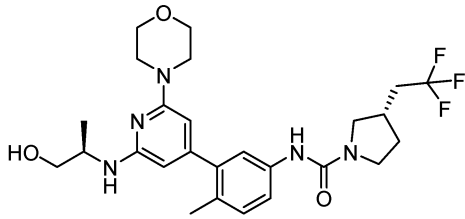


# Small Molecule Highlights

Snapshots from Recent Literature in Target-oriented Drug Design



**BRAF**

**KIN-2787 (Exarafenib)**  
Oncology

*Target:* **BRAF**

*Indication:* Various oncology indications

*Inhibitor design:* SAR optimization using naporafenib as a starting point.

*Activity:* pERK EC<sub>50</sub> = 62/103/10/51/26/9/18 nM in

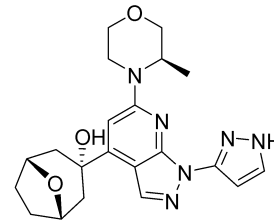
A375/Colo800/NCI-H2405/BxPC-3/OV-90/ WM3629/CAL-12T (cellular); RAF A/B/C IC<sub>50</sub> = 2.4/3.5/1.4 nM (biochemical).

*ADME/PK:* Hepatocyte Stability (% remaining after 60 min) = 85/72/69/62 in human/rat/dog/mouse in mouse; F(%) = 44/82/96 in mouse/rat/dog.

*In vivo:* Dose-dependent tumor growth inhibition in BxPC-3, WM3629, and A375 xenograft bearing mice with no overt signs of toxicity.

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Kinnacle Biopharma, USA



**ATR**

**RP-3500 (Camonsertib)**  
Oncology

*Target:* **Ataxia telangiectasia** and **Rad3-related (ATR)** kinase

*Indication:* Various oncology targets

*Inhibitor design:* Optimization of lead pharmacophore via SAR studies

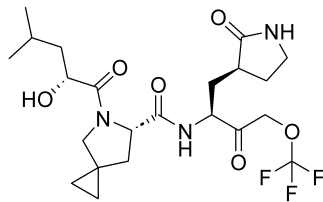
*Activity:* ATR in HeLa IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.9 nM (cellular); LoVo IC<sub>50</sub> = 28 nM (cellular); Selectivity ratio in LoVo cells (ATR IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.22 nM) 30x/2200x/>20000x/>20000x for mTOR, PI3Ka/ATM/DNA-PKcs (cellular).

*ADME/PK:* Hepatocyte Clearance (μL/min/10<sup>6</sup> cells) = 11/17/<1/3.6/1.5 in mouse/rat/dog/monkey/human; F(%) = 72/45/113/56 in mouse/rat/dog/monkey.

*In vivo:* Effective control of tumor growth in Granta-519 tumor-bearing mice without severe implications on erythroid cells.

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Repare Therapeutics, Canada



**CL<sup>pro</sup>**

**CMX990**  
SARS-CoV-2 infection

*Target:* SARS-CoV-2 3C-like protease (CL<sup>pro</sup>)

*Indication:* SARS-CoV-2 infection

*Inhibitor design:* Drug repurposing library screen followed by SAR studies

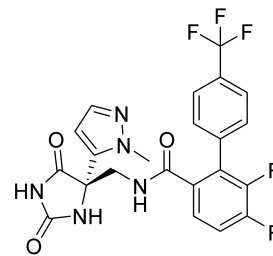
*Activity:* HeLa SARS-CoV-2 EC<sub>90</sub> = 63/35/37 nM in SARS-CoV-2 alpha/delta/omicron (cellular); SARS-CoV-2 CL<sup>pro</sup> IC<sub>50</sub> = 23.4 nM (biochemical).

*ADME/PK:* Human Microsomal Clearance (μL/min/mg) = 7.5, Human Hepatocyte Clearance (μL/min/10<sup>6</sup>) = 0.2; F(%) = 14.5/12.2/52.8/1.1 in mouse/rat/dog/monkey.

*In vivo:* No sustained adverse effects in CD-1 mice and beagles in MTD studies after 5 days- meets NOAELs criteria.

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Calibr at Scripps Research Institute, USA



**ADAMTS7**

**BAY-9835**  
Coronary Artery Disease

*Target:* **A disintegrin and metalloproteinase with thrombospondin motifs 7 (ADAMTS7)**

*Indication:* **Coronary Artery Disease (CAD)**

*Inhibitor design:* *In silico* design and SAR

*Activity:* ADAMTS7 IC<sub>50</sub> = 6 nM (biochemical);

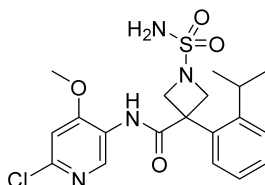
1121x/1654x/375x/5467x/962x/17316x/5x selectivity against ADAMTS4/ADAMTS5/ADAM8/ADAM10/ADAM17/MMP2/ADAMTS12 (biochemical).

*ADME/PK:* CL<sub>Hep</sub> (L/h/kg) = 0.32/0.17/0.06/0.0001 in mouse/rat/dog/human; CL<sub>blood</sub> (L/kg/h) = 1.1/0.55/0.02 in mouse/rat/dog (*in vivo*); F(%) = 100/96/77 in mouse/rat/dog.

*In vivo:* Well tolerated in a two-week chronic dosing study in rats (50 mg/kg/day, p.o.) with no observable signs of toxicity.

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Bayer AG, Germany



**LPAR1**

**ACT-1016-0707**  
Fibrotic Disease

*Target:* **Lysophosphatidic acid receptor subtype 1 (LPAR1)**

*Indication:* Fibrotic Disease

*Inhibitor design:* Lead optimization/SAR

*Activity:* LPAR1 IC<sub>50</sub> = 2.9 nM (cellular), LPAR2 IC<sub>50</sub> > 10 μM (cellular), LPAR3 IC<sub>50</sub> > 10 μM (cellular).

*ADME/PK:* CL<sub>LM</sub> (μL/min/mg) = 26/21/13 in rat/mouse/dog; CL<sub>Hep</sub> (μL/min/10<sup>6</sup>) = 7.4/h.d./<2 in rat/mouse/dog; F(%) = 49/79/52 in rat/mouse/dog.

*In vivo:* Significant reduction in LPA induced vascular leakage observed at 30 mg/kg (p.o., mice)

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