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# The Discovery and Characterization of CFT7455: A Potent and Selective Degrader of IKZF1/3 for the Treatment of Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma

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# CFT7455: Potent Small Molecule IKZF1/3 Degrader with Enhanced Catalytic & Pharmacologic Properties

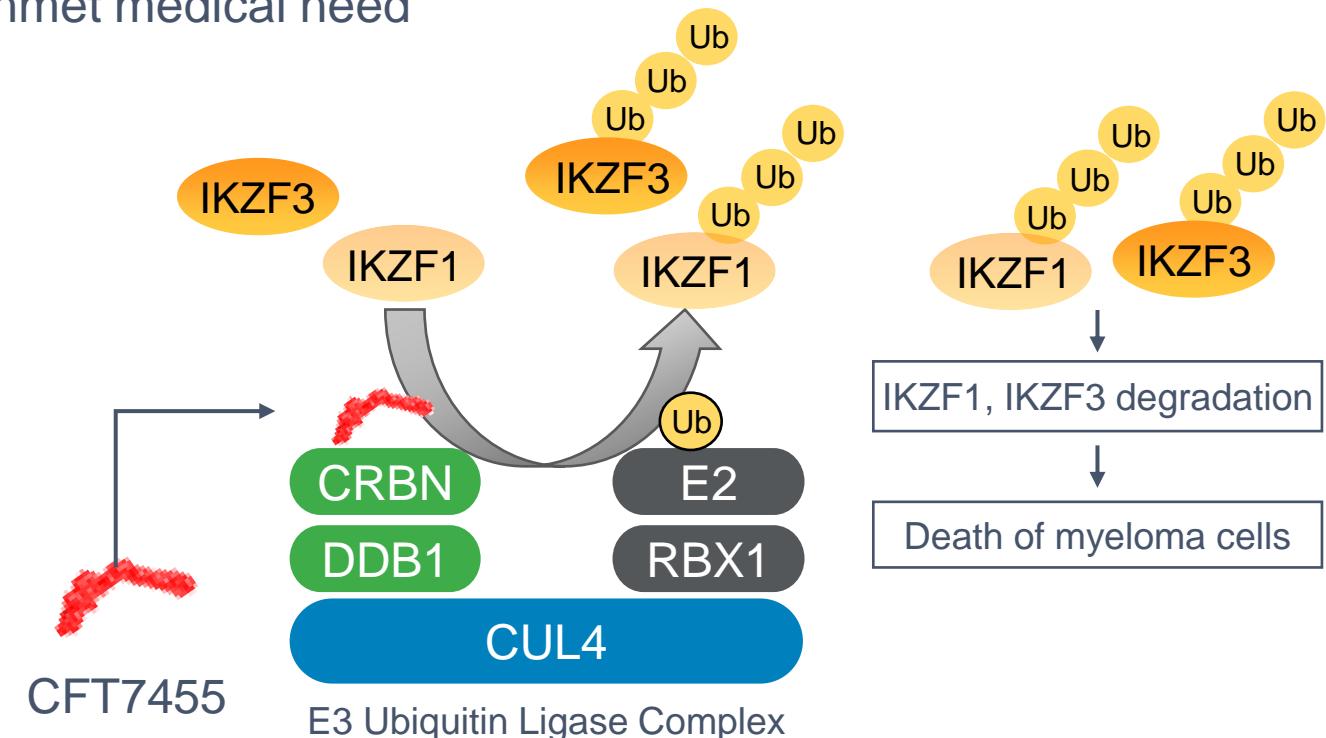
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- IKZF1/3 are transcription factors required for cancer cell growth and survival in multiple myeloma (MM)
- IKZF1/3 degrading IMiDs are widely used in MM treatment (lenalidomide, pomalidomide)
- Relapsed/refractory MM remains a high unmet medical need

**Goal: Develop an IKZF1/3 Monofunctional Degradation Activating Compound (monoDAC) with these properties:**

- Class-leading catalytic activity to enable potent, rapid, and deep target degradation
- High binding affinity to overcome IMiD resistance
- Selective to reduce off-target liabilities
- Pharmacologic profile that enables sustained IKZF1/3 degradation



CRBN, cereblon; CUL4, cullin 4; DDB1, DNA damage-binding protein 1; IKZF1/3, Ikaros family zinc finger proteins 1 and 3; IMiD, immunomodulatory imide drug; monoDAC, monofunctional degradation activating compound; MM, multiple myeloma; RBX1, ring box protein 1; Ub, ubiquitin.

# IKZF1/3 Degrader Lead Derived from MonoDAC Library Hit

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### Potent Hit from MonoDAC Library

**Compound 1**

IKZF1 DC<sub>50</sub>, E<sub>max</sub> @ 6 hr = 16 nM, 16% (HiBiT H929)

Commercially available MonoDACs  
C4T MonoDAC library

>4,000 membered CRBN MonoDAC library constructed from >200 unique scaffolds

Compound 1 from 30 compound Click library

### Improvement Using SBDD

**Compound 2**

6 hr = 1 nM, 13%

F150 H353

### PK & In Vivo Screening

**Compound 3**

6 hr = 0.6 nM, 12% Goal >10x  
1.5 hr = 4.2 nM, 25% Increase

### Screening Efficacy in H929 Xenografts

10 Compounds Dosed QD PO at 5-20X GI50 (free)

H929 Tumor Volume (mm<sup>3</sup>)

Days after the start of treatment

Vehicle

Compound 3

5X GI50 10X GI50 20X GI50

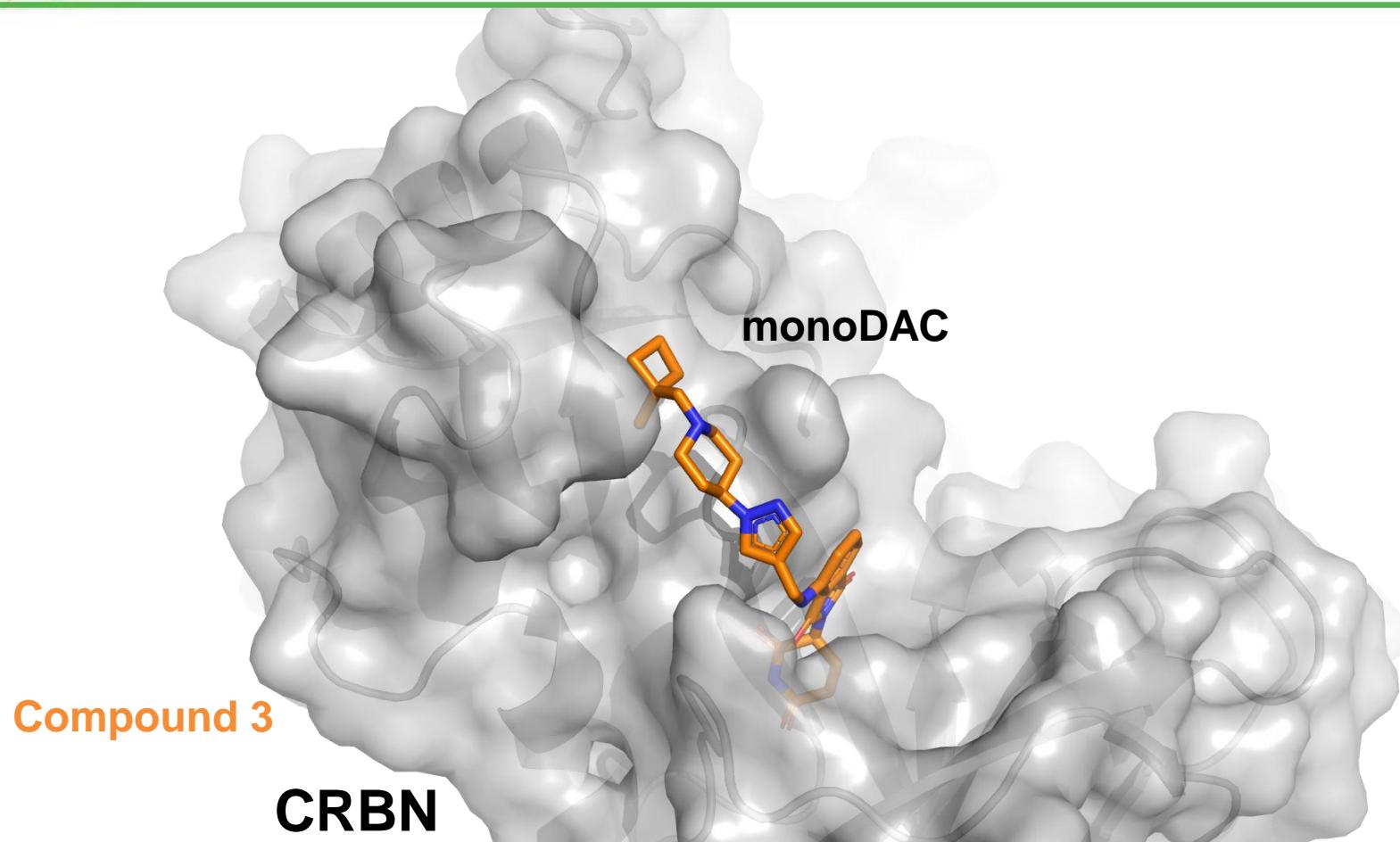
IKZF1/3, Ikaros family zinc finger proteins 1 and 3; HiBiT; high affinity bioluminescent tag; monoDAC, monofunctional degradation activating compound; PK, pharmacokinetics; SBDD, structure-based drug design.

# Need for Speed: Structural Biology Highlights Areas for Chemistry Exploration

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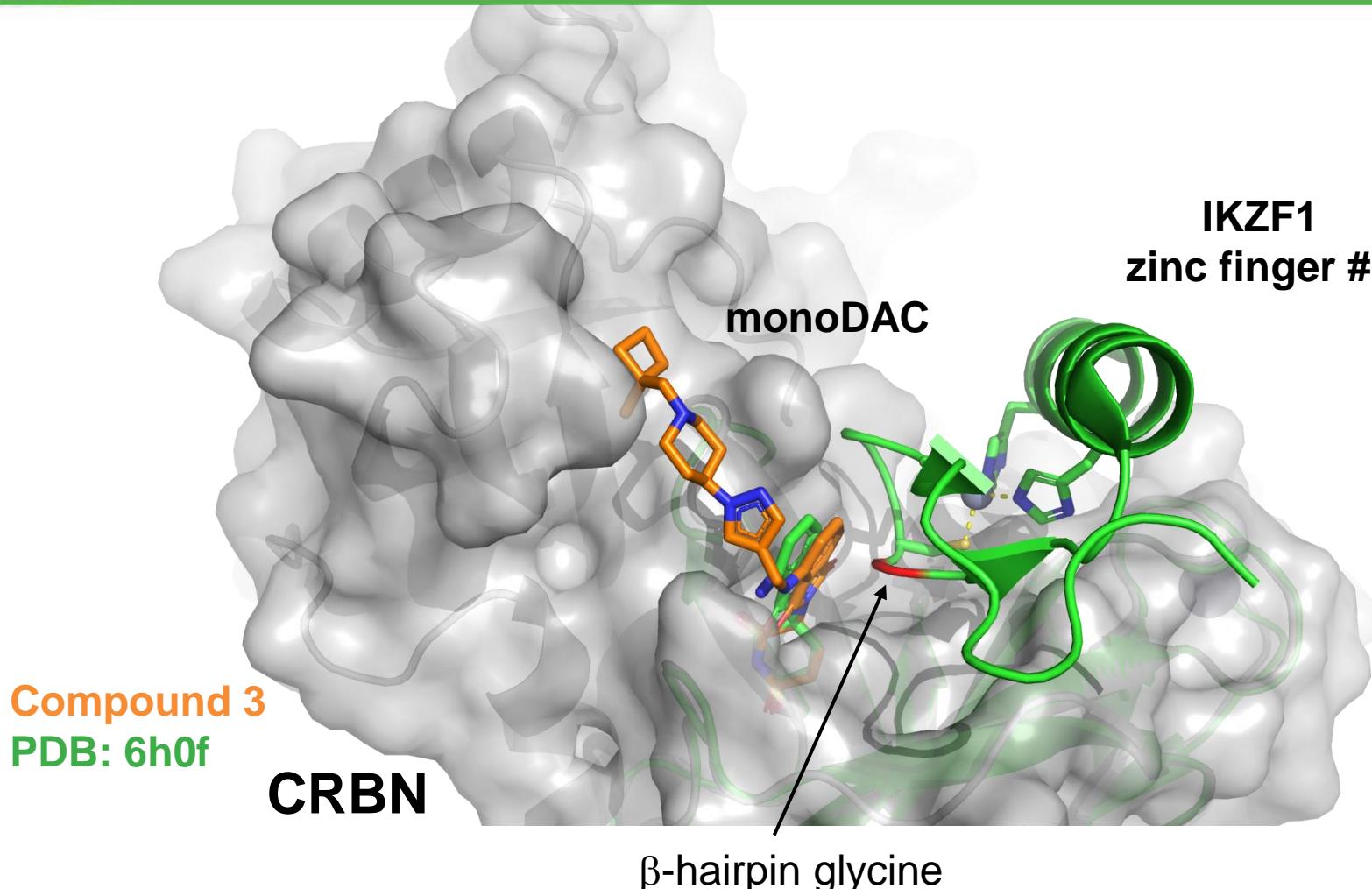
CRBN, cereblon; IKZF1/3, Ikaros family zinc finger proteins 1 and 3; monoDAC, monofunctional degradation activating compound; PDB: 6h0f, pomalidomide CRBN complex bound to IKZF1(ZF2). Sievers et al. *Science*. 2018;(2);362(6414):eaat0572. doi:10.1126/science.aat0572

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- The monoDAC degrader binds to CRBN and modulates the surface to accommodate an interaction with neosubstrate
- The second zinc finger of IKZF1 lands on top of the CRBN-monoDAC degrader complex
- The β-hairpin glycine interaction with the monoDAC is critical for IKZF1/3 degradation

CRBN, cereblon; IKZF1/3, Ikaros family zinc finger proteins 1 and 3; monoDAC, monofunctional degradation activating compound; PDB: 6h0f, pomalidomide CRBN complex bound to IKZF1(ZF2). Sievers et al. *Science*. 2018;(2);362(6414):eaat0572. doi:10.1126/science.aat0572

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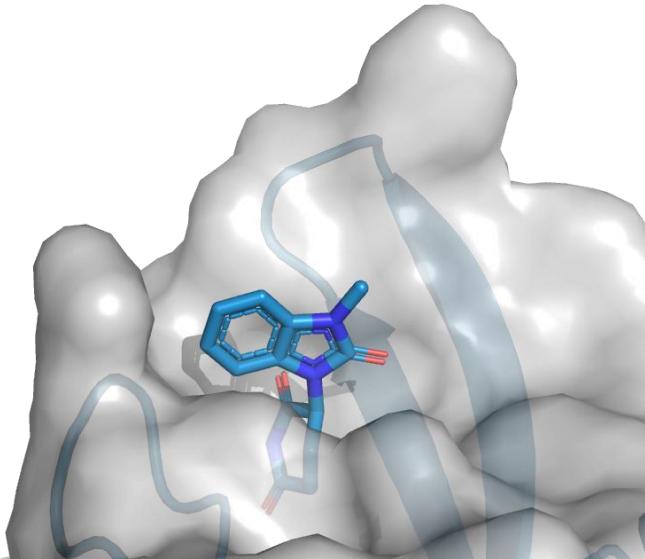
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## Benzimidazolone

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1.17 Å

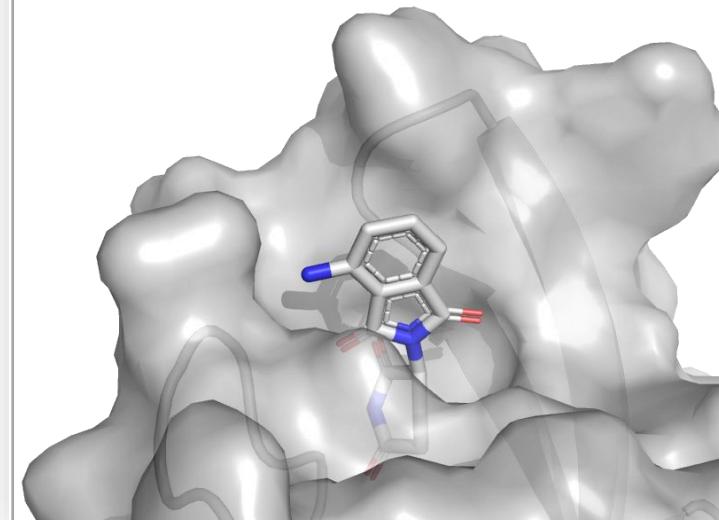


Compound 4  
CRBN FP  $K_D$  = 830 nM



## Pomalidomide

PDB 6h0f



Pomalidomide  
 $K_D$  = 1600 nM



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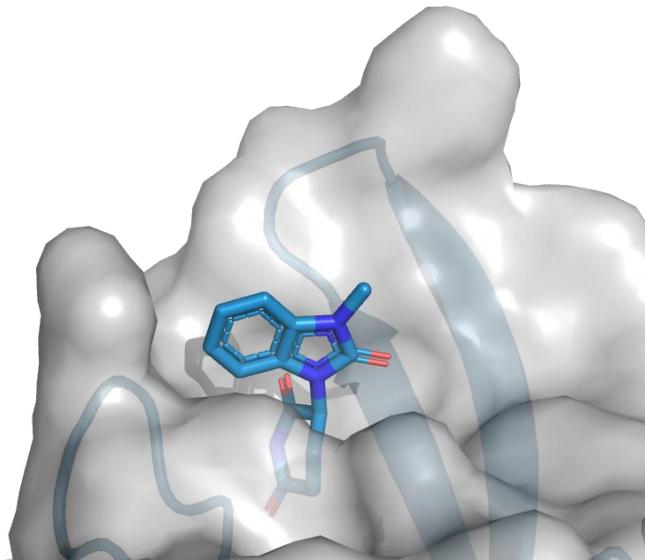
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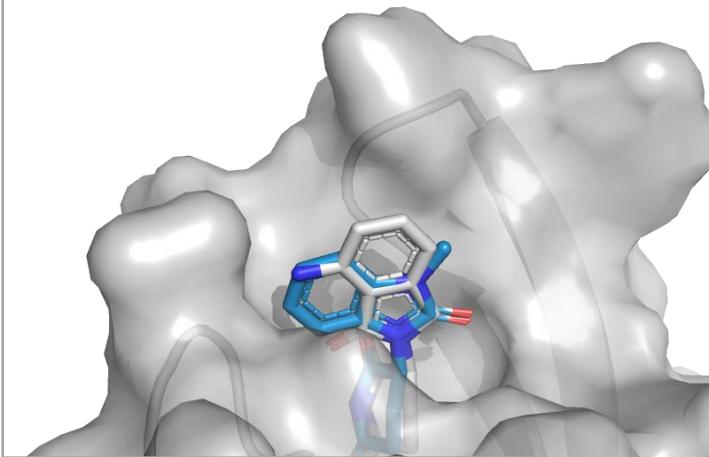


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Overlay with Compound 4

Pomalidomide  
 $K_D$  = 1600 nM



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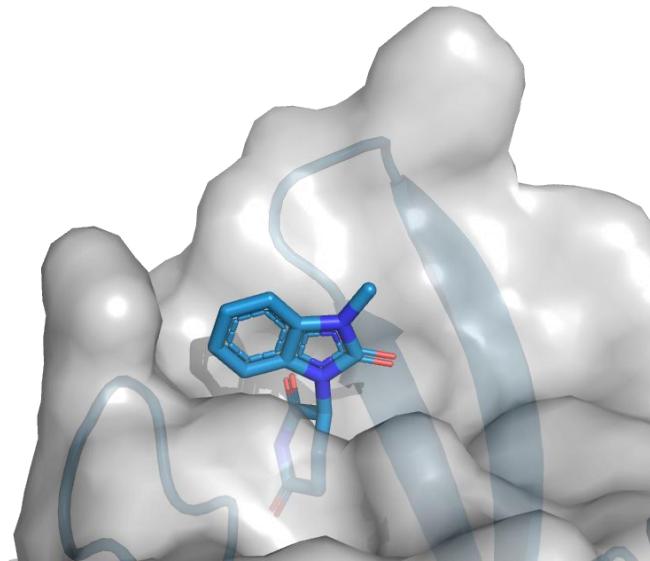
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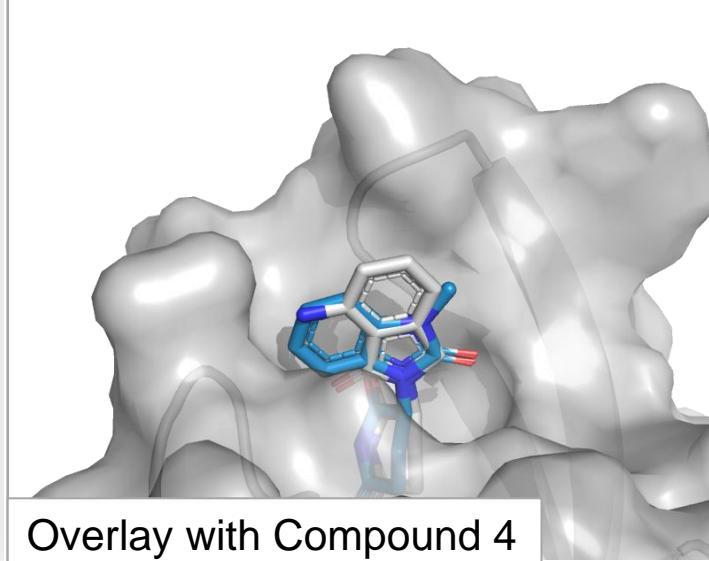


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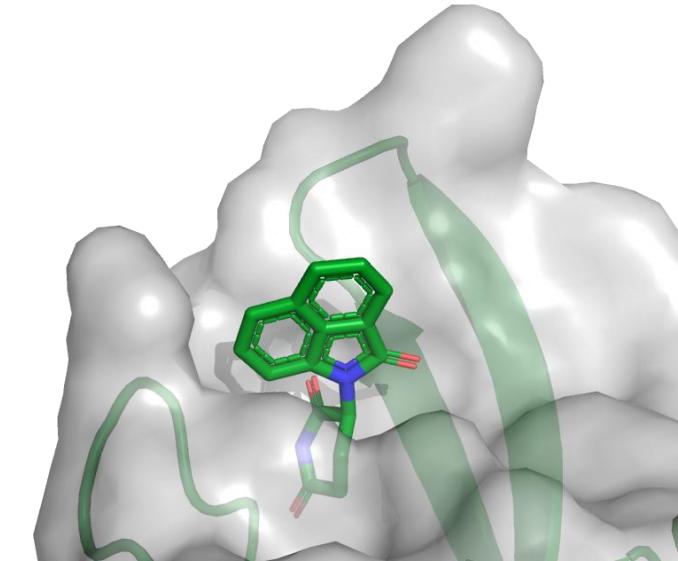
Overlay with Compound 4

Pomalidomide  
 $K_D$  = 1600 nM



## Benzoisoindolinone

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Compound 5  
 $K_D$  = 34 nM



50-fold  
affinity  
increase

# Exploring CRBN Interactions with the Potent Tricyclic Core

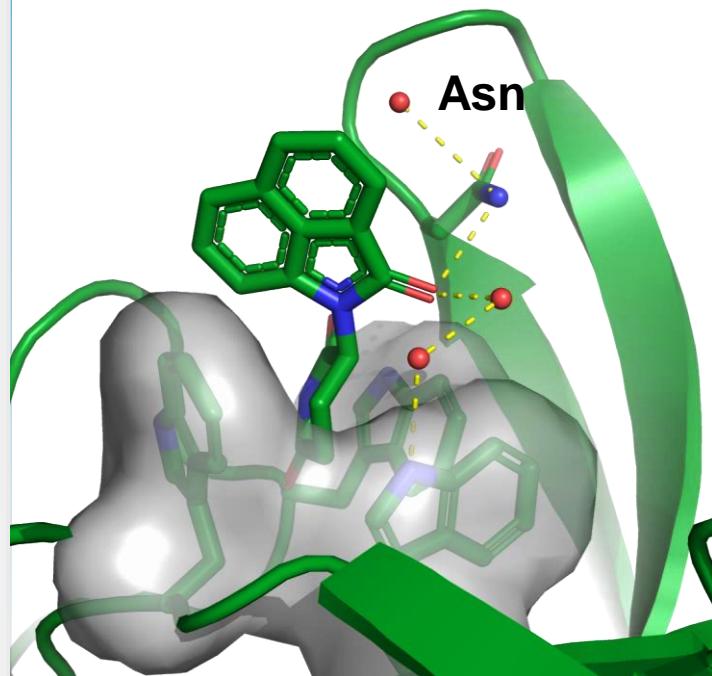
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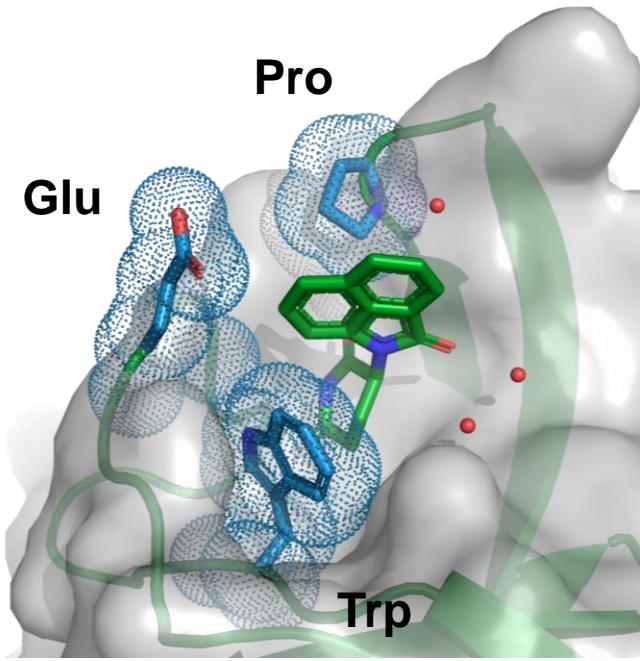
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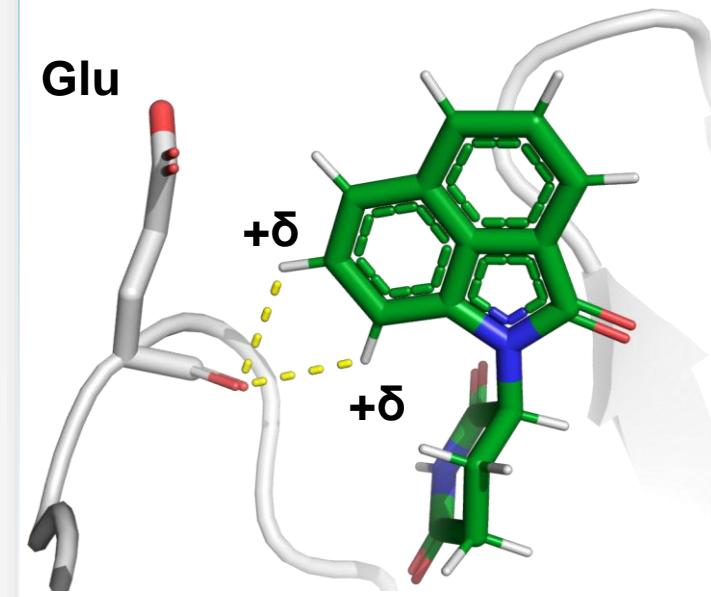
Tri-Trp Pocket Interactions



Increased Hydrophobic Contacts with CRBN



+ $\delta$  Aromatic C-H Interactions with Backbone Carbonyl

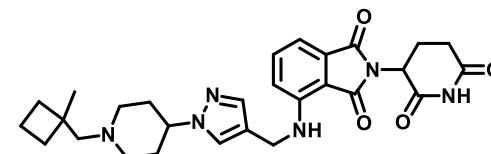


# From First Generation Lead to CFT7455

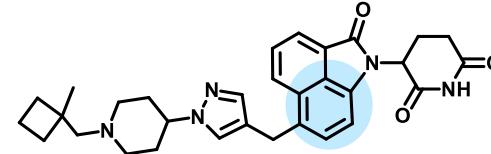
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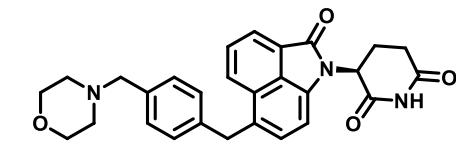
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Compound 3



Compound 6



CFT7455

CRBN IC <sub>50</sub> (293T NanoBRET)	9 nM	Compound 6	0.3 nM	CFT7455	0.4 nM
IKZF1 DC <sub>50</sub> , E <sub>max</sub> (1.5 hr) H929 HiBiT	4.2 nM, 25%	0.3 nM, 22%	0.17 nM, 20%		
H929 IC <sub>50</sub> (96 hr)	2.3 nM	Compound 6	0.009 nM		
PPB mouse/human (% bound)	94.3 / 96.2	97.2 / 98.6	93.4 / 94.6		
Mouse Vd_ss, T1/2, %F	6.2 L/kg, 1.7 h, 9%	2.9 L/kg, 1.3 h, 23%	5.6 L/kg, 2.0 h, 48%		

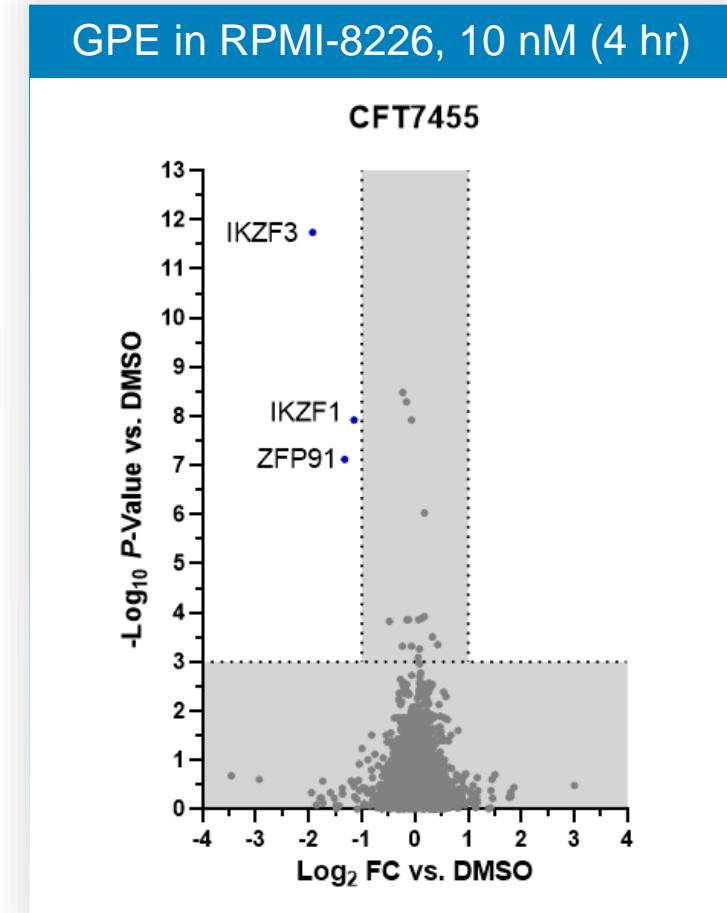
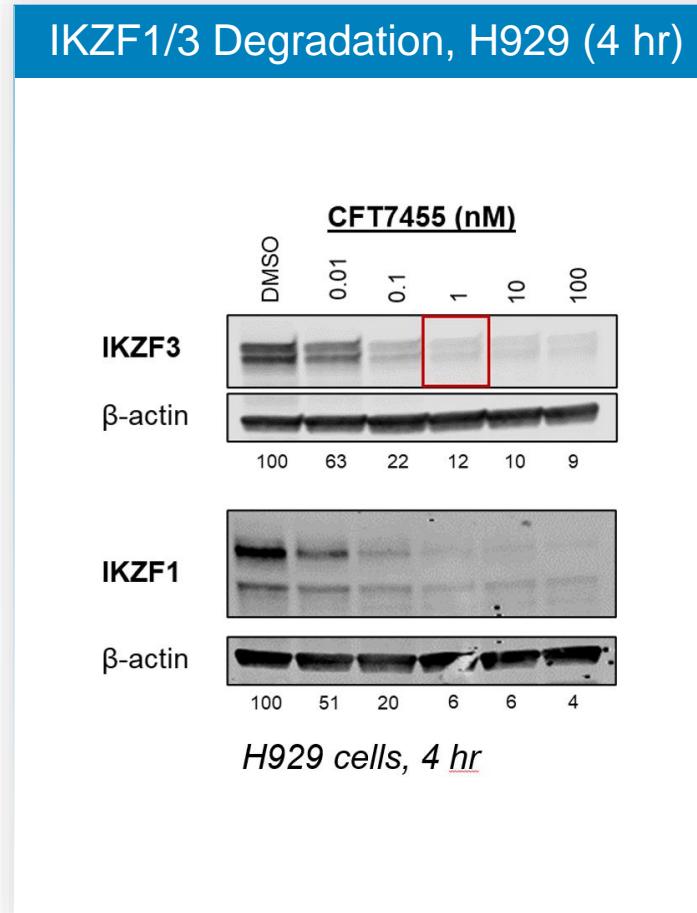
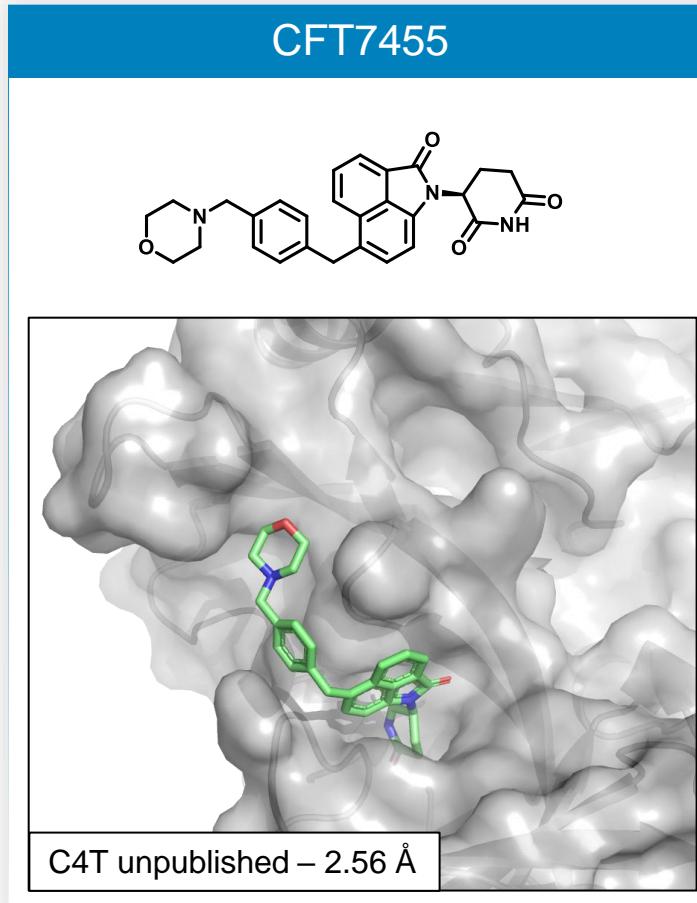
CRBN, cereblon; IKZF1/3, Ikaros family zinc finger proteins 1 and 3; monoDAC, monofunctional degradation activating compound; PPB, plasma protein binding  
C4 Therapeutics data on file.

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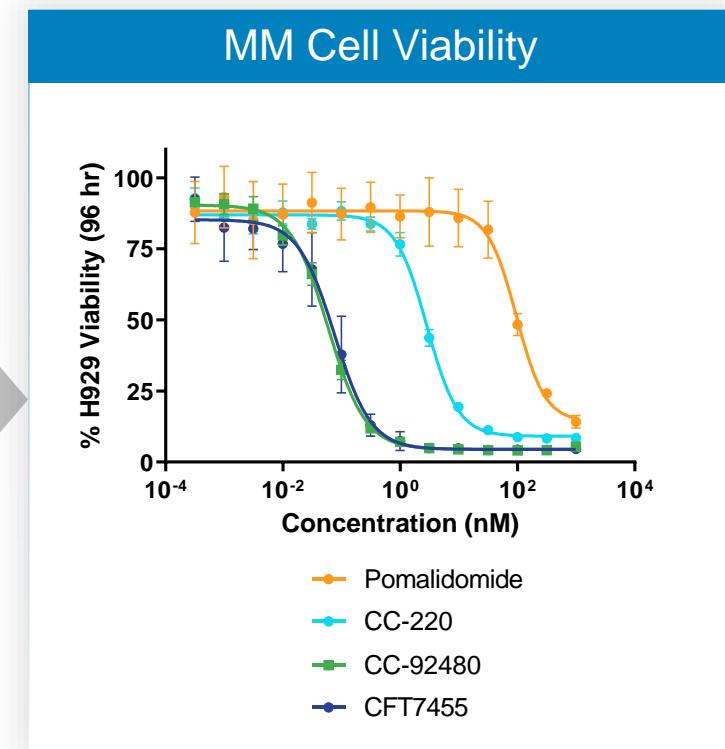
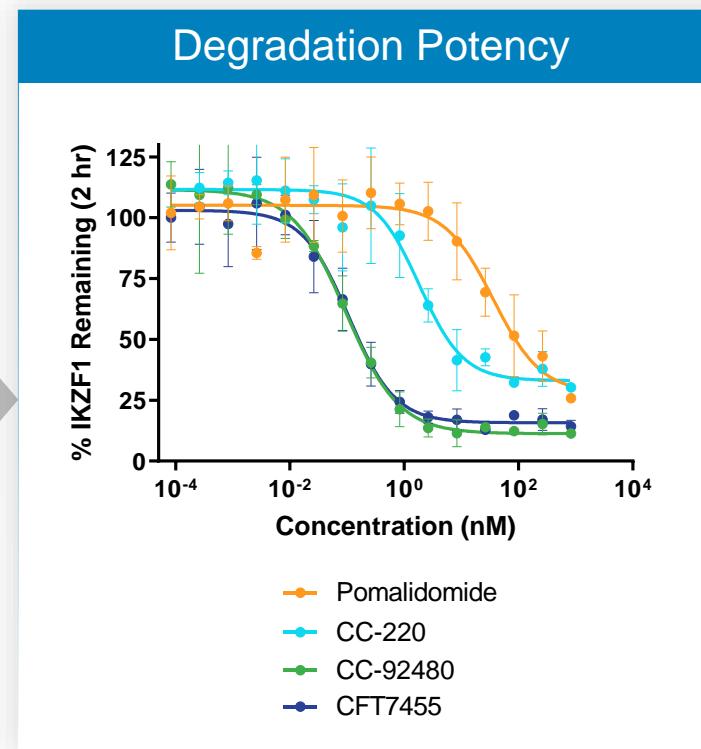
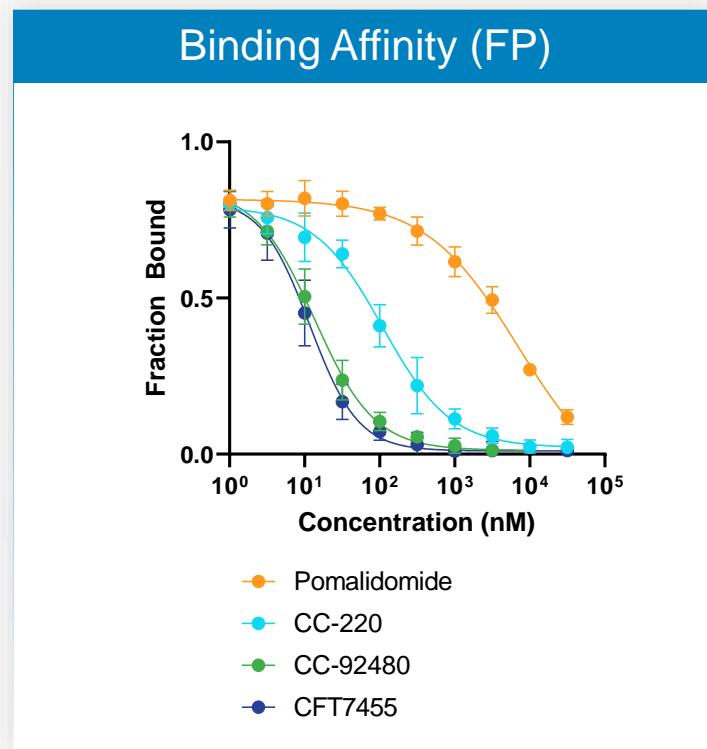
GPE, global proteomics experiment; IKZF1/3, Ikaros family zinc finger proteins 1 and 3.  
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# High Catalytic Activity of CFT7455 Improves Anti-Cancer Activity in H929 MM Cells

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Catalytic activity enhancement resulted in >1000-fold improvement in potency vs. Pom\*

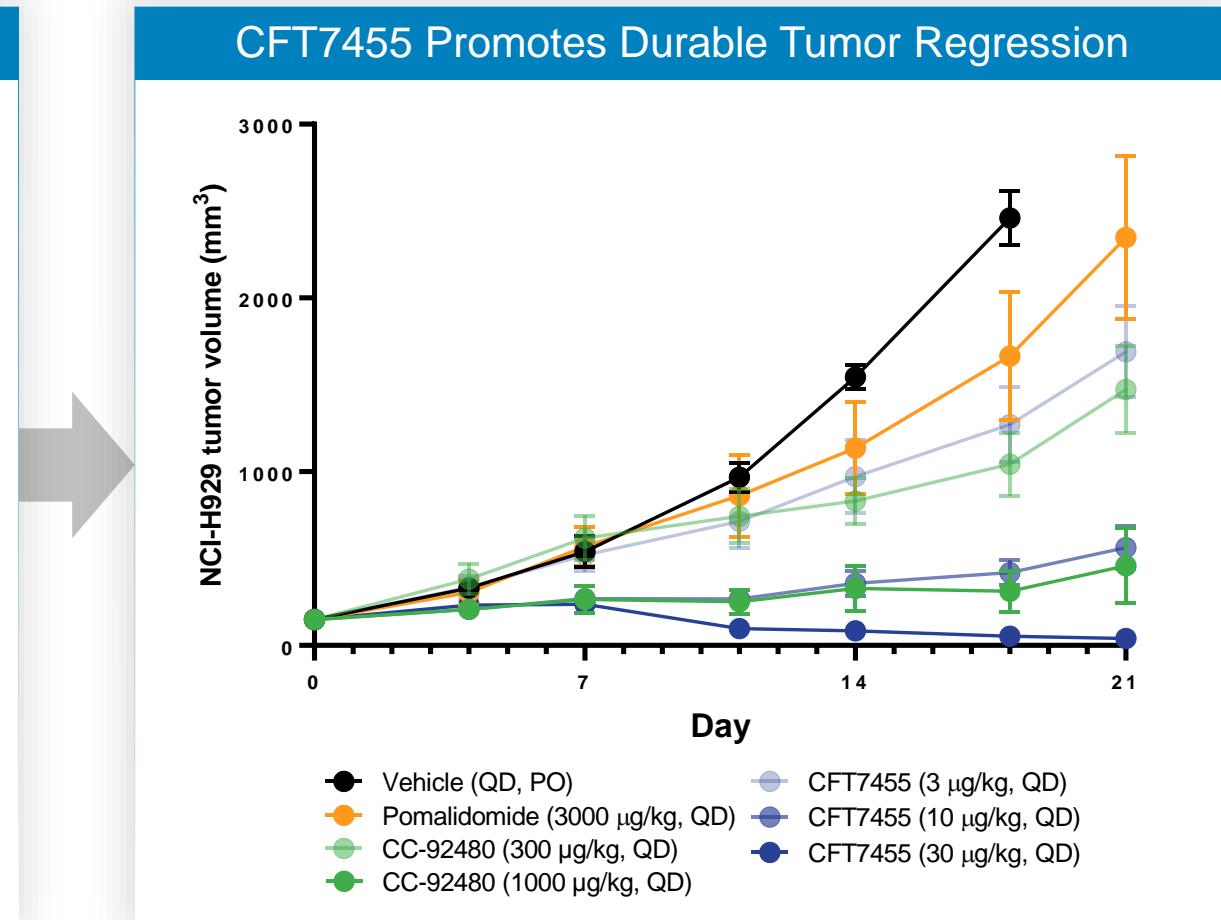
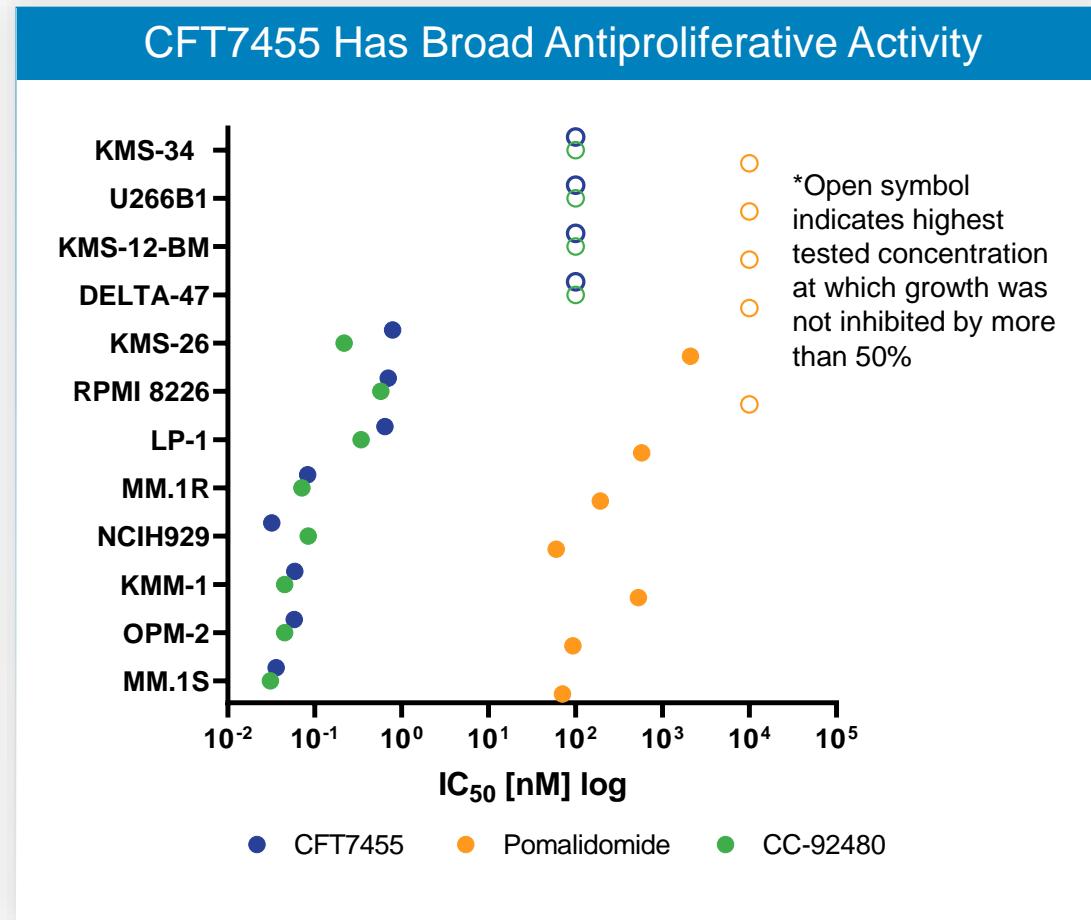
\*POM is an approved IKZF1/3 degrader while CC-220, CC-92480 and CFT7455 are all investigational compounds. Hansen JD, et al. *J Med Chem.* 2020;63(13):6648-6676. Matyskiela ME, et al. *J Med Chem.* 2018;61(2):535-542. IKZF1, Ikaros family zinc finger protein 1; MM, multiple myeloma; FP, fluorescence polarization.  
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# CFT7455 Demonstrates High Potency in MM Cell Lines and Xenografts

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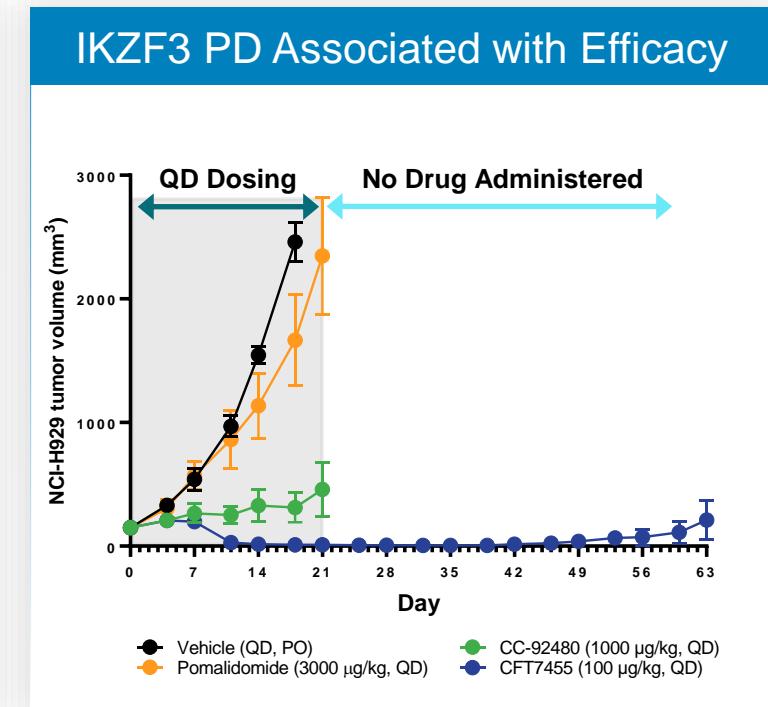
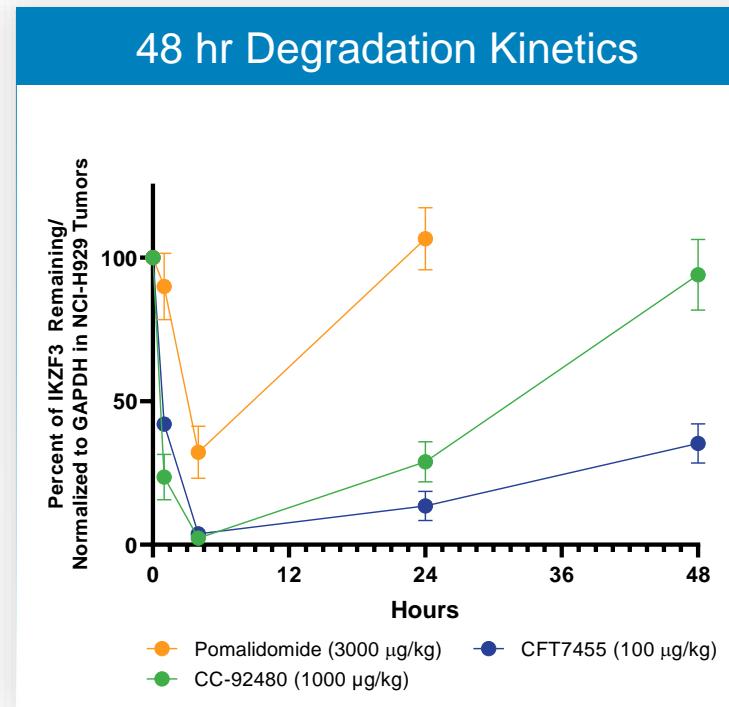
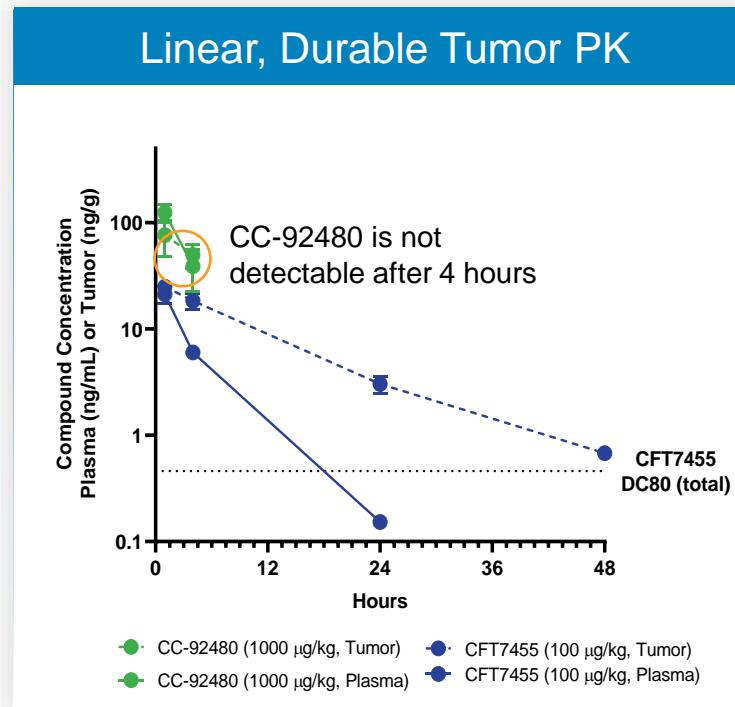
MM, multiple myeloma, QD, once daily.  
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# CFT7455 Efficacy Attributed to Durable Tumor PK and IKZF3 PD in NCI-H929 MM Model

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CFT7455 displays linear and durable tumor PK translating into deep IKZF3 degradation and regression in MM xenograft models

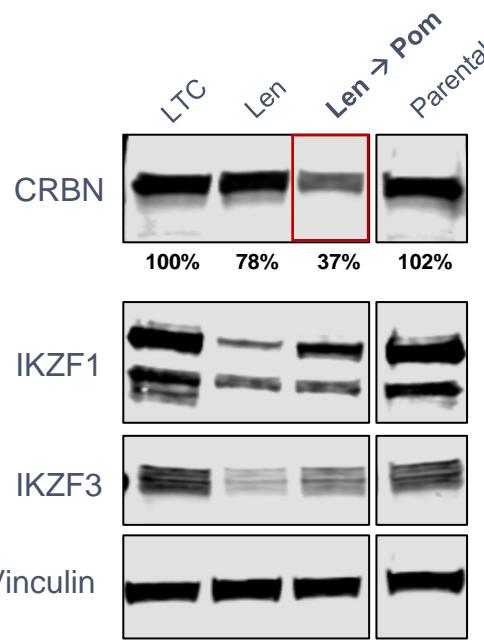
# CFT7455 is Efficacious in MM Models Resistant or Insensitive to IMiDs

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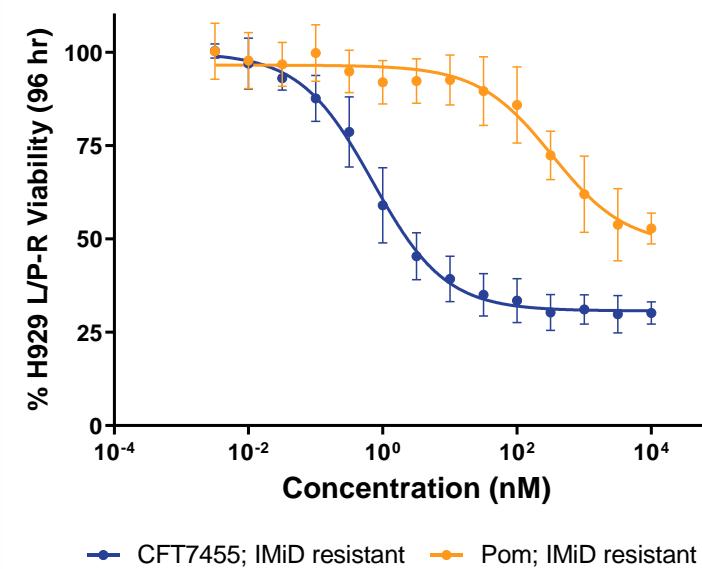
## Reduction in CCRN Expression with Chronic IMiD Dosing



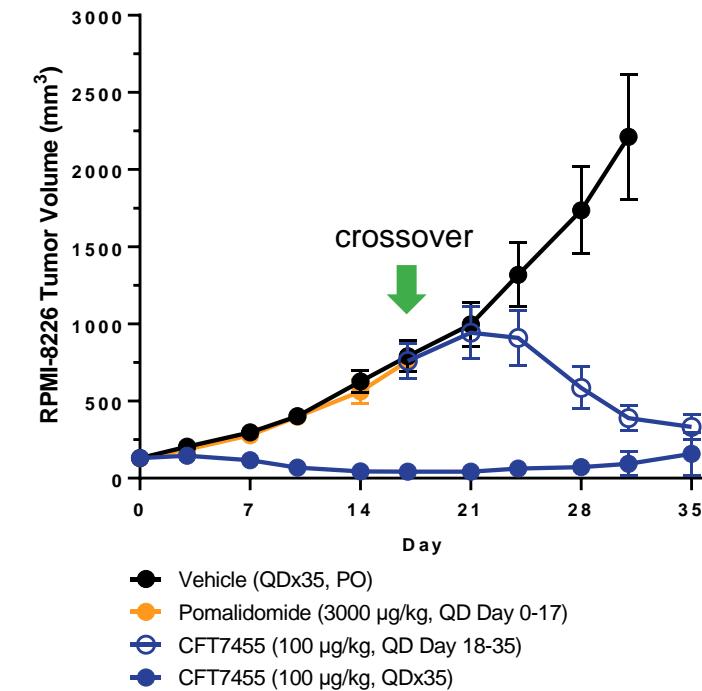
LTC = longterm culture in DMSO  
Parental = original, naïve H929 cells

Len, lenalidomide; L/P-R, Len/Pom-Resistant

## CFT7455 Retains Activity in Len- & Pom-Resistant MM Cells



## CFT7455 Promotes Regression in Tumors Insensitive to Pom



CCRN, cereblon; IKZF1/3, Ikaros family zinc finger proteins 1 and 3; IMiDs, immunomodulatory imide drug; Len, lenalidomide; PO, orally; Pom, pomalidomide; QD, once daily.  
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# Summary



- Discovery efforts were aimed at identifying an IKZF1/3 degrader with class-leading activity
- Structure-based design and in vivo screening were employed to discover CFT7455



In vitro data with CFT7455 demonstrated:

- High CRBN binding affinity ( $K_D = 0.9$  nM)
- Rapid, selective, and deep degradation of IKZF1/3 that is associated with apoptosis
- Broad, potent antiproliferative activity in a panel of MM cell lines



In vivo MM models treated with CFT7455 demonstrated:

- Regression in the treatment-naïve H929 MM tumor models at doses  $\geq 10$  µg/kg/day
- Durable antitumor responses consistent with long-lived pharmacodynamic activity
- Single-agent efficacy in models unresponsive to approved IMiDs



A Phase 1/2 clinical trial to assess the safety and tolerability of CFT7455 in patients with R/R MM or non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NCT04756726) is ongoing and early clinical data is presented in poster #CT186

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