A fragment-based approach was used to identify a unique series of LDHA inhibitors with good ligand efficiencies. Subsequent optimization delivered a novel lead series with LDHA cellular activity of 10 µM, selectivity against LDHB, and good physicochemical properties. The overall strategy of identification and optimization, lessons learned, and some guiding principles of the FBDD effort will be presented in the context of the discovery of a fragment-derived lead series for the inhibition of LDHA.

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