

Structure-Activity Relationship Study of Unnatural *cis*-Isomer of Belactosin A,
a Potent Proteasome Inhibitor

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Proteasome is a multicatalytic proteinase complex which works on the turnover of large portion of intracellular proteins. In 2003, for the first time as a proteasome inhibitor, bortezomib was approved by FDA for the treatment of patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma, and many proteasome inhibitors have been studied as potent anti-cancer drug candidates so far.

Belactosin A is a natural product isolated from *Streptomyces Sp.* [1] which has anti-proliferative activity in human cancer cell lines due to the proteasome inhibition [2]. Previously, we synthesized stereo- and regioisomers of Belactosin A and found that *cis*-isomer **1** of belactosin A has somewhat greater proteasome inhibitory activity than belactosin A itself [3] and their synthetic precursors **2**, having hydrophobic substituents, are much more potent [4]. (Fig. 1)

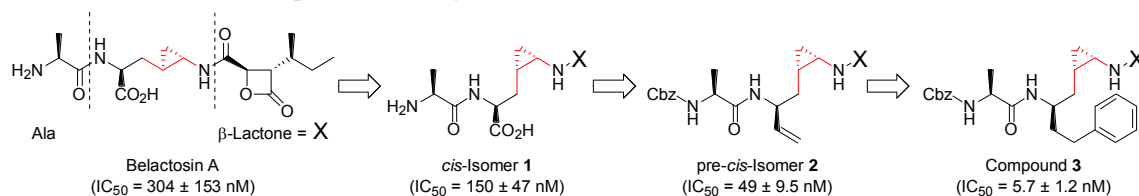


Figure 1. Structure of belactosin A and its derivatives.

We have newly designed and synthesized a series of *cis*-belactosin A derivatives and found a highly potent proteasome inhibitor **3**, which inhibits the chymotrypsin-like activity of proteasome as strong as bortezomib (IC₅₀ = 4.5 nM). We will present the details of these results.

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