

Discovery of Orally Active, Brain-Penetrant, Targeted Protein Degraders

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Nurix Drugs Engage Ligases for the Treatment of Cancer Targeted Protein Modulation: TPM = TPD + TPE

> A Powerful Cellular System

Harness ligases to decrease specific protein levels

Targeted Protein Degradation (TPD)

Ubiquitin is ligated to target proteins to tag them for degradation by the proteasome Targeted Protein Elevation (TPE)

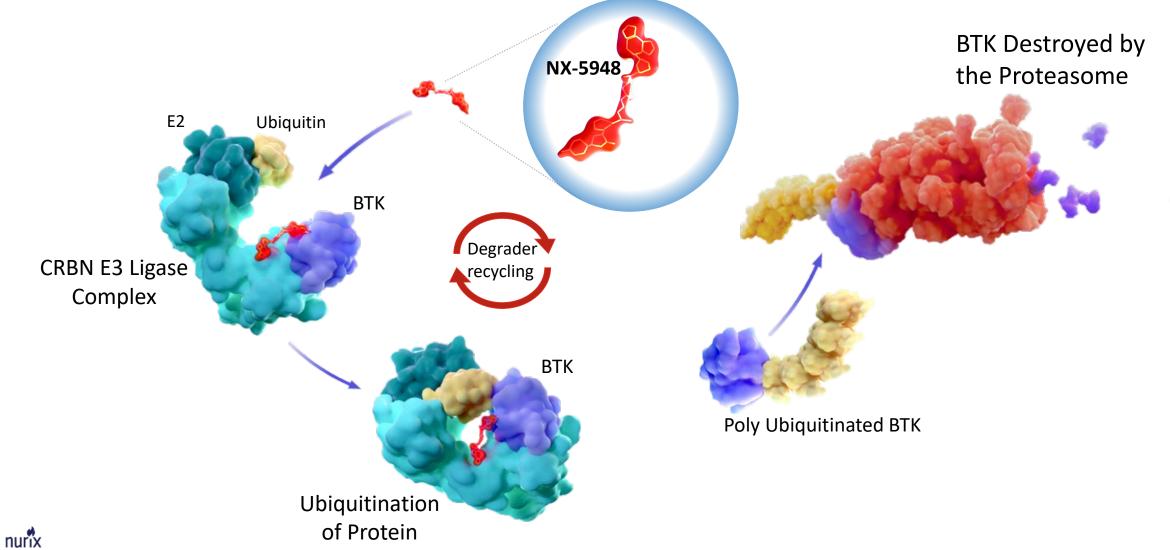
Inhibit ligases to increase specific protein levels

Nurix Is Advancing Four Wholly Owned Clinical Programs with a Deep Pipeline of Proprietary and Partnered Novel Targets

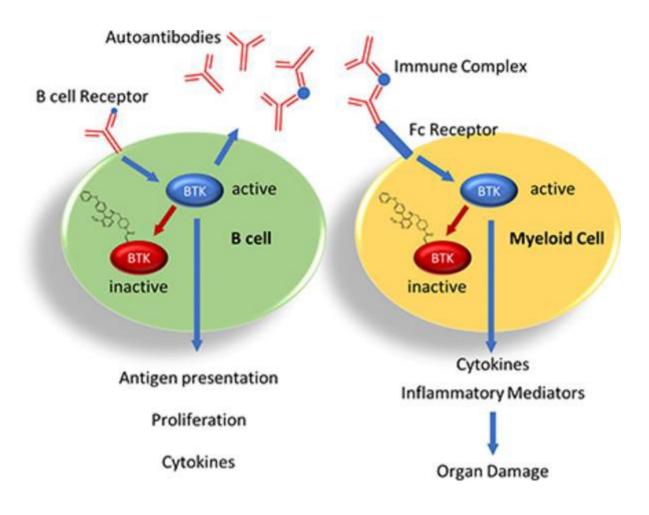
MOA	Drug Program	Target/ Delivery	Therapeutic Area	Pre-Clinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
TPD	NX-2127 Degrader	BTK-IKZF Oral	B-Cell Malignancies				
	NX-5948 Degrader	BTK Oral	B-Cell Malignancies				
TPE	NX-1607 Inhibitor	CBL-B Oral	Immuno-Oncology				
	DeTIL-0255 Cell Therapy	Adoptive Cell Therapy Ex vivo CBL-B Inhibition	Gynecologic Malignancies				
ТРМ	Wholly owned	5 targets	Multiple				
TPD	Gilead Sciences	5 targets	Multiple				
TPD	Sanofi	5 targets	Multiple				

MOA, Mechanism of action; TPD, Targeted Protein Degradation; TPE, Targeted Protein Elevation; TPM, Targeted Protein Modulation

NX-5948 Promotes Proteasomal Degradation of BTK



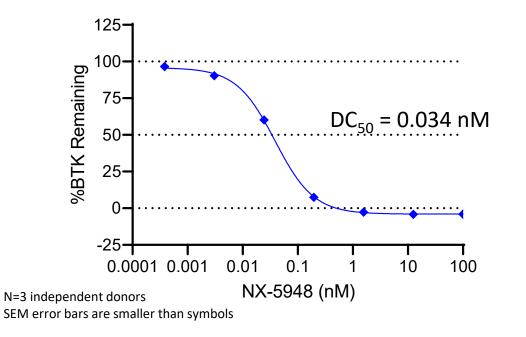
BTK Regulates Signaling Pathways that Contribute to B Cell Malignancies and Autoimmunity



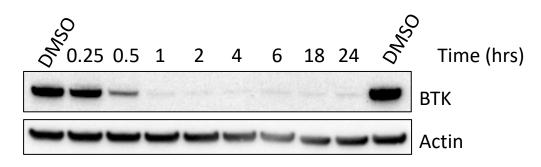
- BTK transduces signals downstream of the B cell receptor, toll-like receptors, and Fc receptors in B cells and myeloid cells
- BTK regulates B cell maturation, autoantibody production, and antigen presentation to T cells
- BTK regulates immune-complex mediated activation of myeloid cells which directly damages tissues
- BTK degraders that cross the blood brain barrier (BBB) may have therapeutic advantage in CNS lymphoma or autoimmune diseases such as MS

NX-5948 is a Potent and Rapid BTK Degrader

Dose Titration on Primary Human B cells



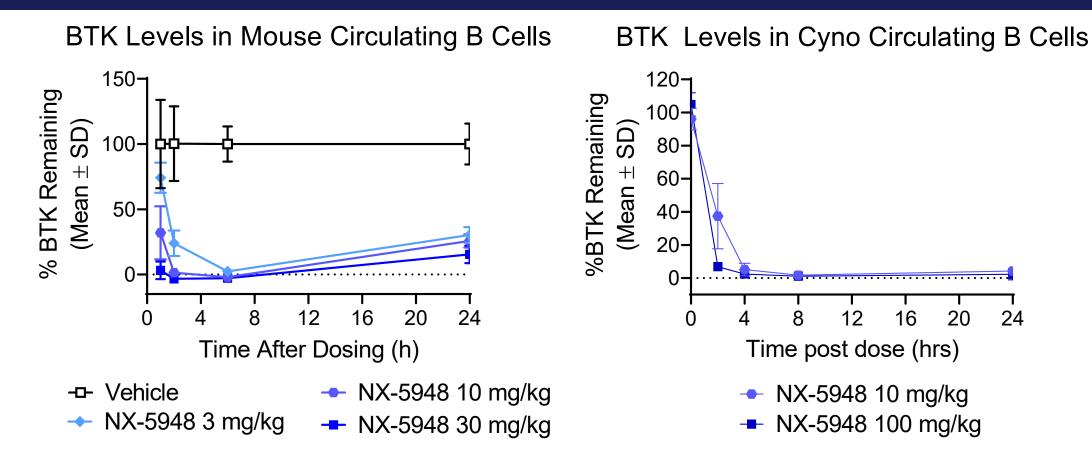
Degradation Time-Course



Ramos human Burkitt's lymphoma B cells incubated with 10 nM NX-5948

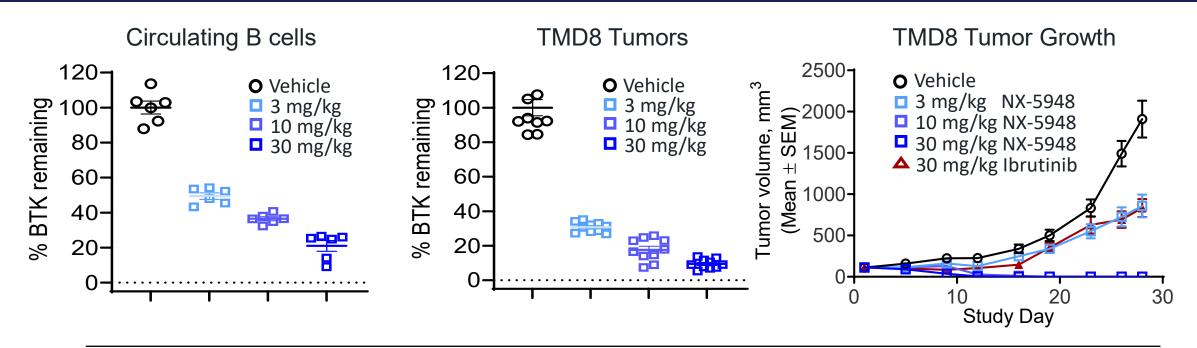
- Robust BTK degradation observed in primary human B cells after 4 hours of NX-5948 treatment
- BTK degradation is observed within 1 hour and is complete within 2 hours in Ramos cells

A Single Oral Dose of NX-5948 Promotes Rapid and Compete BTK Degradation in Mouse and NHP B cells



- In mice, BTK levels increased 24 hours after dosing from BTK resynthesis
- In cynomolgus monkeys, BTK levels remained suppressed at 24 hours

Increasing BTK Degradation by NX-5948 Correlates with Significant Tumor Growth Inhibition

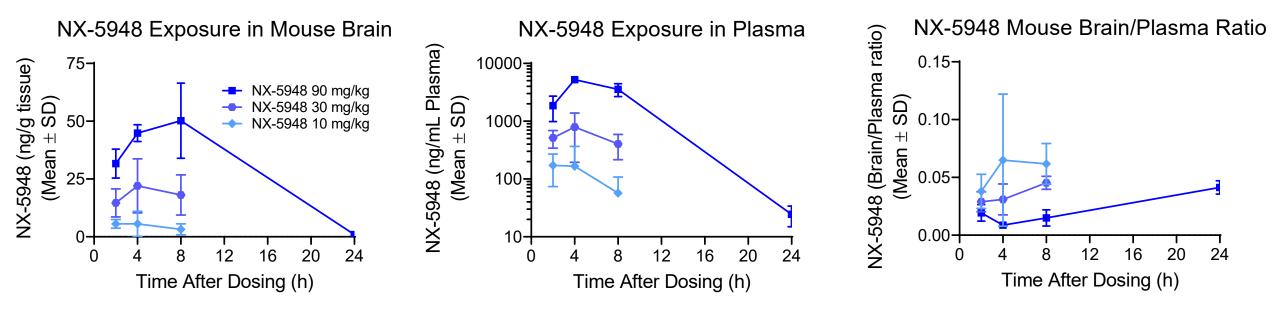


Treatment	Oral gavage dose (mg/kg)	% BTK degradation in circulating B cells	% BTK degradation in TMD8 tumor tissue	% TGI vs Vehicle (Day 26)	<i>P</i> value vs Vehicle
Vehicle	0	0.0±3.7	0.0±4.7	N/A	N/A
	3	50.5±1.9	69.2±0.9	54%	0.0025
NX-5948	10	63.5±1.1	82.4±2.1	100%	<0.0001
	30	79.0±3.1	90.5±0.5	100%	<0.0001
Ibrutinib	30	N/A	N/A	57%	0.0015

N/A: Not applicable; TGI: tumor growth inhibition.

P values determined on tumor volume by mixed-effect analysis with Dunnett's multiple comparisons test

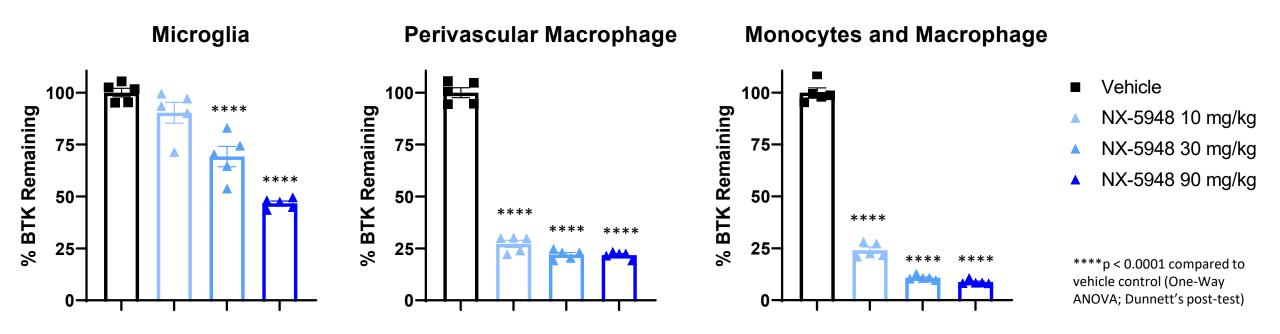
A Single Oral Dose of NX-5948 to Mice Results in Dose-Dependent CNS Exposure



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NX-5948 Degrades BTK in Microglia and Macrophage in Brains of Naïve Mice

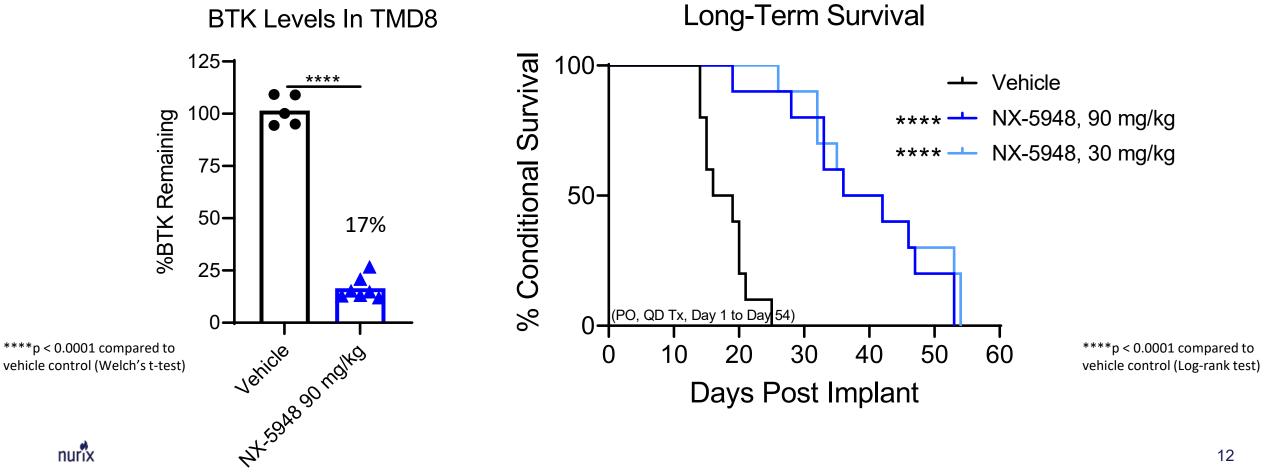
NX-5948 administered orally QD x 3 days to naïve C57BL/6J mice. BTK levels assessed 8 h after 3rd dose by flow cytometry.



- NX-5948 drives dose-dependent BTK degradation in cells isolated from brains
- Magnitude of BTK degradation depends on dose and cell type

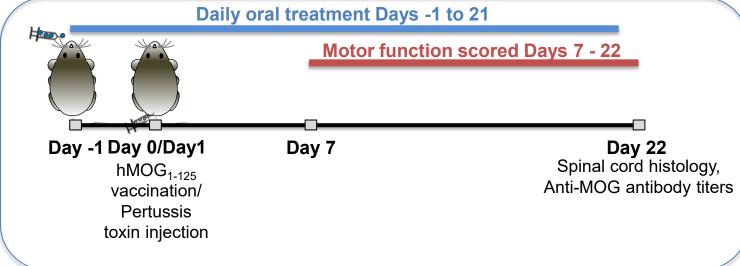
Oral Administration of NX-5948 Degrades BTK in Tumor Cells and Prolongs Survival in a Mouse Model of CNS Lymphoma

5 x 10E5 TMD8 cells implanted by intracranial injection on Day 0 NX-5948 administered orally QD Days 1-11 (left) or Days 1-54 (right) BTK levels assessed 24 h after the 11th dose by flow cytometry



Comparison of NX-5948 to Ibrutinib in Antibody-Dependent EAE model

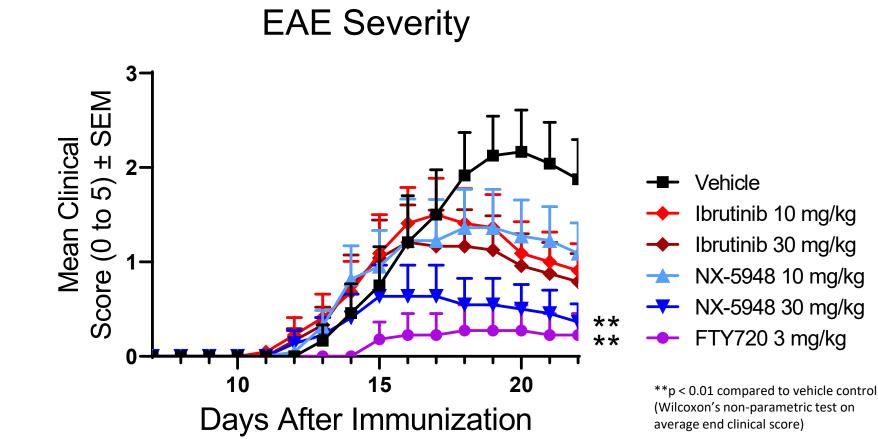
Group	N	Treatment	Dose (mpk)	Regimen	
1	12	Vehicle	N/A	N/A	
2	12	FTY720	3		
3	12	Ibrutinib	10	Oral, QD, Days -1 to 22	
4	12	Ibrutinib	30		
5	12	NX-5948	10	Days 11022	
6	12	NX-5948	30		



- EAE is induced by immunization with full-length human MOG (myelin oligodendrocyte glycoprotein) to initiate an autoimmune reaction similar to multiple sclerosis
- This particular EAE model is dependent upon B cells, T cells, anti-MOG Ab, and myeloid cells
- BTK functions downstream of the B cell Receptor to promote B cell activation, produce anti-MOG antibodies, and present antigen to autoreactive T cells
- BTK also functions downstream of the Fc Receptor to activate myeloid cells such as microglia against anti-MOG antibodies bound to myelin, promoting demyelination

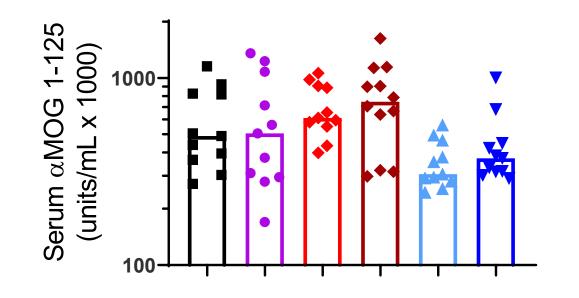
NX-5948 Improves EAE Clinical Scores and Provides Greater Benefit than Ibrutinib

Disease initiated on Day 0 with full-length human MOG₁₋₁₂₅ and pertussis toxin Daily oral administration of NX-5948 or Ibrutinib Days -1 to 22



NX-5948 Treated Groups Have Trends of Lower αMOG Antibody Titers

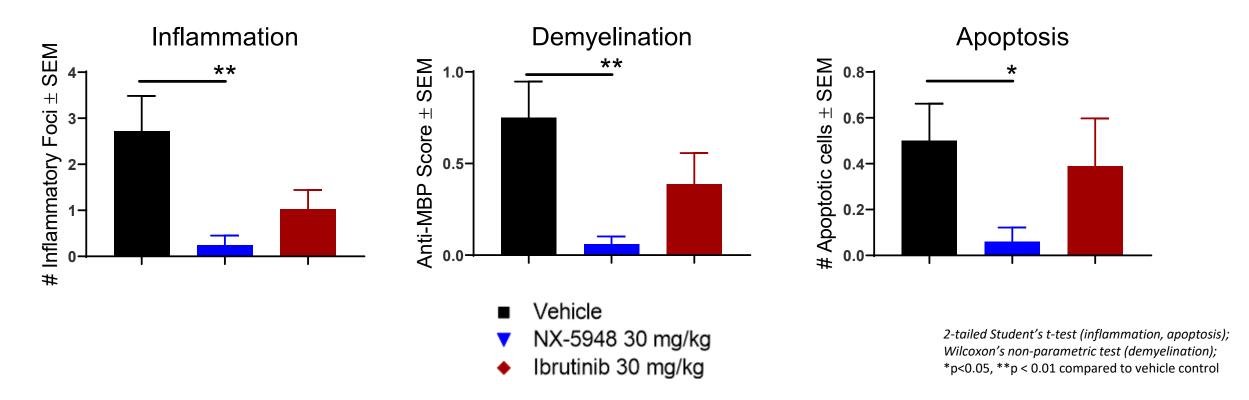
α MOG Antibody Titers



- Vehicle
- FTY720 3 mg/kg
- Ibrutinib 10 mg/kg
- Ibrutinib 30 mg/kg
- NX-5948 10 mg/kg
- ▼ NX-5948 30 mg/kg

Statistical comparison vs. vehicle by One-Way ANOVA with Dunnett's multiple comparison test (significance not reached)

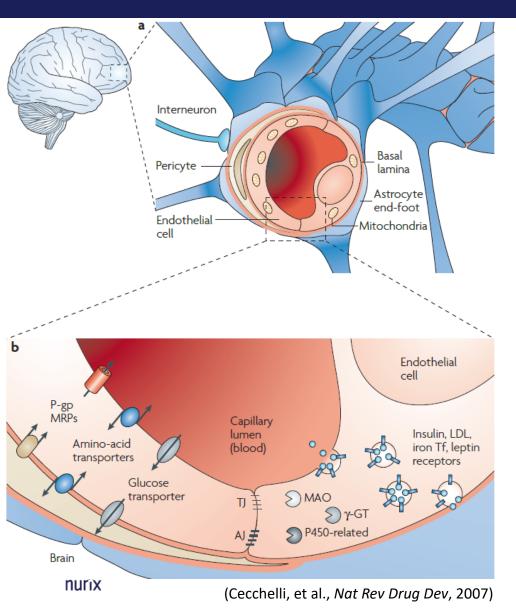
NX-5948 Improved Histological Findings Associated with EAE More Strongly Than Ibrutinib



- NX-5948 dramatically reduced inflammation, demyelination, and apoptosis in the spinal cords of treated mice
- Degradation of BTK in brain-resident myeloid cells may contribute to the superior activity of NX-5948 over ibrutinib

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How Do We Design Degraders that Cross the Blood Brain Barrier?



- The BBB is a selective barrier that protects the brain from harmful compounds and precisely regulates its microenvironment
- The CNS multiparameter optimization score (MPO score) defines chemical properties that are optimal for CNS therapeutic agents

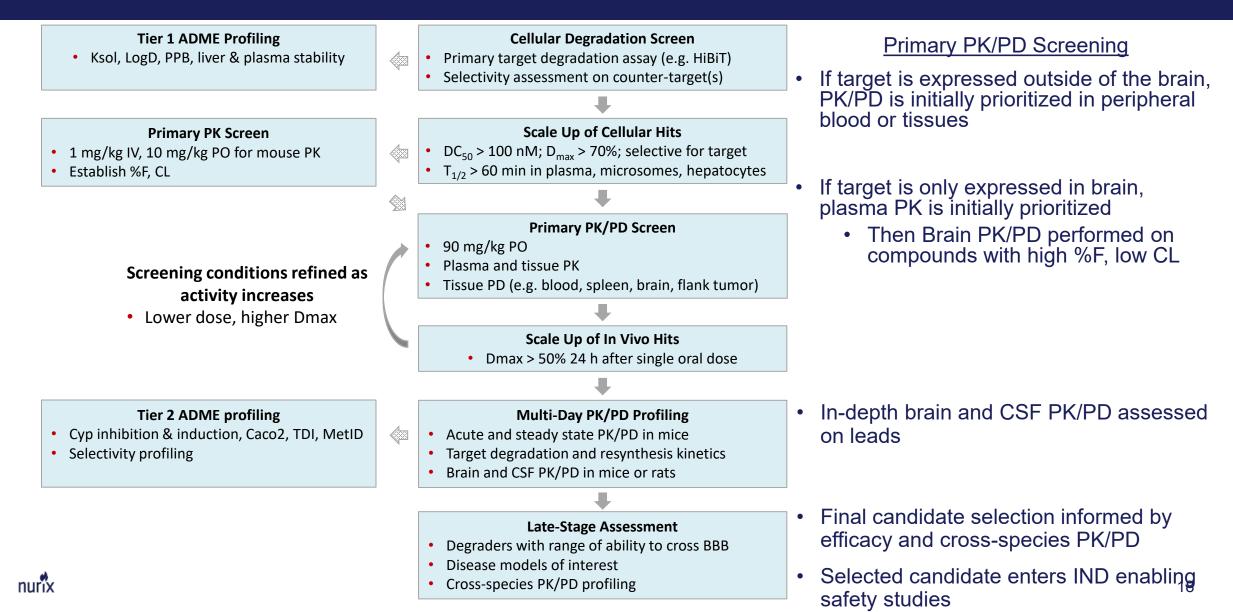
CNS MPO Properties and Parameter Ranges

Property	More Desirable	Less Desirable	
ClogP	≤ 3	> 5	
ClogD	≤ 2	> 4	
MW	≤ 360	> 500	
TPSA	40 to 90	≤ 20, > 120	
HBD	≤ 1	> 3	
рКа	≤ 8	> 10	

Each property assigned a score from 0.0 to 1.0 and summed. 74% of marketed CNS drugs had an MPO score \geq 4.0 (Wager, et al., ACS Chem Neuro, 2010)

• Determining the parameters and characteristics that predict CNS exposure of degraders are of high interest

Nurix Has Established a Testing Funnel for Identifying Degraders that Cross the Blood Brain Barrier



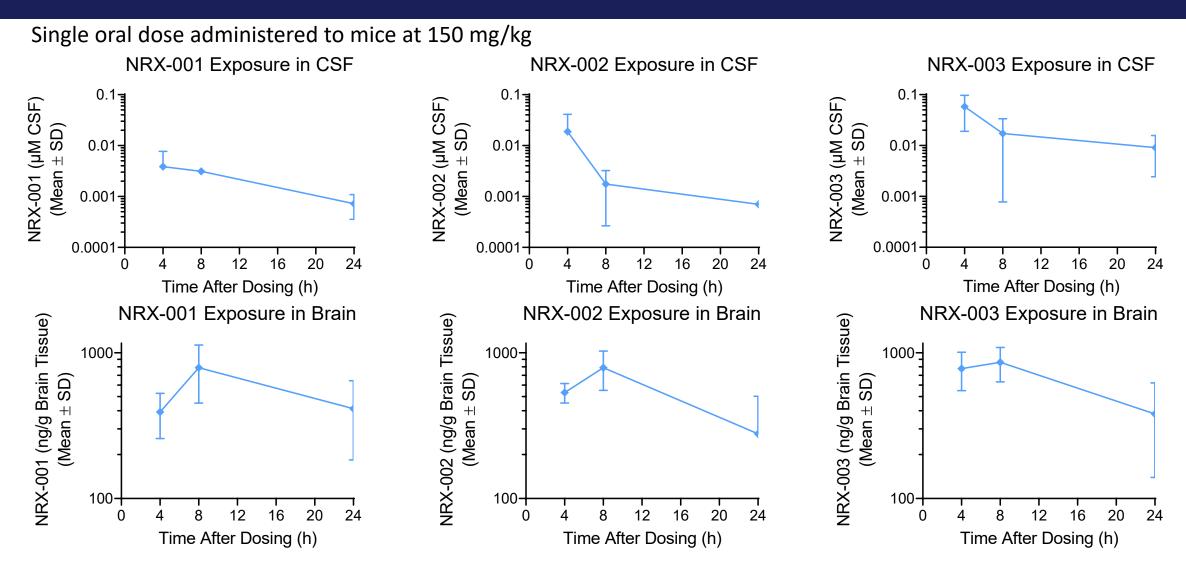
Potent Orally-Active Degraders of an Undisclosed Target Were Identified and Selected for CNS Evaluation

Goal: Develop degraders that suppress T cell function for treatment of autoimmune and inflammatory diseases

• Target Expressed in T cells and other immune cells

	NRX-001	NRX-002	NRX-003
Cellular Degradation (HiBiT)	DC ₅₀ : < 0.01 nM D _{max} : 88%	DC ₅₀ : 0.62 nM D _{max} : 84%	DC ₅₀ : < 0.01 nM D _{max} : 88%
In Vitro Plasma Protein Binding (Mouse, %)	95%	97%	96%
In Vivo Clearance (Mouse, mL/min/kg)	2.7	14.2	20.7
Oral bioavailability (Mouse, % F at 10 mg/kg)	26%	43%	32%
In Vivo PD Mouse, PO, 30 mg/kg, 24 h (% Degradation in Splenocytes)	88%	74%	92%
CNS MPO Score (Range 0 – 6, ≥ 4 is desirable range)	1.2	1.5	2.4

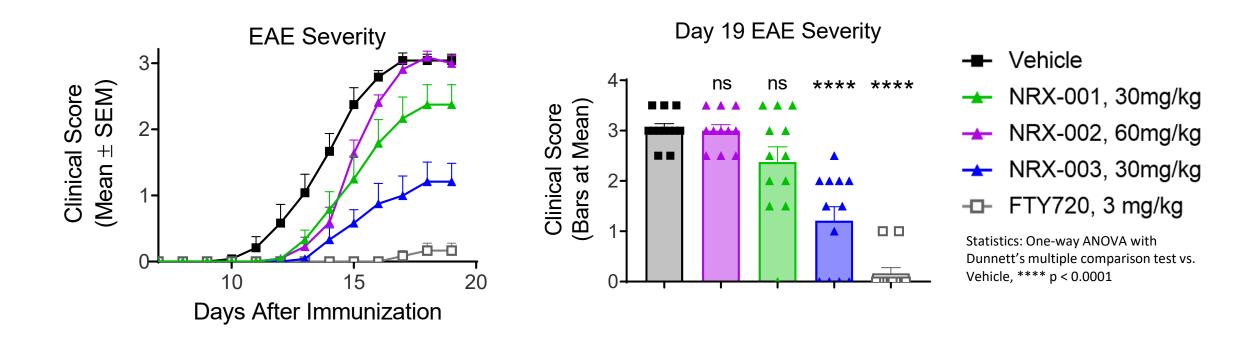
Degraders had a range of CNS exposure, despite low CNS MPO scores



• To help choose lead compound, these degraders were also assessed in efficacy models

Lead Compound was Selected Based on Performance in a T Cell Dependent EAE Model

Disease initiated on Day 0 with human MOG₃₅₋₅₅ peptide and pertussis toxin Daily oral administration of compounds beginning Day -1



 Ongoing characterization of the PK/PD relationship will include analysis of brain exposure, target degradation, and phenotype of immune cells that infiltrate the brain during the course of disease nurix

Summary

- Discovery of oral, CNS-penetrant, targeted protein degraders is enabled by a testing funnel that evaluates ADME, potency, exposures, and efficacy in a step-wise process
- NX-5948 is an oral CNS-penetrant, targeted protein degrader of BTK
 - Degrades BTK in primary human B cells (DC₅₀ = 0.034 nM), cancer cell lines, and tumor xenografts
 - Promotes BTK degradation in microglia and periventricular macrophage of naïve mice
- NX-5948 significantly degrades BTK in brain-resident tumor cells and extends survival in a mouse model of CNS lymphoma
- NX-5948 provides superior activity to ibrutinib in an antibody dependent model of EAE
- Using the established testing funnel, a targeted protein degrader with CNS exposure was identified that has superior efficacy in a T-cell driven model of EAE
 - Additional characteristics beyond CNS MPO scores may be needed to predict CNS exposure for degraders



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