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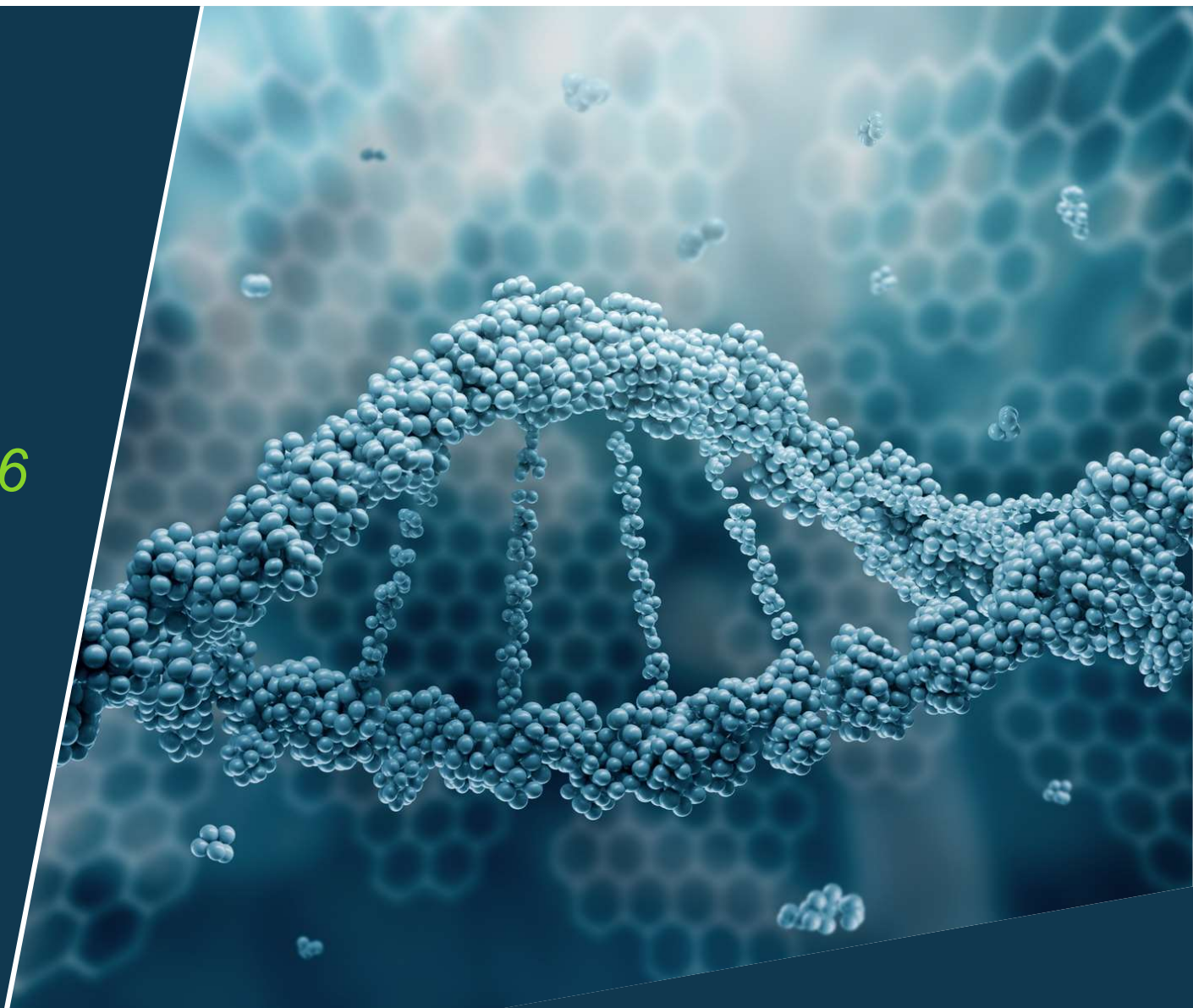
AKT Inhibitor

Probe BAY1125976



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This is a new beginning of a terminated project.....

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BAY 1125976, a selective allosteric AKT1/2 inhibitor, exhibits high efficacy on AKT signaling-dependent tumor growth in mouse models

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- BAY1125976 requested by the SGC
- Bayer project from 2017
- unique opportunity for a donated Chemical Probe



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Profile of BAY 1125976

- BAY 1125976 is a highly selective and potent allosteric inhibitor of AKT1 and AKT2 with similar potency (IC₅₀ ~10 nM), while it displays weaker activity against AKT3 (IC₅₀ ~500 nM) and is inactive against ~230 other protein/lipid kinases (>1 μM)
- Mechanistically, BAY 1125976 blocks AKT signaling by inhibiting the phosphorylation of AKT at both Thr308 and Ser473 (IC₅₀ <1 nM), as well as downstream phosphorylation of 4E-BP1 (IC₅₀<50 nM)
- The strong inhibition of cellular pAKT and downstream signaling by BAY 1125976 translates to a broad inhibition of tumor cell proliferation in vitro, with strongest effects in tumor cell lines that carry defects in the tumor suppressor PTEN, or oncogenic mutations in PIK3CA
- Daily oral dosing of BAY 1125976 in human xenograft tumor models induces strong pharmacodynamic inhibition of AKT phosphorylation that correlates with drug exposure
- In vivo, BAY 1125976 demonstrates dose-dependent antitumor efficacy in multiple xenograft tumor models of different histological types with AKT-mutations or PTEN deletions or PIK3CA mutations while being well tolerated
- When combined with anti-hormonal therapeutics in breast and prostate cancer cell lines, BAY 1125976 shows synergistic anti-proliferative effects, translating to enhanced antitumor efficacy with durable tumor regressions in vivo
- Combination of BAY 1125976 with the bone-targeting agent radium-223 dichloride in a breast cancer metastasis model results in a reduced total tumor and bone metastases burden
- Human PK for BAY 1125976 is favorable – once daily dosing as well as alternative schedules possible
- Excellent physicochemical profile

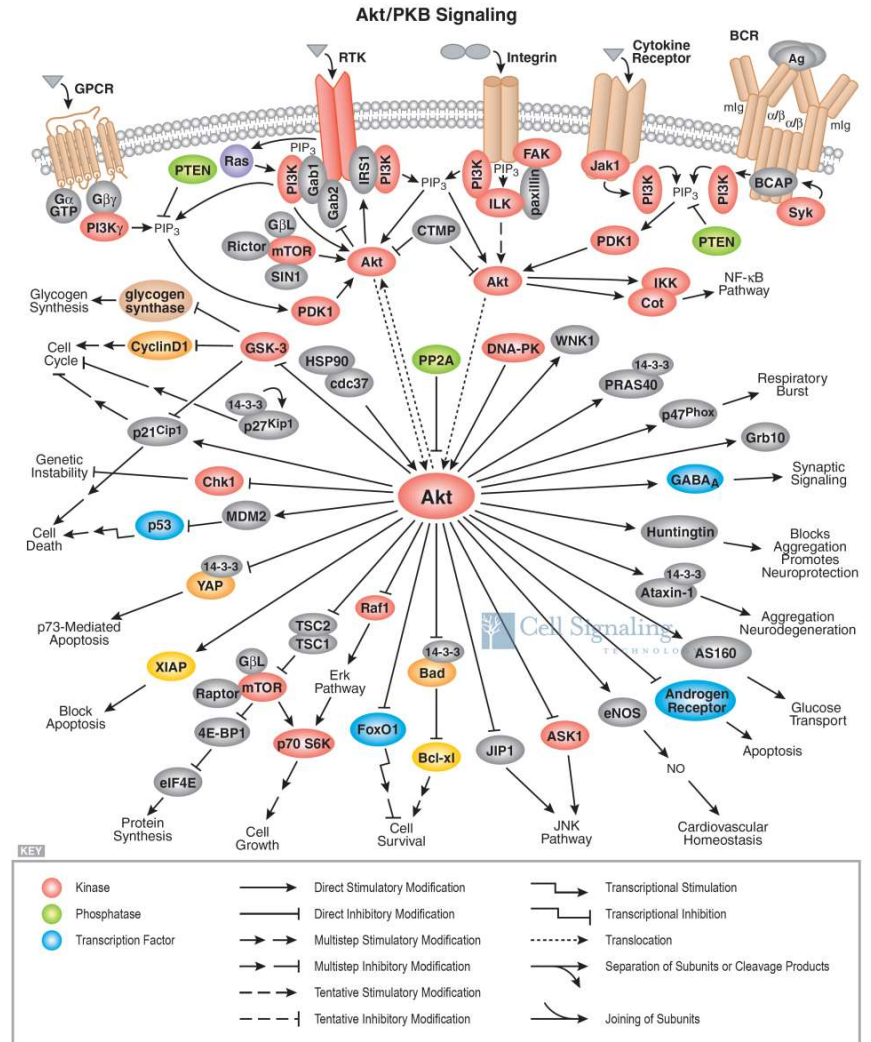


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Background & Scientific rationale

Roles of AKT kinases in cell biology:

- **Akt is a central switch**
 - Promotes cell growth, cell cycle progression, survival, DNA repair
 - Hormone receptor signaling
 - Role in immune regulation
- **Akt pathway activation**
 - Growth factor overexpression
 - Growth factor receptor activation
 - Mutations in **AKT** and PI3K
 - PTEN inactivation
 - Overexpression and amplification of Akt
- **Downstream effectors**
 - mTOR
 - **EIF4B, p70S6K,**
 - p27^{KIP1}
 - Mdm2
 - **DNA-PK**
 - **BAD** (Bcl-2 family), Caspase-9



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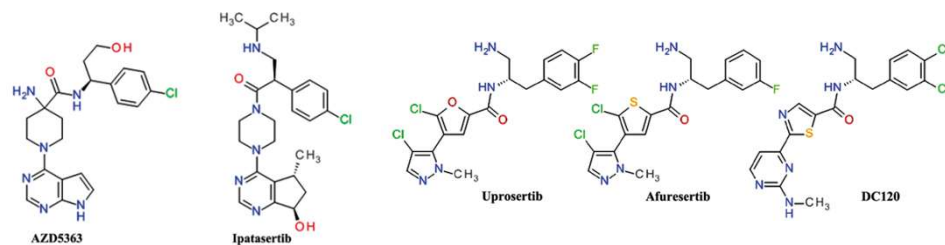
Competitor compounds, a literature known, patents, commercially available

Table I. Akt-inhibiting drugs listed into major classes.

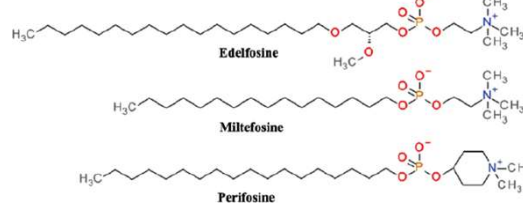
Class	Description
ATP-competitive inhibitors	Orthosteric inhibitors targeting the ATP-binding pocket of the protein kinase B (Akt)
Isoquinoline-5-sulfonamides	H-8, H-89, NL-71-101
Azepane derivatives	A series structures derived from (-)-balanol
Aminofurazans	GSK690693
Heterocyclic rings	7-azaindole, 6-phenylpurine derivatives, pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine derivatives, CCT128930, 3-aminopyrrolidine, anilinothiazole derivatives, spiroindoline derivatives, AZD5363, ipatasertib (GDC-0068, RG7440), A-674563, A-443654
Phenylpyrazole derivatives	AT7867, AT13148
Thiophenecarboxamide derivatives	Afuresertib (GSK2110183), 2-pyrimidyl-5-amidothiophene derivative (DC120), uprosertib (GSK2141795)
Allosteric inhibitors	Superior to orthosteric inhibitors providing greater specificity, reduced side-effects and less toxicity
2,3-diphenylquinoxaline analogues	2,3-diphenylquinoxaline derivatives, triazol[3,4-f][1,6]naphthyridin-3(2H)-one derivative (MK-2206)
Alkylphospholipids	Edelfosine (1-O-octadecyl-2-O-methyl-rac-glycero-3-phosphocholine, ET-18-OCH ₃) ilmofosine (BM 41.440), miltefosine (hexadecylphosphocholine, HePC), perifosine (D-21266), erucylphosphocholine (ErPC), erufosine (ErPC3, erucylphosphohomocholine
Indole-3-carbinol analogues	Indole-3-carbinol, 3-chloroacetylindole, diindolylmethane, diethyl 6-methoxy-5,7-dihydroindolo [2,3- <i>b</i>]carbazole-2,10-dicarboxylate (SR13668), OSU-A9
Sulfonamide derivatives	PH-316, PHT-427
Thiourea derivatives	PIT-1, PIT-2, DM-PIT-1, N-[(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)carbonyl]-N'-(3-bromophenyl)-thiourea
Purine derivatives	Triciribine (TCN, NSC 154020), triciribine mono-phosphate active analogue (TCN-P), 4-amino-pyrido[2,3- <i>d</i>]pyrimidine derivative API-1, 3-phenyl-3H-imidazo[4,5- <i>b</i>]pyridine derivatives, ARQ 092
Other structures, derivatives	BAY 1125976, 3-methyl-xanthine, quinoline-4-carboxamide and 2-[4-(cyclohexa-1,3-dien-1-yl)-1H-pyrazol-3-yl]phenol, 3-oxo-tirucallic acid, 3 α - and 3 β - acetoxy-tirucallic acids, acetoxy-tirucallic acid
Irreversible inhibitors	Natural products, antibiotics Lactoquinomycin, Frenolicin B, kalafungin, medermycin, Boc-Phe-vinyl ketone, 4-hydroxynonenal (4-HNE), 1,6-naphthyridinone derivatives, imidazo-1,2-pyridine derivatives

Table1 from: Nitulescu, G. M., et al. (2016). *Int J Oncol* **48(3)**: 869-885.

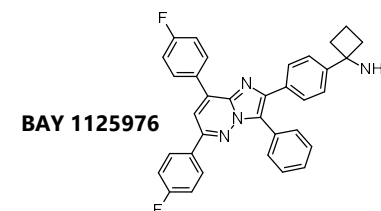
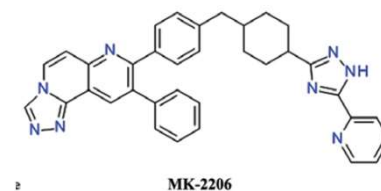
ATP competitive Inhibitor



PH-domain inhibitor



Allosteric Inhibitor





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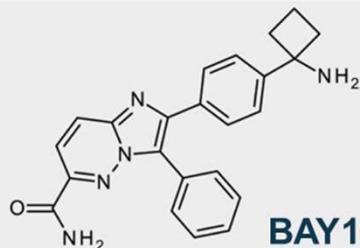
Pharmacology of AKT inhibitors

Data	BAY 1125976	MK2206	Ipatasertib (GDC-0068)	Capivasertib (AZD5363)
MoA	allosteric	allosteric	ATP comp.	ATP comp.
Biochemical activity:				
AKT1/2/3 ^{wt} [nM]	5/18/428	19/16/103	5/18/8	3/3/7
AKT1/2 ^{E17K} [nM]	1.6µM/>2µM	>2µM/>2µM	3/11	2.7/4.8
Cellular MoA (model)				
pAKT-S473 AKT1 ^{wt} [nM]	1.5 (KPL-4)	6.6 (KPL-4)	Strong increase >200%	Strong increase >200%
pAKT-S473 AKT1 ^{E17K} [nM]	0.8 (LAPC-4) 83 (KU-19-19)	180 (KU-19-19)	Strong increase >200%	Strong increase >200%
p4EBP1-T70	35 (LAPC-4) 100 (KU-19-19)	460 (KU-19-19)		
pPRAS40-T246 AKT1 ^{wt} [nM]	228 (LNCaP)	No data	157 (LNCaP)	No data
pPRAS40-T246 AKT1 ^{E17K} [nM]	140 (LAPC-4)	No data	100 (LAPC-4)	No data
Proliferation				
AKT1 ^{wt}	60nM (MCF-7)	380nM (MCF-7)		No data
AKT1 ^{E17K}	40nM (LAPC4)	150nM (LAPC4)	533 (LAPC4)	No data
In vivo MoA (% inh over time [h])				
KPL4 AKT1 ^{wt}	pAKT-S473 >80% / 24h	pAKT-S473 >80% / 24h	pPRAS40 >80% / ~8h (PC3)	
KU-19-19 AKT1 ^{E17K}	pAKT-S473 >80% / 24h	pAKT-S473 >80% / 24h		
In vivo tumor growth inhibition (T/C)				
Model, dose mg/kg, response	AXF984 AKT1 ^{E17K} , 50, SD PC3, 50, SD	AXF984 AKT1 ^{E17K} , 240, SD	PC3, 100, SD	



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Technical In vitro profile



POTENCY (IC ₅₀ [nM])	
AKT1 (at 10 μM ATP)	5.2
AKT1 (at 2 mM ATP)	44
AKT2 (at 10 μM ATP)	18
AKT2 (at 2 mM ATP)	36
AKT3 (at 10 μM ATP)	427

Properties & Physchem	
LogD @ pH 7.5	2.3
LLE	6.0
Sw @ pH 6.5 [mg/L]	308
MW / TPSA [g*mol / Å ²]	383 / 99
Stability (r/h/d plasma, 37°C, 2h) [%]	100

in vitro DMPK Properties						
Caco2 Permeability	P _{app} (A-B) [nm/s]		P _{app} (B-A) [nm/s]		efflux ratio	
	135		412		3.1	
metabolic stability	CL [L/h/kg]			F _{max} [%]		
	rat hepatocytes		1.3		70	
	dog hepatocytes		1.2		43	
	human hepatocytes		0.64		52	
CYP inhibition IC ₅₀ [μM]	1A2	2C8	2C9	2D6	3A4	3A4 preinc.
	> 20	> 20	> 20	> 20	> 20	> 20
CYP Induction	3A4: NOEL 5000 μg/L					

Selectivity	
In-house kinase panel	High selectivity see next slide
Eurofins @ 1 μM (kinase panel)	See next slide

SAFETY	
Ames	negative
hERG IC ₅₀ [μM]	8.7

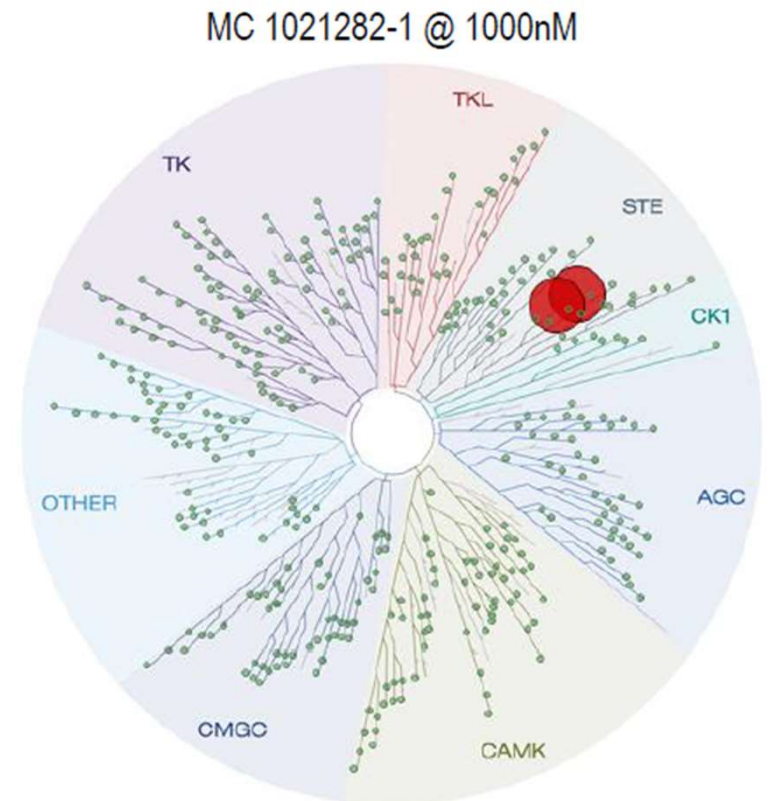
- BAY-1125976 has high in vitro potency and selectivity
- BAY-1125976 has high solubility and high permeability



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Selectivity Profile in more detail

- AKT1, AKT2, AKT3 currently measured @ Benedict-Tilman Berger lab
- Additional compounds sent for comparison
- Data on BAY1125976 will provide more insight into selectivity of Chemical Probe
- Data will identify most suitable negative control in direct comparison / same selectivity assay

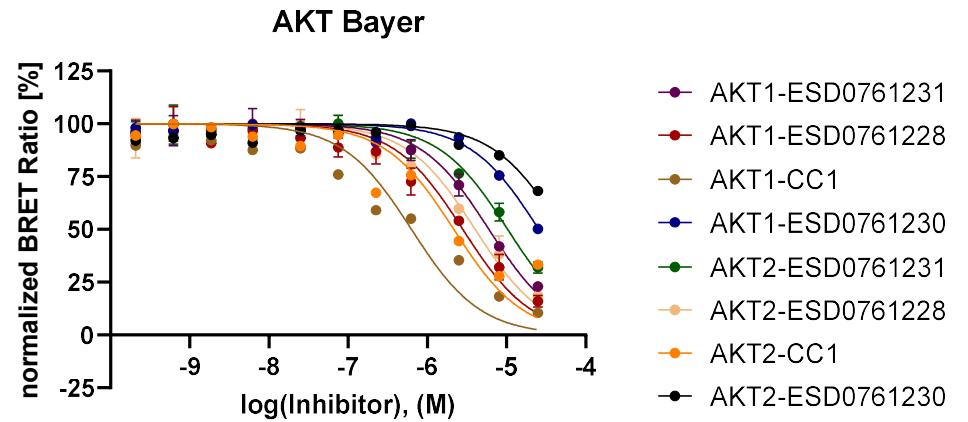
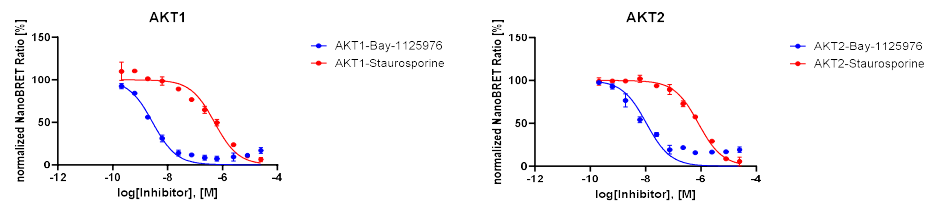


Kinome scan of BAY 1125976 for selectivity profiling at 1µM



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NanoBRET profiling data from Berger lab



IC50, [M]	ESD0761231	ESD0761230	ESD0761228	CC1 (Ctrl)	Bay-1125976	Staurosporine
AKT1	6.00E-06	2.56E-05	2.81E-06	6.32E-07	2.84E-09	5.10E-07
AKT2	1.04E-05	4.97E-05	4.03E-06	2.16E-06	1.07E-08	8.09E-07

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Negative control

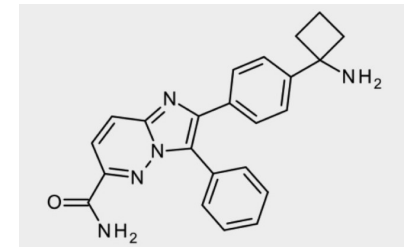
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In vitro proliferation in broad breast cancer cell line panel

Cell line	subtype	ER	PR	ERBB2/ HER2	IC ₅₀ (Bayer)	IC ₅₀ (Sanger)	AKT1	BRAF	CDKN2A	KRAS	PIK3CA	PTEN	RB1	TP53
ZR-75-1	L	+	-	-	7,02E-08	7,02E-08	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.L108R	wt	wt
EVSA-T	L				1,20E-07	9,22E-08	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.T319fs*1	wt	p.S241C
KPL-4	LH				1,74E-07	1,74E-07	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.H1047R	wt	wt	wt
MDA-MB-361	L	+	+	+		4,61E-07	p.D3N	wt	wt	wt	p.E545K; p.K567R	wt	wt	p.E56*
MDA-MB-415	L	+		+		4,65E-07	wt	p.P74A	wt	wt	wt	p.C136Y	wt	p.Y236C
MFM-223	L					5,97E-07	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.H1047R	wt	wt	p.K132R
HCC202	L	-	-	+		8,01E-07	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.E545K; p.L866F	wt	wt	p.T284fs*21
HCC70	B	-	-	-	8,44E-06	1,11E-06	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.F90fs*9	wt	p.R248Q
T47D	L	+	+	-	6,03E-08	1,19E-06	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.H1047R	wt	wt	p.L194F
MDA-MB-453	LH	-	-	+	1,22E-07	1,33E-06	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.H1047R	wt	wt	wt
HCC1954	B	-	-	+		1,39E-06	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.H1047R	wt	wt	p.Y163C
EFM-19	L	+	+	-		1,68E-06	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.H1047L	wt	wt	p.H193R
HCC1187	B	-	-	-		2,79E-06	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.G108delG
MCF7	L	+	+	-	6,33E-08	3,41E-06	wt	wt	p.?fs	wt	p.E545K	wt	wt	wt
BT-474	LH	+	+	+	1,67E-08	4,20E-06	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.K111N	wt	wt	p.E285K
CAMA-1	L	+		+		4,88E-06	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.F278fs*12; p.D92H	wt	p.R280T
HCC1569	B	-	-	+		5,83E-06	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.K267fs*9	wt	p.E294*; p.D228fs*19
BT-20	B	-	-	-	3,85E-07	6,20E-06	wt	wt	p.?del	wt	p.P539R	wt	wt	p.K132Q
EFM-192A	L	+	+	+		1,03E-05	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.C420R	wt	wt	p.E271fs*1
MDA-MB-175-VII	L	+				1,04E-05	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt
COLO-824	B	-		+		1,04E-05	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.S350I	p.?
CAL-51	B	-	NA	-		1,25E-05	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.E542K	p.E288fs; p.T321fs	wt	wt
HCC2218	L	-	-	+		1,41E-05	wt	p.E296K	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt
Hs-578-T	Claudin low	-	-	-		1,58E-05	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.V157F
BT-549	B	-	-	-	8,44E-06	1,59E-05	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.V275fs*1	p.?	p.R249S
CAL-120	B	-		-	1,00E-05	1,81E-05	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.?
HCC1937	B	-	-	-		2,00E-05	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.?	p.R306*
MDA-MB-468	B	-	-	-	6,47E-06	2,01E-05	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.E545A	p.L70fs*7	p.?	p.R273H
MDA-MB-436	Claudin low	-	-	-		2,03E-05	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.E204fs*7
MDA-MB-157	Claudin low	-	-	-		2,40E-05	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.A88fs*52
HCC1806	B	-	-	-		2,88E-05	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.T256fs*90
HCC1395	Claudin low	-	-	-		3,86E-05	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	wt	p.R175H
MDA-MB-231	B	-	-	-	1,00E-05	2,83E-04	wt	p.G464V	p.?fs	p.G13D	wt	wt	wt	p.R280K

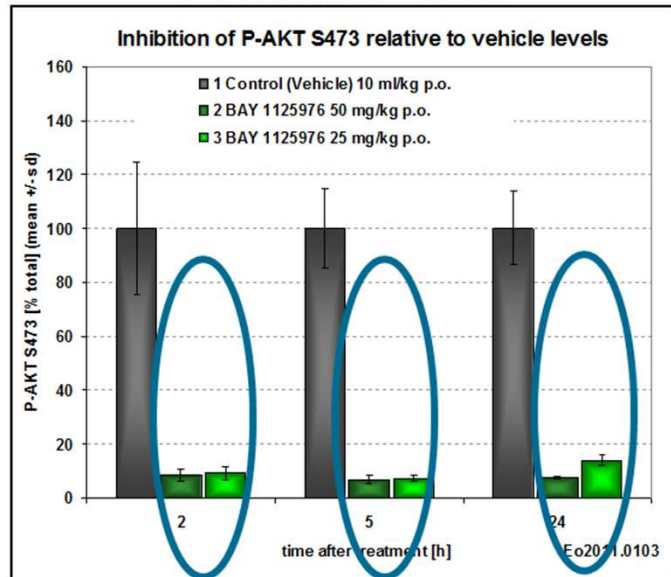


- BAY 1125976 demonstrates potent anti-proliferative efficacy in luminal and luminal Her2^{O/E} breast cancer lines *in vitro*

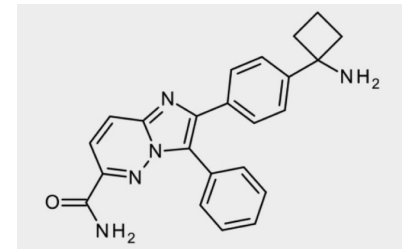
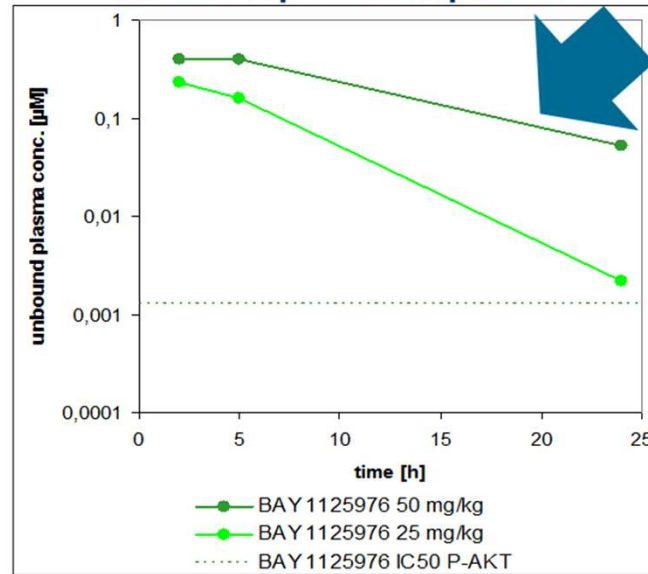
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Mode of Action in vivo KPL-4 model (PIK3CA^{H1047R}, HER2^{O/E})

P-AKT tumor levels



Unbound plasma exposure



- Strong P-AKT tumor inhibition (>70%)
- Significant unbound plasma exposure up to 24 hours post treatment

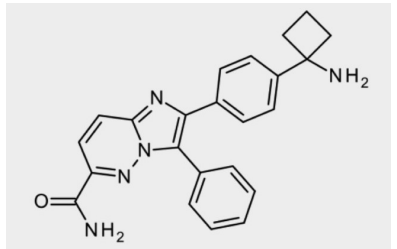
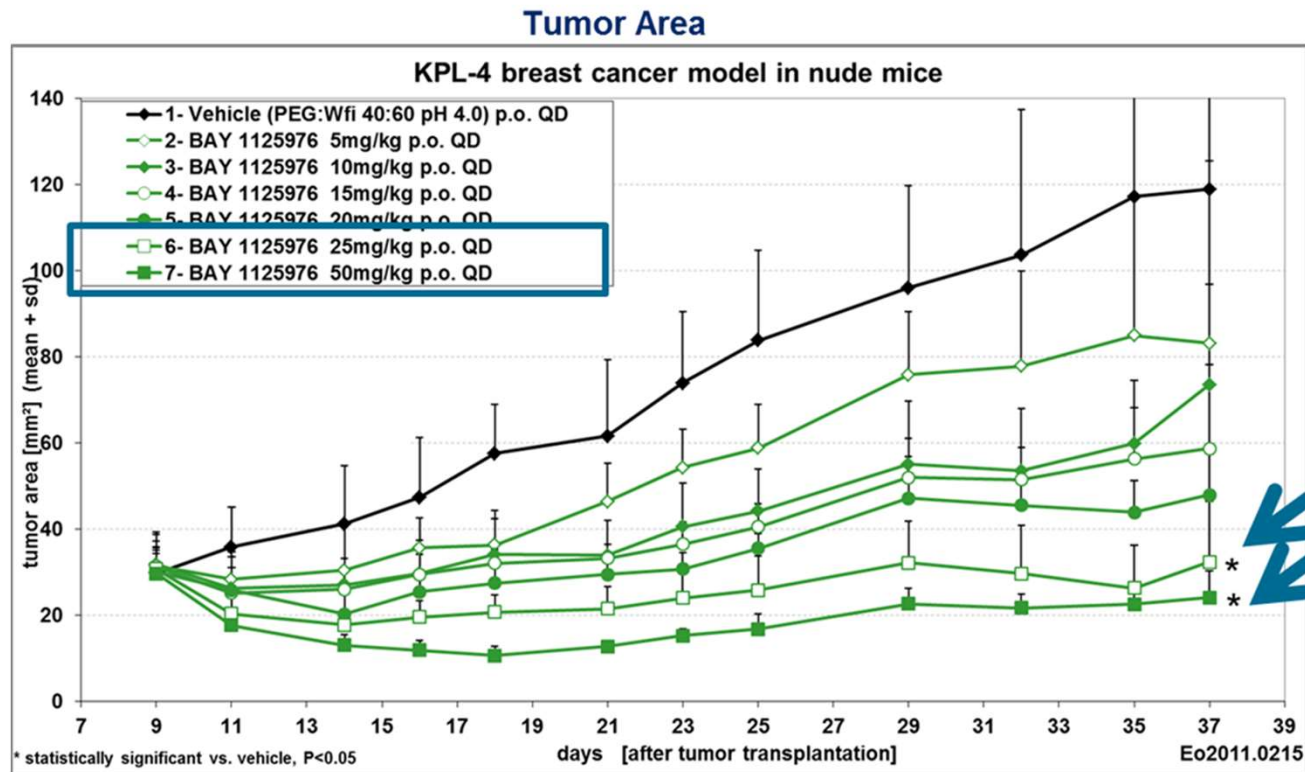
Study Design:

- Single oral dose; fast exposure over 24 h
- P-AKT inhibition (S473) measured in tumor extracts



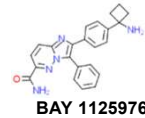
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Allo AKT inhibitor BAY 1125976 demonstrates potent anti-tumor efficacy in KPL-4 BC (PIK3CA^{H1047R}, HER2^{O/E}) *in vivo*



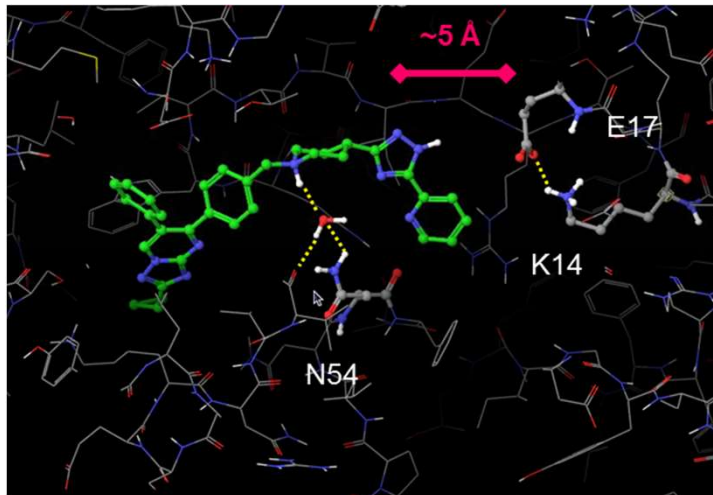
- Continuous QD dosing schedule preferred based on preclinical studies and used in FiM protocol

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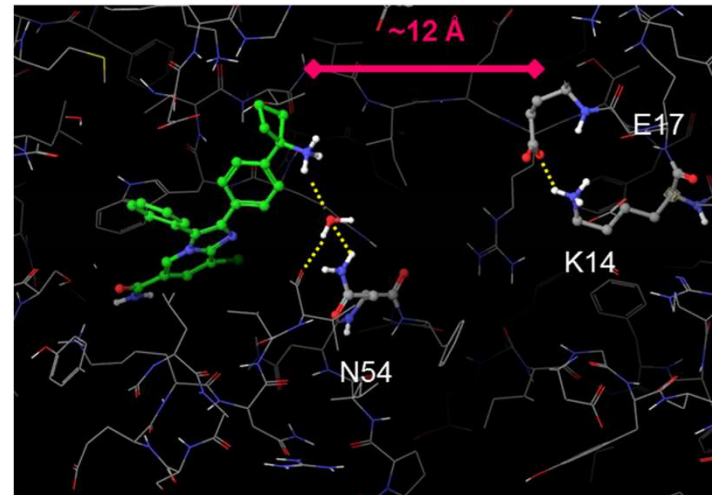


AKT1-E17K mutation: structural data

BAY 1001931



BAY 1122171

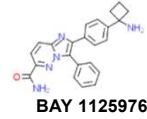


- Docking into allosteric binding pocket formed by kinase and PH domain of AKT1
- Binding site of BAY 1125976 like series (right) is more remote from E17K mutation site than first-generation series (BAY 1001931)
- Thus, binding affinity of current series is probably less affected by E17K mutation
- Both PH as well as kinase domain of AKT1 undergo major conformational change upon complex formation. Impact of E17K mutation on conformational change and ligand binding site is unpredictable

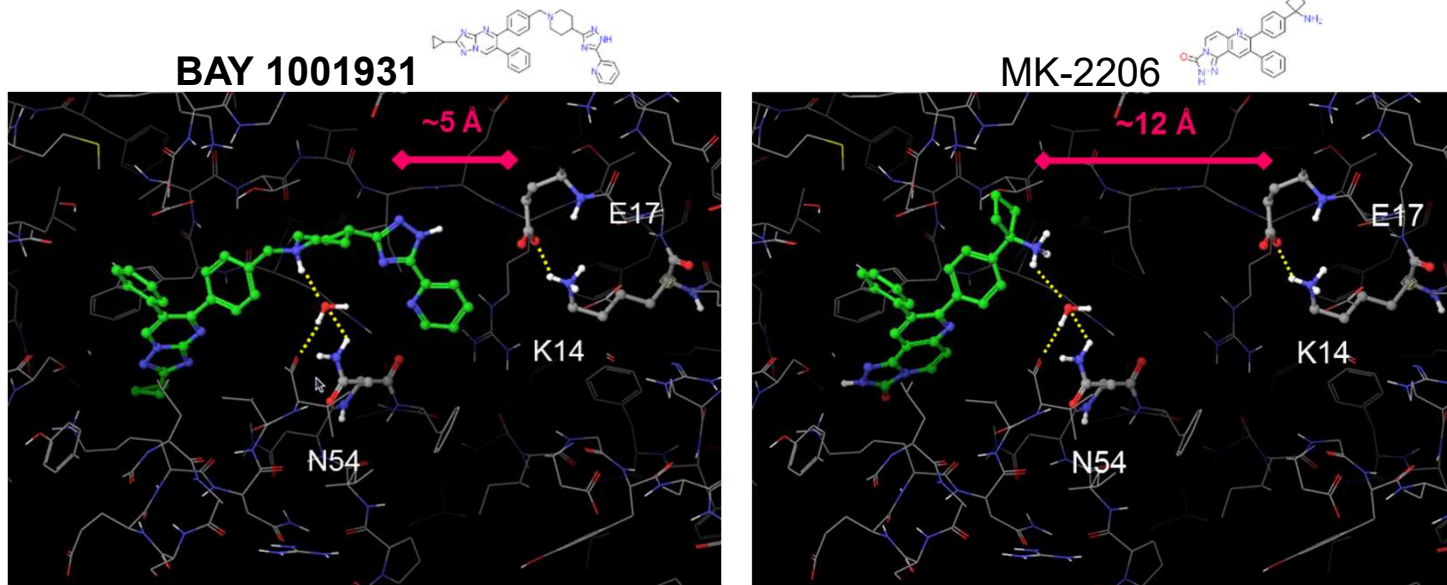
- **Differential docking of selected allosteric AKT inhibitors in wt AKT1**
- **No direct interaction of BAY1125976 like compounds with E17 position**



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AKT1-E17K mutation: structural data

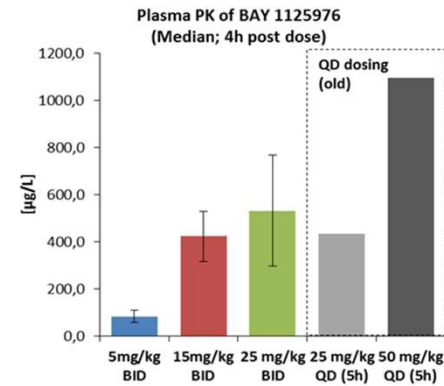
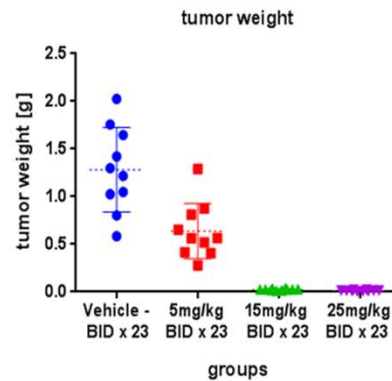
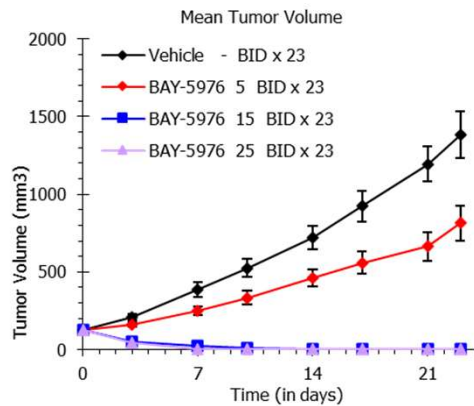


- Docking of Competitor MK2206 into allosteric binding site

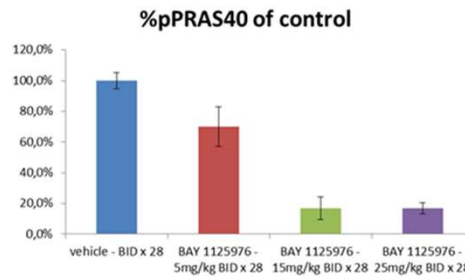
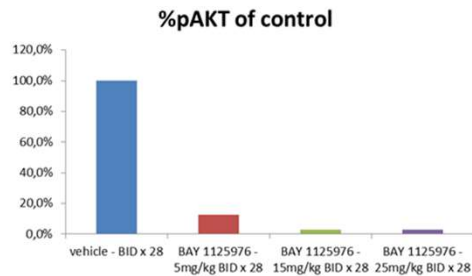


Strong Activity of BAY 1125976 in Breast Cancer Model with the AKT1^{E17K} mutation

➤ BAY 1125976 with high efficacy in an AKT1^{E17K} breast cancer PDX model when dosed in a BID dosing schedule, comparable PK between QD and BID dosing



➤ Strong inhibition of pAKT and downstream marker pPRAS40

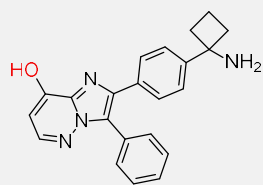


➤ pPRAS40 levels correlate with efficacy
➤ pAKT with inhibition also at non-efficacious doses



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In vitro profile of Negative Control BAY-940



BAY-940

POTENCY (IC ₅₀ [nM])		Properties & Physchem	
AKT1 (PKB alpha)	3740	LogD @ pH 7.5	1.60
AKT2 (PKB alpha)	3840	TPSA [g [*] mol / Å ²]	76
AKT1 (Nano BRET)	6000	Sw @ pH 6.5 [mg/L]	99
AKT2 (Nano BRET)	10400	MW [g/mol]	356
		Stability (r/h/d plasma, 37°C, 2h) [%]	n.d.

in vitro DMPK Properties							Selectivity		
Caco2 Permeability	P _{app} (A-B) [nm/s]		P _{app} (B-A) [nm/s]		efflux ratio		In-house kinase panel	n.d.	
	n.d.		n.d.		n.d.				
metabolic stability			CL [L/h/kg]		F _{max} [%]		Eurofins @ 1 µM (kinase panel)	n.d.	
	rat hepatocytes		n.d.		n.d.				
	dog hepatocytes		n.d.		n.d.				
human hepatocytes		n.d.		n.d.					
CYP inhibition IC ₅₀ [µM]	1A2	2C8	2C9	2D6	3A4	3A4 preinc.	SAFETY		
	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.			
CYP Induction	n.d.						hERG IC ₅₀ [µM]	n.d.	

- BAY-940 negative on AKT1 & AKT2
- BAY-940 perfect as negative control to the Chemical Probe



AKT1/2 Probe BAY1125976

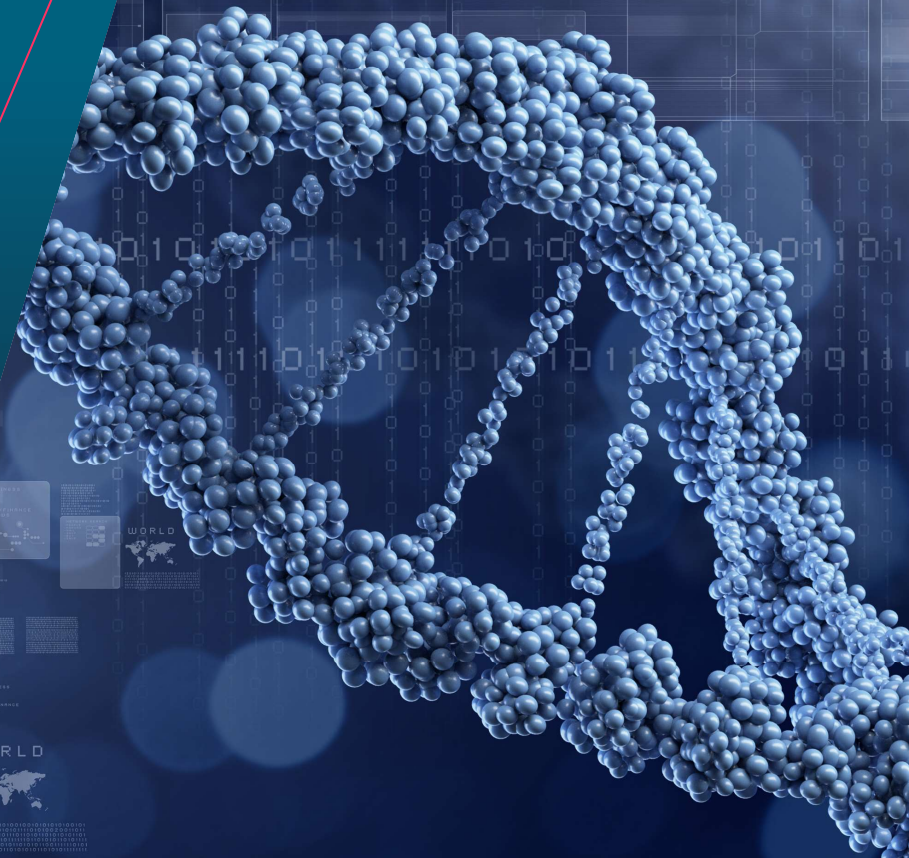
Summary / Conclusion

Probe criteria	
Inhibitor/agonist potency: goal is < 50 nM (IC ₅₀ , Kd)	Surpasses criteria
Selectivity within target family: goal is > 30-fold	Surpasses criteria
Selectivity outside target family: describe the off-targets (which may include both binding and functional data)	
On target cell activity for cell-based targets: goal is < 1 μM IC ₅₀ /EC ₅₀	Surpasses criteria
On target cell activity for secreted targets: appropriate alternative such as mouse model or other mechanistic biological assay, e.g., explant culture	Additional proof for on target activity:
Neg ctrl: <i>in vitro</i> potency – > 100 times less; Cell activity – >100 times less potent than the probe	Surpasses criteria

We ask for acceptance of AKT inhibitor BAY1125976 as chemical probe, accompanied by BAY-940 as negative control

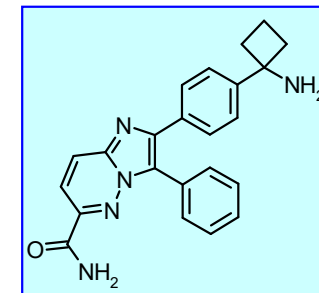


Thank You





BAY 1125976 – in vitro profile in detail



Key Activity (IC₅₀)

- AKT1/AKT2 (active kinase, median) 5 / 18 nM
- AKT1/AKT2 (active kinase, high ATP) 44 / 36 nM
- AKT3 (Bioduro) 428 nM
- AKT1 (PDK1 activation assay) 22 nM
- ΔPH-AKT1 / ΔPH-AKT2 >20 / >20 μM

Mechanistic Cell Assay (median IC₅₀)

- p-AKT (S473/T308) Alphascreen, KPL4 1.1 / 0.9 nM
- p-4E-BP1 (T70) Alphascreen, KPL4 35 nM

Kinase selectivity (median IC₅₀ M)

- Mer (10 μM/ 2 mM ATP) 1.29E-7 / 5.63E-6
- Flt-4 (10 μM/ 2 mM ATP) 2.68E-7 / 4.26E-6
- MKNK1 (10 μM/ 2 mM ATP) 2.76E-7 / 8.86E-7
- Mps1 (10 μM/ 2 mM ATP) 5.94E-7 / >2.00E-5

Tumour Cell Proliferation (median IC₅₀)

- LNCaP prostate cancer 15 nM
- LAPC4 prostate cancer 62 nM
- MCF7 breast cancer 82 nM
- KPL4 breast cancer 174 nM

In vivo

- MTD nude mice/ rats: 50/ 25 mg/kg QD po
- MOA 80% P-AKT inhib (25 mg/kg): >24h
- Mouse: KPL4 (25 / 50 mg/kg QD) T/C 0.22 / 0.16
- Mouse: PC3 (50 mg/kg QD) T/C 0.13
- Rat: KPL4 (15 / 25 mg/kg QD) T/C 0.43 / 0.23

Safety / Tox

- Cytotoxicity Category 0
- Ames negative
- hERG (IC₅₀) 8.7 μM
- Ricerca Lead Profiler screen no effects < 10 μM

DMPK

- Microsomal Clint [L/kg/h] 0.69/0.86/0.30 (h/m/r)
- Fmax prediction [%] 48/84/93 (h/m/r)
- Hepatocytes CL [L/kg/h] 0.64/1.2/1.3 (h/d/r)
- Fmax [%] 52/43/70 (h/d/r)
- Caco2 ap-bas (ratio) 135 (3.1)
- Fu % (h / d / g / r / m) 6 / 13 / 17 / 11 / 14

- CL_{blood} (rat) 1.2 L/h/kg
- Vss (rat) 13 L/kg
- t_{1/2} (rat) 3.7 h
- F (rat @ 2 mg/kg) 65 %
- C_{max norm,po} (t_{max}) @ 2 mg/kg 0.035 kg/L (4h)
- AUC_{norm,po} @ 2 mg/kg 0.25 kg*h/L

- brain/plasma ratio (AUC, AUC₀) 0.41, 0.15
- CYP Inhibition (microsomes) >20 μM, hint for TDI
- 3A4 Cyp Induction, NOEL No induction up to 62 μg/L
- F_{rel} (rat) [%] 128

Physchem

- Sw flask @ pH 6.5 / 4 619.4 / 484.6 mg/L (25 °C)
- cLogP / logMA 2.82 / 4.66
- pKa (photometric) 4 (basic)
- Oral PC Score 0
- PSA 99.3
- MW 383.45

AKT1/2 Probe BAY1125976

Biology of an allosteric inhibitor in blocking activation of AKT/PKB

Activation of AKT:

- Switch between **inactive** and **active state** involves molecular rearrangement of PH-and catalytic domain (PH-in \leftrightarrow PH-out)

Depends on:

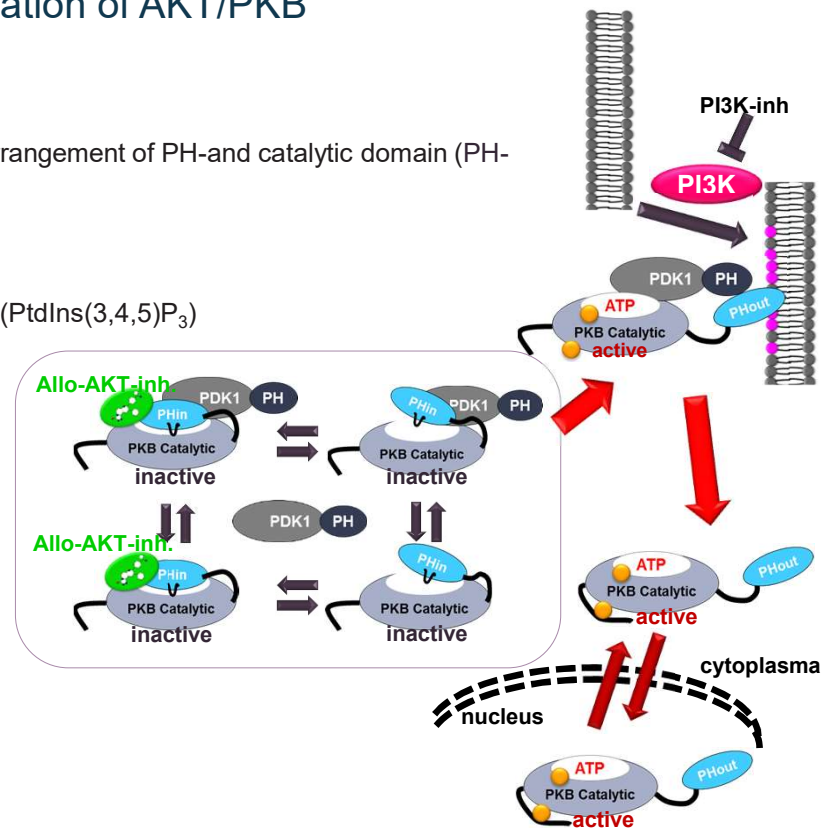
1. interaction between PDK1 and AKT
 2. Integration into membrane by association with phosphoinositides (PtdIns(3,4,5)P₃)
 3. Stepwise process with two phosphorylations at T308 (by PDK1)
S473 (by mTORC2 / DNA-PK)
- Allosteric AKT inhibitor stabilize inactive conformation in cytoplasm preventing phosphorylation

Allosteric AKT-inhibitor binding depends on:

1. Interaction of PH and catalytic domain
2. Interaction of PDK1 and AKT

Allosteric AKT-inhibitor binding impaired by:

1. Membrane integration and PI3K activity
2. AKT-phosphorylation at T308 / S473



Modified from: Calleja, V., D. Alcor, et al. (2007). PLoS Biol 5(4): e95.



AKT1/2 Probe BAY1125976

Competitors

- Ipatasertib (GDC-0068; Genentech, Inc.) is a potent, selective, ATP-competitive small-molecule inhibitor of all three isoforms of AKT (IC₅₀ of 5–18 nmol/L)
- Capivasertib (AZD5363) is a highly selective **ATP-competitive** pan-AKT inhibitor
- MK2206: allosteric AKT 1/2/3 inhibitor; well established in the scientific community

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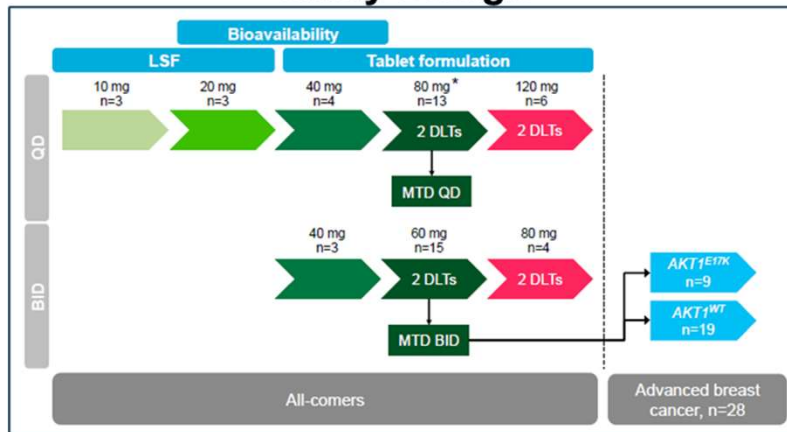
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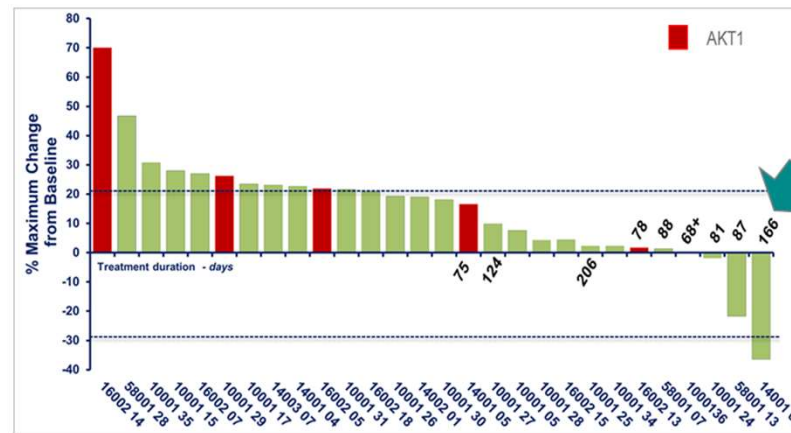
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Lack of Association between Activating AKT Mutation and AKT Inhibition-Derived Efficacy

Study Design



BC Expansion Cohort



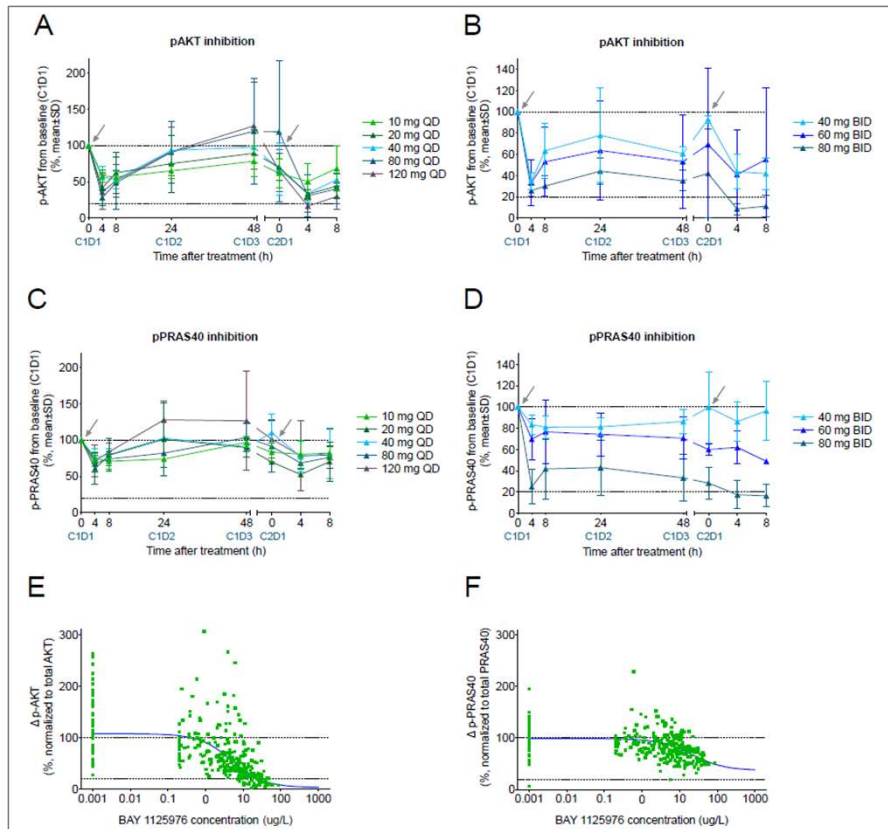
BC expansion cohort:

- Best response is 1 confirmed PR in AKT1wt BC pt
- CBR (PR+SD)=29.2%; ORR (PR+SD)=3.5%
- Median SD duration of 129d and ongoing

- evaluate safety, pharmacokinetics, and maximum tolerated dose of BAY 1125976 in patients with advanced solid tumors
- Application of continuous once daily (QD) treatment (21 days/cycle) and a twice daily (BID) schedule
- Dose expansion in 28 patients with hormone receptor-positive metastatic breast cancer, including nine patients harboring the AKT1^{E17K} mutation at the recommended phase 2 dose (R2D) of 60 mg BID.
- Dose-limiting toxicities (Grades 3–4): increased in transaminases, glutamyltransferase (-GT), alkaline phosphatase in four patients in both schedules and stomach pain in one patient



Biomarker Results from phase 1 study



Schneeweiss A, et al. "Phase 1 Dose Escalation Study of the Allosteric AKT Inhibitor BAY 1125976 in Advanced Solid Cancer-Lack of Association between Activating AKT Mutation and AKT Inhibition-Derived Efficacy." *Cancers (Basel)*. 2019;11(12).

Figure 3. Inhibition of phosphorylation of AKT (A,B) and PRAS40 (C,D) as pharmacodynamic biomarkers in platelet-rich plasma (PRP) from patients in the QD (left column) and BID (right column) dose escalation parts in the BAY 1125976 Phase 1 study. PK/PD analysis on the suppression of p-AKT (E) and p-PRAS40 (F) from thrombin receptor-activating peptide (TRAP)-stimulated platelets across dose intervals relative to baseline (screening, C1D1 pre-dose or C1D-3 pre-dose).

Values are normalized to total AKT and total PRAS40, respectively. Vertical dotted line represents IC90 for p-AKT based on clinical pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic (PK/PD) modeling. Arrows indicate when treatments were started. C, cycle; D, day. PD: progressive disease.

- dose-dependent inhibition of both pharmacodynamic biomarkers with maximum inhibition detectable at 4 h post-dosing
- rapid return to baseline suggesting a rapid direct effect link between AKT inhibition and biomarker modulation
- QD administration, even at the MTD, was not able to achieve sustained coverage above the in vitro IC50 of p-AKT or p-PRAS40.



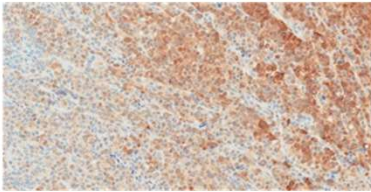
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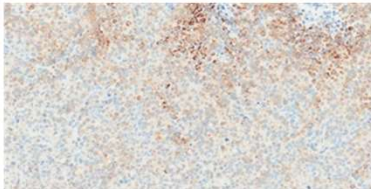
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Vehicle

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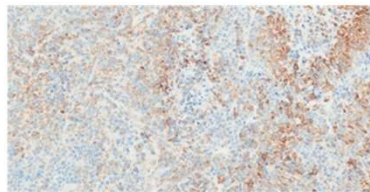


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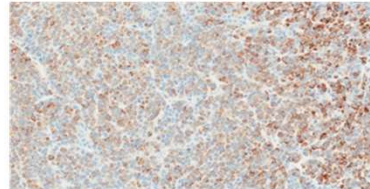


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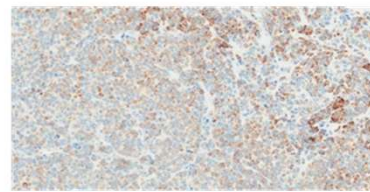
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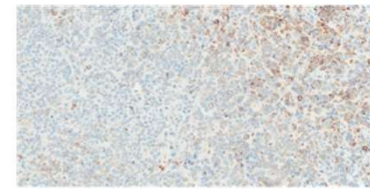
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ML1312384; KPL4, G4/16h, T11
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pAKT-S437 IHC staining shows no clear treatment effects (potential antibody issue)



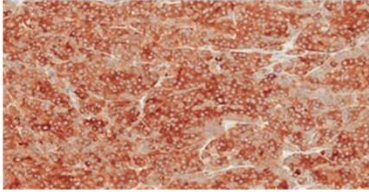
AKT1/2 Probe BAY1125976

Preclinical data: pPRAS40 staining (BYR040; Mosaic)

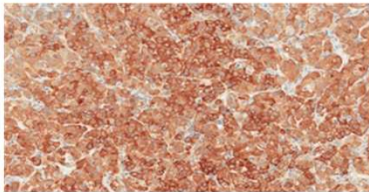
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Vehicle

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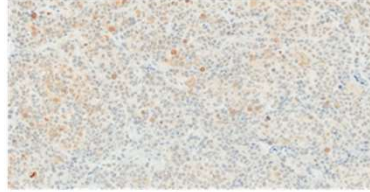


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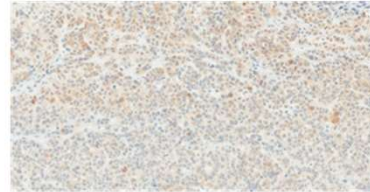


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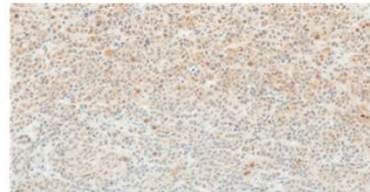
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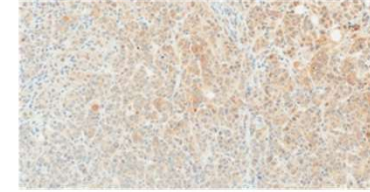
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H-Score: 27



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H-Score: 60



pPRAS40 IHC staining shows clear treatment effects