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ABSTRACT: Three series of substituted pyrimidines were designed and synthesized. All target compounds were screened for kinase inhibitory activities against PI3K α , and most IC₅₀ values were found within the nanomolar range. Compounds **5d** and **5p** displayed comparable activities relative to the positive control **5a**, **5p** also showed a significant isozyme selectivity (PI3K β/α). Furthermore, the cytotoxicities of these pyrimidines against human cancer cell lines were evaluated, the *in vivo* anticancer effect of **5d** was also tested.

INTRODUCTION

It is well recognized that phosphatidylinositol 3-kinases (PI 3-kinases or PI3Ks) play a central role in a broad cellular functions such as cell growth, proliferation, differentiation, survival, and intracellular trafficking.^{1,2} On the basis of sequence homology and substrate preferences, PI3Ks can be categorized into class I, II, and III.³ Class I PI3Ks are further subdivided into class IA and class IB. Class IA PI3Ks (PI3K α , PI3K β , and PI3K δ) consist of heterodimers between a p110 catalytic subunit (p110 α , p110 β , and p110 δ , respectively) and a p85 regulatory subunit. The Class IB subtype (PI3K γ) contains a catalytic p110 γ and a regulatory p101 subunit.⁴ The main function of class I PI3Ks *in vivo* is to phosphorylate phosphatidylinositol (4,5) diphosphate (PtdIns(4,5)P₂, PIP₂) to phosphatidylinositol triphosphate (3,4,5)P₃ (PIP₃) at the 3-position of the inositol ring, which serves as an important second messenger in triggering a series of downstream effectors mediating cellular functions. This process is strictly controlled by tumor suppressor phosphatase and tensin homologue (PTEN), which dephosphorylates PIP₃ back to PIP₂.⁵ Abnormalities in functions of both kinase and phosphatase are commonly observed in tumors, thus emphasizing the importance of this pathway in cancer. A high proportion of human cancers were revealed to rely strongly on P110 α for survival and resistance to therapy.^{5,6} Therefore, the targeting of PI3K pathway is one of the most promising approaches for cancer treatment.

Among the current clinical candidates (Figure 2), **NVP-**

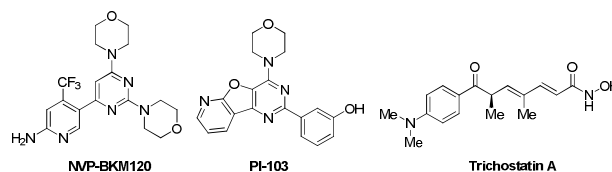


Figure 1. Structures of positive controls mentioned in this study.

BKM120, a pyrimidine scaffold derivative developed by Novartis AG, displayed a potent and selective class I PI3K inhibitor over many other related kinases;⁷ this derivative is also undergoing phase III trials for breast cancer treatment (NCT01572727, NCT01610284, and NCT01633060). Similar to the majority of reported clinical candidates, **NVP-BKM120** showed comparable potency against four isoforms of class I PI3Ks, possibly leading to off-target effects compromising therapeutic utility. Therefore, more potent and higher isoform-selective chemical entities should be developed in clinical trials to offer a better choice for cancer treatment. On the basis of 2,4,6-trisubstituted pyrimidine derivatives, most previous structure-activity relationships (SAR) studies focused on the 4- and 6-positions of the pyrimidine scaffold with morpholine substituted on the 2-position.^{7,8} This finding led us to design and synthesize a series of derivatives by replacing the C₂ morpholine with various aliphatic or long-chain substituted aromatic amines. Increased hydrogen bonding on the periphery of the active site was expected to improve selective profiles (Figure 3), leading to the identification of compounds **5d** and **5p**.

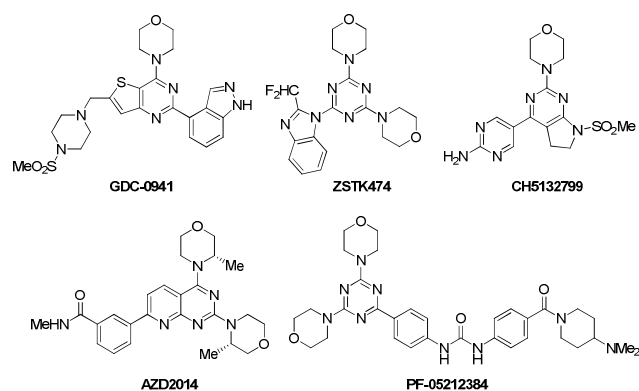


Figure 2. Some reported structures of clinical candidates.

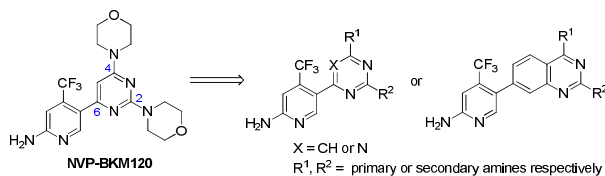
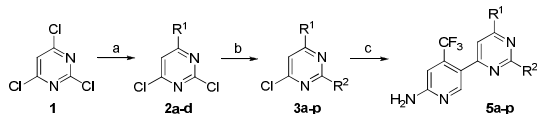


Figure 3. Design of series derivatives based on NVP-BKM120.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

As outlined in Scheme 1, the desired 2,4,6-trisubstituted pyrimidine derivatives (**5a-p**) were prepared from 2,4,6-trichloropyrimidine (**1**) via amination on C₄ and C₂ stepwise with various aliphatic amines or aromatic amines. Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction with 5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-amine (**4**) was then performed under microwave irradiation conditions. Optically pure compounds **6** and **7** were obtained from **5d** via chiral preparative separation (Figure 4). The 2,4,6-trisubstituted-1,3,5-triazines (**11a-e**) were prepared through a similar procedure mentioned above (Scheme 2). Compounds **12** and **13** were also isolated from **11b** via chiral separation (Figure 5).



Scheme 1.

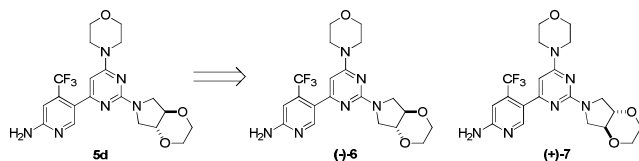
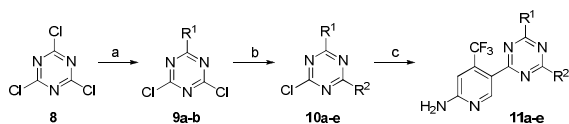


Figure 4. Structures of compounds **6** and **7**.



Scheme 2.

Scheme 3 shows the detailed synthetic route for the preparation of quinazoline-scaffold derivatives **18a** and **18b**. Starting with 2-amino-4-chlorobenzoic acid (**14**), intermediate **15** was

obtained via cyclization with urea, which was subjected to chlorination with POCl₃ in a basic environment to obtain the key intermediate **16**. Coupling with morpholine and (2*S*,6*R*)-2,6-dimethylmorpholine was then performed to produce **17a** and **17b**, respectively, which underwent Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction with **4** to generate the target compounds. The 6-pyrimidine-substituted derivative **20** was prepared from **3d** and boronic ester **20** via a similar coupling reaction (Scheme 4).

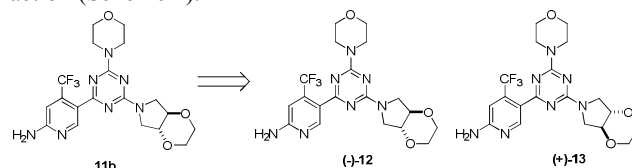
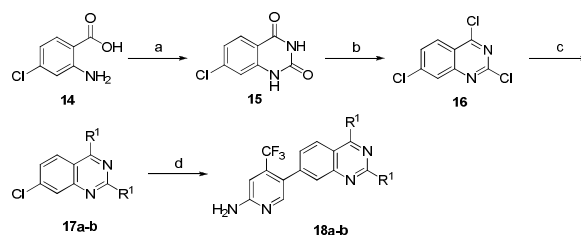
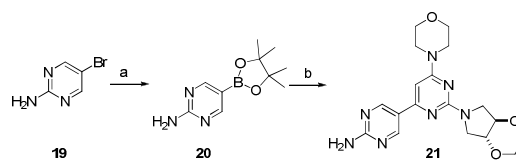


Figure 5. Structures of compounds **12** and **13**.

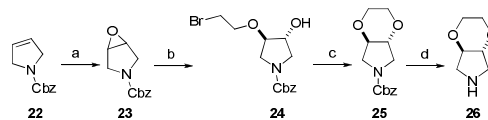


Scheme 3.



Scheme 4.

The detailed preparation of *trans*-hexahydro-2*H*-[1,4]dioxino[2,3-*c*]pyrrole (**26**) is shown in Scheme 5. Starting with benzyl 2,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole-1-carboxylate (**22**), intermediate **25** was obtained via epoxidation with *m*-CPBA, nucleophilic substitution with 2-bromoethanol in the presence of BF₃·OEt₂, and subsequent cyclization in EtOH. Removal of the protecting group with 10% Pd/C produced the desired intermediate **26**.



Scheme 5.

All newly prepared compounds were assessed *in vitro* in terms of biological activity against the p110α isoform of PI3K by using the kinase-Glo Plus Luminescent Assay. **PI-103** and **NVP-BKM120** (**5a**) were assigned as positive controls. Under these assay conditions, IC₅₀ values were determined to be 7.4±1.3 nM and 28.0±1.2 nM, respectively (Table 1).

We first conducted an SAR study by replacing the C₄ morpholine with 2,6-dimethylmorpholine and hexahydro-2*H*-[1,4]dioxino[2,3-*c*]pyrrole. All tested compounds (**5i-5m**) showed significant decrease in activity possibly because of increased steric hindrance, which obstructed the hydrogen bond interaction between O (morpholine) and NH (hinge Val882).^{9,10} Compounds **5b-5f** were characterized by replacing

Table 1. Kinase inhibition against PI3Kα (IC₅₀ values in nM).

Compound	X=	R ¹	R ²	IC ₅₀ ^a	Compound	X=	R ¹	R ²	IC ₅₀ ^a
5a	CH			28.0±1.2	5p	CH			18.0±1.9
5b	CH			91.0±12.6	11a	N			59.0±4.5
5c	CH			60.0±2.2	(±)-11b	N			32.0±2.4
(±)-5d	CH			31.0±6.0	11c	N			9530±1675
5e	CH			117.0±2.9	11d	N			>10000
5f	CH			23.0±4.7	11e	N			>10000
5g	CH			26.0±2.7	(-)-6	CH			61.0±5.4
5h	CH			568.0±28.9	(+)-7	CH			35.0±2.3
5i	CH			224.0±6.4	(-)-12	N			68.0±8.2
5j	CH			>10000	(+)-13	N			38.0±4.5
5k	CH			5751±1275	(±)-21				128.0±9.1
5l	CH			896.0±56.7	18a				>10000
(±)-5m	CH			375.0±9.9	18b				>10000
5n	CH			118.0±5.6	PI-103				7.4±1.3
5o	CH			31.0±3.1					

^aIn vitro lipid kinase assay. IC₅₀ values are the mean of triplicate measurements.

the C₂ morpholine of **5a** with various heterocycles, and racemic **5d** showed comparable activity relative to reference **5a**. By contrast, *cis*-form heterocycle substituted compound **5e** exhibited a four-fold decrease in activity relative to **5d**. To further investigate the influence of chiral configuration of **5d** on the inhibitory activity, compounds **6** and **7**, which were separated from **5d**, were evaluated. Dextroisomer **7** showed approximately two-fold higher activity than levoisomer **6**.

Upon introducing an aliphatic or aromatic chain between the pyrimidine scaffold and C₂ morpholine, compound **5g** was found to be slightly more potent than **5a**. By contrast, compound **5h** showed significant loss in activity possibly because of π - π (T-shaped) stacking interaction between the benzene ring of **5g** and hinge residue of Trp780. Long-chain substituted compound **5p** displayed the highest inhibitory activity, which

was 1.56 times higher than that of **5a**. We could also deduce that the pyrimidine scaffold carried a N atom at position 5 (**11a-e**, **12** and **13**), but no activity was observed upon replacing the pyrimidine scaffold with quinazoline (**18a** and **18b**).

We compared the biochemical activities of compounds **5a**, **5d** and **5p** with other isoforms of PI3Ks. As summarized in Table 2, compound **5d** showed comparable activities with **5a** to other PI3K isoforms, whereas compound **5p** showed better selectivity over β -isozyme, with a selectivity of 112-fold (PI3K β/α) relative to 9.3-fold of **5a**. Interestingly, **5p** also displayed an IC₅₀ value of 13.0±0.5 nM against δ -isozyme, making it a promising dual PI3K α/δ inhibitor.

Mutations of class I PI3Ks frequently occur in various human cancers;¹¹⁻¹³ thus, 19 human cancer cell lines were used in the current experiment, Trichostatin A (TSA) and **5a** were

Table 2. Activities of **5a**, **5d** and **5p** against class I PI3K (IC₅₀ values^a in nM).

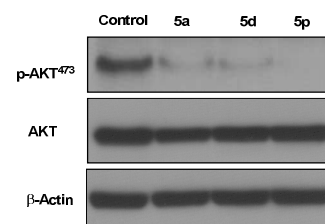
Compound	PI3K α	PI3K β	PI3K γ	PI3K δ
5a	28.0 \pm 1.2	259.0 \pm 13.8	129.0 \pm 9.6	62.0 \pm 7.6
5d	31.0 \pm 6.0	175.0 \pm 2.4	158.0 \pm 14.1	61.0 \pm 7.2
5p	18.0 \pm 1.9	2014.0 \pm 126.9	80.0 \pm 7.0	13.0 \pm 0.5

^a IC₅₀ values are the mean of triplicate measurements.

employed as positive controls. The results are presented in Tables 3 and 4. All tested compounds showed comparable cytotoxicities with IC₅₀ values in the micromolar range, except for compounds **5l** and **18a**. Compound **5d** also exhibited comparable activities to **5a** in various cell lines, and dextroisomer **7** was twice to thrice more potent than levoisomer **6**. These results were correlated with their effects on kinase. Compound **5g** unexpectedly performed well on kinase but exhibited weak cellular inhibition.

As shown in Figure 6, the suppressive effect of compound **5d** on p-AKT⁴⁷³ was comparable to that of **5a**, whereas **5p** showed more potent inhibition. Compounds **5d** and **5p** were also shown to inhibit the PI3K/AKT/m-TOR pathway; thus, **5d** and **5p** were potential PI3K inhibitors.

We have compared the effects of compounds **5a**, **5d** and **5p** on MDA-MB-231 cell proliferation test.¹⁴⁻¹⁶ The results revealed that **5a** (positive control) and **5d** showed similar anticancer effects, **5d** was more potent than **5p** (Figure 7). So we used a xenograft model to evaluate the *in vivo* anticancer ef-

**Figure 6.** Effects of compounds **5a**, **5d** and **5p** on AKT and p-AKT⁴⁷³.

fects of **5d**.

Nude mice bearing MDA-MB-231 xenograft tumors were treated with **5d** (30 mg/kg, every two days) by intragastric administration for 19 days. As shown in Figures 8a and 8b, the tumor size in the **5d**-treated group (402 \pm 184 mm³; P<0.001) was smaller than that in the control group (1065 \pm 142 mm³), indicating that the growth of xenograft tumors was significantly inhibited by **5d**. Consistently, the tumor weight in the **5d**-treated group (0.32 \pm 0.19 g; P<0.01) was significantly lower than that in the control group (0.74 \pm 0.10 g; Figure 8c). During the experimental period, the mice in the **5d**-treated group showed no decrease in body weight (Figure 8d), indicating the low toxicity of intragastrically administered **5d**.

To examine the possible binding modes for compound **5d**, **5p** and **18a** inside the ATP-binding site of PI3Ks, docking

Table 3. Anti-proliferative activities in various cell types (IC₅₀ values^a in μ M).

Cell-lines	5a	(\pm)- 5d	5c	5b	11a	5e	5l	(\pm)- 5m	(\pm)- 11b	TSA
K562	1.10 \pm 0.30	4.26 \pm 1.41	2.40 \pm 0.49	2.68 \pm 0.10	>10	1.75 \pm 0.98	>10	3.19 \pm 0.76	>10	0.12 \pm 0.03
MOLT-4	0.80 \pm 0.19	1.00 \pm 0.13	1.14 \pm 0.11	0.42 \pm 0.05	1.55 \pm 0.36	2.51 \pm 0.22	NT	3.24 \pm 0.08	1.21 \pm 0.19	0.02 \pm 0.00
BEL-402	1.92 \pm 0.43	3.37 \pm 0.55	2.79 \pm 1.45	1.64 \pm 0.36	5.90 \pm 0.48	5.82 \pm 1.23	NT	6.43 \pm 1.23	5.90 \pm 1.87	0.10 \pm 0.01
Huh-7	1.51 \pm 0.29	4.26 \pm 0.21	2.93 \pm 0.30	1.21 \pm 0.22	5.67 \pm 0.79	4.84 \pm 1.18	NT	6.29 \pm 0.84	5.66 \pm 0.85	0.06 \pm 0.00
MCF-7	1.50 \pm 0.29	2.42 \pm 0.56	2.54 \pm 0.55	1.41 \pm 0.37	5.37 \pm 1.80	4.95 \pm 1.45	NT	7.29 \pm 1.41	8.15 \pm 1.34	0.07 \pm 0.01
SK-BR-3	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	0.05 \pm 0.04
DU145	0.91 \pm 0.25	1.93 \pm 0.31	2.38 \pm 0.20	1.41 \pm 0.13	3.43 \pm 1.17	4.81 \pm 1.27	>10	7.11 \pm 0.98	3.30 \pm 0.60	0.06 \pm 0.00
U937	0.58 \pm 0.09	0.77 \pm 0.05	0.72 \pm 0.12	0.57 \pm 0.12	2.93 \pm 0.08	1.76 \pm 0.12	NT	2.86 \pm 0.65	3.05 \pm 0.14	0.04 \pm 0.00
NCI-N87	0.66 \pm 0.27	1.36 \pm 0.39	1.41 \pm 0.37	0.52 \pm 0.25	1.20 \pm 0.52	1.97 \pm 0.62	NT	6.21 \pm 1.00	0.77 \pm 0.18	0.06 \pm 0.00
SGC-901	1.24 \pm 0.27	3.14 \pm 0.14	2.30 \pm 0.12	1.24 \pm 0.04	5.25 \pm 0.95	3.75 \pm 1.52	NT	4.78 \pm 0.68	4.46 \pm 0.98	0.03 \pm 0.00
BGC-823	1.43 \pm 0.46	3.09 \pm 0.62	2.44 \pm 0.50	1.41 \pm 0.12	>10	4.57 \pm 1.43	NT	4.33 \pm 1.10	9.57 \pm 1.18	0.07 \pm 0.00
HT1080	2.08 \pm 0.35	4.73 \pm 1.00	2.72 \pm 0.84	1.98 \pm 0.88	5.51 \pm 0.02	4.84 \pm 0.11	NT	5.64 \pm 1.49	10.00 \pm 1.20	0.08 \pm 0.00
A431	1.03 \pm 0.47	3.68 \pm 1.37	1.79 \pm 0.60	2.29 \pm 0.29	8.40 \pm 2.50	2.55 \pm 1.60	NT	3.03 \pm 0.18	>10	0.18 \pm 0.03
A549	1.51 \pm 0.17	3.39 \pm 1.06	3.05 \pm 1.80	1.89 \pm 0.91	6.37 \pm 0.90	4.98 \pm 0.32	NT	5.56 \pm 1.07	4.03 \pm 0.99	0.05 \pm 0.01
PANC-1	1.83 \pm 0.66	3.26 \pm 1.32	2.78 \pm 0.39	1.38 \pm 0.28	6.42 \pm 0.63	3.67 \pm 1.41	NT	5.97 \pm 1.63	6.23 \pm 1.91	0.10 \pm 0.01
Hela	1.17 \pm 0.36	2.66 \pm 0.77	1.76 \pm 0.21	1.81 \pm 0.83	8.33 \pm 0.85	4.31 \pm 1.40	NT	5.33 \pm 1.60	>10	0.09 \pm 0.01

^a IC₅₀, the mean value of triplicate measurements. ^b NT, not tested.**Table 4.** Anti-proliferative activities in various cell types (IC₅₀ values^a in μ M).

Cell-lines	5f	5g	5n	5o	5p	(-)- 6	(+)- 7	(-)- 12	(+)- 13	TSA
K562	3.64 \pm 0.56	8.81 \pm 2.10	14.90 \pm 1.82	11.20 \pm 0.86	NT ^b	6.34 \pm 0.85	2.56 \pm 0.43	24.60 \pm 1.50	24.50 \pm 3.41	0.12 \pm 0.02
HL60	NT	NT	4.34 \pm 1.51	0.94 \pm 0.20	2.49 \pm 1.22	NT	NT	2.70 \pm 0.76	4.85 \pm 1.31	NT
MOLT-4	1.11 \pm 0.22	1.77 \pm 0.52	4.07 \pm 0.85	1.11 \pm 0.20	1.96 \pm 0.50	1.96 \pm 0.35	0.97 \pm 0.44	2.28 \pm 0.24	2.08 \pm 0.03	0.02 \pm 0.00
MCF-7	4.39 \pm 1.10	9.41 \pm 0.83	16.50 \pm 2.54	4.97 \pm 1.30	12.8 \pm 2.90	7.47 \pm 1.04	3.82 \pm 0.77	7.32 \pm 1.50	9.29 \pm 2.06	0.07 \pm 0.00
SK-BR-3	1.59 \pm 0.17	2.67 \pm 1.28	6.53 \pm 1.10	1.63 \pm 0.53	4.79 \pm 0.31	3.47 \pm 0.50	1.60 \pm 0.40	4.27 \pm 1.38	3.67 \pm 0.32	0.05 \pm 0.00
MDA-MB-231	NT	NT	7.28 \pm 2.64	5.36 \pm 1.36	4.34 \pm 0.85	NT	NT	15.10 \pm 1.72	11.90 \pm 1.87	NT
DU145	6.56 \pm 1.21	>10	0.99 \pm 0.12	6.71 \pm 1.12	NT	15.03 \pm 3.47	4.86 \pm 0.045	7.36 \pm 0.98	1.08 \pm 0.12	0.05 \pm 0.01
PC3	NT	NT	2.21 \pm 0.37	7.49 \pm 1.24	19.50 \pm 0.08	NT	NT	5.63 \pm 0.83	6.24 \pm 1.95	NT
NCI-N87	NT	NT	4.66 \pm 0.47	1.29 \pm 0.22	4.22 \pm 1.05	NT	NT	3.90 \pm 0.30	2.77 \pm 0.46	0.05 \pm 0.01
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PANC-1	NT	NT	8.52 \pm 1.37	2.36 \pm 0.09	3.47 \pm 0.49	NT	NT	9.04 \pm 2.50	7.64 \pm 1.05	0.10 \pm 0.01
Hela	4.04 \pm 1.90	6.91 \pm 1.55	>100	>100	>100	7.53 \pm 1.48	2.45 \pm 0.33	>100	>100	0.09 \pm 0.03

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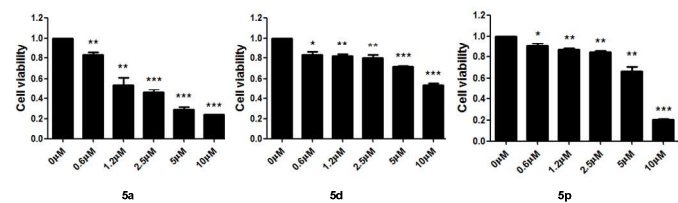


Figure 7. Effects of compounds **5a**, **5d** and **5p** on cell proliferation test.

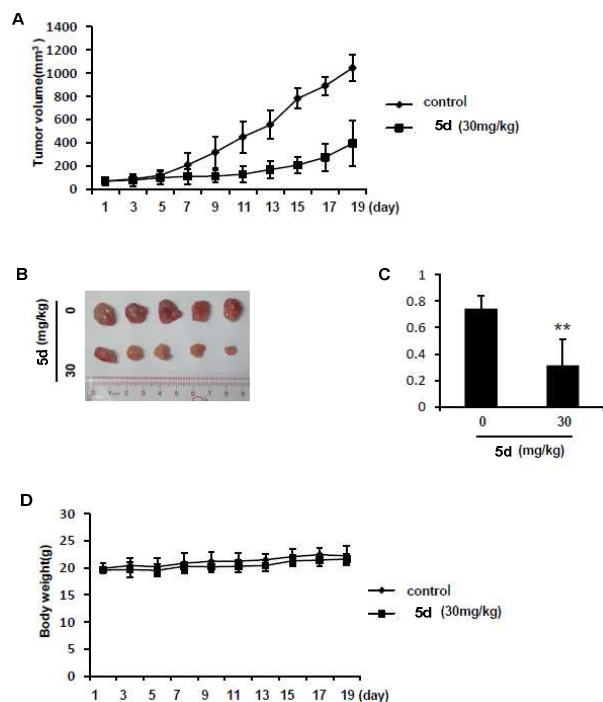


Figure 8. **5d** attenuates xenograft tumor growth. (a) Nude mice bearing MDA-MB-231 xenograft tumors were treated with vehicle or **5d** (30 mg/kg, intragastric administration, every two days). The estimated tumor volume is plotted versus time. (b) Tumors were removed from 5 mice in each group and are shown. (c) The weights of the dissected tumors were measured. (d) The body weights were monitored and plotted versus time. All data are presented as the mean \pm SD ($n=5$; **, $P < 0.01$, ***, $P < 0.001$, Student t test).

analysis was performed using C-DOCKER in Discovery Studio 2.5. The protein crystal structure of PI3K α (PDB code, 3ZIM)¹⁷ was used, followed by 8-ns molecular dynamics simulations to study the binding modes using the Amber12 package. Three hydrogen bonds interacted between **5d** and PI3K α (Figure 9a): the oxygen of C₄ morpholine formed a key hydrogen bond with the hinge of Val851 (distance: 1.9 Å), and the amino of the pyridine ring formed two hydrogen bonds, which interacted with the side chains of residues Asp993 (distance: 2.0 Å) and Lys802 (distance: 2.1 Å). Compound **5p** also exhibited the above mentioned three-hydrogen-bond interaction, although it indicated additional π - π (T-shaped) stacking interaction between the benzene ring and hinge residue of Trp780 (Figure 10a). This finding led to a more potent activity against PI3K α than **5d**. The docking analysis of **5p** with PI3K β (PDB code, 3T8M) (Figure 10b) showed that this compound formed a hydrogen bond with a residue of Val882 (distance: 1.9 Å) and a π - π (T-shaped) stacking interaction with residue Trp812.

Surprisingly, the amino of the pyridine ring only formed a hydrogen bond with residue Asp964 (distance: 2.2 Å), and no interaction existed with residue Lys833, which may explain its good selectivity over PI3K β . We also performed the docking analysis of compound **5p** binding to γ (PDB code, 4ANV) (Figure 10c) and δ isoforms (PDB code, 2WXF) (Figure 10d). Four hydrogen-bond interactions with residues of PI3K γ were noticed: Val882 (1.8 Å), Tyr867 (2.1 Å), Asp841 (2.1 Å), and Gln893 (2.3 Å). For the binding of compound **5p** to PI3K δ , six hydrogen-bond interactions with the residues were indicated: Val828 (2.0 Å), Tyr813 (1.8 Å), Asp787 (1.9 Å), Lys779 (1.8 Å), Lys708 (2.1 Å), and Thr750 (2.1 Å), along with a π - π (T-shaped) stacking interaction with residue Trp760. Compound **18a** expectedly showed no hydrogen-bond interaction with amino because of the replacement of pyrimidine scaffold with quinazoline, which blocked the molecule from docking into an active pocket (Figure 9b).

CONCLUSIONS

We have designed and synthesized three series of trisubstituted pyrimidine derivatives. These compounds were evaluated as potential PI3K α inhibitors. Compound **5d** showed comparable bioactivity with **NVP-BKM120**, and **5p** displayed the greatest inhibitory potency. The isozyme-selective assay showed that **5p** exhibited higher selectivity than **5a**, suggesting that **5p** is a promising dual PI3K α/δ inhibitor. Moreover, the cytotoxicities of the substituted pyrimidines against human cancer cell lines were evaluated, most of them showed comparable activities, the *in vivo* anticancer effect of **5d** was also tested. Their pharmacokinetics profiles and other biological activities *in vivo* are presently being investigated.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Molecular modeling. The PI3K α -KKR protein-ligand complex crystal structure (PDB ID: 3ZIM) was chosen as the template to compare the docking mode among compounds **18a**, **5d** and **5p** bound to PI3K α , as well as **5p** bound to PI3K β (PDB ID: 3T8M). The molecular docking procedure was performed in accordance with the C-DOCKER protocol of Discovery Studio 2.5. For ligand preparation, the 3D structures of compounds **18a**, **5d**, and **5p** were generated and minimized using Discovery Studio 2.5. Hydrogen atoms were added for enzyme preparation, and CHARMM force field was employed. PI3K α and PI3K β enzymes were defined as receptors, and the site sphere was selected on the basis of the ligand binding location of KKR. The KKR molecule was then removed, and compounds **18a**, **5d** or **5p** were placed during the molecular docking procedure. The types of interactions between the docked enzyme and the ligand were analyzed at the end of the molecular docking. The ligand-protein complex with the optimum score was selected as the initial structure for MD simulations.¹⁸⁻²³

ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Supporting information

Synthetic schemes and experimental procedures, characterization of organic molecules, enzyme assays, cell proliferation assay, western blot assay, tumor growth in xenografts. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

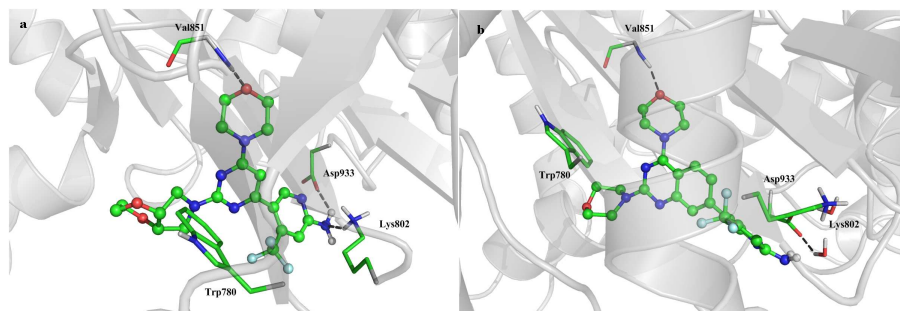


Figure 9. Docking modes for compounds **5d** and **18a** into protein crystal structure of PI3Kα. (a) Compound **5d** bound to PI3Kα. (b) Compound **18a** bound to PI3Kα (PDB ID: 3ZIM).

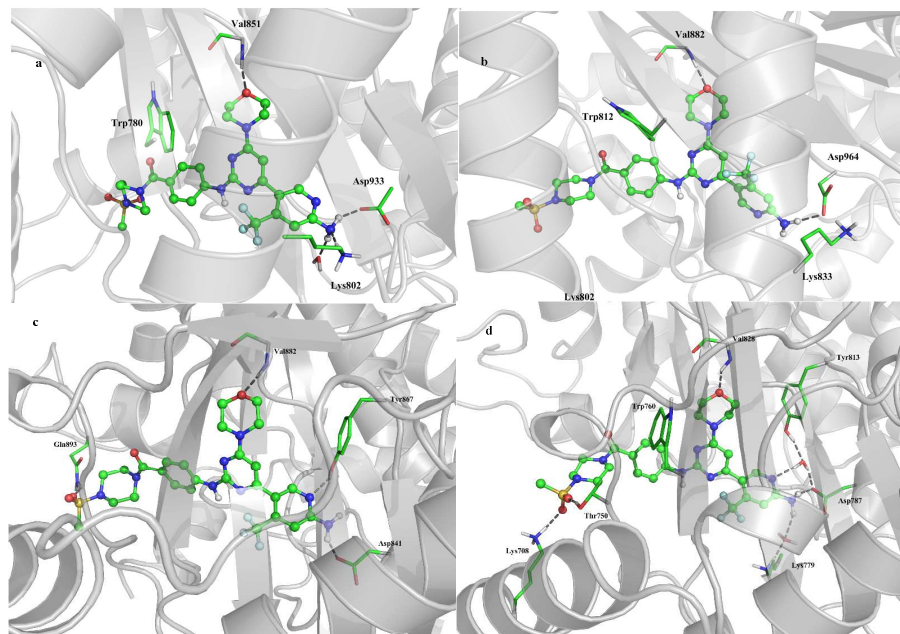


Figure 10. Docking modes for compound **5p** into protein crystal structure of PI3Ks. (a) Binding to PI3Kα (PDB ID: 3ZIM). (b) Binding to PI3Kβ (PDB ID: 3T8M). (c) Binding to PI3Kγ (PDB ID: 4ANV). (d) Binding to PI3Kδ (PDB ID: 2W XF).

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ABBREVIATIONS LIST

PI3K, phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase; PtdIns(4,5)P₂, phosphatidylinositol (4,5) diphosphate; PIP₃, phosphatidylinositol triphosphate (3,4,5)P₃; PTEN, phosphatase and tensin homologue; AKT, known as protein kinase B or PKB; TSA, tri-

chostatin A; m-TOR, mammalian target of rapamycin; HEPES, 4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazineethanesulfonic acid; EGTA, ethylene glycol tetraacetic acid; CHAPS, 3-[(3-cholamidopropyl)-dimethylammonio]-1-propane sulfonate; DMEM, dulbecco minimum essential medium; CHARMM, Chemistry at Harvard Macromolecular Mechanics; KKR, Korrington-Kohn-Rostoker; MD, molecular dynamics.

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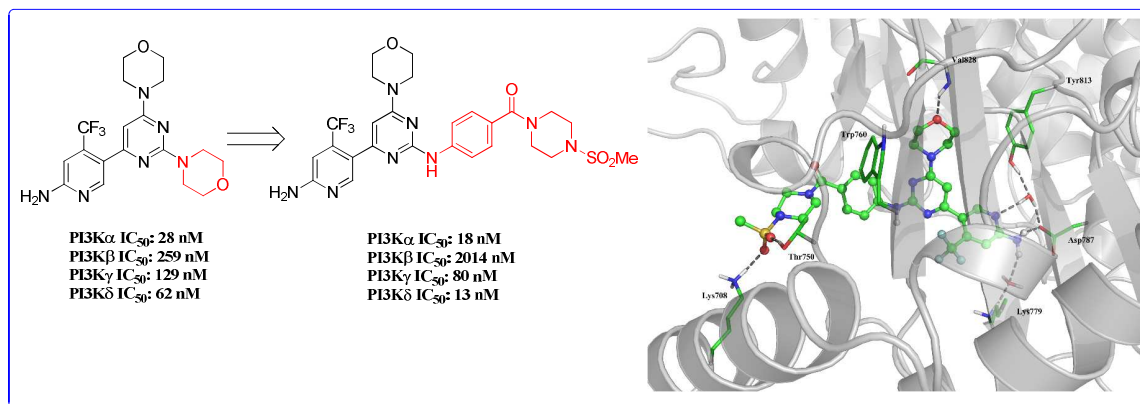


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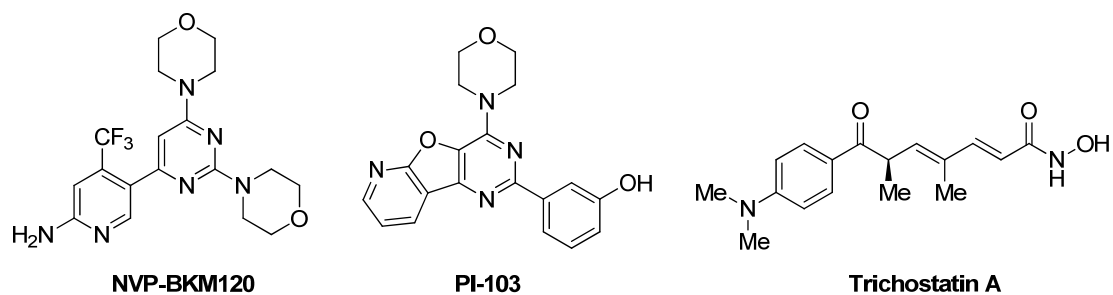


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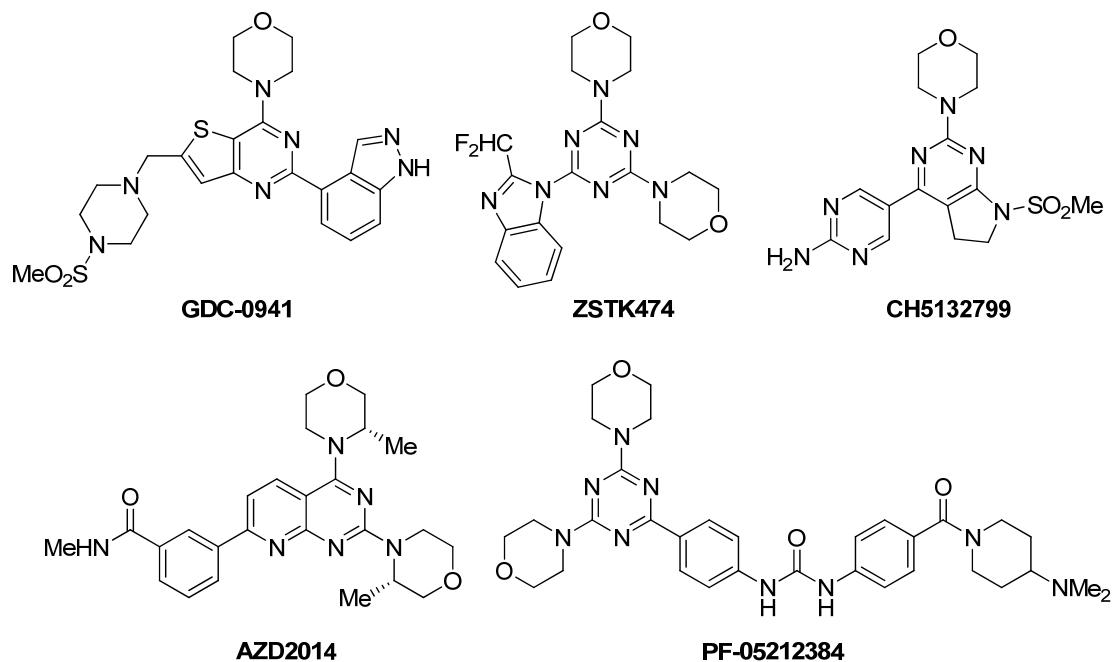


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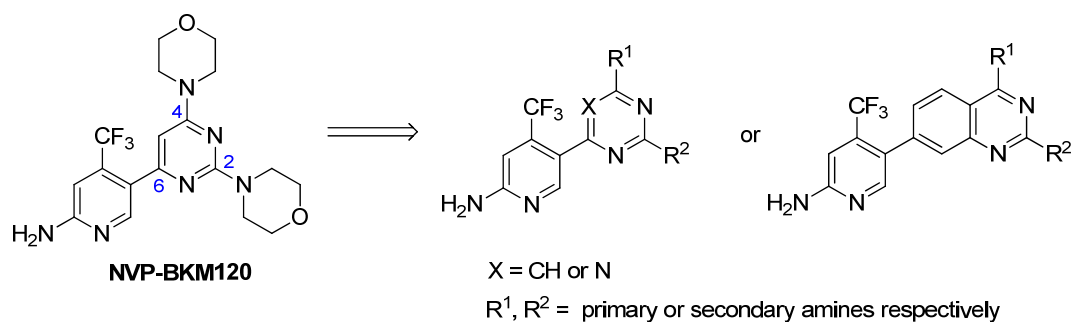


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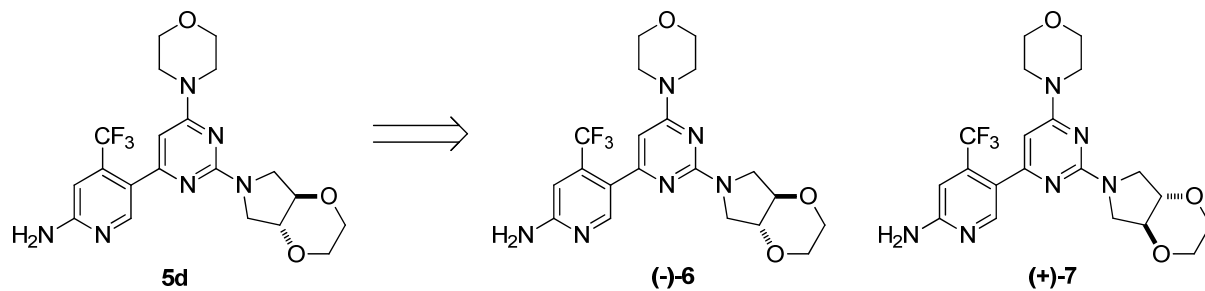


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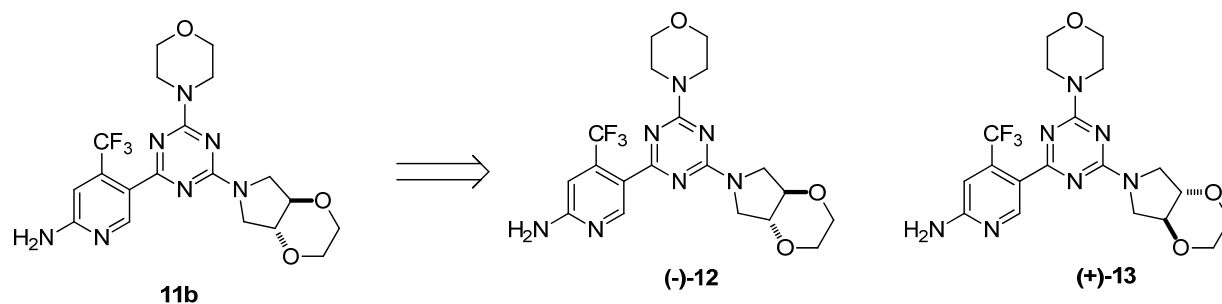


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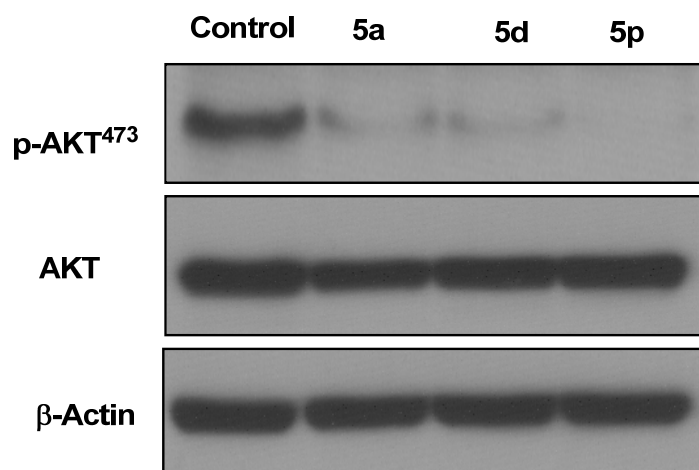


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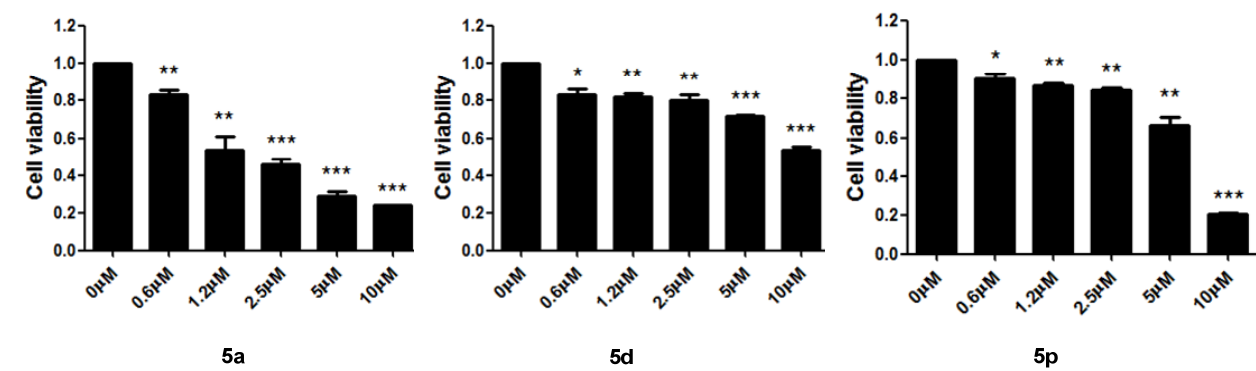


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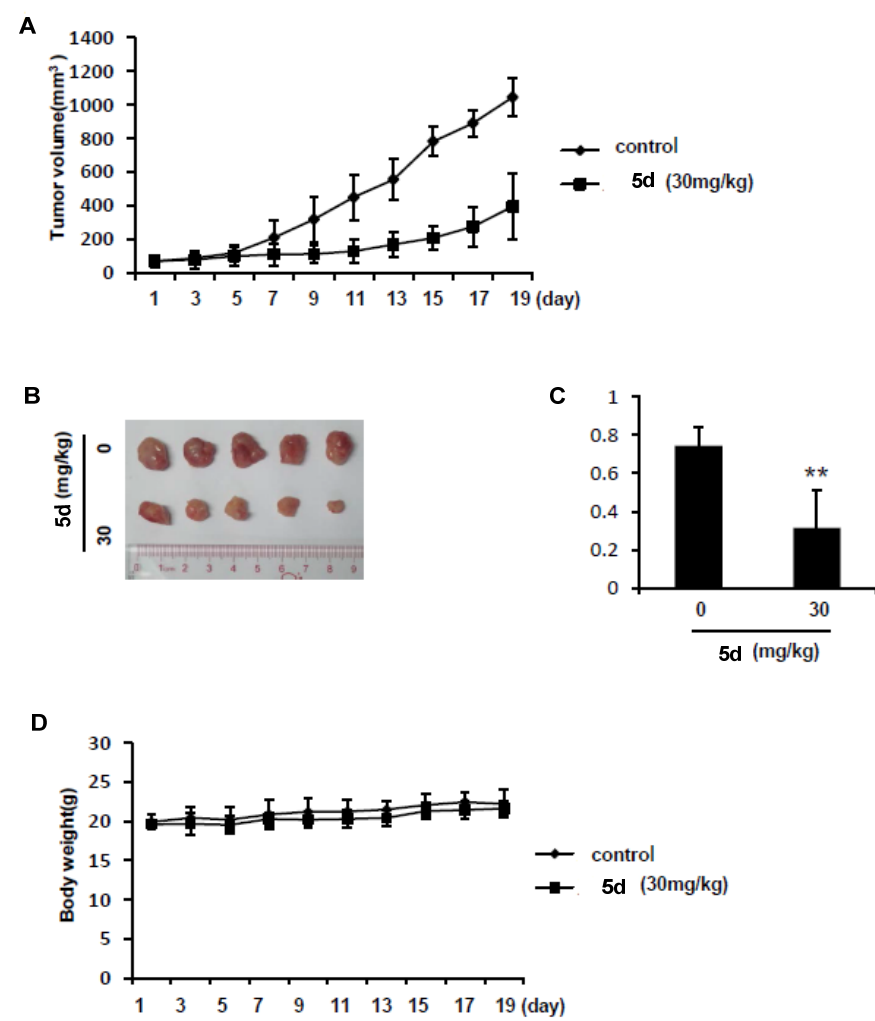


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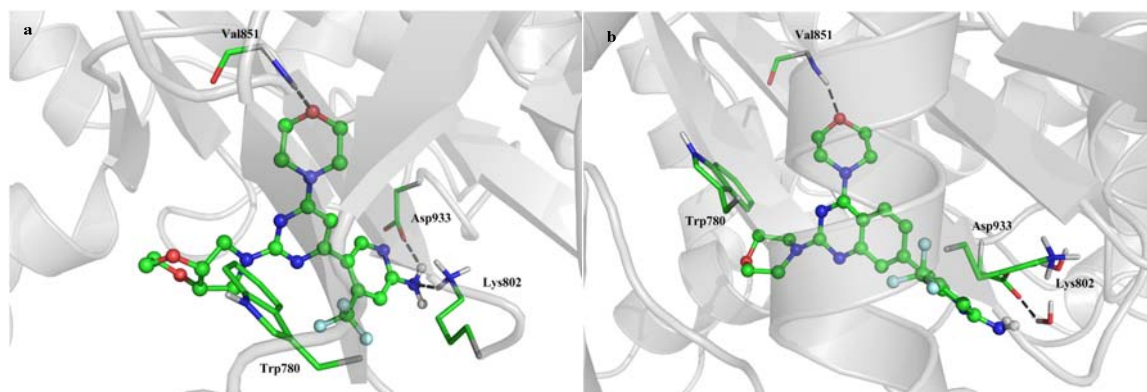
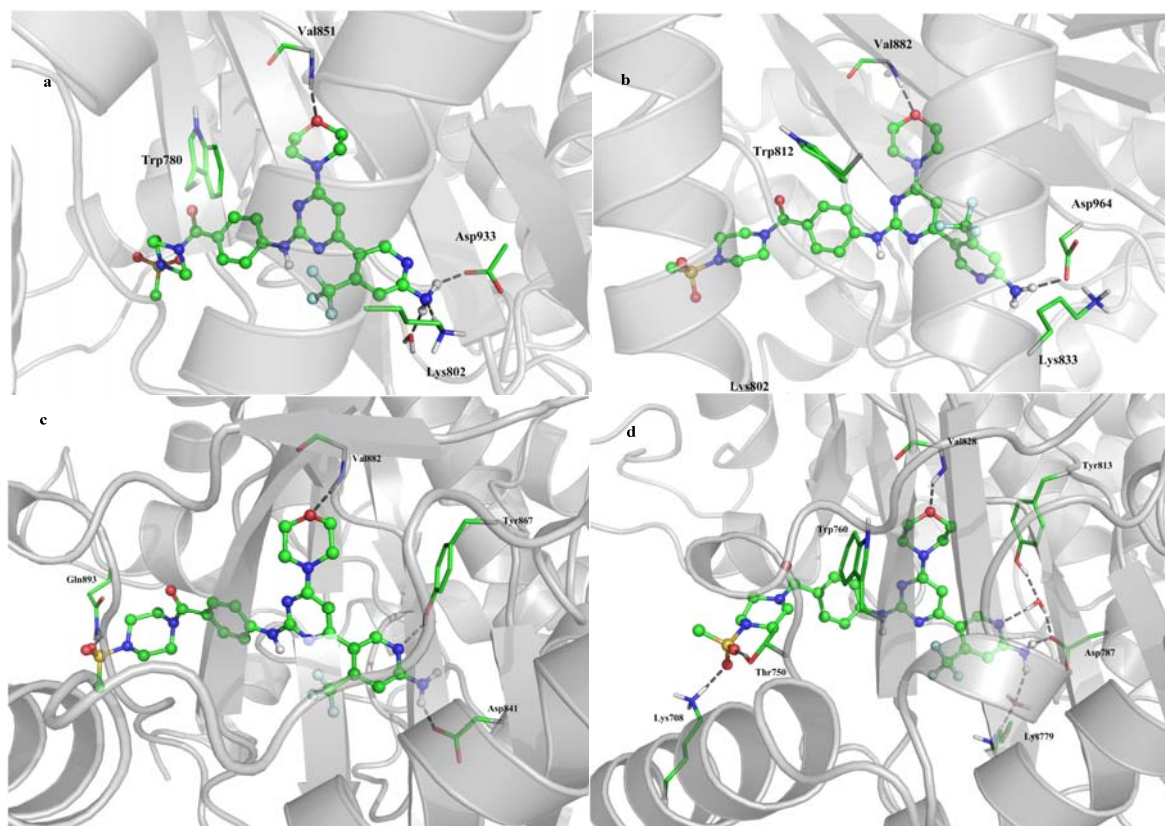
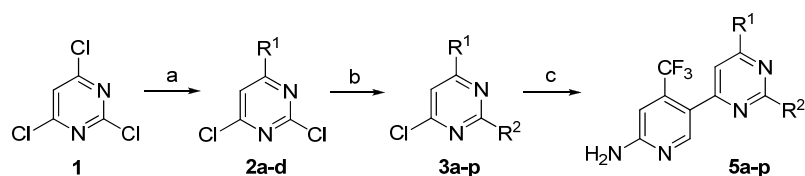


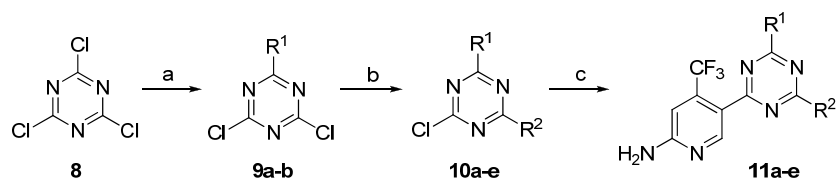
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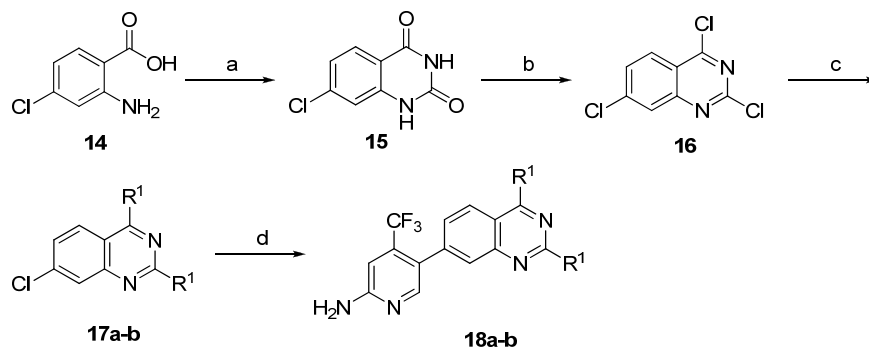
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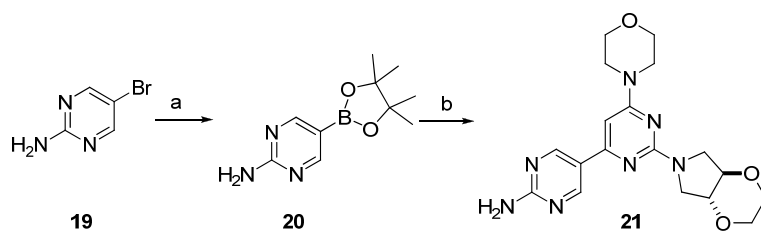
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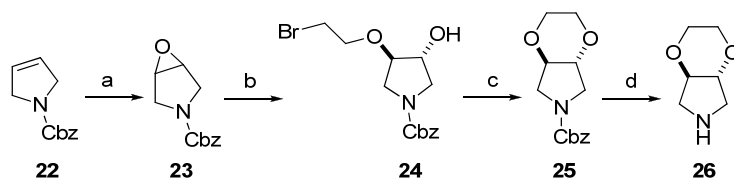


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