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## **Supporting Information**

## Functionalisation of Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> Derivatives with a Cobalt β-Phenyl Ligand Boosters Antimetabolite Activity in Bacteria

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# Figure S22 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 8, β-PhCbl (500 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O (presat), 298 K, 3.2 x 10<sup>-3</sup> M).

### **Reaction Schemes.**



Scheme S1. Synthesis of  $Co_\beta$ -cyanocobalamin-*c*,8-lactam (2).



Scheme S2. Synthesis of  $Co_{\beta}$ -aquacobalamin-*c*, 8-lactam acetate (3)



Scheme S3. Synthesis of  $Co_{\beta}$ -phenylcobalamin-*c*,8-lactam (4) and its side product  $Co_{\alpha}$ -phenylcobalamin-*c*,8-lactam (4a, not characterized).



Scheme S4. Synthesis of 10-bromo-Co<sub> $\beta$ </sub>-cyanocobalamin (5).



Scheme S5. Synthesis of 10-bromo- $Co_{\beta}$ -aquacobalamin tetrafluoroborate (6) from intermediate 10-Bromo- $Co_{\beta}$ -phenylethynylcobalamin (reported in ref<sup>[S4]</sup>).



Scheme S6. Synthesis of 10-bromo-Co<sub> $\beta$ </sub>-phenylcobalamin (7) from Co<sub> $\beta$ </sub>-phenylcobalamin (reported in ref<sup>[S3]</sup>).

### Atom Numbering.



Figure S1. Atom numbering of vitamin  $B_{12}$  (1) and its analogues. *Bottom*: Atom numbering of the *c*,8-lactam ring in derivatives 2 and 4, as well as nomenclature of the phenyl ligand of  $\beta$ -PhCbl, 4 and 7.

### NMR and optical Spectra.



Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 2 (500 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O (presat), 298 K, 4.1 x 10<sup>-3</sup> M).



Figure S3. UV/Vis spectrum of 2 (H<sub>2</sub>O,  $4.1 \times 10^{-5}$  M).



Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 3 (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 298 K,  $7.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$  M).



**Figure S5.** UV/Vis spectrum of **3** (H<sub>2</sub>O,  $c = 2.2 \cdot 10^{-5}$  M).



Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 4 (500 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O (presat), 298 K, 1.2 x 10<sup>-2</sup> M).



Figure S7. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 4 (126 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, 298 K, 1.2 x 10<sup>-2</sup> M).



Figure S8. DEPT 135-NMR spectrum of 4 (126 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, 298 K, 1.2 x 10<sup>-2</sup> M).



Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H<sup>-1</sup>H<sup>-</sup>DFQ-COSY spectrum of 4 (500 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, 298 K, 1024 x 2560 p, 12 scans, 1.2 x 10<sup>-2</sup> M).



Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H<sup>-1</sup>H<sup>-1</sup>NOESY spectrum of 4 (500 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, 298 K, 1024 x 1884 p, 16 scans, 1.2 x 10<sup>-2</sup> M).



Figure S11.  ${}^{1}H^{-13}C^{-}HSQC$  spectrum of 4 (500 MHz, 126 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O (presat), 298 K, 1024 x 5120 p, 18 scans,  $1.2 \times 10^{-2}$  M).

![](_page_11_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure S12. <sup>1</sup>H<sup>-13</sup>C<sup>-</sup>HMBC spectrum of 4 (500 MHz, 126 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, 298 K, 1024 x 3000 p, 12 scans, 1.2 x 10<sup>-2</sup> M).

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**Figure S13.** UV/Vis spectrum of **4** (H<sub>2</sub>O,  $3.9 \times 10^{-5}$  M).

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Figure S14. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 5 (500 MHz,  $D_2O$  (presat), 298 K, 4.9 x 10<sup>-3</sup> M).

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Figure S15. UV/Vis spectrum of 5 (H<sub>2</sub>O, 4.9 x  $10^{-5}$  M).

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**Figure S16.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **7** (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD (presat), 298 K, 8.7 x 10<sup>-3</sup> M).

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Figure S17. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 7 (126 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD (presat), 298 K, 8.7 x 10<sup>-3</sup> M).

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Figure S18. <sup>1</sup>H<sup>-13</sup>C<sup>-</sup>HSQC spectrum of 7 (500 MHz, 126 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 298 K, 1024 x 1024 p, 32 scans, 8.7 x 10<sup>-3</sup> M).

![](_page_14_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure S19. <sup>1</sup>H<sup>-13</sup>C<sup>-</sup>HMBC spectrum of 7 (500 MHz, 126 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 298 K, 1024 x 2341 p, 12 scans, 8.7 x 10<sup>-3</sup> M).

![](_page_15_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure S20. UV/Vis spectrum of 7 (H<sub>2</sub>O,  $3.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M).

![](_page_15_Figure_2.jpeg)

**Figure S21.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **8**, β-PhCbl (500 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O (presat), 298 K, 3.2 x 10<sup>-3</sup> M).

![](_page_16_Figure_0.jpeg)

**Figure S22.** UV/Vis spectrum of **8**,  $\beta$ -PhCbl (H<sub>2</sub>O, 6.3 x 10<sup>-5</sup> M).