DrugRas: design, synthesis, testing and characterization of compounds against oncogenic K-Ras mutants

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Synthesis / method / protocol: Covalent fragment library screening *via* NMR. Ligand-side confirmation of the covalent action by ¹⁹F-NMR and protein-side confirmation of the binding-site by ¹H,¹⁵N-HSQC spectra.

Scientific Goal: Identification of warheads suitable for covalent modification of K-Ras-G12C oncogene mutant, then combining the appropriate warheads with optimized scaffolds derived from a known K-Ras-G12C inhibitor as well as our own research.

Result: We identified 15 of the 28 investigated warheads suitable for covalent modification of K-Ras-G12C-GDP confirmed by both ligand based ¹⁹F-NMR and protein based ¹H,¹⁵N-HSQC spectra paralelly. Using the latter method further 6 compounds of 7 candidates were found to bind to K-Ras-G12C.

