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## Dimers formed by mixed-type G-quadruplex binder pyridostatin

## specifically recognize human telomere G-quadruplex dimers

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Figure S1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) of compound 4 in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S2<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) of compound 4 in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S3 HR-ESI-MS of compound 4.



Figure S4 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) of compound 6a in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S5<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) of compound 6a in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S6 HR-ESI-MS of compound 6a.



Figure S7<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) of compound 6b in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S8<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) of compound 6b in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S9 HR-ESI-MS of compound 6b.



Figure S10<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) of compound 6c in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S11 <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) of compound 6c in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S12 HR-ESI-MS of compound 6c.



Figure S13 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) of dimer 1a in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S14 <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) of dimer 1a in DMSO- $d_6$ .







Figure S16 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) of dimer 1b in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S17<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) of dimer 1b in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.







Figure S19 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) of dimer 1c in DMSO- $d_6$ .



Figure S20<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) of dimer 1c in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S21 HR-ESI-MS of dimer 1c.



Figure S22 SPR of dimer 1a towards mixed-type G1 (a), mixed-type G2T1 (b), antiparallel



**Figure S23** SPR of dimer **1b** towards mixed-type G1 (a), mixed-type G2T1 (b), antiparallel G1 (c) and antiparallel G2T1 (d).





**Figure S24** SPR of dimer **1c** towards mixed-type G1 (a), mixed-type G2T1 (b), antiparallel G1 (c) and antiparallel G2T1 (d).



**Figure S25** SPR of monomer **PDS** towards mixed-type G1 (a), mixed-type G2T1 (b), antiparallel G1 (c) and antiparallel G2T1 (d).



**Figure S26** CD spectra of antiparallel G2T1 (5  $\mu$ M) in 10 mM Tris-HCl and 100 mM NaCl with varying equivalents of dimers **1a** (a), **1b** (b), **1c** (c) and monomer **PDS** (d), respectively.



**Figure S27** CD spectra of mixed-type G2T1 (5  $\mu$ M) in 10 mM Tris-HCl and 60 mM KCl (pH 7.0) with varying equivalents of monomer **PDS** (a) and dimer **1b** (b), respectively.



**Figure S28** (a) and (b) CD melting profiles at 295 nm for antiparallel G2T1 (10  $\mu$ M, a) and antiparallel G1 (20  $\mu$ M, b) in the presence of compounds **PDS** and **1a~c**. (c) CD spectra of antiparallel G1 (20  $\mu$ M) from 20 °C to 95 °C with monomer **PDS** (120  $\mu$ M). Buffer: 10 mM Tris-HCl and 100 mM NaCl (pH 7.0).



**Figure S29** CD melting profiles at 295 nm for mixed-type G1 (20  $\mu$ M, a) and at 275 nm for ds DNA (20  $\mu$ M, b) in the presence of monomer **PDS** and dimers **1a**~c. [dimer]:[G1] = 3:1,



[**PDS**]:[G1] = 6:1, [dimer]:[ds DNA] = 3:1, [**PDS**]:[ds DNA] = 6:1.

**Figure S30** CD melting profiles at 262 nm for c-kit 1 (20  $\mu$ M, a), c-kit 2 (20  $\mu$ M, b) and c-myc (20  $\mu$ M, c) in the presence of dimer **1c** (60  $\mu$ M).





**Figure S31** CD melting profiles at 295 nm for antiparallel G2T2 (a), G2T4 (b) and G2T6 (c) in the presence of dimer **1b** in 10 mM Tris-HCl and 100 mM NaCl (pH 7.0).



**Figure S32** CD melting profiles at 295 nm for mixed-type G2T2 (a), G2T4 (b) and G2T6 (c) in the presence of dimer **1c** in 10 mM Tris-HCl and 60 mM KCl (pH 7.0).



**Figure S33** Upper panel shows the isothermal titration plot of dimer **1b** (in cell) with antiparallel G2T1 (a) or G1 (b) (in syrige), whereas the lower panel shows the integrated heat profile of the calorimetric titration plot shown in upper panel. Buffer: 10 mM Tris-HCl, 100 mM NaCl and pH 7.0.



**Figure S34** (a) Plot of normalized fluorescence intensity at 370 nm of 2-Ap individually labelled antiparallel G2T1 (Ap7, Ap13, Ap19, Ap25, Ap31, Ap37 and Ap43, respectively) *versus* binding ratio of [**1b**]/[Ap-G2T1]. (b) Plot of normalized fluorescence intensity at 370 nm of Ap37 versus binding ratio of [**1b**]/[Ap37]. Buffer: 10 mM Tris-HCl, 100 mM NaCl

and pH 7.0.



**Figure S35** Telomerase inhibition in the presence of monomer **PDS** by TRAP-LIG assay. Lane 1: (+) ve control (no dimer); lanes 2-7: 0.063, 0.125, 0.25, 0.5, 1.0 and 2.0  $\mu$ M, respectively; lane 8: (-) ve control (no enzyme and dimer).