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# Discovery of RMC-5552, a Selective Bi-Steric Inhibitor of mTORC1, for the Treatment of mTORC1-Activated Tumors

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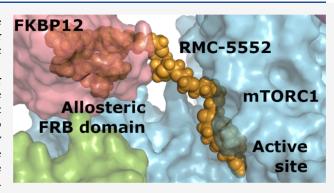
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**ABSTRACT:** Hyperactivation of mTOR kinase by mutations in the PI3K/mTOR pathway or by crosstalk with other mutant cancer drivers, such as RAS, is a feature of many tumors. Multiple allosteric inhibitors of mTORC1 and orthosteric dual inhibitors of mTORC1 and mTORC2 have been developed as anticancer drugs, but their clinical utility has been limited. To address these limitations, we have developed a novel class of "bi-steric inhibitors" that interact with both the orthosteric and the allosteric binding sites in order to deepen the inhibition of mTORC1 while also preserving selectivity for mTORC1 over mTORC2. In this report, we describe the discovery and preclinical profile of the development candidate RMC-5552 and the in vivo preclinical tool compound RMC-6272. We also present evidence that selective inhibition of mTORC1 in combination with covalent inhibition of  $KRAS^{G12C}$  shows increased antitumor activity in a preclinical model of  $KRAS^{G12C}$  mutant



NSCLC that exhibits resistance to KRAS<sup>G12C</sup> inhibitor monotherapy.

# ■ INTRODUCTION

Rapamycin (AY-22,989; sirolimus) 1, a naturally occurring macrolide, was isolated in the 1970s from Streptomycete strain AY B-994 (characterized as Streptomyces hygroscopicus), cultured from a sample of soil collected from Easter Island (Rapa Nui, Figure 1). 1-6 At the time of isolation, rapamycin 1 was described as an antifungal agent, with activity against 10 strains of yeast Candida albicans (minimum inhibitory concentration of 0.02-0.2 µg/mL), Microsporum gypseum, and Trichophyton granulosum. 1-7 Reports of immunosuppressive<sup>8–10</sup> and anticancer<sup>11–15</sup> activity with rapamycin followed in the late 1970s and throughout the 1980s. However, it was over a decade before a detailed mechanistic understanding of the biological activity for rapamycin began to be revealed. Rapamycin and a structurally related immuno-suppressive natural product FK-506 (tacrolimus) 2<sup>16,17</sup> bind to a family of FK binding proteins (FKBP), which catalyze cis-trans isomerization of proline amide bonds found in peptides. 18-20 The most abundant FKBP in the cytoplasm is a 12 kDa protein termed FKBP12.21 FK-506 bound to FKPB12 mediates

immunosuppressive activity by binding to calcineurin and preventing translocation of Nuclear factor of activated T-cells (NFAT) into the nucleus. 22 In contrast, rapamycin 1, although related in its chemical structure to FK-506 2, was recognized as having a differing mechanism of action. 20,23 Studies in yeast identified a gene encoding for a homologue of FKBP together with two additional genes that participate in rapamycin biology.<sup>24</sup> The genes were named Target of Rapamycin 1 and 2 (TOR1 and TOR2) with a suggestion that subunits of rapamycin-FKBP12 and TOR interacted as a protein complex.<sup>24</sup> Thereafter, independent studies identified a mammalian homologue of TOR. 25-27 In time, this homologue

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Figure 1. Rapamycin, FK-506, Rapalink-1, and representative mTOR inhibitors.

became known as mammalian Target of Rapamycin (mTOR) or, more recently, mechanistic Target of Rapamycin.<sup>28</sup>

mTOR is a 289 kDa serine/threonine protein kinase belonging to the phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase-related kinases (PIKK) family<sup>29</sup> sitting downstream of receptor tyrosine kinase (RTK) and phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase (PI3K) signaling. mTOR contains kinase 30,31 and FKBP12-rapamycin-binding (FRB) domains,<sup>32</sup> along with multiple N-terminal Huntington elongation factor 1A-protein phosphatase 2A-A subunit-TOR (HEAT) repeats, FAT (FRAP, ATM, and TRRAP), and Cterminal FAT (FATC) domains, among other important structural elements.33 mTOR is recognized to form two distinct complexes, known as (rapamycin-sensitive) mTOR complex 1 (mTORC1) and (rapamycin-insensitive) mTOR complex 2 (mTORC2).<sup>34</sup> mTORC1 coordinates with auxiliary protein Regulatory-associated protein of mTOR (Raptor)<sup>35</sup> to phosphorylate multiple substrates, including ribosomal protein S6 kinase (S6K) and eukaryotic initiation factor 4E-binding protein 1 (4EBP1).<sup>36–39</sup> Phosphorylation of 4EBP1 releases eIF4E, relieving inhibition of cap-dependent translation and driving growth and proliferation of normal and cancer cells.<sup>40</sup> mTORC2 is defined by the presence of rapamycin-insensitive companion of mTOR (Rictor) and mammalian stress-activated protein kinase interacting protein 1 (Sin1)41-43 and phosphorylates and activates AKT in response to cellular stimuli, including activation of PI3K.44 mTORC2 activation leads to effects on glucose metabolism, proliferation, cell survival, and growth. 45

Inhibition of mTOR has been of historical interest to the pharmaceutical industry, with rapamycin 1 being approved as an immunosuppressant in 1999. More recently, mTOR inhibition as a cancer therapeutic has been of particular interest, especially in the context of effects upon the 4EBP1-eIF4E axis. There are three broad classes of mTOR inhibitors. Rapamycin and its analogs (termed rapalogs) are first-generation mTOR inhibitors and inhibit mTORC1-mediated phosphorylation of S6K but only weakly inhibit phosphorylation of 4EBP1 and have negligible effects on mTORC2. Second-generation mTOR inhibitors, such as sapanisertib (MLN0128, INK128), are ATP-competitive inhibitors of the mTOR kinase and thus inhibit phosphorylation of substrates of mTORC1 and mTORC2, including S6K, 4EBP1, and AKT. The clinical activity of second-

generation mTOR inhibitors remains marginal, potentially due to dose-limiting toxicities that prevent optimal inhibition of 4EBP1 phosphorylation in the clinical setting.<sup>49</sup> In 2016, Shokat and colleagues introduced a third generation of mTOR inhibitor, exemplified by RapaLink-1 3, 50,51 which links an FKBP12-FRB allosteric mTOR inhibitor based on rapamycin together with an active-site (orthosteric) inhibitor, based on sapanisertib. 52,53 RapaLink-1 3 inhibits mTOR activity more potently than other mTOR inhibitors, overcomes some mechanisms of resistance, and also shows an approximate 3-4-fold selectivity for inhibition of mTORC1 over mTORC2, as illustrated by inhibition of phosphorylation of 4EBP1 (IC<sub>50</sub> = 1.7 nM) over inhibition of phosphorylation of AKT ( $IC_{50} = 6.7$ nM) in MDA-MB-468 cells. The therapeutic potential of a bisteric inhibitor such as RapaLink-1 3 inspired our own interest in mTOR inhibition. 54-66 Our aim was to design a compound with further enhanced selectivity for mTORC1 over mTORC2. Such a compound would potently inhibit both S6K and 4EBP1 phosphorylation while limiting unwanted effects on glucose metabolism and relief of AKT-dependent feedback inhibition of receptor tyrosine kinase (RTK) expression that result from inhibition of mTORC2.67-70 In this paper, we build upon the findings with RapaLink-1 3 to describe how each component of the bi-steric molecule (active-site inhibitor, linker, rapamycin core, and chemical handle of attachment) can be modified to obtain a compound with enhanced selectivity for mTORC1 over mTORC2. Such mTORC1-selective bi-steric inhibitors also demonstrate selectivity over related off-target lipid kinases and inhibition of mTORC1-mediated substrate phosphorylation in tumors, which translated to antitumor activity in xenograft models as a single agent and in combination with other targeted inhibitors. Our work culminated in the discovery of a development candidate RMC-5552 38, which is currently undergoing evaluation in clinical studies.<sup>71</sup>

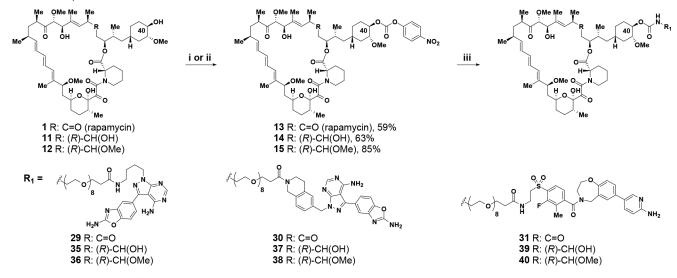
## **■ CHEMISTRY**

The synthesis of bi-steric compounds containing a modified rapamycin unit as a key constituent presents numerous challenges. For example, rapamycin 1 is a 31-membered lactam—lactone macrolide containing a rich density of carbon—oxygen functional groups, numerous stereodefined olefins, including an acid- and air-sensitive conjugated triene, and a

Scheme 1. Synthesis of C40-Ether Triazole-Linked Bi-Steric Inhibitors

<sup>4</sup>Reagents and conditions: (i) hex-5-yn-1-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate, 2,6-di-*tert*-butyl-4-methylpyridine, DCM, from 0 °C to rt, 30% yield; (ii) RN<sub>3</sub>, Cu(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub>, TBTA, DMSO, rt, 20–62% yield; (iii) RN<sub>3</sub>, CuSO<sub>4</sub>, sodium ascorbate, MeOH, rt, 18–37% yield.

Scheme 2. Synthesis of C40-Carbamate-Linked Bi-Steric Inhibitors<sup>a</sup>



"Reagents and conditions: (i) R = C = O (rapamycin); p-nitrophenyl chloroformate, py, DCM, -78 °C, 59% yield. (ii) R = (R)-CH(OH); p-nitrophenyl chloroformate, py, 4 Å molecular sieves, DCM, from -15 °C to -10 °C, 63% yield or R = (R)-CH(OMe), from -10 °C to rt, 85% yield. (iii)  $R_1NH_2$ , DIPEA, DMA, rt, 36–63% yield.

delicate *beta*-keto lactone at the C32 carbonyl that is particularly prone to base-induced elimination of pipecolinate (vide infra).<sup>72,73</sup> Functionalization of rapamycin to introduce linking groups en route to bi-steric final compounds optimally occurs at precise locations without affecting the stereochemical integrity of the 15-chiral centers nor initiating base- or acid-catalyzed degradation pathways.<sup>72–75</sup> To complicate matters further, rapamycin and close analogs exist as two interconverting hemiketal structural isomers.<sup>76</sup>

Selective functionalization of the C40 oxygen of rapamycin has been previously described, 77 and alkylation of this position has been used to prepare the approved compound everolimus

4.<sup>73,78</sup> In addition, functionalization of the C40 oxygen in rapamycin was also used to prepare RapaLink-1 3.<sup>50,51</sup> Building upon these results, we prepared numerous bi-steric inhibitors using the chemistry outlined in Schemes 1 and 2. For bi-steric inhibitors containing a C40-ether linkage with an appendant triazole, the C40-hex-5-yn-1-yl rapamycin 10 component was prepared from rapamycin 1 (30% yield) by alkylation with freshly purified hex-5-yn-1-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate and 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylpyridine (Scheme 1).<sup>54</sup> Final triazole-containing bi-steric compounds 16–28 were synthesized via a copper-catalyzed "click" Huisgen cycloaddition<sup>79</sup> from C40-hex-5-yn-1-yl rapamycin 10 with active-site coupling partners

Scheme 3. Synthesis of Ring-Opened Seco-Analogs, and Structure of Secorapamycin

<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (i) NH<sub>4</sub>OAc, DMA, 40 °C, 28% yield.

containing an azido PEG-linked side chain, the synthesis of which are available as Supporting Information (Scheme 1). A later generation of bi-steric inhibitors required access to a rapamycin analog functionalized at C40 with a p-nitrophenyl (PNP) carbonate. 80 For rapamycin itself, the C40-PNP carbonate 13 was synthesized in 59% yield from rapamycin 1 and p-nitrophenyl chloroformate using pyridine as base (Scheme 2).80 Similar reaction conditions, with the addition of 4 Å molecular sieves, could provide C40-PNP carbonates of C32-hydroxy rapamycin 14<sup>81–83</sup> and C32-methoxy rapamycin 15<sup>54</sup> in 63% and 85% yield, respectively (Scheme 2). The appropriate C40-PNP carbonates 13-15 were used to form carbamate-linked bi-steric inhibitors 29-31 and 35-40 by reaction with active-site counterparts (synthesis available as Supporting Information), which contained a PEG linker terminated with an amine group (Scheme 2). The ring-opened seco-products 32 and 33 were synthesized from bi-steric inhibitors 16 and 30 by reaction with ammonium acetate in dimethylacetamide at 40 °C in a manner analogous to the formation of secorapamycin 34 from rapamycin 1 (Scheme  $3).^{84}$ 

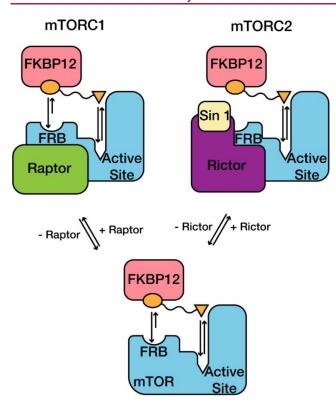
Similar to rapamycin 1<sup>76</sup> and everolimus 4,<sup>85</sup> final bi-steric compounds were found to exist as interconverting mixtures of ketal structural isomers with the specified drawn ketal structural isomer as the overwhelming component.<sup>86</sup>

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Structure—Activity Relationship (SAR) Studies. Rapa-Link-1 3 conjugates rapamycin to an active-site ATP inhibitor through an extended linker system that allows the resulting inhibitor to bind both the FRB domain and the active site of mTORC1 or the FRB domain and the active site of mTORC2. For RapaLink-1 3, sapanisertib 52,53 was selected

as the mTOR active-site inhibitor for its potency and relative selectivity for mTOR kinase. <sup>50</sup> In addition, the *N*-1 position of the pyrazole nitrogen within sapanisertib is solvent exposed and orientates toward the rapamycin-FRB motif, thus providing a convenient handle for attachment of a non-perturbing linker. Appropriate solvent-exposed positions with desirable orientation can also be found within rapamycin. The C40 hydroxyl group of rapamycin is exposed to solvent and orientates toward the ATP binding site of mTOR. The linker of RapaLink-1, which contains 39 heavy atoms, was designed through molecular modeling studies of prospective inhibitors containing linker lengths ranging from 10 to 40 heavy atoms with linker lengths less than approximately 25 heavy atoms calculated to result in less favorable energetics. <sup>50</sup>

As previously outlined, mTORC1 associates with auxiliary protein Raptor (149 kDa) while mTORC2 associates with the auxiliary proteins Rictor (192 kDa) and Sin1. We reasoned that the reduced affinity of rapamycin for mTORC2, in comparison to mTORC1, may be due to a partial occlusion of the FKBP12-rapamycin binding (FRB) motif in mTORC2 by the Rictor-Sin1 complex (Figure 2). Recent structural studies of mTORC1 and mTORC2 with cryogenic electron microscopy (cryo-EM) have supported this selectivity model and revealed the extent of FRB occlusion in mTORC2.87,88 For instance, Scaiola et al. showed that the C-terminal (CT) domain of Rictor sits on top of the mTOR FRB domain in mTORC2, blocking the binding of FKBP-rapamycin to mTORC2 and explaining mTORC2 insensitivity to rapamycin. 88 These studies supported our rationale that the structural differences between mTORC1 and mTORC2 could be exploited further to increase the selectivity of a bi-steric hybrid. Therefore, we applied a rational drug design strategy to improve on the selectivity by systematically tuning the affinities



**Figure 2.** Structural representation of binding sites for FKBP12-rapamycin and active-site inhibitors in mTORC1 and mTORC2. Rapamycin has reduced affinity for mTORC2 due to partial occlusion of the FKBP12-rapamycin binding (FRB) domain, while active-site inhibitors have similar affinity for both complexes. Reprinted by permission from Springer Nature ref 58. Copyright 2021.

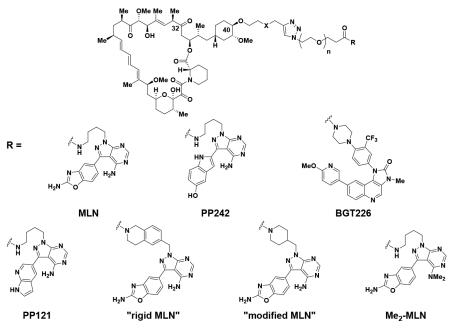
of the rapamycin core and active-site binding moieties in the bi-steric molecule and also examined the effect of linker length and the chemical handle of attachment to rapamycin.

Our SAR studies with 3 resulted in an early observation that an oxygen atom between the C40 position of rapamycin and a triazole group could be replaced with carbon to give compound 16 (RMC-4287, Table 1, entry 4).<sup>58</sup> This change did not appreciably alter the mTORC1 inhibition or the mTORC1/mTORC2 selectivity when compared with Rapa-Link-1 3 (entry 1), as measured by comparing the potencies for inhibition of 4EBP1 T37/T46 phosphorylation (mTORC1) and AKT S473 phosphorylation (mTORC2) in MDA-MB-468 breast cancer cells. Improved mTORC1/ mTORC2 selectivity was noted when the active-site inhibitor was changed to a version of PP242, a close relative of sapanisertib, in both oxygen<sup>51</sup> and carbon C40-triazole spacers (entries 5 and 6). The resulting bi-steric inhibitors 17<sup>51</sup> and 18 (RMC-4627)<sup>58</sup> were approximately equipotent with RapaLink-1 3 for mTORC1 inhibition (p4EBP1  $IC_{50} = 2.5$  nM for 17, 1.4 nM for 18, and 1.7 nM for RapaLink-1 3) but showed reduced inhibition of mTORC2 signaling, cf. RapaLink-1 3 (pAKT  $IC_{50} = 24$  nM for 17, 18 nM for 18, and 6.7 nM for RapaLink-1 3), thereby improving the mTORC1/mTORC2 ratio from ca. 4-fold for RapaLink-1 (entry 1) up to approximately 13-fold for bi-steric compound 18 (entry 6). This observation necessitated the investigation of a larger set of active-site ATP inhibitors in our bi-steric ensembles with a predominant focus on carbon-linked analogs. To enable an appropriate reference, where possible, biological activity for the active-site inhibitor is also included in Table 1. When

conjugated to an active-site inhibitor different from that present in RapaLink-1, most bi-steric compounds showed improved mTORC1/mTORC2 selectivity. For example, a bisteric compound using a modified version of BGT226 as the active-site inhibitor 19 (entry 8) exhibited high potency for inhibition of mTORC1 signaling (p4EBP1 IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.06 nM) while also demonstrating good selectivity over inhibition of mTORC2 signaling (pAKT  $IC_{50} = 0.52$  nM; mTORC1/ mTORC2 ratio of 8.7). Even greater selectivity for mTORC1/ mTORC2 inhibition was realized when a bi-steric compound contained an active-site inhibitor derived from PP121, leading to compound **20** (entry 10) with mTORC1 p4EBP1  $IC_{50} = 1.0$ nM and mTORC2 pAKT IC<sub>50</sub> = 17 nM (mTORC1/ mTORC2 ratio of 17.0). The mTORC1/mTORC2 ratio could be increased further again if a tetrahydroisoquinolinelinked and rigidified version of MLN ("rigid-MLN") was used in the bi-steric construct to give compound 21 (entry 12), exhibiting mTORC1 p4EBP1 IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.44 nM and mTORC2 pAKT  $IC_{50} = 8.8 \text{ nM} \text{ (mTORC1/mTORC2 ratio of 20)}$ . We believe the higher level of mTORC1/mTORC2 selectivity of bi-steric constructs containing an active-site inhibitor based around "rigid-MLN" (Table 1, entry 12; mTORC1/mTORC2 ratio of 20), compared with a bi-steric compound containing an active-site inhibitor based around MLN, as in RapaLink-1 3 (Table 1, entry 1; mTORC1/mTORC2 ratio of 3.9), can be attributed to a more favorable orientation effect toward the less sterically encumbered mTORC1 complex (vide infra). However, not all modifications to MLN resulted in improved selectivity. For example, bi-steric compound 22 (entry 13), containing a piperidine-linked "modified-MLN" active-site inhibitor, exhibited an mTORC1/mTORC2 ratio of 2.7, which is approximately the same level of selectivity to matched-pair RapaLink-1 3 (entry 1). Also of note was the effect of the N,N-dimethylation of MLN-derived active-site inhibitors when applied to a bi-steric compound. Compound 23 was inactive up to a maximal test concentration of 1  $\mu$ M against p4EBP1 and pAKT inhibition (entry 14), thus demonstrating the importance of the primary aminopyrimidinyl group in MLN-derived active-site inhibitors.

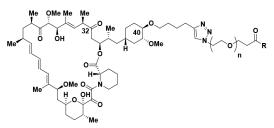
Next, we examined the effect of the PEG linker chain length on the biological activity and mTORC1/mTORC2 selectivity of bi-steric inhibitors (Table 2). As a general trend, reducing a PEG linker from eight (8) PEG units resulted in a lower inhibitory activity of mTORC1, as measured by p4EBP1 inhibition. 50 Inhibition of AKT phosphorylation by mTORC2 was also reduced with a shorter PEG chain length. However, mTORC2 inhibition was shifted less than mTORC1 inhibition, generally resulting in diminished mTORC1/ mTORC2 selectivity ratios for bi-steric inhibitors containing a linker with fewer than eight (8) PEG units. This sensitivity to the PEG chain length was most pronounced for the more selective bi-steric inhibitors containing active-site inhibitors with moderate intrinsic potency toward mTORC2 inhibition. For example, in a bi-steric compound containing PP121 as the mTOR active-site inhibitor, varying the PEG chain length from 8 PEG units to 6 PEG units resulted in a >30-fold reduction in mTORC1 p4EBP1 activity (p4EBP1 IC<sub>50</sub> from 1.0 nM for 8 PEG units to 31 nM for 6 PEG units; 20, entry 1 and 24, entry 2). Although mTORC2 activity was also reduced with a shorter 6 PEG unit linker (pAKT  $IC_{50} = 17$  nM for 20 containing 8 PEG units and pAKT IC<sub>50</sub> = 110 nM for 24 containing 6 PEG units; entries 1 and 2), the relative shift was lower than the mTORC1 p4EBP1 activity. Thus, the net effect

Table 1. SAR of Active-Site Inhibitors with the C40-Ether Chemical Handle



entry	compound no.	X	PEG repeats	active-site inhibitor	pS6K IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	p4EBP1 IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	pAKT IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	selectivity
1	3 (RapaLink-1) <sup>50</sup>	0	8	MLN	0.93	1.7	6.7	3.9
2	4 (everolimus)				0.07	>1000	>1000	
3	5 (sapanisertib)				0.69	19	1.8	0.1
4	16 (RMC-4287)	C	8	MLN	0.42	1.1	3.1	2.8
5	17 <sup>51</sup>	O	8	PP242	0.47	2.5	24	9.6
6	18 (RMC-4627)	C	8	PP242	0.28	1.4	18	12.9
7	6 (PP242)				33	320	38	0.1
8	19	C	8	BGT226	0.02	0.06	0.52	8.7
9	7 (BGT226)				0.27	4.4	1.4	0.3
10	20	C	8	PP121	0.22	1.0	17	17.0
11	8 (PP121)				86	>1000	100	
12	21	C	8	"rigid MLN"	0.13	0.44	8.8	20.0
13	22	C	8	"modified-MLN"	0.16	0.67	1.8	2.7
14	23	C	8	"Me <sub>2</sub> -MLN"	0.29	>1000	>1000	

Table 2. SAR of PEG Linker Length and Active-Site Inhibitors



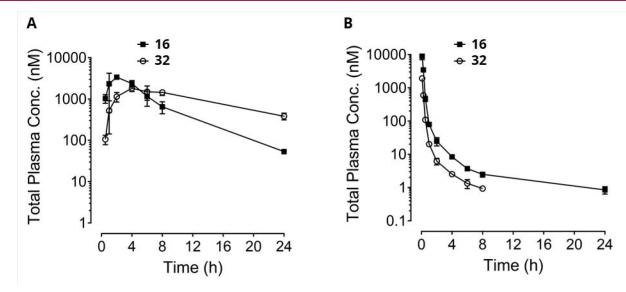
entry	compound no.	PEG repeats	active-site inhibitor	pS6K $IC_{50}$ (nM)	p4EBP1 IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	pAKT IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	selectivity
1	20	8	PP121	0.22	1.0	17	17.0
2	24	6		0.24	31	110	3.5
3	18	8	PP242	0.28	1.4	18	12.9
4	25	6		0.59	370	120	0.3
5	19	8	BGT226	0.02	0.06	0.52	8.7
6	26	6		0.03	0.08	0.74	9.3
7	16	8	MLN	0.42	1.1	3.1	2.8
8	27	6		0.26	1.1	5.2	4.7
9	28	5		0.37	25	33	1.3

was both to reduce on-target mTORC1 activity and to diminish the mTORC1/mTORC2 selectivity ratio (from 17 to

3.5) upon reducing the PEG linker from 8 to 6 PEG units (entries 1 and 2). A similar observation was apparent when a

Table 3. SAR of Active-Site Inhibitors with the C40-Carbamate Chemical Handle

entry	compound no.	PEG repeats	active-site inhibitor	pS6K IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	p4EBP1 IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	pAKT $IC_{50}$ (nM)	selectivity
1	29	8	MLN	0.61	1.7	3.6	2.1
2	30	8	"rigid MLN"	0.19	0.42	4.7	11.2
3	31	8	XL388	0.23	0.70	2.9	4.1



**Figure 3.** Bi-steric inhibitor **16** undergoes ring opening of the rapamycin macrocycle in vivo to form ring-opened **32**. (A) Mouse PK: male Balb/c mice (n = 3), IP = 3 mg/kg. (B) Rat PK: male Sprague—Dawley rats (n = 3), IV bolus = 1 mg/kg; vehicle = transcutol/solutol HS15/H<sub>2</sub>O 5%/5%/90% (v,w,v).

bi-steric compound utilized PP242 as the active-site inhibitor (entries 3 and 4). In this case, on-target mTORC1 activity dropped >250-fold (p4EBP1  $IC_{50} = 1.4 \text{ nM}$  to 370 nM) and the mTORC1/mTORC2 selectivity ratio dropped from approximately 13 to 0.3 upon changing the PEG chain length from 8 to 6 PEG units (compounds 18 and 25, entries 3 and 4). Interestingly, a bi-steric compound containing BGT226 as the active-site inhibitor and with 6 instead of 8 PEG units in the linker resulted in a slight reduction of on-target mTORC1 activity (p4EBP1 IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.06 nM for 8 PEG linker, cf. p4EBP1  $IC_{50} = 0.08$  nM for 6 PEG linker) and yet had little effect on the mTORC1/mTORC2 selectivity ratio (compounds 19 and 26, entries 5 and 6). Finally, for a bi-steric compound using MLN as the active-site inhibitor, a reduction of PEG-linker length from 8 to 6 PEG units did not change on-target mTORC1 activity significantly (p4EBP1 IC<sub>50</sub> = 1.1 nM in each instance; entries 7 and 8). Surprisingly, the mTORC1/ mTORC2 selectivity ratio improved slightly for the 6 PEG linker, compound 27, over the 8 PEG linker, compound 16 (entries 7 and 8). However, when the linker length was reduced further to 5 PEG units to give compound 28, a significant diminution of on-target mTORC1 activity (p4EBP1  $IC_{50} = 25$  nM) and a lowering of the mTORC1/mTORC2 selectivity ratio was again observed (entry 9), demonstrating a general trend toward reduced mTORC1 inhibitory potency and mTORC1/mTORC2 selectivity with shorter linker lengths. Of all of the linker lengths investigated, our studies showed a preference for 8 PEG units, particularly for more selective bi-steric inhibitors.

We also examined the effect of removing a triazole in the linker. The inspiration behind this investigation was to identify moieties that may be attached to the C40 oxygen of rapamycin more efficiently than an ether, which suffered from poor yields of attachment and difficulty with purification of the product. In addition, formation of the triazole ring requires an azidecontaining precursor that introduces potential safety concerns when larger scale preparations are required. An attractive solution was found by linking the C40 oxygen of rapamycin via a carbamate group, which could be attached reproducibly and in high yield with well-known p-nitrophenoxy chloroformate chemistry (Scheme 2).80 We were gratified to observe that the resulting carbamate-linked bi-steric inhibitors were potent mTORC1 inhibitors with good mTORC1/mTORC2 selectivity (Table 3). For instance, carbamate-linked bi-steric inhibitors 29 and 30, which used MLN (entry 1) or "rigid-MLN" (entry 2) as the active-site inhibitor, respectively, exhibited potent mTORC1 inhibition (p4EBP1  $IC_{50} = 1.7 \text{ nM}$ for 29, and p4EBP1  $IC_{50} = 0.42$  nM for 30). The mTORC1 activity was comparable to triazole-linked counterparts 16 (p4EBP1 IC<sub>50</sub> = 1.1 nM; Table 1, entry 4) and 21 (p4EBP1

Table 4. Biological Activity for Seco-Products 32 and 33

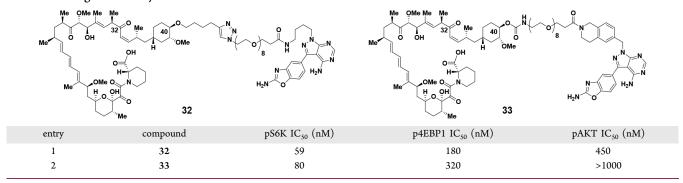


Table 5. Modification of the Carbonyl at the C32 Position Modulates FKBP12 Binding

entry	compound	R	FKBP12 $K_{\rm d}$ (nM)	FKBP12-FRB EC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	pS6K IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	p4EBP1 IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	pAKT IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)
1	1 (rapamycin)	=0	0.44	<10	0.06	>1000	>1000
2	11	(R)-OH	13.3	<10	0.04	>1000	>1000
3	12	(R)-OMe	701	<10	0.37	>1000	>1000

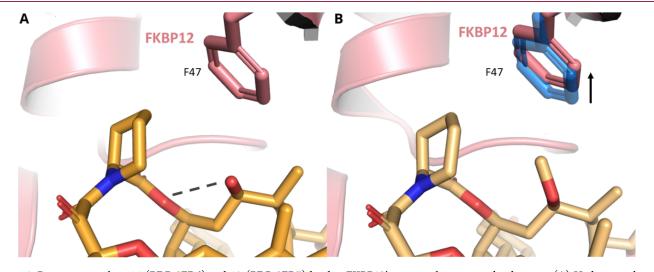


Figure 4. Rapamycin analogs 11 (PDB 8ER6) and 12 (PDB 8ER7) bind at FKBP12's canonical rapamycin binding site. (A) Hydroxy analog 11 (darker orange) binds in the FKBP12 (red) pocket partially defined by residue F47. C32 hydroxyl residue donates an intramolecular hydrogen bond with the adjacent ester oxygen (dashed line). (B) Methyl ether 12 (lighter orange) is not able to form this intramolecular hydrogen bond, and the methyl group is oriented toward FKBP12 residue F47. As a result, F47 must shift upward to accommodate this additional steric bulk.

 $IC_{50} = 0.44$  nM; Table 1, entry 12), and mTORC1/mTORC2 selectivity was broadly similar (compare Table 3, entries 1 and 2, with Table 1, entries 4 and 12). In addition, bi-steric inhibitor 31, which contains an active-site inhibitor based on XL388 (entry 3), also displayed potent on-target mTORC1 inhibition (p4EBP1  $IC_{50} = 0.70$  nM) with a moderate degree of mTORC1/mTORC2 selectivity (ratio = 4.1).

With a number of selective bi-steric inhibitors with potent cellular activity in hand, we began to investigate the pharmacokinetic properties in rodents (Figure 3). When bi-steric inhibitor 16 was administered to a rat (iv) or mouse (ip), a major species arising from ring opening of the rapamycin

macrocycle was observed, which resulted from the elimination of the  $\beta$ -keto lactone at the C32 carbonyl. In the case of a rat, this seco-species could account for approximately 35% of the parent on an AUC<sub>last</sub> basis. Other bi-steric compounds, such as **30**, were also susceptible to a similar ring-opening process to yield significant amounts of a seco-species after dosing to rats (data not shown). Comparable seco-species are a well-known degradant from rapamycin itself (where it is known as secorapamycin **34**), which forms in vivo, <sup>91,92</sup> under enzymatic processes (CYP 3A4) <sup>89,90</sup> and under basic conditions. <sup>72,74,75</sup> Testing of the seco-products **32** and **33**, formed from bi-steric inhibitors **16** and **30**, respectively, indicated that they were

Table 6. SAR of C32 Modifications and Active-Site Inhibitors

entry	compound no.	PEG repeats	R	active-site inhibitor $(R_1)$	pS6K IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	p4EBP1 IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	pAKT IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	selectivity
1	35	8	OMe	MLN	0.24	1.3	13	10.0
2	36	8	ОН		0.49	1.4	8.4	6.0
3	37	8	OMe	"rigid MLN"	0.17	1.6	35	21.9
4	38 (RMC-5552)	8	ОН		0.14	0.48	19	39.6
5	39	8	OMe	XL388	0.19	0.97	35	36.1
6	<b>40</b> (RMC-6272)	8	ОН		0.14	0.44	12	27.3

much less potent as mTORC1 or mTORC2 inhibitors (Table 4).

Due to the prevalence of a seco-product when bi-steric inhibitors containing a C32 carbonyl were dosed to rodents or when subjected to mildly basic conditions (Scheme 3), we sought to prepare additional compounds that would be less susceptible to forming a ring-opened degradant. To test if modifying the C32 carbonyl of rapamycin was a viable direction, we reduced the carbonyl to a hydroxyl group to give compound 1181-83 and also formed the C32 methyl ether to give compound 12 (Scheme 2).54 We then measured the affinity of rapamycin 1 together with compounds 11 and 12 for FKBP12 and affinity for FKBP12-FRB (Table 5). In addition, to understand the differences in binding affinities between the rapamycin analogs 11 and 12, crystal structures of the ternary complex of FKBP12, the FRB domain of mTOR and compounds 11 and 12, were solved to 2.8 and 3.1 Å, respectively (Figure 4). Elaboration of C32 to the methyl ether results in a ~1600-fold decrease in affinity for FKBP12 with methyl ether 12 ( $K_d = 701 \text{ nM}$ ) relative to rapamyicin 1 ( $K_d =$ 0.44 nM). The incorporation of this larger group necessitates slight rearrangement of residue F47. However, by replacing the methoxy with a C32 hydroxyl group with compound 11, the steric bulk was removed and an intramolecular hydrogen bond with the adjacent C34 ester oxygen was formed, which results in a 30-fold decrease in affinity for FKBP12 ( $K_d = 13.3 \text{ nM}$ ) relative to rapamycin 1 ( $K_d = 0.44$  nM). Despite these differences in FKBP12 K<sub>d</sub> binding, modified rapamycin cores 11 and 12 were potent in a FKBP12-FRB TR-FRET assay (EC<sub>50</sub> < 10 nM), all being measured at the assay detection limit (Table 5, entries 2 and 3); however, differences in the affinity were observed through pS6K inhibition. The C32 hydroxyl 11 maintained comparable activity with rapamycin 1 (pS6K IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.04 nM for 11 and 0.06 nM for 1), whereas the C32 methyl ether resulted in a 6-fold decrease in potency (pS6K  $IC_{50} = 0.37$  nM for 12).

The FKBP12-FRB TR-FRET assay results in Table 5 suggest that bi-steric inhibitors containing a modified C32 position of rapamycin may be a viable alternative to bi-steric inhibitors based on rapamycin itself. Thus, we began to investigate bi-steric compounds in which the C32 carbonyl of rapamycin was reduced to an alcohol or replaced with a methoxy group (Table 6). Accordingly, compounds 35–40 were prepared and displayed potent on-target activity for mTORC1 together with a high degree of selectivity over

mTORC2. For example, the C32-methoxy rapamycin modification in combination with an active-site inhibitor based on MLN, to give bi-steric inhibitor 35 (Table 6, entry 1), displayed an mTORC1 p4EBP1 inhibition IC50 of 1.3 nM and an approximate 10-fold selectivity over mTORC2, as measured by pAKT inhibition ( $IC_{50} = 13 \text{ nM}$ ). This compares favorably with its rapamycin counterpart (C32 carbonyl group), bi-steric compound 29 (Table 3, entry 1; p4EBP1  $IC_{50} = 1.7$  nM; pAKT IC<sub>50</sub> = 3.6 nM; mTORC1/mTORC2 selectivity ca. 2.1). Similarly, C32-methoxy rapamycin bi-steric inhibitors 37 and 39 (Table 6, entries 3 and 5), which, respectively, utilize a "rigid-MLN" and a modified version of XL388 as the active-site inhibitor, were effective mTORC1 inhibitors with p4EBP1  $IC_{50} = 1.6$  nM for bi-steric inhibitor 37 and p4EBP1  $IC_{50} =$ 0.97 nM for bi-steric inhibitor 39, showing much reduced levels of pAKT inhibition (pAKT  $IC_{50} = 35$  nM for 37, entry 3; pAKT  $IC_{50} = 35$  nM for 39, entry 5), thus affording an impressive level of mTORC1/mTORC2 selectivity of ca. 21.9 for bi-steric inhibitor 37 and ca. 36.1 for bi-steric inhibitor 39. We also explored the incorporation of the C32-hydroxy rapamycin core in bi-steric inhibitors, as C32-hydroxy rapamycin had improved binding to FKBP12 compared with the C32-methoxy modification of rapamycin (Table 5). Combination of the C32-hydroxy rapamycin core with an active-site inhibitor based on MLN afforded bi-steric inhibitor 36 (Table 6, entry 2), which had a p4EBP1 inhibition IC<sub>50</sub> of 1.4 nM and an approximate 6-fold selectivity for mTORC1 over mTORC2. The C32-hydroxy rapamycin core was also combined with the "rigid-MLN" active-site ligand to give bisteric inhibitor RMC-5552 38 (entry 4). RMC-5552 38 showed very potent p4EBP1 inhibition ( $IC_{50} = 0.48 \text{ nM}$ ) with much lower pAKT inhibition ( $IC_{50} = 19 \text{ nM}$ ), resulting in mTORC1/mTORC2 selectivity approaching 40-fold. Finally, combination of the C32-hydroxy rapamycin core with a modified XL388 active-site inhibitor afforded another impressive bi-steric inhibitor compound RMC-6272 40 (entry 6), which had a p4EBP1 inhibition IC50 of 0.44 nM and significantly lower pAKT inhibition IC<sub>50</sub> of 12 nM, thus displaying an approximate 27-fold selectivity for mTORC1 over mTORC2.

We employed cryogenic electron microscopy (cryo-EM) to determine the structure of the mTORC1-RMC-5552-FKBP12 complex. Three-dimensional (3D) reconstruction of about 800 000 particles yielded a map of 3.1 Å with clear secondary, tertiary, and quaternary structure elements and fit to previously

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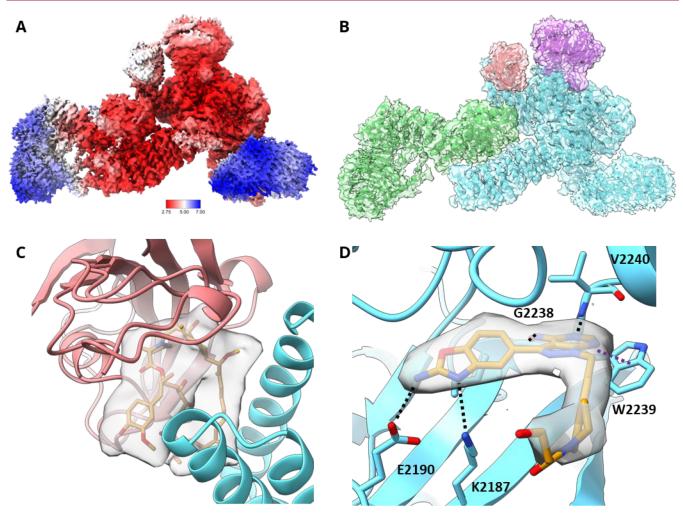


Figure 5. (A) Local resolution map of the mTORC1-RMC-5552-FKBP12 cryo-EM structure (PDB 8ERA). Higher resolution core of the map allows for confident modeling of side chains and both the rapalog-like and the ATP-competitive moieties of RMC-5552. N-HEAT domain of mTOR (right) and WD40 domain of Raptor (left) are more disordered than other regions of the map and consequently approach 7 Å. (B) Cryo-EM map of mTORC1-FKBP12-RMC-5552 38 complex. mTORC1-FKBP12-RMC-5552 38 complex cryo-EM map is shown colored by protomer. Blue is mTOR, green is Raptor, purple is mLST8, and red is FKBP12. (C) Cryo-EM map reveals density for rapalog moiety of RMC-5552 38 binding at its expected location between FKBP12 and the FRB domain at threshold 0.0033. (D) Cryo-EM map reveals density corresponding to the ATP-competitive moiety of RMC-5552 38 (orange) binding mTOR (blue) at its orthosteric site at threshold 0.024. Multiple hydrogen bonds are formed between mTOR and ligand, including with mTOR residues K2187, E2190, G2238, and V2240 (black dashed lines). 4-Aminopyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine core of RMC-5552 π stacks with the aromatic side chain of mTOR residue W2239 (purple dashed line). Density (gray transparent surface) does not extend beyond the beginning of the linker region.

Table 7. PK Parameters of RMC-5552 38 and RMC-6272 40 in Mice at 1 mg/kg via IP Administration<sup>a</sup>

compounds	$T_{\rm max}$ (h)	$C_{\text{max}} (\text{ng/mL})$	$C_{\max}$ ( $\mu$ M)	$AUC_{last}\;(ng/mL\times h)$	$AUC_{last} (\mu M \times h)$	$t_{1/2}$ (h)	
38 RMC-5552	$2.0 \pm 0.0$	$5667 \pm 1106$	$3.19 \pm 0.62$	$46089\pm5320$	$25.9 \pm 3.0$	$4.8 \pm 0.4$	
<b>40</b> RMC-6272	$2.3 \pm 1.5$	$1793 \pm 186$	$0.97 \pm 0.10$	$16169\pm2293$	$8.7 \pm 1.2$	$3.8 \pm 0.6$	
<sup>a</sup> Male Balb/c mice (mean $\pm$ SD, $n = 3$ ); vehicle = transcutol/solutol HS15/H <sub>2</sub> O 5%/5%/90% (v,w,v)							

obtained cryo-EM models.<sup>87</sup> The mTORC1-RMC-5552-FKBP12 particles displayed 2-fold symmetry; therefore, each particle was split into its two monomers giving ~1 600 000 particles for further 3D refinement. After postprocessing, a final monomeric map of 2.9 Å was used for modeling (Figure 5A). The density observed for mTOR, Raptor, and mLST8 and the overall structure of these elements is very similar to known structures. The maps also demonstrate the presence of FKBP12, whose recruitment would only be observed in the presence of the FKBP12-FRB allosteric modality of RMC-5552 38 (Figure 5B). In addition, density for RMC-5552 38 is

evident at the interface between FKBP12 and the FRB domain of mTOR (Figure 5C). FKBP12 and the macrocycle interact with the FRB domain of mTOR with the same binding mode and in a similar orientation as observed in the crystal structures described in Figure 4. The ATP-competitive, orthosteric site also shows unambiguous density in the map. RMC-5552 38 makes hydrogen bonds to the backbone of G2238 and V2240, the "hinge" of mTOR, via the 4-aminopyrazolo[3,4-d]-pyrimidine core, and the 2-aminobenzoxazole makes hydrogen-bonding interactions to E2190 and K2187 (Figure 5D). The strong densities at both the ATP-competitive and the

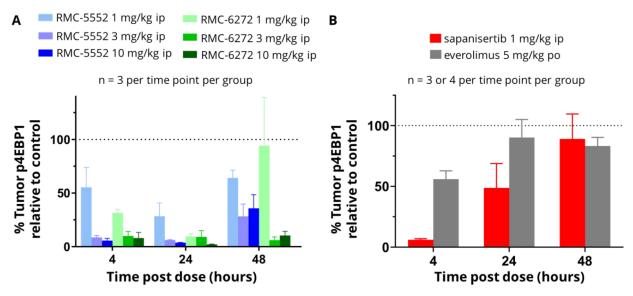


Figure 6. Tumor PD after a single dose of each inhibitor in the MCF-7 CDX model: (A) RMC-5552 38 and RMC-6272 40; (B) sapanisertib 5 and everolimus 4.

allosteric sites suggest that both sites are simultaneously occupied by RMC-5552 **38** in the sample. Unsurprisingly, no density is observed for the flexible PEG linker, and it is not modeled.

ADME/PK parameters for compounds RMC-5552 38 and RMC-6272 40 in Balb/c mice after a single intraperitoneal (ip) injection are shown in Table 7. RMC-5552 38 showed a high  $C_{\rm max}$  (3.19  $\pm$  0.62  $\mu$ M) and high exposure (AUC<sub>last</sub> = 25.9  $\pm$  3.0  $\mu$ M  $\times$  h), providing plasma concentrations several multiples above the cellular IC<sub>50</sub> for p4EBP1 inhibition (IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.48 nM) for an extended period. Compound RMC-6272 40 also demonstrated an attractive pharmacokinetic profile with extended plasma concentrations above the IC<sub>50</sub> for p4EBP1 inhibition (IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.44 nM), although  $C_{\rm max}$  (0.97  $\mu$ M  $\pm$  0.10  $\mu$ M) and overall exposure (AUC<sub>last</sub> = 8.7  $\pm$  1.2  $\mu$ M  $\times$  h) were somewhat lower than those for RMC-5552 38.

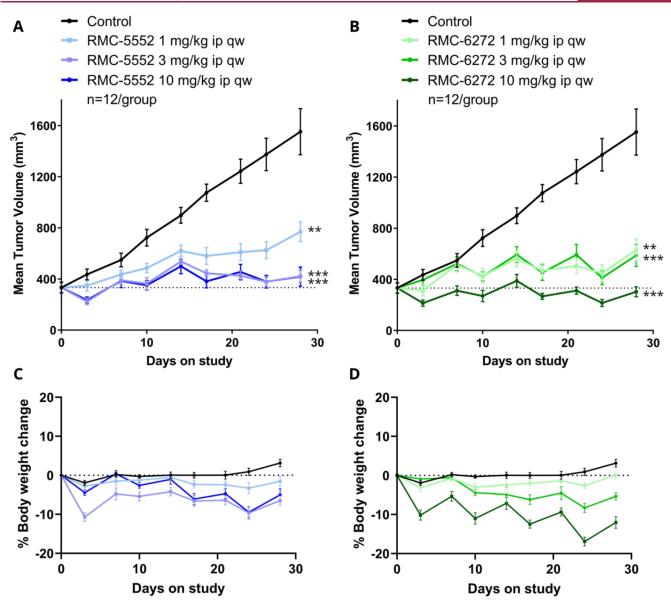
Overall, our SAR studies with the active-site inhibitor, linker composition, linker length, and chemical handle of attachment demonstrated that modifications to bi-steric inhibitors can afford new analogs with higher inhibitory potency for mTORC1 and increased mTORC1/mTORC2 selectivity. By reducing the C32 ketone on the rapamycin core, the affinity for FKBP12 and the FKBP12-FRB complexes could be modulated, and the chemical stability of bi-steric analogs could also be improved. Taken together with preliminary pharmacokinetic data, our work provided a number of potent and selective bisteric inhibitors which were suitable for advancement to antitumor activity studies in vivo. We then examined representative compounds in pharmacokinetic-pharmacodynamic (PK-PD) studies using human cancer cell line-derived xenograft (CDX) tumor models in mice. The leading bi-steric inhibitor RMC-5552 **38** (p4EBP1  $IC_{50} = 0.48$  nM; mTORC1/ mTORC2 ca. 40) was studied in a CDX model using the Michigan Cancer Foundation-7 (MCF-7) breast cancer cell line, which bears an activating mutation in the p110 $\alpha$  catalytic subunit of Phosphoinositide 3-kinase (PIK3CAE545K). Administration of a single intraperitoneal (ip) dose of RMC-5552 38 resulted in a dose-dependent, prolonged, and profound inhibition of tumor p4EBP1 levels up to 48 h (blue bars in Figure 6A). Separately, bi-steric inhibitor RMC-6272 40 also

showed dose-dependent, robust, and long-lasting inhibition of tumor p4EBP1 levels when dosed via intraperitoneal injection (green bars in Figure 6A). In comparison, everolimus 4 treatment showed a minimal effect upon p4EBP1 levels after oral administration of a single dose at 5 mg/kg (gray bars in Figure 6B). This result agrees with in vitro data showing that everolimus 4 is not a potent inhibitor of p4EBP1 (p4EBP1  $IC_{50} > 1000$  nM). The dual mTORC1/mTORC2 active-site inhibitor sapanisertib 5, which is moderately potent for inhibition of 4EBP1 phosphorylation in vitro (p4EBP1  $IC_{50} = 19$  nM), caused significant (>80% inhibition) inhibition of tumor p4EBP1 at 4 h after intraperitoneal dosing at 1 mg/kg and reduced inhibition after 24 h, consistent with the elimination kinetics of this compound (red bars in Figure 6B).

The pharmacodynamic activity observed with RMC-5552 **38** and RMC-6272 **40** translated into antitumor activity upon repeat dosing when each compound was examined in a 28-day study in the MCF-7 (PIK3CA<sup>E545K</sup>) cell line-derived xenograft (CDX) model (Figure 7). RMC-5552 **38** or RMC-6272 **40** treatment resulted in a reduction in tumor volume when dosed once weekly via intraperitoneal injection, <sup>56</sup> the most significant effects being observed at 3 or 10 mg/kg ip once weekly (Figure 7A and 7B, respectively). RMC-5552 **38** and RMC-6272 **40** both exhibited an acceptable tolerability profile up to 10 mg/kg ip once weekly with modest, cyclical effects on body weight loss (Figure 7C and 7D, respectively).

Given the central role of mTOR in cell growth and metabolism through extensive crosstalk with key biological pathways, selective mTORC1 inhibition and downstream reduction in p4EBP1 levels also offer significant opportunities beyond potential use as a monotherapy. One combination that is particularly appealing is with inhibitors of mutated oncogenic forms of Kirsten rat sarcoma (KRAS), such as KRAS G12C 94-96 We investigated the combination of RMC-6272 40 and sotorasib (AMG-510), the first approved KRAS inhibitor for KRAS G12C mutated locally advanced or metastatic nonsmall cell lung cancer (NSCLC), 97,98 in the NCI-H2122 NSCLC CDX model. Despite harboring a KRAS G12C mutation, this model is relatively insensitive to KRAS inhibition. 94,95 Significantly, NCI-H2122 also

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**Figure 7.** Mean tumor volume over time in MCF-7 CDX model for (A) RMC-5552 **38** and (B) RMC-6272 **40**. Data were analyzed by two-way repeated measures ANOVA; \*\* p < 0.01 and \*\*\* p < 0.001, as compared to control at end of study. Mean percentage body weight change for (C) RMC-5552 **38** and (D) RMC-6272 **40**.

harbors a  $\mathit{STK11}^\mathit{LOF}$  mutation. The STK11 gene product negatively regulates mTORC1 and functions as a tumor suppressor. Up to 25% of  $KRAS^{G12C}$  NSCLC patients have cooccurring STK11<sup>mut</sup> with an estimate of over 5400 new patients per annum in the United States.<sup>62</sup> This patient population appears refractory to anti-PD-1 treatment and is a significant unmet medical need. 98,99 Neither RMC-6272 **40** (10 mg/kg ip once weekly) nor sotorasib (100 mg/kg po, qd) induced tumor regressions when dosed as single agents in this model (Figure 8A). However, the combination elicited a robust combinatorial antitumor response, causing tumor regressions. The combination regimen also showed acceptable tolerability as assessed by body weight loss (Figure 8B). In addition, significant induction of apoptosis (in contrast to minimal induction following monotherapy) was observed for the combination regimen of RMC-6272 40 and sotorasib, consistent with the tumor regressions observed thereof. These preclinical data support the approach of modulating the 4EBP1-eIF4E axis to enhance the clinical effectiveness of KRAS<sup>G12C</sup> inhibitors.

RMC-5552 **38** and RMC-6272 **40** were next evaluated against a series of off-targets and safety screens. Both compounds were >50-fold selective for mTORC1 over other lipid kinases and exhibited <30% inhibition when screened at 1  $\mu$ M against a panel of 300 kinases. <sup>100</sup> Inhibition of the human Ether-à-go-go-Related Gene (hERG) ion channel was low when the compounds were screened at 10  $\mu$ M. RMC-5552 **38**, our most selective inhibitor with broad tolerability, emerged as a preferred clinical candidate. In addition, when RMC-5552 **38** (10  $\mu$ M) was profiled in the Eurofins Safety Screen 44, a well-known "cross pharma"-recommended panel against undesirable off-targets, <sup>101</sup> no significant inhibition was observed.

The profile of compound RMC-5552 38 and compound RMC-6272 40 is detailed in Table 8.

# CONCLUSION

Herein, we have highlighted the development of two bi-steric inhibitors RMC-5552 38 and RMC-6272 40 that potently and

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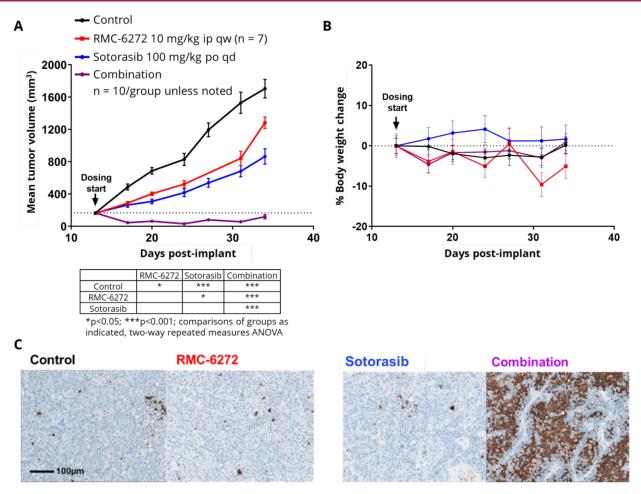
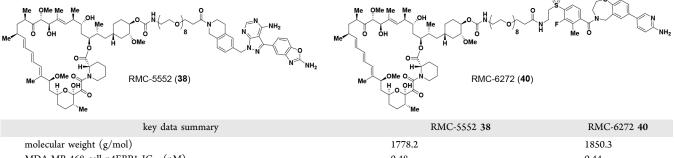


Figure 8. (A) Mean tumor volume over time, (B) mean percentage body weight change, and (C) caspase-3 cleavage staining 24 h post a single dose for RMC-6272 40, sotorasib, and the combination in the NCI-H2122 CDX model.

Table 8. Preclinical Profile of RMC-5552 38 and RMC-6272 40



key data summary	KMC-5552 38	RMC-62/2 40
molecular weight (g/mol)	1778.2	1850.3
MDA-MB-468 cell p4EBP1 IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	0.48	0.44
mTORC1/2 selectivity in MDA-MB-486 cell assay	40×	27×
selectivity for mTORC1 over other lipid kinases	>53×	>1000×
cellular kinase panel ( $\sim$ 300) (1 $\mu$ M)	<30% inhibition	<30% inhibition
MCF-7 tumor PD: dose proportional duration of >80% p4EBP1 inhibition	24-48 h	24-48 h
in vitro hERG inhibition (10 $\mu$ M)	16%	6%
Eurofins Safety Screen 44 (10 $\mu$ M)	<5% inhibition (low promiscuity)	

selectively inhibit mTORC1-mediated phosphorylation of 4EBP1 and other substrates. These inhibitors resulted from a systematic examination of the active-site inhibitor, linker, and rapamycin core in order to refine on-target mTORC1 activity, selectivity over mTORC2, pharmacokinetic properties, chemical stability, and synthetic tractability. Selective inhibition of mTORC1 could be beneficial for treating cancers with

aberrant activation of mTORC1 via mutations in the PI3K/mTOR pathway, and indeed, RMC-5552 **38** and RMC-6272 **40** each exhibit single-agent antitumor activity in a human xenograft model of PIK3CA mutant breast cancer in mice in vivo. Aberrant activation of mTORC1 can also co-occur with mutations in other cancer drivers, such as RAS, limiting the antitumor activity of targeted RAS inhibitors. An mTORC1

inhibitor may have utility as a companion to RAS inhibitors in this context. Consistent with this hypothesis, RMC-6272 **40** induces widespread apoptosis and deep tumor regressions in a xenograft model of  $KRAS^{G12C}$  mutant NSCLC bearing a loss of function mutation in STK11, a negative regulator of mTORC1. This model exhibits only modest inhibition of tumor growth in response to single-agent treatment with the KRAS<sup>G12C</sup> inhibitor sotorasib, suggesting that mTORC1 activation can contribute to resistance to KRAS<sup>G12C</sup> inhibitors, which can be overcome by combination with an mTORC1 inhibitor. RMC-5552 **38** has now advanced to clinical studies for further evaluation. <sup>71</sup>

#### EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Compound Synthesis and Characterization. All solvents and commercially available reagents were used as received. All reactions were followed by TLC analysis or LCMS. Column chromatography was performed on prepacked silica gel columns (Biotage SNAP KP-Sil) using a Biotage Isolera One system. Reverse-phase preparative chromatography was performed on a Uptisphere Strategy C18-HQ 5  $\mu$ m 150 mm × 7 mm column using an Interchim PuriFlash system. The column was eluted with MeCN/H2O with 0.1% formic acid. All key compounds were >95% purity by HPLC. The purity for compounds and low-resolution mass spectra were determined using liquid chromatography mass spectrometry (LCMS) on a Shimadzu LC-20 instrument using electrospray ionization. LCMS conditions were as follows: Uptisphere Strategy C18-HQ 5  $\mu$ m 150  $\times$  4.6 mm,  $55\% \to 100\%$  MeCN (0.1% TFA) in H<sub>2</sub>O (0.1% TFA), 20 min run, oven temperature 60 °C, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, UV detection ( $\lambda$  = 280 nm). HRMS were performed on a Thermo Fisher LTQ Orbitrap using high-performance liquid chromatography with electrospray ionization Orbitrap mass spectrometry (HPLC ESI Orbitrap/MS). Liquid-state <sup>1</sup>H NMR experiments for intermediates were recorded on 400, 500, or 600 MHz Bruker Avance III NMR spectrometers. Liquid-state <sup>1</sup>H, COSY, <sup>13</sup>C, and HMBC spectra were recorded on a 600 MHz Bruker Avance III NMR spectrometer (600 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H, 151 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C) using a triple-resonance <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>15</sup>N, <sup>13</sup>C CP-TCI 5 mm cryoprobe (Bruker Biospin, Germany). All of the experiments used for the resonance assignment procedure and the elucidation of the final products structures (1D <sup>1</sup>H, 1D <sup>13</sup>C, 2D <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H-COSY, 2D <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H-TOCSY, 2D <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H-ROESY, 2D <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C-HSOC, 2D <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C-HMBC) were recorded at 300 K.  $^{1}$ H chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$ (ppm) as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), dd (double doublet), m (multiplet), br s (broad singlet), and o (overlay) and are referenced to TMS as an internal standard.

N-(4-(4-Amino-3-(2-aminobenzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)-1H-pyrazolo-[3,4-d]pyrimidin-1-yl)butyl)-1-(4-(4-(((1R,2R,4S)-4-((R)-2-((3S,6R,7E,9R,10R,12R,14S,15E,17E,19E,21S,23S,-26R,27R,34aS)-9,27-dihydroxy-10,21-dimethoxy-6,8,12,14,20,26hexamethyl-1,5,11,28,29-pentaoxo-1,4,5,6,9,10,11,12,13,-14,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,31,32,33,34,34a-tetracosahydro-3H-23,27-epoxypyrido[2,1-c][1]oxa[4]azacyclohentriacontin-3-yl)propyl)-2-methoxycyclohexyl)oxy)butyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-3,6,9,12,15,18,21,24-octaoxaheptacosan-27-amide (16). To a solution of 10 (207 mg, 208  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and SI-7 (281.2 mg, 357 μmol, 1.7 equiv) in DMSO (5.2 mL) was added Cu(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> (155 mg, 416  $\mu$ mol, 2.0 equiv) followed by TBTA (444 mg, 837  $\mu$ mol, 4.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 5 h. Purification of the reaction mixture by reversephase chromatography (40% → 90% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O) afforded the desired product (109.1 mg, 30% yield) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd for  $C_{92}H_{140}N_{12}O_{23}$  1782.02; found

N-(4-(4-Amino-3-(5-hydroxy-1H-indol-2-yl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]-pyrimidin-1-yl)butyl)-1-(4-(4-(((1R,2R,4S)-4-((R)-2-((3S,6R,7E,9R,-10R,12R,14S,15E,17E,19E,21S,23S,26R,27R,34aS)-9,27-dihydroxy-10,21-ddimethoxy-6,8,12,14,20,26-hexamethyl-1,5,11,28,29-penta-oxo-1,4,5,6,9,10,11,12,13,14,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,31,32,33,34,34a-tetracosahydro-3H-23,27-epoxypyrido[2,1-c][1]oxa[4]-

azacyclohentriacontin-3-yl)propyl)-2-methoxycyclohexyl)oxylbutyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-3,6,9,12,15,18,21,24-octaoxaheptacosan-27-amide (18). To a solution of 10 (0.45 g, 0.45 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and SI-13 (623 mg, 0.792 mmol, 1.8 equiv) in DMSO (9.1 mL) was added Cu(MeCN) $_4$ PF $_6$  (337 mg, 0.904 mmol, 2.0 equiv) followed by TBTA (960 mg, 1.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 6 h. Purification of the reaction mixture by reverse-phase chromatography (40%  $\rightarrow$  90% MeCN/H $_2$ O) afforded the desired product (164 mg, 20% yield) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd for C $_{93}$ H $_{141}$ N $_{11}$ O $_{23}$  1781.02; found 1781.2

(3S,6R,7E,9R,10R,12R,14S,15E,17E,19E,21S,23S,26R,27R,34aS)-9,27-Dihydroxy-10,21-ddimethoxy-3-((R)-1-((1S,3R,4R)-3-methoxy-4-(4-(1-(27-(4-(4-(8-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-3-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-1-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl)-27-oxo-3,6,9,12,15,18,21,24-octaoxaheptacosyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)butoxy)cyclohexyl)propan-2-yl)-6,8,12,-14,20,26-hexamethyl-9,10,12,13,14,21,22,32,42,25,26,27,32,33,34,34a-hexadecahydro-3H-23,27-epoxypyrido[2,1-c][1]oxa[4]-azacyclohentriacontine-1,5,11,28,29(4H,6H,31H)-pentaone (19). To a solution of 10 (0.40 g, 0.402 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and SI-15 (791 mg, 0.804 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in DMSO (8 mL) was added Cu(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> (299 mg, 0.804 mmol, 2.0 equiv) followed by TBTA (848 mg, 1.6 mmol, 4.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 6 h. Purification of the reaction mixture by reverse-phase chromatography (40% → 90% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O) afforded the desired product (279 mg, 35% yield) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd for C<sub>104</sub>H<sub>147</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>24</sub> 1978.06; found 1977.9.

N-(4-(4-Amino-3-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-5-yl)-1H-pyrazolo-[3,4-d]pyrimidin-1-yl)butyl)-1-(4-(4-(((1R,2R,4S)-4-((R)-2-((3S,6R,7E,9R,10R,12Ř,14S,15E,17E,19E,21S,23S,26R,27R,34aS)-9,27-dihydroxy-10,21-ddimethoxy-6,8,12,14,20,26-hexamethyl-1,5,11,28,29-pentaoxo-1,4,5,6,9,10,11,12,13,14,21,22,23,24,-25,26,27,28,29,31,32,33,34,34a-tetracosahydro-3H-23,27epoxypyrido[2,1-c][1]oxa[4]azacyclohentriacontin-3-yl)propyl)-2methoxycyclohexyl)oxy)butyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-3,6,9,-12,15,18,21,24-octaoxaheptacosan-27-amide (20). To a solution of 10 (400 mg, 0.402 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and SI-19 (620 mg, 0.804 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in DMSO (8 mL) was added Cu(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> (299 mg, 0.804 mmol, 2.0 equiv) followed by TBTA (848 mg, 1.6 mmol, 4.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 6 h. Purification of the reaction mixture by reverse-phase chromatography (40% → 90% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O) afforded the desired product (298 mg, 42% yield) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd for  $C_{92}H_{140}N_{12}O_{22}$  1766.03; found 1765.9.

(3S,6R,7E,9R,10R,12R,14S,15E,17E,19E,21S,23S,26R,27R,34aS)-3-((R)-1-((1S,3R,4R)-4-(4-(1-(27-(6-((4-Amino-3-(2-aminobenzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-1-yl)methyl)-3,4dihydroisoquinolin-2(1H)-yl)-27-oxo-3,6,9,12,15,18,21,24-octaoxaheptacosyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)butoxy)-3-methoxycyclohexyl)propan-2-yl)-9,27-dihydroxy-10,21-ddimethoxy-6,8,12,14,20,26hexamethyl-9,10,12,13,14,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,32,33,34,34ahexadecahydro-3H-23,27-epoxypyrido[2,1-c][1]oxa[4]azacyclohentriacontine-1,5,11,28,29(4H,6H,31H)-pentaone (21). To a solution of 10 (400 mg, 402.2  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and SI-24 (589 mg, 683.7 μmol, 1.7 equiv) in DMSO (8 mL) was added Cu(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> (299 mg, 804.4  $\mu$ mol, 2.0 equiv) followed by TBTA (848 mg, 1.6 mmol, 4.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 6 h. Purification of the reaction mixture by reversephase chromatography (40%  $\rightarrow$  90% MeCN/ $H_2O$ ) afforded the desired product (424 mg, 57% yield) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd for C<sub>98</sub>H<sub>142</sub>N<sub>12</sub>O<sub>23</sub> 1856.04; found

(35,6R,7E,9R,10R,12R,14S,15E,17E,19E,21S,23S,26R,27R,34aS)-3-((R)-1-((15,3R,4R)-4-(4-(1-(27-(4-((4-Amino-3-(2-aminobenzo[d]-oxazol-5-yl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-1-yl)methyl)piperidin-1-yl)-27-oxo-3,6,9,12,15,18,21,24-octaoxaheptacosyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)butoxy)-3-methoxycyclohexyl)propan-2-yl)-9,27-dihydroxy-10,21-ddimethoxy-6,8,12,14,20,26-hexamethyl-9,10,12,13,14,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,32,33,34,34a-hexadecahydro-3H-23,27-epoxypyrido[2,1-c][1]oxa[4]azacyclohentriacontine-1,5,11,28,29(4H,6H,31H)-pentaone (22). To a sol-

ution of 10 (20 mg, 20.1  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and SI-28 (32.7 mg, 40.2  $\mu$ mol, 2.0 equiv) in DMSO (2 mL) was added Cu(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> (14.9 mg, 40.2  $\mu$ mol, 2.0 equiv) followed by TBTA (42.6 mg, 80.4  $\mu$ mol, 4.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 3 h. Purification of the reaction mixture by reverse-phase chromatography (40%  $\rightarrow$  90% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O) afforded the desired product (22.5 mg, 62% yield) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd for C<sub>94</sub>H<sub>142</sub>N<sub>12</sub>O<sub>23</sub> 1808.04; found 1808.1.

N-(4-(3-(2-Aminobenzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)-4-(dimethylamino)-1Hpyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-1-yl)butyl)-1-(4-(4-(((1R,2R,4S)-4-((R)-2-((3S,6R,7E,9R,10R,12R,14S,15E,17E,19E,21S,23S,26R,27R,34aS)-9,27-dihydroxy-10,21-ddimethoxy-6,8,12,14,20,26-hexamethyl-1,5,11,28,29-pentaoxo-1,4,5,6,9,10,11,12,13,14,21,-22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,31,32,33,34,34a-tetracosahydro-3H-23,27epoxypyrido[2,1-c][1]oxa[4]azacyclohentriacontin-3-yl)propyl)-2methoxycyclohexyl)oxy)butyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1yl)-3,6,10,13,16,19,22,25-octaoxaoctacosan-28-amide (23). To a solution of 10 (150 mg, 151  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and SI-32 (209 mg, 256.3 μmol, 1.7 equiv) in DMSO (3 mL) was added Cu(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> (112 mg, 302  $\mu$ mol, 2.0 equiv) followed by TBTA (320 mg, 603 umol, 4.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 4 h. Purification of the reaction mixture by reversephase chromatography (40% -> 90% MeCN/H2O) afforded the desired product (153 mg, 56% yield) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd for  $C_{94}H_{144}N_{12}O_{23}$  1810.05; found

N-(4-(4-Amino-3-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-5-yl)-1H-pyrazolo-[3,4-d]pyrimidin-1-yĺ)butyl)-1-(4-(4-(((1R,2R,4S)-4-((R)-2-((3S,6R,7E,9R,10R,12R,14S,15E,17E,19E,21S,23S,26R,27R,34aS)-9,27-dihydroxy-10,21-ddimethoxy-6,8,12,14,20,26-hexamethyl-1,5,11,28,29-pentaoxo-1,4,5,6,9,10,11,12,13,14,21,22,23,24,-25,26,27,28,29,31,32,33,34,34a-tetracosahydro-3H-23,27epoxypyrido[2,1-c][1]oxa[4]azacyclohentriacontin-3-yl)propyl)-2methoxycyclohexyl)oxy)butyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-3,6,9,12,15,18hexaoxahenicosan-21-amide (24). To a solution of 10 (50 mg, 50.2  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and SI-20 (51.5 mg, 75.2  $\mu$ mol, 1.5 equiv) in MeOH (10 mL) was added a 1 M solution of CuSO<sub>4</sub> in H<sub>2</sub>O (0.186 mL, 186 µmol, 3.7 equiv) followed by a 1 M solution of sodium ascorbate in  $H_2O$  (0.251 mL, 251  $\mu$ mol, 5 equiv). After stirring overnight, a 1 M solution of CuSO<sub>4</sub> in  $H_2O$  (185  $\mu$ mol, 3.7 equiv) followed by a 1 M solution of sodium ascorbate in  $H_2O$  (251  $\mu$ mol, 5 equiv) was added. After stirring overnight, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, dissolved in DMSO, and filtered, and formic acid (300  $\mu$ L) was added. Purification of the reaction mixture by reversephase chromatography (10%  $\rightarrow$  60% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O) afforded the desired product (21.0 mg, 25% yield) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd for  $C_{88}H_{132}N_{12}O_{20}$  1677.98; found

N-(4-(4-Amino-3-(5-hydroxy-1H-indol-2-yl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-1-yl)butyl)-1-(4-(4-(((1R,2R,4S)-4-((R)-2-((3S,6R,7E,9R,-10R,12R,14S,15E,17E,19E,21S,23S,26R,27R,34aS)-9,27-dihydroxy-10,21-ddimethoxy-6,8,12,14,20,26-hexamethyl-1,5,11,28,29-pentaoxo-1,4,5,6,9,10,11,12,13,14,21,22,23,24,25,26,-27,28,29,31,32,33,34,34a-tetracosahydro-3H-23,27-epoxypyrido-[2,1-c][1]oxa[4]azacyclohentriacontin-3-yl)propyl)-2methoxycyclohexyl)oxy)butyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-3,6,9,12,15,18hexaoxahenicosan-21-amide (25). To a solution of 10 (50 mg, 50.2  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and SI-14 (43.8, 62.7  $\mu$ mol, 1.3 equiv) in MeOH (10 mL) was added a 1 M solution of CuSO<sub>4</sub> in H<sub>2</sub>O (0.187 mL, 187  $\mu$ mol, 3.7 equiv) followed by a 1 M solution of sodium ascorbate in  $H_2O$  (0.251 mL, 251  $\mu$ mol, 5 equiv). After stirring overnight, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, dissolved in DMSO, and filtered, and formic acid (300  $\mu$ L) was added. Purification of the reaction mixture by reverse-phase chromatography  $(10\% \rightarrow 60\% \text{ MeCN/H}_2\text{O})$  afforded the desired product (16.2 mg, 19% yield) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd for  $C_{89}H_{133}N_{11}O_{21}$  1692.98; found 1692.9.

(3S,6R,7E,9R,10R,12R,14S,15E,17E,19E,21S,23S,26R,27R,34aS)-9,27-Dihydroxy-10,21-ddimethoxy-3-((R)-1-((1S,3R,4R)-3-methoxy-4-(4-(1-(21-(4-(4-(8-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-3-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-di-hydro-1H-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-1-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl)-21-oxo-3,6,9,12,15,18-hexaoxahenicosyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)butoxy)cyclohexyl)propan-2-yl)-6,8,12,14,20,26-hexa-

methyl-9,10,12,13,14,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,32,33,34,34a-hexadeca-hydro-3H-23,27-epoxypyrido[2,1-c][1]oxa[4]azacyclo-hentriacontine-1,5,11,28,29(4H,6H,31H)-pentaone (26). To a solution of 10 (40 mg, 40.8 μmol, 1.0 equiv) and SI-16 (40.1, 40.8 μmol, 1.0 equiv) in MeOH (8 mL) was added a 1 M solution of CuSO<sub>4</sub> in H<sub>2</sub>O (0.150 mL, 0.150 μmol, 3.7 equiv) followed by a 1 M solution of sodium ascorbate in H<sub>2</sub>O (0.203 mL, 203 μmol, 5 equiv). After stirring overnight, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, dissolved in DMSO, and filtered, and formic acid (300 μL) was added. Purification of the reaction mixture by reverse-phase chromatography (10%  $\rightarrow$  60% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O) afforded the desired product (29.7 mg, 37% yield) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd for C<sub>100</sub>H<sub>139</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>22</sub> 1890.1; found 1890.0.

N-(4-(4-Amino-3-(2-aminobenzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)-1H-pyrazolo-[3,4-d]pyrimidin-1-yl)butyl)-1-(4-(4-(((1R,2R,4S)-4-((R)-2-((3S,6R,7E,9R,10R,12R,14S,15E,17E,19E,21S,23S,26R,27R,34aS)-9,27-dihydroxy-10,21-ddimethoxy-6,8,12,14,20,26-hexamethyl-1,5,11,28,29-pentaoxo-1,4,5,6,9,10,11,12,13,14,21,22,23,-24,25,26,27,28,29,31,32,33,34,34a-tetracosahydro-3H-23,27epoxypyrido[2,1-c][1]oxa[4]azacyclohentriacontin-3-yl)propyl)-2methoxycyclohexyl)oxy)butyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-3,6,9,12,15,18hexaoxahenicosan-21-amide (27). To a solution of 10 (54 mg, 54.3  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and SI-8 (45.5 mg, 65.1  $\mu$ mol, 1.2 equiv) in MeOH (10.5 mL) was added a 1 M solution of CuSO<sub>4</sub> in H<sub>2</sub>O (200 µmol, 5 equiv) followed by a 1 M solution of sodium ascorbate in H<sub>2</sub>O (271  $\mu$ mol, 5 equiv). After 2 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, dissolved in DMSO, and filtered, and formic acid (300 µL) was added. Purification of the reaction mixture by reverse-phase chromatography (10%  $\rightarrow$  65% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O) afforded the desired product (16.7 mg, 18% yield) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd for  $C_{88}H_{132}N_{12}O_{21}$  1693.97; found 1694.0.

N-(4-(4-Amino-3-(2-aminobenzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)-1H-pyrazolo-[3,4-d]pyrimidin-1-yl)butyl)-1-(4-(4-(((1R,2R,4S)-4-((R)-2-((3S,6R,7E,9R,10R,12R,14S,15E,17E,19E,21S,-23S,26R,27R,34aS)-9,27-dihydroxy-10,21-ddimethoxy-6,8,12,-14,20,26-hexamethyl-1,5,11,28,29-pentaoxo-1,4,5,6,9,10,-11,12,13,14,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,31,32,33,34,34a-tetracosahydro-3H-23,27-epoxypyrido[2,1-c][1]oxa[4]azacyclohentriacontin-3-yl)propyl)-2-methoxycyclohexyl)oxy)-butyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-3,6,9,12,15-pentaoxaoctadecan-18amide (28). To a solution of 10 (50 mg, 50.2  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and SI-9 (39.4 mg, 60.2 μmol, 1.2 equiv) in MeOH (10 mL) was added a 1 M solution of CuSO<sub>4</sub> in H<sub>2</sub>O (185  $\mu$ mol, 3.7 equiv) followed by a 1 M solution of sodium ascorbate in  $H_2O$  (251  $\mu$ mol, 5 equiv). After stirring overnight, a 1 M solution of CuSO<sub>4</sub> in H<sub>2</sub>O (185 µmol, 3.7 equiv) followed by a 1 M solution of sodium ascorbate in H<sub>2</sub>O (251 µmol, 5 equiv) was added. After stirring overnight, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, dissolved in DMSO, and filtered, and formic acid ( $300 \mu L$ ) was added. Purification of the reaction mixture by reverse-phase chromatography  $(10\% \rightarrow 60\% \text{ MeCN/H}_2\text{O})$  afforded the desired product (24.5 mg, 30% yield) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd for C<sub>86</sub>H<sub>128</sub>N<sub>12</sub>O<sub>20</sub> 1649.94; found 1650.0.

(1R, 2R, 4S)-4-((R)-2-((3S, 6R, 7E, 9R, 10R, 12R, 14S, 15E, 17E, 19E, 21S, 23S, 26R, 27R, 34aS)-9, 27-Dihydroxy-10, 21-dimethoxy-6, 8, 12, 14, 20, 26-hexamethyl-1, 5, 11, 28, 29-pentaoxo-1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 34a-tetracosahydro-3H-23, 27-epoxypyrido[2,1-c][1]oxa[4]azacyclohentriacontin-3-yl)propyl)-2-methoxy-cyclohexyl (32-(4-amino-3-(2-aminobenzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)-1H-pyrazolo[3, 4-d]pyrimidin-1-yl)-27-oxo-3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24-octaoxa-28-azadotriacontyl) carbamate (29). To a solution of 13 (22 mg, 20.3 μmol, 1.0 equiv) and SI-34 (44.4 mg, 50.7 μmol, 2.5 equiv) in DMA (0.2 mL) was added DIPEA (17.5 μL, 1.1 μmol, 5.0 equiv). The reaction was stirred for 7 h, at which point the reaction mixture was purified by reverse-phase chromatography (40% → 100% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O) to afford the desired product (16.7 mg, 48% yield) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd for  $C_{87}H_{132}N_{10}O_{24}$  1701.95; found 1701.8.

(1R,2R,4S)-4-((R)-2-((3S,6R,7E,9R,10R,12R,14S,15E,-17E,19E,21S,23S,26R,27R,34aS)-9,27-Dihydroxy-10,21-ddimethoxy-

6,8,12,14,20,26-hexamethyl-1,5,11,28,29-pentaoxo-1,4,5,6,9,10,11,12,13,14,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,31,-32,33,34,34a-tetracosahydro-3H-23,27-epoxypyrido[2,1-c][1]oxa-[4]azacyclohentriacontin-3-yl)propyl)-2-methoxycyclohexyl (27-(6-((4-amino-3-(2-aminobenzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]-pyrimidin-1-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1H)-yl)-27-oxo-3,6,9,12,15,18,21,24-octaoxaheptacosyl)carbamate (30). To a solution of SI-36 (774 mg, 0.926 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in DMA (2.3 mL) at 0 °C was added DIPEA (322  $\mu$ L, 1.85 mmol, 4.0 equiv) followed by 13 (500.0 mg, 0.463 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 5 h. The reaction mixture was acidified with formic acid and purified by reverse-phase chromatography (40% → 100% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O) to afford the desired product (500 mg, 61% yield) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd for C<sub>93</sub>H<sub>134</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>24</sub> 1775.97; found 1775.9.

(1R,2R,4S)-4-((R)-2-((3S,6R,7E,9R,10R,12R,14S,15E,17E,-19E,21S,23S,26R,27R,34aS)-9,27-Dihydroxy-10,21-ddimethoxy-6,8,12,14,20,26-hexamethyl-1,5,11,28,29-pentaoxo-1,4,5,6,9,10,-11,12,13,14,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,31,32,33,34,34a-tetracosahydro-3H-23,27-epoxypyrido[2,1-c][1]oxa[4]azacyclo-hentriacontin-3-yl)propyl)-2-methoxycyclohexyl (30-((4-(7-(6aminopyridin-3-yl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydróbenzo[f][1,4]oxazepine-4carbonyl)-2-fluoro-3-methylphenyl)sulfonyl)-27-oxo-3,6,9,-12,15,18,21,24-octaoxa-28-azatriacontyl)carbamate (31). To a solution of SI-44 (650 mg, 715  $\mu$ mol, 1.8 equiv) in DMA (8 mL) was added DIPEA (343  $\mu$ L, 1.98 mmol, 5 equiv) followed by 13 (428 mg, 397  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was acidified with formic acid and purified by reverse-phase chromatography (40% → 100% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O) to afford the desired product (344 mg, 47% yield) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd for C<sub>95</sub>H<sub>139</sub>FN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>27</sub>S 1847.95; found 1848.0.

(\$)-1-(2-((2R,3R,6S)-6-((2S,3E,5E,7E,9S,11R,13R,14R,15E,17R,21R)-22-((1S,3R,4R)-4-(4-(1-(32-(4-Amino-3-(2-aminobenzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-1-yl)-27-oxo-3,6,9,12,15,18,21,24-octaoxa-28-azadotriacontyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)butoxy)-3-methoxycyclohexyl)-14-hydroxy-2,13-ddimethoxy-3,9,11,15,17,21-hexamethyl-12,18-dioxodocosa-3,5,7,15,19-pentaen-1-yl)-2-hydroxy-3-methyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)-2-oxoacetyl)piperidine-2-carboxylic Acid (32). To a solution of 16 (70.6 mg, 39.6  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) in DMA (2 mL) was added NH<sub>4</sub>OAc (30.5 mg, 396  $\mu$ mol, 10 equiv). The reaction mixture was heated to 40 °C, and after 6 h it was cooled to room temperature. Purification of the reaction mixture by reverse-phase chromatography (40%  $\rightarrow$  100% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O) afforded the desired product (19.4 mg, 28% yield, 99.5% purity) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na] calcd for C<sub>92</sub>H<sub>140</sub>N<sub>12</sub>O<sub>23</sub> 1804.01; found 1804.0.

(S)-1-(2-((2R,3R,6S)-6-((2S,3E,5E,7E,9S,11R,13R,14R,15E,17R,-19Z,21R)-22-((1S,3R,4R)-4-(((27-(6-((4-Amino-3-(2-aminobenzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-1-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydroisoguinolin-2(1H)-yl)-27-oxo-3,6,9,12,15,18,21,24-octaoxaheptacosyl)carbamoyl)oxy)-3-methoxycyclohexyl)-14-hydroxy-2,13-ddimethoxy-3,9,11,15,17,21-hexamethyl-12,18-dioxodocosa-3,5,7,15,19-pentaen-1-yl)-2-hydroxy-3-methyltetrahydro-2Hpyran-2-yl)-2-oxoacetyl)piperidine-2-carboxylic Acid (33). To a solution of 30 (50 mg, 28.1  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) in DMA (1.4 mL) was added NH<sub>4</sub>OAc (21.6 mg, 280  $\mu$ mol, 10 equiv). The reaction mixture was heated to 40 °C, and after 5 h it was cooled to room temperature. Purification of the reaction mixture by reverse-phase chromatography (10% → 100% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O) afforded the desired product (13.8 mg, 28% yield, 99.3% purity) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na] calcd for  $C_{93}H_{134}N_{10}O_{24}$  1775.97; found 1775.8.

(1R,2R,4S)-4-((R)-2-((3S,5R,6R,7E,9R,10R,12R,14S,15E,17E,19E,21S,23S,26R,27R,34aS)-9,27-Dihydroxy-5,10,21-trdimethoxy-6,8,12,14,20,26-hexamethyl-1,11,28,29-tetraoxo-1,4,5,6,9,10,11,-12,13,14,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,31,32,33,34,34a-tetracosa-hydro-3H-23,27-epoxypyrido[2,1-c][1]oxa[4]-azacyclohentriacontin-3-yl)propyl)-2-methoxycyclohexyl (32-(4Amino-3-(2-aminobenzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]-pyrimidin-1-yl)-27-oxo-3,6,9,12,15,18,21,24-octaoxa-28-azadotriacontyl)carbamate (35). To a solution of 15 (25 mg, 22.8)

 $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and SI-34 (34.7 mg, 45.6  $\mu$ mol, 2.0 equiv) in DMA (1.15 mL) was added DIPEA (15.7  $\mu$ L, 91.2  $\mu$ mol, 4.0 equiv). The reaction was stirred overnight, and then the reaction mixture was purified by reverse-phase chromatography (40%  $\rightarrow$  100% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O) to afford the desired product (24.5 mg, 63% yield) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd for  $C_{88}H_{136}N_{10}O_{24}$  1717.98; found 1718.0.

(1R,2R,4S)-2-methoxy-4-((R)-2-((3S,5R,6R,7E,9R,10R,-12R,14S,15E,17E,19E,21S,23S,26R,27R,34aS)-5,9,27-Trihydroxy-10,21-ddimethoxy-6,8,12,14,20,26-hexamethyl-1,11,28,29-tetraoxo-1,4,5,6,9,10,11,12,13,14,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,31,-32,33,34,34a-tetracosahydro-3H-23,27-epoxypyrido[2,1-c][1]oxa-[4]azacyclohentriacontin-3-yl)propyl)cyclohexyl (32-(4-Amino-3-(2-amińobenzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)-1H-pyrázolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-1-yl)-27-oxo-3,6,9,12,15,18,21,24-octaoxa-28-azadotriacontyl)carbamate (36). To a solution of 14 (25 mg, 23.1  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv) and SI-34 (35.1 mg, 231  $\mu$ mol, 2.0 equiv) in DMA (1.15 mL) was added DIPEA (16.0  $\mu$ L, 92.4  $\mu$ mol, 4.0 equiv). The reaction was stirred overnight, and then the reaction mixture was purified by reverse-phase chromatography (40%  $\rightarrow$  100% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O) to afford the desired product (15.4 mg, 39% yield) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd for  $C_{87}H_{134}N_{10}O_{24}$  1703.97; found 1703.7

(1R,2R,4S)-4-((R)-2-((3S,5R,6R,7E,9R,10R,12R,14S,15E,-17E,19E,21S,23S,26R,27R,34aS)-9,27-Dihydroxy-5,10,21-trdimethoxy-6,8,12,14,20,26-hexamethyl-1,11,28,29-tetraoxo-1,4,5,6,9,-10,11,12,13,14,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,31,32,33,34,34atetracosahydro-3H-23,27-epoxypyrido[2,1-c][1]oxa[4]azacyclohentriacontin-3-yl)propyl)-2-methoxycyclohexyl (27-(6-((4-Amino-3-(2-aminobenzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-1-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1H)-yl)-27-oxo-3,6,9,12,15,18,21,24-octaoxaheptacosyl)carbamate (**37**). To a solution of SI-36 (250 mg, 299 μmol, 2.2 equiv) in DMA (6.8 mL) was added DIPEA (118  $\mu$ L, 680  $\mu$ mol, 5 equiv) followed by 15 (150 mg, 136  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was acidified with formic acid and purified by reverse-phase chromatography (40% -> 100% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O) to afford the desired product (108 mg, 44% yield) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd for C<sub>93</sub>H<sub>136</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>24</sub> 1777.98; found 1777.7.

(1R,2R,4S)-2-Methoxy-4-((R)-2-((3S,5R,6R,7E,9R,10R,12R,-14S,15E,17E,19E,21S,23S,26R,27R,34aS)-5,9,27-trihydroxy-10,21ddimethoxy-6,8,12,14,20,26-hexamethyl-1,11,28,29-tetraoxo-1,4,5,6,9,10,11,12,13,14,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,31,32,33,34,-34a-tetracosahydro-3H-23,27-epoxypyrido[2,1-c][1]oxa[4]azacyclohentriacontin-3-yl)propyl)cyclohexyl (27-(6-((4-Amino-3-(2-aminobenzo[d]oxazol-5-yl)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-1-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydroisoguinolin-2(1H)-yl)-27-oxo-3,6,9,12,-15,18,21,24-octaoxaheptacosyl)carbamate (38). To a solution of SI-36 (463 mg, 0.555 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in DMA (1.4 mL) at 0  $^{\circ}$ C was added DIPEA (191 µL, 1.1 mmol, 4.0 equiv) followed by 14 (300.0 mg, 0.277 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 5 h. The reaction mixture was acidified with formic acid and purified by reverse-phase chromatography (40% → 100% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O) to afford the desired product (179 mg, 36% yield) as a colorless amorphous solid. HRMS (ESI) m/ z: [M+H] calcd for C<sub>93</sub>H<sub>136</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>24</sub> 1777.9807; found 1777.9813.

(1R,2R,4S)-4-((R)-2-((3S,5R,6R,7E,9R,10R,12R,14S,-15E,17E,19E,21S,23S,26R,27R,34aS)-9,27-Dihydroxy-5,10,21-trdimethoxy-6,8,12,14,20,26-hexamethyl-1,11,28,29-tetraoxo-1,4,5,6,9,10,11,12,13,14,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,31,32,33,34,34a-tetracosahydro-3H-23,27-epoxypyrido[2,1-c][1]oxa[4]-azacyclohentriaccontin-3-yl)propyl)-2-methoxycyclohexyl (30-((4-(7-(6-Aminopyridin-3-yl)-2,34,5-tetrahydrobenzo[f][1,4]-oxazepine-4-carbonyl)-2-fluoro-3-methylphenyl)sulfonyl)-27-oxo-3,6,9,12,15,18,21,24-octaoxa-28-azatriacontyl)carbamate (39). To a solution of SI-44 (55.8 mg, 54.6  $\mu$ mol, 2.0 equiv) in DMA (1.4 mL) at 0 °C was added DIPEA (28.3  $\mu$ L, 163  $\mu$ mol, 6 equiv) followed by 15 (30 mg, 27.3  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was acidified with formic acid and purified by reverse-phase chromatography (10% → 100% MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O) to afford the desired product (29.5 mg, 58%

yield) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd for  $C_{96}H_{143}FN_6O_{27}S$  1863.98 found 1864.0.

(1R, 2R, 4S)-2-Methoxy-4-((R)-2-((3S, 5R, 6R, 7E, 9R, -1)))10R, 12R, 14S, 15E, 17E, 19E, 21S, 23S, 26R, 27R, 34aS) - 5, 9, 27-trihydroxy-10,21-ddimethoxy-6,8,12,14,20,26-hexamethyl-1,11,28,29-tetraoxo-1,4,5,6,9,10,11,12,13,14,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,-29,31,32,33,34,34a-tetracosahydro-3H-23,27-epoxypyrido[2,1-c]-[1]oxa[4]azacyclohentriacontin-3-yl)propyl)cyclohexyl (30-((4-(7-(6-Aminopyridin-3-yl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[f][1,4]oxazepine-4carbonyl)-2-fluoro-3-methylphenyl)sulfonyl)-27-oxo-3,6,9,12,15,-18,21,24-octaoxa-28-azatriacontyl)carbamate (40). To a solution of SI-44 (630 mg, 667  $\mu$ mol, 2.0 equiv) in DMA (6.7 mL) at 0 °C was added DIPEA (462  $\mu$ L, 2.66 mmol, 8 equiv) followed by 14 (360 mg, 334  $\mu$ mol, 1.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was acidified with formic acid and purified by reverse-phase chromatography (10% → 90% MeCN/H2O) to afford the desired product (345 mg, 56% yield) as a colorless amorphous solid. LCMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd for C<sub>95</sub>H<sub>141</sub>FN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>27</sub>S 1849.96 found 1850.0.

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# ■ ABBREVIATIONS USED

ANOVA, analysis of variance; CDX, cell line-derived xenograft; cryo-EM, cryogenic electron microscopy; 4EBP1, eukaryotic initiation factor 4E-binding protein 1; eIF4E, eukaryotic translation initiation factor 4E; FKBP, FK binding protein; FRB, FKBP12-rapamycin-binding; KRAS, Kirsten rat sarcoma virus; mTOR, mechanistic target of rapamycin; mTORC1,

mechanistic target of rapamycin complex 1; mTORC2, mechanistic target of rapamycin complex 2; NFAT, nuclear factor of activated T cells; PIKK, phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase-related kinase; PNP, p-nitrophenyl; Raptor, regulatory-associated protein of mTOR; RAS, rat sarcoma virus; Rictor, rapamycin-insensitive companion of mTOR; RTK, receptor tyrosine kinase; S6K, ribosomal protein S6 kinase; Sin1, stress-activated map kinase-interacting protein 1; TOR1, target of rapamycin 1; TOR2, target of rapamycin 2; TR-FRET, time-resolved fluorescence energy transfer

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