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# **Development of the inhibitors that target the PD-1/PD-L1 interaction – a brief look at progress on small molecules, peptides and macrocycles**

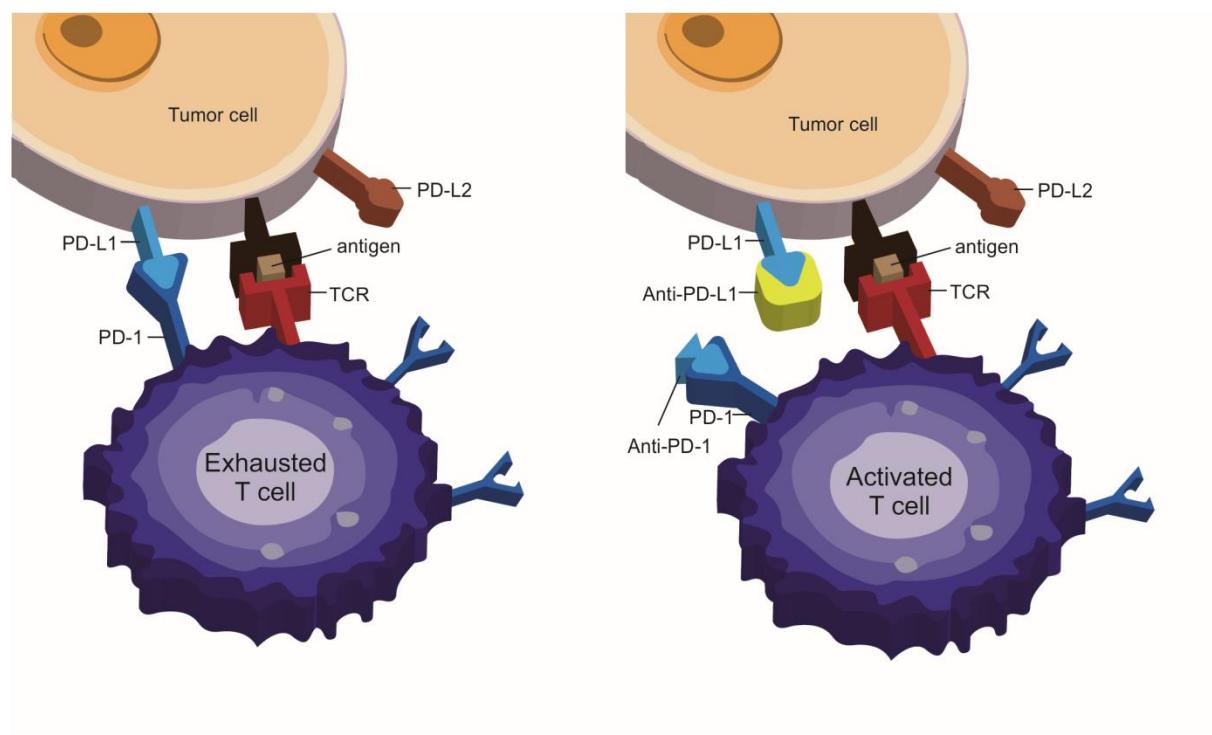
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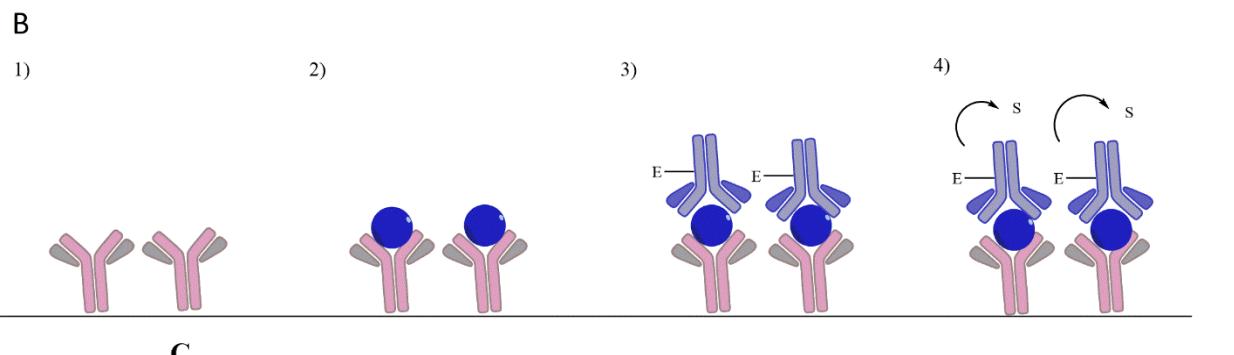
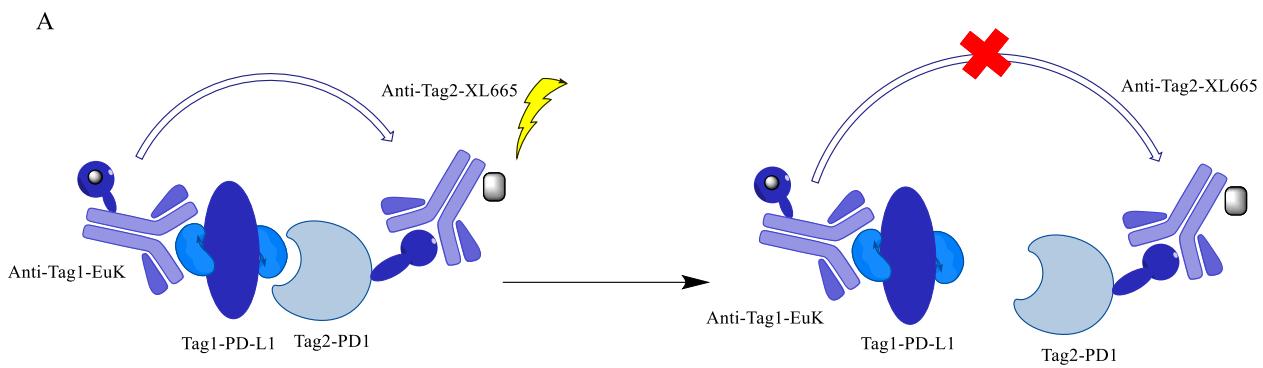
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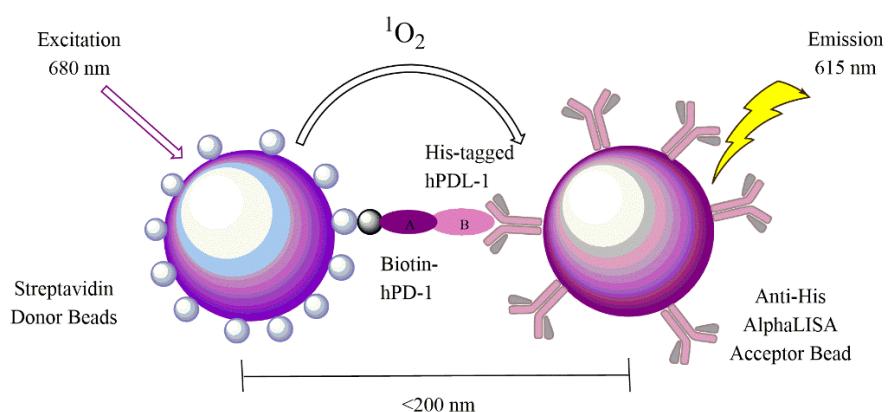
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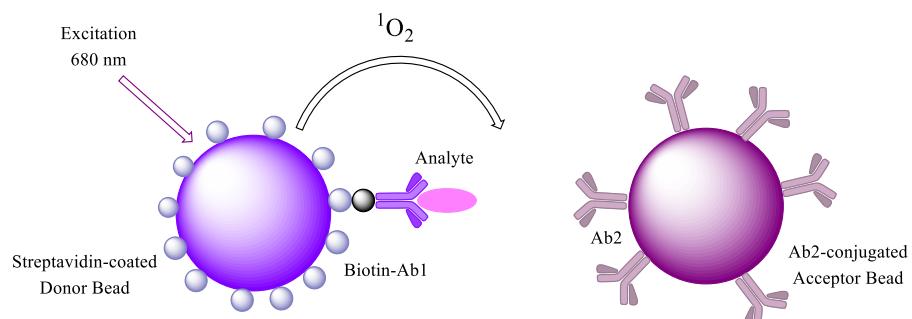
**Figure S1.** The protein-protein interaction between the T-cell programmed cell death protein-1 (PD-1) and the cancer cell borne programmed cell death protein ligand-1 (PD-L1) keeps T cells from killing tumor cells in the body (left panel). Killing tumor cells by T cells can be accomplished by blocking the binding of PD-L1 to PD-1 with immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICIs) (anti-PD-L1 or anti-PD-1)(right panel).



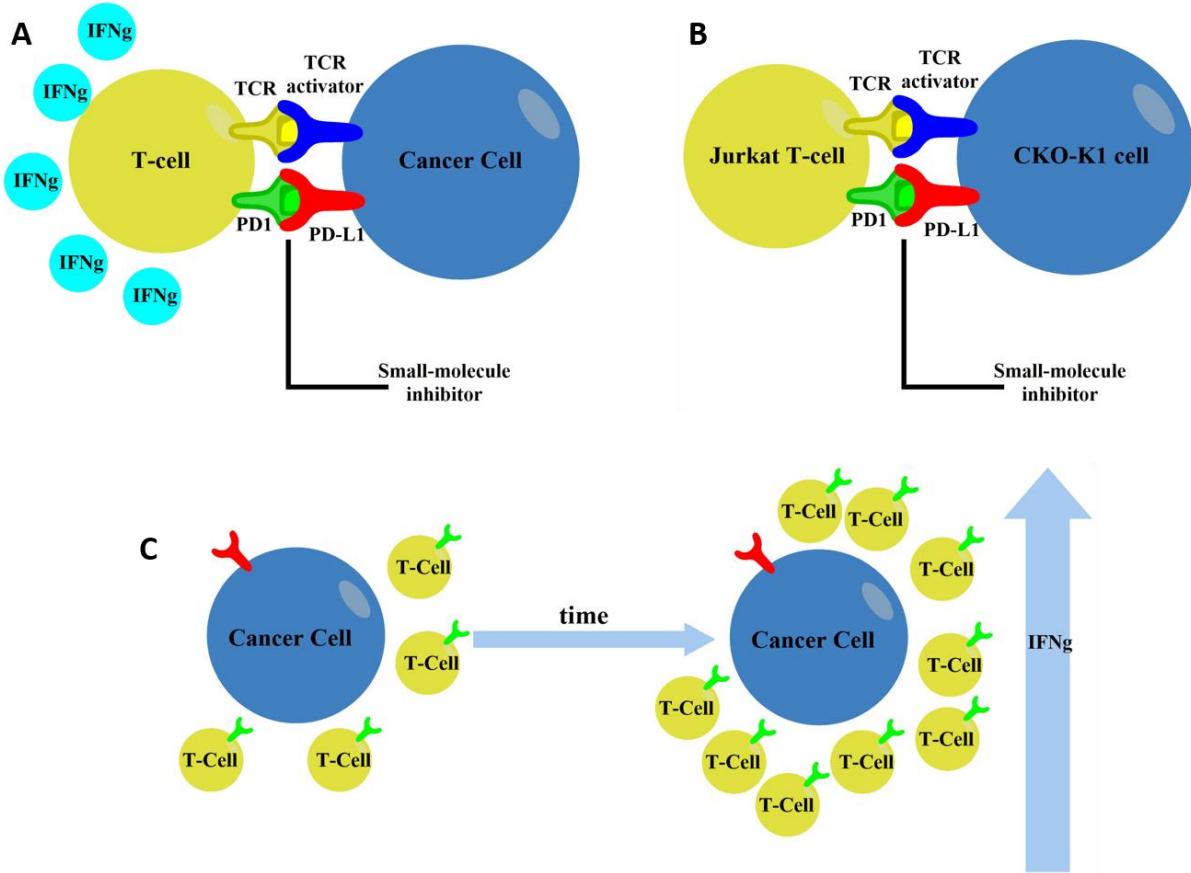
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**Figure S2:** The simplified concept of noncellular Assay Techniques described in the manuscript.  
**A)** HTRF (Homogeneous Time Resolved Fluorescence) **B)** ELISA (Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay) **C)** AlphaLISATM human PD-1/PD-L1 binding assay **D)** Amplified Luminescent Proximity Homogeneous Assay (ALPHA)



**Figure S3:** The concept of the cellular Assay Techniques described in the manuscript. A) INF $\gamma$ -release assay B) The PD1/PDL1 Blockade Bioassay C) The T-cell proliferation assay.

**Table S1:** The list of abbreviations used in the manuscript together with short explanation of biological terms.

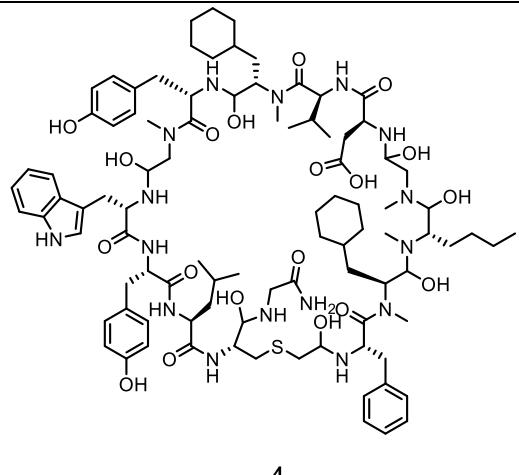
Abbreviation	Explanation
PD-1 (CD279)	Programmed cell death receptor 1, protein expressed on the surface of T cells, B cells and macrophages regulating the immune system's response by downregulation and self-tolerance promotion.
PD-L1 (B7-H1, CD274)	Programmed cell death-ligand 1, transmembrane protein binding to PD-1, suppressing immune system, found on activated T cells, B cells, myeloid cells and cancer cells.
PD-L2 (B7-DC, CD273)	Programmed cell death-ligand 2, transmembrane protein binding to PD-1, suppressing immune system, found on activated T cells, B cells, myeloid cells and cancer cells.
PD-1/PD-L1	The interaction of programmed cell death receptor 1 with its ligand PD-L1.
Anti-PD-L1	Factor (antibody, protein, macrocycle or small molecule) inhibiting the activity of PD-L1.
Ig	Immunoglobulin domain. This type of protein domain consists of a seven to nine antiparallel $\beta$ -strands forming a barrel like shape.
TNF/TNFR	Tumor necrosis factor. The superfamily of transmembrane

	proteins expressed by immune cells which can be released from cell membrane and function as cytokine. These proteins regulate mainly immune response and inflammation.
IgV domain	Immunoglobulin variable domain. The immunoglobulin domain consisting of 9 beta strands
IgC domain	Immunoglobulin variable domain. Immunoglobulin domain consisting of 7 beta strands
ITSM	Immunoreceptor tyrosine-based switch motif. Conserved sequence of amino acids found in the cytoplasmic region of receptors of the immune system. An ITSM can activate or inhibit signal, depending on the type of immune cell, the receptor and the bound protein.
ITIM	Immunoreceptor tyrosine-based inhibition motif. A conserved sequence of amino acids found in the cytoplasmic tails of the receptors of the immune system. The ITIM conveys to signal inhibition.
CTLA-4	Cytotoxic T-lymphocyte-associated protein 4. An immune checkpoint protein receptor expressed in regulatory T cells, downregulating immune response.
CD-28	Cluster of differentiation 28. Protein expressed on T cells; the receptor provides co-stimulatory signals contributed to T cell activation and survival.
CD-80	Cluster of differentiation 80. Protein found on B cells, monocytes and dendritic cells, contributes to a costimulatory signalling, leading to T cell activation.
APCs	Antigen-presenting cells. Cells presenting on their surfaces complexed antigens. T cells are able to recognize these complex using T cell receptor (TCR).
K <sub>D</sub>	Dissociation constant.
TCR	T-cell receptor. The protein is expressed on the surface of T cells, allows recognition of antigen fragments.
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
mAbs	Monoclonal antibodies produced by identical immune cells.
SAR	Structure–activity relationship, relationship between the 3D structure of a molecule and its biological activity.
EC <sub>50</sub>	The half maximal effective concentration is the concentration of a drug which induces the half of the maximal response.
INF-γ	Interferon gamma, a soluble cytokine that is an activator of macrophages, secreted mainly by T cells.
CLT assay	A chemiluminescent test; based on a luminescence measurement.
MSPA assay	Murine splenocyte proliferation assay
PBMC assay	Human peripheral blood mononuclear cell proliferation assay
IC <sub>50</sub>	The half maximal inhibitory concentration, the concentration of a drug which inhibits biological process by half.
NMR-titration	Nuclear magnetic resonance titration, biophysical method based on the observation of changes in chemical shifts of

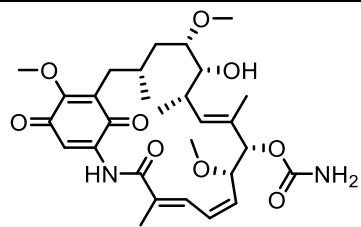
DSF	the protein signals upon the addition of tested compound. Differential scanning fluorimetry, technique based on the monitoring of thermally induced protein denaturation, detected as changes in fluorescence of the dye that binds to unfolded protein. Tested molecule may stabilize or destabilize protein what is observed as changes in the denaturation temperature.
VISTA	V-domain Ig suppressor of T cell activation, transmembrane protein expressed on hematopoietic cells, especially myeloid and granulocytes. Low expression was proven on T cells also. VISTA exhibit both receptor and ligand functions and suppresses activation of T cells.
TIM-3	T cell immunoglobulin and mucin-domain containing-3, protein expressed on cytotoxic T cells, regulatory T cells, dendritic cells, NK cells and monocytes. Overexpression was observed in lymphocytes in various types of cancer. TIM-3 mediates cytotoxic cells exhaustion and regulates macrophages activation.
INF $\gamma$ -release assay	Interferon gamma release assay, the method based on monitoring of Inf- $\gamma$ concentration during anti-PD-1/PD-L1 molecule treatment. Inhibition of the complex formation is positively correlated with amount of released INF- $\gamma$ .
HTRF assay	Homogeneous time resolved fluorescence assay, biophysical method based on fluorescence measurements. The fluorescence is possible by FRET effect when two proteins are in close proximity (<8-9 nm); the presence of binding agents causing a dissociation of protein complex results in the loss of fluorescence.
AIDA-NMR	Antagonist induced dissociation assay, a type of competition binding NMR experiment based on the observation of protein signals disappearing upon binding to a large protein fragment. Used for validation of inhibitor action on protein-protein interactions.
ELISA	Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay. A solid-phase immunoassay allowing detecting a ligand using an antibody against that target.
MLR assay	Mixed lymphocyte reaction assay. Test used to check the safety of a drug, commonly used as a part of FDA procedures. Basically, it measures the reaction of lymphocytes to tested substance.
ALPHA	Amplified luminescent proximity homogeneous assay, method based on photochemical interaction of two proteins. The singlet-oxygen-mediated interaction is only possible when proteins are in close proximity and therefore decreases when the complex is dissociated by a tested binding agent.
AlphaLISA human PD-1/PD-L1 binding assay	A variation of the AlphaLISA assay with a shortened protocol.

**Table S2:** Structures and references to source materials of compound mentioned in the main text.

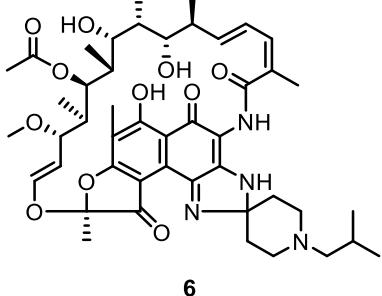
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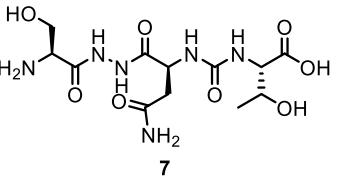
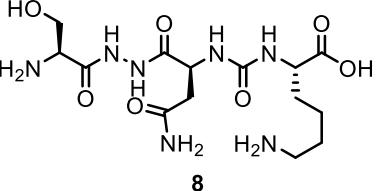
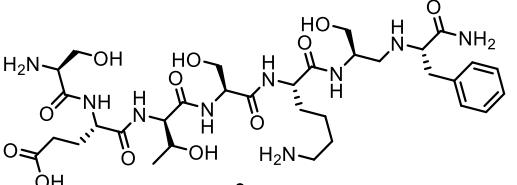
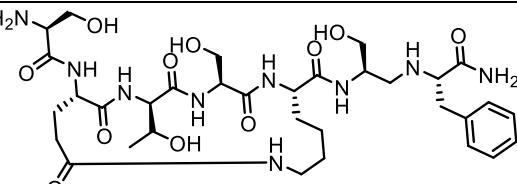
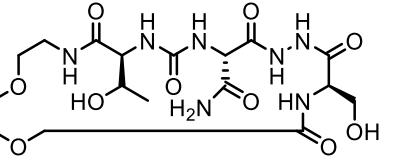


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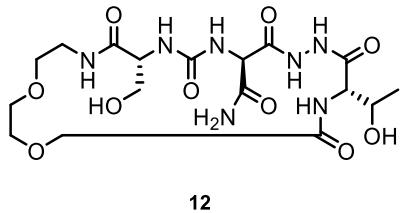


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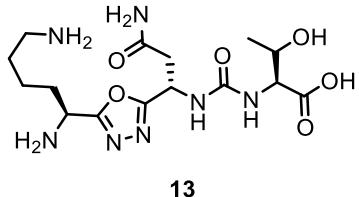


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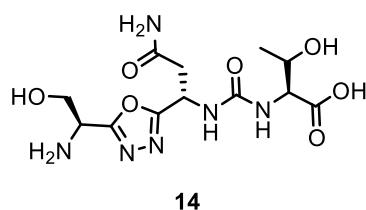
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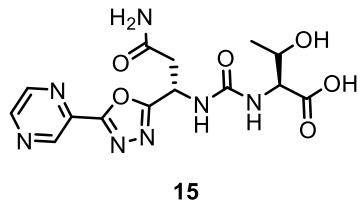
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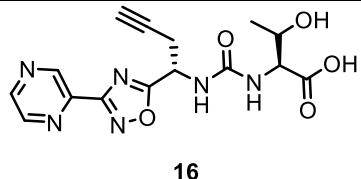
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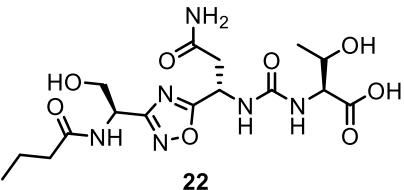
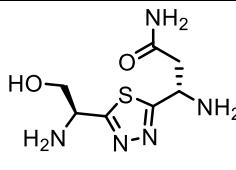
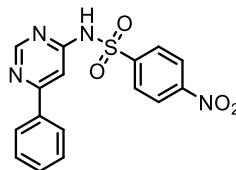
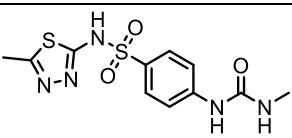
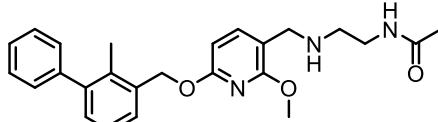
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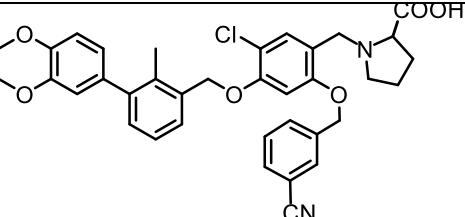
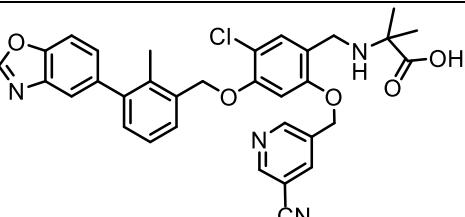
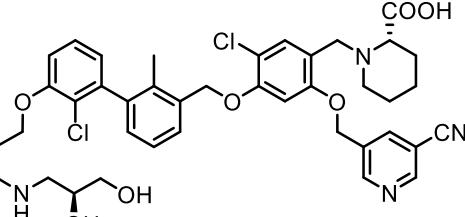
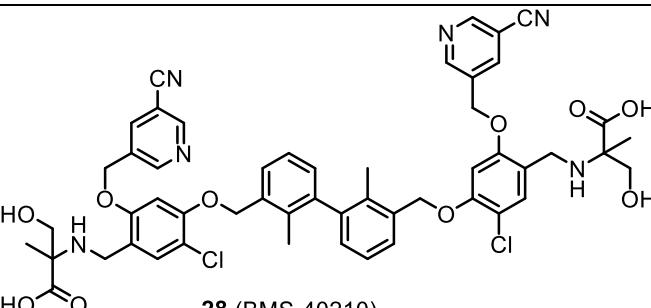
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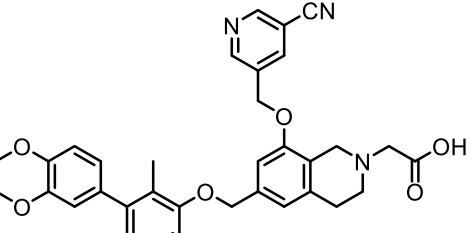
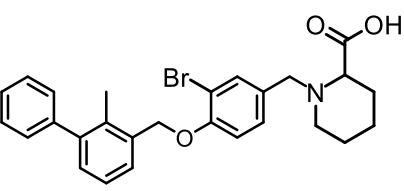
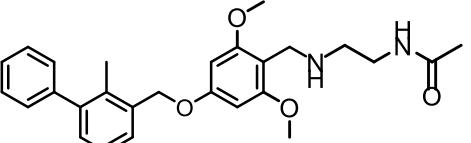
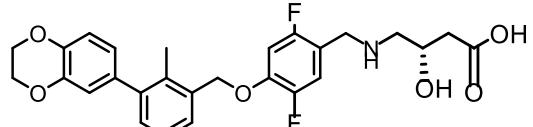
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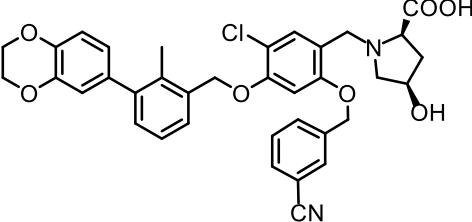
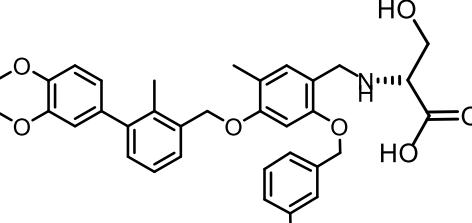
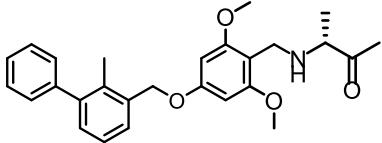
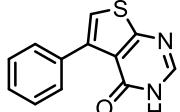


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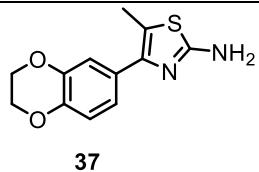
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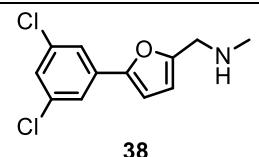
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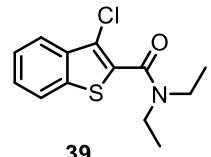
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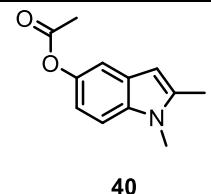
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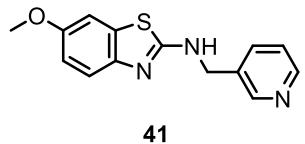
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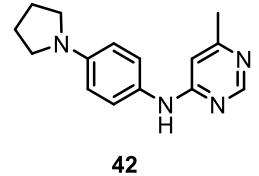
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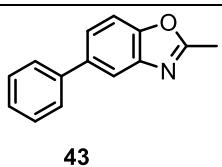
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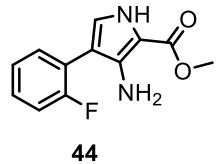
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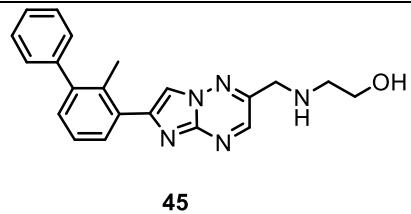
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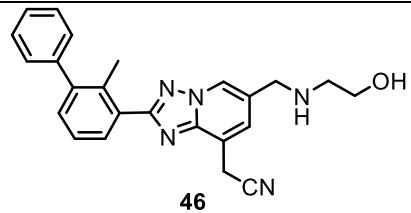
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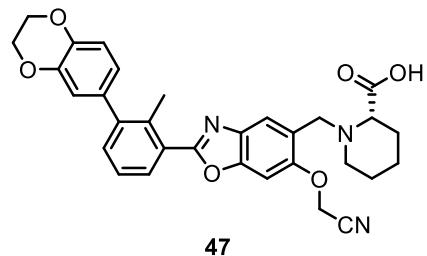
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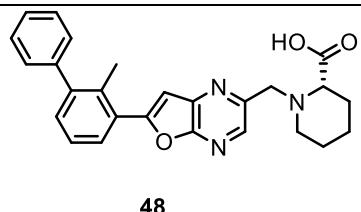
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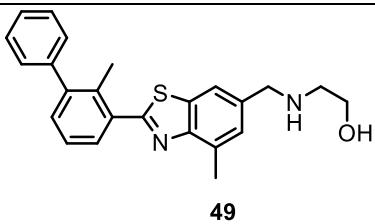
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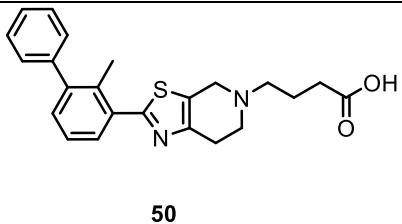
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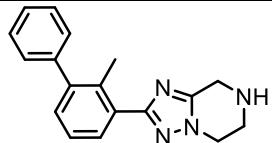
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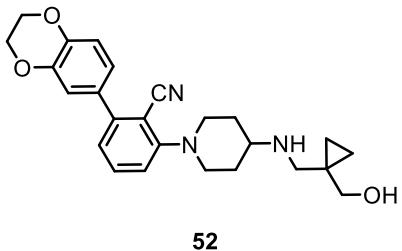
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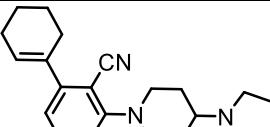
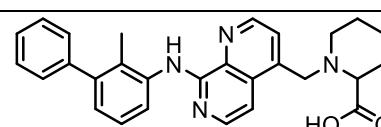
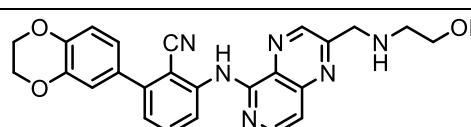
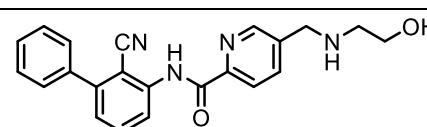
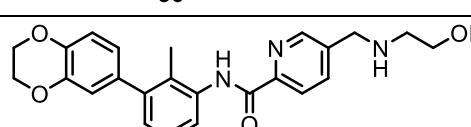
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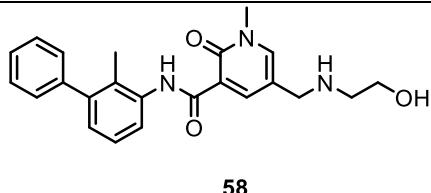
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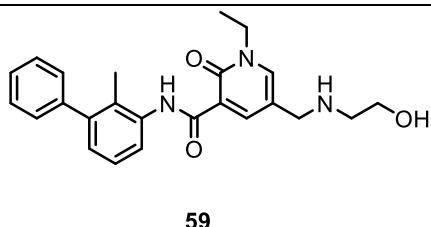
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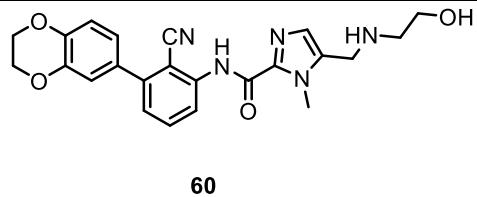


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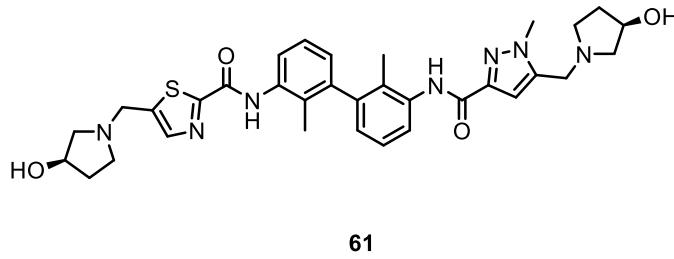
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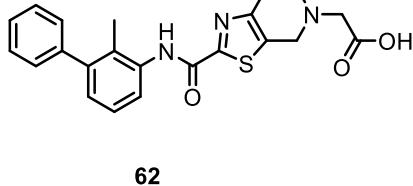
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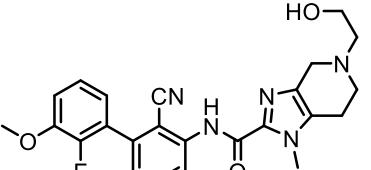
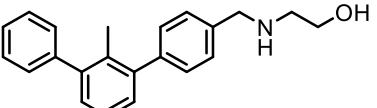
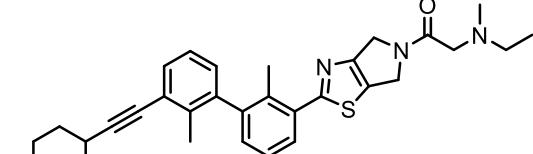
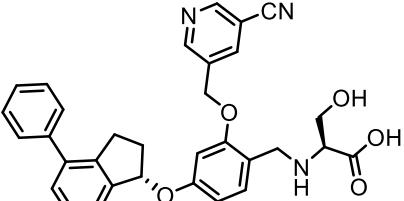
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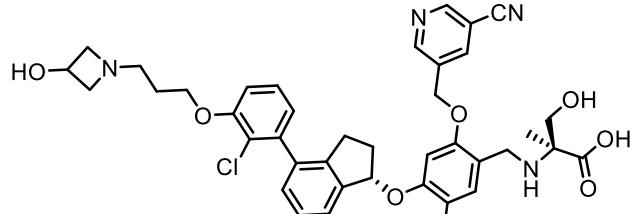
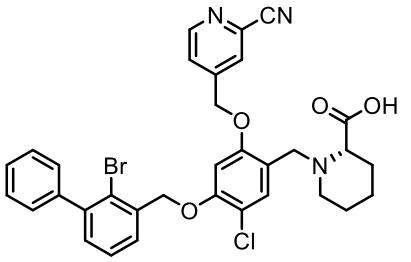
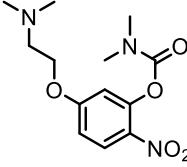
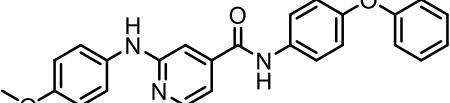
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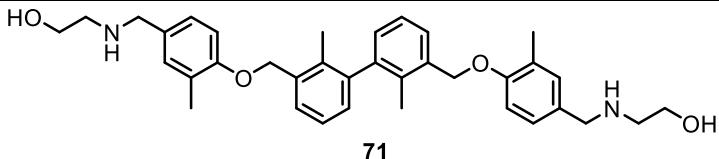
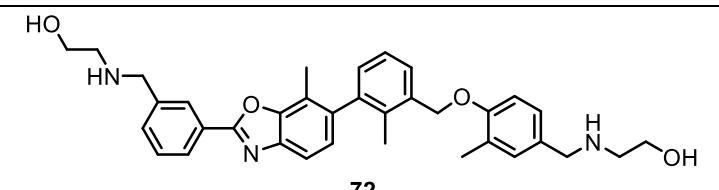
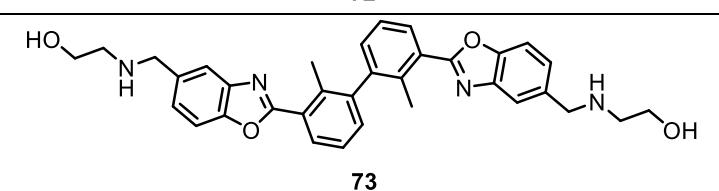
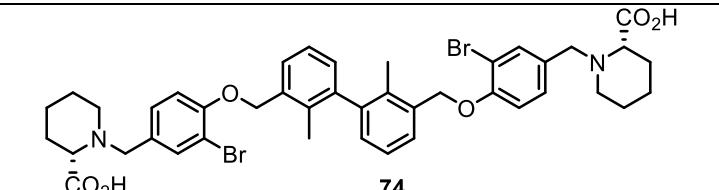
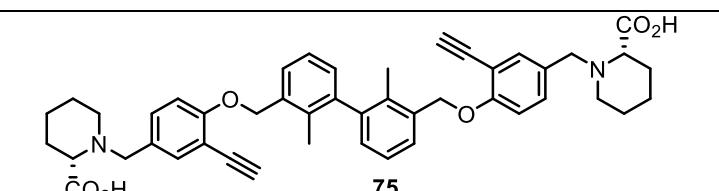


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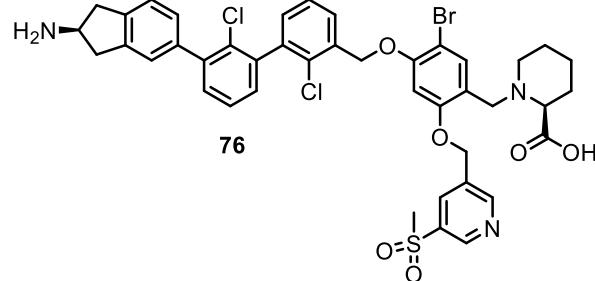


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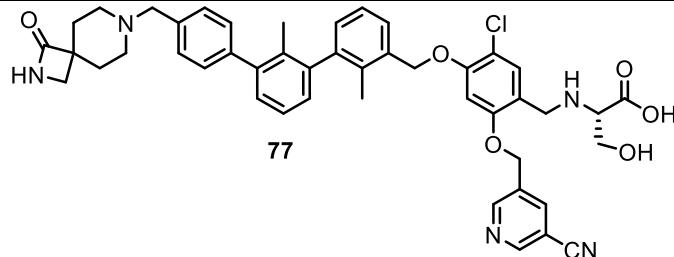
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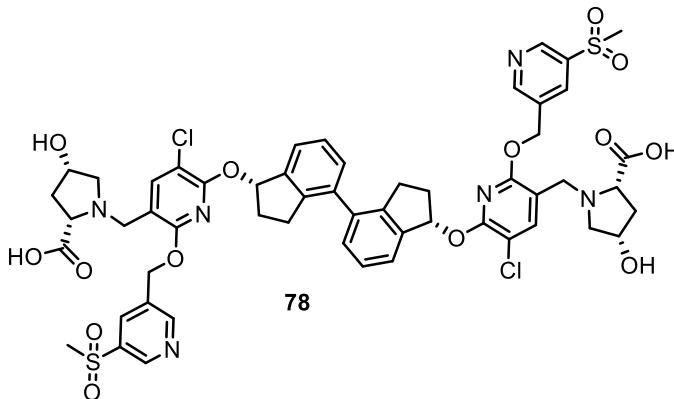


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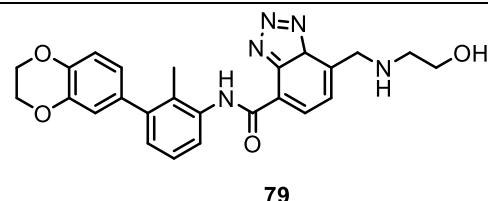
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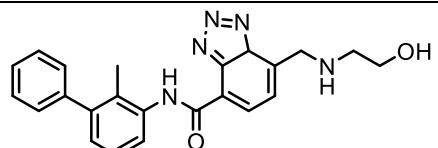


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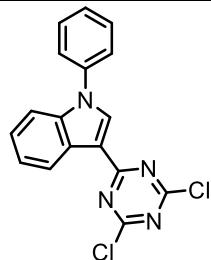
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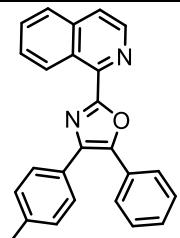
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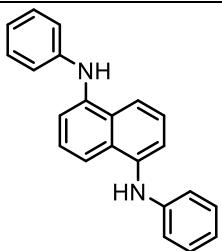
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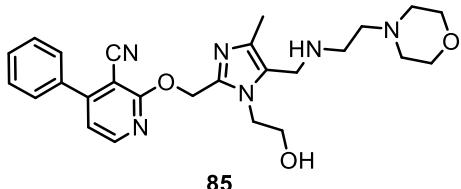
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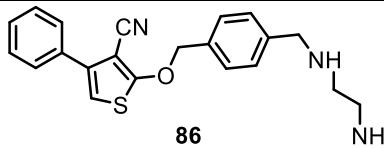
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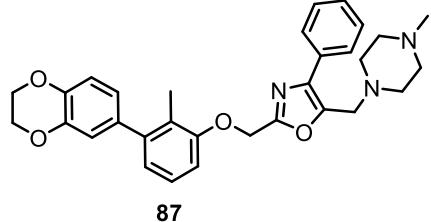
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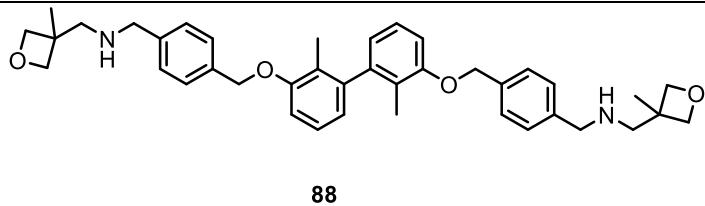
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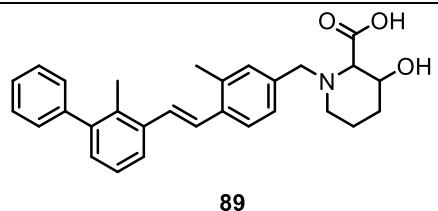
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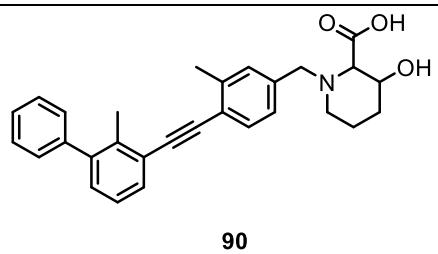
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