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# Inhibition of Patched Drug Efflux Increases Vemurafenib Effectiveness against Resistant Braf ${ }^{\text {V600E }}$ Melanoma 

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## Supplementary

Chemical synthesis of Panicein A Hydroquinone based on the procedure of Davis and al. ${ }^{\text {i }}$




Compound 1: Under an Ar-atmosphere phosphorus oxychloride ( $4.1 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.2 \mathrm{eq}$ ) was added dropwise with stirring to dry DMF $(8 \mathrm{~mL})$ at $10-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ during 15 min , followed by the addition of $2,3,5$-trimethylanisole $(5 \mathrm{~g})$ followed. The mixture obtained was heated to $110^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ overnight. The mixture is then poured into a $\mathrm{NaOAc} /$ water/ice solution and stirred for 1 h at ambient temperature. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl
acetate. After the extraction, the combined organic extract was washed with $1.5 \% \mathrm{HCl}$, water, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered and the solvent was removed in vacuum. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using a gradient of $\mathrm{Cy} / \mathrm{EA}(12: 1)$ as the eluent to give 1 as a light yellow solid. Yield $=57 \%$. $\mathrm{R}_{\digamma}=0.424$ (Cy/EA 6:1). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 200 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 10.51(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, 1-\mathrm{H}), 6.55(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, 5-\mathrm{H}), 3.86(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 4-\mathrm{H}), 2.59(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 3 / 2 / 6-\mathrm{H})$, 2.51 (s, 3H, 3/2/6-H), 2.13 (s, 3H, 3/2/6-H).

Compound 2: $1(6.91 \mathrm{~g})$ was dissolved in acetone ( 93 mL ) and water ( 37 ml ). Then $10 \% \mathrm{NaOH}(19.4 \mathrm{ml})$ was added dropwise at $0-5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ over 30 min . The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature overnight, acidified to $\mathrm{pH} 4-5$ with AcOH , and the solvent removed in vacuum. The residue was extracted with ethyl acetate, the organic phase washed with $5 \%$ sodium bicarbonate solution, water, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered and the solvent was removed in vacuum. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using a gradient of Cy/EA (30:1) as the eluent to give 2 as a light yellow solid. Yield=68\%. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.324\left(\mathrm{Cy} / \mathrm{EA} \mathrm{8:1)}.{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right.$ $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 200 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta \quad 7.70(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, 2 / 3-\mathrm{H}), 6.60(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, 7-\mathrm{H}), 6.24(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, 2 / 3-\mathrm{H}), 3.83(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, $6-\mathrm{H}), 2.39(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 1-\mathrm{H}), 2.34(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 4 / 5 / 8-\mathrm{H}), 2.26(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 4 / 5 / 8-\mathrm{H}), 2.15(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 4 / 5 / 8-\mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) ठ 200.7, 198.7, 157.6, 157.1, 143.2, 142.6, 136.8, 135.0, 134.76, 132.8, 132.7, 132.6, 128.2, 126.8, 123.4, 122.9, 110.3, $109.8,55.6,55.6,29.5,27.5,21.7,20.9,17.6,17.4,11.9,11.8$.

Compound 3: Compound 2 was dissolved in ethylacetate ( 10 mL solvent for 1 mmol of starting material). The 1$2 \mathrm{~mol} \% \mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{C}(10 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ was added and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight under hydrogen atmosphere. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using a gradient of PE/EA (5:1) as the eluent to give 13 as a white powder. Yield $=96 \%$. $\mathrm{R}_{F}=0.359(\mathrm{Cy} / \mathrm{EA} 5: 1) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 200 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 6.57(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, 7-\mathrm{H})$, $3.79(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 6-\mathrm{H}), 2.90-2.80(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 2 / 3-\mathrm{H}), 2.62-2.53(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 2 / 3-\mathrm{H}), 2.30(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 1-\mathrm{H}), 2.20(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 1 / 4 / 5 / 8-\mathrm{H}), 2.18$ $(\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 1 / 4 / 5 / 8-\mathrm{H}), 2.14(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 1 / 4 / 5 / 8-\mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 200 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 155.6,135.9,133.7,129.6,123.1,110.5,55.6,43.5$, 29.9, 23.7, 20.4, 15.8, 12.0.

Compound 4: Under an argon atmosphere $3(1 \mathrm{~g})$ was dissolved in dry THF and the mixture was cooled with ice $/ \mathrm{NaCl}$ to $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Ethynylmagnesium bromide ( $11 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.2 \mathrm{eq}$ ) was added drop wise. The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature overnight, quenched with a saturated $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$ solution and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was removed under pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using a gradient of $\mathrm{Cy} / \mathrm{EA}(10: 1)$ as the eluent to give 4 as a white solid. Yield $=76 \%$. $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.307$ (Cy/EA 5:1). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $200 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 6.58(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, 9-\mathrm{H}), 3.80(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, $8-\mathrm{H}), 2.95-2.72(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 5-\mathrm{H}), 2.54(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, 3-\mathrm{H}), 2.35(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 7 / 6 / 10-\mathrm{H}), 2.26(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 7 / 6 / 10-\mathrm{H}), 2.15(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 7 / 6 / 10-$ H), $1.88-1.67(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 4-\mathrm{H}), 1.59(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 2-\mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $50 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 155.5,136.1,133.9,130.2,123.0,110.5$, 87.5, 71.8, 68.1, 55.7, 42.9, 29.9, 24.8, 20.4, 15.8, 12.1.

Compound 5: To a solution of compound $4(1.0 \mathrm{~g})$ in THF at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, dropwise n -butyllithium ( 2.5 M in hexane; 2.25 $\mathrm{mL}, 1.1 \mathrm{eq}$ ) was added. The mixture was stirred at this temperature for 30 min and methyl chloroformate ( 379 $\mu \mathrm{L}, 1.2 \mathrm{eq})$ was then added dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. An extraction with ethyl acetate followed. The organic phase was dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using a gradient of Cy/EA (15:1) as the eluent to give 5 as a white solid. Yield $=78 \%$. $\mathrm{R}_{F}=0.42$ (Cy/EA 5:1). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (200 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 6.58(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, 9-\mathrm{H}), 3.81(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 8-\mathrm{H} / 3-\mathrm{H}), 3.80(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 8-\mathrm{H} / 3-\mathrm{H}), 2.94-2.78(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 5-\mathrm{H}), 2.70(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $1-\mathrm{H}), 2.35(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 7 / 6 / 10-\mathrm{H}), 2.26(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 7 / 6 / 10-\mathrm{H}), 2.16(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 7 / 6 / 10-\mathrm{H}), 2.13-1.85(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 4-\mathrm{H}), 1.82(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 2-$ H). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{CNMR}\left(126 \mathrm{MHz}^{2} \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 155.6,153.8,136.1,133.9,129.6,123.0,110.5,83.1,77.2,76.9,74.2,55.6,54.5,40.9$, 26.3, 24.3, 20.3, 15.7, 12.0.

Compound 6: To a solution of 4-methoxyphenol ( 1.9 g ), anhydrous copper(II) chloride ( $2.6 \mathrm{mg}, 1.0 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) in acetonitrile $(4 \mathrm{~mL})$ at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 1,8$-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undéc-7-ène (DBU) $(317 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 1.1 \mathrm{eq})$ was dropwise added. The mixture was stirred for 15 min and a solution of $5(1.2 \mathrm{eq})$ in acetonitrile $(6 \mathrm{~mL})$ was then added dropwise at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight, then quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using a gradient of PE/EA (30:1) as the eluent to give 6 as a white solid. Yield= $66 \%$. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.275$ (PE/EA 45:1). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.25-7.20(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 10-\mathrm{H}, 10 \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{H}), 6.92-6.85\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 11-\mathrm{H}, 11^{\prime}-\right.$ H), $6.63(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, 8-\mathrm{H}), 3.85(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 7-\mathrm{H} / 12-\mathrm{H}), 3.84(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 12-\mathrm{H} / 7-\mathrm{H}), 3.10-2.90(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 4-\mathrm{H}), 2.69(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, 1-\mathrm{H})$, 2.41 (s, 3H, 5/6/9-H), $2.32(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 5 / 6 / 9-\mathrm{H}), 2.22(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 5 / 6 / 9-\mathrm{H}), 2.13-1.92(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 3-\mathrm{H}), 1.67(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 2-\mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 155.8,155.5,149.2,136.3,134.0,130.4,123.5,122.9,114.0,110.5,85.4,77.2,75.9,75.2$, $55.7,42.2,27.1,27.0,24.8,20.4,15.8,12.1$.

Compound 7: Compound $\mathbf{6}$ was dissolved in $\mathrm{MeOH}(10 \mathrm{~mL}$ solvent for 1 mmol of starting material). The Lindlar catalyst ( 20 mg catalyst for 0.5 mmol of starting material) and quinoline ( 0.25 mL quinoline for 0.5 mmol of starting material) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight under hydrogen atmosphere. The hydrogen passed directly into the reaction mixture. When the starting material was completely consumed, the mixture was filtered through Celite, washed with methanol, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using a gradient of PE/EA (20:1) as the eluent to give7 as a pale yellow oil. Yield $=68 \%$. $R_{F}=0.3$ (Cy/EA 30:1).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 200 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta \quad{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(200 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 6.97\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 11-\mathrm{H}, 11{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{H}\right), 6.78(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, $12-\mathrm{H}, 12 \mathrm{-H}), 6.57(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, 9-\mathrm{H}), 6.18(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=17.4,11.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, 2-\mathrm{H}), 5.30-5.10(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 1-\mathrm{H}), 3.79(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 8 / 13-\mathrm{H})$, 3.78 (s, 3H, 13/8-H), 2.73 (m (t-like, $J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1 \mathrm{H}, 5-\mathrm{H}), 2.29(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 6 / 7 / 10-\mathrm{H}), 2.21(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 6 / 7 / 10-\mathrm{H}), 2.15(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, 6/7/10-H), $1.98-1.68$ (m, 2H, 4-H), 1.45 (s, 3H, 3-H)

Compound 8: A solution of compound $7(400 \mathrm{mg})$ in DMF ( 4 mL ) in a sealed tube was heated at $220^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 20 min in a microwave reactor ( 300 W ). The reaction mixture was then diluted with ethyl acetate $(8 \mathrm{~mL})$, the organics separated, and the aqueous layer further extracted with ethyl acetate ( 10 mL ). The combined organic phases were then dried and concentrated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using a gradient of PE/EA (5:1) as the eluent to give 8 as a white solid. Yield $=96 \%$. $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.35$ (PE/EA 5:1). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 6.80-6.63(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 14-\mathrm{H}, 11-\mathrm{H}, 12-\mathrm{H}), 6.60(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, 5-\mathrm{H}), 5.46(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz})$ and $5.39(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1$ $\mathrm{Hz})(1 \mathrm{H}, 9-\mathrm{H}, E$ and $Z), 5.01(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H},-\mathrm{OH}), 3.82(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, 13-\mathrm{H}), 3.79(\mathrm{~s})$ and $3.78(\mathrm{~s})(1 \mathrm{H}, 1-\mathrm{H}, E$ and $Z), 3.41(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $7.1 \mathrm{~Hz})$ and $3.36(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz})(1 \mathrm{H}, 10-\mathrm{H}, E$ and Z$), 2.82-2.66(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 6-\mathrm{H}), 2.38(\mathrm{~s})$ and $2.35(\mathrm{~s})(3 \mathrm{H}, 2-\mathrm{H} / 3-\mathrm{H}, E$ and Z), $2.30(\mathrm{~s})$ and $2.26(\mathrm{~s})(3 \mathrm{H}, 3-\mathrm{H} / 2-\mathrm{H}, E$ and Z$), 2.37-2.14(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 7-\mathrm{H}), 2.18(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 4-\mathrm{H}), 1.93(\mathrm{~s})$ and 1.91 (s) $(1 \mathrm{H}, 8-\mathrm{H}, E$ and $Z) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 155.5,155.4,153.7,153.7,148.3,148.2,138.6,138.2,136.0$, $135.9,133.7,133.7,130.9,130.9,128.3,128.3,122.9,122.9,122.6,121.6,116.3,116.2,115.8,115.8,112.1,112.1,110.5$, $110.5,77.2,60.6,55.8,55.8,55.7,55.7,39.7,32.2,29.7,29.3,28.9,28.3,23.7,21.2,20.5,20.4,16.5,15.9,15.8,14.3,12.1$, 12.1.

Compound 9: A solvent mixture of acetonitrile and water in a 2:1 ratio was prepared. 100 mg of 8 was dissolved in 2 mL of solvent and cooled to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Under stirring, CAN ( 2.2 eq ) dissolved in 4 mL solvent was added dropwise to the mixture. The mixture was stirred for maximum 4 h . The reaction was extracted with ethylacetate and the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using a gradient of PE/EA (20:1) as the eluent to give 9 as an orange oil. Yield $=60 \% . \mathrm{R}_{f}=0.436(\mathrm{Cy} / \mathrm{EA} 5: 1) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 6.83-6.62(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 11-$ $\mathrm{H}, 12-\mathrm{H}), 6.62-6.37(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 13-\mathrm{H}, 4-\mathrm{H}), 5.24(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz})$ and $5.19(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz})(1 \mathrm{H}, 9-\mathrm{H}$ E and Z$), 3.80(\mathrm{~s})$ and
$3.75(\mathrm{~s})(3 \mathrm{H}, 1-\mathrm{H}, E$ and $Z), \quad 3.17(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz})$ and $3.05(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz})(2 \mathrm{H}, 10-\mathrm{H}, E$ and Z$), 2.78-2.59(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 6-$ H), 2.20-2.10 (m, 2H, 7-H), $2.32(\mathrm{~s})$ and $2.30(\mathrm{~s})(3 \mathrm{H}, 3 / 2 / 5-\mathrm{H}, E$ and Z$), 2.23$ (s) and 2.21 (s) ( $3 \mathrm{H}, 3 / 2 / 5-\mathrm{H}, E$ and Z ) 2.15 (s) and 2.09 (s) ( $3 \mathrm{H}, 3 / 2 / 5-\mathrm{H}, E$ and Z ), 1.90 (s) and 1.75 (s) ( $3 \mathrm{H}, 8-\mathrm{H}, E$ and $Z$ ). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ 188.0, 187.9, 187.6, 155.5, 155.4, 148.5, 148.5, 140.5, 139.9, 136.9, 136.7, 136.5, 136.4, 136.1, 135.9, 133.9, 133.7, 132.5, $132.2,130.8,130.5,123.0,118.8,117.9,110.5,110.5,55.7,55.5,39.7,31.9,28.8,27.9,27.6,27.3,23.8,20.6,20.5,16.5$, 15.9, 15.9, 12.1, 12.1.


Figure S1. Effect of PAH precursors and analogues on dxr cytotoxicity in A375 cells. Cell viability was measured after treatment with increasing concentration of dxr with DMSO or $20 \mu \mathrm{M}$ of sPAH . sPAH precursors 8 or 9 , or sPAH analogues 11 , 12 or 13 in A375 cells. Dxr -IC50 values calculated in the presence of sPAH or sPAH analogue 13 are presented.



|  | Cisplatin-IC $\mathrm{C}_{50}(\mu \mathrm{M})$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | MeWo | A375 |
| + DMSO | $98.2 \pm 11.7$ | $33.4 \pm 6.5$ |
| + sPAH $20 \mu \mathrm{M}$ | $48,7 \pm 9$ | $17.1 \pm 1.3$ |

Figure S2. sPAH increases cisplatin cytotoxicity against MeWo and A375 melanoma cell lines. Cells were treated with increasing concentrations of cisplatin in the presence of DMSO or sPAH $20 \mu \mathrm{M}$.

IC $_{50}$ were calculated using GraphPad Prism 6 software. The mean $\pm$ sem of at least 3 experiments are presented.


Figure S3. Cholesterol binding pocket on Ptch1 structure. Chain A of pdb $6 n 7 h$ with cholesterol (magenta). Amino acids underlined in Table 3 are represented as sticks.


Figure S4. sPAH is oxidized into its quinone form upon contact with liver microsomes. For metabolite identification, $50 \mu \mathrm{M}$ of sPAH were incubated with mice liver microsomes and NADPH. Two samples were prepared: one in which acetonitrile was added immediately ( t 0 ) and one in which acetonitrile
was added after 30 min . Samples were analyzed by LC-MS/MS and detected by selected ion monitoring (SIM). LC-MS/MS analysis shows that sPAH is oxidized in its quinone form (9).
A

| Z-average (nm) | Pdl | Zeta Potential (mV) | DL \% | EE \% |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $185 \pm 0.99 \mathrm{~nm}$ | $0.020 \pm 0.020$ | $-55.5 \pm 1.20 \mathrm{mV}$ | 1.20 | 100 |
| $181 \pm 5.39 \mathrm{~nm}$ | $0.035 \pm 0.024$ | $-57.9 \pm 1.93 \mathrm{mV}$ | 4.32 | 92 |
| $185 \pm 0.83 \mathrm{~nm}$ | $0.020 \pm 0.004$ | $-61.2 \pm 1.86 \mathrm{mV}$ | 8.49 | 79 |
| $188 \pm 1.60 \mathrm{~nm}$ | $0.022 \pm 0.012$ | $-56.9 \pm 1.30 \mathrm{mV}$ | 9.72 | 97 |

B


Figure 5. PAH-loaded i-Particles size distribution and colloidal stability. Particles size distribution and colloidal stability were determined by dynamic light scattering using a Zetasizer NanoZSP from Malvern-Panalytical. In a typical experiment, $20 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ of dispersions were added to 1.5 mL of $0.22 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ filtered 1 mM NaCl solution. A laser of wavelength 633 nm was used as source and detector was placed at $173^{\circ}$ of angle. Measurements were carried-out at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Zeta potential was determined by measuring electrophoretic mobility in a $0.22 \mu \mathrm{~m}$-filtered 1 mM NaCl solution, using a Zetasizer NanoZSP from Malvern-Panalytical and a disposable folded capillary cell. A laser of wavelength 633 nm was used as source and detector was placed at $13^{\circ}$ of angle. Measurements were carried-out at 25 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. A. The hydrodynamic diameter (average size (Z-average) and polydispersity index (PdI) based on DLS), Zeta Potential (mV), drug loading (DL\%) and encapsulation efficiency (EE\%) of PAH-loaded iParticles. Mean and SD of 4 measurements. B. Variation of hydrodynamic diameter (Z-average based on DLS, filled square and polydispersity index, PdI, empty squares) of iP-PAH (Drug Loading 8.49 $\%$ ) with storage time ( $+4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, fridge). Four measurements were done and the averages and standard deviations are presented.


Figure S6. The addition of iP-sPAH to vemurafenib more strongly inhibits ERK phosphorylation in tumors. Tumor extracts were analyzed by western blotting with anti-Phospho-Erk1/2 and anti-Erk1/2 antibodies. Signal quantification was performed using ImageJ software and the pERK/ERK ratio was calculated and reported for each tumor extract. Significance is attained at $\mathrm{P}<0.05\left(^{*}\right)$, ns: no significant difference.

A


B


Densitometry Ptch1/ßtub:

C AntiP-ERK $1 / 2$


| Group | Tumor $\mathrm{n}^{\circ}$ | Mouse id | Tubulin signal (AU) | ERK 1/2 signal (AU) | pERK1/2 signal (AU) | Ratio ERK/Tubulin | Ratio pERK/Tubulin | Ratio PERK/ERK |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CTRL | 11 | 1G1 | 30512 | 22365 | 12368 | 0,73 | 0,41 | 0,55 |
|  | 12 | $1 \mathrm{G3}$ | 44620 | 28695 | 22472 | 0,64 | 0,50 | 0,78 |
|  | 13 | 1 D 5 | 48001 | 29997 | 64822 | 0,62 | 1,35 | 2,16 |
|  | 14 | 206 | 49071 | 26434 | 53256 | 0,54 | 1,09 | 2,01 |
| PAH | 16 | 1 D 2 | 20592 | 42104 | 43212 | 2,04 | 2,10 | 1,03 |
|  | 17 | $1 \mathrm{G5}$ | 19885 | 32183 | 63990 | 1,62 | 3,22 | 1,99 |
|  | 18 | 107 | 30559 | 52662 | $408 B 2$ | 1,72 | 1,34 | 0,78 |
|  | 20 | 208 | 39644 | 42994 | 64778 | 1,08 | 1,63 | 1,51 |
| Vemu | 1 | 204 | 49443 | 31658 | 28596 | 0,64 | 0,58 | 0,90 |
|  | 2 | 1 D 6 | 51127 | 1688B | 9005 | 0,33 | 0,18 | 0,53 |
|  | 3 | 1 D 11 | 50443 | 28027 | 12326 | 0,56 | 0,24 | 0,44 |
|  | 4 | 1G12 | 36198 | 23423 | 7511 | 0,65 | 0,21 | 0,32 |
|  | 5 | R12 | 45641 | 20235 | 2541 | 0,44 | 0,06 | 0,13 |
| Combo | 6 | $1 \mathrm{G6}$ | 54167 | 45644 | 16728 | 0,84 | 0,31 | 0,37 |
|  | 7 | 207 | 53674 | 30146 | 7056 | 0,56 | 0,13 | 0,23 |
|  | 8 | 1G8 | 54728 | 51234 | 15783 | 0,94 | 0,29 | 0,31 |
|  | 10 | $1 \mathrm{G9}$ | 54557 | 44135 | 23446 | 0,81 | 0,43 | 0,53 |
|  | 29 | 2 D 12 | 49038 | 36971 | 10807 | 0,75 | 0,22 | 0,29 |


| Bonferroni's multip | Mean Diff, | $\mathbf{9 5 \%}$ Cl of diff, | Significant? | Summary |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CTRL vs. PAH | 0,0475 | $-1,005$ to 1,100 | No | ns |
| CTRL vs. VEMU | 0,911 | $-0,08758$ to 1,910 | No | ns |
| CTRL vs. COMBO | 1,029 | 0,03042 to 2,028 | Yes | $\star$ |
| PAH vs. VEMU | 0,8635 | $-0,1351$ to 1,862 | No | ns |
| PAH vs. COMBO | 0,9815 | $-0,01708$ to 1,980 | No | ns |
| VEMU vs. COMBO | 0,118 | $-0,8235$ to 1,059 | No | ns |

Figure S7. (A) Whole Western blot of Figure 1B. The membrane was cut into 2 pieces incubated respectively with anti-Ptch1antibody and anti-b tubulin antibody. (B) Whole Western blot of Figure 1C. V The membrane was cut into 2 pieces incubated respectively with anti-Ptch1antibody and antib tubulin antibody. (C) Whole Western blot of Supplementary Figure 6 and densitometry of each band. The membrane was incubated first with anti-phosphoERK antibody, then stripped and incubated with ERK antibody and then with anti-btubulin antibody. Densitometry of each band is shown in the table.

