

Cathepsin L Inhibitors with Activity Against the Liver Fluke Identified From a Focus Library of Quinoxaline 1,4-di-N-Oxide Derivatives

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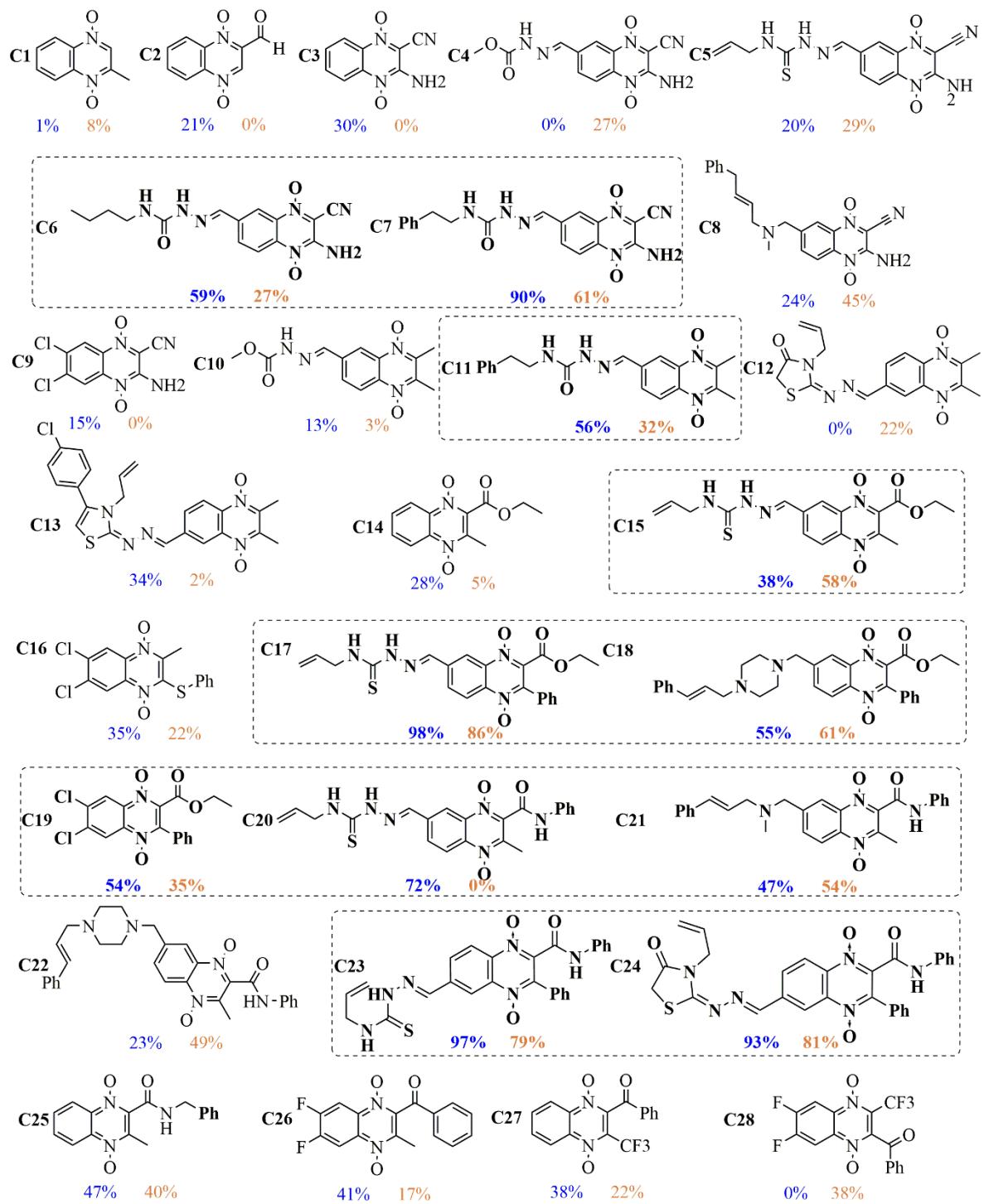


Figure S1. Structure of the 28 quinoxaline 1,4-di-*N*-oxide derivatives evaluated. In dashed boxes and bold are highlighted the eleven best inhibitor compounds. In blue and orange are shown the inhibition percentages for *FhCL1* and *FhCL3*, respectively, at a 10 μM concentration.

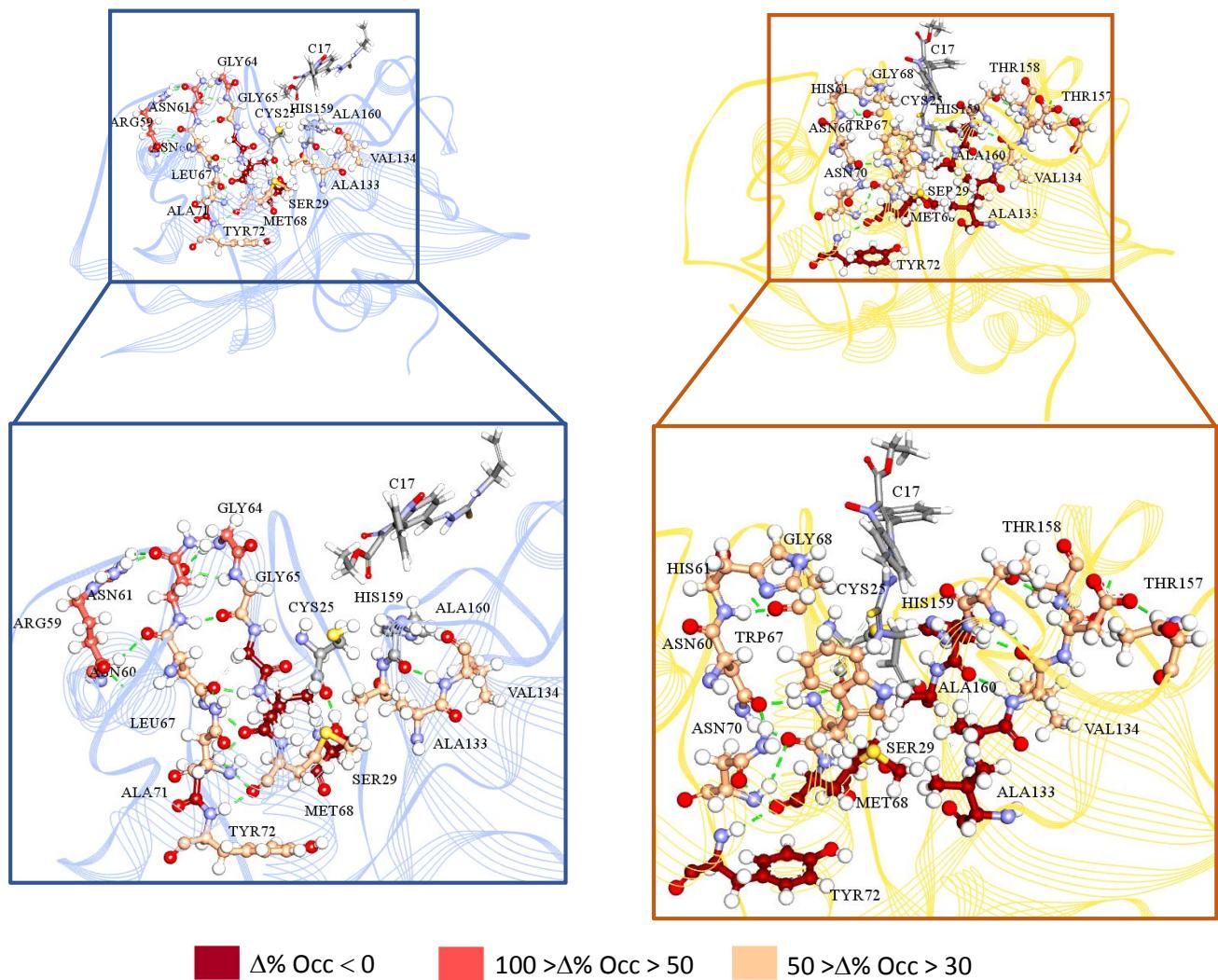


Figure S2. Hydrogen bonds varying in the presence or absence of **C17** bound to *FhCL1* (skyblue, left panel) and *FhCL3* (orange, right panel). Residues involved in hydrogen bonds (HB) are depicted in ball and sticks and coloured by ΔOcc (delta of occupancy) as indicated. ΔOcc is calculated with the formula $\Delta\text{Occ}=\text{Occ}_{\text{FhCL-C17}}-\text{Occ}_{\text{FhCL}}$. HB are represented by green dashed lines and the catalytic Cys-His dyad is coloured by atom while **C17** is depicted in sticks.