

A rational approach for discovery of inhibitors of YAP-TEAD interaction

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BACKGROUND

The Hippo Pathway

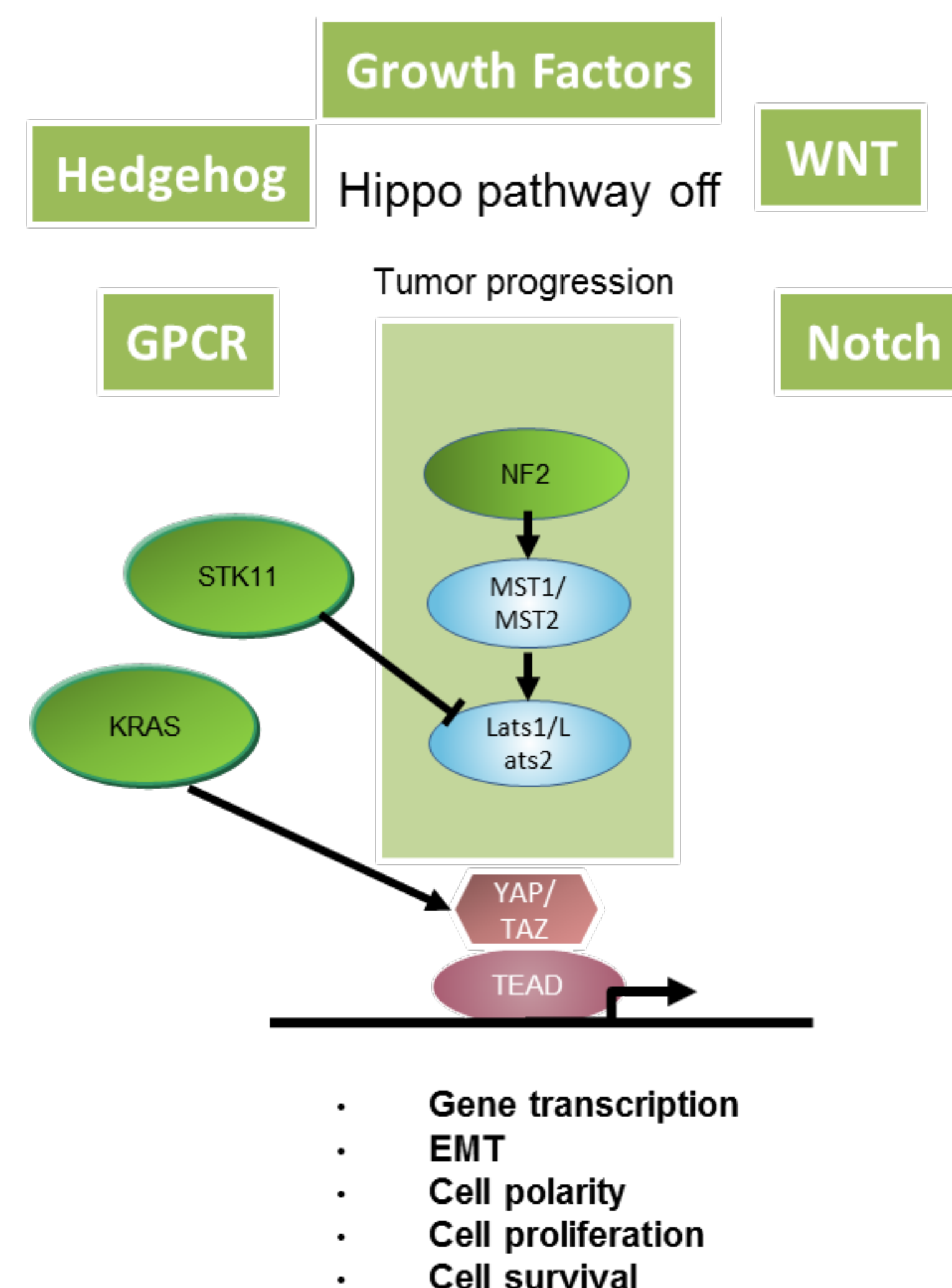
- Controls cell proliferation and organ size
- YAP and TAZ are drivers of tumorigenesis
- They are highly expressed in many cancer types
- YAP and TAZ bind to TEAD transcription factor

Rationale in cancer

- High frequency of YAP nuclear localization in cancer biopsies
- YAP described as a critical oncogenic KRAS effector
- STK11 mutation in cancer results in Yap nuclear localization
- Blocking the hippo pathway can enhance the efficacy of RAF and MEK inhibitors in patients with a broad range of BRAF- and RAS-mutant tumors

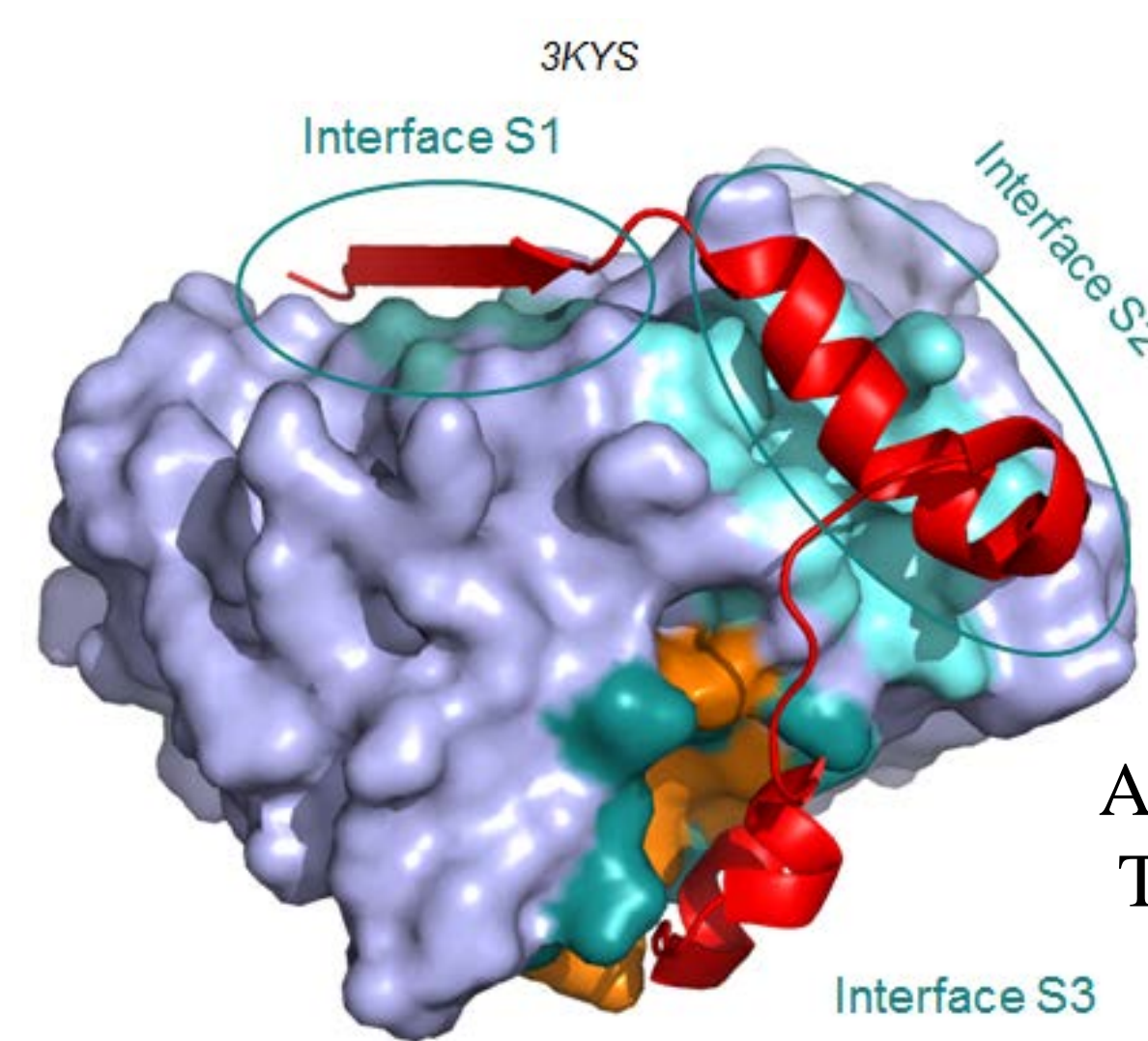
Inventiva's strategy: inhibit the YAP-TEAD PPI

- YAP/TAZ and TEAD are major downstream effectors enabling the targeting of all the major Hippo signaling pathway at once
- Offers potential to overcome drug resistance and escape mechanism



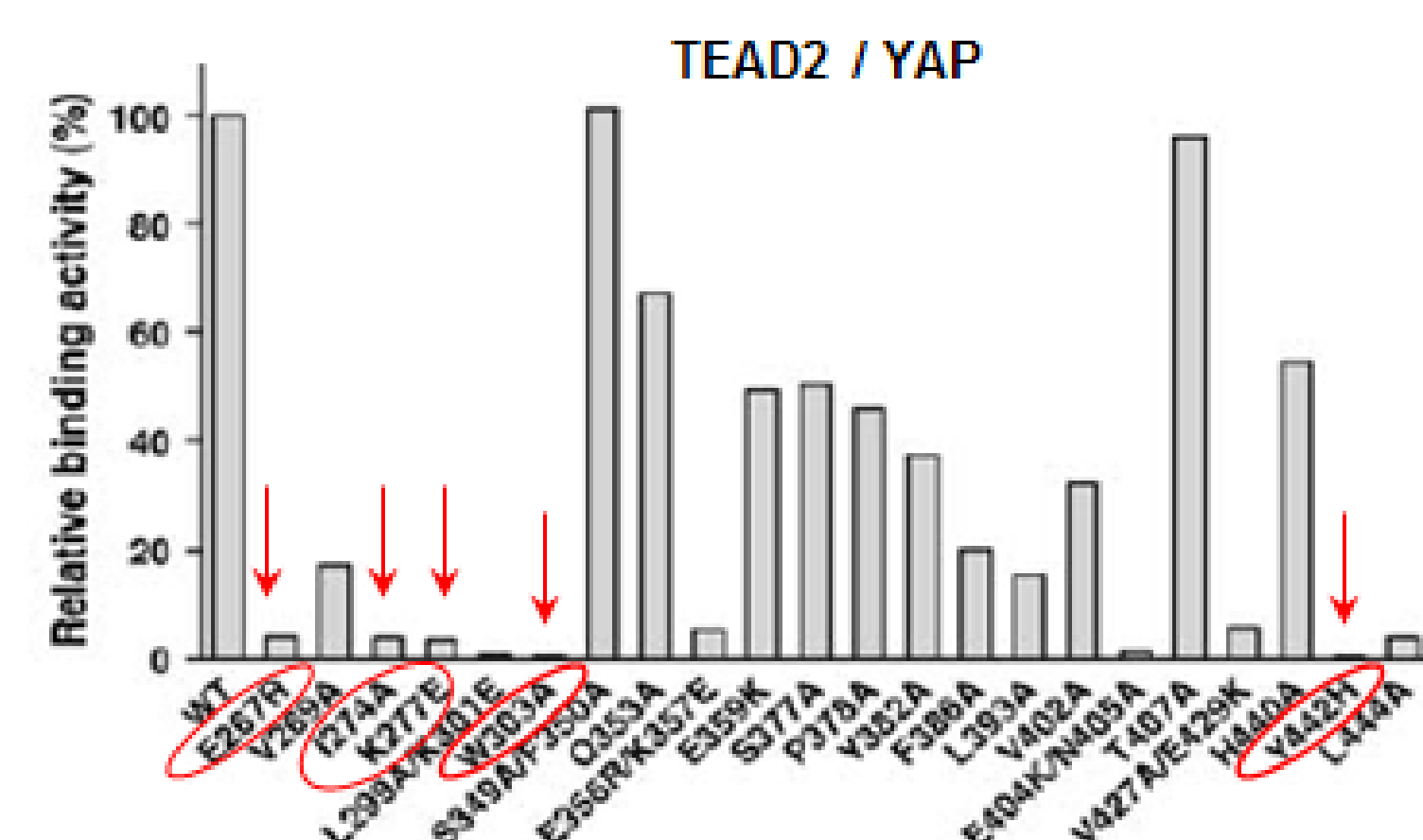
YAP-TEAD A DRUGGABLE INTERACTION

- YAP-TEAD PPI has 3 interfaces
- YAP: IDP (Intrinsically Disordered Protein)
 - at least by sequence composition
 - YAP is stabilized by PPI with TEAD
- TEAD: globular protein
 - Hot Spot analysis by Ala-scan



All critical residues for YAP-TEAD interaction belong to interface 3

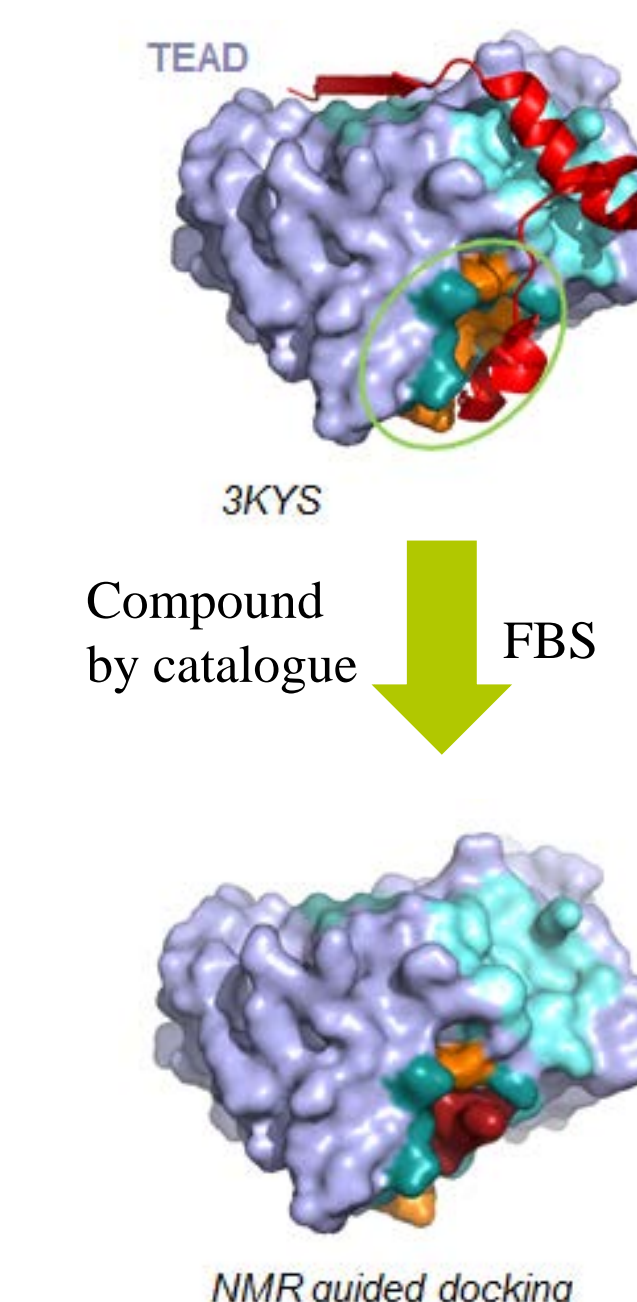
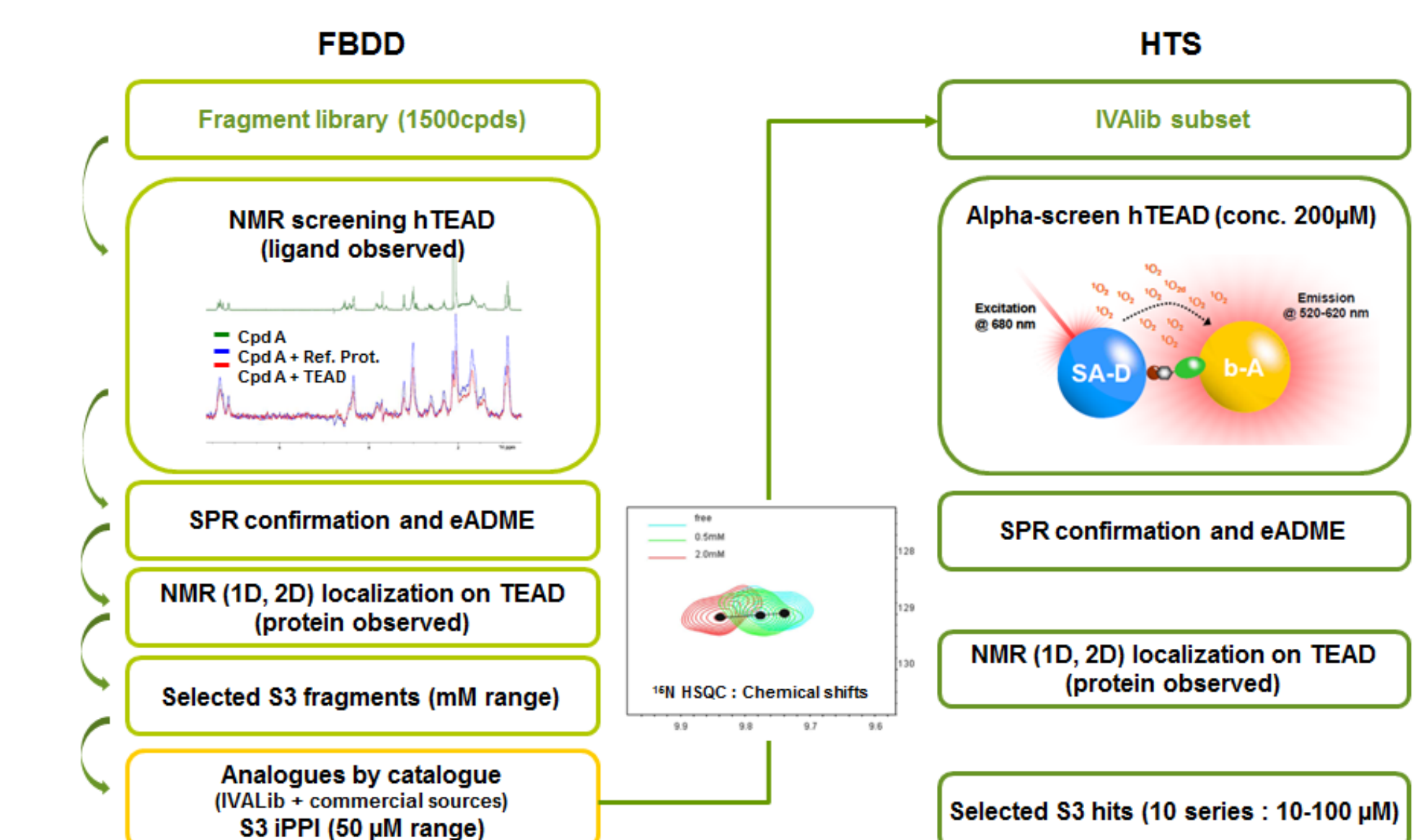
Discover interface S3-TEAD binders to inhibit YAP-TEAD interaction



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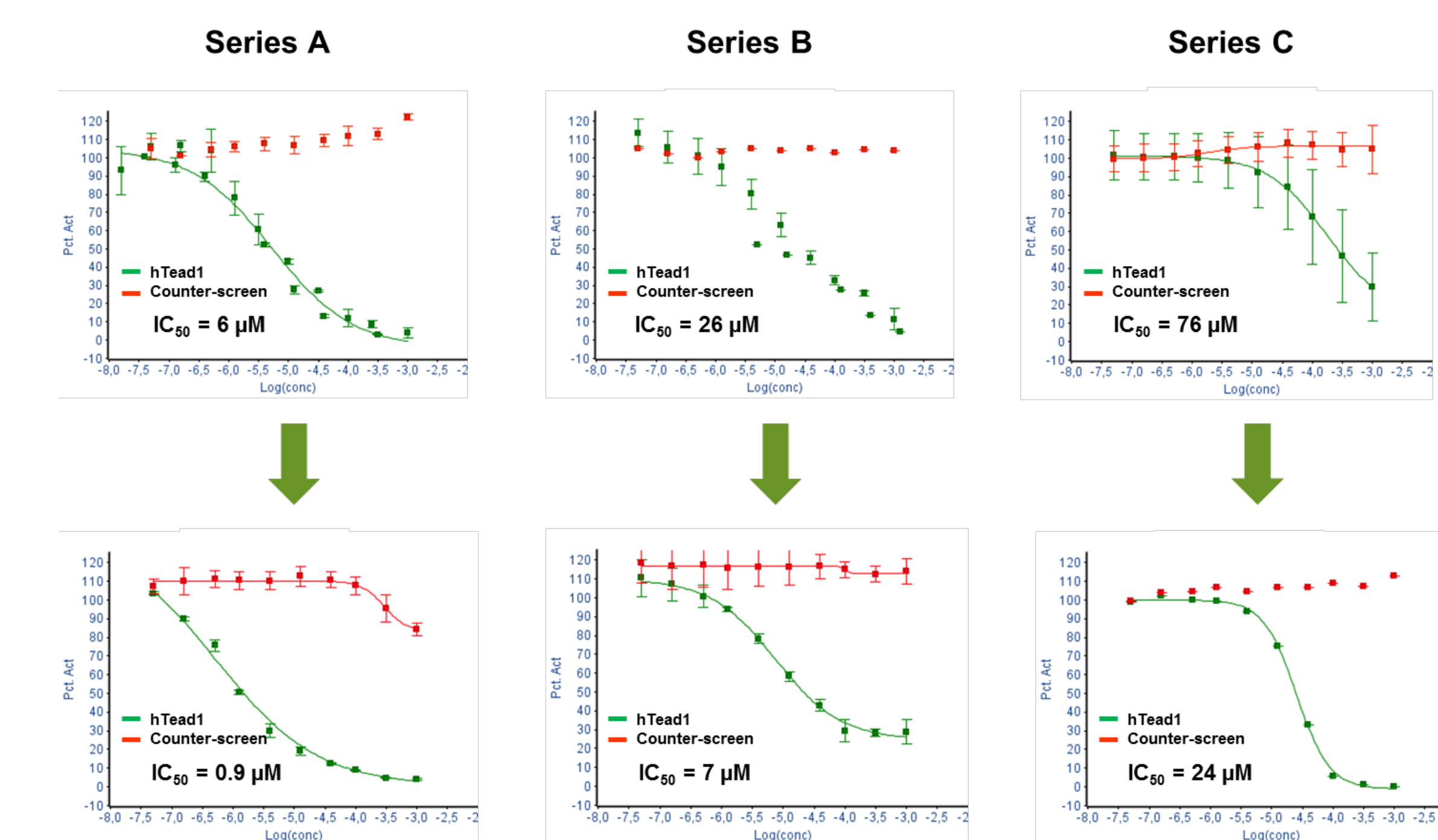
RESULTS

A Dual FBDD and HTS Screening Approach



- Target drugability assessment:
 - FBS by NMR: Identification of S3 binding fragments (mM range)
 - Compound by Catalogue (IVALib and commercial sources): Identification of S3 binders that were confirmed as PPI inhibitors (µM range)
 - HTS: Identified multiple YAP-TEAD iPPI series confirmed to bind at S3 (RMN and SPR)

Multiple series undergoing H2L program



Rapid First Round of Optimization µM to sub µM IC50

TEAD ligands	✓	• SPR, KD : 60µM - 3mM
	✓	• LE : 0.17 - 0.27
YAP - TEAD inhibitors	✓	• Alpha-screen : IC50 : 0.9µM - 10µM with max > 80%
TEAD S3 binders	✓	• NMR HSQC localization studies
Lipinski rules	✓	• Mw : 213 - 500
	✓	• HA : 0 - 7
	✓	• HD : 0 - 2
	✓	• LogP : 0.6 - 4
	✓	• PSA : 15 - 150
Early ADME	✓	• Solubility > 100µM
	✓	• Metabolic stability < 21µl/min/mg protein
	✓	• Permeability moderate to high on Caco2
SAR	✓	• Emerging trends

CONCLUSIONS

- We have been able to demonstrate TEAD S3 druggability
- We have identified multiple YAP-TEAD iPPI series confirmed to bind at S3 (NMR and SPR)
- Three series have been selected for hit to lead phase, and optimization µM to sub µM IC₅₀