

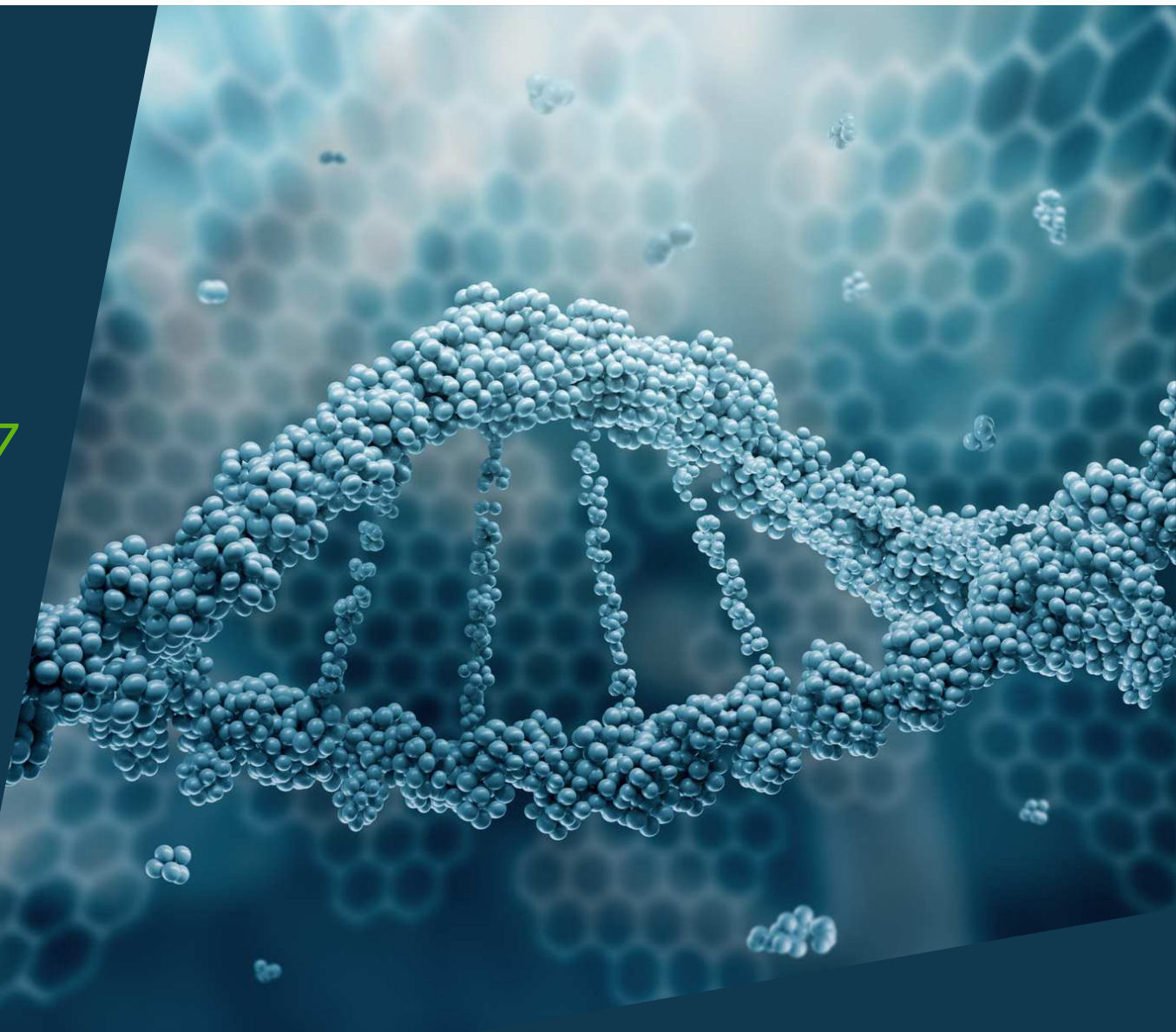


Donated Chemical Probe

*Chemical Probe BAY-707*  
*MTH1 Inhibitor*

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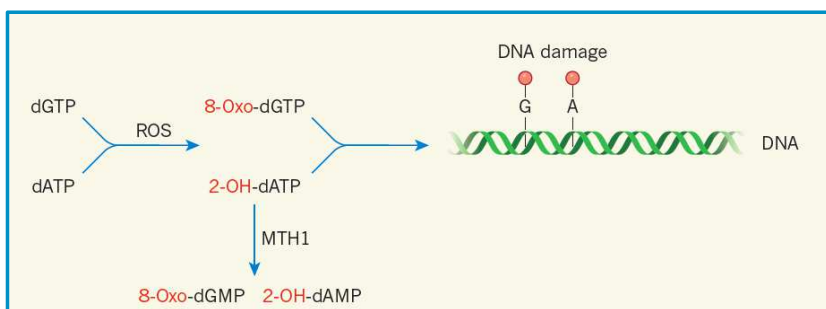
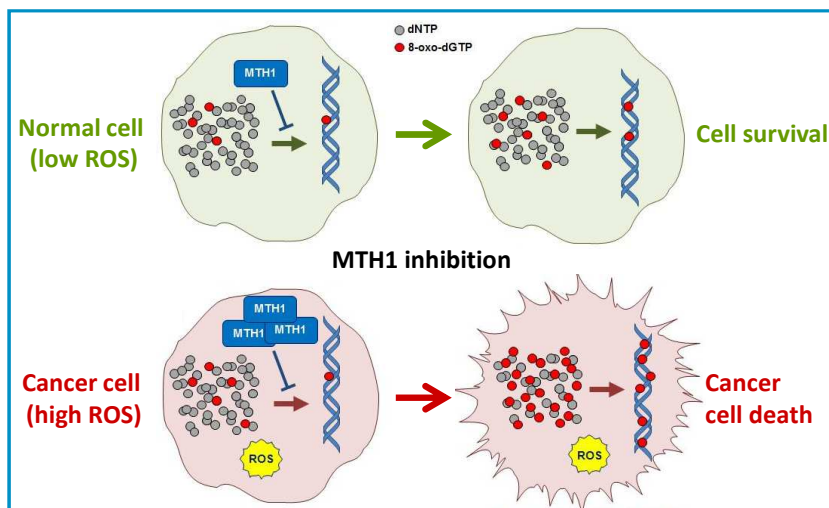
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## MTH1 probe BAY-707:

*Scientific rationale: MTH1 as an anti-cancer target*



// Cancer cells are characterized by oxidative stress, which can damage dNTPs/DNA

// MTH1 (MutT homolog 1, NUDT1) prevents oxidized dNTP incorporation into DNA by hydrolyzing 8-oxo-dGTP and 2-OH-dATP to 8-oxo-dGMP and 2-OH-dAMP

// MTH1 expression and activity is up-regulated in many cancers compared to normal tissue

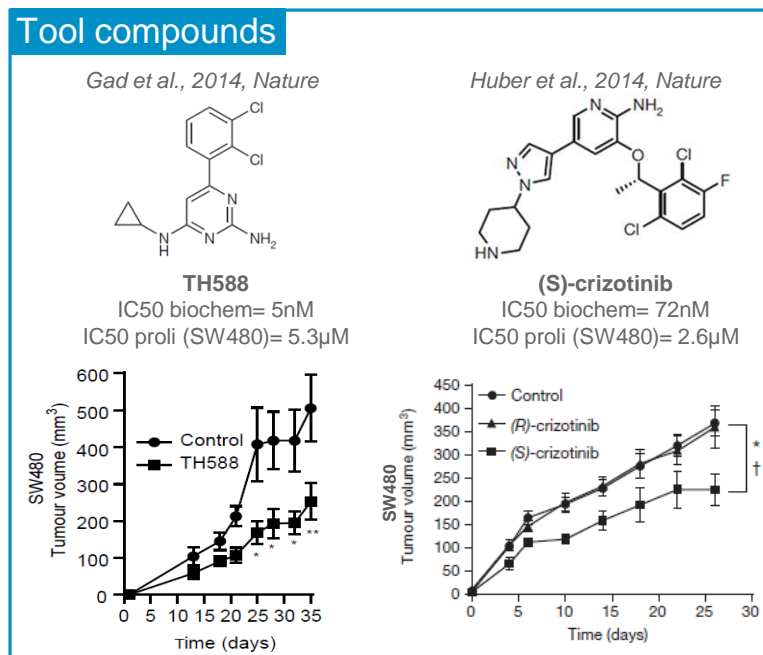
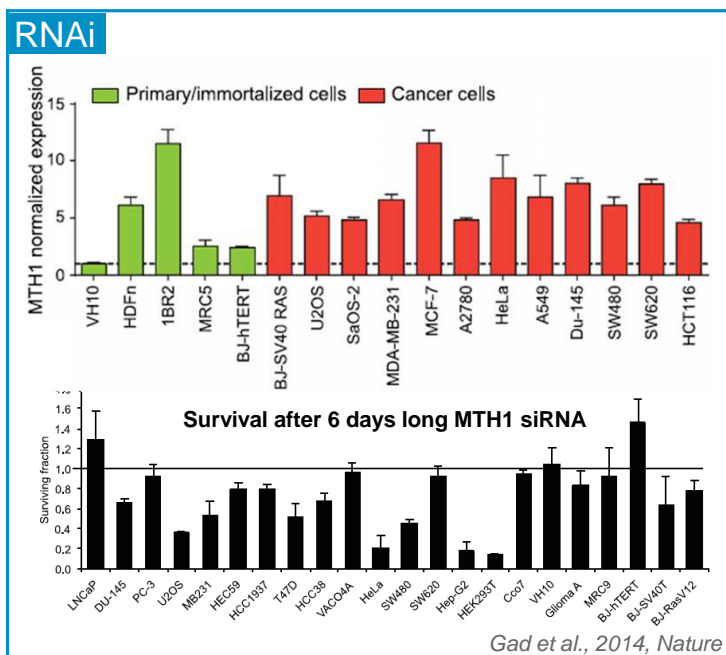
// MTH1 is **non-essential in normal cells** (MTH1 knockout mice show only mild symptoms, Tsuzuki, 2001)

// **Initial disease hypothesis:** inhibition of MTH1 will result in aberrant incorporation of oxidized nucleotides into DNA, subsequently leading to DNA damage, mutations, genomic instability and cancer cell death at excellent tolerability



# MTH1 probe BAY-707:

## Initial supporting literature for MTH1



// MTH1 is overexpressed in cancer cells to oppose the DNA damage effects of high ROS levels  
 // “Cancer-specific lethality” was described upon RNAi-mediated knockdown of MTH1 & upon treatment with small molecular weight MTH1 inhibitory tool compounds (e.g. TH588, (S)-crizotinib)  
 // *In vivo* evidences also supported the assumption that MTH1 is required for cancer cell survival

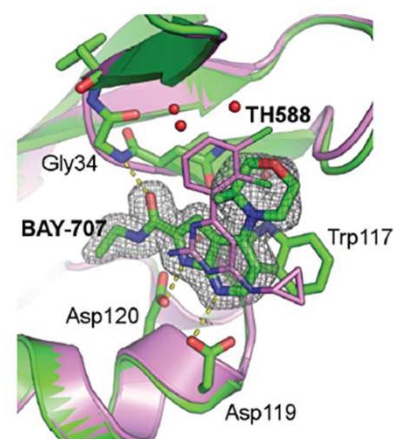
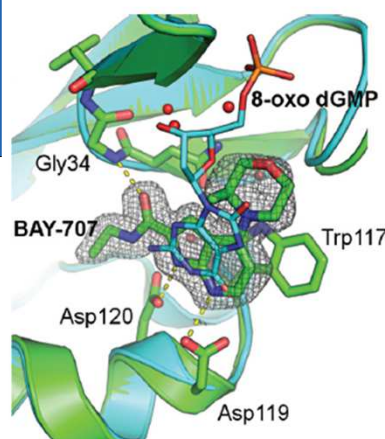


## MTH1 probe BAY-707:

### Development of novel MTH1 inhibitors

Property	TH588	BAY-707
IC <sub>50</sub> MTH1, nM	12	2.3
logD @ pH 7.5	2.5	1.6
Sw pH 6.5, mg/L	38	288
Caco-2 A-B, nm/s (efflux ratio)	307 (0.5)	148 (1.4)
Rat hepatocyte CL, L/h/kg (Fmax)	1.92 (54%)	0.54 (87%)
Human LM CL, L/h/kg (Fmax)	0.64 (51%)	0.29 (78%)

CL, clearance; IC<sub>50</sub>, half-maximal inhibitory concentration; logD, distribution coefficient; LM, liver microsomes; Sw, aqueous solubility.



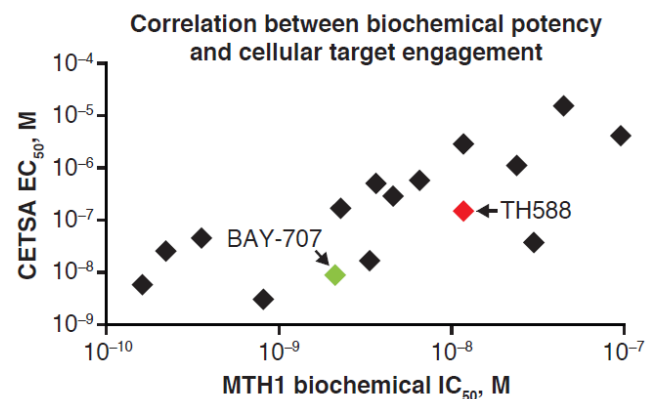
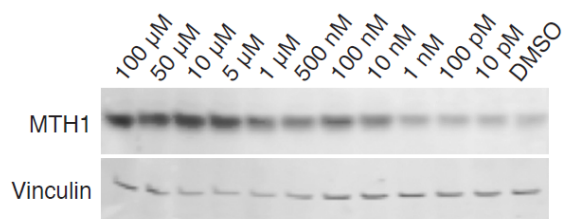
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- // Fragment-based screening and structure-based drug design led to discovery of a novel and selective MTH1 inhibitor with low nanomolar enzymatic activity (IC<sub>50</sub> = 2.3 ± 0.8 nM, n=6)
- // High selectivity in an in-house kinase panel, favourable physicochemical profile and promising *in vitro* pharmacokinetic properties with high metabolic stability and good cell permeability
- // Substrate competitive binding to the active site of MTH1



## MTH1 probe BAY-707: Cellular target engagement with CETSA

Cellular Thermal Shift Assay (CETSA)



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// Cellular Thermal Shift Assay (CETSA) used to demonstrate on-target cellular activity of BAY-707 and additional structurally related MTH1 inhibitors from the same compound class  
 // BAY-707 demonstrate a superior cellular target engagement (EC<sub>50</sub>= 7.6 nM) over the tool compound TH588 (EC<sub>50</sub>= 133 nM)  
 // Good correlation between the biochemical potency and cellular target engagement of Bayer's MTH1 compound class  
 // BAY-707 is a potent, selective and cellularly active MTH1 inhibitor with good PK properties; therefore it is suitable to validate the cellular functions of MTH1, e.g. the MTH1 cancer dependency



## MTH1 probe BAY-707:

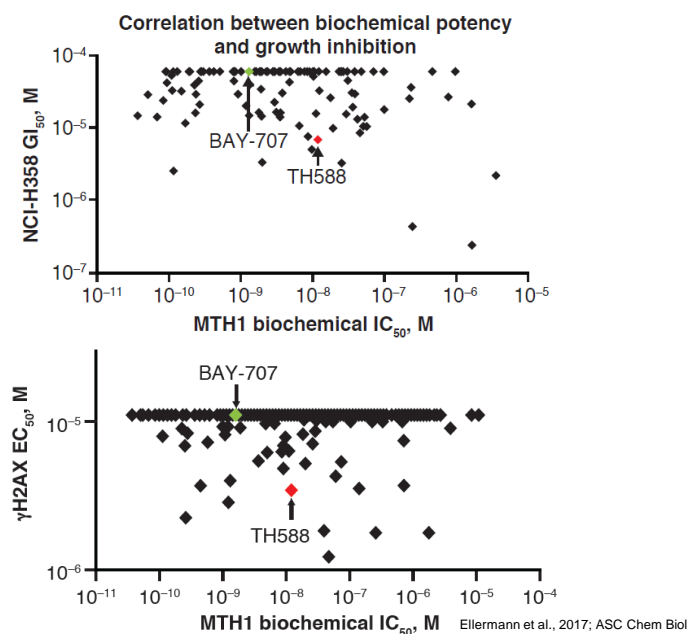
*MTH1 is not required for cancer cell survival*

Cell line <sup>a</sup>	Indication	TH588 GI <sub>50</sub> , μM <sup>b</sup>	BAY-707 GI <sub>50</sub> , μM <sup>b</sup>
HMEC	Normal breast	3.2	>30
NCI-H358	Lung cancer	4.9	>30
NCI-H460	Lung cancer	7.1	>30
A549	Lung cancer	4.0	>30
MCF7	Breast cancer	3.5	>30
MDA-MB-231	Breast cancer	6.3	>30
U2OS	Bone cancer	2.6	>30
HeLa	Cervical cancer	4.2	>30
SW480	Colon cancer	5.3	>30

<sup>a</sup>In total, more than 20 different cancer cell lines from varying indications and scientific rationales were tested.

<sup>b</sup>Growth inhibition with the indicated compounds was performed in 6 day long assays. Both compounds were tested at concentrations of up to 30 μM.

GI<sub>50</sub>, half-maximal growth inhibitory concentration; HMEC, human mammary epithelial cells.

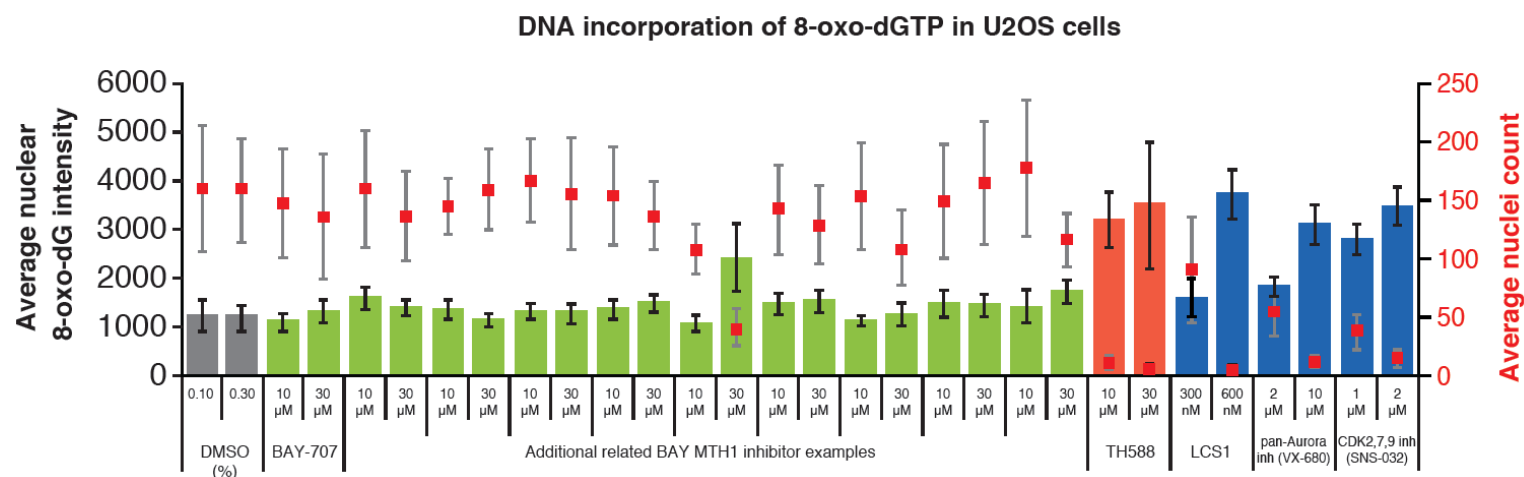


// TH588 tool compound demonstrate equal cytotoxicity in normal and cancer cells  
 // BAY-707 demonstrate no cytotoxicity (neither in 2D nor 3D, independently of ROS levels, MTH1 expr.)  
 // No correlation between the biochemical potency and cytotoxicity of Bayer's MTH1 inhibitors  
 // No induction of double strand DNA breaks (DSBs) with BAY-707 and no correlation between γ-H2AX EC50 and biochemical potency of Bayer's MTH1 inhibitors  
 // DSBs observed with some MTH1 inhibitors are independent of their enzymatic activity and likely due to off-target effects



## MTH1 probe BAY-707:

*MTH1 is not essential for sanitization of oxidized dNTPs*



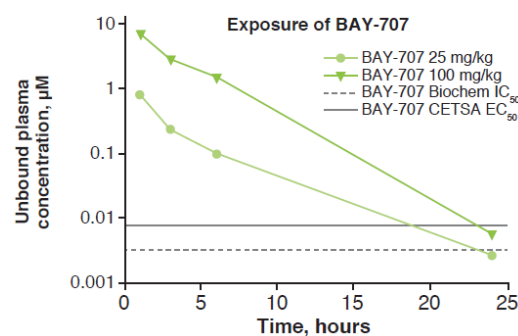
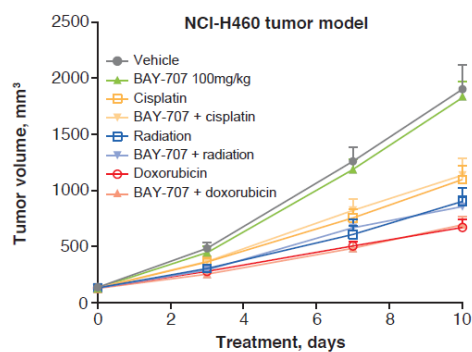
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- // Genomic incorporation of 8-oxo-dGTP was measure in HCA of immunostained samples
- // BAY-707 and structurally related MTH1 inhibitors do not result in increased nuclear incorporation of damaged nucleotides (measured in  $\gamma$ -H2AX and 8-oxo-dGTP assays)
- // Off-target cytotoxicity of TH588 and MTH1 siRNAs are the primary reason for the increased nuclear incorporation of 8-oxo-dGTP
- // In living cells MTH1 is not essential for sanitization of oxidized nucleotides

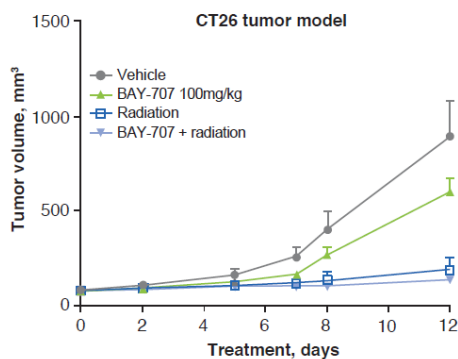


## MTH1 probe BAY-707:

*MTH1 inhibition in mono- or combination-therapies has no effect on in vivo tumor growth*



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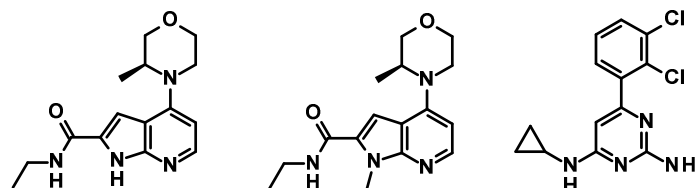
// No significant body weight loss observed with BAY-707 and other Bayer MTH1 inhibitors  
 // Exposure for both BAY-707 covered biochemical IC<sub>50</sub> and CETSA EC<sub>50</sub> for ~24h  
 // MTH1 inhibition in mono- or combination-therapies has no effect on *in vivo* tumor growth





## MTH1 probe BAY-707:

### Compound Comparison to MTH1 Negative Control BAY-604



Property	BAY-707	BAY-604	TH588
IC <sub>50</sub> MTH1 [nM]	2.3	>20000	12
logD@ pH 7.5	1.6	1.9	2.5
Sw pH 6.5 [mg/L]	288	2170	38
Caco-2 A-B [nm/s] (efflux ratio)	148 (1.4)	68 (3.2)	307 (0.5)
Rat hep. CL [L/h/kg] (Fmax)	0.54 (87%)	0.41 (90%)	1.92 (54%)
Hum. LM CL [L/h/kg] (Fmax)	0.29 (78%)	0.015 (99%)	0.64 (51%)
GI <sub>50</sub> [μM] SW480	>30	>30	5.3
GI <sub>50</sub> [μM] NCI-H358	>30	>30	4.8

// BAY-707 is a low nanomolar MTH1 inhibitor with IC<sub>50</sub>= 2.3+/-0.8 nM enzymatic activity  
 // BAY-604 is structurally related compound to BAY-707 with similar PhysChem and PK properties  
 // BAY-604 is the negative control of BAY-707 and demonstrates no enzymatic activity until the highest does tested (20 μM)  
 // BAY-604 demonstrate no cancer cell growth inhibition up to the highest concentration tested (30 μM)



## MTH1 probe BAY-707:

### *Summary / conclusion*

- // BAY-707 is an MTH1 inhibitor fulfilling all criteria for a chemical probe:
  - // Low nanomolar biochemical potency ( $IC_{50}$ = 2.3 nM)
  - // Substrate-competitive binding
  - // Good membrane permeability and single-digit cellular target engagement (CETSA assay  $EC_{50}$ = 7.6 nM)
  - // Selective against an in-house kinase panel. In contrast to the currently widely used MTH1 tool compound TH588, BAY-707 demonstrate no off-target-related cytotoxicity
  
- // BAY-707 de-validated MTH1 as a broad-spectrum non-oncogenic cancer dependency

BAY-707 will allow to further study the biology of MTH1 in cell cultures and living organisms without a limitation of off-target-related cytotoxicity

BAY-604 is a negative control of BAY-707

We ask for acceptance of MTH1 inhibitor BAY-707 as donated chemical probe



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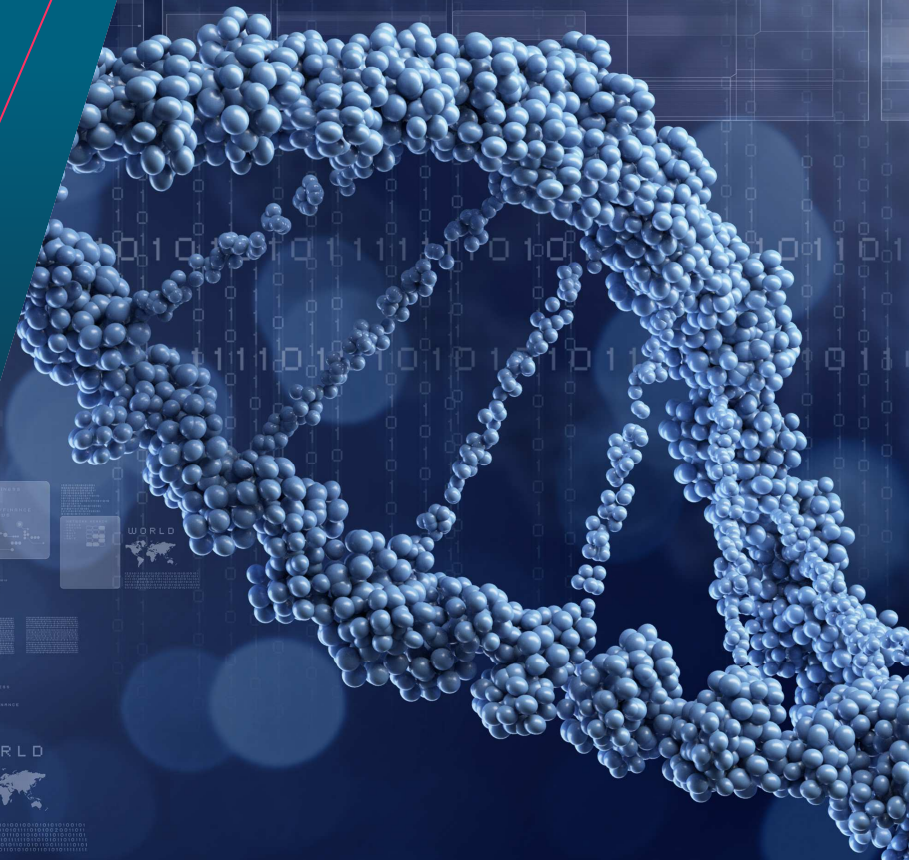
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# MTH1 probe BAY-707:

## Further cellular validation of MTH1

