

Supporting Information

Discovery of 1-Benzhydryl-Piperazine-Based HDAC Inhibitors with Anti-Breast Cancer Activity: Synthesis, Molecular Modeling, In Vitro and In Vivo Biological Evaluation

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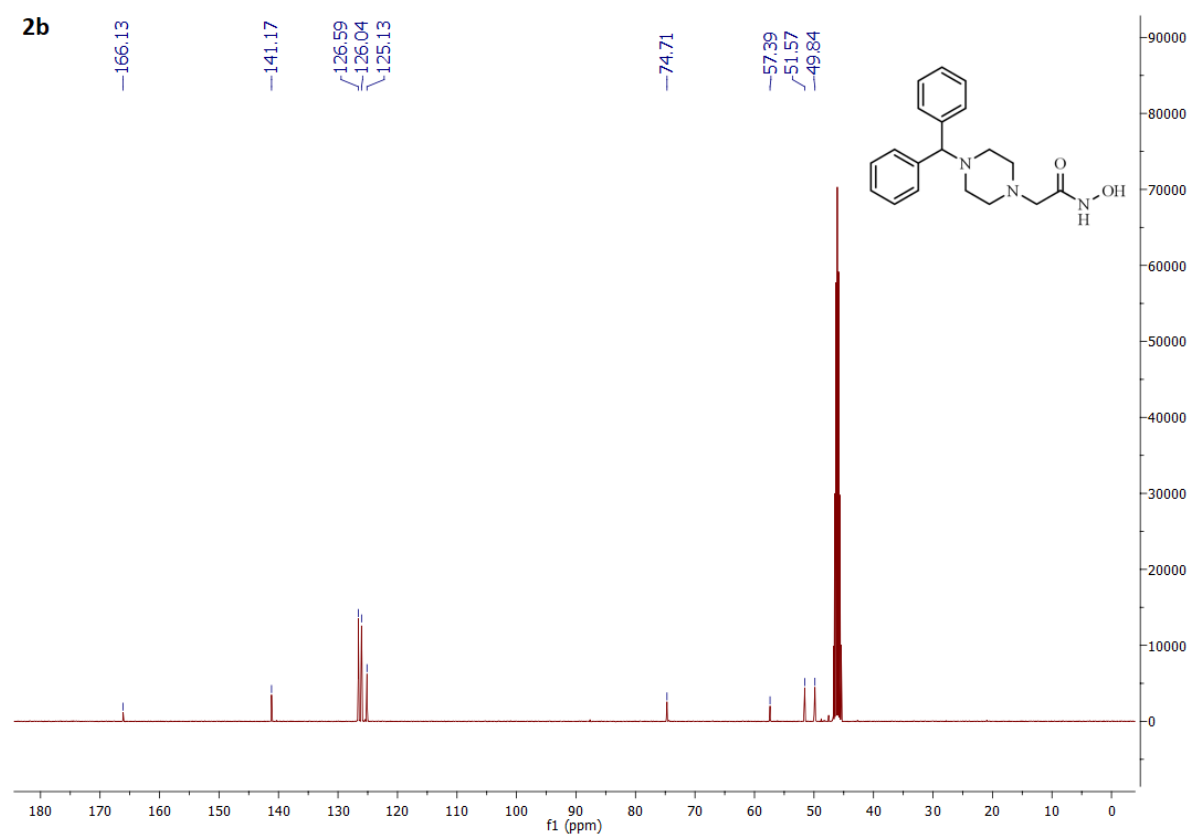
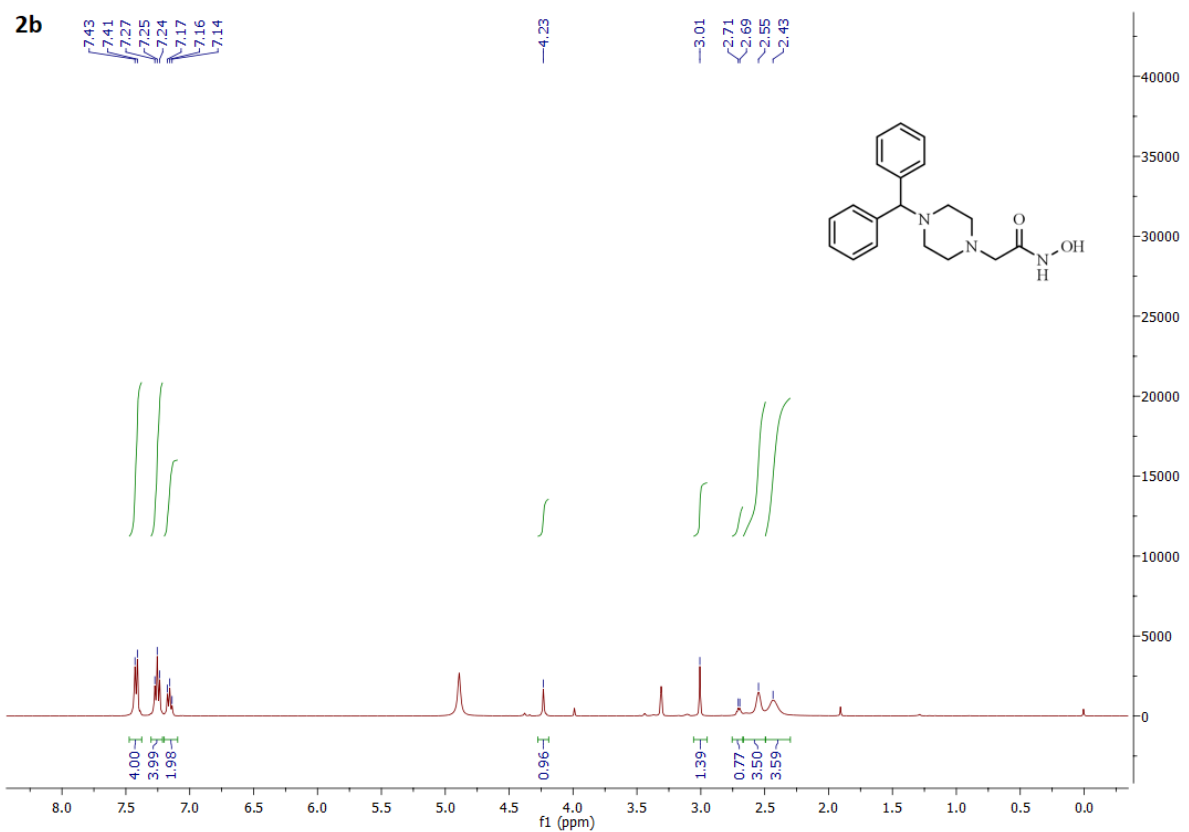
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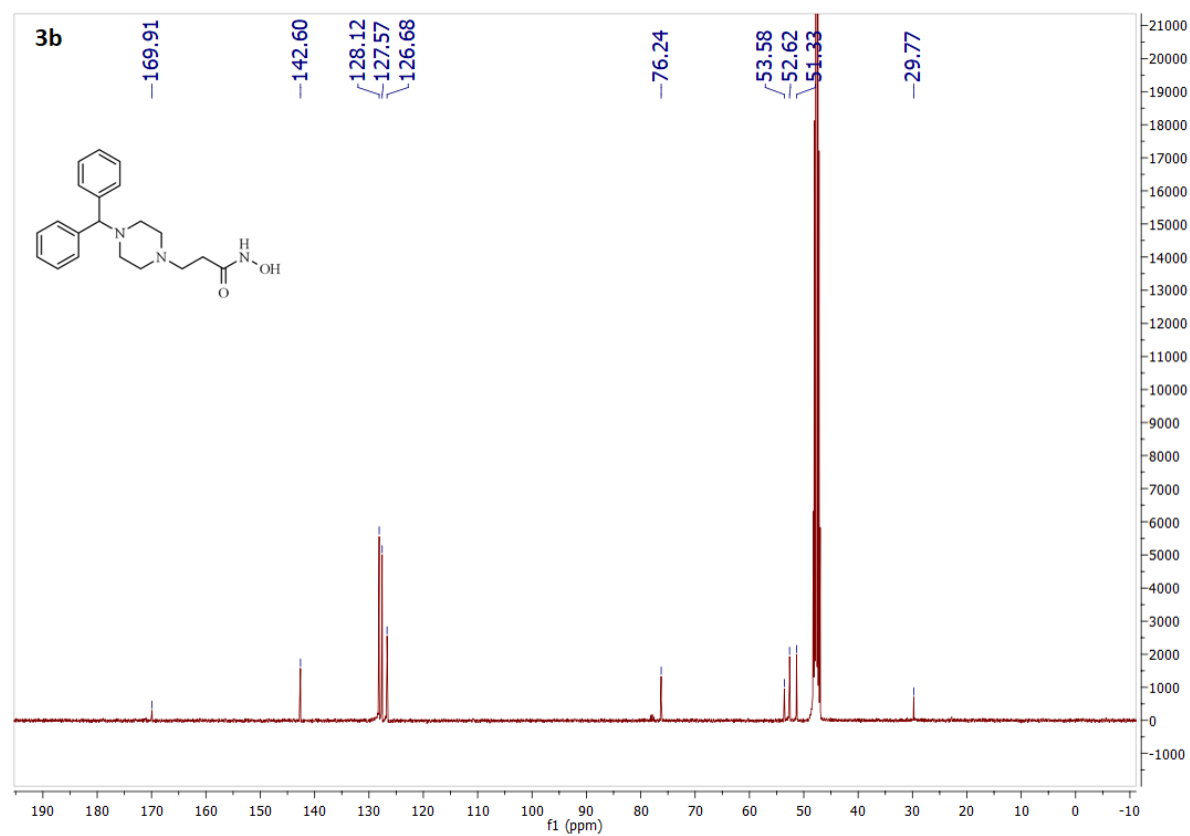
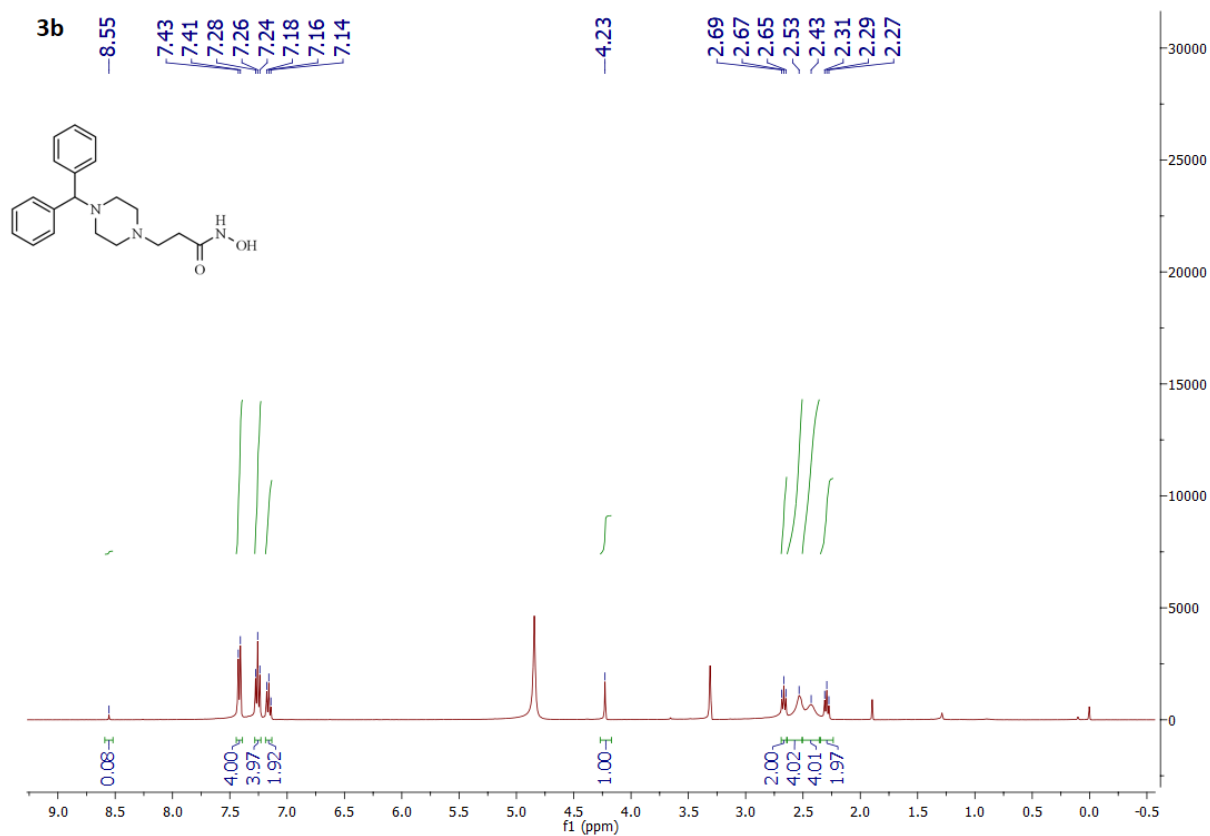
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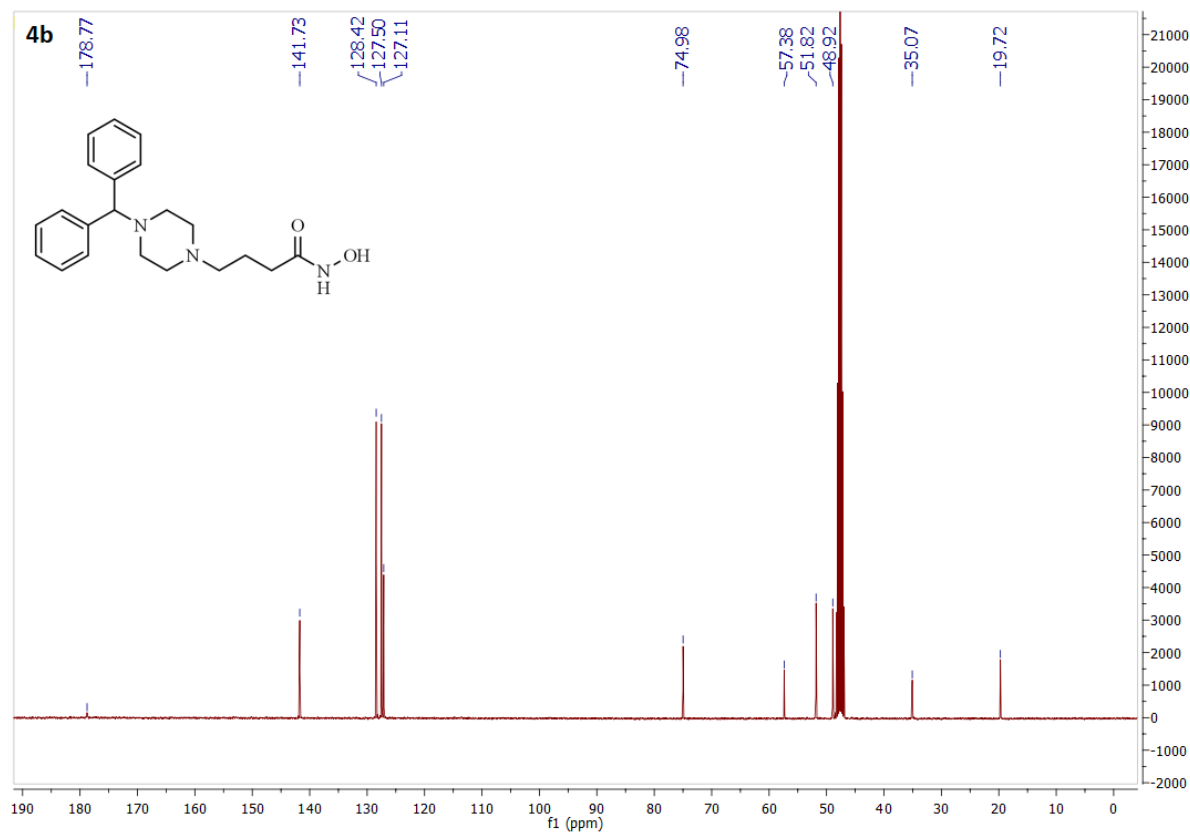
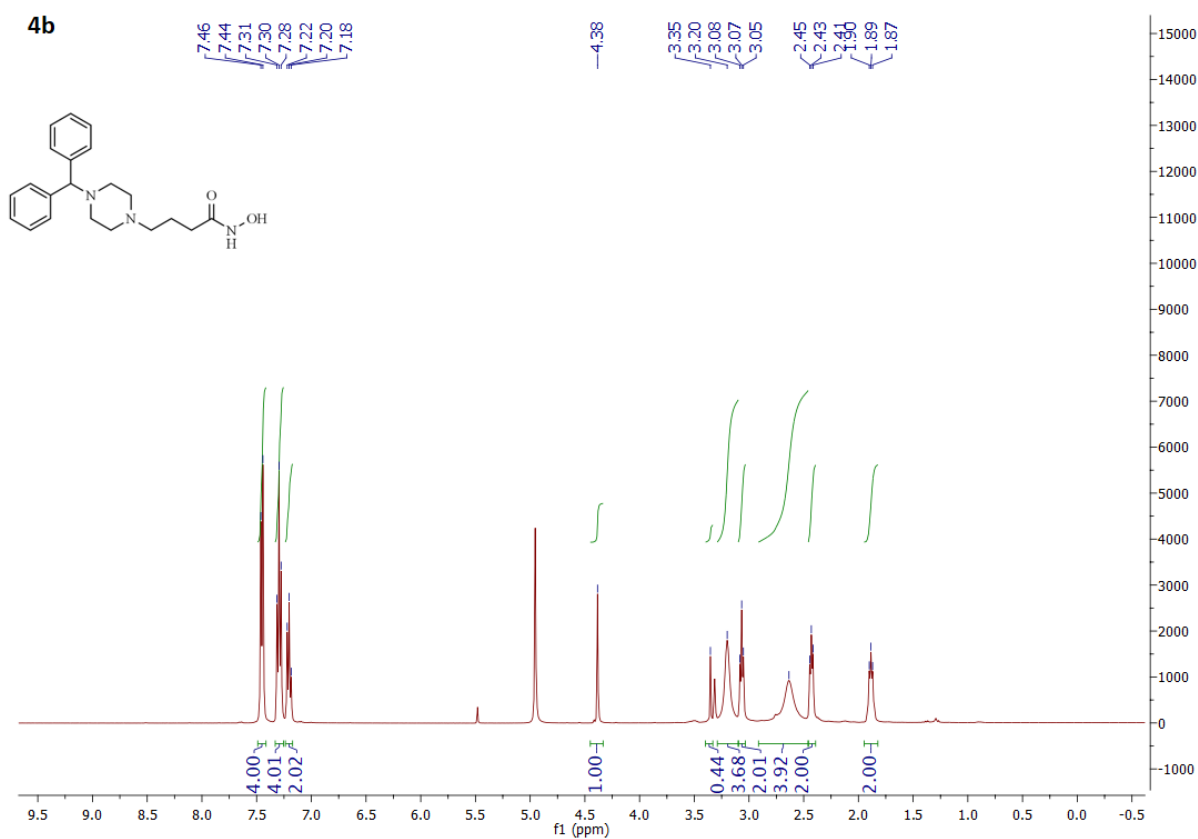
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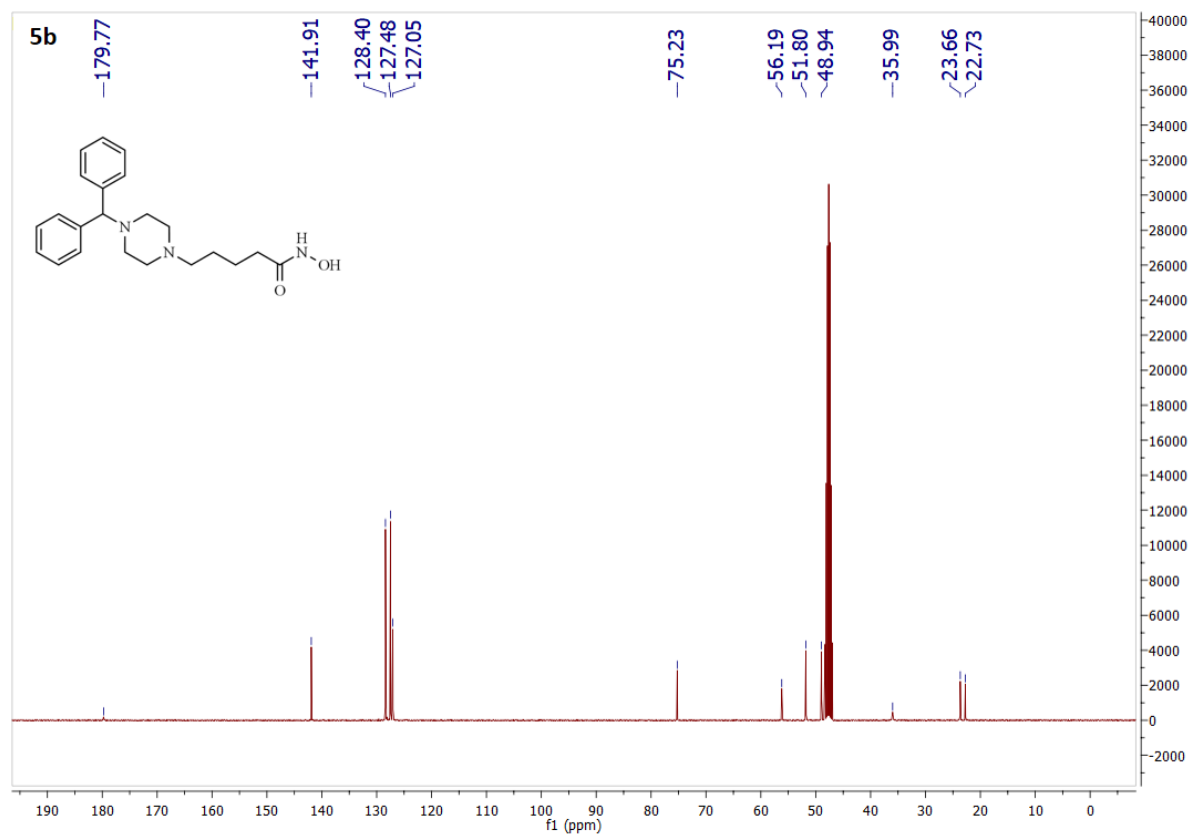
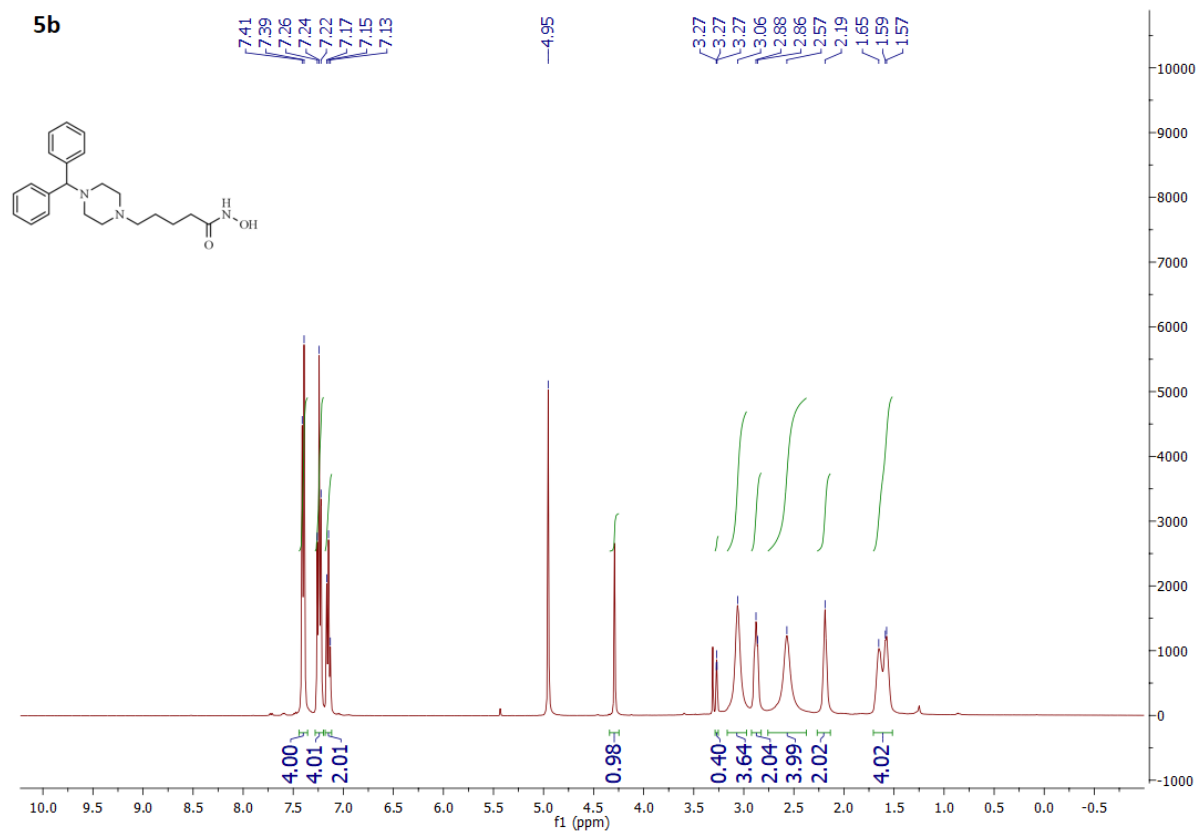
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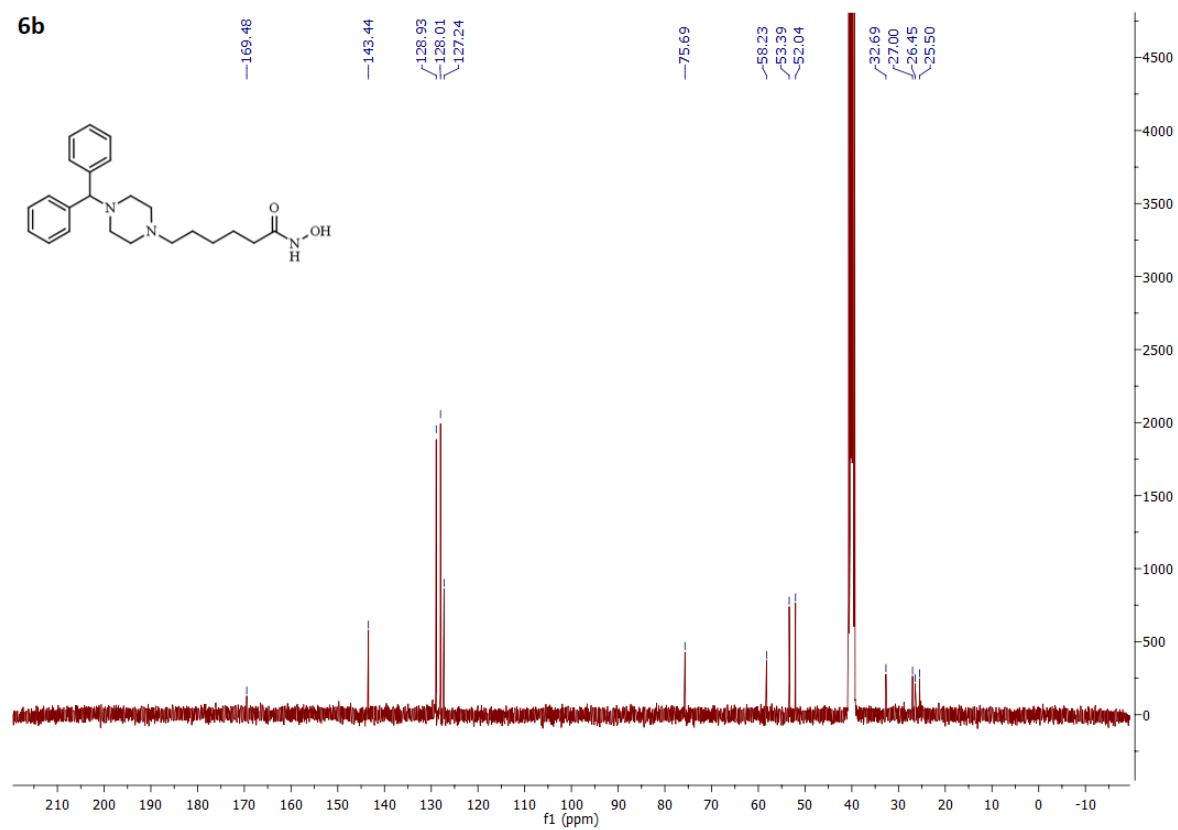
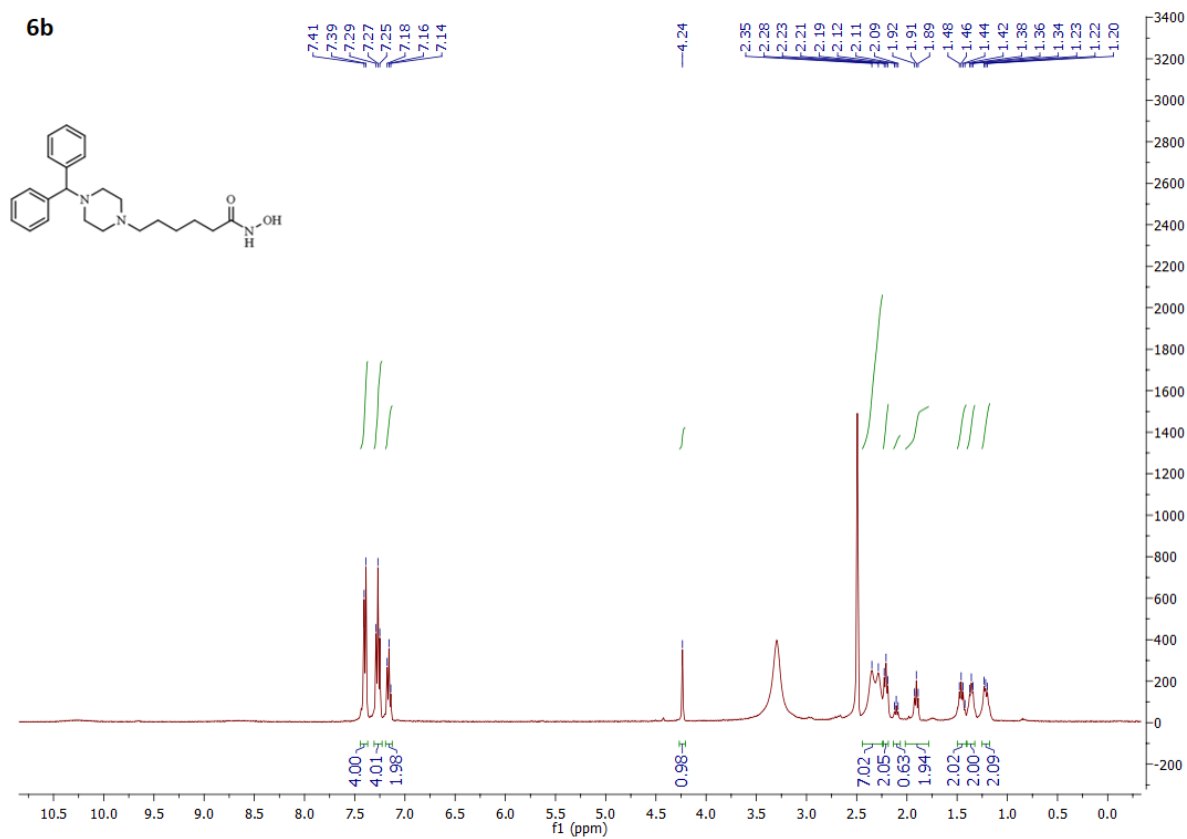
HDAC isoform	Anti-migratory activity	Anti-invasive activity	Anti-angiogenic activity
HDAC1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDA-MB-231 and SkBr3 cells (Tang et al., 2017, p. 8) • MCF7 (Palma et al., 2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDA-MB-231 and MCF-7 cells (Park et al., 2011) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDA-MB-468 cells (Entinostat) (Srivastava et al., 2010)
HDAC2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDA-MB-231 cells (VPA) (Zhang et al., 2012) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDA-MB-231 (Roy et al., 2014) 	not found
HDAC3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDA-MB-231 cells (increased migration by HDAC3 depletion) (Kim et al., 2010) – HDAC3 specifically antagonizes the migration of MDA-MB-231 cells through the downregulation of CREB3-mediated CXCR4 expression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDA-MB-231 cells (increased invasiveness by HDAC3 depletion) (Kim et al., 2010) – overexpression of HDAC3 decreased invasiveness of MDA-MB-231 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDA-MB-468 cells (Entinostat) (Srivastava et al., 2010) • increases vascular permeability by suppressing Robo4 expression in endothelial cells (Kashio et al., 2021)
HDAC4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDA-MB-231 cells (Hsieh et al., 2014) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDA-MB-231 cells (Hsieh et al., 2014) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • indirectly, inhibition of the proliferation and migration of vascular smooth muscle cells (Zheng et al., 2019, p. 1)
HDAC5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDA-MB-231 and Hs-578T cells (Hsieh et al., 2015; Li et al., 2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDA-MB-231 and Hs-578T cells (Hsieh et al., 2015; Li et al., 2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • negative regulator of angiogenesis in vitro and in vivo (Urbich et al., 2009)
HDAC6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endothelial cell migration (Kaluza et al., 2011) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDA-MB-231 and MCF-7 cells (Park et al., 2011; Rey et al., 2011) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zebrafish model (Kaluza et al., 2011)
HDAC7	not found	not found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endothelial cells migration (Mottet et al., 2007)
HDAC8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDA-MB-231 cells (An et al., 2019, 2020) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDA-MB-231 and MCF-7 cells (Park et al., 2011) 	not found
HDAC9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCF-7 and BT474 (Huang et al., 2018) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDA-MB-231 cells (Salgado et al., 2018) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDA-MB-231 cells (Salgado et al., 2018)
HDAC10	not found	not found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endothelial cells (Duan et al., 2017)
HDAC11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negative control of migration (Leslie et al., 2019) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negative control of invasion (Yi et al., 2019) 	not found

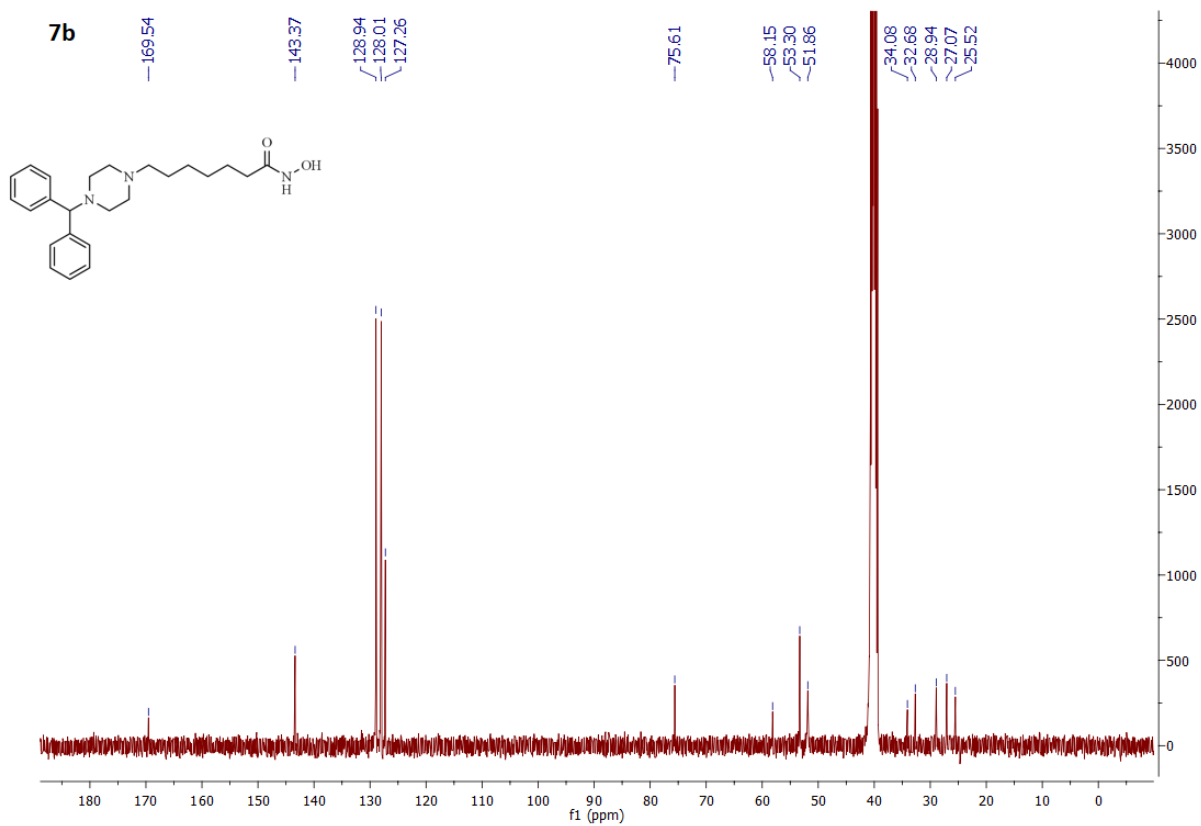
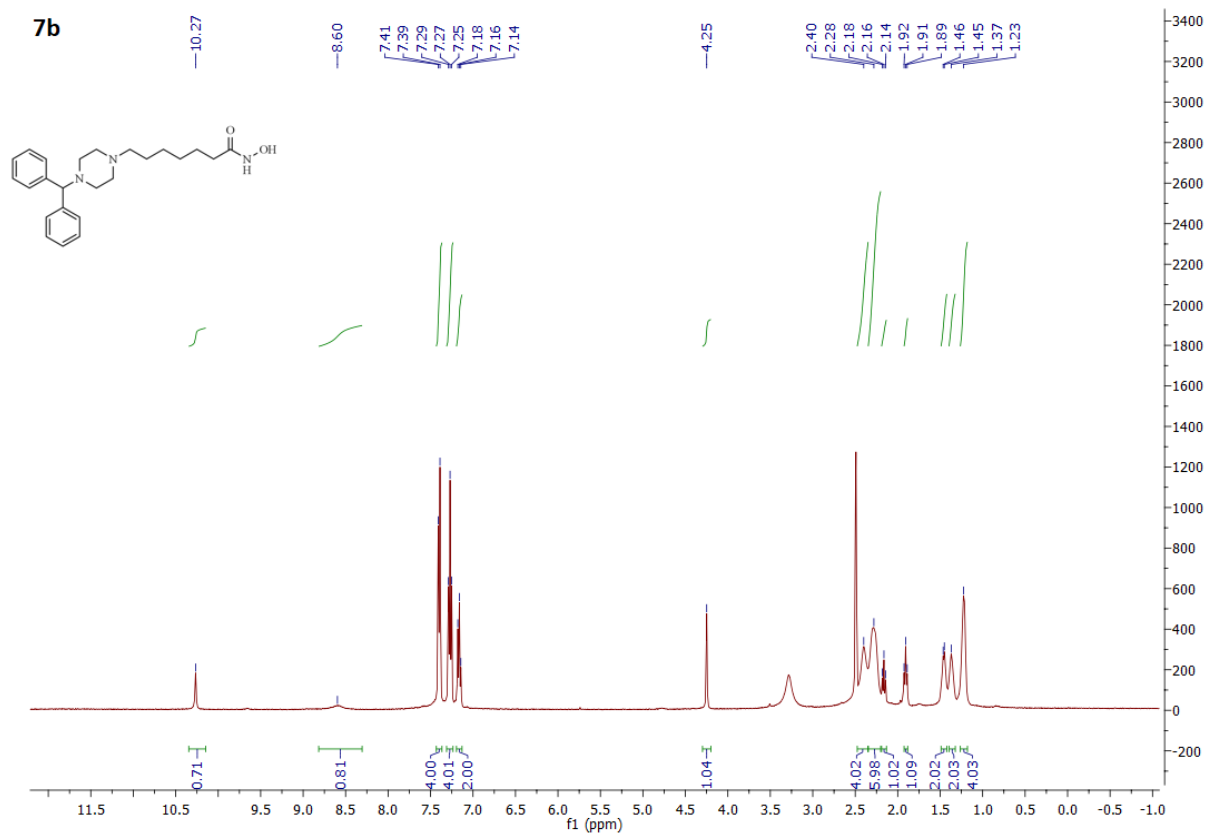
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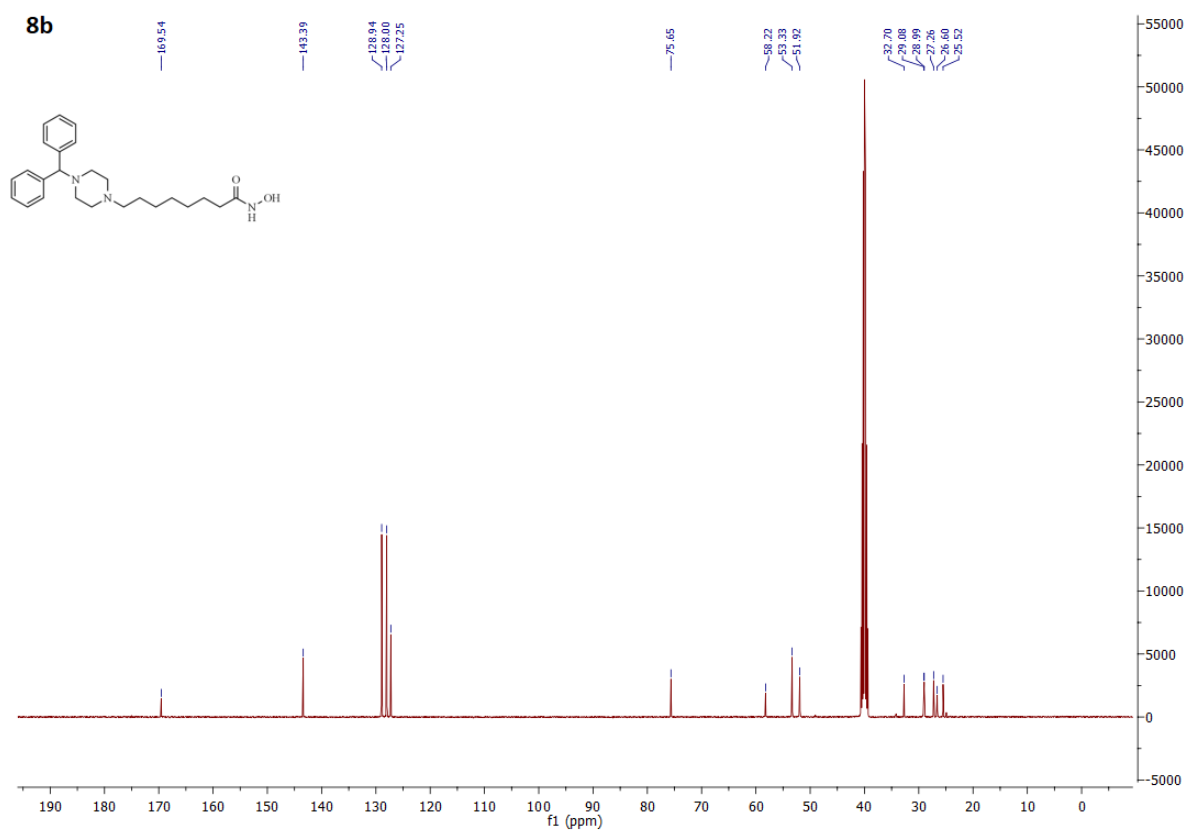
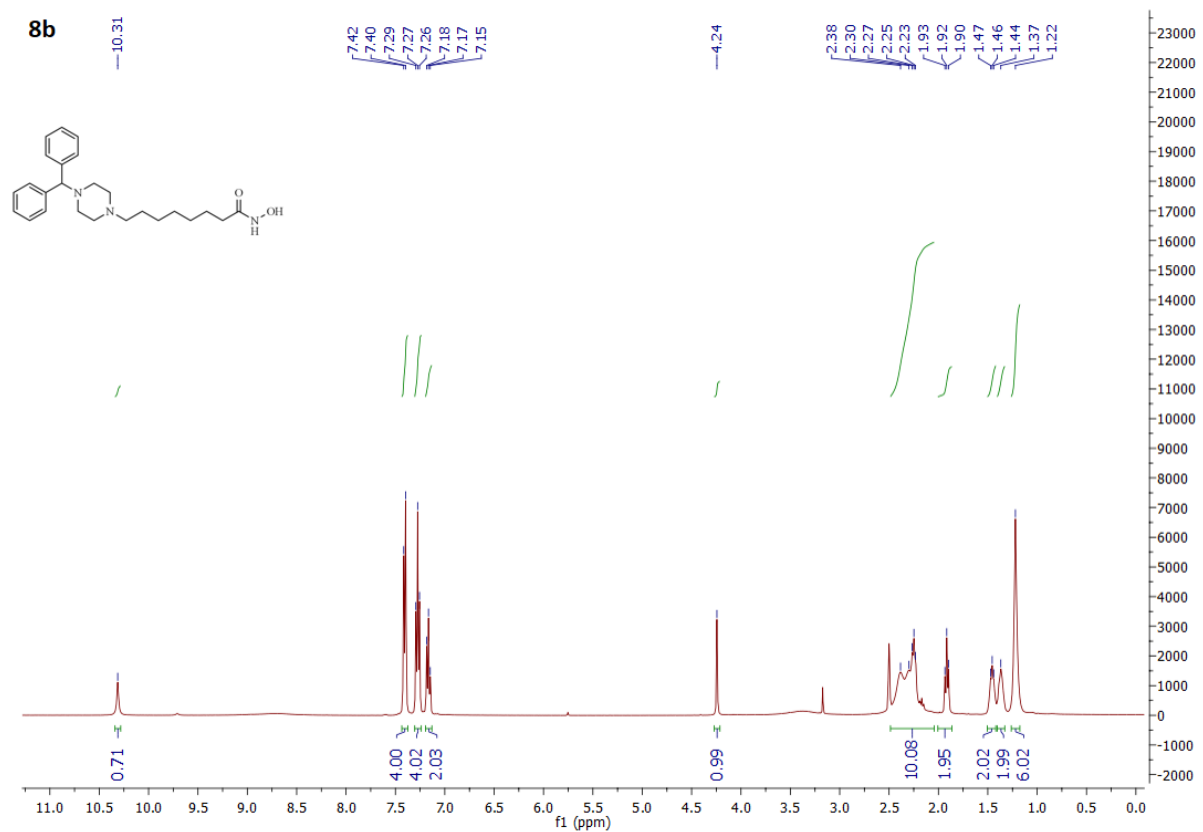


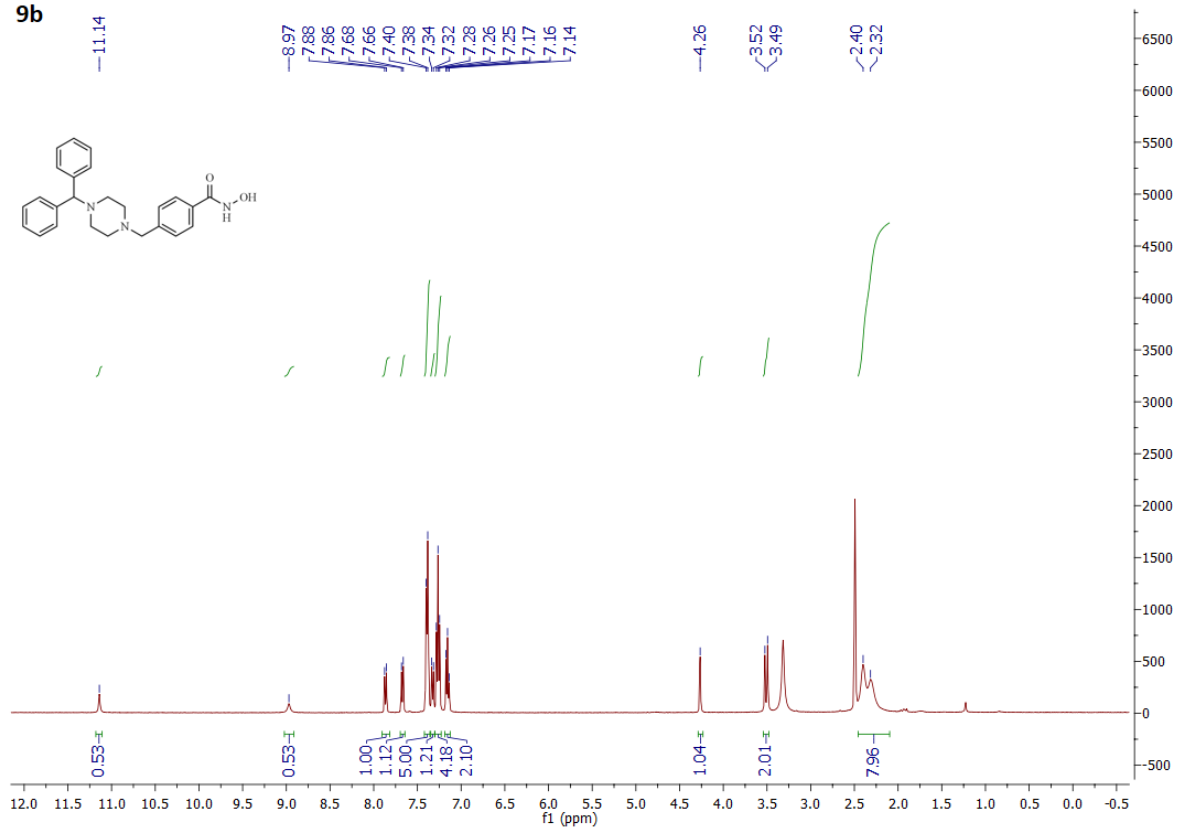
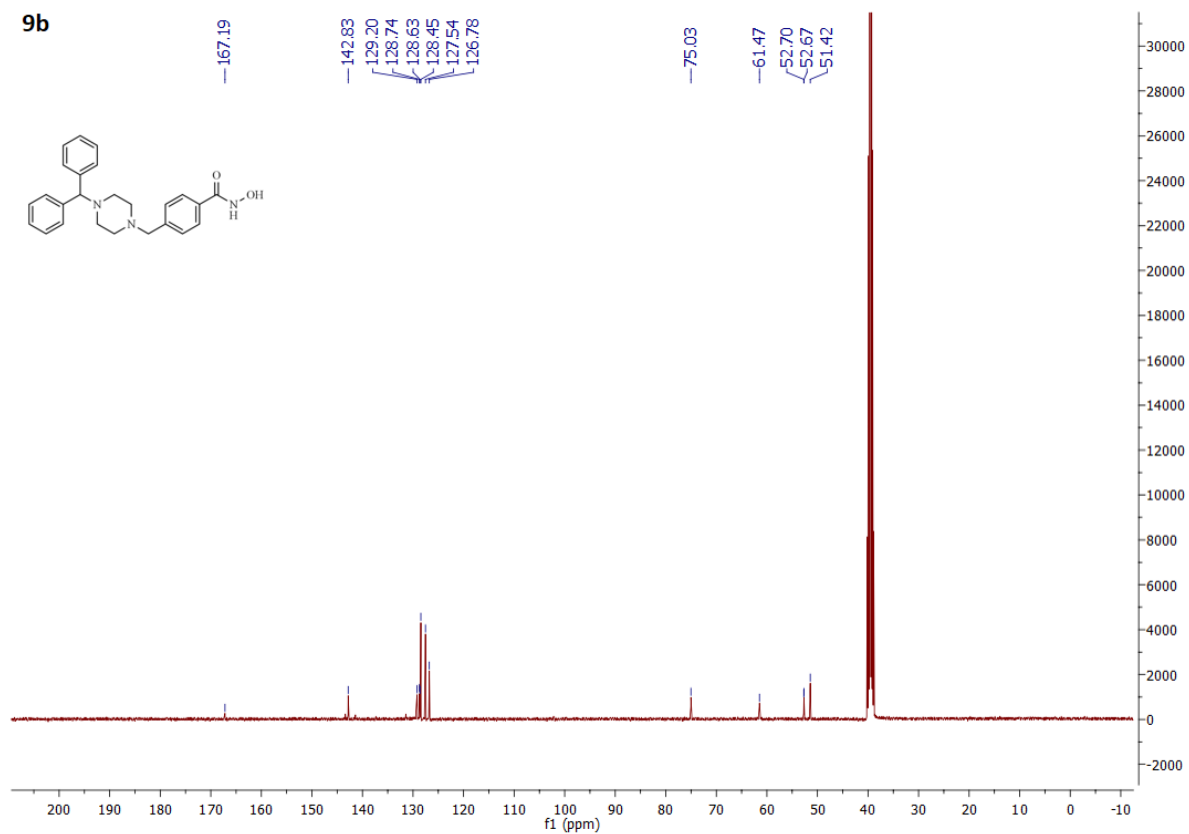


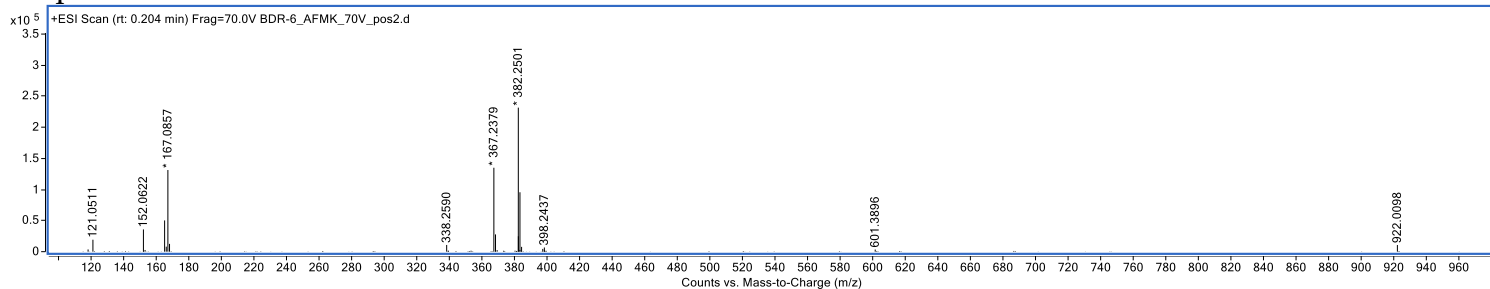
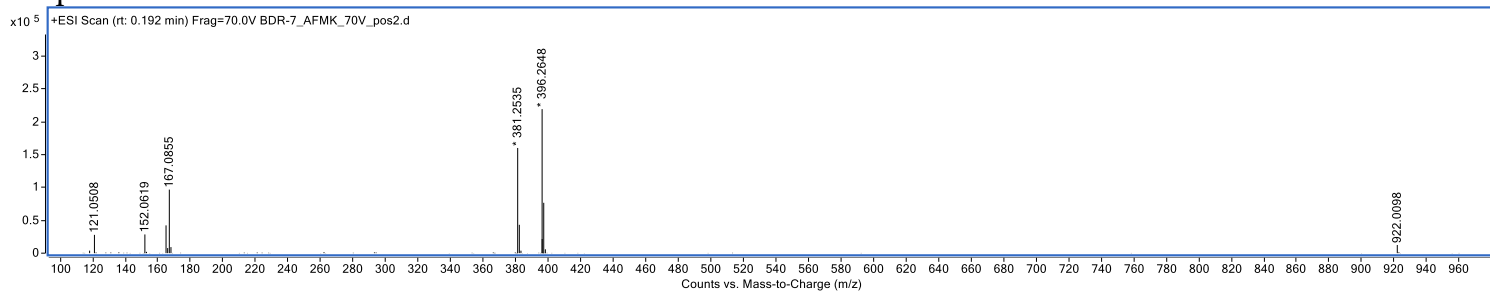
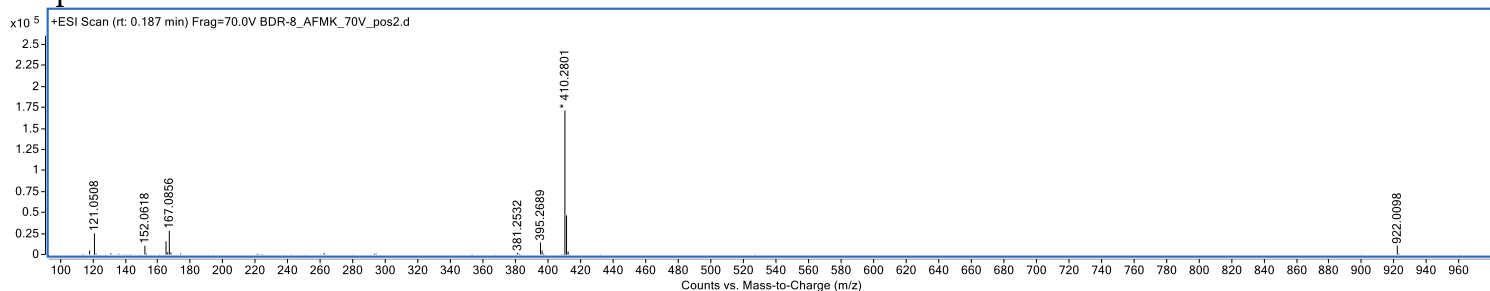
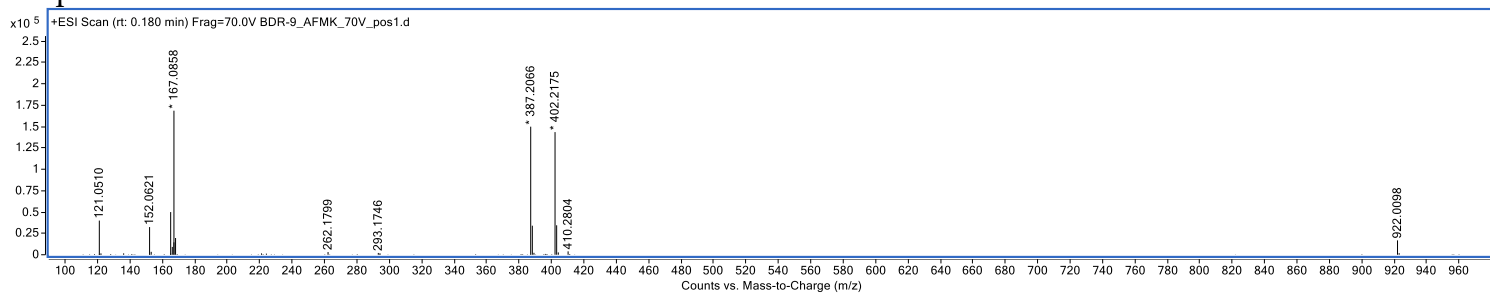








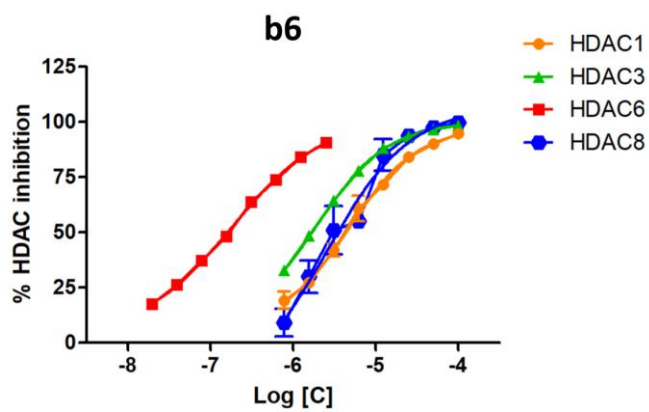
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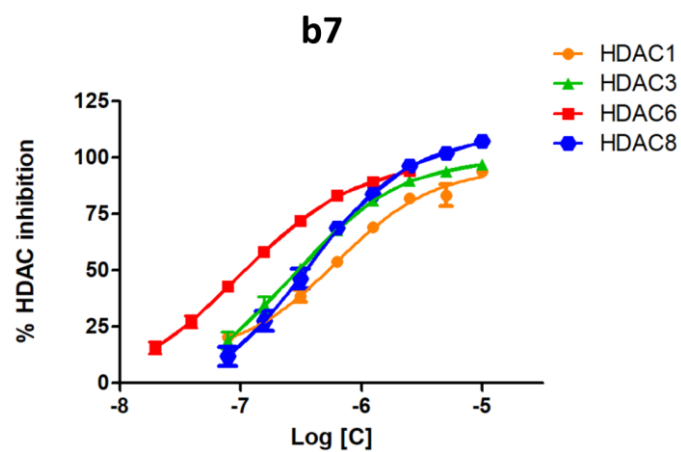
Note S1. Molecular dynamics simulations

Molecular dynamics simulations were performed using Groningen Machine for Chemical Simulation (GROMACS) package (version 2020.4)(Abraham et al., 2015). Initial coordinates of HDAC6:inhibitor complexes were obtained through molecular docking. Crystal waters and potassium ions were retained from PDB: 5EDU. Protein and ligand force field parameters were assigned using the Amber ff99SB-ILDN force field (Lindorff-Larsen et al., 2010) and General Amber force field (GAFF2) (Vassetzki et al., 2019), respectively. The partial atomic charges of ligand were assigned using Restrained Electrostatic Potential (RESP) method at HF-6-31G* level of theory. Topologies and parameters for ligands were assigned and converted in GROMACS format using the AnteChamber Python Parser interface (ACPYPE) (Sousa da Silva & Vranken, 2012). The protein-ligand complexes were solvated with TIP3P water model, and neutralized with Na⁺ counterions in octahedral periodic box. Systems were minimized with steepest descent algorithm with maximum force set to 10 kJ/mol nm⁻¹ and 5000 steps. Subsequent equilibration of the systems was performed firstly in NVT ensemble for 500 ps at 310 K using V-rescale thermostat. Secondly, equilibration in NPT ensemble was performed maintaining the pressure at 1.0 bar with Parrinello-Rahman barostat. All atom position restraints were applied on protein atoms. Position restraints were gradually removed using force constants of 1000, 100 and 10 kJ/mol nm⁻². Each NPT equilibration step was performed for 500 ps of simulation. Production runs of 100 ns were performed for each system, with 2 fs time-step at constant temperature (310 K) and pressure (1 bar) using Particle Mesh Ewald (PME) approach for calculation of long-range electrostatic with cut-off values of 10 Å for non-bonded interactions. LINCS algorithm was used to constrain all bonds with H-atoms. RMSD and distance analysis of trajectories were performed using analysis tools from VMD 1.9.4 (Humphrey et al., 1996). Representative structures of HDAC6:inhibitor complexes had been obtained after Gromos clustering of trajectories using built-in Gromacs tool gmx cluster (Daura et al., 1999). Molecular graphics were generated using PyMOL 2.5 (Schrodinger, LLC. 2010. The PyMOL Molecular Graphics System, Version 2.5. <https://github.com/schrodinger/pymol-open-source>).

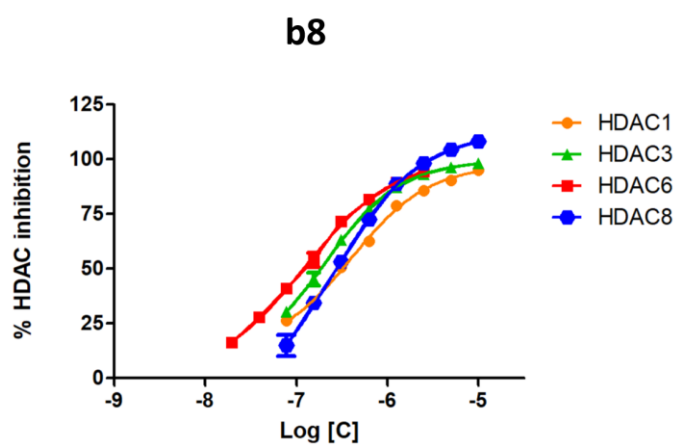
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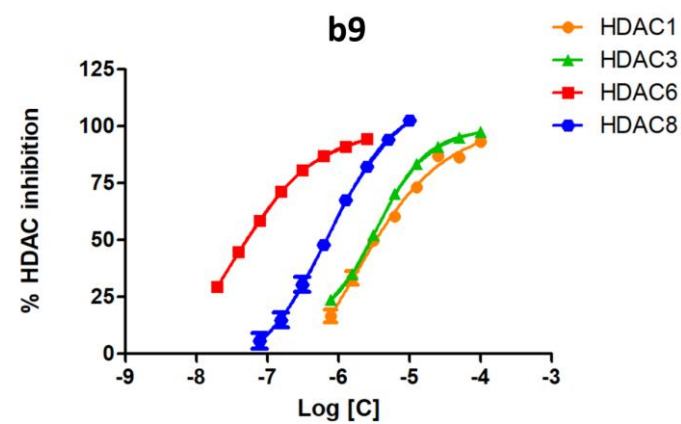


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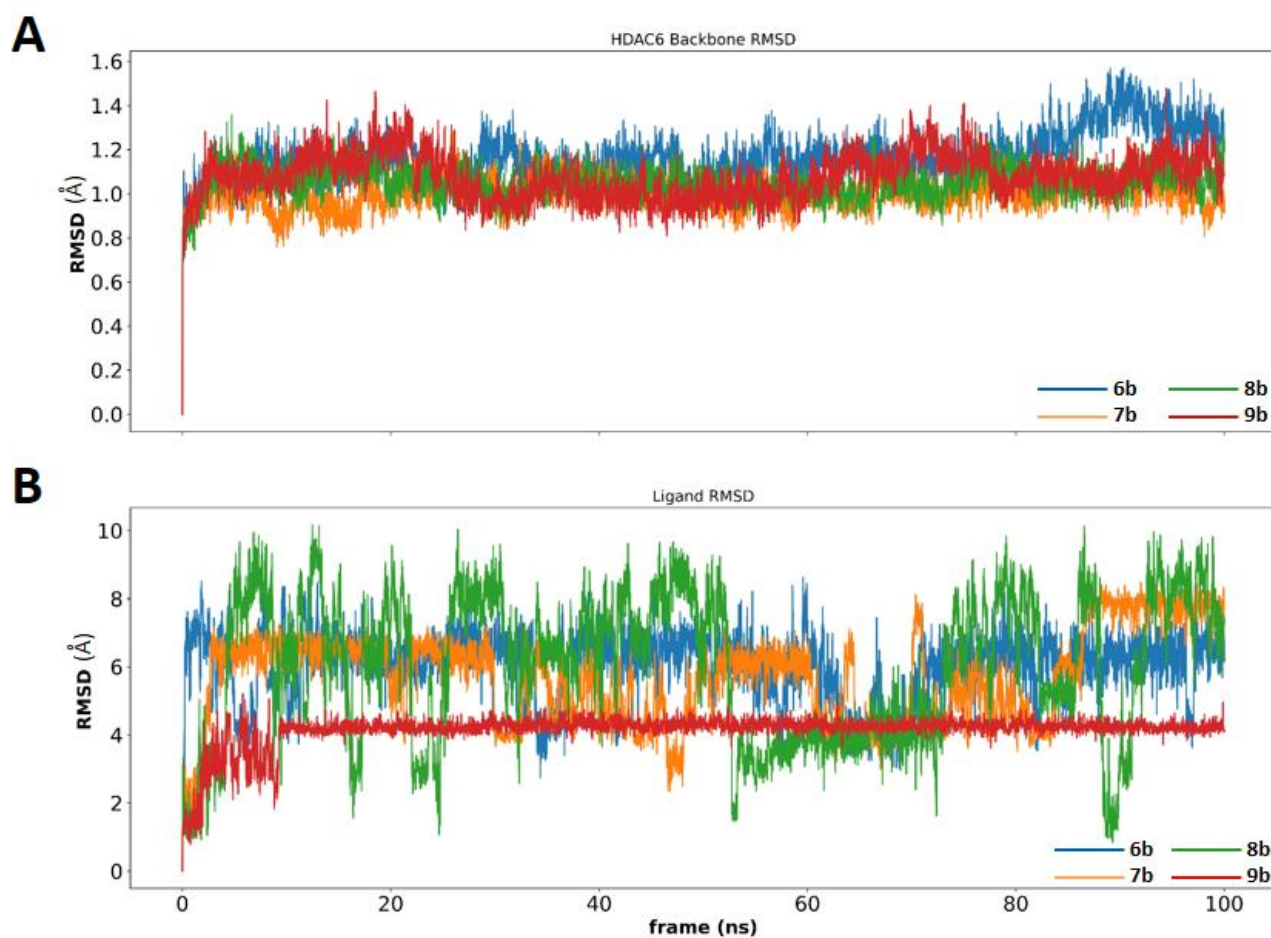


Figure S2. Root-Mean-Square-Deviation (RMSD) analysis of obtained trajectories.

(A) RMSD plot of HDAC6 backbone atoms fluctuations observed during 100 ns of MD simulations.

(B) RMSD plot of ligand atom fluctuations observed during 100 ns of MD simulations.

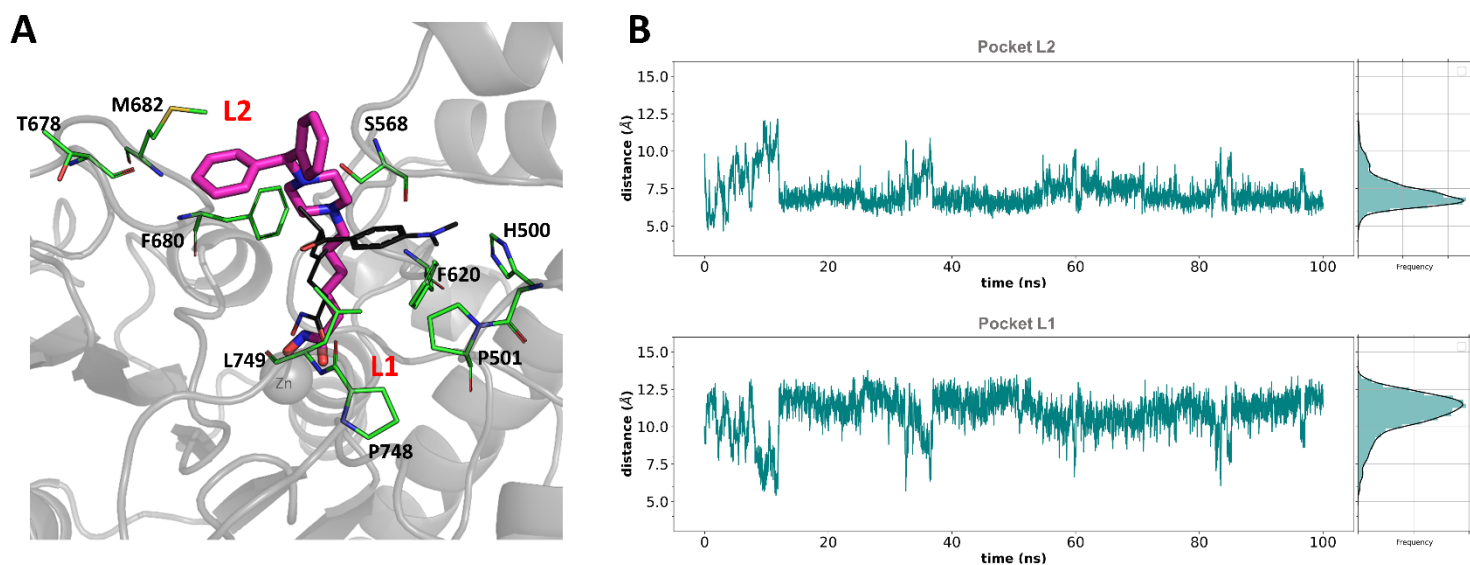


Figure S3. Predicted binding mode of **6b** and interaction of CAP group with L2 pocket of HDAC6.

(A) Representation of the most populated binding mode of **6b** (magenta sticks) in complex with HDAC6 (gray cartoon) obtained after clustering of MD trajectory. Thin green sticks represent residues of the HDAC6 L1 and L2 binding pockets. TSA ligand (black lines) from PDB: 5EDU was used for pairwise comparison of binding modes. Residues are labeled with black, while pockets L1 and L2 are labeled with red letters. (B) Distances between centers of masses of CAP group and L2 pocket (upper plot) or L1 pocket (lower plot) observed during 100 ns of MD simulations.

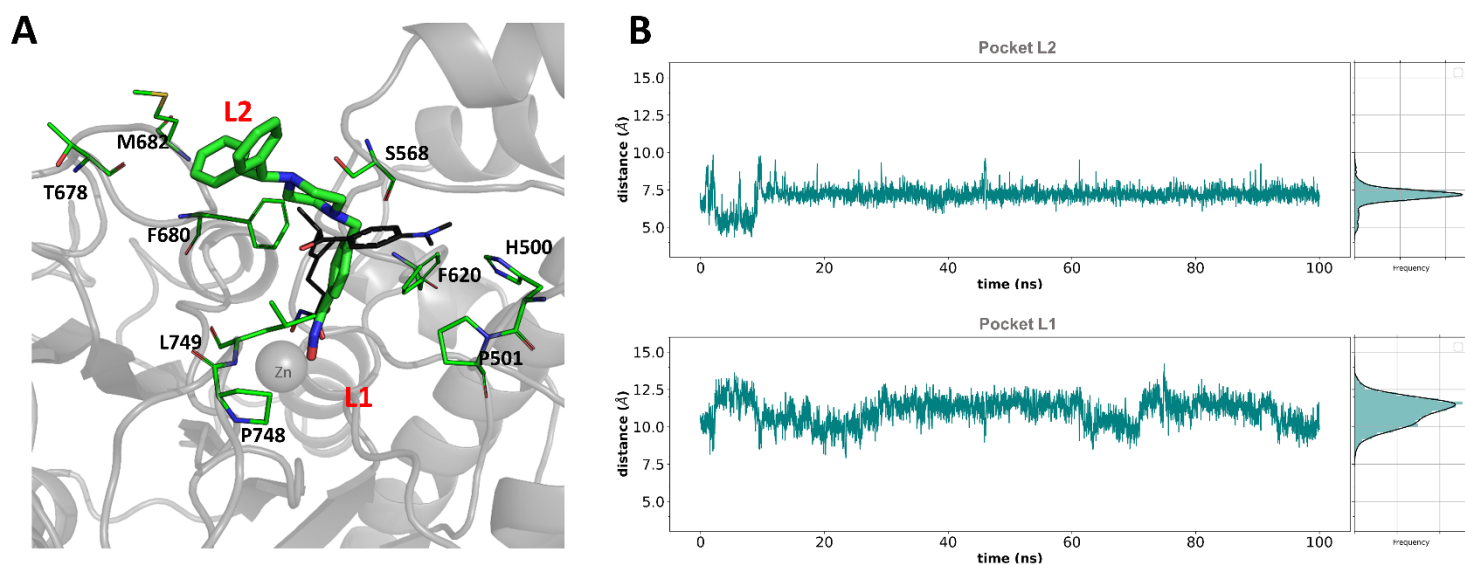


Figure S4. Predicted binding mode of **9b** and interaction of CAP group with L2 pocket of HDAC6.

(A) Representation of the most populated binding mode of **9b** (green sticks) in complex with HDAC6 (gray cartoon) obtained after clustering of MD trajectory. Thin green sticks represent residues of the HDAC6 L1 and L2 binding pockets. TSA ligand (black lines) from PDB: 5EDU was used for pairwise comparison of binding modes. Residues are labeled with black, while pockets L1 and L2 are labeled with red letters. (B) Distances between centers of masses of CAP group and L2 pocket (upper plot) or L1 pocket (lower plot) observed during 100 ns of MD simulations.

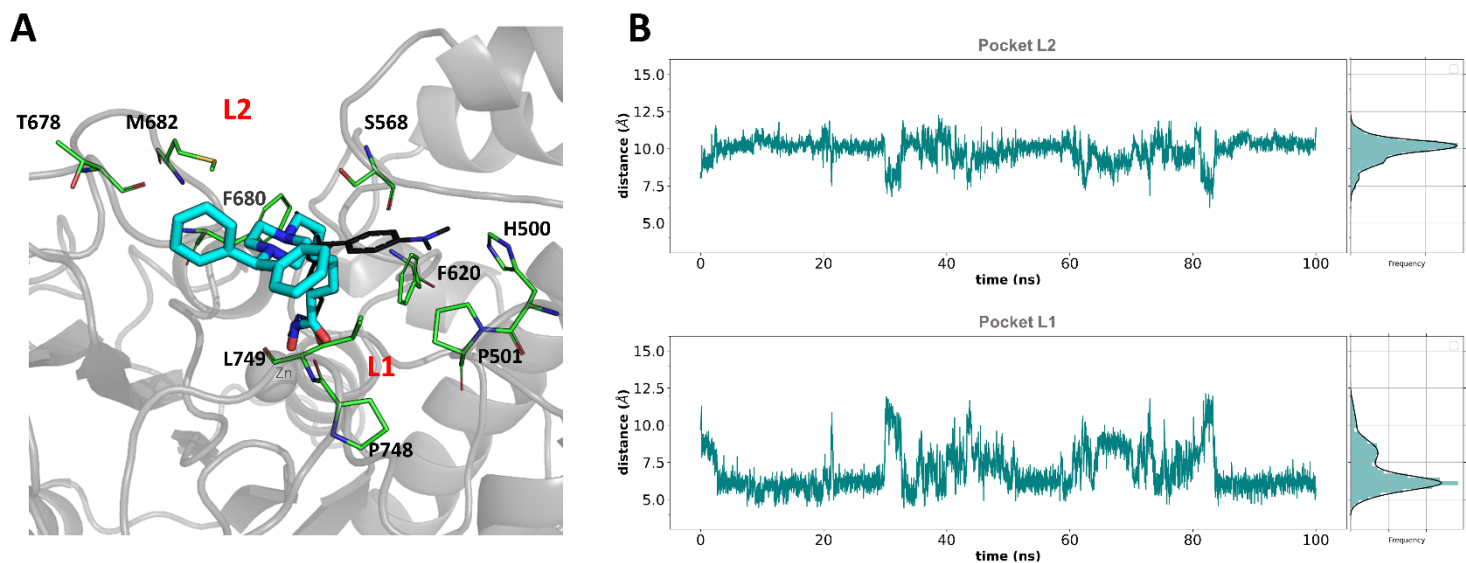


Figure S5. Predicted binding mode of **7b** and interaction of CAP group with L1 pocket of HDAC6.

(A) Representation of the most populated binding mode of **7b** (cyan sticks) in complex with HDAC6 (gray cartoon) obtained after clustering of MD trajectory. Thin green sticks represent residues of the HDAC6 L1 and L2 binding pockets. TSA ligand (black lines) from PDB: 5EDU was used for pairwise comparison of binding modes. Residues are labeled with black, while pockets L1 and L2 are labeled with red letters. (B) Distances between centers of masses of CAP group and L2 pocket (upper plot) or L1 pocket (lower plot) observed during 100 ns of MD simulations.

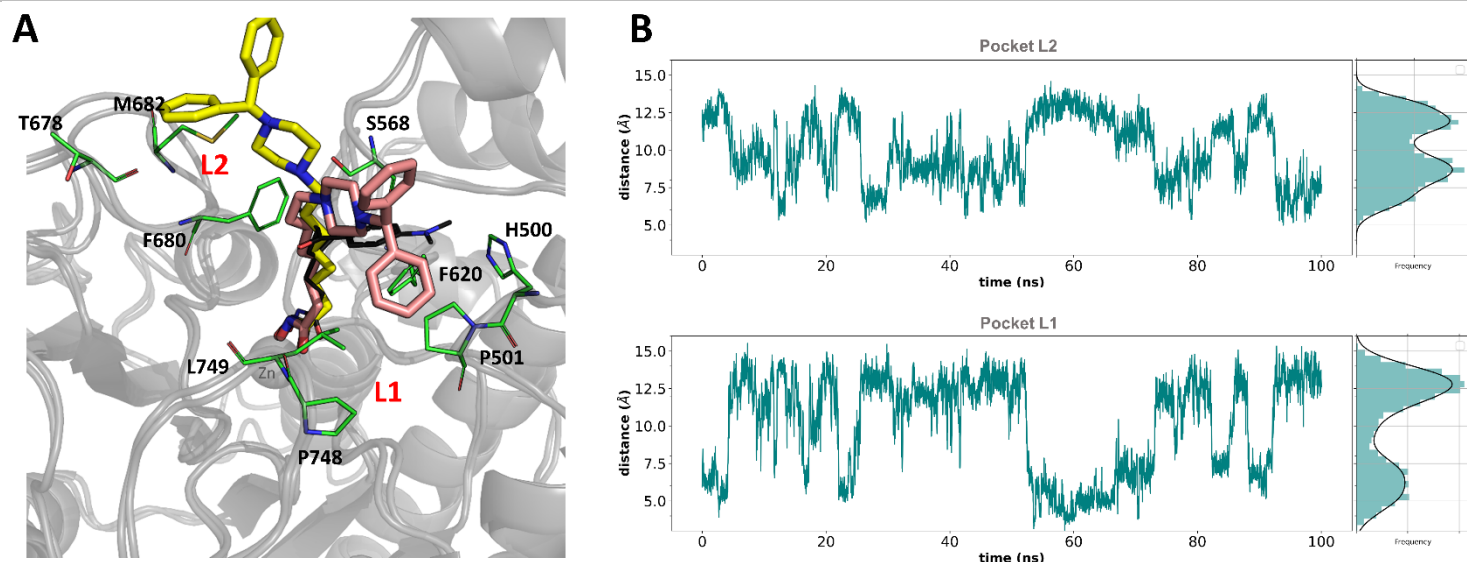


Figure S6. Predicted binding mode of **8b** and interaction of CAP group with L1 and L2 pockets of HDAC6. (A) Representation of the two the most populated binding modes of **8b** (yellow and salmon sticks) in complex with HDAC6 (gray cartoon) obtained after clustering of MD trajectory. Thin green sticks represent residues of the HDAC6 L1 and L2 binding pockets observed for one of the centroids (residues from other centroid are omitted for clarity). TSA ligand (black lines) from PDB: 5EDU was used for pairwise comparison of binding modes. Residues are labeled with black, while pockets L1 and L2 are labeled with red letters. (B) Distances between centers of masses of CAP group and L2 pocket (upper plot) or L1 pocket (lower plot) observed during 100 ns of MD simulations.

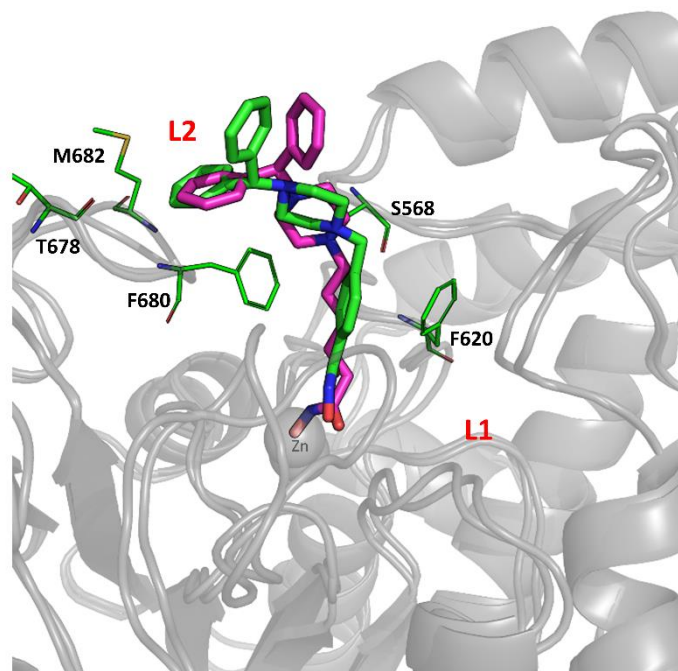
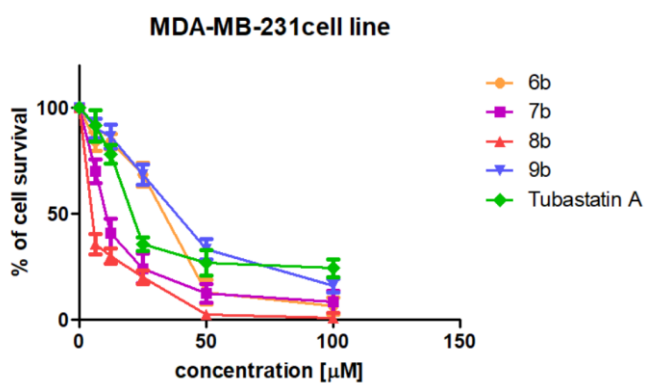


Figure S7. Pairwise comparison of predicted binding modes of **6b** (green sticks) and **9b** (magenta sticks) in interaction with HDAC6 (gray cartoon).

Residues from L1 pocket are presented in thin green sticks. Residues are labeled with black, while L1 and L2 pockets are labeled with red letters.

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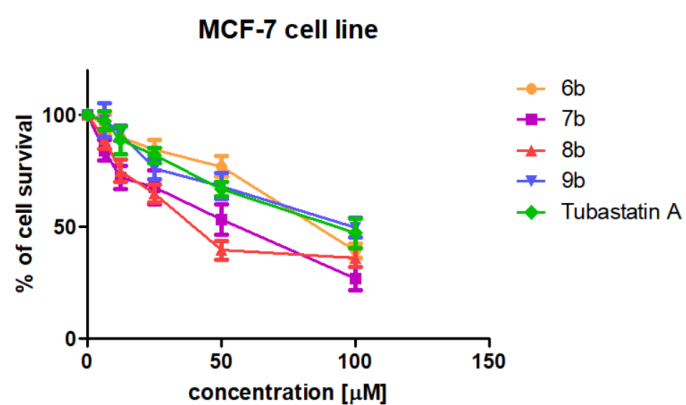


Figure S8. Cell viability data generated after treating MDA-MB-231 cells (A) and MCF-7 cells (B) for 48 h with synthesized inhibitors.

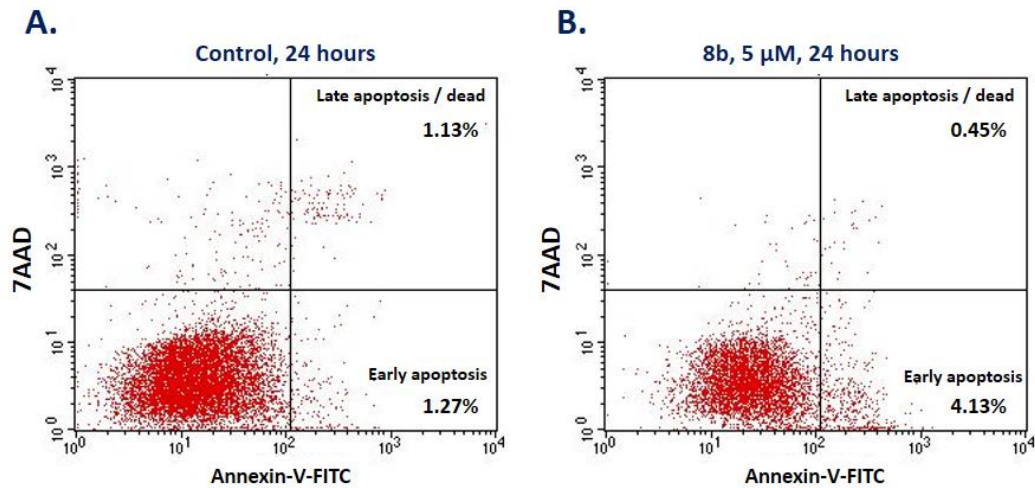


Figure S9. Flow cytometry Annexin V-FITC/7-AAD staining of early and late apoptotic cell population at 5 μ M **8b** treatment of MDA-MB-231 cells. Population of early (4.13%) and late (0.45%) apoptotic cells after 5 μ M **8b** treatment was not significantly higher than observed in control (1.27% early apoptotic population (A); 1.13% late apoptotic population (B)).

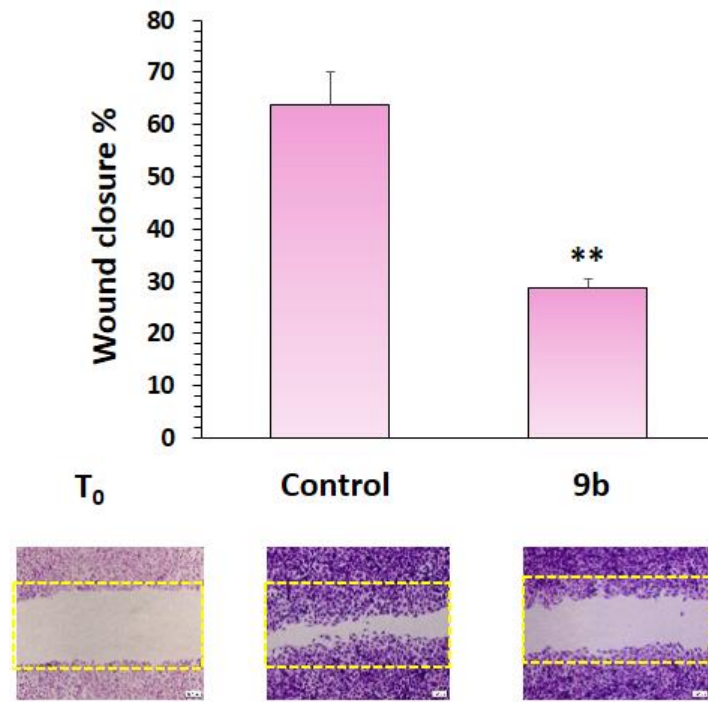


Figure S10. The HDAC6 inhibitor **9b** reduces MCF-7 cell migration.

Confluent MCF-7 monolayers were subjected to wound healing assay to determine HDAC6 inhibition on cell migration. After a scratch, cells were treated with 10 μ M of **9b** for 24 h, fixed, and stained. **9b** significantly inhibits the closure of the wound compared with control cells. T_0 , cells were fixed just after made the monolayer scratch. Magnification 40 \times , bar = 50 μ m. Representative results from three independent experiments are shown. Significant difference between treatments by t-test: ** $p < 0.01$.

Table S2. Lethal and teratogenic effects observed in zebrafish (*Danio rerio*) embryos at different hours post fertilization (hpf).

Category	Toxicological parameters	Exposure time (hpf)				
		24	48	72	96	120
Lethal effect	Coagulated eggs ^a	•	•	•	•	•
	Lack of the heart beating	•	•	•	•	•
	Non-detachment of the tail	•	•	•	•	•
	Lack of somite formation	•	•	•	•	•
Teratogenic effect	Malformation of head	•	•	•	•	•
	Malformation of eyes ^b	•	•	•	•	•
	Malformation of sacculi/otoliths ^c	•	•	•	•	•
	Malformation of chorda	•	•	•	•	•
	Malformation of tail ^d	•	•	•	•	•
	Scoliosis	•	•	•	•	•
	Yolk edema	•	•	•	•	•
	Yolk deformation	•	•	•	•	•
	Growth retardation ^e		•	•	•	•
	Hatching			•	•	•
	Swimbladder development					•
Hepatotoxicity	Yolk absorption			•	•	•
	Liver darkening			•	•	•
Cardiotoxicity	Pericardial edema		•	•	•	•
	Heart morphology			•	•	•
	Heart beating rate (beat/min)				•	•
Melanocytotoxicity	Skin pigmentation (melanization) ^f		•	•	•	•
	Melanocytes morphology ^g		•	•	•	•

^a No clear organs structure is recognized.

^b Malformation of eyes was recorded for the retardation in eye development and abnormality in shape and size.

^c Presence of none, one or more than two otoliths per sacculus, as well as reduction and enlargement of otoliths and/or sacculi (otic vesicles).

^d Tail malformation was recorded when the tail was bent, twisted or shorter than to control embryos as assessed by optical comparison.

^e Growth retardation was recorded by comparing with the control embryos in a body length (after hatching, at and onwards 72 hpf) using by optical comparison using an inverted microscope (CKX41; Olympus, Tokyo, Japan).

^f Skin depigmentation of hyperpigmentation was assessed by optical comparison.

^g Change in stellate morphology of the skin melanocytes was visually recorded

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