Supporting Information

Development of a novel class of B-Raf^{V600E}-selective inhibitors

through virtual screening and hierarchical hit optimization

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1. Validation of the Docking Protocol.

The reliability of various available docking methods (GLIDE 5.5,¹ GOLD 5.0, ²⁻⁴AutoDock 4.2^{5, 6}) against B-Raf was first evaluated regarding the two criteria. The first measurement is the root-mean-square deviation (RMSD) value between the best predicted docking pose and the corresponding experimental pose, while the other refers to the enrichment rate, which measures the number of known ligands in the top-ranked list relative to a random selection.

As presented in Figure S1, employing the average RMSD value as a measure, GLIDE outperformed the other two methods in recovering the bioactive conformations towards all 18 structural complexes. It gave the best average RMSD value (less than 0.9 Å) as well as the lowest standard deviation, reflecting the encouraging efficiency in exploring the conformational space in the ATP binding site of B-Raf. For the enrichment evaluations, 50 known inhibitors (Table S1) that specifically targeted the active conformation of B-Raf kinase were retrieved from ChEMBL,⁷ mixing with the 950 compounds (Table S2) from the CDK2 decoy set in Directory of Useful Decoys (DUD).⁸ The enrichment factors (EF) at 1%, 5% and 10% level of the ranked list were calculated for each of the docking methods (Table S3). Among the various docking protocols tested, GLIDE achieved the ideal EF at 1% sampling towards both of the representative structures of B-Raf, In addition, GLIDE exhibited comparable enrichment capability with GOLD at both 5% and 10% ranking levels. However, AutoDock showed inferior performances than GLIDE and GOLD at the three tested levels during our pilot study, and thus was not suitable in this case.

Taken together, GLIDE represented the most effective method regarding actives enrichment during our pilot study. GLIDE was therefore employed in the structure-based virtual screening study.

Figure S1: RMSD values calculated between docked and experimental poses. A color code bar is given based on the RMSD range listed below.

Protein(PDB ID)	GLIDE	GOLD	AutoDock
1UWJ	0.87	2.04	1.48
2FB8	2.33	2.18	2.29
3C4C	0.29	1.01	1.07
3C4D	0.84	1.47	1.25
3D4Q	1.14	1.58	1.05
3IDP	0.21	0.92	0.87
3115	3.28	3.65	3.20
30G 7	0.39	1.23	1.29
3PPJ	0.22	1.45	4.14
3PPK	1.48	1.79	5.95
3PRF	1.46	1.24	1.32
3PRI	0.60	1.43	1.52
3PSB	0.23	7.83	4.50
3PSD	0.32	1.90	1.21
3Q96	0.32	3.06	7.50
3SKC	0.52	1.16	0.77
3TV4	0.67	1.08	0.95
3TV6	0.42	0.87	0.97
Mean(Å)	0.87	1.99	2.30
Std.dev.(Å)	0.80	1.58	1.91

RMSD<1Å 1Å<RMSD<2Å 2Å<RMSD<5Å

RMSD>5Å



Table S1: Inhibitors of B-Raf^{V600E} used in the enrichment rate evaluation.













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Table S2: Decoy compounds used in the enrichment rate evaluation.

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Doolsing			Databa	ase Sampled		
Docking	1%E	$1\% EF(2000^{a})$ 5% EF(2		F (2000 ^a)	$(2000^{a}) 10\% EF (1000^{a})$	
riogram	30G7	2FB8	30G7	2FB8	30G7	2FB8
GLIDE	2000	2000	1080	1120	640	700
GOLD	2000	1800	1200	960	780	540
AutoDock	2000	1400	960	680	680	500

Table S3: Enrichment Factor (EF) calculations of 50 B-Raf inhibitors mixed with 950

a. Database sampled at 1%, 5%, and 10% of hits. b. Theoretical ideal enrichment factors.

2. Predicted Binding Mode of Hit 1 with $B-Raf^{V600E}$

Figure S2. Predicted binding mode of hit 1 in the ATP binding site of B-Raf^{V600E}. The N-lobe of the B-Raf kinase is depicted in pink while the C-lobe is in blue. The stick representation corresponds to hit 1, and key residues in the N-lobe and C-lobes are highlighted in green, pink, and blue, respectively. A hydrogen bond interaction with the hinge region of B-Raf kinase is shown as a red dashed line.



3. The Anti-proliferation Activity of Hit 1

Table S4: In vitro inhibition rate (%) of tumor growth for hit 1

Compound	Structure	A375	HCT-116
1	Br C N ⁺ O	94.4% ^{<i>a</i>}	68.1% ^a

^{*a*} Results obtained from the average of two independent experiments.

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5. The Purity Analysis of the Synthesized Compounds

5.1 The HPLC analyses of all the synthesized compounds.

The HPLC analyses were determined by the instrumentation with the system given in

the following table.

	HPLO	C Analyses Results				
Equipment	Agilent 1100 Series HPLC with binary pump, photodiode array detector (DAD).					
Column	Agilent Eclipse X column.	XDB-C18 (4.6 × 150 mm,	5 µm) reversed phase			
Condition	The mobile phase was a mixture of $H_2O/MeCN = 40:60 (v/v)$ with 0.1% CF ₃ COOH (v/v) as an additive. The flow rate was 0.6 mL/min. Purity was calculated by the peak area on the UV detection wavelength 214 nm.					
Results	Compd	Retention time (min)	Purity (%)			
	16a 8.272 > 99					
	16b 7.360 > 99					
	16c 7.371 97.33 16d 7.245 97.68					
	16e	8.743	> 99			
	16f	7.496	> 99			
	16g	7.180	> 99			
	17a 7.830 98.21					
	17b 7.759 > 99					
	17c	7.129	96.98			
	17d	8.707	> 99			

17e	7.963	> 99
17f	7.052	98.19
19a	6.694	> 99
19b	8.974	> 99
19c	7.938	> 99
19d	8.520	98.42
19e	8.068	97.60
19g	12.262	> 99
19h	7.372	> 99
19i	12.530	> 99
19j	13.343	> 99
19k	7.683	> 99
22a	8.717	> 99
22b	7.458	> 99
22c	6.921	> 99
22e	8.955	> 99
22f	10.928	98.72
22g	11.369	> 99
22h	6.460	> 99
22i	11.294	> 99
22j	12.464	> 99
22k	8.926	> 99

221	10.237	98.49
22m	6.211	97.77
22n	8.177	98.50
220	8.229	97.19
22p	7.964	98.11
22q	7.524	> 99

5.2 ¹H-NMR Spectral Scans

¹H-NMR spectra scan was an evidence of purity (95% at least) of each compound.

¹H-NMR spectra were performed on a Brucker AMX-400 (IS as TMS). Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm, δ) downfield from tetramethylsilane.

2-[5-(2-nitro-phenyl)-furan-2-ylmethylene]-indan-1-one (16a):



2-[5-(3-trifluomethyl-phenyl)-furan-2-ylmethylene]-indan-1-one (16b):



2-[5-(3-trifluomethyl)-furan-2-ylmethylene]-5-chloro-indan-1-one (16c):



2-[5-(4-nitro-phenyl)-furan-2-ylmethylene]-indan-1-one (16d):



2-[5-(4-chloro-phenyl)-furan-2-ylmethylene]-indan-1-one (16e):



2-[5-(4-bromo-phenyl)-furan-2-ylmethylene]-indan-1-one (16f):



2-[5-(2-chloro-5-trifluomethyl)-furan-2-ylmethylene]-indan-1-one (16g):



3-[5-(3-trifluomethyl-phenyl)-furan-2-ylmethylene]-1,3-dihydro-indol-2-one (17a):



3-[5-(3-trifluomethyl-phenyl)-furan-2-ylmethylene]-6-chloro-1,3-dihydro-indol-2-one (17b):



3-[5-(3-trifluomethyl-phenyl)-furan-2-ylmethylene]-5-chloro-1,3-dihydro-indol-2-one (17c):



3-[5-(2-chloro-5-trifluomethyl)-furan-2-ylmethylene]-1,3-dihydro-indol-2-one (17d):



3-[5-(2-chloro-5-trifluomethyl)-furan-2-ylmethylene]-5-chloro-1,3-dihydro-indol-2-o ne (17e):



3-[5-(2-chloro-5-trifluomethyl)-furan-2-ylmethylene]-6-chloro-1,3-dihydro-indol-2-o ne (17f):



5-[5-(2-nitro-phenyl)-furan-2ylmethylene]-thiazolidine-2,4-dione (19a):







5-[5-(4-nitro-phenyl)-furan-2ylmethylene]-thiazolidine-2,4-dione (19c):



4-{5-[(2,4-dioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylidene)methyl]-furan-2-yl}benzoic acid ethyl ester (19d):

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5-[5-(4-chloro-phenyl)-furan-2ylmethylene]-thiazolidine-2,4-dione (19e):







5-[5-(4-methyl-phenyl)-furan-2ylmethylene]-thiazolidine-2,4-dione (19g):



5-[5-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-furan-2ylmethylene]-thiazolidine-2,4-dione (19h):





5-[5-(4-tert-butyl-phenyl)-furan-2ylmethylene]-thiazolidine-2,4-dione (19i):





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5-[5-(2-chloro-5-trifluomethyl)-furan-2ylmethylene]-thiazolidine-2,4-dione (19k):



5-[5-(2-nitro-phenyl)-furan-2ylmethylene]-2-thioxo-dihydro-pyrimidine-4,6-dione (22a):



5-[5-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-furan-2ylmethylene]-2-thioxo-dihydro-pyrimidine-4,6-dion e (22b):







5-[5-(4-chloro-phenyl)-furan-2ylmethylene]-2-thioxo-dihydro-pyrimidine-4,6-dione (22e):







5-[5-(4-methyl-phenyl)-furan-2ylmethylene]-2-thioxo-dihydro-pyrimidine-4,6-dione (22g):







5-[5-(4-tert-butyl-phenyl)-furan-2ylmethylene]-2-thioxo-dihydro-pyrimidine-4,6-dion e (22i):



5-[5-(2-naphthyl)-furan-2ylmethylene]-2-thioxo-dihydro-pyrimidine-4,6-dione (22j):



5-[5-(2-chloro-5-trifluomethyl)-furan-2ylmethylene]-2-thioxo-dihydro-pyrimidine-4,6 -dione (22k):



5-[5-(3-trifluomethyl-phenyl)-furan-2ylmethylene]-2-thioxo-dihydro-pyrimidine-4,6-dione (221):



4-[5-(4,6-dioxo-2-thioxo-tetrahydro-pyrimidin-5-ylidenemethyl)furan-2-yl]benzoic acid (22m):



5-[5-(2-nitro-4-chloro)-furan-2ylmethylene]-2-thioxo-dihydro-pyrimidine-4,6-dione (22n):

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5-[5-(2-trifluomethyl-4-chloro)-furan-2ylmethylene]-2-thioxo-dihydro-pyrimidine-4,6 -dione (220):



5-[5-(3-trifluomethyl-4-chloro)-furan-2ylmethylene]-2-thioxo-dihydro-pyrimidine-4,6 -dione (22p):



5-[5-(3,4-methylenedioxy)-furan-2ylmethylene]-2-thioxo-dihydro-pyrimidine-4,6-dio

