



Leader in Targeted Protein Modulation

# First Targeted Protein Degradator for Hematologic Malignancies

*NX-2127*

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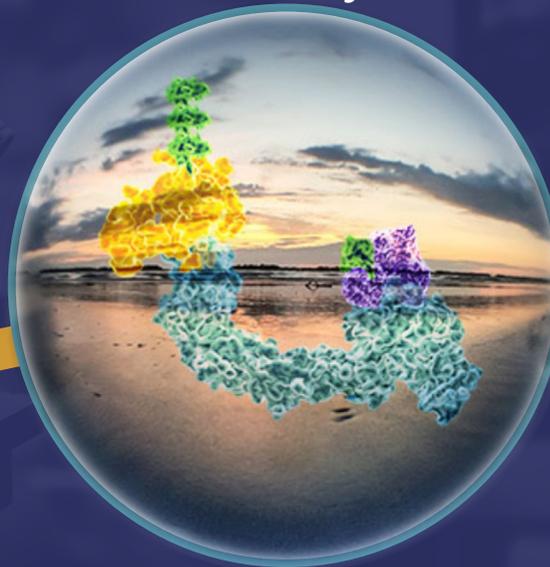
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# Nurix Drugs Engage Ligases for the Treatment of Cancer

Targeted Protein Modulation:  $TPM = TPD + TPE$

A Powerful  
Cellular System



Targeted Protein  
Elevation  
(TPE)

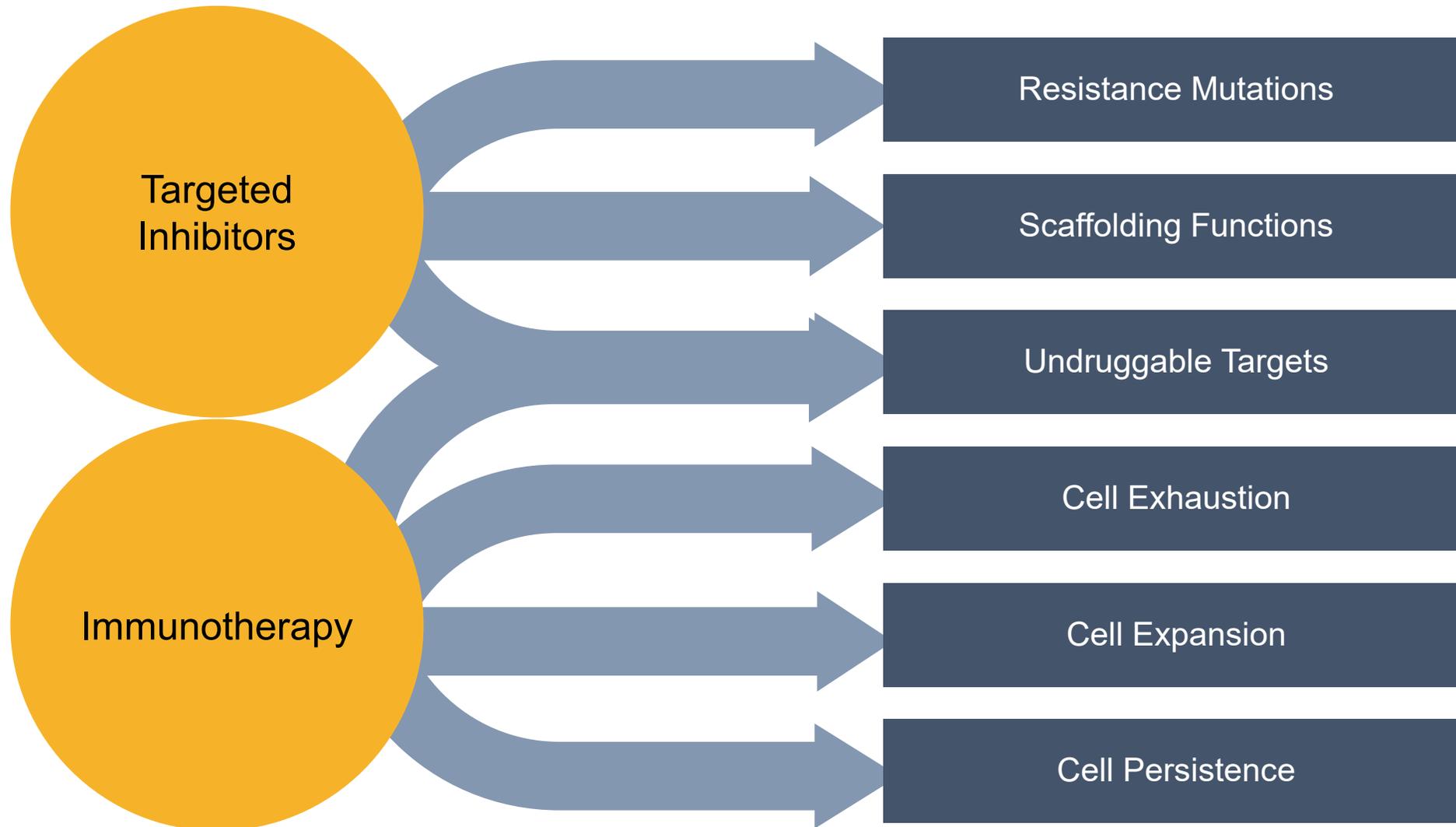
Harness ligases  
to decrease  
specific protein levels

Inhibit ligases  
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Targeted Protein  
Degradation  
(TPD)

Ubiquitin is ligated to  
target proteins to tag  
them for degradation by  
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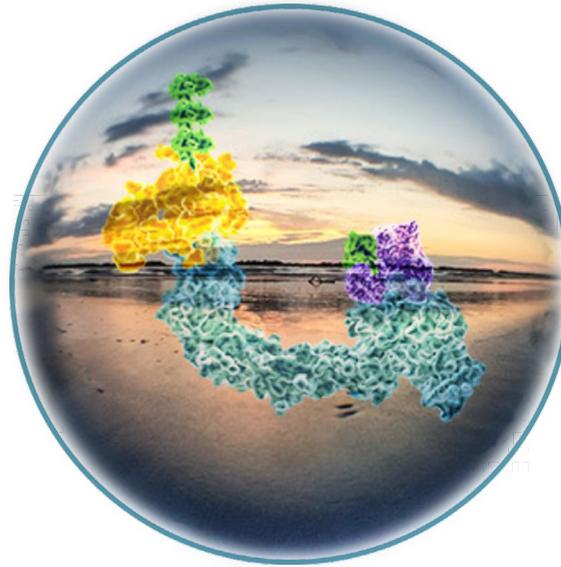
# Nurix' Targeted Protein Modulation Pipeline Addresses Key Limitations of Leading Cancer Therapy Modalities



# A First-In-Class Franchise of BTK Degraders: NX-2127 & NX-5948

## BTK DEGRADATION & IMMUNOMODULATION NX-2127 (Oncology)

- Robust BTK degradation and immunomodulatory activity observed across all dose levels to date
- Positive clinical activity in all CLL patients, including responses in double-refractory patients with BTK or BCL2 mutations
- Initiated cohort expansion for CLL patients
- Dose exploration is ongoing for patients with NHL

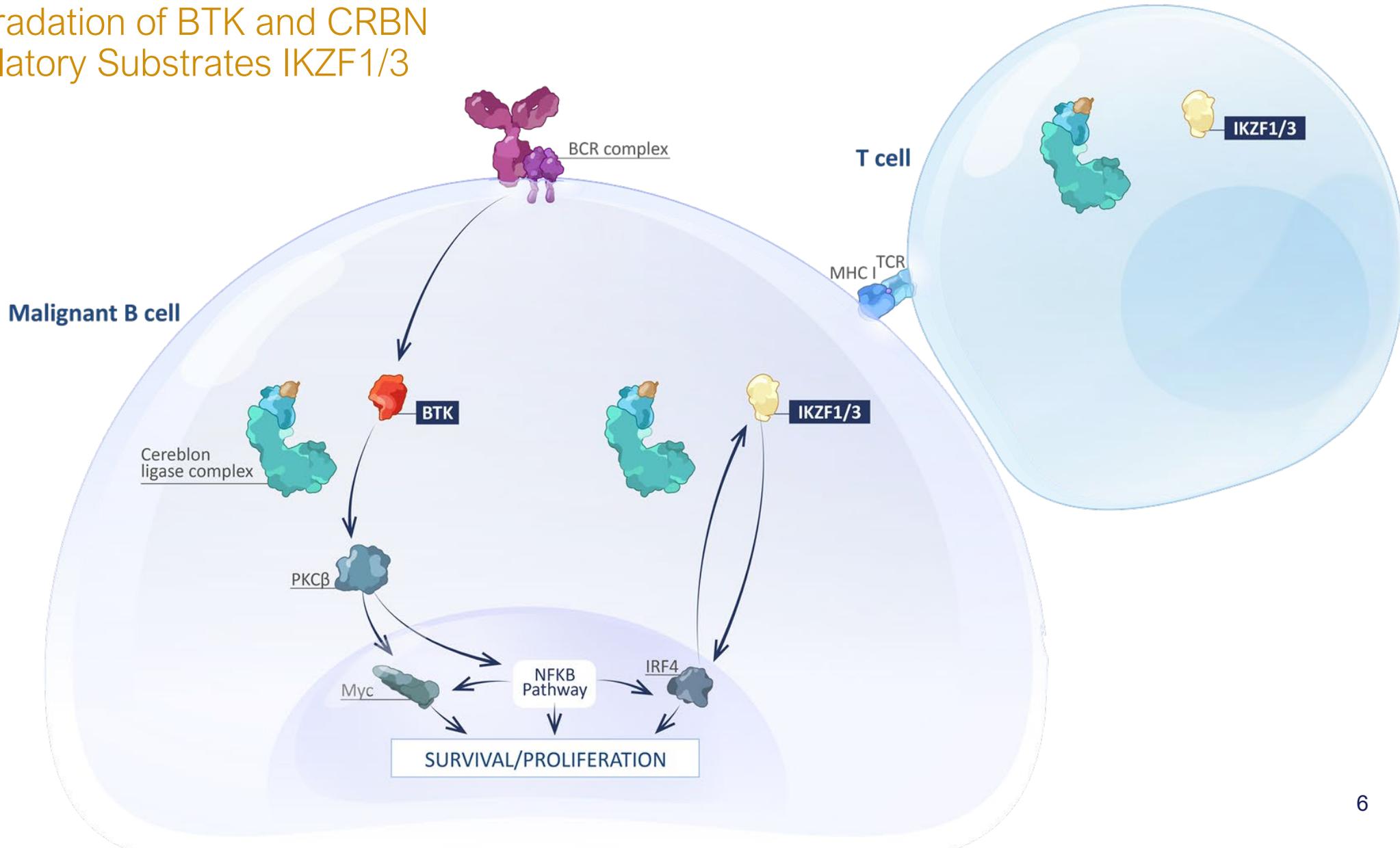


## BTK DEGRADATION NX-5948 (Oncology & Autoimmune)

- Active against multiple BTK inhibitor-resistant mutations
- Crosses blood brain barrier and degrades BTK in brain-resident lymphoma cells and microglia in animal models
- Activity in multiple models of autoimmune disease
- First patient dosed in Phase 1a dose escalation trial

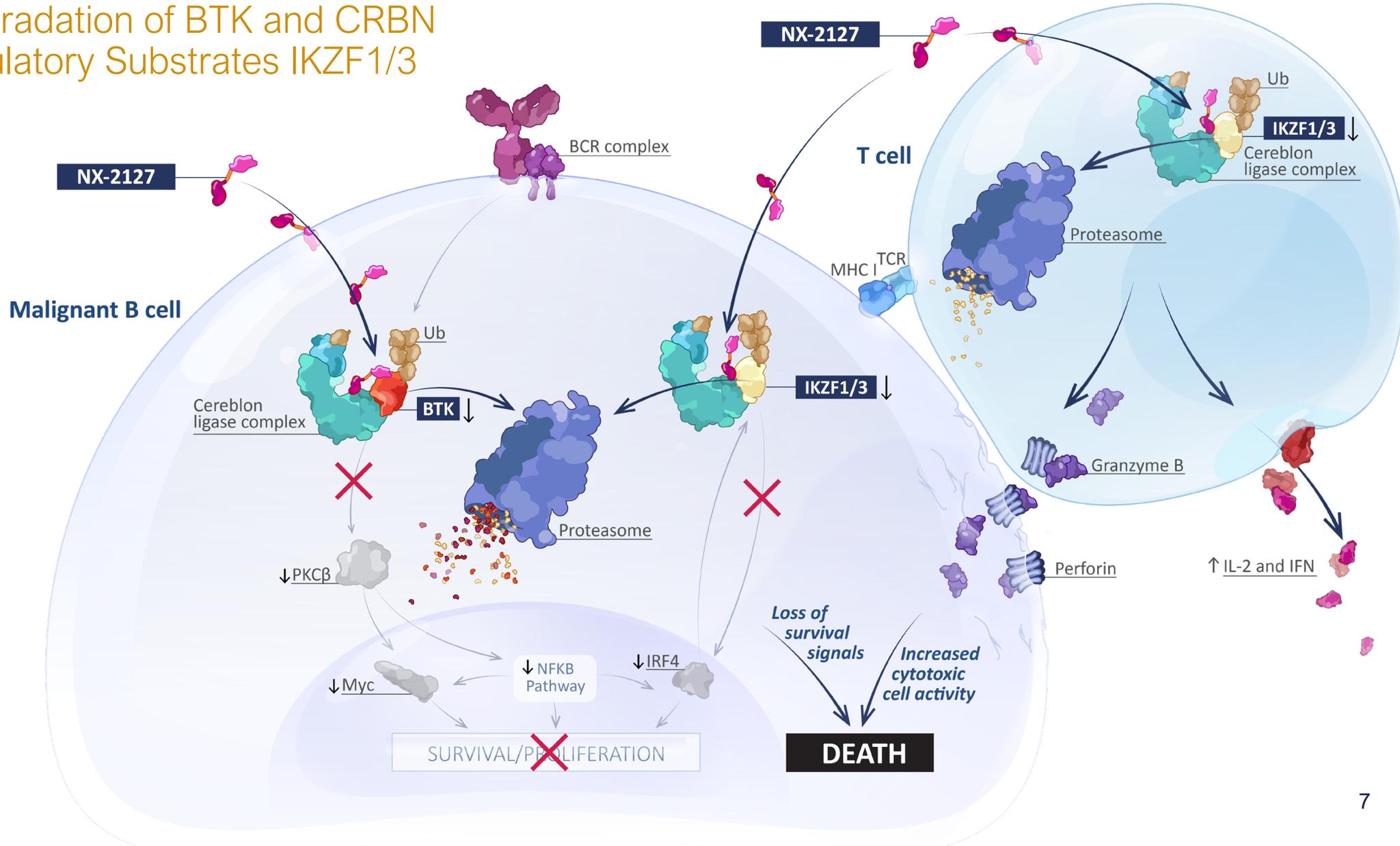
# NX-2127 Dual Mechanism of Action

Targeted Degradation of BTK and CRBN  
Immunomodulatory Substrates IKZF1/3

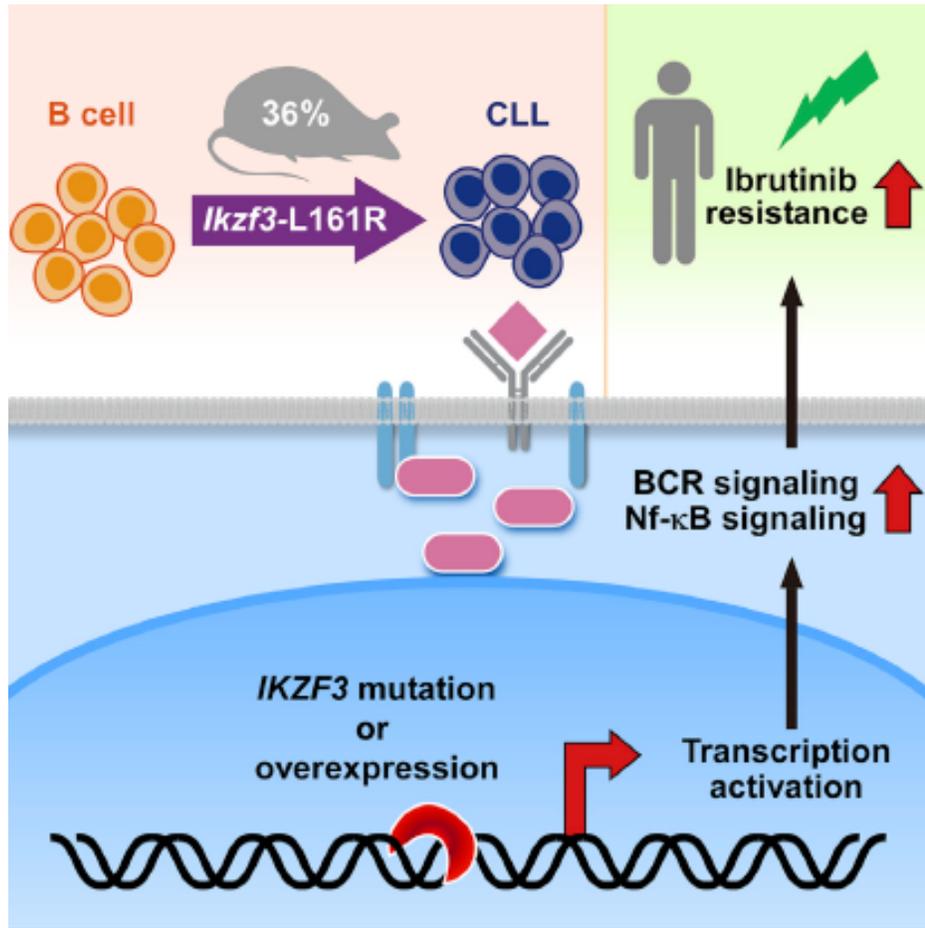


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# Aiolos (IKZF3) Overexpression Drives BTK Inhibitor Resistance in CLL, a Rationale for a Combination Strategy



## Cancer Cell

Article

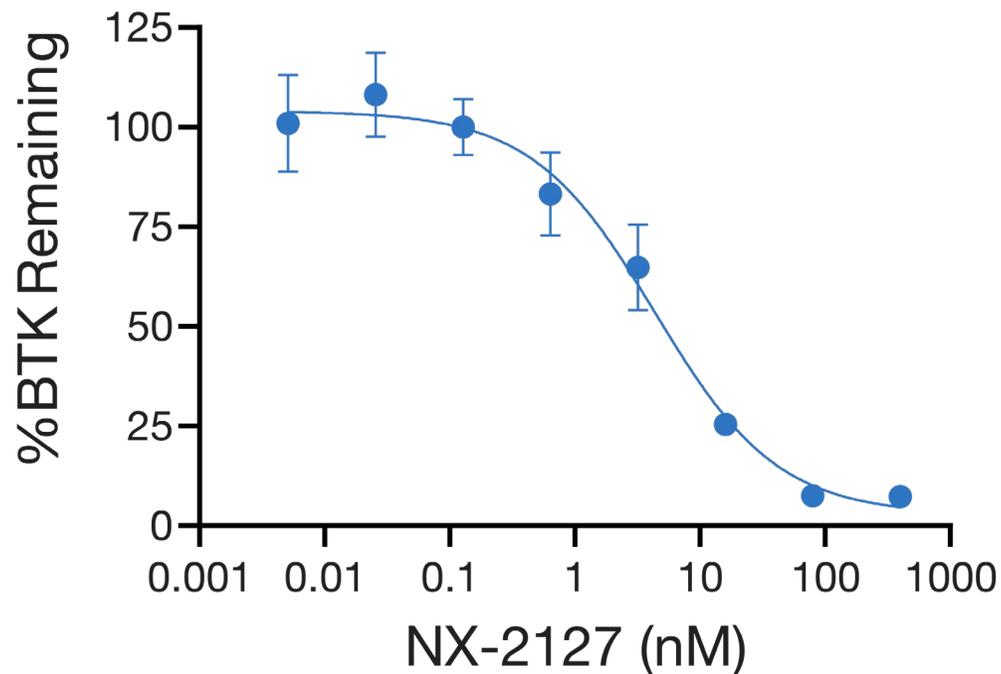
**A hotspot mutation in transcription factor *IKZF3* drives B cell neoplasia via transcriptional dysregulation**

“Our results thus highlight IKZF3 oncogenic function in CLL via transcriptional dysregulation and demonstrate that this pro-survival function can be achieved by either somatic mutation or overexpression of this CLL driver. This emphasizes the need for combinatorial approaches to overcome IKZF3-mediated BCR inhibitor resistance.”

Source: Lazarian et al; Cancer Cell 39, 380–393, March 8, 2021

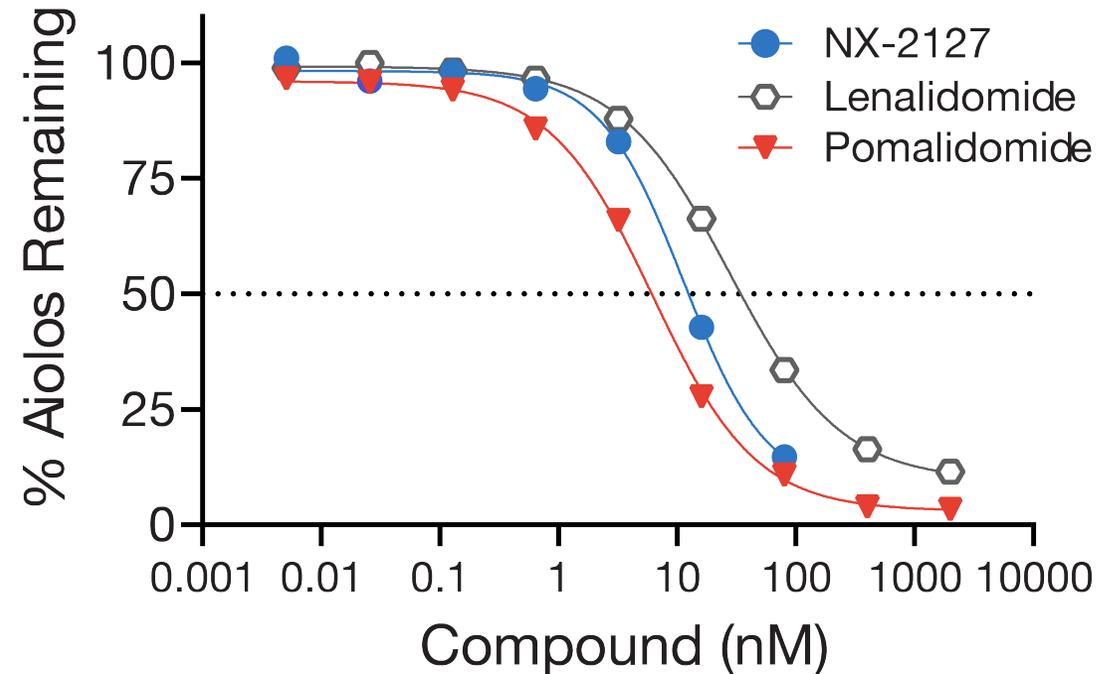
# NX-2127 Degrades Both BTK and Immunomodulatory Cereblon Neosubstrate Aiolos

## BTK Degradation in TMD8 Cells



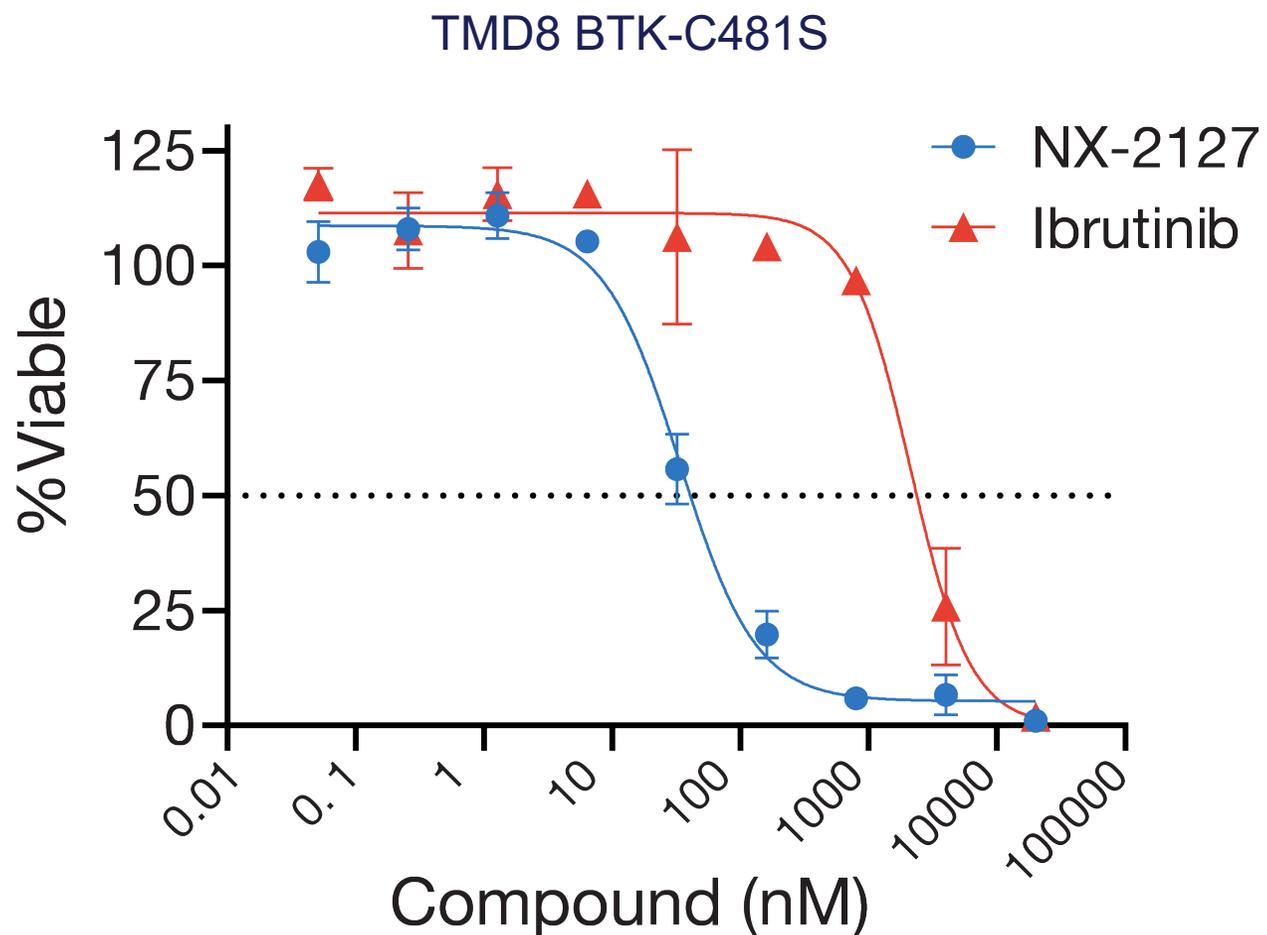
NX-2127 shows potent BTK degradation in TMD8 cells (human DLBCL cell line)

## Aiolos Degradation in T Cells



NX-2127 degradation of Aiolos in human T cells occurs at a similar potency to lenalidomide and pomalidomide

# NX-2127 Is Active Against Ibrutinib-Resistant Tumor Cell Lines

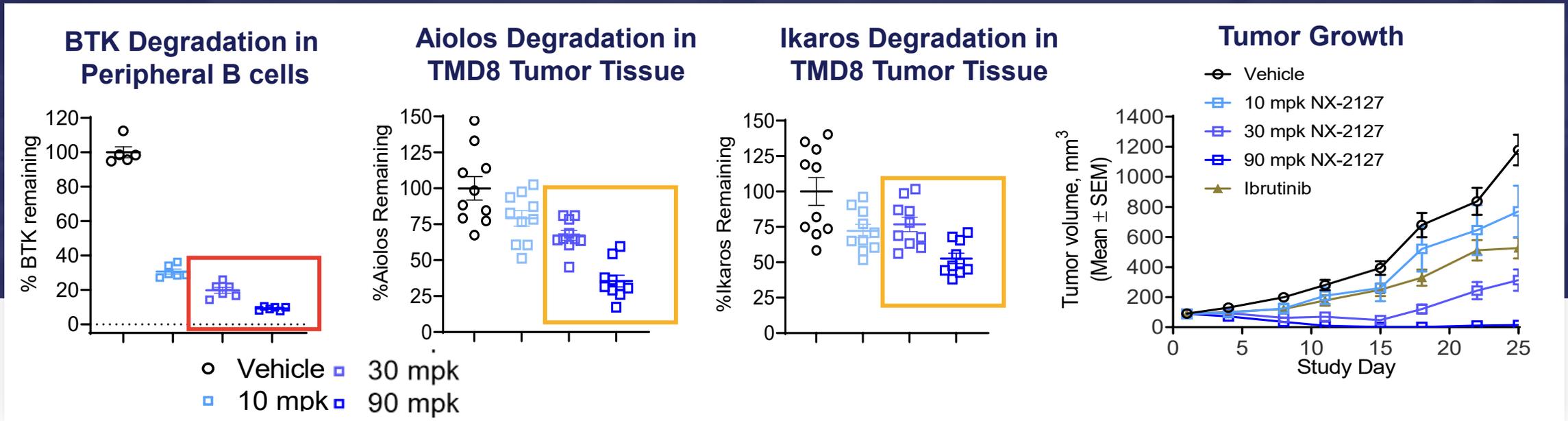


BTK-C481 mutations are the most common resistance mutations to ibrutinib and other covalent BTK inhibitors

NX-2127 may offer a therapeutic option for patients with resistance to BTK inhibitors

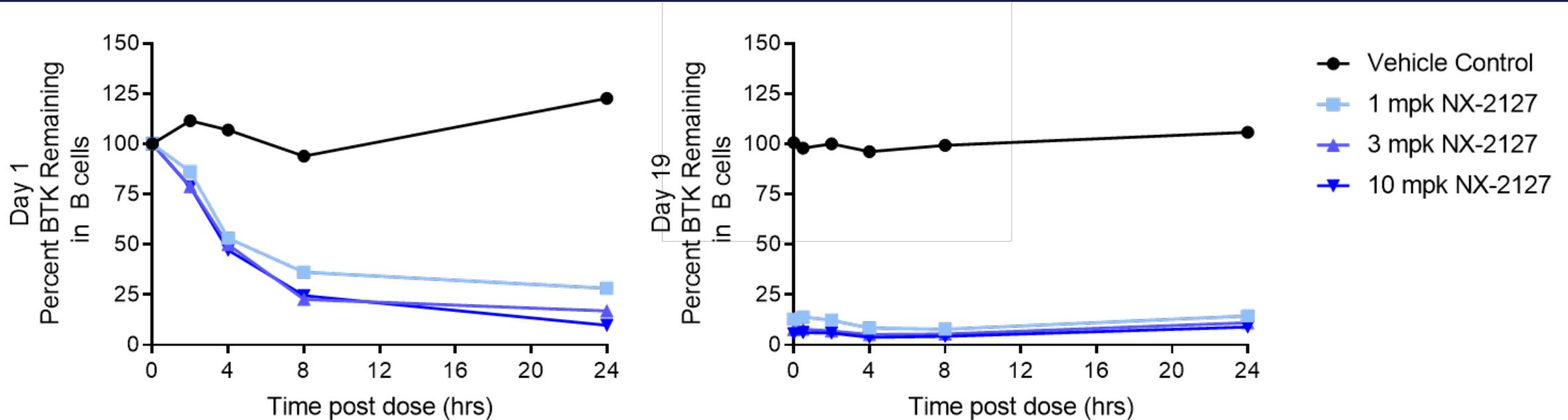
# BTK Degradation of 80%+ Drives Potent Anti-tumor Activity in Preclinical Models

Ikaros and Aiolos degradation also achieve target range at therapeutic doses



Oral dose of NX-2127 (mg/kg)	10	30	90
% BTK degradation in peripheral B cells	69%	80%	91%
% Aiolos degradation in tumor tissue	21%	33%	64%
% Ikaros degradation in tumor tissue	28%	23%	47%
% Tumor growth inhibition vs Vehicle (Day 24)	58%	74%	100%

# Oral Dosing of NX-2127 Degrades BTK in Non-Human Primates



- Significant degradation of BTK in 4 hours and more than 90% degradation through 24 hours post dosing at the highest dose level
- Once daily, oral dosing of NX-2127 maintains suppression of BTK protein levels throughout the 19-day duration of the study (NX-2127 PK  $t_{1/2}$  = 5.4 h)

# NX-2127-001

## Trial Design and Active Sites

### Dose Escalation

#### Objectives:

- Assess safety and tolerability
- Identify maximum tolerated dose
- Evaluate PK/PD

Dose Level 4

Dose Level 3

Dose Level 2

Dose Level 1

Oral daily dosing

### Potential Dose Expansion

CLL with BTK C481 mutation (n≈20)

CLL without BTK C481 mutation (n≈20)

MCL, MZL, WM (n≈20)

FL (n≈20)

DLBCL (n≈20)

- Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
- MD Anderson Cancer Center
- City of Hope: Duarte, California
- National Institutes of Health Clinical Center
- Sarah Cannon Research Institute
  - Colorado Blood Cancer Institute
  - Florida Cancer Specialists
  - Tennessee Oncology
- University of California, San Francisco
- University of California, Irvine
- OSU Wexner Medical Center
- Swedish Cancer Institute, Seattle
- University of Cincinnati Medical Center

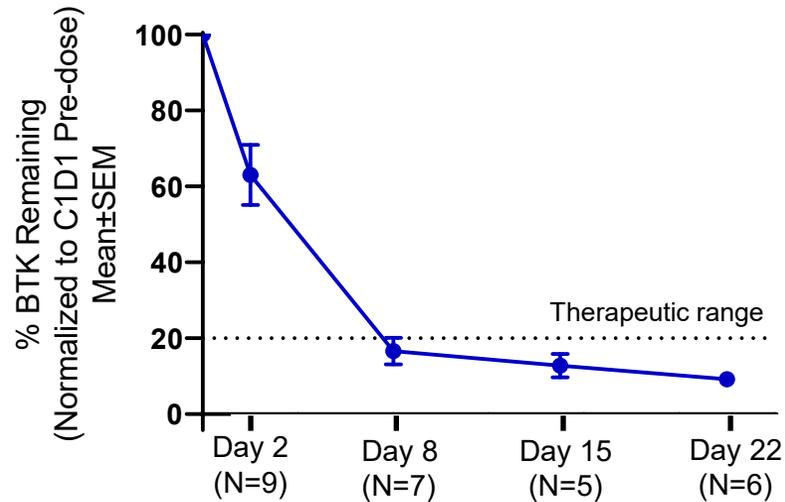
CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; DLBCL, diffuse large B cell lymphoma; FL, follicular lymphoma; MCL, mantle cell lymphoma; MZL, marginal zone lymphoma; WM, Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia.

# Robust BTK Degradation Observed with NX-2127 Across All Dose Levels and Malignancies

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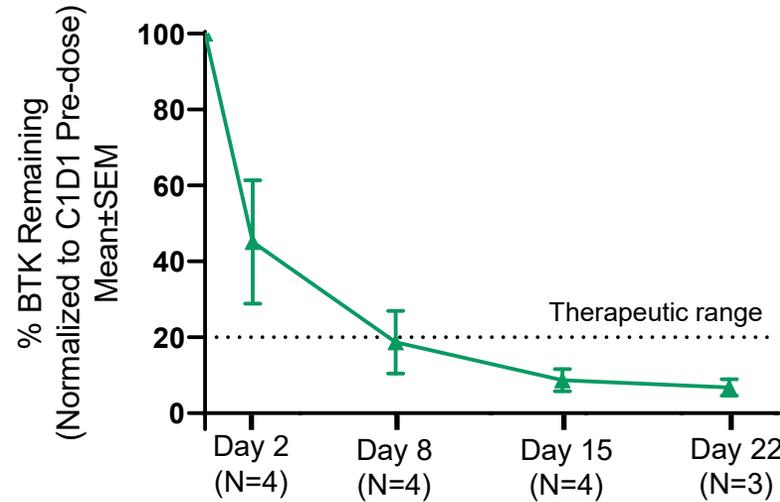
Cohort 1-100 mg

% BTK remaining in CD19+ B cells



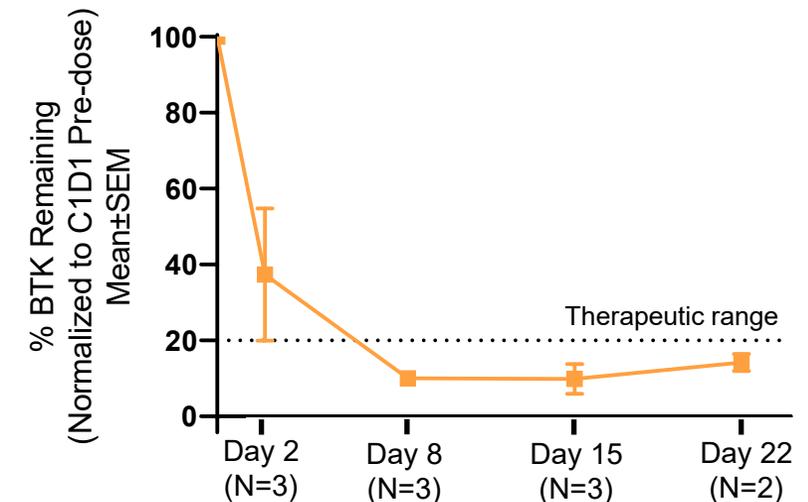
Cohort 2-200 mg

% BTK remaining in CD19+ B cells



Cohort 3- 300 mg

% BTK remaining in CD19+ B cells

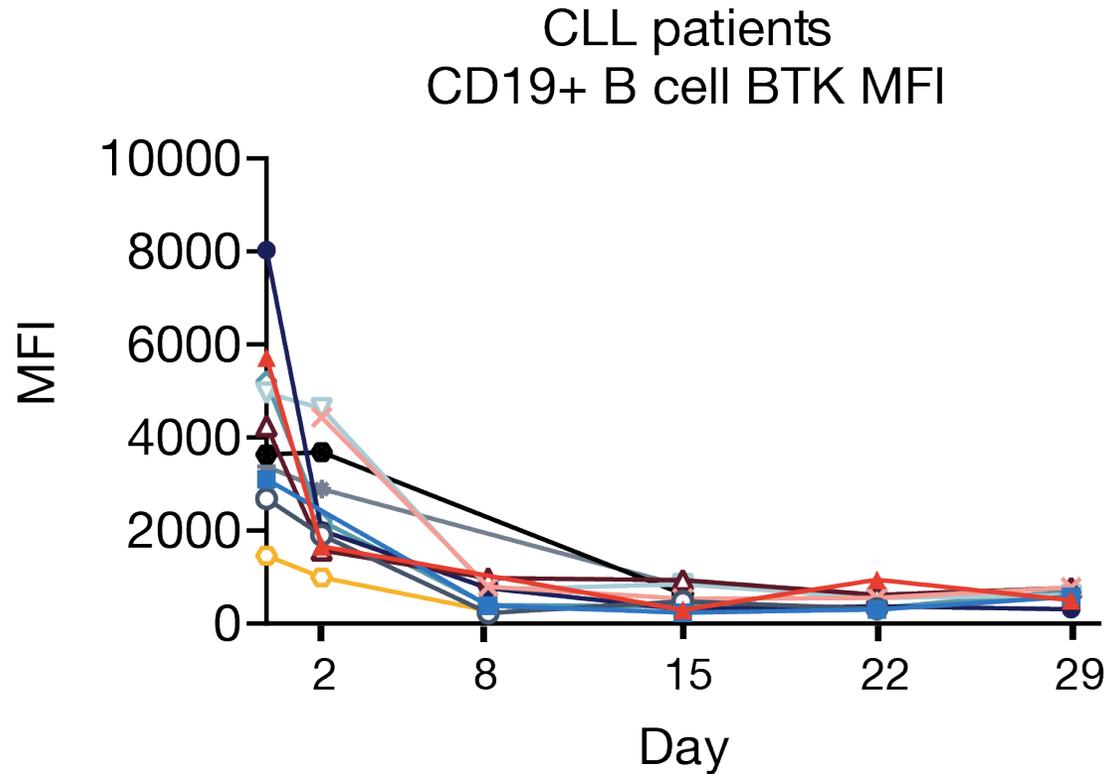


Dose	% BTK Degraded (Average trough)				
	Baseline	Day 2	Day 8	Day 15	Day 22
100 mg	0	37	83	87	90
200 mg	0	55	81	91	93
300 mg	0	63	90	90	86*

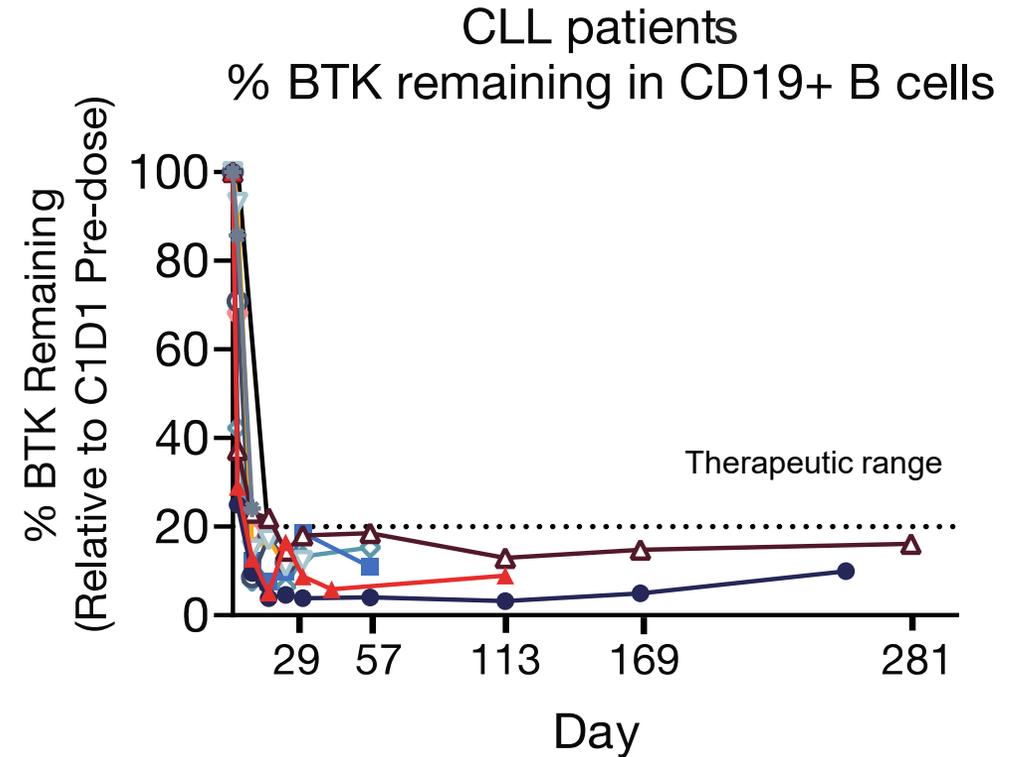
\* Includes 1 patient who was dose-reduced from 300mg to 100mg mid-cycle.

# Rapid and Sustained Degradation of BTK in Patients with CLL

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Target BTK degradation achieved by Day 15 (steady state) for all starting BTK levels

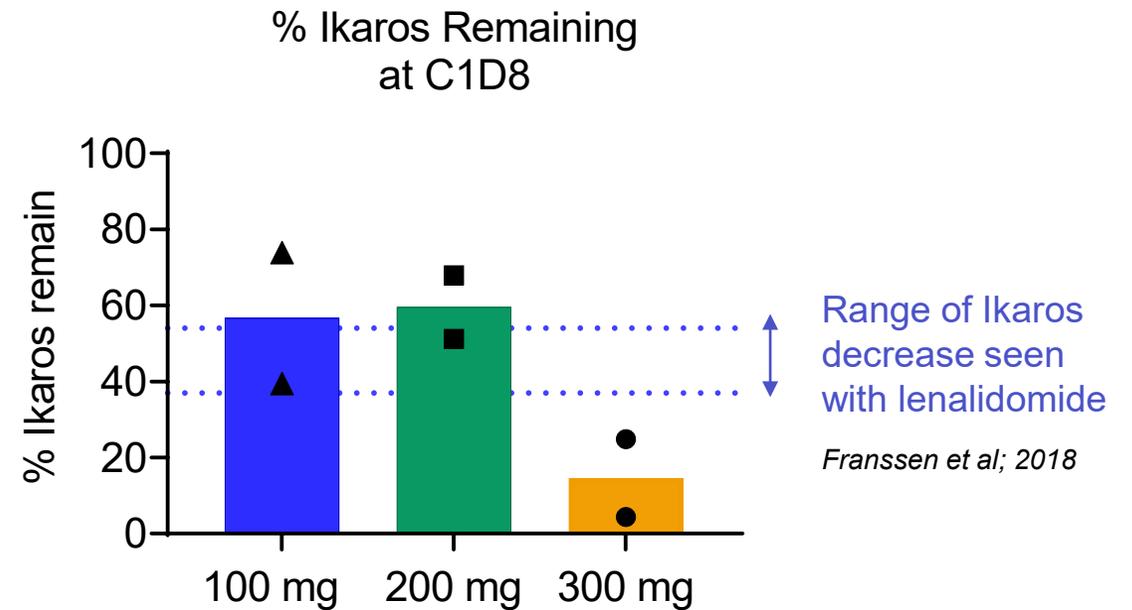
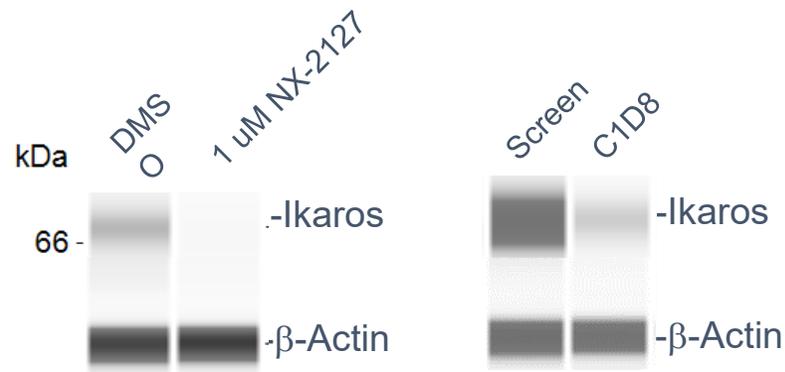


BTK degradation is sustained

# NX-2127 Demonstrates Greater Ikaros Degradation, Consistent with Cereblon Immunomodulatory Activity

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Healthy Donor  
(ex vivo positive control)      Example 100 mg  
CLL Patient



- Degradation of cereblon neo-substrate Ikaros confirmed by Western Blot
- Ikaros degradation is sustained on treatment
- Ikaros degradation consistent with published reports for immunomodulatory drugs

# Case Study: Clinical Response Observed in First Patient

Patient in response and on therapy for more than 12 months\*

Patient History:

78-year-old male with stage IV CLL

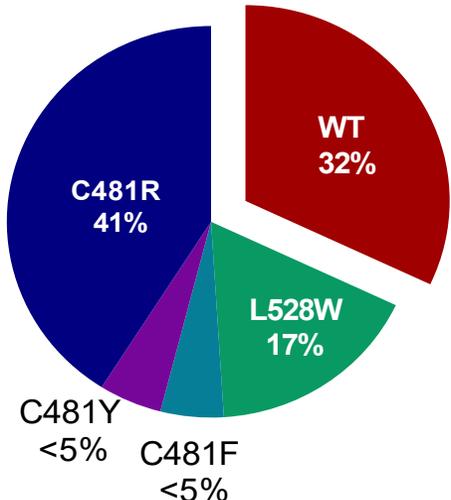
Prior Treatments:

- 1. Rituximab, 2015
- 2. Ibrutinib, 2015-2021

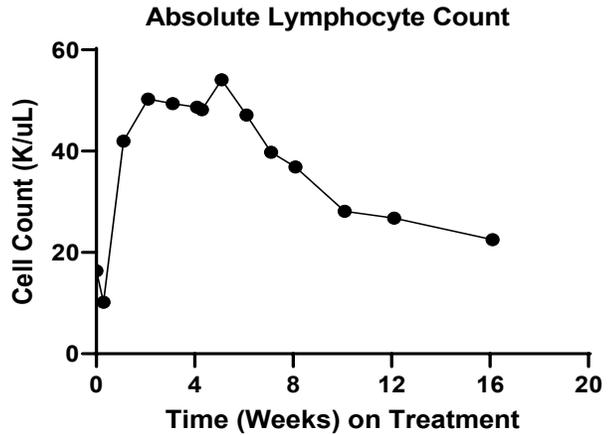
Disease at Study Entry:

Bone Marrow Involvement: 85.4%  
 Spleen: Enlarged (15.7 cm)  
 Nodal Lesions: Several, largest 4.2 cm  
 Multiple resistance mutations

**Up to 68% of Leukemia Cells with BTK Mutations**



Safety	
Exposure	No dose interruptions or modifications
DLT's	None
SAE's	None
Grade 3 or > AE	Neutropenia (ANC = 860), resolved without intervention



Disease Assessment								
Time Point	Hgb (g/dL)	Plt (K/uL)	ALC (K/uL)	Spleen (cm)	Spleen % change <sup>a</sup>	Lymph Node SPD (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Nodal SPD % Change	Response <sup>b</sup>
Baseline	14.3	112	16.4	15.7	---	27.1	---	----
Week 8	13.2	133	36.9	14.8	-33%	13.4	-51%	Stable Disease <sup>c</sup>
Week 16	14.1	114	22.5	14.2	-56%	10.8	-60%	Partial remission with lymphocytosis

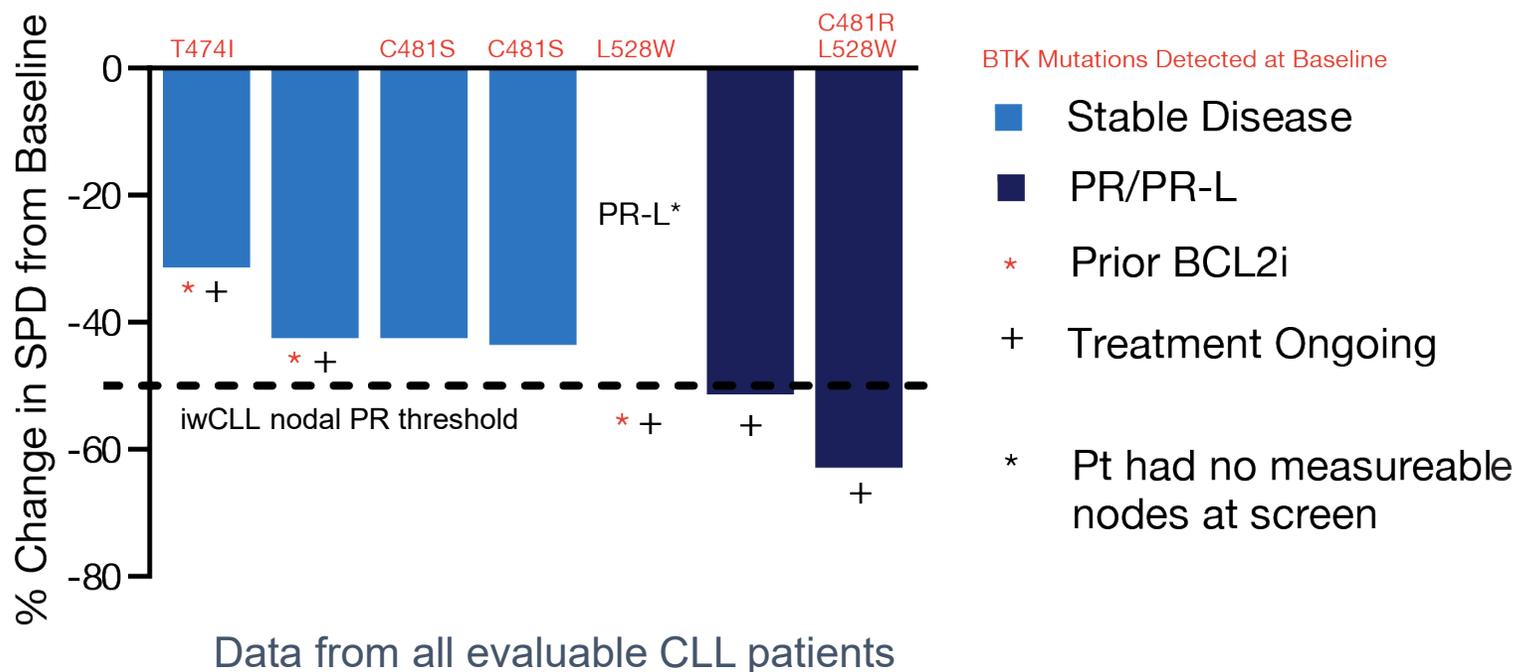
<sup>a</sup> Spleen % change is the percent change to a reference "normal" of 13 cm.  
<sup>b</sup> Response for this patient as per International working group on chronic lymphocytic leukemia (iwCLL)  
<sup>c</sup> Listed as partial remission in database.  
 DLT: dose limiting toxicity; SAE: serious adverse event; AE: adverse event; ANC: absolute neutrophil count; Hgb: hemoglobin, Plt: platelet count, ALC: absolute lymphocyte count, SPD: sum of product diameters

\* Data Cut April 8, 2022



# NX-2127-001 Phase 1a: Positive Initial Findings in CLL Support Expansion at 100 mg

## Best Nodal Response On Study (CLL)



SPD, sum of the product of diameters; iwCLL, international Workshop on CLL

- Meaningful clinical benefit in CLL patients with a median of 6 prior lines of therapy
- Biologic activity including nodal reductions and/or lymphocytosis observed in all patients treated
- Responses in patients with resistance mutations to covalent and non-covalent BTK inhibitors
- Responses include a double-refractory patient who had prior BCL2 inhibitor therapy

# NX-2127-001: Phase 1 First-in-Human Clinical Trial Design

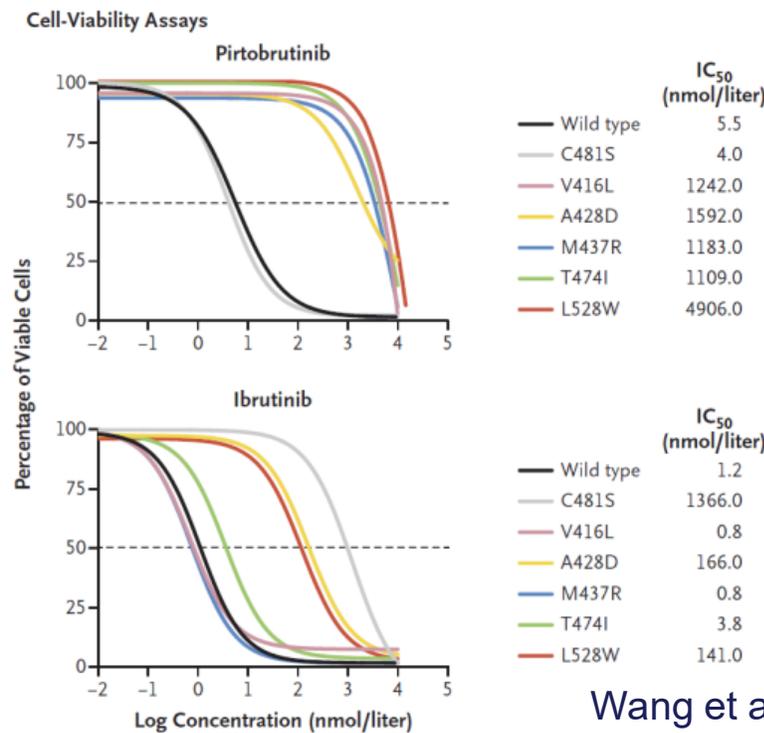
Phase 1a continues in NHL and Phase 1b CLL cohort initiated at 100mg

Dose Escalation (Phase 1a)	
<b>Indications</b>	CLL, MCL, MZL, WM, FL, DLBCL
<b>Line of Therapy</b>	Third line or later (Waldenstrom patients second line or later)
<b>Dose Range*</b>	50mg – 300mg oral once daily
<b>Status</b>	CLL: 100mg expansion dose selected  MCL, MZL, WM, DLBCL: Dose escalation ongoing

Cohort Expansion (Phase 1b)	
<b>Initiated</b>	CLL (n≈40)  Failed 2 or more prior treatments including a BTK inhibitor and regardless of baseline BTK mutation status
<b>Potential</b>	MCL, MZL, WM (n≈20)  FL (n≈20)  DLBCL (n≈20)

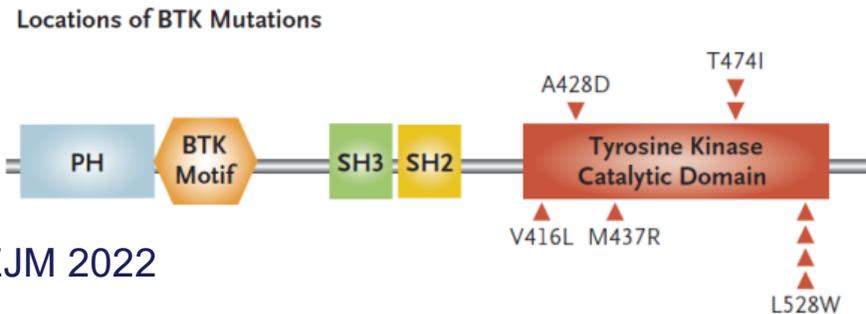
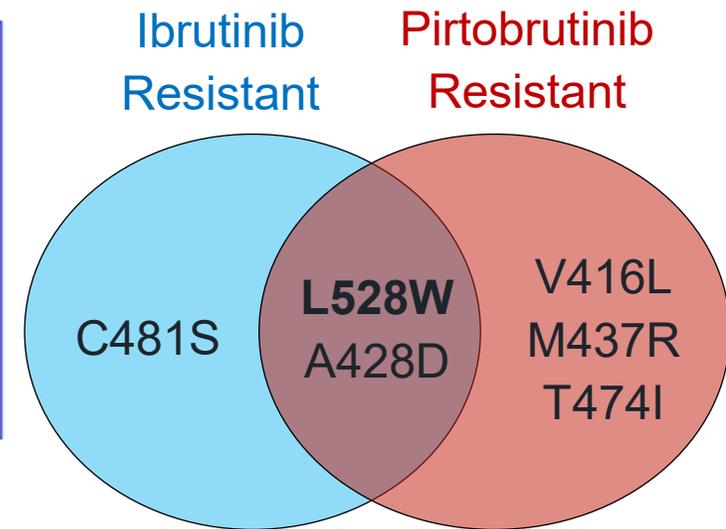
\*50mg dose added as per project Optimus guidance

# Emerging BTK mutations confer resistance to covalent and non-covalent BTK inhibitors




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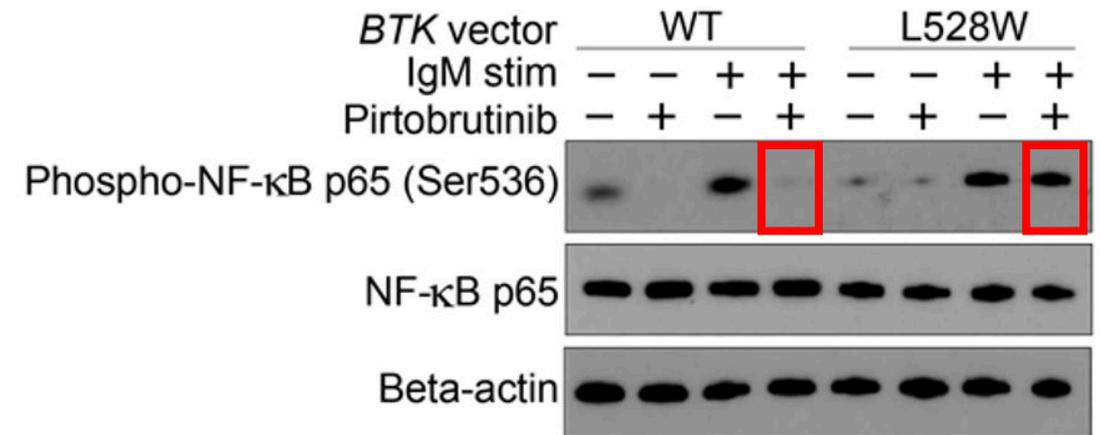
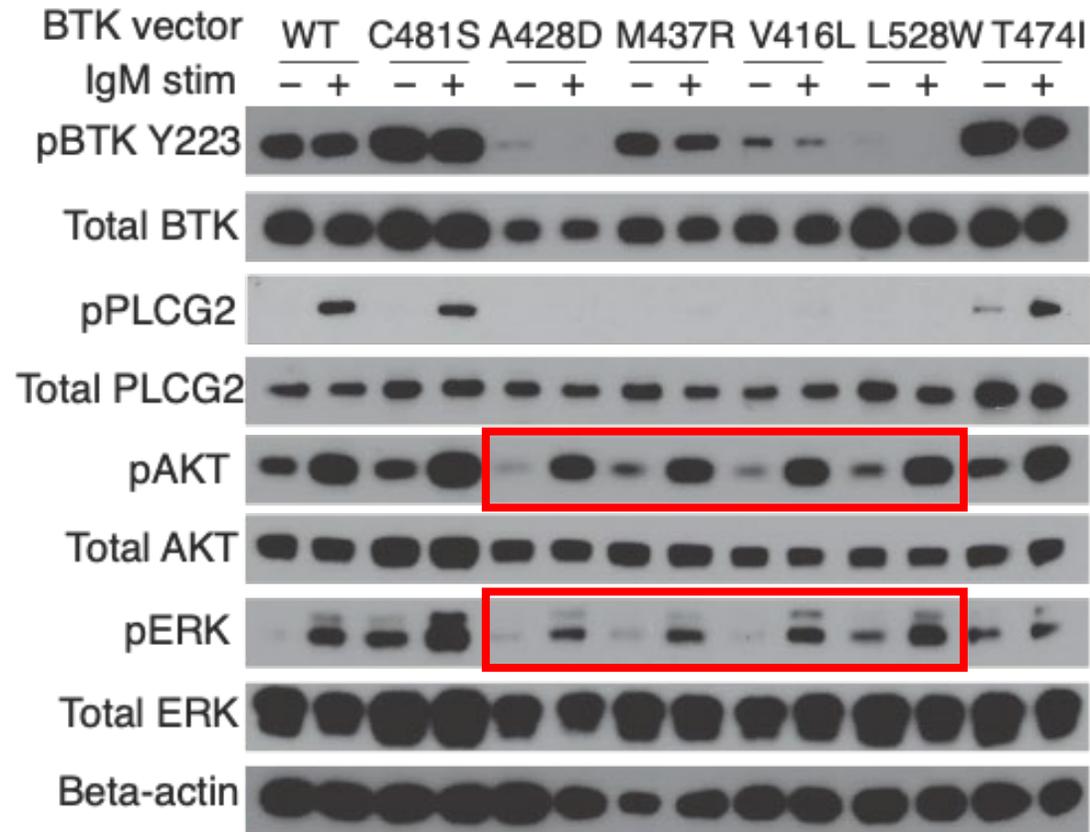
“Our data suggest potential new therapeutic approaches to overcome the newly described BTK inhibitor resistance mechanisms. For example, these data provide a rationale for therapies aimed at addressing the potential scaffold function of BTK rather than inhibiting BTK kinase activity.”



Wang et al. NEJM 2022

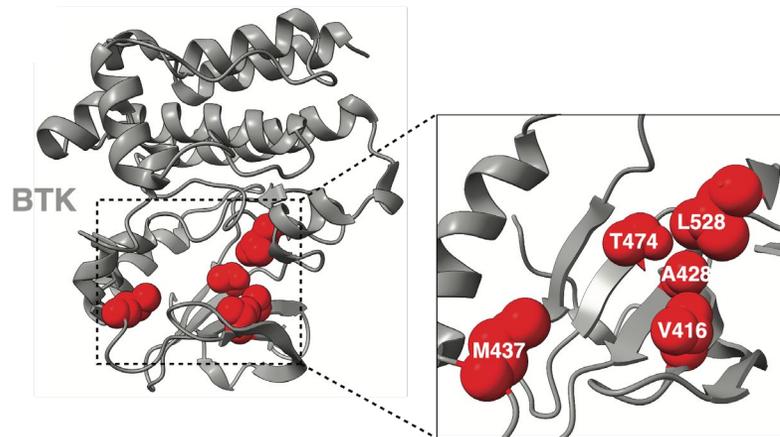
- C481S mutation confers resistance to ibrutinib but not pirtobrutinib
- M437R, V416L, and T474I mutations confer resistance to pirtobrutinib but not ibrutinib
- L528W and A428D mutations confer resistance to both ibrutinib and pirtobrutinib
- L528W is the most common pirtobrutinib resistance mutation observed in the clinic

# Upon IgM Stimulation, Kinase Dead BTK Mutants Still Capable of AKT, ERK, and NF- $\kappa$ B Activation

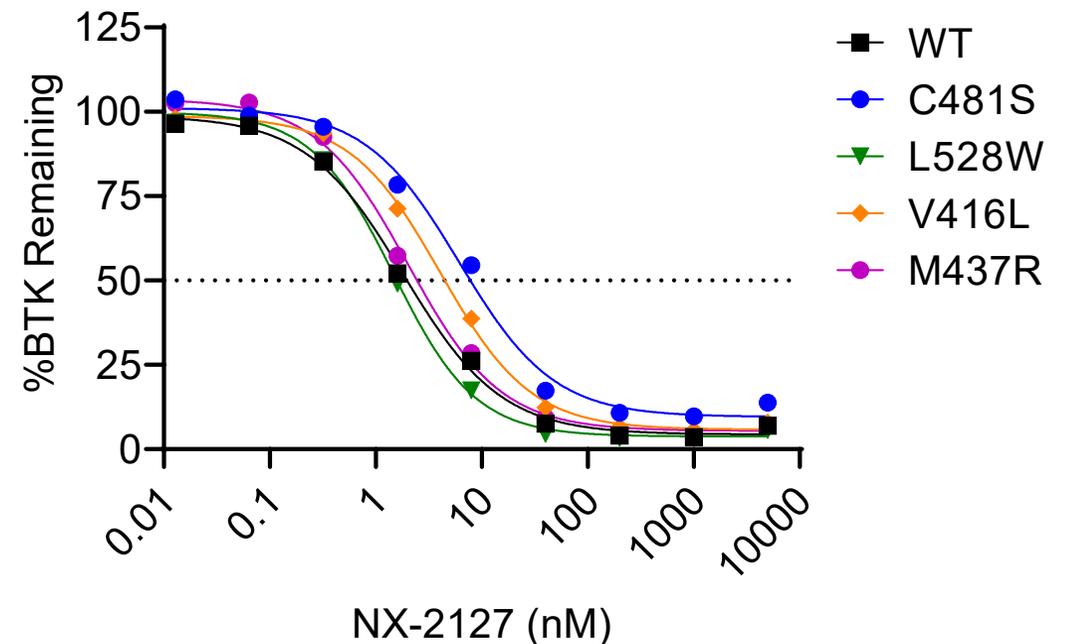


# Nurix Degraders Directly Address Emerging Resistance Mutations and BTK Scaffolding Activity

Treatment with noncovalent BTK inhibitors are changing the resistance landscape



NX-2127 is capable of degrading not only C481x, but also the novel BTK mutations observed post treatment with pirtobrutinib



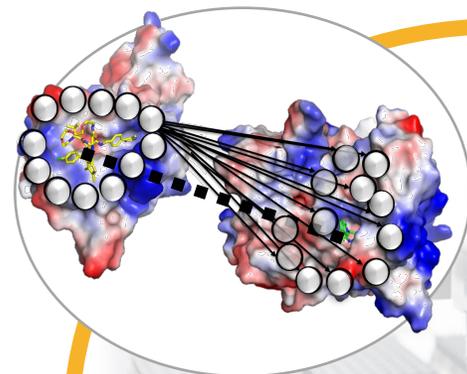
Wang E\*, Mi X\*, Thompson MC\*... Mato, AR\*, Taylor J\*, Abdel-Wahab O\*, NEJM 2022

# A Transition from Empiricism to Informed Design Will Require Learning Degradation Design Rules

Challenge: Identifying and optimizing degraders remains largely an empirical process

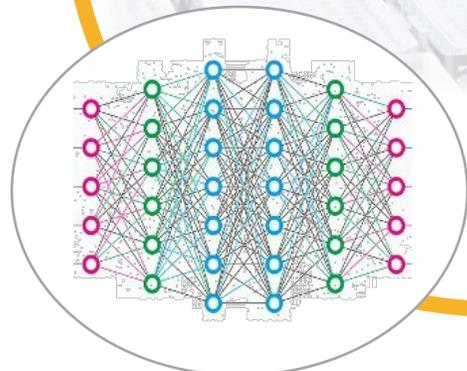
## DESIGN SCOPE

Theoretical range of degrader chemical space more fortuitous than rational



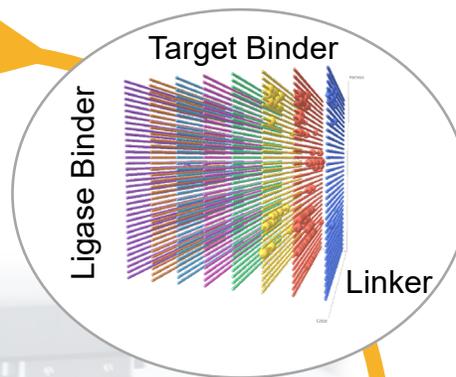
## WRITE THE RULEBOOK

Machine Learning transforms large datasets into degrader rulebook for improved design



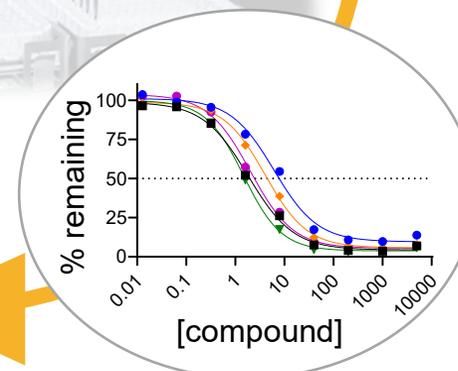
## SYNTHESIZE AT SCALE

Automation enables Nurix to sample unprecedented chemical space



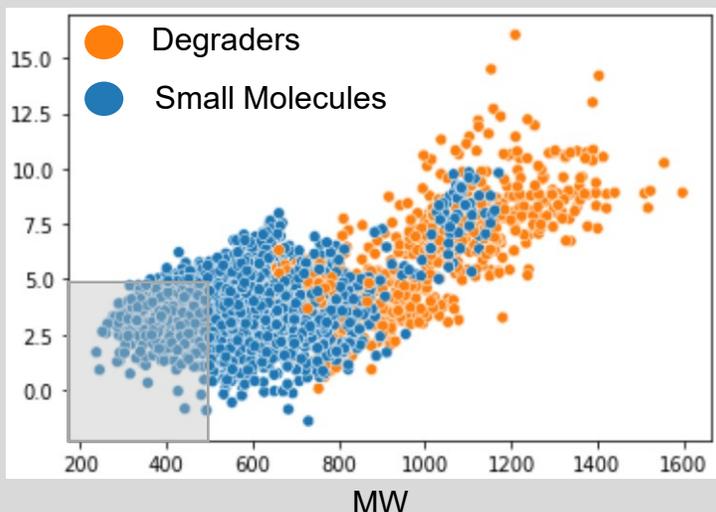
## DISCOVER LEADS

Empirical cell-based and animal data reveals degraders with optimal performance



# Future Directions: Predicting Solubility in Unique Chemical Space with Machine Learning

Problem:  
Degraders occupy non-traditional chemical space

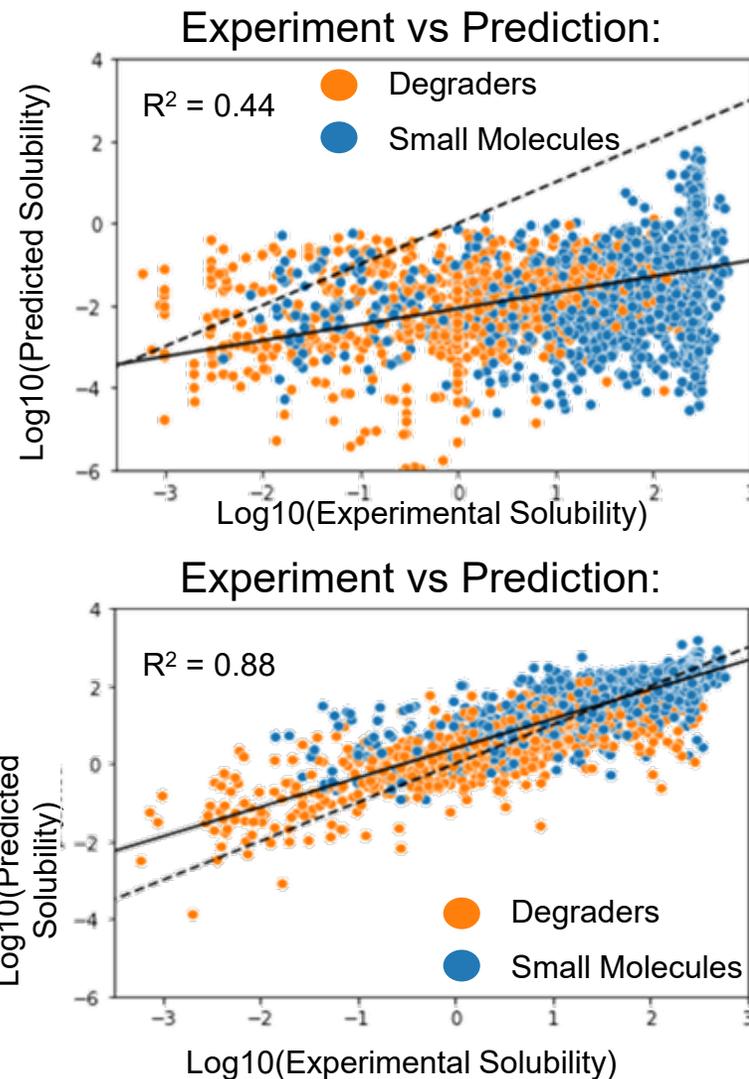


- Common approaches for property prediction fail for these classes of compound
- Lack of intuition introduces inefficiency in Lead Optimization campaigns

Leading Chem-informatics Software



Nurix's Machine Learning Models

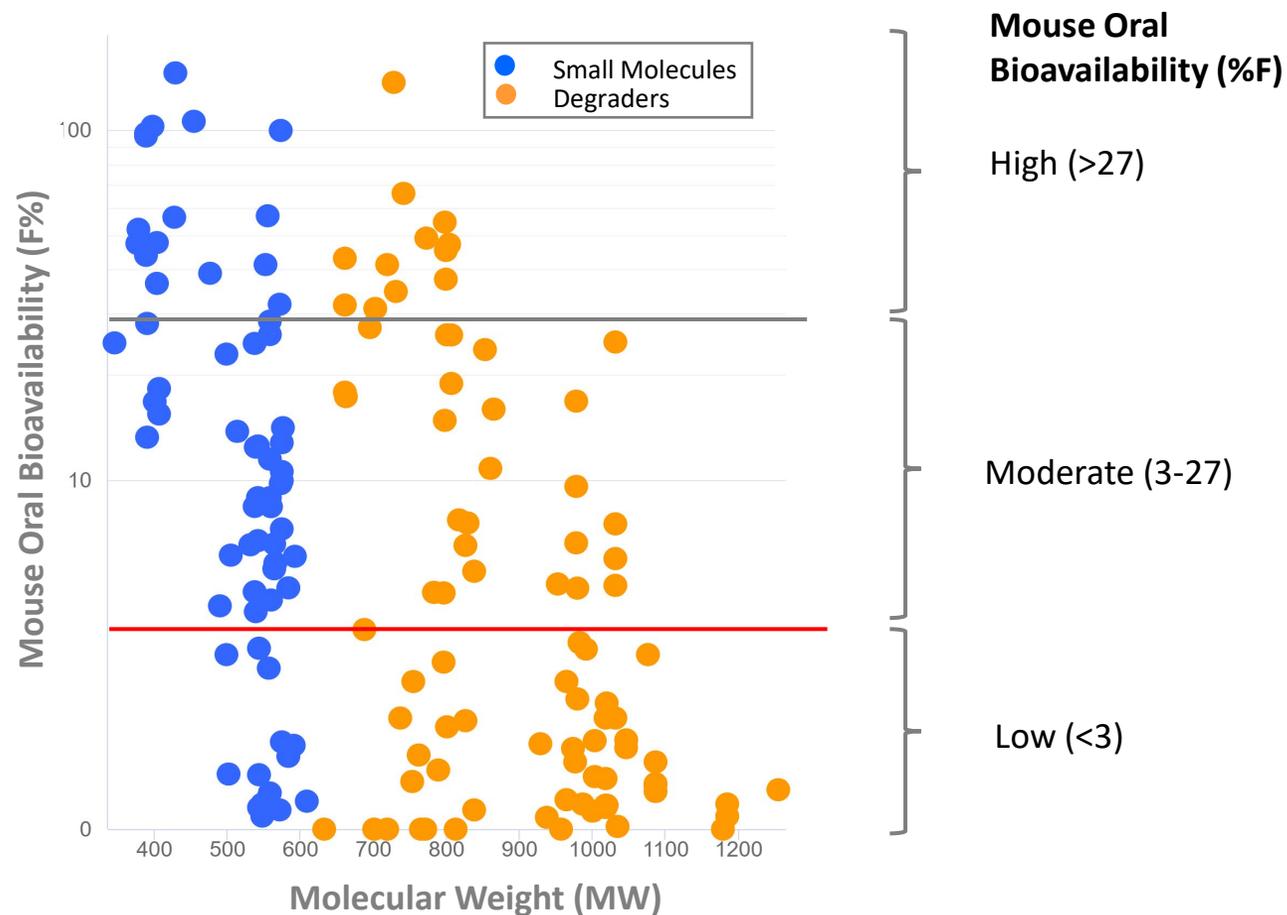


**Solution:**  
Application of modern machine learning frameworks improve our understanding of structure-to-property relationships, enabling better hit selection and more efficient degrader design and optimization

# Future Directions: Predicting Bioavailability

Moderate bioavailability is achievable for Nurix compounds with MW up to ~1,000 daltons

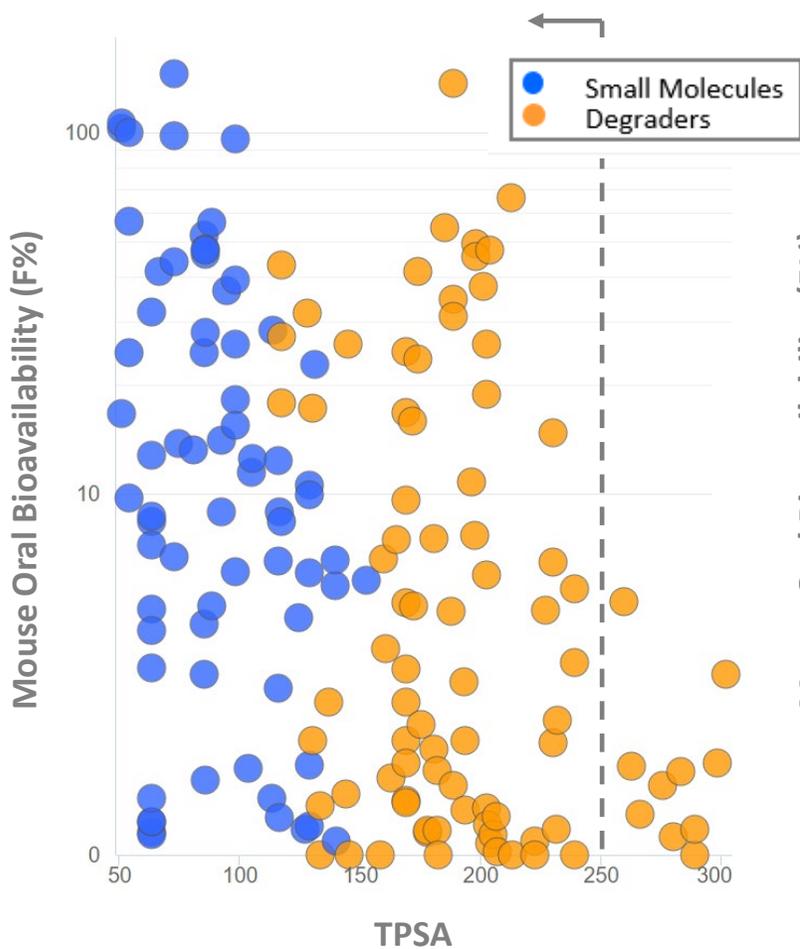
- Data set = 168 compounds (small molecules and bi-functional degraders) from several programs with mouse oral bioavailability
- Oral bioavailability for Nurix degraders demonstrate moderate to high bioavailability ( $F\% > 3$ ) is achievable for compound MWs up to ~1,000 daltons



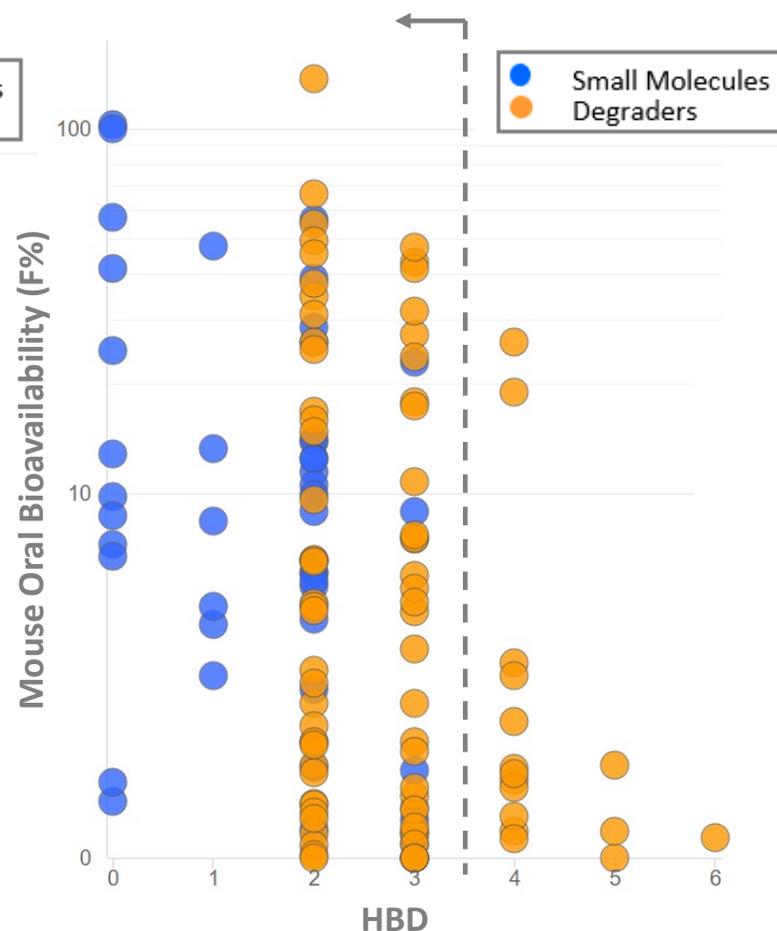
# Future Directions:

## Nurix Bro5 property guidelines extend property range except for HBD count

### Topological polar surface area (TPSA)



### Hydrogen-bond donors (HBD)



### Compound property guideline comparison

	Lipinski <sup>1</sup> Ro5	Veber <sup>2</sup> Ro5	Nurix Bro5
MW	< 500		≤ 1,000
Lipophilicity	LogP < 5		LogD < 6
HBA	≤ 10		≤ 10
HBD	≤ 5		≤ 3
TPSA (Å)		< 140	< 250
RotB		≤ 10	≤ 11
ArRNG			≤ 5

<sup>1</sup>Lipinski, C.A. et al., *Adv. Drug Delivery Rev.* **1997**, 23, 3–25

<sup>2</sup>Veber, D. F. et al., *J. Med. Chem.* **2002**, 45, 12, 2615–2623

Thank You

