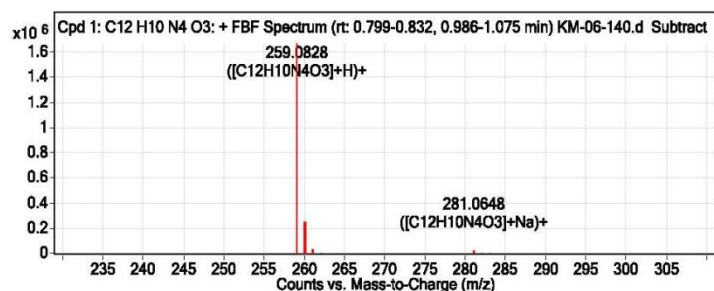
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#### MS Zoomed Spectrum

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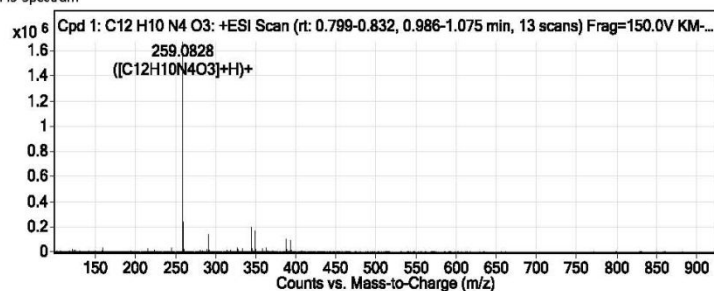
## Qualitative Compound Report



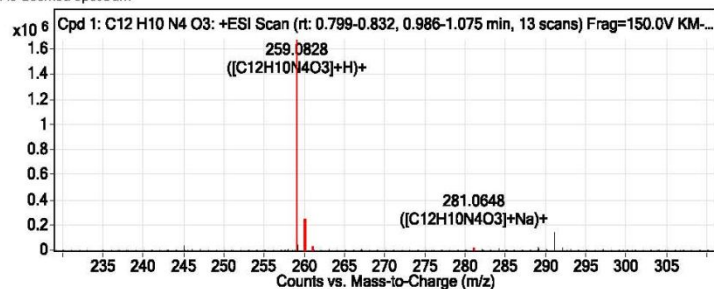
MS Spectrum Peak List

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260.0865	1	235708.14	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	(M+H)+
261.0885	1	21914.65	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	(M+H)+
262.0913	1	1777.77	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	(M+H)+
281.0648	1	17284.46	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	(M+Na)+
282.0675	1	2443.94	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	(M+Na)+
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MS Spectrum



MS Zoomed Spectrum



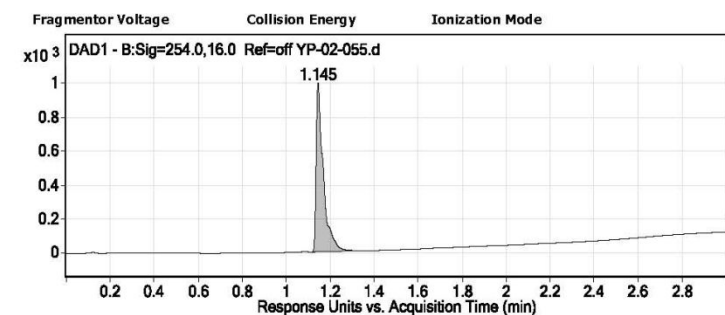
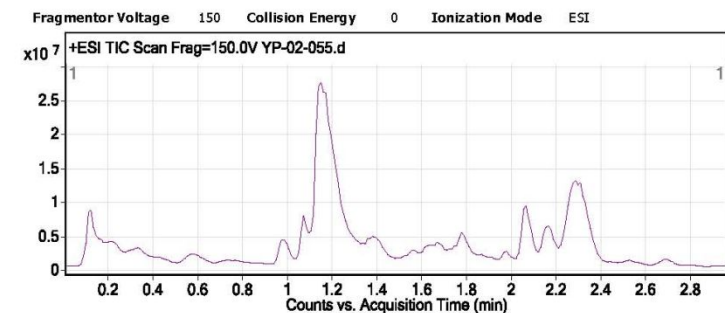
MS Spectrum Peak List

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282.0675	282.0673	-0.89	1	2443.94	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	(M+Na)+
283.072	283.0695	-8.89	1	204.28	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	(M+Na)+

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## QC Data: Compound 7

### Qualitative Compound Report



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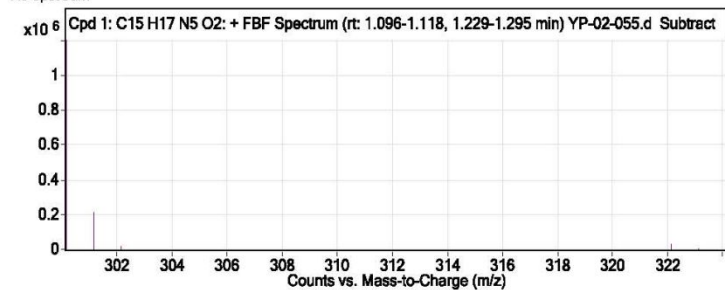
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#### Compound Table

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Compound Label	m/z	RT	Algorithm	Mass
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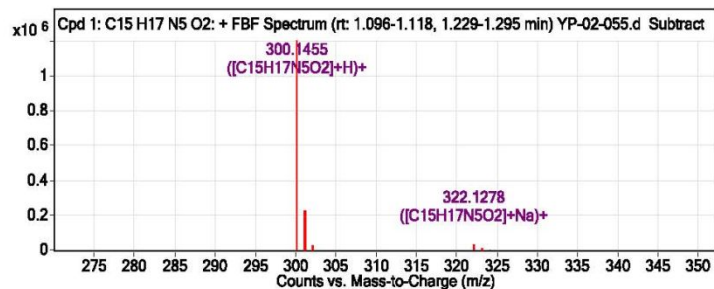
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#### MS Zoomed Spectrum

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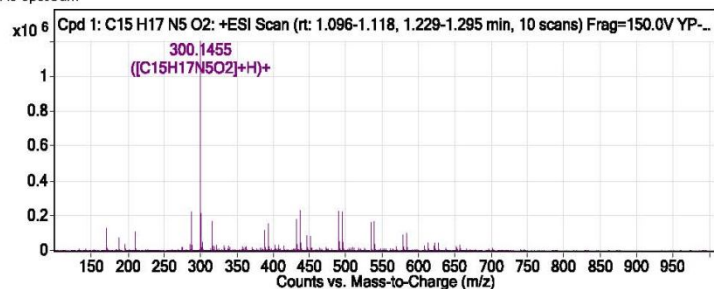
### Qualitative Compound Report



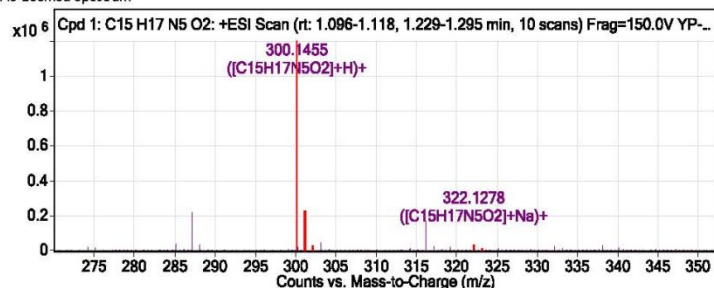
MS Spectrum Peak List

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301.1487	1	211612.83	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	(M+H) <sup>+</sup>
302.1512	1	18919.61	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	(M+H) <sup>+</sup>
322.1278	1	32007.41	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	(M+Na) <sup>+</sup>
323.1309	1	5530.36	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	(M+Na) <sup>+</sup>
324.1371	1	749.17	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	(M+Na) <sup>+</sup>

MS Spectrum



MS Zoomed Spectrum



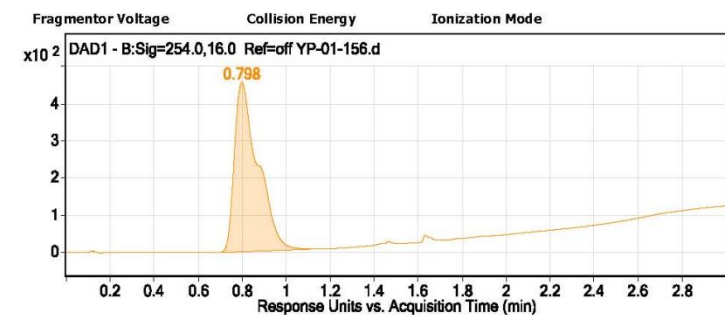
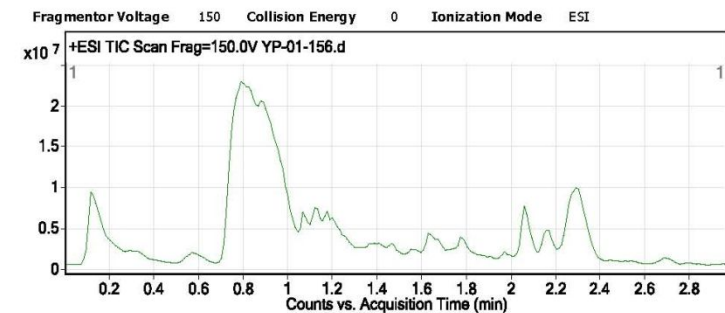
MS Spectrum Peak List

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302.1512	302.1507	-1.42	1	18919.61	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	(M+H) <sup>+</sup>
322.1278	322.1274	-1.11	1	32007.41	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	(M+Na) <sup>+</sup>
323.1309	323.1302	-2.3	1	5530.36	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	(M+Na) <sup>+</sup>
324.1371	324.1327	-13.66	1	749.17	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	(M+Na) <sup>+</sup>

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### Qualitative Compound Report



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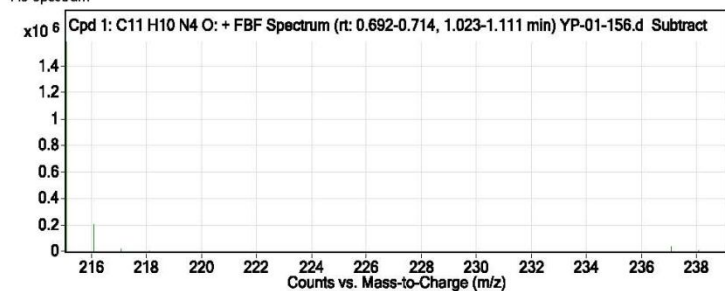
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Compound Table

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Compound Label	m/z	RT	Algorithm	Mass
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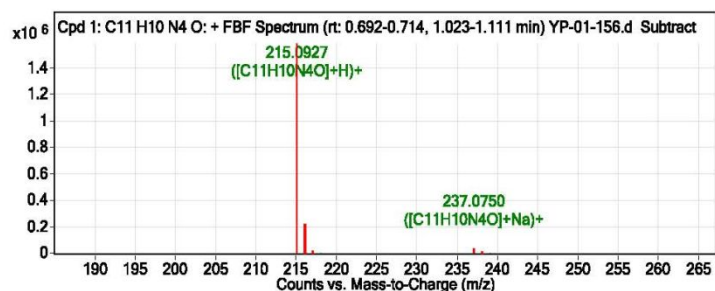
MS Spectrum



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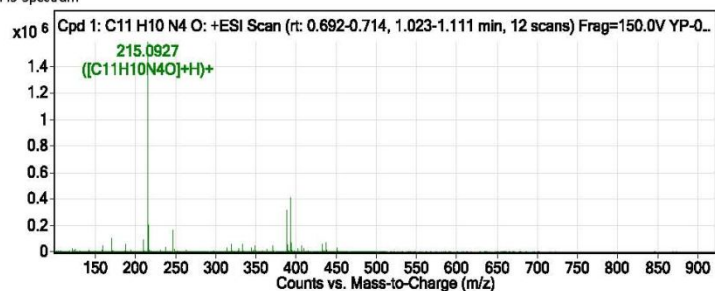
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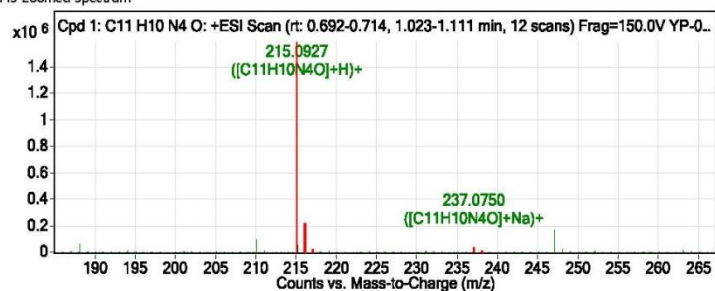
MS Spectrum Peak List

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217.099	1	15169.42	C11H10N4O	(M+H)+
218.0997	1	1053.96	C11H10N4O	(M+H)+
237.075	1	36453.02	C11H10N4O	(M+Na)+
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MS Spectrum



MS Zoomed Spectrum



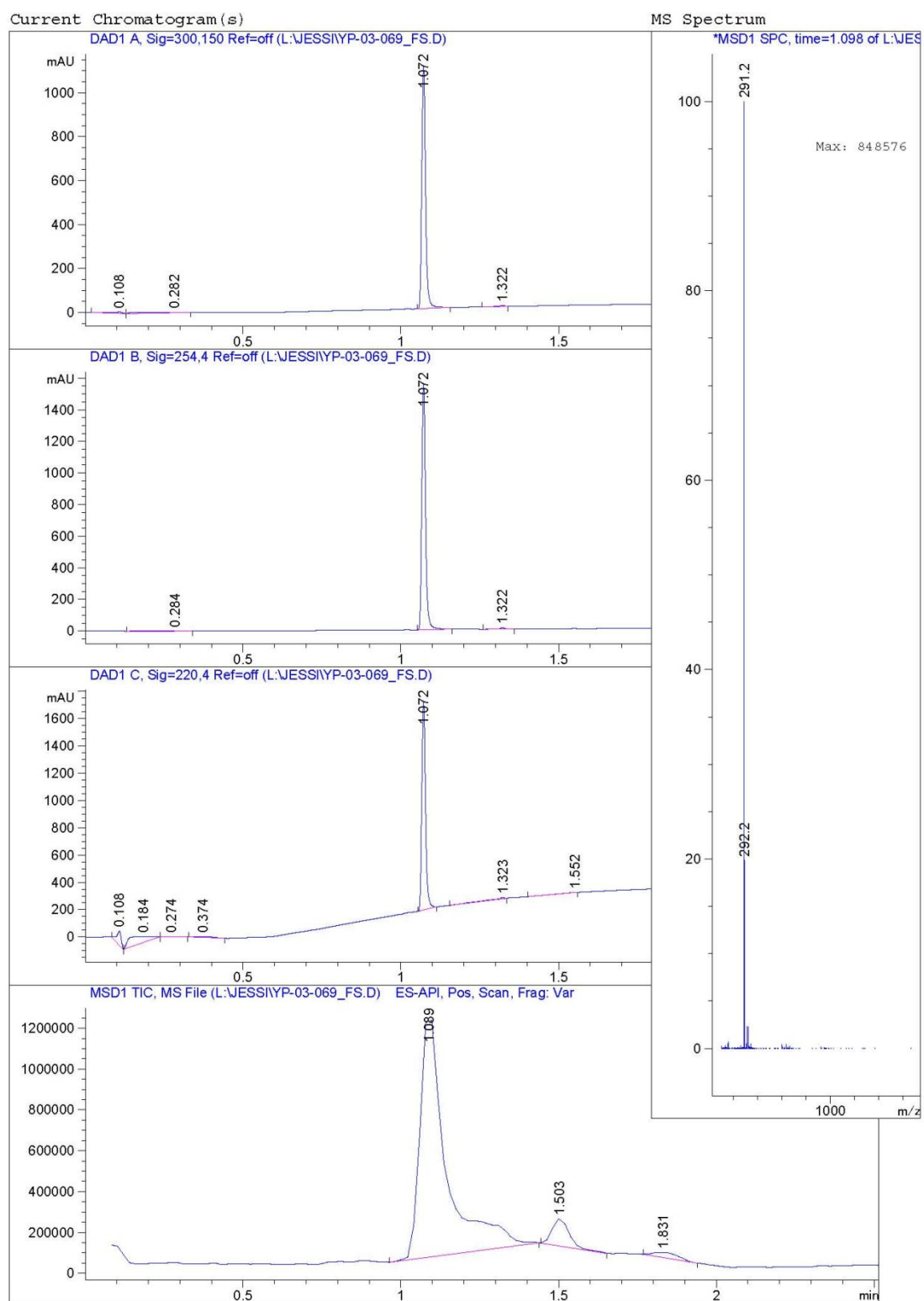
MS Spectrum Peak List

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217.099	217.0979	-5.45	1	15169.42	C11H10N4O	(M+H)+
218.0997	218.1002	2.23	1	1053.96	C11H10N4O	(M+H)+
237.075	237.0747	-1.26	1	36453.02	C11H10N4O	(M+Na)+
238.0776	238.0774	-0.96	1	4451.94	C11H10N4O	(M+Na)+
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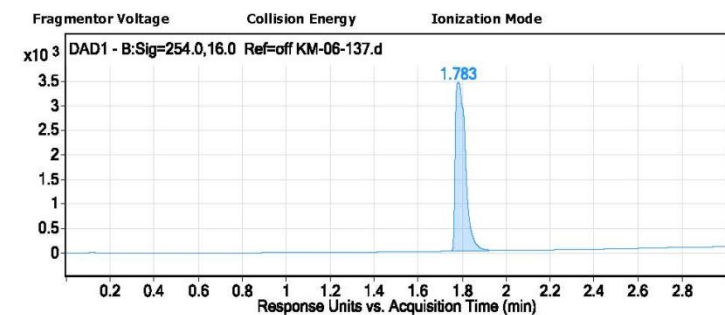
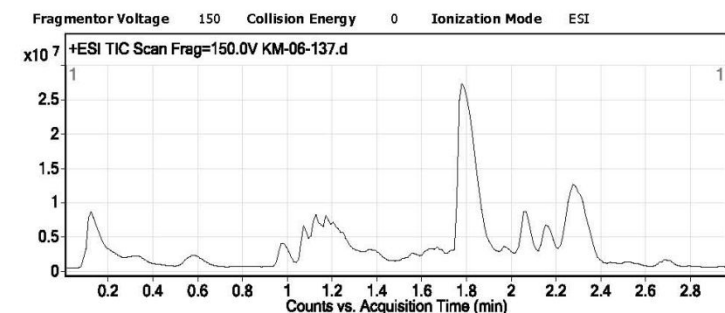


## QC Data: Compound 15



## QC Data: Compound 26

### Qualitative Compound Report



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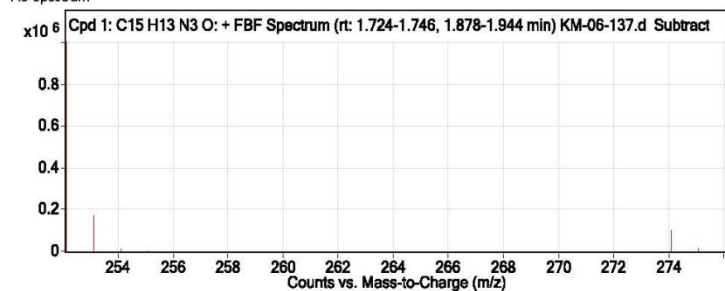
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Compound Table

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Compound Label	m/z	RT	Algorithm	Mass
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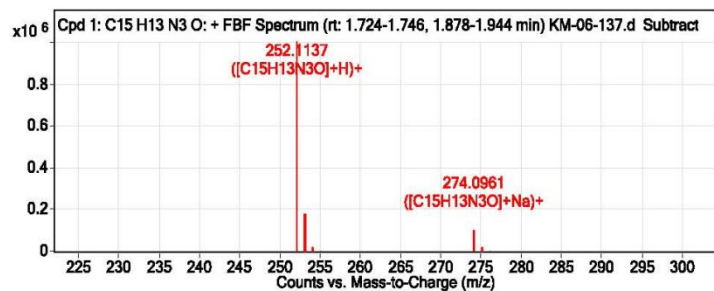
MS Spectrum



MS Zoomed Spectrum

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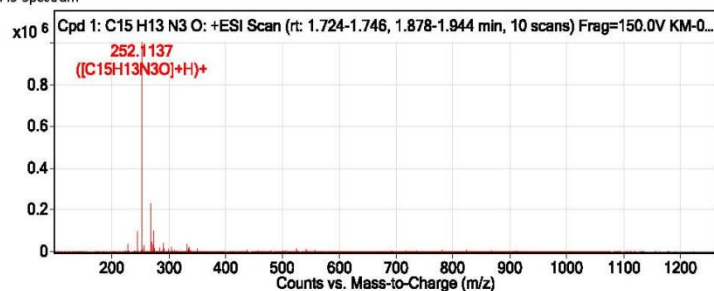
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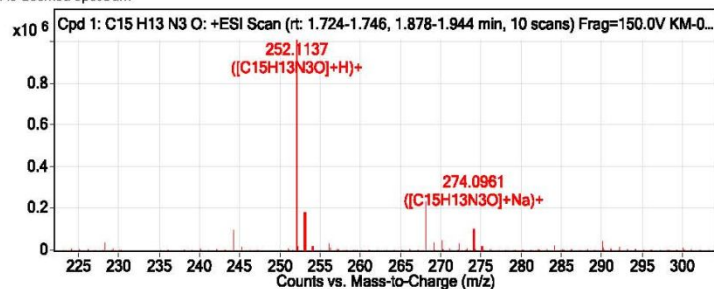
MS Spectrum Peak List

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254.1199	1	12746.42	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O	(M+H)+
255.1221	1	934.2	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O	(M+H)+
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MS Spectrum



MS Zoomed Spectrum



MS Spectrum Peak List

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253.1173	253.1161	-4.82	1	169138.77	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O	(M+H)+
254.1199	254.1189	-3.99	1	12746.42	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O	(M+H)+
255.1221	255.1215	-2.26	1	934.2	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O	(M+H)+
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275.0989	275.0981	-2.87	1	14722.76	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O	(M+Na)+
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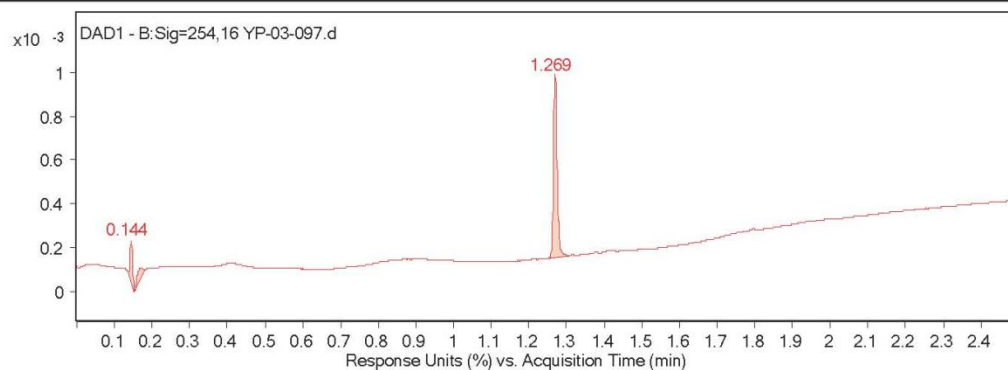
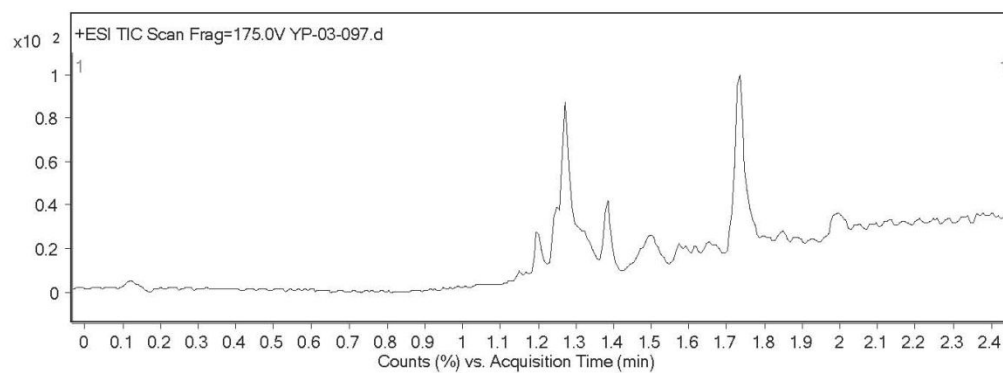
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## QC Data: Compound 29

### Qualitative Analysis Report

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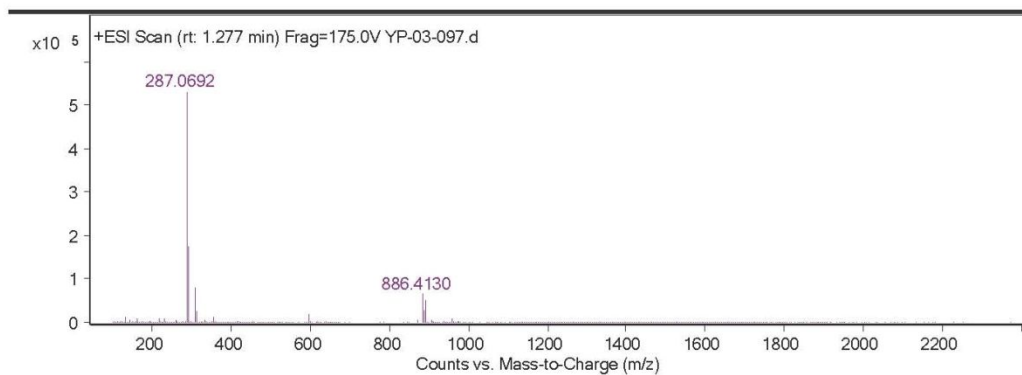


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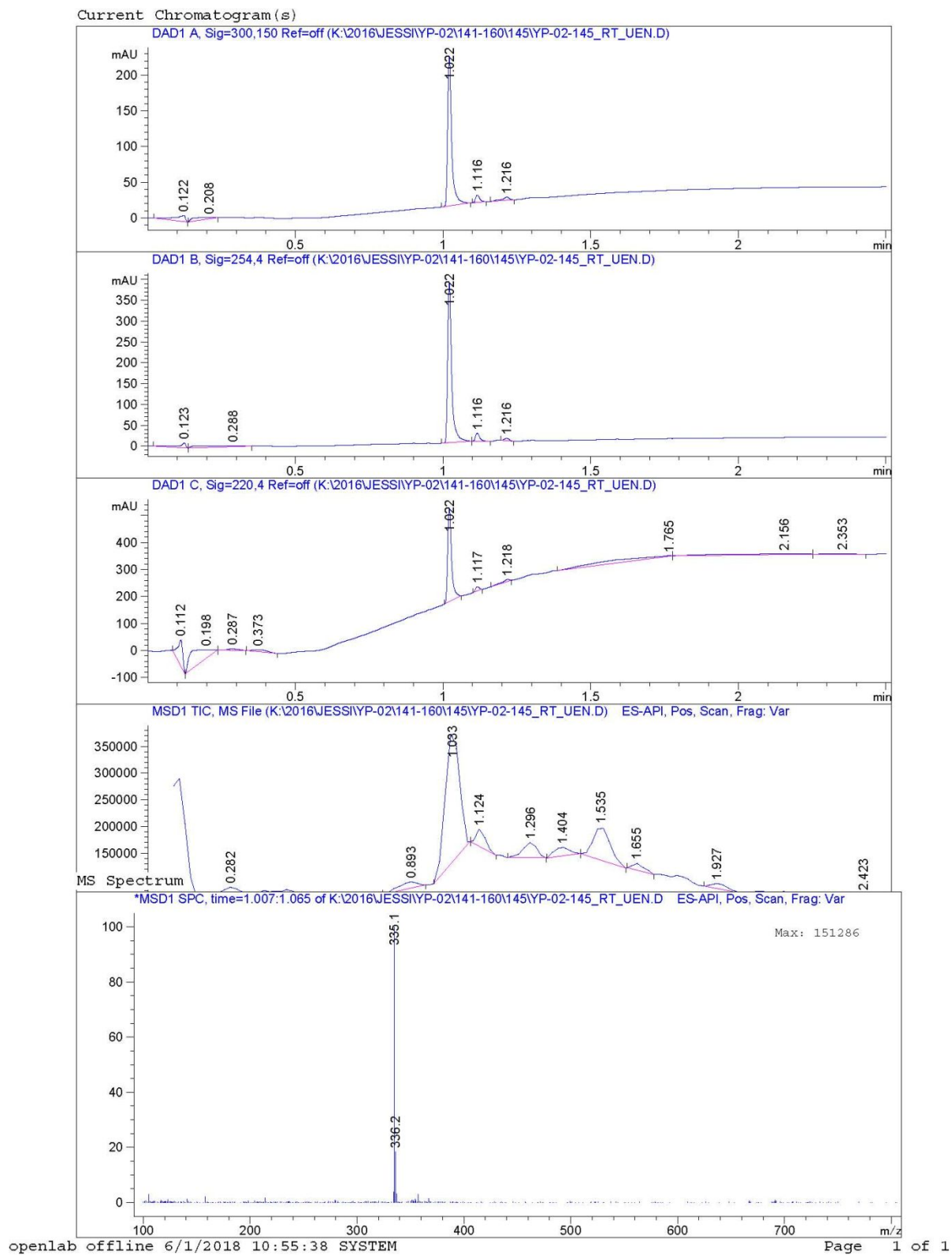
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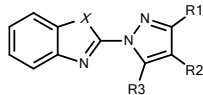
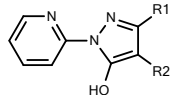
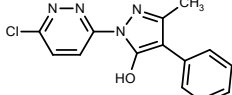
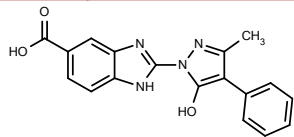


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## QC Data: Compound 30



**Table S1. Synthetic Derivatives of a Benzimidazole Pyrazole-based JmjC-KDM Inhibitor**

Benzimidazole pyrazoles		Pyridine pyrazoles			Pyridazine-substituted Variant			Carboxy-substituted Variant		
										
cmpds 1-25		cmpds 26-28			cmpd 29			cmpd 30		
Benzimidazole pyrazole-based scaffold					Best Fit Parameters					
cmpd	X	R1	R2	R3	IC <sub>50</sub> μM <sup>a</sup>	IC <sub>50</sub> 95% CI μM <sup>b</sup>	top <sup>c</sup>	bottom <sup>d</sup>	Hill slope <sup>e</sup>	residual <sup>f</sup>
1 <sup>g</sup>	NH	CH <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> Me	H	OH	15	12–19	105%	2%	-1.1	2%
1 <sup>h</sup>	NH	CH <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> Me	H	OH	581 <sup>i</sup>	486–696	100%	0%	0.8	10%
2	NH	CH <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H	H	OH	347	293–411	96%	-5%	-1.6	1%
3	NH	Me	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> Me	OH	72	68–77	96%	0%	-2.3	1%
4	NH	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> Me	Me	OH	106	97–117	101%	2%	-2.1	1%
5	NH	Me	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H	OH	274	182–414	97%	0%	-0.9	7%
6	NH	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H	Me	OH	437	328–581	95%	0%	-1.6	1%
7	NH	Me	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CONHMe	OH	41	37–46	104%	1%	-1.4	1%
8	NH	Me	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CONMe <sub>2</sub>	OH	16	13–18	96%	1%	-1.6	1%
9	NH	Me	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> NHMe	OH	9	6–15	97%	-3%	-0.6	5%
10	NH	Me	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> NMe <sub>2</sub>	OH	70	59–84	94%	-5%	-1.8	1%
11	NH	Me	H	OH	76	62–93	97%	-1%	-1.2	0%
12	NH	Me	allyl	OH	24	22–27	93%	3%	-1.9	4%
13	NH	Me	n-propyl	OH	24	22–27	99%	5%	-1.6	4%
14	NH	Me	propargyl	OH	5	4–6	100%	2%	-1.1	2%
15 <sup>g</sup>	NH	Me	Ph	OH	0.9	0.6–1.1	105%	3%	-0.9	1%
15 <sup>h</sup>	NH	Me	Ph	OH	13	12–14	92%	4%	4.2	2%
16	NH	Me	Bn	OH	27	21–35	104%	3%	-0.9	3%
17	NH	Me	<i>para</i> -tol	OH	27	24–31	95%	0%	-2.0	4%
18	NH	Et	Ph	OH	5	4–6	100%	1%	-1.6	1%
19	NH	Bu	Ph	OH	6	5.6–6.0	100%	2%	-2.2	0.3%
20	NH	H	Br	H	NI <sup>j</sup>	NA <sup>k</sup>	NA	NA	NA	~100%
21	NH	Me	H	Me	NI	NA	NA	NA	NA	~100%
22	NH	Me	H	NH <sub>2</sub>	199	160–248	104%	5%	-1.4	2%
23	NH	Me	Ph	NH <sub>2</sub>	~160	107–239	100%	0%	-0.7	0%
24	S	Me	Ph	OH	35	30–41	95%	5%	-1.5	5%
25	NMe	Me	Ph	OH	34	26–46	96%	5%	-2.7	3%
Pyridine pyrazole-based scaffold					Best Fit Parameters					
cmpd		R1	R2		IC <sub>50</sub> μM	IC <sub>50</sub> 95% CI μM	top	bottom	Hill slope	residual
26		Me	Ph		74	62–89	95%	1%	-2.6	0%
27		Me	Bn		57	49–67	96%	-1.6%	-1.4	1%
28		Me	allyl		191	81–450	100%	2%	-0.8	2%
Pyridazine-substituted Variant					Best Fit Parameters					
cmpd		see structure above			IC <sub>50</sub> μM	IC <sub>50</sub> 95% CI μM	top	bottom	Hill slope	residual
29					68	61–76	100%	3%	-1.5	1%
Carboxy-substituted Variant					Best Fit Parameters					
cmpd		see structure above			IC <sub>50</sub> μM	IC <sub>50</sub> 95% CI μM	top	bottom	Hill slope	residual
30					19	15–24	107%	-2%	-0.9	0%

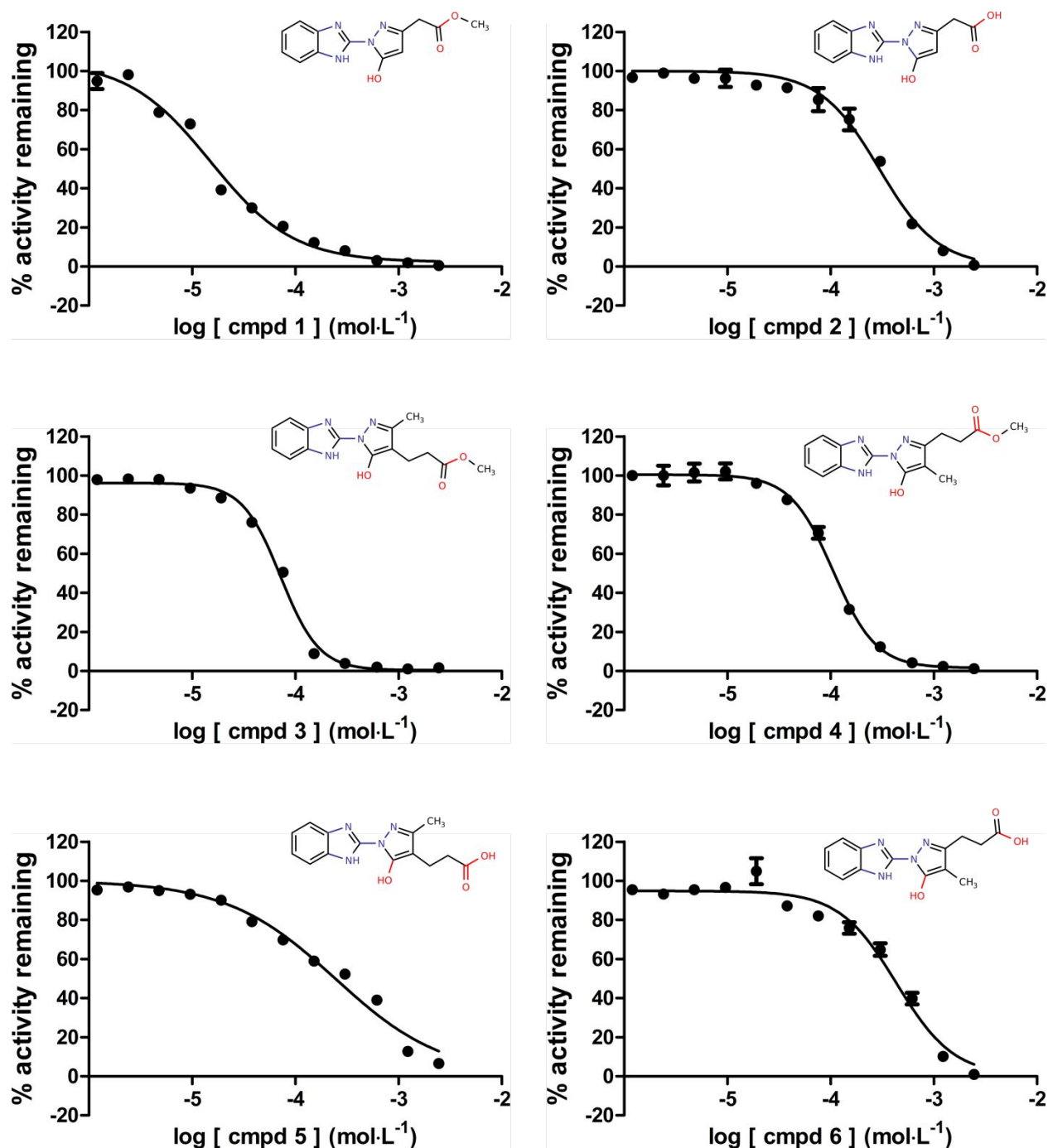
<sup>a</sup>Values calculated from kinetic data using the log(inhibitor) vs. response -- Variable slope inhibition model in GraphPad Prism. <sup>b</sup>Fitting error reported as a 95% confidence interval. <sup>c</sup>Highest level of enzyme activity fit as a variable in the inhibition model. <sup>d</sup>Lowest level of enzyme activity fit as a variable in the inhibition model. <sup>e</sup>Steepness, or hill slope of the dose response curve. <sup>f</sup>Level of enzyme activity remaining at the highest inhibitor concentration tested. <sup>g</sup>Values from the FDH-based assay. <sup>h</sup>Values from the CTH ELISA-based assay. <sup>i</sup>Data reproduced from Carter *et al.* (2017): values of IC<sub>50</sub> = 12.5 μM and 800 μM when fit to a biphasic inhibition model. <sup>j</sup>No inhibition seen at the highest concentration of inhibitor tested. <sup>k</sup>Not applicable given a lack of inhibitor efficacy.

**Table S2. Crystallographic Data**

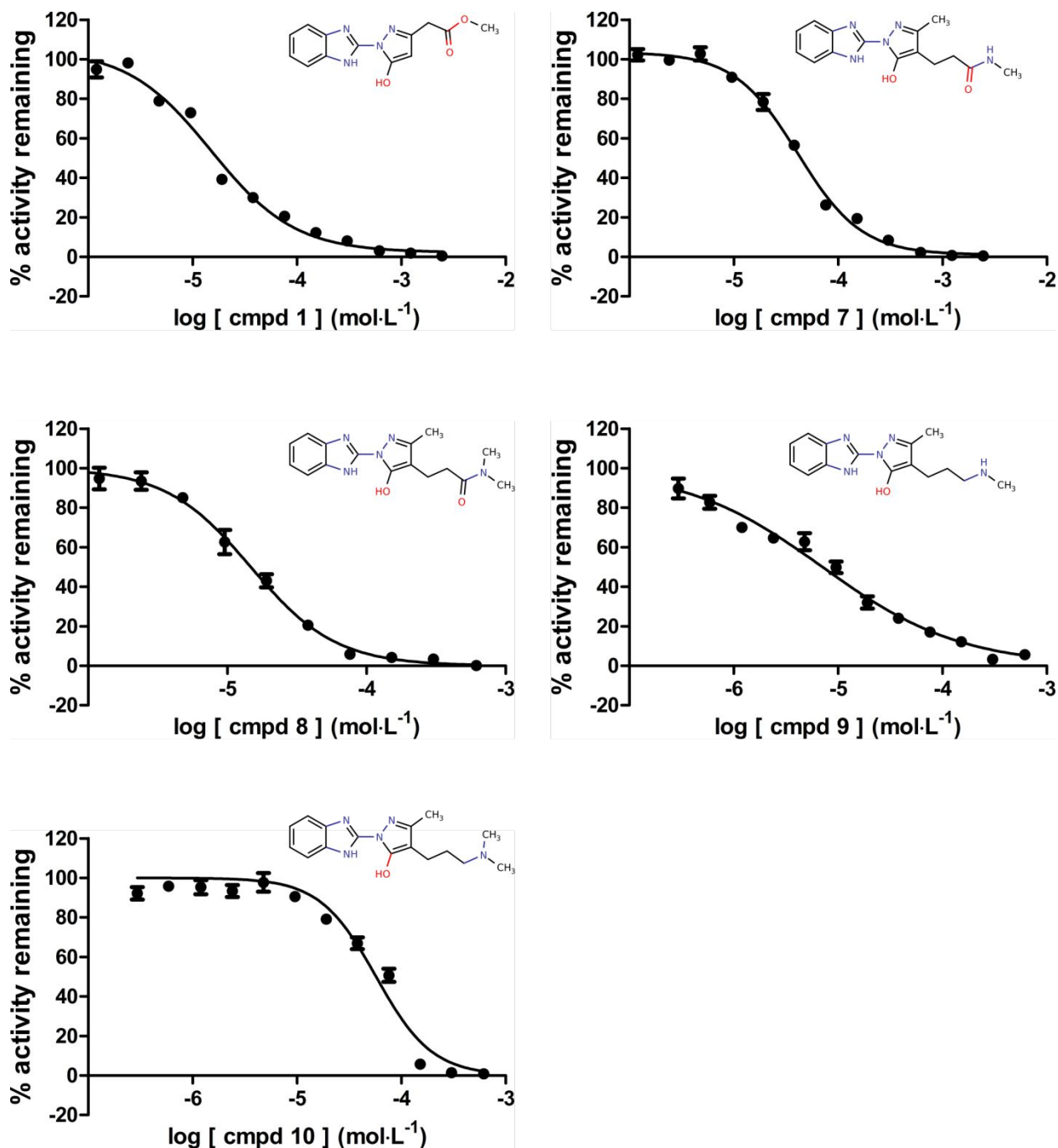
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space group	P 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2	P 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2
unit cell a, b, c (Å), $\alpha$ , $\beta$ , $\gamma$ (°)	99.36 148.57 56.39 90 90 90	99.14 148.61 56.91 90 90 90
total np. of reflections	432868	478462
No. of unique reflections	74525 (7156)	81224 (7904)
multiplicity	5.8	5.9
completeness (%)	99.50 (97.00)	99.75 (98.15)
mean I/sigma(I)	15.78 (1.70)	21.54 (1.69)
Wilson B-factor	30.75	28.64
R-meas (%)	6.8 (100.2)	5.6 (105.3)
CC <sub>1/2</sub>	99.9 (71.1)	100 (69.9)
R-work (%)	17.5 (27.9)	16.8 (27.8)
R-free (%)	21 (032.2)	20.6 (31.7)
number of non-hydrogen atoms	6250	6389
macromolecules	5723	5756
ligands	77	86
water	443	538
protein residues	692	696
RMS(bonds) (Å)	0.012	0.011
RMS(angles) (°)	1.29	1.36
Ramachandran favored (%)	98	98
Ramachandran allowed (%)	2	2
Ramachandran outliers (%)	0	0
clashscore	1.66	1.22
average B-factor (Å <sup>2</sup> )	44.60	39.30
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solvent	44.70	42.80

\*Values in parentheses are for the respective highest resolution shell.

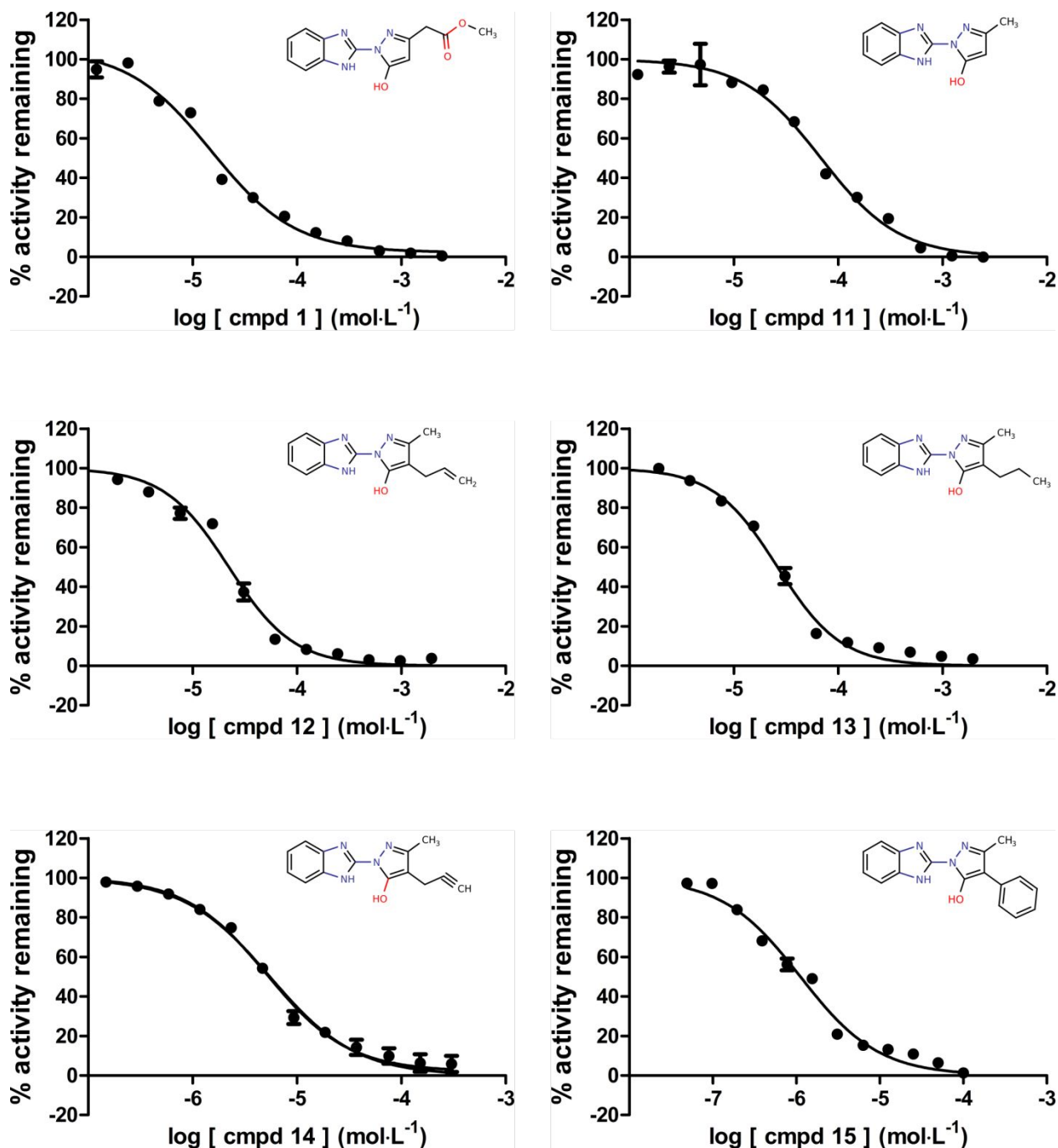




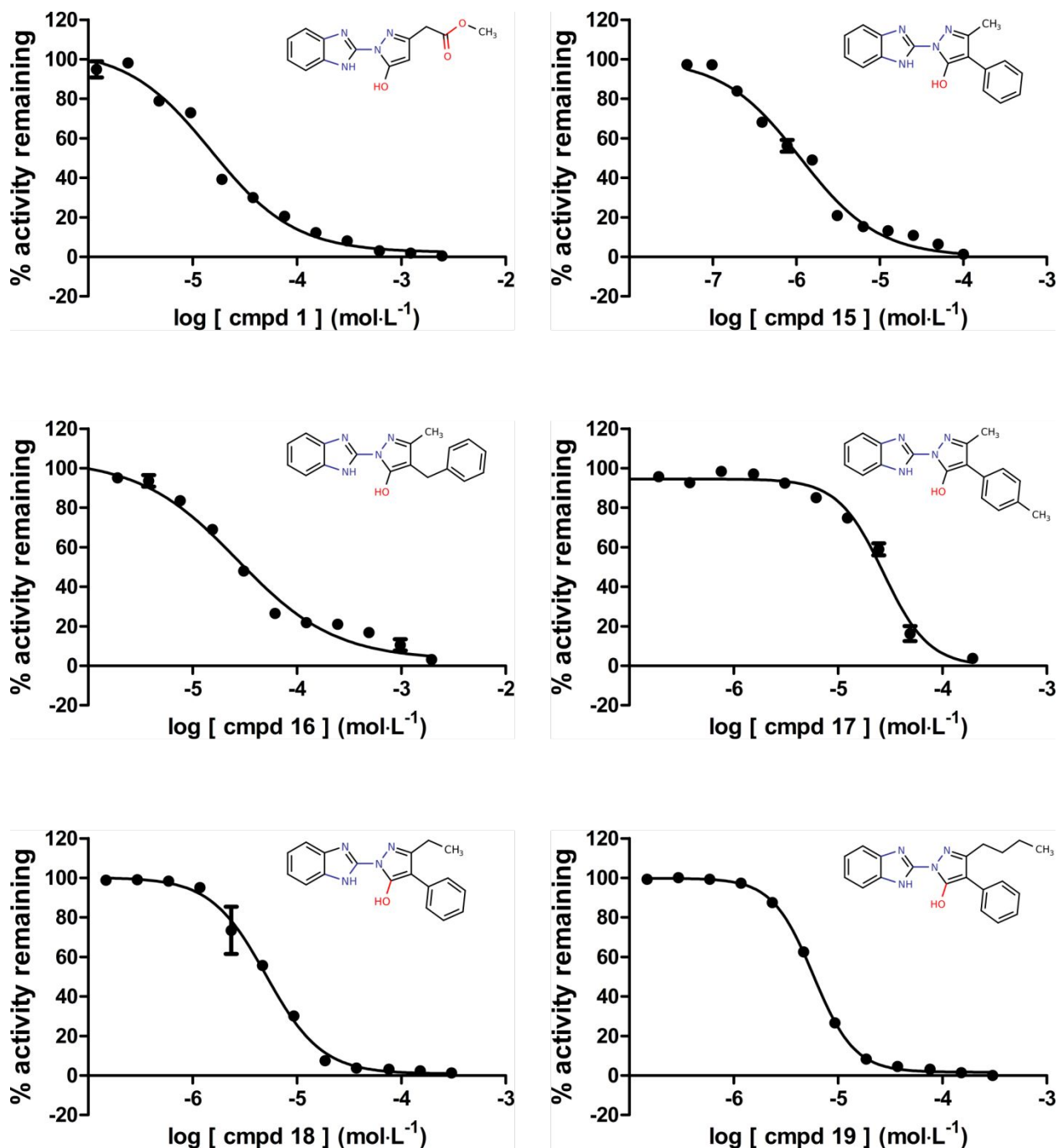
**Figure S1.** Inhibitory properties of selected KDM4 inhibitors, designed to assess H-bonding capacity within the KDM4E active site. Inhibition profiles resulting from FDH-based, KDM4E activity assays are depicted with best fit lines indicated using the log(inhibitor) vs. response -- Variable slope inhibition model in GraphPad Prism. The corresponding compound structures are depicted above each plot. Inhibitory profiles were assessed relative to data measured from the original HTS hit, compound **1** (top left panel).



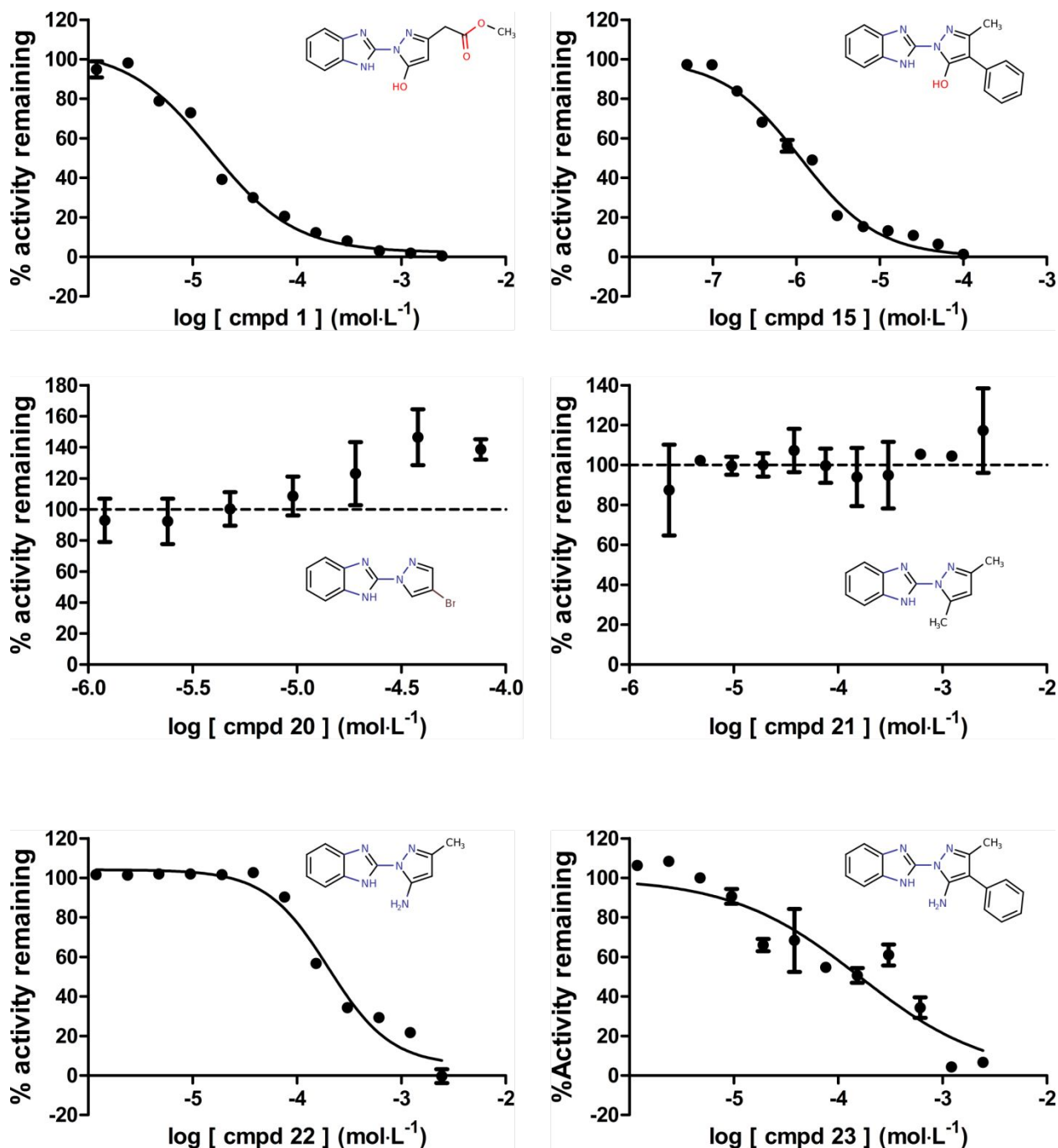
**Figure S2.** Inhibitory properties of selected KDM4 inhibitors, designed to assess substituted amine binding within the KDM4E active site. Inhibition profiles resulting from FDH-based, KDM4E activity assays are depicted with best fit lines indicated using the log(inhibitor) vs. response -- Variable slope inhibition model in GraphPad Prism. The corresponding compound structures are depicted above each plot. Inhibitory profiles were assessed relative to data measured from the original HTS hit, compound **1** (top left panel).



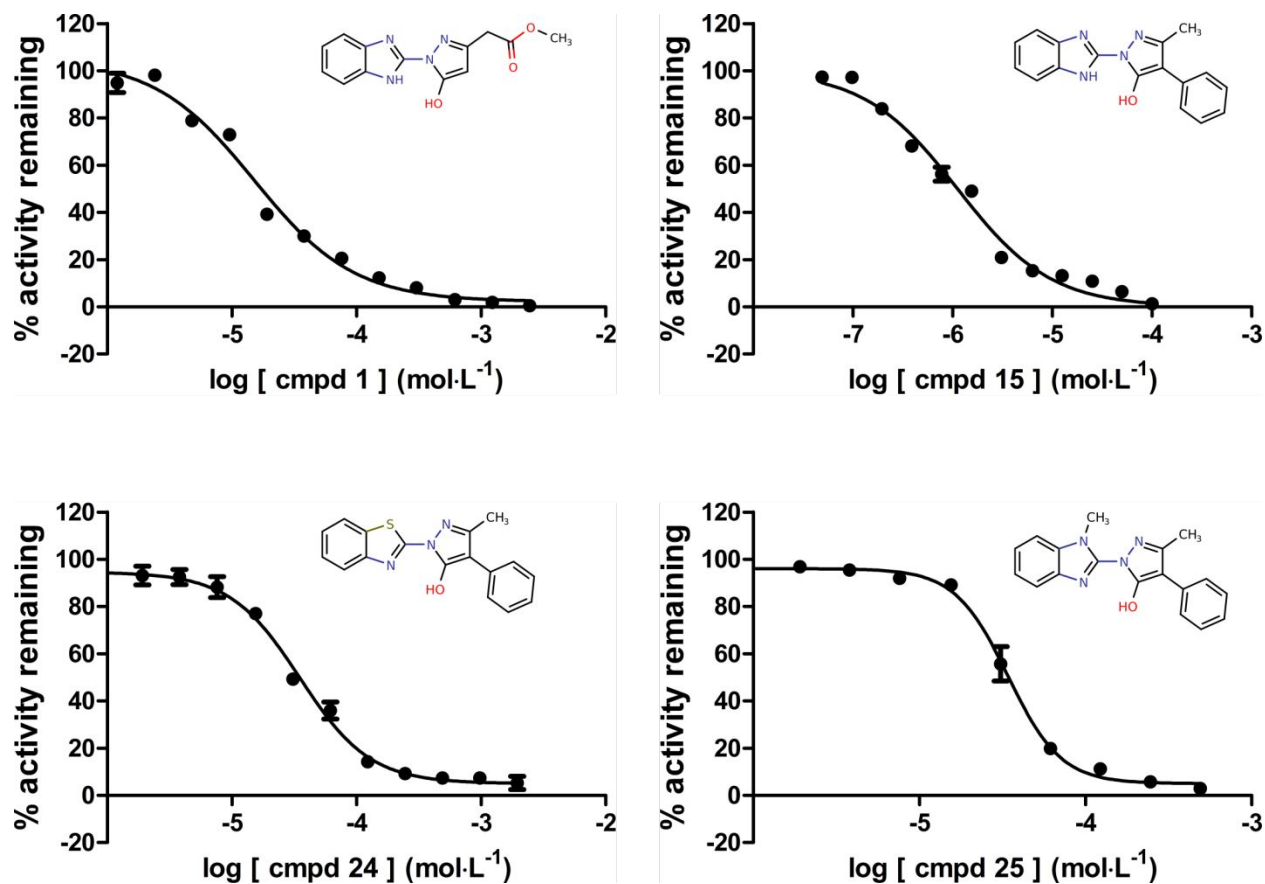
**Figure S3.** Inhibitory properties of selected KDM4 inhibitors, designed to assess inhibitor sidechain polarity at the R2 scaffold position. Inhibition profiles resulting from FDH-based, KDM4E activity assays are depicted with best fit lines indicated using the log(inhibitor) vs. response -- Variable slope inhibition model in GraphPad Prism. The corresponding compound structures are depicted above each plot. Inhibitory profiles were assessed relative to data measured from the original HTS hit, compound 1 (top left panel).



**Figure S4.** Inhibitory properties of selected KDM4 inhibitors, designed to further assess inhibitor sidechain polarity at R1 and R2 scaffold positions. Inhibition profiles resulting from FDH-based, KDM4E activity assays are depicted with best fit lines indicated using the log(inhibitor) vs. response -- Variable slope inhibition model in GraphPad Prism. The corresponding compound structures are depicted above each plot. Inhibitory profiles were assessed relative to data measured from the original HTS hit (compound **1**, top left) and the most potent inhibitor tested (compound **15**, top right).

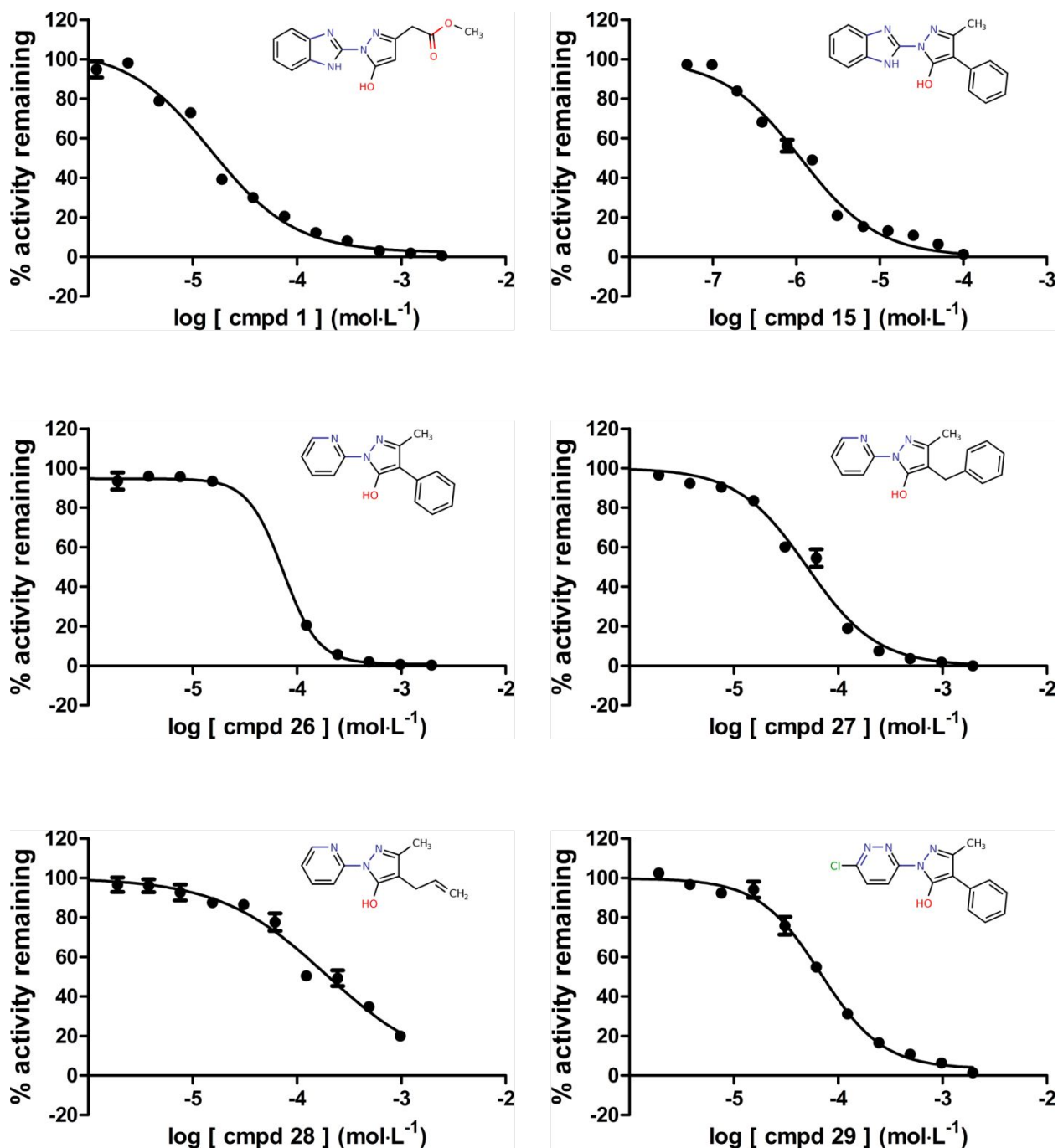


**Figure S5.** Inhibitory properties of focused KDM4 inhibitors, designed or selected to characterize substitutions of the pyrazole hydroxyl moiety. Inhibition profiles resulting from FDH-based, KDM4E activity assays are depicted with best fit lines indicated using the log(inhibitor) vs. response -- Variable slope inhibition model in GraphPad Prism. The corresponding compound structures are depicted within each panel. Inhibitory profiles were assessed relative to data measured from the original HTS hit (compound **1**, top left) and the most potent inhibitor tested (compound **15**, top right).

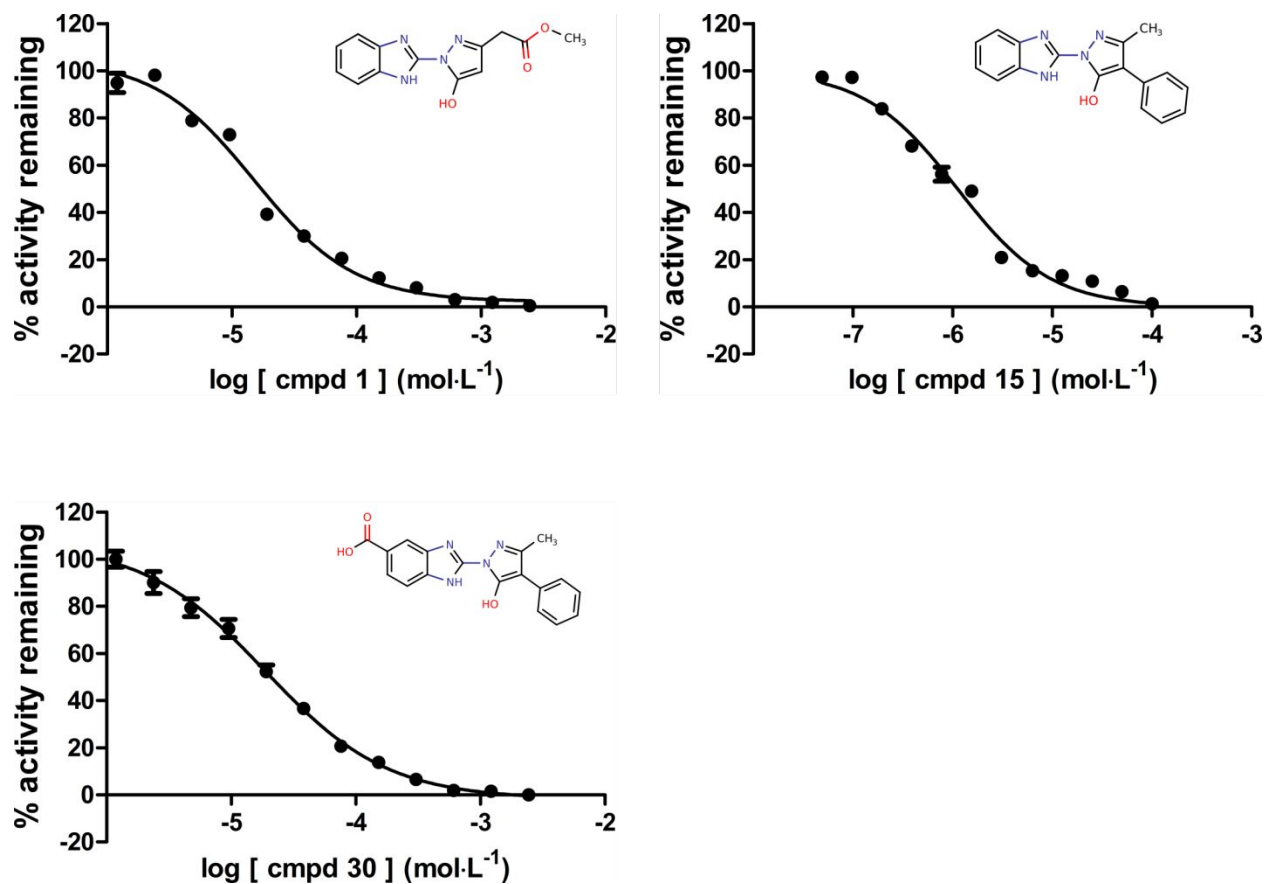


**Figure S6.** Inhibitory properties of selected KDM4 inhibitors, designed to assess the potential of active site Fe<sup>2+</sup> chelation via the scaffold's bidentate chelation motif. Inhibition profiles resulting from FDH-based, KDM4E activity assays are depicted with best fit lines indicated using the log(inhibitor) vs. response -- Variable slope inhibition model in GraphPad Prism. The corresponding compound structures are depicted within each panel. Inhibitory profiles were assessed relative to data measured from the original HTS hit (compound **1**, top left) and the most potent inhibitor tested (compound **15**, top right).



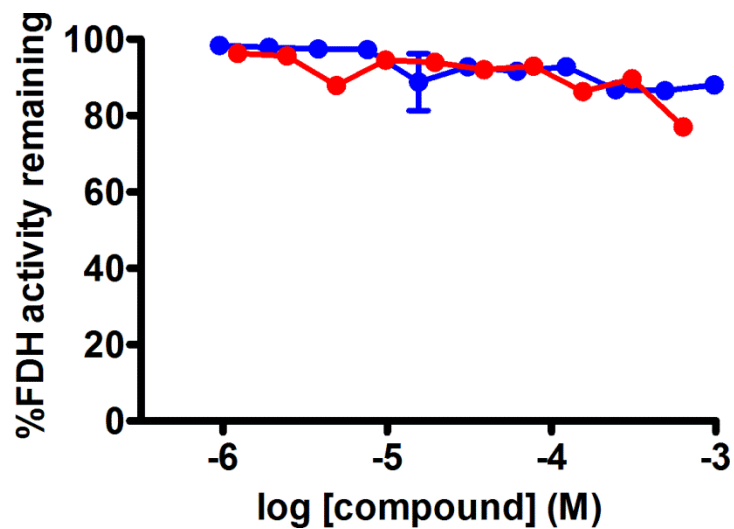


**Figure S7.** Inhibitory properties of selected KDM4 inhibitors, designed to assess the contribution of the scaffold's benzimidazole function towards inhibitory efficacy. Inhibition profiles resulting from FDH-based, KDM4E activity assays are depicted with best fit lines indicated using the log(inhibitor) vs. response -- Variable slope inhibition model in GraphPad Prism. The corresponding compound structures are depicted within each panel. Inhibitory profiles were assessed relative to data measured from the original HTS hit (compound **1**, top left) and the most potent inhibitor tested (compound **15**, top right).



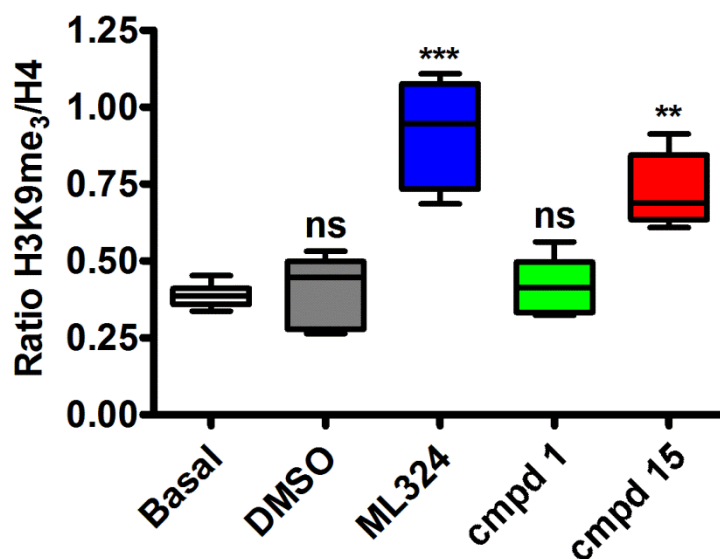
**Figure S8.** Inhibitory properties of selected KDM4 inhibitors, designed to assess the possibility to derivatize the scaffold's benzimidazole function. Inhibition profiles resulting from FDH-based, KDM4E activity assays are depicted with best fit lines indicated using the log(inhibitor) vs. response -- Variable slope inhibition model in GraphPad Prism. The corresponding compound structures are depicted within each panel. The inhibitory profile of **30** was assessed relative to data measured from the original HTS hit (compound **1**, top left) and the most potent inhibitor tested (compound **15**, top right).





**Figure S9.** Enhanced properties of a benzimidazole benzylpyrazole KDM4E inhibitor do not affect activity of the coupling enzyme, formaldehyde dehydrogenase. The activity of FDH is plotted above as a function of KDM4 inhibitor concentration. Data points in blue reflect the original HTS hit (compound **1** in the main text). Data points in red reflect the most potent KDM4 inhibitor tested (compound **15** in the main text).

## DU145 Cells



**Figure S10.** Compound **15** is active in cellular models of prostate cancer. Nucleosomal preparations from DU145 cells treated with membrane-permeable KDM4 inhibitors (ML324, blue; compound **15**, red) exhibit significantly higher levels of the H3K9me<sub>3</sub> epigenetic mark (normalized to a static histone H4 epitope), compared to untreated cells (white, labeled Basal), or to cells treated either with the non-permeable KDM4 inhibitor compound **1** (green), or with DMSO alone (grey). Statistical P values from t-tests were calculated relative to the signal arising from cells grown under basal conditions (for DMSO, ns = not significant), or relative to the signal arising from cells grown in the presence of DMSO (for ML324, \*\*\*P<0.0001; for compound **1**, ns = not significant; for compound **15**, \*\*P=0.0016).