Supporting Information

Title: Unexpected enhancement of HDACs inhibition by MeS substitution at C-2 position of fluoro largazole

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Experimental Section

General Methods. The chemicals and reagents were purchased from Acros, Alfa Aesar, and National Chemical Reagent Group Co. Ltd., P. R. China, and used without further purification. Anhydrous solvents (THF, MeOH, DMF, CH₂Cl₂, and CH₃CN) used in the reactions were dried and freshly distilled before use. All the reactions were carried out under Ar atmosphere, otherwise stated else. The progress of the reactions was monitored by TLC (silica-coated glass plates) and visualized under UV light, and by using iodine or phosphomolybdic acid. Melting points were measured on a SGW X-4 microscopy melting point apparatus without correction. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded either on a 400 MHz Varian Instrument at 25 °C or 600 MHz Bruke Instrument at 25 °C, using TMS as an internal standard, respectively. Multiplicity is tabulated as s for singlet, d for doublet, dd for doublet of doublet, t for triplet, and m for multiplet. HRMS spectra were recorded on Finnigan-Mat-95 mass spectrometer, equipped with ESI source.

(S,Z)-1-((R)-4-benzyl-2-thioxothiazolidin-3-yl)-4-fluoro-3-hydroxy-7-(tritylthio)hept-4-en-1-one (8).

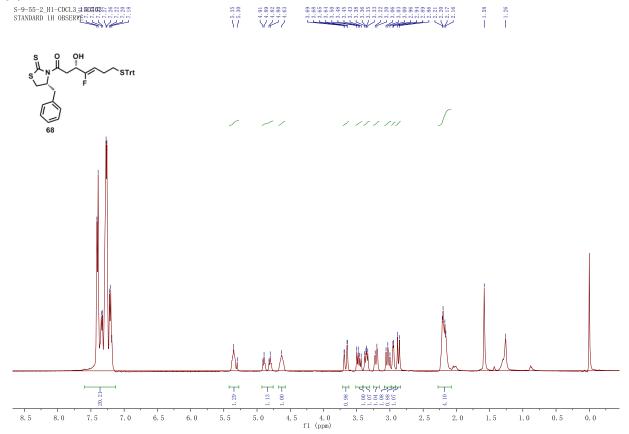


Figure S1. ¹H spectra of compound 8

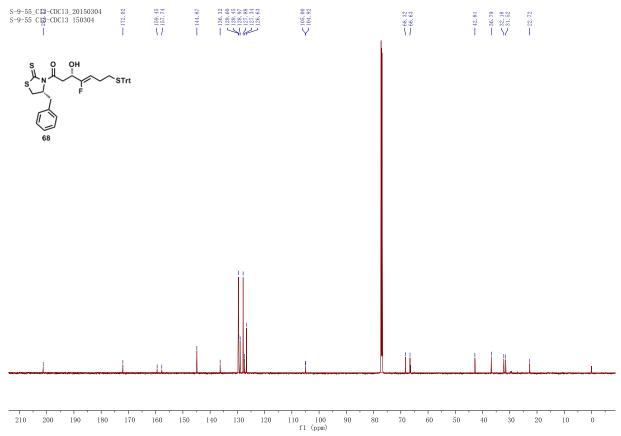


Figure S2. ¹³C spectra of compound **8**

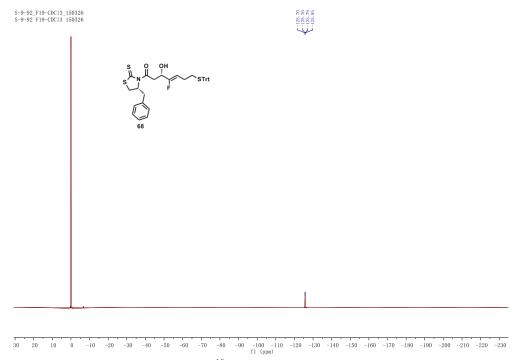


Figure S3. ¹⁹F spectra of compound **8**

(R)-2'-(((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)methyl)-4-methyl-4,5-dihydro-[2,4'-bithiazole]-4-carboxylic acid (11)

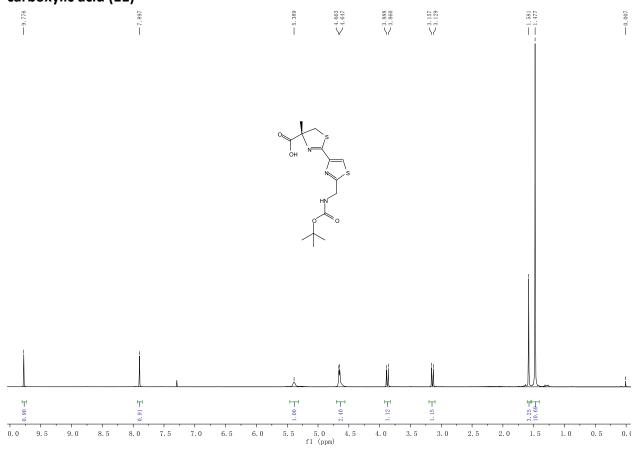


Figure S4. ¹H spectra of compound **11**

2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyl (S,Z)-4-fluoro-3-hydroxy-7-(tritylthio)hept-4-enoate (9)

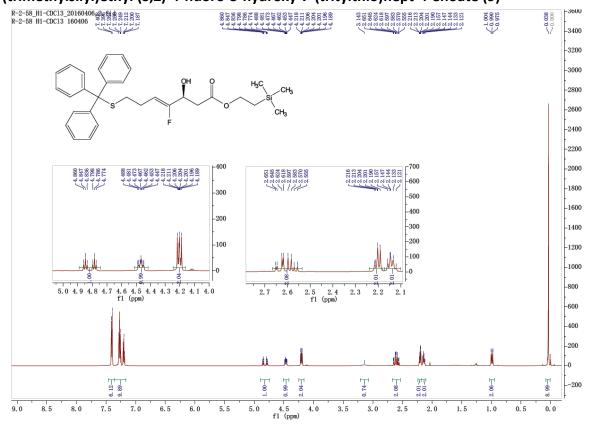


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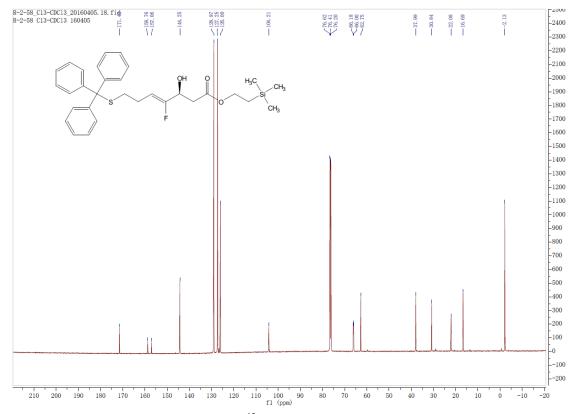


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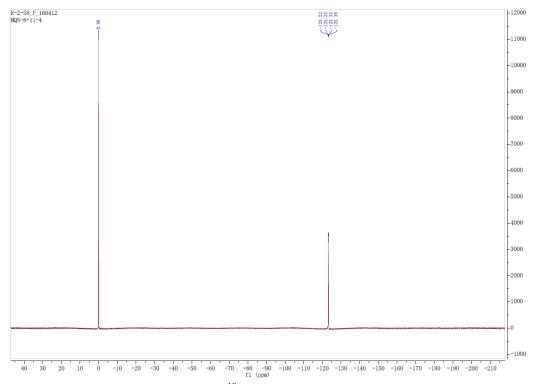


Figure S7. ¹⁹F spectra of compound **9**

2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyl (S,Z)-3-((N-(((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)-S-methyl-L-cysteinyl)oxy)-4-fluoro-7-(tritylthio)hept-4-enoate (10c).

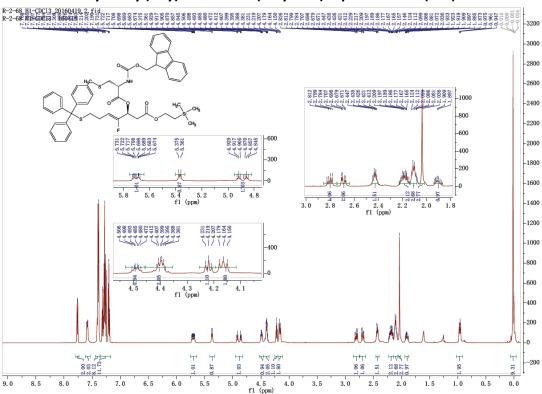


Figure S8. ¹H spectra of compound 10c

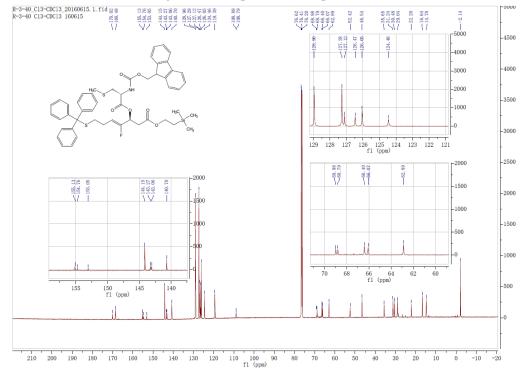


Figure S9. 13 C spectra of compound 10c

 $2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyl\ (S,Z)-3-((N-((R)-2'-(((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)methyl)-4-methyl-4,5-dihydro-[2,4'-bithiazole]-4-carbonyl)-S-methyl-L-cysteinyl)oxy)-4-fluoro-7-(tritylthio)hept-4-enoate\ \textbf{(12c)}$

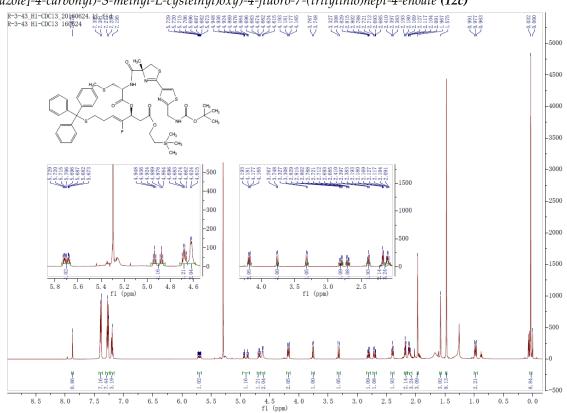


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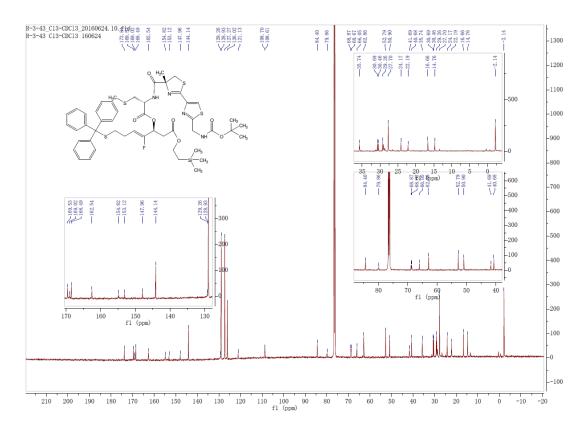


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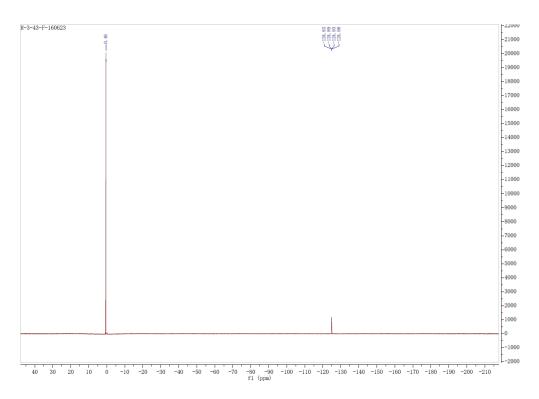


Figure S12. ¹⁹F spectra of compound **12c**

 $2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyl (S,Z)-3-((((R)-2'-(((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)methyl)-4-methyl-4,5-dihydro-[2,4'-bithiazole]-4-carbonyl)glycyl)oxy)-4-fluoro-7-(tritylthio)hept-4-enoate ({\it 12d})$

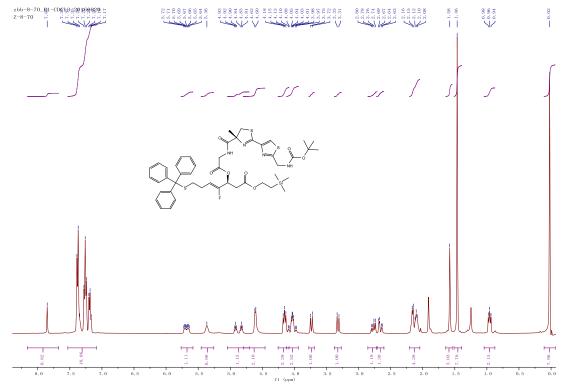
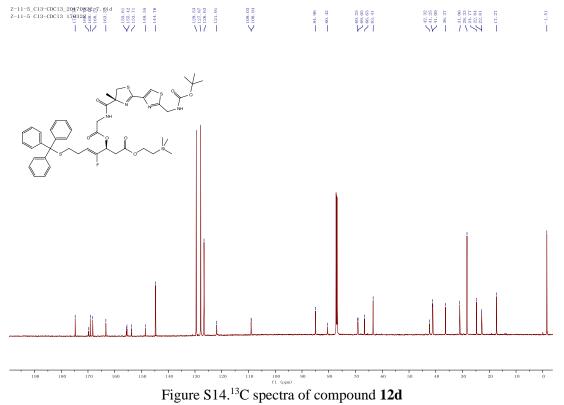


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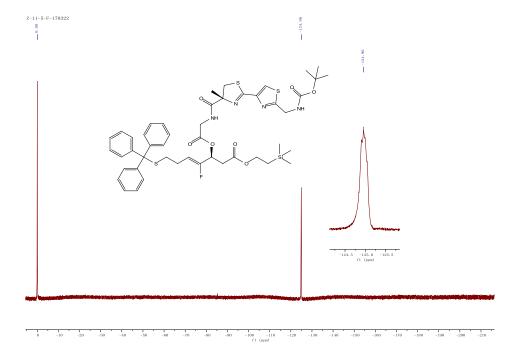


Figure S15. ¹⁹F spectra of compound **12d**

 $(1^2Z, 2^2Z, 2^4R, 5R, 8S)-8-((Z)-1-fluoro-4-(tritylthio)but-1-en-1-yl)-2^4-methyl-5-((methylthio)methyl)-2^4, 2^5-dihydro-7-oxa-4, 11-diaza-1(4, 2), 2(2, 4)-dithiazolacyclododecaphane-3, 6, 10-trione ($ **14c**).

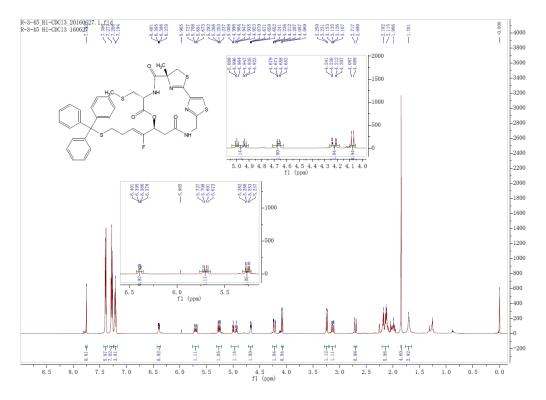


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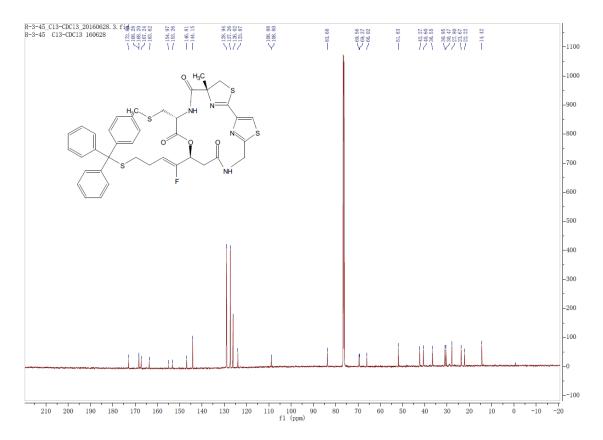


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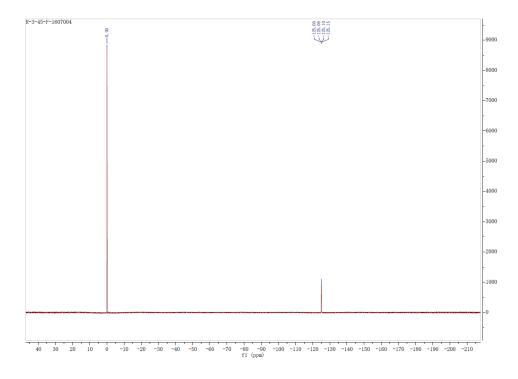


Figure S18. ¹⁹F spectra of compound **14c**

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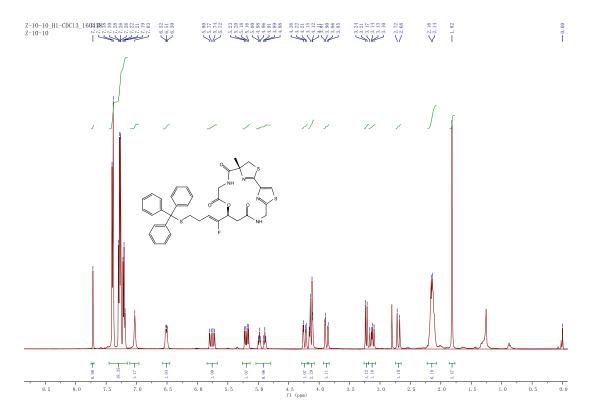
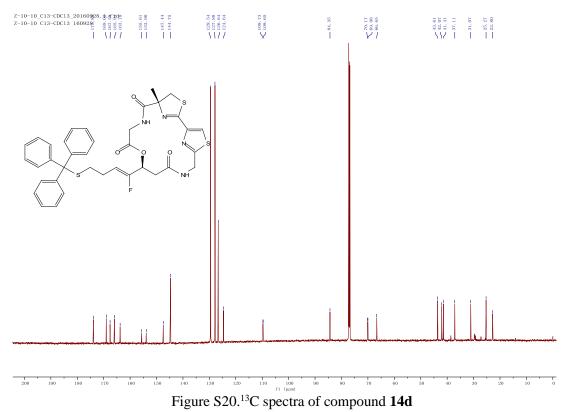
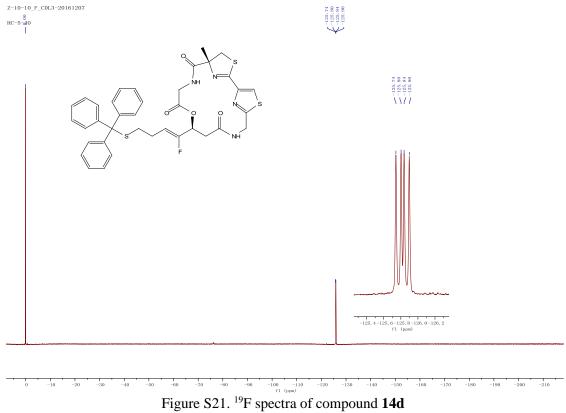


Figure S19. ¹H spectra of compound **14d**





 $(1^2Z,2^2Z,2^4R,8S)-8-((Z)-1-fluoro-4-mercaptobut-1-en-1-yl)-2^4-methyl-5-((methylthio)methyl)-2^4,2^5-dihydro-7-oxa-4,11-diaza-1(4,2),2(2,4)-dithiazolacyclododecaphane-3,6,10-trione (\mathbf{15c}).$

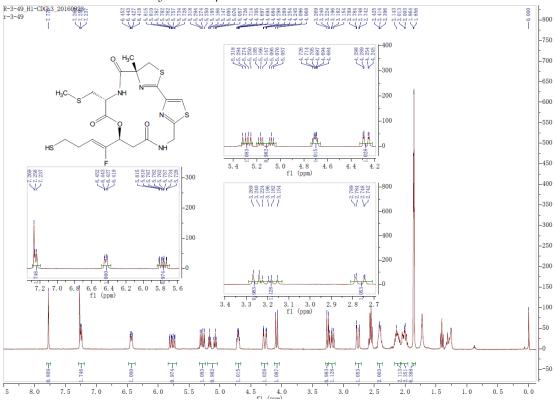


Figure S22. ¹H spectra of compound **15c**

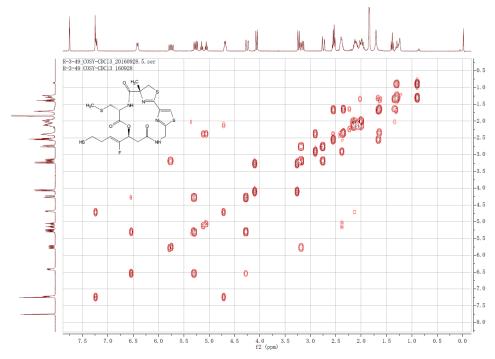


Figure S23. COSY spectra of compound 15c

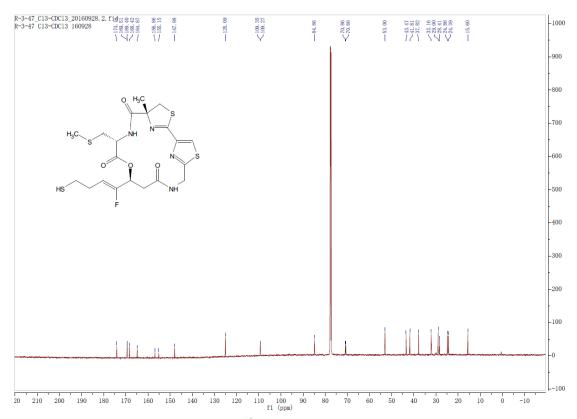
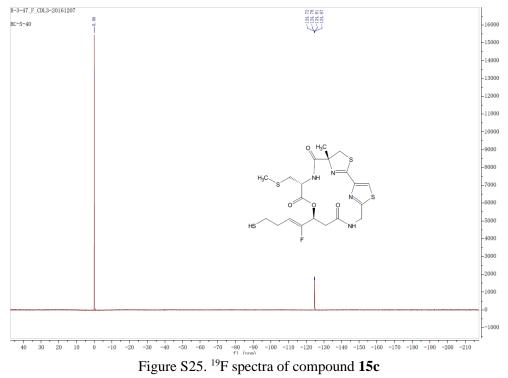


Figure S24. ¹³C spectra of compound **15c**



 $S-((Z)-4-fluoro-4-((1^2Z,2^2Z,2^4R,5R,8S)-2^4-methyl-5-((methylthio)methyl)-3,6,10-trioxo-2^4,2^5-dihydro-7-oxa-4,11-diaza-1(4,2),2(2,4)-dithiazolacyclododecaphane-8-yl)but-3-en-1-yl)\ octanethioate\ (\textbf{16c}).$

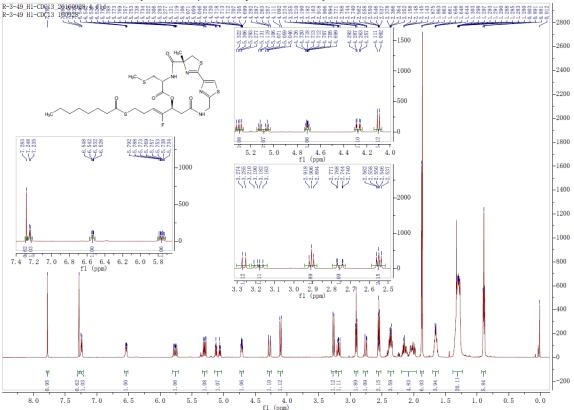


Figure S26. ¹H spectra of compound **16c**

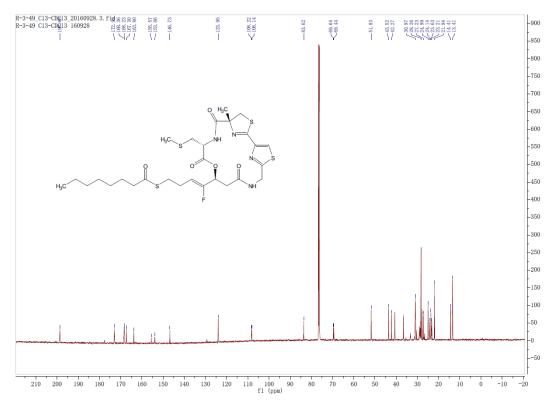


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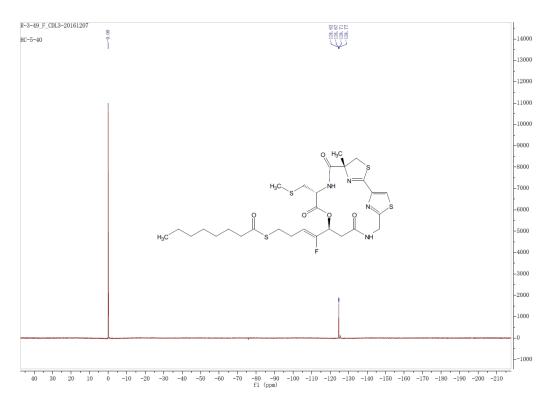


Figure S28. ¹⁹F spectra of compound **16c**

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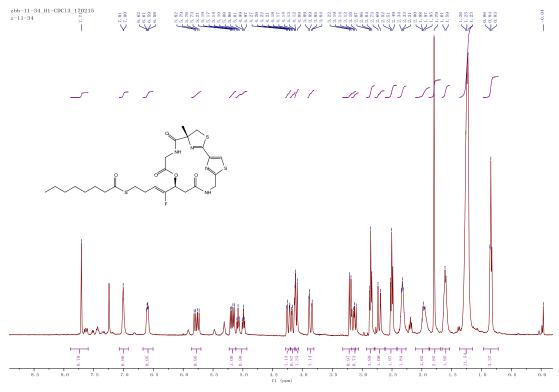
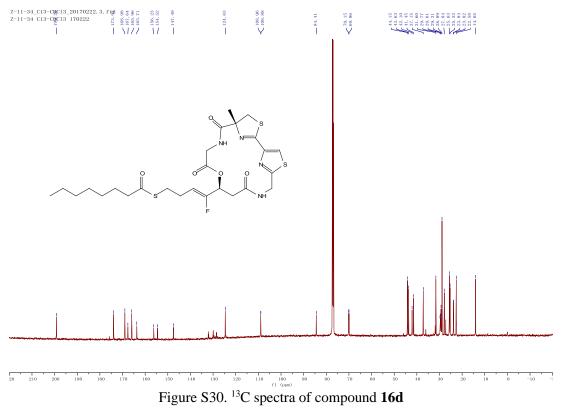
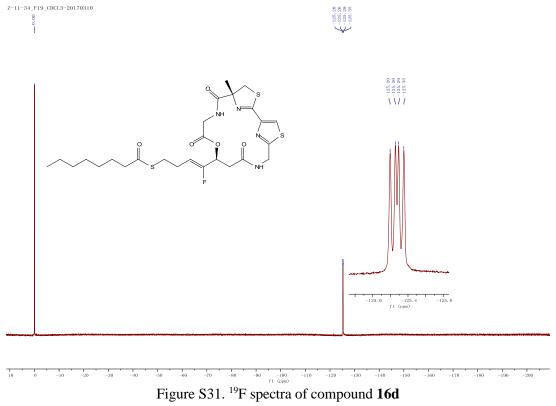
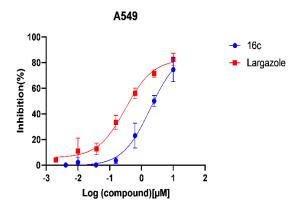


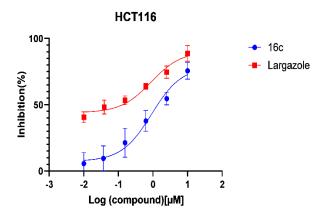
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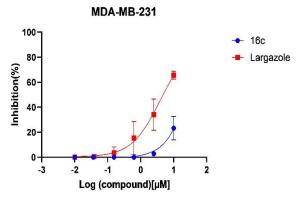




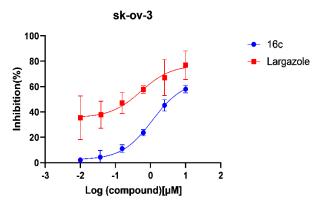
 $Figure\ S32.$ The concentration-response curves of Largazole and 16c in the growth inhibition of A549 cells.



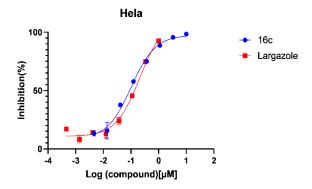
 $Figure\ S33$. The concentration-response curves of Largazole and 16c in the growth inhibition of HCT116 cells.



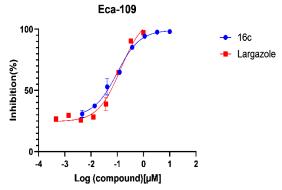
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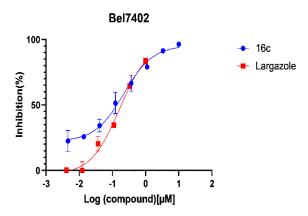
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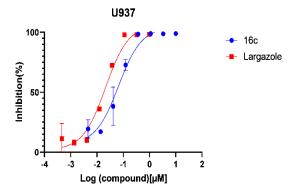
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 ${\bf Figure~S37.~The~concentration-response~curves~of~Largazole~and~16c~in~the~growth~inhibition~of~Eca-109~cells}$



 ${\bf Figure~S38.~The~concentration-response~curves~of~Largazole~and~16c~in~the~growth~inhibition~of~Bel7402~cells}$



 ${\bf Figure~S39.~The~concentration-response~curves~of~Largazole~and~16c~in~the~growth~inhibition~of~U973~cells}$

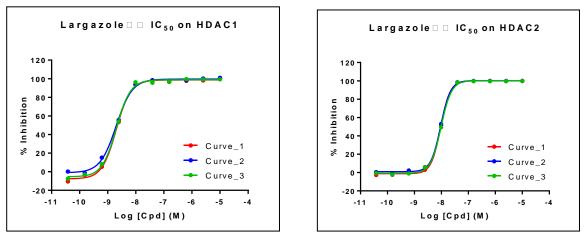


Figure S40. The concentration-response curves of largazole thiol in HDAC1-2 assays (Note: Largazole thiol has been named as Largazole $\Box\Box$ in the figures.)

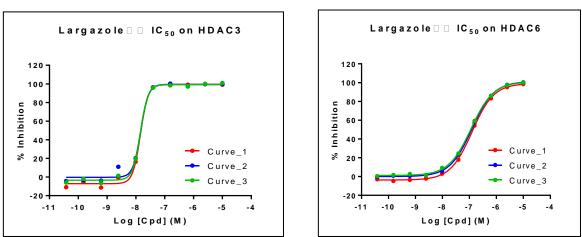


Figure S41. The concentration-response curves of largazole thiol in HDAC3 and HDAC6 assays (Note: Largazole thiol has been named as Largazole □□ in the figures.)

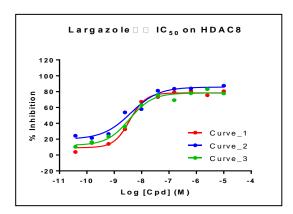


Figure S42. The concentration-response curves of largazole thiol in HDAC8 assays (Note: Largazole thiol has been named as Largazole □□ in the figure.)

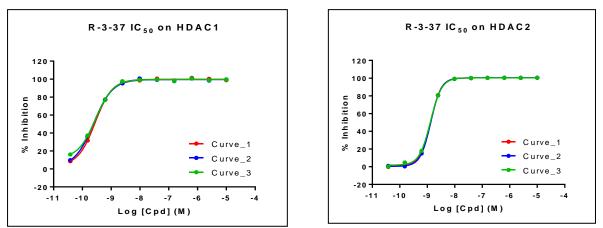


Figure S43. The concentration-response curves of 15c in HDAC1-2 assays (Note: 15c has been named as R-3-37 in the figures.)

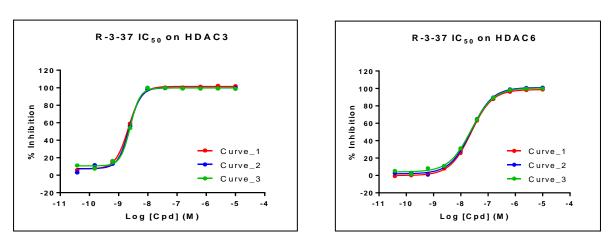


Figure S44. The concentration-response curves of 15c in HDAC3 and HDAC6 assays (Note: 15c has been named as R-3-37 in the figures.)

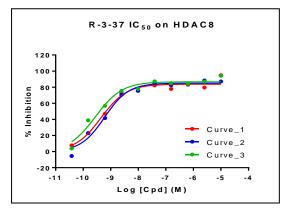


Figure S45. The concentration-response curves of 15c in HDAC8 assays (Note: 15c has been named as R-3-37 in the figure.)