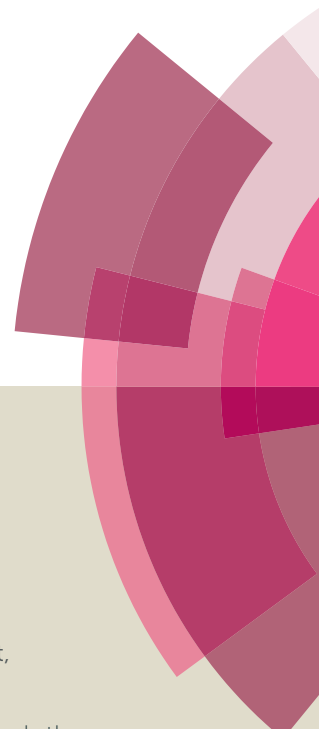
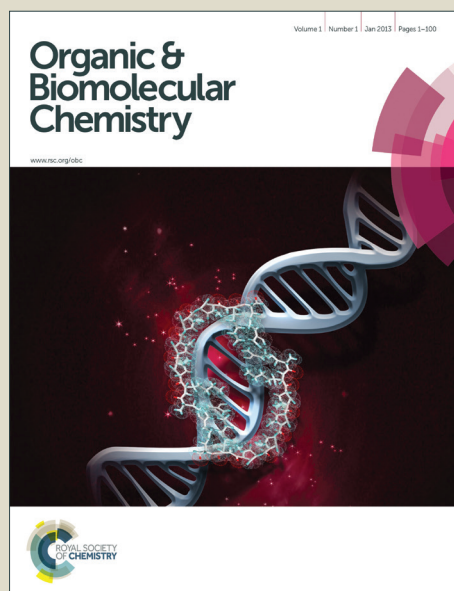


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Direct and two-step bioorthogonal probes for Bruton's tyrosine kinase based on ibrutinib: a comparative study

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Ibrutinib is a covalent and irreversible inhibitor of Bruton's tyrosine kinase (BTK) and has been approved for the treatment of haematological malignancies, such as chronic lymphocytic leukaemia, mantle cell lymphoma and Waldenström's macroglobulinemia. The covalent and irreversible nature of its molecular mode of action allows identification and monitoring of its target in an activity-based protein profiling (ABPP) setting. Fluorescent and biotinylated ibrutinib derivatives have appeared in the literature in recent years to monitor BTK *in vitro* and *in situ*. The work described here complements this existing methodology and pertains a comparative study on the efficacy of direct and two-step bioorthogonal ABPP of BTK.

Introduction

Bruton's tyrosine kinase (BTK), a nonreceptor tyrosine kinase member of the Tec kinase family, is involved in B cell receptor (BCR) signalling and governs B-lymphocyte development, differentiation, signalling and survival.¹ Aberrant BTK activity is a fundamental feature of the human B-cell malignancies; chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL), mantle cell lymphoma (MCL), follicular lymphoma (FL), diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL), and Waldenström's macroglobulinemia (WM).²

The first-in-class BTK-inhibitor ibrutinib (Imbruvica®, PCI-32765, **1**, Figure 1) has recently been approved for the treatment of WM, MCL and CLL by the FDA.³ Apart from its clinical efficacy, ibrutinib is of interest because of its mechanism of action. Ibrutinib irreversibly blocks BTK activity through covalent modification of Cys481 within the enzyme ATP-binding pocket following conjugate addition of the cysteine thiol to the acrylamide moiety in **1** (Figure 1), an event that prevents phosphorylation of Tyr223, an essential step for BTK activation. At present, numerous covalent kinase inactivators are pursued for a range of human malignancies.⁴ Besides the clinical relevance of mechanism-based inhibitors (long residence time, lasting inhibitory effect which is only dependent on de novo synthesis of the protein target), covalent and irreversible enzyme inhibitors are highly useful starting points for the development of activity-based protein profiling (ABPP) probes.⁵ Such probes, also termed activity-based

probes (ABPs), are composed of a mechanism-based enzyme inhibitor modified to contain an identification tag, which can be a biotin (for visualisation and/or enrichment), a fluorophore (for visualisation), or a bioorthogonal tag (to install a fluorophore or affinity tag following enzyme labelling).

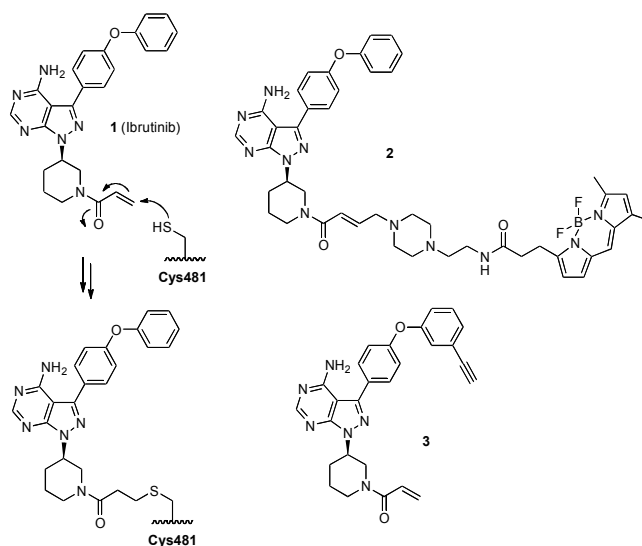


Figure 1. Mechanism-based inactivation of Bruton's tyrosine kinase (BTK) by ibrutinib (**1**) (left) and the direct (**2**) and two-step (**3**) BTK activity-based probes reported to date (right).

In the recent literature both direct and two-step bioorthogonal ibuprofen-based ABPs have been described. Honigberg and co-workers reported on the development of BODIPY-FL-ibuprofen **2** and its application in detection of BTK in BTK-positive tumour cells and mouse models of autoimmune disease.^{3c} Cravatt and co-workers in turn described ibuprofen-alkyne **3** as part of a series of alkyne-modified covalent kinase inhibitors in a broad-spectrum Huisgen [2+3]-cycloaddition 'click'-based two-step ABPP study on kinase activities in a variety of tumour tissues.⁶

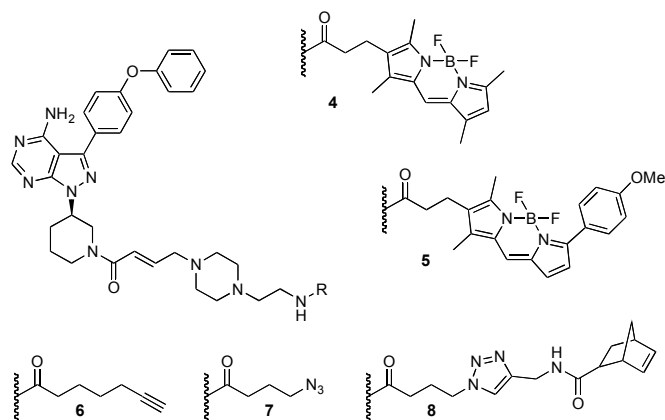


Figure 2. Direct (**4** and **5**) and two-step bioorthogonal (**6-8**) BTK activity-based probes that are subject of the here presented study.

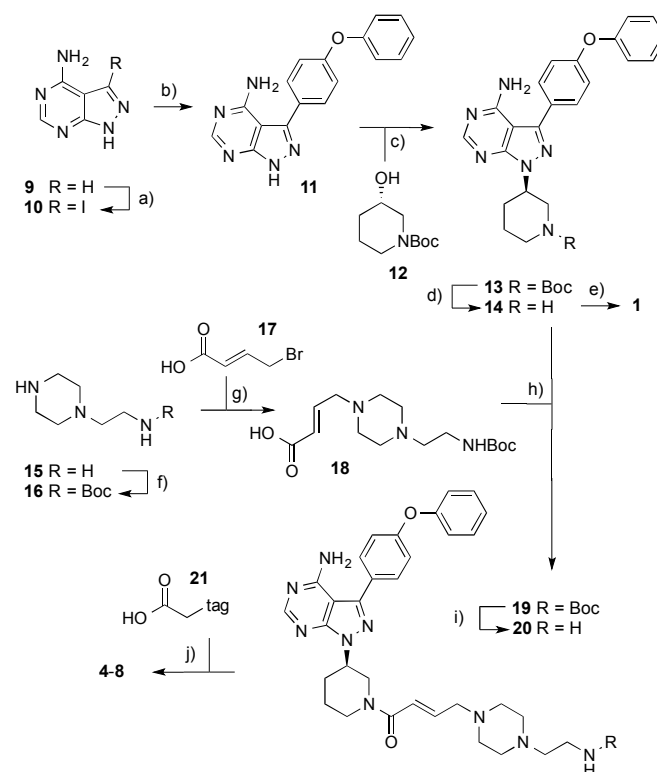
Our ABPP research focuses amongst others on the head-to-head comparison of direct and two-step bioorthogonal ABPP methodologies.⁷ In these studies we include assessment of the relative efficiency of established bioorthogonal chemistries including Cu(I)-catalysed and strain-promoted azide-alkyne [2+3] cycloaddition, Staudinger-Bertozzi ligation and inverse-electron demand Diels-Alder ligation. We have previously shown that with the exception of strain-promoted alkyne-azide cycloadditions all of the above are effective bioorthogonal chemistries in the two-step ABPP modification of the catalytic activities of mammalian proteasomes and moreover that these reactions can be executed consecutively in a multiplexing fashion in a single biological sample.⁸ We here report on a comparative study in which we probed for catalytically active BTK levels in BTK-positive Ramos cells with direct ABPs **4** and **5** (Figure 2) as well as two-step ABPs **6** and **7** (Cu(I)-catalysed azide-alkyne [2+3] cycloaddition) and **8** (inverse-electron demand Diels-Alder).

Results and discussion

Synthesis of ibuprofen and ibuprofen-based ABPs

Perusal of the literature on structure-activity relationship studies on ibuprofen revealed that analogues featuring a piperazinyl extension at the acrylamide side of the parent compound are well tolerated by the target enzyme, BTK. Weissleder and co-workers used this finding in their design of direct BTK ABP **2** (Figure 1).⁹ Based on these literature

findings we decided to use ibuprofen derivative **20** (Scheme 1) as common core onto which the BODIPY fluorophores and two-step bioorthogonal ligation handles as depicted in Figure 2 are grafted. Thus as the first research objective we set out to synthesise amine **20** (Scheme 1). Iodide **10** was prepared from commercially available aminopyrazolopyrimidine **9** in an electrophilic aromatic substitution using *N*-iodosuccinimide as the iodinating agent. Ensuing Suzuki coupling with 4-phenoxybenzene boronic acid according to the literature procedure provided diphenyl ether **11**, which was reacted with enantiopure (*S*)-*N*-Boc-3-hydroxypiperidine **12** under Mitsunobu conditions to give intermediate **13** with full inversion of stereochemistry.^{9, 10} Acid mediated removal of the Boc protective group followed by condensation of the thus liberated secondary amine with acryloyl chloride gave ibuprofen **1**, the analytical and spectral data of which were in full agreement with those reported in the literature.^{10, 11}



Scheme 1. Reagents and conditions: a) *N*-iodosuccinimide, 80 °C, DMF, 87%; b) K₃PO₄, 4-phenoxybenzene boronic acid, Pd(PPh₃)₄, dioxane, 180 °C, 79%; c) **12**, PPh₃ polymer-bound, DIAD, THF, 56%; d) 4.0 M HCl in dioxane, 100%; e) acryloyl chloride, TEA, DCM, 46%; f) i) benzaldehyde, Cbz-Cl, toluene, 38%; ii) Boc₂O, THF, 79%; iii) Pd/C, H₂, MeOH, 94%; g) **17**, TEA, THF; h) **14**, HATU, TEA, DMF, 87%; i) 4.0 M HCl in dioxane, 100%; j) HATU, DiPEA, DMF, **21**, **4**: 17%, **5**: 10%, **6**: 36%, **7**: 22%, **8**: 10%.

The synthesis of ABPs **4-8** requires access to piperazine-functionalised acrylate **18**, for which synthesis we adapted the patent literature.¹² In the first instance, we attempted to prepare

the precursor, single Boc-protected aminoethylpiperazine **16**, as described by treatment of aminoethylpiperazine with di-*tert*-butyldicarbonate in the presence of benzyl aldehyde. However, this one-step procedure, not unexpectedly,¹³ failed. Therefore, we resorted to the following three-step procedure as depicted.¹⁴ Thus, *in situ* formation of the primary benzylimine and ensuing Cbz protection of the secondary amine and liberation of the primary amine yielded mono-Cbz- aminoethylpiperazine, with the secondary amine temporarily protected as the benzyloxycarbamate. Subsequent, introduction of the Boc protective group at this stage followed by hydrogenolysis of the Cbz group afforded compound **16**, which was *N*-alkylated with *E*-bromobutenoic acid **17**¹⁵ to yield compound **18**. Condensation of **14** and **18** under the agency of HATU and triethylamine followed by acidic removal of the Boc group afforded ibrutinib derivative **20**. Condensation (HATU, DiPEA) with the appropriately modified tags **21** (see for the used tags the experimental section) afforded target direct ABPs **4** and **5** as well as the two-step bioorthogonal ABPs (**6-8**) in moderate yield but good purity after HPLC purification.

Evaluation of the inhibitory potency and labelling efficiency

We first established the potency of ABPs **4-8** as BTK inhibitors. Non-fluorescent derivatives **6-8** were measured in an immobilized metal ion affinity-based fluorescence polarization (IMAP) assay using recombinantly expressed human BTK with ibrutinib **1** included as benchmark. Fluorescent, direct ABPs **4** and **5** were added to Ramos cell extract, which contains endogenously expressed BTK, after which the protein content was denatured and resolved on SDS-PAGE.

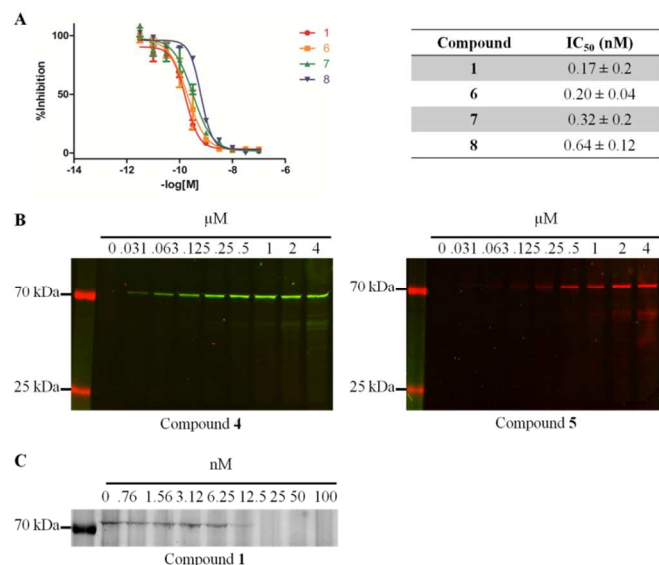


Figure 3. A) BTK inhibitory potency (IC₅₀) of ibrutinib **1** and two-step bioorthogonal ABPs **6-8**. The mean IC₅₀ values are calculated from two independent experiments performed in duplicate. B) BTK labelling efficiency of direct ABPs **4** and **5** in Ramos cell extract. Ramos cell extracts were exposed for 1 hr at room temperature to the indicated concentrations of ABP **4** or **5**. Three independent experiments were

performed. C) Competition experiments of ibrutinib **1** versus fluorescent ABP **4** in Ramos cell lysates. Three independent experiments were performed. Ramos cell extracts were exposed to the indicated concentrations of ibrutinib **1** for 1 hr at room temperature and then incubated with ABP **4** (1 μM) for 1 hr at room temperature. Proteins were analysed by SDS-PAGE using detection by in-gel fluorescent readout. See for complete gels the supplementary info. Lane 1: Dual Color protein standard.

As can be seen from Figure 3A, ibrutinib analogues **6-8** inhibit recombinant, purified BTK with IC₅₀ values in the same range as ibrutinib **1**. The fluorescent analogues **4** and **5** are not compatible with the IMAP assay and thus we established whether these compounds would be able to detect ibrutinib in an activity-based protein profiling setting. As can be seen (Figure 3B) both compounds label a single band with an apparent molecular weight corresponding to that of BTK. Of note, labelling of this protein could be prevented in a dose-dependent manner by pre-incubation with ibrutinib (Figure 3C). We next set out to establish the ability of compounds **4-8** to target BTK in living cells. Figure 4A shows that both green (**4**) and red (**5**) fluorescent probes readily and selectively modify BTK in a concentration-dependent manner and do so at concentrations as low as 100 nM (for ABP **4**). Thus both direct ABPs behave as expected, given the literature precedent.^{3c} This makes the probes also useful for the assessment of the inhibitory potency and cell permeability of putative BTK inhibitors in a competitive ABPP setting.

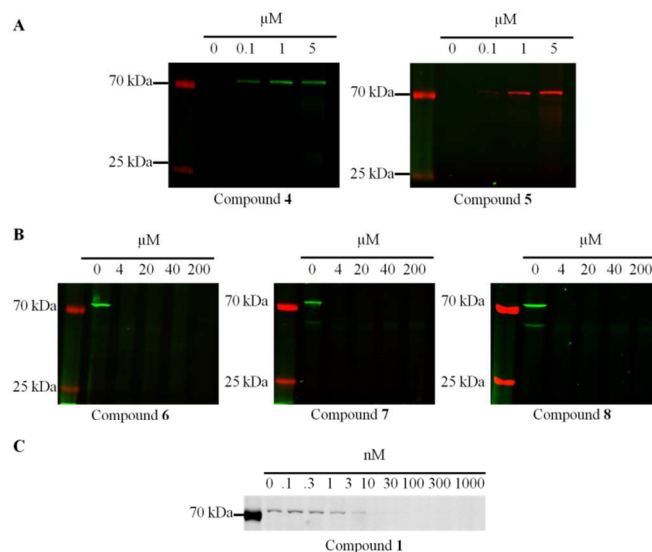


Figure 4. A) *In situ* labelling of BTK in Ramos cells by **4** and **5**. Ramos cells were exposed to the indicated concentrations of **4** or **5** for 4 hrs at 37° C. Proteins were analysed by SDS-PAGE using detection by in-gel fluorescent readout. Three independent experiments were performed. B) Competition experiments of BODIPY-FL-ibrutinib **4** versus compounds **6-8** in Ramos cells. Ramos cells were exposed to the indicated concentrations of ABP **6**, **7**, or **8** for 3 hrs at 37° C and then lysed. The cell lysates were exposed to 1 μM of ABP **4** for 1 hr at room temperature. Two independent experiments were performed. C)

Competition experiments of ibrutinib **1** versus fluorescent ABP **4** in Ramos cells. Two independent experiments were performed. Ramos cells were exposed to the indicated concentrations of ibrutinib **1** for 3 hrs at 37° C and then lysed. The cell lysates were exposed to 1 μ M of ABP **4** for 1 hr at room temperature. Proteins were analysed by SDS-PAGE using detection by in-gel fluorescent readout. See for complete gels the supplementary info. Lane 1: Dual Color protein standard.

To establish whether putative two-step ABPs **6-8** are able to reach and modify BTK in live cells, we treated living Ramos cells in culture with varying concentration of these compounds, prior to treatment with ABP **4**, cell lysis and SDS-PAGE. As is evident from Figure 4B, the three compounds abolish labelling at the lowest concentration (4 μ M; approximately 10x IC₅₀ value for all compounds, see Figure 3A) applied and we can thus conclude that all 5 compounds – direct and two-step ABPs – are able to modify BTK in live cells.

Figure 4C shows that BTK labelling in live cells could be prevented in a dose-dependent manner by pre-incubation with ibrutinib, strongly suggesting BTK specificity of these probes in live cells.

The efficiency and selectivity of the two-step ABPs **6-8** to modify BTK in living Ramos cells was assessed next.

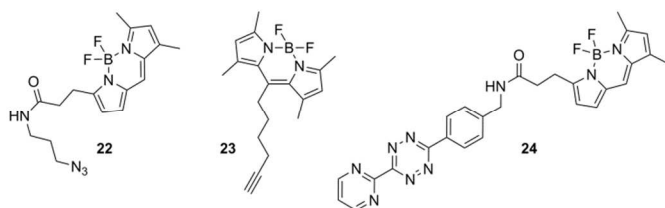


Figure 5. Ligation reagents used in the here presented study.

Figure 5 depicts the complementary reagents used in these experiments, that is, BODIPY-FL-modified bioorthogonal reagent **22** (for copper(I)-catalysed alkyne-azide [2+3] cycloaddition (CuAAC) ligation to azide-modified ibrutinib **6**), BODIPY-green-alkyne **23** (for copper(I)-catalysed click ligation to alkyne-modified ibrutinib **7**) and BODIPY-FL-tetrazine **24** (for inverse-electron demand Diels-Alder ligation to norbornene-modified ibrutinib **8**).

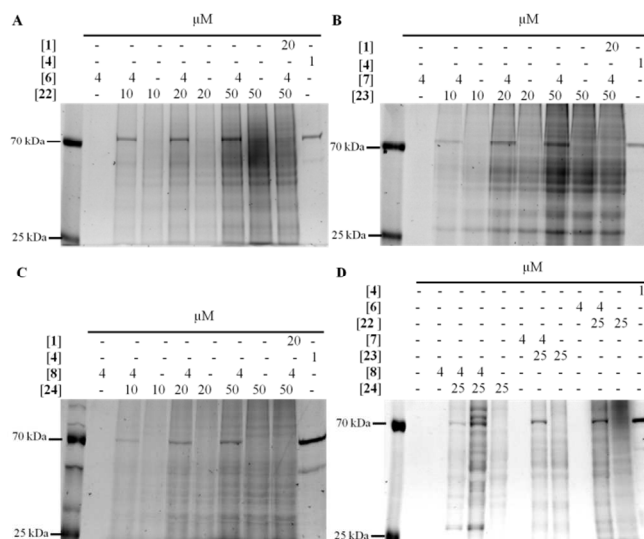


Figure 6. A-C) *In vitro* two-step bioorthogonal labelling of BTK in Ramos cell extract using reagent pairs (**6/22**), (**7/23**) and (**8/24**). Ramos cell lysates were exposed to ABP **6** or **7** for 1 hr at room temperature and then reacted with the indicated concentrations of BODIPY-azide **22** or BODIPY-alkyne **23** for 1 hr at room temperature. Copper-catalysed click reactions were performed in the presence of CuSO₄ (6.5 mM), Tris(3-hydroxypropyltriazolylmethyl) amine THPTA (6.5 mM) and sodium L-ascorbate (6.5 mM). Alternatively, ABP **8** (4 μ M) was used for ligation with tetrazine **24**. In control experiments different ligation strategies were performed in the absence of ABP **6-8** or after competition by an excess of ibrutinib **1**. As a positive control, extracts were labelled with fluorescent ABP **4** (1 μ M). Three independent experiments were performed. D) Two-step bioorthogonal profiling of BTK activity by different ligation strategies. Ramos cells were exposed to ABP **6-8** (4 μ M) for 3 hrs at 37° C, washed, lysed, and then reacted with their corresponding ligation reagent **22-24** (25 μ M) for 1 hr at room temperature. Alternatively, cells were consecutively exposed to ABP **8** and ligation reagent **24** *in situ* (lane 5). In control experiments different ligation strategies were performed in the absence of ABP **6-8** and/or ligation reagent. As a positive control, cells were labelled with fluorescent ABP **4** (1 μ M). Three independent experiments were performed. Proteins were analysed by SDS-PAGE using detection by in-gel fluorescent readout. Lane 1: Dual Color protein standard.

Ramos cell lysates were treated with ibrutinib-alkyne **6**, ibrutinib-azide **7** or ibrutinib-norbornene **8** at 4 μ M final concentrations for one hour at room temperature. Next the samples were treated with the complementary bioorthogonal ligation handles **22-24** at various final concentrations for one hour. The proteins were resolved on SDS-PAGE and the wet gel slabs analysed by fluorescence read-out. As can be seen (Figure 6A) both copper(I)-catalysed click reactions give BTK labelling in a concentration-dependent manner, as does the inverse-electron demand Diels-Alder (IEDDA) ligation. Though the two click ligation steps appear about equally effective in terms of activity, differences are apparent when considering aspecific reaction of the (click/tetrazine) ligation handles, with alkyne-azide click ligation giving the optimal

result. The IEDDA ligation appears to proceed equally selective though the labelling intensity appears somewhat lower.

As a final set of experiments we explored the ability of our two-step BTK ABPs to modify BTK *in situ* in living Ramos cells (Figure 6D). For this purpose, we treated Ramos cells with 4 μ M **6-8** for 1 hour at 37 °C. For the purpose of the two CuAAC click ligations the cells were lysed, whereas IEDDA ligation (addition of norbornene **24**) was performed *in situ* and *in vitro*. As can be seen (Figure 6D) also these partial or complete *in situ* ligations proved successful, with here the two CuAAC ligations more selective compared to the IEDDA ligation.

In conclusion, we have expanded the BTK activity-based probe set by the development of two direct ABPs **4** and **5** equipped with BODIPY fluorophores that emit at two distinct wavelengths, as well as three bioorthogonal two-step ABPs that can be addressed through either CuAAC or IEDDA bioorthogonal chemistry. As such our BTK imaging toolset adds to the existing BTK probes – both direct and two-step – for measuring catalytically active BTK in various settings. Though direct imaging with BODIPY-ibrutinib derivatives **4** and **5** appears most effective in live cells, the situation may differ in case live animals are to be subject of study and for this purpose the IEDDA bioorthogonal ABP pair **8/24** may be most effective – even though labelling efficiency appears the lowest. In an alternative setting, BTK occupancy may be monitored in conjunction with other enzymatic activities in a multiplexing setting, using either the direct probes in conjunction with ABPs targeting other enzymes and equipped with complementary fluorophores, or by making use of a number of mutually exclusive bioorthogonal ligations.

Experimental

General: Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled over LiAlH₄ before use. Acetonitrile (ACN), dichloromethane (DCM), N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF), methanol (MeOH) and trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) were of peptide synthesis grade, purchased at Biosolve, and used as received. All general chemicals (Fluka, Acros, Merck, Aldrich, Sigma) were used as received. Traces of water were removed from reagents used in reactions that require anhydrous conditions by coevaporation with toluene. Solvents that were used in reactions were stored over 4 Å molecular sieves, except methanol and acetonitrile, which were stored over 3 Å molecular sieves. Molecular sieves were flame dried before use. Unless noted otherwise all reactions were performed under an argon atmosphere. Column chromatography was performed on Silicycle Silia-P Flash Silica Gel, with a particle size of 40 – 63 μ m. The eluents toluene and ethyl acetate were distilled prior to use. TLC analysis was conducted on Merck aluminium sheets (Silica gel 60 F254). Compounds were visualized by UV absorption (254 nm), by spraying with a solution of (NH₄)₆Mo₇O₂₄ · 4 H₂O (25 g/L) and (NH₄)₄Ce(SO₄)₄ · 2H₂O (10 g/L) in 10% sulphuric acid, a solution of KMnO₄ (20 g/L) and K₂CO₃ (10 g/L) in water, or ninhydrin (0.75 g/L) and acetic acid (12.5 mL/L) in ethanol, where appropriate, followed by charring at ca. 150 °C. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DMX-400 (400 MHz) or a Bruker DMX-600 (600 MHz)

spectrometer. Chemical shifts are given in ppm (δ) relative to tetramethylsilane (¹H-NMR) or CDCl₃ (¹³C-NMR) as internal standard. Mass spectra were recorded on a PE/Sciex API 165 instrument equipped with an Electrospray Interface (ESI) (Perkin-Elmer). High-resolution MS (HRMS) spectra were recorded with a Finnigan LTQ-FT (Thermo Electron). IR spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu FTIR-8300 and absorptions are given in cm⁻¹. Optical rotations [α]_D²³ were recorded on a Propol automatic polarimeter at room temperature. LC-MS analysis was performed on a Jasco HPLC system with a Phenomenex Gemini 3 μ m C18 50 x 4.6 mm column (detection simultaneously at 214 and 254 nm), coupled to a PE Sciex API 165 mass spectrometer with ESI. HPLC gradients were 10 \rightarrow 90%, 0 \rightarrow 50% or 10 \rightarrow 50% ACN in 0.1% TFA/H₂O. Chiral HPLC analysis was performed on a Spectroflow 757 system (ABI Analytical Kratos Division, detection at 254 nm) equipped with a Chiralcel OD column (150 x 4.6 mm). The compounds were purified on a Gilson HPLC system coupled to a Phenomenex Gemini 5 μ m 250 x 10 mm column and a GX281 fraction collector. The used gradients were either 0 \rightarrow 30% or 10 \rightarrow 40% ACN in 0.1% TFA/water, depending on the lipophilicity of the product. Appropriate fractions were pooled, and concentrated in a Christ rotary vacuum concentrator overnight at room temperature at 0.1 mbar.

3-iodo-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-amine (10)

To a solution of 4-aminopyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine (**9**, 2.50 g, 18.5 mmol) in DMF (43 mL) was added *N*-iodosuccinimide (1.5 eq., 6.24 g, 27.7 mmol) and the mixture was heated to 80 °C overnight, before being cooled to 0 °C. H₂O (110 mL) was added and the mixture was allowed to stand at 0 °C for 30 min. followed by filtration of the solid. The residue was washed with ice-cold EtOH, Et₂O and EtOAc and dried *in vacuo*. The title compound was obtained without further purification as a pale yellow solid (yield: 4.22 g, 16.17 mmol, 87%). *R*_F = 0.30 (10% MeOH/DCM). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.84 (s, 1H, NH), 8.17 (s, 1H, CH). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 157.50, 155.90, 155.0, 102.51, 89.88.

3-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-amine (11)

Compound **10** (0.2 g, 0.77 mmol), K₃PO₄ (3 eq., 0.49 g, 2.30 mmol), 4-phenoxybenzene boronic acid (3 eq., 0.49 g, 2.29 mmol) and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.14 eq., 0.12 g, 0.11 mmol) were dissolved in sonicated dioxane (2.5 mL) in a microwave vial. The resulting mixture was heated to 180 °C for 10 min. under microwave irradiation. EtOAc (10 mL) was added and the mixture was washed with H₂O and brine before being dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The title compound was obtained after purification by column chromatography (100% DCM \rightarrow 4% MeOH/DCM) as a white solid (yield: 0.18 g, 0.61 mmol, 79%). *R*_F = 0.19 (5% MeOH/DCM). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.58 (s, 1H, NH), 8.22 (s, 1H, CH), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, 2xCH), 7.43 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, 2xCH), 7.20 – 7.11 (m, 5H, 5xCH). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 158.11, 157.04, 156.33, 155.82, 143.99, 130.17, 128.48, 123.82, 119.05, 96.95. LC-MS analysis: Rt 5.63 min (linear

gradient 10-90% acetonitrile in H₂O, 0.1% TFA, 15 min). ESI-MS (*m/z*): 304.07 [M+H⁺].

tert-butyl(R)-3-(4-amino-3-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-1-yl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (13)

To a suspension of (*S*)-1-Boc-3-hydroxypiperidine **12** (2 eq., 1.24 g, 6.2 mmol) and polymer-bound triphenylphosphine (3 eq., 3.08 g, 9.2 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added dropwise diisopropyl diazodicarboxylate (2 eq., 1.21 mL, 6.1 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 5 min. Compound **11** (0.93 g, 3.08 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was heated for 5 min. The suspension was stirred overnight before being filtered over Celite to remove the resins and the resins were washed with MeOH and DCM. The filtrate was concentrated and the target compound was obtained by column chromatography (40% → 55% EtOAc/Pentane) as a yellow solid (yield: 0.84 g, 1.72 mmol, 56%). *R_F* = 0.50 (90% EtOAc/Pentane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31 (s, 1H, CH), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, 2xCH), 7.35 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, 2xCH), 7.15 – 7.12 (m, 3H, 3xCH), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, 2xCH), 4.90 – 4.81 (m, 1H, CH), 4.36 – 4.19 (m, 1H), 4.12 – 4.06 (m, 1H), 3.50 – 3.34 (m, 1H), 2.86 (t, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.31 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.93 – 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.72 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.10, 157.97, 156.02, 154.87, 154.30, 143.63, 130.60, 128.50, 124.44, 119.37, 98.09, 79.51, 52.51, 48.20, 44.05, 29.90, 28.95, 24.51. LC-MS analysis: Rt 8.26 min (linear gradient 10-90% acetonitrile in H₂O, 0.1% TFA, 15 min). ESI-MS (*m/z*): 487.13 [M+H⁺].

(R)-3-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-1-(piperidin-3-yl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-amine (14)

Compound **13** (0.05 g, 0.1 mmol) was stirred in 4.0 M HCl in dioxane (1 mL) for 2 hrs. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was suspended in EtOAc before being filtered. The residue was washed with EtOAc and dried under reduced pressure. The title compound was obtained without further purification as a white solid (yield: 0.042 g, 0.1 mmol, 100%). *R_F* = 0.05 (90% EtOAc/Pentane). LC-MS analysis: Rt 5.34 min (linear gradient 10-90% acetonitrile in H₂O, 0.1% TFA, 15 min). ESI-MS (*m/z*): 387.01 [M+H⁺].

Ibrutinib (1)

To a solution of crude amine **14** (0.20 mmol) in DCM (1 mL) were added TEA (3.0 eq., 84 uL, 0.6 mmol) and acryloyl chloride (1.3 eq., 20 uL, 0.26 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred overnight prior to washing with aqueous solution of citric acid (5%, 5 mL) and brine. The title compound was obtained after RP-HPLC purification (linear gradient 40% → 60% ACN in H₂O, 0.1% TFA, 15 min) as a white solid (yield: 12.0 g, 92.0 μmol, 46%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.42 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (t, *J* = 13.2, 0.5 H), 6.69 (t, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 0.5 H), 6.13 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 0.5H), 6.06 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 0.5H), 5.70 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 0.5H), 5.59 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 0.5H), 4.79 – 4.71 (m, 1H), 4.56 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (br s, 1H), 4.06 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 0.5H),

3.71 (t, *J* = 10.8Hz, 0.5H), 3.26 – 3.19 (m, 1H), 3.04 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 0.5H), 2.30 – 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.15 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 1.95 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.54 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 164.64, 157.48, 156.15, 152.66, 144.73, 130.11, 128.28, 127.49, 127.21, 126.95, 126.12, 123.86, 119.02, 115.76, 97.06, 53.03, 52.41, 49.220, 45.65, 45.12, 41.54, 29.49, 29.27, 24.74, 23.13. IR film (cm⁻¹): 2936.8, 1688.8, 1609.7, 1586.58, 1516.1, 1489.1, 1436.1, 1233.5, 1197.9, 1134.2, 856.9, 801.6, 759.6, 725.3, 698.6. HRMS: calcd. for C₂₅H₂₄N₆O₂ [M+H⁺]: 441.20335; found: 441.20315.

tert-butyl (2-(piperazin-1-yl)ethyl)carbamate (16)

1-(2-aminoethyl)piperazine (**15**, 32.8 mL, 250 mmol) and benzaldehyde (1 eq., 25.5 mL, 250 mmol) were dissolved in toluene (200 mL) and the reaction mixture was refluxed over a Dean-Stark apparatus in 3 hrs, cooled to 0 °C, and treated with dropwise addition of benzylchloroformate (1 eq., 38 mL, 250 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred overnight before being concentrated. The residue was dissolved in MeOH (500 mL), cooled to 0 °C and treated with 2 N HCl (125 mL). The resulting mixture (pH 1-2) was allowed to warm up to RT and concentrated under reduced pressure. The aqueous layer was washed with DCM before being made basic with NH₄OH (pH = 10) and extracted with DCM (3x), washed with brine, dried, filtered and evaporated. The residue was applied to silica column chromatography (4% → 6% MeOH/DCM + 1% TEA) to afford benzyl 4-(2-aminoethyl)piperazine-1-carboxylate as a yellowish oil (yield: 25.15 g, 95.5 mmol, 38%). *R_F* = 0.20 (20% MeOH/DCM). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 5H, CH_{ar}), 5.12 (s, 2H, CH₂), 3.51 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H, 2xCH₂), 2.79 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.44 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.40 (br s, 4H, 2xCH₂), 2.30 (s, 2H, NH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.76, 136.32, 128.09, 127.59, 127.44, 67.10, 60.06, 52.48, 43.42, 38.03. After the solution of the carboxylate product (12.58 g, 47.75 mmol) in THF (200 mL) was cooled to 0 °C, Boc₂O (1.2 eq., 12.51 g, 57.30 mmol) was added portion wise and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to RT overnight before being concentrated. The residue was further purified by silica column chromatography (20% → 30% EtOAc/Pentane) to afford benzyl 4-(2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)ethyl)piperazine-1-carboxylate as a yellowish oil (13.71 g, 37.72 mmol, 79%). *R_F* = 0.30 (80% EtOAc/Pentane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 5H, CH_{ar}), 5.13 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.98 (br s, 1H, NH), 3.51 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 4H, 2xCH₂), 3.25 – 3.21 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.46 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.41 (br s, 4H, 2xCH₂). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.85, 155.11, 136.59, 128.42, 127.96, 127.82, 79.17, 67.05, 57.14, 52.53, 43.67, 36.93, 28.35. HRMS: calcd. for C₁₉H₂₉N₃O₄ [M+H⁺]: 364.21581; found: 364.20315.

To a solution of 4-(2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)ethyl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (1.82 g, 5.0 mmol) in MeOH (20 mL) Pd/C (10% w/w, 150 mg) was added. Hydrogen gas was then bubbled through the mixture overnight. The reaction mixture was filtered over Celite and concentrated to obtain the target compound as a yellowish oil (yield: 1.08 g, 4.71 mmol, 94%). The target compound was used without further purification. *R_F* = 0.29 (1/1/1 v/v/v H₂O/ACN/*t*BuOH). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD) δ 3.80 – 3.65 (m, 6H, 3xCH₂), 3.57 – 3.51 (m, 4H, 2xCH₂), 3.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.46 (s, 9H, 3xCH₃).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, MeOD) δ 158.03, 80.43, 57.74, 54.59, 53.30, 49.87, 41.93, 36.11, 35.09, 28.67. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$: 230.17903; found: 230.17907.

(E)-4-bromobut-2-enoic acid (17)

To a solution of commercially available crotonic acid (10 g, 116 mmol) in benzene (150 mL) was added *N*-bromosuccinimide (1.1 eq., 22.74 g, 120 mmol) and benzoyl peroxide (0.01 eq, 0.45 g, 1.4 mmol) and the resulting mixture was refluxed for 4 hrs. The reaction mixture was then allowed to cool to 0 °C, which resulted in precipitation of succinimide crystals. The crystals were filtered over Celite and washed with toluene. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was recrystallized from hexanes yielding the title compound as a pale yellow solid (yield: 9.55 g, 57.9 mmol, 50%). R_f = 0.79 (1/1/1 v/v/v $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{ACN}/t\text{BuOH}$). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.04 (bs, 1H), 7.12 (m, 1H), 6.05 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (dd, J_1 = 1.2 Hz, J_2 = 7.2 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.41, 144.20, 123.79, 28.72.

(E)-4-(4-(2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)ethyl)piperazin-1-yl)but-2-enoic acid (18)

Compound **17** (1 eq., 0.22 g, 1 mmol) was dissolved in THF (5 mL). A solution of compound **16** (0.27 g, 1 mmol) and TEA (3 eq., 0.42 mL, 3.0 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred overnight and concentrated under reduced pressure. The title compound was used without further purification. R_f = 0.29 (1/1/1 v/v/v $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{ACN}/t\text{BuOH}$). LC-MS analysis: Rt 5.69 min (linear gradient 0-50% acetonitrile in H_2O , 0.1% TFA, 15 min). ESI-MS (m/z): 313.93 $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$.

tert-butyl (R,E)-(2-(4-(4-(3-(4-amino-3-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl)-4-oxobut-2-en-1-yl)piperazin-1-yl)ethyl)carbamate (19)

HATU (2.2 eq., 1.25 g, 3.3 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **18** (4 eq., 1.88 g, 6.0 mmol) and TEA (7 eq., 1.46 mL, 10.5 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 1 min. A solution of amine **14** (0.63 g, 1.5 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred overnight. EtOAc (25 mL) was added and the organic layer was washed with sat. aq. NaHCO_3 and brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The title compound was obtained after column chromatography (4% \rightarrow 8% MeOH/DCM) as a brown solid (yield: 0.89 g, 1.31 mmol, 87%). R_f = 0.55 (10% MeOH/DCM). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.20 – 7.11 (m, 5H), 6.52 (t, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 6.48 – 6.42 (m, 2H), 5.88 (br s, 1H), 4.78 – 4.72 (m, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (dt, J = 16, 8 Hz, 1H), 3.60 – 3.57 (m, 1H), 3.51 (t, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 3.27 – 3.18 (m, 1H), 3.10 – 3.04 (m, 6H), 2.42 – 2.37 (m, 6H), 2.21 – 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.03 – 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.70 – 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.41 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 164.36, 157.69, 156.91, 154.96, 153.82, 142.61, 139.95, 129.39, 127.66, 123.12, 122.37, 118.42, 97.38, 77.08, 57.99, 56.64, 52.32, 52.07, 47.51, 42.81, 37.39, 28.57, 27.73, 23.18. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{47}\text{N}_9\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$: 682.37510; found: 682.37513. LC-MS

analysis: Rt 6.05 min (linear gradient 10-90% acetonitrile in H_2O , 0.1% TFA, 15 min). ESI-MS (m/z): 682.13 $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$.

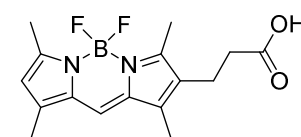
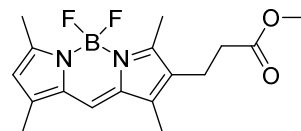
(R,E)-1-(3-(4-amino-3-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl)-4-(4-(2-aminoethyl)piperazin-1-yl)but-2-en-1-one (20)

Compound **19** (0.015 g, 0.022 mmol) was stirred in 4.0 M HCl in dioxane (2 mL) for 2 hrs. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was suspended in EtOAc before being filtered. The residue was washed with EtOAc and dried under reduced pressure. The title compound was obtained without further purification as a white solid (yield: 0.013 g, 0.022 mmol, 100%). R_f = 0.05 (90% EtOAc/Pentane). LC-MS analysis: Rt 5.26 min (linear gradient 10-90% acetonitrile in H_2O , 0.1% TFA, 15 min). ESI-MS (m/z): 587.27 $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$.

(R,E)-N-(2-(4-(4-(3-(4-amino-3-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl)-4-oxobut-2-en-1-yl)piperazin-1-yl)ethyl)-3-(5,5-difluoro-1,3,7,9-tetramethyl-5H-5l4,6l4-dipyrrolo[1,2-c:2',1'-f][1,3,2]diazaborinin-2-yl)propanamide (4)

Carboxaldehyde pyrrole¹⁶ (90 mg, 0.43 mmol, 1 eq) was dissolved in MeOH (5 mL) and 2,4-dimethylpyrrole (41 mg, 44 μL , 0.43 mmol, 1 eq) was added. The resulting mixture was cooled to 0°C, and hydrobromic acid, 48% solution in water (0.072 mL, 0.64 mmol, 1.5 eq) was added. After 2 h of stirring a yellowish precipitate formed and TLC analysis showed complete consumption of the starting materials. The crude dipyrrole HBr salt was concentrated and coevaporated with DCE (3x) and dissolved in DCE (10 mL) under an argon atmosphere. Triethylamine (0.178 mL, 1.29 mmol, 3 eq) and $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (0.57 mL, 2.15 mmol, 5 eq) were added, and the reaction was subsequently stirred at room temperature until TLC showed completion of the reaction. The solution was concentrated and the product purified by silica gel column chromatography (0% \rightarrow 2% EtOAc in toluene) which gave 4,4-Difluoro-1,3,7,9-tetramethyl-2-(2-(ethoxycarbonylmethyl))-4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-s-indacene (106 mg, 0.32 mmol, 74%). R_f = 0.4 (6:1 toluene:EtOAc). ^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.70 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 6H), 2.43 (t, J = 7.8, 2H), 2.18 (d, J = 15.4, 6H). ^{13}C -NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.41, 156.51, 155.86, 141.20, 138.54, 133.59, 133.07, 128.61, 120.05, 119.08, 77.80, 77.48, 77.16, 52.04, 34.45, 19.86, 14.96, 13.03, 11.56, 9.87. LC-MS analysis (10% \rightarrow 90% ACN) Rt: 9.18 min, ESI-MS (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 335.0; $[\text{M}-\text{F}]^+$: 315.2

4,4-Difluoro-1,3,7,9-tetramethyl-2-(2-(ethoxycarbonylmethyl))-4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-s-indacene (106 mg, 0.32 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (20 mL) and aq. NaOH (3.68 mL, 0.1 M, 1.15 eq, 0.37 mmol) was added. The mixture was



heated to reflux for 1.5 h, after which by-product formation started to occur. The reaction was quenched by the addition of aq. HCl (3.68 mL, 0.1 M, 1.15 eq), followed by extraction with EtOAc (3x). The organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), concentrated and 4,4-Difluoro-1,3,7,9-tetramethyl-2-(2-(carboxyethyl))-4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-s-indacene was obtained by silica column chromatography (0 → 1% EtOAc in toluene (starting material) → 1% EtOAc in toluene + 1% AcOH (product)) as a red powder (65 mg, 0.2 mmol, 64% (74% based on recovered starting material)). R_f = 0.2 (6:1 toluene:EtOAc + AcOH). λ_{abs} 514 nm/ λ_{em} 523 nm (MeOH). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 2.72 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.56 – 2.40 (m, 8H), 2.21 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.68, 156.57, 155.48, 141.10, 138.22, 133.42, 132.77, 127.97, 119.84, 118.95, 34.16, 19.37, 14.76, 12.81, 11.36, 9.69. LC-MS analysis (10% → 90% ACN) Rt: 7.94 min, ESI-MS (m/z): [M+H]⁺: 320.93; [M-F]⁺: 301.13.

HATU (1.3 eq., 49 mg, 0.13 mmol) was added to a solution of compound 4,4-Difluoro-1,3,7,9-tetramethyl-2-(2-(carboxyethyl))-4-bora-3a,4a-diaza-s-indacene (2 eq., 64 mg, 0.20 mmol) and TEA (5 eq., 70 μ L, 0.5 mmol) in DMF (0.4 mL) and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 1 min. A solution of amine **20** (42 mg, 0.1 mmol) in DMF (0.3 mL) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred overnight. EtOAc (10 mL) was added and the organic layer was washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ and brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The title compound was obtained after RP-HPLC purification (linear gradient 40% → 60% ACN in H₂O, 0.1% TFA, 15 min) as a red/brown solid (yield: 15.60 mg, 16.51 μ mol, 16.5%). R_f = 0.05 (90% EtOAc/Pentane). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.38 (s, 1H), 8.10 (br s, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 0.5H), 6.69 (d, J = 15.0 Hz), 6.62 – 6.58 (m, 0.5H), 6.55 – 6.52 (m, 0.5H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 4.76 – 4.66 (m, 1H), 4.57 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.20 – 4.19 (m, 2H), 4.06 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (t, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (br s, 1H), 3.40 (br s, 1H), 3.37 – 3.32 (m, 4H), 3.24 – 3.21 (m, 2H), 3.04 (m, 1H), 2.98 – 2.88 (m, 4H), 2.61 – 2.60 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 1H), 2.25 (s, 6H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.14 – 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.95 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.63 – 1.56 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 172.0, 163.79, 158.79, 158.56, 157.40, 156.76, 156.24, 155.70, 154.55, 153.38, 153.07, 144.43, 144.03, 140.94, 139.24, 132.43, 130.09, 129.22, 127.24, 126.87, 123.90, 121.47, 119.04, 118.45, 117.45, 97.22, 56.69, 55.02, 52.96, 52.32, 50.16, 49.32, 45.77, 45.21, 41.63, 35.16, 34.13, 29.47, 24.88, 23.25, 19.57, 14.21, 12.51, 10.96, 9.25. IR film (cm⁻¹): 1670.4, 1603.9, 1517.1, 1471.8, 1436.1, 1227.7, 1199.8, 1131.3, 974.1, 832.3, 799.5, 720.4, 666.4. HRMS: calcd. for C₄₈H₅₆BF₂N₁₁O₃ [M+2H²⁺]: 442.73912; found: 442.73849.

Ibrutinib-BODIPY-TMR (5)

DiPEA (3.5 eq., 60 μ L, 0.35 mmol) and BODIPY-TMR-OSu¹⁷ (2.2 eq., 0.11 g, 0.22 mmol) were added to a solution of crude amine **20** (42 mg, 0.1 mmol) in DMF (0.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight before being evaporated. The title compound was obtained after RP-HPLC purification (linear gradient 40% → 60% ACN in H₂O, 0.1% TFA, 15 min) as a white solid (yield: 20.39 mg, 22.14 μ mol, 22.1%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.08 (br s, 1H), 7.66 (br s, 2H), 7.44 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.2

Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 5H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (br s, 1H), 6.61 – 6.58 (m, 1H), 6.5 (br s, 1H), 4.73 – 4.67 (m, 1H), 4.54 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.76 – 3.72 (m, 1H), 3.24 – 3.19 (m, 3H), 3.09 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, J = 15.0 Hz, 4H), 2.66 – 2.61 (m, 3H), 2.55 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.26 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.12 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 1.96 – 1.89 (m, 1H), 1.63 – 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 159.97, 158.18, 157.14, 156.28, 155.66, 153.96, 143.34, 143.20, 140.58, 134.68, 133.92, 131.07, 130.39, 130.12, 128.30, 127.89, 124.90, 124.19, 123.80, 118.97, 117.98, 113.78, 97.39, 55.71, 45.76, 40.06, 34.93, 19.80, 12.90, 9.25, 8.59. IR film (cm⁻¹): 1672.3, 1604.8, 1523.8, 1464.0, 1234.4, 1201.7, 1180.4, 1139.9, 1045.4. HRMS: calcd. for C₅₃H₅₈BF₂N₁₁O₄ [M+2H²⁺]: 481.7444; found: 481.74402.

Ibrutinib-alkyne (6)

DiPEA (4.0 eq., 70 μ L, 0.4 mmol) and 6-heptynoic-OSu¹⁸ (2.2 eq., 4.9 mg, 0.25 mmol) were added to a solution of crude amine **20** (42 mg, 0.1 mmol) in DMF (0.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight before being evaporated. The title compound was obtained after RP-HPLC purification (linear gradient 40% → 60% ACN in H₂O, 0.1% TFA, 15 min) as a white solid (yield: 32.92 mg, 35.87 μ mol, 35.9%). R_f = 0.05 (90% EtOAc/Pentane). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.03 (br s, 1H), 7.67 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 0.5H), 6.70 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 0.5H), 6.63 – 6.61 (m, 0.5H), 6.56 – 6.54 (m, 0.5H), 4.77 – 4.71 (m, 2H), 4.57 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 4.06 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (t, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (s, 1H), 3.44 (s, 1H), 3.35 (br s, 3H), 3.23 (q, J = 11.4 Hz, J = 22.2 Hz, 3H), 3.07 – 2.93 (m, 4H), 2.73 (s, 1H), 2.28 – 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.20 (br s, 3H), 2.12 – 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.95 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.63 – 1.58 (m, 3H), 1.47 – 1.44 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.26, 163.81, 157.40, 156.58, 156.18, 152.98, 144.44, 130.12, 127.16, 126.12, 123.63, 119.00, 115.78, 97.15, 85.35, 71.18, 62.04, 61.17, 52.95, 52.33, 50.06, 19.23, 45.70, 45.19, 41.60, 34.66, 34.35, 29.53, 27.51, 24.80, 24.51, 23.48, 17.43. IR film (cm⁻¹): 3290.7, 2940.0, 1663.7, 1614.5, 1520.9, 1490.1, 1455.4, 1235.5, 1198.8, 1131.3, 831.4, 711.2. HRMS: calcd. for C₃₉H₄₇N₉O₃ [M+2H²⁺]: 345.69737; found: 345.69732.

Ibrutinib-N₃ (7)

DiPEA (4.0 eq., 70 μ L, 0.4 mmol) and azido-PNP ester¹⁹ (2.5 eq., 63 mg, 0.25 mmol) were added to a solution of crude amine **20** (42 mg, 0.1 mmol) in DMF (0.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight before being evaporated. The title compound was obtained after RP-HPLC purification (linear gradient 40% → 60% ACN in H₂O, 0.1% TFA, 15 min) as a white solid (yield: 20.39 mg, 22.14 μ mol, 22.1%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.08 (br s, 1H), 7.66 (br s, 2H), 7.44 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.2

Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 0.5H), 6.70 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 0.5H), 6.63 – 6.60 (m, 0.5H), 6.56 – 6.52 (m, 0.5H), 4.76 – 4.71 (m, 1H), 4.56 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 0.5H), 4.19 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 0.5H), 4.06 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz, 0.5H), 3.75 (t, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 0.5H), 3.37 – 3.33 (m, 4H), 3.23 – 3.20 (m, 2H), 3.07 – 2.97 (m, 4H), 2.31 – 2.24 (m, 2H), 2.19 – 2.13 (m, 6H), 1.95 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.75 (m, 4H), 1.63 – 1.53 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 171.95, 163.81, 157.37, 156.19, 153.07, 152.79, 144.31, 143.91, 130.12, 127.25, 126.13, 123.85, 119.00, 115.78, 97.17, 56.67, 55.04, 52.92, 52.30, 50.16, 49.30, 45.71, 45.19, 41.60, 34.07, 32.12, 29.54, 29.38, 24.81, 24.29, 23.18, 22.94. IR film (cm^{-1}): 3317.7, 2097.7, 1671.4, 1587.5, 1520.9, 1490.1, 1437.0, 1236.4, 1201.7, 1131.3, 760.3, 613.4. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{44}\text{N}_{12}\text{O}_3$ [$\text{M}+2\text{H}^{2+}$]: 347.19024; found: 347.19022.

Ibrutinib-norbornene (8)

Azido-ibrutinib **7** (69 mg, 0.1 mmol) and N-(2-propynyl)-5-norbornene-2-carboxamide⁸ (1.5 eq., 26.3 mg, 0.15 mmol) were dissolved in DMF (0.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight after addition of $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.2 eq., 20 μL 1 M in H_2O , 20 μmol) and sodium ascorbate (0.4 eq., 40 μL 1 M in H_2O , 40 μmol). The mixture was then concentrated and purified by RP-HPLC (linear gradient 40% \rightarrow 60% ACN in H_2O , 0.1% TFA, 15 min) to yield the title compound as a white solid (yield: 10.75 mg, 9.81 μmol , 10.2%). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 8.34 (s, 1H), 8.09 (br s, 1H), 8.00 (br s, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 7.67 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 0.5H), 6.69 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 0.5H), 6.63 – 6.61 (m, 0.5H), 6.56 – 6.53 (m, 0.5H), 6.10 – 6.08 (m, 1H), 5.80 – 5.78 (m, 1H), 4.75 – 4.70 (m, 1H), 4.56 (br s, 1H), 4.33 (br s, 2H), 4.23 (br s, 2H), 4.08 – 4.05 (m, 1H), 3.78 (dd, $J = 2.4$ Hz, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.34 (br s, 2H), 3.25 – 3.21 (m, 1H), 3.17 (br s, 1H), 3.14 (br s, 1H), 2.97 – 2.92 (br s, 2H), 2.82 – 2.79 (m, 2H), 2.28 – 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.16 – 2.14 (m, 1H), 2.12 – 2.09 (m, 4H), 2.07 (s, 1H), 2.11 (br s, 2H), 2.00 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.78 – 1.72 (m, 3H), 1.68 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.22 (m, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 172.87, 172.66, 171.70, 163.80, 158.32, 158.10, 157.32, 156.19, 153.20, 147.73, 145.42, 136.83, 132.21, 132.02, 130.12, 127.73, 127.47, 126.59, 123.84, 122.51, 118.99, 97.23, 81.61, 72.37, 69.75, 55.08, 54.03, 49.34, 48.71, 47.37, 46.64, 45.48, 43.23, 42.07, 34.33, 31.85, 28.41, 27.83, 25.72. IR film (cm^{-1}): 3337.0, 2945.4, 1663.7, 1518.0, 1490.1, 1446.7, 1418.7, 1235.5, 1199.8, 1185.3, 839.1, 799.5, 720.4. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{47}\text{H}_{57}\text{N}_{13}\text{O}_4$ [$\text{M}+2\text{H}^{2+}$]: 434.74010; found: 434.74012.

Experimental procedures: biochemistry

General

Ramos cells, a Burkitt's lymphoma B lymphocyte cell line, were cultured on Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium: Nutrient Mixture F-12 (DMEM/F-12) supplemented with 10% Fetal Bovine Serum, 0.1 mg/mL penicillin, 0.1 mg/mL streptomycin in a 5% CO_2 humidified incubator at 37° C. Cell lysates were prepared from cell pellets by resuspension in cold digitonin lysis buffer (50 mM Tris

pH 7=0, 250 mM sucrose, 5 mM MgCl_2 , 1 mM DTT, 0.025% digitonin; 3x pellet volume), incubation on ice for 30 min and centrifugation for 15 min at 16, 000 g (4° C), after which the supernatants containing the cytosolic fractions were collected and the protein concentration was determined by Qubit® Protein Assay kit. Precipitations of proteins was done using a chloroform/methanol (c/m) precipitation protocol.²⁰ SDS-PAGE analysis: in-gel fluorescence was measured on a ChemiDoc MP system (Cy2 settings, 530/30 filter and Cy3 settings, 605/50 filter) and analysed using Image Lab 4.1. As a loading control gels were stained with Coomassie Blue. Protein standard is Dual Color protein standard (DC, Bio-Rad).

IMAP Reaction Buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, 10 mM MgCl_2 , 0.01% Tween-20, 0.05% NaN_3 pH 7.2) and the IMAP Progressive Binding System (IMAP Progressive Binding Buffer A, IMAP Progressive Binding Buffer B, and IMAP Progressive binding Reagent), were all from Molecular Devices.

IMAP FP assay:

Compounds **1**, **6**, **7** and **8** (5 μL 10x solution in DMSO/kinase reaction (KR)-buffer, such that the final concentration of DMSO was 4%) and 100 mU/mL BTK (5 μL 100 mU/mL in KR-buffer) were incubated for 60 min at room temperature. Next, 50 nM of fluoresceinated substrate (5 μL 200 nM in KR-buffer) Fluorescein labeled Blk/Lyntide substrate (5FAM-EFPIYDFLPKAKK-NH2) and 5 μM ATP (5 μL 20 μM in KR-buffer) were added to the mixture and incubated for 120 min at room temperature. The reaction was stopped after 120 min by a 40 μL addition of IMAP binding reagent in binding buffer and read on the Envision 2102 Multilabel Reader, Dichroic mirror D505FP/D535, excitation filter: 480 nm cwl. Parallel and perpendicular filters 535 nm cwl. For every measurement 18 wells were used as minimum wells (wells with ATP, 0% effect), 18 wells were used as maximum wells (wells without ATP, 100% effect). 16 wells were used to measure the background signal, which contained no substrate. Enzyme, substrate, and ATP were prepared in kinase reaction buffer containing 1 mM DTT. The IMAP binding reagent was 2000x diluted in the binding buffer.

In vitro labeling of BTK in Ramos cells (ABPs 4 and 5)

Ramos cell lysates (30 μg total protein per experiment) in lysis buffer (9 μL) were exposed to the indicated concentrations of the ABP (1 μL 10x solution in DMSO) for 1 hr at room temperature. The reaction mixtures were then boiled for 5 min at 95° C with 3.3 μL 4x Laemmli's sample buffer containing 2-mercaptoethanol and resolved on 10% SDS-PAGE, followed by fluorescence scanning (Cy2 or Cy3 settings) and CBB staining.

In situ labelling of BTK in Ramos cells (ABPs 4 and 5)

Ramos cells ($\pm 1 \times 10^7$ cells per experiment) were exposed to the indicated concentrations of the ABP (1 μL 10000x solution in DMSO) in 10 mL fresh medium for 4 hrs at 37° C, before being centrifuged for 5 min at 1200 rpm, and washed with PBS (3x). The

cell pellets were then flash frozen in liquid nitrogen and lysed in 30 μL lysis buffer. The lysates (30 μg total protein per experiment) in lysis buffer (10 μL) were boiled for 5 min at 95° C with 3.3 μL 4x Laemmli's sample buffer containing 2-mercaptoethanol and resolved on 10% SDS-PAGE. In-gel visualization of the fluorescent labeling was performed in the wet gel slabs directly using Cy2 or Cy3 settings.

Competition experiments of ABP 4 versus ABPs 6-8: *in situ* modification of BTK by ABP 4 and *in vitro* competition by ABPs 6-8.

Ramos cells ($\pm 5 \times 10^6$ cells per experiment) were seeded in 6 cm petri dishes and grown 2 hrs at 37° C, before being exposed to the indicated concentrations of ABP (2 μL 1000x solution in DMSO) in 2 mL fresh medium for 3 hrs at 37° C. Next, the cells were centrifuged for 5 min at 1200 rpm, and washed with PBS (3x), before flash freezing the cell pellets in liquid nitrogen and cell lysis in 15 μL lysis buffer. The lysates (30 μg total protein per experiment) in lysis buffer (10 μL) were exposed to 1 μM ABP 4 (1.11 μL 10x solution in DMSO) for 1 hr at room temperature, boiled for 5 min at 95° C with 3.7 μL 4x Laemmli's sample buffer containing 2-mercaptoethanol and resolved on 10% SDS-PAGE. In-gel visualization of the fluorescent labeling was directly performed in the wet gel slabs using Cy2 or Cy3 settings.

In vitro tetrazine ligation

Ramos lysates (50 μg total protein per experiment) in lysis buffer (9 μL) were exposed to 4 μM ABP 8 (1 μL 40 μM in DMSO) for 1 hr at room temperature, followed by addition of 1% SDS (1.11 μL 10% SDS in H_2O) and boiling for 5 min at 95° C. Hereafter, the lysates were exposed for 1 hr at room temperature to the indicated concentrations of tetrazine 24 (1.23 μL 10x solution in DMSO). In control experiments, lysates were treated with ABP 4 (1 μM) (positive control) or subjected to tetrazine labeling in the absence of ABP 8 (background control). As a negative control, tetrazine ligation was performed on lysates pretreated with 20 μM ibrutinib (1). After the ligation reaction proteins were precipitated by c/m precipitation and taken up in 10 μL 8 M urea and 3.5 μL 4x Laemmli's sample buffer containing 2-mercaptoethanol, boiled for 5 min at 95° C and resolved on 10% SDS-PAGE. In-gel visualization of the fluorescent labeling was performed in the wet gel slabs directly using Cy2 settings.

In situ and post-lysis tetrazine ligation

Ramos cells ($\pm 5 \times 10^6$ cells per experiment) were seeded in 6 cm petri dishes and grown 2 hrs at 37° C, before being exposed to 4 μM ABP 8 (2 μL 1000x solution in DMSO) in 2 mL fresh medium for 3 hrs at 37° C. After centrifugation of the cells for 5 min at 1200 rpm, the cells were washed with fresh medium for 5 min at 37° C (3x), and then exposed to 25 μM of tetrazine 24 (4 μL 10x solution in DMSO) in 4 mL fresh medium for 1 hr at 37° C. As a positive control, cells were exposed to ABP 4 (1 μM) for 3 hrs at 37° C. As a background control, cells were lysed and subjected to tetrazine labeling in the absence of ABP 8. Next, cells were harvested in PBS, centrifuged

for 5 min at 1200 rpm, and washed with PBS (3x), before flash freezing the cell pellets in liquid nitrogen and cell lysis in 15 μL lysis buffer. The lysates (50 μg total protein per experiment) in lysis buffer (10 μL) were precipitated by c/m precipitation and taken up in 10 μL 8 M urea and 3.5 μL 4x Laemmli's sample buffer containing 2-mercaptoethanol, boiled for 5 min at 95° C. the proteins were resolved on 10% SDS-PAGE. Fluorescence was measured in the wet gel slabs using Cy2 settings.

For post-lysis ligation experiments, cells were harvested directly after treatment with ABP 8 and lysed. The lysates (50 μg total protein per experiment) in lysis buffer (10 μL) were boiled for 5 min at 95° C after addition of 1% SDS (1.11 μL 10% SDS in H_2O) and boiling for 5 min at 95° C. Next, the lysates were exposed for 1 hr at room temperature to 25 μM of tetrazine 24 (1.23 μL 10x solution in DMSO). After the ligation reaction proteins were precipitated by c/m precipitation and taken up in 10 μL 8 M urea and 3.5 μL 4x Laemmli's sample buffer containing 2-mercaptoethanol, boiled for 5 min at 95° C and resolved on 10% SDS-PAGE. In-gel visualization of the fluorescent labeling was performed in the wet gel slabs directly using Cy2 settings.

Copper(I)-catalyzed click ligation *in vitro*

Ramos lysates (50 μg total protein per experiment) in lysis buffer (9 μL) were exposed to 4 μM ABP 6 or 7 (1 μL 40 μM in DMSO) for 1 hr at room temperature. The reaction mixtures were subsequently diluted with an additional 9 μL buffer containing 6.5 mM CuSO_4 (0.58 μL 100 mM in H_2O), 6.5 mM THPTA (0.58 μL 100 mM in H_2O), 6.5 mM sodium L-ascorbate (0.58 μL 100 mM in H_2O) and exposed for 1 hr at room temperature to the indicated concentrations of azide 22 (reaction with 6) or alkyne 23 (reaction with 7) (1 μL 20x solution in DMSO). In control experiments, lysates were treated with ABP 4 (1 μM) (positive control) or subjected to azide or alkyne labeling in the absence of an ABP (background control). Alternatively, click ligation was performed on lysates pretreated with 20 μM ibrutinib (1) (negative control). Next, proteins were precipitated by c/m precipitation and taken up in 10 μL 8 M urea and 3.5 μL 4x Laemmli's sample buffer containing 2-mercaptoethanol, boiled for 5 min at 95° C and resolved on 10% SDS-PAGE. In-gel visualization of the fluorescent labeling was performed in the wet gel slabs directly using Cy2 settings.

In situ modification of BTK by ABPs 6 or 7 followed by *in vitro* copper(I)-catalyzed click ligation

Ramos cells ($\pm 5 \times 10^6$ cells per experiment) were seeded in 6 cm petri dishes and grown 2 hrs at 37° C, before being exposed to 4 μM ABP 6 or 7 (2 μL 1000x solution in DMSO) in 2 mL fresh medium for 3 hrs at 37° C. As a positive control, cells were exposed to ABP 4 (1 μM) for 3 hrs at 37° C. As a background control, cells were lysed and subjected to click labeling in the absence of ABP 6 or 7. Next, the cells were centrifuged for 5 min at 1200 rpm, and washed with PBS (3x), before flash freezing the cell pellets in liquid nitrogen and cell lysis in 15 μL lysis buffer. The lysates (50 μg total protein per experiment) in lysis buffer (10 μL) were diluted with an additional 9

μL buffer containing 6.5 mM CuSO_4 (0.58 μL 100 mM in H_2O), 6.5 mM THPTA (0.58 μL 100 mM in H_2O), 6.5 mM sodium L-ascorbate (0.58 μL 100 mM in H_2O) and exposed for 1 hr at room temperature to 25 μM of azide **22** (reaction with **6**) or alkyne **23** (reaction with **7**) (1 μL 20x solution in DMSO). Next, proteins were precipitated by c/m precipitation and taken up in 10 μL 8 M urea and 3.5 μL 4x Laemmli's sample buffer containing 2-mercaptoethanol, boiled for 5 min at 95° C and resolved on 10% SDS-PAGE. In-gel visualization of the fluorescent labeling was performed in the wet gel slabs directly using Cy2 settings.

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