Supplementary Materials

Stabilization of c-KIT G-Quadruplex DNA Structures by the RNA polymerase I inhibitors BMH-21 and BA-41

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Table S1. Binding constants (Kb) and stoichiometries calculated from the fluorimetric titrationcurves in Figures S3 and S4

| Ligand | Overall ligand:DNA stoichiometry | Kb (M ⁻¹) | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| BA-41 (2) | 3:1 | 10 ^{6.4±0.4} (1 binding site) | 10 ^{6.2±0.4} (2 binding sites) | |
| BMH-21 (1) | 2:1 | 10 ^{6.4±0.44} (1 binding site) | 10 ^{5.9±0.24} (1 binding site) | |

Table S2. Inter-residue NOE interactions of c-kit21T12T21 in the complex with BA-41 (2) and BMH-21 (1).

| G-tetrad I | G-tetrad II | Tetrad III | |
|------------|-------------|------------|--|
| G4H1G8H8 | G3H1G7H8 | G18H1G2H8 | |
| G8H1G16H8 | G7H1G15H8 | G14H1G18H8 | |
| G16H1G20H8 | G15H1G19H8 | G6H1G14H8 | |
| G20H1G4H8 | G19H1G3H8 | G2H1G6H8 | |

| complex of BA-41 /c-kit21T12T21 ^b | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|------|------------|
| c-kit | H1/H2/H5/CH ₃ | Δδ ^c | H6/H8 | Δδ ^c | H1' | H2'-H2'' |
| C1 | 6.10 | +0.55 | 7.59 | +0.09 | | |
| G2 | 11.15 | -0.81 | 7.99 | -0.21 | 6.01 | |
| G3 | 10.74 | -0.56 | 7.63 | -0.05 | 6.03 | |
| G4 | 10.32 | -0.83 | 7.63 | -0.12 | | |
| C5 | 6.20 | 0.00 | 8.00 | -0.04 | 6.48 | 2.40, 2.70 |
| G6 | 10.83 | -0.69 | 7.77 | -0.25 | 5.94 | |
| G7 | 10.93 | -0.65 | 7.70 | -0.32 | 5.93 | |
| G8 | 10.44 | -0.87 | 7.71 | -0.08 | | |
| C9 | 5.95 | -0.15 | 7.85 | +0.23 | 6.00 | |
| G10 | n.d. | - | n.d. | | | |
| C11 | 6.10 | +0.04 | 7.95 | +0.05 | 6.32 | |
| T12 | 1.60 | -0.30 | 7.45 | -0.15 | 5.99 | 1.90, 2.13 |
| A13 | n.d. | - | 8.26 | +0.16 | 6.24 | 2.70,2.90 |
| G14 | 11.07 | -0.87 | 7.82 | -0.44 | 6.01 | |
| G15 | 10.79 | -0.59 | 7.63 | -0.24 | | |
| G16 | 10.34 | -0.70 | 7.68 | -0.12 | 6.33 | |
| A17 | n.d. | - | 8.55 | +0.04 | 6.62 | 2.92, 2.92 |
| G18 | 10.97 | -0.85 | 7.83 | -0.26 | | |
| G19 | 10.96 | -0.60 | 7.72 | -0.37 | | |
| G20 | 10.47 | -0.78 | 7.65 | -0.05 | 6.24 | |
| T21 | 1.70 | +0.20 | 7.51 | +0.36 | 6.33 | 2.30, 2.30 |

Table S3. ¹ H chemical shift values for the complex of BA-41 (2) with c-kit21T12T21.^a

^a Measured at 25°C in ppm (δ) from external DSS. Solvent H₂O-D₂O (90:10 v/v), 5 mM phosphate buffer, 20 mM KCl, pH 6.9. ^bR = 3.0. ^c $\Delta\delta$ = $\delta_{bound} - \delta_{free}$



Graph S1: Chemical shift difference of DNA protons between the complex of c-kit21T12T21 with (2) R=3.0 and the free c-kit21T12T21: (a) $H1/H2/H5/CH_3$, (b) H6/H8



Graph S2: Chemical shift difference of DNA protons between the complex of c-kit21T12T21 with (1) R=2.0 and the free c-kit21T12T21: (a) H1/H2/H5/CH₃, (b) H6/H8

| complex of BMH21 /c-kit21T12T21 ^b | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|--|--|
| c-kit | H1/H2/H5/CH ₃ | Δδ ^c | H6/H8 | Δδ ^c | | |
| C1 | 6.10 | -0.03 | 7.53 | +0.55 | | |
| G2 | 11.44 | -0.48 | 7.93 | -0.27 | | |
| G3 | 10.92 | -0.38 | 7.69 | -0.09 | | |
| G4 | 10.51 | -0.64 | 7.72 | -0.03 | | |
| C5 | 6.20 | 0.00 | 8.03 | -0.01 | | |
| G6 | 11.06 | -0.58 | 7.87 | -0.15 | | |
| G7 | 11.17 | -0.41 | 7.81 | -0.21 | | |
| G8 | 10.57 | -0.74 | 7.75 | -0.04 | | |
| C9 | 5.94 | -0.16 | 7.76 | +0.14 | | |
| G10 | n.d. | - | n.d. | - | | |
| C11 | 6.10 | +0.04 | 7.94 | +0.04 | | |
| T12 | 1.67 | -0.23 | 7.48 | -0.12 | | |
| A13 | n.d. | - | 8.25 | +0.08 | | |
| G14 | 11.27 | -0.67 | 7.96 | -0.30 | | |
| G15 | 10.98 | -0.40 | 7.72 | -0.15 | | |
| G16 | 10.52 | -0.52 | 7.75 | -0.23 | | |
| A17 | n.d. | - | 8.56 | +0.05 | | |
| G18 | 11.40 | -0.58 | 8.05 | -0.04 | | |
| G19 | 11.17 | -0.39 | 7.83 | -0.26 | | |
| G20 | 10.63 | -0.62 | 7.75 | +0.05 | | |
| T21 | 1.76 | +0.26 | 7.53 | +0.38 | | |

Table S4. ¹ H chemical shift values for the complex of BMH-21 (1) with c-kit21T12T21.^a

^a Measured at 25°C in ppm (δ) from external DSS. Solvent H₂O-D₂O (90:10 v/v), 5 mM phosphate buffer, 20 mM KCl, pH 6.9. ^b R=2.0. ^cΔδ = $\delta_{bound} - \delta_{free}$

Table S5. Guanine residues involved in the pi-pi interactions with the polycyclic system of compounds BMH-21 (1) and BA-41 (2)

| rings | A | В | С | D |
|---------------------|---------|---------|----------------|----|
| BMH-21 (1) | G16 | G8, G16 | G4 <i>,</i> G8 | G4 |
| BA-41 (2) | G8, G16 | G8, G16 | G4 | G4 |

Table S6. Chemical shift values of BA-41 in the complex with c-kit21T12T21.^a

| complex of BA-41/c-kit21T12T21 | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| H1 | . 7.10 | | | | |
| H2 | 6.83 | | | | |
| H3 | 6.94 | | | | |
| H4 | 7.16 | | | | |
| H7 | 7.98 | | | | |
| H8 | 6.70 | | | | |
| H9 | 8.22 | | | | |

^a Measured at 25°C in ppm (δ) from external DSS. Solvent H₂O-D₂O (90:10 v/v), 5 mM K-phosphate buffer, 20 mM KCl, pH 6.9, R = 3.0.

| | MW | log(MW) | tR exp. | tR calc. | Variat. (%) |
|---------------|--------|---------|---------|----------|-------------|
| c-kit21T12T21 | 6609.3 | 3.82 | 10.41 | 10.92 | -4.64% |
| | 6609.3 | 3.82 | 11.02 | 10.92 | 0.95% |
| Pu22T14T23 | 7041.6 | 3.85 | 10.76 | 10.86 | -0.92% |
| | 7041.6 | 3.85 | 11.61 | 10.86 | 6.90% |

Retention times and molecular weights of the c-kit21T12T21 and Pu22T14T23 according to the calibration with Tx standards.



Figure S1. SEC profile recorded for Pu22T14T23. The peaks at V_e/V_0 ratios equal to 1.62 and 1.75 were related to linear and monomeric structure, respectively, according to reference [32]. The void volume was 5.30 mL.



Figure S2. CD spectra recorded along the titration of Pu22T14T23 with (a) BMH-21 (1) and (b) BA-41 (2). In both cases, the medium consisted of 20 mM phosphate buffer (pH 7.0) and 5 mM KCl. DNA concentration was 1 μ M. Ligand concentration ranged from 0 to 3 μ M. Experiments were carried out at 25 °C.