

## Dependence of Tumor Cell Lines and Patient-Derived Tumors on the NAD Salvage Pathway Renders Them Sensitive to *NAMPT* Inhibition with GNE-618<sup>1,2</sup>

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### Abstract

Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD) is a critical metabolite that is required for a range of cellular reactions. A key enzyme in the NAD salvage pathway is nicotinamide phosphoribosyl transferase (NAMPT), and here, we describe GNE-618, an NAMPT inhibitor that depletes NAD and induces cell death *in vitro* and *in vivo*. While cells proficient for nicotinic acid phosphoribosyl transferase (NAPRT1) can be protected from NAMPT inhibition as they convert nicotinic acid (NA) to NAD independent of the salvage pathway, this protection only occurs if NA is added before NAD depletion. We also demonstrate that tumor cells are unable to generate NAD by *de novo* synthesis as they lack expression of key enzymes in this pathway, thus providing a mechanistic rationale for the reliance of tumor cells on the NAD salvage pathway. Identifying tumors that are sensitive to NAMPT inhibition is one potential way to enhance the therapeutic effectiveness of an NAMPT inhibitor, and here, we show that NAMPT, but not NAPRT1, mRNA and protein levels inversely correlate with sensitivity to GNE-618 across a panel of 53 non-small cell lung carcinoma cell lines. Finally, we demonstrate that GNE-618 reduced tumor growth in a patient-derived model, which is thought to more closely represent heterogeneous primary patient tumors. Thus, we show that dependence of tumor cells on the NAD salvage pathway renders them sensitive to GNE-618 *in vitro* and *in vivo*, and our data support further evaluation of the use of NAMPT mRNA and protein levels as predictors of overall sensitivity.

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### Introduction

In recent years, there has been a tremendous increase in our understanding and appreciation for the role of cell metabolism in promoting tumorigenesis [1]. Specifically, it has become more widely accepted that tumor cells are dependent on specific metabolic pathways for growth and survival. Critical alterations in the flux through these pathways have been found in tumors. For instance, mutations have been discovered in the enzymes isocitrate dehydrogenase-1 (IDH1)/IDH2 [2] and fumarate hydratase [3], while phosphoglycerate dehydrogenase is amplified in some tumors [4]. Additionally, there are examples where oncogenes, such as *KRAS* in pancreatic tumors [5], or tumor suppressors, such as *PTEN* [6], have been implicated in reprogramming cell metabolism.

Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD) is a critical cellular metabolite important for a wide range of cellular processes including energy production, reductive biosynthesis, mitochondrial function, calcium homeostasis, and the response to oxidative stress [7,8]. NAD

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generation primarily occurs through two key pathways, either by *de novo* synthesis initiated from cellular uptake of tryptophan or by the salvage pathway that recycles nicotinamide (NAM) to NAD [9]. A third pathway, the Preiss-Handler pathway [10,11], converts nicotinic acid (NA, also known as niacin or vitamin B3) to NA mononucleotide by the enzyme NA phosphoribosyl transferase (NAPRT1), which is then converted to NAD in two steps. Co-administration of NA with a nicotinamide phosphoribosyl transferase (NAMPT) inhibitor can prevent NAD depletion and cell death; however, this protection only occurs if cells are proficient for NAPRT1 [12]. Recent work has indicated that the primary mechanisms for inactivation of NAPRT1 in tumors is by DNA methylation, and a quantitative DNA methylation assay can be used to readily identify tumors that are NAPRT1 deficient (Shames et al., submitted for publication). Thus, the presence of two salvage pathways, with one selectively lost in tumor cells, suggested the intriguing concept of identifying tumors that are NAPRT1 deficient and then co-administering a NAMPT inhibitor with NA in patients, as this approach could potentially protect normal host tissue but not NAPRT1-deficient tumor cells from NAMPT inhibition.

Two *NAMPT* small molecule inhibitors have entered clinical trials (GMX1778 and its prodrug GMX1777 and FK866/APO866). While both compounds completed phase I evaluation and entered phase II trials, no results beyond phase I data have been released [13–16]. Moreover, a common dose-limiting toxicity noted for both compounds was thrombocytopenia. One potential way to enhance the therapeutic effectiveness of a NAMPT inhibitor is to co-administer NA, as this is predicted to rescue NAPRT1-proficient cells. It has been shown that when labeled NA was added to purified human platelets it could be converted into NAD [17], indicating that the NAPRT1 pathway is functional in human platelets. Moreover, it was also shown that thrombocytopenia could be reduced in a murine model when NA was co-administered with FK866 [18]. Thus, co-administration of NA with a NAMPT inhibitor may spare platelets from NAMPT inhibition and may permit higher doses of a NAMPT inhibitor to be tolerated. While this approach was taken in one clinical trial, NA was not administered until days 8 to 15, but there was no effect on thrombocytopenia [19]. However, in this study, there was no attempt to preselect NAPRT1-deficient tumors and NA was administered to patients once thrombocytopenia appeared. An alternative approach to enhance the therapeutic effectiveness of a NAMPT inhibitor is to identify tumors that may be more susceptible to NAMPT inhibition. Interestingly, none of these clinical trials attempted to stratify patients based on potential sensitivity to a NAMPT inhibitor.

Here, we describe a novel *NAMPT* inhibitor, GNE-618, and demonstrate that this compound reduced *in vivo* tumor growth in an A549 non-small cell lung carcinoma (NSCLC) model. Moreover, we provide a mechanistic explanation for why tumor cells heavily rely on the NAMPT salvage pathway for NAD generation. Our data also suggest that co-administration of NA with a NAMPT inhibitor may be required in the clinic to afford maximum protection of normal tissue. Finally, we demonstrate that GNE-618 effectively reduces tumor growth of patient-derived gastric models. Our data suggest that patient stratification based on NAMPT sensitivity may provide an approach to enhance the therapeutic effectiveness of a NAMPT inhibitor.

## Materials and Methods

### Cell Lines and Viability Assays

Cell lines were obtained from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC, Manassas, VA) or Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen

und Zellkulturen (DSMZ, Braunschweig, Germany), expanded, and stored at early passage in a central cell bank. Lines were authenticated by short tandem repeat and genotyped upon re-expansions. Cells were grown in RPMI 1640 medium supplemented with 10% FBS and 2 mM glutamine (Invitrogen, Grand Island, NY) and passaged no more than 20 times after thawing.

To determine inhibitory constant ( $IC_{50}$ ) values, cells were plated such that 30% to 40% confluency was achieved the next day. Nine point dose titrations of GNE-618 were added to the cells, and after 96 hours, cell viability was quantified using CyQUANT Direct Cell Proliferation Assay (Invitrogen, Ltd), followed by CellTiter-Glo Luminescent Cell Viability Assay (Promega Corporation, Madison, WI), or by measuring total protein content using a CytoScan SRB Cytotoxicity Assay Kit (Cat. No. 786-213; G-Biosciences, St Louis, MO).  $IC_{50}$  values were calculated with a four-parameter fit using XLfit 5.1 (ID Business Solutions, Ltd, La Jolla, CA) or Prism 5.04 (GraphPad Software Inc, La Jolla, CA).

For image-based analysis, cells were stained with SYTOX Green (Cat. No. S7020; Life Technologies, Grand Island, NY), and nuclei were stained with Hoechst 33342 (Cat. No. R37605; Life Technologies). Images were acquired with ImageXpress Micro (Molecular Devices, Sunnyvale, CA) and quantified with MetaXpress software.

To generate inducible overexpression of *NAMPT* in 293T cells, *NAMPT* cDNA clone was purchased from Invitrogen (Cat. No. IOH44532, pENTR221). The expression vector and stable cell line were generated as described, with puromycin as a selection marker [20].

### Metabolite Profiling and NAD Measurements

Calu-6 cells were exposed to 100 nM GNE-618 for 6 or 24 hours and harvested and processed according to Metabolon standard protocols [21]. For NAD measurements, cells were plated onto 24-well plates and treated with GNE-618 for 48 hours. After treatment, cells were washed with phosphate-buffered saline, and NAD was extracted with 0.5 N perchloric acid. Tumor samples were homogenized, treated with 0.5 N perchloric acid, and neutralized with ammonium formate. NAD levels were determined by a liquid chromatography–tandem mass spectrometry/mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) assay using  $^{13}C_5$ -NAD as an internal standard.

### mRNA Profiling and RNA-Seq Data Analysis

Analysis of *NAMPT* mRNA levels in the NSCLC cell line panel was carried out as described [22]. RNA-seq reads were aligned to the human genome version GRCh37 using Genomic Short-read Nucleotide Alignment Program (GSNAP) [23]. Gene expression was obtained by counting the number of reads aligning concordantly within a pair and uniquely to each gene locus as defined by consensus coding DNA sequence (CCDS). The gene counts were then normalized using the DESeq Bioconductor software package [24].

### Intracellular Multiparameter Flow Cytometry

Cells were fixed in 1% paraformaldehyde (RT15711; Electron Microscopy Sciences, Hatfield, PA), permeabilized, and stained in BD Perm/Wash Buffer (554723; BD Biosciences, San Jose, CA). Cell staining was carried out with anti-phospho-histone H3-AF488 antibody (3465; Cell Signaling Technology, Danvers, MA) and a propidium iodide staining solution (25 mg/ml Cf, P4864; Sigma-Aldrich, St Louis, MO) containing RNase A (R6513; Sigma-Aldrich). Flow cytometry collection was performed on an LSRII flow cytometer

(BD Biosciences), and data were analyzed using FlowJo software (TreeStar Inc, Ashland, OR).

### Western Blot Analysis

Western blot analysis was performed, and the signals were quantified with LI-COR Odyssey System. Western blot analysis was carried out using antibodies directed against *NAMPT* (clone 4D5, Cat. No. NBP1-0435; Novus, Littleton, CO), *NAPRT1* (Cat. No. HPA024017; Sigma), or *ACTIN* (A5441; Sigma).

### Xenograft Models

All *in vivo* studies were approved by Genentech's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and adhere to the National Institutes of Health Guidelines for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. Human cell culture-derived tumor xenografts were established by subcutaneous injection of tumor cells into NCr nude mice (Taconic Laboratories, Oxnard, CA). Patient-derived xenograft models were established from primary tumor fragments engrafted subcutaneously in BALB/c nude mice. Animals were distributed into treatment groups ( $n = 10$  per group) when tumors reached a mean volume of approximately 150 to 300 mm<sup>3</sup>. GNE-618 (100 mg/kg) and niacin (100 mg/kg) were administered by oral gavage in PEG400/H<sub>2</sub>O/EtOH (60/30/10) and sterile water vehicles, respectively. Tumor volumes were determined using digital calipers (Fred V. Fowler Company, Inc, Newton, MA) using the formula  $(L \times W \times W)/2$ . Curve fitting was applied to log<sub>2</sub>-transformed individual tumor volume data using a linear mixed-effects model with the R package nlme, version 3.1-97 in R v2.13.0 (R Development Core Team 2008; R Foundation for Statistical Computing, Vienna, Austria). Tumor growth inhibition (%TGI) was calculated as the percentage of the area under the fitted curve (AUC) for the respective drug treatment group per day relative to vehicle control animals, such that  $\%TGI = 100 \times (1 - (AUC_{\text{treatment}}/\text{day})/(AUC_{\text{vehicle}}/\text{day}))$ . One hundred percent TGI is characterized as tumor stasis, whereas values greater than 100% TGI indicates tumor regression. Ninety-five percent confidence intervals (CIs) were defined by the lower and upper ranges of %TGI values for each drug treatment group. Tumor sizes and body weights were recorded twice weekly over the course of the study. Mice with tumor volumes  $\geq 2000$  mm<sup>3</sup> and recorded body weight loss  $\geq 20\%$  from their weight at the start of treatment were promptly killed.

## Results

### Inhibition of NAMPT with GNE-618 Induces Cell Death

GNE-618 was recently identified as a novel small molecule inhibitor that inhibits *NAMPT* in a biochemical assay with an IC<sub>50</sub> of 0.006  $\mu$ M (Zheng et al., manuscript in preparation; Figure 1A) and reduced levels of NAD with an 50% minimal response (EC<sub>50</sub>) of 2.6 nM in the NSCLC cell line Calu-6 (Figure 1B). Cell cycle analysis of Calu-6 cells exposed to GNE-618 for 72 hours revealed an increase in the sub-2N population, which is indicative of cell death, and a decrease in the percentage of cells in the G<sub>1</sub> and M phases of the cell cycle (Figure 1C). We specifically note a dramatic reduction in the mitotic index (Figures 1C and W1A). Thus, inhibition of *NAMPT* results in broad cell cycle effects, a rapid loss of mitotic cells, and a loss of cell viability.

GNE-618 also reduced cellular proliferation of Calu-6 cells as determined using two different assay formats, either measuring ATP (EC<sub>50</sub> of 13.6  $\pm$  1.8 nM) or total protein content (SRB assay; EC<sub>50</sub> of 25.8  $\pm$  4.2 nM; Figure 1D). As Calu-6 cells express *NAPRT1* (O'Brien et al., submitted for publication), we verified that this reduc-

tion in viability and cell death in response to GNE-618 was due to on-target inhibition of *NAMPT*, as these cells could be rescued by the co-administration of NA (Figure 1D). We confirmed that these cells were dying, as there was a reduction in live cell nucleic acid content (CyQUANT Direct), a decrease in nucleus number (Hoechst stain), and an increase in dead cells (SYTOX Green assay; Figure W1, B and C). In all cases EC<sub>50</sub> values ranged from  $\sim$ 16 to 38 nM.

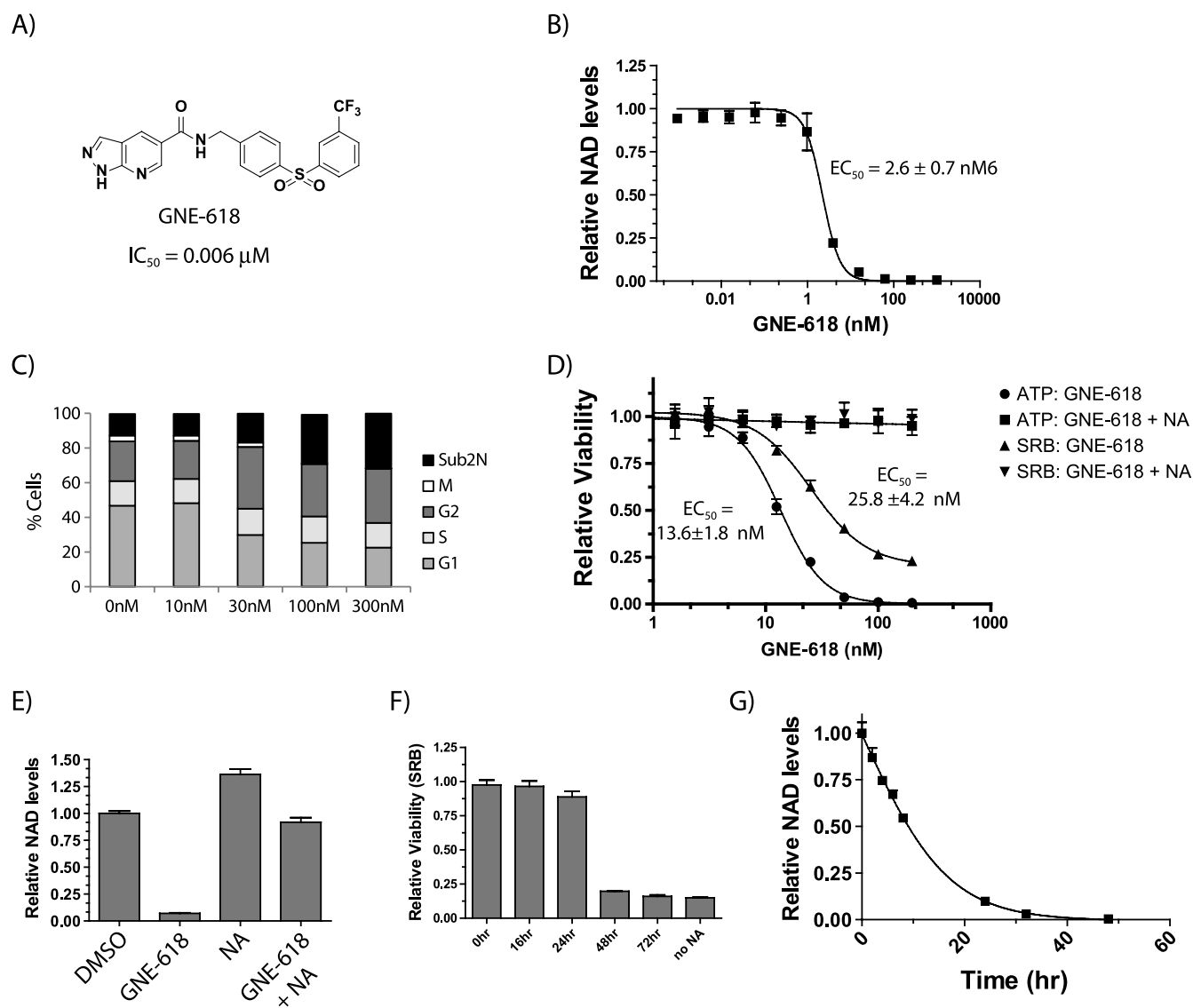
While GNE-618 can effectively deplete Calu-6 NAD levels by  $\sim$ 95% within 24 hours, we verified that protection with NA prevents depletion of NAD (Figure 1E). Surprisingly, protection of cell death by NA only occurs if NA is added within  $\sim$ 24 hours of GNE-618 (Figures 1F and W1D). At 48 hours, NAD is depleted by  $>99\%$ , whereas, at 24 hours, there is still  $\sim$ 10% of cellular NAD remaining (Figure 1G). Thus, NA must be present within 24 hours to afford maximum protection from *NAMPT* inhibition, suggesting that there is an NAD threshold that is required to maintain viability; once NAD levels drop below this threshold ( $\sim$ 95%), cells are unable to recover.

### Tumor Cells Are Dependent on the Salvage Pathway as They Are Unable to Use the De Novo Pathway to Generate NAD

To better understand the effect of NAD depletion on global metabolic pathways, we undertook a metabolomic analysis using Calu-6 cells to probe which metabolites and/or pathways are modulated in response to *NAMPT* inhibition. Calu-6 cells were exposed to GNE-618 for 6 or 24 hours, and metabolites were identified both by gas chromatography (GC)-MS and by LC-MS/MS; this analysis led to the identification of a total of 367 unique metabolites (Table W1).

We initially focused on metabolites in the NAD salvage pathway and observed that levels of NAD, NAM, and nicotinamide ribonucleotide (NMN) all significantly decreased within 24 hours (Figure 2A). When a more global analysis was undertaken, there were changes in metabolite levels within 6 hours in the cofactor/vitamin (includes NAD), amino acid, and carbohydrate synthesis pathways (Figure 2B). By 24 hours, more significant changes are observed, most notably affecting cofactor/vitamin, nucleotide synthesis, lipid synthesis, glycolysis, and amino acid metabolism. Within glycolysis, there was a reduction in levels of 2-phosphoglycerate, phosphoenolpyruvate, and pyruvate, each of which is downstream of a key NAD-using step (Figure 2C). Interestingly, other than a large increase in levels of dihydroxyacetone phosphate, there was no significant accumulation of metabolites upstream of glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate, as would be expected if there was a block in the latter steps of glycolysis, as previously described for FK866 [25]. This could be explained by the observation of an increase in maltose, maltotriose, and maltotetraose metabolites (Figure 2D), which is consistent with cells diverting their excess glucose toward glycogen deposition. Thus, rather than accumulating six-carbon glycolytic intermediates, it appears that Calu-6 cells may dispose of excess glucose by converting it into glycogen. Additionally, there are decreases in nucleotide, lipid, and amino acid synthesis, which may contribute to the cell cycle effects arising from NAD depletion. Moreover, at 24 hours there is an increase in peptide levels, possibly consistent with cell death. This altered metabolic profile is generally consistent with recent reports indicating a role for *NAMPT* in *de novo* lipogenesis in prostate cancer cells [26] and for a role in glycolysis [25].

The rapid reduction of salvage pathway metabolites (NAD, NMN, and NAM) that occurred following *NAMPT* inhibition (Figure 2A) suggested that NAD cannot be readily replenished by the *de novo* pathway, which catabolizes tryptophan through a series of eight steps to

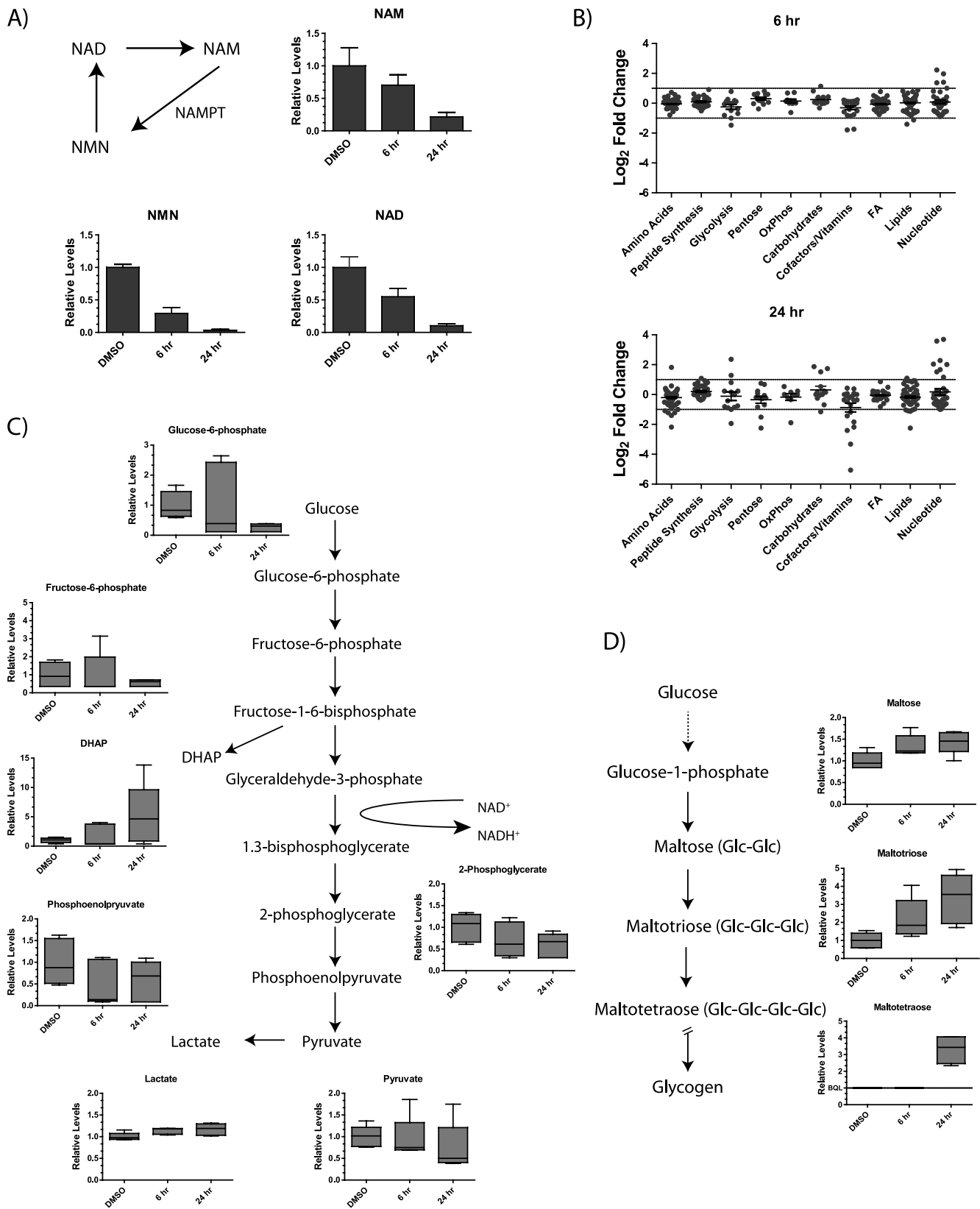


**Figure 1.** GNE-618 reduces NAD levels and cell viability in Calu-6 NSCLC cells. (A) Structure of GNE-618 and its associated IC<sub>50</sub> for NAMPT. (B) A dose titration of GNE-618 reduces NAD levels in Calu-6 cells at 48 hours as measured by LC-MS/MS (average ± SD,  $n = 2$ ). (C) Cell cycle analysis of Calu-6 cells following 72-hour incubation with the indicated concentrations of GNE-618 (averages ± SD,  $n = 2$ ). (D) GNE-618 reduces ATP and protein levels (SRB assay) (average ± SD,  $n = 3$ ). In both cases, co-administration of 10 μM NA with GNE-618 prevents loss of viability. (E) Calu-6 cells were incubated with 200 nM GNE-618, 10 μM NA, or both for 48 hours, and NAD levels were quantified by LC-MS/MS (average ± SD is shown,  $n = 2$ ). (F) GNE-618 was added to Calu-6 cells at time 0, and 10 μM NA was added at the indicated times and viability was assessed at 96 hours (SRB assay; average ± SD,  $n = 2$ ). (G) Calu-6 cells were exposed to 100 nM GNE-618 for various times and harvested, and NAD levels were determined by LC-MS/MS (average ± SD,  $n = 2$ ).

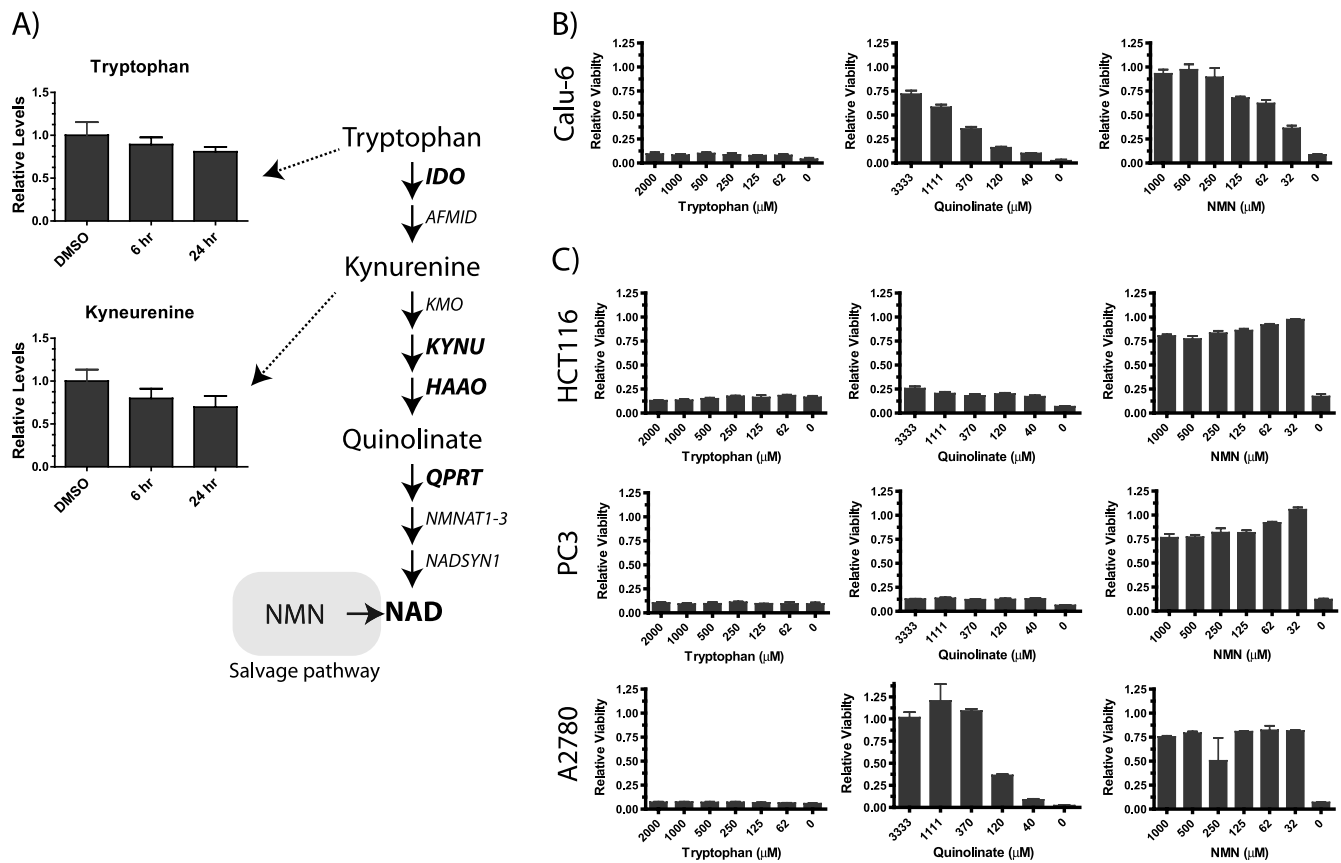
generate NAD [9]. While only two metabolites in the *de novo* pathway, tryptophan and kynurenine, could be detected by metabolomic profiling, there was clearly no evidence for an increase in steady-state levels of either of these metabolites, although reduced levels of both was detected at 24 hours (Figure 3A). However, while this suggests that there is no up-regulation of the *de novo* pathway, this type of analysis only reveals the steady-state levels of these metabolites and may not accurately reflect flux through the pathway.

To further evaluate the ability of Calu-6 cells to use the *de novo* pathway, a functional assay was used to evaluate if this pathway was active. Media were supplemented with up to 2 mM tryptophan to determine if adding an excess of tryptophan could protect cells from GNE-618 by generating NAD through the *de novo* pathway. Surprisingly, tryptophan could not prevent cell death in response to GNE-

618 (Figure 3B). In contrast, the addition of NMN, the downstream product of NAMPT, prevented cell death mediated by GNE-618 (Figure 3B), consistent with previous reports that NMN can prevent cell death in response to the NAMPT inhibitor FK866 or GMX1778 [12,27]. Surprisingly quinolinate, an intermediate in the *de novo* pathway that is downstream of kynurenine and three steps upstream of NAD, could protect cells from NAMPT inhibition. The maximal protection obtained with quinolinate was ~70%, as higher concentrations were lethal to cells. To expand this analysis beyond Calu-6 cells, we examined the ability of cell lines representing different tumor types to be protected from NAMPT inhibition with these same metabolites. Like Calu-6 cells, we found that HCT-116 (colorectal), PC-3 (prostate), and A2780 (ovarian) cancer cells were not protected from cell death with the co-administration of tryptophan



**Figure 2.** Metabolomic profiling of Calu-6 tumor cells following NAMPT inhibition. (A) Calu-6 cells were exposed to 100 nM GNE-618 for 6 or 24 hours, and metabolomic profiling was used to evaluate changes in a total of 367 unique metabolites. The levels of NAD, NMN, and NAM at 6 and 24 hours following exposure to GNE-618 are shown relative to levels in control cells (average  $\pm$  SD,  $n = 5$  for each group). (B) The graphs indicate the log<sub>2</sub>-fold change in each metabolite relative to control cells at 6 and 24 hours following exposure to GNE-618 ( $n = 5$  for each time point). Modulation of metabolites involved in glycolysis (C) or glycogen storage (D) in Calu-6 cells at 6 and 24 hours is shown. The relative level of each detectable metabolite is shown ( $n = 5$ ). The whiskers span the 10% to 90% percentile range of the data, and the median is shown as a line.



**Figure 3.** Tumor cell lines are unable to use the *de novo* pathway to generate NAD. (A) Two metabolites (tryptophan and kynurenine) in the *de novo* pathway were detected in our metabolomic profiling, and their relative levels in control cells or cells exposed to GNE-618 for 6 and 24 hours are shown ( $n = 5 \pm SD$ ). Key metabolites in the *de novo* salvage pathway are shown in the pathway diagram along with the enzymes that catalyze each step. (B) Calu-6 cells were incubated with 200 nM GNE-618 and a dose titration of tryptophan, quinolinate, or NMN, for 96 hours, and cell viability was assessed (CyQUANT readout; average  $\pm$  SD,  $n = 2$ ). (C) HCT-116, PC-3, and A2780 cells were incubated with 200 nM GNE-618 and a dose titration of tryptophan, quinolinate, or NMN, for 96 hours, and cell viability was assessed (CyQUANT readout; average  $\pm$  SD,  $n = 3$ ).

(Figure 3C). Interestingly, the ability of quinolinate to protect cells varied, suggesting that some tumor cells have the ability to use downstream metabolites to generate NAD. In contrast, all cell lines could be protected by NMN (Figure 3C).

We next examined mRNA levels of select enzymes in the *de novo* pathway, as the inability to use intermediates could be explained by the lack of expression of key enzymes. We profiled mRNA levels of *IDO1*, *KYNU*, *HAO*, and *QPRT* by RNA-seq and discovered that all four cell lines had undetectable levels of either *IDO1* or *KYNU*, potentially explaining the inability of tryptophan to rescue these cell lines (Table 1). Additionally, the two cell lines that could be rescued with quinolinate (A2780 and Calu-6) were the only two cell lines that had detectable mRNA levels for *QPRT*. Thus, our data suggest

**Table 1.** mRNA Levels as Determined by RNA-Seq of Key Enzymes in the *De Novo* NAD Synthesis Pathways in the Indicated Cell Lines.

Cell Line	Trp Rescue	Quin Rescue	IDO1	KYNU	HAO	QPRT
A2780	N	Y	0.56	-4.00	-4.00	4.14
Calu-6	N	Y	-4.00	1.94	-0.60	5.22
HCT116	N	N	-4.00	-4.00	-4.00	-4.00
PC3	N	N	-4.00	-1.08	-4.00	-4.00

Expression levels are displayed as the  $\log_2$  RPKM.

that the inability of these tumor cell lines to use the *de novo* pathway is due to lack of expression of key components early in the pathway and thus provide an explanation for why tumor cell lines are reliant on the salvage pathway for NAD generation.

#### Cell Line Profiling Reveals that *NAMPT*, but Not *NAPRT1*, mRNA and Protein Levels Predict Sensitivity to GNE-618

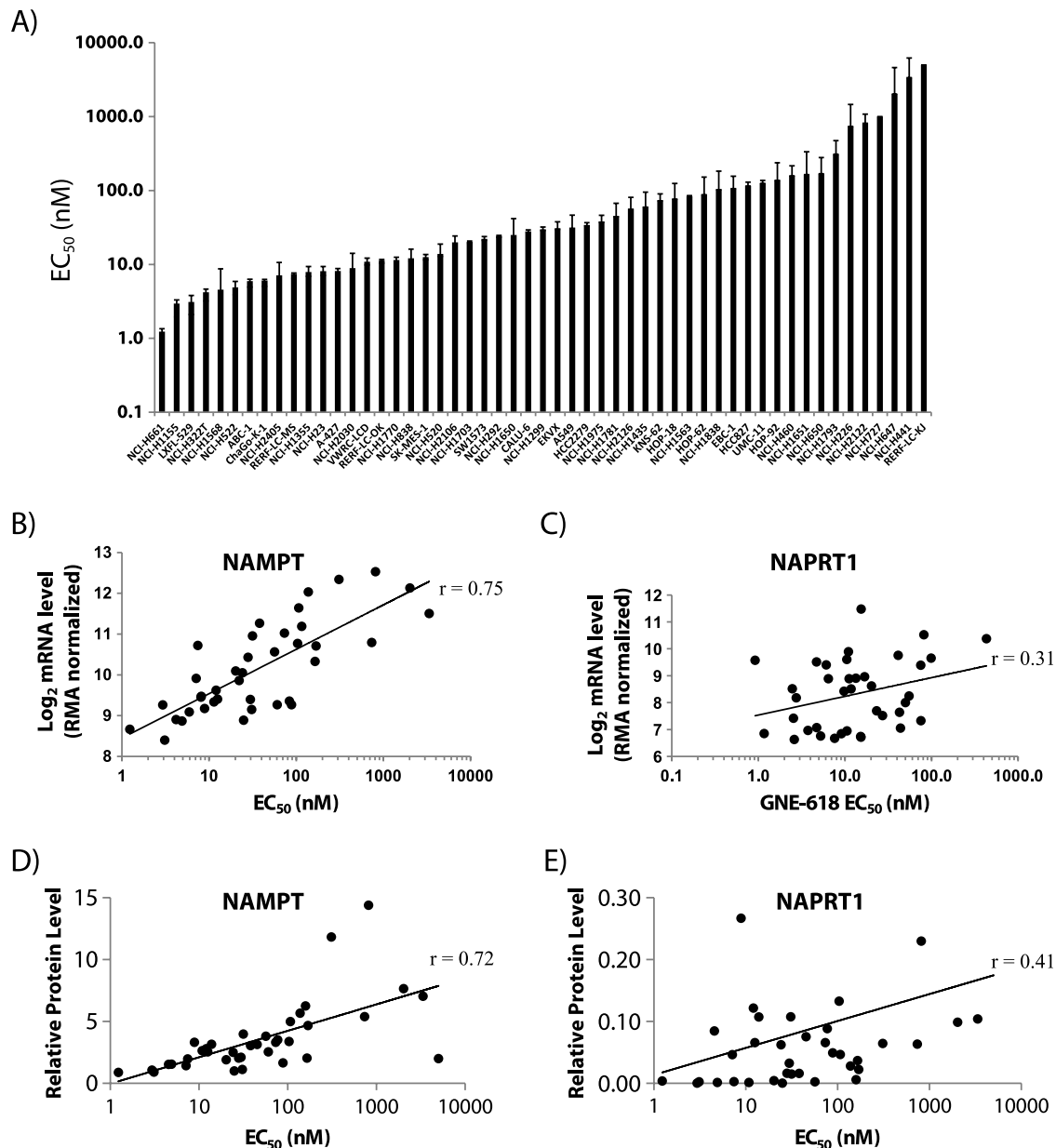
Screening of GNE-618 across a panel of 53 NSCLC cell lines revealed that ~25% of the cell lines had an  $EC_{50}$  of <10 nM and ~50% had an  $EC_{50}$  less than 25 nM by CellTiter-Glo assay (ATP measurement; Figure 4A and Table W2).  $EC_{50}$  values obtained with CyQUANT Direct assay (live nucleic acid measurement) yield similar results (Figure W2A; Spearman  $r = 0.99$ ). While there are no reports of any correlation between *NAPRT1* levels and sensitivity to *NAMPT* inhibitors, it remains ambiguous whether *NAMPT* protein or mRNA levels predict sensitivity. One report showed that *NAMPT* mRNA levels correlated with sensitivity to GMX1778 across 25 tumor cell lines ( $r = 0.83$ ) [12], whereas a more recent report did not see a correlation between sensitivity of FK866 and *NAMPT* protein levels in 18 multiple myeloma cell lines ( $r = 0.136$ ) [28]. Thus, we were interested to test if *NAMPT* and/or *NAPRT1* mRNA or protein levels would predict sensitivity to GNE-618 across a panel of NSCLC cell lines. Using gene expression arrays, we found a correlation between *NAMPT* mRNA

levels and sensitivity to GNE-618 (Spearman  $r = 0.75$ ,  $P < .0001$ ; Figure 4B) but no correlation between NAPRT1 mRNA levels and sensitivity to GNE-618 (Spearman  $r = 0.31$ ,  $P = .009$ ; Figure 4C). To examine the correlation between protein levels and sensitivity to GNE-618, we performed Western blot analysis on a subset of these cell lines and determined that NAMPT protein levels also correlated with overall sensitivity (Spearman  $r = 0.723$ ,  $P < .0001$ ; Figures 4D and W2B), whereas NAPRT1 levels did not (Spearman  $r = 0.31$ ,  $P = .052$ ; Figures 4E and W2B). Thus, our data demonstrate that NAMPT, but not NAPRT1, mRNA and protein levels inversely correlate with sensitivity to GNE-618 across a large panel of cell lines. We also confirmed that NAMPT protein levels could impact sensitivity to GNE-618, as

overexpression of a GFP-tagged version of NAMPT decreased sensitivity to GNE-618 in 293T cells (Figure W3).

#### GNE-618 Induces TGI in an A549 Tumor Xenograft Model

GNE-618 inhibited A549 cell growth with an  $EC_{50}$  of  $27.2 \pm 9.8$  nM (Figure 4A and Table W2), which was reversed upon co-treatment with NA (Figure 5A). In addition, NAD levels were rapidly reduced in a time-dependent manner after treatment with GNE-618 (Figure 5B). We therefore decided to examine the efficacy of GNE-618 in an A549 xenograft model. GNE-618, administered orally at 100 mg/kg (maximum efficacious dose; Zheng et al., manuscript in preparation), significantly inhibited tumor growth by 88% (lower

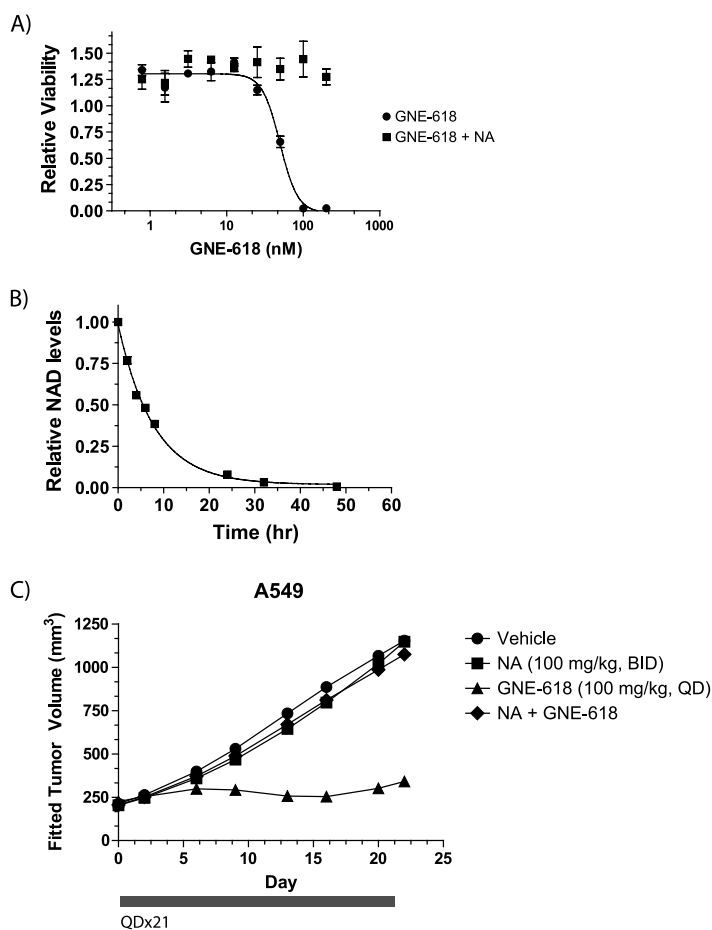


**Figure 4.** NAMPT, but not NAPRT1, mRNA and protein levels correlate with sensitivity to GNE-618. (A) The calculated  $EC_{50}$  (average  $\pm$  SD,  $n = 3$ ) for each cell line following exposure to GNE-618 for a total of 96 hours (CellTiter-Glo) is shown. NAMPT (B) or NAPRT1 (C) mRNA levels ( $\log_2$ , RMA normalized) [22] were compared to the  $EC_{50}$  for GNE-618 for each cell line. Representative cell lines were assayed for NAMPT (D) or NAPRT1 (E) protein levels by Western blot analysis. Protein levels in each line were compared to the corresponding  $EC_{50}$  for GNE-618.

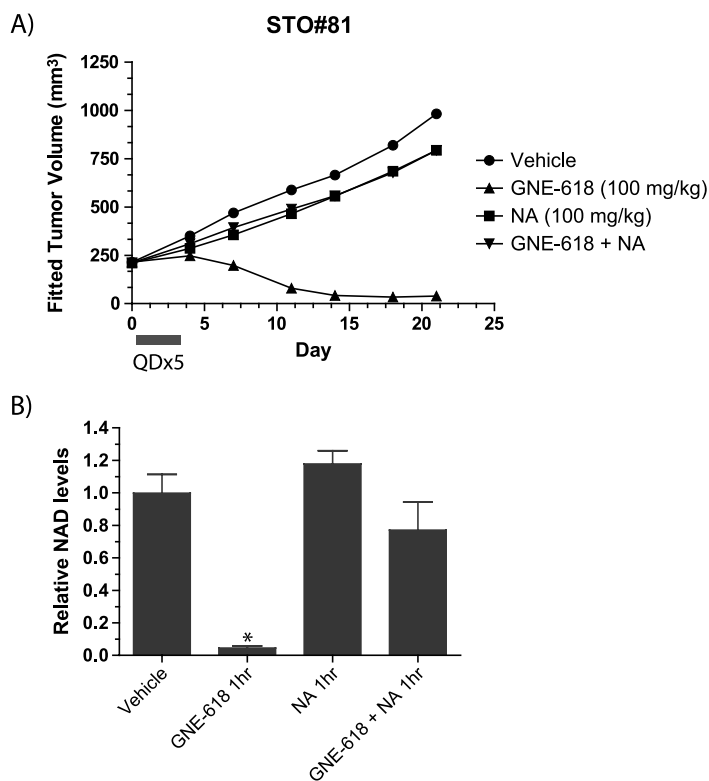
CI = 57 and upper CI = 105; Figure 5C) and had minimal effects on body weight (Figure W4A) when compared to vehicle-treated animals. Co-administration of NA with GNE-618 completely abrogated the antitumor growth effects of NAMPT inhibition *in vivo* (Figure 5C). Thus, GNE-618 can effectively attenuate tumor growth of the A549 NSCLC xenograft model and this effect is due to on-target inhibition of NAMPT.

### GNE-618 Reduces NAD Level and Is Efficacious in a Patient-Derived Tumor Xenograft Model

While our data and previous publications [12,18,28,29] have shown that inhibition of NAMPT can decrease tumor burden in cell culture-derived xenograft models, studies using patient-derived tumor models have not been reported. Thus, our aim was to determine if GNE-618 would also demonstrate *in vivo* efficacy in a model that may be more representative of the heterogeneity observed in primary patient tumors.



**Figure 5.** GNE-618 inhibits tumor growth of an A549 NSCLC xenograft model. (A) A549 cells were incubated with a dose titration of GNE-618 in the presence or absence of 10  $\mu$ M NA, and viability was measured after 96 hours (CellTiter-Glo assay; average  $\pm$  SD,  $n = 3$ ). (B) A549 cells were exposed to 100 nM GNE-618 for various times, and NAD levels were determined by LC-MS/MS (average  $\pm$  SD,  $n = 2$ ). (C) GNE-618 was administered orally and daily for 21 days, and NA was co-administered orally twice daily for 21 days in A549 tumor xenografts ( $n = 10$  animals per group). The bar below the x-axis indicates the dosing period.



**Figure 6.** GNE-618 inhibits growth of the STO#81 patient-derived gastric model. (A) GNE-618 was administered orally for 5 days at 100 mg/kg, and tumor growth was monitored for 24 days ( $n = 10$  animals per group). NA (100 mg/kg) was either dosed alone or with GNE-618 orally twice daily for 5 days. The bar below the x-axis indicates the dosing period. (B) NAD levels in tumors derived from the STO#81 model harvested at 1 hour following the final oral dose of GNE-618 (100 mg/kg)  $\pm$  NA (100 mg/kg) on day 5. Tumors were harvested and NAD levels were quantified by LC-MS/MS. The average tumor NAD level  $\pm$  SD ( $n = 4$  animals per group) relative to vehicle-treated animals is shown. Asterisk indicates  $P < .005$ .

We examined the ability of GNE-618 to reduce tumor growth in a gastric tumor model, STO#81, and found that administration of GNE-618 at 100 mg/kg daily for 5 days had minimal effects on body weight (Figure W4B) but induced tumor regressions and inhibited tumor growth by 126% (lower CI = 110 and upper CI = 164; Figure 6A). Remarkably, GNE-618 induced durable tumor regressions up to day 21, even though drug treatment was discontinued on day 5. We also verified that TGI was due to on-target inhibition of NAMPT, as twice daily co-administration of 100 mg/kg NA significantly reduced TGI with GNE-618. NAD levels were also examined in these tumors 1 hour following the last dose of 100 mg/kg GNE-618 and was found to be reduced by >95% (Figure 6B). Tumors from animals that were also co-dosed with 100 mg/kg NA showed a modest reduction of NAD levels, although this was not statistically significant.

## Discussion

NAMPT is a very appealing therapeutic target given its central role in the NAD salvage pathway, and inhibition of NAMPT with small molecule inhibitors, such as GMX1778/1777 [12,29] and FK866 [28,30], can rapidly reduce NAD levels in tumor cells



and induce cell death. Here, we describe GNE-618, a novel NAMPT inhibitor, and show that this compound effectively depletes NAD levels in cells and tumors and is efficacious in multiple xenograft models.

Metabolomic profiling in Calu-6 cells revealed that inhibition of the NAD salvage pathway resulted in modulation of metabolites across many different metabolic pathways. Interestingly, the profile was consistent with a reduction of three-carbon metabolites downstream of the enzyme glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate, similar to what was recently reported for the NAMPT inhibitor FK866 [25]. In Calu-6 cells however, no accumulation of the upstream six-carbon metabolites was noted. In addition, no large changes were observed in metabolites in the pentose phosphate pathway, again suggesting that even though carbon flux through glycolysis may be reduced, metabolites do not overflow into the pentose phosphate pathway, as observed in A2780 and HCT116 cells in response to the NAMPT inhibitor FK866 [25]. Instead, our data suggest that excess metabolites are diverted to promote glycogen storage. Thus, even though many of the key effects on metabolic pathways may be similar, it appears that different cell types may have adapted different approaches to deal with metabolic imbalance.

Both metabolomic profiling and functional assays reveal that the NAD *de novo* synthesis pathway is defective in tumor cells, thus explaining the dependence of these cells on the NAD salvage pathway. We determined that lack of protection of cell lines with tryptophan could potentially be explained by the lack of expression of IDO and/or KYNU (Table 1), and all four cell lines tested lacked expression of at least two enzymes critical for metabolite progression through the kynurenine pathway. Interestingly, two of the four cell lines that could use quinolinate were the only cell lines that expressed QPRT and thus could convert quinolinate to NA mononucleotide. It is not clear why these cell lines have silenced expression of genes involved in *de novo* synthesis; nevertheless, the consequence is that these cell lines are highly reliant on the NAMPT-mediated salvage pathway for NAD generation. Thus, our data show that the NAD salvage pathway is critical for cancer cells, and our data also provide, for the first time, a mechanistic rationale for this dependence.

Both *in vitro* and *in vivo* activities of GNE-618 is due to on-target inhibition of NAMPT, as co-administration of NA prevents loss of NAD (Figures 1E and 6B) and both cell viability and TGI (Figures 1D, 5C, and 6A). There was no strong correlation with either NAPRT1 mRNA or protein levels (Figure 4, C and E). The latter result is not surprising, as this pathway is only used in cells when they are supplied with sufficient levels of NA (10  $\mu$ M affords full protection; Figure 1D). Moreover, it has been shown that expression of NAPRT1 is a good predictor of the ability of NA to protect cells from NAMPT inhibition [12,30,31] (Shames et al., submitted for publication). There has been conflicting evidence in the literature on the relationship between NAMPT inhibition and mRNA and protein levels [12,28]. Our data show a clear correlation between NAMPT mRNA ( $r = 0.75$ ) and protein ( $r = 0.72$ ) levels with sensitivity to GNE-618 in a panel of NSCLC cell lines (Figure 4, B and D).

We also report the interesting observation that NA is only protective when added within a window of  $\sim 24$  hours following GNE-618 addition, which corresponds to a time when NAD has not been depleted. There was one attempt at co-administering NA with an NAMPT inhibitor (GMX1777) in a phase I clinical trial [19], but in this case, niacin was only administered on days 8 to 15 and was not able to prevent thrombocytopenia but did ameliorate skin rash. Our data suggest that efficient protection of host tissue might be better

achieved with early administration of NA and potentially explain why no protection of platelets was observed in this clinical trial.

GNE-618, a novel NAMPT inhibitor, is efficacious *in vivo* and reduces tumor growth of a patient-derived tumor xenograft model. Additionally, we believe that our data warrant further exploration of the possibility of using NAMPT mRNA and/or protein levels as predictors of overall response to NAMPT inhibition. In summary, our data provide functional evidence that tumor cells are dependent on the NAD salvage pathway and illustrate the potential for the use of NAMPT inhibitors across multiple tumor types.

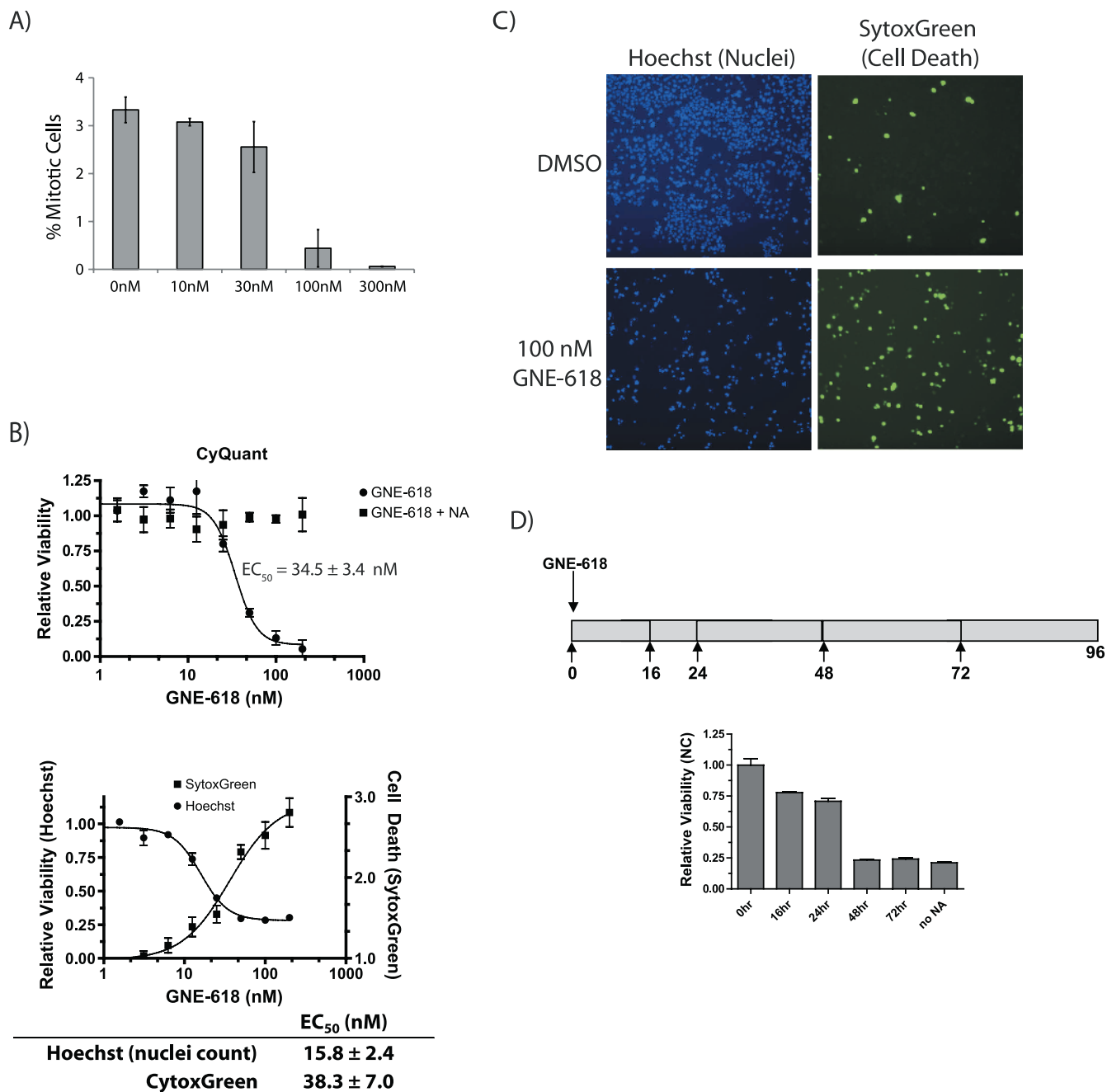
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**Figure W1.** GNE-618 induces cell death in Calu-6 cells. (A) Cell cycle analysis of Calu-6 cells following a 72-hour incubation with the indicated concentrations of GNE-618. The mitotic index at each concentration, as determined by the percentage of cells staining positive for phosphorylated Ser<sup>10</sup> histone H3 (average  $\pm$  SD,  $n = 2$ ), is shown. (B) Calu-6 cell death was evaluated using either live nucleic acid intensity (CyQUANT), total nucleus count (Hoechst 33342 staining), or SYTOX Green (to visualize dead cells) following a dose titration of GNE-618. After 96 hours, the associated  $EC_{50}$  for each measurement is indicated along with the SD ( $n = 2$ ). (C) Representative images of Calu-6 cells after treatment with 100 nM GNE-618 for 96 hours. Cells were stained either with Hoechst 33342 or with SYTOX Green and imaged with an ImageXpress Micro. (D) GNE-618 was added to Calu-6 cells at time 0, and 10  $\mu$ M NA was added at the indicated times and viability was assessed at 96 hours by counting live nuclei (average  $\pm$  SD,  $n = 2$ ).

**Table W1.** List of All Identifiable Metabolites in Calu-6 Cells after Exposure to 100 nM GNE-618 for 6 or 24 Hours.

Subpathway	Biochemical Name	Fold Change at 6 Hours	Fold Change at 24 Hours	
Glycine, serine, and threonine metabolism	Glycine	0.97	0.80	
	Sarcosine ( <i>N</i> -methylglycine)	0.58	0.97	
	Serine	0.99	0.81	
	<i>N</i> -acetylserine	0.85	0.79	
	3-Phosphoserine	0.68	0.22	
	Threonine	0.94	0.86	
	<i>N</i> -acetylthreonine	0.79	0.65	
	Betaine	0.89	0.91	
Alanine and aspartate metabolism	Aspartate	0.77	0.88	
	Asparagine	1.33	1.13	
	$\beta$ -Alanine	0.93	0.69	
	3-Ureidopropionate	1.10	0.92	
	Alanine	0.89	0.84	
	<i>N</i> -acetylalanine	0.95	0.84	
Glutamate metabolism	<i>N</i> -acetylaspargate (NAA)	0.93	0.82	
	Glutamate	1.02	1.29	
	Glutamate, $\gamma$ -methyl ester	1.07	0.90	
	Glutamine	0.98	0.96	
	Pyroglutamine	0.90	0.80	
	$\gamma$ -Aminobutyrate (GABA)	0.81	0.75	
	<i>N</i> -acetylglutamate	0.86	0.79	
	<i>N</i> -acetylaspartylglutamate (NAAG)	0.97	1.04	
Histidine metabolism	Histidine	0.90	0.92	
	Imidazole lactate	1.00	1.00	
Lysine metabolism	Lysine	1.66	1.49	
	2-Amino adipate	1.08	1.03	
	Pipecolate	0.93	1.08	
	<i>N</i> -6-trimethyllysine	1.49	1.21	
	<i>N</i> -6-acetyllysine	1.05	1.12	
	2-Aminopentanoate	0.90	0.84	
Phenylalanine and tyrosine metabolism	Phenyllactate (PLA)	0.83	0.59	
	Phenylalanine	0.93	0.94	
	Tyrosine	0.93	0.94	
	3-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)lactate	0.78	0.50	
	Phenylacetylglucine	1.05	1.19	
Tryptophan metabolism	Kynurenine	0.80	0.70	
	Tryptophan	0.89	0.81	
	Indolelactate	1.02	0.43	
	<i>C</i> -glycosyltryptophan	1.02	1.02	
	5-Hydroxyindoleacetate	1.39	0.38	
	3-Methyl-2-oxobutyrate	1.00	1.00	
Valine, leucine, and isoleucine metabolism	3-Methyl-2-oxovalerate	0.95	0.43	
	$\beta$ -Hydroxyisovalerate	1.01	1.05	
	Isoleucine	0.92	0.95	
	Leucine	0.92	0.95	
	Valine	0.96	0.94	
	4-Methyl-2-oxopentanoate	1.01	0.52	
	Isobutyrylcarnitine	1.06	0.90	
	2-Methylbutyrylcarnitine	0.81	0.72	
	Isovalerylcarnitine	0.86	0.73	
	Cysteine	0.78	0.47	
	Cysteine sulfinic acid	1.19	1.33	
Cysteine, methionine, SAM, taurine metabolism	<i>S</i> -methylcysteine	0.86	0.60	
	Cystathionine	1.16	0.98	
	Methionine sulfoxide	0.97	1.16	
	<i>N</i> -formylmethionine	1.08	1.24	
	Hypotaurine	0.89	0.61	
	<i>S</i> -adenosylhomocysteine (SAH)	0.98	1.08	
	Methionine	0.91	0.96	
	<i>N</i> -acetylmethionine	0.98	1.03	
	2-Hydroxybutyrate (AHB)	1.17	1.05	
	Homocysteine	0.84	0.99	
	Urea cycle, arginine, proline metabolism	Asymmetric dimethylarginine (ADMA)	0.98	0.88
		Arginine	1.00	0.96
		Ornithine	1.09	1.10
Proline		0.92	0.90	
Citrulline		0.94	0.84	
<i>N</i> -acetylornithine		0.99	0.87	
<i>Trans</i> -4-hydroxyproline		0.96	0.80	
Argininosuccinate		1.00	1.00	

**Table W1.** (continued)

Subpathway	Biochemical Name	Fold Change at 6 Hours	Fold Change at 24 Hours
Creatine metabolism	Creatine	0.91	0.88
	Creatinine	1.04	1.03
Butanoate metabolism	2-Aminobutyrate	1.00	0.80
Polyamine metabolism	5-Methylthioadenosine (MTA)	1.02	0.86
	Putrescine	1.32	0.63
	<i>N</i> -acetylputrescine	1.21	0.88
	Spermidine	0.85	0.74
	4-Guanidinobutanoate	0.86	1.13
Guanidino and acetamido metabolism			
Glutathione metabolism	Glutathione, reduced (GSH)	0.95	0.69
	5-Oxoproline	1.04	1.15
	Glutathione, oxidized (GSSG)	1.05	0.78
	Cysteine-glutathione disulfide	0.92	1.22
	<i>S</i> -lactoylglutathione	1.27	3.53
Dipeptide	Glycylvaline	1.25	1.46
	Glycylglycine	1.23	1.06
	Glycylproline	0.98	0.80
	Glycylisoleucine	1.54	1.92
	Glycylleucine	1.32	1.28
	Glycylphenylalanine	1.08	1.02
	Alanylleucine	0.85	1.76
	Aspartylphenylalanine	1.88	2.13
	$\alpha$ -Glutamylglutamate	0.91	0.81
	$\alpha$ -Glutamylthreonine	1.00	1.00
	Pro-hydroxy-pro	1.22	1.55
	Cysteinylglycine	1.04	0.82
	Cyclo(leu-gly)	1.00	1.00
	Cyclo(leu-ala)	1.00	1.00
	Cyclo(gly-phe)	1.00	1.00
Aspartylleucine	1.07	1.37	
Isoleucylalanine	0.85	1.00	
Isoleucylglycine	1.20	1.30	
Isoleucylserine	1.20	1.15	
Leucylalanine	0.70	1.63	
Leucylglycine	1.45	1.56	
Leucylhistidine	1.00	1.00	
Leucylserine	1.20	0.97	
Phenylalanylleucine	1.00	1.00	
Phenylalanylserine	1.38	1.74	
Serylleucine	1.28	1.49	
Threonylleucine	1.00	1.00	
Tyrosylalanine	1.05	1.28	
Tyrosylleucine	1.00	1.00	
Valylglycine	1.31	1.25	
$\gamma$ -Glutamyl	$\gamma$ -Glutamylvaline	0.90	0.77
	$\gamma$ -Glutamylleucine	0.89	0.80
	$\gamma$ -Glutamylisoleucine	0.80	0.87
	$\gamma$ -Glutamylglutamate	0.87	1.09
	$\gamma$ -Glutamylphenylalanine	0.79	0.90
	Erythronate	1.09	0.62
Amino sugar metabolism	<i>N</i> -acetylneuraminate	0.80	0.84
	Isobar: UDP-acetylglucosamine, UDP-acetylgalactosamine	0.98	0.95
	<i>N</i> -acetylmannosamine	1.00	1.00
Fructose, mannose, galactose, starch, and sucrose metabolism	Fructose	1.32	1.11
	Galactitol (dulcitol)	1.00	1.00
	6'-Sialyllactose	1.09	1.11
	Maltose	1.35	1.44
	Mannitol	1.32	1.18
	Mannose-6-phosphate	1.05	0.45
	Sorbitol	1.77	3.66
	Maltotriose	2.20	3.33
Maltotetraose	1.06	2.86	

Table W1. (continued)

Subpathway	Biochemical Name	Fold Change at 6 Hours	Fold Change at 24 Hours
Glycolysis, gluconeogenesis, pyruvate metabolism	Glycerate	0.62	0.54
	Glucose-6-phosphate (G6P)	1.09	0.26
	Glucose 1-phosphate	1.00	1.00
	Glucose	0.36	1.12
	Fructose-6-phosphate	1.00	0.55
	Fructose 1-phosphate	1.20	1.74
	Isobar: fructose 1,6-diphosphate, glucose 1,6-diphosphate, myo-inositol 1,4 or 1,3-diphosphate	1.08	2.45
	2-Phosphoglycerate	0.71	0.59
	3-Phosphoglycerate	0.57	0.50
	Dihydroxyacetone phosphate	1.73	5.12
	1,3-Dihydroxyacetone	0.78	1.17
	Phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP)	0.50	0.57
	Pyruvate	0.96	0.75
	Lactate	1.13	1.17
Nucleotide sugar, pentose metabolism	6-Phosphogluconate	0.77	0.21
	Arabitol	0.95	0.83
	Ribitol	1.04	0.87
	Threitol	1.57	0.85
	Sedoheptulose-7-phosphate	1.11	0.35
	Gluconate	1.49	0.96
	Ribose	1.39	1.17
	Ribose 5-phosphate	1.20	1.60
	Ribulose	0.98	1.06
	Isobar: ribulose 5-phosphate, xylulose 5-phosphate	1.52	1.68
	UDP-glucuronate	1.75	0.56
	Xylitol	1.52	0.62
	Arabinose	1.15	0.85
	Xylonate	0.49	0.49
Nucleotide sugars	UDP-galactose	1.43	1.29
	Citrate	1.61	1.11
Krebs cycle	$\alpha$ -Ketoglutarate	1.00	1.00
	Succinate	0.65	0.27
	Succinylcarnitine	1.16	1.00
	Fumarate	1.10	1.17
	Malate	1.10	1.45
	Acetylphosphate	1.65	0.79
Oxidative phosphorylation	Phosphate	1.01	0.98
	Pyrophosphate (PPi)	0.99	0.88
	Essential fatty acid	0.97	0.87
Essential fatty acid	Linoleate (18:2n6)	0.97	0.87
	Linolenate [ $\alpha$ or $\gamma$ ; (18:3n3 or 6)]	0.94	0.91
	Dihomo-linolenate (20:3n3 or n6)	0.79	1.00
	Eicosapentaenoate (EPA; 20:5n3)	1.34	1.40
	Docosapentaenoate (n3 DPA; 22:5n3)	0.78	0.96
	Docosapentaenoate (n6 DPA; 22:5n6)	0.89	0.78
Medium chain fatty acid	Docosahexaenoate (DHA; 22:6n3)	0.74	0.93
	Caprylate (8:0)	0.78	1.02
	Pelargonate (9:0)	0.99	1.03
	Caprate (10:0)	1.21	1.18
	Undecanoate (11:0)	0.88	0.97
	Laurate (12:0)	1.11	1.18
Long-chain fatty acid	Myristate (14:0)	1.03	1.07
	Myristoleate (14:1n5)	1.03	0.87
	Pentadecanoate (15:0)	1.04	1.06
	Palmitate (16:0)	0.88	0.98
	Palmitoleate (16:1n7)	0.97	0.96
	Margarate (17:0)	0.95	1.09
	10-heptadecenoate (17:1n7)	0.93	0.96
	Stearate (18:0)	0.87	0.97
	Oleate (18:1n9)	1.13	0.88
	Cis-vaccenate (18:1n7)	1.09	0.86
	Nonadecanoate (19:0)	1.07	1.01
	10-Nonadecenoate (19:1n9)	0.85	0.96
	Eicosenoate (20:1n9 or 11)	0.89	0.86
	Dihomo-linoleate (20:2n6)	0.84	0.94
Mead acid (20:3n9)	0.67	1.02	
Arachidonate (20:4n6)	0.70	1.14	
Docosadienoate (22:2n6)	0.94	0.97	

Table W1. (continued)

Subpathway	Biochemical Name	Fold Change at 6 Hours	Fold Change at 24 Hours	
Fatty acid, ester	Docosatrienoate (22:3n3)	0.83	0.90	
	Adrenate (22:4n6)	0.67	0.90	
	Lignocerate (24:0)	1.24	0.78	
	<i>n</i> -Butyl Oleate	1.42	1.81	
	Fatty acid, monohydroxy	4-Hydroxybutyrate (GHB)	1.09	0.88
		2-Hydroxystearate	0.89	0.66
	Fatty acid, dicarboxylate	2-Hydroxypalmitate	0.99	0.77
		13-HODE + 9-HODE	1.24	1.13
		2-Hydroxyglutarate	0.99	0.57
		Tetradecanedioate	1.00	1.00
		Hexadecanedioate	1.00	1.00
		Octadecanedioate	1.00	1.00
	Fatty acid, amide	Oleamide	1.72	1.04
		Stearamide	1.41	0.87
Fatty acid, branched	13-Methylmyristic acid	0.97	1.02	
	Methyl palmitate (15 or 2)	0.89	1.03	
	17-Methylstearate	0.98	0.95	
Eicosanoid	Prostaglandin E2	0.59	0.99	
	Fatty acid metabolism (also BCAA metabolism)	Propionylcarnitine	0.82	0.83
		Butyrylcarnitine	0.91	0.96
	Fatty acid metabolism	Valerylcarnitine	1.00	1.00
		Deoxycarnitine	0.94	0.95
	Carnitine metabolism	Camitine	0.65	0.62
		3-Dehydrocarnitine	0.93	0.77
		Acetylcarnitine	0.85	1.20
		Hexanoylcarnitine	0.63	1.38
		Laurylcarnitine	1.00	1.00
		Myristoylcarnitine	1.00	1.00
		Palmitoylcarnitine	1.77	0.78
		Stearoylcarnitine	1.03	0.49
		Oleoylcarnitine	1.84	0.84
Bile acid metabolism		Glycocholate	1.14	1.80
	Taurocholate	1.31	1.66	
	Taurochenodeoxycholate	1.42	1.90	
Glycerolipid metabolism	Glycochenodeoxycholate	1.28	1.88	
	Choline phosphate	1.50	1.88	
	Ethanolamine	0.83	0.95	
	Phosphoethanolamine	1.13	1.21	
	Glycerophosphoethanolamine	1.00	1.00	
	Glycerol	1.00	0.92	
	Choline	0.64	0.64	
	Glycerol 3-phosphate (G3P)	0.90	0.81	
	Glycerophosphorylcholine (GPC)	0.99	0.97	
	Cytidine 5'-diphosphocholine	0.97	0.98	
	Inositol metabolism	Myo-inositol	0.97	0.87
		Inositol 1-phosphate (I1P)	0.99	0.81
		Scyllo-inositol	1.31	1.00
	Lysolipid	1-Palmitoylglycerophosphoethanolamine	0.90	1.08
2-Palmitoylglycerophosphoethanolamine		1.11	0.75	
2-Palmitoleoylglycerophosphoethanolamine		1.14	0.68	
1-Stearoylglycerophosphoethanolamine		0.84	0.86	
1-Oleoylglycerophosphoethanolamine		0.68	0.93	
2-Oleoylglycerophosphoethanolamine		1.18	0.93	
2-Linoleoylglycerophosphoethanolamine		1.24	0.99	
1-Arachidonoylglycerophosphoethanolamine		0.57	0.73	
2-Arachidonoylglycerophosphoethanolamine		1.07	0.96	
2-Docosapentaenoylglycerophosphoethanolamine		1.14	0.86	
2-Docosahexaenoylglycerophosphoethanolamine		1.11	0.91	
1-Stearoylglycerophosphoglycerol		1.12	1.02	
1-Myristoylglycerophosphocholine		1.23	0.77	
2-Myristoylglycerophosphocholine		1.29	0.64	
1-Pentadecanoylglycerophosphocholine	0.69	0.21		
1-Palmitoylglycerophosphocholine	1.17	0.68		
2-Palmitoylglycerophosphocholine	1.10	0.72		
1-Palmitoleoylglycerophosphocholine	1.11	0.71		
2-Palmitoleoylglycerophosphocholine	1.16	0.64		
1-Heptadecanoylglycerophosphocholine	0.46	0.46		
1-Stearoylglycerophosphocholine	0.99	0.72		
2-Stearoylglycerophosphocholine	0.95	0.47		
1-Oleoylglycerophosphocholine	1.23	0.69		

Table W1. (continued)

Subpathway	Biochemical Name	Fold Change at 6 Hours	Fold Change at 24 Hours
	2-Oleoylglycerophosphocholine	1.14	0.73
	1-Linoleoylglycerophosphocholine	1.15	0.51
	2-Linoleoylglycerophosphocholine	1.14	0.74
	2-Eicosatrienoylglycerophosphocholine	1.07	0.61
	2-Arachidonoylglycerophosphocholine	1.09	0.81
	1-Docosapentaenoylglycerophosphocholine	1.18	0.68
	2-Docosapentaenoylglycerophosphocholine	1.01	0.64
	2-Docosahexaenoylglycerophosphocholine	1.05	0.72
	1-Palmitoylglycerophosphoinositol	0.92	1.26
	1-Stearoylglycerophosphoinositol	0.71	1.08
	1-Oleoylglycerophosphoinositol	0.70	0.96
	1-Arachidonoylglycerophosphoinositol	0.38	1.43
	2-Arachidonoylglycerophosphoinositol	0.74	1.13
	2-Oleoylglycerophosphoinositol	0.97	1.58
	2-Oleoylglycerophosphoserine	1.15	1.91
	1-Palmitoylplasmeneylethanolamine	0.60	0.83
Monoacylglycerol	1-Palmitoylglycerol (1-monopalmitin)	0.89	0.76
	2-Palmitoylglycerol (2-monopalmitin)	0.95	0.91
	1-Stearoylglycerol (1-monostearin)	1.19	0.85
	1-Oleoylglycerol (1-monoolein)	1.09	0.85
	2-Oleoylglycerol (2-monoolein)	1.71	2.14
Diacylglycerol	1,2-Dipalmitoylglycerol	1.07	0.81
Sphingolipid	Sphinganine	1.40	1.12
	Sphingosine	1.00	0.87
	Phytosphingosine	1.60	1.20
	Palmitoyl sphingomyelin	1.03	0.90
	Stearoyl sphingomyelin	0.93	0.49
Sterol/steroid	Lathosterol	1.33	0.79
	Cholesterol	1.05	0.94
	Dihydrocholesterol	1.11	1.01
	7- $\alpha$ -hydroxycholesterol	1.05	1.03
	7- $\beta$ -hydroxycholesterol	1.23	0.92
	7-ketocholesterol	1.45	1.03
Purine metabolism, (hypo)xanthine/inosine containing	Xanthine	0.67	0.52
	Xanthosine	1.09	0.72
	Hypoxanthine	0.81	0.66
	Inosine	1.37	1.17
	2'-Deoxyinosine	0.59	0.82
Purine metabolism, adenine containing	Adenine	0.98	0.64
	Adenosine	2.00	2.86
	N <sup>1</sup> -methyladenosine	0.63	0.63
	Adenosine 2'-monophosphate (2'-AMP)	0.71	0.78
	Adenosine 3'-monophosphate (3'-AMP)	2.64	4.12
	Adenosine 5'-monophosphate (AMP)	1.74	4.86
	Adenosine 5'-diphosphate (ADP)	1.34	2.23
	Adenosine 5'-triphosphate (ATP)	1.17	1.32
	Adenylosuccinate	1.00	4.02
Purine metabolism, guanine containing	Guanine	1.00	1.00
	Guanosine	1.69	0.86
	Guanosine 5'-monophosphate (5'-GMP)	4.70	12.00
	Guanosine 5'-diphospho-fucose	0.87	0.69
	N <sup>1</sup> -methylguanosine	0.69	0.60
	2'-O-methylguanosine	0.68	0.59
	N <sup>2</sup> ,N <sup>2</sup> -dimethylguanosine	0.67	0.61
	N <sup>6</sup> -carbamoylthreonyladenosine	0.67	0.54
	Guanosine 3'-monophosphate (3'-GMP)	1.00	1.00

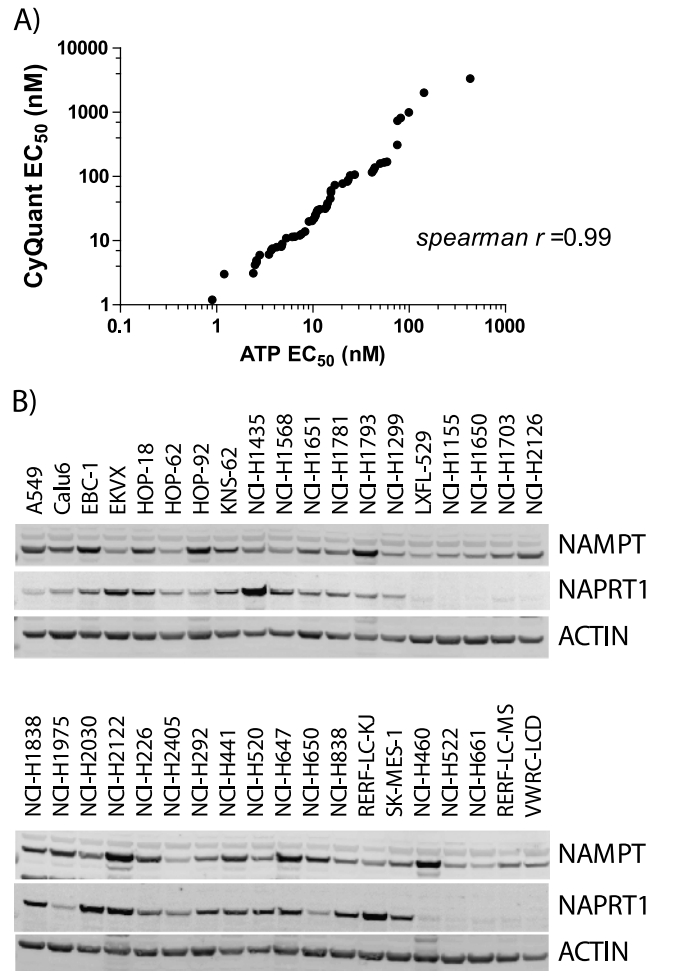
Table W1. (continued)

Subpathway	Biochemical Name	Fold Change at 6 Hours	Fold Change at 24 Hours
Purine metabolism, urate metabolism	Allantoin	1.25	1.19
Pyrimidine metabolism, cytidine containing	Cytidine	0.60	0.51
	Cytidine 5'-monophosphate (5'-CMP)	2.59	3.19
Pyrimidine metabolism, thymine containing	Thymine	0.54	0.65
	Thymidine	0.92	0.64
Pyrimidine metabolism, thymine containing; valine, leucine and isoleucine metabolism	3-Aminoisobutyrate	1.00	1.00
Pyrimidine metabolism, uracil containing	Uracil	0.82	0.50
	Uridine	0.94	0.79
	Pseudouridine	0.57	0.61
	Uridine monophosphate (5' or 3')	3.92	13.04
	Uridine 5'-diphosphate (UDP)	1.00	1.00
	Uridine 5'-triphosphate (UTP)	1.00	1.00
Purine and pyrimidine metabolism	Methylphosphate	1.11	0.85
Ascorbate and aldarate metabolism	Gulono-1,4-lactone	1.08	0.92
	Arabonate	1.00	1.00
Biotin metabolism	Biotin	1.17	1.35
Folate metabolism	5-Methyltetrahydrofolate (5MeTHF)	0.88	0.71
Nicotinate and nicotinamide metabolism	Nicotinamide	0.70	0.22
	Nicotinamide ribonucleotide (NMN)	0.29	0.03
	nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD <sup>+</sup> )	0.55	0.10
	nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide reduced (NADH)	1.16	0.37
	nicotinate adenine dinucleotide (NAAD <sup>+</sup> )	1.00	1.00
	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate (NADP <sup>+</sup> )	1.11	0.62
	Nicotinamide riboside	0.30	0.28
	Adenosine 5'-diphosphoribose	1.00	1.00
	1-Methylnicotinamide	1.03	0.77
Pantothenate and CoA metabolism	Pantothenate	0.76	0.78
	Phosphopantetheine	1.08	1.30
	coenzyme A	0.57	0.19
	acetyl CoA	0.67	0.44
Pyridoxal metabolism	Pyridoxal	1.09	0.86
Riboflavin metabolism	Flavin adenine dinucleotide (FAD)	1.03	0.93
Thiamine metabolism	Thiamin (Vitamin B1)	1.10	1.04
Tocopherol metabolism	$\alpha$ -Tocopherol	0.91	0.78
Vitamin B6 metabolism	Pyridoxate	0.59	1.05
Benzoate metabolism	Hippurate	1.13	1.52
Chemical	Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO)	1.33	1.54
	Glycerol 2-phosphate	1.04	0.96
	Methyl- $\alpha$ -glucopyranoside	1.27	0.94
	Isobar: 2-propylpentanoate, 2-ethylhexanoate	0.83	1.14
	Phenol red	1.16	1.42
Food component/plant	Ergothioneine	0.91	0.85
Sugar, sugar substitute, starch	Erythritol	1.00	1.01

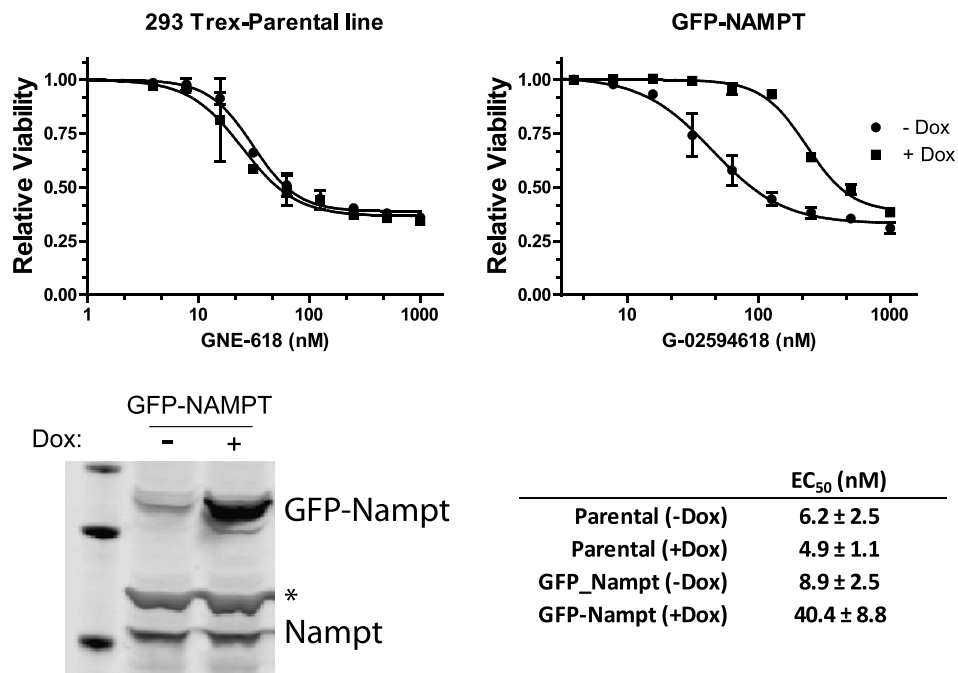
**Table W2.** A Full List of the NSCLC Cell Lines Used in Figure 4A.

Cell Line	Average EC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	SD ( <i>n</i> = 3)
NCI-H2030	0.9	0.3
NCI-H661	1.2	0.2
NCI-H1355	2.4	0.3
NCI-H2405	2.5	2.1
LXFL-529	2.6	0.1
NCI-H322T	2.6	0.3
ABC-1	2.8	0.6
ChaGo-K-1	3.5	0.1
NCI-H2106	3.7	0.3
NCI-H522	3.8	0.2
SW1573	4.2	0.2
NCI-H838	4.7	1.6
NCI-H1650	4.7	3.2
VWRC-LCD	4.8	4.5
NCI-H1155	5.3	2.5
NCI-H1568	6.1	1.7
NCI-H23	6.5	0.1
NCI-H1770	7.3	0.1
A-427	7.6	0.8
NCI-H727	8.3	0.8
RERF-LC-MS	9.1	1.8
HOP-62	9.8	5.5
NCI-H1563	10.3	0.8
NCI-H1838	10.6	3.0
RERF-LC-OK	10.6	0.6
EKVX	11.0	3.7
SK-MES-1	11.2	0.4
NCI-H1299	11.8	1.0
NCI-H292	13.4	3.1
NCI-H1781	13.9	1.7
NCI-H520	14.2	8.1
NCI-H2126	15.2	3.8
NCI-H1703	15.4	3.2
NCI-H1435	15.4	4.6
NCI-H1651	16.9	3.5
Calu-6	20.3	3.0
HCC2279	22.9	7.2
NCI-H1975	23.3	2.8
HOP-18	24.4	4.6
A549	27.2	9.8
KNS-62	41.2	11.5
HOP-92	42.7	9.8
HCC827	43.9	20.1
NCI-H226	50.0	11.9
NCI-H1793	55.1	4.6
UMC-11	58.9	3.3
NCI-H441	75.1	25.9
NCI-H650	75.6	30.4
NCI-H647	81.9	51.2
EBC-1	99.0	69.6
NCI-H460	143.0	52.9
NCI-H2122	431.3	24.6
RERF-LC-KJ	2845.0	3047.7

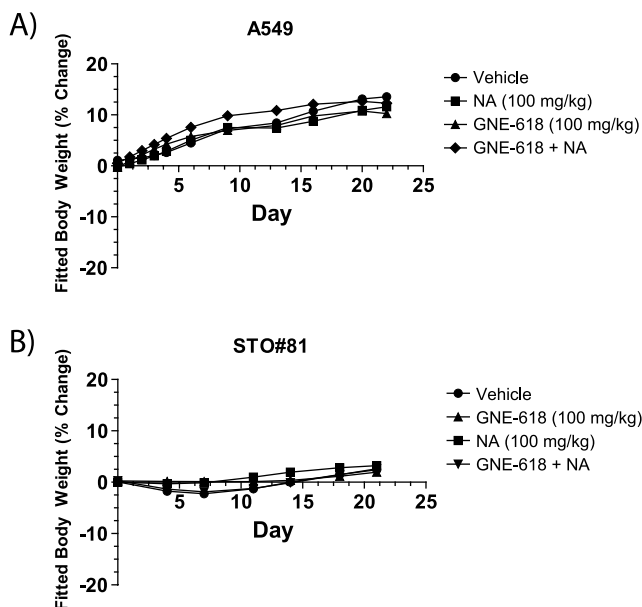
The average EC<sub>50</sub> and the associated SD (*n* = 3) are shown.



**Figure W2.** (A) Calculated EC<sub>50</sub> obtained with CellTiter-Glo assay and CyQUANT Direct assay for each cell line following exposure to GNE-618 for a total of 96 hours. (B) Western blot analysis of a select set of NSCLC cell lines evaluated in Figure 4A and probed for NAMPT, NAPRT1, or ACTIN.



**Figure W3.** Overexpression of NAMPT protein reduces sensitivity to GNE-618. A 293Trex cell line with an inducible GFP-NAMPT was generated. Induction of GFP-NAMPT, but not GFP alone, reduced the effectiveness of GNE-618 when viability was assessed after 96 hours (CellTiter-Glo readout). The associated EC<sub>50</sub> values are shown (average ± SD, *n* = 2). Western blot analysis reveals that the GFP-NAMPT fusion protein is only expressed in the presence of Dox (asterisk indicates a cross-reactive band).



**Figure W4.** Body weight changes associated with GNE-618 treatment in the (A) A549 (NSCLC) and (B) STO#81 (gastric) models. Body weights were recorded twice weekly over the course of the study. Mice with losses in body weight ≥20% from their weight at the start of treatment were promptly killed.