Supplementary Figures

Supplementary Fig. 1. Identification of candidate TCF/ β -catenin inhibitors (relevant to Fig. 1)



A) Screen strategy

~76,000 small molecules from the Prebys Center for Drug Discovery chemical library were screened using a human colon carcinoma cell line (RKO) that had previously been engineered to harbor a firefly (FF) luciferase reporter cassette (pBARLRen (Biechele et al., 2009)) driven by twelve multimerized TCF response elements, with each separated by unique five nucleotide linkers specifically designed to minimize recombination that can lead to loss of the

integrated transgene, and a second PGK-Renilla luciferase cassette used to control for The primary assay was optimized for 1536-well plate format high throughput toxicity. screening (HTS) (Z' >0.5, S/B > 20). ~76,000 drug-like compounds from the Prebys Center for Drug Discovery at the Sanford-Burnham-Prebys Medical Discovery Institute (SBP) selected for chemical diversity (https://www.sbpdiscovery.org/medical-discovery/drugdiscovery/prebys-center-for-drug-discovery/overview) were screened at а sinale concentration (5 µM) for the ability to block firefly (FF) luciferase activity induced by addition of recombinant human Wnt3a to the culture media (see Methods). 181 primary hits were obtained based on a cut-off of \geq 50% inhibition and Z-score \geq 3 (hit rate = 0.24%). Hits were confirmed by retesting and lack of inhibition of *Renilla* luciferase in the primary assay cell line, vielding 101 confirmed hits (0.13% of the initial screen). The 101 hits were evaluated at single concentration (5 µM) in counter screens to rule out promiscuous inhibitors using HEK293T cells stably transfected with an NF- κ B responsive luciferase gene cassette (293-NF-kB-Luc) and a NOD1 expression transgene to induce NF-kB-dependent luciferase activity (cell line and assay described in Pubchem AID 1290). FF luciferase activities were measured 24 hours after compound addition. A secondary assay then evaluated the ability to inhibit the Wnt3a/βcatenin induced by BIO (1 μ M), which stabilizes β -catenin through its inhibition of GSK3 β . yielding 5 active compounds. Four of the 5 potent BIO and Wnt3a inhibiting compounds could be obtained from commercial sources as powders and were tested for dose-dependent inhibition (7 concentrations, 300-fold dose range, 10 nM to 3 µM) of recombinant purified human Wnt3a and BIO in both RKO pBARLRen cells (as in the 1° assay) and HEK393T cells transiently transfected with Super TOPflash plasmid (Addgene), yielding two compounds that had similar potencies and efficacy in both cell lines. These 2 compounds (BIM106437 and BIM134375) were re-tested in a final assay that evaluated inhibition following transfection to overexpress CBP or p300, two transcriptional co-activators that interact with β -catenin. The rationale for this final assay is to remove compounds that might be inhibitors of these proteins, rather than selective for the β -catenin/TCF response. A single compound (BIM134375. named **PAWI-1**) was minimally affected by CBP and p300 overexpression (Supplementary Fig. 1B).

B) Discrimination of candidate inhibitors based on CBP and p300 interactions

CBP (CREB binding protein) and p300 are closely related transcriptional co-activators that interact with numerous transcription factors, including β -catenin, to activate downstream genes. Both proteins have histone acetyl transferase (HAT) activity, and the interaction with β -catenin can be considered the last step in the canonical Wnt/ β -catenin pathway. We reasoned that some compounds might affect the function of either of these proteins, and hence would not be specific modulators of TCF/ β -catenin regulated gene expression outside the canonical pathway. Therefore, the final step of the HTS campaign was to discriminate compounds on the basis of whether their inhibition of Wnt/ β -catenin depended upon either DBP or p300. HEK293T cells were transfected with plasmids directing the expression of either p300 or CBP and Super TOPflash (Addgene) in the presence of recombinant Wnt3a (10% conditioned media as for the primary screen). Compounds were added 24 hours later at the indicated concentrations, and luciferase was measured 24 hours later (n=4). Compounds are as in **Supplementary Fig. 1A**.

Supplementary Fig. 2. PAWI-2 does not affect the protein level and cellular localization of β -catenin (relevant to Fig. 2).



- A,B) Effect of PAWI-2 (500 nM) on time-dependent changes (A) and cellular localization (B) of β-catenin in SW480 cells. HDAC2 and GAPDH were used as markers of nuclear and cytosolic fractions.
- C) Dose-dependent effect of PAWI-2 (1.6 to 5000 nM) on the abundance of β -catenin in HCT-116 cells.
- **D**) Effect of **PAWI-2** (100 nM) on the abundance of β-catenin in HCT-116, DLD-1, SW480 and 10.1 cells following 4 hour or 16 hour treatment.

Supplementary Fig. S3. Effect on HIPK2 kinases and TCF3 (relevant to Fig. 3)



A) Effect of siRNAs against HIPK and DYRK kinases on PAWI-2 function in the Wnt3a luciferase assay. pBARLRen cells were seeded in 384-well plates and transfected 24 hours later with 10 nanomoles of either individual siRNAs (ON-TARGETplus, Dharmacon/GE Healthcare) or inert sequence control siRNA in triplicate, as in Methods. Two days later (to permit knockdown of target protein), recombinant Wnt3a (10% final concentration of Wnt3a conditioned medium) together with either PAWI-2 (100 nM) or DMSO vehicle was added to each well. Firefly luciferase activities was measured 6 hours later using SteadyLite HTS (PerkinElmer). Luciferase activity for each siRNA was normalized to its respective DMSO control. Note that siRNAs against HIPK2 and the structurally related DYRK2 blocked the ability of PAWI-2 to inhibit Wnt3a luciferase activity. Data points are mean \pm s.e.m., n=3

- **B)** Kinase activity of purified HIPK2 assayed *in vitro* in response to **PAWI-1** and staurosporine. Data points are mean ± s.d, n=3 (in some cases error bars are smaller than the symbols).
- C) Western blots showing the effect of PAWI-1 and PAWI-2 (500 nM, 24 hours) on abundance of TCF3 and phospho-S209-TCF3 [P4 antibody of ref. (Hikasa and Sokol, 2011)] proteins in HEK293T cells treated with compounds as indicated for 4 hours. Note no decrease in TCF3 abundance but increased phospho-TCF3 in response to PAWI treatment. PAWI-2 data reproduced from Fig. 3B.
- D) Effect of PAWI-1 (200 nM) on TCF3 activity. TCF3 often acts as a repressor of Wnt signaling (Cadigan and Waterman, 2012; Hikasa et al., 2010), and the schematic illustrates the recruitment of co-repressors by TCF3 on target gene promoters. HEK293T cells were transfected with Super TOPFlash (Addgene) plasmid (containing a multimerized TCF response element and luciferase reporter) together and a HIPK2 expression plasmid together with a TCF3 expression plasmid as indicated. 24 hours after transfection, cells were treated with recombinant Wnt3A (10% conditioned media from Wnt3A overexpressing HEK293T cells) and PAWI-1 at the indicated concentrations and luciferase was measured 24 hours later. ** indicates P-value <0.01 (T-test). Error bars = s.e.m. (n=3).</p>
- E-G) In vivo effect of PAWI-1 on Xenopus development. Diagram E (upper) depicts the normal function of TCF3 to inhibit canonical Wnt signaling in the late blastula stage Xenopus embryo (Hikasa and Sokol, 2011). Experimental design (C, lower) shows Xenopus development from late blastula (stage 9) to neurula (stage 15) and tailbud (stage 33) stage embryos. PAWI-1 (200 nM) was added to the water at stage 9 and the embryos continued development until stage 15, when the embryos were processed for *in situ* hybridization for mRNA expression (blue stain) at neurula (stage 15) with probes for the anterior marker Otx2 and the ventral marker Vent2 (D), or continued to culture until stage 33, when larvae were examined for formation of the cement gland, a pigmented structure at the anteriormost tip of the embryo (yellow arrowheads (E). Note that PAWI-1 suppressed Otx2 mRNA and increased expression and expanded the domain of Vent2 mRNA, consistent with an inhibition of TCF3 function as in (Hikasa and Sokol, 2011). Lateral and ventral views of tailbud (stage 33) embryos (E shows the effect of PAWI-1 on formation of the pigmented cement gland. Since cement glands are very anterior structures, their loss indicates that PAWI-1 suppressed anterior cell fates. This activity was consistent with the inhibition of TCF3 function by PAWI-1 (D).





- A) Confirmation of activity of siRNAs against sensor proteins evaluated in Fig. 4D. Data points are mean ± s.e.m.; n=3. **, p<0.01; ***, p<0.001 (T-test). FC, fold change.
- B) Wnt response to treatment with Cisplatin and Taxol. pBARLRen cells (the same as used in the primary screen) were treated with PAWI-2 (Cmpd 2), Cisplatin and Taxol. Luciferase activity was determined at the indicated times. Data points are mean ± s.e.m., n=3.

Supplementary Table S1. Small molecule screening data (relevant to Fig. 1)

Category	Parameter	Description
Assay	Type of assay	Cell based reporter
	Target	Wnt/β-catenin dependent transcription
	Primary measurement	Firefly luciferase
	Key reagents	pBARLRen cell line (see Methods)
	Assay protocol	See Methods
	Additional comments	
Library	Library size	76,000
	Library composition	Drug-like small molecules selected for chemical diversity
	Source	Prebys Center for Drug Discovery at the Sanford- Burnham-Prebys Medical Discovery Institute (SBP) (https://www.sbpdiscovery.org/medical- discovery/drug-discovery/prebys-center-for-drug- discovery/overview)
	Additional comments	
Screen	Format	1536 well format
	Concentration(s) tested	5 μM in primary assay;
	Plate controls	Wnt3a alone (negative); IWR (positive)
	Reagent/ compound dispensing system	Labcyte acoustic dispenser
	Detection instrument and software	Envision plate reader (PerkinElmer)
	Assay validation/QC	Z' > 0.5; Signal/background >20
	Correction factors	None
	Normalization	None in primary screen; normalization to <i>Renilla</i> luciferase in secondary screens
	Additional comments	See Methods
Post-HTS analysis	Hit criteria	≥50% inhibition and Z-score ≥3
	Hit rate	0.24% (after primary) 0.13% (after confirmatory screen)
	Additional assay(s)	 See scheme of secondary assays in Suppl Fig. 1. 1) Confirmatory screen: same as primary screen firefly luciferase was normalized to <i>Renilla</i> luciferase
		 Counter screen to eliminate inhibitors of NF-κB- dependent luciferase activity Secondary screen to identify inhibitors of GSK3β inhibitor IX (BIO)-induced β-catenin responsive luciferase activity
		 4) Dose dependency against purified recombinant Wnt3a-dependent luciferase activity
		 5) Screen to confirm activity in a second cell type (HEK293T) 6) Screen to eliminate compounds that affect histone acetyltransferase (HAT)-dependent activity
	Confirmation of hit purity and structure	Resynthesis and analytical data are described in references (Cashman et al., 2016; Okolotowicz et al., 2018)
	Additional comments	See Methods

Supplementary Table S2. siRNA suppressor screen of 98 proteins involved in sensing and responding to DNA damage and mitotic checkpoint control (relevant to Figs. 4B and C).

RKO (pBARLRen) cells were plated at ~2400 per well of 384-well plates pre-spotted with 10 nanomoles of either individual siRNAs or inert sequence control siRNA (Dharmacon). Cells were cultured for 2 days to allow siRNA-mediated knockdown of cognate protein expression. Recombinant Wnt3a together with either **PAWI-2** (100 nM) or DMSO vehicle was added to each well and luciferase activity was determined 6 hours later. **PAWI-2** and DMSO vehicle conditions for each siRNA were tested in quadruplicate wells. **PAWI-2** activity was normalized relative to the corresponding DMSO control. The effect of each siRNA on **PAWI-2** activity was calculated as % inhibition relative to that observed in the control siRNA samples on each plate (0% inhibition). These activities were then expressed as a Z-score.

Gene Symbol	% inhibition of PAWI-2	% inhibition s.e.m	Z-score	z-score s.e.m.
Control siRNA.1	0.0	27.33	0.00	0.49
Control siRNA.2	0.0	8.96	0.00	0.38
ABL1	-40.8	9.01	-0.73	0.16
AP3B2	80.9	5.83	1.45	0.10
ARK5	69.1	21.05	1.24	0.38
AURKB	8.6	9.52	0.36	0.40
AURKC	35.8	8.63	1.52	0.37
BARD1	119.5	21.90	2.14	0.39
BIRC5/survivin	46.6	19.42	1.98	0.83
BLM	-40.5	6.87	-0.72	0.12
BRAT1	22.6	15.04	0.96	0.64
BRCA1	78.5	11.04	1.81	0.30
BUB1	17.8	22.44	0.75	0.95
BUB3	89.0	27.54	3.78	1.17
CDC20	37.9	25.96	1.61	1.10
CDC25A	132.4	20.88	2.37	0.37
CDC25C	46.3	10.65	0.83	0.19
CDCA1	2.5	8.92	0.11	0.38
CDCA8/borealin	-12.0	7.42	-0.51	0.32
СНК1	56.3	20.83	2.39	0.89
СНК2	3.9	7.42	0.17	0.32
CKN1	66.9	7.78	1.20	0.14
CUL4A	-29.2	8.02	-0.52	0.14
DCLRE1C	104.7	44.46	1.87	0.79
DDB1	-5.6	14.32	-0.10	0.26
DDB2	64.5	27.54	1.15	0.49

Gene Symbol	% inhibition of PAWI-2	% inhibition s.e.m	Z-score	z-score s.e.m.
DDX1	-17.4	12.98	-0.31	0.23
DYRK2	179.2	40.97	3.20	0.73
EEF1E1	64.0	16.21	1.09	0.40
ERCC1	56.3	3.78	1.01	0.07
ERCC2	51.4	9.00	0.92	0.16
ERCC3	27.0	22.50	0.48	0.40
ERCC4	46.6	26.14	0.83	0.47
ERCC5	78.3	24.14	1.40	0.43
ERCC6	159.0	12.73	2.84	0.23
EVI5	-3.4	10.97	-0.14	0.47
FANCD2	53.9	15.01	0.96	0.27
FRAP1	2.5	15.40	0.05	0.28
H2AFX	66.7	38.72	1.19	0.69
HIPK2	50.9	10.65	1.18	0.31
HMGN1	47.7	14.42	0.85	0.26
HTATIP	90.0	30.08	1.61	0.54
HUS1	136.5	5.11	2.44	0.09
INCENP	13.0	12.30	0.55	0.52
JTB	3.3	8.38	0.14	0.36
KIAA0683	67.7	12.28	1.21	0.22
KIAA1052	4.9	8.58	0.09	0.15
LIG4	50.1	27.52	0.90	0.49
Mad1	18.0	18.52	0.77	0.79
Mad2	-36.5	1.96	-1.55	0.08
МСАК	31.0	17.15	1.32	0.73
MDC1	34.4	22.22	0.35	0.54
MDM2	29.4	15.91	0.53	0.28
MGC2731	43.9	33.15	0.78	0.59
MPS1	60.4	21.81	2.57	0.93
MRE11	105.3	52.67	4.47	2.24
MRE11A	16.5	15.47	0.29	0.28
MYST1	89.6	15.96	1.60	0.29
NBS1	-6.1	10.55	-0.26	0.45
NBS1	31.3	3.07	0.56	0.05
NDC80	13.9	12.84	0.59	0.55
NUMA	-14.2	9.87	-0.60	0.42
p53/TP53	23.8	12.99	1.01	0.55
PARP1	44.1	15.42	0.79	0.28

Gene Symbol	% inhibition of PAWI-2	% inhibition s.e.m	Z-score	z-score s.e.m.
PCNA	33.9	10.53	0.61	0.19
PPM1D	178.3	23.62	3.19	0.42
PPP2R4	61.6	14.12	1.10	0.25
PPP5C	244.2	31.32	4.36	0.56
PRKDC	212.9	29.33	3.81	0.52
PSMA3	-2.6	4.14	-0.11	0.18
RACGAP1	-14.8	8.79	-0.63	0.37
RAD1	67.6	6.34	1.21	0.11
RAD17	160.3	24.16	2.87	0.43
RAD23B	7.6	2.88	0.14	0.05
RAD50	172.0	56.64	3.08	1.01
RAD51	124.4	18.21	2.22	0.33
RAD9A	147.5	32.10	2.64	0.57
RBBP8	77.8	44.50	1.39	0.80
RFC3	70.9	19.35	1.27	0.35
RHEB	-32.9	14.63	-0.59	0.26
RIT1	39.5	14.34	0.71	0.26
RNF168	72.2	2.90	1.29	0.05
RNF8	236.2	29.50	4.22	0.53
RPA1	22.9	9.51	0.41	0.17
RRM2B	-5.1	22.27	-0.09	0.40
SEPT1	-23.5	4.18	-1.00	0.18
SIAH1	109.5	9.19	4.66	0.39
SIAH2	10.3	15.45	0.44	0.66
SMC1	27.9	6.79	1.19	0.29
SMC1L1	201.5	13.17	3.60	0.24
SPDYC	28.1	8.36	1.19	0.36
TACC1	2.9	7.63	0.12	0.32
TERF1	20.7	3.06	0.37	0.05
TNKS	11.6	3.59	0.49	0.15
TOPBP1	150.7	22.11	2.69	0.40
TP53BP1	163.1	34.25	2.92	0.61
XAB2	83.2	13.30	1.49	0.24
XPA	94.8	39.16	1.69	0.70
ХРС	58.1	6.52	1.04	0.12
XRCC4	73.8	17.85	1.32	0.32

Supplementary Table S3. Oligonucleotide Primers (relevant to Figs. 1 and 2).

Table S3. Oligonucleotide Primers				
Gene name	NCBI accession	Purpose	Sequence	
qRT-PCR				
GAPDH	NM_002046	Reference	F: GGAGCGAGATCCCTCCAAAAT	
			R: GGCTGTTGTCATACTTCTCATGG	
ACTA2	NM_001613	Muscle marker	F: CAGGGCTGTTTTCCCATCCAT	
			R: GCCATGTTCTATCGGGTACTTC	
AXIN2	NM_004655	Wnt core pathway	F: TACACTCCTTATTGGGCGATCA	
		component	R: TTGGCTACTCGTAAAGTTTTGGT	
CCND1	NM_053056	Wnt core pathway	F: GCTGCGAAGTGGAAACCATC	
		component	R: CCTCCTTCTGCACACATTTGAA	
cMYC	NM_002467	Wnt/β-catenin target	F: GTCAAGAGGCGAACACACAAC	
		gene	R: TTGGACGGACAGGATGTATGC	
ChIP qPCR				
Ctrl Primers	Active Motif	corresponds to a	Cat# 71001	
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		chromosome 12		
AXIN2 +66	Gene ID: 8313	Wnt core pathway	GGCTGCGCTTTGATAAGGT	
		component	TTTTTATTTCCCGGCTCTCG	
NKD1 -246	GeneID: 85407	Wnt core pathway	CCTGCCCGTTTAGAGAGAAC	
		component	GAGGCGTATTGGGACAGAAC	
MYC +132	GeneID: 4609	Wnt core pathway	GCGTTGCTGGGTTATTTTAATC	
		component	CAGAGCGTGGGATGTTAGTG	
MSX1 -586	GeneID: 4609	Wnt core pathway	AAGGCCCACTTTTACCTCGA	
		component	CGAAACAAAACCAAACCTTCA	
MSX2 -199	GeneID: 4488	Wnt core pathway	TTAGGTCTCGGGCTTTTCAG	
		component	AGGAGCAGTCAGCAGAGTTG	
DKK1 +105	GeneID: 22943	Wnt core pathway	CACCCAAGTTCCCAGAGTTC	
		component	CAGCGAGCGTTATAGCAGAC	
CCND1 +105	GeneID: 595	Wnt core pathway	AGGGGAGTTTTGTTGAAGTTG	
		component	ACTCTGCTGCTCGCTGCTAC	
AXIN2 +280	Gene ID: 8313	Wnt core pathway	TCGCAAGAACTGCAAGCAAG	
		component	AGTCCTCCAAGCCCAAATTC	
CLDN1 +472	GeneID: 595	Wnt core pathway	TCGTTCCATCACTTGTCTCTG	
		component	TCTGGGTCTGTTTCCCAATC	
TCF7 -153	GeneID: 6932	Wnt core pathway	GTAAGCGGGGTCAGGAGTTC	
		component	GGACAAGCCTGGGAATGATC	

Supplementary Table S4. Taqman Primers (relevant to Figs. 2 and 4).

Table 2: Taqman primers for qRT-PCR			
Gene name	Purpose	Assay ID	
GAPDH	reference	Hs02786624	
18S	reference	Hs99999901	
ADAMTS18	Wnt/β-catenin target gene	Hs00373501	
AXIN2	Wnt/β-catenin target gene	Hs00610344	
CCND1	Wnt/β-catenin target gene	Hs00765553	
CLDN1	Wnt/β-catenin target gene	Hs00221623	
DKK1	Wnt/β-catenin target gene	Hs00183740	
MSX2	Wnt/β-catenin target gene	Hs00427183	
сМҮС	Wnt/β-catenin target gene	Hs00153408	
NKD1	Wnt/β-catenin target gene	Hs01548773	
TCF7	Wnt/β-catenin target gene	Hs01556515	
BAX	p53 target gene	Hs00180269	
BAX	p53 target gene	Hs00180269	
CDKN1A15	p53 target gene	Hs00355782	
P53AIP1	p53 target gene	Hs00986095	
PTEN	p53 target gene	Hs01628827	