



**Figure 15.23.** Examples of TSA as NEP inhibitors.

sive response (106, 107). Several dual inhibitors are in phase III clinical trial for treating hypertension (Fig. 15.24). **Omapatrilat** (51, BMS-189921) is the furthest along as of late 2001 (105).

Matrix metalloproteases (**MMP**) are **also** inhibited by hydroxamic acids **and/or** thiols. Over 25 **variants** of these enzymes are known, and some are involved in diseases **ranging** from inflammation to metastatic cancer (108). **MMPs** contain a zinc ion in the active site and function through the metalloproteinases catalytic mechanism already discussed. However, subtle differences between enzymes enable selective inhibitors to be developed (109). Fig. 15.25 lists some of the reported MMP inhibitors that use carboxylic acid (52–53), a hydroxamic acid (54–55), or thiol groups (56) as metal chelators.

**Figure 15.24.** Examples of TSA as dual ACE/NEP inhibitors.

Other reported zinc binding chelators used in matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors are summarized in Fig. 15.26. For instance, one of the oxygens in the phosphonamide (57) binds strongly to the zinc ion, whereas the other one coordinates weakly with the metal (110). More recently, "suicide substrate" MMP inhibitors have appeared (58)(Fig. 15.26) (111). The **se-**