

# Development of Dimethylisoxazole-Attached Imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridines as Potent and Selective CBP/P300 Inhibitors

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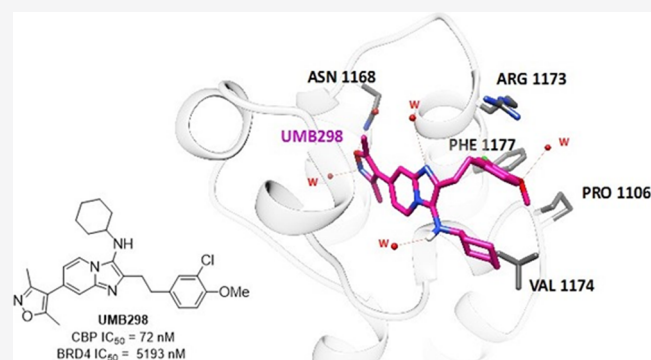


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**ABSTRACT:** The use of epigenetic bromodomain inhibitors as anticancer therapeutics has transitioned from targeting bromodomain extraterminal domain (BET) proteins into targeting non-BET bromodomains. The two most relevant non-BET bromodomain oncology targets are cyclic AMP response element-binding protein (CBP) and E1A binding protein P300 (EP300). To explore the growing CBP/EP300 interest, we developed a highly efficient two-step synthetic route for dimethylisoxazole-attached imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine scaffold-containing inhibitors. Our efficient two-step reactions enabled high-throughput synthesis of compounds designed by molecular modeling, which together with structure–activity relationship (SAR) studies facilitated an overarching understanding of selective targeting of CBP/EP300 over non-BET bromodomains. This led to the identification of a new potent and selective CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibitor, UMB298 (compound **23**, CBP  $IC_{50}$  72 nM and bromodomain 4, BRD4  $IC_{50}$  5193 nM). The SAR we established is in good agreement with literature-reported CBP inhibitors, such as CBP30, and demonstrates the advantage of utilizing our two-step approach for inhibitor development of other bromodomains.



## INTRODUCTION

Bromodomains (BRDs) are epigenetic reader domains that selectively recognize acetyl-lysine residues found in histone and nonhistone proteins and function in transcriptional regulation.<sup>1–3</sup> Failure to regulate these protein reader modules can result in a broad range of diseases such as cancer and inflammatory and cardiovascular diseases. As a result, they are pursued as attractive targets for developing therapeutic agents for the treatment of different disease conditions.<sup>4,5</sup> Although much progress has been made in the development bromodomain extraterminal domain (BET) bromodomain small-molecule inhibitors, some of which are undergoing human clinical trials for various diseases,<sup>1,2</sup> selective and potent non-BET bromodomain inhibitors and their use in biological studies are still limited. Out of the 57 non-BET bromodomains, the cyclic AMP response element binding protein (CBP) bromodomain, which was once considered to have “medium druggability”, has generated recent interest in oncology applications, and three new double-digit nanomolar inhibitors have been developed.<sup>6–8</sup> Additionally, CBP has a paralogue that conducts similar activity, called the E1A binding protein (EP300 or P300), both of which are multidomain proteins containing BRD and other domains, such as lysine acetyl transferase

(KAT), which acetylates and recruits histone and nonhistone proteins.

**Overview of the Role of CBP/EP300 in Diseases.** The BRD of CBP/EP300 selectively recognizes acetylated lysine residues, in contrast to the KAT domain, which acetylates lysine residues on both histone tails and signature tumor transcription factors, such as p53 and c-MYC.<sup>9–12</sup> There are eight acetylation sites on p53, of which K382 is necessary for coactivator (CBP and TRRAP) recruitment, which importantly results in a p53 stabilizing conformation change and therefore active p53 and activation of proapoptotic genes.<sup>13,14</sup> The CBP/P300 bromodomains have been linked to disorders like acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and inflammatory and neurodegenerative diseases.<sup>15,16</sup> Recently, Olzsha and co-workers also demonstrated that CBP/P300 bromodomains are required for protein aggregation, which disturbs proteostasis by impairing the ubiquitin proteasome system (UPS) and protein translation,

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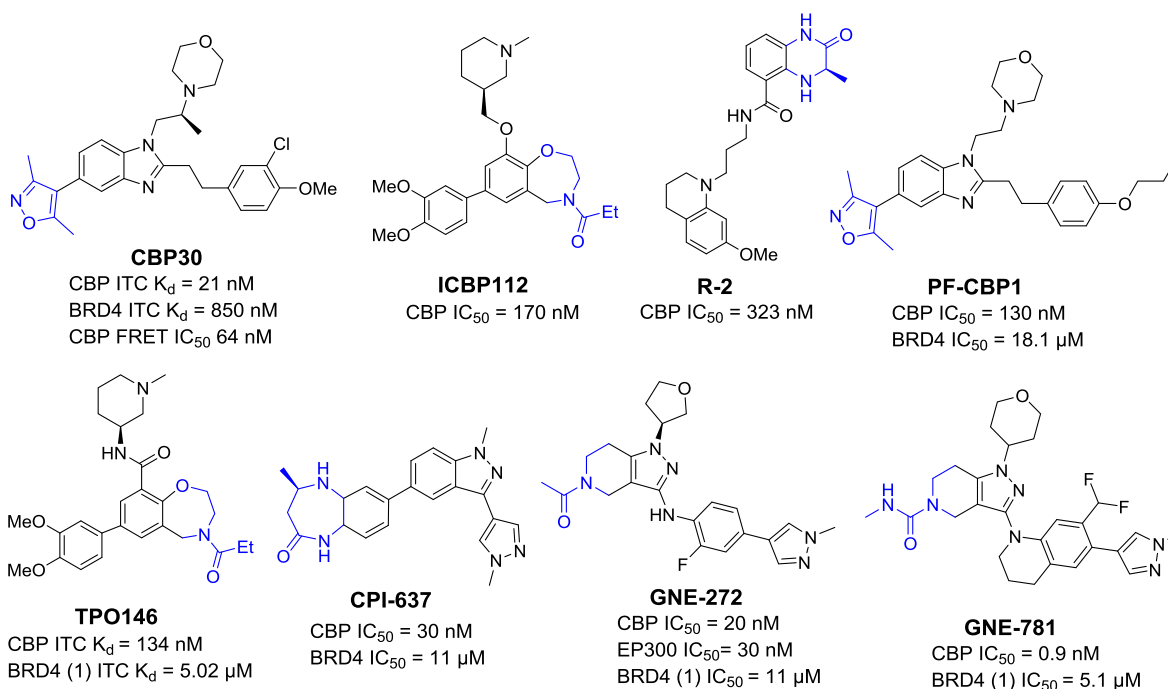
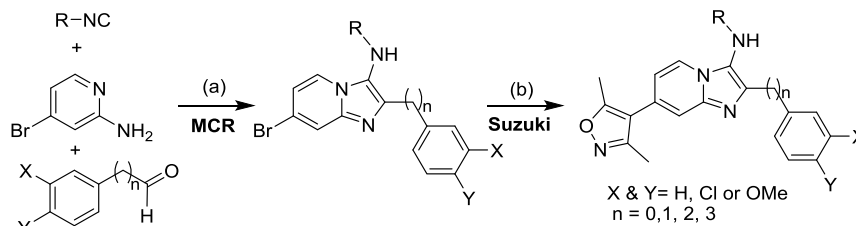


Figure 1. Reported potent CBP inhibitors.

**Scheme 1. Two-Step Synthesis of Imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine-Based CBP/P300 Inhibitors; Reaction Conditions: (a)  $Sc(OTf)_3$ ,  $CH_2Cl_2/MeOH$  (3:1),  $\mu w$ , 100 °C, 40 min 90–95%; (b) 3,5-Dimethylisoxazole-4-boronic Acid Pinacol Ester,  $PdCl_2(dppf)$ ,  $CH_2Cl_2$ ,  $K_2CO_3$ ,  $DME/H_2O$  (2:1),  $\mu w$ , 120 °C, 40 min, 89–93%**



leading to decreased cell viability.<sup>17</sup> Overall, CBP/EP300 are considered the most promising non-BET bromodomain targets for cancer and other pathological conditions.<sup>8</sup> Therefore, this study was aimed at developing a novel strategy to discover potent and selective CBP inhibitors for use as chemical probes to provide further insights into CBP/EP300-disease pathogenesis.

#### Inhibitors Targeting the Bromodomain of CBP/EP300.

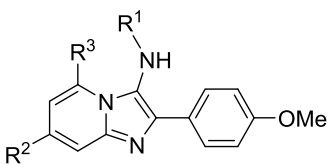
According to the structural genomics consortium (SGC) requirement, a chemical probe should possess inhibitory activity at less than 100 nM concentration ( $IC_{50} < 100$  nM), with selectivity greater than 30-fold toward other proteins (>30-fold) and cellular activity at  $\sim 1$   $\mu$ M concentration.<sup>18,19</sup> To better understand and investigate the biological function of CBP bromodomains, a number of CBP inhibitors have been reported with submicromolar to nanomolar inhibitory activity against the bromodomain of CBP or P300, including CBP30,<sup>10</sup> R-2,<sup>20</sup> PF-CBP1,<sup>9,21</sup> TPO146,<sup>22</sup> CPI-637,<sup>23</sup> GNE-272,<sup>24</sup> and GNE-781<sup>25</sup> (Figure 1). Most of these compounds are prepared through multistep synthesis with low overall yields, which hampers further optimization of the compounds to improve their biological activity.<sup>10</sup> We have recently reported a two-step synthesis of dimethylisoxazole-attached imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine BET inhibitors.<sup>26</sup> Overall, we envisioned that we could employ the optimized two-step synthetic route toward developing new

CBP/EP300 inhibitors in conjunction with structure–activity relationship (SAR) studies to generate lead compounds. Additionally, the methods can be further extended to the development of inhibitors targeting other bromodomains.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Analysis of the chemical structures of reported CBP inhibitors revealed that potent inhibitors contain two important components. The first is an acetyl-lysine mimic motif (blue unit in the structures shown in Figure 1) such as 3,5-dimethylisoxazole, and the second is an appendix portion outside the binding pocket, such as 3-chloro-4-methoxyphenethyl and ethylmorpholinyl motifs, which can engage in additional interactions with the protein outside the binding pocket. This analysis inspired us to use our modified multicomponent reaction (MCR) to assemble a substituted imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine scaffold followed by the introduction of a binding motif through the Suzuki coupling (Scheme 1).<sup>26</sup>

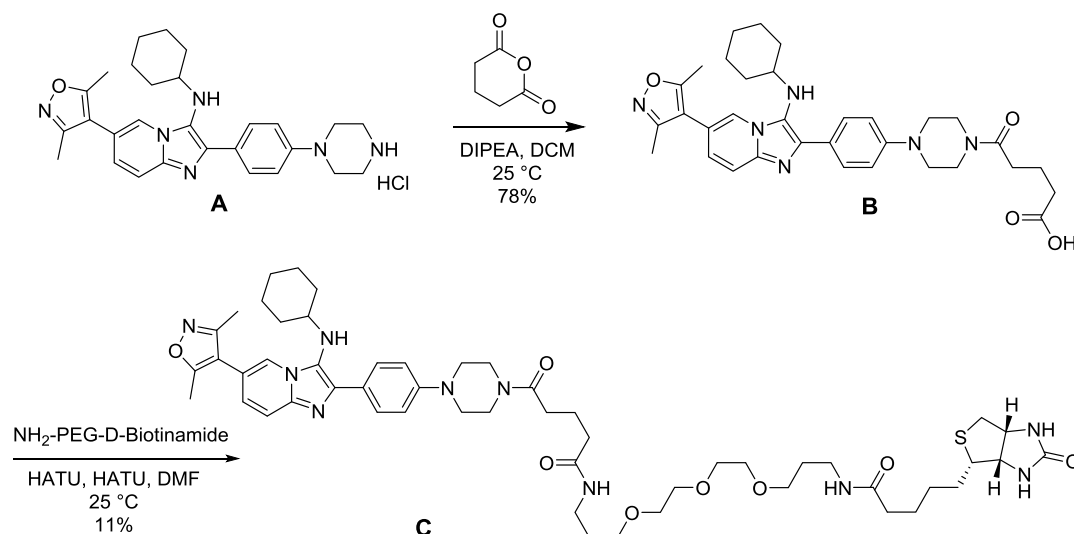
By utilizing our highly efficient synthesis involving three-component Groebke–Blackburn–Bienayme (GBB)<sup>27–29</sup> reactions followed by the Suzuki coupling reaction,<sup>26,30</sup> we generated a set of molecules with different binding motifs linked to the imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine scaffold in two steps. These compounds were assessed for their binding activity against the

Table 1. Structure–Activity Relationship (SAR) on the Imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine Scaffold<sup>c</sup>


compound	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM) <sup>a</sup>		
				CBP	BRD4	selectivity <sup>b</sup>
1	adamantyl	Me	Me	16.09 ± 0.76	>50	>3
2	adamantyl	3,5-dimethylisoxazolyl	H	2.21 ± 0.43	>50	>23
3	cyclohexyl	3,5-dimethylisoxazolyl	H	14.19 ± 0.81	>50	>4
4	<b>t-butyl acetyl</b>	<b>3,5-dimethylisoxazolyl</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>1.17 ± 0.05</b>	<b>2.95 ± 0.04</b>	<b>3</b>
5	2,2,4-trimethylpentyl	Me	Me	16.33 ± 0.53	>50	>3
<b>CBP30</b>				0.028 ± 0.04	7.94 ± 0.22	>100

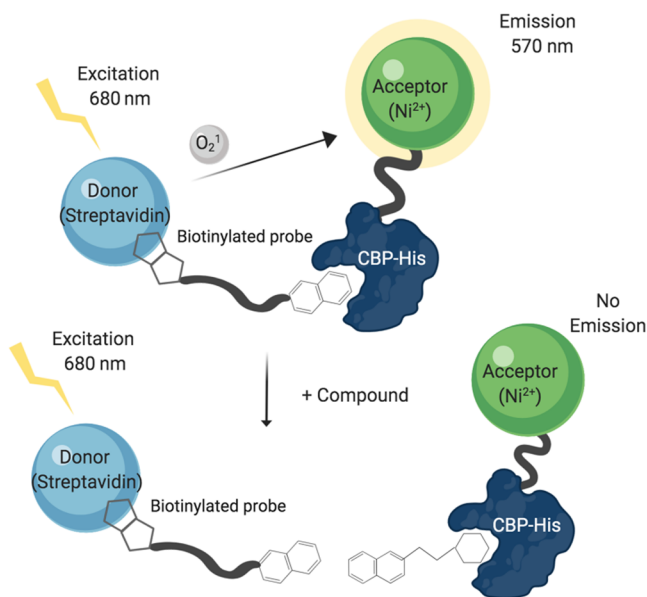
<sup>a</sup>All IC<sub>50</sub> values are reported as means of values from at least four determinations. AlphaScreen assay with the isolated CBP (using biotinylated H3K56ac peptide)<sup>34</sup> or BRD4 bromodomain (with biotinylated JQ1).<sup>31</sup> <sup>b</sup>Selectivity is defined by [BRD4(1) IC<sub>50</sub> (μM)/CBP IC<sub>50</sub> (μM)]. <sup>c</sup>Bold indicates the most active compound.

## Scheme 2. Synthesis of Biotinylated-CBP/P300 Bromodomain Binder for AlphaScreening Assay Development



CBP bromodomain utilizing an AlphaScreen assay using biotinylated peptide and recombinant CBP bromodomain as assay partners (Table 1) and against bromodomain 4 (BRD4) in our previously developed BRD4 AlphaScreen assay.<sup>31</sup> Overall, AlphaScreen showed that the compounds exhibited selective micromolar inhibitory activity against the CBP bromodomain, over BRD4. Significantly improved potency and selectivity were seen when the known strong acetylated-lysine mimetic (3,5-dimethylisoxazole) substituent group<sup>32,33</sup> was introduced at the R<sup>2</sup> position (Table 1). Previous studies showed that 3,5-dimethylisoxazole acts as an acetyl lysine mimic, where the isoxazole oxygen forms a hydrogen-bonding interaction with the Asn1168 amide moiety, while the isoxazole nitrogen points toward one of the water molecules that bridges with Tyr1125.<sup>10,26</sup> Interestingly, compound 4 exhibited modest inhibitory activity against CBP and BRD4 with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 1.17 and 2.96 μM, respectively. These promising data indicated that our strategy could facilitate SAR studies to fine-tune the potency and selectivity in a high-throughput manner. Encouraged by these results, we decided to fully explore the CBP inhibitor design and development using the imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine scaffold as the core (Table 1).

While the peptide-based AlphaScreen assay can assess compound activity, the performance of this assay is not robust due to the limited stability of the peptide used. We therefore developed a novel small-molecule-based AlphaScreen assay for CBP and EP300 bromodomain using biotinylated probe C (Scheme 2) with recombinant proteins (Figure 2). Since the bromodomains of EP300 and CBP have greater than 95% homology, we utilized the CBP bromodomain to represent both CBP and EP300 bromodomains. This probe compound was derivatized from compound 2 shown in Table 1 guided by the cocrystal structure of CBP30 with CBP (PDB ID: 4NR7) reported in the literature. In this assay, biotinylated compound C was utilized as a novel probe to evaluate the competitive displacement by our series of CBP bromodomain inhibitors. Purified His-tagged CBP or EP300 bromodomains bound to nickel beads and biotinylated compound C bound to Streptavidin beads were brought into close proximity to one another upon probe binding to the protein. Upon excitation, the beads created an emission due to their proximity, which was disrupted by competitive binding by our bromodomain inhibitors, displacing the probe, allowing for a dose–response binding curve to be extrapolated. To optimize the assay

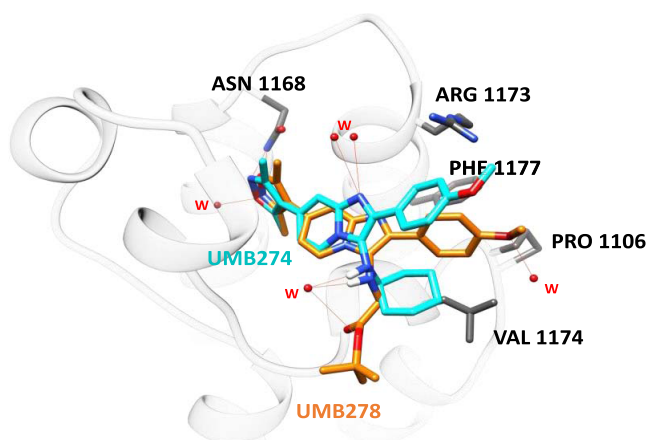


**Figure 2.** Development of small-molecule-based CBP/P300 AlphaScreen assays.

condition, we systematically titrated both ligand (C) and protein (His-CBP) against each other at varying concentrations in the presence of 20 ng/mL Streptavidin donor beads and 20 ng/mL nickel acceptor beads. As these are standard  $\alpha$  bead concentrations, this two-dimensional (2D) titration is performed to yield an optimal AlphaScreen signal. Because we are forming a ternary complex in this AlphaScreen reaction, there is an optimal “hook point” concentration that correlates with the optimal signal.<sup>31</sup> We titrated both the compounds ranging from 10  $\mu$ M to 5 nM and found that Compound C was able to generate this characteristic hook point at 10 nM ligand concentration and 50 nM His-tagged CBP protein concentration. We further confirmed that the signal intensity of the small-molecule-probe-based assay is similar to that of the peptide-based assay. The small-molecule-probe-based assay performs more consistently compared to the peptide-based assay and is used for IC<sub>50</sub> assessment for establishing SAR.

To have a better understanding of the observed potency and selectivity, we utilized molecular modeling to explore the binding modes of our imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine inhibitor compound 4 (UMB278) with CBP using the cocrystal structure of CBP30 with the CBP bromodomain (Figure 3). The isoxazole of compound 4 showed critical hydrogen bonding with N1168, mimicking the acetylated lysine interaction observed between CBP and its substrate. We observed extra hydrogen bonds around imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine with surrounding crystallographic water molecules that might also contribute favorably to binding activity. Thus, we decided to maintain 3,5-dimethylisoxazole as a warhead and imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine as a scaffold because they are responsible for the improved inhibitory activity of our inhibitors. We noticed that the solvent-accessible methoxyphenyl group might contribute to the low affinity of the molecules since the planarity of the bond between the benzimidazole and benzene groups might prohibit the molecules from forming cation- $\pi$  interactions with R1173. Thus, we explored the effect of modifying the two appendix groups R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> (Table 2).

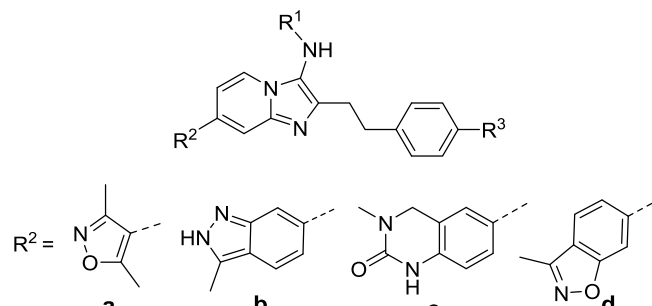
Based on our hypothesis, we introduced a rotatable bond between methoxyphenyl and imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine to extend



**Figure 3.** Docked poses of compounds 3 (cyan) and 4 (orange) in CBP (PDBs: 4NR7).

the appending group and increase the binding interactions with R1173 on the CBP bromodomain outside the binding pocket (Table 2). We synthesized compounds by introducing a two-carbon linker between the core structure and the 4-methoxyphenyl group. The extension of the phenyl group in compounds 7 and 8 led to improved potency and selectivity compared to compound 4, suggesting that the flexibility we introduced allows the R<sup>3</sup> position to contribute additional interactions with the target site. Usually, the two-carbon linker's flexibility allows the R<sup>3</sup> position to contribute additional interactions with the active site. Compound 6 is an exception that may be due to a different binding mode/preferred orientation of compound 6 in the drug-receptor complex. The lifetime of the drug-receptor complex is a dynamic process. This can also be explained by the duration of time that the drug-receptor complex persists, i.e., residence time—maybe it readily dissociates from their target receptor. We continued to explore whether this improved potency and selectivity could apply to other acetyl lysine mimics. By taking advantage of our two-step synthesis, other warheads like 3-methyl-3,4-dihydroquinazolin-2(1*H*)-one (compound 9), 3-methyl-2*H*-indazole (compound 10), and 3-methyl-3*a*,7*a*-dihydrobenzo[*d*]isoxazole (compound 11) were introduced to the core via Suzuki coupling. These warheads, however, showed a greater than 10-fold loss in inhibitory activity against CBP (Table 2). This is due to the difference in the moieties' size, and the induced fit is different. The distance between the key/critical hydrogen-bond acceptors of the acetylated lysine mimic and the imidazopyridine core increases, leading to a decrease in the hydrogen-bonding affinity. Compounds 10 and 11 displayed greater than 15-fold increase in the inhibitory activity against BRD4 (Table 2). This result reinforced our interest in using 3,5-dimethylisoxazole as the warhead for CBP bromodomain inhibitor development. We next explored the R<sup>1</sup> position by introducing different polar and hydrophobic groups. Use of the cyclohexyl group at R<sup>1</sup> while maintaining a methoxy group at R<sup>3</sup> led to a potent and selective inhibitor, compound 16, with CBP and BRD4 inhibitory potencies of 0.159 and 6.59  $\mu$ M, respectively (Table 2). When *t*-butyl (compounds 13 and 18) and adamantyl (compound 14) groups were introduced at the R<sup>1</sup> position, the CBP inhibitory activity decreased by >5-fold, while the use of 4-ethylmorpholinyl (compound 15) and isopropyl (compound 17) led to roughly a 2- and 3-fold decrease in potency, respectively (Table 2). Unfortunately, use of benzyl groups for R<sup>1</sup>,



Table 2. Structure–Activity Relationship on Compound 7 Analogues<sup>c,d</sup>


compound	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM) <sup>a</sup>		selectivity <sup>b</sup>
				CBP	BRD4	
6	<i>t</i> -butyl acetyl	a	H	7.828	>50	>6
7 (UMB276)	cyclohexyl	a	H	0.718 ± 0.042	7.43 ± 1.18	10
8	adamantyl	a	H	0.507 ± 0.045	3.38 ± 0.63	7
9	cyclohexyl	c	H	8.12 ± 0.96	7.55 ± 0.56	1
10	cyclohexyl	b	H	8.02 ± 0.06	0.51 ± 0.01	0.06
11	cyclohexyl	d	H	>50	3.02 ± 0.51	0.06
12	2,2,4-trimethylpentyl	a	H	1.88 ± 0.03	2.77 ± 0.08	1
13	<i>t</i> -butyl	a	H	0.95 ± 0.02	5.63 ± 0.31	6
14	adamantyl	a	OMe	0.923 ± 0.012	7.11 ± 0.31	8
15	4-ethylmorpholinyl	a	OMe	0.46 ± 0.09	3.42 ± 0.01	7
16	<b>cyclohexyl</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>OMe</b>	<b>0.159 ± 0.021</b>	<b>6.59 ± 0.05</b>	<b>41</b>
17	isopropyl	a	OMe	0.29 ± 0.01	10.09 ± 0.21	34
18	<i>t</i> -butyl	a	OMe	2.33 ± 0.60	>50	>21
19	cyclohexyl	a	OEt	0.214 ± 0.009	6.48 ± 0.41	30
20	cyclohexyl	a	OPr	0.633 ± 0.006	17.92 ± 1.21	28
21	benzyl	a	OMe	1.92 ± 0.12	8.46 ± 0.55	4
22	4-chlorobenzyl	a	OMe	1.60 ± 0.21	7.94 ± 0.45	5
CBP30				0.077 ± 0.011	10.1 ± 0.55	>100

<sup>a</sup>All IC<sub>50</sub> values are reported as means of values from at least two determinations. AlphaScreen assay with the isolated CBP (with compound C) or BRD4 (with biotinylated JQ1) bromodomain. <sup>b</sup>Selectivity is defined by [BRD4(1) IC<sub>50</sub> (μM)/CBP IC<sub>50</sub> (μM)] for the consistency mentioned. <sup>c</sup>The IC<sub>50</sub> of compound 4 with CBP is measured using the biotinylated-peptide-based AlphaScreen assay as in Table 1. <sup>d</sup>Bold indicates the most active compound.

compounds **21** and **22**, led to a 10-fold decrease in the CBP inhibitory potency (Table 2). At the same time, we observed that compound **16** exhibited a 5-fold increase in the CBP inhibitory potency compared to compound 7, which lacks an electron-donating group, *p*-methoxy, on the aryl ring.

Subsequently, we assessed the impact of different alkyl groups at the R<sup>3</sup> position (Table 2). The ethoxy group (compound 19) showed a subtle decrease in potency against the CBP bromodomain compared to compound 16, while the introduction of the propyloxy group (compound 20) caused a ~4-fold decrease in potency (Table 2). Therefore, the *p*-methoxy group on the aryl ring was retained as it proved to be important for the increased CBP inhibitory activity without compromising selectivity (41-fold) against BRD4.

Molecular docking confirmed that the presence of an electron-donating group, *p*-methoxy, on the aryl ring further reinforces the cation–π interactions of the CBP inhibitor with the Arg1173 of the CBP bromodomain (Figure 4). Additionally, the hydrophobic methyl in the methoxy group of compound 16 stabilizes solvent-accessible hydrophobic residues on the protein side (PRO1106, Val1174, and Phe1177). Compound 16 exhibited improved binding affinity to CBP compared to compounds 3, 4, and 7 (Figures 3 and 4).

Our highly efficient two-step synthesis allowed us to quickly explore the SAR around the core of compound 16 by

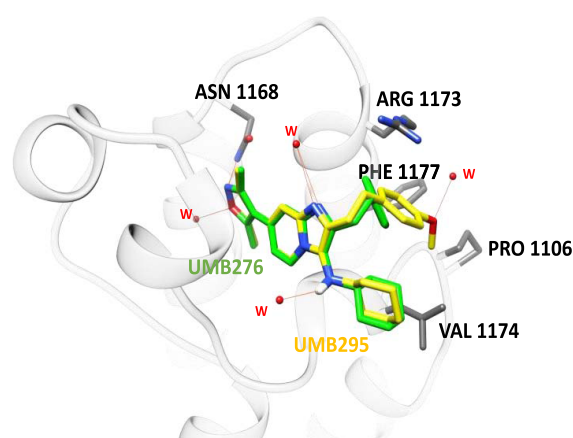
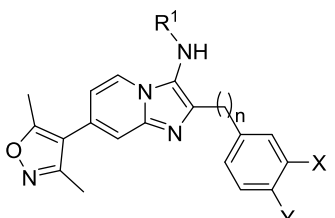


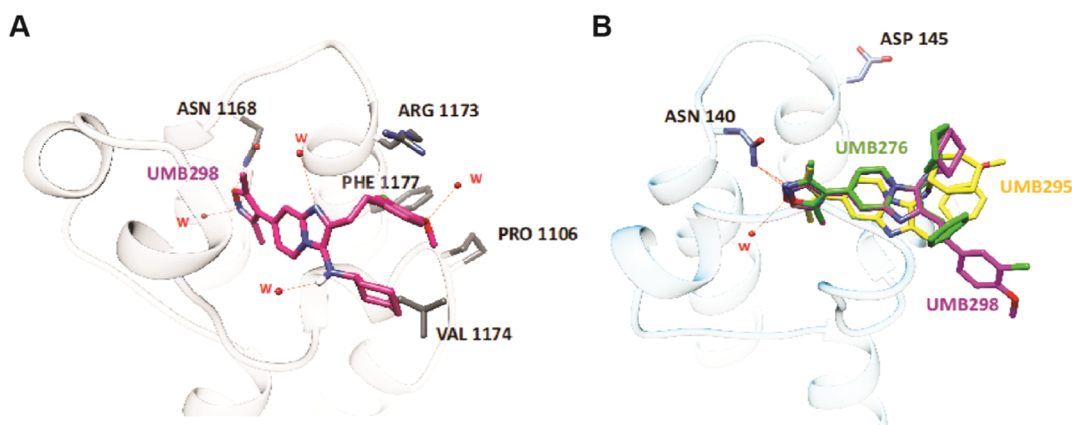
Figure 4. Docked poses of compounds 7 (UMB276, green) and 16 (UMB295, yellow) in CBP. PDBs (4NR7 for CBP).

introducing substituent group(s) on the phenyl ring of the *p*-methoxyphenyl group as well as by changing the distance between the phenyl ring and imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (Table 3). First, we hypothesized that the introduction of a halogen group could further improve the potency against CBP by promoting electrostatic interactions with the target and also increase lipophilicity of the compound, consistent with previous

Table 3. Structure–Activity Relationship on Compound 19 Analogues<sup>c</sup>


compound	R <sup>1</sup>	n	Y	X	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM) <sup>a</sup>		selectivity <sup>b</sup>
					CBP	BRD4	
16 (UMB295)	cyclohexyl	2	OMe	H	0.16 ± 0.02	6.59 ± 0.05	41
23 (UMB298)	<b>cyclohexyl</b>	2	<b>OMe</b>	<b>Cl</b>	<b>0.072 ± 0.002</b>	<b>5.19 ± 0.02</b>	<b>72</b>
24	cyclohexyl	1	OMe	H	6.07 ± 0.04	11.22 ± 1.01	2
25	cyclohexyl	3	OMe	H	4.95 ± 0.41	12.33 ± 1.11	3
26	2,2,4-trimethylpentyl	2	OMe	H	20.89 ± 2.08	>50	>2
27	2,2,4-trimethylpentyl	2	OEt	H	38.49 ± 7.12	>50	>1
28	2,2,4-trimethylpentyl	2	OiPr	H	>50	>50	1
29	cyclohexyl	2	OEt	Cl	2.53 ± 0.09	>50	20
30	cyclohexyl	3	OMe	Cl	8.96 ± 0.91	24.53 ± 2.33	3
31	2,2,4-trimethylpentyl	2	OEt	Cl	20.46 ± 2.24	>50	>2
32	cyclohexyl	2	OMe	OMe	0.75 ± 0.06	6.21 ± 0.46	8
33	isopropyl	2	OMe	OMe	3.51 ± 0.08	22.64 ± 0.28	6
34	2,2,4-trimethylpentyl	3	OMe	H	>50	>50	1

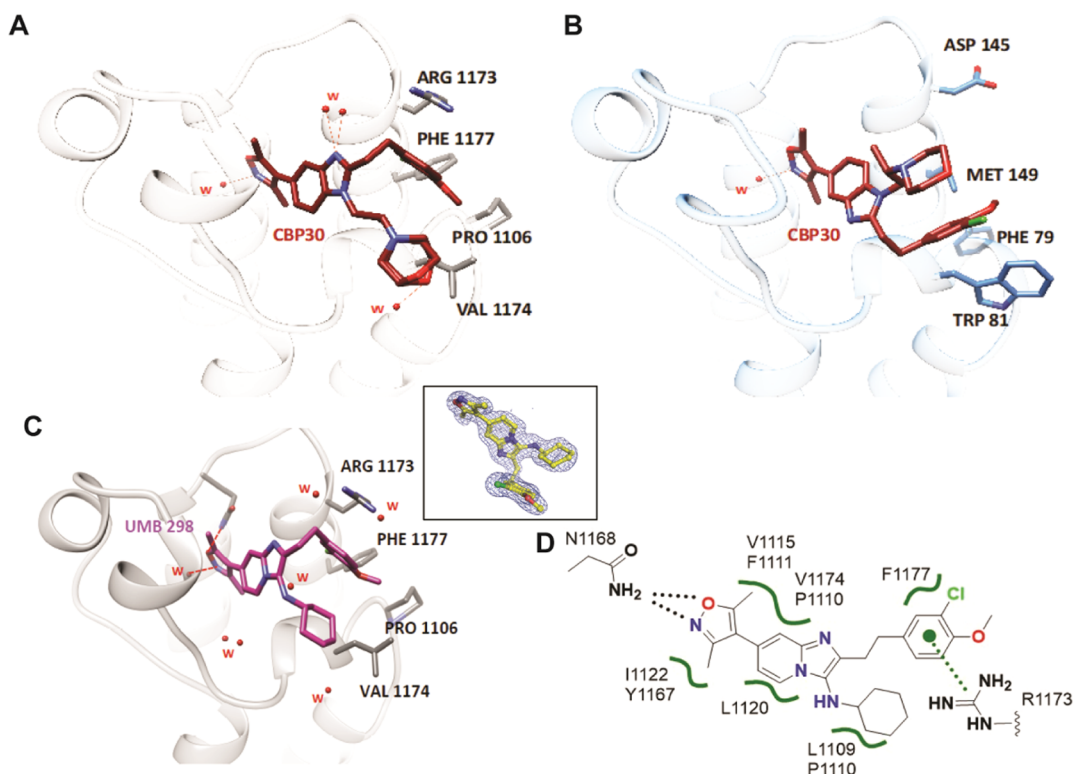
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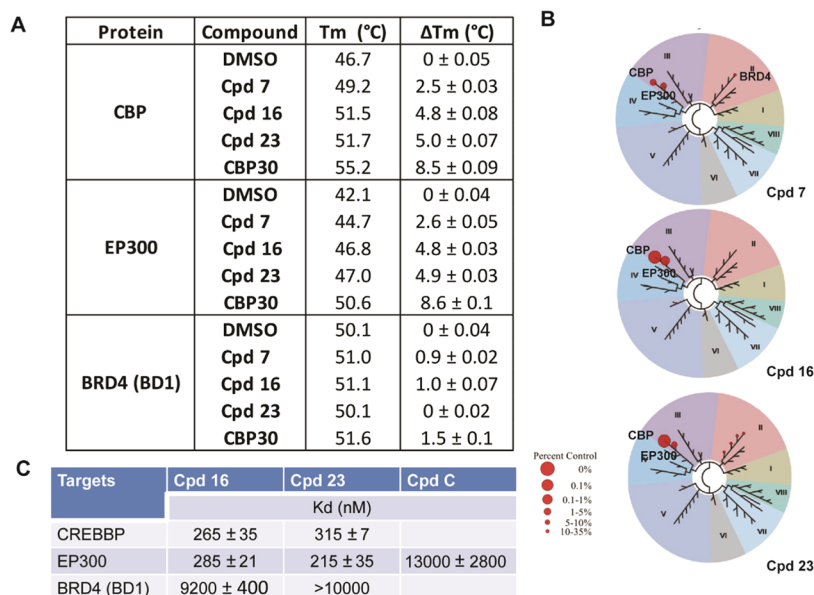
**Figure 5.** Docking pose of compound 23. (A) Docked poses of compound 23 (UMB298) (magenta) in CBP. (B) Docked poses of compounds 7 (UMB276) (green), 16 (UMB295) (yellow), and 23 (UMB298) (magenta) in BRD4. Water molecules are denoted W, and residues are denoted by their three-letter amino acid code and their residue number in their respective PDBs (4NR7 for CBP and 5BT4 for BRD4). Hydrogen bonds between the molecule and surrounding residues and water are shown with red lines.

reports.<sup>10</sup> Indeed, introduction of an *m*-chloro group at the aryl ring resulted in a more potent and selective CBP inhibitor, compound 23, CBP IC<sub>50</sub> 72 nM and BRD4 IC<sub>50</sub> 5193 nM, which was 2-fold more potent than compound 16. Additionally, compound 23 displayed 72-fold selectivity for CBP over BRD4 as a selective CBP inhibitor (Table 3). Notably, we discovered that the distance between the phenyl ring and the imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine is also important, as evidenced by the large impact on potency seen with different linker lengths. Reducing the length of the linker to methylene (compound 24 compared to compound 16) or increasing the length (compounds 25 and 30 compared to compound 23) led to a loss of CBP inhibitory activity while maintaining BRD4 activity (less than 2-fold). Therefore, we identified the optimal linker for this scaffold and

the importance of introducing the chloro-methoxyphenyl group. In this compound series, cyclohexyl was the optimal group for R<sup>1</sup>, while other groups led to a loss of activity (compounds 26–28 and 34 (Table 3)). Since an electron-donating moiety was well-tolerated on the aryl group connecting the linker (compound 23), we decided to introduce two hydrogen-bond acceptors, *m*- and *p*-methoxy groups. Surprisingly, the CBP inhibitory potency was lost by ~10-fold, with insignificant change in the BRD4 activity (compound 32) (Table 3), indicating that the *m*-chloro group was important for improved activity of compound 23. Similarly, use of isopropyl for R<sup>1</sup>, compound 33, led to 49- and 4-fold loss in CBP and BRD4 inhibitory activities, respectively (Table 3).



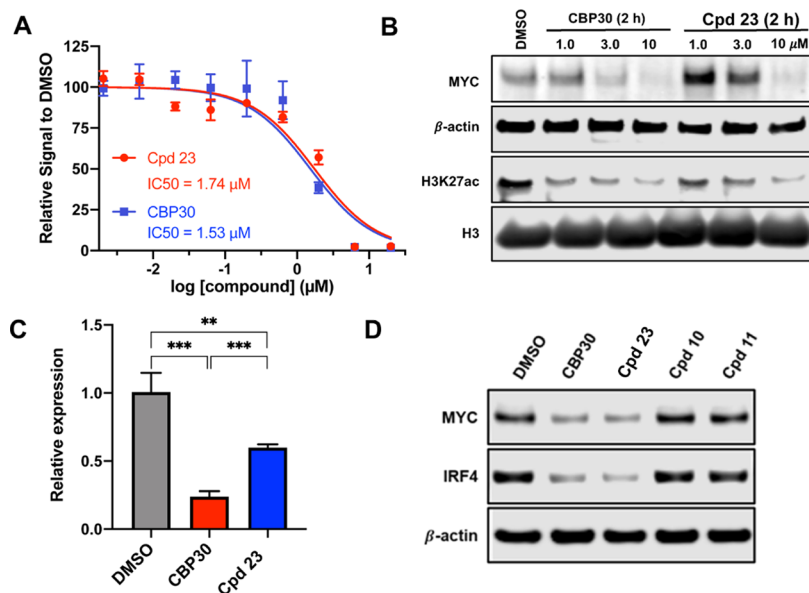
**Figure 6.** Comparison of the cocrystal structure of compound **23** with CBP30. (A) Crystal structures of CBP30 bound to CBP (left, PDB ID: 4NR7) and (B) BRD4 (right, PDB ID: 5BT4). Water molecules are denoted W, and residues are denoted by their three-letter amino acid code. Hydrogen bonds among the molecule, surrounding residues, and water are shown with red lines. (C) Compound **23** (UMB298) (yellow) bound to the KAc site of CBP (gray) (PDB ID: 7KPY). H-bonds with Asn1168 (magenta) and water molecules (cyan) are indicated as black dotted lines. The inset shows the 2Fo-Fc electron density of the inhibitor. (D) Schematic presentation of H-bonding (black dotted lines) and hydrophobic van der Waals interactions (green wiggly lines) of UMB298 with KAc site residues. Arg1173 appears to establish cation- $\pi$  interactions with the chloromethoxybenzene ring.



**Figure 7.** Potency and selectivity profiling. (A). Tabulated temperature shift values of compounds **7**, **16**, **23**, and CBP30 with CBP (bromodomain), EP300 (bromodomain), and BRD4(BD1). (B). BROMOSCAN data on compounds **7**, **16**, and **23** against 34 bromodomains. (C).  $K_d$  value of compounds **16**, **23**, and biotinylated probe compound C toward CBP, EP300, and BRD4 (BD1) determined by BromoELECT. All  $K_d$  values are measured in duplicates following the standard protocol developed by Eurofins.

The docking model provided the explanation to this improvement. Introduction of the halogen group (*m*-Cl) in compound **23** further stabilizes the solvent-accessible environ-

ment around the aryl group and R1173 (Figure 5A), thus improving the binding affinity. Analysis of the binding poses of compound **23** or CBP30 with CBP showed no clear difference



**Figure 8.** Cellular activity of CBP/EP300 inhibitors in multiple myeloma cell lines. (A) Dose-proportional effect of CBP30 and compound **23** (UMB298) (5 days) on MOLM13 cellular viability as approximated by ATP-dependent luminescence (means  $\pm$  standard error of the mean, SEM,  $n = 4$ ). (B) Immunoblot of MYC,  $\beta$ -actin, H2K27ac, and H3 following 2 h of incubation with dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) or the indicated concentrations of CBP30 or compound **23** (UMB298) in MOLM13 cells. (C) Quantitative reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) analysis of transcript levels of MYC after a 2 h treatment of MOLM13 cells with DMSO, 3.0  $\mu\text{M}$  CBP30, or 3.0  $\mu\text{M}$  UMB298. Values represent three biologic replicate means  $\pm$  SEM. \* $P = 0.01$ –0.05; \*\* $P = 0.001$ –0.01; \*\*\* $P = 0.0001$ –0.001; \*\*\*\* $P < 0.0001$ . (D) Immunoblot of MYC, IRF4 following 24 h incubation with DMSO or 2.5  $\mu\text{M}$  CBP30, compound **23** (UMB298), compound **10**, and compound **11** in MM.1S cells.  $\beta$ -actin is used as the loading control.

between the benzimidazole of CBP30 and the imidazopyridine of compound **23** (Figure 6A,B). The low affinity for BRD4 of the three compounds is due to the methyl (in the OMe group) and cyclohexyl groups being completely solvent-exposed in BRD4 (Figure 5B). R1173 in CBP anchors the ethylene linker in compounds **7**, **16**, and **23** by forming cation– $\pi$  interactions with the aryl group. However, R1173 is replaced by D145 in BRD4. This amino acid difference abolishes the receptor's ability to form cation– $\pi$  interactions with molecules in the binding pocket of BRD4 and rationalizes the selectivity that emerges for compounds **7**, **16**, and **23**. Overall, the docking analyses of compounds **4**, **7**, **16**, and **23** with CBP and BRD4 bromodomains were consistent with the binding affinities obtained in our biochemical assays.

Excitingly, we obtained the cocrystal structure of compound **23** (UMB298) with the bromodomain of CBP (Figure 6C,D). As expected from our docking model, the crystal structure confirmed that the 1,3-dimethylisoxazole ring acted as an acetyl lysine mimetic to interact with the conserved Asn1168. The fused imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine core showed the same orientation as CBP30 (Figure 6A) and extended the chloro, methoxyl phenyl group into the pocket formed by Arg1173 and Phe1177, as predicted by docking. This extension further explains the CBP selectivity we observed with our lead molecule **23** and confirms the accuracy of our docking model.

**Selectivity Assessment and Cellular Activity.** To further confirm the selectivity observed in our biochemical assay, we utilized differential scanning fluorometry (DSF) to measure the binding of compounds with BRD4 BD1 (the first bromodomain of BRD4), the CBP bromodomain, and the EP300 (P300) bromodomain (Figures S1 and 7A). Compound **7** showed very modest activity toward BRD4 but was more active against CBP and EP300. Compounds **16** and **23** showed greater selectivity than the known inhibitor, CBP30, with a slightly reduced

potency. Further profiling using BROMOSCAN against 34 bromodomains at 1  $\mu\text{M}$  compound concentration showed promising binding and selectivity values for the three compounds, with compound **23** having a better binding and selectivity compared to compounds **7** and **16** (Figure 7B and Table S1). The binding affinity ( $K_d$ ) values of compounds **16** and **23** were further confirmed by BromoELECT<sup>SM</sup> with CBP, EP300, and BRD4 (BD1). We observed similar binding trends and comparable selectivity to our AlphaScreen data.

We next evaluated the cellular activity of our lead molecule **23** in the AML cell line MOLM13 and several multiple myeloma lines in comparison with CBP30. Compound **23** inhibited MOLM13 and MM cell growth with IC<sub>50</sub> values similar to CBP30 (Figures 8A and S2). These compounds can inhibit leukemia cell growth at high concentrations as described in the literature, where the CBP/EP300 bromodomain inhibitor alone has limited effect on blocking CBP/EP300 functions.<sup>18,35</sup> We further investigated on-target inhibition of our compounds by checking the impact of bromodomain inhibition on H3K27ac and Myc expression levels. Treatment with compound **23** reduced the H3K27ac level similar to CBP30 and caused MYC depletion as a signature of CBP inhibition in AML (Figure 8B). The MYC-level reduction was further confirmed by reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) experiments (Figure 8C). To confirm whether compound **23** exerted MYC deletion through on-target CBP/EP300 inhibition, we assessed the effect of the selective CBP inhibitor (CBP30 and compound **23**) for their effect on IRF4/MYC function in the multiple myeloma cell line (MM.1S)<sup>36</sup> using compounds **10** and **11**, selective toward BRD4 as the negative control. We observed that the IRF4/MYC axis was perturbed by CBP30 and compound **23** at similar levels but not with the BRD4 inhibitor as we expected (Figure 8D).<sup>36</sup> Compound **23** showed similar but slightly weaker cellular activity compared to CBP30, which



matches the binding activities we observed in biochemical assays. Thus, the core we built with our GBB reaction can produce the EP300/CBP inhibitors with good cellular activity.

## CONCLUSIONS

Developing potent inhibitors that can disrupt protein–protein interactions remains a challenging but attractive task for drug development.<sup>37</sup> In this work, we developed an effective synthetic method to assemble the core of a panel of potent bromodomain inhibitors. Our two-step synthesis involved the Groebke–Blackburn–Bienayme (GBB) reaction<sup>27–29</sup> to build the core and decorate the core with various functional groups and different appendix groups in a relatively high-throughput manner. The Suzuki coupling installed the acetyl lysine mimetic with a high overall yield (>90%). The approach generated a broad spectrum of compounds with different potencies and selectivities against CBP over BRD4. In parallel, we established a computational model that explains the observed potency and selectivity. The model provided valuable information, which aided the rational design of novel potent and selective inhibitors. More importantly, this model and the related explanation have been further confirmed by the cocrystal structure of our lead molecule compound **23** with the CBP bromodomain. The lead compound **23** built upon the imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine scaffold with optimization on other parts ( $R^{1-3}$ ) of the molecule showed comparable potency and selectivity with other reported CBP inhibitors in biochemical and cellular assays. Compared to the synthetic approaches previously employed for the synthesis of reported CBP inhibitors, our method is simple and resource-efficient, allowing quick and comprehensive SAR studies. Compound **23** qualifies to be used to assist in the interrogation of the biological roles of this protein in diseases. More importantly, we envision that our novel and effective approach can be utilized for bromodomain inhibitor development targeting other bromodomains outside the BET and CBP/EP300 families.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**Chemistry.** The synthesis of the imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine scaffold-based CBP inhibitors was done in two steps: three-component reaction<sup>27–29</sup> followed by the Suzuki coupling.<sup>30,38</sup> Synthesis of compound **23** involved a multicomponent reaction by combining 4-bromopyridin-2-amine, 3-(3-chloro-4-methoxyphenyl)propanal, and cyclohexylisocyanide under microwave irradiation for 40 min. This was followed by the Suzuki coupling of the intermediate with 3,5-dimethylisoxazole-4-boronic acid pinacol ester. Both steps had yields and produced the final product with an overall good yield. It is a green synthesis with high overall yield as well as atom- and step-economy. Previously, the Brennan group reported CBP30, a potent and selective CBP inhibitor (CBP,  $IC_{50} = 79$  nM), with a selectivity window of 40-fold against BRD4.<sup>9</sup> It contains a benzimidazole scaffold.<sup>9</sup> The synthesis of CBP30 involved five steps through a linear or multistep synthesis, leading to a low overall yield of about 4%.<sup>9</sup> In this study, an imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine scaffold was used, with substituent groups around the imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine scaffold varied by use of different aldehydes, isocyanides, and also warheads as acetyl lysine mimic, 3,5-dimethylisoxazole, 3-methyl-2*H*-indazole, 3-methyl-3*a*,7*a*-dihydrobenzo[*d*]isoxazole, and 3-methyl-3,4-dihydroquinazolin-2(1*H*)-one to obtain a panel of compounds (Scheme 1). The synthesized compounds were screened for their inhibitory activity against CBP and BRD4 using the AlphaScreen assay to obtain  $IC_{50}$  values.

**General Synthetic Information.** Chemicals and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received. All of the compounds used for the biological assay were >95% pure as determined

by NMR and liquid chromatography–mass spectrometry (LC–MS). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra (101 MHz) were recorded on Agilent NMR spectrometers. The chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm), and the residual solvent peak was used as an internal reference: proton (chloroform  $\delta$  7.26) and carbon (chloroform  $\delta$  77.0). Multiplicities were indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublet), and br s (broad singlet). Coupling constants were reported in hertz (Hz). LC–MS was performed on an Agilent 2100 LC with a 6130 quadrupole mass spectrometer (MS), and a C18 column (5.0  $\mu$ m, 6.0 mm  $\times$  50 mm) was used for separation. The mobile phases were MeOH and H<sub>2</sub>O, both containing 0.01% trifluoroacetic acid. A linear gradient of 50:50 (v/v) MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O to 100% MeOH was used over 7.0 min at a flow rate of 0.7 mL/min. The chromatograms were detected at UV wavelengths 210, 254, and 365 nm. Low-resolution mass spectra were recorded in APCI (atmospheric pressure chemical ionization). The microwave reactions were performed on a Biotage Initiator 8 system equipped with an infrared (IR) sensor (external surface sensor) to monitor the reaction temperature. Flash chromatography separation was performed on the YAMAZEN AI-580 system with Agela silica gel (12 or 20 g, 230–400  $\mu$ m mesh) cartridges. Some of the final products were purified using an Agela HP-100 pre-LC system with a Venusil PrepG C18 column (10  $\mu$ m, 120  $\text{Å}$ , 21.2 mm  $\times$  250 mm). HRMS was analyzed by RP-LC–MS: 1  $\mu$ L of each sample was combined and 500 mL of optima-grade MeCN (0.1% formic acid) and 500 mL of optima-grade H<sub>2</sub>O (0.1% formic acid) were added to the mixture. This mixture was then diluted by another factor of 10 with a 75/25 mixture of the optima-grade MeCN and H<sub>2</sub>O. Then, 1 mL (10 fmol of each on the column) of this mixture was analyzed by RP-LC–MS. The mass analyzer was Orbitrap.

**Synthesis of Biotinylated-CBP/P300 Bromodomain Binder C.** 5-(4-(4-(3-(Cyclohexylamino)-6-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)piperazin-1-yl)-5-oxopentanoic Acid (Compound **B**). To the solution of **A** (20.0 mg, 0.0394 mmol) and *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA) (13.2  $\mu$ L, 0.0788 mmol) in dichloromethane (DCM) (2 mL) was added glutaric anhydride (6.74 mg, 0.0591 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h and then purified via ISCO (MeOH/DCM = 0–15%) to afford **B** as a colorless oil (18.0 mg, 78% yield). MS:  $m/z$  ( $M + 1$ )<sup>+</sup>: 585.27.

5-(4-(4-(3-(Cyclohexylamino)-6-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)piperazin-1-yl)-5-oxo-*N*-(15-oxo-19-(4*S*)-2-oxohexahydro-1*H*-thieno[3,4-*d*]imidazol-4-yl)-4,7,10-trioxa-14-azanonadecyl)pentanamide (Compound **C**). To a solution of **B** (18.0 mg, 0.031 mmol), *N*-(13-amino-4,7,10-trioxatridecanyl)-*D*-biotinamide (CAS #183896-00-6) (13.8 mg, 0.031 mmol), and HATU (23.6 mg, 0.062 mmol) in dimethylformamide (DMF) (1 mL) was added DIPEA (10.4 mL, 0.062 mmol) at room temperature for 1 h. After workup of the reaction, the residue was purified by high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) (0.1% TFA/MeCN) to afford **C** (3.5 mg, 11% yield). MS:  $m/z$  ( $M + 1$ )<sup>+</sup>: 1013.61.

**Representative Procedure for the Three-Component Reaction.** A 10 mL microwave reaction tube was charged with 4-bromopyridin-2-amine (1 mmol, 1 equiv), aldehyde, e.g., 3-(3-chloro-4-methoxyphenyl)propanal (1.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv), isocyanide, e.g., cyclohexylisocyanide (1 mmol, 1 equiv), and Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.08 mmol, 0.08 equiv) in 2 mL of 3:1 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH (Scheme 1). The reaction mixture was heated under microwave irradiation at 100 °C for 40 min. The mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography eluted with 20% EtOAc in hexane to provide the product as a yellow solid (95–97%).

**Representative Procedure for the Suzuki Reaction.** To a solution of Groebke–Blackburn–Bienayme reaction adduct (1 mmol, 1 equiv), 3,5-dimethylisoxazole-4-boronic acid pinacol ester (1.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and Pd(dppf)Cl<sub>2</sub>·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.08 mmol, 0.08 equiv 8% mol) in 2 mL of 2:1 DME/H<sub>2</sub>O were heated under microwave irradiation at 120 °C for 40 min (Scheme 1). The mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography eluted with 30% EtOAc in hexane to provide the desired product in 90–97% yield.

*N*-((3*s*,5*s*,7*s*)-Adamantan-1-yl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5,7-dimethylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**1**, 91% Yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.76–7.69 (m, 2H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 6.97–6.93 (m, 2H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 1H), 2.93 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.52–1.40 (m, 6H), 1.35–1.25 (m, 2H), 0.97–0.87 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.76, 143.62, 136.03, 134.63, 129.72, 128.69, 116.43, 113.96, 113.60, 56.62, 55.57, 55.23, 42.97, 36.25, 29.64, 20.96, 20.89. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) *m/z*: (M + H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O 402.25454, found 402.2545.

*N*-((3*s*,5*s*,7*s*)-Adamantan-1-yl)-7-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**2**, 90% Yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.91–7.88 (m, 2H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00–6.96 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.45–1.39 (m, 3H), 1.37–1.28 (m, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.76, 159.02, 158.31, 147.09, 144.52, 141.71, 139.80, 132.41, 130.88, 129.26, 128.79, 123.56, 116.50, 113.71, 112.14, 56.66, 55.25, 43.91, 38.70, 36.13, 30.34, 29.66, 28.91, 23.72, 22.99, 14.07, 11.87, 10.96. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) *m/z*: (M + H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 469.26036, found 469.2604.

*N*-Cyclohexyl-7-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**3**, 89% Yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.03–6.99 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.00 (t, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.68 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 6.1 Hz, 4H), 1.46–1.39 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.75, 165.76, 158.55, 144.63, 141.26, 132.40, 130.87, 128.77, 128.26, 124.30, 122.69, 116.62, 113.99, 112.47, 56.95, 55.27, 38.69, 30.32, 28.90, 23.71, 22.97, 14.05, 10.95. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) *m/z*: (M + H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 417.22907, found 417.2291.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5,7-dimethyl-*N*-(2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**5**, 92% Yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.70–7.68 (m, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 6.98–6.95 (m, 2H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 1H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 2H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.77 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.88, 143.68, 135.93, 134.64, 130.86, 129.87, 128.77, 124.29, 116.44, 113.68, 60.55, 56.22, 55.26, 31.83, 30.33, 28.33, 22.98, 20.77, 14.05. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) *m/z*: (M + H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O 380.27019, found 380.2702.

*N*-Cyclohexyl-7-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-2-phenethylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**7**, 88% Yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.22 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.23–7.19 (m, 3H), 6.64 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.14–3.04 (m, 4H), 3.50 (1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.66 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 6H), 1.59 (d, *J* = 22.3 Hz, 4H), 0.91 (dt, *J* = 9.7, 7.3 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.70, 158.51, 142.13, 141.76, 141.19, 128.57, 128.41, 125.98, 125.67, 123.53, 122.93, 116.10, 115.25, 111.80, 68.12, 55.40, 43.90, 36.17, 30.39, 29.64, 24.86, 11.84, 11.04. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) *m/z*: (M + H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O 415.2480, found 415.2499.

*N*-((3*s*,5*s*,7*s*)-Adamantan-1-yl)-7-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-2-phenethylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**8**, 90% Yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.18 (m, 3H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.07–3.02 (m, 2H), 2.71 (s, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.74 (dd, *J* = 22.8, 7.9 Hz, 4H), 1.45–1.30 (m, 6H), 1.15 (t, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.71, 158.51, 142.03, 141.17, 139.08, 132.40, 130.86, 128.77, 128.59, 128.41, 126.03, 125.54, 122.62, 116.32, 112.25, 57.15, 38.69, 35.84, 34.19, 29.93, 28.90, 25.70, 24.81, 22.97, 14.05, 11.00. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) *m/z*: (M + H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O 467.28109, found 467.2811.

7-(3,5-Dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-2-phenethyl-*N*-(2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**12**, 89%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.17 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.17 (m, 3H), 6.65 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (s, 1H), 3.13–3.05 (m, 4H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 2H), 1.14 (s, 6H), 1.07 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.72, 158.52, 142.09, 141.86, 141.32, 128.53, 128.44,

126.02, 125.72, 123.51, 116.21, 115.23, 111.86, 59.50, 56.77, 35.84, 31.94, 31.78, 30.54, 29.22, 11.84, 11.04. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) *m/z*: (M + H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O 445.29674, found 445.2967.

*N*-(*tert*-Butyl)-7-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-2-phenethylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**13**, 89% Yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.17 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.18 (m, 3H), 6.64 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (s, 1H), 3.10–3.07 (m, 4H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.73, 158.51, 142.09, 141.81, 141.11, 128.55, 128.44, 126.01, 125.80, 123.44, 116.18, 111.88, 110.78, 55.37, 35.82, 30.94, 30.29, 24.85, 11.83, 11.03. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) *m/z*: (M + H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O 389.24415, found 389.2441.

*N*-((3*s*,5*s*,7*s*)-Adamantan-1-yl)-7-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-2-(4-methoxyphenethyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**14**, 87% Yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.23 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14–7.10 (m, 2H), 6.85–6.81 (m, 2H), 6.64 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.50 (s, 1H), 3.04 (td, *J* = 3.2, 1.8 Hz, 4H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.67–1.58 (m, 15H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.54, 157.88, 134.22, 129.48, 123.54, 116.11, 113.83, 111.82, 55.44, 55.29, 43.92, 43.87, 36.18, 34.88, 30.62, 29.66, 11.87, 11.07. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) *m/z*: (M + H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 497.29166, found 497.2917.

*N*-Cyclohexyl-7-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-2-(4-methoxyphenethyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**16**, 90% Yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.04 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.13–7.09 (m, 2H), 6.85–6.81 (m, 2H), 6.65 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 1H), 3.02 (dtd, *J* = 11.8, 5.9, 1.7 Hz, 4H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.81–1.66 (m, 5H), 1.27–1.09 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.68, 158.53, 157.89, 141.21, 139.34, 134.13, 129.47, 125.36, 122.62, 116.37, 115.31, 113.81, 112.15, 57.20, 55.26, 34.91, 34.22, 30.21, 25.72, 24.83, 11.81, 11.01. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) *m/z*: (M + H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 445.26036, found 445.2605.

7-(3,5-Dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-*N*-isopropyl-2-(4-methoxyphenethyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**17**, 88% Yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.08–7.04 (m, 2H), 6.83–6.79 (m, 2H), 4.27–4.15 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 1H), 3.15 (q, *J* = 8.2, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.47, 158.35, 157.86, 137.33, 133.98, 132.14, 129.59, 126.49, 123.42, 116.40, 114.13, 113.52, 112.59, 55.32, 49.71, 38.68, 33.93, 27.25, 23.22, 12.12, 11.09. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) *m/z*: (M + H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 405.22907, found 405.2291.

*N*-Cyclohexyl-7-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-2-(4-ethoxyphenethyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**19**, 90% Yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.05 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.11–7.07 (m, 2H), 6.83–6.78 (m, 2H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (s, 1H), 3.07–2.97 (m, 4H), 2.74–2.62 (m, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.80–1.68 (m, 4H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.26–1.12 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.68, 158.51, 157.24, 141.16, 139.26, 133.95, 129.44, 125.41, 125.39, 122.62, 116.31, 115.29, 114.41, 112.18, 63.39, 57.19, 34.92, 34.20, 30.16, 25.71, 24.81, 14.88, 11.80, 11.00. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) *m/z*: (M + H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 459.27601, found 459.2760.

2-(3-Chloro-4-methoxyphenethyl)-*N*-cyclohexyl-7-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**23**, 90% Yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.05 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 1H), 3.08–2.97 (m, 4H), 2.66–2.52 (m, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.80–1.69 (m, 4H), 1.28–1.11 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.70, 158.50, 153.24, 141.27, 138.97, 135.23, 130.19, 127.75, 125.53, 122.64, 122.07, 116.37, 115.27, 112.23, 112.00, 57.24, 56.15, 34.47, 34.23, 29.74, 25.70, 24.81, 11.80, 11.00. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap) *m/z*: (M + H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl 479.22139, found 479.2216.

*N*-Cyclohexyl-7-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-2-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**25**, 89%



Yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.06 (dd,  $J = 7.0, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd,  $J = 1.7, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.11 (m, 2H), 6.86–6.81 (m, 2H), 6.66 (dd,  $J = 7.0, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 1H), 2.79 (q,  $J = 4.0, 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.76–2.70 (m, 2H), 2.67 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.11 (tt,  $J = 8.8, 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 1.84–1.71 (m, 4H), 1.24 (s, 2H), 1.20–1.14 (m, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.69, 158.54, 157.71, 141.17, 139.92, 134.13, 129.37, 125.31, 124.95, 122.53, 116.39, 115.33, 113.70, 112.20, 57.21, 55.26, 34.57, 34.22, 30.94, 26.46, 25.74, 24.85, 11.78, 10.99. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : (M + H) $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$  459.27601, found 459.2761.

7-(3,5-Dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-2-(4-methoxyphenethyl)-N-(2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**26**, 91% Yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.18 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.11–7.07 (m, 2H), 6.85–6.80 (m, 2H), 6.65 (dd,  $J = 7.1, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.04 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.46–2.35 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.32–2.20 (m, 1H), 1.25 (s, 2H), 1.14 (s, 6H), 1.08 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.74, 158.50, 157.87, 134.08, 129.43, 123.83, 123.51, 116.11, 115.20, 113.82, 111.92, 59.50, 56.77, 55.21, 34.92, 31.93, 31.86, 31.77, 30.73, 29.23, 24.85, 11.85, 11.04. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : (M + H) $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$  475.30732, found 475.3073.

7-(3,5-Dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-2-(4-ethoxyphenethyl)-N-(2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**27**, 90% Yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.17 (dd,  $J = 7.1, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd,  $J = 1.7, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.03 (m, 2H), 6.86–6.77 (m, 2H), 6.65 (dd,  $J = 7.1, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.01 (q,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H), 3.49 (s, 1H), 3.03 (s, 4H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 2H), 1.41 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.13 (s, 6H), 1.07 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.75, 158.53, 157.26, 141.77, 133.95, 129.43, 123.87, 123.53, 116.13, 115.22, 114.42, 111.91, 63.36, 59.51, 56.78, 34.96, 31.94, 31.79, 30.77, 29.24, 14.90, 11.86, 11.05. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : (M + H) $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{40}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$  489.32297, found 489.3228.

7-(3,5-Dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-2-(4-isopropoxyphenethyl)-N-(2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**28**, 89% Yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.17 (dd,  $J = 7.0, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd,  $J = 1.7, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.08–7.04 (m, 2H), 6.82–6.78 (m, 2H), 6.65 (dd,  $J = 7.1, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.50 (p,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.49 (s, 1H), 3.03 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 4H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 2H), 1.33 (d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 6H), 1.13 (s, 6H), 1.07 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.74, 158.52, 156.16, 141.79, 141.27, 133.91, 129.44, 125.77, 123.85, 123.52, 116.12, 115.82, 115.23, 111.89, 75.00, 69.80, 59.49, 56.79, 34.96, 31.94, 31.77, 30.70, 29.21, 24.86, 22.10, 11.85, 11.04. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : (M + H) $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{42}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$  503.33862, found 503.3388.

2-(3-Chloro-4-ethoxyphenethyl)-N-cyclohexyl-7-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**29**, 91% Yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.05 (dd,  $J = 7.1, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd,  $J = 1.7, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd,  $J = 7.0, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.08 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.49 (s, 1H), 3.07–2.96 (m, 4H), 2.53 (d,  $J = 14.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.82–1.69 (m, 4H), 1.45 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.32–1.04 (m, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.71, 158.52, 152.70, 141.28, 139.04, 135.15, 130.19, 127.68, 125.50, 125.31, 122.65, 122.57, 116.40, 115.30, 113.44, 112.23, 64.80, 57.25, 34.54, 34.25, 29.78, 25.73, 24.83, 14.77, 11.82, 11.02. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : (M + H) $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{Cl}$  493.23704, found 493.2371.

2-(3-(3-Chloro-4-methoxyphenyl)propyl)-N-cyclohexyl-7-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**30**, 90% Yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.07 (dd,  $J = 7.0, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd,  $J = 7.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 1H), 2.74 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.45–2.40 (m, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.11 (q,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 1.46–1.25 (m, 4H), 1.23–1.14 (m, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.68, 158.53, 153.08, 141.23, 139.82, 135.33, 130.19, 127.61, 125.34, 124.91, 122.54, 122.03, 116.44, 115.33, 112.22, 111.98, 106.09, 57.19, 56.19, 34.37, 34.27, 30.75, 26.46, 25.74, 24.86, 11.79, 10.99. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : (M + H) $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{Cl}$  493.23704, found 493.2370.

2-(3-Chloro-4-ethoxyphenethyl)-7-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-N-(2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**31**, 91% Yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.18 (dd,  $J = 7.1, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd,  $J = 1.6, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.65 (dd,  $J = 7.1, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.08 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.35 (s, 1H), 3.03 (s, 4H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.46–2.36 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 2H), 1.46 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.14 (s, 6H), 1.09 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.74, 158.51, 152.69, 141.88, 141.04, 135.13, 130.16, 127.60, 125.83, 123.79, 123.52, 122.58, 116.20, 115.22, 113.41, 111.93, 64.76, 59.56, 56.82, 34.58, 31.94, 31.80, 30.41, 29.26, 14.77, 11.85, 11.04. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : (M + H) $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{40}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{Cl}$  524.29182, found 524.2918.

2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenethyl)-7-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-N-isopropylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**33**, 92% Yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.06 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 6.78 (q,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d,  $J = 11.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.22 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 1H), 3.18 (h,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.48–1.37 (m, 2H), 1.06 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.75, 165.70, 158.49, 148.73, 147.29, 141.27, 139.51, 134.63, 130.88, 128.78, 125.56, 122.61, 120.25, 116.32, 111.96, 111.20, 55.95, 55.71, 49.62, 38.70, 30.34, 28.91, 23.45, 14.06, 10.96. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : (M + H) $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$  435.23964, found 435.2397.

7-(3,5-Dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-2-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propyl)-N-(2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-amine (**34**, 91% Yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.23 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.10 (s, 2H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 1H), 2.76 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 6.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.15 (p,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.61 (s, 2H), 1.11 (s, 6H), 1.08 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.76, 165.96, 157.73, 134.21, 133.85, 132.42, 130.89, 129.48, 129.37, 128.79, 123.51, 113.72, 67.75, 59.68, 56.77, 38.88, 38.70, 31.92, 31.78, 30.56, 29.14, 23.97, 22.97, 14.07, 11.10. HRMS (ESI-Orbitrap)  $m/z$ : (M + H) $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{40}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$  489.32297, found 489.3229.

**BRD4 AlphaScreen Assay.** BRD4 (BD1) assays were performed with minimal modifications from the manufacturer's protocol (PerkinElmer). All reagents were diluted in 50 mM 4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazineethanesulfonic acid (HEPES), 150 mM NaCl, 0.1% w/v bovine serum albumin (BSA), 0.01% w/v Tween-20, pH 7.5 and allowed to equilibrate to room temperature prior to addition to plates. After the addition of  $\alpha$  beads to master solutions, all subsequent steps were performed under low light conditions. A 2 $\times$  solution of components with final concentrations of His-BRD4 at 40 nM, Ni-coated acceptor beads at 25  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ , and 20 nM biotinylated JQ1(S) was added in 10  $\mu\text{L}$  to 384-well plates (AlphaPlate-384, PerkinElmer). Plates were spun down at 150g, after which 100 nL of the compound in DMSO from stock plates was added by pin-transfer using a Janus workstation (PerkinElmer). The streptavidin-coated donor beads (25  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  final) were added in the same manner as the previous solution, in a 2 $\times$  solution of 10  $\mu\text{L}$  volume. Following this addition, plates were sealed with foil to prevent light exposure and evaporation. The plates were spun down again at 150g. Plates were incubated at room temperature for 1 h and then read on an Envision 2104 (PerkinElmer) using the manufacturer's protocol.

**BRD4(1) and CBP AlphaScreen Assays.** Assays were performed with minor modifications from the manufacturer's protocol (PerkinElmer). All reagents were diluted in an AlphaScreen buffer (50 mM HEPES, 150 mM NaCl, 0.01% v/v Tween-20, 0.1% w/v BSA, pH 7.4). After addition of  $\alpha$  beads to master solutions, all subsequent steps were performed under low light conditions. A 2 $\times$  solution of components with final concentrations of His-BRD4(1) at 20 nM or His-CBP at 50 nM, Ni-coated acceptor bead at 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ , biotinylated-JQ at 10 nM or biotinylated peptide at 100 nM or Compound C at 10 nM was added in 10  $\mu\text{L}$  to 384-well plates (AlphaPlate-384, PerkinElmer) using an EL406 liquid handler (Biotek). Plates were spun down at 1000 rpm. A 10-point  $1:\sqrt{\text{10}}$  serial dilution of compounds in DMSO was prepared at 200 $\times$  the final concentration. Then, 100 nL of the compound from these stock plates was added by pin-transfer using a Janus workstation (PerkinElmer). A 2 $\times$  solution of streptavidin-coated

donor beads with a final concentration of 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  was added in a 10  $\mu\text{L}$  volume. The plates were spun down again at 1000 rpm and sealed with foil to prevent light exposure and evaporation. The plates were then incubated at room temperature for 1 h and read on an Envision 2104 (PerkinElmer) using the manufacturer's protocol. IC<sub>50</sub> values were calculated using a four-parameter logistic curve in Prism 6 (GraphPad Software) after normalization to DMSO-treated negative control wells.

The profiling data and the  $K_d$  data are generated by Eurofins using BromoMAX<sup>SM</sup> and BromoKdELECT<sup>SM</sup> services.

**Molecular Docking Experiments.** All steps for the docking experiments in this study were performed using the Schrödinger 2018-3 suite (Small-Molecule Drug Discovery Suite 2018-3: Maestro, Schrödinger, LLC, New York, NY, 2018). CBP (PDB ID: 4NR7) and BRD4 (PDB ID: SBT4) were first processed to extract individual protein chains and remove the cocrystallized ligand using the *split\_structures.py* command lines while keeping all crystal waters. Both structures were processed using the protein prep wizard command line.<sup>29,30</sup> This step adds hydrogen atoms, assigns bond orders using CCD, caps termini, assigns protonation states using PROPKA with pH of 7, optimizes hydrogen bonds, and runs a restrained minimization of the full protein. The receptor grids were then generated for a 25 Å × 25 Å × 25 Å outer box and a 15 Å × 15 Å × 15 Å inner box centered at the centroid of pocket residues 6 Å away from the protein's respective cocrystallized ligand. CBP's pocket includes residues 1106, 1109–1111, 1113, 1115, 1120, 1122, 1125, 1164, 1167, 1168, 1173, 1174, and 1177, and BRD4's pocket includes residues 79–89, 91, 92, 94, 97, 101, 105, 106, 132, 133, 135–140, 144, 145–147, 149, and 150. Smiles strings of compounds 3, 4, 7, 16, 23, and CBP30 were generated using the BindingDB<sup>39</sup> molecular drawing tool. All molecules were converted to mae files using the *structconvert* command and processed using the *ligprep* command to add explicit hydrogen atoms using the Schrödinger 2018-3 suite. All generated ligands were docked into the pockets of both receptors using Glide with extra-precision docking and default parameters to generate 10 poses for each ligand–receptor complex. The top poses from each ligand were selected for analysis. The PDBs were chosen because their cocrystallized ligands were from the same chemical series, and the top poses resulted in very similar binding modes of the shared chemical moiety. As mentioned in the Methods section, PDB codes 4NR7 and SBT4 were used for CBP and BRD4, respectively. We also added the PDB codes to the figure legends for further clarity. Figure 6 shows molecular graphics of the cocrystallized PDBs 4NR7 and SBT4.

**Protein Expression and Purification.** The expression plasmid for CBP BRD was purchased from Addgene (#38977) and transformed into *Escherichia coli* BL21 (DE3)-RIL cells, grown at 37 °C in an LB medium (Fisher Scientific) containing carbenicillin and chloramphenicol. At OD<sub>600</sub> of 0.6, the culture was cooled down to 18 °C and induced with 0.1 mM IPTG. After 18 h growth, the culture was harvested by centrifugation at 6000g for 25 min and stored at –80 °C. Harvested cell pellets were resuspended in 50 mM Na/K phosphate buffer (pH 7.4) containing 100 mM NaCl, 40 mM imidazole, 0.01% w/v lysozyme, and 0.01% v/v Triton X-100 at 4 °C for 1 h, subjected to sonication, and the lysate was clarified by centrifugation (30 000g for 45 min at 4 °C). CBP BRD was purified by FPLC at 4 °C using columns and chromatography materials from GE Healthcare. The lysate was subjected to an immobilized Ni<sup>2+</sup> affinity chromatography column equilibrated with 50 mM Na/K phosphate buffer (pH 7.4) containing 100 mM NaCl and 40 mM imidazole using a gradient from 40 to 500 mM imidazole. Fractions containing the target protein were combined and incubated overnight with TEV protease at 4 °C, and the cleaved His6-tag was removed by a second Ni<sup>2+</sup> affinity column. CBP was purified to homogeneity by size-exclusion chromatography using Superdex 75 in elution buffer 50 mM HEPES/100 mM NaCl/1 mM DTT (pH 7.5). CBP BRD eluted as a monomer and was of crystallization-grade quality (>95% purity as determined by sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, SDS-PAGE). Protein was concentrated to 11 mg/mL; aliquots were flash-frozen in liquid N<sub>2</sub> and stored at –80 °C.

**Crystallization and X-ray Crystallography.** Crystallization experiments were performed at 19 °C. Purified cleaved CBP BRD was subjected to screening campaigns across different precipitants using a mosquito crystallization robot (TP Labtech) in 96-well sitting drop iQ plates. CBP (10 mg/mL) was incubated with 2 mM UMB289 and 5% DMSO on ice for 30 min prior to addition of the precipitant in ratios 1:2, 1:1, and 2:1 per condition. X-ray-grade crystals grew from 0.1 M Bis-Tris pH 5.5, 25% w/v poly(ethylene glycol) 3,350. For data collection, crystals were cryoprotected using a precipitant supplemented with 25% ethylene glycol and flash-frozen in liquid nitrogen. X-ray diffraction data were collected at –180 °C using beamline GMCA 23ID-D of the Advanced Photon Source at Argonne National Laboratories. Data were reduced and scaled with XDS.<sup>40</sup> PHASER<sup>41</sup> was employed for molecular replacement using PDB entry 4NR7 as the search model. Refinement was carried out with PHENIX,<sup>41</sup> and model building was performed with Coot.<sup>42</sup> The initial inhibitor model was generated with ligand restraints from eLBOW of the PHENIX suite. Figures were prepared using PyMOL (Schrödinger). Data collection and refinement statistics are shown in Supporting Information Table S2. The coordinates and structure factors of the CBP–UMB298 (compound 23) complex have been deposited in the PDB (accession code 7KPY).

**Western Blots.** MOLM13 cells were seeded in 6-well plates at 1 × 10<sup>6</sup> cells/well and treated with DMSO, 3.0  $\mu\text{M}$  CBP30, or 3.0  $\mu\text{M}$  compound 23 for 2 h. Total protein was extracted from cells using the RIPA buffer (Abcam) supplemented with the Halt Protease Inhibitor Cocktail (Millipore-Sigma). Samples were loaded to Invitrogen Bolt Bis-Tris Plus gels (ThermoFisher Scientific) and transferred to Invitrolon PVDF membranes (ThermoFisher Scientific) using the Invitrogen Bolt wet-gel Transfer Device. Immunodetection was performed with standard techniques. The following primary and secondary antibodies were used: anti-MYC,  $\beta$ -actin, H3 (Cell Signaling Technology), anti-H3K27ac (abcam), and IRDye secondary antibodies at the concentration recommended by the manufacturer.

**Real-Time qPCR.** Cells were treated with DMSO, 3.0  $\mu\text{M}$  CBP30, or 3.0  $\mu\text{M}$  compound 23 for 2 h, and total RNA was isolated using the RNeasy kit (Qiagen). Three biological replicates were performed for each condition. cDNA was synthesized using the Tetro cDNA synthesis kit (Thomas Scientific), and real-time qPCR was performed using the PowerUp SYBR Green Master Mix (Life Technologies) on Applied Biosystems Viia 7 Real-Time PCR System (Applied Biosystems). The following primers were utilized: MYC.F 5' G G C T C C T G G C A A A A G G T C A, MYC.R 5' C T G C G T A G T T G T G C T G A T G T, GAPDH.F 5' C T G G G C T A C A C T G A G C A C C, and GAPDH.R 5' A A G T G G T C G T T G A G G G C A A T G. Reactions were carried out in triplicate, and expression levels were normalized to GAPDH.

**Cell Viability.** Cells were seeded in 384-well plates (ThermoFisher Scientific) at 500 cells/well, and transfer of serial prediluted compounds (100 nL) was performed using a Janus workstation (PerkinElmer). The CellTiter-Glo Luminescent cell viability assay was used to determine the cell viability. Luminescent signals were read on 2104 EnVision Multilabel Plate Readers (PerkinElmer) after a 5 day incubation. Data were normalized to the DMSO control, and the IC<sub>50</sub> values were determined via the nonlinear regression curve fit using GraphPad Prism 9.

**Statistical Analysis.** Prism 9 software was used to process the data. Student's *t*-test was applied to compare compound-induced changes to respective controls. A *P* value of less than 0.05 was chosen as a threshold for statistical significance.

## ■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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Molecular formula strings (CSV)

BromoSCAN, differential scanning fluorometry (DSF), and cellular activity data of compounds 7, 16, and 23;



crystallographic data collection and refinement statistics of compound **23**;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of representative compounds; and HPLC traces of compounds **7**, **16**, and **23** (PDF)

Homology (docking) models of BRD4\_5BT4\_Cpd7 (UMB276) (PDB)

Homology (docking) models of BRD4\_5BT4\_Cpd-16 (UMB295) (PDB)

Homology (docking) models of BRD4\_5BT4\_Cpd-23 (UMB298) (PDB)

Homology (docking) models of CBP\_4NR7\_Cpd-3 (UMB274) (PDB)

Homology (docking) models of CBP\_4NR7\_Cpd-4 (UMB278) (PDB)

Homology (docking) models of CBP\_4NR7\_Cpd-7 (UMB276) (PDB)

Homology (docking) models of CBP\_4NR7\_Cpd-16 (UMB295) (PDB)

Homology (docking) models of CBP\_4NR7\_Cpd-23 (UMB298) (PDB)

Cocrystallographic data of compound **23** (UMB298) (PDB)

#### Accession Codes

The PDB accession code for the cocrystal structure of the CBP bromodomain liganded with compound **23** (UMB298) is 7KPY. Authors will release the atomic coordinates upon article publication.

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BET, bromodomain and extraterminal domain; BRD4, bromodomain 4; CREBBP or CBP, cyclic AMP response element binding protein; DSF, differential scanning fluorometry; EP300 or P300, E1A binding protein P300; MCR, multicomponent reaction; SAR, structure–activity relationship; SGC, structural genomics consortium

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