# Supporting Information

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## Structure-Activity Relationship of NF023 Derivatives Binding to XIAP-BIR1

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#### **Experimental Section**

Infrared spectra (IR) were measured on a Fourier transform infrared spectrometer (FT-IR). Absorption intensities are recorded by the following abbreviations: s, strong; m, medium; and w, weak. Proton NMR spectra were obtained on a Varian Mercury-400 (400 MHz) or a Bruker AV-400 (400 MHz) spectrometer by use of dimethylsulfoxide- $d_6$  as the solvent. Carbon-13 NMR spectra were obtained on a Varian Mercury-400 (100 MHz) or a Bruker AV-400 (100 MHz) spectrometer. The residual solvent peaks,  $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.50 ppm and  $\delta_{\rm C}$  39.5 ppm for DMSO- $d_6$ , were used as references. Multiplicities are recorded by the following abbreviations: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; *J*, coupling constant (hertz). High-resolution mass spectra were obtained by means of a VARIAN-901 mass spectrometer.

#### Tatrasodium 4,4'-Carbonylbis(imino)bis-1,5-naphthalenedisulphonate (3).

mp (recrystallized from H<sub>2</sub>O/EtOH) 193.6–194.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, H-2), 8.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, H-3), 7.65 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.22 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, H-7), 7.07 (s, 2 H, NH), 6.45 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  154.79 (C=O), 147.18, 143.20, 132.48, 130.52, 129.89, 126.44, 124.69, 122.92, 118.40, 107.36; IR (KBr) 3087 (w), 2989 (w), 1580 (s, C=O), 1423 (s), 1189 (m), 1042 (s), 835 (s) cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV (Water):  $\lambda_{max}$  253 ( $\epsilon$  11,804), 216 ( $\epsilon$  11,720), 342 ( $\epsilon$  5,171); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na<sub>4</sub>O<sub>13</sub>S<sub>4</sub> + H 720.8891, found 720.8896.

### Tatrasodium 4,4'-[Carbonylbis(imino-3,1-phenylenecarbonylimino)]bis-1,5naphthalenedisulphonate (5a).

mp (recrystallized from H<sub>2</sub>O/EtOH) 220.2–220.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 12.54 (s, 2 H, NH), 10.55 (s, 2 H, NH), 9.10 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 8.07–8.01 (m, 6 H, ArH), 7.83–7.79 (m, 4 H, ArH), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.35 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 165.70 (C=O), 153.17 (C=O), 141.71, 140.98, 140.28, 136.21, 134.53, 131.57, 130.70, 128.21, 127.04, 124.57, 123.48, 123.45, 122.39, 120.88, 120.68, 118.11; IR (KBr) 3355 (br, NH), 2919 (m), 1652 (m, C=O), 1575 (s), 1545 (s), 1524 (s), 1193 (s), 1044 (s), cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV (Water):  $\lambda_{max}$  234 (ε 11,641), 311 (ε 6,872); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Na<sub>4</sub>O<sub>15</sub>S<sub>4</sub> + Na 980.9447, found 980.9446.

### Tatrasodium 4,4'-(Carbonylbis[imino-3,1-(4-methylphenylene)carbonylimino])bis-1,5naphthalenedisulphonate (5b).

mp (recrystallized from H<sub>2</sub>O/EtOH) 224.4–224.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 12.50 (s, 2 H, NH), 9.09 (s, 2 H, NH), 9.06 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 8.35 (s, 2 H, H-2'), 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 8.02–8.00 (m, 4 H, ArH), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, H-7), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 2.39 (s, 6 H, 2 × CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 165.61 (C=O), 153.32 (C=O), 141.77, 140.82, 137.51, 134.66, 133.74, 132.18, 131.58, 130.69, 129.68, 127.01, 126.90, 124.61, 123.47, 123.42, 122.37, 122.29, 18.48 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (KBr) 3354 (br, NH), 3048 (w), 2914 (s), 2848 (m), 1635 (s, C=O), 1575 (m), 1424 (m), 1225 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV (Water):  $\lambda_{max}$  236 (ε 15,050), 310 (ε 10,288); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Na<sub>4</sub>O<sub>15</sub>S<sub>4</sub> + Na 1008.9760, found 1008.9765.

### Disodium 4-(3-[3-(Ethoxylthioxoimino)benzamido]-4-tolylamido)naphthalene-1,5-disulphonate (9).

mp (recrystallized from H<sub>2</sub>O/EtOH) 205.4–205.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ 8.89 (d, 1 H, *J* = 8.8 Hz, ArH), 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.44 (s, 1 H, ArH), 7.39 (s, 1 H, ArH), 7.30–7.26 (m, 2 H, ArH), 6.88 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 6.67 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 6.60–6.43 (m, 3 H, ArH), 4.11 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.05 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.03 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  183.55 (C=S), 165.65 (C=O), 165.15 (C=O), 147.03, 144.58, 139.99, 136.26, 135.29, 133.62, 131.96, 130.28, 128.98, 127.89, 126.99, 125.64, 125.39, 123.26, 122.78, 122.71, 122.71, 120.10, 118.31, 116.72, 114.62, 113.36, 66.03, 18.53, 14.51; IR (KBr) 3346 (br, NH), 2927 (s), 1646 (s, C=O), 1574 (w), 1544 (m), 1422 (m), 1334 (m), 1227 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub>S<sub>3</sub> + H 688.0470, found 688.0478. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, <sup>13</sup>C-NMR, and IR Spectra as well as HRMS Data of Sodium Organosulfonates 3, 5a, 5b, and 9

**Compound 3** 







HRMS of salt 3

#### **Compound 5a**



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HRMS of salt 5a

### **Compound 5b**

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HRMS of salt 5b

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IR spectrum of salt 9

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HRMS of salt 9

Sample	Compounds Chemical Structure	Melting Temperature (°C)	$\Delta T_m (^{\circ}C)^a$
XIAP-BIR1	/	$63.5\pm0.9$	/
XIAP- BIR1/NF023	NaO <sub>3</sub> S NaO <sub>3</sub> S NaO <sub>3</sub> S HN H H H H H H H H H H H SO <sub>3</sub> Na SO <sub>3</sub> Na SO <sub>3</sub> Na SO <sub>3</sub> Na SO <sub>3</sub> Na SO <sub>3</sub> Na Na SO <sub>3</sub> Na Na SO <sub>3</sub> Na Na SO <sub>3</sub> Na Na SO <sub>3</sub> Na	56.7 ± 1.0	-6.8
XIAP- BIR1/Suramin	$\begin{array}{c} NeO_{0}S \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^{SO_{i}Na} \\ NeO_{0}S \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^{SO_{i}} H^{SO_{i}} \\ NeO_{0}S \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^{SO_{i}} \\ NeO_{0}S \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^{SO_{i}} H^{SO_{i}} \\ NeO_{0}S \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^{SO_{i}} \\ NeO_{0}S \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{$	$50.0 \pm 0.5$	-13.5
XIAP-BIR1/ <b>3</b>	NaO <sub>3</sub> S SO <sub>3</sub> Na NaO <sub>3</sub> S HN NH SO <sub>3</sub> Na	63.0 ± 0.3	-0.5
XIAP-BIR1/5a	NaO,S NaO <sub>2</sub> S HN, O HI, O HI, H	56.2 ± 0.3	-7.3
XIAP-BIR1/ <b>5b</b>	NaO <sub>3</sub> S NaO <sub>3</sub> S HN O O HI SO <sub>3</sub> Na C HN O O HI SO <sub>3</sub> Na C HI O HI SO <sub>3</sub> Na	56.2 ± 0.3	-7.3
XIAP-BIR1/6	SOJNa NBOJS HN O HH O Me H O	$60.5 \pm 0.1$	-3.0
XIAP-BIR1/7	NaO <sub>2</sub> S HN O We H U NH2	$60.5 \pm 0.2$	-3.0
XIAP-BIR1/9	SO3Na NaO3S HN 40 G HN 40 Me H 4 5 Mg OEt	62.5 ± 1.5	-1.0
XIAP-BIR1/10	SO,Na NaO <sub>2</sub> S HN O NO <sub>2</sub>	$61.2 \pm 0.6$	-2.3
XIAP- BIR1/NAF2	SO3Na NaO3S	$61.0 \pm 0.3$	-2.5

Table S1. XIAP-BIR1 thermal stability and affinity for NF023 like molecules moieties.

 $^{a}\Delta T_{m}$  is calculated as the difference from the apoprotein melting temperature.

Thermal shift assays to monitor unfolding of 80  $\mu$ M XIAP-BIR1 (~1 mg/ml) upon incubation with 1.0 mM of each compound were conducted in a MiniOpticon Real-Time PCR Detection System (Bio-Rad). The fluorescent dye Sypro Orange was used to monitor protein unfolding. The sample plates were heated from 15 to 95 °C, with a heating rate of 0.5 °C/5 sec. Fluorescence intensity was measured within the excitation/emission ranges 470–505/540–700 nm. All the experiments were performed in triplicate, to calculate average T<sub>M</sub> values and associated standard errors.

Suramin ( $\Delta T_m$  of about -13.5°C), NF023 and its analogs **5a** and **5b** ( $\Delta T_m$  of about -7°C), and compounds **6** and **7** ( $\Delta T_m$  of about -3°C) caused a significant effect on the protein conformational stability.

**Figure S1. The V86E mutation is compatible with NF023 predicted binding.** The structure of XIAP-BIR1 V86E mutant (in magenta) superimposed to XIAP-BIR1/NF023 docking prediction (light blue cartoons and green sticks) reveals that the steric hindrance of E86 side chain is fairly compatible with NF023 predicted binding, as confirmed by MST experiments, where the measured affinity of NF023 *vs* XIAP-BIR1 V86E is not drastically affected compared to the value observed *vs* the wild type protein domain.

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