

Supporting Information

TEAD-YAP Interaction Inhibitors and MDM2 Binders from DNA-Encoded Indole-Focused Ugi Peptidomimetics

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General methods and materials

Chemicals were purchased from ABCR, Acros Organics, Alfa Aesar, Fisher Scientific, Merck, Sigma Aldrich, TCI and VWR and were used as provided without further purifications. Dry solvents (DMF, EtOH, THF) were used as commercially available. 5'-Aminolinker-modified hexathymidine (hexT) oligonucleotide bound to controlled pore glass solid support (CPG, 1000 Å porosity) were synthesized by IBA (Göttingen, Germany). DNA barcodes for library synthesis were purchased by Integrated DNA Technologies (IDT). CPG-bound oligonucleotide-small molecule conjugates were filtered and washed through synthesis columns using a vacuum manifold (Vac-Man®) from Promega.

Semi-preparative ion pair RP-HPLC. Compound purification was performed on a Shimadzu Prominence HPLC system equipped with a C_{18} stationary phase (Gemini, 5 µm, C_{18} , 110 Å, 50 x 10 mm). A gradient from 100 mM aqueous triethylammonium acetate (pH = 8.0, eluent A) to MeOH (eluent B) was used at a flow rate of 5 mL/min. Fractions containing the desired product were pooled and concentrated.

Method: Step gradient of 30% to 80% B within 13 min, then 80% to 100% B within 1 min followed by 100% B for 3 min using 100 mM aqueous triethylammonium acetate (pH = 8.0, eluent A) and MeOH (eluent B) at a flow rate of 5 mL/min.

MALDI-TOF. Mass analysis was performed on a MALDI TOF/TOF MS from Bruker Daltonics using 2',4',6'-trihydroxyacetophenone (THAP) matrix (Dichrom).

Analytical thin-layer chromatography (**TLC**) was performed on pre-coated TLC sheets ALUGRAM[®] Xtra SIL G/UV₂₅₄ (silica gel 60 with fluorescent indicator UV₂₅₄) from Macherey-Nagel. Compounds were visualized by irradiation with UV light or potassium permanganate staining. **Column chromatography** was performed using silica gel NORMASIL 60 (particle size 0.040 - 0.063 mm) from VWR. Solvent mixtures are understood as volume/volume.

¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE 400 (¹H NMR, 400 MHz; ¹³C NMR, 101 MHz), Bruker AVANCE 500 (¹H NMR, 500 MHz; ¹³C NMR, 126 MHz) or Bruker AVANCE 600 spectrometer (¹H NMR, 600 MHz; ¹³C NMR, 151 MHz). Data are reported in the following order: chemical shift (δ) values are reported in ppm with the solvent resonance as internal standard (CDCl₃: δ = 7.26 ppm for ¹H, δ = 77.16 ppm for ¹³C; CD₂Cl₂: δ = 5.32 ppm for ¹H, δ = 54.00 ppm for ¹³C; MeOD: δ = 4.87 ppm for ¹H, δ = 49.00 ppm for ¹³C) or relative to TMS (δ = 0 ppm); multiplicities are indicated s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet) m (multiplet); coupling constants (J) are given in Hertz (Hz).

Analytical RP-HPLC-MS (I) was performed using a Thermo Scientific Dionex® UltiMate 3000 equipped with a DAD-3000 detector (210, 254, 280 und 350 nm) coupled to a LCQ Fleet ion trap mass spectrometer. Heated electrospray ionization mass spectra were recorded in 110-2000 Da range using an EC Nucleodur C₁₈ gravity column (150 mm x 3 mm, particle size 1.8 µm) from Macherey-Nagel.

Method: A step gradient of 10% to 10% A for 0.5 min, then 10% to 95% A for 7 min was applied at a flow rate of 0.4 mL/min. Eluent A: ACN + 0.1% TFA, eluent B: H_2O + 0.1% TFA.

Analytical RP-HPLC-MS (II) was performed using an Agilent HPLC system (1100 series) equipped with an ESA Corona Detector coupled to a Thermo Scientific Finnigan LCQ Advantage Max ion trap mass spectrometer. Heated electrospray ionization mass spectra were recorded in 110-2000 Da range. Compounds were eluted from a CC Nucleodur C_{18} gravity column (125 mm x 4 mm, particle size 3.0 μ m, Macherey-Nagel).

Method: A step gradient from 1% to 10% A for 1 min, then 10% to 95% A for 9 min was applied at a flow rate of 0.4 mL/min. Eluent A: ACN + 0.1% TFA; eluent B: H_2O + 0.1% TFA.

High resolution mass spectra (**HRMS**) were recorded on a Thermo Electron LTQ Orbitrap fourier transformation mass spectrometer coupled to an HPLC-System (HPLC column: Hypersyl GOLD, 50 mm x 1 mm, particle size 1.9 μ m, ionization method: electron spray ionization). Compound mass was recorded in the range of 150 to 2000 Da.

tiDEL synthesis and characterization



Figure S1. Ugi four-component reactions on CPG-coupled hexT-conjugates hexT 1-3.



Figure S2: Copper-promoted azide-alkyne cycloaddition on CPG-coupled hexT-Ugi conjugates hexT 4-81.

Representative procedure for amide coupling (RP-01a)



<u>Step 1:</u> The DMT-protective group of the CPG-bound hexathymidine oligonucleotide (250 nmol, 9-10 mg of solid phase material) was removed by addition of 200 μ L 3% trichloroacetic acid in CH₂Cl₂ for 30 s – 60 s. An orange coloring of the solution indicated successful removal of the protecting group. The deprotection was repeated several times until no coloring of the solution was observed anymore. The CPG containing deprotected DNA was washed three times with each 200 μ L of 1% TEA in ACN, DMF, MeOH, ACN and CH₂Cl₂ and then dried *in vacuo*. Step 2: The CPG-bound hexathymidine oligonucleotide, the carboxylic acid and HATU were dried *in vacuo* for 15 min. Stock solutions of all reactants in dry DMF were prepared before the reaction was started. To the solution of the acid (25 µmol, 100 equiv.) in 75 µL dry DMF were added HATU (25 µmol, 100 equiv.) dissolved in 75 µL dry DMF and DIPEA (62.5 µmol, 250 equiv.). The mixture was shaken for 5 min and added to the solid support-bound DNA suspended in 75 µL dry DMF (250 nmol, 1 equiv.). The amide coupling reaction was shaken at ambient temperature for 2 h. Then, the CPG solid phase was filtered over a filter column, washed with each 3x 200 µL of DMF, MeOH, ACN and CH₂Cl₂ and dried *in vacuo*. The amide coupling was repeated once. The completeness of the amide coupling was controlled by a test cleavage of a small portion (0.7 – 0.9 mg, ~20 nmol) of the oligonucleotide conjugate with 500 µL AMA solution (AMA = aqueous ammonia (30%)/aqueous methylamine (40%), 1:1, vol/vol) for 30 min at ambient temperature. To this solution 20 µL of 1 M Tris-buffer (pH = 7.5) were added, the mixture was dried in a SpeedVac and dissolved in 200 µL of distilled water. The crude was analyzed by RP-HPLC and MALDI-MS. In case of uncompleted coupling (<90%), the reaction was repeated a third time.

Unreacted amines were capped with acetic acid anhydride $(3x 200 \mu L, 30 s, 1:1 \text{ mixture of THF/methylimidazole}, 9:1, vol/vol, and THF/pyridine/acetic acid anhydride, 8:1:1, vol/vol). The CPG was washed afterwards again with each 3x 200 <math>\mu$ L of DMF, MeOH, ACN and CH₂Cl₂ and dried *in vacuo*.

Representative procedure for amide coupling (RP-01b)



<u>Step 1:</u> The Fmoc-protecting group of a CPG-bound oligonucleotide conjugate (250 nmol, 9 – 10 mg) was removed by addition of 200 μ L 20 % piperidine in dry DMF and shaking for 5 min. Afterwards, the CPG solid phase was washed with each 3x 200 μ L of DMF, MeOH, ACN and CH₂Cl₂ and then dried *in vacuo*.

<u>Step 2:</u> The CPG-bound oligonucleotide, the carboxylic acid and HATU were dried *in vacuo* for 15 min. Stock solutions of all reactants in dry DMF were prepared before the reaction was started. To the solution of the carboxylic acid (25 μ mol, 100 equiv.) in 75 μ L dry DMF were added HATU (25 μ mol, 100 equiv.) dissolved in 75 μ L dry DMF and DIPEA (62.5 μ mol, 250 equiv.). The mixture was shaken for 5 min and added to the solid support-bound hexT DNA (suspended in 75 μ L dry DMF, 250 nmol, 1 equiv.). The amide coupling reaction was shaken at ambient temperature for 2 hours. Then, the solid phase was filtered over a filter column and washed with each 3x 200 μ L of DMF, MeOH, ACN and CH₂Cl₂ and dried *in vacuo*. The amide coupling was repeated two times.

The completeness of the coupling reaction was controlled by a test cleavage of a small portion $(0.7 - 0.9 \text{ mg}, \sim 20 \text{ nmol})$ of the CPG-bound oligonucleotide conjugate with 500 µL AMA (AMA = aqueous ammonia (30%)/ aqueous methylamine (40%), 1:1, vol/vol) for 30 min at ambient temperature. To this solution 20 µL of 1 M Tris-buffer (pH = 7.5) were added, the mixture was dried in a SpeedVac,

re-dissolved in 200 μ L of distilled water. The crude was analyzed by RP-HPLC and MALDI-MS. In case of uncompleted coupling the reaction was repeated a third time.

Unreacted amines were capped with acetic acid anhydride (3x 200 μ L, 30 s, 1:1 mixture of THF/methylimidazole, 9:1, vol/vol, and THF/pyridine/acetic acid anhydride 8:1:1, vol/vol). The CPG-bound oligonucleotide conjugate was washed afterwards again with each 3x 200 μ L of DMF, MeOH, ACN and CH₂Cl₂ and dried *in vacuo*.

<u>Step 3:</u> In the case of the presence of a *t*Bu protecting group, the *tert*-butyl group was removed with 500 μ L 10% trifluoroacetic acid in CH₂Cl₂ for 4 h. Then, the CPG-solid phase with the deprotected conjugate was filtered over a filter column and washed with each 3x 200 μ L of DMF, MeOH, ACN and CH₂Cl₂ and dried *in vacuo*.

Representative procedure for Ugi four-component reaction on CPG-bound hexT-conjugates (RP-02)



Aldehyde I (20 µmol, 1000 equiv.) or carboxylic acid IV (20 µmol, 1000 equiv.), amine II (20 µmol, 1000 equiv.) and isocyanide III (20 µmol, 1000 equiv.) were added to the CPG-bound DNA-acid conjugate **hexT 1** (20 nmol, 1 equiv.) or –aldehyde conjugate **hexT 2,3** (20 nmol, 1 equiv.). The reaction mixture was filled up to a final volume of 50 µL with EtOH and the reaction was shaken at 80 °C for 24 h. Then the CPG-solid phase with a conjugate **hexT 4-81** was filtered over a filter column, washed with each 3x 200 µL of DMF, MeOH, ACN and CH₂Cl₂ and dried *in vacuo*. The CPG-bound DNA conjugate **hexT 4-81** was cleaved from the solid phase with 500 µL AMA solution for 30 min at ambient temperature. Then, 20 µL of 1 M Tris buffer (pH = 7.5) were added to the crude, the mixture was dried in a SpeedVac and dissolved in 200 µL of distilled water. The crude was analyzed by MALDI-MS and the product was isolated by preparative RP-HPLC. Fractions containing the products were collected, coevaporated three times using water/ethanol (1:1, vol/vol), and re-dissolved in 40 µL ddH₂O.

	HN COLUMN	C H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H		B-()→+=0 HZ HZ HZ HZ HZ HZ HZ HZ HZ HZ
I1	hexT 4	hexT 18	hexT 32	hexT 42
	hexT 5	hexT 19	hexT 33	hexT 43
CN I3	hexT 6	hexT 20		hexT 44
NC I4	hexT 7	hexT 21	hexT 34	
I5	hexT 8	hexT 22	hexT 35	hexT 45
	hexT 9		hexT 36	
	hexT 10		hexT 37	
	hexT 11	hexT 23	hexT 38	hexT 46
	hexT 12	hexT 24		hexT 47
I10	hexT 13	hexT 25		hexT 48
	hexT 14	hexT 26	hexT 39	hexT 49
<u>—</u> мс I12		hexT 27	hexT 40	hexT 50
COOMe		hexT 28	hexT 41	
от NC I14	hexT 15	hexT 29		hexT 51
MeO- I15	hexT 16	hexT 30		hexT 52
MeOOC NC				
NС 17	hexT 17	hexT 31		hexT 53
Br				hexT 54

 Table S1 – Overview of the Ugi four-component reactions on CPG-coupled hexT-conjugate hexT 1.

I1		hexT 61	hexT 75
CN I2	hexT 55	hexT 62	hexT 76
	hexT 56	hexT 63	hexT 77
NC I4		hexT 64	
Гормания 15		hexT 65	hexT 78
		hexT 66	
NC I8		hexT 67	
		hexT 68	
I10	hexT 57	hexT 69	
I11	hexT 58	hexT 70	
С—NC I12	hexT 59	hexT 71	hexT 79
COOMe NC I13			
		hexT 72	
MeO-	hexT 60	hexT 73	hexT 80
MeOOC NC			hexT 81
 I17			

Table S2 – Overview of the Ugi four-component reactions on CPG-coupled hexT-conjugateshexT 2-3.

Br		hexT 74	
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Representative procedure for copper-promoted azide-alkyne cycloaddition on hexTpeptidomimetic conjugates (RP-03)



All azides were prepared freshly prior azide-alkyne cycloaddition (Table S3). To an alkyl or benzyl halide H1-104 (10 µmol) dissolved in 800 µL DMF were added 100 µL of an aqueous solution of sodium azide (123 µmol, 8 mg/100 µL) and tetrabutylammonium iodide dissolved in DMF (100 µL, 20 µmol, 7.5 mg/100 µL). The reaction mixture was shaken for 4 hours at 70 °C. Afterwards, an aliguot of 2 µL of 250 equiv.), 1.5 µL of an aqueous each azide solution A1-104 (20 nmol, tris(3hydroxypropyltriazolylmethyl)amine (THPTA)/CuSO4 solution (10 nmol, 125 equiv.), and 1.6 µL of an aqueous sodium ascorbate solution (16 nmol, 200 equiv.) were added to the solution of the pooled DNAencoded hexT-peptidomimetic conjugates hexT 4-81 (80 pmol, 1 equiv.) in 45 µL ddH₂O The reaction mixture was shaken at 40 °C for 1 h. Then, the reaction mixtures of the azide-alkyne cycloaddition were pooled and three times precipitated with 75% ethanol and 0.1 mM EDTA at -80 °C overnight.

A1		A2	N ₃	A3	N N3	A4	N ₃
A5	N N N 3	A6	~~~N ₃	A7		A8	HON3
A9	r → >0	A10	N3	A11	N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	A12	N ₃
A13	N ₃	A14	N ₃	A15	↓ N ₃	A16	
A17	N ₃	A18	N ₃	A19	° N ₃	A20	NO ₂ N ₃
A21	S N N3	A22	N-N-N-N3	A23	N ₃	A24	N N ₃

 Table S3 – Overview of in situ formed azides A1-A104 used for the copper-promoted azide-alkyne cycloaddition on hexT 4-81.

A25	^O N₃	A26	0, N ₃	A27	N ₃	A28	N ₃
A29	0 0 N3	A30		A31	F F N ₃	A32	~~~^O~~~ _{N3}
A33	N-0 N3	A34	N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	A35	O N H N N S	A36	N ₃
A37	N N N N N N N N	A38	F F N ₃	A39	N ₃	A40	
A41	FN ₃	A42	~~~~N ₃	A43	NH ₂	A44	N ₃
A45	N ₃	A46	N ₃	A47	NN_3	A48	O N H
A49	N. N. N	A50	////N ₃	A51	~ ⁰ ~~_0~~_N ₃	A52	OH N3
A53	N N3	A54	N ₃	A55	^{−0} _{N₃}	A56	N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N
A57	HON3	A58		A59	H N N N N	A60	F N ₃
A61	N ₃	A62	N ₃	A63	N _N ₃	A64	Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z
A65	N ₃ OH	A66	N _{N3}	A67	HON3	A68	N S N ₃
A69	N Na	A70	N N_3	A71	FFONN3	A72	$\overset{H}{\underset{HN}{\overset{(*)}{\rightarrow}}} \overset{H}{\underset{SU}{\overset{(*)}{\rightarrow}}} \overset{H}{\underset{SU}{\overset{(*)}{\rightarrow}}} \overset{(*)}{\underset{SU}{\overset{(*)}{\rightarrow}}} \overset{H}{\underset{SU}{\overset{(*)}{\rightarrow}}} \overset{(*)}{\underset{SU}{\overset{(*)}{\rightarrow}}} $
A73	0~~~N ₃	A74	N-O N3	A75	Br >N*~~N3	A76	
A77	$CI \xrightarrow{CI} N_3$	A78	F O N3	A79	N N3	A80	
A81	HO N3	A82		A83	Br N+ N3	A84	
A85	N ₃	A86	N ₃	A87	0 N ₃	A88	
A89	N _N N ₃	A90	Correction N3	A91	,0 ,0,0 ,0,0 ,0,0 ,0,0 ,0,0 ,0,0 ,0,0	A92	
A93	HO N ₃	A94		A95	~NN_3	A96	N ₃
A97		A98		A99		A100	N3
A101	F N ₃	A102		A103	N ₃	A104	

tiDEL synthesis



Figure S3: Workflow of library synthesis and encoding strategy.

In total, 78 HPLC-purified hexT-Ugi conjugates hexT 4-81 depicted as oligonucleotide I were placed in one 96-well plate and annealed with enzymatically phosphorylated oligonucleotides II/II and III/III at 85 °C for 10 min and slowly cooled down to 4 °C. The total reaction volume was set to 40 µL. This contained 100 pmol of each DNA oligonucleotide. Ligations to encode the peptoid backbone and the isocyanide building block were carried out at 25 °C for overnight and stopped by heat inactivation at 75 °C for 15 min. All duplex DNA strands *I-II-III/II* corresponding to encoded hexT-Ugi conjugates were pooled and precipitated. The pellet was dissolved in IDTE buffer and the concentration was determined by Nanodrop measurement. The pooled and encoded hexT-conjugates were distributed in two 96-well plates (104 wells, 80 pmol/well). Then, the free 5'-end of the duplex DNA I-II-III/IIÍ-IIIÍ and 104 oligonucleotides IV that contained the code for the azide building blocks A1-104 were phosphorylated with PNK. For ligation, the duplex DNA sequences *I-II-III/IIÍ -III* and *IV/IV* were annealed at 85 °C for 10 min and slowly cooled down to 4 °C. After the ligation at 25 °C for overnight, the DNA ligase was heat-inactivated at 75 °C for 15 min and the duplex DNA oligonucleotides I-II-III-IV/II -III -IV were precipitated separately. The pellets were dissolved in ddH₂O and the duplex DNA I-II-III/II -III -IV were transferred into 104 glass vials. 104 halides were in situ transformed into azides with sodium azide. Azide-alkyne cycloaddition was performed at 40 °C for 60 min. Then, the reaction mixtures of the azide-alkyne cycloaddition were pooled and purified three times by ethanol precipitation using 0.1 mM EDTA.



Figure S4. Agarose gel of tiDEL synthesis. Gel electrophoresis (5.5% agarosel gel) of the ligation of hexT-conjugates to DNA duplexes *II/II* and *III/III* in one pot to encode the peptoid backbone and the isocyanide building block yielding the duplex *I-II-III/II* - *III* and ligation of DNA duplex sequences *I-II-III/II* i to the DNA duplex *IV/IV* to encode azide building blocks; lane 1: ligation of duplexes *II/II* and *III/III* to hexT-Ugi conjugates **hexT 4-81**; lane 2: negative control w/o T4 ligase; lane 3: ethanol precipitation of ligation of duplexes *II/II* and *III/III* to hexT-Ugi conjugates **hexT 4-81**; lane 4: gel electrophoresis of the ligation of DNA duplex sequences *I-II-III/II* i to the DNA duplexes *IV/IV* to encode azide building blocks **A1-104**.

Table S4	Sequences o	f DNA	oligonucleotides	I = IV/IV'
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DNA	sequence (5'-3')
I	ТТТ ТТТ
11	GAA TTC AGG TCG GTG TGA ACG GAT TTG XXX XXX XX
<i>II'</i>	ATA CXX XXX XXX CAA ATC CGT TCA CAC CGA CCT GAA TTC AAA AAA
<i>III</i>	GTA TXX XXX XXX
<i>III'</i>	TAG GXX XXX XXX
IV	CCT AXX XXX XXX TGA CCT CAA CTA CAT GGT CTA CA
IV'	TGT AGA CCA TGT AGT TGA GGT CAX XXX XXX X

5'-phosphorylation of DNA

For 5'-phosphorylation of 280 pmol DNA in a total reaction volume of 20 μ L, 10 U of T4 polynucleotide kinase (T4 PNK, Thermo Fisher Scientific), 1x PNK Buffer A (500 mM Tris-HCl, 100 mM MgCl₂, 50 mM DTT, 1 mM spermidine, pH = 7.6, 25 °C, Thermo Fisher Scientific) and 1 mM ATP (Thermo Fisher Scientific) were used. Reaction mixtures were incubated at 37 °C for 20 min, then heat-inactivated at 75 °C for 15 min and slowly cooled down to 4 °C.

Ligation of DNA

Prior to enzymatic ligation of DNA, the oligonucleotides were annealed by incubation at 85 °C for 10 min and cooling down to 4 °C. For ligation (40 μ L scale), 100 pmol or 80 pmol of each oligonucleotide, 600 U of T4 DNA Ligase (T4 DNA ligase rapid, Biozym) and 1x T4 DNA Ligase Buffer (500 mM Tris-HCl, 100 mM MgCl₂, 50 mM DTT, 10 mM ATP, pH = 7.6 at 25 °C) were mixed. Ligation reactions were performed at 25 °C for 16 h, then stopped by heat inactivation at 75 °C for 15 min and cooled down to 4 °C.

Analysis of DNA ligation

For analysis of DNA ligation reactions, agarose gel electrophoresis was performed. Using a 5.5% agarose gel, electrophoresis was carried out in TBE buffer (89 mM Tris-borate, 2 mM EDTA, pH = 8.3) at 100 V constant voltage for 15 min and then 150 V constant voltage for about 45 min. For staining of

the DNA, Midori Green Direct (NIPPON Genetics) and as a reference, GeneRuler Ultra Low Range DNA Ladder (Thermo Fisher Scientific) was used. Imaging of the gels was performed using the Bio-Rad Gel Doc™ XR system.

Purification of DNA by ethanol precipitation

DNA was precipitated by adding 1/10 volume of 3 M aqueous sodium acetate (pH = 5.2) and 3 volumes of ethanol and storing this solution for overnight at -80 °C. Afterwards, the samples were centrifuged at 4 °C for 30 min (13200 rpm; Centrifuge 5415 R, Eppendorf), the supernatant was taken off and the DNA pellets were dried. The DNA samples were dissolved in DNA storage buffer or in ddH₂O.

Selection assay of tiDEL

Selection assay

HisPur™ Ni-NTA Magnetic Beads (Thermo Scientific) or Pierce™ Streptavidin Magnetic Beads (Thermo Scientific) were transferred to an Eppendorf tube and placed on magnet. Beads were washed four times with 100 µL PBS buffer (+ 0.01% Tween[®]-20) and then split (4 µL for each selection experiment). Beads were washed two times with 100 µL immobilization buffer (protein buffer). Afterwards, 10 µL of Histagged protein (4.8 µg) were incubated with the magnetic beads for 30 min at 4 °C with continuous gentle mixing. Then, beads were washed two times with 100 µL immobilization buffer, one time with 100 µL bead blocking buffer (immobilization buffer + 0.1 mg/mL BSA + 0.2 mg/mL herring sperm DNA) and again two times with 100 µL immobilization buffer. Afterwards, 1 µL of DEL (250 fmol) was incubated in 49 µL immobilization buffer with the protein-coated beads for 45 min at room temperature with continuous gentle mixing. Then, beads were washed eight times with 100 µL washing buffer (immobilization buffer + 0.1 mg/mL BSA). DNA conjugates were eluted by heat denaturation of the protein (80 °C, 5 min). Heat denaturation was performed two times in 20 µL ddH₂O. Selection assay was performed a second time as described above using 20 µL of the eluted DNA conjugates and 30 µL of immobilization buffer. Afterwards, the coding DNAs of the oligonucleotide conjugates were amplified by barcoding PCR to elongate compound barcodes with selection experiment-encoding sequences and adapters for Illumina next-generation sequencing.

hTEAD4 protein buffer: 25 mM MES, pH = 6.5, 0.05% CHAPS

MDM2 protein buffer: 25 mM HEPES, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM TCEP, pH = 8.0, 5% glycerol, 0.01% Tween-20

Streptavidin control experiment: PBS, pH = 7.4, 0.01% Tween-20

Barcode PCR

Following selection experiments, the coding DNA of the oligonucleotide-compound conjugates was amplified by PCR. In a first PCR run, the Illumina Nextera Transposase Adapters were introduced using 10 µL eluted DNA-conjugates directly from the selection assay without further purification, 5 U of Tag DNA polymerase (Thermo Fisher Scientific), 1x Taq Buffer (100 mM Tris-HCl (pH = 8.8 at 25 °C), 500 mM KCl, 0.8% (v/v) Nonidet P40, Thermo Fisher Scientific), 3 mM MgCl₂, 0.625 mM of each dNTP (dATP, dGTP, dTTP, and dCTP, corresponding to 2.5 mM of the mixture of dNTPs) and 1 µM of each primer in a total reaction volume of 40 µL. The PCR program started with pre-denaturation at 95 °C for 3 min, followed by denaturation for 30 s at 95 °C, annealing for 30 s at 55 °C, and elongation for 30 s at 72 °C. After 25 cycles in total, the time for elongation was prolonged to 5 min. In a second PCR, dual indices and Illumina sequencing adapters using the Nextera XT Index Kit were attached to the amplified DNA oligonucleotides. For this, 10 µL DNA template (PCR 1, unpurified), 5 U of Taq DNA polymerase (Thermo Fisher Scientific), 1x Tag Buffer (100 mM Tris-HCl (pH = 8.8 at 25 °C), 500 mM KCl, 0.8% (v/v) Nonidet P40, Thermo Fisher Scientific), 3 mM MgCl₂, 0.625 mM of each dNTP (dATP, dGTP, dTTP, and dCTP, corresponding to 2.5 mM of the mixture of dNTPs), 5 µL Nextera XT Index 1 primer and 5 µL Nextera XT Index 2 primer in a total reaction volume of 40 µL were used. The PCR program started with pre-denaturation at 95 °C for 3 min, followed by denaturation for 30 s at 95 °C, annealing for 30 s at 55 °C, and elongation for 30 s at 72 °C. After 15 cycles in total, the time for elongation was prolonged to 5 min. The PCR products were analyzed by agarose gel electrophoresis (4% agarose gel) and then purified using the QIAquick PCR Purification Kit (Qiagen). The DNA concentration was determined by UV spectroscopy and barcoded oligonucleotide sequences from different selection experiments were pooled. High-throughput sequencing with the MiSeq protocol was performed by CeGat GmbH (Tübingen, Germany).

ECEC algorithm for enrichment factor calculation and visualization

Encoded compound enrichment calculator ECEC

The software ECEC (encoded compound enrichment calculator) was developed in a collaboration between the Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Biology and the Department of Statistics at TU Dortmund University. With this tool, DNA-encoded library screening results can be analyzed that are based on combinations of building blocks of DNA sequences. The functionality includes the identification of compound-encoding DNA barcodes, DNA barcode positions in a DNA-encoded library, types of sequencing errors, the calculation of combinations of DNA barcode blocks making up an encoded molecule, called herein connectivities, the calculation of enrichment factors comparing relative frequencies of connectivities between selections on target proteins and control experiments, and the visualization of the results of the enrichment analysis. The tool is written in the freely available statistical software R^[1], using also additional R packages. To establish a reproducible procedure for different datasets of screening results, the algorithm is constructed in a flexible way, allowing different values for variables and different quantities to be calculated.

Setup of the algorithm

The basis of the algorithm is to split the DNA sequencing results for a selection experiment into code blocks, where DNA barcode sequences are represented as strings built up by the letters A, T, C, G and N. The letters A, T, C and, G indicate corresponding nucleobases of the sequence, and the letter N indicates a not-readable letter of the sequence. The input for the algorithm is a so-called Structure Sheet (in the current version an Excel Sheet as shown in Figure S5) that provides DNA barcode sequences; information about combinations of DNA barcode blocks, the chemical building blocks encoded by each barcode sequence, and the intermediate partial sequences between the building block-coding DNA sequences, i.e. the overhang sequences used to ligate DNA barcodes. The intermediate partial sequences are fixed enabling the algorithm to identify the start and end positions of building block-coding blocks represent a sequence:

code 1: *Ugi backbone* code 2: *isocyanide building block* code 3: *azide building block*



Region3Code _length	Region3Code _1D	Region3Code _name	Region3Code _sequence	Region3Code_smiles
8	A001	1-(2-azidoethyl)-1	GCTTCAGA	[N-]=[N+]=NCCn1c(=O)[nH]c2cccc
	A002	4-(2-aminoethyl)b	GCTAGGTA	N#Co1ccc(CCN)cc1
	A003	1-(azidomethyl)-3-	GCTAACCT	COc1cc(F)cc(CN=[N+]=[N-])c1
	A004	(S)-1-azido-2-mei	GCCAAGAT	CC[C@H](C)CN=[N+]=[N-]
	A005	1-(azidomethyl)-3-	GCATGATT	COcloccc(CN=[N+]=[N-])c1
	A006	7-(azidomethyl)-5	GCATCTAT	[N-]=[N+]=NCc1cc(=O)n2ccsc2n1
	A007	1-azidopentan-3-	GCATCCTA	CCC(=0)CCN=[N+]=[N-]
	A008	4-(2-azidoethyl)-1	GCAGTTAC	COcloce(CCN=[N+]=[N-])cc1OC
	A009	5-(azidomethyl)-3	GATTGATC	CCCc1noc(CN=[N+]=[N-])n1
	A010	1-(4-(azidomethyl)	GATGTTAG	[N-]=[N+]=NCc1ccc(-n2cncn2)cc1
	A012	1-azido-4-fluorob	GATGTCTA	[N-]=[N+]=NCCCCF
	A013	3-(azidomethyl)be	GATGCTGA	[N-]=[N+]=NCc1noc2ccccc12
	A014	5-(azidomethyl)-1-	GATCTGAT	Cn1nnc2cc(CN=[N+]=[N-])ccc21
	A015	3-(azidomethyl)be	GAGGAAGT	N#Cc1cccc(CN=[N+]=[N-])c1
	A016	4-(2-azidoethyl)pł	GAGCTACA	[N-]=[N+]=NCCc1ccc(O)cc1
	A017	2-(azidomethyl)-6	GAGCATAG	Cc1ccc2nc(CN=[N+]=[N-])oc2c1
	A018	(2-(azidomethyl)pł	GACTTGAC	[N-]=[N+]=NCc1ccccc1CO
	A019	7-azidoheptaneni	GACTGTCT	N#CCCCCCCN=[N+]=[N-]
	A020	(3-azidopropoxy)b	GACATCTC	[N-]=[N+]=NCCCOc1ccccc1
	A021	2-azido-1,1,1-trich	GAATGGTA	[N-]=[N+]=NCC(CI)(CI)CI
	A022	2-azido-1,1,1-trich	GAAGACAG	[N-]=[N+]=NCC(CI)(CI)CI
	A023	1-azido-2,2-dimet	GAACTTGT	CC(C)(C)CN=[N+]=[N-]
	A024	7-azido-2,2-dime	GAACGCTT	CC(C)(C#N)CCCCCN=[N+]=[N-]

Figure S5: Section of the structure sheet of tiDEL for ECEC. A. Schematic representation of the fully encoded library (code 1: *Ugi backbone,* code 2: *isocyanide building block R1,* code 3: *azide building block R2*). B. Part of a Structure Sheet for code 3 (azide building block R2) with variables for sequence length, ID for the sequence variant, name of the variant, string of characters (denoted as 'sequence') of the variant, and SMILE representing the structural formula.

Identification of sequencing errors

Running an algorithm for the analysis of the resulting string of characters for each sequence is complicated by sequencing errors within the code blocks. After identifying the position of the intermediate parts, the algorithm proceeds by checking each code block for possible errors and counting errors per code block. In the case of a series of nucleobases, these errors can be either mutations (one nucleobase swapped with another at the same position), or insertions (a nucleobase added into a code block) or deletions (a missing nucleobase), in contrast to matches representing nucleobases at their desired position.

After loading the Structure Sheet, the algorithm identifies the first intermediate partial sequence of a sequence and the screening results, which are stored in a fastq file. Then, out of all possible combinations of code blocks, the best fitting combination can be identified by calculating the generalized Levenshtein distance of the sequence to all possible outcomes, using the R function adist. However, runtime would be very high, due to time complexity of O(mn) for a sequence part of length m and n possible outcomes. Alternatively, the algorithm iteratively runs through a series of functions comparing the given sequence part with an increasing number of error combinations. This approach requires a threshold for the maximal number of errors allowed in a code block (for the current version of the

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algorithm this threshold is 2, regardless of the length of the code block), since the number of error combinations also increases exponentially. In the case of too many errors in one sequence part, the function adist is used to approximate the number of errors.

The output of this analysis step in R is a data frame that contains the results for all sequences, shown in Figure S6. This structure enables the calculation of interesting quantities that are later used to generate two-dimensional plots and corresponding tables for descriptive analysis.



Figure S6: Section of the output of tiDEL selection analysis by ECEC. Part of a data frame containing the results for all sequence in the corresponding rows; the result for each sequence starts with an identifier related to the used Structure Sheet and proceeds with sequentially summing up information about each code block related to the variables given in the Structure Sheet.

Calculation of enrichment factors

The next step in the analysis of the screening results is the calculation of enrichment factors for socalled connectivities. Connectivities are combinations of chemical building blocks making up the compound binding to a target protein. The observed numbers of connectivities in the dataset between a target protein and a control (streptavidin beads, empty beads, a selection condition, or the amplified library) and the factors between the relative frequencies (of observed numbers and reads) are calculated. The ratio between these numbers, normalized to the corresponding numbers of reads for the protein and the control experiment, are called enrichment factors. The enrichment factors indicate the compounds binding to a given target protein.

For example, for the connectivity connects, $y, z = \{Scaffoldx, BB1y, BB2z\}$ for a target protein and a control the frequencies are calculated by

 $freqprotein(connectx, y, z) = |\{\{Sequences with connectx, y, z\} \cap \{Sequences with protein\}|,\$

 $freqcontrol(connectx, y, z) = |\{\{Sequences with connectx, y, z\} \cap \{Sequences with control\}|.$

The total numbers of reads in the corresponding experiments are given by

readsprotein(connectx, y, z) = |{Sequences with protein}|,

Then the enrichment factor is calculated as

$$EFprotein, control(connectx, y, z) = \frac{freqprotein(connectx, y, z) * readscontrol}{freqcontrol(connectx, y, z) * readsprotein}$$

Visualization of the results

For visualization, it is useful to consider both enrichment factor and abundance of connectivities in a two-dimensional display. Since the abundance values can vary substantially, we use ranks to order connectivities by abundance:

$$RA(connectx, y, z) = rank(connectx, y, z | C).$$

Here, *RA*(connectx, y, z) is the rank of connectx, y, z within all connectivities with abundance>0, where the rank is calculated also with respect to all proteins and control groups. The corresponding twodimensional plot of enrichment factor and abundance allows the determination of interesting candidate molecules, which can be found in such a plot with large values for both quantities. Figures S7 show a plot for the selection experiments on streptavidin. The ECEC allows for highlighting selected building blocks to deduce structure-enrichment relationships from the plot.



Figure S7: 2D plots of selection experiment on streptavidin beads generated by ECEC. A. Twodimensional display of the results for the selection on streptavidin beads versus the control experiment on empty beads; the colouring variable is Building Block 2 (azides). B. Visualization of the selection experiment on streptavidin beads with highlighting of the barcode for a desthiobiotin building block.



Figure S8: Plot of enrichment factors obtained after tiDEL selection on hTEAD4.

Synthesis and characterization of isocyanides I1-I18

General procedure

All isocyanides (I1,^[2] I2,^[3] I3,^[3] I5,^[4] I6,^[5] I7,^[5] I8,^[6] I9,^[6] I12,^[7] I13,^[8] I14,^[9] I16,^[2] I17,^[10] I18^[11]) were prepared in house by either performing the Ugi,^[12] Hoffman^[13] or Leukart-Wallach reductive amination procedure.^[6]

Representative procedure (RP-04) for the synthesis of 1-ethyl-2-isocyanobenzene (I10)

To a solution of *N*-(2-ethylphenyl)formamide (73.8 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (200 mL), NEt₃ (370 mmol) was added and the mixture was cooled to -5 °C. POCl₃ (73.8 mmol) was added dropwise while keeping the temperature between -5 to 0 °C. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. After completion of the reaction, an aqueous solution of Na₂CO₃ (0.6 M, 100 mL) was added carefully. Additional water was added until all salts were dissolved (~300 mL). The mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel and the organic layer was separated. The water layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (5x 200 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (100 mL), dried over MgSO₄, concentrated *in vacuo*, fast filtration over silica column (eluting with diethyl ether), to give the corresponding isocyanide in 91% yield.

Analytical data for some exemplary isocyanides

2-isocyano-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptane (I4)

 $\begin{array}{c} 82\% \ \text{yield; light yellow solid; mixture of diastereoisomers (endo/exo 1:2) }^{1}\text{H NMR} \ (500 \ \text{MHz}, \\ \text{CDCl}_3): \ \text{major diastereoisomer; } \delta = 3.52 \cdot 3.36 \ (\text{m}, 1\text{H}), \ 2.17 \cdot 2.01 \ (\text{m}, 1\text{H}), \ 1.98 \cdot 1.24 \ (\text{m}, 6\text{H}), \\ 1.07 \ (\text{s}, 3\text{H}), \ 1.06 \ (\text{s}, 3\text{H}), \ 0.87 \ \text{ppm} \ (\text{s}, 3\text{H}). \ ^{13}\text{C} \ \text{NMR} \ (126 \ \text{MHz}, \ \text{CDCl}_3): \ \text{mixture of diastereoisomers; } \delta = 155.3 \ (\text{t}, J = 5.3 \ \text{Hz}), \ 155.1 \ (\text{t}, J = 5.6 \ \text{Hz}), \ 60.1 \ (\text{t}, J = 5.5 \ \text{Hz}), \ 59.2 \ (\text{t}, J = 6.5 \ \text{Hz}), \ 49.9, \ 48.9, \ 47.7, \ 44.6, \ 44.5, \ 38.5, \ 37.3, \ 34.7, \ 34.6, \ 28.2, \ 27.6, \ 26.8, \ 19.9, \ 19.8, \ 19.7, \ 18.3, \end{array}$

13.1, 12.4 ppm.

1-ethyl-2-isocyanobenzene (I10)



91% yield; dark orange oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.39-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.17 (m, 1H), 2.80 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.27 ppm (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 165.6 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 140.6, 129.4, 128.9, 126.8, 126.6, 25.4, 13.8 ppm.

4-(isocyanomethyl)benzonitrile (l11)



2 32% yield; orange solid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.77 ppm (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 159.1, 137.1, 132.5, 127.0, 118.0, 112.1, 44.9 ppm (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz).

1-(1-isocyanoethyl)-4-methoxybenzene (I15)

44% yield; orange semi-solid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.27 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.86-4.66 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.72-1.54 ppm (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 159.3, 155.7 (t, J = 4.8 Hz), 130.6, 126.5, 114.1, 55.2, 53.1 (t, J = 6.2 Hz), 24.9 ppm.

Synthesis and characterization of compounds 8-15

Representative procedure for the Ugi four-component condensation (RP-05)



Carboxylic acid (1 equiv., 0.17 mmol), propargylamine (1 equiv., 10.9 μ L, 0.17 mmol), 6-chloro-1*H*indole-3-carbaldehyde (1 equiv., 30.9 mg, 0.17 mmol) und isocyanide (1 equiv., 0.17 mmol) were suspended in 200 μ L 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol. The suspension was stirred at 55 °C for 1-2 weeks. Every third day fresh 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol (200 μ L) was added. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude mixture was charged onto silica gel and the product was purified using petroleum ether (40 – 60 °C) / ethyl acetate as eluent.

Representative procedure for the copper-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition (RP-06)



To the solution of an alkyl or benzyl halide (1 equiv., 0.041 mmol) in 400 μ L DMF were added sodium azide (1.2 equiv., 3.2 mg, 0.049 mmol) dissolved in 200 μ L H₂O and tetrabutylammonium iodide (TBAI, 20 mol%, 3.1 mg, 0.008 mmol) dissolved in 100 μ L DMF. The resulting solution was stirred at 60 °C for 3 h. Afterwards, the Ugi-reaction product (1.2 equiv., 0.049 mmol) was dissolved in 400 μ L DMF, tris(benzyltriazolylmethyl)amine (TBTA, 10 mol%, 2.2 mg, 0.004 mmol) dissolved in 200 μ L DMF and sodium ascorbate (25 mol%, 2.1 mg, 0.01 mmol) and copper(II) sulfate (5 mol%, 0.5 mg, 0.002 mmol), each dissolved in 200 μ L H₂O, were added sequentially. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with cold water (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with 1 M EDTA solution (10 mL) and brine (10 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The triazole product was isolated by silica gel column chromatography using MeOH in DCM as eluent.

Analytical data for hit compounds 8-15



tert-butyl 4-((1-(6-chloro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2-(cyclohexylamino)-2-oxoethyl)((1-(2-((2,4-dimethyl-phenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)amino)-4-oxobutanoate (8)

Compound **8** was prepared by Ugi-reaction according to the representative procedure RP-05 from mono-*tert*-butyl succinate (30 mg, 0.17 mmol), propargylamine (10.9 μ L, 0.17 mmol), 6-chloro-1*H*-indole-3-carbaldehyde (30.9 mg, 0.17 mmol) and isocyanocyclohexane (21.4 μ L, 0.17 mmol). The product was isolated with 39% yield as a slightly orange mixture with unreacted 6-chloro-1*H*-indole-3-carbaldehyde (ratio 1:1) and was used without further purification. The azide was prepared from 2-bromo-*N*-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)acetamide (10 mg, 0.041 mmol) and was used for the azide-alkyne cycloaddition with the Ugi-product (24.5 mg, 0.049 mmol) according to representative procedure RP-06. The desired product **8** was isolated with 44% yield as a colorless, amorphous solid.

¹H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.30$ (s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.01 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 4.26 (s, 1H), 2.81 – 2.63 (m, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 2H), 1.80 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 2H), 1.69 – 1.52 (m, 4H), 1.46 (s, 6H), 1.25 (s, 9H), 1.19 – 1.04 ppm (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 173.30$, 172.72, 136.23, 135.97, 134.14, 131.40, 129.36, 129.12, 128.59, 128.26, 127.88, 127.36, 124.50, 123.60, 120.96, 119.77, 111.46, 80.84, 54.67, 53.23, 46.19, 40.63, 32.87, 32.06, 30.76, 29.83, 29.50, 29.03, 28.24, 25.56, 24.91, 22.83, 21.01, 17.67, 14.26 ppm; RP-HPLC-MS (I): t_R = 6.8 min, [M+H]⁺ = 704.1; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₃₇H₄₇O₅Nr³⁵CI [M+H]⁺ = 704.33217, found 704.33200; calculated for C₃₇H₄₇O₅Nr³⁷CI [M+H]⁺ = 706.32922, found 706.32946.



tert-butyl 4-((1-(6-chloro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2-oxo-2-(((1*S*,2*R*,4*R*)-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo-[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl)amino)ethyl)(prop-2-yn-1-yl)amino)-4-oxobutanoate (15)

Compound **15** was prepared by Ugi-reaction according to the representative procedure RP-05 from mono-*tert*-butyl succinate (30 mg, 0.17 mmol), propargylamine (10.9 μ L, 0.17 mmol), 6-chloro-1*H*-indole-3-carbaldehyde (30.9 mg, 0.17 mmol) and 2-isocyano-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptane (32.0 μ L, 0.17 mmol). Product **15** was isolated with 44% yield as an amorphous solid and a mixture of diastereomers (ratio 2:1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.54 (m, 1H), 7.70 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.08 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.48 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 4.06 (s, 1H), 4.05 – 4.02 (m, 2H), 2.83 – 2.76 (m, 3H), 2.71 – 2.64 (m, 3H), 2.59 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (dd, J = 13.1, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.73 – 1.70 (m, 3H), 1.73 – 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.44 (s, 5H), 1.30 – 1.23 (m, 2H), 1.18 – 1.11 (m, 2H), 0.88 – 0.84 (m, 4H), 0.84 – 0.78 ppm (m, 9H);¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 173.07, 173.03, 172.40, 172.25, 128.68, 128.60, 127.01, 125.89, 125.79, 121.02, 120.95, 120.06, 111.35, 111.32, 81.17, 80.72, 72.22, 72.01, 71.73, 48.83, 47.19, 44.96, 38.87, 38.78, 36.16, 36.05, 31.18, 30.82, 30.61, 29.39, 28.94, 28.26, 28.20, 27.16, 20.35, 20.31, 12.04 ppm; RP-HPLC-MS (I): t_R = 9.1 min, [M+H]⁺ = 553.8; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₃₁H₄₁O₄N₃³⁵CI [M+H]⁺ = 554.27801, found 554.27783; calculated for C₃₁H₄₁O₄N₃³⁷CI [M+H]⁺ = 556.27506, found 556.27504.



tert-butyl 4-((1-(6-chloro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2-oxo-2-(((1*S*,2*R*,4*R*)-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo-[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl)amino)ethyl)((1-((6-methylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-2-yl)methyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4yl)methyl)amino)-4-oxobutanoate (9)

The azide was prepared from 2-(chloromethyl)-6-methylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine hydrochloride (12 mg, 0.055 mmol) with sodium azide (7.9 mg, 0.120 mmol, 2.2 equiv.) and was used for the azide-alkyne cycloaddition with compound **15** (36.4 mg, 0.066 mmol) according to representative procedure RP-06. The desired product **9** was isolated with 56% yield as a colorless, amorphous solid and a mixture of diastereomers (ratio 1:1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): $\delta = 8.94$ (s, 1H), 8.91 (s, 1H), 7.92 (s, 2H), 7.55 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.30 (m, 6H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.98 – 6.92 (m, 3H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.44 – 6.35 (m, 3H), 5.27 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.61 – 4.50 (m, 4H), 3.87 – 3.74 (m, 2H), 2.81 – 2.71 (m, 4H), 2.62 – 2.55 (m, 4H), 2.32 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 1H), 1.69 (s, 6H), 1.59 (s, 5H), 1.44 (s, 19H), 1.33 – 1.11 (m, 7H), 0.86 – 0.72 ppm (m, 18H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 173.78, 173.09, 173.00, 170.71, 170.56, 169.76, 169.63, 145.51, 145.45, 145.33, 139.92, 139.89, 136.70, 136.67, 136.56, 136.42, 132.85, 132.71, 129.59, 128.74, 128.24, 128.15, 128.09, 127.97, 127.65, 127.57, 127.50, 126.48, 126.02, 125.99, 123.28, 123.18, 123.10, 120.75, 120.66, 120.54, 120.17, 113.56, 113.51, 113.43, 111.35, 111.33, 111.17, 110.04, 110.00, 109.84, 80.86, 80.83, 80.81, 57.61, 57.48, 54.75, 54.68, 50.09, 50.03, 49.22, 49.20, 48.67, 48.64, 47.48, 47.46, 45.50, 45.48, 44.08, 44.05, 43.97, 43.89, 40.70, 40.63, 40.58, 39.18, 39.02, 37.38, 37.34, 36.53, 36.52, 31.23, 31.17, 31.15, 29.62, 29.59, 29.56, 28.56, 28.40, 28.27, 27.51, 20.52, 20.40, 20.05, 18.91, 18.89, 18.43, 18.42, 14.14, 14.12, 12.26, 12.08 ppm; RP-HPLC-MS (I): t_R = 8.4 min, [M+H]⁺ = 741.1; HRMS (ESI) calculated

for $C_{40}H_{50}O_4N_8{}^{35}CI \ [M+H]^+ = 741.36381$, found 741.36420; calculated for $C_{40}H_{50}O_4N_8{}^{37}CI \ [M+H]^+ = 743.36086$, found 743.36061.



tert-butyl 4-((2-(*tert*-butylamino)-1-(6-chloro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2-oxo-1l3-ethyl)((1-((6-methylimidazo-[1,2-a]pyridin-2-yl)methyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)amino)-4-oxo-butanoate (10)

Compound **10** was prepared by Ugi-reaction according to the representative procedure RP-05 from mono-*tert*-butyl succinate (77.6 mg, 0.44 mmol), propargylamine (28.5 μ L, 0.44 mmol), 6-chloro-1*H*-indole-3-carbaldehyde (80.0 mg, 0.44 mmol) and *tert*-butyl isocyanide (99.6 μ L, 0.44 mmol). The Ugi product was isolated with 50% yield as a slightly orange mixture with unreacted 6-chloro-1*H*-indole-3-carbaldehyde (ratio 9:1) and was used without further purification. The azide was prepared from 2-(chloromethyl)-6-methylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine hydrochloride (40.0 mg, 0.18 mmol) with sodium azide (18.0 mg, 0.27 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and was used for the azide-alkyne cycloaddition with the Ugi-product (103.75 mg, 0.22 mmol) according to representative procedure RP-06. The desired product **10** was isolated with 32% yield as a colorless, amorphous solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.78 (s, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 6.83 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 5.40 – 5.29 (m, 2H), 4.63 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 2.85 – 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.66 – 2.61 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.32 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.69, 172.87, 169.50, 145.29, 136.39, 128.14, 127.18, 126.15, 124.86, 122.67, 120.75, 120.05, 111.50, 110.13, 80.72, 51.81, 40.91, 31.10, 29.43, 28.96, 28.48, 18.50 ppm; RP-HPLC-MS (I): t_R = 4.6 min, [M+H]⁺ = 661.1; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₃₄H₄₂O₄N₈³⁵Cl [M+H]⁺ = 661.30121, found 661.30143; calculated for C₃₄H₄₂O₄N₈³⁷Cl [M+H]⁺ = 663.29826, found 663.29927.



tert-butyl 4-((1-(6-chloro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2-(cyclohexylamino)-2-oxo-1l3-ethyl)((1-((6-methyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-2-yl)methyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)amino)-4-oxo-butanoate (11)

Compound **11** was prepared by Ugi-reaction according to the representative procedure RP-05 from mono-*tert*-butyl succinate (67.9 mg, 0.39 mmol), propargylamine (25.0 μ L, 0.39 mmol), 6-chloro-1*H*-indole-3-carbaldehyde (70.0 mg, 0.39 mmol) and cyclohexyl isocyanide (48.4 μ L, 0.39 mmol). The Ugi product was isolated with 43% yield as a slightly orange mixture with unreacted 6-chloro-1*H*-indole-3-carbaldehyde (ratio 1:1) and was used without further purification. The azide was prepared from 2-(chloromethyl)-6-methylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine hydrochloride (30.0 mg, 0.14 mmol) with sodium azide (13.48 mg, 0.21 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and was used for the azide-alkyne cycloaddition with the Ugi-product (82.09 mg, 0.16 mmol) according to representative procedure RP-06. The desired product **11** was isolated with 40% yield as a colorless, amorphous solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.87 (s, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 5.40 (dd, J = 37.7, 15.5 Hz, 2H), 4.62 (dd, J = 49.2, 17.0 Hz, 2H), 2.93 – 2.56 (m, 5H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.87 (t, J = 14.7 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (dd, J = 9.7, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 1.58 (dd, J = 8.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.32 – 1.09 (m, 7H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.56, 172.82, 168.90, 145.01, 136.10, 127.76, 127.03, 125.93, 124.92, 122.56, 120.48, 119.80, 114.57, 112.22, 111.22, 109.77, 80.62, 53.65, 48.79, 40.64, 32.89, 31.01, 29.11, 28.24, 25.61, 25.04, 24.99, 18.27.; RP-HPLC-MS (I): t_R = 4.7 min, [M+H]⁺ = 687.2; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₃₆H₄₄O₄N₈³⁵Cl [M+H]⁺ = 687.31686, found 687.31676.



tert-butyl 4-((1-(6-chloro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2-oxo-2-(((1*S*,4*R*)-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]-heptan-2-yl)amino)-1l3-ethyl)((1-((5-phenyloxazol-2-yl)methyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)-methyl)amino)-4-oxobutanoate (12)

The azide was prepared 2-(chloromethyl)-5-phenyloxazole (5.0 mg, 0.026 mmol) with sodium azide (2.5 mg, 0.038 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and was used for the azide-alkyne cycloaddition with compound **15** (17.0 mg, 0.031 mmol) according to representative procedure RP-06. The desired product **12** was isolated with 76% yield as a colorless, amorphous solid and a mixture of diastereomers (ratio: 2:1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): $\delta = 8.74$ (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 4H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.41 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 5.33 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (dd, J = 16.1, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 4.53 (dd, J = 17.3, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.79 – 2.52 (m, 7H), 1.79 – 1.66 (m, 5H), 1.58 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 5H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.27 – 1.09 (m, 4H), 0.83 (s, 2H), 0.80 – 0.77 (m, 7H), 0.74 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): $\delta = 173.70$, 172.83, 172.73,

169.46, 169.38, 156.69, 156.64, 153.30, 153.24, 145.94, 145.84, 136.57, 136.40, 129.53, 129.50, 128.63, 128.58, 127.82, 127.80, 127.69, 127.59, 126.38, 126.33, 124.86, 123.16, 123.13, 122.95, 121.04, 121.02, 120.33, 120.30, 111.71, 111.66, 110.16, 110.09, 80.82, 80.74, 57.41, 57.37, 49.24, 49.14, 47.47, 47.43, 47.01, 46.90, 45.45, 41.24, 40.97, 39.05, 39.02, 36.51, 36.46, 31.08, 30.99, 29.50, 28.36, 27.50, 20.53, 20.50, 20.40, 20.37, 20.06, 14.17, 14.12, 12.24, 12.09 ppm; RP-HPLC-MS (II): t_R = 11.2 min, $[M+H]^+$ = 754.0; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₄₁H₄₉O₅Nr³⁵Cl [M+H]⁺ = 754.34782, found 754.34665; calculated for C₄₁H₄₉O₅Nr³⁷Cl [M+H]⁺ = 756.34487, found 756.34439.



tert-butyl 4-(((1-(2-(azepan-1-yl)ethyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)(1-(6-chloro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2oxo-2-(((1S,2R,4R)-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl)amino)ethyl)amino)-4-oxobutanoate (13)

The azide was prepared from 1-(2-chloroethyl)azepane hydrochloride (10 mg, 0.050 mmol) with sodium azide (7.2 mg, 0.110 mmol, 2.2 equiv.) and was used for the azide-alkyne cycloaddition with Ugiproduct **15** (33.2 mg, 0.060 mmol) according to representative procedure RP-06. The desired product **13** was isolated with 76% yield as a colorless, amorphous solid and a mixture of diastereomers (ratio 2:1).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.37 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 4.64 – 4.58 (m, 3H), 4.13 – 3.96 (m, 5H), 3.90 – 3.82 (m, 2H), 3.24 – 3.18 (m, 3H), 2.73 – 2.64 (m, 6H), 2.63 – 2.55 (m, 12H), 1.80 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.70 (m, 3H), 1.67 – 1.62 (m, 5H), 1.46 (s, 6H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.44 – 1.40 (m, 5H), 1.30 – 1.25 (m, 4H), 1.19 – 1.12 (m, 3H), 0.87 – 0.85 (m, 3H), 0.83 – 0.78 ppm (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 122.83, 120.41, 57.46, 55.70, 55.65, 49.21, 47.49, 47.44, 45.47, 41.43, 41.14, 39.03, 36.56, 36.49, 31.07, 29.45, 28.86, 28.38, 27.52, 24.57, 20.54, 20.27, 13.94, 12.24, 12.15 ppm; RP-HPLC-MS (II): t_R = 7.7 min, [M+H]⁺ = 722.2; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₃₉H₅₇O₄Nr³⁵CI [M+H]⁺ = 724.41256, found 724.41399.



2-(6-chloro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2-(*N*-((1-((6-methylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-2-yl)methyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)acetamido)-*N*-((1*S*,2*R*,4*R*)-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl)acetamide (14)

Compound **14** was prepared by Ugi-reaction according to the representative procedure RP-05 from acetic acid (9.5 μ L, 0.17 mmol), propargylamine (10.9 μ L, 0.17 mmol), 6-chloro-1*H*-indole-3-carbaldehyde (30.9 mg, 0.17 mmol) and 2-isocyano-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo-[2.2.1]heptane (32.0 μ L, 0.17 mmol). The Ugi product was isolated with 41% yield as a slightly orange mixture with unreacted 6-chloro-1*H*-indole-3-carbaldehyde (ratio 1:1) and was used without further purification. The azide was prepared from 2-(chloromethyl)-6-methylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine hydrochloride (12 mg, 0.055 mmol) with sodium azide (7.9 mg, 0.120 mmol, 2.2 equiv.) and was used for the azide-alkyne cycloaddition with the Ugi-product (28.9 mg, 0.066 mmol) according to representative procedure RP-06. The desired product **14** was isolated with 47% yield as a colorless, amorphous solid and a mixture of diastereomers (ratio 1:1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOD): δ = 8.21 (s, 2H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.84 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 5.42 – 5.28 (m, 4H), 4.75 – 4.63 (m, 3H), 3.85 – 3.77 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 6H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.77 – 1.53 (m, 10H), 1.27 – 1.11 (m, 4H), 0.82 (s, 3H), 0.82 – 0.80 (m, 6H), 0.79 (s, 3H), 0.79 ppm (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOD): δ = 174.69, 174.53, 172.36, 172.30, 146.37, 146.19, 145.79, 140.22, 140.15, 137.92, 137.82, 130.78, 128.89, 128.45, 128.19, 127.08, 127.05, 125.86, 124.42, 123.53, 123.41, 121.06, 120.99, 120.57, 120.51, 116.75, 112.86, 112.24, 112.15, 110.34, 110.29, 58.67, 58.63, 56.20, 55.61, 50.57, 50.12, 47.88, 47.83, 46.31, 46.29, 42.96, 42.80, 38.66, 38.35, 37.23, 37.11, 28.01, 22.65, 22.62, 20.79, 20.36, 20.25, 20.21, 20.17, 19.01, 17.95, 14.49, 14.37, 12.41, 12.15 ppm; RP-HPLC-MS (I): t_R = 4.4 min, [M+H]⁺ = 627.1; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₃₄H₄₀O₂N₈³⁵Cl [M+H]⁺ = 627.29573, found 627.29591; calculated for C₃₄H₄₀O₂N₈³⁷Cl [M+H]⁺ = 629.29573, found 629.29346.

Synthesis and characterization of YAP peptide fragment YAP⁵⁰⁻¹⁰⁰

Peptides were synthesized on a Syro I peptide synthesizer (Multisyntech) following standard Fmocprotocols for solid-phase peptide synthesis. Peptide synthesis was performed on Rink amide ChemMatrix resin (Aldrich, 0.28 mmol/g, 0.05 mmol). To prepare the solutions, the amino acids were dissolved in a solution of oxyma pur 0.5 M in DMF to obtain a final concentration of 0.5 M, HATU was dissolved in DMF to get a concentration of 0.5 M, DIPEA was dissolved in NMP to get a concentration of 2 M, piperidine was dissolved in DMF with a concentration of 25% and acetic anhydride was dissolved in NMP with a concentration of 10%. For the coupling, 400 μ L of amino acids solution (0.2 mmol, 4 equiv.) were mixed with 400 μ L of HATU solution (0.2 mmol, 4 equiv.) and 200 μ L of DIPEA solution (0.4 mmol, 8 equiv.) and added to the resin for 40 min (each amino acid was coupled twice or three times). The amino acid couplings were followed by a capping of the remaining free amino groups with 800 μ L of Ac₂O solution in presence of 200 μ L of DIPEA solution for 2 min. Fmoc-deprotection was performed with 25% piperidine in DMF for 10 min. **YAP**⁵⁰⁻¹⁰⁰ was obtained after peptide elongation of the corresponding amino acid sequence:

(AGHQIVHVRGDSETDLEALFNAVMNPKTANVPQTVPMRLRKLPDSFFKPPE (residues in bold were triply coupled and underlined residues were doubly coupled). The resulting peptide resin was washed six times with 2 mL of DMF between each step. The N-terminal Fmoc group was deprotected using 2 mL of 25% piperidine in DMF (3x 5 min) followed by washing steps with DMF (3x 6 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (3x 6 mL). 76 mg of Fmoc-O₂Oc-OH (0.2 mmol, 4 equiv.), 76 mg of HATU (0.2 mmol, 4 equiv.) were dissolved in 400 µL of DMF, followed by 70 µL of DIPEA (0.4 mmol, 8 equiv.). The mixture was then added to the resin and stirred for 2 h. The peptide resin was washed with DMF (3x 6 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (3x 6 mL). The *N*-terminal Fmoc group was deprotected using 2 mL of 25% piperidine in DMF (3x 5 min) followed by washing steps with DMF (3x 6 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (3x 6 mL). A solution of 0.10 g 5-isothiocyanatofluorescein (0.25 mmol, 5 equiv.) and 90 µL of DIPEA (0.5 mmol, 10 equiv.) in 800 µL DMF. The reaction mixture was shaken in the dark at room temperature for 3 h. The resin was washed with DMF (3x 6 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (3x 6 mL). The coupling procedure was repeated an additional time and this time it was shaken in the dark at room temperature for 16 h. The resulting bright yellow resin was washed with DMF (3x 6 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (3x 6 mL) and dried under vacuum filtration. The peptidyl resin (0.05 mmol, 1 equiv.), was cleaved with 1 mL of cleavage solution (triisopropylsilane 2.5%, water 2.5% in TFA) for 3 hours at room temperature. The peptide was precipitated in 40 mL of cold diethyl ether/petroleum ether 1:1 after 10 minutes of centrifugation. The pellet was washed twice with 40 mL of diethyl ether. The residue was dried over vacuum, dissolved in water and lyophilized. The residue was dissolved in 1 mL of DMSO. Peptides were cleaved from the resin with TFA/H₂O/TIPS (95/2.5/2.5) for 3 h and precipitated with diethyl ether 0 °C. The crude peptide was purified using preparative RP-HPLC (Agilent 1290 infinity hyphenated with 6120 quadrupole Mass spectrometer) using Macherey-Nagel C₁₈ gravity, 5 µm, 125x10 mm column. The purification was done with a flow rate of 20 mL/min in a gradient of 10% B to 100% B in 45 min (A = H_2O + 0.1% TFA, B = ACN + 0.1% TFA, detection at 214 nm, 220 nm, 254 nm and 280 nm and MS detection). The purification yielded 2.2 mg of FITC-YAP with a HPLC purity of 95%. Obs. [M+4H]⁴⁺= 1558.9, Calc. [M+4H]⁴⁺= 1558.5.

FITC-YAP purity was checked by analytical RP-HPLC (Agilent 1290/1260 infinity HPLC), using EC 100/2 NUCLEODUR C₁₈ gravity column, 1.8 μ m from Macherey-Nagel. The analysis was done at 1 mL/min in a gradient of 5% B and 1% C to 65% B and 1% C in 30 min (A = H₂O, B = ACN, C = H₂O + 10% TFA, detection at 214 nm).

Purity mass spectra was recorded on LC-MS Thermo FLEET from Thermo Fisher Scientific with a gradient of 5% B to 95% B in 8 min (A = H_2O + 0.1 % TFA, B = ACN + 0.1% TFA, detection at 214 nm).

FITC-YAP stock solution was prepared in DMSO. Solution concentration was measured at 495 nm in 100 mM sodium phosphate buffer (pH = 8.5) and calculated with an extinction coefficient of 77.000 M^{-1} ·cm⁻¹ in JASCO V-550.

Evaluation of compound 8 as MDM2 binder

Docking of compound 8 into the crystal structure of MDM2

Method: The modeling was performed using MOLOC software^[14]. The crystal structure of MDM2 interacting with the p53 peptide was used (PDB ID 1YCR)^[15]. First the p53 peptide was removed from the structure. The indole part of **8** was modelled into the MDM2 pocket in a way that p53 Trp23 indole were aligned. Energy minimization was performed. Then, the whole structure MDM2 and **8** was minimized.

Expression and purification of MDM2

The plasmid (pETM-13) containing MDM2 was transformed into *E. coli* BL21(DE3) using heat shock. MDM2 was expressed in LB medium supplemented with $50 \mu g/L$ kanamycin and $35 \mu g/L$ chloramphenicol. Induction was performed at an $OD_{600} = 0.6$ nm with 1 mM IPTG prior to incubation of the cultures at 18 °C overnight. Cells were harvested by centrifugation at 5000 rpm for 15 min. The cell pellet was resuspended in PBS buffer (pH = 7.4) containing 10 mM dithiothreitol (DTT) and protease-inhibitor cocktail (Protease Inhibitor Cocktail Set II, MERCK) and lysed by sonication for 10 min at 30% sonication power (Branson 250 Digital Sonifier). The lysate was cleared by centrifugation at 12,000 rpm, 4 °C.

The collected IBs (inclusion bodies) were washed three times, twice with washing buffer 1 (PBS, pH = 7.4, 10 mM DTT, 0.05% Triton) and the third time with washing buffer 2 (PBS, pH = 7.4, 10 mM DTT). Protein was then denatured in denaturation buffer (100 mM Tris, pH = 8.0, 6 M guanidine-hydrochloride, 1 mM EDTA and 10 mM β -mercaptoethanol) and dialysis was performed against the dialysis buffer (4 M guanidine hydrochloride ,pH = 3.5, 10 mM β -mercaptoethanol) for 6 h at 4 °C. Next, protein was diluted 100-fold into refolding buffer (10 mM Tris base, pH = 7.0, 1 mM EDTA, 10 mM DTT) and incubated under stirring overnight at 4 °C.

The protein was incubated with 1.5 M ammonium sulfate for 2 h at 4 °C and the supernatant was collected by centrifugation at 10,000 g, then incubated for 2 h with 3 mL pre-equilibrated HIC (hydrophobic interaction chromatography) beads equilibrated with equilibration buffer (10 mM Tris, pH = 7.0, 1 mM EDTA, 10 mM DTT and 1.5 ammonium sulfate) at 4 °C. The beads were isolated and washed with equilibrium buffer (10 mM Tris, pH = 7.0, 1 mM EDTA, 10 mM DTT and 1.5 M ammonium sulfate), followed by protein elution with elution buffer (100 mM Tris, pH = 7.2, 5 mM DTT). Protein elution fractions were pooled and concentrated by filtration at 3000 g (Vivaspin 15R, Sartorius). Samples were loaded onto a Superdex 75 16/60 column (ÄKTATM pure protein purification system, GE) equilibrated with gel filtration buffer (20 mM HEPES, pH = 7.0, 50 mM NaCl, 5 mM DTT). Pure samples

of MDM2 eluted in a single peak and were estimated to be >95% pure as judged by SDS-PAGE analysis.

MicroScale Thermophoresis (MST) Assay

The binding affinities of compounds towards MDM2 were analyzed using MicroScale Thermophoresis technique. For MST experiment, purified MDM2 protein was prepared following Monolith Protein Labeling Kits RED-NHS protocol (Cat# MD-L001) and pre-tested using MonolithTM NT.115 MST Premium Coated Capillaries by Monolith NT.115. The compound stock solution of 100 mM was prepared in DMSO and diluted with PBS-T buffer (PBS, pH = 7.4, 0.05% Tween 20) to reach the final concentration. Then, compound serial dilution was prepared by 16 x 2-fold serial dilutions with a starting concentration of 0.2 mM. Adding 10 µL prepared protein to compound serial dilution from 1 to 16, mixing well and incubate at room temperature for 20 min. Place 16 capillaries to sample tray after withdrawing protein-compound solution. Binding affinity were calculated from MST trace curve using 20% excitation power, medium MST power at 22 °C.



Figure S9: Thermal protein stability curve obtained by MST. (**A**) Dose response curve. $K_D = 36.1 \mu$ M; signal to noise ratio: 10.1. (**B**) Capillary scan curve. Average: 849 counts; variation: ± 6.2%. (**C**) MST traces. Cold region: -1 s - 0 s; hot region: 19 s - 20 s.

Biological evaluation of compounds 9-15 as hTEAD4 binder

Expression and purification of hTEAD4 ^[16]

hTEAD4 was expressed, purified and deacylated as reported elsewhere.^[16] Briefly, N-terminal His₆tagged hTEAD4²¹⁷⁻⁴³⁴ was expressed in *E. coli* BL21-CodonPlus (DE3)-RIPL (Agilent, 230280) from pOPIN-neo vector. The transformed cells were grown at 37 °C in TB medium (0.01% alpha-lactose monohydrate, 2 mM MgSO₄, 100 µg/mL ampicillin and 50 µg/mL chloramphenicol) for 4 h. Then, the temperature was reduced to 25 °C and the culture was incubated for another 20-24 h. Cell lysis was performed by sonication in HEPES buffer (50 mM HEPES, 300 mM NaCl, 20 mM imidazole, 1 mM TCEP, pH = 8.0), followed by ultracentrifugation. The cleared lysate was first purified by affinity chromatography using the ÄktaXpress (GE Healthcare, column: His trap FF, GE Healthcare), followed by size exclusion chromatography (SD75 26/60, GE Healthcare) using 20 mM HEPES, 100 mM NaCl, 1 mM TCEP, 2 mM MgCl₂, 5% glycerol at pH = 8.0. The purified protein was concentrated using Amicon Ultra Centrifugal Filters, 10 K (Merck), aliquots were snap frozen and stored at -80 °C.

Deacylation (depalmitoylation) of hTEAD4 ^[16]

To 0.5 mL 2.8 mg/mL recombinant hTEAD4, 30 μ L of 105 mM hydroxylamine solution was added and the mixture was gently shaken at room temperature for 3 h. The deacylated hTEAD4 was then purified over two consecutive size exclusion columns: (i) Amicon, 0.5 mL, 10 K (Merck) ii) Zebaspin, 7 K (Thermo Fisher) using Tris (20 mM, pH = 8), NaCl (100 mM), MgCl₂ (2 mM) as the final storage buffer.

Nano Differential Scanning Fluorometry (nanoDSF) ^[16]

To 5 μ M of depalmitoylated hTEAD4 were added 10 equiv. of compound in 25 mM HEPES, 200 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1 mM TCEP, pH = 7.4. The samples were incubated at room temperature for 60 min, then high sensitivity NanoDSF capillaries (NanoTemper Technologies) were filled with 10 μ L of the sample. All the capillaries were placed in the sample holder of the Prometheus NT.48 instrument (NanoTemper Technologies) and a gradient of 1 °C/min from 20 to 85 °C was applied. Melting temperatures were determined with the inflection point of the intrinsic fluorescence curve for the ratio 350/330 nm. All experiments were performed as quadruplicates or triplicates.



Figure S10: Thermal protein stability curves obtained by nanoDSF. 5 μ M of depalmitoylated hTEAD4 was incubated with 10 equiv. of compounds. T_m were determined by mean of the inflection point of the intrinsic fluorescence curve for the ratio 350/330 nm. hTEAD4 T_m in presence of the compounds were compared to the T_m in presence of DMSO only. n: 3-4.

Fluorescence polarization (FP) experiments ^[16]

FP experiments were established as reported elsewhere.^[16] FP experiments were performed using black, low volume, round-bottom, non-binding 384-well plates (Corning 4514). The plates were imaged using Tecan Spark. To increase the solubility of the compounds in buffer solution, we prepared a master solution of compounds containing 7% DMSO and 1% Triton X100.



 ${\tt B} \ {\tt FITC-AGHQIVHVRGDSETDLEALFNAVMNPKTANVPQTVPMRLRKLPDSFFKPPE}$

Figure S11: Tracers used in the FP-based competitive binding assays. a) Structure of the FITC-Palmitate tracer. b) Sequence of fluorescently labeled YAP⁵⁰⁻¹⁰⁰ peptide.

a) Competitive inhibition of hTEAD4 central pocket was performed in HEPES buffer including 150 mM NaCl and 25 mM HEPES at pH = 6.5. Compounds were added to 5 μ L buffer followed by addition of 5 μ L non-acylated hTEAD4²¹⁷⁻⁴³⁴ protein solution and were then incubated for 10 min followed by addition of 5 μ L of FITC-labeled palmitate solution. The assay plate was shaken at room temperature for two hours before measuring the fluorescence polarization (Ex./Em: 485/535 nm). Final protein and FITC-labeled palmitate concentrations are 50 nM and 10 nM, respectively. IC₅₀ values of the compounds were calculated using GraphPad Prism 7 software.

b) Competitive inhibition of TEAD4-YAP protein-protein interaction was performed in PBS buffer at pH = 7.5. Compounds were added to 5 µL buffer followed by addition of hTEAD4²¹⁷⁻⁴³⁴ protein solution. The protein-compound mixture was incubated for 10 min at room temperature followed by addition of 5 µL of FITC-labeled YAP⁵⁰⁻¹⁰⁰ solution. The assay plate was incubated at 4 °C for another 24 h before measuring the fluorescence polarization (Ex./Em: 485/535 nm). Final protein and FITC-YAP⁵⁰⁻¹⁰⁰ concentrations are 5 nM and 2 nM, respectively. IC₅₀ values of the compounds were calculated using GraphPad Prism 7 software.

Measurement of CTGF expression by RT-qPCR

500.000 HEK293 cells per well were plated in 6-well plate (Greiner BIO-ONE). After 24 h cells were treated with 3 μ M XMU-MP-1, combination of XMU-MP-1 (3 μ M) and **9** (100 μ M and 3 μ M) or DMSO as a control for 4 h. Total RNA was extracted using RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen) according to manufacturer's instructions. For each sample, 100 ng RNA was transcribed and qPCR was performed using SensiFAST Probe Hi-ROX One-Step Kit (Bioline). Experiment was done in triplicates with suitable controls. RT-qPCR was performed on StepOnePlus Real-Time PCR System (Applied Biosystems) using Primer-Probe Detection method. Conditions: RT-qPCR was performed at 48 °C for 10 min followed by polymerase activation at 95 °C for 2 min and 30 cycles at 95 °C for 5 s and at 60 °C for 20 s. Relative quantification of CTGF mRNA was normalized to housekeeping gene ACTB and data analyzed using Relative Quantification Software (Applied Biosystems). Statistical analysis was done with unpaired two-tailed Student t-test (p<0.05, GraphPad Prism 6). Final primer and probe concentrations were 500 nM and 250 nM.

Primers and probes (Integrated DNA Technologies) CTGF (assay ID HS.PT.58.14485164.g) 5'-GCTCGGTATGTCTTCATGCTG-3' 5'-GAAGCTGACCTGGAAGAGAAC-3' 5'-HEX-CAGCCAGAA-ZEN-AGCTCAAACTTGATAGGC-IBFQ-3'

ACTB (assay ID Hs.PT.39a.22214847) 5'-ACAGAGCCTCGCCTTTG-3' 5'-CCTTGCACATGCCGGAG-3' 5'-FAM-TCATCCATG-ZEN-GTGAGCTGGCGG-IFBQ-3'

ZEN, IBFQ as quenchers

Cell culture medium:

DMEM (PAN Biotech, P04-03590), 10% heat inactivated FBS (Capricorn Scientific), 2 mM L-glutamine (PAN Biotech, P04-80100).

Reagents:

DMSO cell culture grade (PanReac AppliChem, A3672)

XMU-MP-1 (MedChemExpress)

0.05% Trypsin / 0.02% EDTA in PBS (PAN Biotech, P10-0231SP)

DPBS (PAN Biotech, P04-36500)

 $\Delta\Delta Ct$ calculation:

$$\Delta Ct = Ct(CTGF) - Ct(ACTB)$$
$$\Delta \Delta Ct = \Delta Ct(inhibitor) - \Delta Ct(control)$$

 $\Delta \Delta Ct SD = \sqrt{(\Delta Ct SD \ control)^2 + \Delta Ct SD \ inhibitor)^2}$

 $\Delta\Delta Ct$ SD was calculated using Gaussian error propagation.

Compound characterization data

MALDI spectra of hexT conjugates

Compounds **hexT 4-81** were prepared by Ugi-reaction according to the representative procedure RP-2.





















¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra for isocyanides I4, I10, I11, I15

2-isocyano-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptane (I4)



1-ethyl-2-isocyanobenzene (I10)



4-(isocyanomethyl)benzonitrile (I11)



1-(1-isocyanoethyl)-4-methoxybenzene (I15)



¹H and ¹³C NMR and RP-HPLC-MS spectra for compounds 8-15







¹³C NMR



Analytical RP-HPLC-MS (I)





¹H NMR



¹³C NMR



Analytical RP-HPLC-MS (I)





¹H NMR



¹³C NMR



Analytical RP-HPLC-MS (I)





¹H NMR



¹³C NMR



Analytical RP-HPLC-MS (I)





¹H NMR



¹³C NMR



Analytical RP-HPLC-MS (I)





¹H NMR



¹³C NMR



Analytical RP-HPLC-MS (II)





¹H NMR



¹³C NMR



Analytical RP-HPLC-MS (II)





¹H NMR



¹³C NMR



Analytical RP-HPLC-MS (I)



MS spectrum and HPLC chromatogram for YAP peptide

LC-MS Thermo FLEET MS spectrum



HPLC chromatogram



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