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(57) Abstract: Disclosed herein are methods of treating cancer. More specifically, this disclosure provides methods for treating cancer in a subject using compounds that are inhibitors of PRMT5, particularly in combination with a taxane.

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COMBINATION THERAPIES USING PRMT5 INHIBITORS FOR THE TREATMENT OF CANCER

BACKGROUND OF THE DISCLOSURE

Cross-reference to Related Applications

[0001] This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 63/252,995, filed October 6, 2021, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Field of the Disclosure

[0002] This disclosure relates to methods of treating cancer. This disclosure further relates to treating cancer in a subject with compounds that are inhibitors of protein arginine N-methyl transferase 5 (PRMT5), particularly in combination with a taxane.

Description of Related Art

[0003] PRMT5 is a type II arginine methyltransferase that catalyzes the transfer of a methyl group from *S*-adenosyl-*L*-methionine (SAM) to an omega-nitrogen of the guanidino function of protein *L*-arginine residues (omega-monomethylation) and the transfer of a second methyl group to the other omega-nitrogen, yielding symmetric dimethylarginine (sDMA). PRMT5 forms a complex with methylosome protein 50 (MEP50), which is required for substrate recognition and orientation and is also required for PRMT5-catalyzed histone 2A and histone 4 methyltransferase activity (e.g., *see* Ho *et al*. (2013) *PLoS ONE* 8(2): e57008).

[0004] Homozygous deletions of p16/CDKN2a are prevalent in cancer and these mutations commonly involve the co-deletion of adjacent genes, including the gene encoding methylthioadenosine phosphorylase (MTAP). It is estimated that approximately 15% of all human cancers have a homozygous deletion of the MTAP gene (e.g., *see* Firestone & Schramm (2017) *J. Am. Chem Soc*. 139(39):13754-13760).

[0005] Cells lacking MTAP activity have elevated levels of the MTAP substrate, methylthioadenosine (MTA), which is a potent inhibitor of PRMT5. Inhibition of PRMT5 activity results in reduced methylation activity and increased sensitivity of cellular proliferation to PRMT5 depletion or loss of activity. Hence, the loss of MTAP activity reduces methylation activity of PRMT5 making the cells selectively dependent on PRMT5 activity.

[0006] Despite importance of PRMT5 on cell viability and its prevalence in cancers, effective therapies that inhibit PRMT5 have been elusive. Thus, there remains a need to develop new PRMT5 inhibitor therapies to treat wide range of cancers.

SUMMARY OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0007] One aspect of the disclosure provides methods for treating cancer in a subject. Such methods include administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of a therapeutically effective amount of a PRMT5 inhibitor with a therapeutically effect amount of a taxane.

[0008] In particular embodiments, the taxane as otherwise described herein is docetaxel.

[0009] Also provided herein is a method for treating cancer in a subject in need thereof. Such methods include determining that the cancer is associated with MTAP homozygous deletion (e.g., an MTAP-associated cancer).

[0010] These and other features and advantages of the present invention will be more fully understood from the following detailed description taken together with the accompanying claims. It is noted that the scope of the claims is defined by the recitations therein and not by the specific discussion of features and advantages set forth in the present description.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0011] The accompanying drawings are included to provide a further understanding of the methods of the disclosure, and are incorporated in and constitute a part of this specification. The drawings illustrate one or more embodiment(s) of the disclosure and, together with the description, serve to explain the principles and operation of the disclosure.

[0012] Figure 1 illustrates the results of Example 1, wherein MRTX1719 (PO, QD), docetaxel (IP Q7D) or the combination were dosed to mice bearing H1650 xenograft tumors (n=5/cohort). Data shown as mean +/- SEM.

[0013] Figure 2 illustrates the results of Example 2, wherein MRTX1719 (oral, QD), docetaxel (IP Q7D) or the combination were dosed to mice bearing H2228 xenograft tumors (n=5/cohort). Data shown as mean +/- SEM.

[0014] Figure 3 illustrates the results of Example 3, wherein MRTX1719 (oral, QD), docetaxel (IP Q7D) or the combination were dosed to mice bearing A549 xenograft tumors (n=5/cohort). Data shown as mean +/- SEM.

[0015] Figure 4 illustrates the results of Example 4, wherein MRTX1719 (oral, QD), docetaxel (IP Q7D) or the combination were dosed to mice bearing HCC4006 xenograft tumors (n=5/cohort). Data shown as mean +/- SEM.

[0016] Figure 5 illustrates the results of Example 5, wherein MRTX1719 (oral, QD), docetaxel (IP Q7D) or the combination were dosed to mice bearing SW1573 xenograft tumors (n=5/cohort). Data shown as mean +/- SEM.

[0017] Figure 6 illustrates the results of Example 6, wherein MRTX1719 (oral, QD), docetaxel (IP Q7D) or the combination were dosed to mice bearing LU99 xenograft tumors (n=5/cohort). Data shown as mean +/- SEM.

[0018] Figure 7 illustrates the results of Example 7, wherein MRTX1719 (oral, QD), docetaxel (IP Q7D) or the combination were dosed to mice bearing MIAPaCa-2 xenograft tumors (n=5/cohort). Data shown as mean +/- SEM.

[0019] Figure 8 illustrates the results of Example 8, wherein MRTX1719 (oral, QD), docetaxel (IP Q7D) or the combination were dosed to mice bearing KP4 xenograft tumors (n=5/cohort). Data shown as mean +/- SEM.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0020] Before the disclosed processes and materials are described, it is to be understood that the aspects described herein are not limited to specific embodiments, and as such can, of course, vary. It is also to be understood that the terminology used herein is for the purpose of describing particular aspects only and, unless specifically defined herein, is not intended to be limiting.

[0021] In view of the present disclosure, the methods and compositions described herein can be configured by the person of ordinary skill in the art to meet the desired need. The present disclosure provides improvements in treating cancer in a subject. As used herein, the terms “subject” or “patient” are used interchangeably, refers to any animal, including mammals, and most preferably humans.

[0022] The methods provided herein may be used for the treatment of a wide variety of cancer including tumors such as lung, prostate, breast, brain, skin, cervical carcinomas, testicular carcinomas, etc. More particularly, cancers that may be treated by the compositions and methods of the invention include, but are not limited to tumor types such as astrocytic, breast, cervical, colorectal, endometrial, esophageal, gastric, head and neck, hepatocellular, laryngeal, lung, oral, ovarian, prostate and thyroid carcinomas and sarcomas. More specifically, these compounds can be used to treat: Cardiac: sarcoma (angiosarcoma, fibrosarcoma, rhabdomyosarcoma, liposarcoma), myxoma, rhabdomyoma, fibroma, lipoma and teratoma; Lung: bronchogenic carcinoma (squamous cell, undifferentiated small cell, undifferentiated large cell, adenocarcinoma), alveolar (bronchiolar) carcinoma, bronchial adenoma, sarcoma, lymphoma, chondromatous hamartoma, mesothelioma; Gastrointestinal: esophagus (squamous cell carcinoma, adenocarcinoma, leiomyosarcoma, lymphoma), stomach (carcinoma, lymphoma, leiomyosarcoma), pancreas (ductal

adenocarcinoma, insulinoma, glucagonoma, gastrinoma, carcinoid tumors, vipoma), small bowel (adenocarcinoma, lymphoma, carcinoid tumors, Kaposi's sarcoma, leiomyoma, hemangioma, lipoma, neurofibroma, fibroma), large bowel (adenocarcinoma, tubular adenoma, villous adenoma, hamartoma, leiomyoma); Genitourinary tract: kidney (adenocarcinoma, Wilm's tumor (nephroblastoma), lymphoma, leukemia), bladder and urethra (squamous cell carcinoma, transitional cell carcinoma, adenocarcinoma), prostate (adenocarcinoma, sarcoma), testis (seminoma, teratoma, embryonal carcinoma, teratocarcinoma, choriocarcinoma, sarcoma, interstitial cell carcinoma, fibroma, fibroadenoma, adenomatoid tumors, lipoma); Liver: hepatoma (hepatocellular carcinoma), cholangiocarcinoma, hepatoblastoma, angiosarcoma, hepatocellular adenoma, hemangioma; Biliary tract: gall bladder carcinoma, ampullary carcinoma, cholangiocarcinoma; Bone: osteogenic sarcoma (osteosarcoma), fibrosarcoma, malignant fibrous histiocytoma, chondrosarcoma, Ewing's sarcoma, malignant lymphoma (reticulum cell sarcoma), multiple myeloma, malignant giant cell tumor chordoma, osteochronfroma (osteocartilaginous exostoses), benign chondroma, chondroblastoma, chondromyxofibroma, osteoid osteoma and giant cell tumors; Nervous system: skull (osteoma, hemangioma, granuloma, xanthoma, osteitis deformans), meninges (meningioma, meningiosarcoma, gliomatosis), brain (astrocytoma, medulloblastoma, glioma, ependymoma, germinoma (pinealoma), glioblastoma multiform, oligodendroglioma, schwannoma, retinoblastoma, congenital tumors), spinal cord neurofibroma, meningioma, glioma, sarcoma); Gynecological: uterus (endometrial carcinoma), cervix (cervical carcinoma, pre-tumor cervical dysplasia), ovaries (ovarian carcinoma (serous cystadenocarcinoma, mucinous cystadenocarcinoma, unclassified carcinoma), granulosa-thecal cell tumors, Sertoli-Leydig cell tumors, dysgerminoma, malignant teratoma), vulva (squamous cell carcinoma, intraepithelial carcinoma, adenocarcinoma, fibrosarcoma, melanoma), vagina (clear cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, botryoid sarcoma (embryonal rhabdomyosarcoma), fallopian tubes (carcinoma); Hematologic: blood (myeloid leukemia (acute and chronic), acute lymphoblastic leukemia, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, myeloproliferative diseases, multiple myeloma, myelodysplastic syndrome), Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (malignant lymphoma); Skin: malignant melanoma, basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, moles dysplastic nevi, lipoma, angioma, dermatofibroma, keloids, psoriasis; and Adrenal glands: neuroblastoma.

[0023] In certain embodiments of the methods of the disclosure, the cancer is a MTAP-associated cancer. For example, in certain embodiments, the cancer comprises MTAP gene homozygous deletion ($MTAP^{DEL}$). The subject may be identified or diagnosed as having MTAP-associated cancer where, for example, $MTAP^{DEL}$ is determined using a suitable assay

or a kit. Alternatively, the subject is suspected of having MTAP-associated cancer or the subject has a clinical record indicating that the subject has MTAP-associated cancer.

[0024] In certain embodiments of the methods of the disclosure, the cancer may further comprise a cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor 2A (CDKN2A) gene homozygous deletion ($CDKN2A^{DEL}$). The subject may be identified or diagnosed as having $CDKN2A^{DEL}$ where the deletion is determined using a suitable assay or a kit. Alternatively, the subject is suspected of having the $CDKN2A^{DEL}$ cancer, or the subject has a clinical record indicating that the subject has the $CDKN2A^{DEL}$ cancer.

[0025] In some embodiments of any of the methods or uses described herein, an assay is used to determine subject treatment eligibility using a sample (e.g., a biological sample or a biopsy sample such as a paraffin-embedded biopsy sample) from a subject. Such assay includes, but is not limited to, next generation sequencing, immunohistochemistry, fluorescence microscopy, break apart FISFI analysis, Southern blotting. Western blotting, FACS analysis, Northern blotting, and PCR-based amplification (e.g., RT-PCR and quantitative real-time RT-PCR). As is well known in the art, the assays are typically performed, e.g., with at least one labelled nucleic acid probe or at least one labelled antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof.

[0026] In certain embodiments, the cancer in the methods of the disclosure is selected from lung cancer, pancreatic cancer, colon cancer, head and neck cancer, bladder cancer, esophageal cancer, lymphoma, stomach cancer, skin cancer, breast cancer, and brain cancer.

[0027] In certain embodiments, the cancer in the methods of the disclosure is selected from lung cancer, pancreatic cancer, colon cancer, head and neck cancer, esophageal cancer, and melanoma.

[0028] In certain embodiments, the cancer in the methods of the disclosure is selected from lung cancer (e.g., mesothelioma or non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) including adenocarcinoma and squamous cell), pancreatic cancer, colon cancer, head and neck cancer (such as squamous cell carcinoma (HNSCC)), bladder cancer, esophageal cancer, lymphoma (e.g., diffuse large B-cell lymphoma), stomach cancer, melanoma, breast cancer, and brain cancer (e.g., glioblastoma multiforme and glioma).

[0029] In certain embodiments, the cancer in the methods of the disclosure is selected from lung cancer (e.g., mesothelioma or NSCLC, including adenocarcinoma and squamous cell), pancreatic cancer, colon cancer, head and neck cancer (e.g. squamous cell carcinoma (HNSCC)), esophageal cancer, and melanoma.

[0030] In certain embodiments, the cancer in the methods of the disclosure is selected from mesothelioma, NSCLC (e.g., adenocarcinoma and squamous cell), pancreatic cancer, HNSCC, and colon cancer.

[0031] In one embodiment of the methods of the disclosure, the cancer is lung cancer. For example, the lung cancer may be NSCLC (e.g., adenocarcinoma and squamous cell) or mesothelioma. In certain embodiment, the cancer is NSCLC.

[0032] In one embodiment of the methods of the disclosure, the cancer is pancreatic cancer.

[0033] In one embodiment of the methods of the disclosure, the cancer is colon cancer.

[0034] In certain embodiments as otherwise described herein, the taxane comprises at least one of docetaxel, paclitaxel, abraxane, and cabazitaxel. For example, in particular embodiments, the taxane is docetaxel or paclitaxel. In various embodiments as otherwise described herein, the taxane is docetaxel.

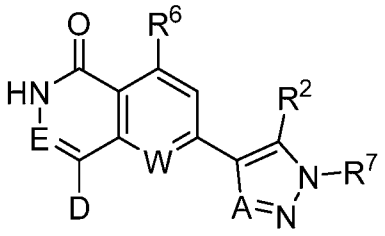
[0035] As provided above, paclitaxel (CAS Registry Number: 330690-62-4), docetaxel (CAS Registry Number: 114977-28-5), abraxane (CAS Registry Number: 33069-62-4) and/or cabazitaxel (CAS Registry Number: 18313396-2) are administered in the methods of the disclosure. For example, docetaxel and paclitaxel are both widely manufactured and distributed, and may be provided as an anhydrous form, or a hydrate or solvate thereof. Docetaxel is commercially available and marketed in intravenous and injectable forms for administration. As known in the art, abraxane is albumin-bound paclitaxel, and is widely available.

[0036] As provided above, the PRMT5 inhibitor is also administered in the methods of the disclosure. A “PRMT5 inhibitor” as used herein refers to compounds of the disclosure as described herein. These compounds are capable of negatively modulating or inhibiting all or a portion of the enzymatic activity of the PRMT5, particularly, in the presence of bound MTA *in vitro* or *in vivo* or in cells expressing elevated levels of MTA. In certain embodiments, the PRMT5 inhibitor is a MTA-cooperative PRMT5 inhibitor.

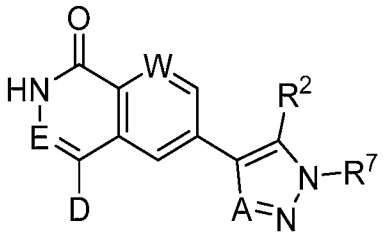
[0037] In certain embodiments, the PRMT5 inhibitor of the disclosure is any one of the PRMT5 inhibitors disclosed in International patent publication no. WO 2021/050915 A1, published 18 March 2021, incorporated by reference in its entirety.

[0038] In certain other embodiments, the PRMT5 inhibitor of the disclosure is any one of the PRMT5 inhibitors disclosed in U.S. provisional application no. 63/200,521, filed 11 March 2021, incorporated by reference in its entirety.

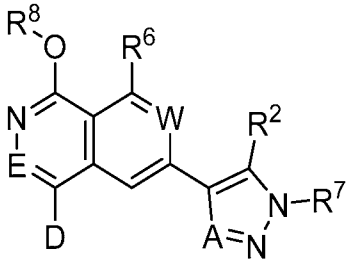
[0039] For example, the PRMT5 inhibitor in the methods of the disclosure as described herein is a compound of Formula IIA, IIB or IIC (Embodiment 1):



Formula IIA



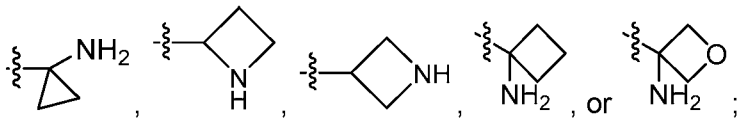
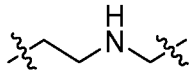
Formula IIB



Formula IIC

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

A is CR^9 or N;

D is $(C(R^9)_2)_{1\text{-}2}\text{-}NH_2$,  ; or D is  where the methylene is bonded to E where E is C;

E is C, CR^9 or N;

each L is independently a bond or C_1-C_3 alkylene;

W is CR^9 or N;

each X is independently a bond, O, S, $-NR^4-$ or $-NR^4C(O)-$;

each Z is independently a bond, -SO-, $-SO_2-$, -CH(OH)- or -C(O)-;

each R^2 is independently hydroxy, halogen, cyano, cyanomethyl, $-(NR^4)_2$, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, $-SO_2C_1$-C_3alkyl, X-(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-aryl, heteroalkyl, C_2-C_4 alkynyl, -X-haloalkyl, -X-C_1-C_5 alkyl, -Z-C_1-C_5 alkyl, heterocyclyl, -X-L-cycloalkyl, -Z-cycloalkyl, -X-aryl, -Z-aryl, or -X-heteroaryl, wherein the heterocyclyl, the cycloalkyl, the aryl and the heteroaryl are optionally substituted with one or more R^5;

each R^4 is independently hydrogen or C_1-C_3 alkyl;

each R^5 is independently cyano, oxo, halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxy-C_1-C_3 alkyl, -X-haloalkyl, -Z-cycloalkyl, X-(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-aryl, X-(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-aryl substituted with cyano, -X-L-cycloalkyl optionally substituted with C_1-C_3 alkyl or

oxo, -X-L-heteroaryl optionally substituted with one or more C_1-C_3 alkyl or oxo, -X-L-heterocyclyl optionally substituted with one or more C_1-C_3 alkyl or oxo, or -X-aryl;

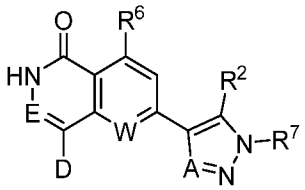
R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, C_1-C_3 alkyl-alkoxy, $N(R^9)_2$, $NR^9C(O)R^9$, $C(O)R^9$, oxetane and THF;

R^7 is H or C_1-C_3 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen;

R^8 is H or C_1-C_3 alkyl; and

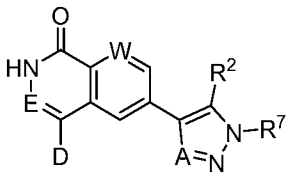
each R^9 is independently H or C_1-C_3 alkyl, halogen or haloalkyl.

[0040] Embodiment 2 provides the PRMT5 inhibitor in the methods of the disclosure as a compound of Formula IIA:



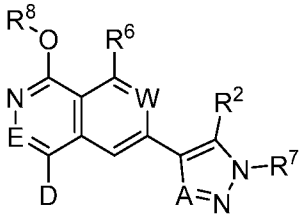
Formula IIA.

[0041] Embodiment 3 provides the PRMT5 inhibitor in the methods of the disclosure as a compound of Formula IIB:



Formula IIB.

[0042] Embodiment 4 provides the PRMT5 inhibitor in the methods of the disclosure as a compound of Formula IIC:



Formula IIC.

[0043] Embodiment 5 provides the method of any of embodiments 1-4, wherein W is CR^9.

[0044] Embodiment 6 provides the method of any of embodiments 1-4, wherein A is CR^9.

[0045] Embodiment 7 provides the method of any of embodiments 1-4, wherein E is N.

[0046] Embodiment 8 provides the method of any of embodiments 1-7, wherein W is CR^9, A is CR^9 and E is N.

[0047] Embodiment 9 provides the method of any of embodiments 1-8, wherein R^2 is selected from: benzothiophene, naphthalene, quinoline, chromane, isochromane, dihydrobenzodioxine, indolazine, tetrahydroindolazine, dihydroisobenzofuran, benzene,

isoquinolinone, benzodioxone, thienopyridine, tetrahydroindolone, indolizine, dihydroindolizinone, imadazopyridinone, thienopyrimidine, thiophene, pyrrolopyrimidinone, thiazolopyridinone, dihydropyrrolizine, isoindalone and tetrahydroisoquinoline.

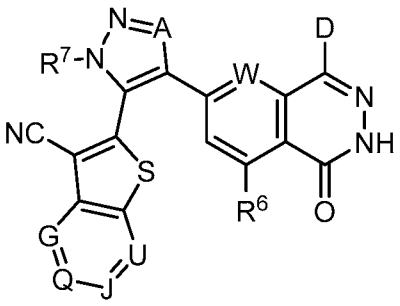
[0048] Embodiment 10 provides the method of any of embodiments 1-8, wherein each R^5 is independently cyano, oxo, halogen, C1 – C3 alkyl, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy-C1-C3alkyl, -X-L-heterocyclyl optionally substituted with one or more C1-C3alkyl or oxo, -X-L-cycloalkyl optionally substituted with C1-C3 alkyl or oxo.

[0049] Embodiment 11 provides the method of any of embodiments 1-8, wherein R^6 is selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, chlorine, $-NHC(O)CH_3$, $-C(O)CF_2H$, $-NH_2$, $-CF_2$, $-CH_3$, $-O-CH_2CH_3$, $-CH_2-CH_2-O-CH_3$, oxetane and THF.

[0050] Embodiment 12 provides the method of any of embodiments 1-11, where one of L, X and Z is a bond.

[0051] Embodiment 13 provides the method of embodiment 12, wherein all of L, X and Z are bonds.

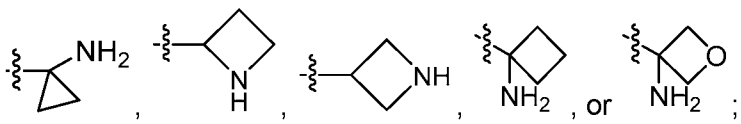
[0052] One aspect of the disclosure provides the method wherein the PRMT5 inhibitor is a compound of the formula (IIIC) (Embodiment 14):



(IIIC)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

A is CR^9 or N;

D is $-CH_2-NH_2$,  ;

W is CR^9 or N, where R^9 is H or C_1-C_3 alkyl;

G, Q, J and U are independently selected from C(H), C(R^5), and N, provided only one or two of G, Q, J, and U can be N;

each R^5 is independently hydroxy, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_6 haloalkoxy, C_3-C_6 cycloalkoxy, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, or C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl;

R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, hydroxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, -C(O)-C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, $-N(R^9)_2$, or $-NR^{15}(CO)R^{16}$,

where each R^9 is independently H or C_1-C_3 alkyl, R^{15} is hydrogen or methyl, and R^{16} is C_1-C_3 alkyl; and

R^7 is C_1-C_3 alkyl or C_1-C_3 haloalkyl.

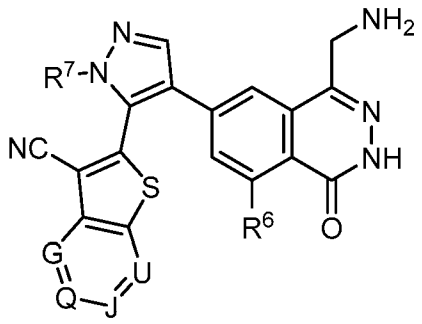
[0053] Embodiment 15 provides the method according to embodiment 14, wherein A is CH.

[0054] Embodiment 16 provides the method according to embodiment 14 or 15, wherein W is N.

[0055] Embodiment 17 provides the method according to embodiment 14 or 15, wherein W is CH.

[0056] Embodiment 18 provides the method according to any of embodiments 14-17, wherein D is $–CH_2$-NH_2.

[0057] Embodiment 19 provides the method of the disclosure wherein the PRMT5 inhibitor is a compound according to embodiment 14 of the formula:



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[0058] Embodiment 20 provides the method according to any of embodiments 14-19, wherein R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, hydroxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, -C(O)-C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, -N(R^9)$_2$, or -NR^{15}(CO)R^{16}.

[0059] Embodiment 21 provides the method according to any of embodiments 14-19, wherein R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, hydroxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, -C(O)-C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, -N(R^9)$_2$, or -NR^{15}(CO)R^{16}.

[0060] Embodiment 22 provides the method according to any of embodiments 14-19, wherein R^6 is hydrogen, chloro, fluoro, methyl, ethyl, difluoromethyl, hydroxy, methoxy, ethoxy, (methoxy)methyl, (ethoxy)methyl, (methoxy)ethyl, (ethoxy)ethyl, oxetanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, -C(O)-difluoromethyl, $-NH_2$, or -NH(CO)CH_3.

[0061] Embodiment 23 provides the method according to any of embodiments 14-19, wherein R^6 is halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, hydroxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, -C(O)-C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, -N(R^9)$_2$, or -NR^{15}(CO)R^{16}.

[0062] Embodiment 24 provides the method according to any of embodiments 14-19, wherein R^6 is halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, hydroxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, -C(O)-C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, -N(R^9)$_2$, or -NR^{15}(CO)R^{16}.

[0063] Embodiment 25 provides the method according to any of embodiments 14-19, wherein R^6 is chloro, fluoro, methyl, ethyl, difluoromethyl, hydroxy, methoxy, ethoxy, (methoxy)methyl, (ethoxy)methyl, (methoxy)ethyl, (ethoxy)ethyl, oxetanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, -C(O)-difluoromethyl, -NH_2, or -NH(CO)CH_3.

[0064] Embodiment 26 provides the method according to any of embodiments 23-25, wherein each G, Q, J and U is independently C(H).

[0065] Embodiment 27 provides the method according to any of embodiments 23-25, wherein G, Q, J and U are independently selected from C(H) and C(R^5).

[0066] Embodiment 28 provides the method according to any of embodiments 23-25, wherein G, Q, J and U are independently selected from C(H) and N.

[0067] Embodiment 29 provides the method according to any of embodiments 14-19, wherein

R^6 is hydrogen;

at least one of G, Q, J, and U is C(R^5), and the remaining G, Q, J, and U are independently selected from C(H), C(R^5) and N, wherein each R^5 is independently hydroxy, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_6 haloalkoxy, C_3-C_6 cycloalkoxy, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, or C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl.

[0068] Embodiment 30 provides the method according to embodiment 29, wherein one or two of G, Q, J and U is N.

[0069] Embodiment 31 provides the method according to any of embodiments 14-19, wherein

R^6 is hydrogen;

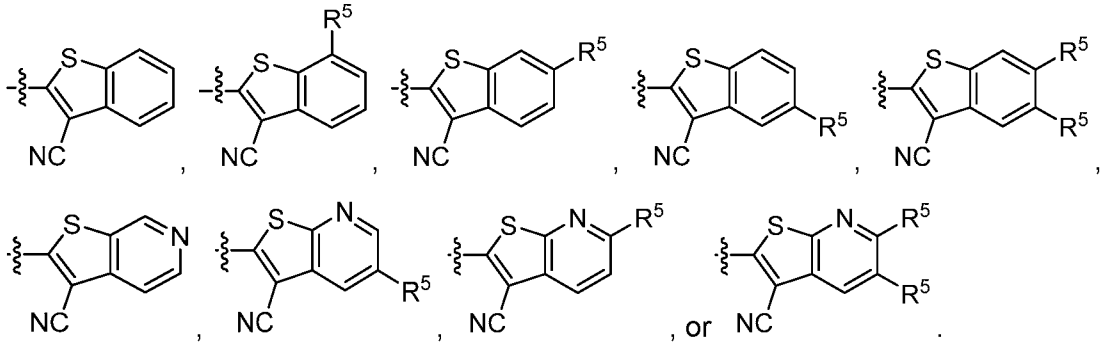
at least one of G, Q, J, and U is C(R^5), and the remaining G, Q, J, and U are independently selected from C(H) and C(R^5), wherein each R^5 is independently hydroxy, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_6 haloalkoxy, C_3-C_6 cycloalkoxy, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, or C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl.

[0070] Embodiment 32 provides the method according to embodiment 31, wherein at least one of G, Q, J, and U is C(R^5), and the remaining G, Q, J, and U are independently C(H); for example only one of G, Q, J, and U is C(R^5).

[0071] Embodiment 33 provides the method according to embodiment 31, wherein two of G, Q, J, and U is C(R^5), and the remaining G, Q, J, and U are independently C(H).

[0072] Embodiment 34 provides the method according to embodiment 31, wherein three of G, Q, J, and U is C(R^5), and the remaining G, Q, J, and U is C(H).

[0073] Embodiment 35 provides the method according to any of embodiments 14-19, wherein G, Q, J, and U together with the thiophene to which they are attached form:



[0074] Embodiment 36 provides the method according to embodiment 35, wherein G, Q, J, and U together with the thiophene ring to which they are attached form a benzo[*b*]thiophene.

[0075] Embodiment 37 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 14-36, wherein R^5, if present, is hydroxy, halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 haloalkoxy, C_3-C_6 cycloalkoxy, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, or C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl.

[0076] Embodiment 38 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 14-36, wherein R^5, if present, is hydroxy, halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 haloalkoxy, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, or C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl.

[0077] Embodiment 39 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 14-36, wherein R^5, if present, is hydroxy, chloro, fluoro, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, 2,2-difluoroethoxy, oxetanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, (methoxy)methyl, (ethoxy)methyl, (methoxy)ethyl, or (ethoxy)ethyl.

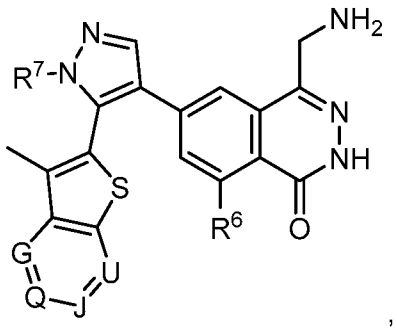
[0078] Embodiment 40 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 14-39, wherein R^7 is methyl.

[0079] Embodiment 41 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 14-39, wherein R^7 is ethyl.

[0080] Embodiment 42 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 14-39, wherein R^7 is propyl (e.g., isopropyl).

[0081] Embodiment 43 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 14-39, wherein R^7 is difluoromethyl or trifluoromethyl.

[0082] Embodiment 44 provides the method according to embodiment 14, wherein the PRMT5 inhibitor is of the formula:



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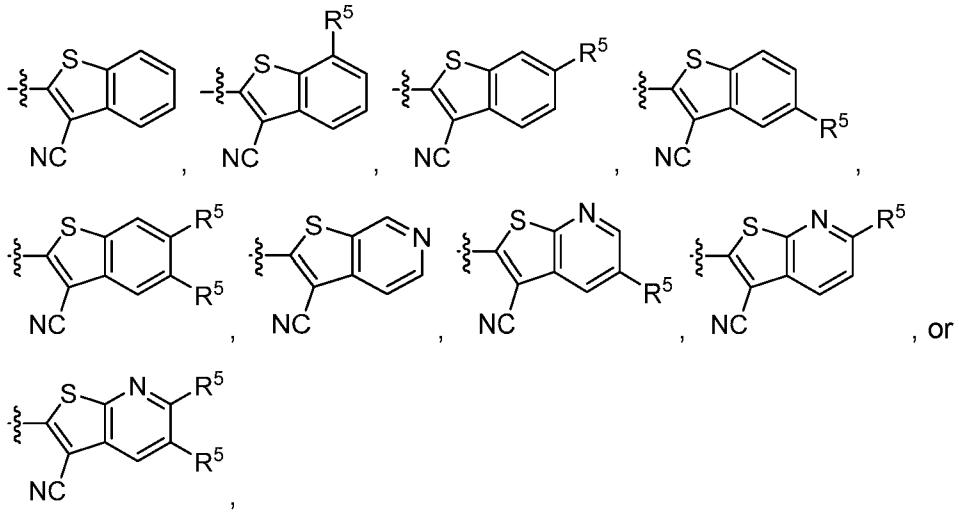
wherein

G, Q, J, and U together with the thiophene to which they are attached form:



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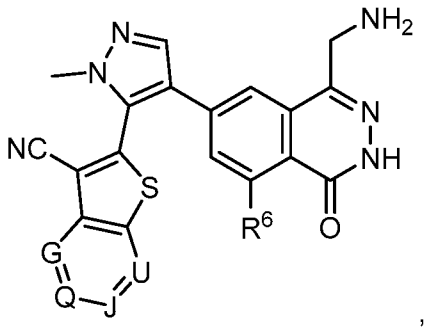
where each R^5 is independently hydroxy, halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 haloalkoxy, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, or C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl; and

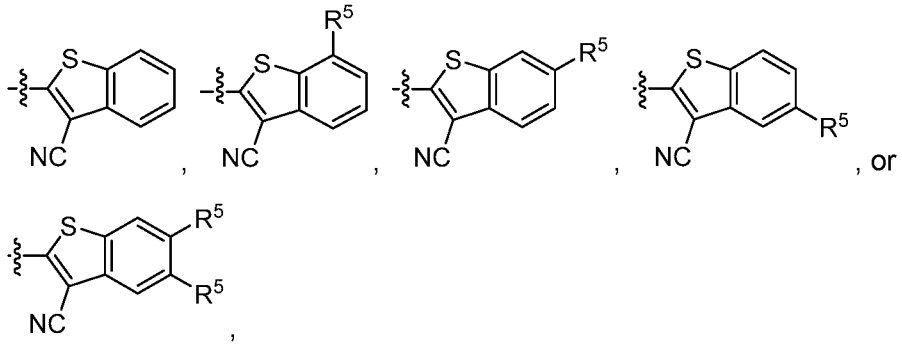
R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, hydroxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, -C(O)-C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, -N(R^9)$_2$, or -NR^{15}(CO)R^{16}.

[0083] Embodiment 45 provides the method according to embodiment 14, wherein the PRMT5 inhibitor is of the formula:



wherein

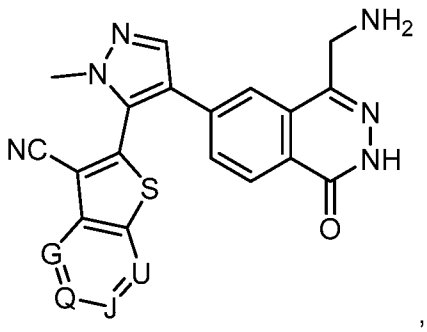
G, Q, J, and U together with the thiophene to which they are attached form:



where each R^5 is independently hydroxy, halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 haloalkoxy, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, or C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl; and

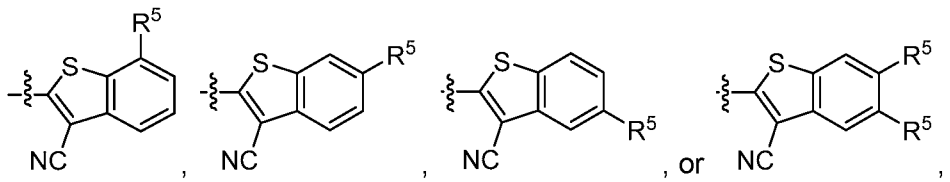
R^6 is halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, hydroxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, -C(O)-C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, -N(R^9)$_2$, or -NR^{15}(CO)R^{16}.

[0084] Embodiment 46 provides the method according to embodiment 14, wherein the PRMT5 inhibitor is of the formula:



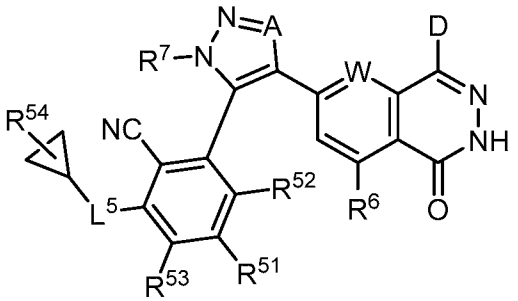
wherein

G, Q, J, and U together with the thiophene to which they are attached form:



where each R^5 is independently hydroxy, halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 haloalkoxy, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, or C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl.

[0085] Embodiment 47 provides the method of the disclosure wherein the PRMT5 inhibotor is a compound of the formula (IIIB):



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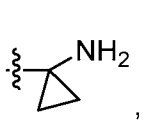
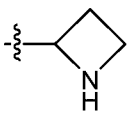
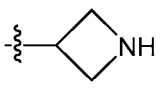
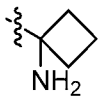
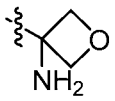
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

A is CR^9 or N;

D is $–CH_2$-NH_2,  ,  ,  ,  , or  ;

W is CR^9 or N, where R^9 is H or C_1-C_3 alkyl;

R^{51} is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, or methyl, or R^{51} and R^{52} together with atoms to which they are attached form a C_4-C_6 heterocycloalkyl (e.g, hydrofuranyl);

R^{52} is fluoro, chloro, or methyl, or R^{52} and R^{53} together with atoms to which they are attached form a phenyl;

R^{53} is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, or methyl;

R^{54} is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, or C_1-C_3 alkoxy;

L^5 is –O– or $–CH_2–$;

R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, hydroxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, -C(O)-C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, or -NR^{15}(CO)R^{16}, where R^{15} is hydrogen or methyl, and R^{16} is C_1-C_3 alkyl;

R^7 is C_1-C_3 alkyl or C_1-C_3 haloalkyl.

[0086] Embodiment 48 provides the method according to embodiment 47, wherein:

A is -CH or -CCH_3;

D is -CH_2-NH_2;

W is -CH, -CCH_3, or N;

R^{51}, R^{52}, R^{53}, and R^{54} are each independently selected from hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, or methyl;

L^5 is -O-;

R^6 is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, or methyl; and

R^7 is C_1-C_2 alkyl or C_1-C_2 haloalkyl.

[0087] Embodiment 49 provides the method according to embodiment 47 or embodiment 48, wherein:

A and W are -CH;

D is -CH_2-NH_2;

R^{51}, R^{52}, and R^{53} are each independently selected from hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, and methyl;

R^{54} is hydrogen;

L^5 is -O-;

R^6 is hydrogen; and

R^7 is methyl.

[0088] Embodiment 50 provides the method according to any of embodiments 47-49, wherein:

A and W are -CH;

D is -CH_2-NH_2;

R^{51} and R^{52} are each independently selected from fluoro, chloro, and methyl;

R^{53} and R^{54} are hydrogen;

L^5 is -O-;

R^6 is hydrogen; and

R^7 is methyl.

[0089] Embodiment 51 provides the method according to embodiment 47, wherein A is CH.

[0090] Embodiment 52 provides the method according to embodiment 47 or 48, wherein W is N.

[0091] Embodiment 53 provides the method according to embodiment 47 or 48, wherein W is CH.

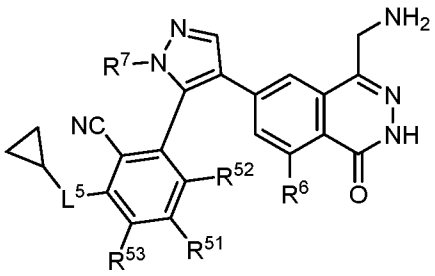
[0092] Embodiment 54 provides the method according to any of embodiments 47-50, wherein D is –CH_2-NH_2.

[0093] Embodiment 55 provides the method according to any of embodiments 47-51, wherein R^{54} is hydrogen or methyl.

[0094] Embodiment 56 provides the method according to any of embodiments 47-51, wherein R^{54} is hydrogen.

[0095] Embodiment 57 provides the method according to any of embodiments 47-51, wherein R^{54} is methyl.

[0096] Embodiment 58 provides the method according to embodiment 47, where the PRMT5 inhibitor is of the formula:



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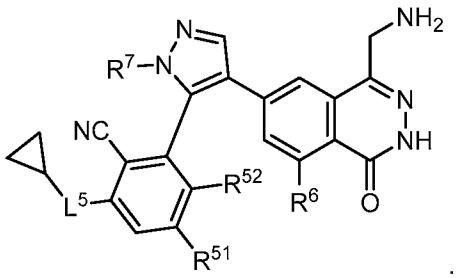

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[0097] Embodiment 59 provides the method according to any of embodiments 47-55, wherein L^5 is – CH_2–.

[0098] Embodiment 60 provides the method according to any of embodiments 47-55, wherein L^5 is –O–.

[0099] Embodiment 61 provides the method according to any of embodiments 47-57, wherein R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, hydroxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, -C(O)-C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, -N(R^9)$_2$, or -NR^{15}(CO)R^{16}; for example, wherein R^6 is hydrogen, chloro, fluoro, methyl, ethyl, difluoromethyl, hydroxy, methoxy, ethoxy, (methoxy)methyl, (ethoxy)methyl, (methoxy)ethyl, (ethoxy)ethyl, oxetanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, -C(O)-difluoromethyl, -NH_2, or -NH(CO)CH_3.

[0100] Embodiment 62 provides the method according to any of embodiments 47-57, wherein R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, or C_1-C_6 alkoxy; for example, R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, or C_1-C_3 alkoxy.

[0101] Embodiment 63 provides the method according to any of embodiments 47-57, wherein R^6 is hydrogen, chloro, fluoro, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, or ethoxy.

[0102] Embodiment 64 provides the method according to any of embodiments 47-57, wherein R^6 is halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, hydroxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, -C(O)-C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, -N(R^9)$_2$, or -NR^{15}(CO)R^{16}; for example, wherein R^6 is chloro, fluoro, methyl, ethyl, difluoromethyl, hydroxy, methoxy,

ethoxy, (methoxy)methyl, (ethoxy)methyl, (methoxy)ethyl, (ethoxy)ethyl, oxetanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, -C(O)-difluoromethyl, $-NH_2$, or $-NH(CO)CH_3$.

[0103] Embodiment 65 provides the method according to any of embodiments 47-57, wherein R^6 is halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, or C_1-C_6 alkoxy; for example, R^6 is halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, or C_1-C_3 alkoxy.

[0104] Embodiment 66 provides the method according to any of embodiments 47-57, wherein R^6 is chloro, fluoro, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, or ethoxy.

[0105] Embodiment 67 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 47-63, wherein R^7 is methyl.

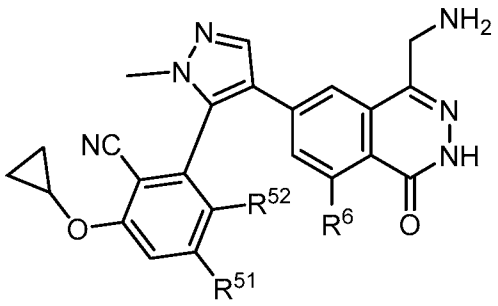
[0106] Embodiment 68 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 47-63, wherein R^7 is ethyl.

[0107] Embodiment 69 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 47-63, wherein R^7 is propyl (e.g., isopropyl).

[0108] Embodiment 70 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 47-63, wherein R^7 is difluoromethyl or trifluoromethyl.

[0109] Embodiment 71 provides the method according to any of embodiments 47-67, wherein R^{53} is hydrogen or methoxy; or wherein R^{53} is hydrogen.

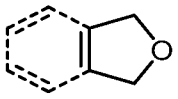
[0110] Embodiment 72 provides the method according to embodiment 47, where the PRMT5 inhibitor is of the formula:

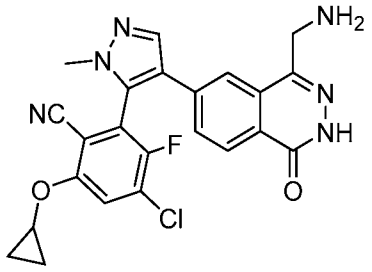


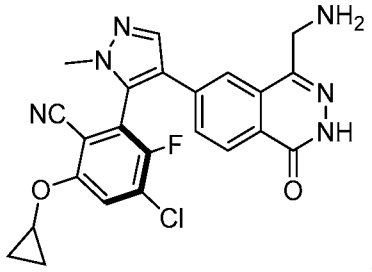
[0111] Embodiment 73 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 47-69, wherein R^{52} is fluoro, and R^{51} is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, or methyl.

[0112] Embodiment 74 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 47-69, wherein R^{52} is fluoro, and R^{51} is chloro.

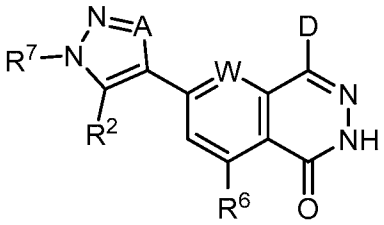
[0113] Embodiment 75 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 47-69, wherein R^{52} is fluoro, and R^{51} is methyl or hydrogen (for example, R^{52} is fluoro and R^{51} is methyl; or R^{52} is fluoro and R^{51} is hydrogen).

[0114] Embodiment 76 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 47-69, wherein R^{51} and R^{52} together with atoms to which they are attached form a hydrofuranyl (e.g., ).

[0115] Embodiment 77 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 47-76, wherein the PRMT5 inhibitor is  .

[0116] Embodiment 78 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 47-77, wherein the PRMT5 inhibitor is  .

[0117] One aspect of the disclosure provides the method wherein the PRMT5 inhibitor is a compound of the formula (IIIA) (Embodiment 79):



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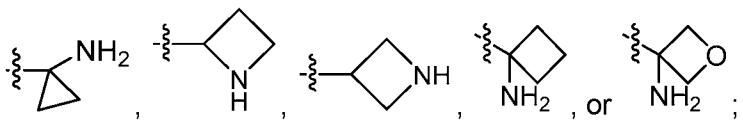
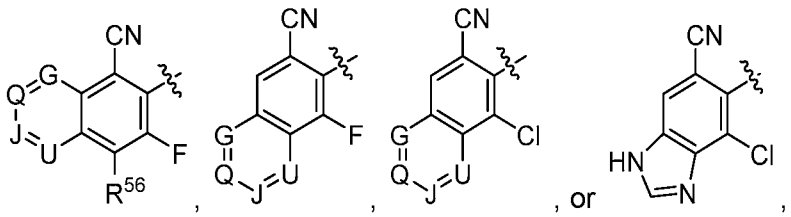
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

A is CR^9 or N;

D is $–CH_2-NH_2$,  ;

W is CR^9 or N, where R^9 is H or C_1-C_3 alkyl;

R^2 is



where R^{56} is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, or methyl,

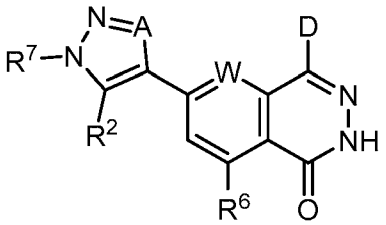
G, Q, J and U are independently selected from C(H), C(R^5), and N, provided only one or two of G, Q, J, and U can be N;

each R^5 is independently hydroxy, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_6 haloalkoxy, C_3-C_6 cycloalkoxy, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, or C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl;

R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, hydroxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, -C(O)-C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, or -NR^{15}(CO)R^{16}, where R^{15} is hydrogen or methyl, and R^{16} is C_1-C_3 alkyl; and

R^7 is C_1-C_3 alkyl or C_1-C_3 haloalkyl.

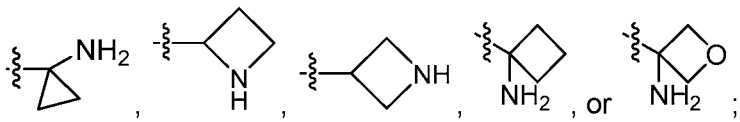
[0118] One aspect of the disclosure provides the method wherein the PRMT5 inhibitor is a compound of the formula (IIIA) (Embodiment 80):



(IIIA)

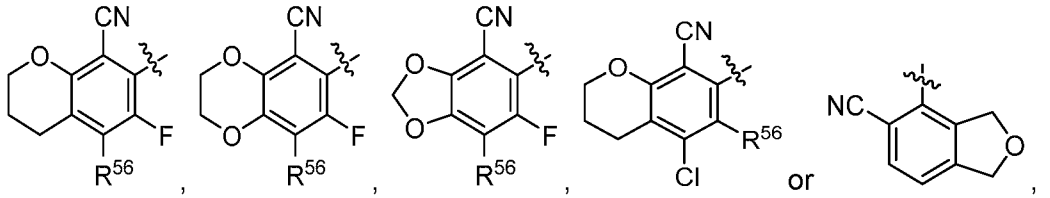
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

A is CR^9 or N;

D is –CH_2-NH_2, 

W is CR^9 or N, where R^9 is H or C_1-C_3 alkyl;

R^2 is



where R^{56} is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, or C_1-C_6 haloalkoxy;

R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, hydroxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, -C(O)-C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, or -$NR^{15}(CO)R^{16}$, where R^{15} is hydrogen or methyl, and R^{16} is C_1-C_3 alkyl; and

R^7 is C_1-C_3 alkyl or C_1-C_3 haloalkyl.

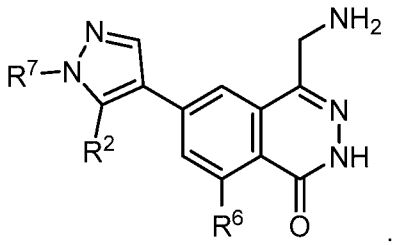
[0119] Embodiment 81 provides the method according to embodiment 79 or 80, wherein A is CH.

[0120] Embodiment 82 provides the method according to embodiment 79 or 80, wherein W is N.

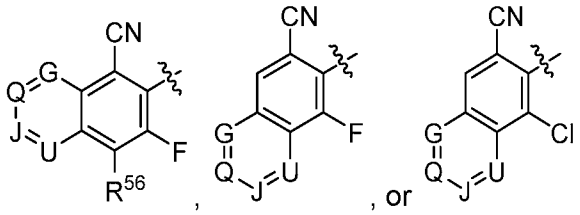
[0121] Embodiment 83 provides the method according to embodiment 79 or 80, wherein W is CH.

[0122] Embodiment 84 provides the method according to any of embodiments 79 or 80, wherein D is $–CH_2$-NH_2.

[0123] Embodiment 85 provides the method according to embodiment 79 or 80, which is of the formula:



[0124] Embodiment 86 provides the method according to embodiment 79 or 81-85, wherein R^2 is



[0125] Embodiment 87 provides the method according to embodiment 86, wherein G, Q, J and U are independently selected from C(H) and C(R^5).

[0126] Embodiment 88 provides the method according to embodiment 86, wherein G, Q, J and U are independently C(H).

[0127] Embodiment 89 provides the method according to embodiment 86, wherein at least one of G, Q, J, and U is C(R^5), and the remaining G, Q, J, and U are independently C(H); for example only one of G, Q, J, and U is C(R^5).

[0128] Embodiment 90 provides the method according to embodiment 86, wherein U is N, and G, Q, and J are independently selected from C(H) and C(R^5).

[0129] Embodiment 91 provides the method according to embodiment 86, wherein G is N, and Q, J, and U are independently selected from C(H) and C(R^5).

[0130] Embodiment 92 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 79 or 81-91, wherein R^5, if present, is hydroxy, halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 haloalkoxy, C_3-C_6 cycloalkoxy, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, or C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl.

[0131] Embodiment 93 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 79 or 81-91, wherein R^5, if present, is hydroxy, halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 haloalkoxy, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, or C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl.

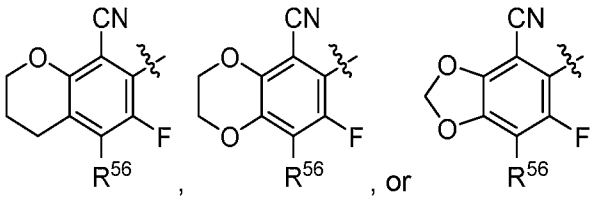
[0132] Embodiment 94 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 79 or 81-91, wherein R^5, if present, is hydroxy, chloro, fluoro, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, 2,2-difluoroethoxy, oxetanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, (methoxy)methyl, (ethoxy)methyl, (methoxy)ethyl, or (ethoxy)ethyl.

[0133] Embodiment 95 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 79 or 81-91, wherein R^5, if present, is halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, or C_1-C_6 alkoxy; for example, R^6 is halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, or C_1-C_3 alkoxy.

[0134] Embodiment 96 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 79 or 81-91, wherein R^5, if present, is chloro, fluoro, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, or ethoxy.

[0135] Embodiment 97 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 79 or 81-91, wherein R^{56} is fluoro, chloro, or methyl.

[0136] Embodiment 98 provides the method according to embodiment 80-85, wherein R^2 is



[0137] Embodiment 99 provides the method according to any of embodiments 80-85 or 98, wherein R^{56} is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, or methyl.

[0138] Embodiment 100 provides the method according to any of embodiments 79-99, wherein R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, hydroxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, -C(O)-C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, -N(R^9)$_2$, or -NR^{15}(CO)R^{16}; for example, wherein R^6 is hydrogen, chloro, fluoro, methyl, ethyl, difluoromethyl, hydroxy,

methoxy, ethoxy, (methoxy)methyl, (ethoxy)methyl, (methoxy)ethyl, (ethoxy)ethyl, oxetanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, -C(O)-difluoromethyl, $-NH_2$, or $-NH(CO)CH_3$.

[0139] Embodiment 101 provides the method according to any of embodiments 79-99, wherein R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, or C_1-C_6 alkoxy; for example, R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, or C_1-C_3 alkoxy.

[0140] Embodiment 102 provides the method according to any of embodiments 79-99, wherein R^6 is hydrogen, chloro, fluoro, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, or ethoxy.

[0141] Embodiment 103 provides the method according to any of embodiments 79-99, wherein R^6 is halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, hydroxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, -C(O)-C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, $-N(R^9)_2$, or $-NR^{15}(CO)R^{16}$; for example, wherein R^6 is chloro, fluoro, methyl, ethyl, difluoromethyl, hydroxy, methoxy, ethoxy, (methoxy)methyl, (ethoxy)methyl, (methoxy)ethyl, (ethoxy)ethyl, oxetanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, -C(O)-difluoromethyl, $-NH_2$, or $-NH(CO)CH_3$.

[0142] Embodiment 104 provides the method according to any of embodiments 79-99, wherein R^6 is halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, or C_1-C_6 alkoxy; for example, R^6 is halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, or C_1-C_3 alkoxy.

[0143] Embodiment 105 provides the method according to any of embodiments 79-99, wherein R^6 is chloro, fluoro, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, or ethoxy.

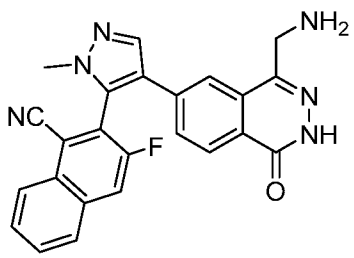
[0144] Embodiment 106 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 79-105, wherein R^7 is methyl.

[0145] Embodiment 107 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 79-105, wherein R^7 is ethyl.

[0146] Embodiment 108 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 79-105, wherein R^7 is propyl (e.g., isopropyl).

[0147] Embodiment 109 provides the method according to any one of embodiments 79-105, wherein R^7 is difluoromethyl or trifluoromethyl.

[0148] In certain embodiments of the methods of the disclosure as described herein, the PRMT5 inhibitor is:



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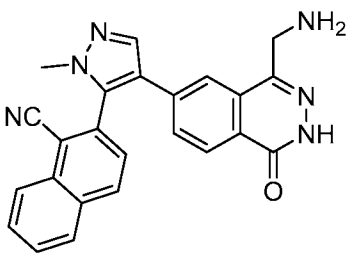

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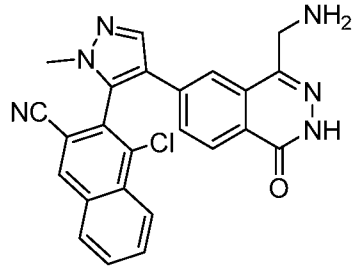
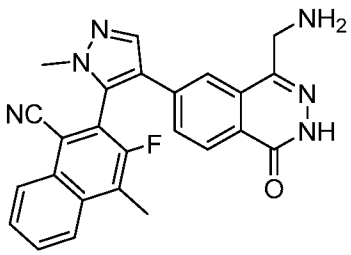
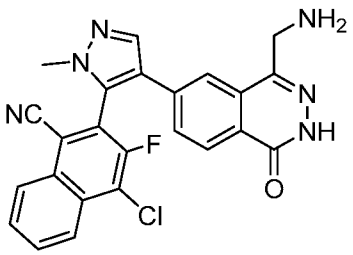
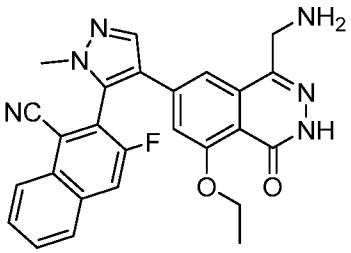
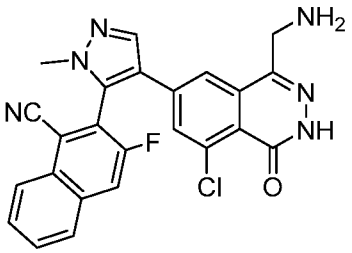
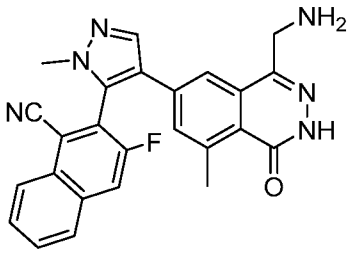
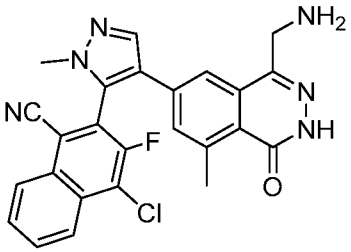
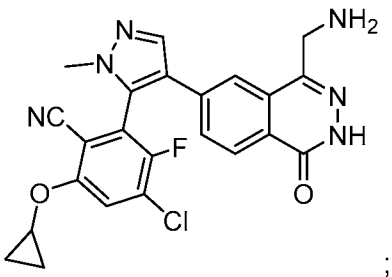
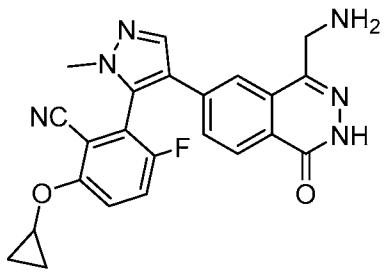
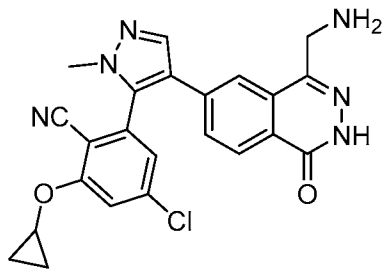
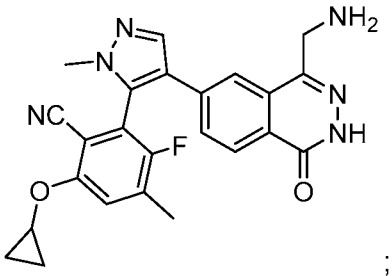
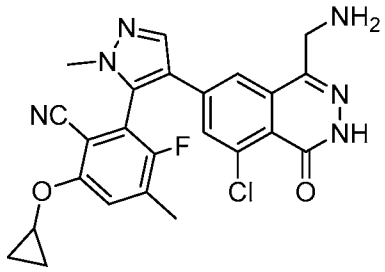
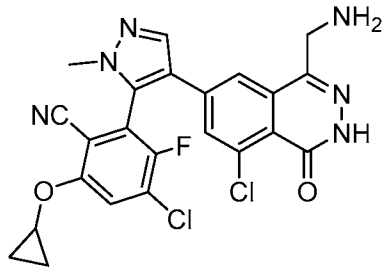








[0149] In certain embodiments of the methods of the disclosure as described herein, the PRMT5 inhibitor is:

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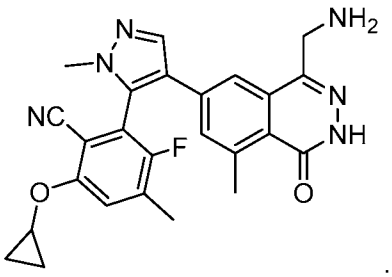

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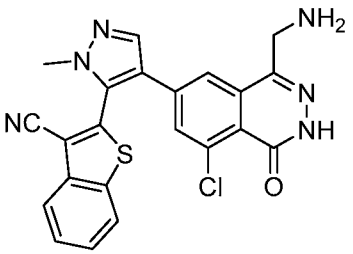
[0150] In certain embodiments of the methods of the disclosure as described herein, the PRMT5 inhibitor is: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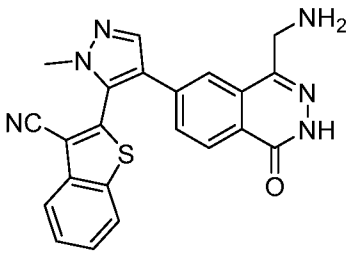
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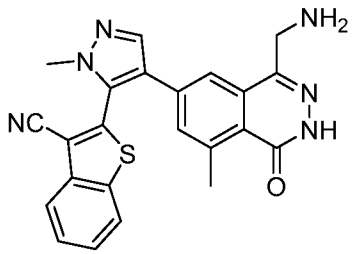
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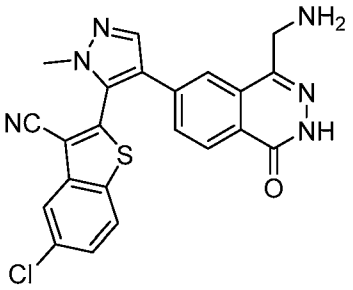
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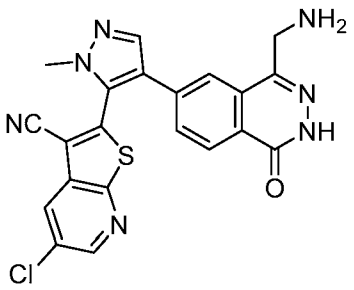
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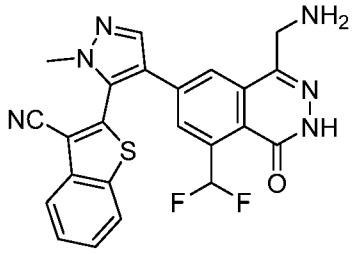
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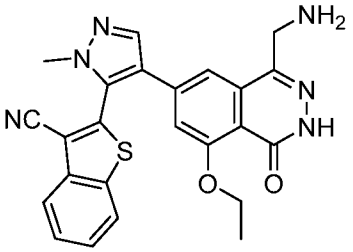
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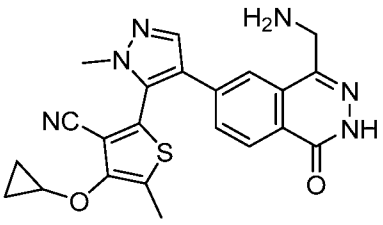
[0151] In certain embodiments of the methods of the disclosure as described herein, the PRMT5 inhibitor is:

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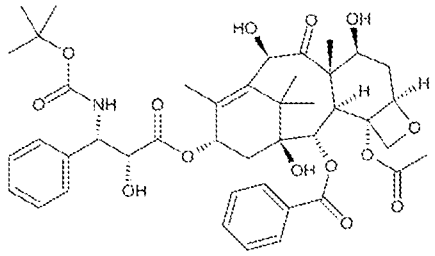
[0152] In an aspect, the present disclosure provides for a method for treating cancer in a subject, the method comprising administering to the subject:

a therapeutically effective amount of docetaxel, wherein docetaxel is:



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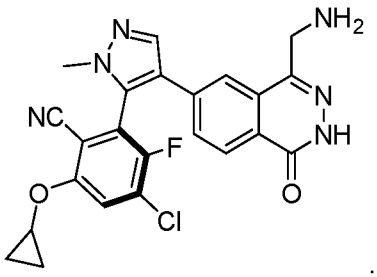
a therapeutically effective amount of a PRMT5 inhibitor of formula:



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[0153] The PRMT5 inhibitor of the disclosure and/or the taxane (e.g., docetaxel) of the disclosure may be provided as a pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of such inhibitor and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient, and/or diluents. The PRMT5 inhibitor of the disclosure and/or the taxane of the disclosure may be formulated by any method well known in the art and may be prepared for administration by any route, including, without limitation, parenteral, oral, sublingual, transdermal, topical, intranasal, intratracheal, or intrarectal.

[0154] The characteristics of the carrier will depend on the route of administration. As used herein, the term "pharmaceutically acceptable" means a non-toxic material that is compatible with a biological system such as a cell, cell culture, tissue, or organism, and that does not interfere with the effectiveness of the biological activity of the active ingredient(s). Thus, pharmaceutical compositions of the disclosure may contain, in addition to the inhibitor, diluents, fillers, salts, buffers, stabilizers, solubilizers, and other materials well known in the art. The preparation of pharmaceutically acceptable formulations is described in, e.g., Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, 18th Edition, ed. A. Gennaro, Mack Publishing Co., Easton, Pa., 1990.

[0155] The PRMT5 inhibitor and taxane of the disclosure are administered in a therapeutically effective amount. As used herein, the phrase "therapeutically effective amount" or "effective amount" refers to the amount of active agent that elicits the biological or medicinal response that is being sought in a tissue, system, subject or human by a researcher, medical doctor or other clinician. In general, the therapeutically effective amount

is sufficient to deliver the biological or medicinal response to the subject without causing serious toxic effects. A dose of the active agent may be in the range from about 1 to 500 mg/m^2 per day, such as 5 to 400 mg/m^2 per day, more generally 10 to 300 mg/m^2 body weight of the recipient per day. A typical topical dosage will range from 0.01 to 10% wt/wt in a suitable carrier.

[0156] In certain embodiments of the methods of the disclosure, the therapeutically effective amount of the PRMT5 inhibitor is in the range of about 0.01 to 300 mg/kg per day. For example, in certain embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount of the PRMT5 inhibitor is in the range of about 0.1 to 100 mg/kg per day, or 25 to 100 mg/kg per day, or 50 to 100 mg/kg per day.

[0157] In certain embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount of the PRMT5 inhibitor is less than 1% of, e.g., less than 10%, or less than 25%, or less than 50% of the clinically-established therapeutic amount (e.g., such as the amount required when the PRMT5 inhibitor is administered by itself).

[0158] In certain embodiments of the methods of the disclosure, the therapeutically effective amount of the taxane is in the range of about 1 to 500 mg/m^2 per day, such as 5 to 400 mg/m^2 per day, more generally 10 to 300 mg/m^2 body weight of the recipient per day. For example, in certain embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount of the taxane is in the range of about 30 to 300 mg/m^2 per day (e.g., 50 to 250 mg/m^2, or 50 to 200 mg/m^2, or 50 to 150 mg/m^2 per day).

[0159] For example, in various embodiments, the taxane may be docetaxel. Accordingly, in certain embodiments of the methods of the disclosure, the therapeutically effective amount of docetaxel is in the range of about 1 to 500 mg/m^2 per day, such as 5 to 400 mg/m^2 per day, more generally 10 to 300 mg/m^2 body weight of the recipient per day. For example, in certain embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount of docetaxel is in the range of about 30 to 300 mg/m^2 per day (e.g., 50 to 250 mg/m^2, or 50 to 200 mg/m^2, or 50 to 150 mg/m^2 per day).

[0160] In certain embodiments, the therapeutically effective amount of docetaxel inhibitor is less than 1% of, e.g., less than 10%, or less than 25%, or less than 50%, or less than 75% of the clinically-established therapeutic amount (e.g., such as the amount required when docetaxel is administered by itself).

[0161] Combination therapy, in defining use of PRMT5 inhibitor and the taxane (e.g., docetaxel) of the present disclosure, is intended to embrace administration of each agent in a sequential manner in a regimen that will provide beneficial effects of the drug combination (e.g., the PRMT5 inhibitor and the taxane of the disclosure can be formulated as separate

compositions that are given sequentially), and is intended as well to embrace co-administration of these agents in a substantially simultaneous manner, such as in a single dosage form having a fixed ratio of these active agents or in multiple or a separate dosage forms for each agent. The disclosure is not limited in the sequence of administration: the PRMT5 inhibitor of the disclosure may be administered either prior to or after (i.e., sequentially), or at the same time (i.e., simultaneously) as administration of the taxane of the disclosure.

[0162] The methods of disclosure are useful as a first-line treatment. Thus, in certain embodiments of the methods of the disclosure, the subject has not previously received another first-line of therapy.

[0163] The methods of disclosure are also useful as a first-line maintenance or a second-line treatment. Thus, in certain embodiments of the methods of the disclosure, the subject has previously completed another first-line of therapy. For example, the methods of the disclosure, in certain embodiments, may provide a delay in progression and relapse of cancer in subjects that have previously completed another first-line chemotherapy. For example, in certain embodiments, the subject has previously completed a platinum- and/or taxane-based chemotherapy (e.g., FOLFIRINOX, carboplatin, cisplatin, oxaliplatin, paclitaxel, docetaxel, and the like). In certain embodiments of the methods of the disclosure, the subject has previously completed another first-line chemotherapy and is in partial response to such chemotherapy.

Definitions

[0164] For simplicity, chemical moieties are defined and referred to throughout primarily as univalent chemical moieties (e.g., alkyl, aryl, etc.). Nevertheless, such terms may also be used to convey corresponding multivalent moieties under the appropriate structural circumstances clear to those skilled in the art. For example, while an “alkyl” moiety generally refers to a monovalent radical (e.g. CH_3-CH_2-), in certain circumstances a bivalent linking moiety can be “alkyl,” in which case those skilled in the art will understand the alkyl to be a divalent radical (e.g., -CH_2-CH_2-), which is equivalent to the term “alkylene.” Similarly, in circumstances in which a divalent moiety is required and is stated as being “aryl,” those skilled in the art will understand that the term “aryl” refers to the corresponding divalent moiety, arylene. All atoms are understood to have their normal number of valences for bond formation (i.e., 4 for carbon, 3 for N, 2 for O, and 2, 4, or 6 for S, depending on the oxidation state of the S).

[0165] The term “amino” refers to -NH_2.

[0166] The term “acetyl” refers to “-C(O)CH_3.

[0167] As herein employed, the term "acyl" refers to an alkylcarbonyl or arylcarbonyl substituent wherein the alkyl and aryl portions are as defined herein.

[0168] The term "alkyl" as employed herein refers to saturated straight and branched chain aliphatic groups having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms. As such, “alkyl” encompasses C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6, C_7, C_8, C_9, C_{10}, C_{11} and C_{12} groups. Examples of alkyl groups include, without limitation, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, pentyl, and hexyl.

[0169] The term "alkenyl" as used herein means an unsaturated straight or branched chain aliphatic group with one or more carbon-carbon double bonds, having from 2 to 12 carbon atoms. As such, “alkenyl” encompasses C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6, C_7, C_8, C_9, C_{10}, C_{11} and C_{12} groups. Examples of alkenyl groups include, without limitation, ethenyl, propenyl, butenyl, pentenyl, and hexenyl.

[0170] The term "alkynyl" as used herein means an unsaturated straight or branched chain aliphatic group with one or more carbon-carbon triple bonds, having from 2 to 12 carbon atoms. As such, “alkynyl” encompasses C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6, C_7, C_8, C_9, C_{10}, C_{11} and C_{12} groups. Examples of alkynyl groups include, without limitation, ethynyl, propynyl, butynyl, pentynyl, and hexynyl.

[0171] An "alkylene," "alkenylene," or "alkynylene" group is an alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl group, as defined hereinabove, that is positioned between and serves to connect two other chemical groups. Examples of alkylene groups include, without limitation, methylene, ethylene, propylene, and butylene. Exemplary alkenylene groups include, without limitation, ethenylene, propenylene, and butenylene. Exemplary alkynylene groups include, without limitation, ethynylene, propynylene, and butynylene.

[0172] The term “alkoxy” refers to –OC_1-C_6 alkyl.

[0173] The term "cycloalkyl" as employed herein is a saturated and partially unsaturated cyclic hydrocarbon group having 3 to 12 carbons. As such, “cycloalkyl” includes C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6, C_7, C_8, C_9, C_{10}, C_{11} and C_{12} cyclic hydrocarbon groups. Examples of cycloalkyl groups include, without limitation, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclopentenyl, cyclohexyl, cyclohexenyl, cycloheptyl, and cyclooctyl.

[0174] The term "heteroalkyl" refers to an alkyl group, as defined hereinabove, wherein one or more carbon atoms in the chain are independently replaced O, S, or NR^x, wherein R^x is hydrogen or C_1-C_3 alkyl. Examples of heteroalkyl groups include methoxymethyl, methoxyethyl and methoxypropyl.

[0175] An "aryl" group is a C_6-C_{14} aromatic moiety comprising one to three aromatic rings. As such, “aryl” includes C_6, C_{10}, C_{13}, and C_{14} cyclic hydrocarbon groups. An exemplary aryl group is a C_6-C_{10} aryl group. Particular aryl groups include, without limitation, phenyl, naphthyl, anthracenyl, and fluorenyl. An “aryl” group also includes fused multicyclic (*e.g.*, bicyclic) ring systems in which one or more of the fused rings is non-aromatic, provided that at least one ring is aromatic, such as indenyl.

[0176] An "aralkyl" or "arylalkyl" group comprises an aryl group covalently linked to an alkyl group wherein the moiety is linked to another group via the alkyl moiety. An exemplary aralkyl group is –(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_6-C_{10})aryl, including, without limitation, benzyl, phenethyl, and naphthylmethyl. For example, an arC_1-C_3alkyl is an aryl group covalently linked to a C_1-C_3 alkyl.

[0177] A "heterocyclyl" or "heterocyclic" group is a mono- or bicyclic (fused or spiro) ring structure having from 3 to 12 atoms, (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12 atoms), for example 4 to 8 atoms, wherein one or more ring atoms are independently -C(O)-, N, NR^4, O, or S, and the remainder of the ring atoms are quaternary or carbonyl carbons. Examples of heterocyclic groups include, without limitation, epoxy, oxiranyl, oxetanyl, azetidinyl, aziridinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydropyranyl, tetrahydrothiophenyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, imidazolidinyl, thiazolidinyl, thiatanyl, dithianyl, trithianyl, azathianyl, oxathianyl, dioxolanyl, oxazolidinyl, oxazolidinonyl, decahydroquinolinyl, piperidonyl, 4-piperidonyl, thiomorpholinyl, dimethyl-morpholinyl, and morpholinyl. Specifically excluded from the scope of this term are compounds having adjacent ring O and/or S atoms.

[0178] As used herein, “L-heterocyclyl” refers to a heterocyclyl group covalently linked to another group via an alkylene linker.

[0179] As used herein, the term "heteroaryl" refers to a group having 5 to 14 ring atoms, preferably 5, 6, 10, 13 or 14 ring atoms; having 6, 10, or 14 π electrons shared in a cyclic array; and having, in addition to carbon atoms, from one to three heteroatoms that are each independently N, O, or S. Heteroaryl also includes fused multicyclic (*e.g.*, bicyclic) ring systems in which one or more of the fused rings is non-aromatic, provided that at least one ring is aromatic and at least one ring contains an N, O, or S ring atom. Examples of heteroaryl groups include acridinyl, azocinyl, benzimidazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzo[d]oxazol-2(3H)-one, 2*H*-benzo[b][1,4]oxazin-3(4H)-one, benzothiofuranyl, benzothiophenyl, benzoxazolyl, benzthiazolyl, benztriazolyl, benztetrazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzisothiazolyl, benzimidazolinyl, carbazolyl, 4a*H*-carbazolyl, carbolinyl, chromanyl, chromenyl, cinnolinyl, furanyl, furazanyl, imidazolinyl, imidazolyl, 1*H*-indazolyl, indolenyl, indolinyl, indolizinyl, indolyl, 3*H*-indolyl, isobenzofuranyl, isochromanyl, isoindazolyl, isoindolinyl, isoindolyl,

isoquinolinyl, isothiazolyl, isoxazolyl, naphthyridinyl, octahydroisoquinolinyl, oxadiazolyl, 1,2,3-oxadiazolyl, 1,2,4-oxadiazolyl, 1,2,5-oxadiazolyl, 1,3,4-oxadiazolyl, oxazolidinyl, oxazolyl, oxazolidinyl, pyrimidinyl, phenanthridinyl, phenanthrolinyl, phenazinyl, phenothiazinyl, phenoxathiinyl, phenoxazinyl, phthalazinyl, piperonyl, pteridinyl, purinyl, pyranyl, pyrazinyl, pyrazolidinyl, pyrazolinyl, pyrazolyl, pyridazinyl, pyridooxazole, pyridoimidazole, pyridothiazole, pyridinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrrolinyl, 2*H*-pyrrolyl, pyrrolyl, quinazolinyl, quinolinyl, 4*H*-quinolizinyl, quinoxalinyl, quinuclidinyl, tetrahydroisoquinolinyl, tetrahydroquinolinyl, tetrazolyl, 6*H*-1,2,5-thiadiazinyl, 1,2,3-thiadiazolyl, 1,2,4-thiadiazolyl, 1,2,5-thiadiazolyl, 1,3,4-thiadiazolyl, thianthrenyl, thiazolyl, thienyl, thienothiazolyl, thienooxazolyl, thienoimidazolyl, thiophenyl, triazinyl, 1,2,3-triazolyl, 1,2,4-triazolyl, 1,2,5-triazolyl, 1,3,4-triazolyl, and xanthenyl.

[0180] A "L-heteroaralkyl" or "L-heteroarylalkyl" group comprises a heteroaryl group covalently linked to another group via an alkylene linker. Examples of heteroalkyl groups comprise a C_1- C_6 alkyl group and a heteroaryl group having 5, 6, 9, or 10 ring atoms. Examples of heteroaralkyl groups include pyridylmethyl, pyridylethyl, pyrrolylmethyl, pyrrolylethyl, imidazolylmethyl, imidazolylethyl, thiazolylmethyl, thiazolylethyl, benzimidazolylmethyl, benzimidazolylethyl quinazolinylmethyl, quinolinylmethyl, quinolinylethyl, benzofuranylmethyl, indolinylethyl isoquinolinylmethyl, isoinodylmethyl, cinnolinylmethyl, and benzothiophenylethyl. Specifically excluded from the scope of this term are compounds having adjacent ring O and/or S atoms.

[0181] An "arylene," "heteroarylene," or "heterocyclylene" group is a bivalent aryl, heteroaryl, or heterocyclyl group, respectively, as defined hereinabove, that is positioned between and serves to connect two other chemical groups.

[0182] As employed herein, when a moiety (e.g., cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, urea, etc.) is described as “optionally substituted” without expressly stating the substituents it is meant that the group optionally has from one to four, preferably from one to three, more preferably one or two, non-hydrogen substituents.

[0183] The term "halogen" or "halo" as employed herein refers to chlorine, bromine, fluorine, or iodine.

[0184] The term “haloalkyl” refers to an alkyl chain in which one or more hydrogens have been replaced by a halogen. Exemplary haloalkyls are trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, flurochloromethyl, chloromethyl, and fluoromethyl.

[0185] The term “hydroxyalkyl” refers to -alkylene-OH.

EXAMPLES

[0186] The methods of the disclosure are illustrated further by the following examples, which is not to be construed as limiting the disclosure in scope or spirit to the specific procedures and compounds described in them.

Study Design:

[0187] The PRMT5 inhibitors of the disclosure demonstrate selective activity in *MTAP*-deleted cancers by binding to and further inhibiting PRMT5 when bound to the intracellular metabolite MTA. As noted above, MTAP is an enzyme in the methionine salvage pathway and its deletion in cancer cells leads to the accumulation of MTA in these cells. PRMT5 is an essential enzyme required for cell viability and, as such, the PRMT5 inhibitors of the disclosure represent a novel approach to selectively treat *MTAP*-deleted cancers.

[0188] A single mutation will likely not cause cancer—most often, it is multiple mutations that are responsible for developing cancer. The inventors found the treatment of certain cancers with PRMT5 inhibitors improved with the use of combination therapies. Particularly, the inventors surprisingly found that a combination therapy of PRMT5 inhibitor and the taxane (e.g., docetaxel) provides greater antitumor activity compared to either inhibitor alone.

Study Procedure:

[0189] Immunodeficient female nu/nu or BALBC/ Nude mice were subcutaneously implanted with 3 $x10^6$ to $1x10^7$ human derived cancer cells depending on the cell line xenograft model. Tumors were measured using calipers until they reached approximately 100 – 150 mm^3. Animals were randomized to receive A) vehicle (0.5% methylcellulose (4000 cps) / 0.2% Tween80 in water), B) a PRMT5 inhibitor, C) docetaxel, or D) the PRMT5 inhibitor and docetaxel, administered in accordance with the indicated route, schedule and treatment duration. Tumor volume was measured twice a week (n=5 / treatment group). Average tumor volume and standard error of the mean was calculated and plotted at each study day in GraphPad.

Example 1

[0190] This example was carried out according to the study procedure described above. The PRMT5 inhibitor was MRTX1719 administered at 100 mg/kg once a day (QD). MRTX1719 is (2M)-2-(4-(4-(aminomethyl)-1-oxo-1,2-dihydrophthalazin-6-yl)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)-4-chloro-6-cyclopropoxy-3-fluorobenzonitrile, disclosed as Example 16-8 at p. 307 of the International patent publication No. WO 2021/050915 A1, published 18 March 2021, incorporated by reference in its entirety.

[0191] The docetaxel used in this example was supplied by Selleck Chemicals, Cat #S1148, Lot 6.

[0192] Results are provided in Figure 1 and Table 1. The combination of MRTX1719 and docetaxel led to greater antitumor activity, as measured by change in tumor volume over time, compared to either compound alone in this NCI-H1650 model.

Table 1.

Group	Tumor Volume (mm^3)							
	Day	0	3	7	10	14	17	20
Vehicle (PO QD)	Mean	147	264	473	685	971	1210	1361
	SEM	12	19	54	58	97	96	131
MRTX1719 (100 mg/kg PO QD)	Mean	146	231	471	599	625	711	635
	SEM	11	15	38	66	80	104	107
Docetaxel (10 mg/kg IP Q7D)	Mean	147	291	425	660	710	770	826
	SEM	7	39	51	75	72	104	103
MRTX1719 (100 mg PO BID) + Docetaxel (10 mg/kg IP Q7D)	Mean	147	311	329	360	269	277	276
	SEM	7	32	28	36	89	131	190

Example 2

[0193] Substantially the same procedure as Example 1 was repeated except with mice bearing NCI-H2228 xenograft tumors. The results are shown in Figure 2 and Table 2.

Table 2.

Group	Tumor Volume (mm^3)									
	Day	0	3	6	9	13	16	20	23	27
Vehicle (PO QD)	Mean	121	143	173	263	369	423	507	570	597
	SEM	9	9	13	19	30	35	57	58	71
MRTX1719 (100 mg/kg PO QD)	Mean	121	136	108	106	99	88	54	52	36
	SEM	10	12	8	7	12	10	7	7	5
Docetaxel (10 mg/kg IP Q7D)	Mean	121	100	73	76	68	42	15	10	12
	SEM	8	5	3	2	9	11	7	6	8
MRTX1719 (100 mg PO QD) + Docetaxel (10 mg/kg IP Q7D)	Mean	121	87	67	54	44	43	15	12	6
	SEM	9	5	4	3	7	7	10	7	6

Example 3

[0194] Substantially the same procedure as Example 1 was repeated except with mice bearing A549 xenograft tumors. The results are shown in Figure 3 and Table 3.

Table 3.

Group	Tumor Volume (mm^3)										
	Day	1	5	8	12	15	19	22	26	29	34
Vehicle (PO QD)	Mean	119	157	214	240	300	354	378	506	567	726
	SEM	9	18	31	37	52	71	78	124	156	271
MRTX1719 (100 mg/kg PO QD)	Mean	118	136	169	200	210	214	221	263	288	325
	SEM	9	15	24	29	34	36	38	49	52	57
Docetaxel (15 mg/kg IP Q7D)	Mean	118	128	156	160	169	167	163	162	189	239
	SEM	9	12	9	9	11	19	21	23	29	9
MRTX1719 (100 mg PO QD) + Docetaxel (15 mg/kg IP Q7D)	Mean	119	138	171	184	190	195	201	186	191	221
	SEM	9	15	25	26	29	33	33	34	32	28

Example 4

[0195] Substantially the same procedure as Example 1 was repeated except with mice bearing HCC4006 xenograft tumors. The results are shown in Figure 4 and Table 4.

Table 4.

Group	Tumor Volume (mm^3)							
	Day	0	2	5	9	12	16	20
Vehicle (PO QD)	Mean	126	168	188	209	248	278	297
	SEM	6	9	16	15	18	15	14
MRTX1719 (100 mg/kg PO QD)	Mean	126	150	159	154	156	159	78
	SEM	7	12	12	13	10	11	7
Docetaxel (10 mg/kg IP Q7D)	Mean	126	151	139	140	150	143	137
	SEM	7	11	21	32	38	32	32
MRTX1719 (100 mg PO QD) + Docetaxel (10 mg/kg IP Q7D)	Mean	126	181	184	115	102	67	47
	SEM	7	18	19	12	8	6	6

Example 5

[0196] Substantially the same procedure as Example 1 was repeated except with mice bearing SW1573 xenograft tumors. The results are shown in Figure 5 and Table 5.

Table 5.

Group	Tumor Volume (mm^3)							
	Day	0	3	8	10	14	17	21
Vehicle (PO QD)	Mean	145	182	273	355	471	590	727
	SEM	12	9	27	42	57	87	121
MRTX1719 (50 mg/kg PO QD)	Mean	138	163	259	324	375	437	547
	SEM	9	19	40	46	55	72	117
Docetaxel (15 mg/kg IP Q7D)	Mean	141	148	191	231	281	302	352
	SEM	10	12	16	26	41	49	41
MRTX1719 (50 mg PO QD) + Docetaxel (15 mg/kg IP Q7D)	Mean	144	174	204	228	269	275	282
	SEM	11	19	29	39	56	59	62

Example 6

[0197] Substantially the same procedure of Example 1 was repeated except with mice bearing LU99 xenograft tumors. The results are shown in Figure 6 and Table 6.

Table 6.

Group	Tumor Volume (mm^3)								
	Day	0	5	8	12	15	20	22	26
Vehicle (PO QD)	Mean	152	180	304	545	718	1140	1237	1548
	SEM	12	19	52	100	133	193	162	217
MRTX1719 (50 mg/kg PO QD)	Mean	153	135	145	164	163	167	176	203
	SEM	13	18	20	25	28	30	34	42
Docetaxel (15 mg/kg IP Q7D)	Mean	153	184	299	459	757	1057	1255	1722
	SEM	8	13	38	75	108	155	170	232
MRTX1719 (50 mg PO QD) + Docetaxel (15 mg/kg IP Q7D)	Mean	153	147	133	127	130	132	135	160
	SEM	9	12	13	13	12	13	16	20

Example 7

[0198] Substantially the same procedure of Example 1 was repeated except with mice bearing MIAPaCa-2 xenograft tumors. The results are shown in Figure 7 and Table 7.

Table 7.

Group	Tumor Volume (mm^3)							
	Day	1	5	8	13	16	19	22
Vehicle (PO QD)	Mean	137	197	289	307	331	408	507
	SEM	11	13	27	28	32	47	90
MRTX1719 (100 mg/kg PO QD)	Mean	132	190	270	312	351	378	402
	SEM	10	12	23	22	16	24	25
Docetaxel (15 mg/kg IP Q7D)	Mean	133	187	243	268	315	375	415
	SEM	9	11	26	25	28	37	43
MRTX1719 (100 mg PO QD) + Docetaxel (15 mg/kg IP Q7D)	Mean	135	159	175	122	147	155	171
	SEM	9	14	22	15	27	27	32

Example 8

[0199] Substantially the same procedure of Example 1 was repeated except with mice bearing KP4 xenograft tumors. The results are shown in Figure 8 and Table 8.

Table 8.

Group	Tumor Volume (mm^3)											
	Day	0	5	7	11	14	19	21	25	28	32	35
Vehicle (PO QD)	Mean	144	308	424	849	1159	1384	1471				
	SEM	12	48	51	132	152	78	97				
MRTX1719 (100 mg/kg PO QD)	Mean	144	285	419	629	766	928	1151				
	SEM	9	23	48	65	124	187	244				
Docetaxel (15 mg/kg IP Q7D)	Mean	144	121	105	90	82	126	272	482	592	785	895
	SEM	9	12	13	17	17	49	113	150	171	215	219
MRTX1719 (100 mg PO QD) + Docetaxel (15 mg/kg IP Q7D)	Mean	145	123	81	62	31	18	13	13	13	18	25
	SEM	11	9	4	1	5	3	5	4	4	6	8

[0200] Without wishing to be bound by theory, the present inventors have observed that PRMT5 inhibition, such as by PRMT5 inhibitors as otherwise described herein, likely induce cell death in cancerous tissues through DNA damage. Accordingly, it was hypothesized that

the provision of an additional chemotherapeutic agent that also functions to damage DNA, but in a complementary or orthogonal fashion to PRMT5, may serve to enhance the therapeutic effect. In certain embodiments, for example, docetaxel was administered in combination with PRMT5 inhibitors. As disclosed herein, the combination was surprisingly found to effectively inhibit tumor volume in a synergistic fashion.

[0201] It is understood that the examples and embodiments described herein are for illustrative purposes only and that various modifications or changes in light thereof will be suggested to persons skilled in the art and are to be incorporated within the spirit and purview of this application and scope of the appended claims. All publications, patents, and patent applications cited herein are hereby incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

What is claimed is:

1. A method for treating cancer in a subject, the method comprising:
administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of a taxane and a therapeutically effective amount of a protein arginine N-methyl transferase 5 (PRMT5) inhibitor.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the cancer comprises methylthioadenosine phosphorylase (*MTAP*) gene homozygous deletion.

3. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein the cancer further comprise a cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor 2A (*CDKN2A*) gene homozygous deletion.

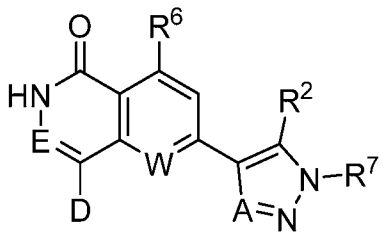
4. The method of any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the cancer is lung cancer, pancreatic cancer, colon cancer, head and neck cancer, esophageal cancer, or melanoma.

5. The method of any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the cancer is lung cancer, pancreatic cancer, head and neck cancer, bladder cancer, esophageal cancer, lymphoma, stomach cancer, skin cancer, breast cancer, brain cancer, liver cancer, and colon cancer.

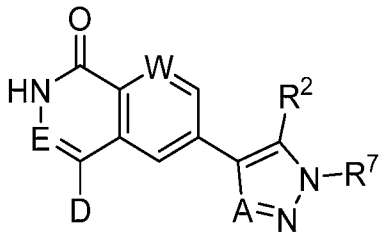
6. The method of any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the cancer is lung cancer (e.g., mesothelioma or non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) including adenocarcinoma and squamous cell), pancreatic cancer, head and neck cancer, bladder cancer, esophageal cancer, lymphoma (e.g., diffuse large B-cell lymphoma), stomach cancer, melanoma, breast cancer, and brain cancer (e.g., glioblastoma multiforme and glioma).

7. The method of any of claims 1 to 6, wherein the PRMT5 inhibitor is a methylthioadenosine (MTA)-cooperative PRMT5 inhibitor.

8. The method of any of claims 1 to 7, wherein the PRMT5 inhibitor is compound of Formula IIA, IIB or IIC:



Formula IIA



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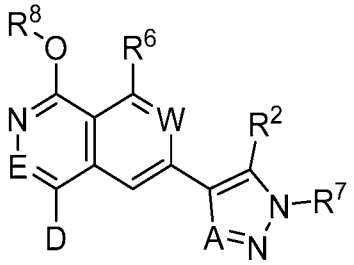
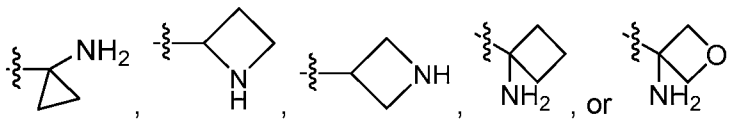
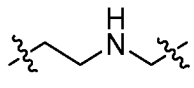


Formula IIC

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

A is CR^9 or N;

D is $(C(R^9)_2)_{1\text{-}2}\text{-}NH_2$,  ; or D is  where the methylene is bonded to E where E is C;

E is C, CR^9 or N;

each L is independently a bond or C_1-C_3 alkylene;

W is CR^9 or N;

each X is independently a bond, O, S, $-NR^4-$ or $-NR^4C(O)-$;

each Z is independently a bond, -SO-, $-SO_2-$, -CH(OH)- or -C(O)-;

each R^2 is independently hydroxy, halogen, cyano, cyanomethyl, $-(NR^4)_2$, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, $-SO_2C_1$-C_3alkyl, -X-(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-aryl, heteroalkyl, C_2-C_4 alkynyl, -X-haloalkyl, -X-C_1-C_5 alkyl, -Z-C_1-C_5 alkyl, heterocyclyl, -X-L-cycloalkyl, -Z-cycloalkyl, -X-aryl, -Z-aryl, or -X-heteroaryl, wherein the heterocyclyl, the cycloalkyl, the aryl and the heteroaryl are optionally substituted with one or more R^5;

each R^4 is independently hydrogen or C_1-C_3 alkyl;

each R^5 is independently cyano, oxo, halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxy-C_1-C_3 alkyl, -X-haloalkyl, -Z-cycloalkyl, X-(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-aryl, X-(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-aryl substituted with cyano, -X-L-cycloalkyl optionally substituted with C_1-C_3 alkyl or oxo, -X-L-heteroaryl optionally substituted with one or more C_1-C_3 alkyl or oxo, -X-L-heterocyclyl optionally substituted with one or more C_1-C_3 alkyl or oxo, or -X-aryl;

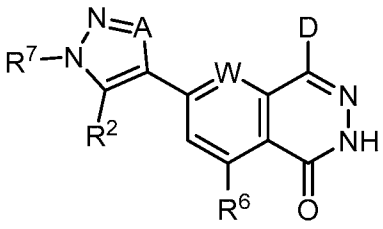
R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, C_1-C_3 alkyl-alkoxy, $N(R^9)_2$, $NR^9C(O)R^9$, $C(O)R^9$, oxetane and THF;

R^7 is H or C_1-C_3 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen;

R^8 is H or C_1-C_3 alkyl; and

each R^9 is independently H or C_1-C_3 alkyl, halogen or haloalkyl.

9. The method of any of claims 1 to 8, wherein the PRMT5 inhibitor is compound of Formula IIIA:



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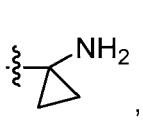
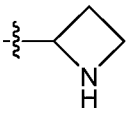
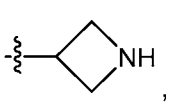
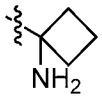
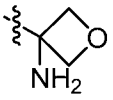
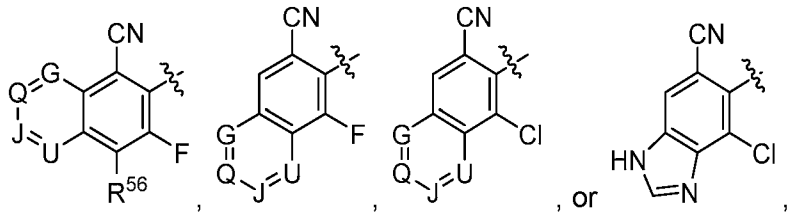
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

A is CR^9 or N;

D is $-CH_2-NH_2$,  ,  ,  ,  , or  ;

W is CR^9 or N, where R^9 is H or C_1-C_3 alkyl;

R^2 is



where R^{56} is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, or methyl,

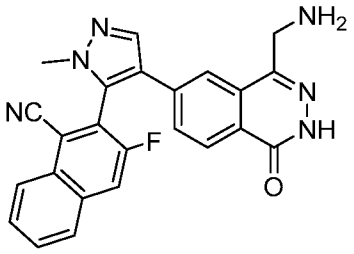
G, Q, J and U are independently selected from C(H), C(R^5), and N, provided only one or two of G, Q, J, and U can be N;

each R^5 is independently hydroxy, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_6 haloalkoxy, C_3-C_6 cycloalkoxy, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, or C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl;

R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, hydroxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, -C(O)-C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, or -NR^{15}(CO)R^{16}, where R^{15} is hydrogen or methyl, and R^{16} is C_1-C_3 alkyl; and

R^7 is C_1-C_3 alkyl or C_1-C_3 haloalkyl.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the PRMT5 inhibitor is:



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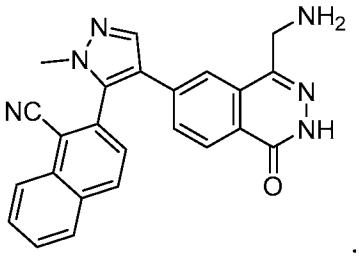

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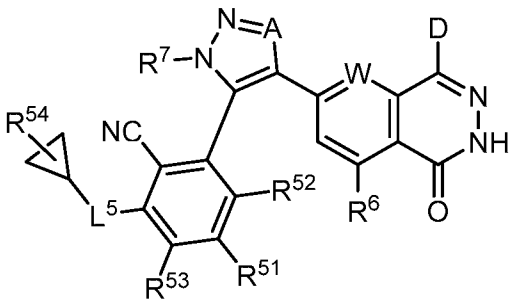
11. The method of any of claims 1 to 10, wherein the PRMT5 inhibitor is compound of Formula IIIB:



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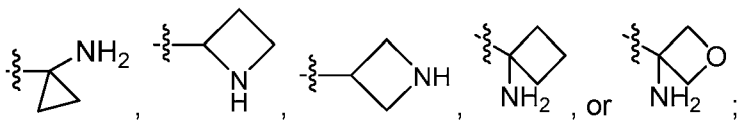
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

A is CR^9 or N;

D is $–CH_2-NH_2$, 

, or ;

W is CR^9 or N, where R^9 is H or C_1-C_3 alkyl;

R^{51} is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, or methyl, or R^{51} and R^{52} together with atoms to which they are attached form a C_4-C_6 heterocycloalkyl (e.g., hydrofuranyl);

R^{52} is fluoro, chloro, or methyl, or R^{52} and R^{53} together with atoms to which they are attached form a phenyl;

R^{53} is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, or methyl;

R^{54} is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_3 alkyl, or C_1-C_3 alkoxy;

L^5 is –O– or $–CH_2–$;

R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, hydroxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, -C(O)-C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, or $-NR^{15}(CO)R^{16}$, where R^{15} is hydrogen or methyl, and R^{16} is C_1-C_3 alkyl;

R^7 is C_1-C_3 alkyl or C_1-C_3 haloalkyl.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein:

A is -CH or -CCH_3;

D is -CH_2-NH_2;

W is -CH, -CCH_3, or N;

R^{51}, R^{52}, R^{53}, and R^{54} are each independently selected from hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, or methyl;

L^5 is -O-;

R^6 is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, or methyl; and

R^7 is C_1-C_2 alkyl or C_1-C_2 haloalkyl.

13. The method of claim 11 or claim 12, wherein:

A and W are -CH;

D is -CH_2-NH_2;

R^{51}, R^{52}, and R^{53} are each independently selected from hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, and methyl;

R^{54} is hydrogen;

L^5 is -O-;

R^6 is hydrogen; and

R^7 is methyl.

14. The method of any of claims 11-13, wherein:

A and W are -CH;

D is -CH_2-NH_2;

R^{51} and R^{52} are each independently selected from fluoro, chloro, and methyl;

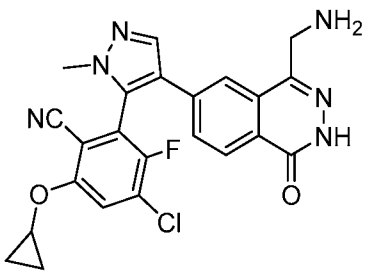
R^{53} and R^{54} are hydrogen;

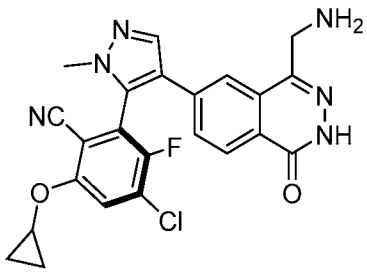
L^5 is -O-;

R^6 is hydrogen; and

R^7 is methyl.

15. The method of claim 11, wherein the PRMT5 inhibitor is:



16. The method of claim 12, wherein the PRMT5 inhibitor is: 

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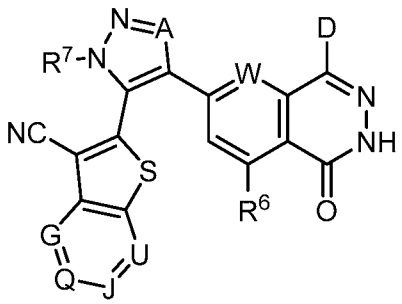
17. The method of any of claims 1 to 11, wherein the PRMT5 inhibitor is compound of Formula IIIC:



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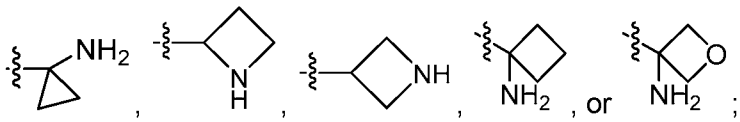
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

A is CR^9 or N;

D is $–CH_2-NH_2$,  ;

W is CR^9 or N, where R^9 is H or C_1-C_3 alkyl;

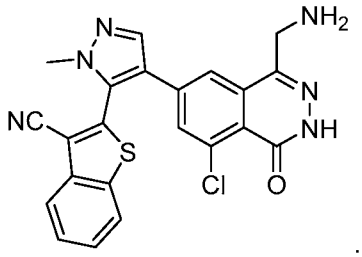
G, Q, J and U are independently selected from C(H), C(R^5), and N, provided only one or two of G, Q, J, and U can be N;

each R^5 is independently hydroxy, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_6 haloalkoxy, C_3-C_6 cycloalkoxy, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, or C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl;

R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, hydroxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 alkoxyC_1-C_3 alkyl, C_3-C_6 heterocycloalkyl, -C(O)-C_1-C_3 haloalkyl, -N(R^9)$_2$, or -NR^{15}(CO)R^{16}, where each R^9 is independently H or C_1-C_3 alkyl, R^{15} is hydrogen or methyl, and R^{16} is C_1-C_3 alkyl; and

R^7 is C_1-C_3 alkyl or C_1-C_3 haloalkyl.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the PRMT5 inhibitor is:



19. The method of any one of claims 1 to 18, wherein the therapeutically effective amount of the PRMT5 inhibitor is in the range of about 0.01 to 300 mg/kg per day.

20. The method of any one of claims 1 to 18, wherein the therapeutically effective amount of the PRMT5 inhibitor is in the range of about 0.1 to 100 mg/kg per day.

21. The method of any one of claims 1 to 18, wherein the therapeutically effective amount of the PRMT5 inhibitor is less than 1% of, e.g., less than 10%, or less than 25%, or less than 50% of the clinically-established therapeutic amount.

22. The method of any one of claims 1-21, wherein the taxane comprises at least one of docetaxel, paclitaxel, abraxane, and cabazitaxel.

23. The method of any one of claims 1-22, wherein the taxane comprises docetaxel.

24. The method of claim 23, wherein the taxane is docetaxel.

25. The method of any one of claims 1 to 24, wherein the therapeutically effective amount of the taxane is in the range of about 1 to 500 mg/m^2 per day.

26. The method of any one of claims 1 to 24, wherein the therapeutically effective amount of the taxane is in the range of about 10 to 300 mg/m^2 per day.

27. The method of any one of claims 1 to 26, wherein the therapeutically effective amount of the taxane is less than 1% of, e.g., less than 10%, or less than 25%, or less than 50% of the clinically-established therapeutic amount.

28. The method of any of claims 1 to 27, wherein the taxane and the PRMT5 inhibitor are administered sequentially.

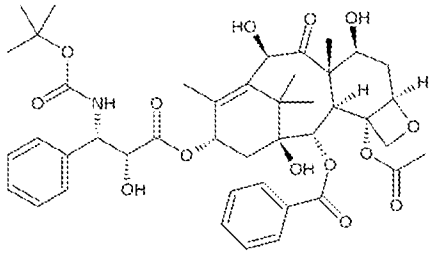
29. The method of any of claims 1 to 27, wherein the taxane and the PRMT5 inhibitor are administered simultaneously.

30. The method of any one of claims 1 to 29, wherein the subject previously received or completed a first-line chemotherapy.

31. The method of claim 30, wherein the first-line chemotherapy is platinum- and/or taxane-based chemotherapy.

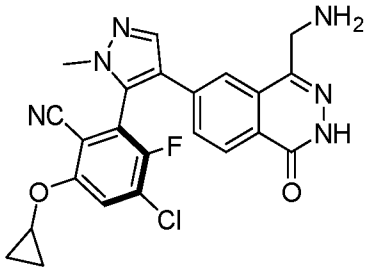
32. A method for treating cancer in a subject, the method comprising administering to the subject:

a therapeutically effective amount of docetaxel, wherein docetaxel is:



; and

a therapeutically effective amount of a PRMT5 inhibitor of formula:



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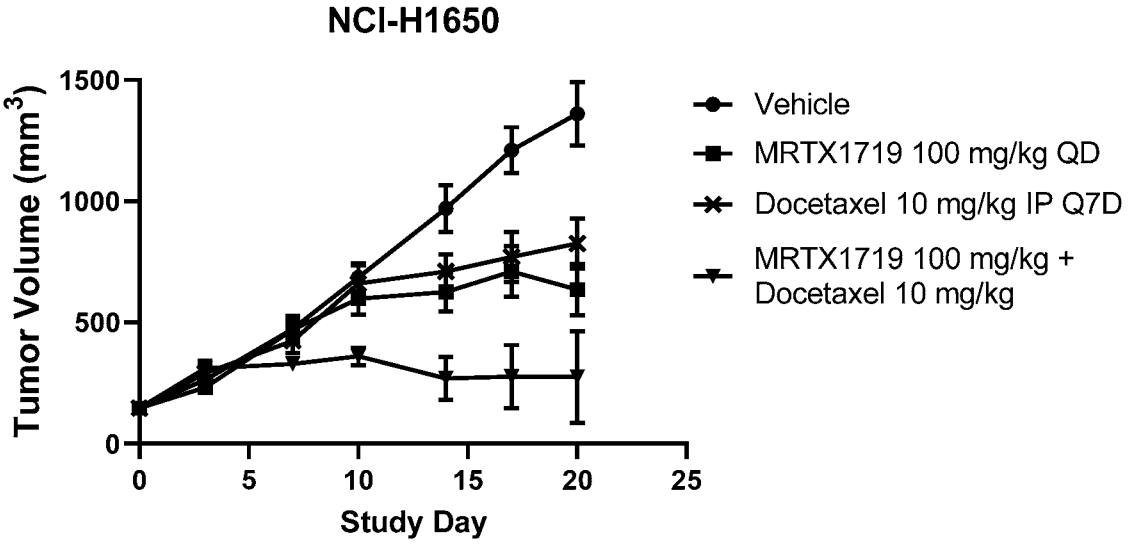

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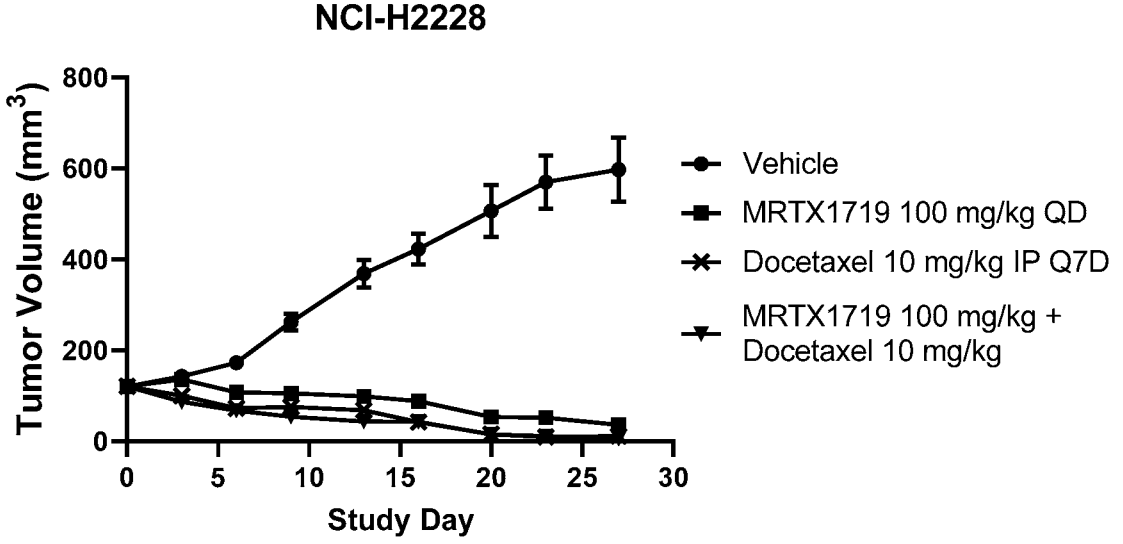

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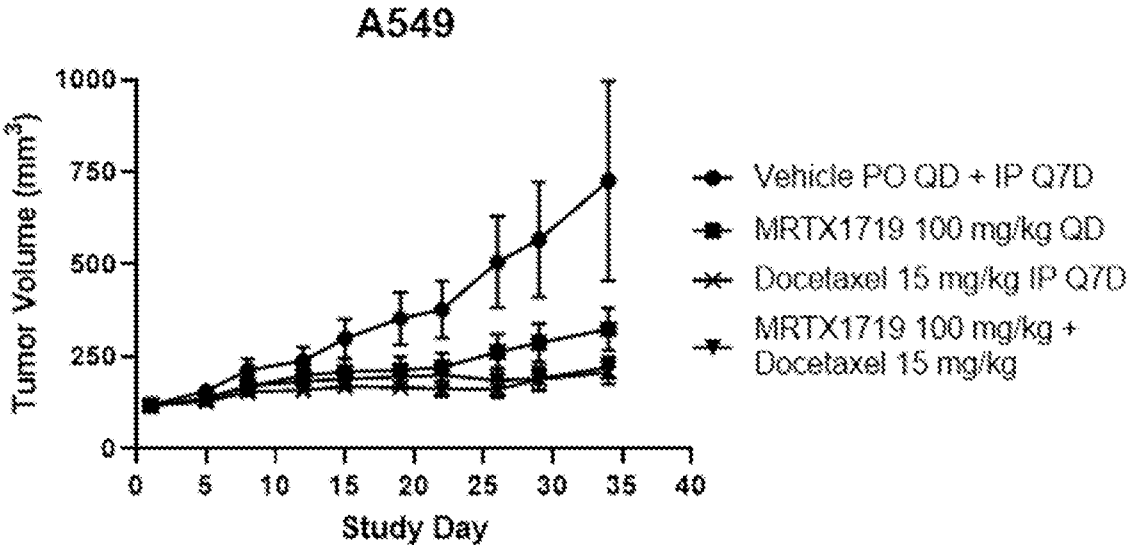

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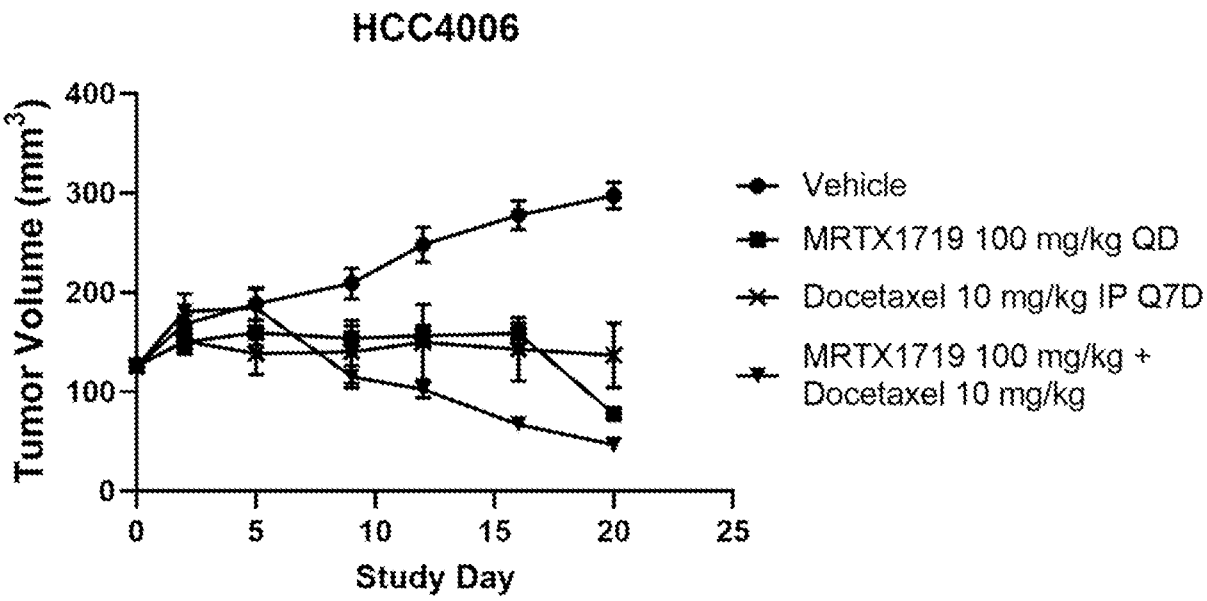

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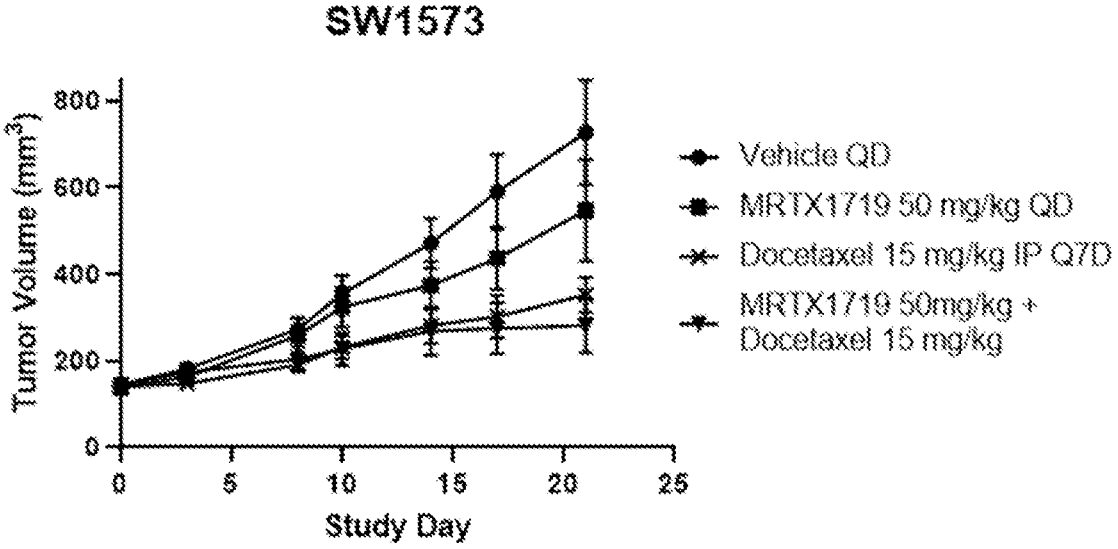

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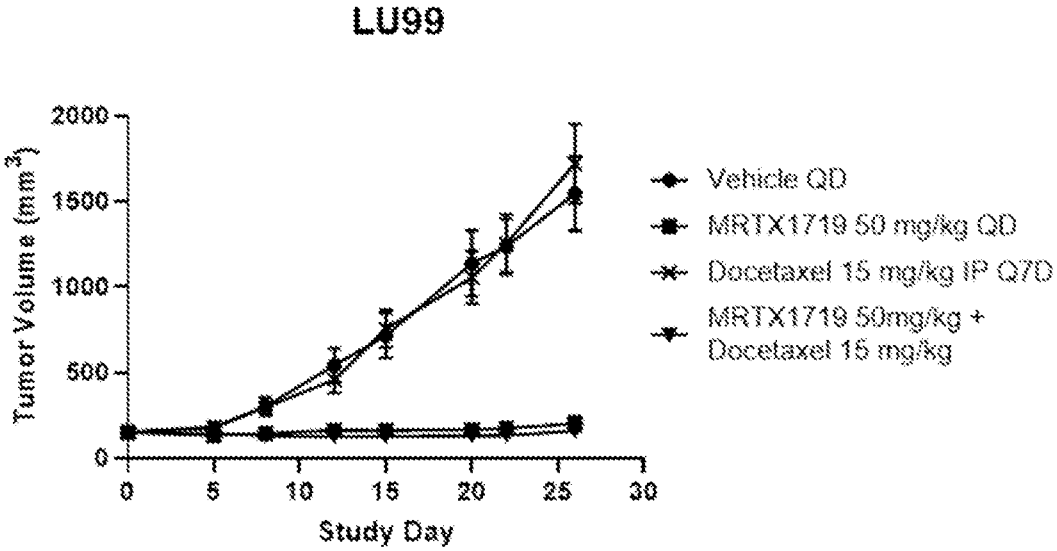

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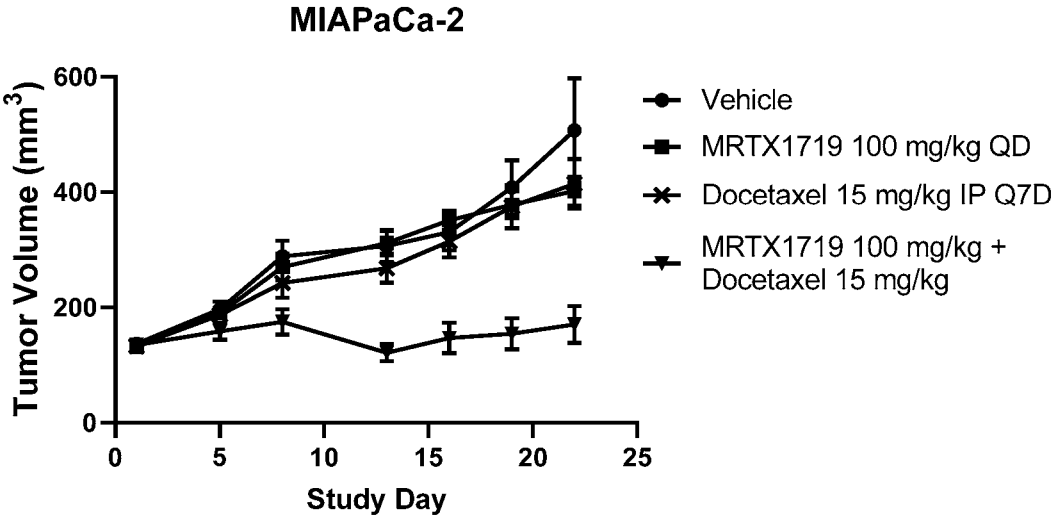

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