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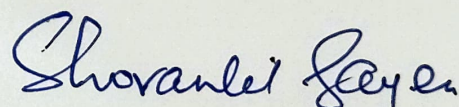
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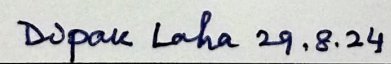
  
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## Preface

This thesis, titled "Development and Evaluation of a Classification-Based Binary-QSAR Model for Identifying Key Molecular Fingerprints in Histone Deacetylase 11 (HDAC11) Inhibition," represents the culmination of my research and studies towards the Master of Pharmacy degree. The field of drug discovery and development is continuously evolving, driven by the need to understand complex biological targets and develop effective therapeutic agents. HDAC11 has emerged as a significant target due to its role in the regulation of gene expression, cell cycle progression, and oncogenesis. Inhibition of HDAC11 holds promise for therapeutic applications in cancer and other diseases.

Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationship (QSAR) modeling is a pivotal tool in computational chemistry, allowing researchers to predict the biological activity of chemical compounds based on their molecular structures. The binary-QSAR model, a subset of QSAR, focuses on classifying compounds as active or inactive, thus aiding in the identification of potential drug candidates.

The objective of this research is to develop and evaluate a classification-based binary-QSAR model to explore and identify the essential molecular fingerprints responsible for HDAC11 inhibition. This work involves the integration of molecular modeling, and statistical analysis to derive a robust predictive model. By identifying key molecular features, this study aims to contribute valuable insights into the design of potent HDAC11 inhibitors.

The journey of this research has been both challenging and rewarding. It has deepened my understanding of computational drug discovery and provided me with the skills to handle complex data and derive meaningful conclusions. I am grateful for the guidance and support of my supervisors and seniors, the collaboration with my peers, and the encouragement from my family and friends. This thesis is a testament to the collective effort and dedication towards advancing the field of pharmaceutical sciences.

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# **Chapter 1: Introduction**



## Chapter 1: Introduction

A class of enzymes known as histone deacetylases (HDACs) regulates the acetylation status of both histones and non-histone proteins, which is important in regulating gene expression. Acetylation and deacetylation of histones are pivotal processes in chromatin remodeling, impacting the accessibility of transcriptional machinery to DNA and thereby influencing gene transcription (Kouzarides *et al.*, 2007). HDACs catalyze the removal of acetyl groups from lysine residues on histone tails, leading to a more condensed chromatin structure and transcriptional repression. Conversely, histone acetyltransferases (HATs) add acetyl groups, resulting in an open chromatin conformation and active transcription (Shogren-Knaak *et al.*, 2006; Shanmugam *et al.*, 2022).

The HDAC family is divided into four classes based on sequence homology and domain organization: Class I, Class II (subdivided into IIa and IIb), Class III (sirtuins), and Class IV. Class I HDACs (HDAC1, 2, 3, and 8) are primarily located in the nucleus and are involved in regulating cell cycle progression and differentiation. Class II HDACs (HDAC4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10) can shuttle between the nucleus and cytoplasm, and they play roles in tissue-specific functions and developmental processes. Class III HDACs (SIRT1-7), or sirtuins, are NAD<sup>+</sup>-dependent deacetylases involved in metabolic regulation, aging, and stress responses. Class IV is represented by a single member, HDAC11, which exhibits properties of both Class I and II enzymes and is the least characterized among the HDACs (Ruijter *et al.*, 2003; Witt *et al.*, 2009).

HDACs are implicated in a wide array of physiological processes, including cell proliferation, differentiation, apoptosis, and DNA repair (Hauer *et al.*, 2017). Dysregulation of HDAC activity is associated with various diseases, most notably cancer, where aberrant deacetylation can lead to the silencing of tumor suppressor genes and the activation of oncogenes. This has made HDACs attractive targets for therapeutic intervention (Pan *et al.*, 2012; Glozak *et al.*, 2009). Several HDAC inhibitors (HDACi), such as vorinostat, romidepsin, and panobinostat, have been developed and approved for the treatment of certain cancers, underscoring the therapeutic potential of targeting HDACs (West *et al.*, 2014; Moinul *et al.*, 2023).

Recent research has extended beyond cancer, exploring the role of HDACs in neurodegenerative diseases, cardiovascular disorders, and inflammatory conditions. For instance, HDAC inhibitors have shown promise in the treatment of Huntington's disease and

amyotrophic lateral sclerosis by promoting neuronal survival and reducing neuroinflammation. In cardiovascular diseases, HDAC inhibition can modulate cardiac hypertrophy and fibrosis, offering potential therapeutic benefits (Amin *et al.*, 2023; Yoon *et al.*, 2016; Sardar *et al.*, 2024; Bhattacharya *et al.*, 2023; Khatun *et al.*, 2024).

Despite the progress in understanding and targeting HDACs, challenges remain, particularly in achieving isoform selectivity to minimize side effects and enhance therapeutic efficacy. The development of isoform-selective HDAC inhibitors is a burgeoning area of research, focusing on elucidating the distinct biological functions and regulatory mechanisms of individual HDAC isoforms (Sardar *et al.*, 2024; Bhattacharya *et al.*, 2023; Khatun *et al.*, 2024; Khatun *et al.*, 2023; Balasubramanian *et al.*, 2009).

In this study, we have focused on HDAC11 which is the smallest and latest discovered only known HDAC enzyme that belongs to class IV (Gao *et al.*, 2002). Its encoding gene, which is an open reading frame with a 347-residue protein, is found on the human chromosome 3q25.1 (Cao *et al.*, 2019). It plays a crucial role in regulating gene expression through chromatin remodeling. It has been also demonstrated that HDAC11 is the first isozyme in the HDAC family to favour physiologically relevant acyl groups over acetyl groups. It effectively degrades long-chain acyl modifications on side chains of lysine. Strong lysine de-fatty acylase HDAC11 is found to function more than 10,000 times better than its deacetylase counterpart. HDAC11 is the most efficient fatty-acid deacetylase, with catalytic efficiencies towards dodecanoylated and myristoylated peptides of 77,700 and 149,000 M<sup>-1</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>, respectively (Kutil *et al.*, 2018; Sahakian *et al.*, 2017; Villagra *et al.*, 2009). HDAC11 has garnered significant interest in recent years due to its potential as a therapeutic target in various diseases, including cancer, neurodegenerative disorders, immunological diseases, metabolic diseases, and so on. Inhibiting HDAC11 can modulate the acetylation status of histones and non-histone proteins, thereby influencing key cellular processes such as proliferation, differentiation, and apoptosis (Woods *et al.*, 2017; Yanginlar *et al.*, 2018).

The development of HDAC11 inhibitors has become a focal point in drug discovery. However, identifying potent and selective inhibitors remains challenging due to the conserved nature of the active sites across the HDAC family and the absence of experimental structure. Therefore, there is a compelling need to develop computational models that can accurately predict HDAC11 inhibition and guide the design of selective inhibitors (Khatun *et al.*, 2024).

Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationship (QSAR) models have been instrumental in the drug discovery process by establishing a relationship between the chemical structure of

compounds and their biological activity (Tropsha *et al.*, 2010). Among the various types of QSAR models, classification-based binary-QSAR models are particularly useful when the primary interest is in distinguishing between *active* and *inactive* compounds (Ahamed *et al.*, 2018). These models employ Bayesian classification, Recursive partitioning, SARpy analysis, and different machine learning (ML) algorithms to identify molecular fingerprints, and specific structural features that are crucial for biological activity.

We aim to develop and evaluate a classification-based binary-QSAR model to identify key molecular fingerprints associated with HDAC11 inhibition. This study will leverage a comprehensive dataset of known/unknown HDAC11 inhibitors and non-inhibitors, applying advanced feature selection techniques to extract relevant molecular fragments, decision trees, and descriptors. By employing classification-based QSAR methods, we will construct a robust predictive model that can accurately classify compounds based on their potential to inhibit HDAC11 (Amin *et al.*, 2022).

The primary objectives of this research are to compile a dataset of HDAC11 inhibitors and non-inhibitors from databases and literature sources, ensuring data quality and relevance; removing duplicates from the dataset; and balancing the dataset in a justified manner. Subsequently, in the case of Bayesian classification and Recursive partitioning, constructing a predictive model and evaluating the performance of the developed models using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and receiver operating characteristic curve (ROC); will generate relevant good/bad molecular fragments, and decision trees which will be crucial for identifying inhibitors from non-inhibitors (Sardar *et al.*, 2024; Bhattacharya *et al.*, 2023).

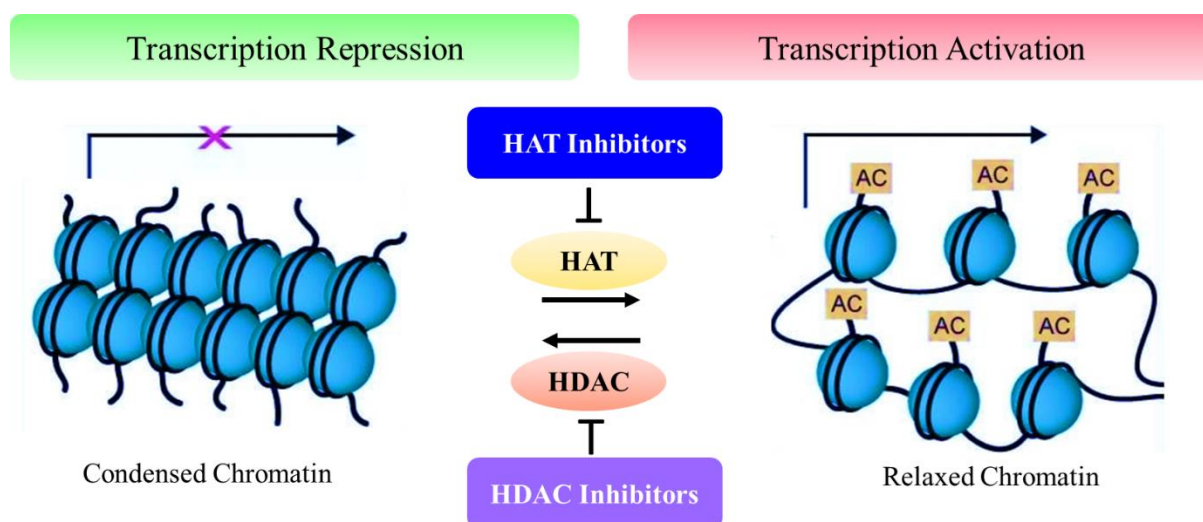
Moreover in the case of ML algorithms, utilizing genetic algorithms and other feature selection methods to identify the most relevant molecular descriptors that contribute to HDAC11 inhibition; to implement various classification algorithms, including Random Forest Classifier (RFC), Support Vector Classifier (SVC), Logistic Regression (LR) and Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA), to build predictive models; to assess the performance of the developed models using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUC-ROC); and to analyze the models to extract and interpret the key molecular fingerprints that are critical for HDAC11 inhibition (Banerjee *et al.*, 2023).

The successful development of a reliable binary-QSAR model will provide valuable insights into the structural requirements for HDAC11 inhibition, facilitating the design of novel inhibitors with improved potency and selectivity. This approach not only enhances our understanding of HDAC11 biology but also accelerates the drug discovery process for therapeutic interventions targeting HDAC11.



## 1.1 Mechanism of action of HDAC11

The mode of action of HDAC11 is similar to that of other HDAC isoforms. Interestingly, research on chromatin remodeling by histone deacetylation has gained traction during the past few decades. Histone acetyltransferases (HAT) and histone deacetylases (HDAC) are two enzymes that balance the acetylation (relaxed chromatin) and deacetylation (condensed chromatin) of histones (**Figure 1**). HDACs remove the acetyl group from the  $\epsilon$ -NH<sub>2</sub> group of lysine residues in proteins, while HATs primarily catalyze the transfer of an acetyl group from acetyl-CoA to the lysine residue's  $\epsilon$ -NH<sub>2</sub> group (Liu *et al.*, 2009). One important epigenetic alteration that alters the chromatin architecture and controls gene expression by opening or shutting the chromatin structure is histone acetylation. The nucleosomes found in chromatin are made up of an octamer with four histone cores (H2A, H2B, H3, and H4) encircled by 146 base pairs of DNA. The  $\epsilon$  amino groups present in the N-terminal of lysine residues are the site of acetylation, which aids in transcription factor binding. It weakens the bond that holds DNA and core nucleosome proteins together. Consequently, this increases accessibility to the transcription factor binding sites (Ruijter *et al.*, 2003). But according to Jenke *et al.*, these HDACs also deacetylate several non-histone proteins such p53, c-Myc, NF- $\kappa$ B, and E2F (Jenke *et al.*, 2021).



**Figure 1:** Mode of action of HAT and HDAC protein

## 1.2 Location of HDAC11

HDAC11 is localized in both the cytoplasm and the nucleus. Unlike some other HDACs, it does not exhibit a preference for either site, and it dynamically shuttles between these

compartments, similar to other class II HDACs (Tiwari *et al.*, 2014; Schlüter *et al.*, 2019). In freshly isolated, unstimulated T regulatory cells, HDAC11 is present in both the nucleus and cytoplasm. However, upon activation of these cells, HDAC11 predominantly localizes in the nucleus (Cheng *et al.*, 2014). In retinal ganglion cells (RGC), HDAC11 also shows both nuclear and cytoplasmic distribution, but it is expelled from the nucleus in response to excitotoxicity induced by N-Methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptors (Joshi *et al.*, 2013). In adult neurons, RGCs, macrophages, and human T regulatory cells, HDAC11 is evenly distributed across the cytoplasm and nucleus (Tiwari *et al.*, 2014; Schlüter *et al.*, 2019; Cheng *et al.*, 2014; Joshi *et al.*, 2013; Takase *et al.*, 2013).

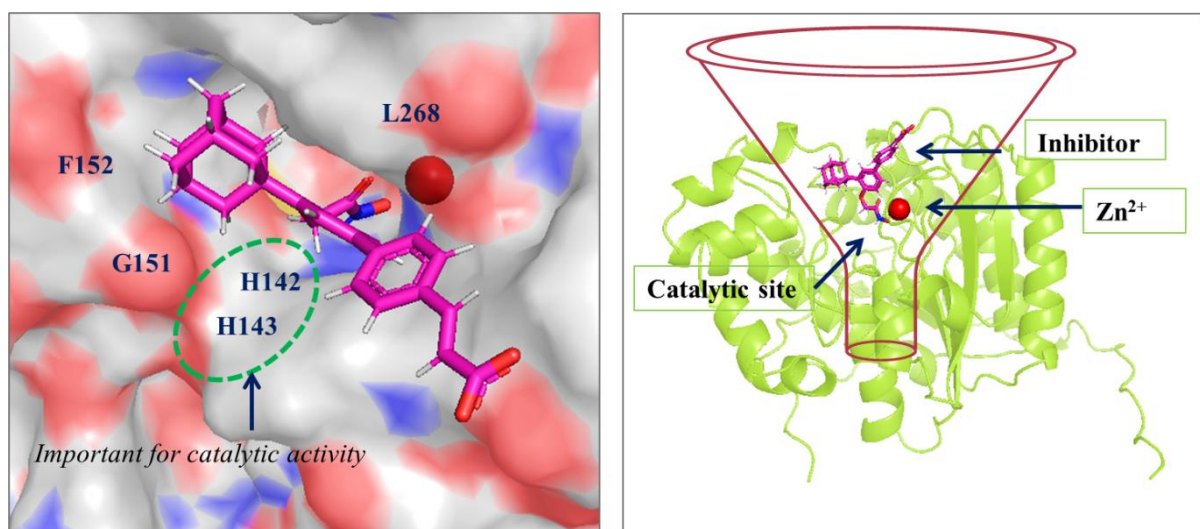
Additionally, the interactions of HDAC11 provide substantial evidence that it may play a role in regulating the cohesin complex and other cell cycle-related processes. Interestingly, HDAC11 is found in the perinuclear region of T regulatory cells, which aligns with its interaction with the survival of motor neuron (SMN) complexes, responsible for the assembly of the spliceosome. This positioning suggests a potential role in coordinating activities crucial for cell function and survival (Joshi *et al.*, 2013). HDAC11 has been identified in specific subcellular locations in various studies. These locations include the cytoplasm of quiescent CD4<sup>+</sup> cells, maturing oligodendrocytes, retinal pigmented cells, and neurons in the anterior cingulate cortex (Gao *et al.*, 2002; Host *et al.*, 2011; Hurtado *et al.*, 2021; Keedy *et al.*, 2009; Liu *et al.*, 2008). Additionally, HDAC11 is notably abundant in brain synapses and mitochondria-rich skeletal muscle cells. The localization of HDAC11 varies across different systems. For example, HDAC11 is mostly located in the cytoplasm of mature cells and the progenitors of embryonic astrocytes, but it is also equally present in the cytoplasm and nucleus of immature oligodendrocytes (Tiwari *et al.*, 2014).

### **1.3 Structural insights and the Catalytic domain of HDAC11**

The HDAC11 protein consists of conserved residues within the catalytic key regions used by mammalian class I and II HDACs (Gao *et al.*, 2002). While the deacetylase function and structure of HDAC11 for each domain remain to be determined, they have been accurately modeled with the help of the resolved structure of HDAC8 (Gao *et al.*, 2002). The key characteristics of HDAC11's catalytic site are a conserved funnel-like channel outline that can accommodate a reformed lysine residue; a uniform catalytic residue at the base of the funnel; and four loops at the opening of the funnel, varying in length and shape, that interact with protein regions and may be involved in substrate identification (Hurtado *et al.*, 2021; Bryant *et al.*, 2017). Histidine residues 142 and 143 are crucial for the enzymatic activity of HDAC11,

specifically in catalyzing the hydrolysis of acyl groups within the catalytic region (**Figure 2**). These residues are among the invariant amino acids essential for this function. Research indicates that HDAC11 is more similar to class I HDACs than to class II, suggesting that HDAC11 may possess the full deacetylase activity characteristic of class I HDACs (Thangapandian *et al.*, 2012; Woods *et al.*, 2017).

Homology models of HDAC11, developed by Thangapandian *et al.* were aligned with the structure of HDAC8 to compare the dimensions of their catalytic tunnels. The analysis revealed that both HDAC8 and HDAC11 feature tunnels that are generally deep and narrow



**Figure 2:** The alpha model of HDAC11 provides structural insights into the catalytic region of the enzyme.

from the top to the bottom, containing a charge relay system and divalent  $Zn^{2+}$  ions necessary for catalytic activity (Thangapandian *et al.*, 2012). Kutil *et al.* noted that a narrow channel, extending from the surface of the protein to the zinc-dependent catalytic site, accommodates the lysine side chain of the substrate. This narrow channel branches into lateral and vertical internal tunnels. These tunnels are capable of accommodating substrates with long aliphatic fatty acid chains. The lateral tunnel, also known as the "foot pocket" in HDAC8, is thought to act as an escape pathway for unbound acetate and can be occupied by acyl groups from the substrates. Therefore, HDAC11, similar to HDAC8 and class I HDACs, has a deep lateral pocket, indicating a catalytic mechanism akin to that of HDAC8 (Kutil *et al.*, 2018).

## 1.4 Understanding the Functionality and Growing Importance of HDAC11

HDAC11 stands out among other HDACs due to its unique enzymatic activity, specifically targeting lysine residues' fatty acid modifications. This specialization differentiates HDAC11 from other HDACs that are involved in the deacetylation of histone and non-histone proteins, establishing it as a distinct entity in the realm of epigenetic regulation, expanding the substrate scope of HDACs beyond traditional acetyl lysine hydrolysis (Núñez-Álvarez *et al.*, 2022).

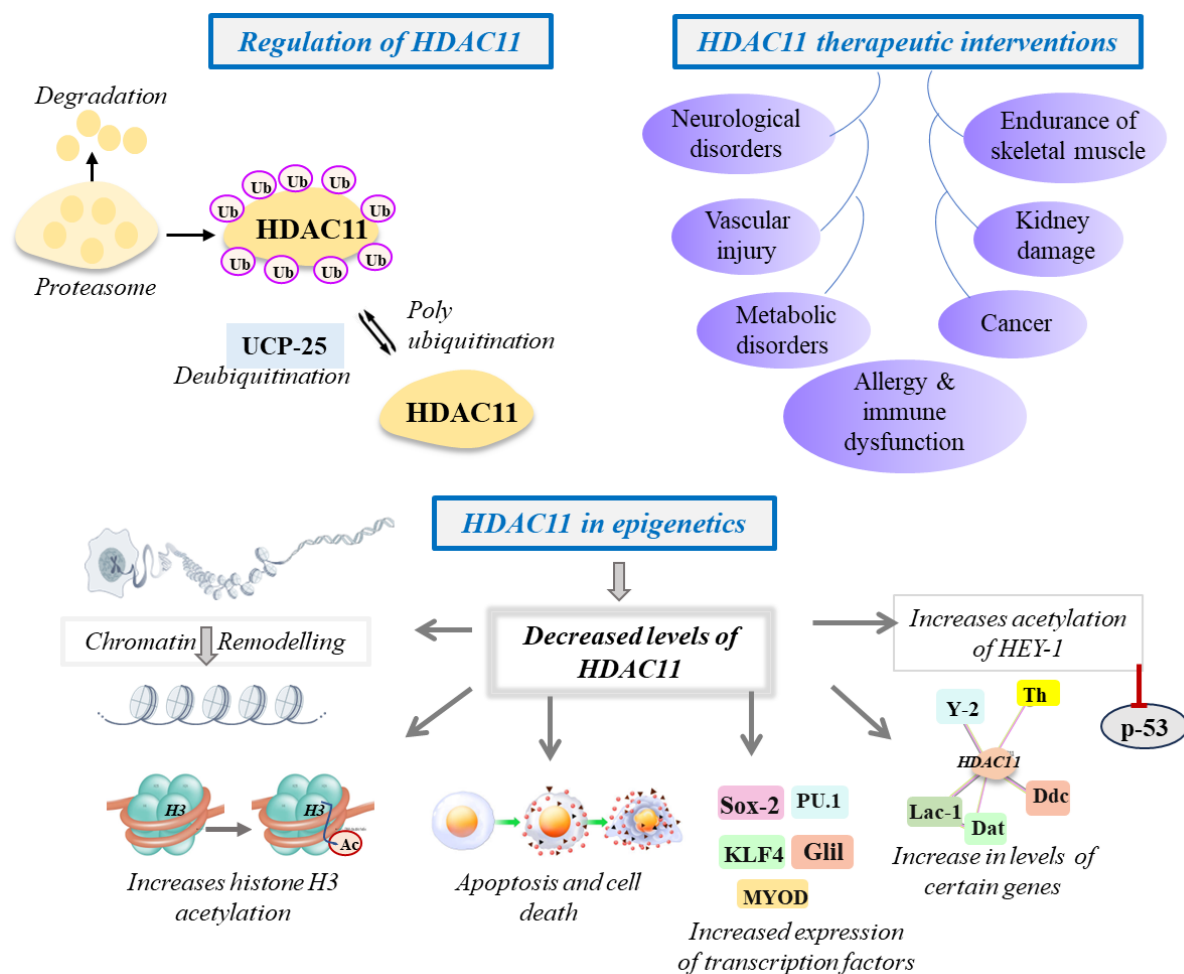
HDAC11 plays distinct roles in the myeloid compartment, particularly within neutrophils. In antigen-presenting myeloid cells, HDAC11 negatively regulates the production of interleukin-10 (IL-10) by promoting histone deacetylation and binding to the IL-10 promoter, thereby influencing immune system activation (Li *et al.*, 2016). In neutrophils, HDAC11 is upregulated during differentiation and maturation but inversely correlates with functional activity (Sahakian *et al.*, 2016). It also influences cytokine and chemokine biology in neutrophils, making HDAC11 a potential target for diseases involving these cells. Furthermore, HDAC11 regulates RNA splicing and immune cell functions, including those of neutrophils, T cells, regulatory T cells, and antigen-presenting cells (Sahakian *et al.*, 2017; Villagra *et al.*, 2009; Woods *et al.*, 2017).

HDAC11 is highly expressed in the rat brain, suggesting its significance in neurological functions (Broide *et al.*, 2007). Research indicates that inhibiting HDAC11 may be beneficial for treating conditions such as multiple sclerosis, obesity, and cancer (Ho *et al.*, 2023). In breast cancer cells, HDAC11 affects gene expression and interacts with the promoter of the adrenodoxin reductase tumor suppressor gene ARH1 (Feng *et al.*, 2007; Tao *et al.*, 2007). Additionally, HDAC11 inhibits hepatitis B virus (HBV) replication by reducing H3 acetylation on covalently closed circular DNA (ccDNA) minichromosomes (Yuan *et al.*, 2019).

In oligodendrocytes, HDAC11 regulates maturation by modulating H3K9 and H3K14 acetylation on the proteolipid protein (Plp) and myelin basic protein (Mbp) genes (Liu *et al.*, 2009). In vitamin D-deficient intestinal epithelial cells, HDAC11 binds to promoters of tight junction proteins, reducing H3/H4 acetylation ratios and inhibiting gene transcription. HDAC11 is also associated with transcription factors such as TBX2, TBET, and EOMES in non-activated T cells, suppressing T-cell effector functions (Woods *et al.*, 2017). HDAC11's role extends to cell-specific transcription factors like KLF4, PU.1, GLI1, and MYOD, and it interacts with bromodomain-containing protein BRD2 (**Figure 3**). These interactions highlight



the potential therapeutic applications of HDAC11 inhibition for various conditions, including metabolic disorders, cancers, and inflammatory diseases (Bagchi *et al.*, 2018; Todd *et al.*, 2010; Chen *et al.*, 2022; Chen *et al.*, 2020). Although no specific HDAC11 inhibitors are currently approved, several naturally derived and synthetic inhibitors have shown promising preclinical therapeutic effects (Dallavalle *et al.*, 2022; Son *et al.*, 2020). Ongoing research continues to focus on developing specific HDAC11 inhibitors for disease treatment.



**Figure 3:** HDAC11 regulation and its involvement in epigenetics, as well as therapeutic treatments that target HDAC11. SOX-2 (SRY-box transcription factor 2), PU.1 (Polyomavirus enhancer-binding protein 2 alpha 1), GLI1 (glioma-associated oncogene family zinc finger-1), KLF4 (Krüppel-like factor 4), MYOD (myoblast determination protein 1), UCP-25 (uncoupling protein-25), HEY-1 (Hes Related Family BHLH transcription factor with YRPW motif 1), and DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid).

## 1.5 The Role of HDAC11 in Epigenetic Regulation

HDAC11 is expressed in particular tissues, including the brain, heart, testis, kidney, skeletal muscle, and gallbladder (Gao *et al.*, 2002; Núñez-Álvarez *et al.*, 2021; Boltz *et al.*, 2019). It

plays a vital role in epigenetic regulation by deacetylating both histone and non-histone proteins, thereby influencing the acetylation status of various proteins involved in transcriptional regulation and cell cycle control. In breast cancer cells, HDAC11 deacetylates transcription factors such as E2F1 and E2F4, affecting their function and expression levels, and thereby contributing to cancer progression. HDAC11 also deacetylates CDT1, promoting its proteasomal degradation and removing acetylation protection against ubiquitination (Feng *et al.*, 2007; Tao *et al.*, 2007). Additionally, HDAC11 decreases the acetylation of BubR1 without altering its protein levels, and this interaction occurs at the centrosome alongside HDAC6. In vitro experiments have shown that HDAC11-mediated deacetylation can inactivate BubR1 and enhance dendritic growth (Lozada *et al.*, 2016; Watanabe *et al.*, 2014).

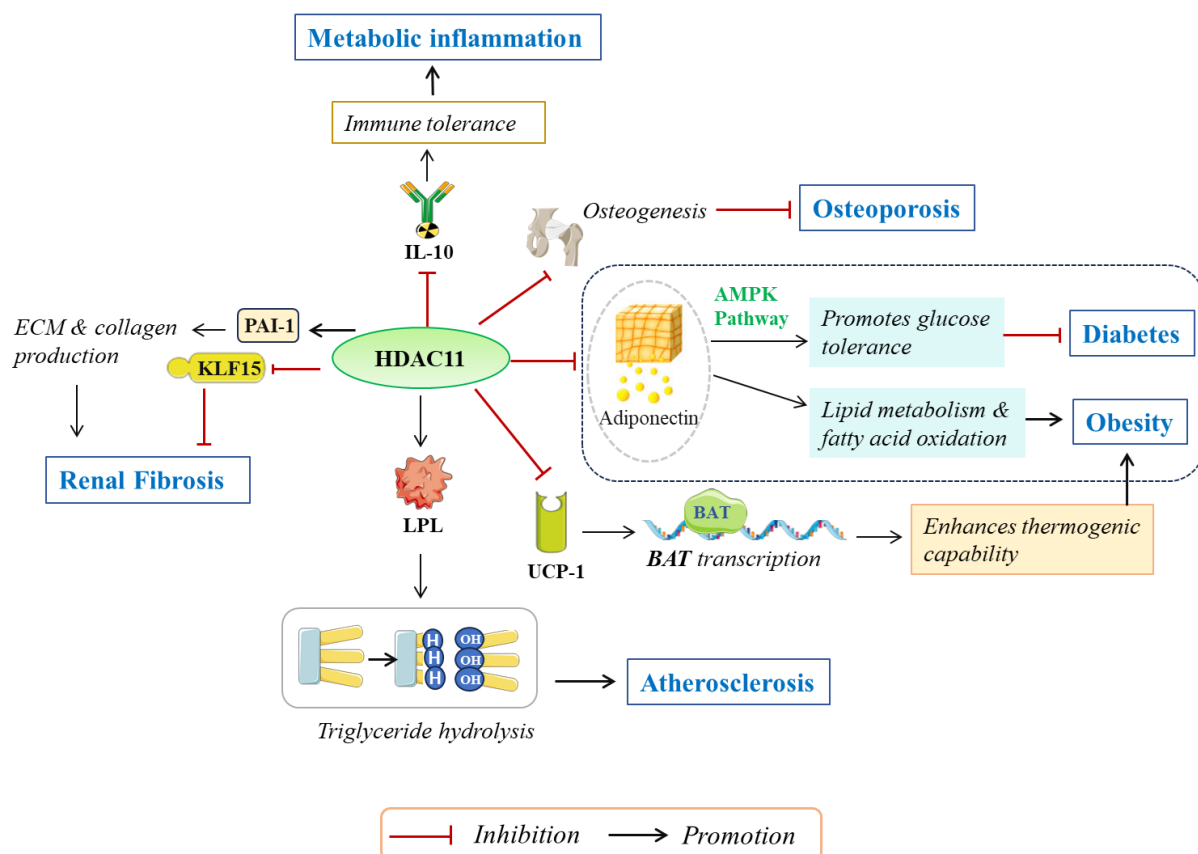
HDAC11 is crucial for various biological traits such as migration, apoptosis, stemness, immune evasion, and cell invasion, all contributing to tumor growth and metastasis. Its overexpression in cancer is linked to the regulation of cell proliferation, differentiation, immune evasion, and treatment resistance (Liu *et al.*, 2023). HDAC11 depletion can double the acetylation levels of histone H3 at lysine residues 9 and 14 (H3K9/K14ac) in cells like oligodendrocytes compared to non-depleted cells (Liu *et al.*, 2009). Conversely, HDAC11 overexpression reduces acetylation on histone H3 at lysine residue 27 (H3K27ac) and decreases chromatin accessibility in retinal-pigmented cells (Wang *et al.*, 2018). The extent of histone acetylation is modulated by either the downregulation or overexpression of HDAC11. Interleukin-10 (IL-10) is the first known epigenetic target of HDAC11, which acts as a transcriptional repressor of IL-10 production by influencing H3/H4 acetylation levels at the IL-10 promoter and regulating immune system activation in antigen-presenting cells (APCs) (Villagra *et al.*, 2009).

## **1.6 Different Physiological Roles of HDAC11**

HDAC11 plays a vital biological role in almost all systems in the human body and is recognized as a crucial regulator of cellular functions. It is notably expressed in the brain, kidneys, heart, and testis. HDAC11 is implicated in the development of numerous metabolic diseases, such as diabetes and obesity, and in the regulation of several immune cells, including T-cells and neutrophils. Additionally, it is associated with cardiovascular disease, chronic kidney disease, CNS-related disorders, and cancer. HDAC11 is among the top 1–4% of overexpressed genes in cancers like breast cancer and hepatocellular carcinoma. This section provides an overview of the latest research on the role and mechanisms of HDAC11 in the regulation of these various diseases.

### 1.6.1 Renal and Metabolic disorders

In today's world, metabolic illnesses such as obesity, hypertension, type II diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, and polycystic ovarian syndrome pose significant health risks (<https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/metabolic-syndrome/causes>). The primary contributors to metabolic syndrome include overweight and obesity, which elevate blood pressure, low-density lipoprotein (LDL), triglycerides, and high-density lipoprotein (HDL) levels (Yang *et al.*, 2021). Additionally, obesity is linked to chronic metabolic inflammation and abnormal adipocyte growth and function. HDAC11 plays a crucial role in combating obesity by modulating the immune response; normal or high levels of HDAC11 activity can stimulate this response, while inhibition of HDAC11 increases IL-10 expression and affects metabolic inflammation. HDAC11 is also vital for regulating cell division, proliferation, migration, glucose homeostasis, and insulin sensitivity (**Figure 4**) (Villagra *et al.*, 2009).



**Figure 4:** HDAC11's function in metabolic diseases. Histone deacetylase 11, PAI-1 (plasminogen agonist inhibitor type 1), KLF15 (Krugppel-like factor 15), IL-10 (interleukin-10), BAT (brown adipose tissue), LPL (lipoprotein lipase), UCP1 (uncoupling protein 1), and AMPK (AMP-activated protein kinase) are some of the proteins involved in this pathway.

However, some research suggests that depleting HDAC11 can significantly reduce liver fat and damage, while improving insulin sensitivity, lowering cholesterol levels, and enhancing glucose tolerance (Sun *et al.*, 2018). Significantly, lacking HDAC11 leads to a marked increase in metabolic rate and oxygen consumption, which boosts energy expenditure and fat oxidation (Bagchi *et al.*, 2018). Sun *et al.* found that the increase in uncoupling protein 1 (UCP1) expression and activity in brown adipose tissue due to HDAC11 deficiency enhances energy expenditure through improved thermogenesis. Moreover, HDAC11 deletion activates the adiponectin-AdipoR-activated protein kinase (AMPK) pathway in the liver, potentially reversing hepatosteatosis. Consequently, HDAC11 is recognized as a novel regulator of obesity with promising therapeutic implications for obesity-related diseases (Sun *et al.*, 2018).

Fan *et al.* highlighted the role of HDAC11 in maintaining healthy body weight and preventing lipid accumulation in diabetic hearts and adipose tissues. In a diabetic heart failure mouse model, reduced levels of HDAC11 led to oxidative stress, inflammation, decreased apoptosis, and dyslipidemia. This suggests that inhibiting HDAC11 expression might prevent or mitigate diabetes-associated cardiomyopathy. Furthermore, renal fibrosis, characterized by increased myofibroblast proliferation, inflammatory infiltrates, migration, and extracellular matrix proteins, is a poor prognostic indicator in chronic kidney disease. Among the HDACs, only HDAC11 has been shown to suppress PAI-1 (plasminogen activator inhibitor type 1) expression in kidneys subjected to ischemia-reperfusion (I/R) injury, particularly in gender-specific kidney models, and in monocytes and macrophages stimulated with lipopolysaccharide (LPS). Orchiectomy prevented the release of HDAC11 induced by ischemia-reperfusion (I/R) injury, while dihydrotestosterone therapy restored its levels. This suggests that reductions in HDAC11 binding and expression due to I/R injury are influenced by male gender and hormones, leading to increased PAI-1 expression (Fan *et al.*, 2018; Kim *et al.*, 2013; Mrug Kim *et al.*, 2013).

Mao *et al.* explored various models of renal fibrosis, finding that HDAC11 expression was elevated in the kidneys. In cultured renal tubular epithelial cells (RTECs), treatment with angiotensin II (Ang II) also increased HDAC11 levels. Additionally, inhibiting HDAC11 with quisinostat or siRNA reduced the Ang II-induced fibrogenic response in these cells. The interaction between HDAC11 and activator protein 2 alpha (AP-2 $\alpha$ ) was found to suppress the transcription of Kruppel-like factor 15 (KLF15). Consequently, Ang II promoted fibrogenesis in RTECs by counteracting the effects of HDAC11 inhibition or depletion through KLF15

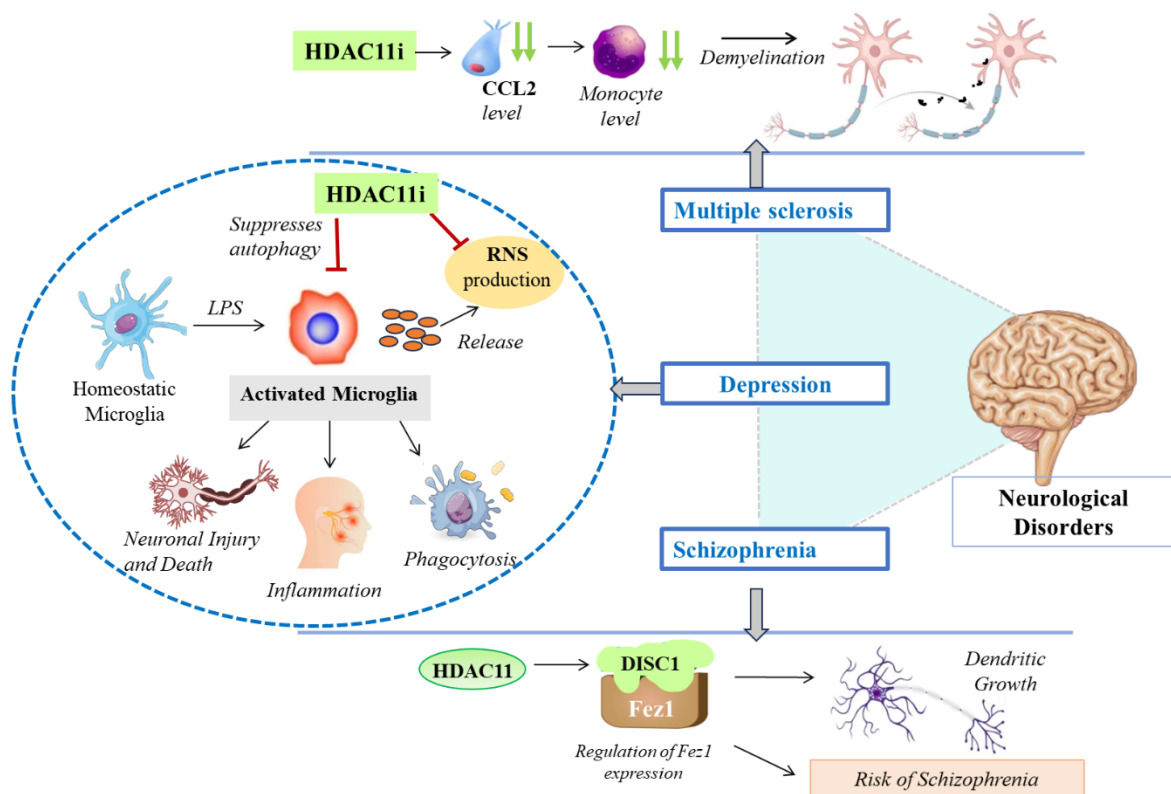
knockdown. This led to the identification of a critical AP-2 $\alpha$ -HDAC11-KLF15 pathway involved in renal fibrosis (Mao *et al.*, 2020).

### 1.6.2 Neurological diseases

Epigenetic alterations, such as histone acetylation, are essential for normal brain function. HDAC11 is predominantly expressed in the brain and some other tissues in the human body. At the cellular level, the HDAC11 protein is primarily located in the cell nuclei of mature oligodendrocytes, with a lesser presence in astrocytes (Liu *et al.*, 2008). The acetylation of histone core proteins decreases as neural cells in the CNS grow. Consequently, using RNA interference to inhibit HDAC11 expression enhances histone H3 acetylation in an oligodendroglial cell line (Liu *et al.*, 2008). Additionally, HDAC11 is considered a potential therapeutic target for mental conditions, including depression, Parkinson's disease, and schizophrenia, due to its role in neuronal differentiation. It is also relevant in the treatment of malignant hematopoiesis and myeloproliferative neoplasms (Baek *et al.*, 2023; Kumar *et al.*, 2022; Sun *et al.*, 2018). Some studies suggest that the removal of HDAC11 leads to a significant decrease in chemokine C–C motif ligand 2 (CCL2) levels. This reduction is associated with a lower number of monocytes and dendritic cells infiltrating the spinal cords of animals with experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis (EAE), aiding in the treatment of CNS demyelinating diseases (**Figure 5**) (Baek *et al.*, 2023; Kumar *et al.*, 2022; Sun *et al.*, 2018).

Baek *et al.* achieved a revolutionary discovery by pharmacologically controlling HDAC11, which induces autophagy and balances reactive nitrogen species in microglia. This discovery suggests a new therapeutic approach for depressive conditions and an anti-inflammatory strategy for brain disorders involving microglia (Baek *et al.*, 2023). Jagielska *et al.* found that during the development of oligodendrocytes, HDAC11 decreases histone 3 acetylation and promotes the transcription of the Mbp and Plp genes (Jagielska *et al.*, 2017). He *et al.* demonstrated that HDAC11 affects the expression of the human microRNA hsa-miR-4639-5p, which could potentially serve as both a diagnostic tool and a treatment option for Parkinson's disease (He *et al.*, 2017). Additionally, Bryant *et al.* observed decreased expression of the schizophrenia-associated gene FEZ1 in differentiating brain cells. Since FEZ1 interacts with DISC1, it is associated with the risk of schizophrenia and the dendritic development of neurons (Bryant *et al.*, 2017).





**Figure 5:** HDAC11's function in neurological conditions. FEZ1, fasciculation and elongation protein zeta 1; DISC1, disturbed in schizophrenia 1; LPS, lipopolysaccharides; RNS, reactive nitrogen species; CCL2, chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 2.

### 1.6.3 Functions of Immune system

HDAC11 acts as a negative regulator of IL-10 gene expression. IL-10 is an anti-inflammatory cytokine that modulates macrophages and dendritic cells, while also controlling the production of pro-inflammatory cytokines (Sahakian *et al.*, 2015). It prevents the differentiation of dendritic cells from monocyte precursors and limits macrophages' ability to combat intracellular infections by inhibiting TNF (tumor necrosis factor) production (Bryant *et al.*, 2017; Sahakian *et al.*, 2015; Kumar *et al.*, 2022). Recent studies have shown that HDAC11 negatively affects the phenotype and function of T-cells and neutrophils. HDAC11-deficient myeloid-derived suppressor cells displayed increased inhibitory activity against CD8<sup>+</sup> T-cells (Chen *et al.*, 2021). Additionally, lactate from *Staphylococcus aureus* biofilms inhibits HDAC11, enhancing IL-10 transcription through unchecked HDAC6 activity, which promotes the anti-inflammatory properties of macrophages and myeloid-derived suppressor cells (Heim *et al.*, 2020).

Emerging evidence suggests that HDAC11 could be an inflammatory biomarker in Huntington's disease (Kumar *et al.*, 2022), as it directly suppresses IL-10 production, leading

to inflammation and disease progression (Shao *et al.*, 2018). In Parkinson's disease, hyperimmune activation, characterized by elevated IL-10 gene expression, promotes neuronal loss through the activation and release of CD4<sup>+</sup> and T-cells (Kumar *et al.*, 2022). Overexpression of HDAC11 lowers IL-10 production, which boosts the functioning of inflammatory antigen-presenting cells, potentially activating naïve T cells and increasing the responsiveness of tolerant CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells (Kumar *et al.*, 2022; Villagra *et al.*, 2009).

HDAC11 plays a dual role in neutrophil biology: it increases as neutrophils mature, and a decrease in HDAC11 correlates with neutrophil functional activity (Sahakian *et al.*, 2017). TNF upregulates HDAC11 expression in B cells, inhibiting IL-10 synthesis and contributing to allergic rhinitis (Shao *et al.*, 2018). Nasal polyp development is mediated by IL-4, which also suppresses IL-10 production in dendritic cells by modulating HDAC11 (Luo *et al.*, 2017). In Hodgkin's lymphoma (HL) cell lines, HDAC inhibitors increased OX40 ligand (OX40L) surface expression in a dose-dependent manner. Suppressing HDAC11 transcripts elevated TNF- and IL-17 production in HL cell supernatants. Furthermore, OX40L produced by HDAC11 suppressed Type-1 T-regulatory (Treg) cells that generate IL-10 (Buglio *et al.*, 2011). OX40 activation reduces the suppressive effect of IL-10-producing Type 1 Treg cells and CD4<sup>+</sup> CD25<sup>+</sup> Foxp3<sup>+</sup> Treg cells, as well as the transformation of antigen-specific CD4<sup>+</sup> naïve T cells to CD4<sup>+</sup> CD25<sup>+</sup> Foxp3<sup>+</sup> Treg cells (Ito *et al.*, 2006).

Finally, individuals with food allergies show elevated expression of IL-13 and HDAC11 in their blood and local tissues. Mechanistically, IL-13 binds to HDAC11 in the IL-10 promoter area, which prevents B-cells from producing IL-10 and hence contributes to food allergies (Liu *et al.*, 2020).

#### **1.6.4 Vascular Injury**

Vascular injury refers to damage to a blood vessel, such as an artery that supplies blood to an organ or limb, or a vein that returns blood to the heart (<https://vascular.org/patients-and-referring-physicians/conditions/vasculartrauma>). This injury triggers inflammation within blood vessels, leading to a transformation of vascular smooth muscle cells from a contractile state to a synthetic state, which plays a crucial role in the development of cardiovascular diseases (Núñez-Álvarez *et al.*, 2016). Vascular smooth muscle cells have become a significant focus of research as a model for flexible gene expression (Miano *et al.*, 2010). Studies suggest that Kruppel-like factor 4 (KLF4) recruits HDAC11 to silence histone acetylation, which deactivates the chromatin around the angiogenic factor with G-Patch and FHA domain 1

(Aggf1) promoter, thereby repressing Aggf1 transcription. Consequently, the modulation of the vascular smooth muscle cell phenotype was halted, and Aggf1 expression was restored when either HDAC11 or KLF4 was depleted. Administering an HDAC11 inhibitor to mice ultimately reduced vascular injury (Zhou *et al.*, 2017). Zhou *et al.* experimented on rats, where intraperitoneal treatment with quisinostat reduced vascular injury in rats with carotid artery ligation-induced vascular injury by restoring Aggf1 levels and contractile gene expression (Zhou *et al.*, 2017).

### **1.6.5 HDAC11 in Skeletal muscle**

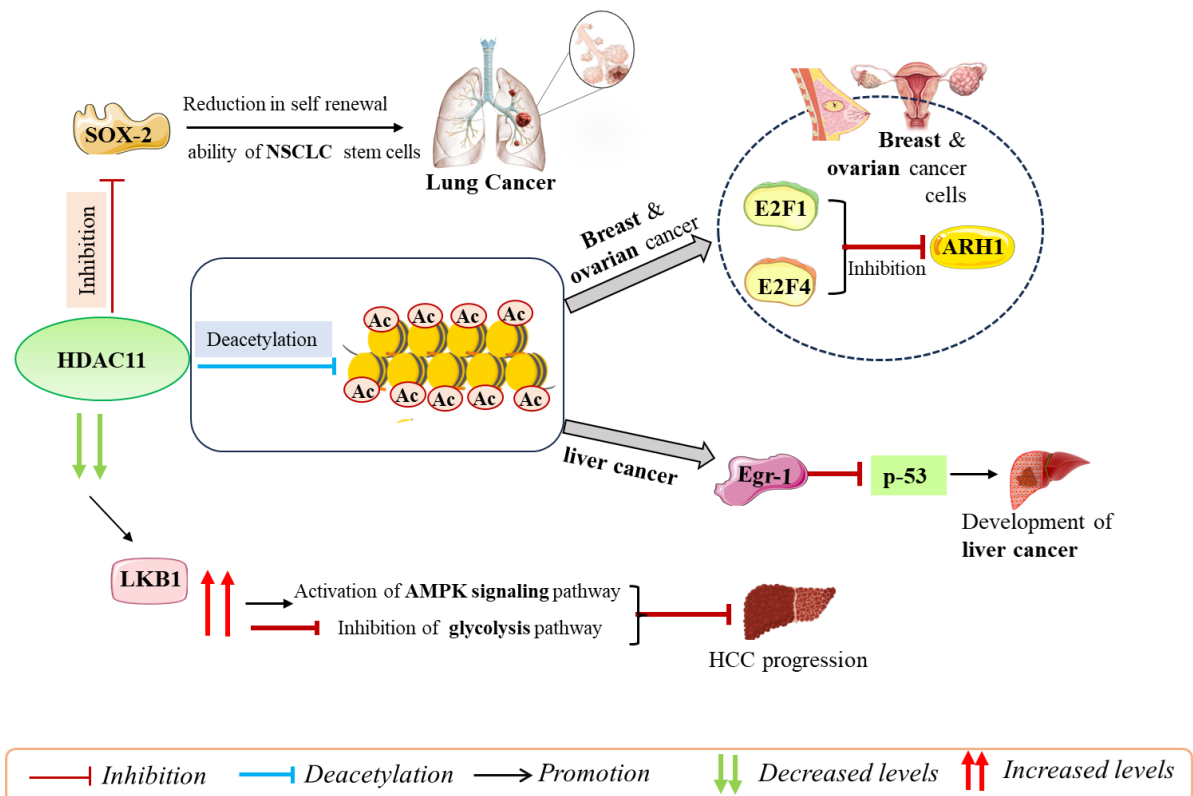
Skeletal muscle, comprising over 40% of total body mass in mammals, plays a crucial role in determining basal metabolic rate (BMR) and maintaining overall energy homeostasis (Hurtado *et al.*, 2021). Although HDAC11 is highly expressed in skeletal muscle, its specific biological functions and physiological roles remain largely unknown. Recent research suggests that HDAC11 deficiency enhances muscle strength and endurance, thereby improving muscular function (Zhang *et al.*, 2022). The loss of HDAC11 facilitates a shift from glycolytic to oxidative muscle fibers, increasing the number of oxidative myofibers without significantly affecting the overall structure of skeletal muscle (Núñez-Álvarez *et al.*, 2016). Additionally, HDAC11 depletion boosts mitochondrial fatty acid  $\beta$ -oxidation by lowering acylcarnitine levels in vivo and activating the AMP-activated protein kinase-acetyl-CoA carboxylase pathway, which helps maintain the balance between different muscle fiber types and mitochondrial lipid oxidation (Morales *et al.*, 2017).

Nunez-Alvarez *et al.* investigated the impact of HDAC11 genetic deficiency on skeletal muscle regeneration, a process primarily dependent on local stem cells along with stromal and immune cells. Their findings indicate that HDAC11 is not essential for adult muscle development or the formation of the stem cell population. However, HDAC11 deficiency accelerates muscle healing following injury. This acceleration is partly due to the inappropriate rise in IL-10 levels, creating a pro-regenerative and anti-inflammatory environment, which promotes more effective muscle regeneration in the absence of HDAC11 (Nunez-Alvarez *et al.*, 2021).

### **1.6.6 HDAC11 in Cancer**

HDAC11 is upregulated in various cancers and plays a significant role in tumor development, influencing cell proliferation, differentiation, apoptosis, migration, stemness, immune evasion, and therapeutic tolerance (Liu *et al.*, 2023). These processes are mediated through signaling

pathways such as AMPK and JAK/STAT. The involvement of HDAC11 in cancer is multifaceted and varies across different cancer types. For instance, HDAC11 enhances cell invasion and migration in esophageal squamous cell carcinoma (Yang *et al.*, 2022), while in colorectal cancer (Mármol *et al.*, 2017) and non-small-cell lung cancer (Gridelli *et al.*, 2015), it inhibits these processes. Additionally, HDAC11 has dual roles in hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) (Wang *et al.*, 2020) and breast cancer (Leslie *et al.*, 2019), affecting cell invasion and migration differently (**Figure 6**).



**Figure 6:** HDAC11's involvement in many cancer types. LKB1, liver kinase B1; AMPK, AMP-activated protein kinase; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; ARH1, ADP-ribosylhydrolase 1; EGR1, Early Growth Response Protein 1.

In the context of tumor immunity, HDAC11 acts as a "gatekeeper" of immune cell demise and regulates various immune cells, including neutrophils, CD8+ T cells, macrophages, natural killer cells, T-helper 1 (Th1) cells, and bone marrow-derived suppressor cells (Kirchner *et al.*, 2021). Deficiency in HDAC11 leads to cell death and suppresses metabolic processes in ovarian (SK-OV-3), colon (HCT-116), prostate (PC-3), and breast (MCF-7) cancer cell lines (Deubzer *et al.*, 2013). Aiming HDAC11 might be beneficial for treating HCC and overcoming resistance to kinase inhibitors, as HDAC11 decreases Liver Kinase B1 (LKB1) expression in HCC, promoting progression and cancer stemness (Bi *et al.*, 2021). Recent studies (Yang *et*

*et al.*, 2024) indicate that inhibiting or depleting HDAC11 significantly reduces the self-renewal capacity of cancer stem cells in non-small-cell lung cancer and diminishes the expression of SOX-2, essential for cancer stem cell maintenance. HDAC11 has been observed to inhibit SOX2 production through GLI1, a transcription factor in the Hedgehog pathway (Bora-Singhal *et al.*, 2020).

Silencing HDAC11 decreases protein deacetylation, enhances the apoptotic response to mitogen-activated protein kinase inhibitors (MEKi), and inhibits proliferation in various uveal melanoma cell lines during long-term colonization experiments (Sriramareddy *et al.*, 2022). HDAC11 is also thought to negatively affect liver cancer cell death by suppressing the p53 gene (Gong *et al.*, 2019). Higher HDAC11 expression is associated with improved overall survival in breast cancer patients, making HDAC11 a potential prognostic marker due to its partial inhibition of breast cancer cell invasion and proliferation (Zhao *et al.*, 2023).

Li *et al.* discovered that HDAC11 is abnormally expressed in 25 different cancer types, with its expression either positively or negatively correlated with prognosis. HDAC11 may have a suppressive role in cancers such as kidney renal papillary cell carcinoma, brain lower-grade glioma, rectum adenocarcinoma, kidney renal clear cell carcinoma, pheochromocytoma and paraganglioma, and uveal melanoma, challenging the notion that HDAC11 functions universally as an oncogene (Li *et al.*, 2022). Currently, few highly selective inhibitors target HDAC11 with precision, and the low selectivity of existing HDAC inhibitors often results in dose-dependent toxicities. Cancer remains a critical target for HDAC11 research, with significant potential for future investigations.

## **1.7 Inhibitors of HDAC11**

The development of selective HDAC11 inhibitors is still in its nascent stages compared to inhibitors for other HDAC family members. However, some promising compounds have been identified:

### **1.7.1 Hydroxamic Acids**

These compounds are common in many HDAC inhibitors and have shown potential in inhibiting HDAC11. Hydroxamic acids can chelate the zinc ion in the active site of HDAC11, leading to effective inhibition.

- **SAHA:** Suberoylanilide Hydroxamic Acid (SAHA), also known as Vorinostat, is a well-known HDAC inhibitor approved for treating cutaneous T-cell lymphoma. SAHA is a pan-HDAC inhibitor that can inhibit multiple HDAC enzymes, including Class I and II HDACs.



While SAHA is primarily known for its broad-spectrum inhibition of HDACs, its role in inhibiting HDAC11 is of particular interest due to the unique biological functions and therapeutic potential associated with HDAC11 inhibition (Auzzas *et al.*, 2010).

- **FT895:** FT895 is an emerging HDAC inhibitor under investigation for its potential therapeutic applications, particularly in cancer treatment. These inhibitors work by blocking the activity of HDAC enzymes, leading to increased acetylation of histones, which can result in altered gene expression, cell cycle arrest, apoptosis, and enhanced immune responses. This novel compound has demonstrated promising selectivity and efficacy in preclinical studies, representing a significant step forward in HDAC11 inhibitor development (Martin *et al.*, 2018).
- **Elevenostat:** Elevenostat represents a promising advancement in the field of selective HDAC11 inhibition, with potential therapeutic applications in cancer, immune regulation, and neurological disorders. While still in the early stages of development, ongoing research and development efforts are expected to further elucidate the therapeutic potential of Elevenostat, paving the way for new treatment strategies targeting HDAC11 (Kutil *et al.*, 2019).
- **MIR002:** MIR002 is a small molecule inhibitor specifically designed to target HDAC11. As a novel HDAC11 inhibitor, MIR002 represents a significant advancement in the development of selective inhibitors aimed at regulating the activity of this particular enzyme (Chen *et al.*, 2020).
- **Trichostatin A:** Trichostatin A is a valuable HDAC inhibitor with significant effects on HDAC11, among other HDACs. Understanding TSA's impact on HDAC11 is crucial for advancing our knowledge of HDAC biology and developing targeted therapies for diseases involving HDAC11 dysregulation (Auzzas *et al.*, 2010).
- **Quisinostat:** Quisinostat (JNJ-26481585) is a second-generation hydroxamic acid-based HDAC inhibitor. It is known for its potent and broad-spectrum activity against multiple HDACs, with a particular emphasis on its efficacy in cancer therapy due to its ability to induce cell cycle arrest, differentiation, and apoptosis in cancer cells. Further research is needed to fully understand Quisinostat's specific effects on HDAC11 and optimize its therapeutic applications (Arts *et al.*, 2009).
- **Belinostat (PXD101):** Belinostat (PXD101) is a pan-HDAC inhibitor belonging to the hydroxamic acid class. It is approved for treating peripheral T-cell lymphoma (PTCL) and

is being investigated for other types of cancers due to its ability to induce apoptosis, cell cycle arrest, and differentiation in malignant cells.

Its inhibition of HDAC11 contributes to its therapeutic effects in cancer treatment, particularly in inducing apoptosis and modulating immune responses. Further studies on Belinostat's specific interaction with HDAC11 will enhance our understanding of its mechanisms and therapeutic potential (Rana *et al.*, 2020; Li *et al.*, 2016).

- **Aes-135:** Aes-135 is a novel HDAC inhibitor that has shown potential in targeting HDAC11. HDAC inhibitors work by blocking the activity of HDAC enzymes, leading to increased acetylation of histone proteins, which can alter gene expression, inhibit cell proliferation, and induce apoptosis. Aes-135 is a promising selective HDAC inhibitor targeting HDAC11. Its ability to inhibit HDAC11 specifically positions it as a potential candidate for targeted cancer therapy and other diseases where HDAC11 plays a crucial role. Further research on Aes-135 will enhance our understanding of HDAC11 and optimize its therapeutic applications (Shouksmith *et al.*, 2019).
- **Fimepinostat:** Fimepinostat is a potent dual inhibitor of HDACs, including HDAC11, and PI3Ks. Its inhibition of HDAC11 contributes to its anti-cancer effects, promoting apoptosis and disrupting cancer cell proliferation. Fimepinostat's dual action enhances its therapeutic potential, making it a promising candidate for targeted cancer therapies and further research into the specific roles of HDAC11 in disease (Cheshmazar *et al.*, 2022; Kutil *et al.*, 2019).
- **Dacinostat:** Dacinostat is a powerful HDAC inhibitor with broad-spectrum activity, including inhibition of HDAC11. Its ability to target HDAC11 contributes to its therapeutic effects in cancer treatment, particularly by inducing apoptosis and modulating immune responses (Auzzas *et al.*, 2010).
- **Pracinostat:** Pracinostat is an influential HDAC inhibitor with broad-spectrum activity, including targeting HDAC11. Its inhibition of HDAC11 enhances its therapeutic effects in cancer treatment by promoting apoptosis, regulating immune responses, and influencing metabolic pathways. Continued research into Pracinostat's specific interactions with HDAC11 will improve our understanding of its mechanisms and refine its therapeutic use (Kutil *et al.*, 2019; Rana *et al.*, 2020).
- **Panobinostat:** Panobinostat, also known as LBH589, is a potent pan-HDAC inhibitor that includes HDAC11 in its spectrum of targets. It is primarily used in the treatment of multiple myeloma, particularly in patients who have not responded to other treatments. By inhibiting

HDAC activity, Panobinostat alters gene expression, leading to anti-proliferative and pro-apoptotic effects in cancer cells (Li *et al.*, 2014).

### 1.7.2 Benzamides and Thiols

These chemical classes have also been explored for HDAC11 inhibition. They offer an alternative to hydroxamic acids, potentially providing different selectivity profiles and pharmacokinetic properties.

- **Mocetinosta:** Mocetinostat, also known as MGCD0103, is an orally bioavailable inhibitor of HDACs, with a preference for Class I and IV HDACs. It has shown promise in the treatment of various hematological malignancies and solid tumors. By inhibiting HDACs, Mocetinostat induces changes in gene expression that can lead to anti-tumor effects (Rana *et al.*, 2020; Zhou *et al.*, 2008).

### 1.7.3 Cyclic peptides

Cyclic peptides are a class of peptides characterized by a circular structure, which is formed through peptide bonds between the amino and carboxyl termini or through side-chain linkages. This cyclic structure imparts unique stability and binding properties, making cyclic peptides an attractive scaffold for drug development. Their enhanced stability, resistance to proteolytic degradation, and ability to bind to protein targets with high affinity have positioned them as potential therapeutics, including inhibitors of HDACs (Olsen *et al.*, 2009).

- **TD034:** TD034 is a small molecule inhibitor designed to target histone deacetylases (HDACs). While it is primarily recognized for its inhibitory action on HDAC11, it may also exhibit effects on other HDACs to a lesser extent. HDAC inhibitors, such as TD034, are of significant interest in the field of oncology and other therapeutic areas due to their ability to modulate gene expression and cellular functions (Ho *et al.*, 2023).
- **Romidepsin:** Romidepsin, also known as Istodax or FK228, is a potent HDAC inhibitor approved for the treatment of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) and peripheral T-cell lymphoma (PTCL). It is a cyclic peptide that selectively inhibits Class I HDACs, including HDAC1, HDAC2, HDAC3, and HDAC8, leading to the re-expression of silenced genes that regulate cell cycle arrest and apoptosis in cancer cells. Although Romidepsin primarily targets Class I HDACs, its inhibitory effects also extend to HDAC11. While challenges such as selectivity and resistance need to be addressed, the development of Romidepsin and similar inhibitors holds promise for advancing targeted therapies in oncology and beyond (Yao *et al.*, 2015).

- **Trapoxin A:** Trapoxin A is a naturally occurring cyclic tetrapeptide that functions as a potent HDAC inhibitor. It was originally isolated from the culture broth of the fungus *Helicoma ambiens*. Trapoxin A is well-known for its ability to inhibit HDACs irreversibly, leading to increased acetylation of histones and subsequent changes in gene expression. While Trapoxin A is a broad-spectrum HDAC inhibitor, its effects on HDAC11 have garnered significant interest. Trapoxin A inhibits HDAC activity by covalently binding to the enzyme's active site, leading to the accumulation of acetylated histones. This results in a more open chromatin structure, promoting the transcription of genes involved in cell cycle regulation, apoptosis, and differentiation. The irreversible nature of Trapoxin A's inhibition provides a prolonged effect on gene expression (Furumai *et al.*, 2001; Kutil *et al.*, 2019).

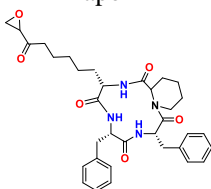
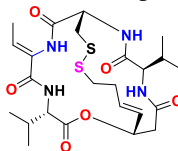
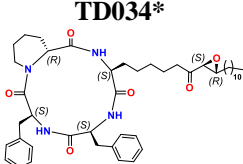
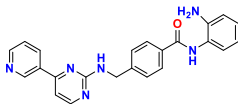

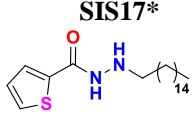
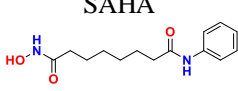
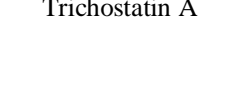
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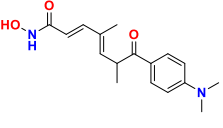
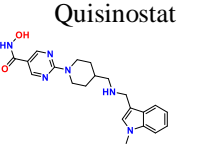
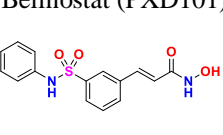
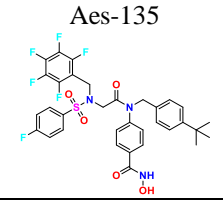
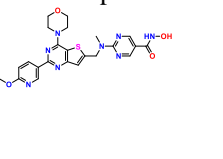
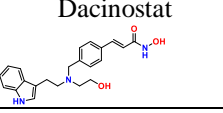
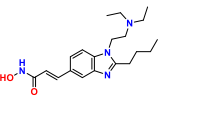
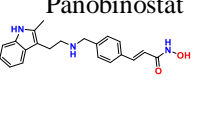
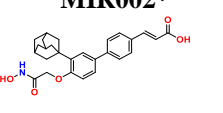
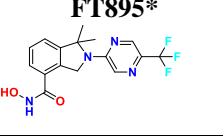
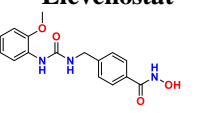
Hydrazides are a class of organic compounds characterized by the presence of the functional group -CONHNH<sub>2</sub>. They are known for their diverse biological activities and have been explored extensively in medicinal chemistry for their potential as therapeutic agents. Hydrazides have shown promising results as HDAC inhibitors, including the inhibition of HDAC11 (Carreiras *et al.*, 2024).

- **SIS7:** SIS7 is an investigational compound designed to selectively inhibit HDAC11, a protein involved in regulating gene expression, immune responses, and cellular metabolism. By targeting HDAC11, SIS7 disrupts its deacetylase activity, leading to an accumulation of acetylated proteins that alter chromatin structure and gene expression. This inhibition holds potential therapeutic benefits across various diseases. In cancer treatment, SIS7 could reduce tumor growth and induce apoptosis in cancer cells with high HDAC11 expression. Inflammatory diseases may benefit from SIS7's ability to modulate immune responses and reduce inflammation. Additionally, by impacting neuronal function and neuroinflammation, SIS7 shows promise for neurodegenerative disorders like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. Despite its potential, SIS7 faces challenges related to achieving high selectivity for HDAC11 over other HDACs and ensuring safety and efficacy through rigorous preclinical and clinical studies. Ongoing research is necessary to optimize SIS7 and validate its therapeutic benefits (Son *et al.*, 2019).
- **SIS17 -** SIS17 is a compound under investigation for its potential to inhibit HDAC11. HDAC11 is a key enzyme involved in regulating gene expression, cellular metabolism, and immune responses. Its inhibition by specific compounds like SIS17 is of significant interest

for therapeutic development, particularly in cancer, inflammatory diseases, and neurodegenerative disorders (Son *et al.*, 2019).

**Table 1.** Different HDAC11 inhibitors along with their chemical class, inhibitory activity in different HDAC isoforms and clinical status.

| HDAC11is   | HDACs IC <sub>50</sub> (nM) |      |       |       |          |          |       |          |          |          |       | Clinical Status                                | Ref   |
|--|-----------------------------|------|-------|-------|----------|----------|-------|----------|----------|----------|-------|--|---|
|  | 11                          | 1    | 2     | 3     | 4        | 5        | 6     | 7        | 8        | 9        | 10    |  |   |
| CYCLIC PEPTIDES  |                             |      |       |       |          |          |       |          |          |          |       |  |   |
| <div>Trapoxin A</div> <div></div>       | 10                          | 0.82 |       |       |          |          | 524   |          |          |          |       | —  | (Furu mai et al., 2001; Kutil et al., 2019) |
| <div>Romidepsin</div> <div></div>       | <i>a</i>                    | 1050 | 6070  | 62    | <i>a</i> | <i>a</i> | 1220  | <i>a</i> | <i>a</i> | <i>a</i> | 11    | Completed Clinical Trials.gov ID – NCT02850016 | (Yao et al., 2015)                          |
| <div>TD034*</div> <div></div>         | 5.1                         | -    | -     | -     | -        | -        | -     | -        | -        | -        | -     | —  | (Ho et al., 2023)                           |
| BENZAMIDES   |                             |      |       |       |          |          |       |          |          |          |       |  |   |
| <div>Mocetinostat</div> <div></div>   | 590                         | 150  | 290   | 1660  | <i>a</i> | <i>a</i> | -     | <i>a</i> | <i>a</i> | -        | -     | Phase II Clinical Trials.gov ID - NCT02236195  | (Rana et al., 2020; Zhou et al., 2008)      |
| HYDRAZIDES   |                             |      |       |       |          |          |       |          |          |          |       |  |   |
| <div>SIS7*</div> <div></div>          | 910,760                     | -    | -     | -     | -        | -        | -     | -        | -        | -        | -     | —  | (Son et al., 2019)                          |
| <div>SIS17*</div> <div></div>         | 830,270                     | -    | -     | -     | -        | -        | -     | -        | -        | -        | -     | —  | (Son et al., 2019)                          |
| HYDROXAMIC ACIDS   |                             |      |       |       |          |          |       |          |          |          |       |  |   |
| <div>SAHA</div> <div></div>           | 362                         | 258  | 921   | 350   | 493      | 378      | 28.60 | 344      | 243      | 316      | 456   | Completed Clinical Trials.gov ID- NCT01319383  | (Auzzas et al., 2010)                       |
| <div>Trichostatin A</div> <div></div> | 15.15                       | 7.12 | 22.95 | 10.32 | 12.07    | 16.48    | 0.42  | 22.46    | 89.53    | 38.12    | 20.10 | Phase I Clinical Trials.gov ID- NCT03838926    | (Furu mai et al., 2001; Kutil et al.,       |

|   |        |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |   |   |
|---|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---|---|
|                                |        |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |   | 2019)   |
| <b>Quisinostat</b><br>         | 0.37   | 0.11     | 0.33     | 4.86     | 0.64     | 3.69     | 76.8     | 119      | 4.26     | 32.1     | 0.46     | Phase II Clinical Trials.gov ID- NCT01486277  | (Arts et al., 2009)                           |
| <b>Belinostat (PXD101)</b><br> | 25,000 | 41       | 125      | 30       | 115      | -        | 82       | 67       | 216      | 128      | -        | Completed Clinical Trials.gov ID- NCT01583777 | (Rana et al., 2020; Li et al., 2016)          |
| <b>Aes-135</b><br>             | 636    | -        | -        | 654      | -        | -        | 190      |          | <i>b</i> | -        | -        | —   | (Shouksmith et al., 2019)                     |
| <b>Fimepinostat</b><br>       | 23     | 1.7      | 5        | 1.8      | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 2.8      | Phase II Clinical Trials.gov ID- NCT05971758  | (Cheshmazar et al., 2022; Kutil et al., 2019) |
| <b>Dacinostat</b><br>        | 5.58   | 3.23     | 15.70    | 10.50    | 5.82     | 5.58     | 5.93     | 6.11     | 3.84     | 8.24     | 8.41     | —   | (Auzzas et al., 2010)                         |
| <b>Pracinostat</b><br>       | 93     | 49       | 96       | 43       | 56       | 47       | 1008     | 137      | 140      | 70       | 40       | Phase II Clinical Trials.gov ID- NCT03151304  | (Kutil et al., 2019; Rana et al., 2020)       |
| <b>Panobinostat</b><br>      | 2.7    | 2.5      | 13.3     | 2.1      | 203      | 7.8      | 10.5     | 531      | 277      | 5.7      | 2.3      | Completed Clinical Trials.gov ID- NCT01680094 | (Li et al., 2014)                             |
| <b>MIR002*</b><br>           | 6090   | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | —   | (Chen et al., 2020)                           |
| <b>FT895*</b><br>            | 3      | <i>a</i> | <i>a</i> | <i>a</i> | <i>a</i> | <i>a</i> | <i>a</i> | <i>a</i> | 5600     | <i>a</i> | <i>a</i> | —   | (Martin et al., 2018)                         |
| <b>Elevenostat*</b><br>      | 235    | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | —   | (Kutil et al., 2019)                          |

\* Indicates selective HDAC11 inhibitors as reported by Ho *et al.*, 2023, Chen *et al.*, 2020, Dallavalle *et al.*, 2022, Martin *et al.*, 2018, and Son *et al.*, 2019. (*a* indicates IC<sub>50</sub> > 10,000 nM, and *b* indicates IC<sub>50</sub> > 1000 nM).



## **Chapter 2: Literature Review**

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There is no molecular modeling analysis on HDAC11, so we are reporting some review articles and research articles based on synthesis. In this scenario, we want to give more emphasis on drug discovery and biological investigations.

**2.1 Son *et al.* (2020)** represented a significant breakthrough in understanding the mechanism of action of Garcinol. It provides a natural product-derived lead that could be further optimized to enhance its potency and specificity. The observed similarities between the phenotypes of Garcinol treatment and HDAC11 knockout in mouse models further support this hypothesis. The authors discovered that Garcinol is a potent and selective inhibitor of HDAC11, with an  $IC_{50}$  of approximately 5  $\mu$ M in vitro and 10  $\mu$ M in cellular assays. The discovery of Garcinol as a potent and selective HDAC11 inhibitor opens new avenues for developing natural product-derived therapeutic agents for various diseases, including obesity, diabetes, and multiple sclerosis. It underscores the importance of continued research into the molecular mechanisms of natural products and their potential therapeutic applications. This discovery not only provides a new lead for the development of HDAC11 inhibitors but also offers a deeper understanding of the biological activities of Garcinol (Son *et al.*, 2020).

**2.2 Baek *et al.* (2023)** introduced a novel HDAC inhibitor, compound 5, which selectively targets HDAC11. HDACs are enzymes that regulate gene expression and cellular processes, with HDAC11 being highly expressed in the brain and immune cells. The study demonstrates that compound 5 can significantly alleviate depression-like behaviors in mice by inhibiting microglial activation and inducing autophagy. Microglia are immune cells in the central nervous system that play a crucial role in neuroinflammation, which is implicated in depressive disorders. By targeting HDAC11, inhibitor 5 effectively suppresses the production of nitric oxide, a key mediator of neuroinflammation, and induces autophagy in microglial cells. This dual action of inhibiting microglial activation and enhancing autophagy makes HDAC11 a promising therapeutic target for treating depressive disorders. The research provides new insights into the molecular mechanisms underlying depression and opens new avenues for the development of targeted therapies for various neuropsychiatric diseases (Baek *et al.*, 2023).

**2.3 Huang *et al.* (2017)** investigated the role of HDAC11 in enhancing the function of Foxp3<sup>+</sup> T-regulatory (Treg) cells, particularly in the context of transplantation and autoimmune diseases. By using mice with constitutive or conditional deletion of HDAC11 within Foxp3<sup>+</sup>

Treg cells and employing small molecule HDAC11 inhibitors in allograft models, the researchers demonstrate that targeting HDAC11 can significantly boost Treg function and suppress allograft rejection. The findings suggest that HDAC11-selective inhibitors may offer new therapeutic options for managing transplantation and autoimmune diseases, by enhancing the suppressive activity of Tregs and promoting long-term allograft survival (Huang *et al.* (2017).

**Tian *et al.* (2017)** presented a novel method for assaying slow-binding inhibitors against the unstable protein HDAC11, a poorly studied member of the human HDAC family. By employing the fast-binding inhibitor SAHA as a chaperone molecule, the researchers stabilized HDAC11, significantly reducing the protein's activity loss from 40% to less than 10% over a 3-hour period. This stabilization allowed for a more accurate determination of the inhibitory capacity of the benzamide HDAC inhibitor MS275, with the true IC<sub>50</sub> being established at 0.65 µM. The optimized assay conditions were then applied to a one-dose screening assay, revealing that several benzamide derivatives showed moderate inhibition strength against HDAC11, which would have been missed using traditional methods. This approach not only enhances the accuracy of HDAC11 inhibitor assays but also improves the discovery of potential inhibitors, particularly in the hit-discovery stage (Tian *et al.*, 2017).

**Sui *et al.* (2020)** investigated the role of HDAC11 in mouse oocyte maturation, revealing that HDAC11 inhibition disrupts meiosis progression, spindle organization, chromosome alignment, kinetochore-microtubule attachment, and spindle assembly checkpoint (SAC) function. The inhibition also increases the acetylation levels of H4K16 and α-tubulin, suggesting that HDAC11 promotes meiotic apparatus assembly by modulating these acetylation statuses. The findings underscore the importance of HDAC11 in ensuring accurate chromosome segregation during oocyte meiosis, providing insights into the regulatory mechanisms of meiosis and potential pathways for modulating meiotic apparatus assembly (Sui *et al.*, 2020).

**Villagra *et al.* (2009)** examined the function of HDAC11 in the regulation of interleukin 10 (IL-10) expression within antigen-presenting cells (APCs) and its effect on the immune system's decision between activation and tolerance. The authors demonstrate that HDAC11 negatively regulates IL-10 expression, with overexpression leading to decreased IL-10 and increased inflammatory responses, capable of priming naive T cells and reversing tolerance in

CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells. Conversely, disrupting HDAC11 results in higher IL-10 expression and reduced antigen-specific T-cell responses. The study also shows that HDAC11 interacts with the distal segment of the IL-10 promoter, influencing its transcriptional activity through changes in histone acetylation and transcription factor binding. These findings identify HDAC11 as a key molecule in the balance between immune tolerance and activation, with potential implications for treating autoimmune diseases, managing transplant rejection, and enhancing cancer immunotherapy (Villagra *et al.*, 2009).

**Baselious *et al.* (2023)** explored the application of AlphaFold models in drug discovery, focusing on HDAC11, an enzyme with potential therapeutic implications for cancer and other diseases. Despite the lack of a crystal structure for HDAC11, the authors successfully optimized an AlphaFold model by incorporating a catalytic zinc ion and assessed its reliability through docking simulations with known inhibitors. Molecular dynamics simulations confirmed the stability of the optimized model and its complexes with various inhibitors. The study demonstrates that the optimized HDAC11 model can be utilized for structure-based drug design, emphasizing the potential of AlphaFold in aiding drug discovery efforts, even for proteins with limited structural data (Baselious *et al.*, 2023).

**Baselious *et al.* (2024)** demonstrate the successful application of an optimized AlphaFold protein model for the design of a novel and selective inhibitor targeting HDAC11, which has potential implications for treating neuroblastoma. The authors address the challenge of using AlphaFold models in drug discovery, particularly in the absence of ligands and cofactors, by refining the HDAC11 model and employing it to predict the binding mode of a known inhibitor, FT895. Based on this prediction, they design and synthesize a series of compounds, with one compound, 5a, showing the most promise, having an IC<sub>50</sub> of 365 nM for HDAC11 and displaying selective inhibition. Molecular docking and dynamics simulations validate the predicted binding mode of compound 5a, which also exhibits anti-neuroblastoma activity with an EC<sub>50</sub> of 3.6 μM. The research signifies the potential of optimized AlphaFold models in guiding the development of novel therapeutic agents, particularly for cancer targets like HDAC11 (Baselious *et al.*, 2024).

## **Chapter 3: Rationale Behind the Study**

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HDAC11 plays a crucial role in various diseases, including cancer, neurodegenerative disorders, and inflammatory conditions (Amin *et al.*, 2023; Yoon *et al.*, 2016; Sardar *et al.*, 2024; Bhattacharya *et al.*, 2023; Khatun *et al.*, 2024). However, creating selective inhibitors for HDAC11 is challenging due to the necessity to distinguish its activity from other HDAC family members.

The significance of HDAC11 inhibition is underscored by its involvement in modulating gene expression, immune responses, and key cellular processes such as apoptosis and differentiation. Overexpression of HDAC11 is linked to several pathological conditions, including tumor progression and inflammation (Bagchi *et al.*, 2018; Chen *et al.*, 2022; Chen *et al.*, 2020; Liu *et al.*, 2009; Todd *et al.*, 2010). Developing specific HDAC11 inhibitors could offer new therapeutic options for these diseases. However, achieving selectivity is a major challenge, as many current HDAC inhibitors affect multiple HDAC isoforms, leading to potential off-target effects and toxicity. A classification-based binary-QSAR model is proposed to help identify and optimize inhibitors with high specificity for HDAC11, thereby minimizing unwanted side effects.

Binary-QSAR models are essential in drug discovery as they elucidate the relationship between molecular structure and biological activity. These models predict the inhibitory potential of new compounds based on their molecular fingerprints, facilitating the design of more effective and selective inhibitors. By employing a classification-based approach, researchers can gain insights into the structural features contributing to HDAC11 inhibition, leading to the identification of key molecular determinants.

The development of a classification-based binary-QSAR model for HDAC11 inhibition could significantly advance drug discovery efforts. It offers a systematic approach to screen and optimize potential inhibitors, improving the efficiency of the drug development process. This approach aligns with current trends in computational drug design and personalized medicine, where predictive models play a crucial role in identifying and developing new therapeutic agents. Some studies such as bayesian classification, recursive partitioning, SARpy analysis, and machine learning study have been conducted to find important fingerprints for potent HDAC11 inhibitory activity. This research is valuable for studying the molecular docking of selected compounds. It provides insights into the binding mechanisms between inhibitors and their targets, helping to optimize drug design and improve binding affinity.

## **Chapter 4: Materials and Methods**



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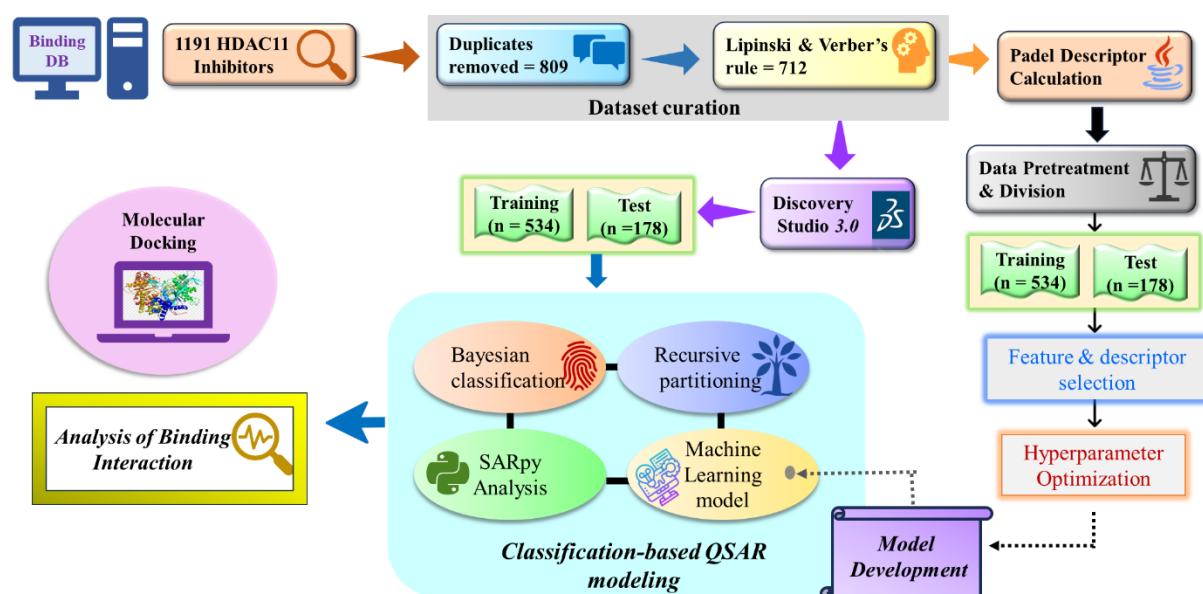
### 4.1 Collection and preparation of data set

In this work, a total of 1191 compounds having HDAC11 inhibitory activity ( $IC_{50}$ ) in nanomolar (nM) concentration was compiled from Binding Data Base also known as Binding DB (<https://www.bindingdb.org/rwd/bind/index.jsp>). It provides three-dimensional structures of compounds in the .sdf format. For ease of work, the “*prepare ligands for QSAR*” protocol of Discovery Studio version 3.0 (D.S. 3.0) (Accelrys Inc., CA, USA, 2015) was applied, removing duplicate compounds from the dataset. As a result, 382 duplicate compounds were detected and permanently removed from the dataset. The duplicate-free dataset contains a total of 809 compounds. In the next step, the duplicate-free dataset was filtered with the “*Filter using Lipinski and Verber’s rule*” protocol of D.S. 3.0 (Accelrys Inc., CA, USA, 2015) to prepare a dataset of drug-like compounds only. The protocol produced a dataset containing 712 drug-like compounds which passed Lipinski and Verber’s rule (Lipinski *et al.*, 2004). Then the inhibitor’s HDAC11 inhibitory activities ( $IC_{50}$ ) were converted to negative logarithm values ( $pIC_{50}$ ). Therefore, the activity profile of the compounds in this dataset had been segregated into binary manner, having HDAC11 inhibitory activity equal to or more than the  $pIC_{50}$  value of 6.001 ( $IC_{50} \leq 1000$  nM) were labeled as '1' (*active*) whereas compounds with indefinite HDAC11 inhibitory action and activity range less than the  $pIC_{50}$  value of 6.001 ( $IC_{50} \geq 1000$  nM) was labeled as '0' (*inactive*). The binarized dataset shows the number of *actives* = 307 (training=237, test=70) and the number of *inactive* compounds = 405 (training=297, test=108).

### 4.2 Division of Dataset

The dataset division in a justified manner is the most necessary step for any QSAR model development process. In this study, the dataset contains a large number of structurally diverse compounds ( $N_{set} = 712$ , where the highest active compound with  $IC_{50} = 0.3$  nM and least active compound with  $IC_{50} = 80,020$  nM). The whole dataset was divided into two distinct sets i.e., the training set and test set through the “*Generate Training and Test Data*” module in D.S. 3.0 (Accelrys Inc., CA, USA, 2015), which were used to build and evaluate the QSAR models respectively. The dataset was divided with the “random per cluster” method based on various parameters like cluster, distance to the closest, cluster centre, and cluster size, to create the training set (which contained almost 70% of the dataset compounds) and the test sets (which contained nearly 30% of the dataset compounds). All training sets ( $N_{Train} = 534$ , **Annexure-I**) were used to build the QSAR models, which were then verified using their equivalent test set

( $N_{Test} = 178$ , **Annexure-I**). Several molecular descriptors of the selected compounds were evaluated such as the number of aromatic rings ( $nAR$ ), rings ( $nR$ ), and rotatable bonds ( $nRB$ ); molecular weight ( $MW$ ), octanol/water partitioning coefficient ( $AlogP$ ) and molecular fractional polar surface area ( $M\_FPSA$ ); number of hydrogen bond ( $nHBD$ ) donors and acceptors ( $nHBA$ ) (Amin *et al.*, 2004) as well as topological fingerprint descriptors such as extended connectivity fingerprints of diameter 6 ( $ECFP\_6$ ) (Rogers *et al.*, 2010) and functional-class fingerprints of diameter 6 ( $FCFP\_6$ ) for the modeling study in *D.S. 3.0* (Accelrys Inc., CA, USA, 2015). Further with the help of this divided dataset classification-based Bayesian classification, Recursive partitioning, and SARpy analysis were conducted. Also, the workflow of the study is illustrated in **Figure 7**.



**Figure 7:** Overall workflow of the study

### 4.3 Machine learning (ML) models utilizing multiple 2D Descriptors

#### a. Molecular Descriptor Calculation

To perform ML modeling, the curated dataset containing 712 compounds (.sdf file format) was used for calculating 2D descriptors through *PaDEL* software (Yap *et al.*, 2011). The *PaDEL*-Descriptor program was used to construct several classes of 2D-descriptors, such as molecular features, electro-topochemical atom descriptors, detour matrix descriptor, auto-correlation descriptors, etc.

*b. Data pre-treatment and dataset division*

To ensure the accuracy of our modeling analysis, we performed data pre-treatment to remove undesired features such as missing values, constant values across all compounds, and highly inter-correlated features. We used the Java-based tool DataPreTreatmentGUI 1.2, available at [http://teqip.jdvu.ac.in/QSAR\\_Tools/](http://teqip.jdvu.ac.in/QSAR_Tools/), for this purpose (Ambure *et al.*, 2015). This tool helped us eliminate descriptors with intercorrelation cut-off values above 0.85 and those with a variance cut-off below 0.0001. After pre-treating the data, we divided the dataset into a training set ( $N_{Train}= 534$ ) and a test set ( $N_{Test}= 178$ ) consistent with the sets used for Bayesian and Recursive models. The pre-treated training set was then used for feature selection.

*c. Selection of features and model development*

Before conducting classification-based modeling analysis, it is crucial to identify the essential features that accurately represent the response. Feature selection using appropriate algorithms is a significant challenge for modelers. So, we have utilized the Most Discriminating Features (*MDF*) selection tool (<https://dtclab.webs.com/software-tools>) to keep those features that appeared most often. Importantly, feature selection was performed exclusively on the training set, with no involvement of the test set compounds. The selected features were combined, and hyperparameter optimization was employed for building multiple classification-based ML models. These models were built using the ML classifier tool (<https://sites.google.com/jadavpuruniversity.in/dtc-lab-software/home/machine-learning-model-development-guis>).

*d. Development of Classification-based ML models*

ML entails programming computers to gather information from existing information to enhance their performance on subsequent duties, with usage in several fields like regulatory decision-making and predictive modeling (Chatterjee *et al.*, 2024; Jordan *et al.*, 2015). Subsequently, by utilizing the finalized list of selected features from the "*Feature selection*" step, various ML-based classification models were built including Random Forest Classifier (*RFC*) (Pal *et al.*, 2005), Support Vector Classifier (*SVC*) (Lau *et al.*, 2003), Logistic Regression (*LR*) (Kleinbaum *et al.*, 2002) and Linear Discriminant Analysis (*LDA*) (Xanthopoulos *et al.*, 2013). We developed ML-based models using Python-based scripts and executed them in Jupyter Notebook web tool (Kluyver *et al.*, 2016) with Anaconda Navigator version 2022.05 (<https://www.anaconda.com/products/distribution>) and Python version 3.10.4.

The best model for the prediction of test set compounds was selected after the related hyperparameters were optimized using the "CSL v 1.1" tool (<https://sites.google.com/jadavpuruniversity.in/dtc-lab-software/home/machine-learning-model-development-guis>) by the Grid search technique utilizing 5-fold cross-validation mean squared error as the objective function in each of the ML approaches. Finally, the "*Machine Learning Classification v1.1*" tool was used to build the ML models.

#### e. *SHAp analysis*

SHapley Additive exPlanations (*SHAp*) analysis is a method used in ML to explain model predictions by assigning importance values to each feature based on their contribution to the prediction. Developed from cooperative game theory, SHAP values offer a unified approach to interpreting complex models by fairly distributing the prediction among the features. This analysis helps identify key features, understand their interactions, and enhance model transparency and trustworthiness (Mangalathu *et al.*, 2020).

This approach calculates Shapley values, which are the mean marginal contribution of every feature over all feasible combinations. The process begins by feeding the dataset into the model, and then *SHAp* gives a Shapley value to each feature, reflecting its involvement in the model's output (Štrumbelj *et al.*, 2011).

#### 4.4 Bayesian classification study

The Bayesian classification is a statistical method that primarily utilizes probability principles (Box *et al.*, 2011) based on Bayes' theorem as indicated in Eq. 1.

$$P(h/d) = \frac{P(d/h) P(h)}{P(d)}; \quad \begin{array}{l} P(h/d) = \text{Posterior probability} \\ P(d/h) = \text{Likelihood} \\ P(h) = \text{Prior belief} \\ P(d) = \text{Evidenced data} \end{array} \quad (1)$$

where *h* stands for hypothesis and *d* stands for observed data

The fundamental goal of Bayesian classification in our study is to identify important structural fingerprints using a probabilistic approach (Fang *et al.*, 2015). The "Create Bayesian model" protocol of *D.S. 3.0* (Accelrys Inc., CA, USA, 2015) involved building a Bayesian classification model on the training set molecules, comprising both calculated molecular descriptors and the extended connectivity fingerprint descriptors (Chen *et al.*, 2011). The models were then validated using the test set molecules.

#### 4.5 Recursive partitioning (RP) study

RP is a classification-based QSAR approach that classifies dataset molecules based on their molecular features/descriptors into group/class-based groupings (Yadav *et al.*, 2022). RP generates multiple "decision trees" using key molecular features that separate the research samples into further smaller samples (nodes) based on whether a certain selected predictor is greater than or less than a given cut-off value (Amin *et al.*, 2022). Thus, the RP study was applied in our investigation to gather significant data and characterize HDAC11 inhibitors. RP models were built through the "Create RP model" module of the D.S. 3.0 software (Accelrys Inc., CA, USA, 2015) utilizing the training set molecules ( $N_{Train}= 534$ ) which were then validated using the test set compounds ( $N_{Test}= 178$ ). These models depend on the combination of distinct molecular descriptors (as considered for Bayesian classification study) and *FPCP\_6* (Chen *et al.*, 2011; Rogers *et al.*, 2010). Among the several models, the best RP model with the maximum discriminating capability was selected as the best RP tree model.

#### 4.6 Statistical analysis and evaluation of QSAR-based models

To support the model's predictability and dependability, it is essential to evaluate various statistical parameters for fitness measurement and performance evaluation of the overall classification-based modeling study. In this work, to validate and justify the robustness of the QSAR models, a statistical evaluation based on the receiver operating characteristic (ROC)-based evaluation was exclusively examined (Fawcett *et al.*, 2005; Roy *et al.*, 2015). Both internal ( $ROC_{Train}$  and  $ROC_{CV}$ ) and externally validated ROC ( $ROC_{Test}$ ) scores have been examined using a test set for the developed classification-based models. The statistical models depend on some predicted values like true positive (TP), true negative (TN), false positive (FP), and false negative (FN). Similarly, the performance of the model was validated using statistical parameters including sensitivity (Se), specificity (Sp), accuracy (Acc), precision (Pr), and geometric mean (G-means) (Son *et al.*, 2020; Núñez-Álvarez *et al.*, 2021; Boltz *et al.*, 2019) using Eqs 2-6. Additionally, metrics including F1-measure (F1), area under the balanced accuracy ROC curve ( $AUC_b$ ), Youden's index ( $\gamma$ ), positive likelihood ( $\rho_+$ ), negative likelihood ( $\rho_-$ ), and Matthew's correlation coefficient (MCC) were calculated for both the training and test set compounds employing Eqs 6 to 12 (Kar *et al.*, 2013; Das *et al.*, 2014; Toropova *et al.*, 2017; Toropova *et al.*, 2014).

$$\text{Sensitivity (Se)} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}; \quad \begin{matrix} TP = \text{Number of true positives} \\ FN = \text{Number of false negatives} \end{matrix} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Specificity (Sp)} = \frac{TN}{TN + FP} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Accuracy (Acc)} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Precision (Pr)} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP} \quad (5)$$

$$G - \text{means} = \sqrt{(\text{Sensitivity} * \text{Specificity})} \quad (6)$$

$$F1 = \frac{2TP}{2TP + FP + FN} \quad (7)$$

$$AUC_b = \frac{Se + Sp}{2} \quad (8)$$

$$\gamma = Se - (1 - Sp); \quad \text{where, } \gamma = 0: \text{Model has no discriminatory ability (random classification)} \quad (9)$$

$$\gamma = 1: \text{Perfect discrimination (ideal classification)}$$

$$\rho_+ = \frac{Se}{(1 - Sp)}; \quad \text{where, } \rho_+ > 1: \text{Model is more likely to correctly identify positive instances}$$

$$\rho_+ = 1: \text{Model has no discriminatory power} \quad (10)$$

$$\rho_+ < 1: \text{Model is less likely to correctly identify positive instances}$$

$$\rho_- = \frac{(1 - Se)}{Sp}; \quad \text{where, } \rho_- > 1: \text{Model is more likely to correctly identify negative instances}$$

$$\rho_- = 1: \text{Model has no discriminatory power} \quad (11)$$

$$\rho_- < 1: \text{Model is less likely to correctly identify negative instances}$$

$$MCC = \frac{(TP * TN) - (FP * FN)}{\sqrt{(TP + FP)(TP + FN)(TN + FP)(TN + FN)}}; \quad \text{where MCC ranges from } -1 \text{ to } +1;$$

$$MCC = 1: \text{Perfect prediction}$$

$$MCC = 0: \text{No better than random prediction} \quad (12)$$

$$MCC = -1: \text{Total disagreement between prediction and observation}$$

#### 4.7 SARpy Model

The SAR in Python (SARpy) program is a Python script based on the OpenBabel chemistry library (Banerjee *et al.*, 2022; Golbamaki *et al.*, 2016). SARpy is a QSAR technique designed to transparently discover significant molecular fragments utilizing categorized active and inactive compounds in a learning set and immediately extract a set of rules from data in a recursive manner, without the need for any previous knowledge (Ferrari *et al.*, 2013). The methodology builds molecular substructures of arbitrary complexity, and the fragments that are candidates for structural alerts are automatically chosen based on their performance in a learning set of predictions (Marzo *et al.*, 2016; Mombelli *et al.*, 2016).

The software generates substructures in a set using user-defined SMILES format depending on their likelihood ratio (LR) value and attempts to connect the specific molecular structures with their biological activity in three phases: fragmentation, evaluation, and extraction (Lombardo *et al.*, 2014).

$$\text{Likelihood ratio (LR)} = \frac{\text{True positive}}{\text{False positive}} \times \frac{\text{negative}}{\text{positives}} \quad (13)$$

LR value is a number between 1 and infinity. When the structural alert is only present in the positive observations then the LR can be regarded as infinite (inf) (Banerjee *et al.*, 2023).

In the fragmentation stage, a recursive simple fragmentation algorithm is employed to find chemical substructures in the training set molecules. It continues through each bond in the input structures, attempting to produce every possible pair of fragments (Yang *et al.*, 2017). After each substructure has been created, it is evaluated individually to look for any possible structural alerts (SA) in the evaluation step. Furthermore, to complete the process, only the reduced sets of estimated rules were applied from the collection of generated structural alerts (Baderna *et al.*, 2020). The rule sets in our present investigation were generated utilizing “OPTIMAL” single alert precision for fragments with atom numbers between 2 (minimum) and 26 (maximum) and a minimum number of 6 occurrences. Later, utilizing the SARpy software (<https://www.vegahub.eu/portfolio-item/sarpy/>) these generated structural alerts/active rulesets were further evaluated on the test set compounds.

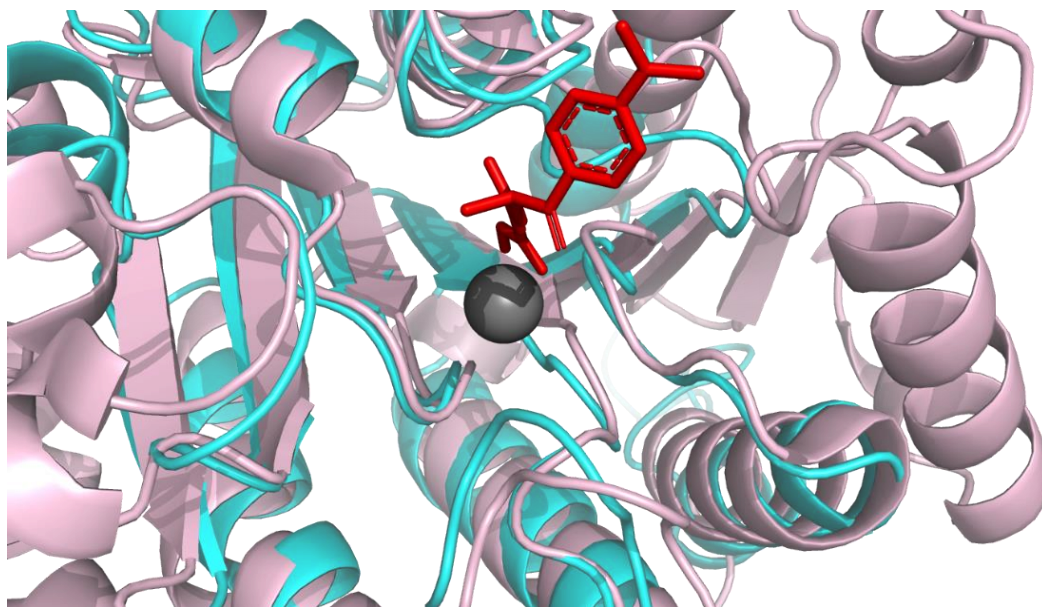
#### 4.8 Molecular Docking Analysis

Till now, the mammalian HDAC11 X-ray crystallographic structure has not been solved. So, the AlphaFold model of HDAC11 was downloaded from the AlphaFold database (<https://alphafold.ebi.ac.uk/entry/B5MCU6>). The zinc coordination motif of this protein was discovered by structural alignment analysis with the PDB ID: 1C3S (<https://www.rcsb.org/structure/1C3S>) as described in the previous research study by Baek *et al.*, 2023. **Figure 8** shows that the binding motif of PDB ID: 1C3S and the Alphafold HDAC11 model is similar and can be considered an active site for molecular docking analysis with reference compound SAHA.

For molecular docking analysis, we used AutoDockZn, which is a freely available docking tool developed by Santos-Martins *et al.*, 2014 which uses a modified improved forcefield option for improvement in the performance of binding estimation and free energy calculation in case of molecular docking with zinc-specific metalloproteins. Some common initial steps of molecular processes, such as PDB to PDBQT conversion for protein and selected ligands, were done using the ADFR suite and mk-prepare.py python script of the MEEKO software package (<https://pypi.org/project/meeko/>). Then the tetrahedral zinc pseudo atom was added according to the protocol of the AutoDockZn. The grid box was generated (X, Y, Z dimensions of 60, spacing: 0.375 Å) by enclosing the prototype ligand SAHA and zinc ion (Grid centre: -7.605,



11.153, -9.269). Additionally, the AD4Zn.bat (specific parameter file for zinc) was added to the grid input file. Then, the grid generation (with AutoGrid4.2.7) and molecular docking (with AutoDock4) were done conventionally. Finally, the best docking pose for each compound (A004, A007, A013, A053) was selected by comparing the docked structure with the prototype compound. The 3D and 2D interactions of the compounds were analyzed with D.S. 3.0 (Accelrys Inc., CA, USA, 2015).



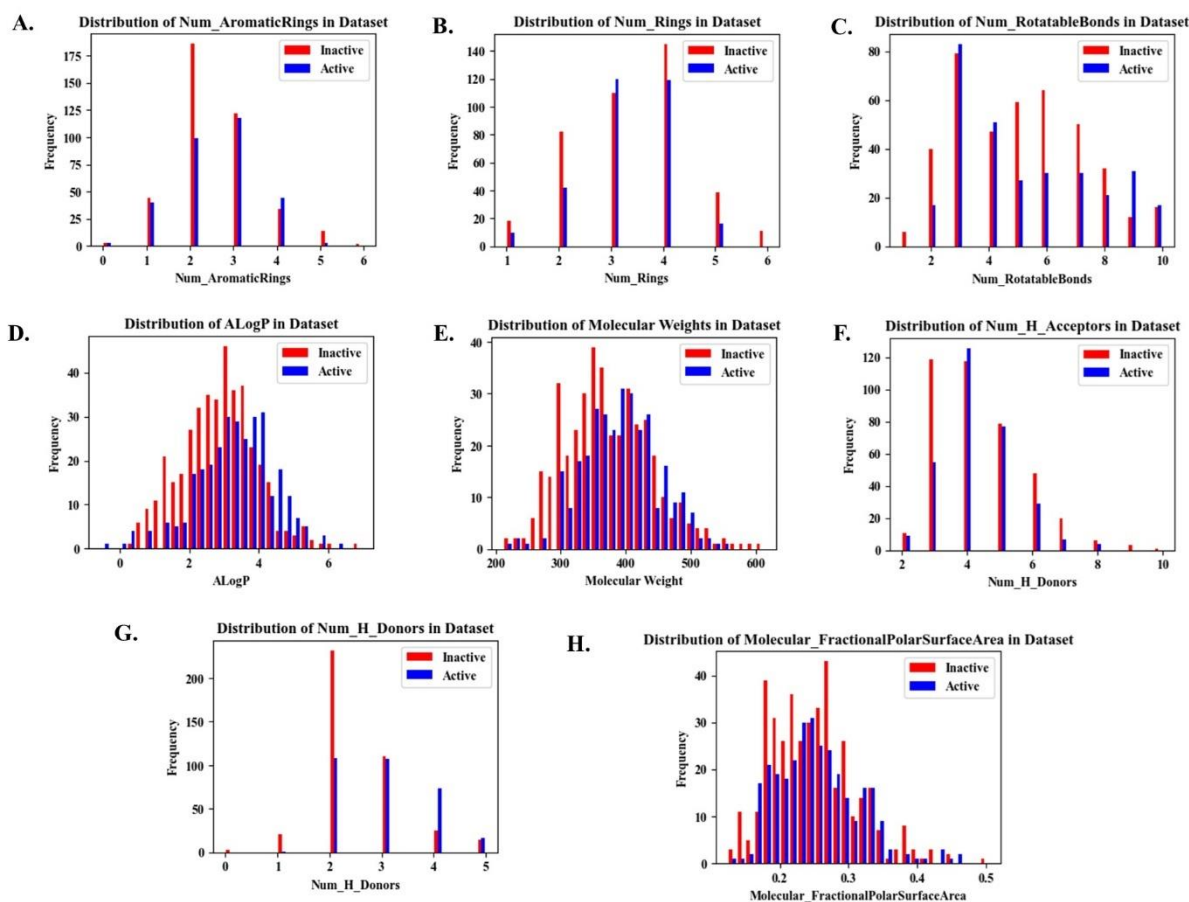
**Figure 8:** Structural alignment of alphaFold HDAC11 model (Siam) with PDB ID:1c3s (Pink) bound with SAHA (Red). The structure showing same binding motif in both of their structure.

## **Chapter 5: Results and discussion**

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### 5.1 Data Analysis

In this study, a dataset containing 712 compounds was used for the development of classification models. The dataset was split into training ( $N_{Train}=534$ ) and test sets ( $N_{Test}=178$ ) using the "Random per Cluster" method for the Bayesian and RP studies. The model was developed on the training set and validated on test set compounds. Before the model development, different molecular descriptors were calculated, including  $nAR$ ,  $nRB$ ,  $nR$ ,  $AlogP$ ,  $MW$ ,  $nHBD$ ,  $nHBA$ ,  $M\_FPSA$ ,  $ECFP\_6$ , and  $FCFP\_6$ . In **Figure 9** multiple bin plots for physicochemical properties are illustrated, including  $nAR$ ,  $nRB$ ,  $nR$ ,  $AlogP$ ,  $MW$ ,  $nHBD$ ,  $nHBA$ , and  $M\_FPSA$  for active and inactive compounds.



**Figure 9:** Distribution of HDAC11 inhibitory activity, **A.**  $nAR$ , **B.**  $nRB$ , **C.**  $nR$ , **D.**  $AlogP$ , **E.**  $MW$ , **F.**  $nHBD$ , **G.**  $nHBA$ , **H.**  $M\_FPSA$ .

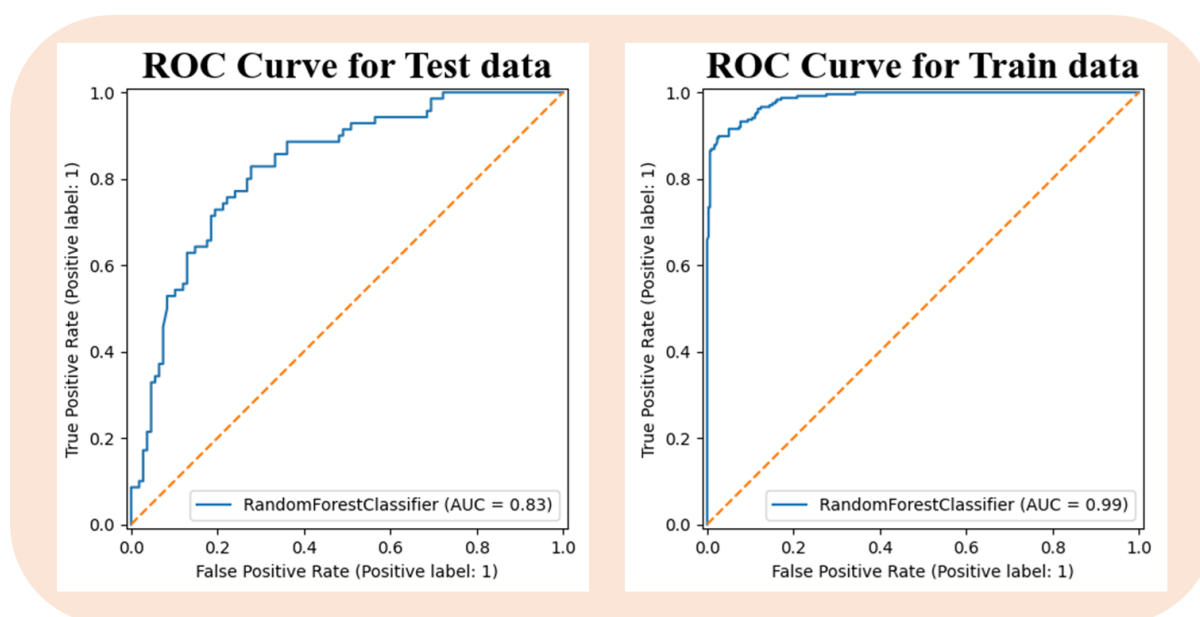
## 5.2 Machine Learning (ML)

A well-curated dataset of 712 HDAC11 inhibitors was used to build ML-based QSAR models, which included Random Forest Classifier (*RFC*), Support Vector Classifier (*SVC*), Logistic Regression (*LR*) and Linear Discriminant Analysis (*LDA*). At first, the *PaDEL*-Descriptor program was implemented to build a set of 1445 2D descriptors (Yap *et al.*, 2011). After that, the dataset was pre-treated, which yielded 496 2D descriptors, and then these descriptors were employed for model development and feature selection. Ultimately, 53 descriptors that the *MDF* tool determined to be the most discriminatory features were used to generate four classification-based ML models (*RFC*, *SVC*, *LDA*, and *LR*). The model was specified and configured through hyperparameter optimization [*RFC* ('*criterion*': '*gini*', '*max\_depth*': *None*, '*min\_samples\_leaf*': 4, '*min\_samples\_split*': 2, '*n\_estimators*': 150); *SVC* ('*C*': 0.1, '*gamma*': '*scale*', '*kernel*': '*linear*'); *LR* ('*C*': 0.1, '*penalty*': *None*, '*solver*': '*lbfgs*'); *LDA* ('*solver*': '*svd*')] by utilizing Scikit-learn package in Python. These ML algorithms are easily available on the DTC Lab webpage (<https://sites.google.com/jadavpuruniversity.in/dtc-lab-software/home/machine-learning-model-development-guis>). A range of validation metrics based on classification was used to evaluate the ML models' performance. The *RFC* model with 53 descriptors turned out to be the best of them. **Table 2** presents a detailed analysis of validation outcomes using various approaches for each of the four models and **Figure 10** presents an illustration of the obtained *ROC* plots from the *RFC* models.

Several metrics were used to evaluate the model, including Cohen's kappa (*k*) coefficient, *F1* score, accuracy, precision, recall, and Matthews correlation coefficient (*MCC*). Specifically, the random forest (*RF*) model performed better, with an *AUC-ROC* of **0.985** for the training set and **0.831** for the test set, demonstrating adequate internal and external validation at 0.852 and 0.529, respectively. On the training set, the *RF* model yielded an accuracy of **0.927** and a precision of **0.934**; on the test set, it obtained an accuracy of **0.758** and a precision value of **0.651**. The training set demonstrated a specificity of **0.899** and a recall of **0.898**, while the test set showed a value of **0.828** for specificity and recall. Cohen's kappa coefficients for the training and test sets were 0.851 and 0.517, respectively. In addition, we used the *RFC* model to perform *SHap* (SHapley Additive ExPlanations) analysis on the training dataset. This analysis aimed to assess each variable's (descriptor) local and global contributions to the predictions.

**Table 2.** Comparison of the performances of different ML models

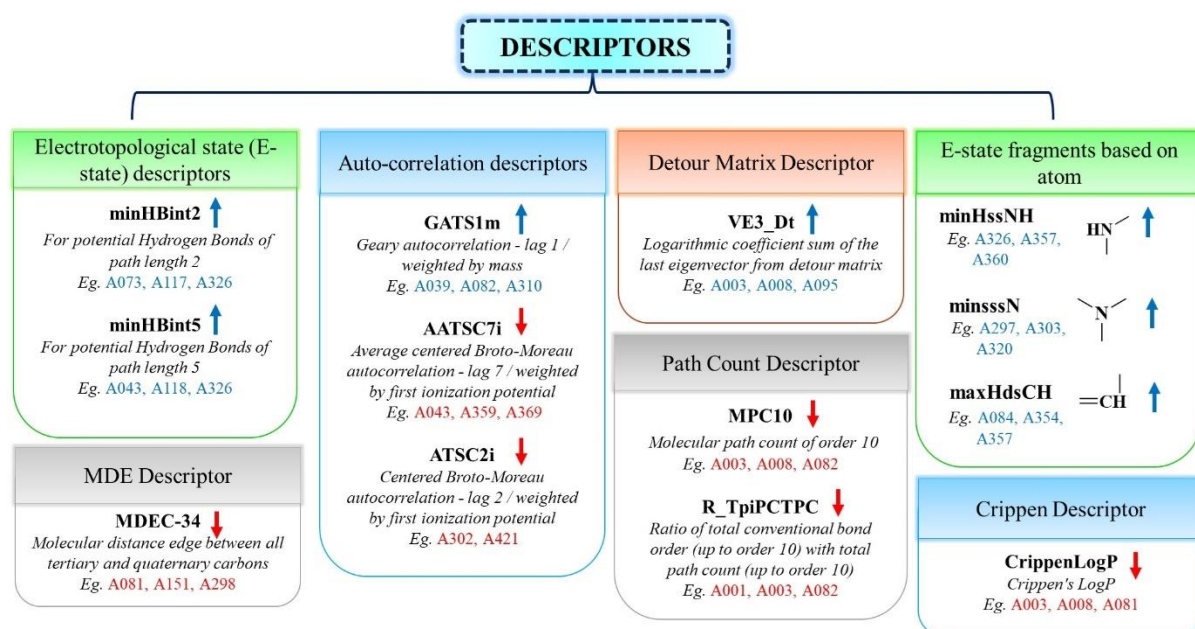
| Model Type | Set      | TP  | FP | TN  | FN | Acc   | Pr    | Sp    | F1 score | Recall (Se) | Cohen's k | MCC   | AUC-ROC |
|------------|----------|-----|----|-----|----|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------------|-----------|-------|---------|
| RFC        | Training | 282 | 24 | 213 | 15 | 0.927 | 0.934 | 0.899 | 0.916    | 0.898       | 0.851     | 0.852 | 0.985   |
|            | Test     | 77  | 12 | 58  | 31 | 0.758 | 0.651 | 0.828 | 0.729    | 0.828       | 0.517     | 0.529 | 0.831   |
| SVC        | Training | 242 | 59 | 178 | 55 | 0.786 | 0.763 | 0.751 | 0.757    | 0.751       | 0.567     | 0.567 | 0.822   |
|            | Test     | 77  | 15 | 55  | 31 | 0.741 | 0.639 | 0.785 | 0.705    | 0.785       | 0.479     | 0.488 | 0.820   |
| LDA        | Training | 248 | 63 | 174 | 49 | 0.790 | 0.780 | 0.734 | 0.756    | 0.734       | 0.573     | 0.573 | 0.846   |
|            | Test     | 80  | 19 | 51  | 28 | 0.736 | 0.645 | 0.729 | 0.684    | 0.728       | 0.459     | 0.461 | 0.838   |
| LR         | Training | 234 | 64 | 173 | 63 | 0.762 | 0.733 | 0.73  | 0.731    | 0.730       | 0.518     | 0.518 | 0.816   |
|            | Test     | 73  | 13 | 57  | 35 | 0.730 | 0.619 | 0.814 | 0.703    | 0.814       | 0.465     | 0.480 | 0.824   |

**Figure 10:** The ROC plots obtained in the RFC model

### 5.2.1 Interpretation of the descriptors involved in Machine learning models

Mechanistic interpretation is crucial for any QSAR model as per OECD Guidelines 5. The development of the final model utilizes some molecular descriptors *minHBint2*, *minHBint5*, *VE3\_Dt*, *maxHdsCH*, *GATS1m*, *minHssNH*, and *minsssN* as illustrated in **Figure 11**. Understanding the contribution of these structural descriptors is essential for gaining insight into HDAC11 inhibition. Among these descriptors, *minHBint5* has the most significant impact

on HDAC11 inhibition (**Figure 12**). The *minHBint2* and *minHBint5* descriptors are 2D electrotopological state (E-state) descriptors, which represent the minimum E-State descriptors of strength for potential hydrogen bonds with path lengths of 2 (*minHBint2*) and 5 (*minHBint5*) respectively. These descriptors highlighted the relevance of hydrogen bonding with path lengths 2 and 5. Interestingly, compounds like **A043** ( $IC_{50} = 27$  nM), **A073** ( $IC_{50} = 115$  nM), **A117** ( $IC_{50} = 651$  nM), and **A118** ( $IC_{50} = 659$  nM) show both high *minHBint2* and *minHBint5* values and powerful HDAC11 inhibition, indicating that *minHBint2* and *minHBint5* positively contribute to HDAC11 inhibitory action. On the other hand, the descriptors *minHssNH* (**A117**,  $IC_{50} = 651$  nM, **A130** = 750 nM), *maxHdsCH* (**A037** = 15 nM, **A084** = 180 nM, **A134** = 750 nM), and *minsssN* (**A046** = 31 nM, **A161** = 776 nM) are also E-state fragments based on atoms that positively contribute to HDAC11 activity. These descriptors represent both the electronic and steric properties of atoms and molecules. *MinHssNH* denotes the bonding of amine groups while the feature *minsssN* refers to the >N-fragment's minimum nitrogen atom-type E-State. A high *minsssN* score indicates strong polarity and, thus, less toxicity since the presence of polar nitrogen atoms increases the hydrophilicity of molecules. In addition, *maxHdsCH* is one of the most essential descriptors for the model with only *PaDEL* descriptors. It represented the maximum atom-type H E-State: =CH-.



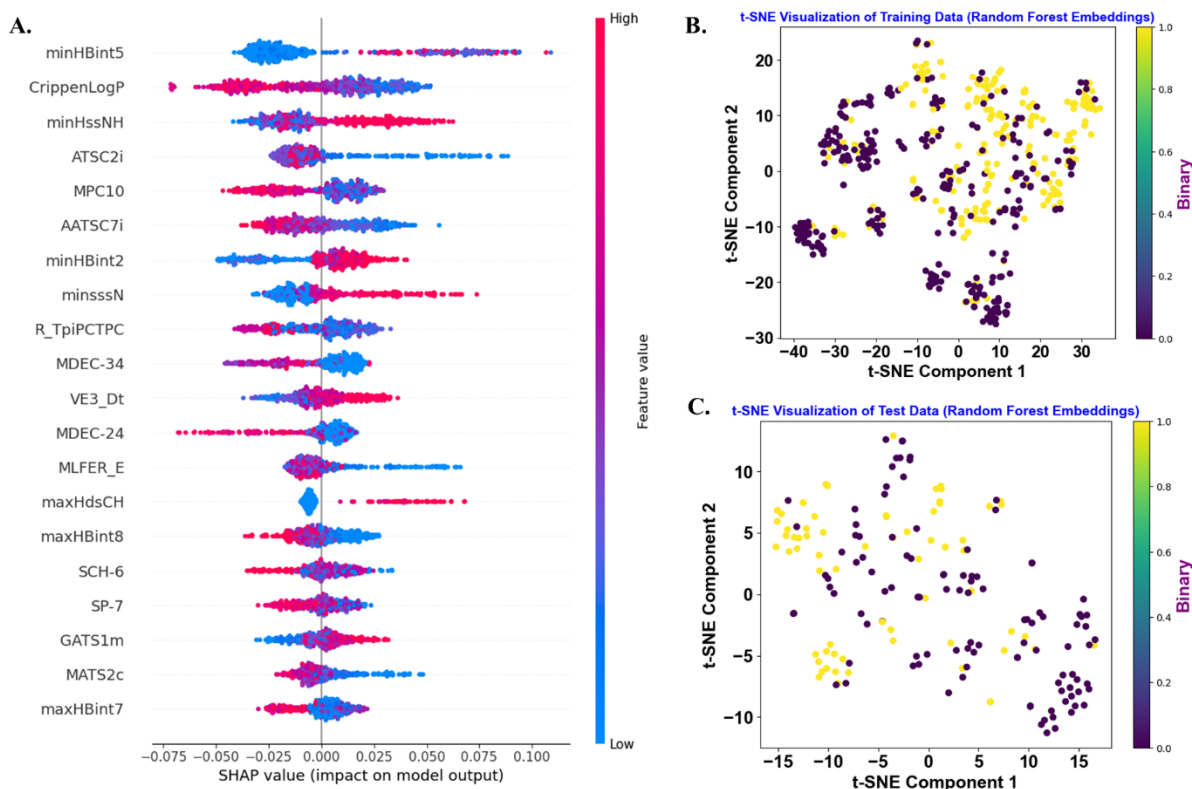
**Figure 11:** A summary of 13 significant descriptors used in ML models. Positive contributions are denoted by upward arrows in blue, while negative contributions are represented by downward arrows in red.

The *GATSIm* is a 2D autocorrelation descriptor that describes how a given attribute is distributed over a topological molecular structure. It defines mass distribution along a topological molecular structure. Higher values of *GATSIm* indicate increased HDAC11 activity, as observed in compounds like **A039** ( $IC_{50} = 21$  nM), and **A082** ( $IC_{50} = 174$  nM). Conversely, *ATSC2i* (**A630** and **A696**) and *AATSC7i* (**A691** and **A702**) contributed negatively to the HDAC11 activity. Moreover, the descriptor *VE3\_Dt* denoted the logarithmic coefficient sum of the last eigenvector in the detour matrix. It has been found that *VE3\_Dt* contributes positively to the HDAC11 activity, in compounds like **A003** ( $IC_{50} = 1$  nM), and **A008** ( $IC_{50} = 2$  nM). Furthermore, *CrippenLogP* a Crippen's LogP descriptor (**A528** and **A673**), *MDEC-34* MDE descriptor (**A586** and **A648**), *MPC10* (**A625** and **A699**) and *R\_TpiPCTPC* (**A616** and **A625**) a path count descriptor each of them have a negative impact on HDAC11 activity.

### 5.2.2 *SHAP Plots*

SHapley Additive exPlanations (*SHAP*) illustrate the output of ML models. *SHAP* highlights each feature by itself and also, shows the importance of all the features together. *SHAP* is a model-nonspecific tool, organic to the application of any ML algorithm, and ensures that the sum of the *SHAP* values for each attribute is the difference between the prediction loss and the average prediction loss. To sum up, *SHAP* is a powerful method of increasing transparency and trust in ML models as it provides a comprehensive explanation of how each feature affects the predictions (Mangalathu *et al.*, 2020; Štrumbelj *et al.*, 2011).

These plots show the contribution of each descriptor to the prediction on the y-axis (*SHAP* values), with features plotted on the x-axis. Every point on the plot represents a data instance, and its colour indicates whether the feature value is high (usually blue) or low (usually red), depending on where the point falls on the x-axis. In complicated machine learning models like neural networks or tree-based models, *SHAP* plots help visualize the relative relevance of different features and how they contribute to individual predictions (Lundberg *et al.*, 2018). We trained the best machine learning model (*RFC*) from the dataset to investigate these visualizations.



**Figure 12:** **A.** SHAP Summary plot providing a detailed overview of the directional effects of different features on the predictions for the Random Forest Classification (RFC) model. **B.** t-SNE Plot of SHAP embeddings for the training data set. **C.** t-SNE Plot of SHAP embeddings for the test data set.

### 5.2.3 SHAP Summary Plot

*SHAP* summary plots employ individual feature attributions to efficiently communicate multiple aspects of a feature's significance while maintaining the visualization simple and brief. These plots show dots representing SHAP values in a horizontal orientation, with characteristics arranged according to their total impact. The dots stack vertically in cases where there is insufficient room. The colour of each dot indicates the value of the feature, ranging from low (blue) to high (red). The colouring will exhibit a smooth transition if a feature's influence on the model varies gradually as its value changes.

The most significant element influencing the model's output at baseline is *minHBint5*, as seen in **Figure 12A**. The colouring of the *minHBint5* plot shows a smooth increase in the model's output (a log odds ratio) with higher *minHBint5* values, while the density of dots shows the frequency of different *minHBint5* values in the dataset. The pattern of dots that leans more to the right (as in the case of *maxHdsCH*) than to the left suggests that high values of these measures might considerably increase the influence on RFC. These depictions aid in



comprehending the behaviour of the model and highlighting significant characteristics that influence its evaluations. These descriptors strongly influence HDAC11 inhibitory activity.

#### 5.2.4 *t-SNE Plots*

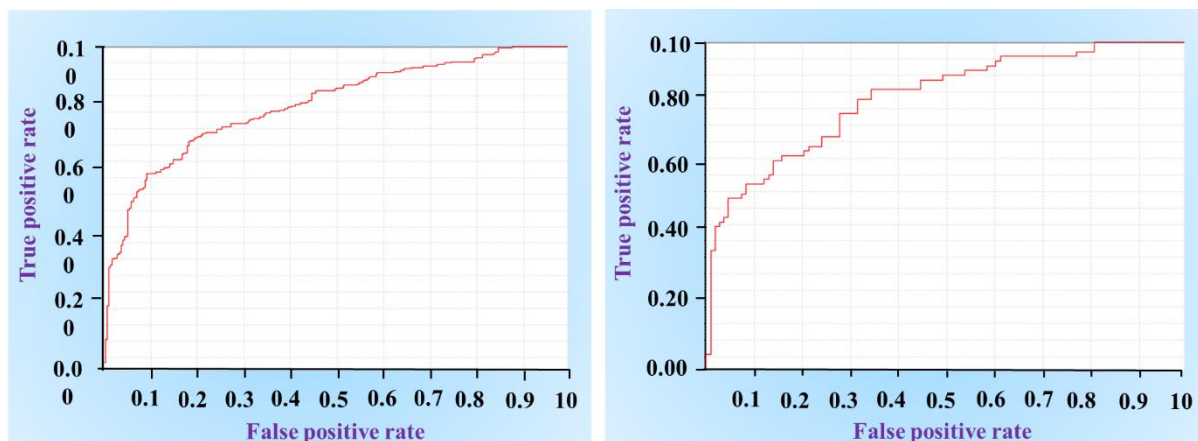
A technique for visualizing data that maps high-dimensional points to discrete locations in two or three dimensions is called t-distributed stochastic embedding, or *t-SNE*. This non-linear method of lowering complicated data dimensions is achieved by efficiently distilling the core of high-dimensional datasets and projecting them into lower-dimensional environments (Banerjee *et al.*, 2023). *t-SNE* plots showing various scenarios for the training and test set compounds are shown in **Figures 12B** and **12C**. In the first scenario (6B), *t-SNE* plots were generated for the training set of the best (RFC) model. In this instance, the data point clustering indicates total segregation. As we go to the next scenario (6C), *t-SNE* plots were generated for the test set of the best (RFC) model.

### 5.3 *Bayesian Classification*

The "Create Bayesian Model" module of *D.S. 3.0* (Accelrys Inc., CA, USA, 2015) generated the Bayesian classification model. However, the Bayesian model has been developed on a collection of 534 training set HDAC11 inhibitors and non-inhibitors using descriptors such as *nHBD*, *nHBA*, *ALogP*, *nRB*, *nR*, *nAR*, *MW*, and *M\_FPSA* together with *ECFP\_6* fingerprint. After analysis, it has been found that the proposed model accurately discriminated between favourable and unfavourable structural features which can be classified into distinct categories. Therefore, this approach is beneficial in identifying several essential molecular properties of diverse classes of HDAC11 inhibitors.

The results of the statistical analysis of the Bayesian classification model along with its parameter and predictive performance are discussed in **Table 3**. The developed model for both training (five-fold cross-validated,  $ROC_{5cv}$ ) and test sets demonstrated good *ROC* scores of 0.824 and 0.834 respectively, while the *ROC* plots are displayed in **Figure 13**. The training set ( $N_{Train}$ ) model depicted a value of 77.2 % *Se*, 91.9 % *Sp*, 0.853 *Acc*, 0.884 *Pr*, and 0.842 *G-mean*. Similarly, in the case of external validation, the test set ( $N_{Test}$ ) model also demonstrated satisfactory scores for the different statistical parameters (**Table 3**) such as 65.7 % *Se*, 79.3 % *Sp*, 0.741 *Acc*, 0.676 *Pr*, and 0.723 *G-mean*. The *G-mean* algorithm efforts to enhance the accuracy on each of the classes. Furthermore, to quantify the overall performance of the model, other measures such as the *FI*,  $AUC_b$ , *MCC*,  $\gamma$ , and likelihoods such as positive likelihood ( $\rho_+$ ) and negative likelihood ( $\rho_-$ ) were also determined. A good Youden's index ( $\gamma=0.691$ ,  $N_{Train}$ ;

$\gamma=0.453$ ,  $N_{Test}$ ) signifies a higher potential for discriminating the developed model. A higher positive likelihood score ( $\rho+=9.555$ ,  $N_{Train}$ ;  $\rho+=3.225$ ,  $N_{Test}$ ) indicates how well the model recognizes positive instances, while a lower negative likelihood value ( $\rho-=0.247$ ,  $N_{Train}$ ;  $\rho-=0.430$ ,  $N_{Test}$ ) indicates how well the model recognizes negative instances in comparison to the likelihood that it will incorrectly identify positive instances.



**Figure 13:** ROC plots obtained from the Bayesian model

**Table 3. Validation metrics of the developed Bayesian model**

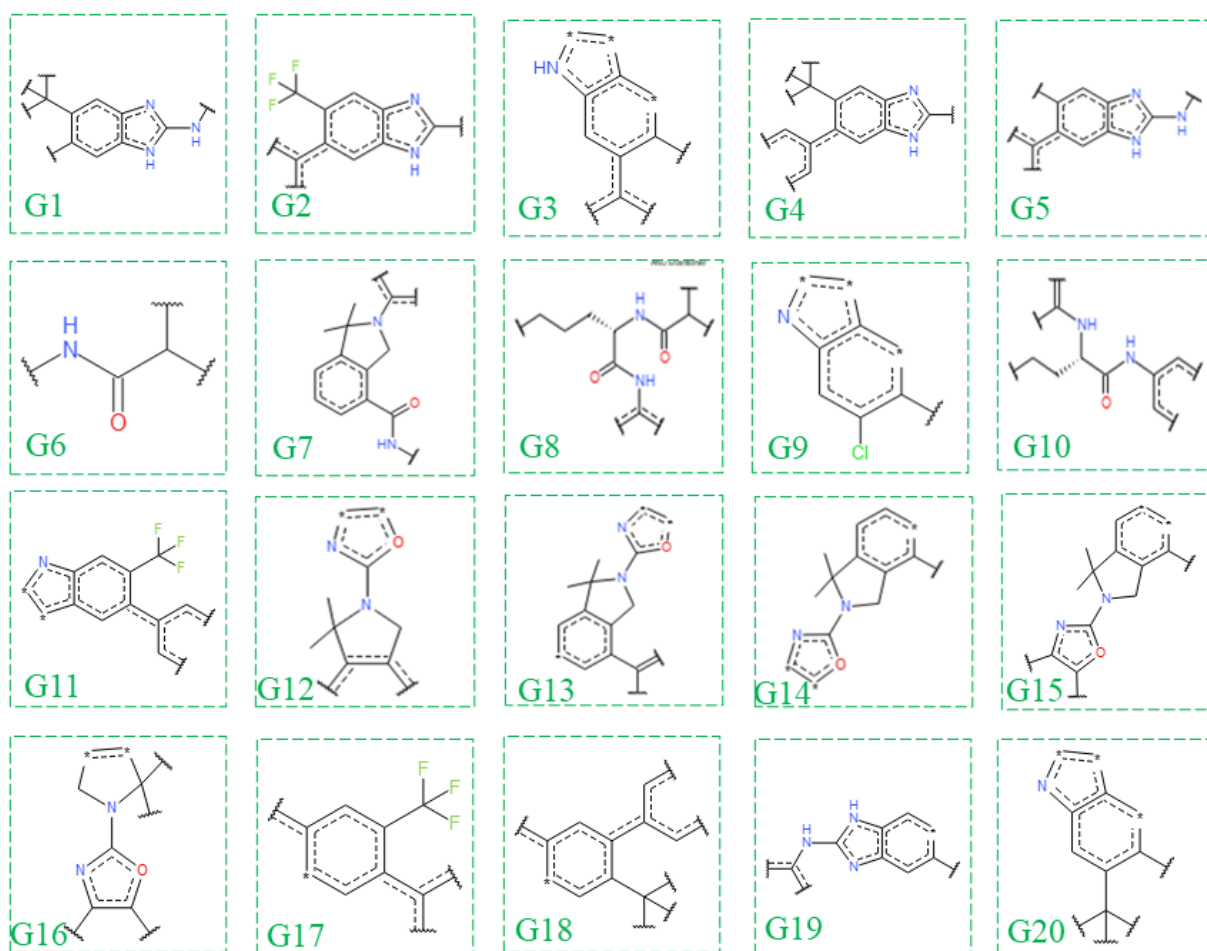
| Set    | ROC<br>Score | ROC<br>Rating | TP  | FP | TN  | FN | Se    | Sp    | Acc   | Pr    | G-<br>mean | FI    | AUC <sub>b</sub> | MCC   | $\gamma$ | $\rho+$ | $\rho-$ |
|--------|--------------|---------------|-----|----|-----|----|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|------------------|-------|----------|---------|---------|
| Train# | 0.824        | Good          | 183 | 24 | 273 | 54 | 0.772 | 0.919 | 0.853 | 0.884 | 0.842      | 0.824 | 0.845            | 0.705 | 0.691    | 9.555   | 0.247   |
| Test   | 0.834        | Good          | 46  | 22 | 86  | 24 | 0.657 | 0.793 | 0.741 | 0.676 | 0.723      | 0.666 | 0.726            | 0.455 | 0.453    | 3.225   | 0.430   |

#5-fold cross-validation is used for the training set to evaluate the statistics, ROC= Receiver operating characteristics; TP= True positive; FN = False negative; FP =False positive; TN = True negative; Se =Sensitivity, Sp =Specificity, Acc =Accuracy, Pr = precision, G-mean = Geometric mean FI =F1 measure, AUC<sub>b</sub> = area under the balanced accuracy ROC curve, MCC = Matthew's correlation co-efficient,  $\gamma$  = Youden's index,  $\rho+$  = positive likelihood,  $\rho-$  = negative likelihood.

### 5.3.1 Evaluation of structural fingerprints generated by a Bayesian classification model

The Bayesian classification model generated 20 favourable as well as unfavourable molecular fingerprints that may influence or hinder the HDAC11 inhibitory activities. Following the Bayesian score, the top 20 good (**G1-G20**) and bad (**B1-B20**) structural fingerprints (**Figures 14 and 16**) are taken for further identification and evaluation. The compounds having good fingerprints show significant behaviour for HDAC11 inhibitory activity.

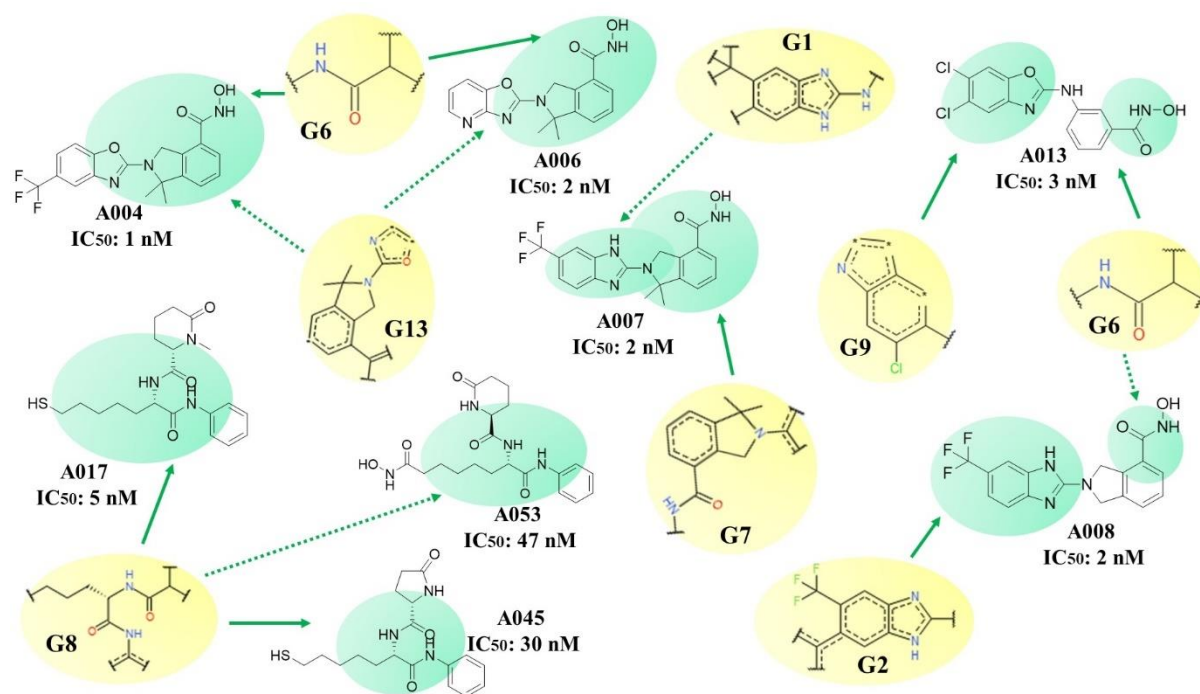
Additionally, most of the good structural fingerprints are present in the developed compounds showing favourable activity and it has been illustrated in **Figure 15**. Similarly, the presence of fingerprint features **G1**, **G2**, **G3**, **G4**, **G5**, **G9**, **G11**, **G17**, **G18**, **G19**, and **G20** exhibit the favourable contribution of *benzimidazole* moiety in the biological activity of HDAC11 inhibitors for example, compound **A007** and **A008** ( $IC_{50} = 2$  nM); **A013** ( $IC_{50} = 3$  nM). The fragments **G6**, **G8**, and **G10** exhibit the significance of the *carboxamide* functional group present in the compound **A003** ( $IC_{50} = 1$  nM); **A014** ( $IC_{50} = 3$  nM); **A017** ( $IC_{50} = 5$  nM); **A053** ( $IC_{50} = 47$  nM).



**Figure 14:** Top 20 favorable fingerprints identified from the Bayesian classification model

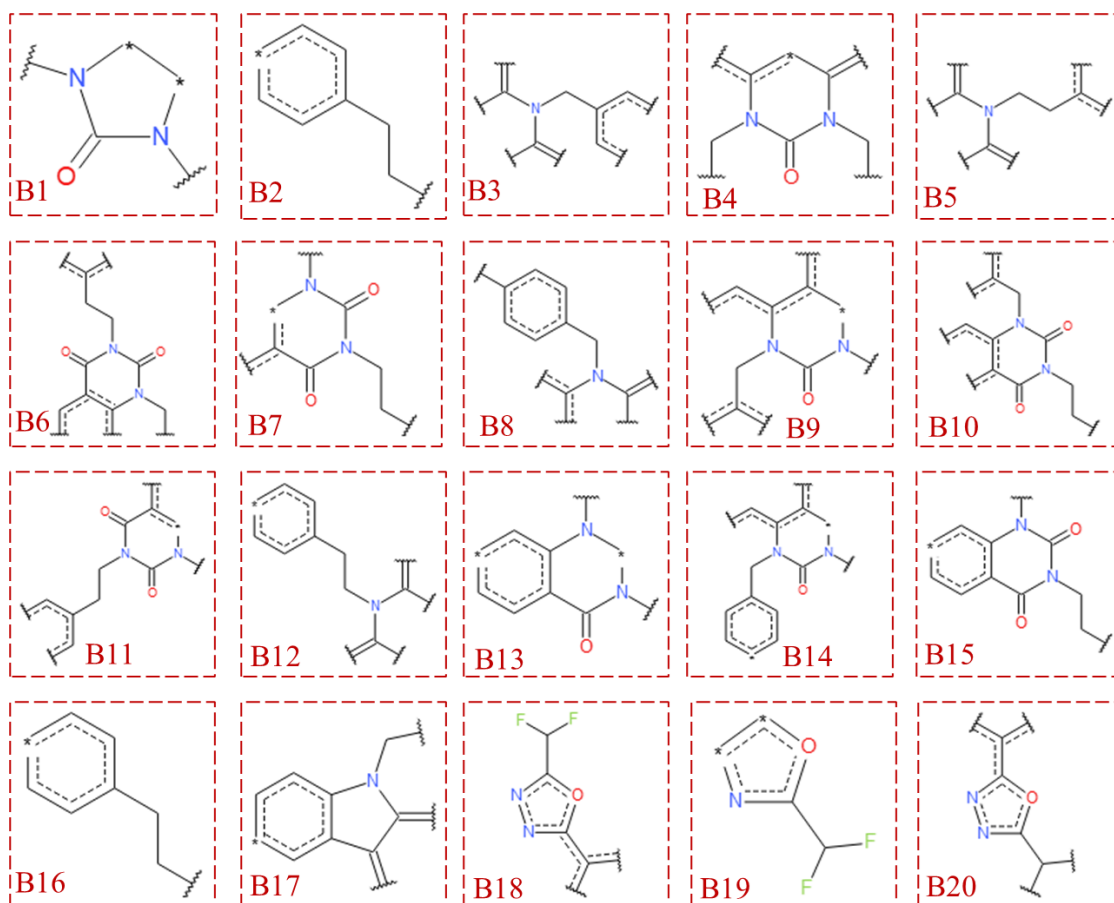
Furthermore, compounds **A004**, **A006**, **A007**, **A010**, **A012**, **A021** and **A022** with fingerprints like **G7**, **G12**, **G13**, **G14**, **G15** and **G16** exhibit a significant HDAC11 inhibitory action. Meanwhile, the mentioned fingerprints denote the existence of an *isoindoline* moiety attached to the substituted *oxazole* ring. Interestingly, some of the compounds have more than one good fingerprint such as **A004**, **A007**, **A008**, **A013**, and **A022** which revealed a clear picture, that they might be a potential candidate for HDAC11 inhibitory activity.

As a result, the Bayesian study revealed that the *benzimidazole* moiety, *carboxamide* group, and *isoindoline* moiety are essential for enhancing HDAC11 inhibitory action. Also, the study revealed certain bad fingerprints liable for HDAC11 inhibitory activity hindrances.

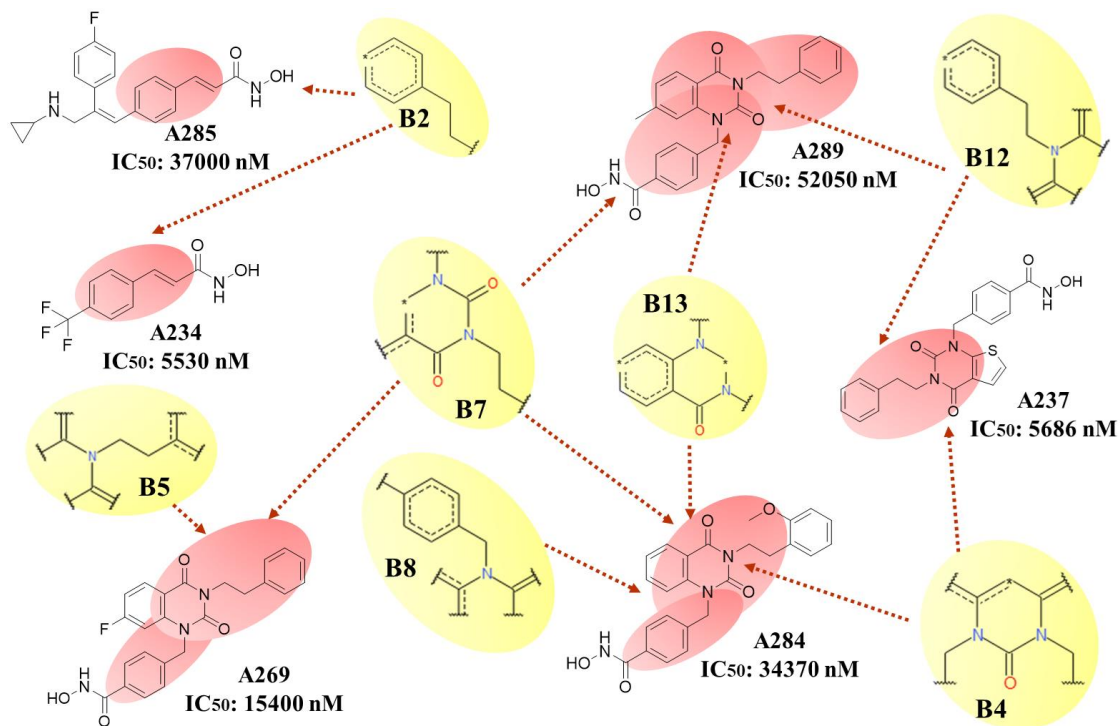


**Figure 15:** Molecular structures of some *active* HDAC11 inhibitors with favourable Bayesian fingerprint.

Considering the Bayesian classification of bad molecular fingerprints (**B1-B20**, **Figure 16**), the **B1** fragment makes it abundantly evident that the molecule containing the *1,3-dimethyl imidazolidine-2-one* scaffolds may not be able to boost the activity of any HDAC11 inhibitors, as it is observed in compounds **A501-A503** all exhibiting HDAC11  $IC_{50}$  values exceeding 100,000 nM. Specifically, analogs containing *1,3-dimethyl-2,4-dimethylenehexahydropyrimidine* moiety (**B4**, **B6**, **B7**, **B9**, **B10**, **B11**, **B13**, **B14** and **B15**) were responsible for detrimental characteristic of HDAC11 inhibition as illustrated in **Figure 17**, for example, compounds like **A237** ( $IC_{50}$  = 5686 nM); **A269** ( $IC_{50}$  = 15400 nM); **A284** ( $IC_{50}$  = 34370 nM); **A289** ( $IC_{50}$  = 52050). Additionally, **B2** and **B16** fingerprints possessing *propyl benzene* moiety, such as in compounds **A234** ( $IC_{50}$  = 5530 nM); and **A285** ( $IC_{50}$  = 37000 nM) are also responsible for poor activity. Similarly, scaffolds like *divinyl amine* having *1,3-methyl* or *ethyl* substitution in fingerprints **B3**, **B5**, **B8**, and **B12** in compounds **A269** ( $IC_{50}$  = 15400 nM); **A289** ( $IC_{50}$  = 52050) is undesirable for HDAC11 inhibitory action. The negative fingerprint **B17** (**A697**, **A699**) suggests that the *1-ethyl-2,3-dimethyleneindoline* and *2-isopropyl oxazole* moiety (**B18-B20**) may also impede the HDAC11 inhibitory activities.



**Figure 16:** Top 20 unfavourable fingerprints identified from the Bayesian classification study



**Figure 17:** Structure of some *inactive* HDAC11 inhibitors with bad Bayesian fingerprints

In general, our Bayesian analysis shows that the majority of compounds with substituted *1,3-dimethyl-2,4-dimethylenehexahydropyrimidine*, *methyl substituted-divinyl amine*, and *2-propyloxazole* scaffolds have shown poor or less activity while compounds with *benzimidazole*, *isoindoline*, or *carboxamide* functional group have a significant outcome. Another intriguing finding is that compounds having both *benzimidazole* and *isoindoline* scaffolds have shown higher activity as compared to others.

#### 5.4 Recursive partitioning (RP) study

The Recursive Partitioning (RP) analysis was carried out using a dataset encompassing 712 compounds as HDAC11 inhibitors with diverse hydroxamate and non-hydroxamate groups to develop clearer and more precise classification-based models by generating decision trees. RP modeling was done on the training ( $N_{Train} = 534$ ) and test ( $N_{Test} = 178$ ) sets developed by the "Random per cluster" method. Since the Bayesian classification models involving the training set performed better on the test set. Similar to the Bayesian classification research, this RP model was built in *D.S. 3.0* [125] with default settings utilizing a combination of fingerprint features (Feature-class fingerprint of diameter 6, *FPCP\_6*) and different types of molecular descriptors like *AlogP*, *MW*, *nR*, *nAR*, *nRB*, *nHBD*, *nHBA*, *ECFP\_6* and *MFPSA*. 5-fold cross-validation was utilized to assess the model's performance, which led to the generation of 9 tree(s) for differentiating the *actives* from *inactives*. Statistical analysis of the RP model's decision trees reveals that decision tree-1 outperformed the training and test sets in terms of *ROCCV*, *ROC* score, and other statistical metrics. **Table 4** shows the statistical performance of 9 decision trees built from the training set compounds, and **Table 5** has a full statistical description of the 9 decision trees for the test set.

Tree-1 has an  $ROC_{Train}$  score of 0.922 and is the least-trimmed tree. Consequently, it is a model with less error (Min alpha = 0) than the other eight trees. A thorough investigation revealed that Tree-1, with an  $ROC_{CV}$  score of 0.794, is the best model and the *ROC* score for the test set compounds was found to be 0.83. Based on the *FPCP\_6* fingerprint, the decision tree with 26 leaves exported six molecular properties and twelve structural fingerprints (*FP-1* to *FP-12*), as shown in **Figure 18**. These twelve fingerprints (**Figure 19**) are essential in distinguishing between highly *active* and less active or *inactive* HDAC11 inhibitors. In addition, various statistical measures like sensitivity (*Se*), specificity (*Sp*), overall accuracy (*Acc*), precision (*Pr*), geometric-mean (*g-mean*), F1-measure (*F1*), and area under the balanced accuracy *ROC* curve ( $AUC_b$ ), etc. were obtained for both the training and test set compounds. Moreover, both the

**Table 4. Statistical results of the RP model for the training set**

| <i>Tree No:</i> | <i>ROC</i>   | <i>ROC<sub>cv</sub></i> | <i>TP</i>  | <i>FP</i> | <i>TN</i>  | <i>FN</i> | <i>Se</i>    | <i>Sp</i>    | <i>Acc</i>   | <i>Pr</i>    | <i>G-mean</i> | <i>F1</i>    | <i>AUC<sub>b</sub></i> | <i>MCC</i>   | <i>γ</i>     | <i>ρ<sup>+</sup></i> | <i>ρ<sup>-</sup></i> |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Depth:</i>   |              |                         |            |           |            |           |              |              |              |              |               |              |                        |              |              |                      |                      |
| <i>Leaves</i>   |              |                         |            |           |            |           |              |              |              |              |               |              |                        |              |              |                      |                      |
| <b>1:26</b>     | <b>0.922</b> | <b>0.794</b>            | <b>200</b> | <b>47</b> | <b>250</b> | <b>37</b> | <b>0.844</b> | <b>0.842</b> | <b>0.843</b> | <b>0.809</b> | <b>0.843</b>  | <b>0.826</b> | <b>0.842</b>           | <b>0.683</b> | <b>0.685</b> | <b>5.332</b>         | <b>0.185</b>         |
| <b>2:20</b>     | 0.941        | 0.796                   | 200        | 47        | 250        | 37        | 0.844        | 0.842        | 0.843        | 0.809        | 0.843         | 0.826        | 0.842                  | 0.683        | 0.685        | 5.332                | 0.185                |
| <b>3:18</b>     | 0.931        | 0.792                   | 200        | 49        | 248        | 37        | 0.844        | 0.835        | 0.839        | 0.803        | 0.839         | 0.823        | 0.844                  | 0.676        | 0.679        | 5.115                | 0.186                |
| <b>4:15</b>     | 0.921        | 199                     | 199        | 55        | 242        | 38        | 0.840        | 0.815        | 0.826        | 0.783        | 0.827         | 0.810        | 0.827                  | 0.652        | 0.654        | 4.534                | 0.196                |
| <b>5:12</b>     | 0.896        | 0.788                   | 183        | 43        | 254        | 54        | 0.772        | 0.855        | 0.818        | 0.810        | 0.813         | 0.790        | 0.813                  | 0.630        | 0.627        | 5.333                | 0.266                |
| <b>6:11</b>     | 0.887        | 0.785                   | 190        | 57        | 240        | 47        | 0.802        | 0.808        | 0.805        | 0.77         | 0.805         | 0.785        | 0.805                  | 0.607        | 0.609        | 4.177                | 0.245                |
| <b>7:5</b>      | 0.879        | 0.764                   | 134        | 29        | 268        | 103       | 0.565        | 0.902        | 0.753        | 0.822        | 0.714         | 0.67         | 0.734                  | 0.504        | 0.467        | 5.790                | 0.481                |
| <b>8:4</b>      | 0.861        | 0.764                   | 111        | 21        | 276        | 126       | 0.468        | 0.929        | 0.725        | 0.840        | 0.660         | 0.601        | 0.698                  | 0.457        | 0.398        | 6.623                | 0.572                |
| <b>9:2</b>      | 0.794        | 0.733                   | 69         | 14        | 283        | 168       | 0.291        | 0.953        | 0.659        | 0.831        | 0.527         | 0.431        | 0.622                  | 0.334        | 0.244        | 6.176                | 0.744                |

The best RP model is shown in boldfaces

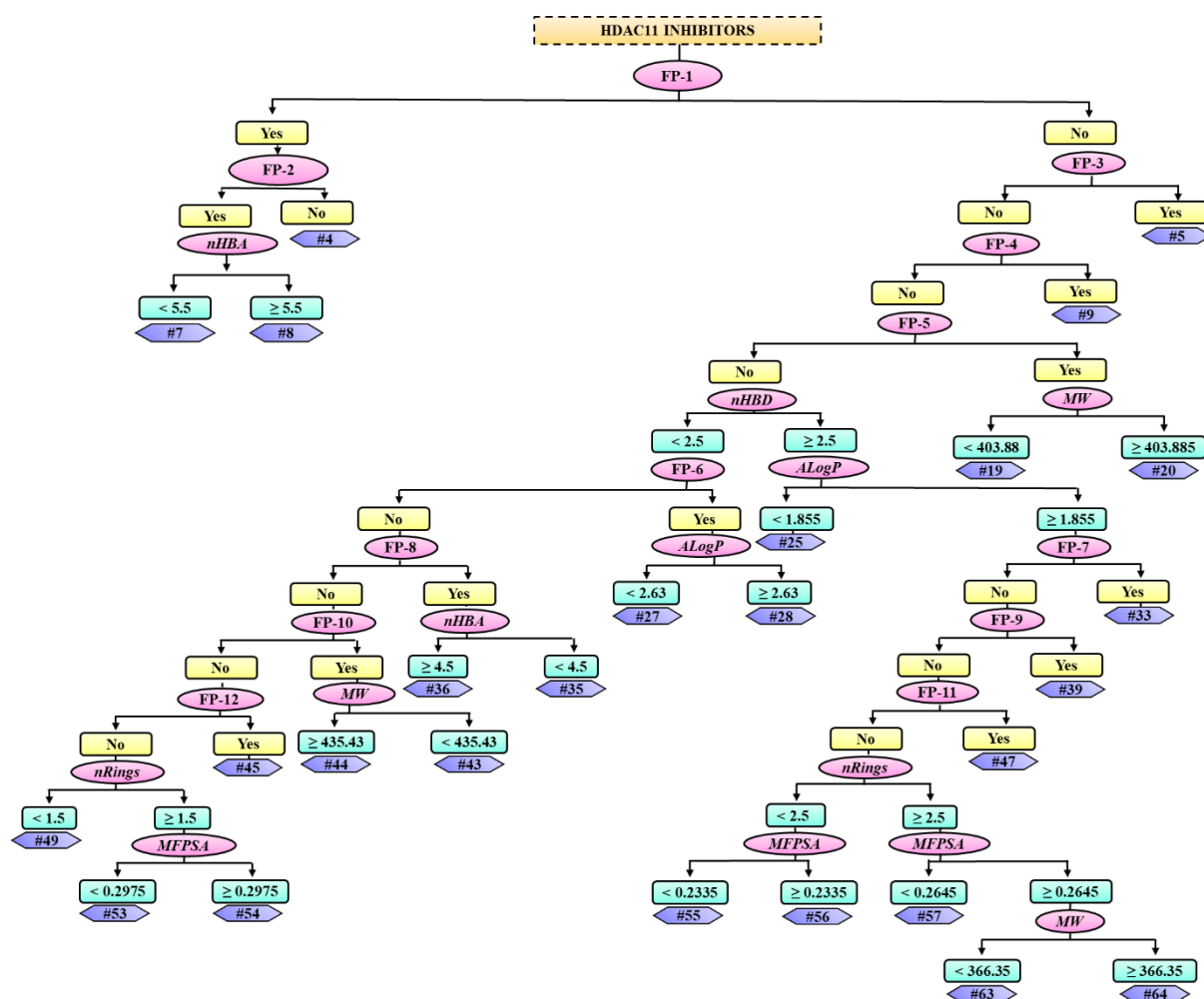
**Table 5. Statistical results of the RP model for the test set**

| <i>Tree No:</i> | <i>ROC score</i> | <i>TP</i> | <i>FP</i> | <i>TN</i> | <i>FN</i> | <i>Se</i>    | <i>Sp</i>    | <i>Acc</i>   | <i>Pr</i>    | <i>G-mean</i> | <i>F1</i>    | <i>AUC<sub>b</sub></i> | <i>MCC</i>   | <i>γ</i>     | <i>ρ<sup>+</sup></i> | <i>ρ<sup>-</sup></i> |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Depth:</i>   |                  |           |           |           |           |              |              |              |              |               |              |                        |              |              |                      |                      |
| <i>Leaves</i>   |                  |           |           |           |           |              |              |              |              |               |              |                        |              |              |                      |                      |
| <b>1:26</b>     | <b>0.83</b>      | <b>57</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>84</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>0.814</b> | <b>0.778</b> | <b>0.792</b> | <b>0.703</b> | <b>0.796</b>  | <b>0.754</b> | <b>0.796</b>           | <b>0.580</b> | <b>0.592</b> | <b>3.66</b>          | <b>0.238</b>         |
| <b>2:20</b>     | 0.827            | 57        | 24        | 84        | 13        | 0.814        | 0.778        | 0.792        | 0.703        | 0.796         | 0.754        | 0.796                  | 0.580        | 0.592        | 3.66                 | 0.238                |
| <b>3:18</b>     | 0.802            | 55        | 33        | 75        | 15        | 0.786        | 0.694        | 0.730        | 0.625        | 0.739         | 0.696        | 0.740                  | 0.47         | 0.480        | 2.57                 | 0.308                |
| <b>4:15</b>     | 0.731            | 51        | 39        | 69        | 19        | 0.729        | 0.639        | 0.674        | 0.566        | 0.682         | 0.637        | 0.683                  | 0.36         | 0.367        | 2.01                 | 0.424                |
| <b>5:12</b>     | 0.724            | 49        | 32        | 76        | 21        | 0.700        | 0.704        | 0.702        | 0.605        | 0.702         | 0.650        | 0.701                  | 0.40         | 0.403        | 2.36                 | 0.426                |
| <b>6:11</b>     | 0.725            | 54        | 34        | 74        | 16        | 0.771        | 0.685        | 0.719        | 0.613        | 0.727         | 0.683        | 0.728                  | 0.446        | 0.456        | 2.45                 | 0.333                |
| <b>7:5</b>      | 0.711            | 42        | 21        | 87        | 28        | 0.600        | 0.806        | 0.725        | 0.666        | 0.695         | 0.631        | 0.702                  | 0.414        | 0.405        | 3.08                 | 0.496                |
| <b>8:4</b>      | 0.678            | 33        | 11        | 97        | 37        | 0.471        | 0.898        | 0.730        | 0.75         | 0.651         | 0.578        | 0.684                  | 0.418        | 0.37         | 4.63                 | 0.588                |
| <b>9:2</b>      | 0.57             | 15        | 8         | 100       | 55        | 0.214        | 0.926        | 0.646        | 0.652        | 0.445         | 0.322        | 0.570                  | 0.204        | 0.140        | 2.9                  | 0.848                |

The best RP model is shown in boldfaces

training and test set yielded *Se* at (0.844, 0.814); *Sp* (0.842, 0.778); *Acc* (0.843, 0.792); *Pr* (0.809, 0.703); *G-mean* (0.843, 0.796); *F1* (0.826, 0.754); *AUC<sub>b</sub>* (0.842, 0.796); and so on (summarized in **Table 4** and 5). These obtained measures demonstrate Tree 1's supremacy as the best RP model over the other eight models and a graphical illustration with 12 fingerprints (FP-1 to FP-12) and 26 terminal leaves of Tree-1 is depicted in **Figure 18**.





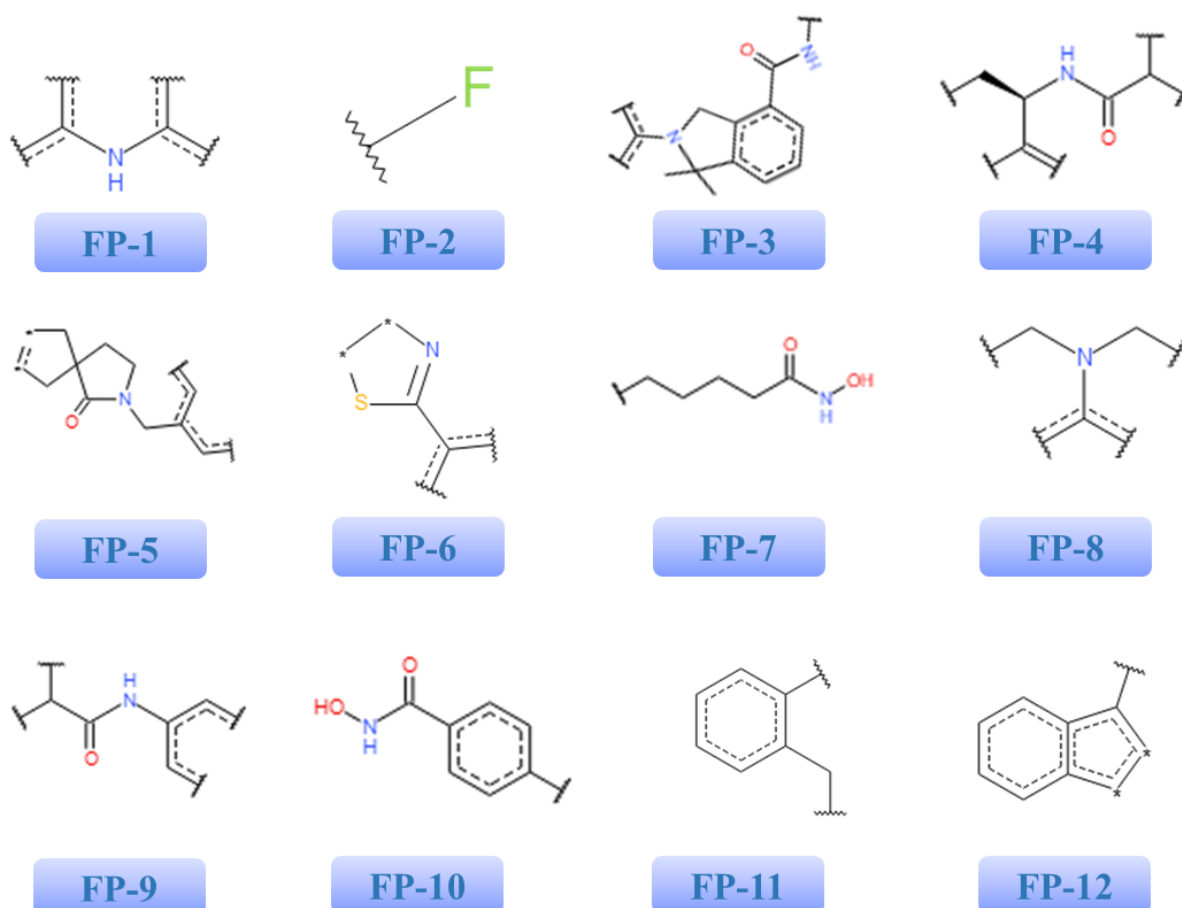
**Figure 18:** Classification of HDAC11 inhibitors through the decision tree into *active* and *inactive* classes by using the RP model.

#### 5.4.1 *Evaluation of the decision tree and structural fragments of the RP Model*

The potential of Tree-1 in distinguishing between *active* and *inactive* HDAC11 inhibitors is strongly reliant on the twelve fragments (**Figure 19**) and these fragments plays an essential role in governing the activity of HDAC11 inhibitors.

Mechanistically, the number of hydrogen bond donors (*nHBD*), number of hydrogen bond acceptors (*nHBA*), number of rings (*nR*), octanol/water partitioning coefficient (*ALogP*), molecular fractional polar surface area (*MFPSA*), and molecular weight (*MW*) are the prime molecular descriptors determined by the best decision tree (Tree-1) that has an impact on the activity of the compounds to be predicted as *active/inactive* classes of HDAC11 inhibitors. The RP model findings demonstrated the importance of different structural fragments in the formation of the decision tree. In particular, it is expected that the fragments FP-1 to FP-5, and FP-7 will improve HDAC11 inhibition.





**Figure 19:** FCFP<sub>6</sub> fingerprints obtained from the RP Study

On the other hand, probably, FP-6, FP-8, and FP-9 to FP-12 will negatively affect HDAC11 inhibition. In addition, each of the 26 terminal leaves of decision Tree-1 represents a cluster of *active* and *inactive* compounds. In this context, leaf #5, #7, #8, #9, #20, #33, #35, #44, #57 and #64 indicate clusters of *active* compounds, while leaf #4, #19, #25, #36, #49 and #53 represent clusters of *inactive* compounds.

In the decision tree (Tree-1), FP-1 (*diisopropyl amine* moiety) is split into compounds that contain FP-2 (*fluromethane* scaffold) and that do not contain FP-3 (*isoindoline* moiety fused with *carboxamide*). Both FP-1 and FP-2 are believed to show good inhibitory activity. For instance, compound **A013** ( $IC_{50} = 3$  nM), **A067** ( $IC_{50} = 190$  nM) contains both FP-1 and FP-2. In addition, Leaf ID #7 and #8 are comprised of compounds with *nHBA* ( $<5.5$  and  $\geq 6.5$ ). Mostly, compounds with *isoindoline* moiety with a *carboxamide* group belong to Leaf ID #5 that comprise FP-3 and seem to be excellent HDAC11 inhibitors for example compounds **A004** ( $IC_{50} = 1$  nM), **A006** ( $IC_{50} = 2$  nM), **A007** ( $IC_{50} = 2$  nM), **A010** ( $IC_{50} = 3$  nM), **A012** ( $IC_{50} = 3$  nM), **A013** ( $IC_{50} = 3$  nM), **A030** ( $IC_{50} = 27$  nM). Leaf ID #9 consists of compounds having FP-

4 (*carboxamide group*) and the rest do not contain FP-4. Interestingly, compounds with Leaf ID #9 possess a majority of *phenyl mercaptoheptanamide* and *6-oxopiperidine-2-carboxamide* kind of scaffolds which is responsible for good HDAC11 inhibitory activity such as in compounds **A001** ( $IC_{50} = 0.3$  nM), **A003** ( $IC_{50} = 1$  nM), **A011** ( $IC_{50} = 3$  nM), **A025** ( $IC_{50} = 15$  nM), **A036-A041**, etc. Further, analyzing compounds such as **A135-A139**, **A356-A370**, etc bearing FP-5 (*pyrrolidine ring fused to cyclic pentane*) have shown better activity. Next, Leaf ID #19 and #20 consist of compounds with  $MW < 403.88$  and  $\geq 403.88$  respectively (compounds **A133-A139**, **A354-A361**, **A365-A370**).

On the one hand, FP-5 does not contain compounds with  $nHBD < 2.5$  and  $\geq 2.5$  and is again split into other fingerprints such as FP-6 (*isopropyl thiazolidine ring*) from  $nHBD < 2.5$ , which shows poor activity (**A703**,  $IC_{50} = > 50000$ ). Leaf ID #25 comprises compounds with  $ALogP < 1.855$ . Then, Leaf ID #27 and #28 consist of compounds with  $ALogP < 2.63$  and  $\geq 2.63$  independently. On the other hand, Leaf ID #35 and #36 consist of compounds with  $nHBA < 4.5$  and  $\geq 4.5$  which bear FP-8 (*diethyl propane amine*). Likewise, Leaf ID #33 comprises compounds having FP-7 (*N-hydroxy acetamide attached to an aliphatic chain*) that have shown good activity for example, compounds **A046** ( $IC_{50} = 38$  nM), **A056** ( $IC_{50} = 51$  nM), **A062** ( $IC_{50} = 75$  nM), **A065** ( $IC_{50} = 79$  nM), etc. In addition, Leaf ID #39 consist of compounds having FP-9 (compounds **A188**, **A199**, **A210**, **A214**, **A221**, **A222**, **A269**, **A284**). Here, FP-9 containing molecules belong to *isobutyramide* scaffolds indicating that this fingerprint has a negative influence on the inhibitory activities.

Further, Leaf ID #43 and #44 consist of compounds with  $MW < 435.43$  and  $\geq 435.43$  having FP-10 (*N-hydroxy-4-methylbenzamide*). Most of the compounds of Leaf ID #43 are inactive. Then Leaf ID #45 contains compounds with FP-12 (*methyl indene*) and the rest of the compounds do not contain FP-12. These fragments are responsible for the detrimental activity of the HDAC11 inhibitors. Again, Leaf ID #49 comprises compounds with  $nRings < 1.5$  whereas  $nRings \geq 1.5$  divides into  $MFPSA < 0.2975$  and  $\geq 0.2975$  having Leaf ID #53 and #54 respectively. Next, Leaf ID #47 consists of compounds with FP-11 (*m-substituted toluene*) and the remaining compounds do not contain FP-11 but are divided into  $nRings < 2.5$  and  $\geq 2.5$ , all these Leaf IDs contain *inactive* compounds. However, the decision tree is split into Leaf ID #55 and #56 which comprise compounds with  $MFPSA < 0.2335$  and  $\geq 0.2335$ . In addition, Leaf ID #57 consist of compounds with  $MFPSA < 0.2645$  (compounds **A002**, **A005**, **A008**, **A019**, **A032**, **A044**, **A049**). Lastly, Leaf ID #63 and #64 contain compounds with  $MW < 366.354$  and

$\geq 366.354$  which is a part of  $MFPSA \geq 0.2645$ . Both of these Leaf IDs are not suitable for the favourable activity of HDAC11 inhibition.

### 5.5 SARpy analysis

To identify the key structural alerts for potent HDAC11 inhibition, a SARpy-mediated structural analysis has been performed on the dataset molecules. The SARpy analysis applied in this work yielded a collection of 22 structural fragments of these HDAC11 inhibitors that served as active rulesets that have shown a positive impact on their inhibition. From **Table 6**, it can be observed that the training set population achieves 78% for *Se*, 83% *Sp*, and 81% *Acc*. Whereas, the external validation with the test set yields 67% *Se*, 89% *Sp*, and 80% *Acc* in the SARpy analysis. Some other statistical measures were also performed for both training and test sets such as *Pr* (0.776, 0.671), G-means (0.803, 0.802), *FI* (0.780, 0.729), etc.

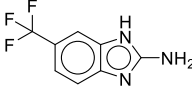
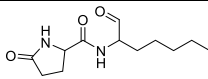
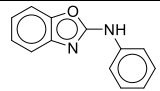
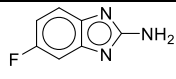
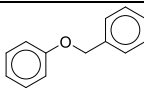
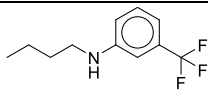
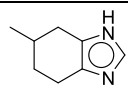
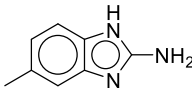
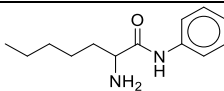
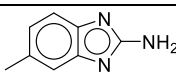
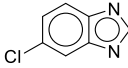
**Table 6.** Outcomes from SARpy analysis of the training and test set compounds

| Dataset | TP  | FP | TN  | FN | Sen   | Spe   | Acc   | Pr    | G - means | FI    | AUC <sub>b</sub> | MCC   | $\gamma$ | $\rho^+$ | $\rho^-$ |
|---------|-----|----|-----|----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| Train   | 184 | 53 | 246 | 51 | 0.783 | 0.823 | 0.805 | 0.776 | 0.803     | 0.780 | 0.802            | 0.605 | 0.605    | 4.417    | 0.263    |
| Test    | 47  | 23 | 96  | 12 | 0.797 | 0.807 | 0.803 | 0.671 | 0.802     | 0.729 | 0.801            | 0.581 | 0.603    | 4.12     | 0.252    |

Many of the segments have shown their potential features for providing powerful HDAC11 inhibition in terms of structural alerts. Information regarding structural alert (SA), SMARTS along with its likelihood ratio (LR) is mentioned in **Table 7**. Structural alert 1 (**SA1**) is 6-trifluoromethyl-benzimidazole moiety having infinite LR value in compounds like **A007**, and **A008** indicating the potent features of the HDAC11 inhibitor. **SA2** revealed the importance of 5-oxo-N-(1-oxoheptan-2-yl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxamide moiety (LR = inf) in compounds **A036**, **A041** and **A045** whereas **SA3** represented the significance of N-phenylbenzo-oxazole (LR = inf) structure for imparting effective HDAC11 inhibition, this scaffold can be seen in compound **A013** and slightly with **A004**. Moreover, **SA4** uncovers the importance of 5-fluoro-benzimidazole, **SA5** of (benzyloxy)benzene, **SA6** of trifluoromethyl aniline, **SA7** of 6-methyl tetrahydro-benzimidazole and all are having infinite LR value, possess better inhibition. Several additional structural alerts such as **SA8** (5-methyl-benzimidazole amine, LR = 33.84), **SA9** (2-amino-N-phenylheptanamide, LR = 20.05, eg: **A053**), **SA10** (5-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-amine, LR = 14.41) and **SA11** (5-chloro-benzimidazole, LR = 13.78, eg: **A013**)

have shown an effective impact on HDAC11 inhibiting efficacy according to their LR values. Lastly, **SA1**, **SA4**, **SA8**, and **SA10** are strongly indicated towards the compounds **A007**, **A008**, and **A012** which conclude that all the generated alerts and the compounds are interrelated with each other.

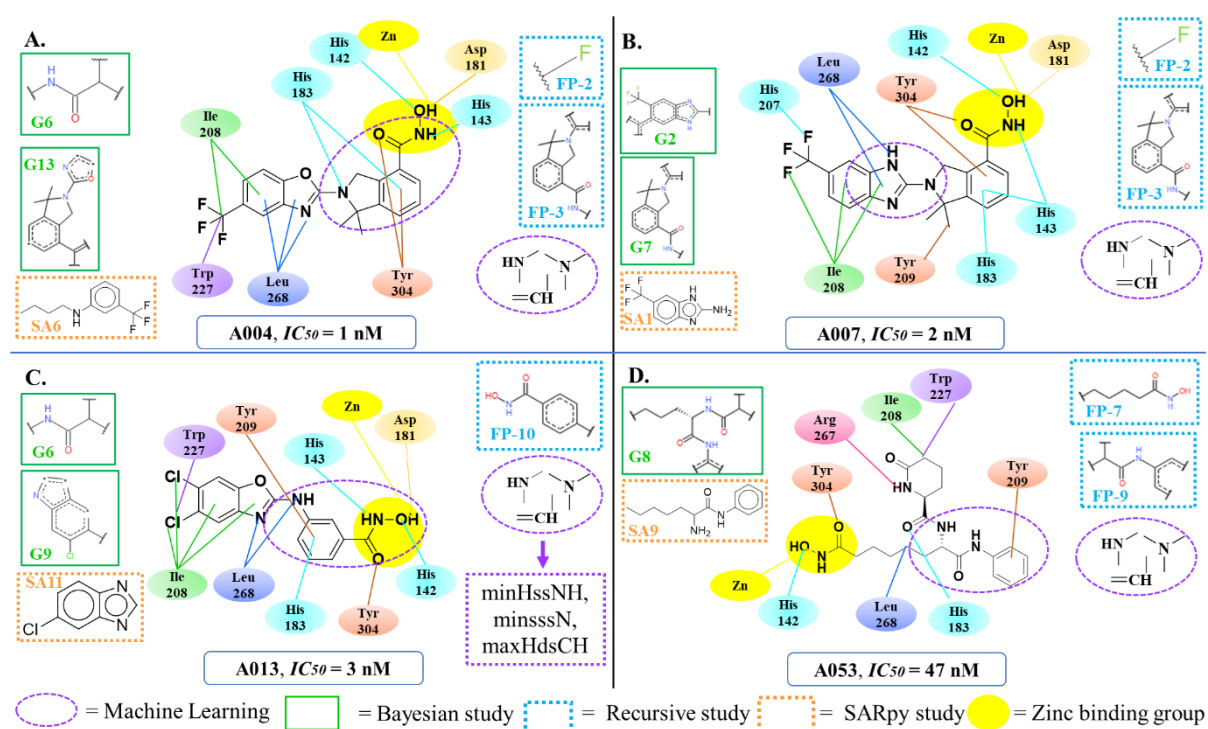
**Table 7:** Active structural ruleset

| <i>SL. no</i> | <i>SMARTS</i>                               | <i>Structural Alert</i>  | <i>Likelihood ratio</i> |
|---------------|---|--|-------------------------|
| 1             | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)N)ccc1C(F)(F)F</chem>  |    | inf                     |
| 2             | <chem>N1C(CCC1=O)C(=O)NC(CCCCC)C(=O)</chem> |    | inf                     |
| 3             | <chem>N1C(CCC1=O)C(=O)NC(CCCCC)C(=O)</chem> |    | inf                     |
| 4             | <chem>c1c2c(cc(c1F))n(c(n2)N)</chem>        |    | inf                     |
| 5             | <chem>c1ccc(cc1)OCc1ccccc1</chem>           |   | inf                     |
| 6             | <chem>c1ccc(cc1C(F)(F)F)NCCCC</chem>        |  | inf                     |
| 7             | <chem>c1[nH]c2c(n1)CCC(C2)(C)</chem>        |  | inf                     |
| 8             | <chem>c1(c(cc2c(c1)nc([nH]2)N))C</chem>     |  | 33.84                   |
| 9             | <chem>c1cccc(c1)NC(=O)C(CCCCC)N</chem>      |  | 20.05                   |
| 10            | <chem>c1c2c(cc(c1C))n(c(n2)N)</chem>        |  | 14.41                   |
| 11            | <chem>c1c2c(cc(c1Cl))n(c(n2))</chem>        |  | 13.78                   |

## 5.6 Molecular Docking Analysis

Molecular docking analysis helps validate the significance of identified crucial structural fingerprints obtained through multiple classification-based molecular modelling studies. It is also possible to classify and identify the role that these fragments play in achieving selective and promising HDAC11 inhibition.

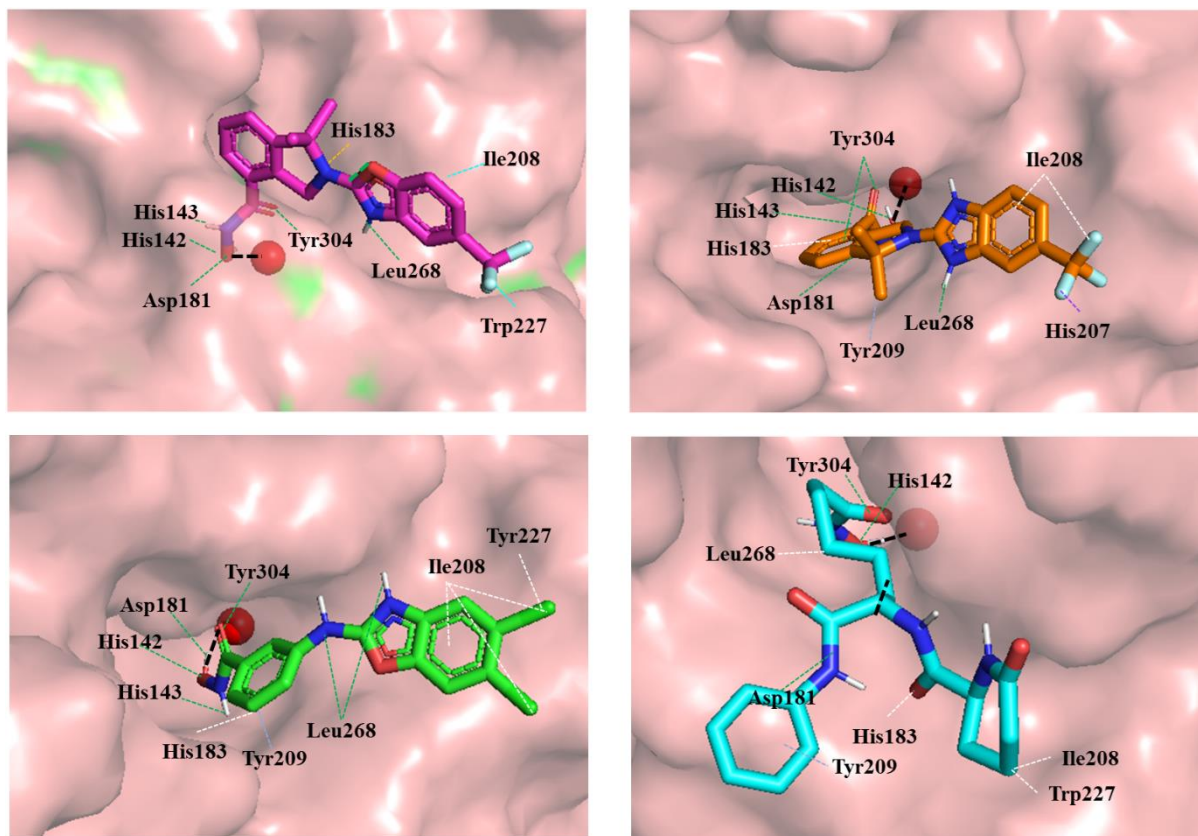
At first, some potent compounds containing good molecular fingerprints were chosen to understand the binding mode patterns of HDAC11 inhibitors with the receptor. Among all, some of the highly potent compounds (**A004**, **A007**, **A013**, **A053**) having efficient HDAC11 inhibitory activity were selected for docking. In addition, **Figure 20** demonstrates the interactions of essential structural fingerprints identified using various classification-based QSAR techniques and validates them through molecular docking.



**Figure 20:** Compounds containing different fingerprints through Bayesian study, RP study, SARpy, and machine-learning-based QSAR techniques.

Here, compound **A004** contains crucial fingerprints like G6, G7, G13, and **A007** contains G2 and G7 whereas **A013** contains G6 and G9, respectively. The information regarding the activity and similarities of the fingerprints was already discussed in the Bayesian classification portion (**Figure 15**). Since the X-ray crystal structure of HDAC11 has not yet been discovered, so, we have decided to pick the AlphaDB Fold model of HDAC11 (<https://alphafold.ebi.ac.uk/entry/B5MCU6>) which has been collected from the AlphaFold

Database (<https://alphafold.ebi.ac.uk/>). Binding site determination was done with the active site of hydroxamate bound HDAC homolog complex (as mentioned in the materials and method section) for the molecular docking simulation. However, after analyzing the results, the selected compounds exhibit well-estimated free energy of binding in terms of “Dock score” after interaction with the active site residues of HDAC11 (**Table 8**). From **Figure 21** it can be observed that all the compounds show identical  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  metal coordination with the hydroxamate group.



**Figure: 21** Analysis of zinc-binding interactions in the compounds **A004**, **A007**, **A013**, and **A053** using molecular docking studies. All the compounds are coordinated with zinc metal via the carboxamide group (CONHOH). The dotted lines indicate different interactions: black lines (metal coordination with zinc metal), green lines (H-bonding), white lines ( $\pi$ -alkyl), blue lines ( $\pi$ - $\sigma$ ), orange lines ( $\pi$ -cation), and purple lines (halogen interaction).

Now, by considering the **A004** compound, the nitrogen atom in the oxazole ring, and the phenyl ring in the G13 fingerprint have conventional H-bond interaction with **Leu268** and **Tyr304**. The trifluoromethyl benzene of the G17 fingerprint has  $\pi$ -alkyl interaction with **Ile208** and **Trp227**. In the G6 fingerprint, the double-bonded oxygen and the amide form H-bond interaction with **Tyr304** and **His143** respectively. The hydroxyl group of the hydroxamate functional group forms an H-bonding with **Asp181** and **His142**. On the other hand, for the

**A007** compound, the hydroxamate functional group of the G7 fingerprint forms multiple H-bonding interactions with **Tyr304**, **Asp181**, **His142**, and **His143**. The methyl group forms  $\pi$ - $\sigma$  interaction with **Tyr209** and the phenyl ring forms  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacked interaction with **His183**. The G2 fingerprint forms C-H bonding with **Ile208** residue and has conventional H-bond interaction with **Leu268**. The trifluoromethyl group of the G2 fingerprint has a halogen interaction with **His207**.

In the case of **A013**, the chlorophenyl ring of the G9 fingerprint shows engagement with **Ile208** and **Trp227** through  $\pi$ -alkyl. Then, multiple hydrogen bonds can be noticed in the hydroxamate moiety of the acetamide ring with Tyr304, Asp181, His142, and His143 residue, and also  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacked interaction with His183 and Tyr209.

From these observations, it can be hypothesized that these molecular fingerprints may have a key role in modulating the important amino acid interactions towards the active site. Also, the interaction of the specific regions of these fingerprints with important amino acid residues like **Leu268**, **Tyr209**, **Ile208**, **Trp227**, **His143**, **Asp181**, **His142**, and **His183** can be important for accommodating the ligands inside the binding cavity.

**Table 8.** Docking results, H-Bond interacting residues with good fingerprints of selected compounds

| Compound ID | Dock Score (kcal/mol) | H-Bond Interaction                                | Fingerprints involved in H-Bond interaction |
|-------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| <b>A004</b> | -8.43                 | Tyr304, Asp181, His142, His143 and Leu268         | G6, G7, G13 and G17                         |
| <b>A007</b> | -9.17                 | Tyr304, Asp181, Ile208, His142, His143 and Leu268 | G2 and G7                                   |
| <b>A013</b> | -8.28                 | Tyr304, Asp181, His142, His143 and Leu268         | G6 and G9                                   |
| <b>A053</b> | -6.15                 | His183, Arg267, Tyr304, His142                    | G6, G8 and G10                              |

## **Chapter 6: Conclusion and Future Perspective**



## 6. Conclusion

The purpose of this work was to find significant fingerprints necessary for HDAC11 inhibition. Since the human crystal structure of HDAC11 has not yet been discovered, so, ligand-based drug design, particularly fragment-based in-silico drug design, is a viable alternative for accelerating the anti-HDAC11 drug development approach. Here, we have developed binary-QSAR models (i.e., bayesian classification, recursive partitioning, SARpy analysis, and machine learning analysis) and molecular docking on a dataset containing  $N_{Train} = 534$  and  $N_{Test} = 178$ , that have successfully well-performed in all the validation metrics. These models pointed towards several significant structural attributes of these compounds which can define the *active* and *inactive* classes of HDAC11 inhibitors. The observations from the overall modeling strategy are very helpful in understanding the mechanisms underlying the fingerprints associated with supported inhibition processes. For instance, the Bayesian classification model accurately distinguishes good and detrimental structural features of HDAC11 inhibitors. Positive contributors include *benzimidazole* moiety, *carboxamide* group, and *isoindoline* moiety. Conversely, some scaffolds such as substituted *1,3-dimethyl-2,4-dimethylenehexahydropyrimidine*, *methyl substituted-divinyl amine*, and certain *2-propyloxazole* scaffolds should be omitted in the design of HDAC11 inhibitors. Structural fragments obtained from the RP study such as *diisopropyl amine* moiety, *fluoromethane* scaffold, and *isoindoline* moiety fused with *carboxamide* positively influence HDAC11 inhibition, while *isobutyramide* and *methyl indene* have a negative impact. The SARpy analysis revealed that *trifluoromethyl-benzimidazole* moiety (SA1), *5-oxo-N-(1-oxoheptan-2-yl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxamide* moiety (SA2) having infinite likelihood ratios positively influence the HDAC11 inhibitory activity. Upon interpreting descriptors using SHAP plots discovered some influential features like minHBint5, GATS1m and some electrotopological descriptors which provide insight into their roles in inhibiting HDAC11 activity.

Moreover, the importance of the discovered structural fragments in attaining effective and selective HDAC11 inhibition was further validated by the molecular docking study, with compounds **A004**, **A007**, **A013**, and **A053**, exhibiting highly potent inhibitory activity. We hope this study will help researchers design and discover highly effective and promising HDAC11 inhibitors, mainly for anticancer and immunosuppressive drugs. We anticipate that these will lead to new insights when designing selective HDAC11 inhibitors in the near future. It is crucial to remember that further in vitro and in vivo research is required to properly interpret our results.

Furthermore, forthcoming investigations could focus on refining the binary-QSAR models by incorporating advanced ML techniques such as deep learning, neural networks, ensemble methods, etc, which could enhance predictive accuracy. Additionally, expanding the molecular fingerprint database and integrating multi-omics data could provide a more comprehensive understanding of HDAC11 inhibition mechanisms. This work has the potential to identify novel inhibitors with high specificity, paving the way for targeted therapies with fewer side effects.

# Annexure-I

## All HDAC11 compounds in SMILES format.

Training set of compounds of HDAC11 inhibitors in SMILES format

| Compound ID | SMILES  | IC <sub>50</sub> (nM) | Binary |
|-------------|---|-----------------------|--------|
| A001        | <chem>C1(=O)[C@@H](C(C)C)NC(=O)C[C@H]2OC(=O)[C@H](C(C)C)NC(=O)/C=C/C/NC(=O)[C@@H](CSSCC/C=C/2)N1</chem> | 0.3                   | 1      |
| A002        | <chem>c1cc2n(cc(c2cc1)CNCC1CCN(CC1)c1ncc(cn1)C(=O)NO)C</chem>   | 0.37                  | 1      |
| A003        | <chem>N1[C@@H](CCCC1=O)C(=O)N[C@@H](CCCCCS)C(=O)Nc1cc(ccc1)C</chem>                                     | 1                     | 1      |
| A004        | <chem>O=C(NO)c1c2c(C(C)(C)N(c3oc4ccc(cc4n3)C(F)(F)F)C2)ccc1</chem>                                      | 1                     | 1      |
| A005        | <chem>O=C(NO)/C=C/c1ccc(CNCCc2c3c([nH]c2C)cccc3)cc1</chem>  | 1.6                   | 1      |
| A006        | <chem>c1(oc2c(n1)cccc2)N1C(C)(C)c2cccc(c2C1)C(=O)NO</chem>  | 2                     | 1      |
| A007        | <chem>O=C(NO)c1c2c(C(C)(C)N(c3[nH]c4cc(ccc4n3)C(F)(F)F)C2)ccc1</chem>                                   | 2                     | 1      |
| A008        | <chem>c1([nH]c2c(n1)ccc(c2)C(F)(F)F)N1Cc2c(cccc2C1)C(=O)NO</chem>                                       | 2                     | 1      |
| A009        | <chem>c1cc2c(cc1S(=O)(=O)N1CCN(CC1)c1ncc(cn1)C(=O)NO)cccc2</chem>                                       | 2.1                   | 1      |
| A010        | <chem>O=C(NO)c1c2c(C(C)(C)N(C2)c2ccc(nc2)C(F)(F)F)ccc1</chem>   | 3                     | 1      |
| A011        | <chem>s1c2nc(c1)C1=N[C@@](CS1)(C(=O)N[C@@H](C(=O)O[C@H](/C=C/CCS)CC(=O)NC2)C(C)C)C</chem>               | 3                     | 1      |
| A012        | <chem>O=C(NO)c1c2c(C(C)(C)N(C2)c2enc(cn2)C(F)(F)F)ccc1</chem>   | 3                     | 1      |
| A013        | <chem>c1(c(cc2c(c1)oc(n2)Nc1cc(ccc1)C(=O)NO)Cl)Cl</chem>  | 3                     | 1      |
| A014        | <chem>N1[C@@H](CCCC1=O)C(=O)N[C@@H](CCCCCS)C(=O)Nc1ccc(cc1)C</chem>                                     | 3                     | 1      |
| A017        | <chem>c1cccc(c1)NC(=O)[C@H](CCCCCS)NC(=O)[C@H]1N(C(=O)CCC1)C</chem>                                     | 5                     | 1      |
| A019        | <chem>c1cc(ccc1/C=C/C(=O)NO)CN(CCO)CCc1c[nH]c2c1cccc2</chem>  | 5.6                   | 1      |
| A021        | <chem>O=C(NO)c1c2c(C(C)(C)N(C2)c2ccc(cn2)C(F)(F)F)ccc1</chem>   | 6                     | 1      |
| A022        | <chem>c1(oc2c(n1)cccc2)N1Cc2c(cccc2C1)C(=O)NO</chem>  | 7                     | 1      |
| A023        | <chem>N1(Cc2c(cccc2C1)C(=O)NO)c1ccc(cn1)C(F)(F)F</chem>   | 7                     | 1      |
| A025        | <chem>N1[C@@H](CC1=O)C(=O)N[C@@H](CCCCCS)C(=O)Nc1cccc1</chem>   | 10                    | 1      |
| A027        | <chem>ONC(=O)/C=C/C(=C/[C@H](C(=O)c1ccc(N(C)C)cc1)C)/C</chem>   | 11                    | 1      |
| A032        | <chem>C(=O)(NCCOc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)c1c(c2c(cccc2)o1)CN(C)C</chem>  | 14                    | 1      |
| A033        | <chem>c1cc(ccc1C(=O)/C=C/[C@@H](C)/C=C/C(=O)NO)/C)N(C)C</chem>  | 14                    | 1      |
| A036        | <chem>c1cc(cc(c1)NC(=O)[C@H](CCCCC(=O)NO)NC(=O)[C@@H]1NC(=O)CC1)C</chem>                                | 15                    | 1      |
| A037        | <chem>c1cccc(c1)NC(=O)[C@H](CCCCCS)NC(=O)[C@@H]1C(=O)NCCC1</chem>                                       | 15                    | 1      |
| A038        | <chem>c1c(ccc(c1)C(=O)NO)/C=C/C(=O)N[C@@H](Cc1c[nH]c2c1cccc2)C(=O)Nc1ccc(cc1)Cl</chem>                  | 16                    | 1      |
| A039        | <chem>[C@H](N1CCN(CC1)c1ncc(cn1)C(=O)NO)(/C=C/c1ccc(cc1)F)CO</chem>                                     | 21                    | 1      |
| A041        | <chem>N1C(=O)[C@@H](C(=O)[C@@H](C1)c1cccc1)C(=O)N[C@@H](CCCCCS)C(=O)Nc1cccc1</chem>                     | 24                    | 1      |
| A042        | <chem>N1(Cc2c(cccc2C1)C(=O)NO)c1ccc2c(n1)cccc2</chem>   | 26                    | 1      |
| A043        | <chem>O=C(NO)c1c2c(C(C)(C)N(C2)c2enc(nc2)C(F)(F)F)ccc1</chem>   | 27                    | 1      |
| A044        | <chem>c1([nH]c2c(n1)cccc2)N1Cc2c(ccc2C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO</chem>   | 30                    | 1      |
| A045        | <chem>N1[C@@H](CCC1=O)C(=O)N[C@@H](CCCCCS)C(=O)Nc1cccc1</chem>  | 30                    | 1      |
| A046        | <chem>C(n1ncc(c1)c1c2c(ncn1)[nH]cc2)CCCCC(=O)NO</chem>  | 31                    | 1      |
| A047        | <chem>c1(sc2c(n1)cccc2)N1Cc2c(cccc2C1)C(=O)NO</chem>  | 35                    | 1      |
| A048        | <chem>c1cccc(c1)NC(=O)[C@H](CCCCC(=O)NO)NC(=O)[C@H]1NC(=O)C1</chem>                                     | 37                    | 1      |
| A049        | <chem>c12c(cccc1)[nH]cc2CN1CCN(CC1)c1ncc(cn1)C(=O)NNCCCCC</chem>  | 41                    | 1      |

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|------|--|-----|---|
| A050 | <chem>O=S(=O)(Nc1ccc(C(=O)NO)cc1)c1ccc(cc1)C(C)(C)C</chem>                             | 44  | 1 |
| A053 | <chem>c1cccc(c1)NC(=O)[C@H](CCCCC(=O)NO)NC(=O)[C@H]1NC(=O)CCC1</chem>                  | 47  | 1 |
| A054 | <chem>C(=O)(c1c(cccc1)OC)N[C@H](COc1cc(ccc1)/C=C/C(=O)NO)Cc1c[nH]e2c1cccc2</chem>      | 53  | 1 |
| A055 | <chem>C(=O)/C=C/c1c(=O)n(ccc1)CCCc1cc2c(cc1)cccc2NO</chem>                             | 55  | 1 |
| A056 | <chem>c1(cc2cc(c1)/C=C\CO[C@@H](C(=O)Nc1c(OC2)cccc1)CCCCC(=O)NO)OC</chem>              | 58  | 1 |
| A057 | <chem>N1[C@@H](CCC1=O)C(=O)N[C@@H](CCCCC)C(=O)Nc1cc(ccc1)C</chem>                      | 62  | 1 |
| A058 | <chem>N1([C@H](CCC1=O)C(=O)N[C@@H](CCCCC)C(=O)Nc1cccc1)C</chem>                        | 67  | 1 |
| A060 | <chem>S(=O)(=O)(c1c(c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)F)N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cc1ccc(cc1)C</chem>         | 73  | 1 |
| A061 | <chem>c1cccc(c1)NC(=O)[C@H](CCCCC(=O)NO)NC(=O)[C@@H]1NC(=O)CC1</chem>                  | 75  | 1 |
| A062 | <chem>c1ccc(cc1C(F)(F)F)NC(=O)CCCCCCC(=O)NO</chem>                                     | 75  | 1 |
| A063 | <chem>c1c(ccc(c1)C(=O)NO)/C=C/C(=O)N[C@@H](Cc1c[nH]e2c1cccc2)C(=O)Nc1cccc(c1)Cl</chem> | 76  | 1 |
| A064 | <chem>n1c(sc(c1C(=O)N[C@H](c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C)C1CC1)c1ncc(s1)c1cccc1</chem>           | 78  | 1 |
| A065 | <chem>c1c(ccc(c1)NC(=O)CCCCCCC(=O)NO)C</chem>  | 79  | 1 |
| A066 | <chem>c1(ccc2c3c1cccc3c(=O)n(c2=O)CCCCC(=O)NO)NCCC</chem>                              | 80  | 1 |
| A067 | <chem>N1[C@@H](CCCC1=O)C(=O)N[C@@H](CCCCC)C(=O)NC1CCCC1</chem>                         | 89  | 1 |
| A068 | <chem>c1(cc2cc(c1)/C=C\CO[C@@H](C(=O)Nc1c(OC2)cccc1)CCCCC(=O)NO)OC</chem>              | 97  | 1 |
| A070 | <chem>N1[C@H](CCC1=O)C(=O)N[C@H](CCCCC)C(=O)Nc1cccc1</chem>                            | 102 | 1 |
| A071 | <chem>c1(cc2cc(c1)CCCO[C@H](C(=O)Nc1c(OC2)cccc1)CCCCC(=O)NO)OC</chem>                  | 103 | 1 |
| A072 | <chem>c12ccc(nc1cccc2)N(CCCCCC(=O)NO)c1ccccn1</chem>                                   | 112 | 1 |
| A073 | <chem>S(=O)(=O)(c1c(c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)F)N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cc1cccc1</chem>             | 115 | 1 |
| A075 | <chem>c1c(ccc(c1)NC(=O)[C@H](CCCCC(=O)NO)NC(=O)[C@@H]1NC(=O)CC1)C</chem>               | 127 | 1 |
| A076 | <chem>c1cc2c(cc1)nc1n(c2=O)nc(c2c1cccc2)NCCCCCCC(=O)NO</chem>                          | 130 | 1 |
| A077 | <chem>c1cc2c(cc1)nc1n(c2=O)nc(c2c1cccc2)NCCCCCCC(=O)NO</chem>                          | 130 | 1 |
| A078 | <chem>C(=O)(Nc1cccc1)CCCCCCC</chem>  | 133 | 1 |
| A079 | <chem>c1cccc(c1)NC(=O)[C@H](CCCCC(=O)NO)NC(=O)[C@H]1C(=O)NCC1</chem>                   | 150 | 1 |
| A080 | <chem>c1(ccc2c3c1cccc3c(=O)n(c2=O)CCCCC(=O)NO)NCc1cccc1</chem>                         | 150 | 1 |
| A081 | <chem>n1(cccc(c1=O)/C=C/C(=O)NO)CCc1cc2c(cc1)cccc2</chem>                              | 161 | 1 |
| A082 | <chem>c1(cc2cc(c1)CCCO[C@@H](C(=O)Nc1c(OC2)cccc1)CCCCC(=O)NO)OC</chem>                 | 174 | 1 |
| A083 | <chem>c1c(ccc(c1)C(=O)NO)/C=C/C(=O)N[C@@H](Cc1c[nH]e2c1cccc2)C(=O)Nc1ccc(cc1)Br</chem> | 176 | 1 |
| A084 | <chem>C(CCCCC)NNC(=O)c1ccc(cc1)c1ccc(cc1)CNC(=O)C</chem>                               | 180 | 1 |
| A085 | <chem>c1(ccc2c3c1cccc3c(=O)n(c2=O)CCCCC(=O)NO)Nc1cccc1</chem>                          | 190 | 1 |
| A086 | <chem>c1(ccc2c3c1cccc3c(=O)n(c2=O)CCCCC(=O)NO)Nc1cccc(c1)F</chem>                      | 210 | 1 |
| A087 | <chem>O=S(=O)(Nc1ccc(C(C)(C)C)cc1)c1ccc(C(=O)NO)cc1</chem>                             | 223 | 1 |
| A088 | <chem>c1(cc2cc(c1)CCCO[C@H](C(=O)Nc1c(OC2)cccc1)CCCCC(=O)NO)OC</chem>                  | 226 | 1 |
| A090 | <chem>O=S(=O)(N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C)c1c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F</chem>                          | 246 | 1 |
| A092 | <chem>c1cccc(c1)NC(=O)CCCCCS</chem>  | 262 | 1 |
| A095 | <chem>C(=O)(CCCCCn1c(=O)c2c3c(c1=O)ccc(c3ccc2)N1CCOCC1)NO</chem>                       | 290 | 1 |
| A096 | <chem>N1[C@@H](CCCC1=O)C(=O)N[C@@H](CCCCC)C(=O)N1Cc2c(CC1)cccc2</chem>                 | 293 | 1 |
| A098 | <chem>c1c(c([nH]c1c1ccc(cc1)O)C(=O)NCc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)c1ccsc1</chem>                  | 319 | 1 |
| A099 | <chem>c1c(c([nH]c1c1ccc(cc1)OC)C(=O)NCc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)c1ccoc1</chem>                 | 340 | 1 |
| A101 | <chem>C(=O)(c1ccc(cc1)CNc1cccc2ccnc12)NO</chem>  | 376 | 1 |
| A102 | <chem>C(c1c[nH]e2c1cccc2)(c1c[nH]e2c1cccc2)c1ccc(cc1)/C=C/C(=O)NO</chem>               | 410 | 1 |
| A103 | <chem>C(=O)(c1ccc(cc1)C1CCCC1)Nc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO</chem>                                | 411 | 1 |

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|------|--|-----|---|
| A104 | <chem>C(=O)(CCCCC(c1c[nH]c2c1cccc2)c1c[nH]c2c1cccc2)NO</chem>                    | 430 | 1 |
| A105 | <chem>C(c1ccc(cc1)NC(=O)c1ccc(C(=O)NO)cc1)(C)(C)C</chem>                         | 447 | 1 |
| A106 | <chem>S(=O)(=O)(c1c(c(c(c1)F)F)F)N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cc1ccncc1</chem>           | 472 | 1 |
| A107 | <chem>c1c(cc2c(c1)n(c1c2C[S@](=O)CC1)Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)F</chem>                 | 500 | 1 |
| A108 | <chem>C(=O)(c1c(cc(c(c1)C(C)C)O)O)N1CCc2onc(c2C1)C(=O)NCCCCC(=O)NO</chem>        | 521 | 1 |
| A110 | <chem>N1(Cc2ccc(cc2)C(=O)NO)c2c(CC[C@H]3[C@H]1CCCC3)cccc2</chem>                 | 540 | 1 |
| A111 | <chem>c1cccc2c1OCCCCCOC[C@H](C(=O)N2)CCCCC(=O)NO</chem>                          | 546 | 1 |
| A112 | <chem>c1cccc2c1OCCCCCOC[C@@H](C(=O)N2)CCCCC(=O)NO</chem>                         | 564 | 1 |
| A113 | <chem>c12c(cccc1)[nH]cc2CN1CCN(CC1)c1ncc(cn1)C(=O)NNCCC</chem>                   | 570 | 1 |
| A114 | <chem>c1ccncc1c1ccnc(n1)NCc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)Nc1c(cccc1)N</chem>                     | 590 | 1 |
| A117 | <chem>c1c(cc2c(c1)c(cn2Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C(=O)c1cc(c(c1)OC)OC)OC</chem>         | 651 | 1 |
| A118 | <chem>C(=O)(Nc1cccc1)CCCCCS</chem>   | 659 | 1 |
| A120 | <chem>O=S(=O)(c1cc(ccc1)C(F)(F)F)N(c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CC</chem>                   | 695 | 1 |
| A121 | <chem>O=S(=O)(N(CC(=O)N(c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cc1ccc(cc1)C(C)(C)C)c1ccc(cc1)F</chem> | 697 | 1 |
| A122 | <chem>C(=O)(c1c(c(c(c1)F)F)F)Nc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO</chem>                           | 700 | 1 |
| A125 | <chem>C1c2c(N(CC1)Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)ccc(c2)Cl</chem>                            | 746 | 1 |
| A126 | <chem>c1c(cc2c(c1)nc([nH]2)Nc1cc(C(=O)NO)ccc1)S(=O)(=O)C#N</chem>                | 750 | 1 |
| A127 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1)F</chem>                           | 750 | 1 |
| A129 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1OC)Cl</chem>                        | 750 | 1 |
| A130 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)ccc1[N+](=O)[O-]</chem>                  | 750 | 1 |
| A132 | <chem>c1c2c(nc(n2C)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1C(F)(F)F)c1ccncc1</chem>              | 750 | 1 |
| A133 | <chem>c1cc2c(c(c1)C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)C(=O)N(CC1)Cc1ccc(cc1)F</chem>               | 750 | 1 |
| A134 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)C(=O)N(CC1)c1cc(ccc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>           | 750 | 1 |
| A135 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1cccc(c1)C</chem>                   | 750 | 1 |
| A136 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1c(cccc1Cl)Cl</chem>               | 750 | 1 |
| A137 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1ccccc1C(F)(F)F</chem>              | 750 | 1 |
| A138 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1c(cccc1OC(F)(F)F</chem>           | 750 | 1 |
| A139 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1ccc(c(c1)C)C</chem>               | 750 | 1 |
| A143 | <chem>c1(cccc2c1C[C@]1(CC2)C(=O)N(CC1)c1ccc(cc1)C(F)(F)F)C(=O)NO</chem>          | 750 | 1 |
| A144 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)CC[C@]1(C2)C(=O)N(CC1)c1cccc(c1)C(F)(F)F</chem>        | 750 | 1 |
| A145 | <chem>c1c(cc2c([nH]c(n2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)c1)[N+](=O)[O-]</chem>                | 750 | 1 |
| A146 | <chem>N1(Cc2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)c1[nH]c2c(n1)CCC(C2)(C)C</chem>                  | 750 | 1 |
| A148 | <chem>c1ccc(c2c1CN(C2)c1ccc2c(c1)OCCN2)C(=O)NO</chem>                            | 750 | 1 |
| A150 | <chem>N1(C(c2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)(C)C)C(=O)Nc1cnc(cc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>            | 750 | 1 |
| A151 | <chem>c12c(cc(nc1)NC(=O)N1C(c3c(C1)c(ccc3)C(=O)NO)(C)C)CCCC2</chem>              | 750 | 1 |
| A152 | <chem>c1cc(ncc1C(F)(F)F)N1C(c2c(C1)c(ncc2)C(=O)NO)(C)C</chem>                    | 750 | 1 |
| A153 | <chem>N1(Cc2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)c1[nH]c2c(n1)cc(cc2c1ccccc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>      | 750 | 1 |
| A154 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)[nH]c(c2)c1ccc(cc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>                     | 750 | 1 |
| A155 | <chem>c1([nH]c2c(c1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)c1ccc(cc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>                     | 750 | 1 |
| A156 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)N[C@H](C2)c1ccc(cc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>                    | 750 | 1 |
| A157 | <chem>c1cc(ccc1C(F)(F)F)[C@H]1C(c2c(N1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)(C)C</chem>                | 750 | 1 |
| A158 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1C(=O)NO)CCN(C2)c1[nH]c2c(n1)cccc2</chem>                         | 750 | 1 |
| A159 | <chem>c1ncccc1/C=C/C(=O)NCc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)Nc1ccc(cc1N)F</chem>                    | 760 | 1 |

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| A160 | <chem>c1(ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cn1nc(nn1)c1ncccn1</chem>   | 762   | 1 |
| A161 | <chem>C(=O)(CCCCCS)NC1CCCC1</chem>   | 776   | 1 |
| A162 | <chem>S(=O)(=O)(c1c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cc1ccc(cc1)F</chem>                 | 787   | 1 |
| A163 | <chem>c1c(ccc(c1)/C=C/C(=O)NO)/C=N/OCc1ccc(cc1)[N+](=O)[O-]</chem>                         | 790   | 1 |
| A164 | <chem>O=S(=O)(c1cc(ccc1)C(C)(C)C)N(c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CC</chem>                             | 802   | 1 |
| A165 | <chem>C1Cc2c(N(Cc3ccc(cc3)C(=O)NO)[C@H]3[C@H](C1)CCCC3)cc(cc2)C(F)(F)F</chem>              | 820   | 1 |
| A168 | <chem>C(=O)(CCCCc1nn(cc1)Cc1ccc(cc1)n1ccc2ccccc12)NO</chem>                                | 897   | 1 |
| A169 | <chem>c1cc(ccc1/C=C/C(=O)NO)OC[C@@H](NC(=O)c1ccc(cc1)Cl)Cc1c2ccccc2[nH]c1</chem>           | 900   | 1 |
| A170 | <chem>N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)Nc1ccccc1N)C(=O)OCc1cccn1</chem>                                   | 900   | 1 |
| A171 | <chem>c1cc2cc(c1)COC/C=C/COCc1c(ccc(Nc3nccc2n3)c1)OCCCCCCC(=O)NO</chem>                    | 930   | 1 |
| A172 | <chem>S(=O)(=O)(c1c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cc1ncccc1</chem>                    | 941   | 1 |
| A173 | <chem>c1cc(ccc1C(=O)NO)CN(S(=O)(=O)c1c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)C(C)C</chem>                          | 941   | 1 |
| A175 | <chem>C(CCCCC(=O)NO)ONC(=O)c1cc(c(cc1)C)C</chem>   | 997   | 1 |
| A176 | <chem>C(=O)(c1ccc(cc1)CNc1c2cccn2ccc1)NO</chem>  | 1,004 | 0 |
| A177 | <chem>c1(ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cn1c(nnn1)c1cccs1</chem>  | 1,015 | 0 |
| A178 | <chem>c1(ccc2c3c1cccc3c(=O)n(c2=O)CCCCC(=O)NO)[N+](=O)[O-]</chem>                          | 1,020 | 0 |
| A181 | <chem>C1c2c(N(Cc3ccc(cc3)C(=O)NO)[C@H]3[C@H]1CCCC3)cccc2</chem>                            | 1,200 | 0 |
| A182 | <chem>C(=C\c1nnn(c1)[C@H]1C[C@H](N(C1)Cc1ccccc1)CO)/C(=O)NO</chem>                         | 1,200 | 0 |
| A184 | <chem>c1(ccc2c3c1cccc3c(=O)n(c2=O)CCCCC(=O)NO)N(Cc1ccccc1)C</chem>                         | 1,220 | 0 |
| A185 | <chem>c1c(ccc(c1)/C=C/C(=O)NO)C(=O)N[C@@H](Cc1c[nH]c2c1cccc2)C(=O)Nc1ccc(cc1)Cl</chem>     | 1,365 | 0 |
| A186 | <chem>N(C(=O)[C@H](CCCCC(=O)NO)NC(=O)[C@H]1NC(=O)CCC1)C1CCCC1</chem>                       | 1,440 | 0 |
| A187 | <chem>C1[C@H]2[C@H](N(Cc3ccc(cc3)C(=O)NO)c3c1cccc3)CCCC2</chem>                            | 1,500 | 0 |
| A188 | <chem>c1c(ccc(c1)/C=C/C(=O)NO)C(=O)N[C@@H](Cc1c[nH]c2c1cccc2)C(=O)Nc1ccc(cc1)Br</chem>     | 1,577 | 0 |
| A190 | <chem>c1(c(c(cc1)/C=C\c1ccc(c1)/C=C/C(=O)Nc1ccccc1N)OC)OC)OC</chem>                        | 1,620 | 0 |
| A191 | <chem>c12cc(ccc1n(cc2)Cc1ccc(cc1)OC)C(=O)NO</chem>   | 1,700 | 0 |
| A192 | <chem>C(=O)(CCCCc1nn(cc1)Cc1ccc(cc1)c1ccccc1)NO</chem>                                     | 1,725 | 0 |
| A193 | <chem>C(CC)NNC(=O)c1ccc(cc1)c1ccc(cc1)CNC(=O)C</chem>                                      | 1,800 | 0 |
| A194 | <chem>C(=O)(CCCCCS)NCCc1cc(ccc1)C</chem>   | 1,870 | 0 |
| A195 | <chem>c12c(c(cc1n1)C#N)N(c1cc(c(cc1)OC)/C=C/C(=O)NO)C)cccc2</chem>                         | 1,900 | 0 |
| A196 | <chem>c1(ccccc1)CNc1ccc(c1)C(=O)NNCCC</chem>   | 2,000 | 0 |
| A197 | <chem>C(=O)(CCCCCS)NCc1ccc(cc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>   | 2,070 | 0 |
| A198 | <chem>C(CCCCC(=O)NO)ONC(=O)c1cc(ccc1)C</chem>  | 2,135 | 0 |
| A199 | <chem>c1cc(c(cc1)NC(=O)/C=C/c1nnn(c1)[C@H]1C[C@H](N(C1)Cc1ccccc1)CO)N</chem>               | 2,140 | 0 |
| A200 | <chem>C(=O)(CCCCc1nn(cc1)Cc1ccc(cc1)c1ccccc1)NO</chem>                                     | 2,342 | 0 |
| A201 | <chem>O=S1(=O)c2ccccc2N([C@@H]2[C@H](C1)CCCC2)Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO</chem>                    | 2,400 | 0 |
| A203 | <chem>C1Cc2c(N(Cc3ccc(cc3)C(=O)NO)[C@H]3[C@H](C1)CCCC3)cccc2</chem>                        | 2,400 | 0 |
| A204 | <chem>C1(NC(=O)CCCCCCC(=O)NO)CCCC1</chem>  | 2,630 | 0 |
| A205 | <chem>C[C@@H](/C=C/C(=O)NO)/C=C(\C)/C(=O)c1ccc(cc1)N(C)C</chem>                            | 2,684 | 0 |
| A206 | <chem>c1(ccc(cc1)C(=O)Nc1ccccc1N)NC(=O)C</chem>  | 2,830 | 0 |
| A207 | <chem>ONC(=O)c1ccc(cc1)Cn1sc2ncccc2c1=O</chem>   | 2,840 | 0 |
| A209 | <chem>c1(c(cc(cc1F)C(=O)NO)F)Cn1nc(nn1)c1ncccn1</chem>                                     | 3,071 | 0 |
| A210 | <chem>c1c(ccc(c1)/C=C/C(=O)NO)C(=O)N[C@@H](Cc1c[nH]c2c1cccc2)C(=O)Nc1cc2c(cc1)cccc2</chem> | 3,164 | 0 |
| A211 | <chem>c12c(c(nc1n1)C)N(c1cc(c(cc1)OC)/C=C/C(=O)NO)C)cccc2</chem>                           | 3,200 | 0 |

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| A214 | <chem>c1cc(ccc1C(=O)NO)C(=O)N[C@@H](c1c2c([nH]c1)cccc2)C(=O)Nc1ccc(cc1)C</chem>                  | 3,500  | 0 |
| A215 | <chem>C1[C@H]2C[C@@H]3C[C@@H](C[C@H]1(C3)N(c1ncc(cn1)C(=O)NO)C)C2</chem>                         | 3,600  | 0 |
| A218 | <chem>C(=O)(Cc1cccc1)N(CCO)C(=O)Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO</chem>  | 3,705  | 0 |
| A219 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)n(c1c2CN(CC1)C)Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO</chem>  | 3,790  | 0 |
| A221 | <chem>C(=C\C(=O)NO)/c1cc(ccc1)S(=O)(=O)N[C@H](C(=O)Nc1c2cccc2ccc1)c1cccc1</chem>                 | 3,850  | 0 |
| A222 | <chem>c1c(ccc(c1)/C=C/C(=O)NO)C(=O)N[C@@H](Cc1c[nH]c2c1cccc2)C(=O)Nc1cccc(c1)Br</chem>           | 3,962  | 0 |
| A223 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)N(c1c(S2)cccc1)Cc1ncc(cc1)C(=O)NO</chem>  | 4,304  | 0 |
| A224 | <chem>c1(nccc(c1)/C=C/c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)c1c(cc(cc1)C)F</chem>                                    | 4,930  | 0 |
| A225 | <chem>N(C(=O)CCCC(=O)NCCc1cccc1)O</chem>   | 5,000  | 0 |
| A226 | <chem>c1(c(c(cc(c1)C(=C)c1ccc2c(c1)c(cn2C)/C=C/C(=O)NO)OC)OC)OC</chem>                           | 5,000  | 0 |
| A227 | <chem>c1ccc(CCNC(=O)CCCNC(=O)OCC)cc1</chem>  | 5,000  | 0 |
| A228 | <chem>c1(ccc(cc1)/C=C/C(=O)NO)c1ccc(cc1)O</chem>   | 5,010  | 0 |
| A229 | <chem>o1c(cc(c1)C(=O)NO)CCNC(=O)c1cc(c(cc1)Cl)Cl</chem>  | 5,120  | 0 |
| A230 | <chem>ONC(=O)CCCCCn1c(=O)c2cccc3cccc(c1=O)c23</chem>   | 5,200  | 0 |
| A231 | <chem>C1c2cc(ccc2N(CC1)Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C(=O)N</chem>  | 5,310  | 0 |
| A232 | <chem>c1c(ccc(c1)/C=C/C(=O)NO)/C=N/OCc1c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F</chem>                                    | 5,480  | 0 |
| A233 | <chem>c1c(cc2c(c1)c(=O)n(c(=O)n2Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CCc1cccc1)O</chem>                            | 5,501  | 0 |
| A234 | <chem>C(=O)/C=C/c1ccc(cc1)C(F)(F)F)NO</chem>   | 5,530  | 0 |
| A235 | <chem>c1(cc(cc(c1Cn1c(nnn1)c1sccc1)F)C(=O)NO)F</chem>  | 5,662  | 0 |
| A236 | <chem>c1c(c([nH]c1c1ccc(cc1)O)C(=O)NCc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)Nc1c(cccc1)N)c1ccoc1</chem>                  | 5,662  | 0 |
| A237 | <chem>n1(c(=O)n(c(=O)c2c1scc2)CCc1cccc1)Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO</chem>                                | 5,686  | 0 |
| A238 | <chem>C(=O)(CCCCC(c1c[nH]c2c1cccc2)c1c[nH]c2c1cccc2)Nc1cccc1N</chem>                             | 5,800  | 0 |
| A240 | <chem>c1(cc(on1)CN1CCOCC1)c1ccc(cc1)/C=C/C(=O)NO</chem>  | 6,260  | 0 |
| A241 | <chem>n1c(nc2c(c1N1CCOCC1)ccn2CCCCC(=O)NO)c1ncc(nc1)N</chem>                                     | 6,300  | 0 |
| A242 | <chem>c1c(cc2c(c1)c(=O)n(c(=O)n2Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CCc1cccc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>                     | 7,392  | 0 |
| A243 | <chem>c1(c(c(cc(c1)C(=C)c1ccc(cc1)/C=C/C(=O)NO)OC)OC)OC)OC</chem>                                | 8,000  | 0 |
| A244 | <chem>c1(ccc2c3c1cccc3c(=O)n(c2=O)CCCCC(=O)Nc1c(cccc1)N)N1CCOCC1</chem>                          | 8,120  | 0 |
| A245 | <chem>C1[C@H]2C[C@@H]3[C@@H]1C[C@H](C3)C2)c1c(ccc(c1)c1ccc(cc1)C=CC(=O)O)[C@@H](C(=O)NO)C</chem> | 8,230  | 0 |
| A246 | <chem>C(CCCCC)NNC(=O)c1cccc(c1)NCc1cccc1</chem>  | 8,600  | 0 |
| A249 | <chem>S1Cc2c(CC1)n(c1c2cc(cc1)F)Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO</chem>  | 9,700  | 0 |
| A251 | <chem>c1(ncnc2c1nc[nH]2)N[C@H](c1nc(c2c(n1)cccc2)CCCCC(=O)NO)CC</chem>                           | 9,819  | 0 |
| A252 | <chem>C1[C@@H]2C[C@@H]3C[C@@H]1C[C@H](C2)(C3)CN(Cc1c(cc(cc1)C(=O)NO)F)C</chem>                   | 10,000 | 0 |
| A253 | <chem>c1ccc(cc1)NC(=O)CCCCC(=O)NO</chem>   | 10,000 | 0 |
| A254 | <chem>c1(c(c(cc(c1)C(=C)c1ccc(c1)/C=C/C(=O)NO)OC)OC)OC)OC</chem>                                 | 10,000 | 0 |
| A255 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)c(=O)n(c(=O)n2Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CCc1cccs1</chem>                               | 10,020 | 0 |
| A256 | <chem>C(=O)/C=C/c1ccc(cn1)NC(=O)[C@H](Cc1cccc1)c1cccc1)NO</chem>                                 | 10,200 | 0 |
| A257 | <chem>c1c(cc2c(c1)c(=O)n(c(=O)n2Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CCc1cccc1)C1CC1</chem>                        | 10,500 | 0 |
| A258 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)c(=O)n(c(=O)n2Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CCc1cc(ccc1)F</chem>                           | 10,660 | 0 |
| A259 | <chem>c1c(ccc(c1)/C=C/C(=O)NO)/C=N/OCc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)OC</chem>                                    | 10,800 | 0 |
| A260 | <chem>c1(c(c(cc(c1)C(=C)c1ccc(c1)C#CCCC(=O)NO)OC)OC)OC)OC</chem>                                 | 11,000 | 0 |
| A261 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)c(=O)n(c(=O)n2Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CCc1ccc(cc1)O</chem>                           | 11,290 | 0 |
| A262 | <chem>c1c(c(cc(c1)C(=O)NO)F)Cn1c(nc2c1cccc2)C</chem>   | 12,900 | 0 |
| A263 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)c(=O)n(c(=O)n2Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CCc1ccc(cc1)OC</chem>                          | 13,850 | 0 |

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| A264 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)c(=O)n(c(=O)n2Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CCc1ccccc1</chem>                          | 13,900 | 0 |
| A265 | <chem>c1([C@H]2CN(C[C@@H]2C(=O)Nc2ccc(cc2)Cl)C)ccc(/C=C/C(=O)Nc2c(cccc2)N)cc1</chem>         | 14,000 | 0 |
| A266 | <chem>c1cccc(c1)NC(=O)[C@@H](CCCCS)NC(=O)[C@H]1NC(=O)CCC1</chem>                             | 14,200 | 0 |
| A267 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)c(=O)n(c(=O)n2Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CCc1ccc(cc1)F</chem>                       | 14,730 | 0 |
| A268 | <chem>c1c(ccc(c1)C(=O)NO)NCc1csc2c1cc(cc2)Br</chem>  | 15,000 | 0 |
| A269 | <chem>c1c(cc2c(c1)c(=O)n(c(=O)n2Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CCc1ccccc1)F</chem>                       | 15,400 | 0 |
| A270 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)c(c([nH]2)C)/C=C/c1c(cccc1)c1ccc(cc1)/C=C/C(=O)NO</chem>                    | 16,200 | 0 |
| A272 | <chem>c1(ccc2c(c1)c(=O)n(c(=O)n2Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CCc1ccccc1)F</chem>                       | 16,740 | 0 |
| A275 | <chem>c1([C@H]2CN(C[C@H]2C(=O)Nc2ccc(cc2)Cl)C)ccc(/C=C/C(=O)Nc2c(cccc2)N)cc1</chem>          | 20,000 | 0 |
| A278 | <chem>N1CC2(OC1=O)CCN(c1ccc(en1)C(=O)Nc1c(ccc(c1)c1sc1)N)CC2</chem>                          | 25,000 | 0 |
| A279 | <chem>c1cccc(c1)NS(=O)(=O)c1cc(ccc1)/C=C/C(=O)NO</chem>                                      | 25,000 | 0 |
| A280 | <chem>c1cnc2c(c1)c(=O)n(c(=O)n2Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CCc1ccccc1</chem>                          | 25,050 | 0 |
| A281 | <chem>C1N(Cc2n(C1)cc(c2)C(=O)NO)C(=O)c1cccn1C</chem>   | 29,000 | 0 |
| A282 | <chem>[C@H](CCCCS)(C(=O)NC1CCCC1)NC(=O)OC(C)(C)C</chem>                                      | 30,700 | 0 |
| A283 | <chem>c1ccc(cc1)/C=C/c1sc(n1)CCCC(=O)NO</chem>   | 32,800 | 0 |
| A284 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)c(=O)n(c(=O)n2Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CCc1c(cccc1)OC</chem>                      | 34,370 | 0 |
| A285 | <chem>C/C(=C/c1ccc(cc1)/C=C/C(=O)NO)/c1ccc(cc1)F)NC1CC1</chem>                               | 37,000 | 0 |
| A286 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)c(=O)n(c(=O)n2Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cc1ccccc1</chem>                           | 37,500 | 0 |
| A287 | <chem>C(=O)(NO)/C=C/C=C/c1ccc(c2ccc(c(c2)[C@]23C[C@@H]4C[C@H](C2)C[C@@H](C4)C3)OC)cc1</chem> | 38,000 | 0 |
| A288 | <chem>c1cc(ccc1C(=O)NNCCCC)Br</chem>   | 44,500 | 0 |
| A289 | <chem>c1c(cc2c(c1)c(=O)n(c(=O)n2Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CCc1ccccc1)C</chem>                       | 52,050 | 0 |
| A290 | <chem>c1(c(ccc(c1)c1ccc(cc1)/C=C/C(=O)NO)O)[C@]12C[C@@H]3C[C@H](C1)C[C@@H](C3)C2</chem>      | 57,000 | 0 |
| A291 | <chem>c1(cc(ccc1CC#N)c1c(cc(cc1)/C=C/C(=O)NO)Cl)[C@]12C[C@@H]3C[C@H](C1)C[C@@H](C3)C2</chem> | 63,000 | 0 |
| A293 | <chem>c1c(cc2c(c1)cc(c(=O)O)C(=O)/C=C/C=C/c1ccc(c(c1)OC)OC)OC</chem>                         | 74,000 | 0 |
| A297 | <chem>N1(C(=O)c2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)c1oc2c(n1)cc(cc2)C(F)(F)F</chem>                         | <500   | 1 |
| A298 | <chem>N1(Cc2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)c1[nH]c2c(n1)cc(c2)c1ccccc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>                  | <500   | 1 |
| A299 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)[nH]c(c2)c1ncc(nc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>                                 | <500   | 1 |
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| A303 | <chem>n1cc(ncc1C(F)(F)F)[C@H]1C(c2c(N1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)(C)C</chem>                            | <500   | 1 |
| A305 | <chem>N1(Cc2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)c1[nH]c2c(n1)CC[C@H](C2)C(F)(F)F</chem>                      | <500   | 1 |
| A306 | <chem>N1(Cc2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)c1[nH]c2c(n1)CC[C@H](C2)C(F)(F)F</chem>                      | <500   | 1 |
| A308 | <chem>c1c(cc2c(c1)sc(n2)N1Cc2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)C(F)(F)F</chem>                             | <500   | 1 |
| A309 | <chem>C1[C@@H](Cc2c(C1)oc(n2)N1Cc2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)C(F)(F)F</chem>                        | <500   | 1 |
| A310 | <chem>c1(ccc2c(c1)oc(n2)N1C(c2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)(C)C)C(F)(F)F</chem>                       | <500   | 1 |
| A311 | <chem>C1[C@@H](Cc2c(C1)oc(n2)N1C(c2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)(C)C)C(F)(F)F</chem>                  | <500   | 1 |
| A312 | <chem>[C@H]1(CCc2c(C1)oc(n2)N1C(c2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)(C)C)C(F)(F)F</chem>                   | <500   | 1 |
| A313 | <chem>c1c(cc2c(c1)sc(n2)N1C(c2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)(C)C)C(F)(F)F</chem>                       | <500   | 1 |
| A314 | <chem>c1ncc2c(c1)oc(n2)N1C(c2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)(C)C</chem>                                 | <500   | 1 |
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| A317 | <chem>c1c(cc2c(c1)nc(cc2)N1Cc2c(C1(C)C)cccc2C(=O)NO)C(F)(F)F</chem>                          | <500   | 1 |
| A320 | <chem>c1(N2C(c3c(C2)c(ccc3)C(=O)NO)(C)C)oc2c(n1)nc(cc2)C(F)(F)F</chem>                       | <500   | 1 |



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| A321 | <chem>c1(N2C(c3c(C2)c(ccc3)C(=O)NO)(C)C)oc2c(n1)ncc(c2)C(F)(F)F</chem>               | <500 | 1 |
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| A328 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1F)Br</chem>                             | <500 | 1 |
| A329 | <chem>C(c1c(cc2c([nH]c(n2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)c1)C#C)(F)(F)F</chem>                   | <500 | 1 |
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| A331 | <chem>c1c2c(nc(n2C)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1c1cnccc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>                  | <500 | 1 |
| A332 | <chem>c1c2c(nc(n2C)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1c1cccc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>                   | <500 | 1 |
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| A334 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1c1cccn1)C(F)(F)F</chem>                 | <500 | 1 |
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| A337 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1c1ccc(cc1)SC)C(F)(F)F</chem>            | <500 | 1 |
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| A341 | <chem>ONC(=O)c1cc(ccc1)Nc1[nH]c2c(n1)cc(c(c2)C(F)(F)F)c1cc2OC=COc2cc1</chem>         | <500 | 1 |
| A342 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1c1cccc(c1)O)C(F)(F)F</chem>             | <500 | 1 |
| A343 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1c1cccc1CO)C(F)(F)F</chem>               | <500 | 1 |
| A345 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1c1cncc1)N1CCOCC1)C(F)(F)F</chem>        | <500 | 1 |
| A346 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)N1CCOCC1)C(F)(F)F</chem> | <500 | 1 |
| A348 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1c1ccc(cc1)COC)C(F)(F)F</chem>           | <500 | 1 |
| A349 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1c1cc2c(cc1)cnn2C)C(F)(F)F</chem>        | <500 | 1 |
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| A369 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1cccc(c1F)C(F)(F)F</chem>               | <500 | 1 |
| A370 | <chem>c1(cccc2c1C[C@]1(CC2)C(=O)N(CC1)Cc1cc(c(cc1)Cl)C(F)(F)F)C(=O)NO</chem>         | <500 | 1 |
| A372 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)OC1(CC2)CCN(CC1)C(=O)C1(CC1)c1ccc(cc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>      | <500 | 1 |
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| A377 | <chem>c1c(c(cc2c1oc(n2)Nc1cccc(c1)C(=O)NO)C(F)(F)F)C#C</chem>                 | <500  | 1 |
| A380 | <chem>c1c(c(cc2c1oc(n2)Nc1cccc(c1)C(=O)NO)Cl)Cl</chem>                        | <500  | 1 |
| A381 | <chem>c1(c(cc2c(c1)oc(n2)Nc1cc(C(=O)NO)ccc1F)Cl)Cl</chem>                     | <500  | 1 |
| A382 | <chem>c1(c(cc2c(c1)oc(n2)Nc1cc(C(=O)NO)ccc1)Cl)Cl</chem>                      | <500  | 1 |
| A385 | <chem>c1(c(cc2c(c1)sc(n2)Nc1cc(C(=O)NO)ccc1)Cl)Cl</chem>                      | <500  | 1 |
| A386 | <chem>c1(c(cc2c(c1)nc([nH]2)Nc1cc(C(=O)NO)ccc1)S(=O)(=O)C)C(F)(F)F</chem>     | <500  | 1 |
| A387 | <chem>c1(c(cc2c(c1)nc([nH]2)Nc1cc(C(=O)NO)ccc1)C)C#N)C(F)(F)F</chem>          | <500  | 1 |
| A389 | <chem>c1c2c(cc(c1C(F)(F)F)C#N)n(c(n2)Nc1cc(C(=O)NO)ccc1)C</chem>              | <500  | 1 |
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| A391 | <chem>c1c2c(cc(c1Cl)Cl)n(c(n2)Nc1cc(C(=O)NO)ccc1)C</chem>                     | <500  | 1 |
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| A395 | <chem>c1c2c(cc(c1c1cccc1)C(F)(F)F)n(c(n2)Nc1cc(C(=O)NO)ccc1)C(C)C</chem>      | <500  | 1 |
| A396 | <chem>c1c2c(cc(c1Cl)Cl)n(c(n2)Nc1cc(C(=O)NO)ccc1)C(C)C</chem>                 | <500  | 1 |
| A397 | <chem>c1c2c(cc(c1C(F)(F)F)c1cccc1)n(c(n2)Nc1cc(C(=O)NO)ccc1)CCOC</chem>       | <500  | 1 |
| A399 | <chem>c1c(c(cc2c1nc(n2CCCCC)Nc1cccc(c1)C(=O)NO)C(F)(F)F)C#N</chem>            | <500  | 1 |
| A400 | <chem>N(c1cc(C(=O)NO)ccc1)c1n(c2c(n1)cc(c(c2)Cl)Cl)CCCCCN</chem>              | <500  | 1 |
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| A408 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(Cl)c1F</chem>                      | <500  | 1 |
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| A411 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1Cl)C(F)(F)F</chem>               | <500  | 1 |
| A412 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(C(F)(F)F)c1Br</chem>               | <500  | 1 |
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| A414 | <chem>c1c(c(cc2c1oc(n2)Nc1cc(cc(c1)C(=O)NO)C)Br)C(F)(F)F</chem>               | <500  | 1 |
| A415 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(C)c1Br</chem>                      | <500  | 1 |
| A417 | <chem>c1c2c(cc(c1C(F)(F)F)C#N)n(c(n2)Nc1cc(C(=O)NO)ccc1)CCOC</chem>           | <500  | 1 |
| A418 | <chem>N(c1cc(C(=O)NO)ccc1)c1n(c2c(n1)cc(c(c2)C(F)(F)F)C#N)CCCCCN</chem>       | <500  | 1 |
| A420 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1Cl)[N+](=O)[O-]</chem>           | <500  | 1 |
| A421 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1C#N)C(F)(F)F</chem>              | <500  | 1 |
| A422 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1C(F)(F)F)c1ccc2c(c1)OCCO2</chem> | <500  | 1 |
| A424 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)C(=O)N(CC1)Cc1ccc(c(c1)F)C(F)(F)F</chem>    | <500  | 1 |
| A425 | <chem>c1(c(cc2c(c1)oc(n2)Nc1cc(ccc1)C(=O)NO)C(F)(F)F)C#N</chem>               | <500  | 1 |
| A426 | <chem>c1(c(cc2c(c1)oc(n2)Nc1cccc(C(=O)NO)c1F)Cl)Cl</chem>                     | <500  | 1 |
| A427 | <chem>c1(c(cc2c(c1)oc(n2)Nc1cc(C(=O)NO)ccc1)Cl)Cl</chem>                      | <500  | 1 |
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| A433 | <chem>C(=O)(c1c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)N(C(C)C)Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO</chem>               | >1000 | 0 |

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| A435 | <chem>C(=O)(c1ccc(cc1)CN(C(=O)Nc1cccc1)CCCC)NO</chem>                              | >1000 | 0 |
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| A443 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)OC)CN(C2(C)C)c1ncc(nc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>                      | >1000 | 0 |
| A445 | <chem>S(=O)(=O)(c1c(c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cc1ccc(cc1)N(C)C</chem>   | >1000 | 0 |
| A446 | <chem>S(=O)(=O)(c1c(c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cc1cnc1</chem>            | >1000 | 0 |
| A448 | <chem>S(=O)(=O)(c1c(c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cc1cnc1</chem>            | >1000 | 0 |
| A451 | <chem>O=S(=O)(N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C1CC1)c1c(c(cc(c1F)F)F)F</chem>                 | >1000 | 0 |
| A452 | <chem>O=S(=O)(N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C1CC1)c1ccc(cc1)F</chem>                        | >1000 | 0 |
| A453 | <chem>O=S(=O)(N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C1CC1)c1cc(c(c(c1F)F)F)F</chem>                 | >1000 | 0 |
| A455 | <chem>O=S(=O)(N(Cc1cccc(c1)C(=O)NO)C1CC1)c1c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F</chem>                  | >1000 | 0 |
| A457 | <chem>O=S(=O)(N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C1CC1)c1c(c(c(c1F)F)Cl)F</chem>                 | >1000 | 0 |
| A458 | <chem>O=S(=O)(N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C1CC1)c1cc(c(c(c1F)F)F)F</chem>                 | >1000 | 0 |
| A461 | <chem>c1cc(ccc1C(=O)NO)CN(S(=O)(=O)c1cc(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)C1CCCC1</chem>               | >1000 | 0 |
| A462 | <chem>c1nc(ccc1C(=O)NO)CN(S(=O)(=O)c1cc(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)C(C)C</chem>                 | >1000 | 0 |
| A463 | <chem>c1cc(ccc1C(=O)NO)CN(S(=O)(=O)c1cc(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)CC(C)C</chem>                | >1000 | 0 |
| A464 | <chem>C(=O)(c1ccc(cc1)C(C)(C)C)N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C1CC1</chem>                   | >1000 | 0 |
| A465 | <chem>C(=O)(c1c(c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C1CC1</chem>                  | >1000 | 0 |
| A466 | <chem>C(=O)(c1c(c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C1CC1</chem>                  | >1000 | 0 |
| A467 | <chem>C(=O)(c1c(c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C1CC1</chem>                  | >1000 | 0 |
| A468 | <chem>C(=O)(c1ccc(cc1)C(C)(C)C)N(c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CC</chem>                       | >1000 | 0 |
| A469 | <chem>C(=O)(c1c(c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)N(C)Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO</chem>                      | >1000 | 0 |
| A470 | <chem>c1c(ccc(c1)/C=C/C(=O)NO)CN(C[C@]12C[C@H]3C[C@H](C[C@@H](C1)C3)C2)C</chem>    | >1000 | 0 |
| A471 | <chem>c1(c(ccc(c1)/C=C/C(=O)NO)CN(C[C@]12C[C@H]3C[C@H](C[C@@H](C1)C3)C2)C)F</chem> | >1000 | 0 |
| A472 | <chem>N1(Cc2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)c1[nH]c(cn1)CCC</chem>                             | >1000 | 0 |
| A473 | <chem>N1(Cc2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)c1[nH]c2c(n1)cncc2</chem>                          | >1000 | 0 |
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| A475 | <chem>N1(Cc2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)c1nc2c(o1)cncc2</chem>                             | >1000 | 0 |
| A476 | <chem>N1(Cc2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)c1nc2c(o1)nccc2</chem>                             | >1000 | 0 |
| A477 | <chem>n1c(nc2c(c1)cccc2)N1Cc2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO</chem>                            | >1000 | 0 |
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| A484 | <chem>C1N(Cc2c(C1)nc([nH]2)N1Cc2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)C(=O)C</chem>                  | >1000 | 0 |
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| A487 | <chem>C(=O)(N1C(c2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)(C)C)c1ccc(cc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>               | >1000 | 0 |
| A488 | <chem>C(=O)(N1C(c2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)(C)C)c1cc(ccc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>               | >1000 | 0 |

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| A489 | <chem>N1(C(c2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)(C)C)C(=O)Nc1ncc(cc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>      | >1000 | 0 |
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| A496 | <chem>[C@H]1(Nc2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)c1ccc(cc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>              | >1000 | 0 |
| A497 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)N[C@@H](C2)c1ccc(cc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>             | >1000 | 0 |
| A499 | <chem>n1cc(ncc1C(F)(F)F)[C@@H]1C(c2c(N1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)(C)C</chem>         | >1000 | 0 |
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| A509 | <chem>c1(cc(ccc1)C(=O)N(c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CC)C(F)(F)F</chem>               | >1000 | 0 |
| A510 | <chem>O=S(=O)(c1cc(cc(c1)C(F)(F)F)C(F)(F)F)N(c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CC</chem>   | >1000 | 0 |
| A511 | <chem>c1(cc(cc(c1)C(C)C)C)C(=O)N(c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CC)C(C)C</chem>         | >1000 | 0 |
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| A516 | <chem>c1(cc(ccc1)C(=O)N(c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CC1CC1)C(F)(F)F</chem>           | >1000 | 0 |
| A517 | <chem>c1(cc(ccc1)C(=O)N(c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C(C)C)C(F)(F)F</chem>            | >1000 | 0 |
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| A533 | <chem>C(=O)(c1ccc(cc1)C(C)C)NCc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO</chem>                     | >1000 | 0 |
| A534 | <chem>O=S(=O)(NCc1ccc(C(=O)NO)cc1)c1ccc(cc1)C(C)C</chem>                   | >1000 | 0 |
| A537 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)C[C@@]1(C2)CCN(CC1)C1CC1</chem>                  | >1000 | 0 |
| A539 | <chem>c12c(CC3(C2=O)CCN(CC3)C2cccc2)c(ccc1)C(=O)NO</chem>                  | >1000 | 0 |
| A540 | <chem>c12c(CC3([C@H]2O)CCN(CC3)C2cccc2)c(ccc1)C(=O)NO</chem>               | >1000 | 0 |
| A541 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)C[C@@]1(CC2)C(=O)N(CC1)Cc1ccc(cc1)Cl</chem>      | >1000 | 0 |
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| A545 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)OC1(CC2)CCN(CC1)C(=O)c1ccc(cc1)F</chem>          | >1000 | 0 |
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| A552 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)OC1(CC2CCN(CC1)c1cc(c(cc1)C)F</chem>                            | >1000 | 0 |
| A553 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)CC[C@@]1(C2)C(=O)N(CC1)Cc1ccc(cc1)Cl</chem>                     | >1000 | 0 |
| A554 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)CC[C@@]1(C2)C(=O)N(CC1)c1ccccc1C(F)(F)F</chem>                  | >1000 | 0 |
| A556 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)CCC1(O2)CCN(CC1)c1ccccc1</chem>                                 | >1000 | 0 |
| A558 | <chem>O=S(=O)(N(CC(=O)N(c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C)Cc1c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)c1ccc(cc1)F</chem>         | >1000 | 0 |
| A560 | <chem>c1cc(ccc1NCc1ccc(cc1)C(C)(C)C(=O)NO</chem>  | >1000 | 0 |
| A562 | <chem>O=S(=O)(N(CC(=O)N(c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cc1ccc(cc1)C(C)(C)C)Cc1c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)C</chem> | >1000 | 0 |
| A563 | <chem>n1cnc2c(c1C)cc(cc2OCCCCCCC(=O)NO)c1cc(c(nc1)OC)F</chem>                             | >1000 | 0 |
| A564 | <chem>c1(c(cc2c(c1)oc(n2)Nc1nc(C(=O)NO)ccn1)Cl)Cl</chem>                                  | >1000 | 0 |
| A565 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)nc([nH]2)Nc1cc(C(=O)NO)ccc1</chem>                                       | >1000 | 0 |
| A566 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)n(c(n2)Nc1cc(ccc1)C(=O)NO)CCOC</chem>                                    | >1000 | 0 |
| A567 | <chem>c1c(c2c(cc1Nc1[nH]c3c(cccc3)n1)ccc2)C(=O)NO</chem>                                  | >1000 | 0 |
| A568 | <chem>c12n(c(nc1cccc2)Nc1cc2c(c(c1)C(=O)NO)cccc2)CCOC</chem>                              | >1000 | 0 |
| A569 | <chem>c1cc(c2c(c1)n(c(n2)Nc1cc(C(=O)NO)ccc1)CCOC)OC</chem>                                | >1000 | 0 |
| A571 | <chem>c1c2c(cc(c1C#N)C(F)(F)F)n(c(n2)Nc1cc(C(=O)NO)ccc1)CCOC</chem>                       | >1000 | 0 |
| A573 | <chem>n1cnc2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)c1</chem>                                       | >1000 | 0 |
| A577 | <chem>O(c1c(cc2c([nH]c(n2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)c1)O)C</chem>                                | >1000 | 0 |
| A578 | <chem>c12c(cc3c([nH]c(n3)Nc3cc(C(=O)NO)ccc3)c1)OCC(=O)N2</chem>                           | >1000 | 0 |
| A579 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)ccc1Cl</chem>                                     | >1000 | 0 |
| A582 | <chem>c1c2c(nc(n2C)N(c2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)C)cc(c1C(F)(F)F)c1ccnc1</chem>                     | >1000 | 0 |
| A583 | <chem>c1c2c(nc(n2C)N(c2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)C)cc(c1c1cnc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>                      | >1000 | 0 |
| A584 | <chem>c1ccccc1CNC(=O)ONC(=O)c1cccc(c1)N(c1[nH]c2cc(c(cc2n1)C(F)(F)F)C#N)C</chem>          | >1000 | 0 |
| A585 | <chem>c1cc2c(c(c1)C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)C(=O)N(CC1)C</chem>                                   | >1000 | 0 |
| A586 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1ccc(cc1)S(=O)(=O)C</chem>                  | >1000 | 0 |
| A587 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)C(=O)N(CC1)C1CC1</chem>                                 | >1000 | 0 |
| A588 | <chem>C1(CCC1)CN1C(=O)[C@@]2(CC1)Cc1cccc(c1C2)C(=O)NO</chem>                              | >1000 | 0 |
| A590 | <chem>c1cc2c(c(c1)C(=O)NO)C[C@@]1(C2)C(=O)N(CC1)c1c(cccc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>                 | >1000 | 0 |
| A592 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)CCc1ccccc1</chem>                              | >1000 | 0 |
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| A603 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1cc(cc(c1)OC)OC</chem>                      | >1000 | 0 |
| A608 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1noc(n1)C1CCOCC1</chem>                      | >1000 | 0 |
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| A615 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)CN(CC1)C(=O)c1ccc(cc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>                   | >1000 | 0 |
| A616 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1C(=O)NO)C[C@@]1(C2)CN(CC1)C(=O)C</chem>                                   | >1000 | 0 |
| A617 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1C(=O)NO)CC1(C2)CCN(CC1)C(=O)C</chem>                                      | >1000 | 0 |
| A618 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1OC)OC</chem>                                 | >1000 | 0 |
| A619 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc2c1OCC(=O)N2</chem>                             | >1000 | 0 |
| A621 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1C(=O)OCC1CCC1)C[C@]1(C2)C(=O)N(CC1)CC1CCC1</chem>                         | >1000 | 0 |
| A622 | <chem>c1ccc2c(nc([nH]2)N(c2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)CCOC)c1</chem>                                 | >1000 | 0 |

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| A623 | <chem>c1(c(cc2c(nc([nH]2)O)c2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)c1)C#N)C(F)(F)F</chem>                          | >1000       | 0 |
| A624 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)c(=O)n(c(=O)n2Cc1cc(ccc1)C(=O)NO)CCc1ccccc1</chem>                          | >10000      | 0 |
| A625 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)c(=O)n(c(=O)n2Cc1csc(c1)C(=O)NO)CCc1ccccc1</chem>                           | >10000      | 0 |
| A627 | <chem>SCC/C=C/[C@@H]1CC(=O)NCc2sc(C(=O)N/C(=C\C)/C(=O)N[C@H](C(=O)O1)C(C)C)n2</chem>         | >10000      | 0 |
| A628 | <chem>S(CC/C=C/[C@@H]1CC(=O)NCc2sc(C(=O)N/C(=C\C)/C(=O)N[C@H](C(=O)O1)C(C)C)n2)C(=O)C</chem> | >10000      | 0 |
| A629 | <chem>[nH]1nc(cc1C(=O)NCCCCCS)c1ccncc1</chem>  | >10000      | 0 |
| A630 | <chem>[nH]1nc(cc1C(=O)NCCCCCS)c1ccncc1</chem>  | >10000      | 0 |
| A631 | <chem>[nH]1nc(cc1C(=O)NCCCCCS)c1cnccn1</chem>  | >10000      | 0 |
| A632 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)c(nc(n2)C)N(c1cc(c(cc1)OC)OCCCC(=O)NO)C</chem>                              | >10000      | 0 |
| A633 | <chem>C1[C@H]2C[C@]3(C[C@@H]1C[C@H](C3)C2)c1c(ccc(c1)c1ccc(cc1)C=CC(=O)O)O</chem>            | >10000      | 0 |
| A634 | <chem>n1c(nc2c(c1N1CCOCC1)ncn2CCCCCCC(=O)NO)c1ccc(nc1)N</chem>                               | >10000      | 0 |
| A635 | <chem>C(=O)/C=C/c1cc2nc(n(c2cc1)CCN(CC)CC)CCCCNO</chem>                                      | >10000      | 0 |
| A636 | <chem>OCCN(C(=O)Cc1ccc(C(=O)NO)cc1)c1ccccc1</chem>   | >10000      | 0 |
| A638 | <chem>n1c2c(c3n(c1N)nc(n3)c1occc1)cnn2CCc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)Nc1ccccc1N</chem>                     | >10000      | 0 |
| A639 | <chem>c1(ccc(cc1N)F)NC(=O)c1ccc(cc1)CSc1nc(c2n(n1)ccc2)Nc1cc([nH]n1)C</chem>                 | >10000      | 0 |
| A640 | <chem>N(c1c(N)cccc1)C(=O)CCCCCCC(=O)Nc1ccccc1</chem>   | >10000      | 0 |
| A641 | <chem>n1(Cc2ccc(cc2)C(=O)NO)sc2c(c1=O)cccc2</chem>   | >10000      | 0 |
| A642 | <chem>N1(Cc2c(CC1)n1c(=NCC1)n(c2=O)Cc1c(ccc1)OC)Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)Nc1ccccc1N</chem>            | >10000      | 0 |
| A643 | <chem>C1(CCOC1)(CNC(=O)c1cccc(c2nc(on2)C(F)(F)F)c1nc(cs1)c1ccccc1</chem>                     | >10000      | 0 |
| A645 | <chem>c1ccc(c(c1)CN1C[C@H](CC1)O)NC(=O)CCCCCCC(=O)NO</chem>                                  | >10000      | 0 |
| A646 | <chem>C(=O)(c1ccc(cc1)CCn1c(=O)c2c3c(c1=O)ccc(c3ccc2)N1CCOCC1)NO</chem>                      | >10000      | 0 |
| A647 | <chem>c1c(c(c(cc1O)C)c1[nH]c2c(n1)cc(cc2)C(=O)NO)C</chem>                                    | >10000      | 0 |
| A648 | <chem>c1c(c(ccc1)c1[nH]c2c(n1)cc(cc2)C(=O)NO)C(F)(F)F</chem>                                 | >10000      | 0 |
| A649 | <chem>C(=O)(NO)c1enc(N(Cc2onc(n2)C2CCN(CC2)Cc2ccc(cc2)C)C)nc1</chem>                         | >10000      | 0 |
| A650 | <chem>n1c([nH]c(=O)c2c1sc1c2CCN(C1)C)c1cc(c(c1)C)OCCCCCCC(=O)NO)C</chem>                     | >10000      | 0 |
| A651 | <chem>N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)Nc1ccccc1N)C1=N[C@@H]([C@@H](O1)c1ccccc1)c1ccccc1</chem>             | >10000<br>0 | 0 |
| A652 | <chem>c1(ccc2c(c1)C[C@@H](CC2)Nc1nccc(n1)c1ccncc1)C(=O)NO</chem>                             | >10000<br>0 | 0 |
| A653 | <chem>c1c(ccc(c1)/C=C/C=C/C(=O)NO)c1ccc(cc1)OC</chem>  | >10000<br>0 | 0 |
| A654 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)C(=O)c1c(C2=O)ccc(c1)/C=C/C(=O)NO</chem>                                    | >10000<br>0 | 0 |
| A655 | <chem>C1(NC(=O)CCCCC[C@@H](C(=O)NC)N=O)c2c(cccc2)c2c1cccc2</chem>                            | >10000<br>0 | 0 |
| A656 | <chem>c1cccc(c1)NC(=O)CCCCC[C@@H](C(=O)NC)N=O</chem>   | >10000<br>0 | 0 |
| A657 | <chem>c1cc(cc2c1cccc2)NC(=O)CCCCC[C@@H](C(=O)NC)N=O</chem>                                   | >10000<br>0 | 0 |
| A658 | <chem>n1cc(cc2c1cccc2)NC(=O)CCCCC[C@@H](C(=O)NC)N=O</chem>                                   | >10000<br>0 | 0 |
| A659 | <chem>C1(=O)N([C@@H](C(=O)N1c1ccc(cc1)Cl)CCC(=O)Nc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cc1ccccc1</chem>          | >10000<br>0 | 0 |
| A660 | <chem>C1(=O)N([C@@H](C(=O)N1c1ccc(cc1)Cl)CCC(=O)Nc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cc1ccc(cc1)Br</chem>      | >10000<br>0 | 0 |
| A661 | <chem>C1(=O)N([C@@H](C(=O)N1c1ccc(cc1)Cl)CCC(=O)Nc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cc1ccc(cc1)C</chem>       | >10000<br>0 | 0 |
| A662 | <chem>c1cc(cc(c1)NC(=O)CCCCC[C@@H](C(=O)NC)N=O)Br</chem>                                     | >10000<br>0 | 0 |
| A663 | <chem>c1(cc(ccc1)C(=O)N(c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cc1ccccc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>                          | >2000       | 0 |
| A664 | <chem>c1c(cc2c(c1)ccn2Cc1ccc(cc1)OC)C(=O)NO</chem>   | >20000      | 0 |
| A665 | <chem>[O-][N+](=O)c1c(N)cc(N2CCN(CC2)C)cc1</chem>  | >20000<br>0 | 0 |
| A667 | <chem>n1n(cc(n1)c1ccccc1)NC(=O)N1CCOCC1)Cc1ncc(cc1)c1nnc(o1)C(F)F</chem>                     | >30000      | 0 |

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| A669 | <chem>c1(ccc(cc1)c1nnc(o1)C(F)F)Cn1cc(nn1)c1cc2c(cc1)nc([nH]2)N</chem>                | >30000 | 0 |
| A670 | <chem>c1(ncc(cc1)c1nnc(o1)C(F)F)Cn1cc(nn1)c1cc2c(c1)nc([nH]2)Cl</chem>                | >30000 | 0 |
| A673 | <chem>c1(ccc(c1)c1nnc(c1)C1ccc(c1)c1oc(nn1)C(F)F)N</chem>                             | >30000 | 0 |
| A677 | <chem>n1n(cc(n1)c1cc(ccc1)NC(=O)N1CCOCC1)Cc1ccc(c(c1)F)c1nnc(o1)C(F)F</chem>          | >30000 | 0 |
| A678 | <chem>c1(n(c2c(n1)cc(cc2)c1nnn(c1)Cc1ccc(c1)c1oc(nn1)C(F)F)C)N</chem>                 | >30000 | 0 |
| A679 | <chem>c1([nH]c2c(n1)ccc(c2)c1nnn(c1)Cc1ccc(c1)c1oc(nn1)C(F)F)NCC</chem>               | >30000 | 0 |
| A683 | <chem>C1(=NCCN1)Nc1ccc(cc1)c1nnc(c1)Cc1ccc(cc1)c1oc(nn1)C(F)F</chem>                  | >30000 | 0 |
| A684 | <chem>n1n(cc(n1)c1cc2c(n(c2)N)C)cc1Cc1ccc(cc1)c1nnc(o1)C(F)F</chem>                   | >30000 | 0 |
| A688 | <chem>n1n(cc(n1)c1ccc2sc(nc2c1)N)Cc1ncc(cc1)c1nnc(o1)C(F)F</chem>                     | >30000 | 0 |
| A690 | <chem>c1(ccc(c1)c1nnn(c1)Cc1ccc(c1)c1oc(nn1)C(F)F)N</chem>                            | >30000 | 0 |
| A691 | <chem>CN1C[C@H](c2c(cc/C=C/C(=O)Nc3c(cccc3)N)cc2)F)[C@H](C1)C(=O)Nc1ccc(cc1)Cl</chem> | >30000 | 0 |
| A693 | <chem>c1(C(=O)N[C@H](C(=O)NO)C(N)(C)C)ccc(cc1)OCC#CC</chem>                           | >30000 | 0 |
| A695 | <chem>c1c(ccc(c1)C(=O)NNCCC)CNC(=O)c1cc2c([nH]1)cccc2</chem>                          | >5000  | 0 |
| A696 | <chem>C(=O)(NCc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NNCCC)/C=C/c1cccc1</chem>                                | >5000  | 0 |
| A697 | <chem>C1(=C2/C(=O)Nc3c2cccc3)/C(=N/OCCCC(=O)NO)/c2c(N1)cccc2</chem>                   | >5000  | 0 |
| A699 | <chem>C1(=C2/C(=O)N(c3c2cccc3)CC#C)/C(=N/OCCCC(=O)NO)/c2c(N1)cccc2</chem>             | >5000  | 0 |
| A700 | <chem>[C@H](Oc1cc(N(c2c3cccc3nc(n2)C)C)ccc1OC)(C(=O)NO)C(C)C</chem>                   | >5000  | 0 |
| A701 | <chem>O=S1(=O)c2c3c(n(Cc4ccc(cc4)C(=O)NO)c2CC1)cccc3</chem>                           | >5000  | 0 |
| A702 | <chem>c1c(c(ccc1c1cccc1)N)NC(=O)c1cccc1</chem>  | >50000 | 0 |
| A703 | <chem>c1c(c(ccc1)N)NC(=O)c1cccc1</chem>   | >50000 | 0 |
| A704 | <chem>c1c(c(ccc1c1cccc1)N)NC(=O)c1cccc1</chem>  | >50000 | 0 |
| A705 | <chem>C(=O)(c1ccc(cc1)CN(C(=O)Nc1ccc(cc1)CN)CCCCO)NO</chem>                           | >50000 | 0 |
| A706 | <chem>c1cc(cc2c1CN(CC2)C(=O)c1ccn1C)C(=O)NO</chem>                                    | >50000 | 0 |
| A708 | <chem>c1c(ccc(c1)C(=O)NO)CN(CCCCOC(=O)Nc1cccc1</chem>                                 | >50000 | 0 |
| A709 | <chem>c1c(c(ccc1)N)NC(=O)c1ccncc1</chem>  | >50000 | 0 |
| A710 | <chem>c1c(c(ccc1c1cccc1)O)NC(=O)c1cccc1</chem>  | >50000 | 0 |
| A711 | <chem>c1c(c(ccc1c1cccc1)N)NC(=O)c1ccncc1</chem>                                       | >50000 | 0 |

Here 1 is depicted as active, and 0 is depicted as inactive classes

### Test set compounds of HDAC11 inhibitors in SMILES format

| Compound ID | SMILES  | IC <sub>50</sub> (nM) | Binary |
|-------------|---|-----------------------|--------|
| A015        | <chem>N1C(=O)[C@H]([C@@H](C1)c1cccc1)C(=O)N[C@@H](CCCCCS)C(=O)Nc1cccc1</chem> | 4                     | 1      |
| A016        | <chem>O=C(NO)c1c2c(C(C)(C)N(C2)c2ncc(c2)C(F)(F)F)ccc1</chem>                  | 5                     | 1      |
| A018        | <chem>N1[C@H](CCC1=O)C(=O)N[C@H](CCCCCS)C(=O)Nc1cc(ccc1)C</chem>              | 5                     | 1      |
| A020        | <chem>c1cccc(c1)NC(=O)[C@H](CCCCCS)NC(=O)[C@H]1NC(=O)CCC1</chem>              | 6                     | 1      |
| A024        | <chem>c1cccc(c1)NC(=O)[C@H](CCCCCS)NC(=O)[C@H]1C(=O)NCCC1</chem>              | 9                     | 1      |
| A026        | <chem>c1cccc(c1)NC(=O)[C@H](CCCCCS)NC(=O)[C@@H]1NC(=O)CCC1</chem>             | 10                    | 1      |
| A028        | <chem>N1([C@H](CCC1=O)C(=O)N[C@H](CCCCCS)C(=O)Nc1cc(ccc1)C)C</chem>           | 12                    | 1      |
| A029        | <chem>N1C(=O)[C@H]([C@H](C1)c1cccc1)C(=O)N[C@@H](CCCCCS)C(=O)Nc1cccc1</chem>  | 12                    | 1      |
| A030        | <chem>c1cccc(c1)NC(=O)[C@H](CCCCCS(=O)NO)NC(=O)[C@H]1NC(=O)CC1</chem>         | 13                    | 1      |

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| A031 | <chem>N1C(=O)[C@H]([C@H](C1)c1cccc1)C(=O)N[C@@H](CCCCC)C(=O)Nc1cccc1</chem>     | 13    | 1 |
| A034 | <chem>c1cccc(c1)NC(=O)[C@H](CCCCC)NC(=O)[C@@H]1NC(=O)CC1</chem>                 | 14    | 1 |
| A035 | <chem>N1[C@@H](CCC1=O)C(=O)N[C@H](CCCCC)C(=O)Nc1cccc1</chem>                    | 14    | 1 |
| A040 | <chem>c1(cc2cc(c1)/C=C\CO[C@H](C(=O)Nc1c(OC2)cccc1)CCCCC(=O)NO)OC</chem>        | 23    | 1 |
| A051 | <chem>N1[C@H](CCC1=O)C(=O)N[C@@H](CCCCC)C(=O)Nc1cc(ccc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>         | 44    | 1 |
| A052 | <chem>O=S(=O)(N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C1CC1)c1c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F</chem>               | 47    | 1 |
| A059 | <chem>[nH]1c(c(cc1c1ccc(cc1)O)c1ccccc1)C(=O)NCc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO</chem>          | 72    | 1 |
| A069 | <chem>C(=O)(CCCCSc1nc(cc(=O)[nH]1)c1ccc(cc1)c1cccc1)NO</chem>                   | 100   | 1 |
| A074 | <chem>S(=O)(=O)(c1c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cc1cccc1</chem>          | 122   | 1 |
| A089 | <chem>S(=O)(=O)(c1c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cc1cc(ccc1)F</chem>      | 235   | 1 |
| A091 | <chem>c1cccc(c1)NC(=O)[C@H](CCCCC(=O)NO)NC(=O)[C@H]1C(=O)NCCC1</chem>           | 255   | 1 |
| A093 | <chem>S(=O)(=O)(c1c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cc1c(cccc1)F</chem>      | 263   | 1 |
| A094 | <chem>C(=O)(Nc1ccc(C(=O)NO)cc1)OCc1cc2c(cc(CN(CC)CC)cc2)cc1</chem>              | 287   | 1 |
| A097 | <chem>C1(=N[C@H]2[C@H](N1)CCCC2)N1Cc2c(cccc2C1)C(=O)NO</chem>                   | 300   | 1 |
| A100 | <chem>O=S(=O)(N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C1CC1)c1c(c(c(c1F)Cl)F)Cl)F</chem>           | 364   | 1 |
| A109 | <chem>c1(cc(ccc1)C(=O)N(c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cc1cccc(c1)C(F)(F)F)C(F)(F)F</chem>   | 526   | 1 |
| A115 | <chem>[n+][l](onc(c1S(=O)(=O)c1cccc1)OCCCCC(=O)NO)[O-]</chem>                   | 608   | 1 |
| A116 | <chem>c1(ccc(cc1N)F)NC(=O)c1ccc(cc1)CNC(=O)/C=C/1\NC(=O)c2c1cccc2</chem>        | 632   | 1 |
| A119 | <chem>O=S(=O)(NCC(=O)N(c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cc1ccc(cc1)C(C)(C)C)c1ccc(cc1)F</chem> | 665   | 1 |
| A123 | <chem>C(=O)(c1ccc(cc1)C1CC1)Nc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO</chem>                           | 704   | 1 |
| A124 | <chem>c1c(c([nH]c1c1ccc(cc1)OC)C(=O)NCc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)c1ccsc1</chem>          | 718   | 1 |
| A128 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc2c1OCCO2</chem>                       | 750   | 1 |
| A131 | <chem>c1c2c(nc(n2C)N(c2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)C)cc(c1c1cccc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>           | 750   | 1 |
| A140 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1c(ccc(c1)Cl)Cl</chem>             | 750   | 1 |
| A141 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)CN(CC1)Cc1ccc(cc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>             | 750   | 1 |
| A142 | <chem>c1(cccc2c1C[C@]1(CC2)C(=O)N(CC1)Cc1ccc(cc1)C(F)(F)F)C(=O)NO</chem>        | 750   | 1 |
| A147 | <chem>N1(Cc2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)c1oc2c(n1)encc2</chem>                          | 750   | 1 |
| A149 | <chem>c1(ccc2c(c1)nc(cc2)N1Cc2c(C1(C)C)cccc2C(=O)NO)C(F)(F)F</chem>             | 750   | 1 |
| A166 | <chem>c1cc(ccc1N(C(=O)OC(C)(C)C)Cc1ccc(cc1)C(C)(C)C)C(=O)NO</chem>              | 837   | 1 |
| A167 | <chem>C(CCCCC(=O)NO)ONC(=O)c1cc(cc(c1)C)C</chem>                                | 852   | 1 |
| A174 | <chem>C(=O)(CCCCC)N1Cc2c(CC1)cccc2</chem>                                       | 949   | 1 |
| A179 | <chem>c1(cc(ccc1Cl)C(=O)NCc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cl</chem>                           | 1,050 | 0 |
| A180 | <chem>C(NC(=O)CCCCC(=O)NO)Cc1cccc1</chem>                                       | 1,130 | 0 |
| A183 | <chem>c1cccc2c1OCCCCCO[C@@H](C(=O)N2)CCCCC(=O)NO</chem>                         | 1,210 | 0 |
| A189 | <chem>c1cc(cc(c1)NC(=O)CCCCC(=O)NO)C</chem>                                     | 1,600 | 0 |
| A202 | <chem>O=S1(=O)C[C@@H]2[C@H](N(c3c1cccc3)Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CCCC2</chem>         | 2,400 | 0 |
| A208 | <chem>c1c(ccc(c1)/C=C/C(=O)NO)/C=N/OCCN1CCOCC1</chem>                           | 3,060 | 0 |



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| A212 | <chem>c1c(ccc(c1)/C=C/C(=O)NO)C(=O)N[C@@H](Cc1c[nH]c2c1cccc2)C(=O)Nc1ccc(cc1)I</chem>   | 3,229    | 0 |
| A213 | <chem>[nH]1cc(c2c1cccc2)C[C@H](NC(=O)c1ccc(C(=O)NO)cc1)C(=O)Nc1ccc(cc1)C</chem>         | 3,500    | 0 |
| A216 | <chem>C[C@H](/C=C/C(=O)NO)/C=C(\C)/C(=O)c1ccc(cc1)N(C)C</chem>                          | 3,642.50 | 0 |
| A217 | <chem>c1ccc(cc1)CC(=O)N(CCO)Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO</chem>                                   | 3,700    | 0 |
| A220 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)c(=O)n(c(=O)n2Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CCc1ccc(cc1)NC</chem>                 | 3,800    | 0 |
| A239 | <chem>C1[C@H]2C[C@]3(C[C@H]1[C@H](C3)C2)c1c(ccc(c1)c1ccc(cc1)C=CC(=O)O)OCC(=O)NO</chem> | 6,090    | 0 |
| A247 | <chem>n1(c(=O)c2c3c(c1=O)cccc3ccc2)CCCCC(=O)Nc1c(N)cccc1</chem>                         | 9,350    | 0 |
| A248 | <chem>O=S(=O)(c1ccc(cc1)c1cn(nc1)C)n1ccc(c1)/C=C/C(=O)Nc1cccc1N</chem>                  | 9,700    | 0 |
| A250 | <chem>n1c(nc2c(c1N1CCOCC1)ncn2CCCCC(=O)NO)c1cc(ccc1)CO</chem>                           | 9,700    | 0 |
| A271 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)c(=O)n(c(=O)n2Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CCc1c(ccc1)O</chem>                   | 16,700   | 0 |
| A273 | <chem>O=S1(=O)[C@H]2c3c(N(Cc4ccc(cc4)C(=O)NO)[C@@H]2CC1)cccc3</chem>                    | 17,000   | 0 |
| A274 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)c(=O)n(c(=O)n2Cc1sc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CCc1cccc1</chem>                       | 19,800   | 0 |
| A276 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)c(=O)n(c(=O)n2Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CCc1ccc(cc1)N1CCOCC1</chem>           | 22,750   | 0 |
| A277 | <chem>c1(ncnc2c1nc[nH]2)N[C@H](c1nc(c2c(n1)cccc2)CCCC(=O)NO)CC</chem>                   | 23,030   | 0 |
| A292 | <chem>c1(ccc(cc1)/C=C/C(=O)NO)c1ccc(cc1)OC</chem>                                       | 73,000   | 0 |
| A294 | <chem>c1(ccc2c(c1)CN(CC2)Cc1ccc(o1)c1cccc(c1)[N+](=O)[O-])C(=O)NO</chem>                | 75,300   | 0 |
| A295 | <chem>c1(c(ccc(c1)c1ccc(cc1)/C=C/C(=O)NO)OC)[C@]12C[C@H]3C[C@H](C1)C[C@H](C3)C2</chem>  | 77,000   | 0 |
| A296 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1)C(=O)c1c(C2=O)ccc(c1)C(=O)NO</chem>                                    | 80,020   | 0 |
| A300 | <chem>c1([nH]c2c(c1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)c1ncc(nc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>                            | <500     | 1 |
| A304 | <chem>N1(Cc2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)c1[nH]c2c(n1)CC[C@H](C2)C(F)(F)F</chem>                 | <500     | 1 |
| A307 | <chem>N1(Cc2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)c1oc2c(n1)cccc2</chem>                                  | <500     | 1 |
| A318 | <chem>c1c(nc2c(c1)nc(cc2)N1Cc2c(C1(C)C)cccc2C(=O)NO)C(F)(F)F</chem>                     | <500     | 1 |
| A319 | <chem>c1(N2C(c3c(C2)c(ccc3)C(=O)NO)(C)C)oc2c(n1)cccc2</chem>                            | <500     | 1 |
| A323 | <chem>c1(N2C(c3c(C2)c(ccc3)C(=O)NO)(C)C)ccc(c1)C#N)C(F)(F)F</chem>                      | <500     | 1 |
| A324 | <chem>N1(C(c2c(C1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)(C)C)C(=O)Nc1ccc(cc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>                   | <500     | 1 |
| A339 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1c1ccc(cc1)COC)C(F)(F)F</chem>              | <500     | 1 |
| A340 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1C(F)(F)F)c1ccc2c(c1)cccn2</chem>           | <500     | 1 |
| A344 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1c1ccc(nc1)N(C)C)C(F)(F)F</chem>            | <500     | 1 |
| A347 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1c1ccc(cc1)CO)F)C(F)(F)F</chem>             | <500     | 1 |
| A358 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1ccc(cc1)c1cccc1</chem>                    | <500     | 1 |
| A363 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1cccc(c1)C(F)(F)F</chem>                   | <500     | 1 |
| A364 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1cccc(c1)Br</chem>                        | <500     | 1 |
| A371 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(CC2)C(=O)N(CC1)Cc1ccc(c(c1)F)C(F)(F)F</chem>           | <500     | 1 |
| A373 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)CC[C@]1(C2)C(=O)N(CC1)Cc1ccc(c(c1)C(F)(F)F)Cl</chem>          | <500     | 1 |
| A374 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)CC[C@@]1(C2)C(=O)N(CC1)Cc1ccc(cc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>             | <500     | 1 |
| A376 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)CC[C@@]1(C2)C(=O)N(CC1)c1ccc(cc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>              | <500     | 1 |
| A378 | <chem>c1(c(cc2c(c1)oc(n2)Nc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C(F)(F)F)c1cccc1</chem>                     | <500     | 1 |

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| A379 | <chem>c1(c(cc2c(c1)oc(n2)Nc1cc(C(=O)NO)c(cc1)F)Cl)Cl</chem>                  | <500  | 1 |
| A383 | <chem>c1c(c(cc2c1oc(n2)Nc1enne(c1)C(=O)NO)Cl)Cl</chem>                       | <500  | 1 |
| A384 | <chem>c1c(c(cc2c1oc(n2)Nc1ncne(c1)C(=O)NO)Cl)Cl</chem>                       | <500  | 1 |
| A388 | <chem>c1(c(cc2c(c1)n(c(n2)Nc1cc(C(=O)NO)ccc1)C)C#N)C(F)(F)F</chem>           | <500  | 1 |
| A394 | <chem>c1c2c(cc(c1C(F)(F)F)c1cccc1)n(c(n2)Nc1cc(C(=O)NO)ccc1)C(C)C</chem>     | <500  | 1 |
| A398 | <chem>c1c2c(cc(c1c1cccc1)C(F)(F)F)n(c(n2)Nc1cc(C(=O)NO)ccc1)CCOC</chem>      | <500  | 1 |
| A403 | <chem>c1(c(cc2c(nc([nH]2)C2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)c1)C#N)C(F)(F)F</chem>            | <500  | 1 |
| A416 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1Cl)Cl</chem>                    | <500  | 1 |
| A419 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc(c1Br)OC(F)(F)F</chem>             | <500  | 1 |
| A423 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1C(=O)NO)C[C@@]1(C2)C(=O)N(CC1)Cc1ccc(c(c1)F)C(F)(F)F</chem>  | <500  | 1 |
| A428 | <chem>c1(c(cc2c(c1)oc(n2)Nc1cc(C(=O)NO)ccn1)Cl)Cl</chem>                     | <500  | 1 |
| A429 | <chem>c1cc(ccc1C(=O)NO)CN(S(=O)(=O)c1cc(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)CCOC</chem>            | >1000 | 0 |
| A431 | <chem>c1c(c(ccc1C(=O)NO)CN(S(=O)(=O)c1cc(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)C(C)C)OC</chem>       | >1000 | 0 |
| A434 | <chem>c1cccc1NC(=O)CCCCCCC(=O)NO</chem>                                      | >1000 | 0 |
| A440 | <chem>c1([nH]c2c(n1)cccc2)N1Cc2c(cccc2C1)C(=O)NO</chem>                      | >1000 | 0 |
| A442 | <chem>N1(Cc2c(Cl)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)c1[nH]c2c(n1)CCCC2</chem>                    | >1000 | 0 |
| A444 | <chem>S(=O)(=O)(c1c(c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)F)NCc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO</chem>             | >1000 | 0 |
| A447 | <chem>S(=O)(=O)(c1c(c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)Cc1ccc(cc1)F</chem> | >1000 | 0 |
| A449 | <chem>n1cnc2c(c1C)cc(cc2OCCN(c1ncc(en1)C(=O)NO)C)c1ccc(nc1)OC</chem>         | >1000 | 0 |
| A450 | <chem>C(=O)(c1c(c(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)F)NCc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO</chem>                 | >1000 | 0 |
| A454 | <chem>O=S(=O)(N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C1CC1)c1c(cc(cc1F)F)F</chem>              | >1000 | 0 |
| A456 | <chem>O=S(=O)(N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C1CC1)c1c(cc(cc(c1F)Cl)F)F</chem>         | >1000 | 0 |
| A459 | <chem>c1cc(ccc1C(=O)NO)CN(S(=O)(=O)c1cc(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)C(C)C</chem>           | >1000 | 0 |
| A460 | <chem>c1cc(ccc1CC(=O)NO)CN(S(=O)(=O)c1cc(c(c(c1F)F)F)F)C(C)C</chem>          | >1000 | 0 |
| A486 | <chem>c1(N2C(c3c(C2)c(ccc3)C(=O)NO)(C)C)scc(n1)C(F)(F)F</chem>               | >1000 | 0 |
| A491 | <chem>N1(C(c2c(Cl)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)(C)C)C(=O)Nc1nc(ccc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>        | >1000 | 0 |
| A498 | <chem>c1cc(ncc1C(F)(F)F)[C@H]1C(c2c(N1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)(C)C</chem>            | >1000 | 0 |
| A500 | <chem>c1cc(ccc1C(F)(F)F)[C@@H]1C(c2c(N1)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)(C)C</chem>           | >1000 | 0 |
| A505 | <chem>N1(Cc2c(Cl)c(ccc2)C(=O)NO)c1cccc1</chem>                               | >1000 | 0 |
| A512 | <chem>c1(cc(ccc1)C(=O)Nc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C(F)(F)F</chem>                     | >1000 | 0 |
| A518 | <chem>c1(cc(ccc1)C(=O)N(c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CC1CC1)C(C)(C)C</chem>             | >1000 | 0 |
| A520 | <chem>c1(cc(cc(c1)C(C)(C)C)C(=O)Nc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C(C)(C)C</chem>           | >1000 | 0 |
| A522 | <chem>c1(c(c(ccc1)C(=O)N(c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C(C)C)F)C(F)(F)F</chem>           | >1000 | 0 |
| A524 | <chem>c1(cc(cc(c1)C(C)(C)C)C(=O)N(c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C(C)C)C(C)(C)C</chem>    | >1000 | 0 |
| A526 | <chem>c1(cc(ccc1)N(C(=O)c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)CC)C(C)(C)C</chem>                 | >1000 | 0 |
| A529 | <chem>C(=O)(c1ccc(cc1)NC(=O)c1ccc(cc1)N1CCOCC1)NO</chem>                     | >1000 | 0 |
| A531 | <chem>C(=O)(c1ccc(cc1)F)Nc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO</chem>                            | >1000 | 0 |

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| A535 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)CC1(C2)CCN(CC1)C(=O)c1ccc(cc1)Cl</chem>                                | >1000  | 0 |
| A536 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)CC1(C2)CCN(CC1)Cc1ccc(cc1)Cl</chem>                                    | >1000  | 0 |
| A538 | <chem>c12c(CC3(C2)CCN(CC3)Cc2ccccc2)c(ccc1)C(=O)NO</chem>  | >1000  | 0 |
| A542 | <chem>c1(cccc2c1C[C@]1(CC2)C(=O)N(CC1)c1cccc(c1)C(F)(F)F)C(=O)NO</chem>                          | >1000  | 0 |
| A543 | <chem>c1(cccc2c1C[C@@]1(CC2)C(=O)N(CC1)c1cccc1C(F)(F)F)C(=O)NO</chem>                            | >1000  | 0 |
| A549 | <chem>c1(cccc2c1OC1(CC2)CCN(CC1)Cc1ccc(cc1)F)C(=O)NO</chem>                                      | >1000  | 0 |
| A550 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)O[C@@]1(CC2)CCN(CC1)C1CCCCC1</chem>                                    | >1000  | 0 |
| A551 | <chem>c1(cccc2c1OC1(CC2)CCN(CC1)c1ccc(cn1)C(F)(F)F)C(=O)NO</chem>                                | >1000  | 0 |
| A555 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)CCC1(O2)CCN(CC1)C(=O)C</chem>  | >1000  | 0 |
| A557 | <chem>c12c(c(ccc1)C(=O)NO)CCC1(O2)CCN(CC1)c1ccc(cc1)F</chem>                                     | >1000  | 0 |
| A559 | <chem>O=S(=O)(N(CC(=O)N(c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)C)C)c1ccc(cc1)F</chem>                                 | >1000  | 0 |
| A561 | <chem>c1cc(ccc1N(Cc1ccc(cc1)C(C)C)C)C(=O)C)C(=O)NO</chem>  | >1000  | 0 |
| A570 | <chem>c1ccc2c(n(c(n2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)CCOC)c1OC</chem>   | >1000  | 0 |
| A572 | <chem>c1cnc2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)n1</chem>  | >1000  | 0 |
| A574 | <chem>n1c2c(oc(n2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)ccc1</chem>   | >1000  | 0 |
| A575 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc2c1OCO2</chem>   | >1000  | 0 |
| A576 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)cc2c1OCCCCO2</chem>                                      | >1000  | 0 |
| A580 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)ccc1S(=O)(=O)C</chem>                                    | >1000  | 0 |
| A581 | <chem>c1c2c(nc([nH]2)Nc2cc(C(=O)NO)ccc2)ccc1S(=O)(=O)N</chem>                                    | >1000  | 0 |
| A589 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)C(=O)N(CC1)c1ccc(cc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>                           | >1000  | 0 |
| A591 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)C(=O)N(CC1)Cc1ccccc1</chem>                                    | >1000  | 0 |
| A593 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1ccc(cc1)OC</chem>                                 | >1000  | 0 |
| A594 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1ccc(c1)OC</chem>                                   | >1000  | 0 |
| A595 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1c(cccc1)C</chem>                                  | >1000  | 0 |
| A599 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1cc(cc1)F)F</chem>                                  | >1000  | 0 |
| A601 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1c(cc(cc1)F)F</chem>                                | >1000  | 0 |
| A602 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1c(cccc1)OC</chem>                                 | >1000  | 0 |
| A604 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)CC1CCCCC1</chem>                                      | >1000  | 0 |
| A605 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1onc(c1)c1ccccc1</chem>                            | >1000  | 0 |
| A606 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1enc(cc1)n1cccn1</chem>                             | >1000  | 0 |
| A607 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1enc(cc1)C(F)(F)F</chem>                            | >1000  | 0 |
| A610 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)Cc1cccc(n1)C(F)(F)F</chem>                            | >1000  | 0 |
| A611 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)CCN1CCOCC1</chem>                                     | >1000  | 0 |
| A613 | <chem>c12c(cccc1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)CCN(C1=O)CC1CC1</chem>   | >1000  | 0 |
| A614 | <chem>c1ccc2c(c1C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)CN(CC1)C1CC1</chem>  | >1000  | 0 |
| A620 | <chem>c1cc2c(c(c1)C(=O)NO)C[C@]1(C2)C(=O)N(CC1)Cc1ccc(cc1)C</chem>                               | >1000  | 0 |
| A626 | <chem>SCC/C=C/[C@@H]1CC(=O)N[C@@H](c2sc(C(=O)N/C(=C\C)/C(=O)N[C@H](C(=O)O1)C(C)C)n2)C(C)C</chem> | >10000 | 0 |

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| A637 | <chem>c1(ncccc1)/C=C/c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)c1c(cccc1)O</chem>                    | >10000  | 0 |
| A644 | <chem>O=C(N)c1c2c(C(C)(C)N(C2)c2cnc(cn2)C(F)(F)F)ccc1</chem>                 | >10000  | 0 |
| A666 | <chem>c12cc(oc1cccc2)c1nc2c(cccc2)c(c1)C(=O)NC(c1ccccc1)c1ccccc1</chem>      | >200000 | 0 |
| A668 | <chem>o1c(nc2c1ccc(c2)c1nn(nn1)Cc1ccc(cn1)c1oc(nn1)C(F)F)N</chem>            | >30000  | 0 |
| A671 | <chem>C1(=NCCN1)Nc1ccc(cc1)c1nnn(c1)Cc1ccc(cc1)c1oc(nn1)C(F)F</chem>         | >30000  | 0 |
| A672 | <chem>c1(c2nnc(o2)C(F)F)ccc(cc1)Cn1nc(nn1)c1ccc2c(c1)nc(n2C)N</chem>         | >30000  | 0 |
| A674 | <chem>c1(ccc(cn1)c1cnn(c1)Cc1ccc(cn1)c1oc(nn1)C(F)F)N</chem>                 | >30000  | 0 |
| A675 | <chem>n1n(cc(n1)c1cc2c(nc(s2)N)cc1)Cc1ccc(cc1)c1nnc(o1)C(F)F</chem>          | >30000  | 0 |
| A676 | <chem>n1n(cc(n1)c1ccc(nc1)N)Cc1ccc(c(c1)F)c1nnc(o1)C(F)F</chem>              | >30000  | 0 |
| A680 | <chem>n1n(cc(n1)c1cc2c(NC(=O)C3CCNCC3)cc1)Cc1ncc(cc1)c1nnc(o1)C(F)F</chem>   | >30000  | 0 |
| A681 | <chem>c1(ccc(cn1)c1nnc(o1)C(F)F)Cn1cc(nc1)c1ccc(cc1)NC1=NCCN1</chem>         | >30000  | 0 |
| A682 | <chem>c1(ccc(cn1)c1nnn(c1)Cc1c(c(c(c1)c1oc(nn1)C(F)F)F)F)N</chem>            | >30000  | 0 |
| A685 | <chem>C(c1ccc(cc1)C(=O)NO)n1c(=O)c2c3c(c1=O)cccc3c(cc2)OC</chem>             | >30000  | 0 |
| A686 | <chem>n1n(cc(n1)c1cc2c(nc(s2)N)cc1)Cc1ncc(cc1)c1nnc(o1)C(F)F</chem>          | >30000  | 0 |
| A687 | <chem>n1n(nc(n1)c1ccc(c(c1)NC(=O)N1CCOCC1)O)Cc1ccc(cn1)c1nnc(o1)C(F)F</chem> | >30000  | 0 |
| A689 | <chem>c1(nnc(o1)C(F)F)c1cnc(cc1)Cn1nc(nn1)c1cc2c(cc1)CNC2=O</chem>           | >30000  | 0 |
| A692 | <chem>c1ccc(c(c1)C(=O)N)Nc1ccccc1)OCCc1ccccc1</chem>                         | >30000  | 0 |
| A694 | <chem>C(C)(C)(CNC(=O)c1ccccc1)c1noc(C(F)F)F)n1c1nc(oc1)c1ccccc1</chem>       | >5000   | 0 |
| A698 | <chem>C\1(=C\2/C(=O)Nc3c2ccccc3)/C(=N/OCCCC(=O)O)/c2c(N1)ccccc2</chem>       | >5000   | 0 |
| A707 | <chem>C(=O)(c1ccc(cc1)CN(C(=O)Nc1ccc(cc1)CN)CCCC)NO</chem>                   | >50000  | 0 |
| A712 | <chem>c1c(c(ccc1c1cccs1)N)NC(=O)c1ccccc1</chem>                              | >50000  | 0 |

Here 1 is depicted as active, and 0 is depicted as inactive classes

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## Review

## Unraveling HDAC11: Epigenetic orchestra in different diseases and structural insights for inhibitor design

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Histone deacetylase 11 (HDAC11), a member of the HDAC family, has emerged as a critical regulator in numerous physiological as well as pathological processes. Due to its diverse roles, HDAC11 has been a focal point of research in recent times. Different non-selective inhibitors are already approved, and research is going on to find selective HDAC11 inhibitors. The objective of this review is to comprehensively explore the role of HDAC11 as a pivotal regulator in a multitude of physiological and pathological processes. It aims to delve into the intricate details of HDAC11's structural and functional aspects, elucidating its molecular interactions and implications in different disease contexts. With a primary focus on elucidating the structure-activity relationships (SARs) of HDAC11 inhibitors, this review also aims to provide a holistic understanding of how its molecular architecture influences its inhibition. Additionally, by integrating both established knowledge and recent research, the review seeks to contribute novel insights into the potential therapeutic applications of HDAC11 inhibitors. Overall, the scope of this review spans from fundamental research elucidating the complexities of HDAC11 biology to the potential of targeting HDAC11 in therapeutic interventions.

**Abbreviations:** Aggf1, Angiogenic factor with G-Patch and FHA domain 1; AMPK, Activated protein kinase; Ang II, Angiotensin II; AP-2 $\alpha$ , Activator protein 2 alpha; ARH1, ADP-ribosylhydrolase 1; BAT, Brown adipose tissue; BMR, Basal metabolic rate; BRD2, Bromodomain-containing protein; BRET, Bioluminescence resonance energy transfer; BubR1, Budding uninhibited by benzimidazoles 1-related 1; CCL2, Chemokine C-C motif ligand 2; CD4+, Cluster of differentiation 4 positive; CDC20/APC, Cell division cycle 20/ anaphase-promoting complex; cDNA, circular DNA; CDT1, Chromatin licensing and DNA replication factor 1; *CL<sub>int</sub>*, Intrinsic clearance; CU, Connection unit; DISC1, Disruption in schizophrenia 1; DNA, Deoxyribonucleic acid; E2F1, E2F Transcription Factor 1; E2F4, E2F Transcription Factor 4; EAE, Experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis; ECM, Extracellular matrix; EGR1, Early growth response protein 1; EOMES, Eomesodermin; FDA, Food and Drug Administration; FEZ1, Fasciculation and elongation protein zeta 1; Foxp3+, Forkhead box P3 positive; GLI1, Glioma-associated oncogene family zinc finger-1; H3K27ac, Acetylation on histone H3 at lysine residue 27; H3K9/K14ac, Acetylation on histone H3 at lysine residues 9 and 14; HATs, Histone acetyltransferases; HBV, Hepatitis B virus; HCC, Hepatocellular carcinoma; HDL, High density lipoprotein; HDAC11, Histone deacetylase 11; HEY-1, Hes Related Family BHLH transcription factor with YRPW Motif 1; HL, Hodgkin's lymphoma; Hsa-miR-4639-5p, Homo sapiens microRNA 4639-5p; IL-10, Interleukin-10; I/R, Ischemia-reperfusion; JAK/STAT, Janus kinase/Signal Transducer and Activator of Transcription; KLF4, Krüppel-like factor 4; KLF15, Krüppel-like factor 15; LDL, Low density lipoprotein; *LipE*, Lipophilic efficiency; LKB1, Liver Kinase B1; LPL, Lipoprotein lipase; LPS, Lipopolysaccharide; *Mbp*, Myelin basic protein; MEK1, Mitogen-activated protein kinase inhibitor; MYC, myelocytomatosis; MYOD, Myoblast determination protein 1; NMDA, N-Methyl-D-aspartate; NSCLC, Non-small cell lung cancer; OX40L, OX40 ligand; PAI-1, Plasminogen activator inhibitor type 1; *Pip*, Proteolipid protein; PU.1, Purine-rich box-1; RGC, Retinal ganglion cells; RTECs, Renal tubular epithelial cells; RNS, Reactive nitrogen species; SAR, Structure-activity relationship; SHMT2, Serine hydroxymethyltransferase 2; SIRT1, Sirtuin 1; SMN, Survival of motor neuron; SOX-2, Sex determining region Y-related box 2; TBET, T-box expressed in T cells; TBX2, T-box transcription factor 2; TGI, Tumor growth inhibition; Th1, T-helper 1; TNF, Tumor necrosis factor; Treg, Regulatory T cells; UCP1, Uncoupling protein 1; UCP-25, Uncoupling protein-25; ZBG, Zinc binding group.

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## Density functional theory (DFT) studies in HDAC-based chemotherapeutics: Current findings, case studies and future perspectives

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Density Functional Theory (DFT) is a quantum chemical computational method used to predict and analyze the electronic properties of atoms, molecules, and solids based on the density of electrons rather than wavefunctions. It provides insights into the structure, bonding, and behavior of different molecules, including those involved in the development of chemotherapeutic agents, such as histone deacetylase inhibitors (HDACis). HDACs are a wide group of metalloenzymes that facilitate the removal of acetyl groups from acetyl-lysine residues situated in the N-terminal tail of histones. Abnormal HDAC recruitment has been linked to several human diseases, especially cancer. Therefore, it has been recognized as a prospective target for accelerating the development of anticancer therapies. Researchers have studied HDACs and its inhibitors extensively using a combination of experimental methods and diverse *in-silico* approaches such as machine learning and quantitative structure–activity relationship (QSAR) methods, molecular docking, molecular dynamics, pharmacophore mapping, and more. In this context, DFT studies can make significant contribution by shedding light on the molecular properties, interactions, reaction pathways, transition states, reactivity and mechanisms involved in the development of HDACis. This review attempted to elucidate the scope in which DFT methodologies may be used to enhance our comprehension of the molecular aspects of HDAC inhibitors, aiding in the rational design and optimization of these compounds for therapeutic applications in cancer and other ailments. The insights gained can guide experimental efforts toward developing more potent and selective HDAC inhibitors.

### 1. Introduction

HDACs belong to a category of metalloenzymes responsible for removing acetyl groups from the ε-N-acetyl lysine amino acid present in histones and non-histone proteins [1]. HDACs control the acetylation status of histones within chromatin and also influence the acetylation of numerous non-histone substrates, such as various proteins linked to human cancerogenesis, which makes HDACs interesting for therapeutic investigation [2]. Consequently, there has been an increasing interest in HDAC inhibitors (HDACis) in recent years. The Food and Drug Administration of the United States (US-FDA) has recognized and authorized multiple HDACis. The US FDA approved Vorinostat (SAHA) for treating cutaneous T-cell lymphoma. Belinostat (PXD101), Panabinstat (LBH589), and Romidepsin are the HDACis with US FDA approval, while

Chidamide (HBI8000) has received FDA approval from the Chinese government (Fig. 1) [3]. In recent times, there has been a shift in attention among academic institutions and pharmaceutical companies towards developing selective inhibitors for specific isoforms of HDACs. However, in recent years, both academic institutions and pharmaceutical companies have begun to focus on the development of isoform-selective HDACis [4]. All these HDAC-targeting drugs approved by the FDA are pan-HDAC inhibitors and hence lead to several toxicities even at therapeutic levels. Therefore, there is an ongoing quest to develop cancer treatments that are more precise, safer, and more effective therapeutically.

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