

OVERCOMING RESISTANCE IN CANCER

**Orally Bioavailable Small Molecule CD73 Inhibitor Reverses
Immunosuppression by Reduction of Adenosine Production
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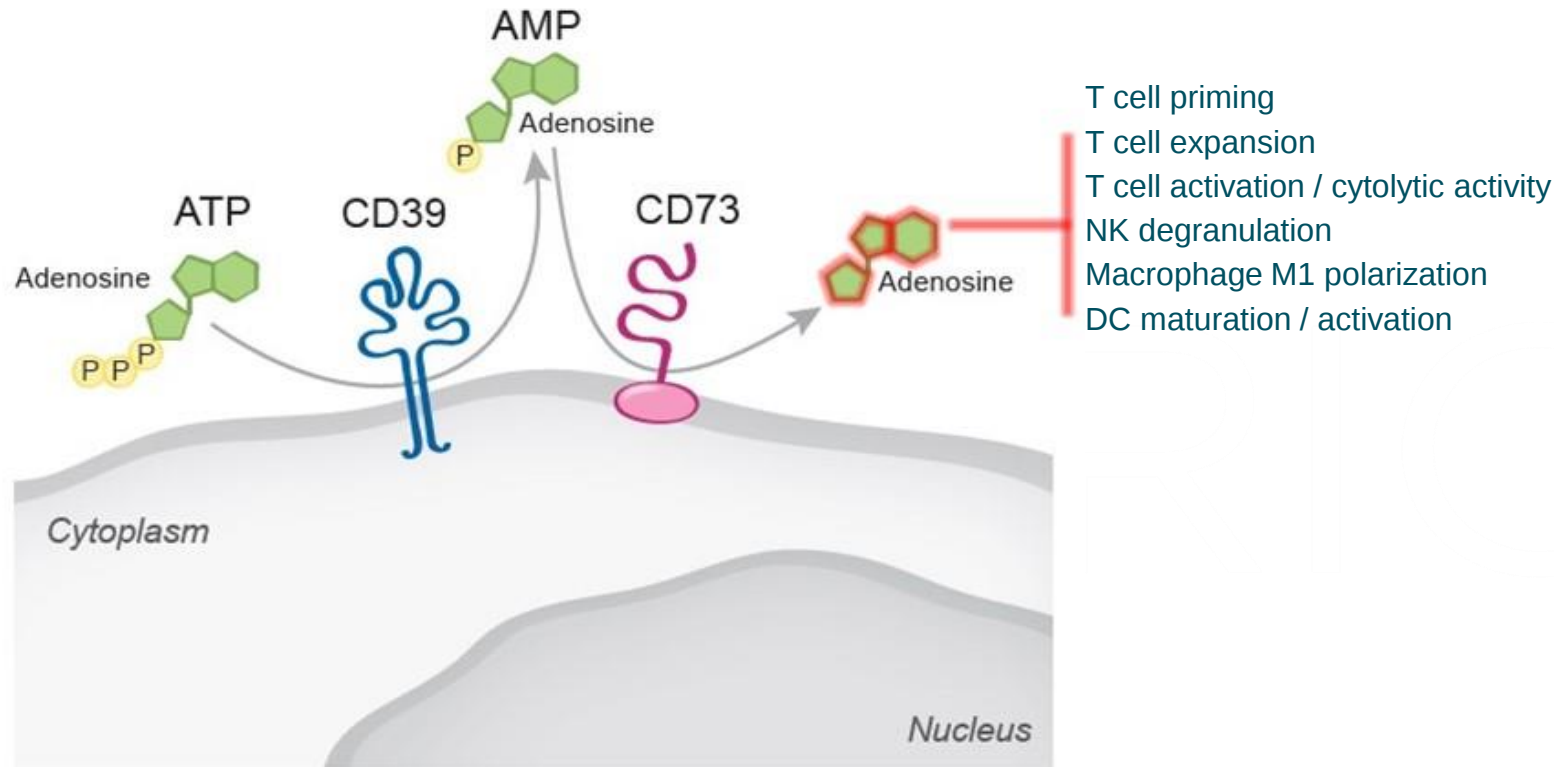


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CD73 is required for adenosine production and linked to therapy resistance



CD73

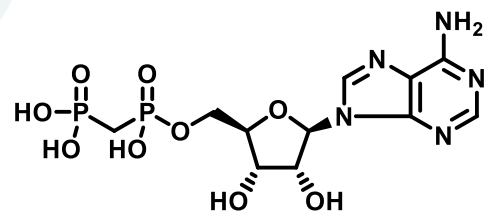
- Overexpressed across cancer types driving local elevation of adenosine
- Overexpression correlated with poor prognosis
- Mediates immunosuppression and chemoresistance via adenosine production

Therapeutic Hypothesis

- CD73 inhibition may enhance activity of chemotherapy and immunotherapy
- Small molecule approach may differentiate in dosing regimen and tumor penetration

Surveying linker region towards exo phosphonate led to novel starting point

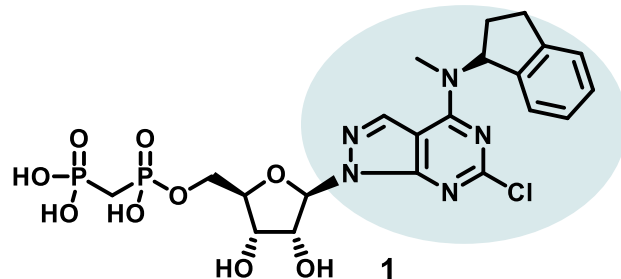
Müller J. Med. Chem. 2015, 58, 6248.



AOPCP

Biochem IC₅₀ : **2996** nM

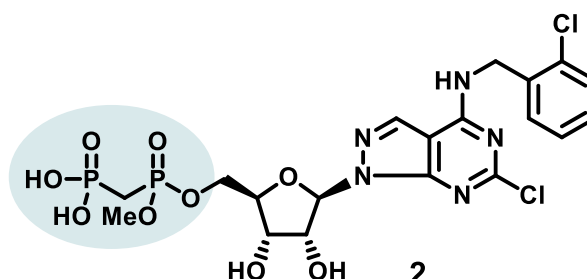
Rat PO : *No oral exposure*



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Biochem IC₅₀ : **0.52** nM

Rat PO : *No oral exposure*

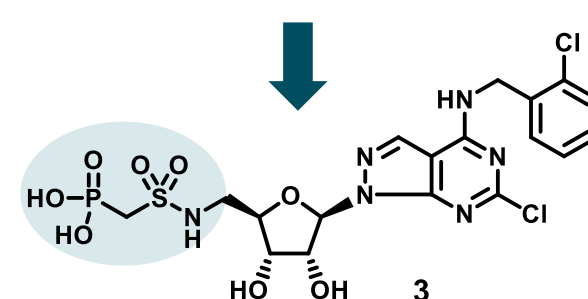


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Biochem IC₅₀ : **25** nM

Rat PO C_{max} : **0.12** μM

Rat PO AUC_{inf} : **0.56** μM*hr

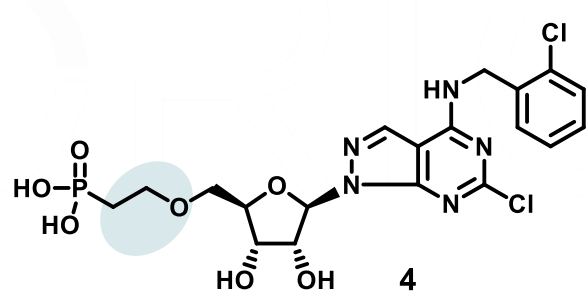


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Biochem IC₅₀ : **328** nM

Rat PO C_{max} : ND

Rat PO AUC_{inf} : ND

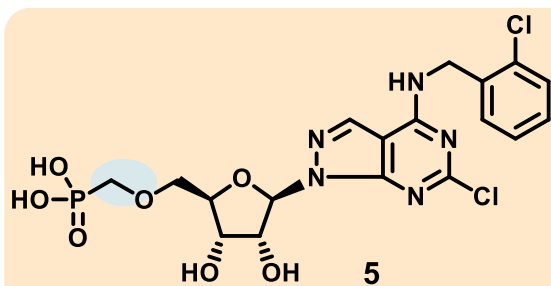


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Biochem IC₅₀ : **88** nM

Rat PO C_{max} : ND

Rat PO AUC_{inf} : ND



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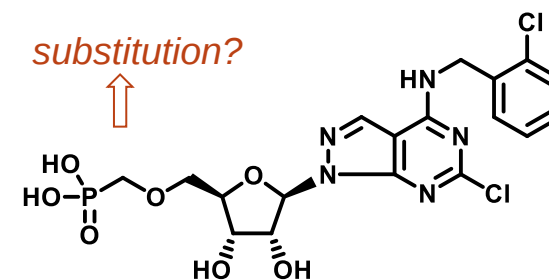
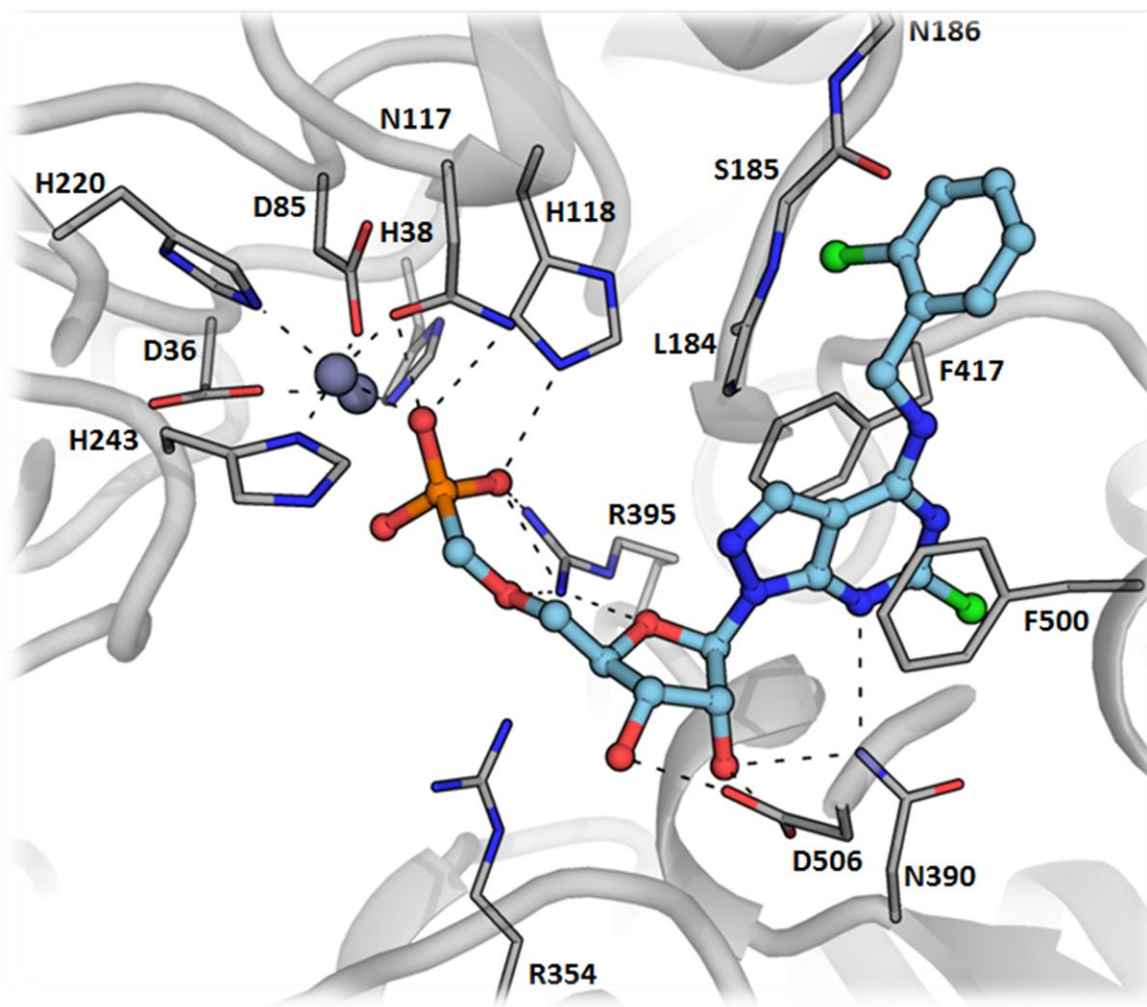
Biochem IC₅₀ : **29** nM

Rat PO C_{max} : **0.11** μM

Rat PO AUC_{inf} : **0.66** μM*hr

- Replace bisphosphonate motif to reduce overall polar surface area and charge
- Internal-capped phosphonate tolerated; linker length to exo phosphonate important
- Ether-linked phosphonic acid shows early signs of oral bioavailability

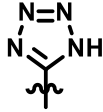
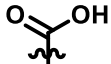
Co-crystal structure of **5** with CD73 provided possible directions for potency improvement

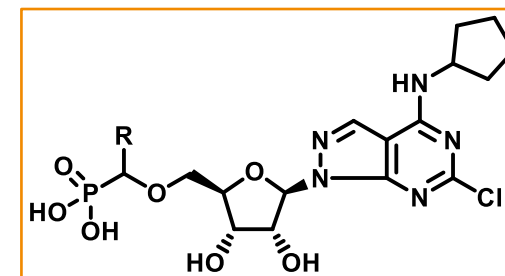


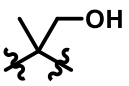
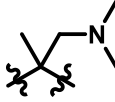
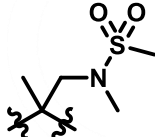
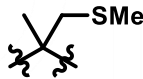
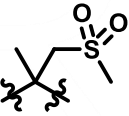
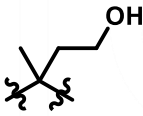
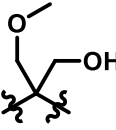
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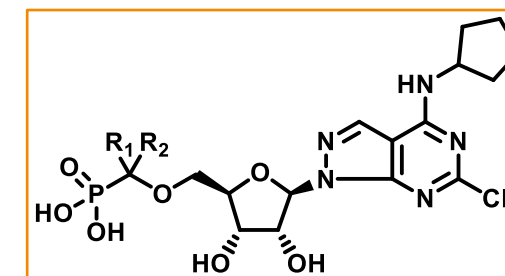
- Can α -substitution further improve potency?

α -Substitution identified key functional groups to increase potency

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Compound	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
CD73 IC ₅₀ (nM)	11	18	2.4	0.96	28	559	108	193	387

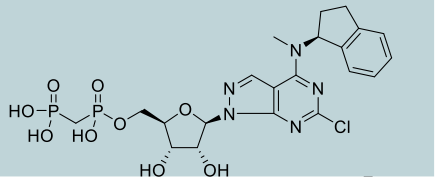
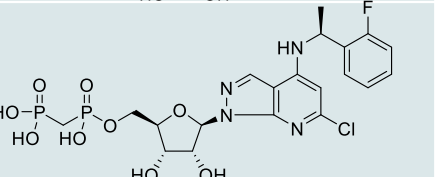
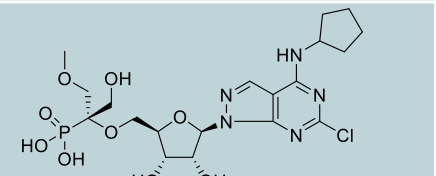
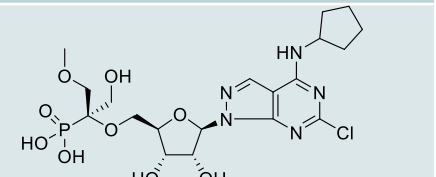


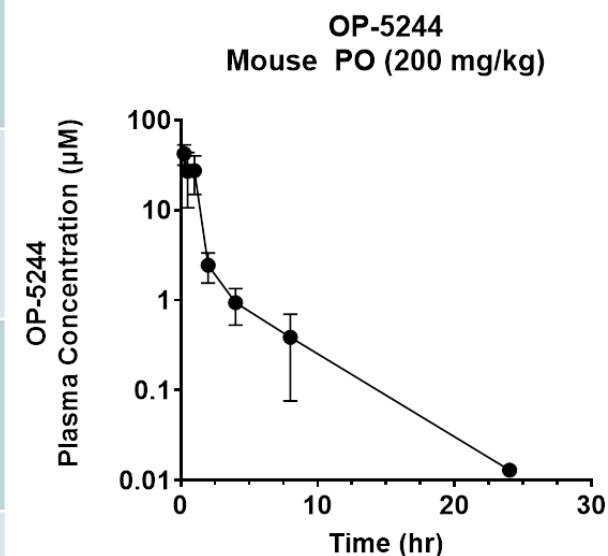
								
Compound	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
CD73 IC ₅₀ (nM)	1.3	>5000	97	10	23	31	0.57	0.53



- The oxygen in CH₂OR possibly interacts with CD73
- Disubstituted analogs **21** and **22** are more potent than mono-substituted **8** and **9**

Discovery of potent and orally bioavailable CD73 Inhibitor **OP-5244**

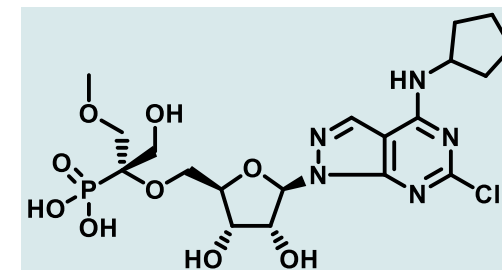
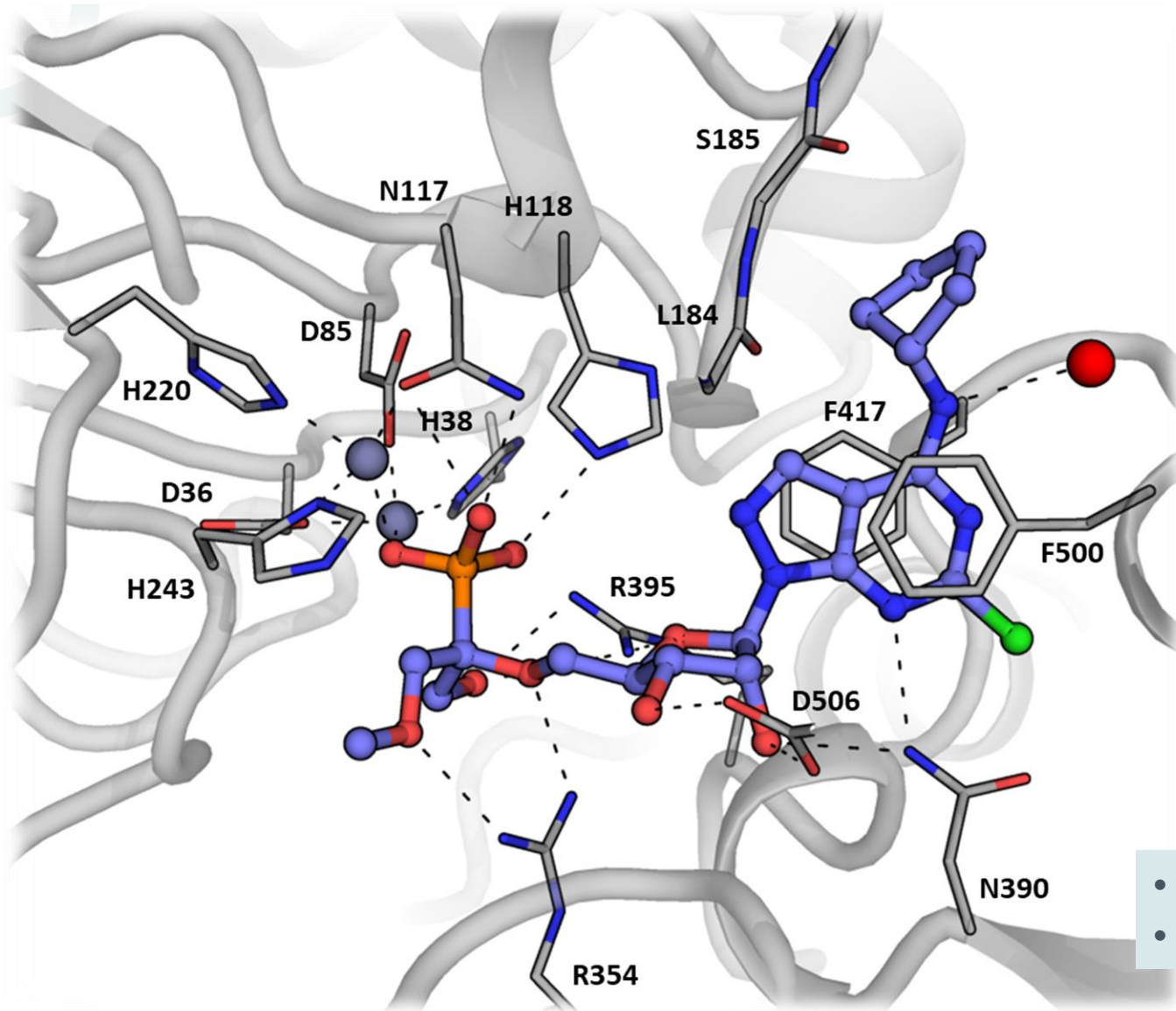
Compound	Structure	Biochem	H1568	EMT6	Mouse PO (200mg/kg)		
		IC ₅₀ (nM)	EC ₅₀ (nM)	EC ₅₀ (nM)	AUC _{inf} (μM*h)	C _{max} (μM)	t _{1/2} (hr)
1		0.52	-	-	no oral exposure		
AB680*		0.86	3.3	198	Clinical trial (IV formulation)		
23 OP-5244		0.25	0.79	14	45.1	42.2	3.3
24		1.0	10.4	-	-		



- OP-5244 has comparable potency to bisphosphonic acid series
- OP-5244 shows good oral bioavailability in mouse

*Bowman C.E. *et al*, Biochemistry 2019, 58, 3331-3334.

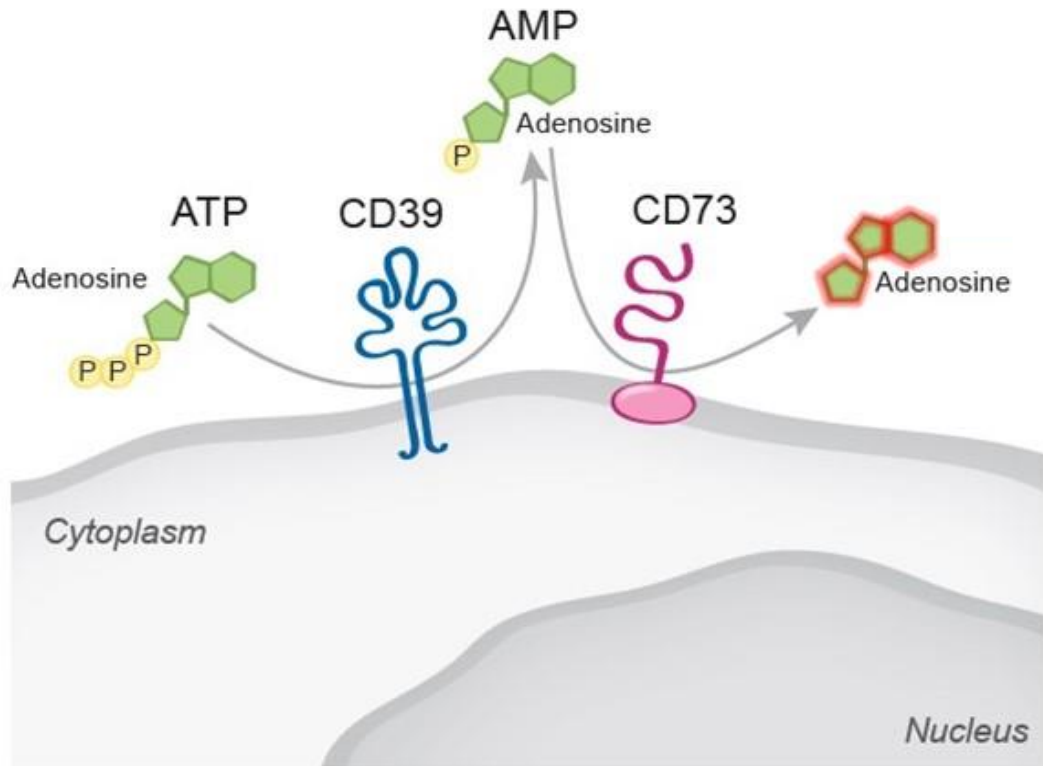
Co-crystal structures confirmed key interactions for potency improvement of **OP-5244**



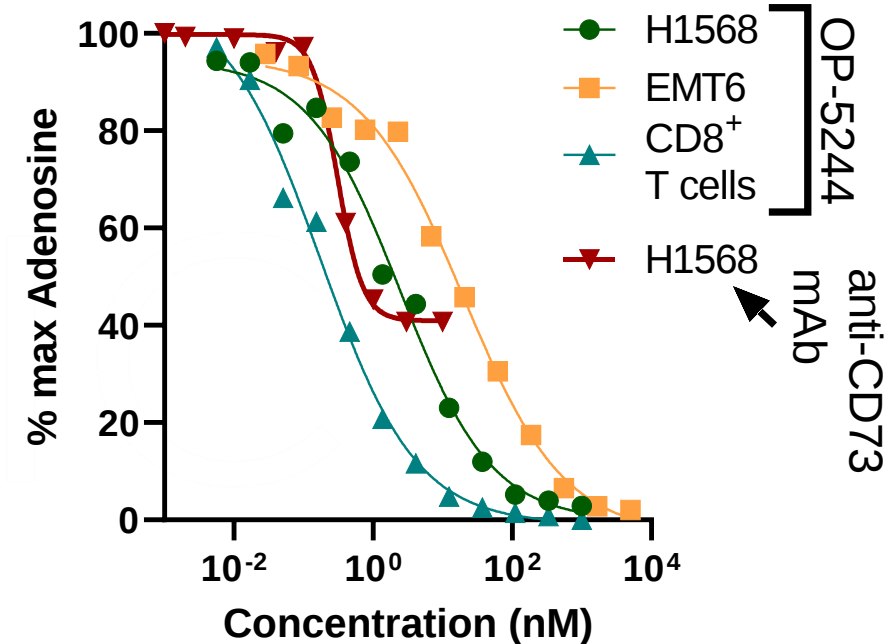
OP-5244: $IC_{50} = 0.25$ nM

- CH_2OH/CH_2OMe H-bonds with Arg 354/395
- Replaced the phosphonate H-bond interactions

OP-5244 fully suppresses ADO Production



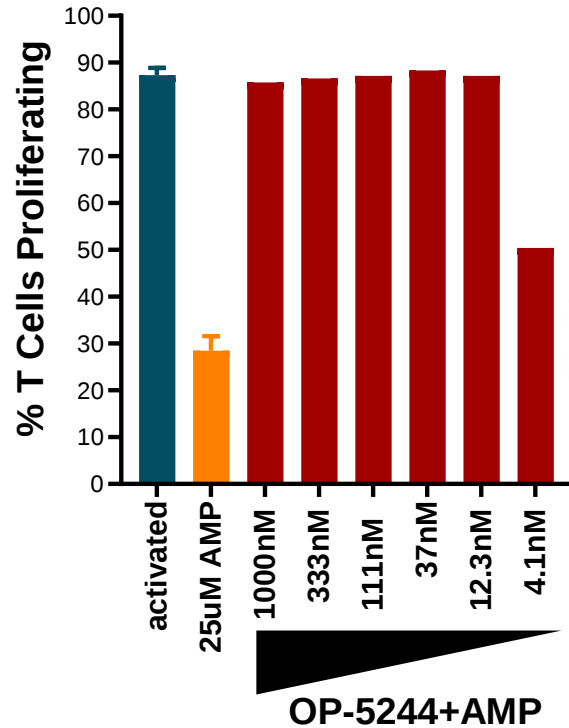
CD73-driven Adenosine Production



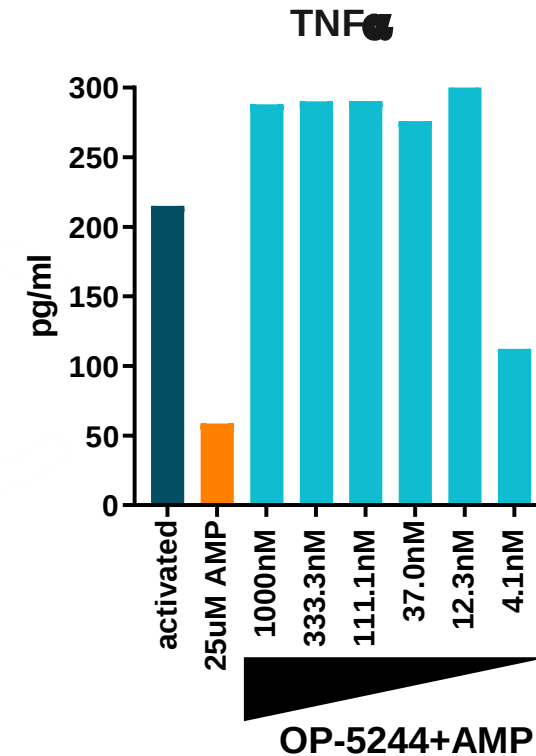
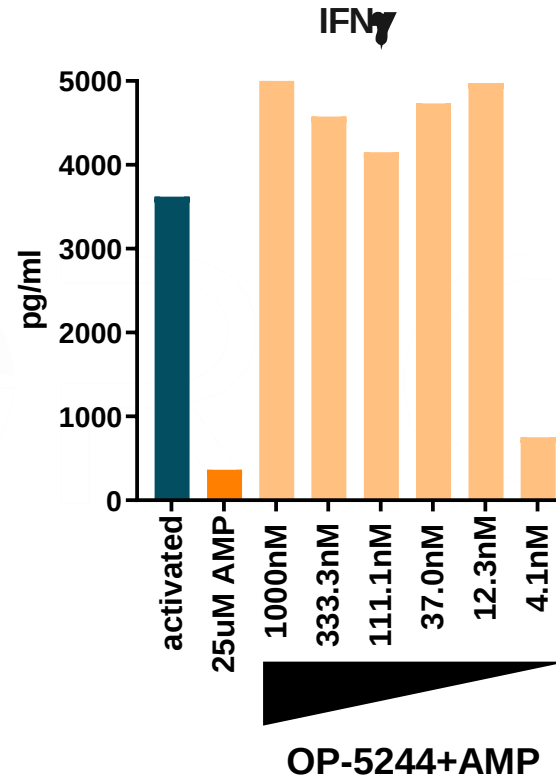
- OP-5244 inhibited ADO production from AMP in tumor cells & CD8⁺ T Cell (EC₅₀ = 0.22 nM)
- A CD73-targeted antibody incompletely inhibits AMP conversion to ADO

OP-5244 rescues immunosuppressive effects of AMP on T cells

T cell proliferation



Cytokines

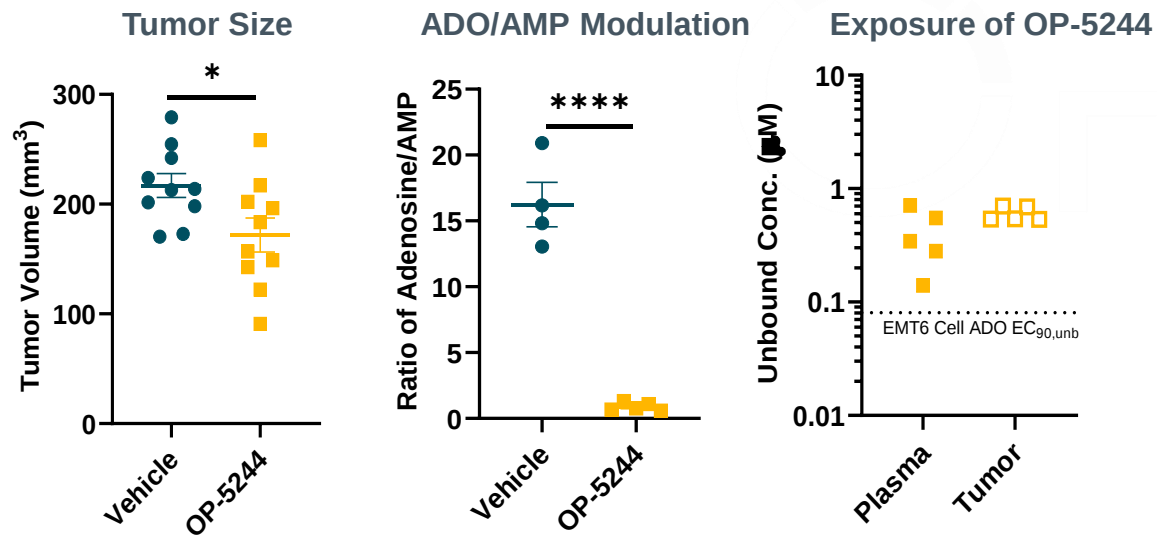


OP-5244 rescued CD8⁺ T cell proliferation and cytokine (IFN γ and TNF α) production in the presence of AMP

OP-5244 reduces tumor size, ADO/AMP ratio and reverses immunosuppression *in vivo*

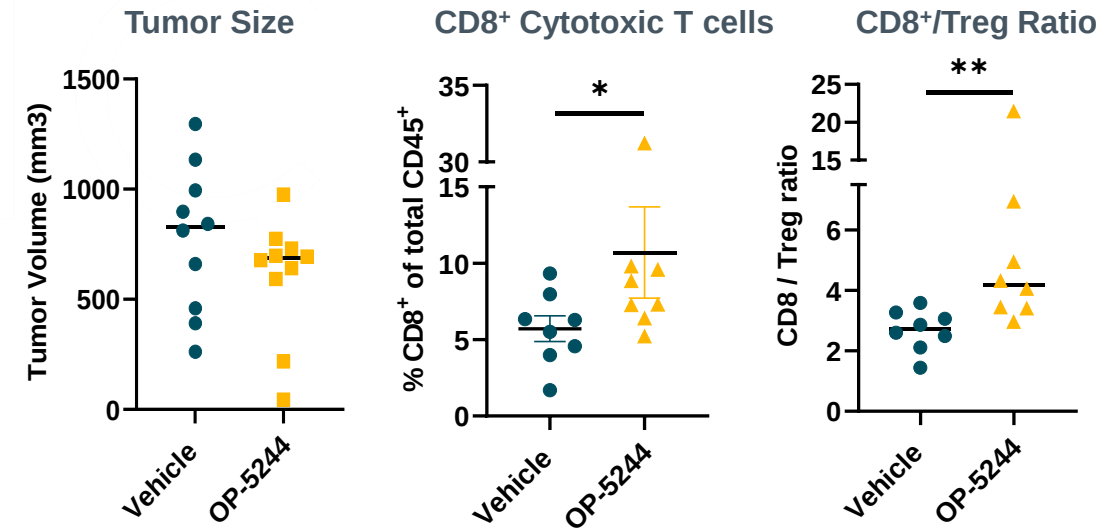
- OP-5244 exhibits anti-tumor effects as a single agent
- OP-5244 modulates intra-tumoral adenosine pathway
- OP-5244 activates tumor-mediated immune response

EMT-6 Murine Breast Cancer Model in BALB/c Mice



- OP-5244: 15 mg/kg/day mini pump infusion
- Tumor measurement on Day 13
- Tumor adenosine, exposure measurement on Day 13
- *, p<0.05: ****, p<0.0001 by t-test

E.G7-OVA Murine T Cell Lymphoma Model in C57BL6 Mice

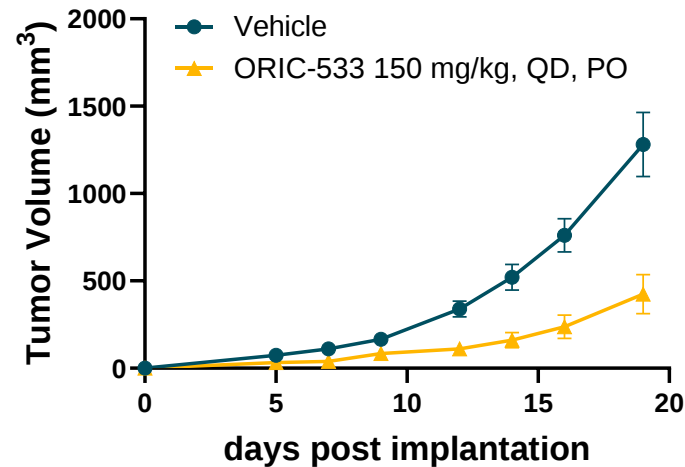


- OP-5244: 150 mg/kg, BID x 16, PO
- Tumor measurement on Day 15
- TIL analysis on Day 16
- *, p<0.05: **, p<0.01 by t-test

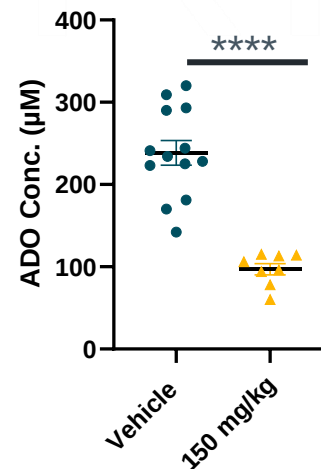
Upcoming AACR presentations featuring ORIC-533 development candidate

- **Poster #10268:** An orally bioavailable inhibitor of CD73 reverts intratumoral immunosuppression and promotes anti-tumor responses
 - Significant single agent anti-tumor activity of ORIC-533 associates with reversed immunosuppression
- **Poster #4317:** CD73 inhibition with a novel orally bioavailable small molecule blocks adenosine production and rescues T-cells activation in high AMP conditions

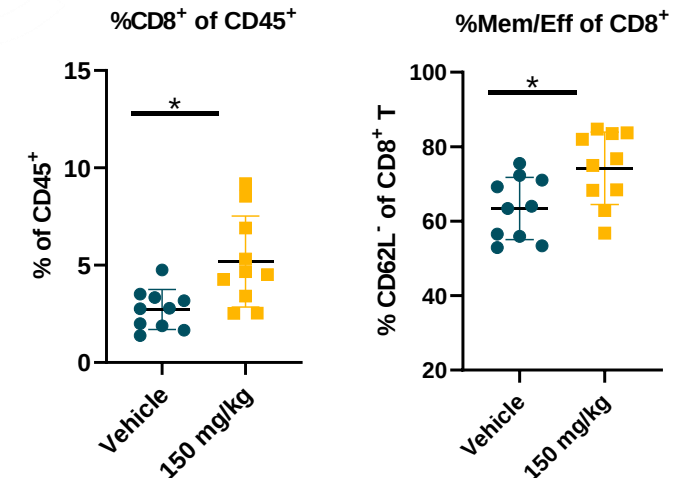
Tumor Growth Inhibition



Tumor Adenosine



Tumor T Cell Modulation



Conclusions

- Designed novel orally bioavailable mono-phosphonic acid CD73 inhibitors
- Ether phosphonic acids with α,α -disubstitution gained additional interactions with CD73 and further potency enhancement
 - equipotent relative to the bisphosphonic acid series
- Small molecule CD73 inhibitor represents a potential therapeutic approach to reverse immunosuppression within the tumor microenvironment
 - **OP-5244** fully rescues T cell proliferation and cytokine production from ADO-mediated suppression *in vitro*
 - **OP-5244** reduces tumor size, modulates intra-tumoral ADO pathway and reverses immunosuppression *in vivo*
 - **OP-5244** is a prototype for further optimization/clinical candidate identification

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