

*Supplementary Materials*

# Chalcones as Promising Antitumor Agents by Targeting the p53 Pathway: An Overview and New Insights in Drug-Likeness

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**Table S1.** Natural chalcones with interference in p53 pathway.

| Chalcones          | Cellular/molecular mechanisms  | Cell line [Ref]/ Cytotoxic effect (IC <sub>50</sub> )/<br>p53 activation (Method)  |
|--------------------|--|--|
| 8                  | Increase of p53, Fas-ligand, Fas-receptor, Bax and NOXA expression, p21/WAF1 and Bak levels, and caspase-9 activity<br>Decrease of Bcl-2 and Bcl-X <sub>L</sub> , PCNA, MDM2, p-GSK-3 $\beta$ , p-Akt, p-c-Raf and p-PTEN expression levels  | <u>A549</u> [1]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = n.d.<br>p53 activity = 20 $\mu$ M (ELISA)<br><u>Hep G2</u> [2]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = n.d.<br>p53 activity = 10 $\mu$ g/mL (ELISA)<br><u>HeLa</u> [3]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 9.8 $\mu$ M<br>p53 activity = 10 $\mu$ M (ELISA)<br><u>Caki</u> [4]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = n.d.<br>p53 activity = 50 $\mu$ M (Western Blot)  |
| Flavokawin A (9)   | Increase in p21/WAF1, p27/KIP1, Cdc25C and CDK1 levels<br>Decrease of CDK2, CDK1, Myt1 and Wee1 levels   | <u>HT1197</u> [5]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 7.9 $\mu$ M<br>p53 activity = 40 $\mu$ M (Flow Cytometry)  |
| 10                 | Increase of p53, Fas, FasL, and Bcl-2 family proteins expression<br>Increase of caspases -3, -8 and -9 expression<br>PARP cleavage<br>Release of cytochrome C  | <u>SW 872</u> [6]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 3.8 $\mu$ M<br>p53 activity = 5 $\mu$ M (Western Blot)   |
| HTMC (11)          | Inhibition of phosphorylation of cdc2 (Tyr15 and Tyr161) and Rb (Ser795 and Ser807/811)<br>Increase of p53 and p21 expression  | <u>A549</u> [7]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 47 $\mu$ M<br>p53 activity = 6.25 $\mu$ M (Western Blot)   |
| Flavokawain B (12) | Increase in p53, p21/WAF1, Wee1 and Bax levels<br>Activation of caspase-3, -8 and -9<br>PARP and Bid cleavage<br>Decrease of Bcl-2, cyclins A and B1, Cdc2 and Cdc25C levels<br>Release of cytochrome c  | <u>KB</u> [8]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 30.0 $\mu$ g/mL<br>p53 activity = 5 $\mu$ g/mL (Western Blot)  |
| 13                 | Suppression of ERK1/2 and p90RSK kinases<br>Inhibition of phosphorylation and activation of the CREB protein<br>Increase in p53 and p21 expression<br>Down-regulation of cyclin D1   | <u>A549</u> [9]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 20.9 $\mu$ M<br>p53 activity = 10 $\mu$ M (Western Blot)   |
| 14                 | Decrease of Sp1, Sp3 and Sp4 expression<br>Down-regulation of Top2A and MMP-2 transcripts (Sp1 target genes), and MN1<br>Up-regulation of Gadd45A, p21 DNAJB1, ATF3 (p53 target genes), TP53AIP1 and PLK2<br>Increase of p53 expression<br>Decrease of $\beta$ -catenin expression<br>Cell cycle arrest in G0/G1 phase | <u>U2OS</u> [10]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = n.d.<br>p53 activity = 50 $\mu$ M (Western Blot; RNA-Seq, RT-PCR and Western Blot)<br><u>HCT-116</u> [11]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = n.d.<br>p53 activity = 50 $\mu$ M (Western Blot)<br><u>FaDu</u> [11]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = n.d.<br>p53 activity = 50 $\mu$ M (Western Blot)<br><u>SJSA1</u> [11]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = n.d.<br>p53 activity = 50 $\mu$ M (Western Blot)<br><u>HuH7.5</u> [12]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 23.66 $\mu$ M |

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|  |  | p53 activity = 23.66 μM (Immunocytochemical assay) |
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**Table S2.** Synthetic chalcones and their analogues with interference in p53 pathway.

| Chalcones  | Cellular/molecular mechanisms  | Cell line [Ref]/ Cytotoxic effect (IC <sub>50</sub> )/<br>p53 activation (Method)  |
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| <b>Chalcone derivatives with phenyl rings: α, β-nonsubstituted chalcones</b> |  |  |
| <b>15</b>  | Increase of caspase-3 and -9 expressions<br>Increase of PARP, cytochrome c, calpain-1 and -2 expressions<br>Phosphorylation of histone H2AX, checkpoint kinases 2 and of p53   | <u>SCC4</u> [13]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 3 μM<br>p53 activity = 1 μM (Western Blot)  |
| <b>16</b>  | Increase of Bax expression<br>Decrease of Bcl-2 and Bcl-xL<br>Inhibition of phosphorylation of STAT3 and tyrosine kinases c-Src<br>Down-regulation of cyclin D1 and c-myc<br>Up-regulation of p53 and PTEN             | <u>A2780</u> [14]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 3.5 μM<br>p53 activity = 10 μM (Western Blot)  |
| <b>SKLB-M8 (17)</b>  | Increase of cleaved Caspase-3<br>Decrease of cleaved procaspase-9 levels and of p-mTOR expression<br>Activation of PARP<br>Down-regulation of AKT and cdc2<br>Up-regulation of cyclin B1 and p53                       | <u>A2058</u> [15]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 0.07 μM<br>p53 activity = 0.5 μM (Western Blot)<br><u>CHL-1</u> [15]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 0.25 μM<br>P53 activity = 0.5 μM (Western Blot) |
| <b>18</b>  | Increase of p53 and caspase-3 levels<br>Pro-caspase 3 cleavage   | <u>SK-N-SW</u> [16]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 2.03 μM<br>P53 activity = 5 μM (Western Blot)  |
| <b>SSE14106 (19)</b>   | Accumulation of p53  | <u>HCT116</u> [17]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = n.d.<br>p53 activity = 6.25 μM (Western Blot)   |
| <b>SSE14105 (20)</b>   | Accumulation of p53  | <u>HCT116</u> [17]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = n.d.<br>p53 activity = 12.5 μM (Western Blot)   |
| <b>21</b>  | Increase of p53, p21 and of caspases -7, -8 and -9 expression and of TNF-R1, Fas-L and Bax levels<br>Externalization of phosphatidylserine<br>Release of cytochrome c<br>ROS formation<br>Decrease of Bcl-2 expression | <u>MCF-7</u> [18]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 21 μM<br>p53 activity = 21 μM (Flow Cytometry)   |
| <b>22</b>  | Increase of p53, p21, Bax and Bcl-2 expression   | <u>BGC-823</u> [19]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = n.d.<br>p53 activity = 10 μM ( <i>in vitro</i> ); 15 μM ( <i>in vivo</i> ) (Western Blot)  |
| <b>23</b>  | upregulation of p53 expression   | <u>MCF-7</u> [20]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 13.2 ± 3.5 μM<br>p53 activity = 10 μM (Western Blot)   |
| <b>24</b>  | Formation of free radicals (phenoxide radicals)<br>Increase expression of p53 and caspases-3 and -9  | <u>HepG2</u> [21]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 10.3 ± 1.8 μM<br>p53 activity = 100 nM (qRT-PCR)   |
| <b>25</b>  | Cell cycle arrest at the G2/M phase<br>ROS formation<br>Induced PARP cleavage  | <u>SK-Mel-28</u> [22]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 1.368 μM<br>p53 activity = 5 μM (RNA-seq)  |

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|  | Increased of BAX expression<br>Decreased of Bcl-2 expression   |   |
| <b>Chalcone derivatives with phenyl rings: <math>\alpha</math>-substituted chalcones</b> |  |   |
| CH027 (26)   | Increase in p53 activity<br>Up-regulation of p21 <sup>Cip1</sup><br>PARP cleavage  | <u>LNCaP</u> [23]<br>$IC_{50} = 13$ nM<br>p53 activity = 10 nM (Western Blot)<br><u>22Rv1</u> [23]<br>$IC_{50} = 15$ nM<br>p53 activity = 10 nM (Western Blot)    |
| 27   | Cell cycle arrest in S and G2/M phase<br>Activation of PARP<br>Up-regulation of p53  | <u>HCC1954</u> [24]<br>$IC_{50} = 0.63 \pm 0.06$ $\mu M$<br><u>HCT116</u> [24]<br>$IC_{50} = 0.69 \pm 0.04$ $\mu M$<br>p53 activity = 1.56 $\mu M$ (Western Blot) |
| 28   | Cell cycle arrest in S and G2/M phase<br>PARP cleavage<br>Up-regulation of p53   | <u>HCC1954</u> [24]<br>$IC_{50} = 0.63 \pm 0.06$ $\mu M$<br><u>HCT116</u> [24]<br>$IC_{50} = 0.69 \pm 0.04$ $\mu M$<br>p53 activity = 1.56 $\mu M$ (Western Blot) |
| <b>Chalcone derivatives with simple aryl ring</b>  |  |   |
| 29   | Decrease of Bcl-2 expression<br>Increase of Bax expression<br>Up-regulation of caspase-9, p53 and p21<br>Down-regulation of survivin               | <u>HT-29</u> [25]<br>$IC_{50} = 13.4$ $\mu M$<br>p53 activity = 20 $\mu M$ (RT-PCR)   |
| 30   | Decrease of Bcl-2 expression<br>Increase of Bax expression<br>Up-regulation of caspase-9 and p53<br>Down-regulation of survivin                    | <u>HT-29</u> [25]<br>$IC_{50} = 19.5$ $\mu M$<br>p53 activity = 40 $\mu M$ (RT-PCR)   |
| 31   | Increase of p53 and caspase-3 levels<br>Pro-caspase 3 cleavage   | <u>SK-N-SW</u> [26]<br>$IC_{50} = 1.53$ $\mu M$<br>p53 activity = 5 $\mu M$ (Western Blot)  |
| 32   | upregulation of p53 expression   | <u>MCF-7</u> [20]<br>$IC_{50} = 15.7 \pm 5.9$ $\mu M$<br>p53 activity = 10 $\mu M$ (Western Blot)<br><u>MDA-MB-231</u> [20]<br>$IC_{50} = 33.9 \pm 7.1$ $\mu M$   |
| <b>Chalcone derivatives with fused aryl ring</b>   |  |   |
| 33   | Increase in cyclins D1, A and E1, CDK4 and IKK $\alpha$ levels<br>Decrease in NF- $\kappa$ B<br>Up-regulation of caspase-9, p53, p21, p27 and chk2 | <u>MCF-7</u> [27]<br>$IC_{50}$ = n.d.<br>p53 activity = 4 $\mu M$ (Western Blot)  |
| 34   | Increase in cyclins D1, A and E1, CDK4 and IKK $\alpha$ levels<br>Decrease in NF- $\kappa$ B<br>Up-regulation of caspase-9, p53, p21, p27 and chk2 | <u>MCF-7</u> [27]<br>$IC_{50}$ = n.d.<br>p53 activity = 4 $\mu M$ (Western Blot)  |
| 35   | Increase in p53 and Bax expression and in caspase-9 activity   | <u>L-1210</u> [28]<br>$IC_{50} = 54$ $\mu M$<br>p53 activity = 100 $\mu M$ (Flow Cytometry)   |
| 36   | PARP and caspase-7 cleavage<br>Increase of p53, $\gamma$ -H2AX, p-Chk2 and Bax levels  | <u>HCT116</u> [29]<br>$IC_{50}$ = n.d.  |

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|               |   | p53 activity = 10 µM (Western Blot)<br><u>SW620</u> [30]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 14.5 µM<br>p53 activity = 10 µM (Western Blot) |
| S009-131 (37) | Increase of cytochrome c release<br>Increase of Bax, Bak and p53 expression<br>Decrease of Bcl-2 and Bcl-xL expression<br>Increase of p53 expression<br>Cleavage of caspase-7 and -9                        | <u>C33A</u> [31]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 4.7 ± 1.0 µM<br>p53 activity = 4.7 µM (Western Blot)                                   |
| N9 (38)       | Inhibition in the expression of cyclins A and E<br>Decrease of CDK2 and CDK6 expression and of MDM2 levels<br>Rb inactivation<br>ROS formation<br>Increase of Bax, p53 and p21 levels<br>Caspase-9 cleavage | <u>U87-MG</u> [32]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 0.72 µg/mL<br>p53 activity = 0.1 µg/mL (Western Blot)                                |
| HMP (39)      | Caspase-7 cleavage<br>PARP cleavage<br>γ-H2AX formation<br>ROS formation<br>Up-regulation of p53 and Egr-1  | <u>HCT116</u> [33]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = n.d.<br>p53 activity = 50 µM (Western Blot)  |
| 40            | Inhibition of EGFR and STAT3 axis<br>Increase of p53, p21 and Bax levels<br>Decrease of Bcl-2 and procaspase-9 levels   | <u>A549</u> [34]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 2.9 ± 0.3 µM<br>p53 activity = 2 µM (RT-PCR, Western Blot)                             |
| 41            | Inhibition of EGFR and STAT3 axis<br>Increase of p53, p21 and Bax levels<br>Decrease of Bcl-2 and procaspase-9 levels   | <u>A549</u> [34]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 3.9 ± 0.4 µM<br>p53 activity = 2 µM (RT-PCR, Western Blot)                             |
| 42            | Inhibition of EGFR and STAT3 axis<br>Increase of p53, p21 and Bax levels<br>Decrease of Bcl-2 and procaspase-9 levels   | <u>A549</u> [34]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 7.2 ± 0.4 µM<br>p53 activity = 2 µM (RT-PCR, Western Blot)                             |
| 43            | Up-regulation of E-cadherin<br>Downregulation of MMP-2 and MMP-9 proteolytic activities, and of vimentin, N-cadherin and β-catenin mRNA levels<br>Decrease of <i>Slug</i> gene expression                   | <u>U2OS</u> [35]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = n.d.<br>p53 activity = 27 µM (Western Blot)  |
| 44            | Up-regulation of E-cadherin<br>Downregulation of MMP-2 and MMP-9 proteolytic activities, and of vimentin, N-cadherin and β-catenin mRNA levels<br>Decrease of <i>Slug</i> gene expression                   | <u>U2OS</u> [35]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = n.d.<br>p53 activity = 27 µM (Western Blot)  |
| 45            | Up-regulation of Bax, p53 and caspase-3<br>Down-regulation of BCL2, MMP1 and CDK4   | <u>MCF-7</u> [36]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 50.05 µg/mL<br>p53 activity = 50.05 µg/mL (RT-PCR)                                    |
| 46            | Up-regulation of Bax, p53 and caspase-3<br>Down-regulation of BCL2, MMP1 and CDK4   | <u>MCF-7</u> [36]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 27.15 µg/mL<br>p53 activity = 27.15 µg/mL (RT-PCR)                                    |
| 47            | Cell cycle arrest in G2/M phase<br>Up-regulation of p53 and p21 expression<br>Decreased of cdc2 levels  | <u>HCT116</u> [37]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 1.34 ± 0.12 µM<br>p53 activity = 5 µM  |
| 48            | Cell cycle arrest in G2/M phase<br>Up-regulation of p53 and p21 expression<br>Decreased of cdc2 levels  | <u>HCT116</u> [37]<br>IC <sub>50</sub> = 1.63 ± 0.15 µM<br>p53 activity = 5 µM  |

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| <b>49</b>                 | Up-regulation of BAX, p53, and caspases -3, and -9 expression<br>Decreased of Bcl-2, CDK4, and MMP1 expression<br>Cell cycle arrest at the G2/M phase<br>Increase of cytochrome c release         | <u>A549</u> [38]<br>$IC_{50} = 19 \mu\text{g/mL}$<br>p53 activity = 19 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ (RT-PCR)   |
| <b>50</b>                 | Up-regulation of BAX, p53, and caspases -3, and -9 expression<br>Decreased of Bcl-2, CDK4, and MMP1 expression<br>Cell cycle arrest at the G2/M phase<br>Increase of cytochrome c release         | <u>A549</u> [38]<br>$IC_{50} = 12 \mu\text{g/mL}$<br>p53 activity = 12 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ (RT-PCR)   |
| <b>Chalcone analogues</b> |   |  |
| <b>AM-146 (51)</b>        | Accumulation of p21<br>Inhibition of 20S proteasome activity<br>Up-regulation of p53, p27 <sup>Kip1</sup> and p16 <sup>Ink4A</sup><br>Suppression of UCH-L1, UCH-L3, USP2, USP5 and USP8 activity | <u>HCT116</u> [39]<br>$IC_{50} = 1.49 \mu\text{M}$<br>P53 activity = 1 $\mu\text{M}$ (Western Blot)<br><u>HCT116</u> [40]<br>$IC_{50} = 2.8 \mu\text{M}$<br>P53 activity = 2.8 $\mu\text{M}$ (MTT)<br><u>MDA MB 231</u> [41]<br>$IC_{50} = 10.71 \mu\text{M}$<br>p53 activity = 5 $\mu\text{M}$ (Western Blot) |
| <b>EF24 (52)</b>          | Upregulation of PTEN<br>Decrease of Akt<br>Increase of p53 expression   | <u>CR</u> [42]<br>$IC_{50} = 0.65 \mu\text{M}$<br>p53 activity = 2 $\mu\text{M}$ (Western Blot)  |
| <b>HO-3867 (53)</b>       | Upregulation of p53 and p21<br>Decrease of cdk2, Cyclin-A, STAT3 (Tyr705) and JAK1 phosphorylation<br>Increase of Fas/CD95<br>Activation of caspase-3 and -8                                      | <u>A2780</u> [43]<br>$IC_{50} = \text{n.d.}$<br>p53 activity = 10 $\mu\text{M}$ (Western Blot)   |
| <b>RAMB1 (54)</b>         | Increase in p53 levels and caspase-3 activity<br>Decrease of cyclin D1 expression<br>PARP cleavage  | <u>CaSki</u> [44]<br>$IC_{50} = \text{n.d.}$<br>p53 activity = 2 $\mu\text{M}$ (Western Blot)  |
| <b>HMNES (55)</b>         | Decrease of tyrosine-kinase activity, Top-II $\alpha$ and Top II $\beta$ and Bcl-2 expression<br>Caspase-3 and -9 cleavage<br>Up-regulation of p53 and Bax<br>Up-regulation of Bax                | <u>Capan-1</u> [45]<br>$IC_{50} = 2.9 \mu\text{M}$<br>p53 activity = 1.6 $\mu\text{M}$ (Western Blot)  |

**Table S3.** Chalcones as disruptors of the p53-MDM2 interaction

| Chalcone    | Method [Ref]/<br>Cytotoxic effect ( $IC_{50}$ , Cell line)  |
|-------------|---|
| 56          | <u>ELISA</u> [46]:<br>$IC_{50} = 206 \mu M$   |
| 57          | <u>ELISA</u> [46]:<br>$IC_{50} = 49 \mu M$  |
| 58          | <u>ELISA</u> [46]:<br>$IC_{50} = 250 \mu M$   |
| 59          | <u>ELISA</u> [46]:<br>$IC_{50} = 117 \mu M$   |
| 60          | <u>ELISA</u> [46]:<br>$IC_{50} = n.d.$  |
| 61          | <u>ELISA</u> [46]:<br>$IC_{50} = n.d.$  |
| 62          | Yeast screening assay [47]<br>20 % reversion of MDM2 effect at 5 $\mu M$ (% of solvent)<br>$GI_{50} = 65 \mu M$ (HCT116)  |
| 63          | Yeast screening assay [47]<br>40 % reversion of MDM2 effect at 5 $\mu M$ (% of solvent)<br>$GI_{50} = 4 \mu M$ (HCT116)   |
| CPI-7c (64) | <u>RT-PCR</u> [48]<br>$IC_{50} = n.d.$  |
| 65          | <u>Co-IP</u> [49]<br><u>At 0.1 <math>\mu M</math></u><br>$IC_{50} = 0.06 \pm 1.45 \mu M$ (HCT116)   |
| 66          | <u>Co-IP</u> [49]<br><u>At 0.1 <math>\mu M</math></u><br>$IC_{50} = 0.04 \pm 0.02 \mu M$ (HCT116)   |
| 67          | <u>Co-IP</u> [49]<br><u>At 0.5 <math>\mu M</math></u><br>$IC_{50} = 0.58 \pm 0.11 \mu M$ (HCT116)   |
| 68          | Yeast screening assay [50]<br>~95% reversion of MDM2 effect at 10 $\mu M$ (% of control)<br>$GI_{50} = 10.6 \mu M$ (HCT116)   |
| 69          | Yeast screening assay [50]<br>~70% reversion of MDM2 effect at 10 $\mu M$ (% of control)<br>$GI_{50} = 50.0 \mu M$ (HCT116)   |
| 70          | Yeast screening assay [50]<br>~75% reversion of MDM2 effect at 10 $\mu M$ (% of control)<br>$GI_{50} = 2.1 \mu M$ (HCT116)  |
| 71          | Yeast screening assay [50]<br>~80% reversion of MDM2 effect at 10 $\mu M$ (% of control)<br>$GI_{50} = 11.7 \mu M$ (HCT116)   |
| 72          | Yeast screening assay [50]:<br>~80% reversion of MDM2 effect at 10 $\mu M$ (% of control)<br>$GI_{50} = 29.5 \mu M$ (HCT116)  |
| 73          | Yeast screening assay [51]:<br>79.4 % growth inhibition (% of p53 effect)<br>$GI_{50} = 2.6 \mu M$ (HCT116 p53 <sup>+/+</sup> )<br>$GI_{50} = 2.1 \mu M$ (NCI-H460) |

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| 74 | Yeast screening assay [51]:<br>97.2 % growth inhibition (% of p53 effect)<br>$GI_{50} = 5.9 \mu\text{M}$ ( <u>HCT116 p53<sup>+/−</sup></u> )<br>$GI_{50} = 3.3 \mu\text{M}$ ( <u>NCI-H460</u> ) |
| 75 | Yeast screening assay [51]:<br>63.7 % growth inhibition (% of p53 effect)   |
| 76 | Yeast screening assay [51]:<br>68.8% growth inhibition (% of p53 effect)  |
| 77 | Yeast screening assay [51]:<br>77.9% growth inhibition (% of p53 effect)  |
| 78 | Yeast screening assay [51]:<br>95.2% growth inhibition (% of p53 effect)  |
| 79 | Yeast screening assay [51]:<br>78.3% growth inhibition (% of p53 effect)  |
| 80 | Yeast screening assay [51]:<br>97.0% growth inhibition (% of p53 effect)  |

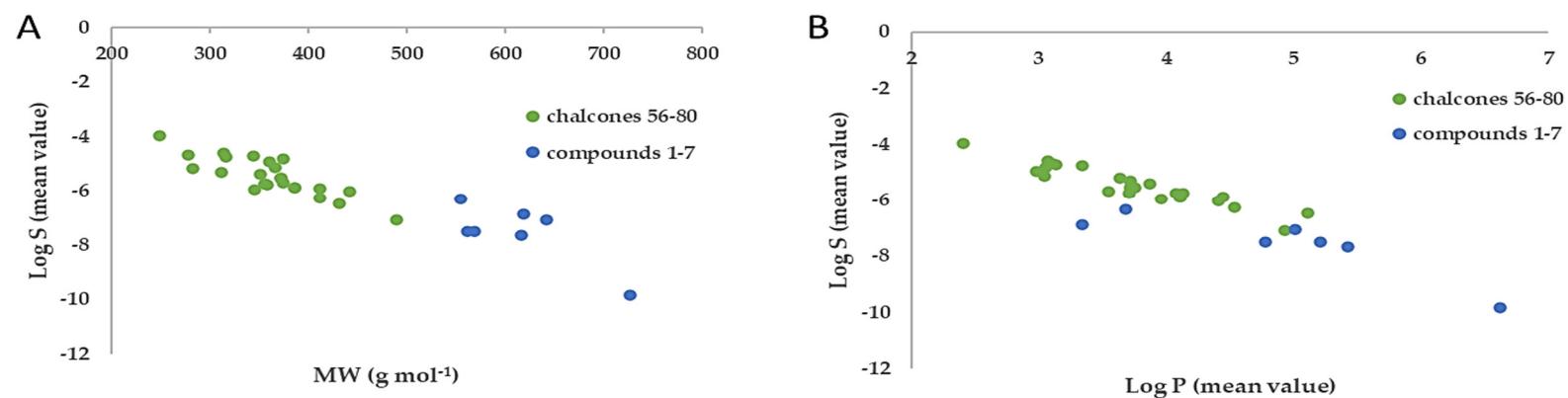
**Table S4.** Molecular descriptors of compounds reported as disruptors of the p53-MDM2 interaction.

| Molecule   | Formula  | MW     | Nº HA | Nº AHA | Far  | Fsp <sup>3</sup> | RB   | Nº HBA | Nº HBD |
|--|--|--------|-------|--------|------|------------------|------|--------|--------|
| <b>Selected representative small-molecules targeting MDM2 in clinical trials</b> |  |        |       |        |      |                  |      |        |        |
| <b>1</b>   | C <sub>38</sub> H <sub>48</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S              | 727.78 | 49    | 18     | 0.37 | 0.47             | 12   | 6      | 0      |
| <b>2</b>   | C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>38</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> FN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>               | 642.59 | 44    | 12     | 0.27 | 0.56             | 6    | 6      | 3      |
| <b>3</b>   | C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>35</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>5</sub> S                            | 555.41 | 38    | 23     | 0.61 | 0.27             | 6    | 7      | 0      |
| <b>4</b>   | C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>24</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub>                | 562.5  | 38    | 12     | 0.32 | 0.52             | 6    | 5      | 4      |
| <b>5</b>   | C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>34</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> FN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub>               | 618.53 | 42    | 12     | 0.29 | 0.53             | 5    | 7      | 4      |
| <b>6</b>   | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>34</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>4</sub>               | 616.48 | 42    | 18     | 0.43 | 0.32             | 9    | 8      | 3      |
| <b>7</b>   | C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>29</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | 568.55 | 37    | 12     | 0.32 | 0.5              | 9    | 5      | 1      |
| <b>Mean</b>  | -  | 613.12 | 41.43 | 15.29  | 0.37 | 0.45             | 7.57 | 6.29   | 2.14   |
| <b>Chalcones reported as disruptors of the p53-MDM2 interaction</b>              |  |        |       |        |      |                  |      |        |        |
| <b>56</b>  | C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>13</sub> ClO <sub>4</sub>   | 316.74 | 22    | 12     | 0.55 | 0.06             | 6    | 4      | 1      |
| <b>57</b>  | C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>12</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>                               | 351.18 | 23    | 12     | 0.52 | 0.06             | 6    | 4      | 1      |
| <b>58</b>  | C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>17</sub> ClO <sub>5</sub>   | 360.79 | 25    | 12     | 0.48 | 0.16             | 6    | 5      | 1      |
| <b>59</b>  | C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>12</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>                               | 367.18 | 24    | 12     | 0.5  | 0.06             | 6    | 5      | 1      |
| <b>60</b>  | C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>12</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>                | 375.21 | 25    | 17     | 0.68 | 0.06             | 6    | 5      | 1      |
| <b>61</b>  | C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>14</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>                               | 490.14 | 27    | 16     | 0.59 | 0.05             | 6    | 4      | 1      |
| <b>62</b>  | C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>7</sub>   | 374.38 | 27    | 12     | 0.44 | 0.25             | 8    | 7      | 1      |
| <b>63</b>  | C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>30</sub> O <sub>7</sub>   | 442.5  | 32    | 12     | 0.38 | 0.32             | 11   | 7      | 0      |
| <b>64</b>  | C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>                                | 358.39 | 27    | 19     | 0.70 | 0.09             | 5    | 4      | 1      |
| <b>65</b>  | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O   | 249.27 | 19    | 15     | 0.79 | 0                | 3    | 3      | 1      |
| <b>66</b>  | C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>11</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O   | 282.72 | 20    | 15     | 0.75 | 0                | 3    | 2      | 1      |
| <b>67</b>  | C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>                                | 278.31 | 21    | 15     | 0.71 | 0.06             | 4    | 3      | 1      |
| <b>68</b>  | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>5</sub>   | 314.33 | 23    | 12     | 0.52 | 0.17             | 6    | 5      | 1      |
| <b>69</b>  | C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>20</sub> O <sub>6</sub>   | 344.36 | 25    | 12     | 0.48 | 0.21             | 7    | 6      | 1      |
| <b>70</b>  | C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>23</sub> BrO <sub>4</sub>   | 431.32 | 27    | 12     | 0.44 | 0.23             | 8    | 4      | 0      |
| <b>71</b>  | C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>6</sub>   | 412.48 | 30    | 12     | 0.4  | 0.29             | 10   | 6      | 0      |
| <b>72</b>  | C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>6</sub>   | 412.48 | 30    | 12     | 0.4  | 0.29             | 9    | 6      | 1      |
| <b>73</b>  | C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>6</sub>   | 386.44 | 28    | 12     | 0.43 | 0.32             | 9    | 6      | 1      |
| <b>74</b>  | C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>5</sub>   | 356.41 | 26    | 12     | 0.46 | 0.29             | 8    | 5      | 1      |
| <b>75</b>  | C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>5</sub>   | 356.41 | 26    | 12     | 0.46 | 0.29             | 8    | 5      | 1      |
| <b>76</b>  | C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>6</sub>   | 386.44 | 28    | 12     | 0.43 | 0.32             | 9    | 6      | 1      |
| <b>77</b>  | C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>4</sub>   | 346.38 | 26    | 18     | 0.69 | 0.05             | 6    | 4      | 2      |
| <b>78</b>  | C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>6</sub>   | 372.41 | 27    | 12     | 0.44 | 0.29             | 8    | 6      | 2      |
| <b>79</b>  | C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>6</sub>   | 372.41 | 27    | 12     | 0.44 | 0.29             | 8    | 6      | 2      |
| <b>80</b>  | C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>20</sub> O <sub>4</sub>   | 312.36 | 23    | 12     | 0.52 | 0.21             | 6    | 4      | 2      |
| <b>Mean</b>  | -  | 362.04 | 25.52 | 13.24  | 0.53 | 0.18             | 6.88 | 4.88   | 1.04   |

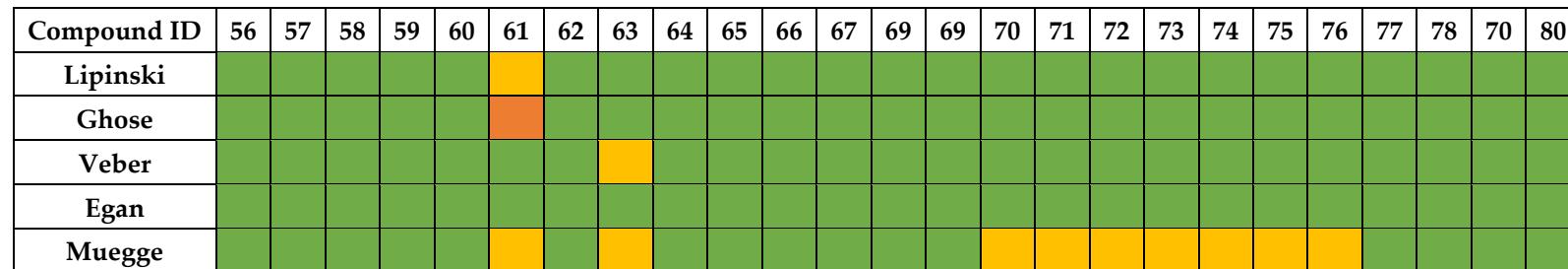
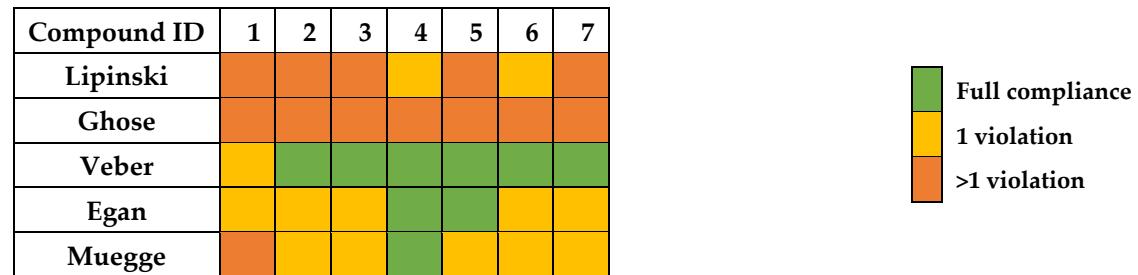
**Table S5.** Physicochemical properties of compounds reported as disruptors of the p53-MDM2 interaction.

| Compound ID   | TPSA   | Log P<br>(iLOGP) | Log P<br>(XLOGP3) | Log P<br>(WLOGP) | Log P<br>(MLOGP) | Log P<br>(SILICOS-IT) | Log P<br>(Consensus) | Mean of<br>Log P values | Log S<br>(ESOL) | Log S<br>(Ali) | Log S<br>(SILICOS-IT) | Mean of<br>Log S values |
|---|--------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Selected representative small-molecules targeting MDM2 in clinical trials |        |                  |                   |                  |                  |                       |                      |                         |                 |                |                       |                         |
| 1   | 90.90  | 5.40             | 7.27              | 7.10             | 5.36             | 7.97                  | 6.62                 | 6.62                    | -8.41           | -9.00          | -12.13                | -9.85                   |
| 2   | 98.74  | 3.80             | 3.57              | 6.27             | 5.02             | 6.40                  | 5.01                 | 5.01                    | -5.88           | -5.33          | -9.99                 | -7.07                   |
| 3   | 100.13 | 3.34             | 5.78              | 6.76             | 4.42             | 5.77                  | 5.21                 | 5.21                    | -6.65           | -7.65          | -8.22                 | -7.51                   |
| 4   | 104.37 | 4.45             | 3.57              | 3.99             | 2.53             | 3.84                  | 3.68                 | 3.68                    | -5.58           | -5.45          | -7.92                 | -6.32                   |
| 5   | 90.46  | 4.21             | 5.26              | 4.77             | 4.17             | 5.48                  | 4.78                 | 4.78                    | -6.48           | -6.91          | -9.09                 | -7.49                   |
| 6   | 135.44 | 3.23             | 3.38              | 3.43             | 2.32             | 4.36                  | 3.34                 | 3.34                    | -5.69           | -5.90          | -9.02                 | -6.87                   |
| 7   | 111.45 | 3.96             | 4.29              | 7.21             | 4.75             | 6.96                  | 5.43                 | 5.43                    | -6.09           | -6.34          | -10.56                | -7.66                   |
| <b>Mean</b>   | 104.50 | 4.06             | 4.73              | 5.65             | 4.08             | 5.83                  | 4.87                 | -                       | -6.40           | -6.65          | -9.56                 | -                       |
| Chalcones reported as disruptors of the p53-MDM2 interaction              |        |                  |                   |                  |                  |                       |                      |                         |                 |                |                       |                         |
| 56  | 63.60  | 2.51             | 3.88              | 3.59             | 2.78             | 3.92                  | 3.34                 | 3.34                    | -4.26           | -4.91          | -5.07                 | -4.75                   |
| 57  | 63.60  | 2.66             | 4.58              | 4.24             | 3.28             | 4.58                  | 3.87                 | 3.87                    | -4.89           | -5.64          | -5.66                 | -5.40                   |
| 58  | 63.60  | 0.00             | 3.86              | 4.25             | 2.41             | 4.39                  | 2.98                 | 2.98                    | -4.47           | -4.89          | -5.47                 | -4.94                   |
| 59  | 63.60  | 0.00             | 4.04              | 4.13             | 2.45             | 4.58                  | 3.04                 | 3.04                    | -4.64           | -5.08          | -5.66                 | -5.13                   |
| 60  | 80.76  | 2.30             | 4.00              | 3.72             | 3.17             | 4.58                  | 3.55                 | 3.55                    | -4.79           | -5.40          | -6.88                 | -5.69                   |
| 61  | 63.60  | 3.19             | 5.89              | 5.62             | 4.20             | 5.73                  | 4.92                 | 4.93                    | -6.63           | -7.00          | -7.68                 | -7.10                   |
| 62  | 83.45  | 3.36             | 3.74              | 3.22             | 1.14             | 3.77                  | 3.05                 | 3.05                    | -4.32           | -5.18          | -4.96                 | -4.82                   |
| 63  | 72.45  | 4.39             | 5.02              | 4.86             | 2.14             | 5.65                  | 4.41                 | 4.41                    | -5.30           | -6.28          | -6.48                 | -6.02                   |
| 64  | 64.21  | 2.95             | 4.06              | 4.52             | 1.93             | 5.09                  | 3.71                 | 3.71                    | -4.81           | -5.11          | -7.35                 | -5.76                   |
| 65  | 58.64  | 2.18             | 2.55              | 2.75             | 1.18             | 3.41                  | 2.41                 | 2.41                    | -3.38           | -3.43          | -5.1                  | -3.97                   |
| 66  | 45.75  | 2.57             | 4.22              | 4                | 2.79             | 4.59                  | 3.64                 | 3.64                    | -4.61           | -4.89          | -6.08                 | -5.19                   |
| 67  | 54.98  | 2.72             | 3.56              | 3.36             | 1.94             | 3.99                  | 3.11                 | 3.11                    | -4.07           | -4.4           | -5.59                 | -4.69                   |
| 68  | 64.99  | 2.98             | 3.80              | 3.21             | 1.75             | 3.60                  | 3.07                 | 3.07                    | -4.17           | -4.86          | -4.74                 | -4.59                   |
| 69  | 74.22  | 3.54             | 3.77              | 3.21             | 1.44             | 3.69                  | 3.13                 | 3.13                    | -4.24           | -5.02          | -4.85                 | -4.70                   |
| 70  | 44.76  | 4.39             | 5.79              | 5.60             | 3.73             | 6.04                  | 5.11                 | 5.11                    | -5.96           | -6.50          | -6.96                 | -6.47                   |
| 71  | 63.22  | 4.34             | 5.05              | 4.85             | 2.46             | 5.54                  | 4.45                 | 4.45                    | -5.21           | -6.12          | -6.38                 | -5.90                   |

|             |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |       |       |
|-------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 72          | 74.22 | 4.30 | 5.70 | 4.72 | 2.46 | 5.52 | 4.54 | 4.54 | -5.69 | -7.02 | -6.07 | -6.26 |
| 73          | 74.22 | 4.10 | 5.11 | 4.17 | 2.11 | 5.03 | 4.10 | 4.10 | -5.18 | -6.41 | -6.02 | -5.87 |
| 74          | 64.99 | 3.95 | 5.14 | 4.16 | 2.44 | 4.94 | 4.13 | 4.13 | -5.10 | -6.25 | -5.91 | -5.75 |
| 75          | 64.99 | 3.71 | 5.14 | 4.16 | 2.44 | 4.94 | 4.08 | 4.08 | -5.10 | -6.25 | -5.91 | -5.75 |
| 76          | 74.22 | 4.11 | 5.11 | 4.17 | 2.11 | 5.03 | 4.11 | 4.11 | -5.18 | -6.41 | -6.02 | -5.87 |
| 77          | 66.76 | 3.00 | 5.00 | 4.31 | 2.99 | 4.52 | 3.96 | 3.96 | -5.25 | -6.14 | -6.43 | -5.94 |
| 78          | 85.22 | 3.61 | 4.78 | 3.86 | 1.89 | 4.48 | 3.72 | 3.72 | -4.96 | -6.30 | -5.33 | -5.53 |
| 79          | 85.22 | 3.75 | 4.78 | 3.86 | 1.89 | 4.48 | 3.75 | 3.75 | -4.96 | -6.30 | -5.33 | -5.53 |
| 80          | 66.76 | 3.03 | 4.84 | 3.85 | 2.55 | 4.31 | 3.71 | 3.72 | -4.82 | -5.98 | -5.11 | -5.30 |
| <b>Mean</b> | 67.28 | 3.11 | 4.54 | 4.10 | 2.39 | 4.66 | 3.76 | -    | -4.88 | -5.67 | -5.88 | -     |



**Figure S3.** (A) Log S vs molecular weight (MW) of compounds 1-7 and chalcones 56-80. For Log S mean values of all tested methods were taken into consideration. (B) Log S vs Log P of compounds 1-7 and chalcones 56-80. For Log S and Log P mean values of all tested methods were taken into consideration.



**Figure S4.** Color map of the compliance with the rules of Medicinal Chemistry. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the Web version of this article.)

**Table S6.** Predictive pharmacokinetic properties of compounds reported as disruptors of the p53-MDM2 interaction.

| Compound ID   | Pharmacokinetic properties |              |               |                  |                   |                  |                  |                  |
|---|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|   | GI absorption              | BBB permeant | Pgp substrate | CYP1A2 inhibitor | CYP2C19 inhibitor | CYP2C9 inhibitor | CYP2D6 inhibitor | CYP3A4 inhibitor |
| Selected representative small-molecules targeting MDM2 in clinical trials |                            |              |               |                  |                   |                  |                  |                  |
| 1   | Low                        | No           | Yes           | No               | No                | No               | Yes              | Yes              |
| 2   | Low                        | No           | Yes           | No               | No                | No               | No               | Yes              |
| 3   | Low                        | No           | Yes           | No               | Yes               | No               | No               | Yes              |
| 4   | High                       | No           | Yes           | No               | No                | Yes              | No               | Yes              |
| 5   | High                       | No           | Yes           | No               | No                | No               | No               | Yes              |
| 6   | Low                        | No           | Yes           | No               | No                | No               | No               | Yes              |
| 7   | Low                        | No           | Yes           | No               | No                | No               | Yes              | Yes              |
| Chalcones reported as disruptors of the p53-MDM2 interaction              |                            |              |               |                  |                   |                  |                  |                  |
| 56  | High                       | Yes          | No            | Yes              | Yes               | Yes              | No               | No               |
| 57  | High                       | Yes          | No            | Yes              | Yes               | Yes              | No               | Yes              |
| 58  | High                       | Yes          | No            | No               | No                | No               | No               | Yes              |
| 59  | High                       | Yes          | No            | No               | No                | No               | No               | No               |
| 60  | High                       | No           | No            | Yes              | Yes               | Yes              | No               | No               |
| 61  | High                       | No           | No            | Yes              | Yes               | Yes              | No               | No               |
| 62  | High                       | No           | No            | No               | No                | Yes              | No               | Yes              |
| 63  | High                       | No           | No            | No               | No                | Yes              | Yes              | Yes              |
| 64  | High                       | Yes          | No            | Yes              | Yes               | Yes              | No               | Yes              |
| 65  | High                       | Yes          | No            | Yes              | Yes               | No               | No               | No               |
| 66  | High                       | Yes          | No            | Yes              | Yes               | Yes              | No               | No               |
| 67  | High                       | Yes          | No            | Yes              | Yes               | Yes              | Yes              | No               |
| 68  | High                       | Yes          | No            | Yes              | Yes               | Yes              | No               | Yes              |

|    |      |     |    |     |     |     |     |     |
|----|------|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 69 | High | Yes | No | No  | Yes | Yes | No  | Yes |
| 70 | High | Yes | No | Yes | No  | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 71 | High | Yes | No | No  | No  | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 72 | High | No  | No | No  | No  | Yes | No  | Yes |
| 73 | High | Yes | No | No  | No  | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 74 | High | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 75 | High | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 76 | High | Yes | No | No  | No  | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 77 | High | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 78 | High | No  | No | No  | No  | Yes | No  | Yes |
| 79 | High | No  | No | No  | No  | Yes | No  | Yes |
| 80 | High | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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