

Supporting Information

A small molecule inhibitor of TopBP1 exerts anti-MYC activity and synergy with PARP inhibitors

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Materials and Methods

Cell Culture, Transfection and shRNA Expression Vectors

MDA-MB-468, BT549, MDAH-2774, TOV-112D, A2780cis, HEK293T and AML12 (alpha mouse liver 12) mouse hepatocytes were maintained in DMEM with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS). MCF10A was maintained in DMEM/F12 with 5% horse serum, 2.5 mM glutamine, 0.5 µg/ml hydrocortisone, 10 µg/ml insulin, 100 ng/ml cholera toxin and 20 ng/ml EGF. OVCAR8, H2170, HCC95 and HCC2814 were maintained in RPMI with 10% FBS. A2780cis cell line (1) (ECACC 93112517) was purchased from PHE-Culture collections through Sigma. AML12 cells are hepatocytes isolated from the normal liver of a 3-month-old mouse and were obtained through ATCC (CRL-2254). HCC95 and HCC2814 cell lines were purchased from UT Southwestern. All other cell lines were purchased from ATCC. The validated pLKO.1 lentiviral expression vectors of MIZ1 shRNA (#1:TRCN0000012954 and #2:TRCN0000012955) were purchased from Sigma. The pLKO.1-Scrambled vector was purchased from Addgene (Plasmid #1864). The pLKOshTopBP1 expression vectors were purchased from RNAi Consortium. The lentivirus harboring TopBP1 shRNA, MIZ1 shRNA or scrambled shRNA was produced in Lenti-XTM HEK293T (Takara), and was then transduced into MDA-MB-468, MDAH-2774 or H2170. After selection with puromycin (3 µg/ml) for a week, stable cell lines were established for further experiments.

In Vitro Peptide Binding

In vitro peptide binding was performed as previously described (2). Briefly, GST-TopBP1-BRCT7/8 in *Escherichia coli* strain BL21(DE3)pLysS was induced by 0.1 mM IPTG (isopropylβ-D-thiogalactopyranoside) and purified according to the standard protocol. The GST tag of GST-TopBP1-BRCT7/8 was removed by PreScission protease (Pharmacia). Two purified (> 98%)

biotinylated peptides that contain TopBP1-S1159 residue, including pP. Btn-REERARLApSer¹¹⁵⁹NLQWPS and nP, Btn-REERARLASNLQWPS, were synthesized by Sigma Genosys. Purified TopBP1-BRCT7/8 was incubated with compound 2H3 or 5D4 in NETN-A buffer (50 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA (pH 8.0), 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0) and 0.5% NP-40) at 4°C for 2 h, followed by the addition of purified pP or nP peptide at 4°C overnight. The biotinylated peptides were then pulled down with streptavidin-Sepharose (Amersham). The beads were washed four times with NETN-B buffer (100 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA (pH 8.0), 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0) and 0.5% NP-40) and then subjected to sodium dodecyl sulfate-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) and immunoblotting using an anti-TopBP1 rabbit antibody (1:1000, BL893, Bethyl Laboratories).

GST Pulldown Assay

Purified TopBP1-BRCT7/8 was incubated with compound 5D4 in NETN-A buffer at 4°C for 1.5 h, followed by the addition of 1 µg GST-mutp53-R273H(DBD) (3), GST-p53(DBD) or GST at 4°C for another 7 h. GST, GST-mutp53-R273H(DBD) or GST-p53(DBD) beads were washed four times with NETN-B buffer and then subjected to SDS-PAGE analysis to detect the associated TopBP1-BRCT7/8 using a rabbit antibody against the C-terminus of TopBP1 (Bethyl).

Cell Viability, Clonogenic Survival, and Caspase-3/7 Activity Assays

Cell viability was determined by MTT assay as described before (4). Alternatively, viable cells were either determined by trypan blue exclusion assay and counted using Countess II Automated Cell Counter (ThermoFisher), or determined by cell counting kit-8 (CCK-8) assay according to the manufactural instruction (APExBIO). Ten µl of WST-8 solution was added to the cells for one

or two hours at 37 °C, and the amount of WST-8 formazan generated by the activity of dehydrogenases in the living cells was measured by reading the absorbance at OD 450 nm using a microplate reader (BioTek). Clonogenic survival assay was performed in MDA-MB-468 or TOV-112D cells. Cells were treated with 2H3, 5H3 or 5D4 at various concentrations for 24 h. After PBS washing, viable cells were cultured in fresh medium for another four or five days, followed by fixation with 3% formaldehyde and staining with 0.5% crystal violet in 25% methanol. To measure the proliferation rate of tumor spheres, equal amounts of tumor cells (TOV-112D, MDA-MB-468, BT549 or T47D) were seeded on 6-well plates with cell-repellent surface (Greiner-Bio-One). When the diameter of tumor spheres reached 30-50 µm, DMSO vehicle or 5D4 at various concentrations was added every 2-3 days. The images of tumor spheres were captured 24 h after treatment, and the diameter of 40-60 spheres was measured. To determine the viability of PDX tumor spheres, breast cancer PDX tissues were trypsinized and cells were cultured in Complete DMEM/F12 Media for Patient-Derived In Vitro and Organoid Cultures as described in NCI Patient-Derived Models Repository (SOP30101). After culturing for ten days, tumor spheres were aliquoted on 48-well plates and treated with DMSO vehicle or 5 μ M 5D4 every other day for 6 days, followed by CCK-8 assay to determine the viability of tumor spheres. Apoptosis was determined by the Caspase-Glo® 3/7 activity assay (Promega), which measures the caspase-3/7 activity by cleavage of the luminogenic substrate containing the DEVD sequence, and was normalized to protein concentrations. To investigate the proapoptotic effect of 5D4 on transiently transfected cells, H1299 cells stably expressing mutp53(R273H) were transfected with a pSUPER vector harboring a scrambled shRNA or a TopBP1 shRNA. After 48 h, cells were treated with 5 µM 5D4 for 21 h, followed by caspase-3/7 activity assay.

Immunoblotting, Co-immunoprecipitation, and Immunostaining

Immunoblotting was performed using an antibody specific to p62, Cyclin D1, Cyclin A2, c-Myc, Rad51, HSP90 (Cell Signaling), p21^{Cip1}, ACTL6A or GAPDH (Santa Cruz Biotechnology). To detect the effect of 5D4 on the interactions of TopBP1 with its binding partners, MDA-MB-468 cells treated with 2 µM 5D4 or MDAH-2774 cells treated with 3 µM 5D4 for 20 h were harvested in a buffer containing 0.1% Triton-X, 150 mM NaCl, 10% glycerol, 1 mM EDTA and 1 mM EGTA. Endogenous TopBP1 was immunoprecipitated with an anti-TopBP1 mouse monoclonal antibody (Santa Cruz Biotechnology) or control mouse IgG, and was resolved by SDS-PAGE. The co-immunoprecipitated proteins were detected by immunoblotting using a rabbit antibody specific to MIZ1, CIP2A, PLK1, p53, Rad9, RPA2 (Cell Signaling) or Treslin (Bethyl). The immunoblot was stripped and reprobed with an anti-TopBP1 rabbit antibody (Bethyl). Co-immunoprecipitation of BRCA1 with BACH1 was performed in MDA-MB-468 cells after treatment with 2 µM 5D4 or vehicle DMSO for 20 h. Endogenous BRCA1 was immunoprecipitated with an anti-BRCA1 mouse monoclonal antibody (Calbiochem) or control mouse IgG, followed by immunoblotting using a rabbit antibody specific to BACH1 (Cell Signaling). Co-immunoprecipitation of TopBP1 with E2F1 or TopBP1-BRCT7/8 was performed as described before (2). Immunostaining was performed to detect Rad51 foci formation. MDAH-2774 cells were treated with 2 µM CalAM, 4 μM 5D4, 10 μM rucaparib or a combination of rucaparib with CalAM or 5D4 for 16 h. Cells were then fixed with 3% formaldehyde, followed by permeabilization with 0.2% Triton-X and blocking with 2% bovine serum albumin in PBS. Endogenous Rad51 was detected using an anti-Rad51 rabbit antibody (Cell Signaling) followed by the Texas Red X-conjugated rabbit secondary antibody (Invitrogen). Nuclei were stained with Hoechst 33258 (Sigma).

RNA-seq

Total RNA was extracted using Trizol method. Eukaryotic RNA-seq including library preparation and sequencing with 20 million raw reads per sample using Illumina Platform paired-end 150 bp (PE150) was performed at Novogene Co., Ltd. (CA, USA). To map reads to the genome, reference genome and gene model annotation files were downloaded from genome website browser (NCBI/UCSC/Ensembl) directly. Indexes of the reference genome was built using STAR and paired-end clean reads were aligned to the reference genome using STAR (v2.5). STAR uses the method of Maximal Mappable Prefix (MMP) which can generate a precise mapping result for junction reads. To quantify the levels of gene expression, HTSeq v0.6.1 was used to count the read numbers mapped of each gene. And then FPKM (Fragments Per Kilobase of transcript per Million mapped reads) of each gene was calculated based on the length of the gene and reads count mapped to this gene (5). FPKM considers the effect of sequencing depth and gene length for the reads count at the same time.

Chromatin-Immunoprecipitation (ChIP)

Treated cells were fixed, harvested, and nuclei were isolated as previously described (6). Nuclei were suspended in shearing buffer (0.1 mM EDTA, pH 8.0, 0.1 mM EGTA, 10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 6.8, 100 mM NaCl, 0.1% sodium deoxycholate, 0.5% N-lauroylsarcosine, protease inhibitors) and sonicated until an average fragment size of 800 bp was reached. Chromatin concentrations were calculated based on processed aliquots, and equal chromatin amounts were used in subsequent immunoprecipitation. All chromatin immunoprecipitations, washes, and downstream processing were performed as described previously (6). IP samples were incubated with 3 µg MIZ1 antibody (Santa Cruz, sc-136985) or 3 µg control mouse IgG antibody (ThermoFisher), and precipitated

with protein G magnetic dynabeads (Invitrogen). Samples were analyzed via qPCR, with ChIP primer sequences as indicated below. Primer sequence for Gene Desert was designed by Active Motif.

	Forward Primer	Reverse Primer
p21	GTGGCTCTGATTGGCTTTCTG	CTGAAAACAGGCAGCCCAAG
Gene Desert	TGAGCATTCCAGTGATTTATTG	AAGCAGGTAAAGGTCCATATTTC
β-actin	CACCAACTGGGACGACAT	ACAGCCTGGATAGCAACG

ChIP Primer Pairs for Gene Promoter Regions (5' to 3')

In Vivo Xenograft Experiments

Freshly grown MDA-MB-468 breast cancer cells (5 million cells per site in 100 μ l PBS or MDAH-2774 ovarian cancer cells (2 million cells per site in 100 μ l PBS) were injected subcutaneously into the right side of the flank of the 5- to 6-week-old NOD scid IL2 receptor γ chain knockout (NSG) female mice. For patient-derived xenograft (PDX) experiment, breast cancer PDXs BCM2665 and BCM3107 (from BCM PDX Core) were implanted into the mammary fat pads of female NSG mice. When tumors were measureable, the mice were randomly divided into treatment and control groups. 5D4 was dissolved in DMSO and given intraperitoneally at 40 mg/kg, once every three days for three doses (in MDA-MB-468 and MDAH-2774 xenograft experiments) or twice weekly for three or four weeks (in BCM2665 and BCM3107 PDX experiments). Talazoparib was dissolved in 10% Dimethylacetamide (DMAc)/4% DMSO/ PBS, and given intraperitoneally at 0.5 mg/kg, daily x 5 per week (7). The control group mice were injected with vehicle. The mice were monitored twice a week. The mouse weight and tumor size were measured on the indicated day with a caliper and calculated based on the formula $\pi/6$ (length x depth x width). The evaluator was blinded to the group allocation during monitoring. Animals were euthanized on the indicated dates, and tumors were harvested, weighed and further processed for histopathological analysis. All experiments were performed under a Baylor College of Medicine Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)-approved protocol and all experiments confirm to IACUC standards and ethical regulations.

Histology and Immunohistochemistry

PDX tumors and mouse small intestines were placed in cassettes and fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin. Next day the samples were sent to The Pathology and Histology Core of Baylor College of Medicine for further processing. The paraffin-embedded sections were stained with H&E, Ki-67, or an anti-cleaved PARP1 antibody using standard operating protocols.

Cellular Thermal Shift Assay (CETSA)

CETSA was performed following the published protocol (8). MDA-MB-468 cells were treated with 10 μ M 5D4 at 37 °C for 2 h. After washing with PBS three times, cells were resuspended in PBS supplemented with protease inhibitor cocktail. The cells were then aliquoted and heated individually at different temperatures ranging from 42-48.4 °C for 3 min, followed by cooling down for 3 min at room temperature. The cell suspensions were freeze-thawed three times using liquid nitrogen. After centrifugation at 20,000 x g for 20 min at 4 °C to remove the cell debris, the supernatants were transferred to new microtubes and analyzed by SDS-PAGE followed by immunoblotting. For xenograft experiments, mice were injected with the last dose of 5D4 or vehicle control one day before euthanization and tumor harvesting. The frozen tumors were thawed on ice, and homogenized in cold PBS followed by three cycles of freeze-thawing using liquid

nitrogen. Tissue lysates were separated from the cellular debris by centrifugation at 20,000 x g for 20 min at 4 °C. The supernatants were diluted with PBS supplemented with protease inhibitor cocktail, aliquoted, and then heated at different temperatures ranging from 42-47.6 °C for 3 min, followed by cooling down for 3 min at room temperature. Soluble fractions were isolated by centrifugation and analyzed as mentioned above.

Combination Index Analysis

To determine and quantify a dose-effect relationship between TopBP1i and PARPi, cells were treated with different concentrations of TopBP1i, PARPi or both at a constant concentration ratio between TopBP1i and PARPi. The combinatorial effect was evaluated using the combination index method as previously described (9, 10). The mode of interaction (synergy, antagonism, or additivity) was determined using CompuSyn software program (CompuSyn, Inc., Paramus, NJ). Combination index (CI) is a quantitative measurement of drug interaction (CI = 1, additive effects), (CI < 1, synergy), (CI > 1, antagonism).

Statistical Analysis

We ran linear mixed model analysis in JASP version 0.17.2.1. We performed two-tailed *t* test for comparisons of treatment groups. Data were expressed as mean ± SD from at least three biological replicates, or mean ± SEM (or SD) from at least three independent experiments. *P* values less than 0.05 were considered statistically significant. RNA-Seq data in TCGA database were extracted from cBioPortal server (https://www.cbioportal.org/) and GEPIA2 server (http://gepia2.cancer-pku.cn/#index). The expression of 200 MYC target genes in gene set Hallmark_MYC_targets_v1 was used to correlate with TopBP1 expression in TCGA database. Pearson correlation coefficients

were calculated to evaluate correlations. Gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) was performed

using GSEA software.

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Supporting Information Dataset Legends

Supporting Information Dataset 1: ZINC IDs and docking scores of initial hits.

(See separate SI Dataset 1 excel file.)

Supporting Information Dataset 2: 2H3 analogs FAFDrug3 toxicity profile.

(See separate SI Dataset 2 excel file.)

Supporting Information Dataset 3: Summary of 2H3 analogs SAR study.

(See separate SI Dataset 3 excel file.)

Supplementary Table S1: Calculated parameters of Lipinski's rule of five for the

compounds.

	reference				
Parameter	value	Calcein AM	2H3	5D4	5H3
H bond donors	<= 5	0	1	2	2
H bond acceptors	<= 10	25	5	5	4
MW	< 500	994.857	426.564	467.637	494.663
log P	<= 5	3.49	4.801	2.773	3.497
number of atoms	20-70	117	64	69	72
polar surface area	<= 140 Å2	305 Å2	46.23 Å2	44 Å2	54.6 Å2
rotatable bonds	<= 10	32	6	7	6
#Rule of 5 violations		2	0	0	0

Calculated parameters of Lipinski's rule of five for the compounds





Supplementary Figure S1. Compound screening identifies Cpd 2H3 as a lead compound that exhibits anti-proliferative activity in breast cancer cells.

BT549 (**A**) or MDA-MB-468 (**B**) cells were treated with vehicle DMSO, CalAM (5 μ M) or one of the compounds (20 μ M) for 48 h. Cell viability was determined by MTT assay. Data shown are the mean ± SD done in triplicates. Arrows indicate the *P* value versus vehicle DMSO.



Supplementary Figure S2. Cpd 2H3 blocks the self-association of TopBP1 with TopBP1-BRCT7/8 domains.

HEK293T cells were transiently transfected with the expression vector(s) of FLAG-TopBP1-BRCT7/8, Myc-TopBP1 or both, followed by treatment with 2H3 (10 µM) or DMSO vehicle control (Veh) for 8 h. Cell lysates were harvested and FLAG-BRCT7/8 was immunoprecipitated with anti-FLAG mouse monoclonal antibody-conjugated agarose, followed by immunoblotting using an anti-Myc rabbit antibody to detect the co-immunoprecipitated Myc-TopBP1. The blot was stripped and reprobed with an anti-FLAG rabbit antibody to detect the immunoprecipitated FLAG-TopBP1-BRCT7/8. The bottom two panels show the expression of Myc-TopBP1 and FLAG-BRCT7/8, respectively, in the whole cell lysates.

	S/TxxxΩ motif		
TopBP1	0 +4		
Homo sapiens:	1159 <mark>SNLQW</mark> PSCPTQ		
Mus musculus:	SNLQWPSDPTQ	pS1159 (TopBP1)	242
Rattus norvegicus:	SNLQWPSYPTQ		203
Canis lupus (dog)	SNLQWPSCPTQ		
Felis catus (cat)	SNLQWPSCPTQ		
Gallus gallus (chick	(en) SNFQWPNSPSQ		
Xenopus laevis:	SNLQWPDSPSQ		
Pelodiscus sinensis	s: SNLQWPNSPSQ	Irp (+4)	
(Chinese softshell t	urtle)		
Danio rerio:	DNLQWPGSPSQ		
BACH1	0 +4	nT1133 (BACH1)	
Homo sapiens:	1133TPELYDPEDTD	prinos (BAGIII)	calcelin
Canis lupus (dog):	SPELYDPADTN		
Mus musculus:	TPELFDPVDTN		
Rattus norvegicus:	TPELFDPVSTD	T-PO	
Gallus gallus:	TPELYDDAESE	$T_{\rm Me}(\pm 4)$	
Danio rerio:	SPELFEGGEEE	Iyi (+4)	
Xenopus tropicalis:	TPELYDDDGQE		

Supplementary Figure S3. Structure of TopBP1-BRCT7/8 binding pocket with $pS/Txxx\Omega$

phosphopeptides or lead compounds.

Shown in the left panel are conservative phosphopeptides containing the $pS/Txxx\Omega$ motif in

TopBP1 and BACH1.



Supplementary Figure S4. Compound screening of 2H3 analogs identifies 5D4 and 5H3 as more potent compounds than 2H3 in the induction of apoptosis in breast and ovarian cancer cells.

A. MDAH-2774 cells were treated with vehicle DMSO or one of the 2H3 analogs (10 μ M) for 20 h. Active caspase-3/7 was determined by Caspase-Glo® 3/7 Assay and was normalized to protein concentrations.

B. TOV-112D cells were treated with vehicle DMSO or 5 μ M 2H3, 5H3 or 5D4 for 16 h. Active caspase-3/7 was determined by Caspase-Glo® 3/7 Assay and was normalized to protein concentrations. Data shown are the mean \pm SD from four independent experiments. ***P* < 0.01, ****P* < 0.001 versus vehicle DMSO (two tailed *t* test).

C. MDA-MB-468 cells were treated with vehicle DMSO or increasing concentrations of 5H3 or 5D4 for 18 h. Active caspase-3/7 was determined by Caspase-Glo® 3/7 Assay and was normalized to protein concentrations. Data shown are the mean \pm SD done in triplicates. **P < 0.01, ***P < 0.001 versus vehicle DMSO (two tailed *t* test).





Purified TopBP1-BRCT7/8 was incubated with GST-p53(DBD) in the presence of various concentrations of 5D4, and GST pulldown assay was performed. The pulldown of TopBP1-BRCT7/8 was detected by immunoblotting using an anti-TopBP1 antibody against the C-terminus of TopBP1.



Supplementary Figure S6. Both 5H3 and 5D4 inhibits clonogenic survival of MDA-MB-468 cells.

Equal amounts of cells were treated with vehicle DMSO or different concentrations of 5H3 or 5D4 for 24 h. After washing with PBS, cells were cultured in fresh growth medium for another five days and then fixed with 3% formaldehyde. Viable cells were stained with 0.5% crystal violet. Shown are representative images (n = 2).







50 μm

Supplementary Figure S7. Treatment with Cpd 5D4 inhibits the growth of breast and ovarian cancer tumor spheres.

Equal amounts of breast cancer cells (BT549 or T47D) (A) or TOV-112D ovarian cancer cells (B) were seeded on 6-well plates with cell-repellent surface. When the diameter of tumor spheres reached 30-50 μ m, spheres were treated with vehicle DMSO or different concentrations of 5D4 on day 0, 3 and 6 (A) or day 0, 3 and 5 (B). The images were captured 24 h after each treatment, and the diameter of tumor spheres was measured. Data shown are the mean ± SEM of 40-60 spheres (**P* < 0.05 versus 5D4-treated cells). The images shown were captured either on day 7 or 6. Scale bars are 100 μ m in (A) and 50 μ m in (B).

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DDCT downsin		
BRCI domain	PDB ID	docking score
TopBP1-BRCT7/8	3AL3	-9.2
TopBP1-BRCT0/1/2	6HM5	-6.4
TopBP1-BRCT4/5	3UEN	-5.7
TopBP1-BRCT6	3JVE	-5.8
BRCA1 tandem BRCT	1LOB	-6.3
MCPH1-BRCT2/3	3U3Z	-5.8
MDC1 tandem BRCT	2ETX	-5.2
BARD1 tandem BRCT	3FA2	-6.4
PTIP tandem BRCT	3SQD	-5.2
XRCC1 tandem BRCT	6WH2	-6
Lig IV tandem BRCT	3116	-6.1
53BP1 tandem BRCT	5ECG	-6.1
ECT2 tandem BRCT	6L30	-5.5



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IP: IgG	Ι αBF	P: RCA [·]	5 1 in	i% put	
DMSO	DMSO	5D4	DMSO	5D4	
5	1		5	-	IB: BACH1
4	-		03	-	BRCA1

Supplementary Figure S8.

A. Docking scores of 5D4 among different tandem BRCT domains.

B. Cpd 5D4 treatment does not affect the interaction of BRCA1 with BACH1. MDA-MB-468 cells were treated with vehicle DMSO or 2 μ M 5D4 for 20 h. Endogenous BRCA1 was immunoprecipitated with an anti-BRCA1 mouse monoclonal antibody or control mouse IgG, followed by immunoblotting using an anti-BACH1 rabbit antibody. The immunoblot was reprobed with an anti-BRCA1 rabbit antibody.



Supplementary Figure S9. TopBP1 depletion and treatment with CalAM or 5D4 share significant similarity in changes of gene expression in MDA-MB-468 cells.

Shown are GSEA from RNA-seq data of MDA-MB-468 cells treated with CalAM, 5D4 or depleted of TopBP1. NES: normalized enrichment score; FDR: false discovery rate.



Supplementary Figure S10. Cpd 5D4 treatment does not significantly affect mouse body weight.

Shown are the mean mouse body weights \pm SD of the xenograft-bearing mice treated with vehicle or 5D4 as described in Fig. 7A-C. The x-axis represents the day after injection of cells or implantation of PDX.



Supplementary Figure S11. Cpd 5D4 and PARP1/2 inhibitors synergistically inhibit cell viability in ovarian and breast cancer cells.

A2780cis (A) or MDA-MB-468 (B) cells were treated with 5D4, rucaparib, talazoparib or a combination of 5D4 with either rucaparib or talazoparib as indicated for 20 h. Active caspase-3/7 was determined by Caspase-Glo® 3/7 Assay and was normalized to protein concentrations. Data shown are the mean \pm SEM from three or four independent experiments. Combination index (CI) values and Fa (Fraction affected)-CI plots were generated using CompuSyn software. CI < 1 indicates synergism.





MDA-MB-468, MDAH-2774 or A2780cis cells were treated with vehicle DMSO, CalAM, rucaparib (Ru), talazoparib (Ta) or a combination of CalAM (Ca) with either rucaparib or talazoparib as indicated for 45 h. Cell viability was determined by CCK-8 assay (A, E). Data shown are the mean \pm SD done in triplicates. Active caspase-3/7 was determined by Caspase-Glo®

3/7 Assay and was normalized to protein concentrations (**B**, **C**, **D**, **F**). Data shown are the mean \pm SEM from three or four independent experiments. Lower panels are corresponding Fa-CI plots.



Supplementary Figure S13. TopBP1i and rucaparib synergistically inhibit cell viability in lung cancer cells.

HCC95 (A) or HCC2814 (B) lung cancer cells were treated with TopBP1i (CalAM or 5D4), rucaparib or both as indicated for 45 h, followed by trypan blue exclusion assay to determine the cell viability. Data shown are the mean \pm SD done in quadruplicates. Right panels are corresponding Fa-CI plots.



Supplementary Figure S14. TopBP1i and veliparib synergistically inhibit cell viability in breast and ovarian cancer cells.

A. MDA-MB-468 cells were treated with CalAM, veliparib or both as indicated for 20 h. Active caspase-3/7 was determined by Caspase-Glo® 3/7 Assay and was normalized to protein concentrations. Data shown are the mean \pm SEM from three independent experiments.

B. MDAH-2774 cells were treated with 5D4, veliparib or both as indicated for 45 h. Cell viability was determined by CCK-8 assay. Data shown are the mean \pm SD done in quadruplicates. Right panels are corresponding Fa-CI plots.



Supplementary Figure S15. Cpd 5D4 or a combination of 5D4 with rucaparib does not affect the viability of untransformed mouse hepatocytes.

AML12 mouse hepatocytes were treated with 5D4, rucaparib, or a combination of 5D4 with rucaparib as indicated for 45 h. The viable AML12 mouse hepatocytes after treatment were determined by trypan blue exclusion. The number of live cells was normalized to that of vehicle (DMSO) control. Data shown are the mean \pm SD from three independent experiments. Right panel is Fa-CI plot.



Supplementary Figure S16. TopBP1i attenuates PARPi-induced Rad51 foci formation.

MDAH-2774 cells were treated with 2 μ M CalAM, 4 μ M 5D4, 10 μ M rucaparib or a combination of rucaparib with either CalAM or 5D4 for 18 h. After fixation and permeabilization, cells were subjected to immunostaining using an anti-Rad51 rabbit antibody, followed by Texas Red-X-conjugated anti-rabbit secondary antibody. Nuclei was stained by Hoechst 33258. The images were captured under fluorescence microscope using 100X objective. The number of Rad51 foci (+) cells was counted under 40X objective. At least 60 cells per sample were counted (n = 4-5).



Supplementary Figure S17. Cpd 5D4 and PARP-14 inhibitor GeA-69 synergistically inhibit the expression of MYC and its target genes in breast and ovarian cancer cells.

MDA-MB-468 (A) or MDAH-2774 (B) cells were treated with different concentrations of 5D4, GeA-69 or both for 20 h. Cells were harvested and the whole cell lysates were subjected to immunoblotting using antibodies specific to the indicated proteins, respectively. GAPDH and HSP90 serve as loading controls.



Supplementary Figure S18. Combination of Cpd 5D4 and talazoparib does not significantly affect mouse body weight.

Shown are the mean mouse body weights \pm SD of the xenograft-bearing mice treated with vehicle, 5D4, talazoparib or combination as described in Fig. 10A-B. The x-axis represents the day after injection of cells or implantation of PDX.

cell line	tissue of origin	TP53 status	MYC Amp	BRCA1	BRCA2	MYC mRNA	TopBP1 mRNA	MYC protein	TopBP1 protein	5D4 IC₅₀ (µM)
T47D	breast cancer	L194F	No	WT	WT	20.55	23.28	-0.60	0.27	4.83 ± 0.29 (n=3)
MDA-MB- 468	breast cancer	R273H	No	WT	M965I	38.16	17.70	NA	0.22	2.65 ± 0.785 (n=4)
BT549	breast cancer	R249S	Yes	WT	WT	38.56	27.19	-0.17	0.30	3.73 ± 0.23 (n=3)
HCC1937	breast cancer	R306*	Yes	Q1777fs	WT	26.26	24.53	0.29	0.22	1.25 ± 0.07 (n=2)
MDAH- 2774	ovarian cancer	R273H	NA*	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.675 ± 0.25 (n=4)
OVCAR8	ovarian cancer	Y126fs	Yes	WT**	WT	45.29	16.14	-0.04	-0.52	3.9
HCC95	lung squamous cell carcinoma	R335fs	No	WT	WT	96.24	12.03	0.60	-0.94	8 ± 0.7 (n=2)
H2170	lung squamous cell carcinoma	R158G	Yes	WT	WT	180.94	15.45	0.66	-0.74	2.33 ± 1.04 (n=3)
HCC2814	lung squamous cell carcinoma	C176W	No	WT	WT	33.16	14.19	NA	NA	6.53 ± 5.75 (n=3)
A549	lung adenocarcinoma	WT	No	WT	WT	41.38	18.27	0.21	-0.21	4 ± 0.82 (n=3)

MYC and TopBP1 mRNA: RNAseq RPKM; MYC and TopBP1 proteins: abundance ratios relative to bridge-sample. *MDAH-2774 cells harbor a frameshift mutation in FBXW7, an E3 ubiquitin ligase for MYC. **BRCA1-methylated

NA: not available

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Supplementary Figure S19. Summary of the cell lines and correlation between TopBP1 expression and the response to 5D4.

A. The genetic status and gene expression of the cell lines are extracted from CCLE database.

The IC_{50} of 5D4 for each cell line was determined by CCK-8 assay or trypan blue exclusion

assay. Shown are the mean \pm SD from multiple independent experiments.

B. The IC₅₀ of 5D4 for each cell line is plotted against TopBP1 mRNA or protein levels.



Supplementary Figure S20. Correlation between TopBP1 expression and MYC target gene signature in multiple types of cancer in TCGA database.

The correlation between the gene expression of 200 MYC target genes in gene set Hallmark_MYC_targets_v1 and TopBP1 expression in TCGA database was evaluated. R value represents Pearson correlation coefficient. BRCA, breast invasive cancer; LIHC, liver hepatocellular carcinoma; PRAD, prostate adenocarcinoma; HNSC, head and neck squamous cell carcinoma; LUSC, lung squamous cell carcinoma; LUAD, lung adenocarcinoma; LGG, low grade glioma; BLCA, bladder urothelial carcinoma.



Supplementary Figure S21. LCMS analysis of Cpd 5D4.

Supplementary Figure S22. 1D and 2D NMR analysis of Cpd 5D4.

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Supplementary Figure S23. HRESIMS analysis of Cpd 5D4.

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Supplementary Figure S22. 1D and 2D NMR and MS data of Cpd 5D4

NMR spectra were recorded with Bruker AV-500 MHz spectrometers and chemical shifts were measured in δ (ppm) with CDCl₃ as an internal standard. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) was measured with an AB SCIE X (QSTAR® XL) High Resolution Electrospray (ESI) Mass Spectrometry. TLC was carried out on silica gel 60 F254 (Merck) plate. Spot was detected by UV and Dragendorff's spray reagent.



[(4-Methoxyphenyl)methyl]({[(2*R*,4*S*,5*R*)-5-[1-methyl-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazol-5yl]-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octan-2-yl]methyl})amine

R_f 0.69 (CH₂Cl₂:CH₃OH = 100:1); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 1.35 (1H, m, H-3), 1.57 (1H, m, H-3), 1.73 (2H, m, H-8), 1.96 (1H, s, H-4); 2.68 (1H, m, H-9), 2.81 (1H, t, *J* = 11.0 Hz, H-9), 2.89-2.93 (2H, m, H-5,7), 3.04-3.11 (4H, m, H-2,6,7), 3.72 (3H, s, 4'-OCH₃), 3.82 (3H, s, NCH₃), 3.88 (1H, m, H-7'), 3.93 (1H, m, H-7'), 6.36 (1H, s, H-4"), 6.89 (2H, d, *J* = 8.30 Hz, H-3',5'), 7.32 (2H, d, *J* = 8.30 Hz, H-2',6'), 7.43-7.49 (2H, m, H-4"',7"'), 7.82-7.92 (4H, m, H-3"',5"',6"',8"'), 8.20 (1H, s, H-1"'); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 159.2 (C-4'), 150.0 (C-3"), 145.8 (C-5"), 133.8 (C-4a"'), 133.1 (C-8a"'), 131.0 (C-2"'), 130.3 (C-1'), 130.1 (C-2', C-6'), 128.4 (C-6"'), 128.3 (C-3"'), 127.8 (C-5"'), 126.3 (C-7"'), 125.8 (C-4"'), 124.1 (C-8"'), 123.9 (C-1"'), 114.2 (C-3', C-5'), 101.3 (C-4"), 55.4 (OCH₃), 54.9 (C-2), 52.6 (C-7'), 49.8 (C-9), 48.7 (C-6), 46.6 (C-7), 36.7 (N-CH₃), 33.7 (C-5), 27.1 (C-4), 26.6 (C-8), 25.6 (C-3); HRESIMS *m/z* 467.2811 [M + H]⁺ (calcd for C₃₀H₃₅N₄O, 467.2811).

1D and 2D NMR of Cpd 5D4









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WFP5D4 COSY/CDC13/300K



Supplementary Figure S23. HRESIMS analysis of Cpd 5D4.

Elemental Composition Report Page 1 Single Mass Analysis Tolerance = 200.0 PPM / DBE: min = -10.0, max = 100.0 Element prediction: Off Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions} \\ 611 \mbox{formula(e) ovaluated with 99 results within limits (up to 20 closest results for each mass)} \\ Elements Used: \\ C: 1-80 \quad H: 1-100 \quad N: 1-10 \quad O: 1-10 \end{array}$ 5D4 200408esi21 220 (2.160) Cm (220:221-(180:181+317:318)) 1: TOF MS ES+ 6.90e+006 467.2811 100-%-468.2840 469.2871 472.3472 477.3031 481.2606482.2632.485.2127 470.0 475.0 480.0 485.0 429,2355 433,2802 437,3378 440,1115,441,2343 447,2515 449,2658 452,1247 455,2468 460,0363 463,2499 467.2220 430.0 435.0 440.0 445.0 455.0 450.0 455.0 460.0 465.0 0 -10.0 200.0 100.0 Minimum: Maximum: 5.0 Formula C30 H35 M4 0 C18 H39 M6 08 C19 H35 N10 04 C24 H39 N2 07 C24 H35 N6 03 C24 H39 N2 07 C24 H35 N8 05 C12 H39 N10 07 C28 H39 N2 07 C19 H39 N4 09 C28 H39 N2 04 C19 H39 N2 07 C19 H39 N4 09 C28 H39 N2 04 C19 H39 N2 02 C15 H35 N4 04 C26 H35 N4 04 C26 H35 N4 04 C26 H35 N4 04 C26 H35 N4 04 C22 H31 N10 02 C23 H35 N10 0 C3 H35 N10 0 Calc. Mass 467.2811 467.2829 467.2789 467.2789 467.2784 467.2771 467.2777 467.2870 467.2870 467.2901 467.2910 467.2910 467.2910 467.2942 467.2658 467.2969 467.2969 467.2963 467.2955 mDa 0.0 -1.8 2.2 -3.2 4.0 5.4 -5.9 -7.2 8.1 -9.0 9.4 -9.9 11.2 12.1 15.3 -15.8 -17.1 18.0 -18.4 PPM 0.0 -3.9 4.7 -6.8 8.6 11.6 -12.6 -15.4 17.3 20.1 -21.2 24.0 25.9 -28.0 32.7 -33.8 -36.6 38.5 -39.4 $\begin{array}{c} \text{DBE} \\ 15.5 \\ 2.5 \\ -1.5 \\ 7.5 \\ 11.5 \\ 6.5 \\ 11.5 \\ 6.5 \\ 11.5 \\ 2.5 \\ 10.5 \\ 3.5 \\ 2.5 \\ 11.5 \\ 1.5 \\ 6.5 \\ 12.5 \\ 11.5 \end{array}$ Mass 467.2811