## **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

## Optimizing aryl amides that extend survival in prion-infected mice

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Supplemental Table 1. Efficacy of imidazothiazoles in prion cell assay. Mean  $EC_{50}$  values and number of replicates (n) for compounds with the N-linked aryl imidazothiazole scaffold.

	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	EC <sub>50</sub> (μM)	n
25	cPr	Me	> 10	2
26	cPr	CONMe <sub>2</sub>	> 10	2
27	CH₂OMe	Me	> 10	2

**Supplemental Table 2. Quantitation of spongiform degeneration in brains of treated mice.** Vacuolation scored by a skilled observer on a semiquantitative scale of 0–3 for each brain region.

Mouse line	Inoculum	Compound	n	Median vacuolation score (range) by brain region					
				Cortex	Hippocampus	Thalamus	Hypothalamus	Cerebellum	Brainstem
FVB	none	none	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
FVB	RML	none	4	1 (0.5–1.5)	1	1.5 (1–2)	0.5 (0-1)	3 (2–3)	2.5 (2–2.5)
FVB	RML	1	4	2 (1–3)	1.75 (1.5–2)	2 (1–2)	1 (0.5–1)	0 (0–2)	2 (1–2)
Tg4053	RML	none	7	1 (1–2)	1.5 (1–2)	1 (1–2)	1	2 (0–3)	2 (1–3)
Tg4053	RML	14	8	0 (0–3)	0.5 (0.5–3)	0.5 (0-1)	1 (0–2)	0	1.5 (1–3)
Tg4053	RML	37	8	1 (0–2)	0.5 (0.5–3)	1 (0.5–2)	1.5 (1–2)	0 (0–1)	2 (1–3)
Tg4053	RML	41	8	2 (0.5–3)	1 (0.5–3)	2 (1–3)	1.5 (0–3)	0	2 (1–3)

Supplemental Table 3. Sensitivity of CAD5-RML[IND24] prions to aryl amides. CAD5 cells infected with the RML[IND24] strain were incubated with aryl amides at concentrations up to 10  $\mu$ M for 5 days, then the level of PK-resistant PrP was determined. No reduction in PK-resistant PrP was observed with any compound.

Compound	EC <sub>50</sub> (μM)				
IND24	> 20ª				
1	> 10				
14	> 10				
37	> 3.2 <sup>b</sup>				
41	> 10				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Data previously reported (Berry et al., 2013).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Highest concentration tested was 3.2 μM

## SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCE

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