

# Discovery of KT-474, a potent, selective, and orally bioavailable IRAK4 degrader for the treatment of autoimmune diseases

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WITH TARGETED PROTEIN DEGRADATION

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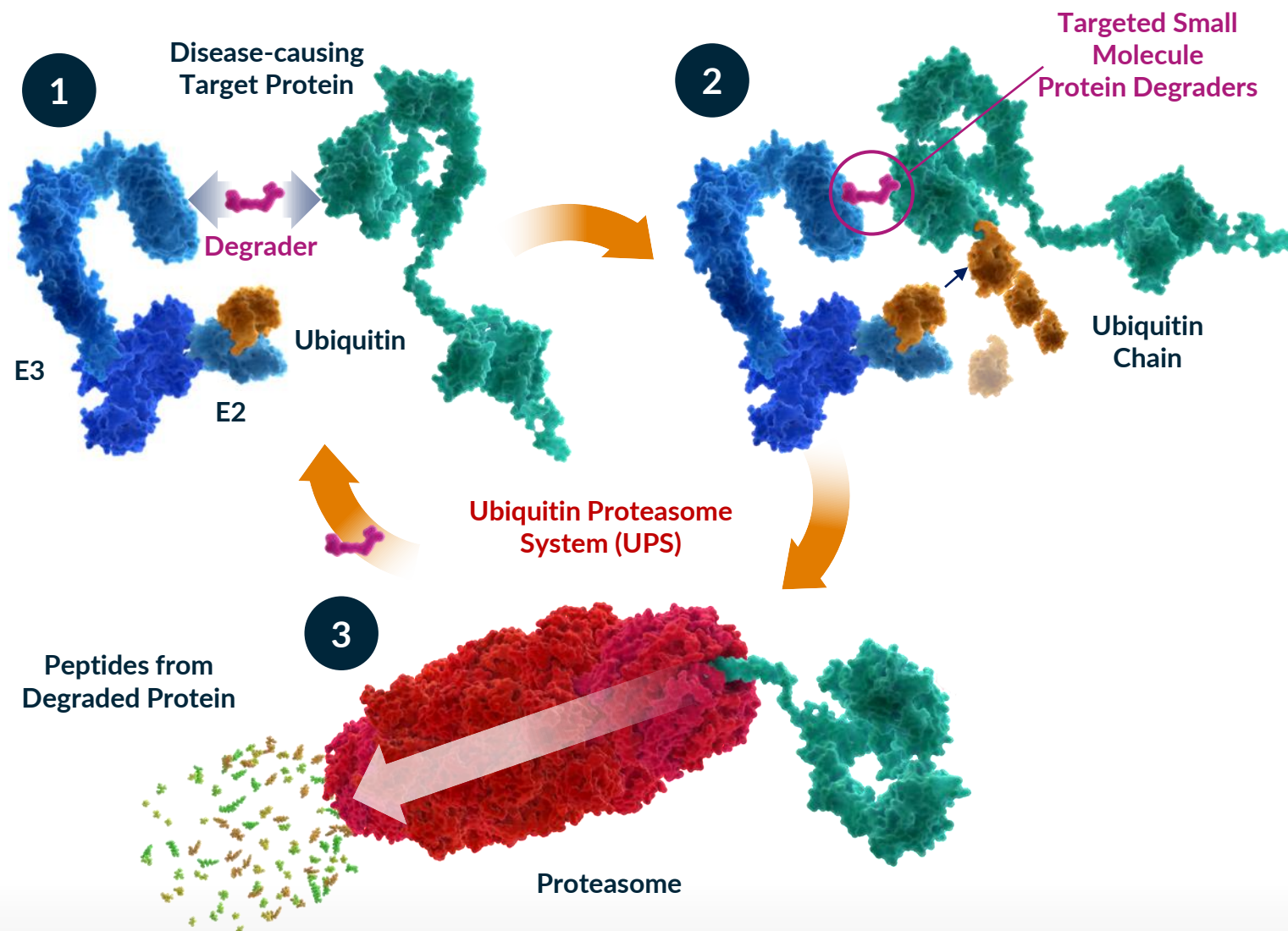
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# Proteome Editing with Targeted Protein Degradation

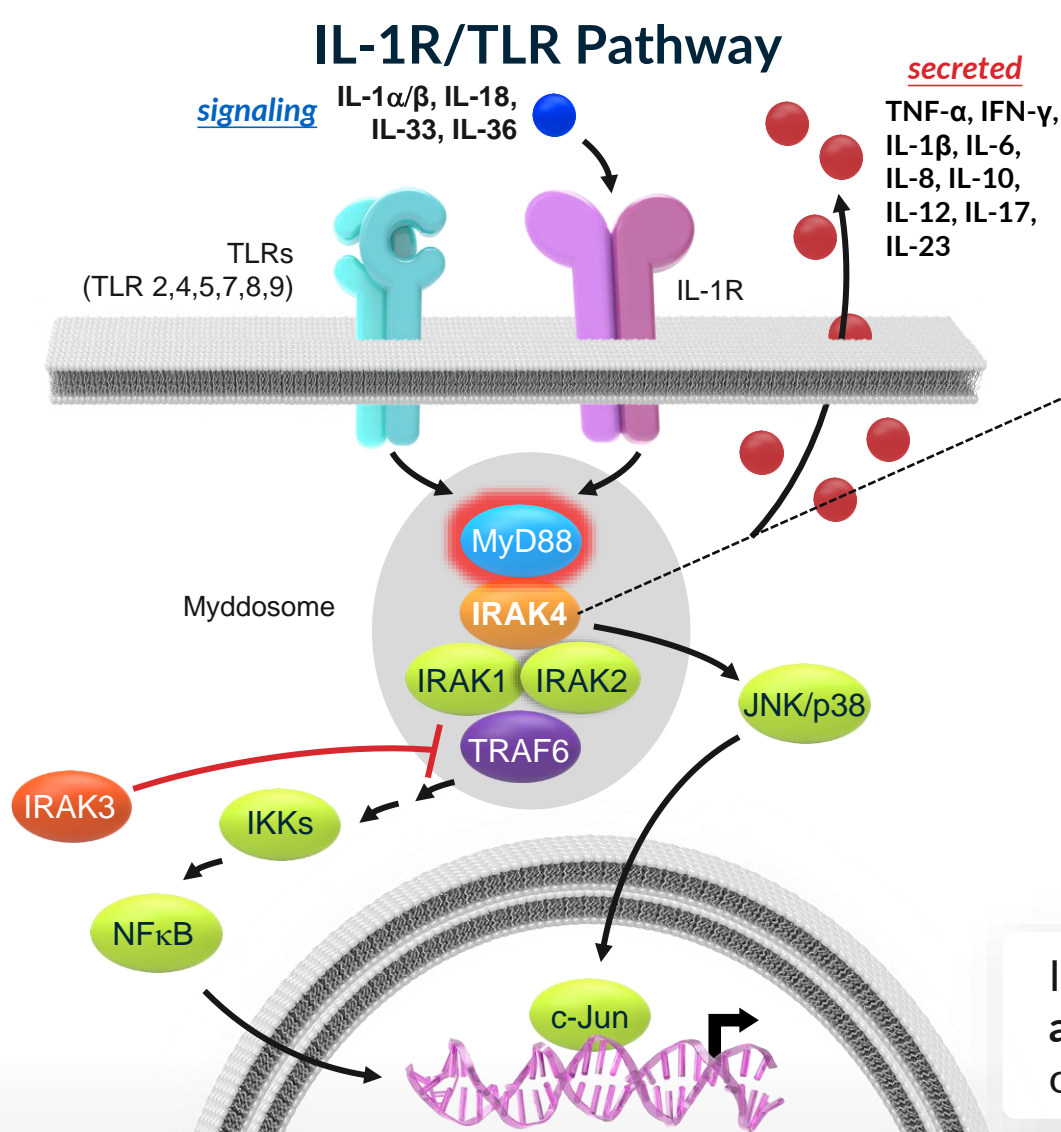
A Nobel Prize (2004) Inspired Technology



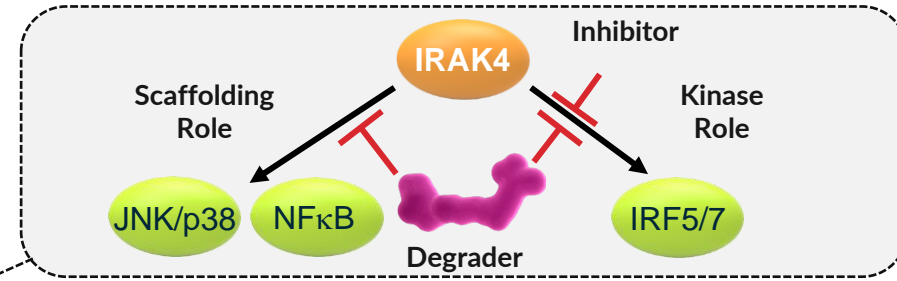
## Expanded Opportunities

- Small molecule binds to **E3** and **target protein** to enable its degradation
- Small Molecule only needs to bind to protein anywhere  
Not inhibit function
- Highly potent/catalytic:  
Small amount of drug needed
- Highly specific
- Genetic-like knock-down effects
- Advantage of small molecule development:  
Route of administration, manufacturing
- Agnostic to protein type and disease

# Degrading IRAK4: Best Approach to Block IL-1R/TLR Driven Inflammation



## Degrader Advantage



## Clinical Pathway Validation

- IL-1α/IL-1β : Rheumatoid Arthritis, CAPS, Hidradenitis Suppurativa
- IL-1α: Atopic Dermatitis
- IL-1β: Gout; CANTOS Outcomes Data in Atherosclerosis and Lung Cancer
- IL-18: Macrophage Activation Syndrome
- IL-36: Generalized Pustular Psoriasis, Atopic Dermatitis
- IRAK4 SMI: Rheumatoid Arthritis

## Human Genetics

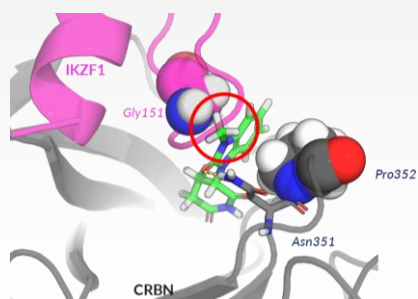
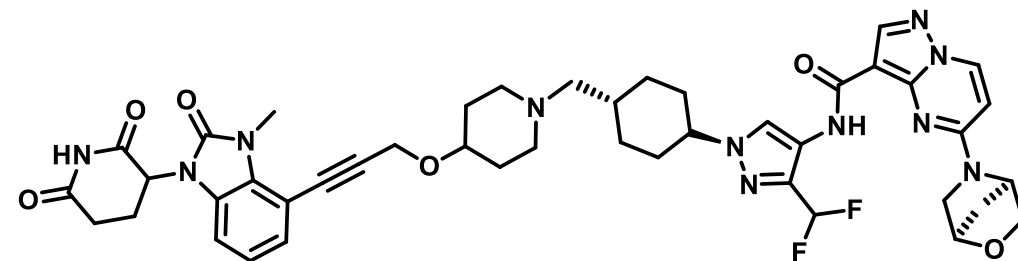
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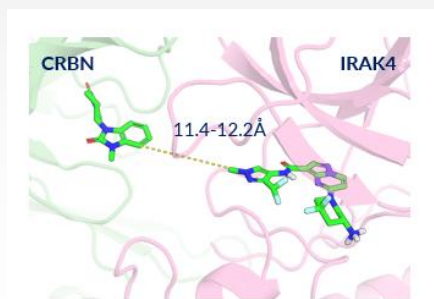


# The Discovery of KT-474

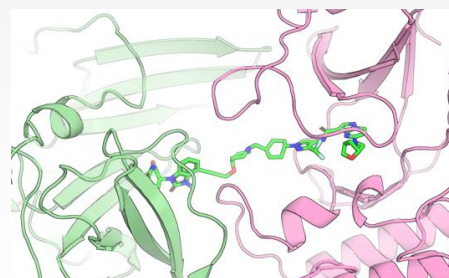
- First of four development candidates advanced into humans by Kymera
- First randomized, placebo-controlled trial in healthy volunteers for a heterobifunctional degrader
- First heterobifunctional degrader with evidence of clinical activity, outside of oncology, in patients with HS and AD
- First demonstration of biological and clinical differentiation of **degrader vs. small molecule inhibitor**



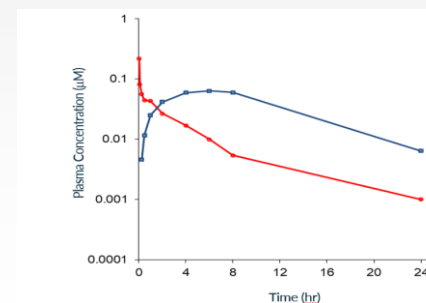
*Novel CRBN Ligand*



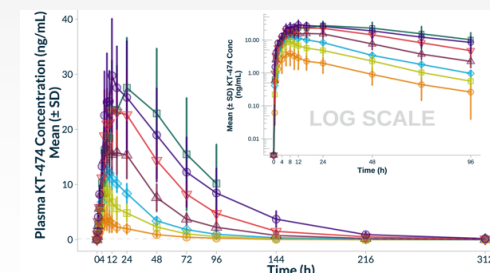
*Ternary Complex Modelling*



*IRAK4:KT-474:CRBN/DDB1  
Cryo-EM*



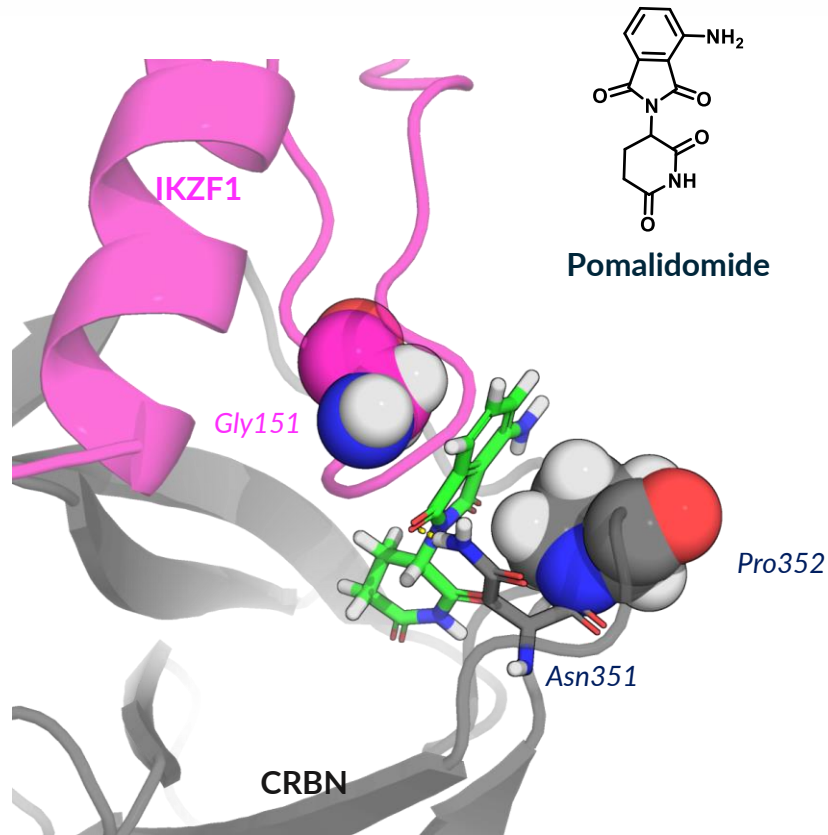
*Favorable Preclinical PK  
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*Demonstrated Robust  
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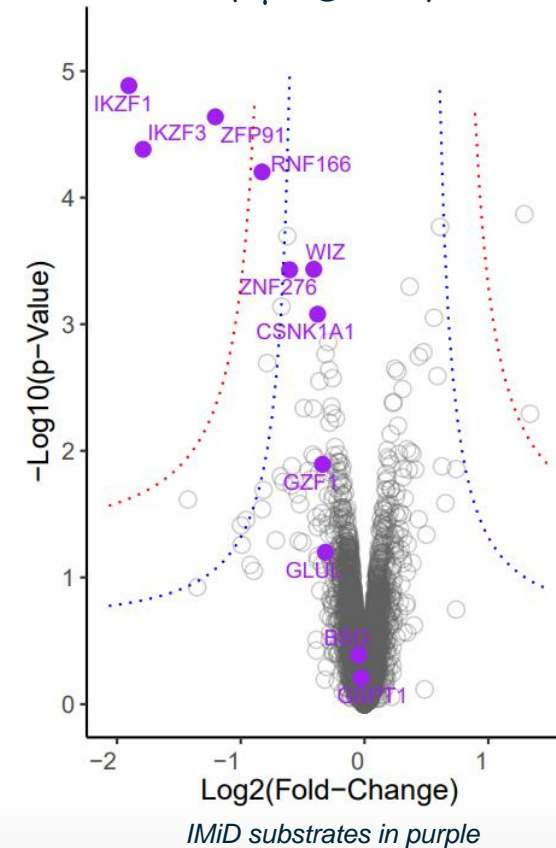
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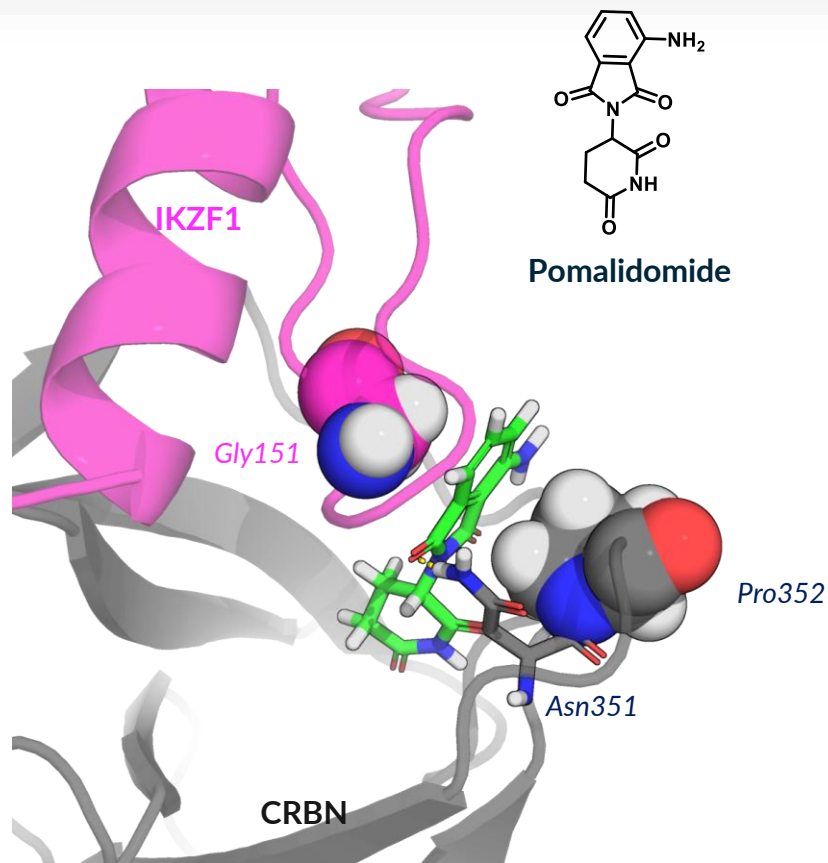
Pomalidomide serves as a molecular glue to degrade IMiD substrates

Global Proteomic Analysis of POM in human PBMCs  
(1  $\mu$ M @ 24 hrs)



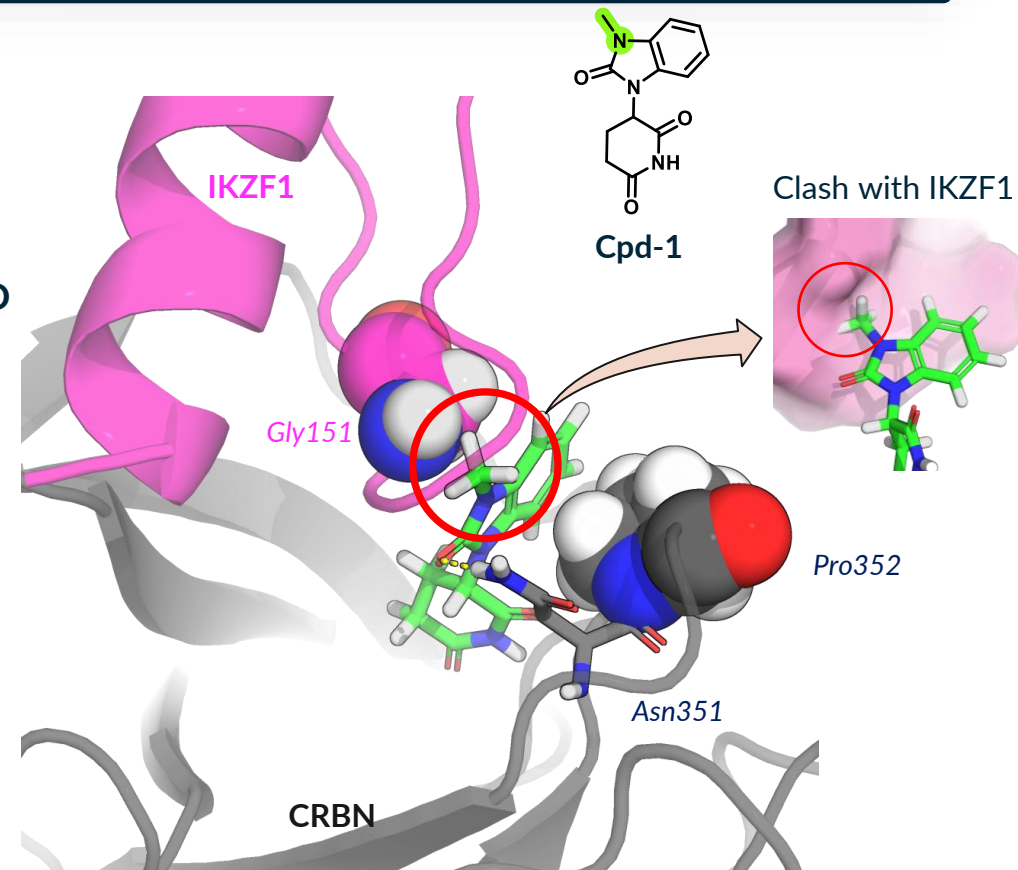
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Cpd-1 lacks favorable engagement with degron and contains methyl to introduce clash



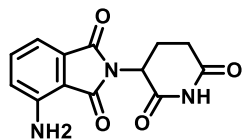
X-ray structure of CRBN:Cpd-1 overlaid with IKZF1

Design strategies to remove IMiD biology

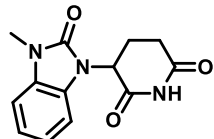
- Reduce degron interactions
- Introduce methyl to further disengage degron



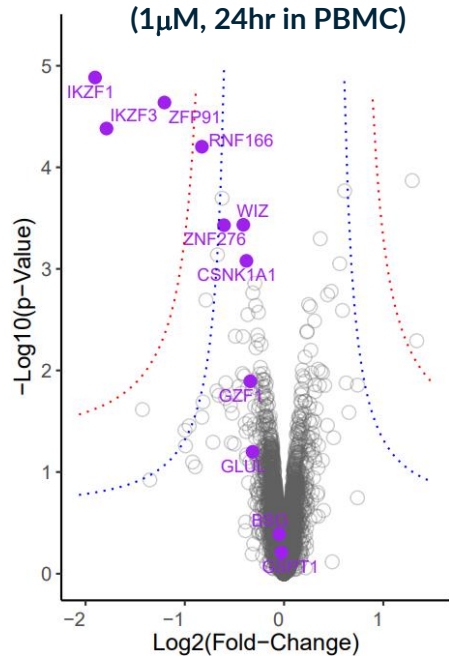
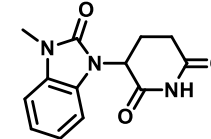
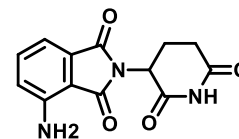
# Compound-1 Demonstrates Improved Selectivity and Favorable ADME Properties



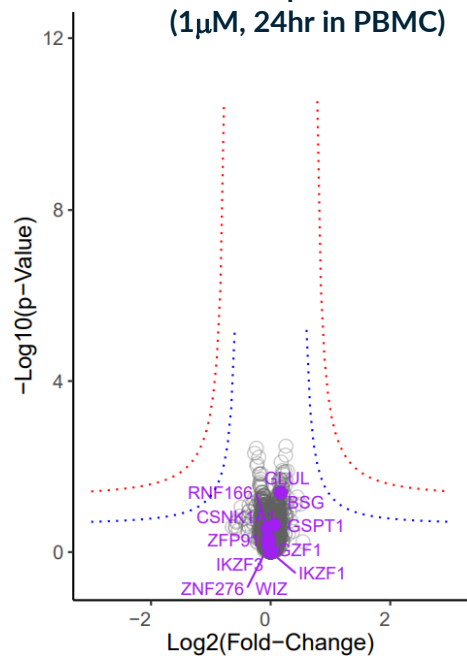
**Pomalidomide**  
(1 $\mu$ M, 24hr in PBMC)



**Cpd-1**  
(1 $\mu$ M, 24hr in PBMC)



*IMiD substrates in purple*



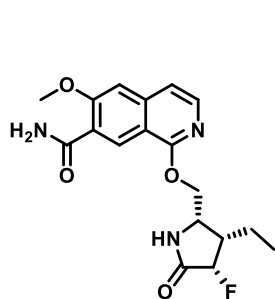
	Pomalidomide	Cpd-1
MW / cLogD / tPSA	273 / 0.65 / 110	259 / 0.93 / 73
CRBN HTRF IC <sub>50</sub> (mM)	1.51	0.20
Papp (10 <sup>-6</sup> cm/s) / MDR1 Efflux ratio	30 / 0.9	19 / 1.3
Ikaros / Aiolos DC <sub>50</sub> (mM)	0.17 / 0.01	>10 / >10
Rat PK:		
CL (mL/min/kg)	5.5	7.7
V <sub>ss</sub> (L/kg)	0.8	1.0
%F	109	126

IV / PO dose (mg/kg)= 2 / 10

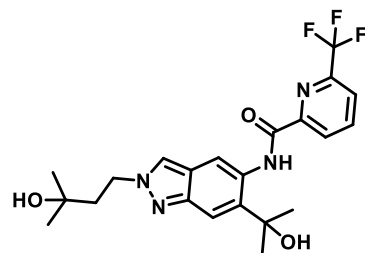
- Cpd-1 exhibits comparable physicochemical properties, in vitro and in vivo pharmacokinetics, improved affinity for CRBN and is devoid of any IMiD activity
- Ligand provides opportunities to explore multiple exit vectors; all of which are devoid of IMiD activity



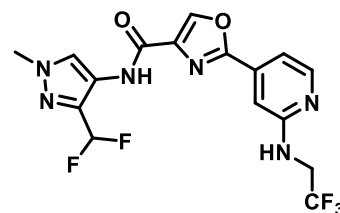
# Achieving IRAK4 Degradation with Range of IRAK4 Binders and Vectors



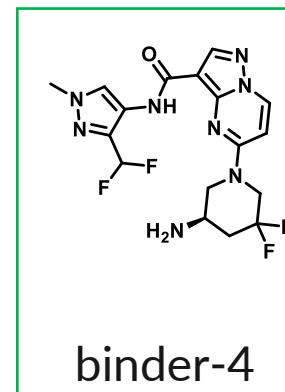
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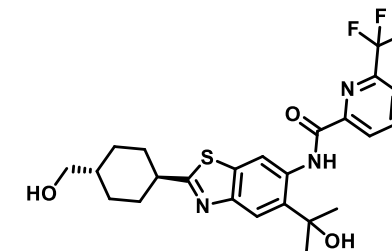
binder-2



binder-3



binder-4



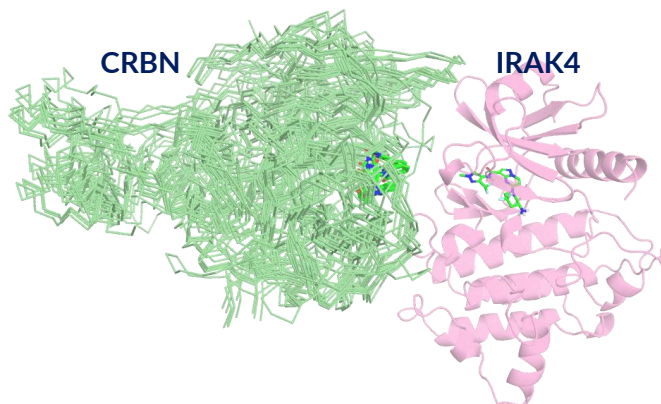
binder-5

	binder-1	binder-2	binder-3	binder-4	binder-5
MW	361	450	409	426	395
cLogD	1.05	3.30	1.47	-0.73	3.69
tPSA	104	100	104	106	75
IRAK4 $K_d$ (nM)	0.05	0.31	0.04	0.03	0.81

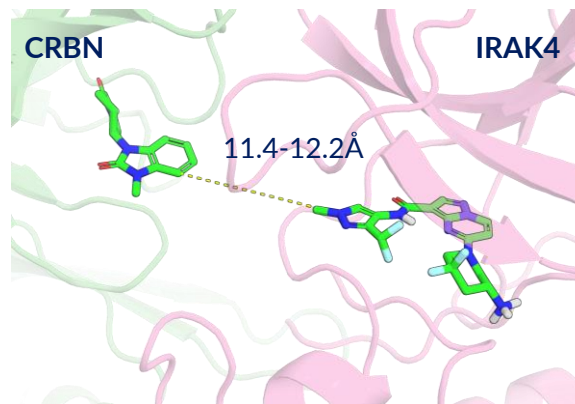
- Successfully degraded IRAK4 utilizing multiple different ligands and multiple different exit vectors

# Initial Degradator Design Utilized Ternary Complex Modeling

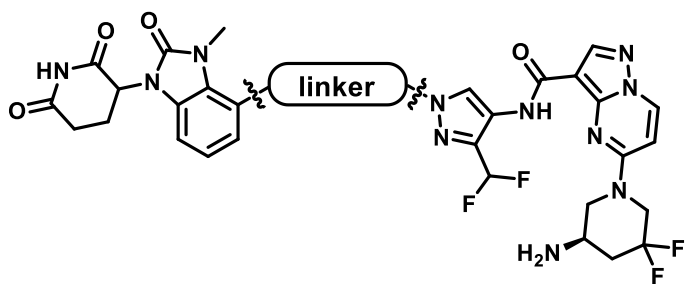
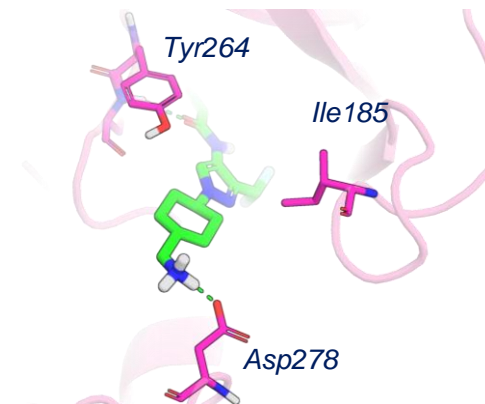
TCM identifies likely encounter complexes



TCM ensemble suggests ideal linker distances to be 11.4-12.2Å



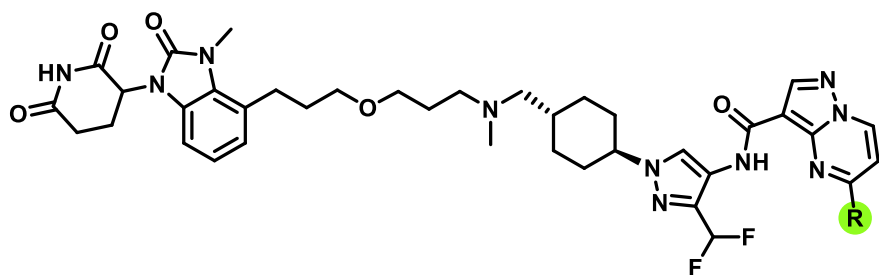
Predicted model indicates Ile185 & Asp278 provide opportunity to improve affinity



	Cpd-2	Cpd-3	Cpd-4
Linker			
IRAK4-IRAK4i AlphaLISA IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	13	19	0.5
AlphaLISA TCF (AUC)	0	1,015,700	1,063,052
IRAK4 DC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	>10,000	72	7

- Degradation data validated design hypotheses
- Incorporation a basic amine in linker to engage Asp278 and a cyclohexyl ring to engage Ile185

# Modulating Permeability and Efflux via Optimization of the IRAK4 Binder



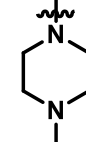
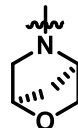
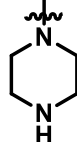
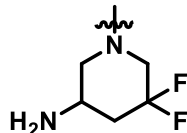
Cpd-4

Cpd-5

Cpd-6

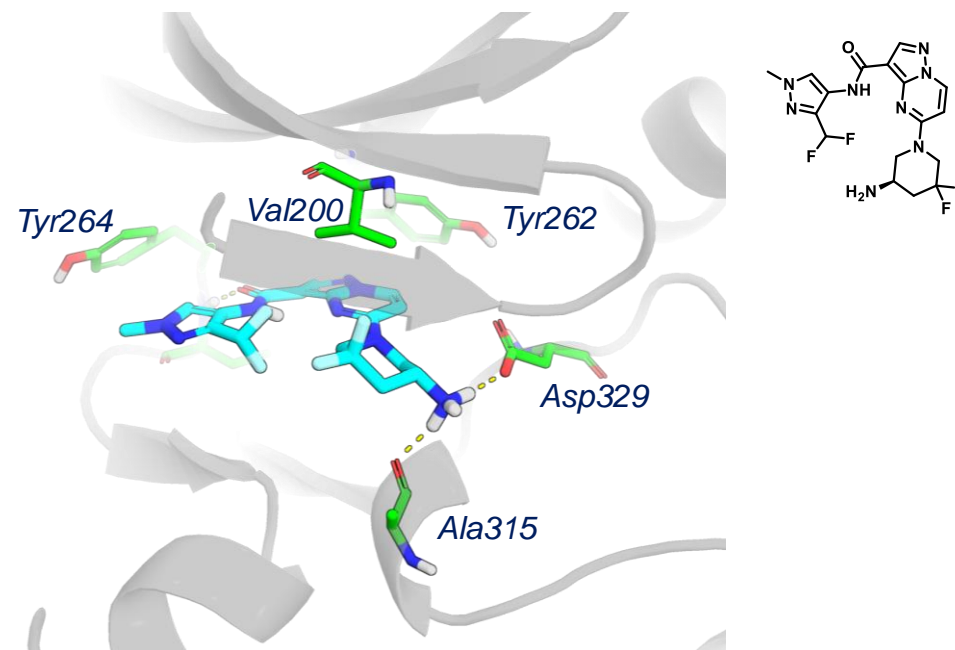
Cpd-7

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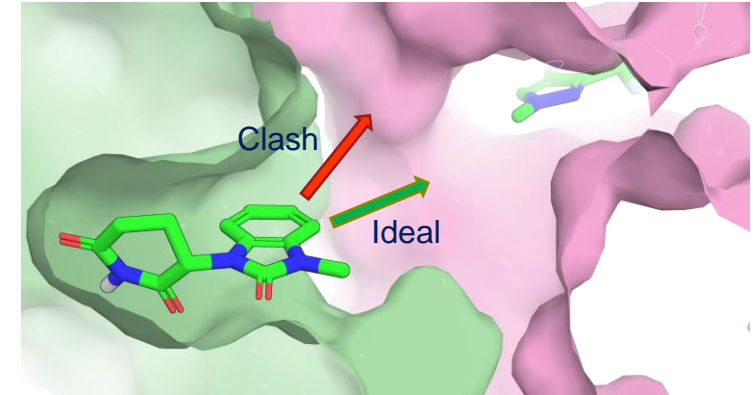
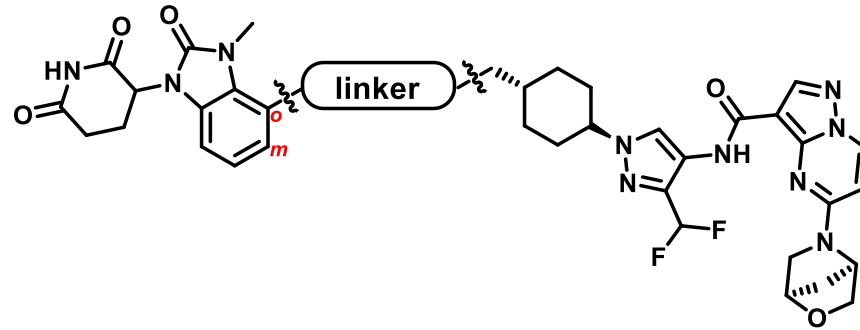
	Cpd-4	Cpd-5	Cpd-6	Cpd-7
tPSA / # HBD	192 / 4	178 / 3	175 / 2	169 / 2
IRAK4-IRAK4i AlphaLISA IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	0.5	4.3	40	61
IRAK4 DC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	7	18	9	>200
Papp (10 <sup>-6</sup> cm/s) / MDR1 Efflux Ratio	6.5 / 35	3.7 / 29	16 / 14	11 / 11
HLM / RLM (μL/min/mg)	497 / 196	46 / 20	267 / 40	104 / 43
Rat PK:				
CL (mL/min/kg)	124		67	
V <sub>ss</sub> (L/kg)	47		6.2	
%F	0.0		3.2	

Cpd-4 IRAK4 binder -IRAK4 modeling



- Modifying the IRAK4 binder to improve properties
  - Removal of HBD leads to improved permeability and reduced efflux ratio

# Identification of KT-474: Leveraging Linker Modifications



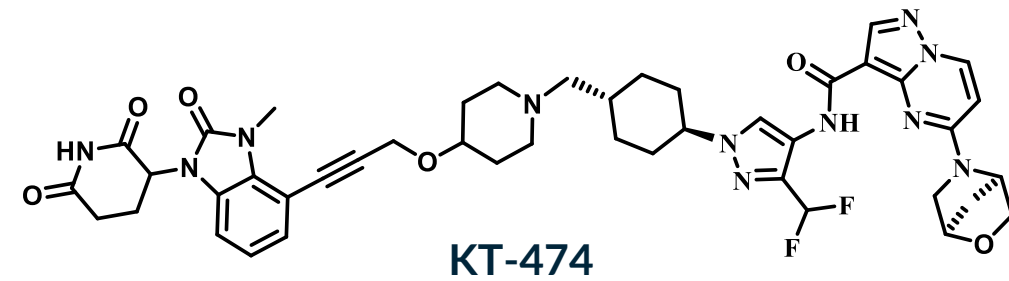
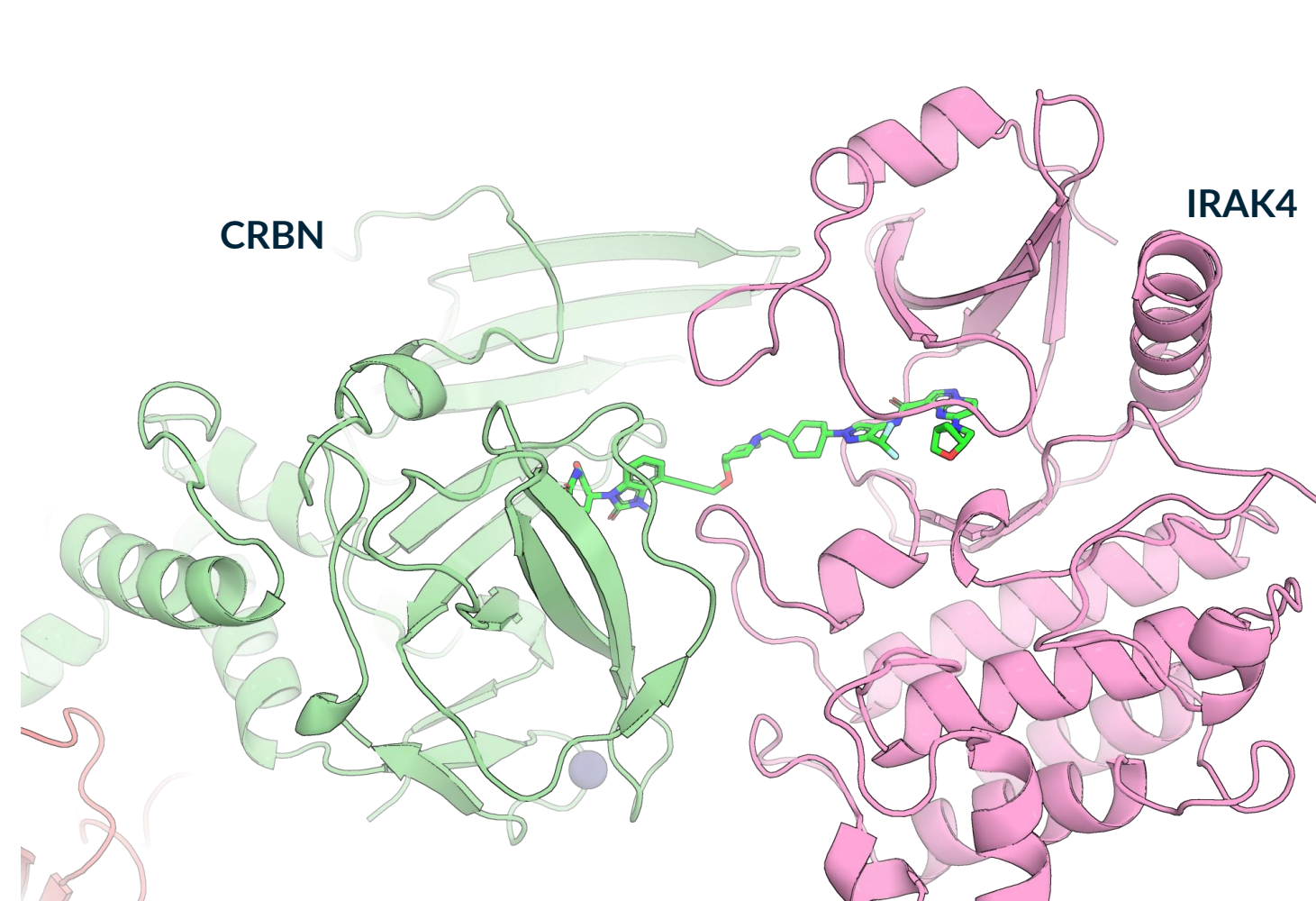
Representative IRAK4:CRBN TCM

	Cpd-6	Cpd-8	Cpd-9	KT-474	Cpd-10
Linker					
IRAK4 DC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	9	7	5	2	>200
Papp (10 <sup>-6</sup> cm/s) / MDR1 Efflux Ratio	16 / 14	6.4 / 8.0	3.9 / 9.5	8.1 / 2.8	9.2 / 3.2
HLM / RLM (μL/min/mg)	267 / 40	111 / 19	83 / 28	30 / 27	31 / 13
Rat PK: CL (mL/min/kg) / V <sub>ss</sub> (L/kg) / %F	67 / 6.2 / 3.2	20 / 4.8 / 4.1	22 / 5.5 / 2.8	61 / 10 / 15	NA

- Permeability & efflux are key drivers of bioavailability
- Linker rigidification leads to improved intrinsic clearance & efflux issue



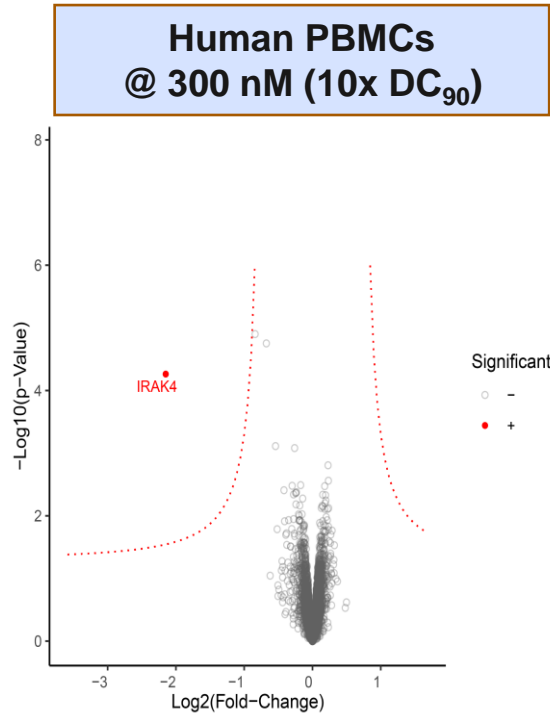
# IRAK4:KT-474:CRBN/DDB1 Ternary Complex



- First reported heterobifunctional Cryo-EM ternary complex structure
- IRAK4:KT-474:CRBN/DDB1 ternary complex confirms the design hypotheses
- Structure significantly enabled optimization

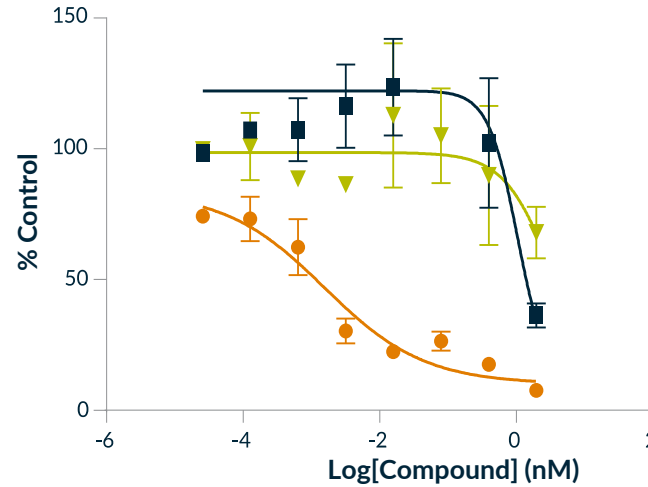
# KT-474: A Potent and Specific IRAK4 Degradator is Superior to Kinase Inhibitor in Both In Vitro & Vivo Models

## Degradation and Selectivity



## Superiority Over SM kinase Inhibitor

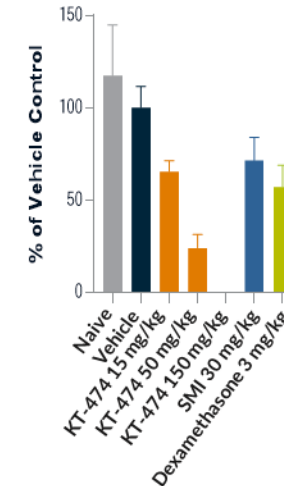
LPS + IL-1 $\beta$   $\rightarrow$  IL-6 in human PBMC



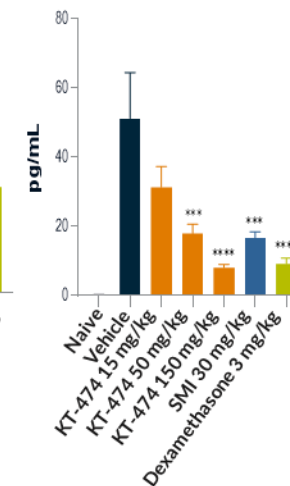
Legend	Compound	IL-6 IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)
●	IRAK4 Degradator	0.8
■	Negative control	450
▼	IRAK4 SMI (PF-06550833)	N/A

## rmIL-33 Intradermal Challenge Model

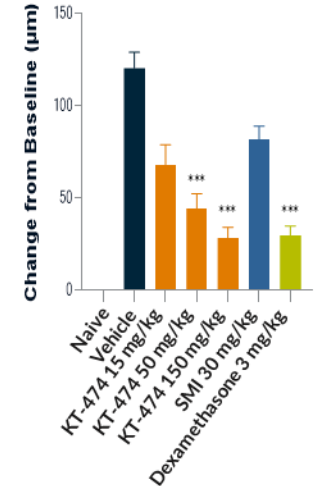
*In vivo* IRAK4  
Degradation  
in Whole Blood



IL-5 in  
Ear Tissues

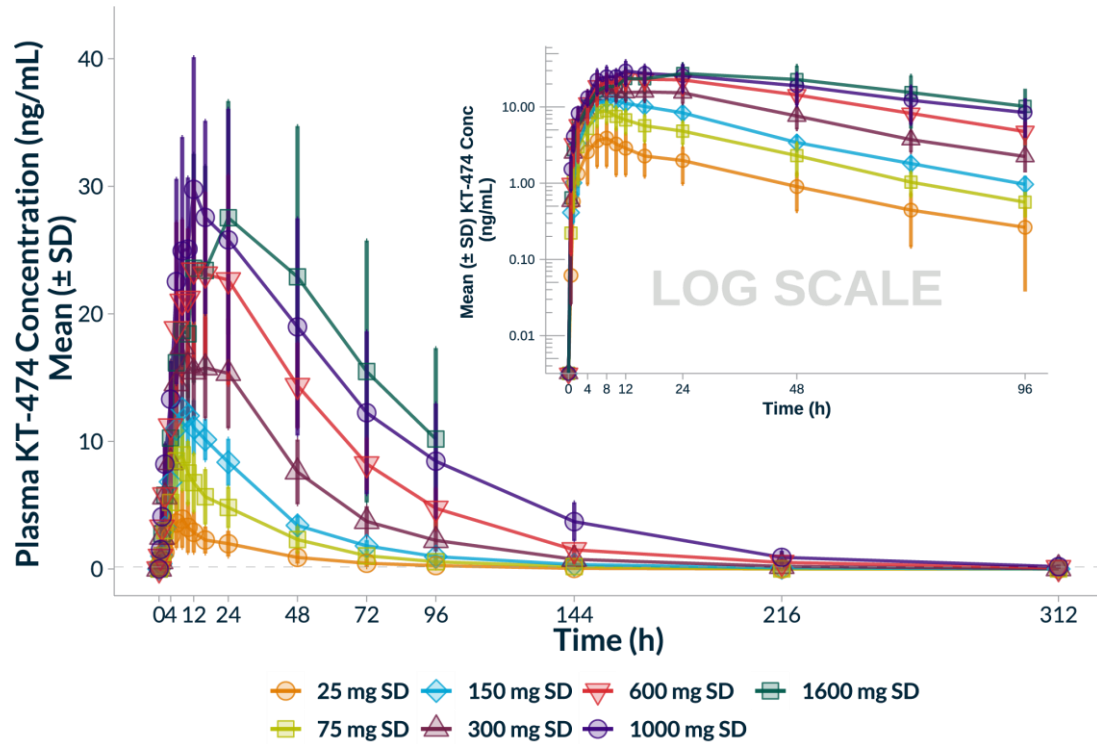


Ear Thickness  
(Day 14)



- DC<sub>50</sub> = 2.1 nM (DC<sub>90</sub> = 30 nM) in human immune cells
- Highly selective degradation of IRAK4 across the proteome (>10,000 proteins) @ 10x IRAK4 DC<sub>90</sub>
- More efficacious than IRAK4 small molecule inhibitor (SMI)
- KT-474 induced knockdown of  $\geq$ 85% IRAK4 in whole blood achieved superior anti-inflammatory effect relative to IRAK4 SMI

# KT-474 Single Ascending Dose: Favorable PK



SAD #	Dose	C <sub>max</sub> (ng/mL)	t <sub>max</sub> (h)	AUC (ng.h/mL)	t <sub>1/2</sub> (h)
1	25 mg	3.49 (61.2)	8.0 (6.0-8.0)	112 (65.4)	25.2 (27.0)
2	75 mg	9.08 (36.6)	7.0 (6.0-8.0)	288 (36.7)	28.7 (10.1)
3	150 mg	12.7 (25.7)	9.0 (8.0 - 10.0)	483 (21.9)	31.6 (22.1)
4	300 mg	17.4 (29.6)	8.0 (8.0 - 24.0)	869 (31.4)	36.4 (13.1)
5	600 mg	24.2 (27.5)	12.0 (6.00 - 24.0)	1530 (18.6)	40.9 (18.2)
6	1000 mg	27.8 (34.4)	20.0 (6.0 - 24.0)	1890 (60.8)	38.8 (7.0)
7	1600 mg	27.3 (36.2)	24.0 (12.0 - 48.0)	1920 (43.0)	36.4 (46.9)

Geometric Mean (%CV) reported for all parameters, except t<sub>max</sub> where median (range) are presented

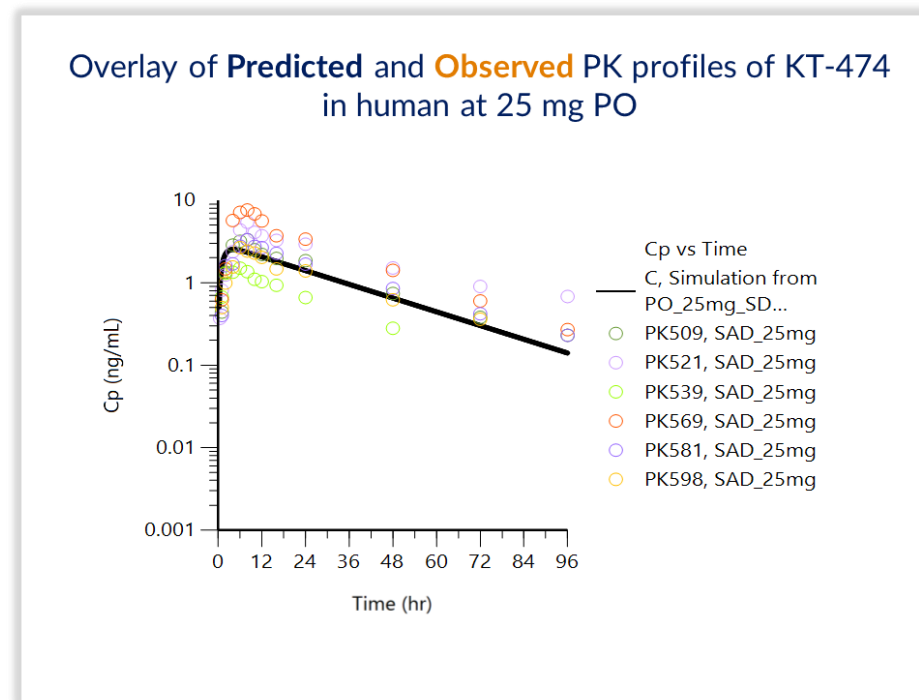
- Consistent PK after single dosing: C<sub>max</sub> achieved between 7-24 hours, half-life = 25-40 hours
- Dose dependent exposure increases, plateauing after the 1000 mg dose
- Low to moderate inter-subject variability in exposure

# KT-474: Preclinical Pharmacokinetics Predictive of Human PK

Parameter	Rat	Dog	Monkey
Plasma CL (mL/min/kg)	60.7	25.5	34.5
Plasma $V_{ss}$ (L/kg)	13.6	10.6	11.1
Oral Bioavailability (%)	12.1	34.8	13.1
IV MRT <sub>inf</sub> (hrs)	3.64	7.20	5.36
PO MRT <sub>inf</sub> (hrs)	4.65	8.88	NC
Plasma Protein Binding ( $f_{u,p}$ )	0.0511	0.0409	0.0325
Blood:plasma ( $K_{blood/plasma}$ )	1.33	1.19	1.86

NC: not calculable due to poor terminal phase curve fit for in vivo PK data

- KT-474 is orally bioavailable in rats, dogs, and monkeys
- The predicted KT-474 human PK parameters (AUC,  $C_{max}$ ,  $T_{max}$ ,  $T_{1/2}$ ) were within 2-fold of the observed data

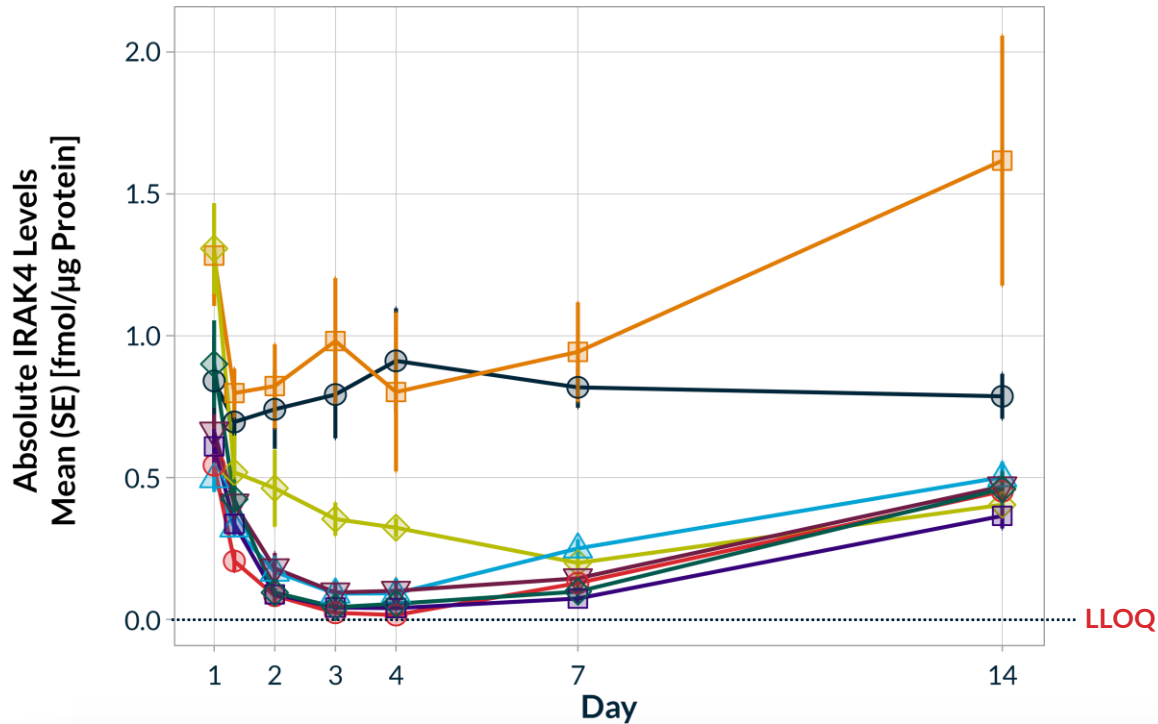


KT-474 25 mg, PO	Projected	Observed
$C_{max}$ (ng/mL)	2.5	3.5
$T_{max}$ (hr)	4.1	7.3
AUC <sub>∞</sub> (ng/mL*hr)	91	112
$T_{1/2}$ (hr)	22	25

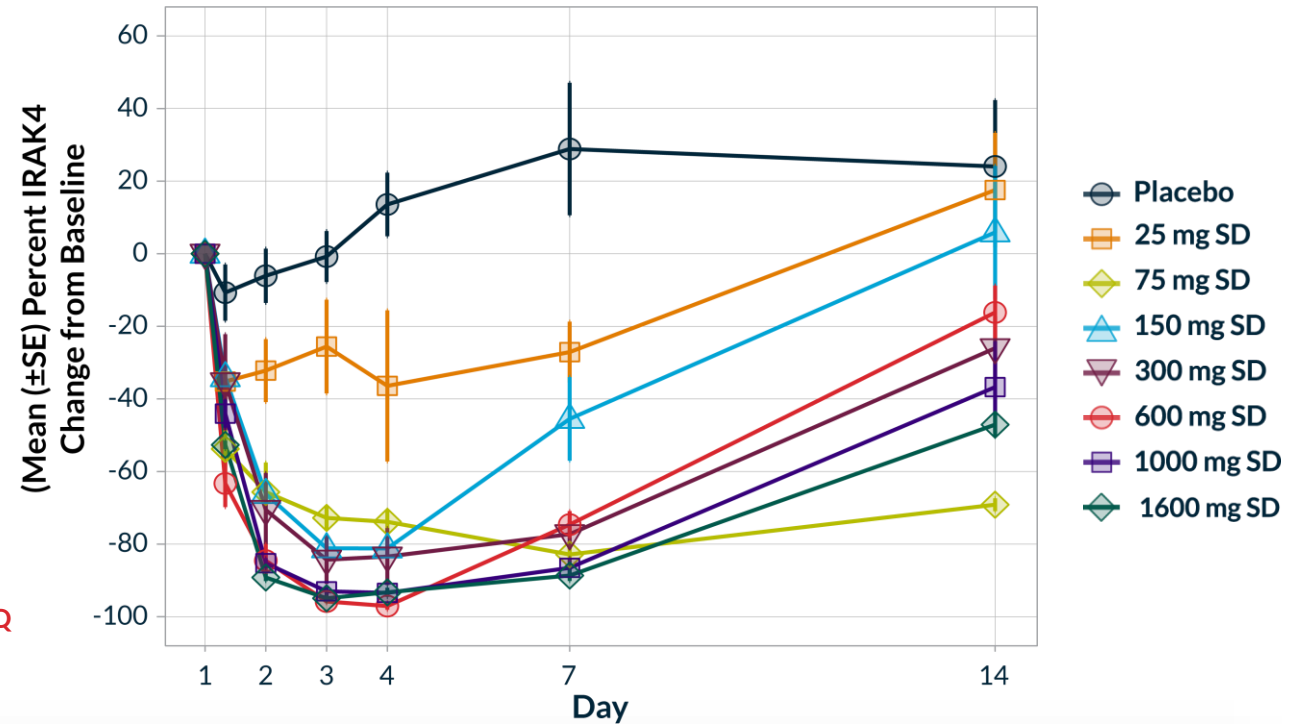


# KT-474 Achieved Deep and Dose-Dependent IRAK4 Degradation After Single Oral Doses that Lasted for at Least 6 Days

## Absolute IRAK4 Levels

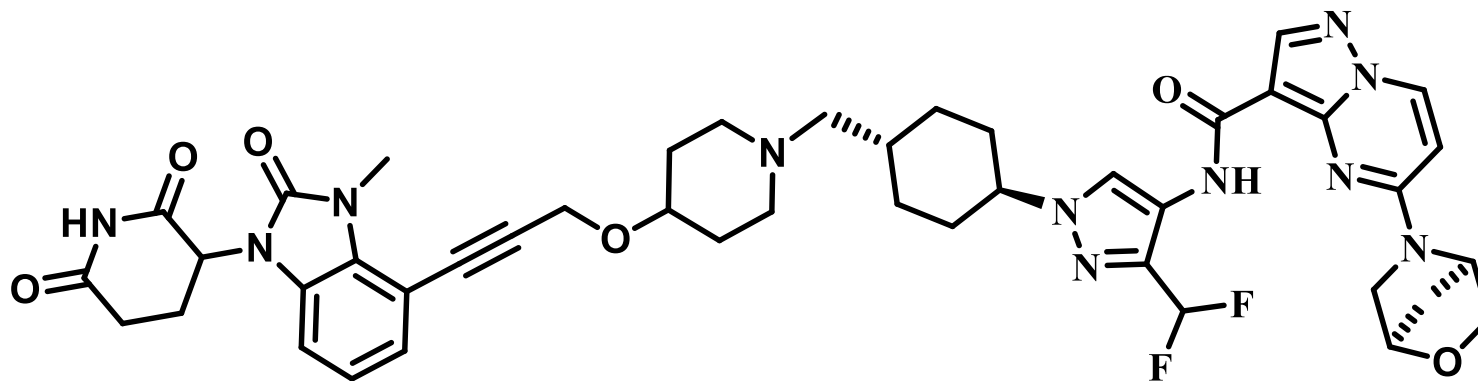


## Mean % Reduction of IRAK4



- IRAK4 detected by Mass Spectrometry in circulating PBMCs
- IRAK4 levels nadired at 48-72 hours
- IRAK4 reduction lasted for at least 6 days post-dose in all dose groups
- Dose levels 5 through 7 approached or exceeded Lower Limit of Quantitation (LLOQ)

# Discovery of KT-474: Innovation in the TPD Space



- Modeling guided design led to the discovery of novel CRBN binder devoid of IMiD biology
- Leveraged ternary complex modelling to expedite the advancement of the IRAK4 project
- KT-474 is a highly potent, selective and orally bioavailable IRAK4 degrader and represents the first heterobifunctional degrader evaluated in a non-oncology indication and dosed to healthy human volunteers
- KT-474 (SAR444656): Preliminary clinical activity seen in HS and AD patients in Ph1 and plan for separate pbo-controlled Ph2 trials in HS and AD to start Q4 2023

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## Thank you Q&A



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