AZD5438-PROTAC: A Selective CDK2 Degrader that Protects Against Cisplatinand Noise-Induced Hearing Loss

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Scheme 1. Reagents and conditions: (a) DMF, rt, 36h. (b) NaOtBu (3.0 equiv.), BINAP (0.1 equiv.), Pd₂(dba)₃ (0.05 equiv.), 1,4-Dioxane, 80 °C, 2h. (c) CuSO₄ (1.1 equiv.), Sodium ascorbate (2.2 equiv), DMSO:H₂O (1:1), rt, 20h.

Scheme 2



Scheme 2. Reagents and conditions: (a) EDC (1.2 equiv.), HOBt (1.2 equiv.), DMF, rt, 20h (b) NaOH/EtOH (2M), rt, 20h. (c) (1r,4r)-4-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)cyclohexan-1-amine (1.0 equiv.), EDC (1.2 equiv.), DMF, rt, 18h. (d) 2-(2-(2-(2-azidoethoxy)ethoxy)ethoxy)ethoxy)ethan-1-amine (1.0 equiv.), DIPEA (2.0 equiv.), DMF, 90 °C, 18h. (e) 2-(2-azidoethoxy)acetic acid (1.0 equiv.), DIPEA (6.0 equiv.), HATU (4.0 equiv.), DMF, 0°C-rt, 20 min (f) CuSO₄ (1.1 equiv.), Sodium ascorbate (2.2 equiv.), DMSO:H₂O (1:1), rt, 20h.

SI Figure 1-A, 1H NMR-PROTAC-7



SI Figure 1-B, 1H NMR-PROTAC-8



SI Figure 1-C, 1H NMR-PROTAC-9



SI Figure 1-D, 1H NMR-PROTAC-10









SI Figure 2. Characterization of PROTACs in HEI-OC1 cells. HEI-OC1 cells were incubated for 24 hours with different concentrations of PROTAC-7 (**A**), PROTAC-9 (**B**) and PROTAC -10 (**C**). Cells were harvested and processed for immunoblot detection of CDK2, CDK1 and CDK9. Left: Representative immunoblots. Right: Quantification analysis of the specific bands for CDK2, CDK1 and CDK9 from two independent experiments. Results were expressed as mean +/- SEM. Actin was used as a loading control. NC: Kidney lysate from CDK2 knockout mouse used as a negative control for CDK2 immunodetection.



SI Figure 3. Distribution of $\alpha 1$, $\alpha 2$, $\alpha 3$ and $\alpha 4$ dihedral angles during MD simulations. Definition of the dihedral angles are given in the legend of Figure 3 in the main text. **A**) Distributions of $\alpha 1$ (black), $\alpha 2$ (red), and $\alpha 3$ (blue) dihedral angles for MD simulation 1; **B**), $\alpha 4$ dihedral angle in MD simulations 1, 2, 3, and 5, respectively black, red, blue and green is in gauche(-) conformations, whereas in MD simulations 5 (orange) $\alpha 4$ explored both gauche(+) and gauche(-) conformations. MD simulations 1 and 2 resulted in similar $\alpha 4$ dihedral angle distribution therefore the two curves are indistinguishable.



SI Figure 4. Dynamic cross-correlation matrix (DCCM) analysis of trajectories. pVHL (grey) connected through PROTAC-8 to CDK2 (orange), red and blue lines are shown between correlated and anti-correlated Ca atom pairs, respectively. **A**) In MD simulations 1-4 the two protein move independently from each other and only intradomain movement can be observed; **B**) in MD simulation 5 both intradomain correlated and interprotein anti-correlated movements are observed.