

1 **A Pan-respiratory Antiviral Chemotype Targeting a Transient Host Multiprotein Complex**

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37 **Abstract:**

38 We present a small molecule chemotype, identified by an orthogonal drug screen, exhibiting nanomolar
39 activity against members of all the six viral families causing most human respiratory viral disease, with a
40 demonstrated barrier to resistance development. Antiviral activity is shown in mammalian cells,
41 including human primary bronchial epithelial cells cultured to an air-liquid interface and infected with
42 SARS-CoV-2. In animals, efficacy of early compounds in the lead series is shown by survival (for a
43 coronavirus) and viral load (for a paramyxovirus). The drug target is shown to include a subset of the
44 protein 14-3-3 within a transient host multi-protein complex containing components implicated in viral
45 lifecycles and in innate immunity. This multi-protein complex is modified upon viral infection and largely
46 restored by drug treatment. Our findings suggest a new clinical therapeutic strategy for early treatment
47 upon upper respiratory viral infection to prevent progression to lower respiratory tract or systemic
48 disease.

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50 **One Sentence Summary:**

51 A host-targeted drug to treat all respiratory viruses without viral resistance development.

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53 **Introduction**

54 The current SARS-CoV-2 pandemic has been characterized by waves of infection involving
55 emerging mutants with varying degrees of resistance to current vaccines and treatments, confounded by
56 waning immune responses. The risk of a new pandemic, as from high pathogenicity avian influenza or
57 other viruses transmitted first from an animal reservoir to humans and then from human to humans, is
58 ever present (European Food Safety Authority, European Centre for Disease Prevention, Control,
59 European Union Reference Laboratory for Avian Influenza et al., 2021). Here we report findings
60 suggesting an alternative antiviral approach involving an orally bioavailable small molecule drug directed
61 to a novel host multi-protein complex target that is modified by members of the major viral families
62 causing human respiratory tract disease. This chemotype is shown to avoid viral resistance development
63 and would enable early treatment, at the onset of upper respiratory tract symptoms (e.g. a sore throat), to
64 prevent progression to serious lower respiratory and/or systemic disease, regardless of the virus.

65 Viruses are recognized as challenging adversaries for two very different reasons. First, their small
66 genomes mandate a reproductive strategy that involves reprogramming host protein machinery to meet
67 viral needs rather than host homeostasis (Goodwin et al., 2015). This also means that there are relatively
68 few virus-specific drug targets; all other targets (i.e. host machinery) have been presumed to have a high
69 intrinsic risk of host toxicity. The second reason that antiviral therapeutics is challenging is that viral
70 generation time is so much shorter than ours. This allows viruses, particularly RNA viruses, to rapidly
71 evolve mutants that are resistant to virus-targeted therapies, including vaccines or drugs (Ison, 2011; Peck
72 and Lauring, 2018).

73 A subset of antiviral targets represent an overlap between the virus and the host: the points of
74 protein-protein interaction between the forementioned viral and host target classes (Andrei et al., 2017;
75 Goodacre et al., 2020). Such targets have been historically difficult to identify and even harder to drug.
76 However, the reproductive strategy of viruses also presents an opportunity to detect targets that are
77 relatively inaccessible to conventional drug discovery methods. Over eons of time, viral evolution has
78 selected for the most valuable of innumerable potential host targets and refined the best approach to

79 reprogramming those targets to meet the needs of the virus (Koonin et al., 2015; Krupovic and Koonin,
80 2017). In so doing, viruses have exploited features of our biology that we have yet to discover, including
81 detection of targets not accessible to conventional proteomics (Aslam et al., 2017). It occurred to us that
82 it might be possible to interrogate viruses in a manner that would reveal host targets not detected by
83 current methods. Towards this end, we adapted the methods of cell-free protein synthesis and assembly
84 (CFPSA), a variation on the tool by which the genetic code was deciphered (Nirenberg, 2004) and by
85 which protein trafficking was deconvoluted (Blobel, 2000), to functionally reconstitute the transient virus-
86 host protein-protein interactions culminating in viral capsid assembly (Lingappa et al., 1997, 1994;
87 Lingappa and Lingappa, 2005). The CFPSA system was used to establish a phenotypic screen of drug-
88 like small molecules for disruption of those protein-protein interactions to the detriment of the virus, as
89 validated by their inhibition of replication of infectious virus in mammalian cell culture (Lingappa et al.,
90 2013; Reed et al., 2021) and efficacy in animals.

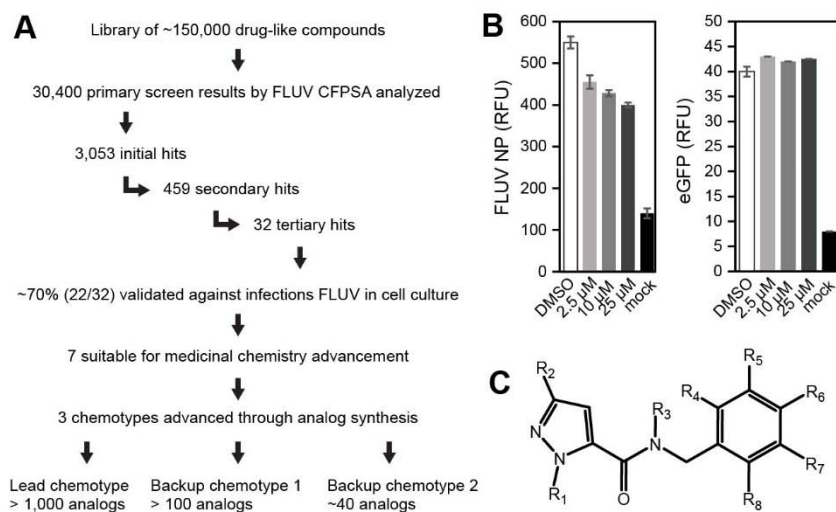
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92 **Results**

93 *Discovery of antiviral compounds active across respiratory viral families*

94 A body of literature suggests that viral capsid formation is catalyzed by host factors (Lingappa et
95 al., 2021, 1997, 2013; Reed et al., 2021). Much of this prior work involved CFPSA systems programmed
96 with mRNA encoding viral capsid proteins. A moderate throughput phenotypic drug screen involving
97 CFPSA of influenza (FLUV) encoded proteins was developed (Petsch et al., 2010), analogous to what has
98 also been done for rabies (Lingappa et al., 2013), HIV (Copeland et al., 2010; Reed et al., 2021), and
99 other viruses (Broce et al., 2016). This screen is carried out in cellular extracts rather than in living cells,
100 with formation of multimeric capsid protein complexes as a quantifiable, functional endpoint (Harrell,
101 E.K.T. et al., 2010). Thus, the screen identified compounds that interfere with the biochemical pathway of
102 host-catalyzed capsid assembly. Compounds identified as active by this method have therefore been
103 termed *assembly modulators*. Three structurally unrelated assembly modulator hits were corroborated to
104 be active against infectious FLUV in mammalian cells and advanced by structure-activity-relationship

105 optimization towards analogs demonstrating progressively higher antiviral activity with reduced cellular
 106 toxicity (Figure 1). One of these chemotypes was further advanced and is the focus of the studies
 107 reported here.



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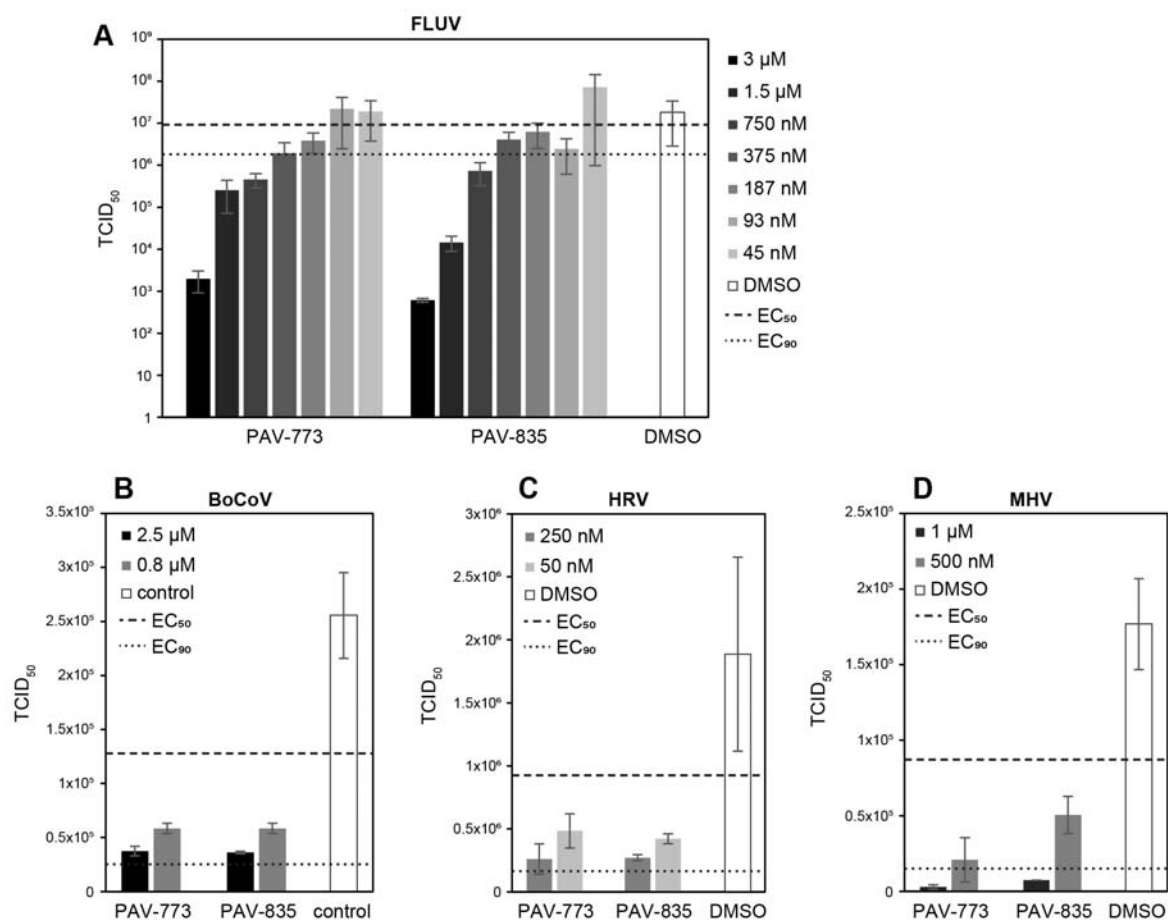
compound	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅	R ₆	R ₇	R ₈	EC ₅₀ (μM)
PAV-770	Me	t-Bu	H	O-CH ₂ -	CH ₂ -O-	H	F	H	1 - 3
PAV-868	Me	t-Bu	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	H	H	> 3
PAV-858	Me	t-Bu	H	OMe	H	OMe	OMe	H	> 3
PAV-772	Me	t-Bu	H	OMe	F	H	F	H	3
PAV-736	CH ₂ CH ₂ OH	t-Bu	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	H	> 3
PAV-869	Me	t-Bu	H	OPr	OMe	H	H	H	> 3
PAV-773	Me	t-Bu	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	H	< 1
PAV-1866	Me	t-Bu	Me	OMe	OMe	H	H	H	> 3
PAV-834	Me	Me	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	H	3
PAV-854	Me	Cy-hex	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	H	> 1
PAV-530	Me	iPr	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	H	1
PAV-835	Me	cyPr	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	H	< 1
PAV-895	Me	cyPr	H	OMe	Me	H	H	H	2
PAV-039	Me	cyPr	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	F	1
PAV-896	Me	cyPr	H	Me	OMe	H	H	H	1.5
PAV-700	Me	cyPr	H	Cl	OMe	H	H	H	2
PAV-235	Me	cyPr	H	F	OMe	H	H	H	0.2
PAV-944	Me	cyPr	H	OMe	CF ₃	H	H	H	0.2
PAV-901	Me	cyPr	H	CF ₃	OMe	H	H	H	0.3
PAV-671	Me	cyPr	H	H	Cl	OCF ₃	H	H	0.05
PAV-774	Me	cyPr	H	Cl	OCF ₃	H	H	H	0.2
PAV-431	Me	cyPr	H	OMe	OCF ₃	H	H	H	< 0.1
PAV-528	Me	cyPr	H	OCHF ₂	OCHF ₂	H	H	H	< 0.1
PAV-877	Me	cyPr	H	H	Me	OCHF ₂	Me	H	> 2

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109 **Legend to Figure 1.** A. Output of the moderate throughput CFPSA screen involving FLUV
 110 nucleoprotein, culminating in three chemotypes validated against infectious virus, one of which was most
 111 extensively advanced and is presented here. B. Initial hit (PAV-770) of this chemotype in the plate screen
 112 showing dose-dependent titration of FLUV RFUs (left, reflecting inhibition of np
 113 multimerization/assembly) with no effect on eGFP RFUs (right, reflecting inhibition of protein synthesis).

114 C. Markush structure of the lead series. D. Initial structure-activity relationship based on assessment of
 115 FLUV infectivity in MDCK cells treated with these analogs.
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117 Early promising compounds were counter-screened in mammalian cells against members of
 118 several unrelated viral families causing respiratory disease including human rhinovirus (HRV) bovine
 119 coronavirus (BoCoV), and murine herpesvirus (MHV), and were found to have activity comparable to
 120 that observed for FLUV (Figure 2).



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122 **Legend to Figure 2.** Assessment of pan-respiratory antiviral activity of early compounds PAV-773 and
 123 PAV-835, determined by TCID₅₀. Data shown are the averages of three biological replicates; error bars
 124 indicate standard error; DMSO is included as the vehicle control. (A) FLUV A/WSN/33 in MDCK cells.
 125 (B) BoCoV (BRCV-OK-0514-2) in HRT-18G cells, (C) HRV-16 in H1-HeLa cells, (D) MHV-68 in
 126 BHK-2 cells. Dashed line is the EC₅₀. Dotted line is the EC₉₀.

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129 *Assembly modulator compounds display a barrier to viral drug resistance development*

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131 Development of viral resistance has long been an Achilles heel of antiviral therapeutics (Nijhuis
132 et al., 2009). Activity against FLUV provided the opportunity to compare early assembly modulators head
133 to head with Oseltamivir, an antiviral small molecule targeting FLUV neuraminidase, which is known to
134 select for viral resistance mutants (McKimm-Breschkin, 2013). Both PAV-835 and PAV-333 (a
135 structurally unrelated assembly modulator chemotype), showed a significant barrier to development of
136 resistance by FLUV (Table 1). The study was discontinued after the 7th passage, as the positive control
137 Oseltamivir had substantially lost its antiviral activity.

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		percent reduction in infection
Oseltamivir	passage 0 at 30 μ M	91
	passage 7 at 30 μ M	21.4
PAV-835	passage 0 at 3 μ M	98.9
	passage 7 at 3 μ M	91.9
PAV-333	passage 0 at 3 μ M	94.5
	passage 7 at 3 μ M	92.5

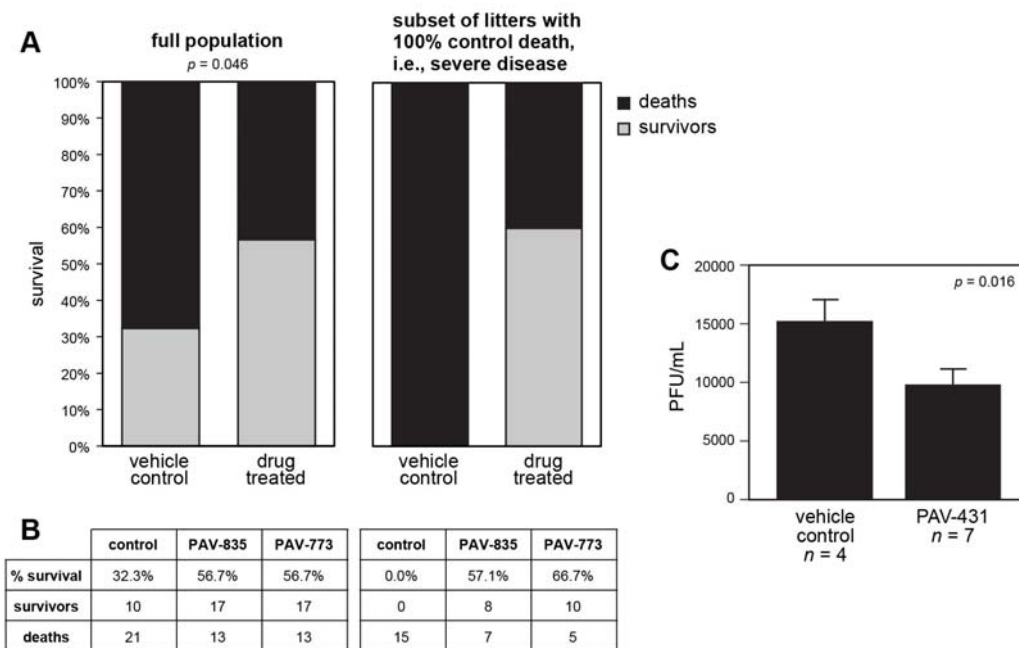
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140 **Legend to Table 1.** Evidence for a barrier to resistance development. MDCK cells were infected with
141 FLUV (A/WSN/33) in the presence of Oseltamivir (935 nM to 30 μ M), PAV-835 (93.5 nM to 3 μ M), or
142 PAV-333 (93.5 nM to 3 μ M). From passage to passage, drug concentrations were increased over the
143 indicated ranges to encourage selection for resistance mutants. An initially Oseltamivir-sensitive FLUV
144 strain became largely resistant after passage 7. In contrast, the two assembly modulator compounds PAV-
145 835 and PAV-333 showed minimal loss of drug sensitivity.

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147 *Validation of early compounds in animals*

148 Activity of a drug-like compound against such different viral families including viruses with
149 RNA vs DNA genomes, and both enveloped and non-enveloped viruses, is unprecedented, so we sought
150 early validation of its significance in animals. Compounds PAV-773 and PAV-835 were assessed in
151 outbred pigs randomized within each litter into control and treatment groups and infected with porcine

152 epidemic diarrhea virus (PEDV), a coronavirus (Jung et al., 2020). Both compounds conferred a mortality
 153 benefit (Figure 3A). Notably, in the subset of litters in which all control animals died (i.e. severe disease),
 154 the treatment limb showed the same survival rate as that of the full treated population. Thus, efficacy of
 155 these compounds was not limited to mild disease—a property caveat for advancement of an antiviral drug
 156 for a disease with both mild and severe manifestations in different subpopulations, as is the case for
 157 SARS-CoV-2 (Gao et al., 2021). While the PEDV trial only assessed survival, a subsequent more
 158 advanced analog, PAV-431, was tested in cotton rats (Bem et al., 2011) infected with respiratory
 159 syncytial virus (RSV), a paramyxovirus, to assess viral titer (Figure 3C). A small but statistically
 160 significant drop in RSV titer was observed with drug treatment versus vehicle control. This indicated that
 161 the antiviral activity observed in cell culture would manifest in animals by both of the two metrics of
 162 interest: survival (including of a severe subset of an actual disease) and viral titer (in an animal model for
 163 a second viral family).



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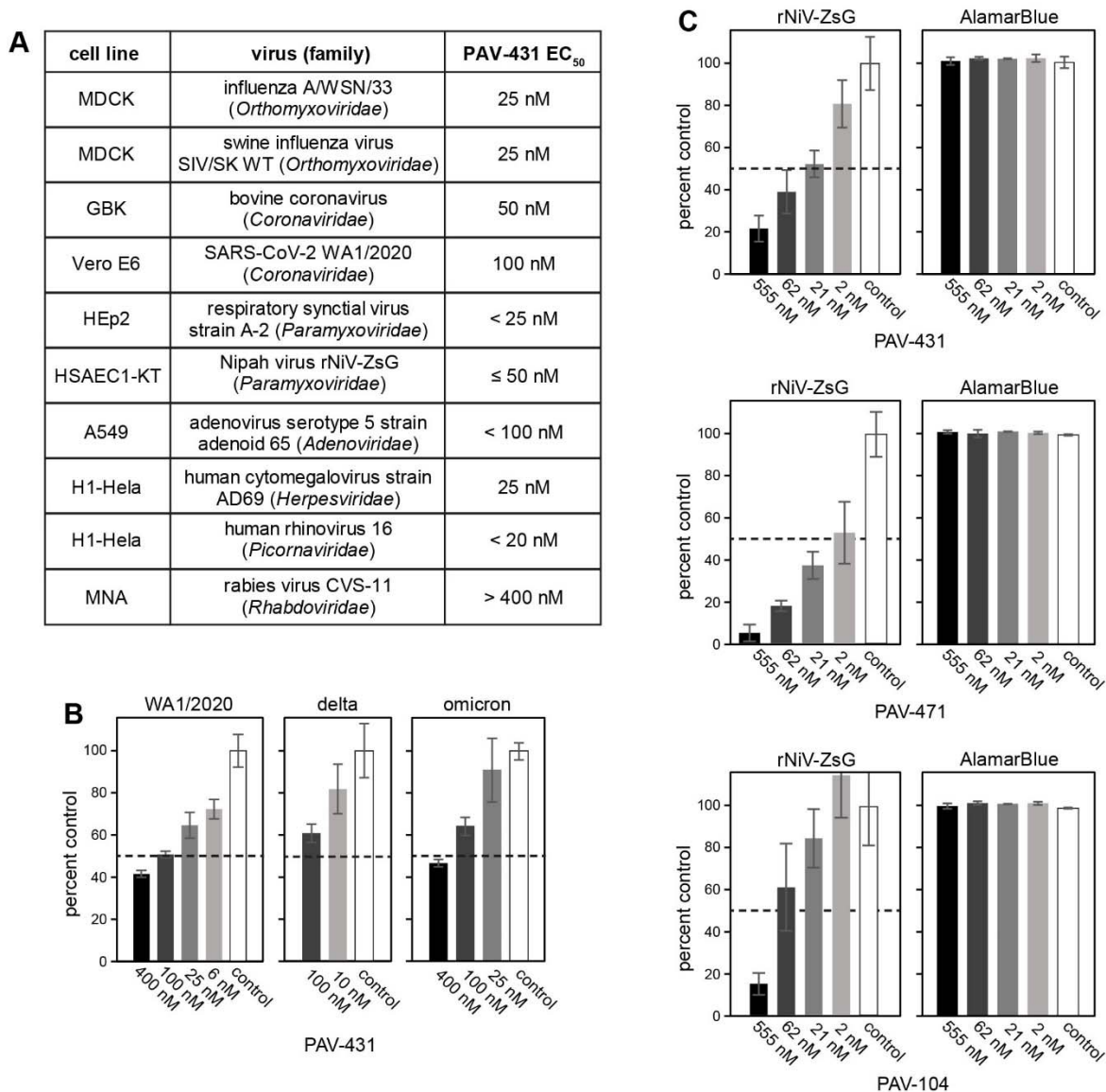
165 **Legend to Figure 3.** Early analogs validated in animal efficacy trials. (A-B) PEDV pig trial, evaluated by
 166 survival. (A) Assembly modulator compounds demonstrated efficacy against both mild and severe
 167 disease. As PAV-773 and PAV-835 showed equal efficacy, they have been combined (Fisher exact test p
 168 = 0.046). The left panel shows percent survival for all animals in the study. The right panel shows the
 169 subset of litters in which all control animals (treated with vehicle only) died. (B) Breakdown of survival

170 for PAV-773 and PAV-835 separately for both the total population and the severe disease subset, where p
171 = 0.002 and $p = 0.004$, respectively. This breakdown reveals the compounds to be as potent against mild
172 disease (groups in which there were vehicle-only survivors) as in severe disease (groups in which there
173 were no vehicle-only survivors). (C) RSV cotton rat trial, evaluated by day 5 lung viral titer determined
174 by plaque assay. A significant drop in viral titer was observed with PAV-431 treatment (unpaired t -test p
175 = 0.016). Data shown are averages; error bars indicate standard error.
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177 *Antiviral assessment against a wide range of respiratory viruses including SARS-CoV-2*

178 Further studies with PAV-431 confirmed its activity against members of the six viral families
179 causing > 95% of human respiratory disease (Figure 4A). Notably, PAV-431 shows no significant
180 activity against rabies virus, suggesting specificity for a target present in a subset of viral families that
181 includes the respiratory viruses. Upon onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, further studies in mammalian
182 cells revealed activity of PAV-431 against multiple variants of SARS-CoV-2 (Figure 4B).

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 185 **Legend to Figure 4.** Pan-respiratory antiviral activity. (A) Efficacy of PAV-431 against each respiratory
 186 viral family in cell culture. (B) Dose-dependent antiviral activity of PAV-431 against multiple SARS-
 187 CoV-2 strains: (WA1/2020, lineage A) in Vero E6 cells, determined by plaque assay, delta variant
 188 (lineage B.1.617.2) and omicron variant (lineage B.A.1) in Calu-3 cells determined by qPCR
 189 measurement of the SARS-CoV-2 E gene and/or TCID₅₀. Data shown are the averages of three biological
 190 replicates; error bars indicate standard error; DMSO is included as the vehicle control. (C). Dose-
 191 dependent activity of PAV-431 and advanced analogs PAV-471 and PAV-104 against Nipah virus of the
 192 *Paramyxoviridae* family in primary-like human small airway epithelial cells (HSAEC1-KT)(Lo et al.,
 193 2014; Welch et al., 2020). Alamar Blue assessment of cytotoxicity shows no toxicity up to 5μM tested in
 194 5mM glucose-supplemented minimum essential medium, so all therapeutic indices > 100.
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196 Translation of antiviral treatments for human therapeutics presents a further challenge because
 197 animal models do not accurately reproduce human disease (Movia and Prina-Mello, 2020). It has been

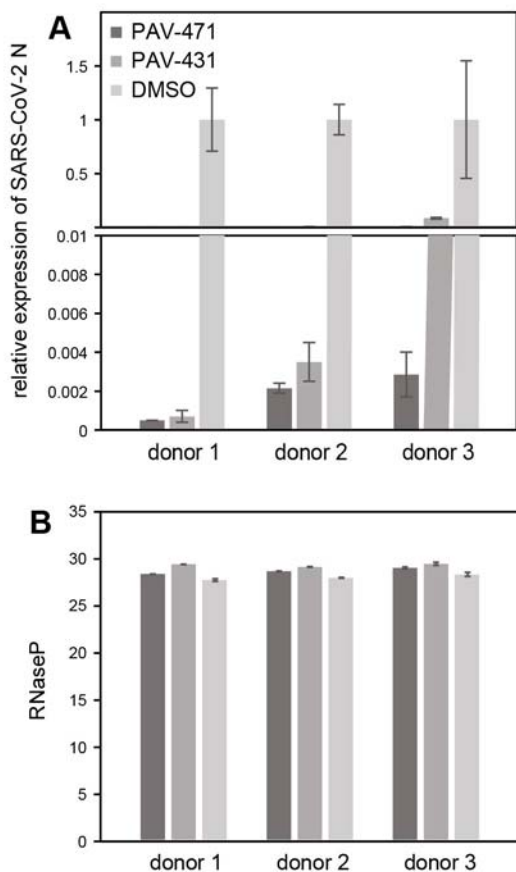
198 proposed that the best predictor of human therapeutics is to take healthy human lung tissue from
199 transplant donors, isolate primary bronchial epithelial cells, culture them to an air-liquid interface with
200 differentiation to achieve polarity, tight junctions, motile cilia and mucus production, reproducing the
201 relevant characteristics of the true target organ (Michi and Proud, 2021). The antiviral small molecule
202 chemotype was assessed in this manner.

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204 *Efficacy in primary human airway epithelial cells at air-liquid interface*

205 Primary human bronchial epithelial cells grown at an air-liquid interface represents the human
206 airway with high fidelity including for studies of antiviral activity against SARS-CoV-2 (Fulcher and
207 Randell, 2013; Ingber, 2020; Loo et al., 2020). In three of three lung donors whose bronchial epithelial
208 cells were cultured to an air-liquid interface, infected with SARS-CoV-2, and treated with PAV-431,
209 approximately 90% or more of viral load was eliminated compared to treatment with vehicle (Figure 5).
210 Another more advanced analog, PAV-471 is also compared and shown to have significantly greater
211 potency than PAV-431. It is notable that this *ex vivo* gold standard of translation to human therapeutics
212 demonstrated even greater potency of both PAV-431 and PAV-471 than was observed in transformed
213 cells.

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216 **Legend to Figure 5.** A. Assembly modulator compounds inhibit SARS-CoV-2 (gamma variant, lineage
217 P.1) replication in primary human airway epithelial cells grown at an air-liquid interface, determined by
218 qPCR measurement of the SARS-CoV-2 N gene. Data shown are the averages of two biological
219 replicates; error bars indicate standard error; DMSO is included as the vehicle control. B. No significant
220 toxicity was observed by assessment of levels of RNase P.
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222 *Drug target is a virally modified host multi-protein complex*

223 Since the assembly modulators were discovered using a phenotypic CFPSA screen and were
224 advanced based on structure-activity-relationship improvement of antiviral activity in mammalian cell
225 culture, we as yet had no specific knowledge of the drug target. To identify the drug target, we developed
226 a variation on the theme of drug resin affinity chromatography (DRAC) (Tanaka, 2009). PAV-431 was
227 attached to a resin via a side group determined by structure-activity-relationship exploration to be non-
228 essential for biological activity (Supplemental Figure S1 B). Cellular extracts were applied to drug resin
229 columns to bind the target, washed, and then eluted with free drug compared to identical treatment of

230 control resin lacking the drug. These free drug eluates were found to contain a substantial set of proteins
231 not observed with drug elution from the control resin. Early in the course of these studies, we discovered
232 that conducting the procedure at temperatures between 22°C to 34°C rather than at 4°C, and
233 supplementing with nucleotide triphosphates and an energy regenerating system, greatly enhanced target
234 yield (Supplementary Figure S2). This distinctive energy-supplemented DRAC approach was given the
235 acronym eDRAC.

236 *f*We used a PAV-431 drug resin to prepare eDRAC-free drug eluates which were then analyzed
237 by tandem mass spectrometry (MS-MS) and by western blotting (WB) using commercial monospecific
238 antibodies. Parallel MS-MS of eDRAC-free drug eluates from control resins lacking the drug affinity
239 ligand demonstrated the high specificity of the set of proteins recovered from the drug resin, which
240 notably included a number of known components of the host interactomes associated with respiratory
241 viral lifecycles (Gordon et al., 2020b, 2020a; Perrin-Cocon et al., 2020; Watanabe et al., 2014) along with
242 many members of host innate immune interactomes including that of autophagy (Mao et al., 2019; Zhao
243 et al., 2021) (Figure 6A and Supplemental Figure S3). We compared eDRAC eluates from extracts of
244 uninfected MRC-5 cells, BoCoV-infected or FLUV-infected MRC-5 cells, and infected MRC-5 cells
245 treated with PAV-431 (Figure 6B-E). Infected cell eluates showed a striking enrichment of subsets of the
246 proteins present, and substantial restoration upon drug treatment to that observed from uninfected cells,
247 even more so for BoCoV infection than for FLUV infection (Supplementary Figure S3).

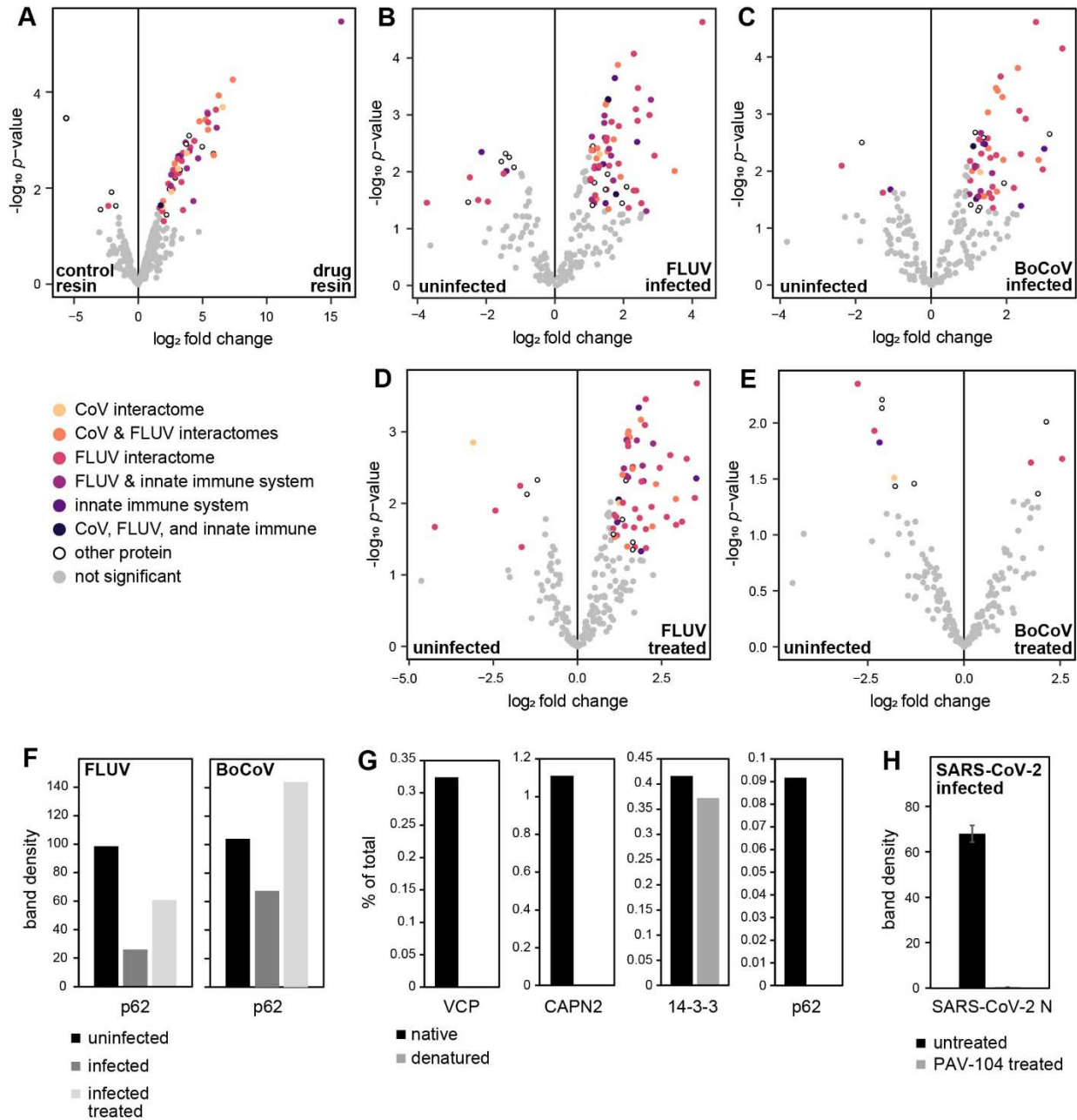
248 To provide independent corroboration of the conclusions from these eDRAC MS-MS studies,
249 PAV-431 analogs were synthesized in which a biotin and a diazirine UV photocross-linking moiety were
250 attached at the same position to which the compound had been attached to the resin for eDRAC analysis
251 (Supplementary Figure S1C). After UV crosslinking to the protein nearest the assembly modulator,
252 streptavidin precipitation isolated the relevant multi-protein complex (co-precipitated under non-
253 denaturing conditions). A number of the proteins identified by MS-MS and/or Western blot in eDRAC
254 free drug eluates were confirmed in this way to be part of a multi-protein complex, including
255 p62/SQSTM1, VCP/p97, and CAPN2 (Figure 6G).

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257 *Identification of the drug-binding protein within the target multi-protein complex*

258 If, subsequent to UV light exposure, the sample was denatured and then subjected to streptavidin
259 precipitation, only the nearest neighbor protein(s) covalently bound to the drug-biotin conjugate will be
260 found in the streptavidin precipitate. One protein, 14-3-3, a member of the 14-3-3 family of allosteric
261 modulators implicated in the pathophysiology of many different respiratory viral families (Gupta et al.,
262 2020; Jia et al., 2017; Liu et al., 2021; Obsilova and Obsil, 2020; Pei et al., 2011; Stevers et al., 2018;
263 Tugaeva et al., 2021) was present on streptavidin precipitation of samples prepared by both native and
264 denaturing conditions, identifying 14-3-3 as the direct drug-binding protein.

265 A notable observation was that the fraction of each of these proteins, including 14-3-3, found in
266 the target complex was extremely small (< 5%) compared to the total amount of that protein present in the
267 starting cellular extract (Figure 6G). The fidelity of this surprising observation was confirmed by rerun of
268 extract eDRAC flow through onto a second eDRAC column demonstrating complete depletion of the
269 target with no further binding to the second eDRAC column (Supplementary Figure S4). The flow
270 through from the control column, from which the target had not been depleted, when analyzed on a
271 second eDRAC column, consistently revealed that the small fraction of the set of target proteins could
272 still be bound and eluted with free drug (Supplementary Figure S4). Thus, the small amount of 14-3-3
273 and other proteins identified in the target multi-protein complex from the initial eDRAC column are
274 unique in their biochemical behavior, comprising a distinctive subset present in the form of the identified
275 target multi-protein complex, and distinct from the > 95% of the individual protein components that do
276 not bind the drug resin, even under eDRAC conditions. The implications of this important finding are
277 discussed below.



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279 **Legend to Figure 6.** Drug target is a host multi-protein complex modified by viral infection and restored
 280 with drug treatment. (A-E) Volcano plots visualizing the protein composition of the target complex
 281 determined by MS-MS on triplicate eDRAC eluates from extracts of MRC-5 cells that were either
 282 uninfected, infected with FLUV or BoCoV, or infected and treated with PAV-431. Significant proteins
 283 ($|\log_2 \text{fold change}| > 1$ and $p\text{-value} < 0.05$) are colored based on their known involvement in the CoV,
 284 FLUV, and innate immune system interactomes and listed in Supplementary Figure S3. (A) Comparison
 285 between control resin and PAV-431 drug resin demonstrates drug specificity of the target complex. (B-C)
 286 Infection with FLUV (B) or BoCoV (C) modifies the target complex. (D-E), Treatment with PAV-431
 287 restores the target to the uninfected state, partially for FLUV (D) and almost completely for BoCoV (E).
 288 (F) eDRAC eluates from MRC-5 cells (left) and HRT-18G cells (right), uninfected or infected with either

289 FLUV (left) or BoCoV (right), analyzed by SDS-PAGE and WB for target component p62. In both cases,
290 viral infection resulted in a diminution of p62, which was restored by treatment with PAV-431 (right) and
291 PAV-818 (left). (G) Crosslinked eDRAC eluates from pig lung extract co-precipitated under native or
292 denaturing conditions and analyzed by SDS-PAGE and WB for target components p62, VCP, CAPN2,
293 and 14-3-3. Presence under both conditions identifies 14-3-3 as the direct drug binding protein, while loss
294 under denaturing conditions identifies the others as more distal components of the complex associated
295 with the drug indirectly via other proteins in the complex that are associated with the direct-binding
296 protein 14-3-3. (H) SARS-CoV-2 infected an PAV-431-treated cell lysate subjected to PAV-431
297 photocross-linking and streptavidin precipitation under non-denaturing conditions. A-E and H show the
298 statistical significance of the findings, F and G show representative individual experiments. Drug
299 concentration for treatment of infected cells in H was 100nM.
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301 *Target Product Profile*

302 Given the striking pan-respiratory antiviral activity shown, we chose to more fully assess the
303 target product profile of PAV-431, that is, to determine its drug-like properties by the standard criteria for
304 advancement of a drug candidate (Breder et al., 2017). PAV-431 displayed promising properties including
305 being negative for hERG channel inhibition, negative for mutagenicity by the Ames test, negative for
306 significant cytochrome P-450 inhibition, and without substantial Cerep panel enzyme inhibition liabilities
307 (Supplementary Figure S5). PAV-431 itself was disqualified from further consideration for human pan-
308 respiratory therapeutics due to an insufficient safety profile in rodents (Supplementary Figure S6).
309 Nevertheless, these studies demonstrated that this chemotype has reasonable drug-like properties and
310 lacks various other liabilities. Molecular properties relating to Lipinski's rule of five are presented in
311 Supplementary Table S1. Going forward, lead series advancement efforts focused on eliminating host
312 toxicity.

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314 *Lead series advancement lowers host toxicity while maintaining pan-respiratory viral family antiviral* 315 *activity*

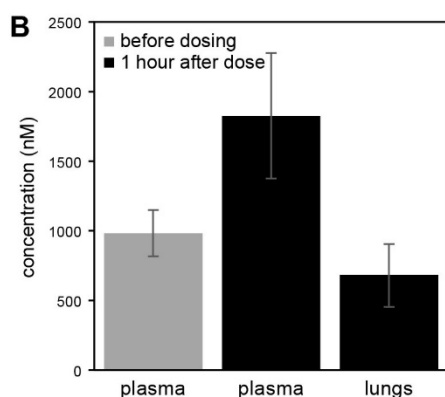
316 Additional analogs were synthesized and screened for antiviral activity and host toxicity as
317 assessed by maximal tolerated dose (MTD) in mice. Two analogs in particular were notable in
318 comparison to PAV-431. PAV-471 was substantially more active, including in human bronchial epithelial
319 cells cultured to an air-liquid interface (Figure 5), but also more toxic in mice (Supplementary Figure S6).

320 PAV-104 however, was both more active and less toxic than PAV-431, with improved pharmacokinetic
321 properties making it suitable for once daily dosing orally, compared to PAV-431 (Figure 7). The non-
322 toxicity of PAV-104 was confirmed by numerous criteria. These included maximum tolerated dose with
323 no observable effect level of 15 mg/kg or mild toxicity of 20mg/kg by intraperitoneal route in mice, and
324 no observable adverse effects at < 75 mg/kg by and only mild toxicity at > 250mg/kg by oral route in rats
325 (Figure 7A); acute repeat dose toxicology in rats with a 50mg/kg oral dose daily for 7 days showed no
326 toxic signs of any sort, including behavioral, clinical chemistry, hematology, or gross pathology
327 assessment. Trough plasma levels on the 7th day exceeded EC₅₀ by >100x (Figure 7B). Pharmacokinetic
328 studies in rats demonstrated further properties desired for a clinical candidate including good oral
329 bioavailability (32%), half-life (9 hours), and lung exposure (2.4x plasma level at 24 hours) (Figure 7A).
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		PAV-773			PAV-836		PAV-431		PAV-471		PAV-104			
mouse maximum tolerated dose	safe dose route-dosage (mg/kg)	-	IP-5	-	-	IP-1	-	IP-5	-	-	IP-1	-	IP-15	PO-50
	toxic dose route-dosage (mg/kg)	-	IP-15	-	-	IP-15	-	IP-10	-	-	IP-2	-	IP-20	PO-250
repeat dose toxicology	route-dosage (mg/kg)	-	IP-5 ^a	-	-	IP-1 ^a	-	IP-2 ^a	-	-	-	-	-	PO-50 ^b
	body weight, clinical signs, histopathology, clinical parameters	-	NAD/NSSD	-	-	NAD/NSSD	-	NAD/NSSD	-	-	-	-	-	NAD/NSSD
rat PK	route-dosage (mg/kg)	IV-1 ^c	IP-5 ^c	PO-5 ^c	IV-0.2	IP-1	IV-1	IP-5	PO-5	IV-0.2	IP-1	IV-1	IP-5	PO-20
	AUC _{last} (nM.h)	2287	733	253	428	1043	831	2464		108	371	543	2510	3247
	AUC _{inf} (nM.h)	ND	ND	ND	428	1047	926	2499		135	387	559	2656	3620
	C _{max} (nM)	ND	1035	51	1608	2842	685	793		152	550	1379	2243	1417
	T _{max} (h)	ND	0.08	4	0.03	0.08	0.08	0.25		0.08	0.25	0.08	0.25	0.5
	t _{1/2} (h)	ND	ND	ND	0.5	0.4	12	5	low conc.	4	2	2	7	9
	CL (mL/min)	1.3	-	-	25	-	49	-		45	-	51	-	-
	V _z (L/Kg)	13.3	-	-	0.5	-	32	-		12	-	4	-	-
	F (%)	-	7	2.2	-	49	-	59		-	69	-	95	32
rat uptake	route-dosage (mg/kg)	-	IP-5 ^c	-	-	IP-1 ^c	-	IP-5	-	-	IP-1	-	IP-5	PO-20
	concentration in lungs (nM)	-	866 ^d 109 ^f	-	-	98 ^e 5 ^g	-	1224 ^e 355 ^g	-	-	739 ^e 175 ^g	-	160 ^e 485 ^g	306 ^e 113 ^g 53 ^h
	concentration in brain (nM)	-	2148 ^d 169 ^f	-	-	178 ^e 20 ^g	-	1416 ^e 479 ^g	-	-	334 ^e 69 ^g	-	17 ^e BLOQ ^g	26 ^e BLOQ ^g BLOQ ^h
	concentration in plasma (nM)	-	1657 ^d 250 ^f	-	-	181 ^e 18 ^g	-	834 ^e 333 ^g	-	-	265 ^e 40 ^g	-	397 ^e 261 ^g	1011 ^e 371 ^g 22 ^h



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334 **Legend to Figure 7.** Pharmacokinetic and toxicological assessment of the lead series in BALB/c mice
 335 and Sprague Dawley rats. (A) Summary of results. IV, intravenous; IP, intraperitoneal; PO, per oral; PK,
 336 pharmacokinetics; AUC_{last}, area under the curve from time zero to the last quantifiable concentration;
 337 AUC_{inf}, area under the curve vs. time curve extrapolated to infinity; C_{max}, peak plasma concentration;
 338 T_{max}, time of peak concentration observed; t_{1/2}, terminal half-life; CL, steady-state clearance; V_z, volume
 339 of distribution; F, fraction bioavailability; NAD, no abnormality detected; NSSD, no significant statistical
 340 difference; BLOQ, below level of quantification; ND, not determined. Pharmacokinetic parameters were
 341 determined using WinNonlin software. (B) PAV-104 levels following acute repeat dose toxicology
 342 evaluation in Sprague Dawley rats with a daily oral dose of 50 mg/kg for 7 days. Trough plasma levels
 343 exceed EC₅₀ by ~100 fold. Data shown are the averages of 5 animals; error bars indicate standard
 344 deviation.

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346 A body of literature has implicated 14-3-3 proteins, known to be allosteric modulators (Obsilova
347 and Obsil, 2020), as interacting with SARS-CoV-2 N protein (Tugaeva et al., 2021). Based on those
348 studies we predicted that PAV-104, while directly crosslinked to 14-3-3 in a complex containing other
349 proteins including CAPN2 and VCP, should be indirectly associated with SARS-CoV-2 N protein by
350 virtue of transient protein-protein interactions in the host multi-protein complex drug target, during capsid
351 assembly. This was confirmed with extracts of Calu-3 cells infected with SARS-CoV-2 vs infected and
352 treated with PAV-104 at 100nM. As predicted, SARS-CoV-2 N co-precipitated with streptavidin under
353 native conditions and was substantially diminished after 24 hrs of treatment with PAV-104 (Figure 6H).

354 Finally, to confirm the principle of pan-respiratory anti-viral activity for PAV-104, primary-like
355 human small airway epithelial cells were infected with Nipah virus, a BSL-4 virus belonging to the
356 *Paramyxoviridae* family designated by the WHO as a priority pathogen pandemic potential
357 (“WORKSHOP ON PRIORITIZATION OF PATHOGENS,” 2015; “WHO publishes list of top emerging
358 diseases likely to cause major epidemics,” 2015). Figure 4C demonstrates activity of PAV-431, PAV-471
359 and PAV-104 against Nipah virus. The advanced analog PAV-104 with a strikingly improved safety
360 profile, has maintained the pan-viral family activity for diverse respiratory viral families as observed for
361 the earlier analogs PAV-773, PAV-835 and PAV-431.

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363 Discussion

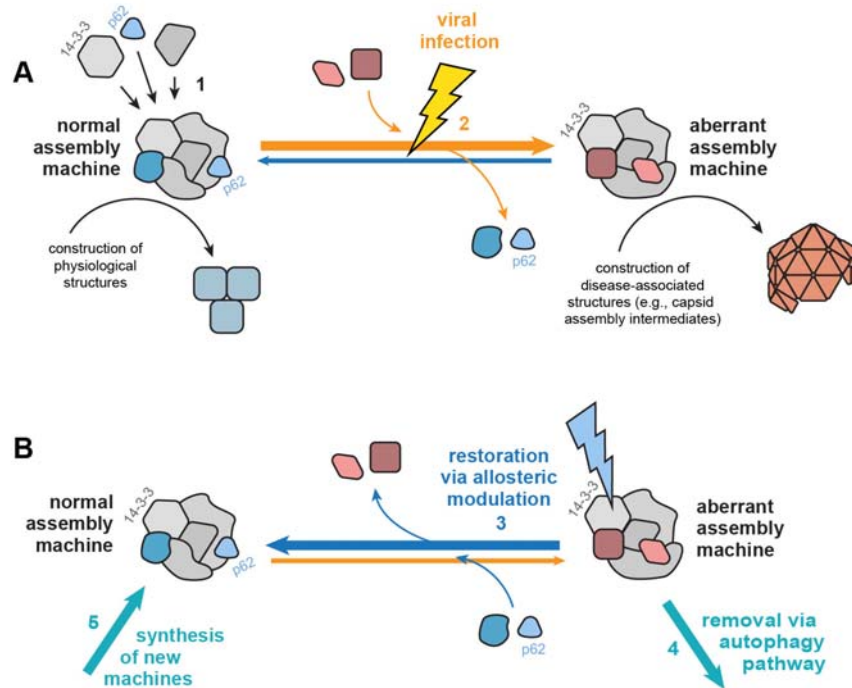
364 This antiviral chemotype, several of whose lead series compounds are studied here, exhibits
365 remarkable features. These include activity across a broad range of respiratory viral families and a barrier
366 to development of viral drug resistance. The antiviral activity was demonstrated both in cell culture and
367 in animals. Cell culture studies, including in primary human bronchial epithelial cells cultured at an air-
368 liquid interface and infected with SARS-CoV-2, confirmed the antiviral potency demonstrated in various
369 cell lines, with members of six major respiratory viral families, by a variety of assay methods (Figures
370 2,4,5). Animal studies, carried out on early analogs in the lead series, validated efficacy for survival in an

371 actual pig coronavirus disease (Figure 3A), and by viral load reduction in the cotton rat model of RSV
372 infection (Figure 3B). A barrier to resistance development was demonstrated for an early analog on
373 influenza compared to oseltamivir, which targets a viral gene product, and to which resistance rapidly
374 developed (Table 1). It should be noted that structurally unrelated host-targeted assembly modulators
375 potent against HIV have maintained a barrier to resistance development for the full 37 cycles of selection
376 attempted (Reed et al., 2021). These findings suggest that the barrier to resistance development posed by
377 host-targeted assembly modulators as a general therapeutic class may be substantial. Subsequently,
378 through structure-activity relationship advancement, antiviral activity in cell culture against SARS-CoV-2
379 has been increased >10x with the advent of analogs PAV-471 and PAV-104, the latter of which also
380 displays pharmacokinetic properties and safety in rats worthy of continued advancement to investigational
381 new drug (IND) enabling studies towards human therapeutics.

382 Target identification by DRAC revealed a previously undescribed multi-protein complex whose
383 constituents include proteins implicated in diverse respiratory viral lifecycles. A number of the multi-
384 protein complex constituent proteins are part of innate immune interactomes, including autophagy, all
385 important for host antiviral defense (Deretic, 2021). Upon viral infection the composition of the target
386 host multi-protein complex is shown to change, with increase in specific members of both the viral
387 lifecycle and innate immune subsets of component proteins (Figure 6). One protein in particular,
388 p62/SQSTM1, a key regulator of autophagy, is lost upon viral infection by both CoV and FLUV. This is
389 consistent with the hypothesis that the virus has used deep evolutionary time and natural selection to
390 identify a host allosteric site that allows it to both repurpose critical host machinery to viral replication
391 and block autophagic host defenses. This chemotype appears to substantially reverse the virally induced
392 changes of composition of the target host multi-protein complex for each of the different respiratory viral
393 families studied.

394 Figure 8 summarizes our current working hypothesis for the dual modes of action of these drugs,
395 including PAV-431 and PAV-104, namely, targeting an allosteric site important for both viral
396 replication/blockade and decoupling/restoration of p62/SQSTM1, a mediator of host autophagic innate

397 immune defenses. That the drugs block viral replication is supported by the demonstrated drop in viral
398 load by both plaque assay and TCID₅₀ in cell culture (Figure 4A). The interaction with the SARS-CoV-2
399 N protein and its diminution upon drug treatment (Figure 6H) provides a structural basis for this
400 functional observation, consistent with recent literature implicating transient interactions as druggable
401 targets (Kii et al., 2016; Umezawa and Kii, 2021). The hypothesized restoration of autophagy by drug
402 treatment is supported by the demonstration that p62/SQSTM1 is present in the target complex in
403 uninfected cells, is lost from the complex upon viral infection, and is largely restored after 24hrs of drug
404 treatment (Figure 6F).
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408 **Figure 8.** Cartoon summarizing our working hypothesis on assembly modulation therapeutics. (A)
409 Normal assembly machines are transient host multi-protein complexes that come together to carry out
410 various events involved in the construction of physiological structures and maintenance of homeostasis
411 (1). Viruses have evolved to co-opt the assembly machines of their hosts to meet their own needs,
412 presumably through signaling pathway manipulation and/or allosteric site modulation (2). This results in
413 the formation of aberrant assembly machines that do something they are not supposed to do (e.g. build a
414 viral capsid) and perhaps fails to do something they are supposed to do (e.g. inform innate immunity that
415 the cell is under viral attack) due to loss of autophagy regulator p62. The former action is reflected as
416 viral replication and the latter action is reflected in the failure of autophagic innate immune defense. Both
417 consequences manifest as disease and their molecular basis is the normal to aberrant change in assembly
418 machine composition. (B) Treatment with assembly modulators results in elimination of aberrant

419 assembly machines and restoration of normal assembly machines. This could be a result of either direct
420 action on the allosteric site (e.g. affecting protein-protein interactions such that the normal assembly
421 machine is stabilized) or indirectly by activation of autophagy to destroy the aberrant assembly machines
422 (4) followed by homeostatic feedback repopulation of normal assembly machines (5).
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424 Of the plethora of proteins found in the eDRAC eluate and photocross-link streptavidin
425 precipitate, only 14-3-3 was found to be a direct drug-binding protein. 14-3-3 proteins have been
426 implicated both as allosteric modulators of protein kinases (Obsilova and Obsil, 2020) and in direct
427 interaction with SARS-CoV-2 N (Tugaeva et al., 2021), consistent with our findings. These changes in
428 target multi-protein complex composition suggest that upon viral infection the multi-protein complex is
429 repurposed from the role of a normal assembly machine performing transient functions that maintain host
430 homeostasis, to an aberrant assembly machine that is involved in viral capsid assembly and is
431 disconnected from host antiviral defense mechanisms such as autophagy. Upon assembly modulator drug
432 treatment, both these features of infection are reversed, albeit more so for CoV infection than for FLUV
433 infection at the 24h time point assessed. Whether that difference reflects a distinction intrinsic to those
434 two viral families (*Coronaviridae* vs *Orthomyxoviridae*) or is simply a consequence of a different time
435 course of viral-host interaction and reversal for these two viral families, remains to be determined. The
436 present methods applied to study of multiple members of each viral family, and at other time points in the
437 course of infection and drug treatment, should be able to clarify this issue. Regardless, the notion that one
438 target can reverse both types of changes for multiple viral families is notable and likely contributes to the
439 potency of this antiviral mechanism.

440 Why has this remarkable host targeted pan-respiratory antiviral mechanism been overlooked
441 previously? The data presented suggest at least two reasons, both related to the unusual nature of the drug
442 target. First, because the target is both transient and energy-dependent – not just for its action, but also for
443 its formation. These features make it extremely difficult to detect by conventional proteomics (Aslam et
444 al., 2017), limitations that were overcome by use of the CFPSA phenotypic screen to find the chemotype,
445 and the eDRAC/photo cross-linking protocols used to characterize its target.

446 A second feature that made this antiviral mechanism hard to detect is the small percent of the
447 total of each of the proteins that are present in the host multi-protein complex target, even with eDRAC
448 enhancement. The burgeoning literature on “moonlighting” functions of innumerable proteins (Alpert et
449 al., 2021; Bhutta et al., 2021; Copley, 2012; Jeffery, 2019) suggests that there are subsets of proteins,
450 identical in amino acid sequence, performing different functions within cells. Whether such differences in
451 function are due to differences in post-translational covalent modification (Liu et al., 2016; Song and Luo,
452 2019; Xu et al., 2019), intrinsically unfolded domains that are templated by the other proteins with which
453 the subset is associated (Uversky, 2016), or due to some other mechanism such as different pathways of
454 biogenesis (Alpert et al., 2021; Lingappa et al., 2002; Williams and Dichtl, 2018) remains to be
455 determined and likely will vary on a case-by-case basis.

456 Despite the ample evidence for protein functional heterogeneity in living cells as cited above,
457 molecular genetic manipulation of coding sequences and recombinantly expressed protein remains the
458 primary, and often exclusive, bases for most protein structural studies including of drug targets. The
459 present data builds on the power of genetic studies, but calls exclusive use of that approach into question,
460 not just for drug discovery, but also with regards to an understanding of biological regulation. This is
461 because functionally distinct subsets of individual proteins, assembled co-translationally (Williams and
462 Dichtl, 2018), perhaps in a contingent manner (Lingappa et al., 2002), are unlikely to be parsed by
463 upstream genomic and transcriptomic analyses. New tools, such as the eDRAC and photocross-linking
464 drug analog protocols used here, may facilitate the difficult but essential task of studying protein
465 heterogeneity as expressed physiologically in cells and tissues. Other methods, including non-invasive
466 chemical modification (Alpert et al., 2021) and conformation-specific monoclonal antibodies (Akuta et
467 al., 2022; Leliveld and Korth, 2007), may also be valuable for this effort. This critique applies not just to
468 exclusive use of methods such as siRNA knockdown and CRISPR that manipulate gene expression before
469 protein biogenesis and assembly has occurred, but more generally to the use of recombinantly expressed
470 protein as the substrate for structural and functional studies.

471 Perhaps the most remarkable of our findings is that members of such diverse viral families should
472 have their replication effectively blocked by a single host-targeted small molecule. On the one hand, this
473 implies a shared drug-binding protein. Most likely that shared drug target, a distinctive subset of the
474 protein 14-3-3, is found in each of the different aberrant assembly machines generated by each of these
475 diverse viral families from a common host multi-protein complex. We hypothesize that utilization of this
476 single shared host multi-protein complex is a consequence of virus-host co-evolution. On the other hand,
477 the data in Figure 6 suggests that different viral families can modify the same host multi-protein complex
478 in which the direct drug target 14-3-3 is a component, in different ways. While this could be accounted
479 for by various explanations, perhaps the most straightforward is as a manifestation of allostery (Fenton,
480 2008; Motlagh and Hilser, 2012), given that the direct drug-binding protein, 14-3-3, is a known allosteric
481 modulator (Obsilova and Obsil, 2020). The drugs described here could work by stabilization of the
482 normal assembly machine, perhaps with re-activation of autophagy upon restoration of p62/SQSTM1 to
483 the host multi-protein complex, thereby serving to eliminate aberrant assembly machines. Alternatively,
484 direct binding of the drug to the allosteric site within the aberrant assembly machine could mediate in real
485 time the change in equilibrium described in Figure 8. These and other models remain to be explored,
486 which the methods described here should facilitate.

487 Upper respiratory tract infection is generally accepted to progress to lower respiratory tract
488 disease in the subset of patients who become seriously ill from respiratory viruses (Florin et al., 2017).
489 Furthermore respiratory antiviral efficacy is crucially dependent on early treatment (Fry et al., 2014;
490 Muthuri et al., 2014; Waghmare et al., 2019). Due to the diversity of viral families that cause respiratory
491 viral disease, utility of previous antiviral compounds (e.g. Oseltamivir) requires rapid identity of the
492 causative virus, as efficacy is limited to a particular viral family. Typically, by that time, infection has
493 largely resolved or has progressed to the lower respiratory tract in the case of severe disease and with its
494 variable attendant complications (e.g. cytokine storm). However, a non-toxic compound active against all
495 of the major respiratory viral families—be they RNA or DNA viruses, enveloped or not—would make it
496 possible to initiate treatment early, at the onset of upper respiratory tract viral symptoms, in order to

497 prevent progression to the lower respiratory tract, and thereby achieve optimal benefit in shortening the
498 duration and severity of illness. Thus, the compounds presented here may have transformative
499 implications for the treatment of respiratory viral disease, applicable to everything from seasonal FLUV,
500 common “winter viruses” (RSV, HRV, etc.), to SARS-CoV-2, and other emerging viruses, as well as the
501 common cold. This could be of particular importance for people at risk, whether because of age,
502 comorbidities, immunosuppression, or airway hyper-reactivity (e.g. asthma/COPD), and for periods of
503 widespread infection by highly pathogenic viruses.

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Supplementary Materials

Materials and Methods

Figures S1 to S6

Table S1

829 **Materials and Methods**

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833 antibody to VCP/p97, catalog number A300-588A-T), Abcam (mouse monoclonal antibody to p62,

834 catalog number ab56416), Santa Cruz (rabbit polyclonal pan 14-3-3 antibody catalog number SC-1657),

835 LSBio (rabbit polyclonal antibody to CAPN2, catalog number LS-C400613).

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837 *CFPSA screen*

838 Coding regions of interest were engineered behind the SP6 bacteriophage promoter and the

839 *Xenopus* globin 5' UTR63. DNA was amplified by PCR and then transcribed in vitro to generate mRNA

840 encoding each full-length protein. Translations were carried out in wheat germ extracts supplemented

841 with energy and amino acids, as previously described(7). Moderate-throughput small molecule screening

842 was carried out in 384-well plate format by translation of eGFP and FLUV NP and M mRNA in the

843 presence of small molecules from the Prosetta compound collection (Figure S2). Reactions were run at

844 26°C for 1-2 hours for synthesis, followed by assembly at 34°C for 2 hours. eGFP fluorescent readout

845 was measured at 488/515 nm (excitation/emission) to assess protein synthesis. Assembly products were

846 captured on a second 384-well plate precoated with affinity-purified FLUV NP antibody. Plates were

847 washed with PBS containing 1% Triton X-100, decorated with biotinylated affinity-purified FLUV NP

848 antibody, washed, detected by NeutraAvidin HRP, washed again, and then incubated with a fluorogenic

849 HRP substrate Quanta Blue for 1 hour. FLUV assembly fluorescent readout was measured at 330/425 nm

850 (excitation/emission).

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852 *FLUV assay in MDCK cells*

853 MDCK.2 cells were seeded at 3×10^4 cells/well in Eagle's minimal essential medium (MEM)

854 supplemented with fetal bovine serum (FBS) in a 96-well plate and incubated overnight at 37°C. The next

855 day, cells were washed with phosphate buffered saline (PBS) and infected with FLUV A/WSN/33 at an
856 MOI of 0.01-0.001 for 1 hour, after which the virus containing media was removed and fresh media
857 containing dilutions of compound or DMSO as a vehicle control was added to the cells. After 24
858 hours, media was removed, cells were washed with PBS, and fresh media was added for a 2 hour
859 incubation and then collected for TCID₅₀ determination. Seven replicates of 10-fold serial dilutions of
860 collected media were added to new cells and incubated at 37°C for 3 days. The number of infected wells
861 for each dilution was determined by visual inspection, and TCID₅₀/mL was calculated using the Reed and
862 Muench method(37). Infection experiments were conducted in a BSL2 laboratory.

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864 *BoCoV assay in HRT-18G cells*

865 HRT-18G cells were seeded at 3×10^4 cells/well in Dulbecco's modified Eagle medium (DMEM)
866 in a 96-well plate and incubated overnight at 37°C. The next day, cells were infected with BoCoV BRCV-
867 OK-0514-2 (ATCC VR-2460) at an MOI of 1 for 2 hours, after which the virus containing media was
868 removed, cells were washed with PBS, and fresh media containing dilutions of compound or DMSO
869 as a vehicle control was added to the cells. After 42-48 hours, media was removed, cells were washed
870 with PBS, and fresh media was added for a 4 hour incubation and then collected for TCID₅₀
871 determination. Infection experiments were conducted in a BSL2 laboratory.

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873 *HRV assay in H1-HeLa cells*

874 H1-HeLa cells were seeded at 7×10^4 cells/well in MEM in a 96-well plate and incubated
875 overnight at 37°C. The next day, cells were infected with HRV-16 at an MOI of 5 for 1.5 hours, after
876 which the virus containing media was removed, cells were washed with PBS, and fresh media
877 containing dilutions of compound or DMSO as a vehicle control was added to the cells. After 72
878 hours, media was collected for TCID₅₀ determination. Infection experiments were conducted in a BSL2
879 laboratory.

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881 *MHV assay in BHK-21 cells*

882 BHK-21 cells were seeded at 2.5×10^5 cells/well in MEM in a 96-well plate and incubated
883 overnight at 37°C. The next day, cells were infected with MHV-68 at an MOI of 0.5 for 1.5-2 hours, after
884 which the virus containing media was removed, cells were washed with PBS, and fresh media
885 containing dilutions of compound or DMSO as a vehicle control was added to the cells. After 24
886 hours, media was removed, cells were washed with PBS, and fresh media was added for a 4 hour
887 incubation and then collected for TCID₅₀ determination. Infection experiments were conducted in a
888 BSL2 laboratory.

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890 *SARS-CoV-2 assay in Vero cells*

891 Vero clone E6 (CRL-1586) cells were plated at 3×10^5 cells/well in DMEM in 6-well plates and
892 incubated overnight at 37°C. The next day, cells were washed once with PBS and then infected with
893 SARS-CoV-2 WA1/2020 (MN985325.1, BEI resources) at a MOI of 0.01 for 1 hour after which the
894 virus containing media was removed and the compounds were added to the cells and incubated for
895 72 hours at 37°C at 5% CO₂. The cells were then fixed and stained with crystal violet to determine
896 plaque numbers(38). Infection experiments were conducted in a BSL3 laboratory. Data shown in
897 Figure 4B are the averages of two biological replicates; error bars indicate standard error; DMSO is
898 included as the vehicle control.

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900 *SARS-CoV-2 (delta) assay in Calu-3 cells*

901 Calu-3 cells were seeded at a density of 3×10^4 cells/well in DMEM in 96-well plates and
902 incubated overnight at 37°C. The next day, cells were pre-incubated with compounds for 4 hours before
903 they were infected with SARS-CoV-2 delta SL102 (EPI_ISL_4471559) at a MOI of 0.01-0.05. After 24
904 hours the viruses within 50 µl of the supernatants were lysed with 200 µL AVL-buffer (Qiagen) and 200
905 µL 100% ethanol was added for complete inactivation. RNA was extracted from 200 µL of the lysates
906 using the EZ1 Virus Mini-Kit (Qiagen), and analyzed by qPCR as described(39). Infection experiments

907 were conducted in a BSL3 laboratory. Data shown are the averages of three biological replicates; error
908 bars indicate standard error; DMSO is included as the vehicle control.

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910 *Cell culture for Nipah virus studies*

911 Human telomerase reverse-transcriptase immortalized primary-like small airway epithelial cells
912 (HSAEC1-KT, ATCC CRL-4050) were cultured in Airway Epithelial Basal Medium (ATCC)
913 supplemented with Bronchial Epithelial Cell Growth Kit (ATCC) as previously described (Lo et al., 2020
914 AVR). For infections and cell viability assays, HSAEC1-KT cells were cultured with growth medium
915 either with or without 5 mM of D-glucose solution (Gibco).

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917 *Recombinant ZsGreen-expressing Nipah virus infection*

918 HSAEC1-KT cells were seeded at 10,000 cells per well the day prior to infection in 96-well black plates
919 with clear bottoms (Costar 3603). The following day, cells were infected with recombinant Nipah virus
920 expressing ZsGreen fluorescence protein (rNiV-ZsG) (Lo et al., 2014, 2018, 2020 AVR; Welch et al.,
921 2020 JID) at multiplicity of infection 0.01 with ~ 100 50% tissue culture infectious dose (TCID₅₀). Levels
922 of rNiV-ZsG replication were measured at 72 hour post-infection based on mean ZsGreen fluorescence
923 signal intensity (418_{ex}/518_{em}) using a Biotek HD1 Synergy instrument (Agilent). Fluorescence signal
924 intensity assayed in DMSO-treated, virus-infected cells were set as 100% ZsGreen fluorescence. Data
925 points and error bars for all reporter assays indicate the mean value and standard deviation of 4 biological
926 replicates, and are representative of at least 2 independent experiments in HSAEC1-KT cells.
927 Concentrations of compound that inhibited 50% of the green fluorescence signal (EC₅₀) were calculated
928 from dose response data fitted to the mean value of experiments performed for each concentration in the
929 10-point, 3-fold dilution series using a 4-parameter non-linear logistic regression curve with variable
930 slope using GraphPad Prism 9 (GraphPad Software, La Jolla, CA, USA).

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933 *CellTiterGlo cell viability assay*

934 Cell viability was assayed using CellTiter-Glo 2.0 assay reagent (Promega) according to manufacturer's
935 recommendations, with luminescence measured at 72 hours post-compound treatment using a Biotek
936 HD1 Synergy instrument. Luminescence levels (indicative of cellular ATP levels as a surrogate marker of
937 cell viability) assayed in DMSO-treated, uninfected cells were set as 100% cell viability. Dose response
938 curves were fitted to the mean value of experiments performed for each concentration in the 10-point, 3-
939 fold dilution series using a 4-parameter non-linear logistic regression curve with variable slope. All
940 CellTiter-Glo cell viability assays were conducted in 96-well opaque white plates (Costar 3917).
941 Concentrations of compound that inhibited 50% of the luminescence signal (CC_{50}) were calculated from
942 dose response data fitted to the mean value of experiments performed for each concentration in the 10-
943 point, 3-fold dilution series using a 4-parameter non-linear logistic regression curve with variable slope
944 using GraphPad Prism 9 (GraphPad Software, La Jolla, CA, USA).

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946 *Alamar Blue HS cell viability assay*

947 Cell viability was assayed using Alamar Blue HS reagent (Thermofisher) according to manufacturer's
948 recommendations, with fluorescence ($560_{ex}/590_{em}$) measured at 72 hours post-compound treatment after 4
949 hours of incubation with reagent using a Biotek HD1 Synergy instrument. Fluorescence levels (indicative
950 of resazurin reduction as a surrogate marker of cell viability) assayed in DMSO-treated, uninfected cells
951 were set as 100% cell viability. Dose response curves were fitted to the mean value of experiments
952 performed for each concentration in the 10-point, 3-fold dilution series using a 4-parameter non-linear
953 logistic regression curve with variable slope. All Alamar Blue assays were conducted in 96-well black
954 plates with clear bottoms. Concentrations of compound that inhibited 50% of the fluorescence signal
955 (CC_{50}) were calculated from dose response data fitted to the mean value of experiments performed for
956 each concentration in the 10-point, 3-fold dilution series using a 4-parameter non-linear logistic
957 regression curve with variable slope using GraphPad Prism 9 (GraphPad Software, La Jolla, CA, USA).

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959 *PEDV pig study*

960 18 litters comprised of 91 individuals of newborn (2 – 4 days old) crossbred pigs weighing 3 kg
961 were randomized to control (vehicle) or treatment groups. Animals were infected with 1×10^5 PFU of
962 PEDV administered orally. Vehicle or drug was administered intramuscular at 4 mg/kg immediately after
963 challenge and again 24 hours post-infection. Compound efficacy was determined by survivability.
964 Endpoint of study was 6 days post-infection.

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966 *RSV cotton rat study*

967 Female cotton rats, ~5 weeks of age, were obtained from Envigo (formerly Harlan), ear-tagged
968 for identification purposes, and allowed to acclimate for > 1 week prior to study start. Animals were
969 housed individually. Vehicle or drug was administered by an intraperitoneal route twice daily on study
970 days -1 through day 4. On day 0, animals were infected with 1×10^5 PFU of RSV A-2 virus originally
971 obtained from ATCC (VR-1540), administered in a 50 mL volume by an intranasal route approximately 2
972 hours after the morning treatment dose. Back titration of the viral stock and diluted inoculum was
973 performed to confirm the titer of the RSV stock used for infection. All inoculations were performed while
974 the animals were under the influence of inhalant anesthesia. All animals were euthanized on day 5 and the
975 lungs were processed for determination of RSV titers by plaque assay.

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977 *Cell lysate preparation for eDRAC*

978 Cells or tissues were extracted with PB buffer (10 mM Tris pH 7.6, 10 mM NaCl, 0.1 mM
979 EDTA, and 0.35% Triton X-100), and centrifuged at 10,000 x g for 10 min. The supernatants were
980 collected and flash frozen for later use.

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982 *eDRAC*

983 Drug resin was prepared by coupling compound PAV-431 to an Affi-gel resin at a concentration
984 of 10 μ M via the pyrazole nitrogen (Figure S6, synthetic chemistry described below), or position 4 of the

985 phenyl group. Control resin was prepared by blocking the Affi-gel matrix without drug. Resins were
986 equilibrated with column buffer (50 mM HEPES, pH 7.6, 100 mM KAc, 6 mM MgAc, 1 mM EDTA, 4
987 mM TGA) prior to any DRAC experiments. 30 μ L of cell extract supplemented with energy (1 mM ATP,
988 GTP, CTP and UTP with 4 mM creatine phosphate, and in some cases 5 μ g/ml rabbit creatine kinase) was
989 applied to resin columns. The columns were clamped and incubated at 22°C for 1 hour for binding, and
990 flow through was collected. The columns were then washed with 100 bed volumes of column buffer. For
991 elution of bound complexes, 100 μ L of column buffer containing free drug at a final concentration of 100
992 μ M – 1 mM (approaching its maximum solubility in water) and supplemented with energy was added, the
993 column was clamped for 1 hour, and serial eluates were collected. Eluates were analyzed by SDS-PAGE
994 and WB.

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996 *Western blotting*

997 SDS-PAGE gels were transferred in Towbin buffer to a polyvinylidene fluoride membrane.
998 Membranes were then blocked in 1% BSA, incubated for 1 hour at room temperature in a 1:1000 dilution
999 of 100 μ g/mL affinity-purified primary antibody, washed three times in PBS with 0.1% Tween-20,
1000 incubated for 1 hour in a 1:5000 dilution of secondary anti-rabbit or anti-mouse antibody coupled to
1001 alkaline phosphatase, washed further, and incubated in developer solution prepared from 100 μ L of 7.5
1002 mg/mL 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl phosphate dissolved in 60% dimethyl formamide (DMF) in water and
1003 100 μ L of 15 mg/mL nitro blue tetrazolium dissolved in 70% DMF in water, adjusted to 50 mL with 0.1
1004 M Tris (pH 9.5)/0.1 mM magnesium chloride.

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1006 *MS-MS analysis*

1007 Samples were processed by SDS-PAGE using a 10% Bis-Tris NuPAGE gel (Invitrogen) with the
1008 MES buffer system. The mobility region was excised and processed by in-gel digestion with trypsin using
1009 a ProGest robot (Digilab) with the protocol outlined below. Washed with 25 mM ammonium bicarbonate
1010 followed by acetonitrile. Reduced with 10 mM dithiothreitol at 60°C followed by alkylation with 50 mM

1011 iodoacetamide at room temperature. Digested with trypsin (Promega) at 37°C for 4 hours. Quenched with
1012 formic acid, lyophilized, and reconstituted in 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid.

1013 Half of each digested sample was analyzed by nano LC-MS/MS with a Waters M-Class HPLC
1014 system interfaced to a ThermoFisher Fusion Lumos mass spectrometer. Peptides were loaded on a
1015 trapping column and eluted over a 75 µm analytical column at 350 nL/min; both columns were packed
1016 with Luna C18 resin (Phenomenex). The mass spectrometer was operated in data-dependent mode, with
1017 the Orbitrap operating at 60,000 FWHM and 15,000 FWHM for MS and MS/MS respectively. APD was
1018 enabled and the instrument was run with a 3 s cycle for MS and MS/MS.

1019 Data were searched using a local copy of Mascot (Matrix Science) with the following parameters:
1020 Enzyme: Trypsin/P; Database: SwissProt Human plus the custom sequences* (concatenated forward and
1021 reverse plus common contaminants); Fixed modification: Carbamidomethyl (C) Variable modifications:
1022 Oxidation (M), Acetyl (N-term), Pyro-Glu (N-term Q), Deamidation (N/Q) Mass values: Monoisotopic;
1023 Peptide Mass Tolerance: 10 ppm; Fragment Mass Tolerance: 0.02 Da; Max Missed Cleavages: 2. The
1024 data was analyzed by label free quantitation (LFQ) methods(40). LFQ intensity values of each condition
1025 were measured in triplicate and compared against each other to generate log₂ fold change values for each
1026 protein and each combination of conditions. Proteins that were found significantly enriched by a log₂ fold
1027 change of > 1 and an adjusted *p*-value (accounting for multiple hypothesis testing) of < 0.05 in the FLUV
1028 infected eDRAC eluates compared to the uninfected eluates were searched for in a list of high confidence
1029 FLUV virus-host protein interactions(14) and the VirusMentha database of virus-protein interactions(41).
1030 Likewise, significantly enriched and depleted proteins found in the BoCoV infected eDRAC eluate were
1031 searched for in a list of high confidence coronavirus interactors(12) and an aggregated list of coronavirus
1032 protein interactors shown experimentally(13).

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1034 *Photocross-linking and streptavidin precipitation*

1035 eDRAC columns were eluted with 100µM PAV-431 photocross-linker at 22°C. Eluates were
1036 crosslinked by exposure to UV light for 3 minutes. Crosslinked products were subjected to treatments that

1037 maintained protein-protein associations (native) or which reduced and denatured all proteins (denatured).
1038 Native conditions were maintained by diluting an aliquot of the product 20x with 1% Triton-X-100
1039 column buffer. Denaturation was achieved by adjusting an aliquot to 1% SDS and 10mM DTT and
1040 heating to 100°C/10 minutes prior to 20x dilution with 1% Triton-X-100 column buffer. Streptavidin
1041 Sepharose beads were added to both native and denatured samples and mixed for 1 hr to capture all
1042 biotinylated proteins, with and without co-associated proteins in the native and denatured cases
1043 respectively, then washed 3x with 1% Triton-containing column buffer. Washed beads were resuspended
1044 in 20µl of SDS loading buffer and analyzed by SDS-PAGE and WB.

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1047 *Primary airway epithelial cell culture*

1048 Human bronchus was harvested from 3 explanted lungs. The tissue was submerged and agitated
1049 for 1 minute in PBS with antibiotics and 5mM dithiothreitol to wash and remove mucus. After 3 washes,
1050 the tissue was placed in DMEM with 0.1% protease and antibiotics overnight at 4°C. The next day the
1051 solution was agitated and remaining tissue removed. Cells were centrifuged at 300g/4°C for 5 minutes,
1052 then resuspended in 0.05% trypsin-EDTA and incubated for 5 minutes at 37°C. The trypsinization
1053 reaction was neutralized with 10% FBS in DMEM, then cells were filtered through a cell strainer and
1054 centrifuged at 300g/4°C for 5 minutes. The cell pellet was resuspended in 10% FBS in DMEM and a
1055 10uL aliquot was stained with trypan-blue and counted on a hemocytometer. 7.5×10^4 cells were plated
1056 onto each 6mm/0.4mm FNC-coated Transwell air-liquid interface (ALI) insert. 10% FBS in DMEM and
1057 ALI media were added in equal volumes to each basal compartment and cultures were incubated at
1058 37°C/5% CO₂. The next day, media was removed and both compartments were washed with PBS and
1059 antibiotics. ALI media was then added to each basal compartment and changed every 3 days until cells
1060 were ready for use at day 28.

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1062 All studies involving SARS-CoV-2 infection of primary airway epithelial cells were conducted in
1063 the Vitalant Research Institute BSL3 High-Containment Facility. 6 hours prior to infection, ALI medium
1064 containing dilutions of drugs (100nM) or DMSO was added to the basal compartment. For infection, ALI
1065 medium containing drugs was removed, and SARS-CoV-2 diluted in ALI-culture medium containing
1066 drugs (100nM, MOI=0.1) was added on to the apical chamber of inserts (250 μ l) and the basal
1067 compartment (500 μ l). The cultures were incubated for 2 hours at 37 \square /5% CO₂ to allow for virus entry,
1068 then washed, and 500 μ l of fresh ALI medium containing drugs (100 nM) was added to the basal
1069 compartment. Drugs were maintained in the medium for the duration of the experiment. Cells were
1070 incubated at 37 \square /5% CO₂ and harvested for analysis at 36 hours post-infection.

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1072 Total RNA was extracted from mock and SARS-CoV-2-infected primary airway epithelial cells
1073 with or without drug treatment lysed in Trizol (Thermo Fisher Scientific) using the chloroform-
1074 isopropanol-ethanol method. 500 ng of RNA was reversed transcribed into cDNA in 20 uL reaction
1075 volume using RevertAid First Strand cDNA Synthesis kit (Thermo Fisher) in accordance to the
1076 manufacturer's guidelines. RT-PCR was performed for each sample using TaqmanTM Universal Master
1077 Mix II, with UNG (Thermo Fisher) on the ViiA7 Real time PCR system. Primers and probes (2019-nCoV
1078 RUO kit) for detection of the SARS-CoV-2 Nucleocapsid (N) gene were obtained from IDT.

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1080 *Synthesis of PAV-431*

1081 Synthetic schemes are illustrated in Figure S6. To a solution of 2-methoxy-3-trifluoromethoxy-
1082 benzaldehyde **1** (2.14 g, 9.71 mmol, 1.0 eq) in toluene (20 mL) was added 2,4-dimethoxybenzyl amine **2**
1083 (1.78 g, 10.68 mmol, 1.1 eq) and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours.
1084 Toluene was removed to give a residue, which was taken in MeOH (20 mL) and then NaBH₄ (735 mg,
1085 19.42 mmol, 2.0 eq) was added slowly. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 hours.
1086 The solvent was removed and the residue was extracted in ethyl acetate and stirred with saturated aq
1087 NaHCO₃ for 1 hour. The organic layer was collected, dried, and the solvent was removed to give the

1088 crude amine **3**, which was used in the next step without further purification. To a solution of the crude
1089 amine **3** (4.86 mmol, 1.0 eq) in DMF (20 mL) were added the acid **4** (888 mg, 5.35 mmol, 1.1 eq), DIEA
1090 (3.13 g, 24.3 mmol, 5eq) and HBTU (2.22 g, 5.83 mmol, 1.2 eq) and the reaction mixture was stirred at
1091 room temperature for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was then diluted with ethyl acetate (75 mL) and
1092 washed with 10% aq HCl (1 x 50 mL), sat NaHCO₃ (1 x 50 mL) and water (4 x 50 mL). The organic
1093 layer was collected, dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated to give a crude product, which was purified by
1094 column chromatography (EtOAc:Hexane 25%:75%) to give the amide **5**, which was directly used in the
1095 next step. The amide **5** was treated with 95% TFA:H₂O for 12 hours. TFA was removed and azeotroped
1096 with toluene to give a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc:Hexane 10%:50%)
1097 to give PAV-431 (985 mg, > 95% purity).

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1099 *Synthesis of PAV-431 resin*

1100 To a solution of amine **3** (5.85 g, 15.77 mmol, 1.0 eq) in DMF (30 mL) were added the acid **6**
1101 (2.38 g, 15.77 mmol, 1.0 eq), DIEA (10.2 g, 78.85 mmol, 5eq) and HBTU (7.17 g, 18.92 mmol, 1.2 eq)
1102 and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was then
1103 diluted with ethyl acetate (75 mL) and washed with 10% aq HCl (1 x 50 mL), sat NaHCO₃ (1 x 50 mL)
1104 and water (4 x 50 mL). The organic layer was collected, dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated to give a crude
1105 product, which was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexane) to give compound **7**. To a
1106 stirred solution compound **7** (0.8 g, 1.77 mmol, 1.0 eq) and cesium carbonate (1.15 g, 3.54 mmol, 2.0 eq)
1107 in DMF (10 mL) was added chloride **8** (0.55 g, 2.66 mmol, 1.5 eq) and the reaction mixture was stirred at
1108 room temperature for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with
1109 water (4x) and aq NaCl solution. The organic layer was collected, dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated to give
1110 a crude product, which was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexane) to give compound **9**.
1111 The amide **9** (1.0 g, 1.6 mmol) was taken in 95% TFA: H₂O and the reaction mixture was for 12 hours.
1112 TFA was removed and azeotroped with toluene to give a residue. The residue was taken in DCM and sat.
1113 NaHCO₃ solution added and stirred for 30 min. The aqueous layer was washed with DCM (2x) and the

1114 combined organic layer, dried (MgSO_4) and evaporated to give a crude amine, which was used in the next
1115 step without purification. To a solution of the crude amine (1.6 mmol, 1.0 eq) and DIEA (412.8 mg, 3.2
1116 mmol, 2.0 eq) in DCM (20 mL), was added boc anhydride (523.2 mg, 2.4 mmol, 1.5 eq) and the reaction
1117 mixture was stirred at room temperature for 8 hours. The solvent was removed and the residue was
1118 purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexane) to give compound **10**. Compound **10** (100 mg, 0.19
1119 mmol) was in 5 mL of DCM and then 4 M HCl in dioxane (3 mL, 12 mmol) was added and the reaction
1120 mixture was stirred for 12 hours. Solvents were removed to give compound **11** as a HCl salt, which was
1121 used in the next step without further purification. To a solution of Affi-Gel 10 (Bio-Rad, 2 ml, 0.03 mmol,
1122 1.0 eq) in a solid phase synthesis tube with frit was added a solution of compound **11** (27.7 mg, 0.06
1123 mmol, 2.0 eq) and DIEA (1.0 mL) in isopropyl alcohol (4 mL) and the tube was put in a shaker for 12
1124 hours. Excess reagents were drained and the resin was washed with isopropyl alcohol (3x) and then saved
1125 in isopropyl alcohol.

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1127 *Synthesis of PAV-431 photocross-linker*

1128 To 6-(tert-Butoxycarbonylamino)-2-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)hexanoic acid **12**
1129 [468mg (1mmol)] in a 40ml screw top vial was added 4N HCl in Dioxane (3ml). The vial was sealed and
1130 gently agitated for 20 minutes at room temperature. The mix was then rotary evaporated to dryness and
1131 the residue placed under high vacuum overnight. The dried residue was taken up into 4ml of DMF
1132 (anhydrous) and then sequentially treated with 3-(3-Methyldiazirin-3-yl)propanoic acid [128mg
1133 (1mmol)](42), and DIEA [695ul (4mmol)]. With rapid stirring, under Argon atmosphere, was added
1134 dropwise HATU [380mg (1mmol)] dissolved in 1ml of DMF. After stirring for 30 minutes the mixture
1135 was quenched with 10ml of sat. NH_4Cl solution and then extracted 2 x with 10ml of EtOAc. The
1136 combined organic extracts were washed once with sat. NaCl, dried (Mg_2SO_4) and then rotary evaporated
1137 to dryness. The residue was purified by flash chromatography, using a gradient of Ethyl acetate and
1138 Hexane, affording 2-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-6-[3-(3-methyldiazirin-3-
1139 yl)propanoylamino]hexanoic acid **13** (293mg) in 61% yield.

1140 To tert-Butyl N-[3-[3-cyclopropyl-5-[[2-methoxy-3-
1141 (trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]methylcarbamoyl]pyrazol-1-yl]propyl]-N-methyl-carbamate **14** [16mg (0.03
1142 mmol)] in a 40ml screw top vial was added 4N HCl in Dioxane (0.5ml). The vial was sealed and gently
1143 agitated for 20min at room temperature. The mix was then rotary evaporated to dryness and the residue
1144 placed on high vacuum overnight. The dried residue was taken up into 1ml of DMF (anhydrous) and then
1145 sequentially treated with compound **13** [14.5mg (0.03mmol)], and DIEA [32ul (0.18mmol)]. With rapid
1146 stirring, under Argon atmosphere, was added dropwise HATU [14.6mg (0.038mmol)] dissolved in 300ul
1147 of DMF. After stirring for 30 min the mixture was quenched with 5ml of sat. NH₄Cl solution and then
1148 extracted 2 x with 5ml of EtOAc.

1149 The combined organic extracts were washed once with sat. NaCl, dried (Mg₂SO₄) and then rotary
1150 evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by flash chromatography, using a gradient of Ethyl
1151 acetate and Hexane, affording 9H-fluoren-9-ylmethyl N-[1-[3-[3-cyclopropyl-5-[[2-methoxy-3-
1152 (trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]methylcarbamoyl]pyrazol-1-yl]propyl-methyl-carbamoyl]-5-[3-(3-
1153 methyldiazirin-3-yl)propanoylamino]pentyl]carbamate **15** (28mg) in quantitative yield.

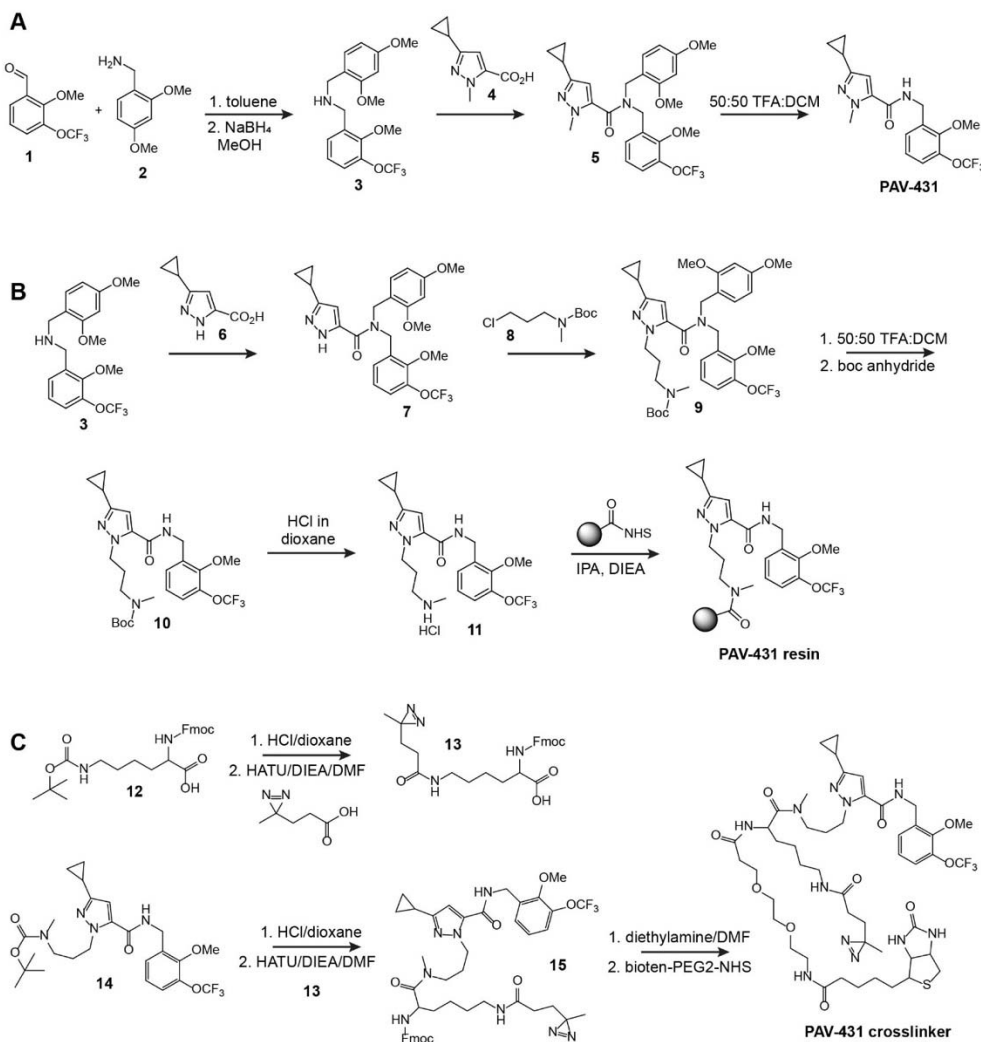
1154 To compound **15** [28mg (0.03 mmol)] in a 40ml screw top vial was added 50/50 Diethylamine /
1155 DMF (0.5ml). The vial was sealed and gently agitated for 60min at room temperature. The mix was then
1156 rotary evaporated to dryness and the residue placed on high vacuum overnight. The residue was triturated
1157 2 x with 3ml of Hexane to remove the Dibenzofulvene amine adduct. The residue was again briefly
1158 placed on high vacuum to remove traces of Hexane. The dried residue was taken up into 1ml of DMF
1159 (anhydrous) and then treated with Biotin-PEG2-NHS [15mg (0.03mmol)] (purchased from ChemPep),
1160 and DIEA [16ul (0.09mmol)] and then purged with Argon. After stirring overnight at room temperature,
1161 the mixture was rotary evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by reverse phase prep
1162 chromatography, using a gradient of 0.1% TFA water and Acetonitrile, affording 5-cyclopropyl-N-[[2-
1163 methoxy-3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]methyl]-2-[3-[methyl-[6-[3-(3-methyldiazirin-3-
1164 yl)propanoylamino]-2-[3-[2-[2-[5-(2-oxo-1,3,3a,4,6,6a-hexahydrothieno[3,4-d]imidazol-4-

1165 yl)pentanoylamino]ethoxy]ethoxy]propanoylamino]hexanoyl]amino]propyl]pyrazole-3-carboxamide

1166 (26mg) in 80% yield. All compounds were confirmed by LCMS.

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1168 **Supplementary Figures and Legends**



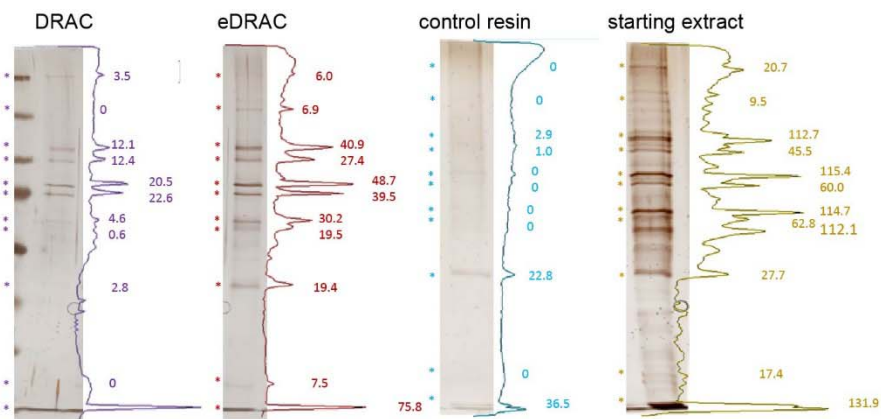
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1171 **Supplementary Figure S1.** General scheme for the synthesis of pyrazole carboxamides. (A) Preparation

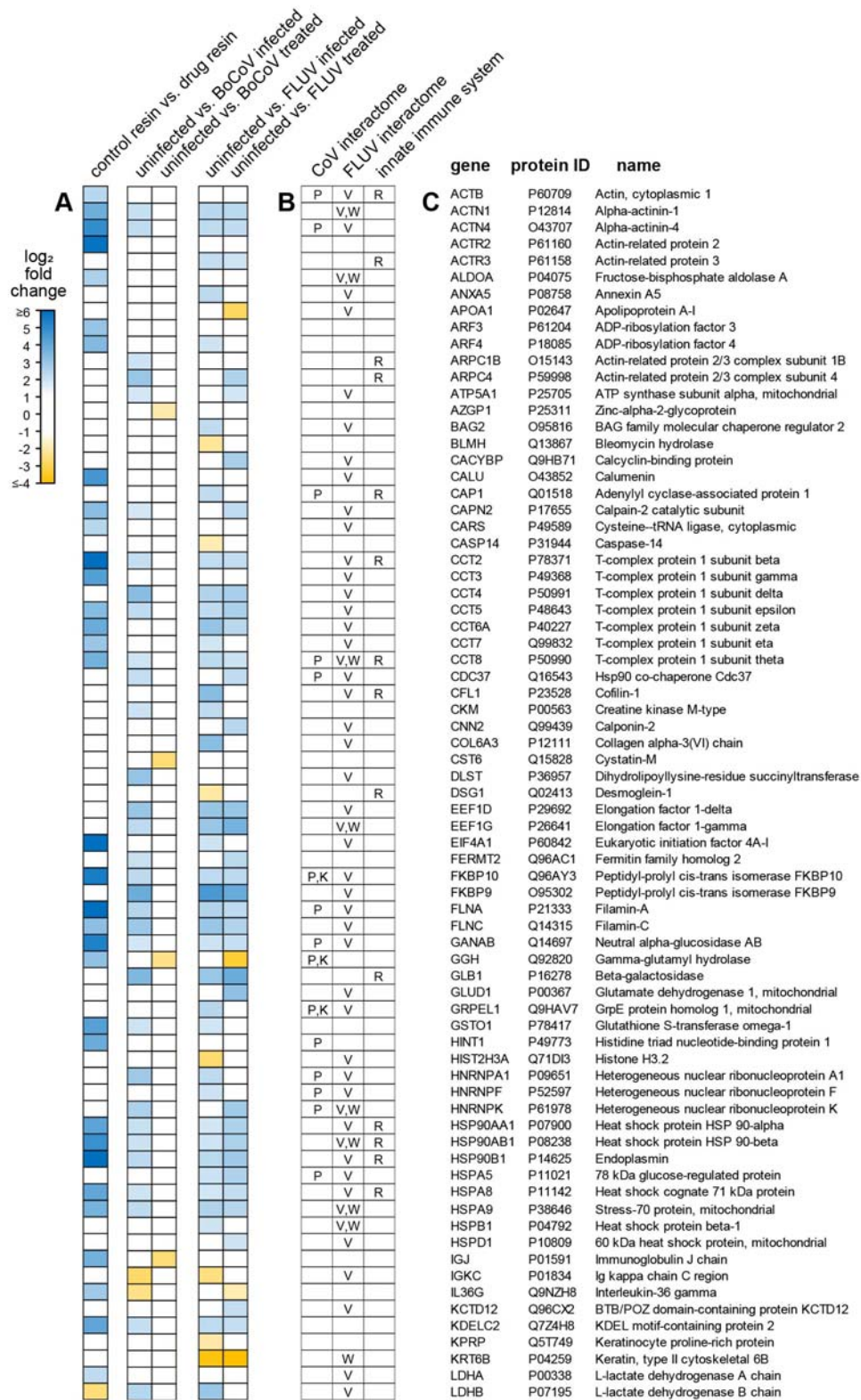
1172 of PAV-431. (B) Preparation of PAV-431 resin. (C) Preparation of PAV-431 photocross-linker.

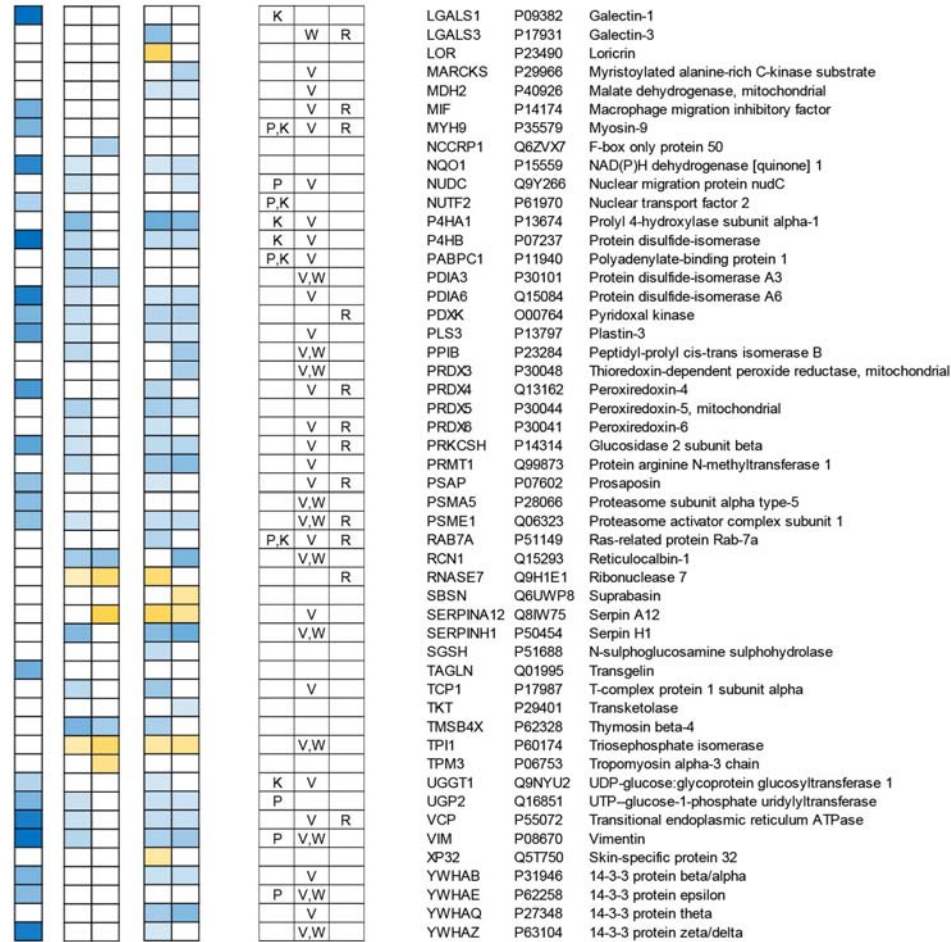
1173 Methodological details for these syntheses are described in Materials and Methods.



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Supplementary Figure S2. eDRAC (DRAC supplemented with metabolic energy) shows a significant increase in target yield, demonstrated by eluates from extracts of MDCK cells analyzed by SDS-PAGE and silver stain showing the full target complex banding pattern. Lane profile traces and peak numbers indicate peak band densities, stars indicate bands present in eDRAC eluate.





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1185 **Supplementary Figure S3.** Proteins corresponding to colored points in Figure 2 volcano plots ($|\log_2$ fold
 1186 change $| > 1$ and p -value < 0.05), determined from MS-MS data analyzed by label free quantification with
 1187 MaxQuant and LFQ-Analyst. (A) Fold change values illustrating the proteins that changed between
 1188 compared conditions. (B) Known involvement in the CoV, FLUV, and innate immune system
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 1190 Reactome. (C) Gene and protein identifiers.

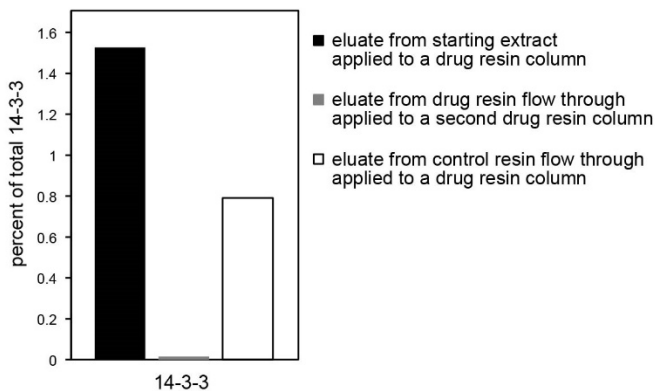
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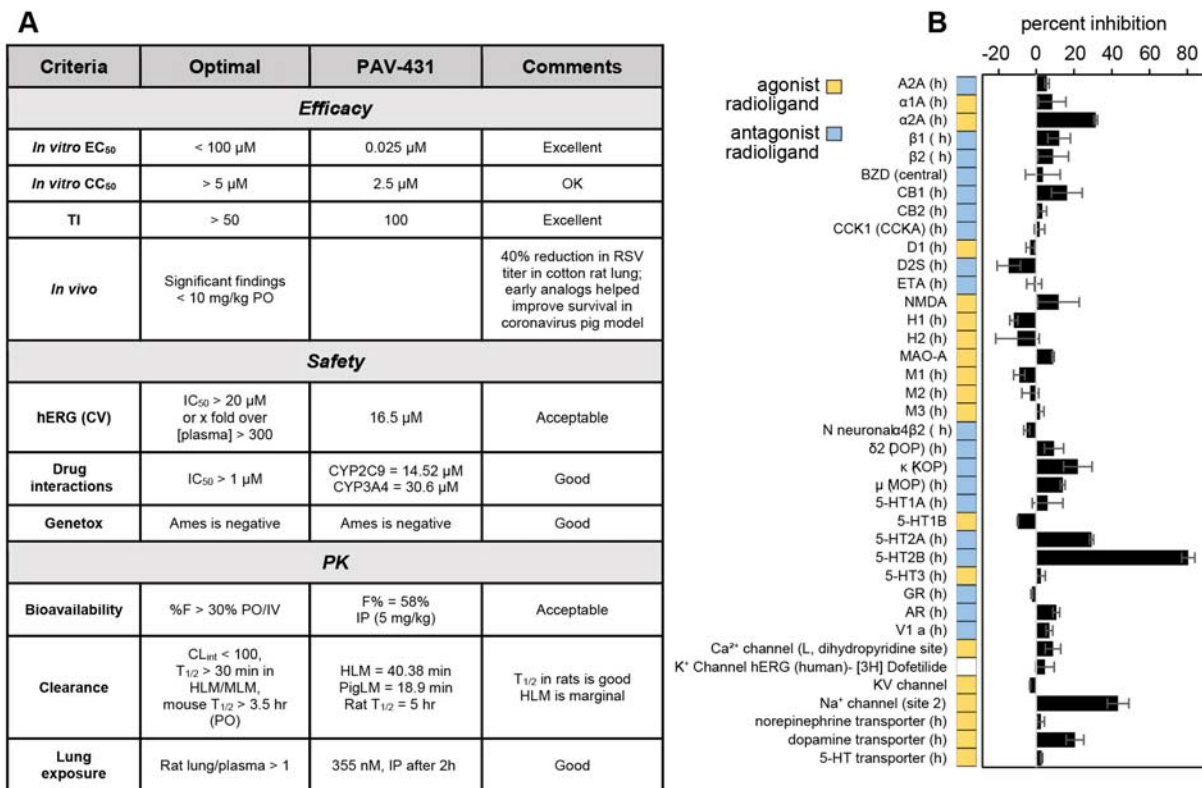
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Supplementary Figure S4. Assembly machines represent a small subset of the total cellular abundance of their protein components, demonstrated here with eluates from a serial eDRAC experiment using a pig lung extract analyzed by SDS-PAGE and WB for direct drug binding protein 14-3-3. Representative data shown.



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Supplementary Figure S5. Progression to a target product profile. (A) PAV-431 demonstrated a range of parameters that need to be fulfilled for clinical candidate nomination. (B) *In vitro* Cerep panel, a commercial screen for potential to bind to a broad panel of receptors, enzymes, and ion channels, reported as percent inhibition of control specific binding. PAV-431 was tested at 50μM, a concentration ~500x higher than antiviral EC₅₀. Data shown are the averages of replicates; error bars indicate standard error.

	EC ₅₀ FLUV	EC ₅₀ CoV	safe dose	↑ activity ↓ toxicity
PAV-431	< 25 nM	< 100 nM	5 mg/kg	
PAV-471	< 10 nM	< 10 nM	1 mg/kg	
PAV-104	< 10 nM	< 10 nM	15 mg/kg	

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Supplementary Figure S6. Summary of efficacy against FLUV A/WSN/33 in MDCK cells, efficacy against human coronavirus CoV229E in MRC-5 cells, and toxicology in BALB/c mice by intraperitoneal injection. Advanced analogs PAV-471 and PAV-104 both exhibit potent antiviral activity; PAV-104 is dramatically less toxic than PAV-471

1219 **Supplementary Tables**

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compound	molecular weight (g/mol)	log P	H-bond donors	H-bond acceptors	topological polar surface area (Å²)
PAV-773	331.416	2.74	1	4	65.38
PAV-835	315.373	1.72	1	4	65.38
PAV-431	369.344	3.3	1	4	65.38
PAV-471	547.72	1.76	1	7	106
PAV-104	581.69	1.31	1	7	123.07

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1224 **Table S1.** Drug-like properties of compounds in the lead series progression to PAV-431 and beyond,

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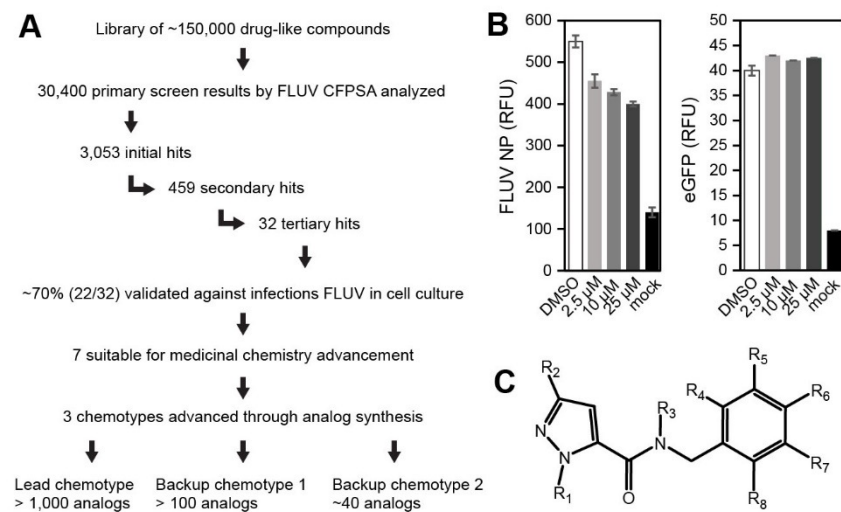


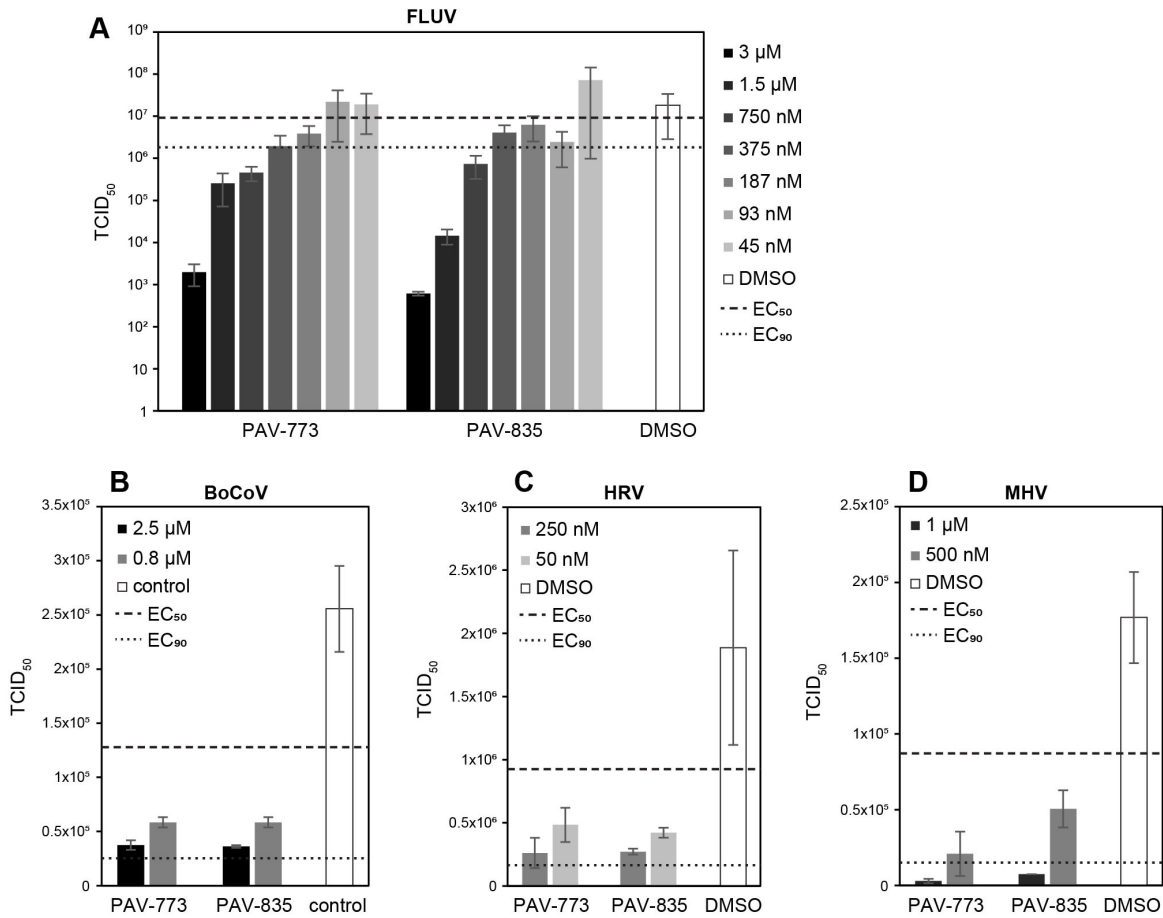
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Legend to Figure 1. A. Output of the moderate throughput CFPSA screen involving FLUV nucleoprotein, culminating in three chemotypes validated against infectious virus, one of which was most extensively advanced and is presented here. B. Initial hit (PAV-770) of this chemotype in the plate screen showing dose-dependent titration of FLUV RFUs (left, reflecting inhibition of np multimerization/assembly) with no effect on eGFP RFUs (right, reflecting inhibition of protein synthesis). C. Markush structure of the lead series. D. Initial structure-activity relationship based on assessment of FLUV infectivity in MDCK cells treated with these analogs.

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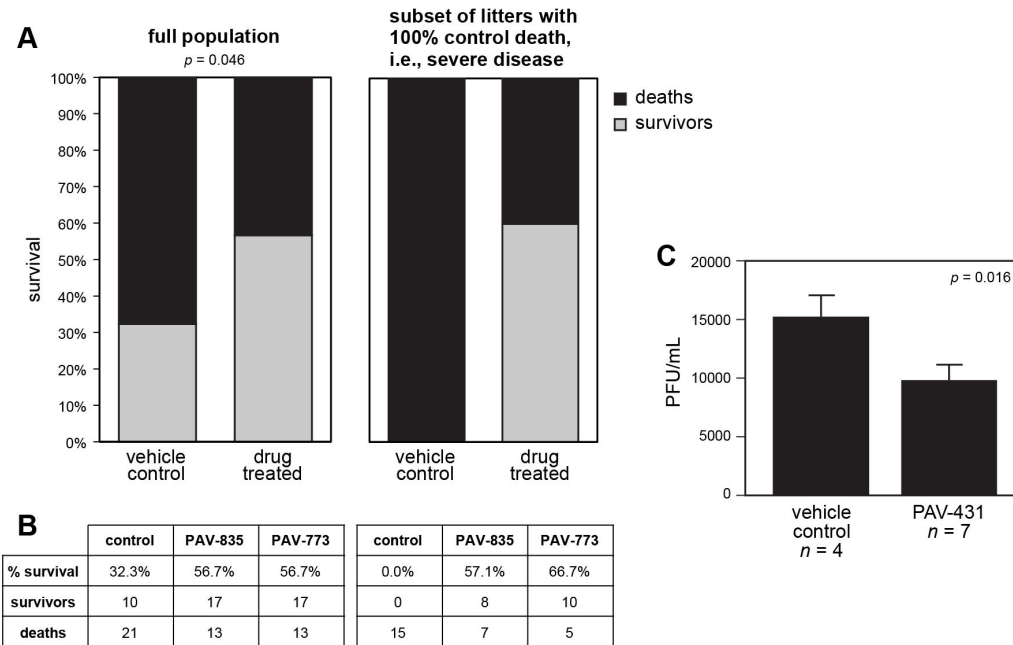
compound	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅	R ₆	R ₇	R ₈	EC ₅₀ (μM)
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PAV-868	Me	t-Bu	H	OMe	OMe	OMe	H	H	> 3
PAV-858	Me	t-Bu	H	OMe	H	OMe	OMe	H	> 3
PAV-772	Me	t-Bu	H	OMe	F	H	F	H	3
PAV-736	CH ₂ CH ₂ OH	t-Bu	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	H	> 3
PAV-869	Me	t-Bu	H	OPr	OMe	H	H	H	> 3
PAV-773	Me	t-Bu	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	H	< 1
PAV-1866	Me	t-Bu	Me	OMe	OMe	H	H	H	> 3
PAV-834	Me	Me	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	H	3
PAV-854	Me	Cy-hex	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	H	> 1
PAV-530	Me	iPr	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	H	1
PAV-835	Me	cyPr	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	H	< 1
PAV-895	Me	cyPr	H	OMe	Me	H	H	H	2
PAV-039	Me	cyPr	H	OMe	OMe	H	H	F	1
PAV-896	Me	cyPr	H	Me	OMe	H	H	H	1.5
PAV-700	Me	cyPr	H	Cl	OMe	H	H	H	2
PAV-235	Me	cyPr	H	F	OMe	H	H	H	0.2
PAV-944	Me	cyPr	H	OMe	CF ₃	H	H	H	0.2
PAV-901	Me	cyPr	H	CF ₃	OMe	H	H	H	0.3
PAV-671	Me	cyPr	H	H	Cl	OCF ₃	H	H	0.05
PAV-774	Me	cyPr	H	Cl	OCF ₃	H	H	H	0.2
PAV-431	Me	cyPr	H	OMe	OCF ₃	H	H	H	< 0.1
PAV-528	Me	cyPr	H	OCHF ₂	OCHF ₂	H	H	H	< 0.1
PAV-877	Me	cyPr	H	H	Me	OCHF ₂	Me	H	> 2

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Legend to Figure 2. Assessment of pan-respiratory antiviral activity of early compounds PAV-773 and PAV-835, determined by $TCID_{50}$. Data shown are the averages of three biological replicates; error bars indicate standard error; DMSO is included as the vehicle control. **(A)** FLUV A/WSN/33 in MDCK cells. **(B)** BoCoV (BRCV-OK-0514-2) in HRT-18G cells, **(C)** HRV-16 in H1-HeLa cells, **(D)** MHV-68 in BHK-2 cells. Dashed line is the EC_{50} . Dotted line is the EC_{90} .

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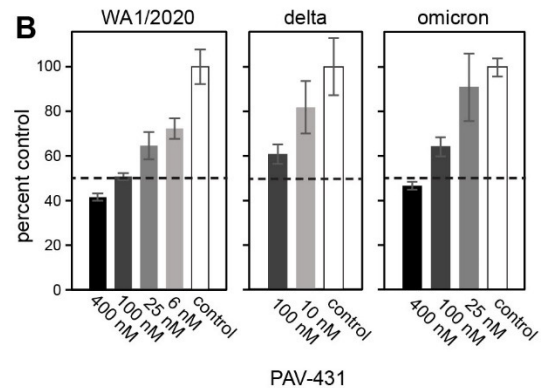
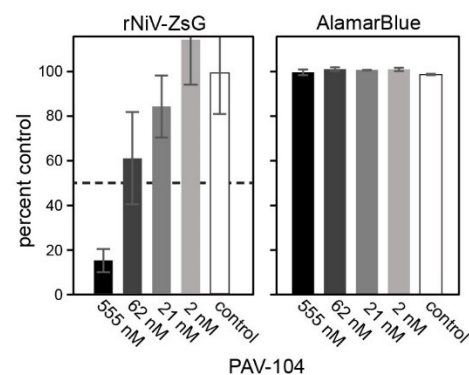
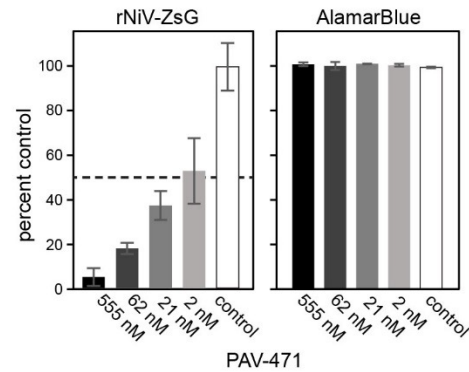
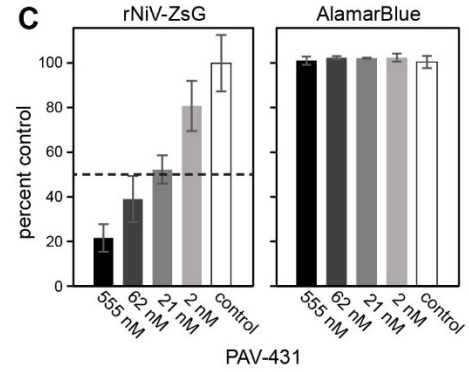


Legend to Figure 3. Early analogs validated in animal efficacy trials. **(A-B)** PEDV pig trial, evaluated by survival. **(A)** Assembly modulator compounds demonstrated efficacy against both mild and severe disease. As PAV-773 and PAV-835 showed equal efficacy, they have been combined (Fisher exact test $p = 0.046$). The left panel shows percent survival for all animals in the study. The right panel shows the subset of litters in which all control animals (treated with vehicle only) died. **(B)** Breakdown of survival for PAV-773 and PAV-835 separately for both the total population and the severe disease subset, where $p = 0.002$ and $p = 0.004$, respectively. This breakdown reveals the compounds to be as potent against mild disease (groups in which there were vehicle-only survivors) as in severe disease (groups in which there were no vehicle-only survivors). **(C)** RSV cotton rat trial, evaluated by day 5 lung viral titer determined by plaque assay. A significant drop in viral titer was observed with PAV-431 treatment (unpaired t -test $p = 0.016$). Data shown are averages; error bars indicate standard error.

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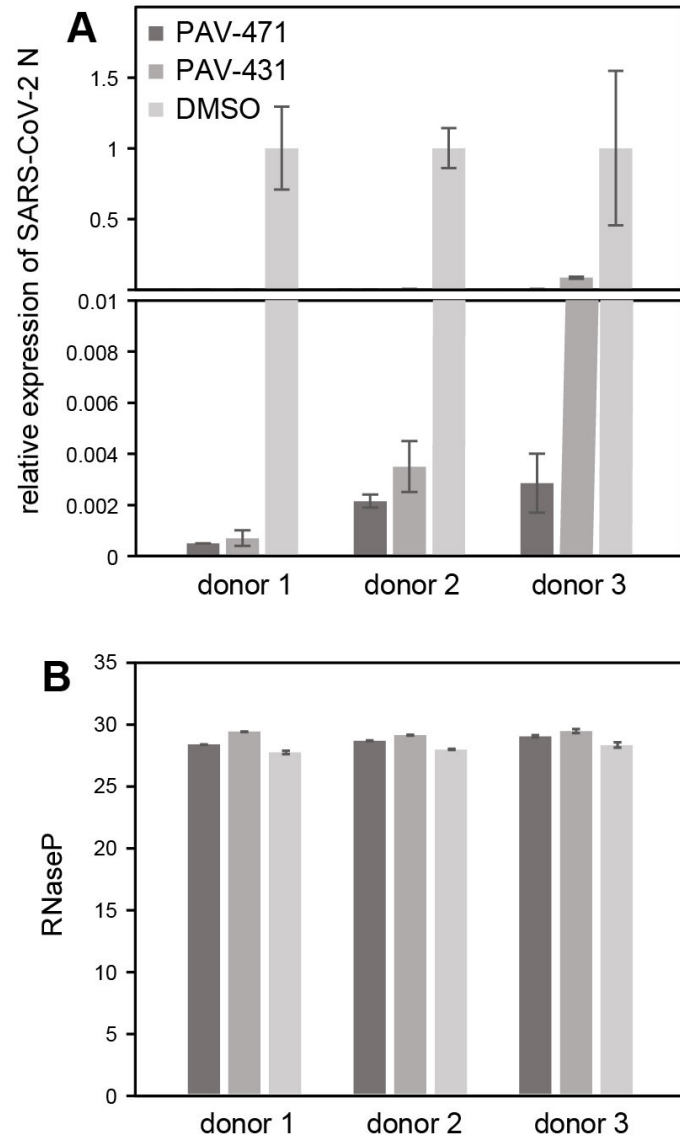
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cell line	virus (family)	PAV-431 EC ₅₀
MDCK	influenza A/WSN/33 (<i>Orthomyxoviridae</i>)	25 nM
MDCK	swine influenza virus SIV/SK WT (<i>Orthomyxoviridae</i>)	25 nM
GBK	bovine coronavirus (<i>Coronaviridae</i>)	50 nM
Vero E6	SARS-CoV-2 WA1/2020 (<i>Coronaviridae</i>)	100 nM
HEp2	respiratory syncytial virus strain A-2 (<i>Paramyxoviridae</i>)	< 25 nM
HSAEC1-KT	Nipah virus rNiV-ZsG (<i>Paramyxoviridae</i>)	≤ 50 nM
A549	adenovirus serotype 5 strain adenoid 65 (<i>Adenoviridae</i>)	< 100 nM
H1-Hela	human cytomegalovirus strain AD69 (<i>Herpesviridae</i>)	25 nM
H1-Hela	human rhinovirus 16 (<i>Picornaviridae</i>)	< 20 nM
MNA	rabies virus CVS-11 (<i>Rhabdoviridae</i>)	> 400 nM



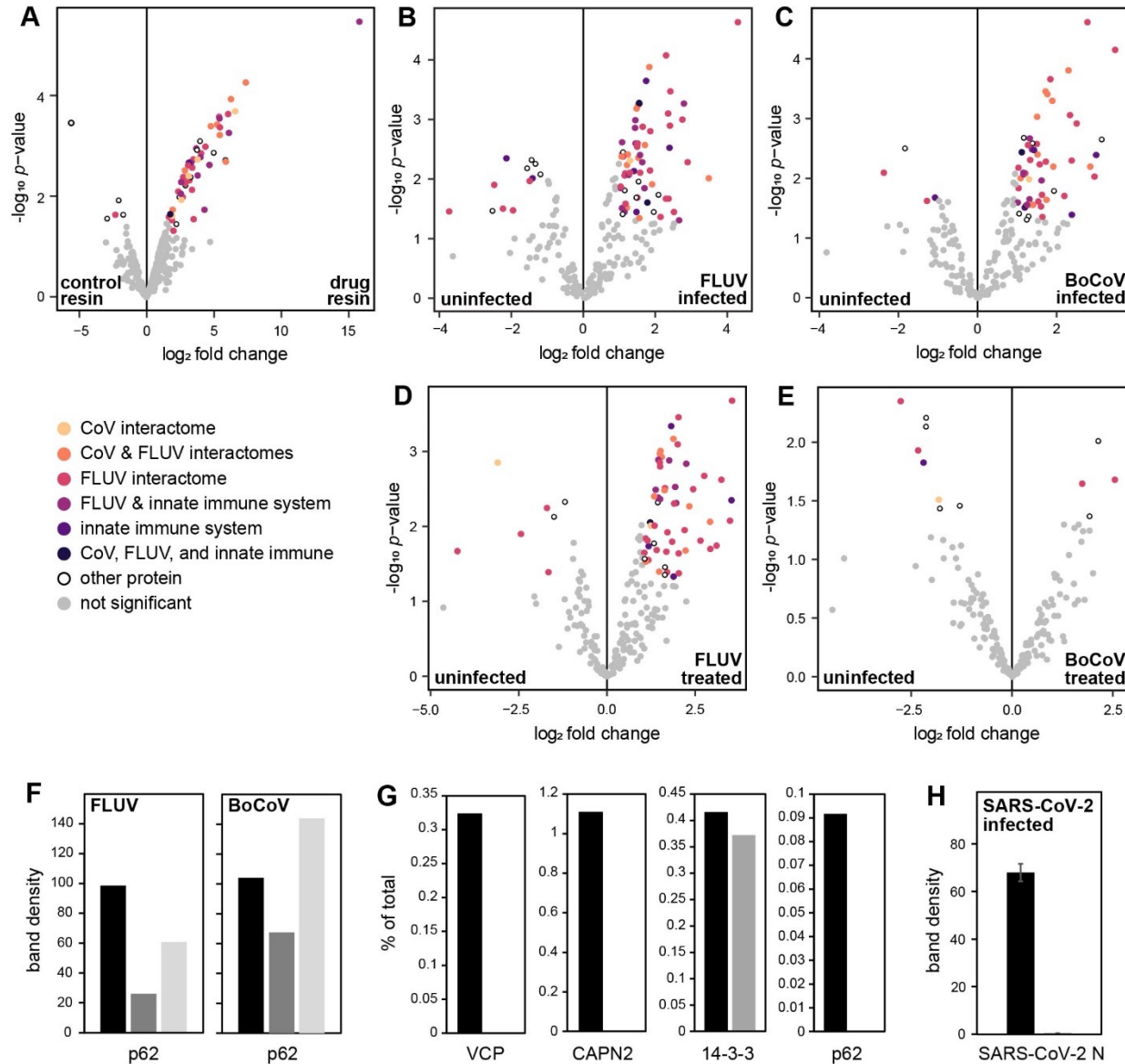
Legend to Figure 4. Pan-respiratory antiviral activity. **(A)** Efficacy of PAV-431 against each respiratory viral family in cell culture. **(B)** Dose-dependent antiviral activity of PAV-431 against multiple SARS-CoV-2 strains: (WA1/2020, lineage A) in Vero E6 cells, determined by plaque assay, delta variant (lineage B.1.617.2) and omicron variant (lineage B.A.1) in Calu-3 cells determined by qPCR measurement of the SARS-CoV-2 E gene and/or TCID₅₀. Data shown are the averages of three biological replicates; error bars indicate standard error; DMSO is included as the vehicle control. **(C)**. Dose-dependent activity of PAV-431 and advanced analogs PAV-471 and PAV-104 against Nipah virus of the *Paramyxoviridae* family in primary-like human small airway epithelial cells (HSAEC1-KT)(Lo et al., 2014; Welch et al., 2020). Alamar Blue assessment of cytotoxicity shows no toxicity up to 5μM tested in 5mM glucose-supplemented minimum essential medium, so all therapeutic indices > 100

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Legend to Figure 5. A. Assembly modulator compounds inhibit SARS-CoV-2 (gamma variant, lineage P.1) replication in primary human airway epithelial cells grown at an air-liquid interface, determined by qPCR measurement of the SARS-CoV-2 N gene. Data shown are the averages of two biological replicates; error bars indicate standard error; DMSO is included as the vehicle control. B. No significant toxicity was observed by assessment of levels of RNase P.

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Legend to Figure 6. Drug target is a host multi-protein complex modified by viral infection and restored with drug treatment. **(A-E)** Volcano plots visualizing the protein composition of the target complex determined by MS-MS on triplicate eDRAC eluates from extracts of MRC-5 cells that were either uninfected, infected with FLUV or BoCoV, or infected and treated with PAV-431. Significant proteins ($|\log_2$ fold change > 1 and p -value < 0.05) are colored based on their known involvement in the CoV, FLUV, and innate immune system interactomes and listed in Supplementary Figure S3. **(A)** Comparison between control resin and PAV-431 drug resin demonstrates drug specificity of the target complex. **(B-C)** Infection with FLUV (B) or BoCoV (C) modifies the target complex. **(D-E)**, Treatment with PAV-431 restores the target to the uninfected state, partially for FLUV (D) and almost completely for BoCoV (E). **(F)** eDRAC eluates from MRC-5 cells (left) and HRT-18G cells (right), uninfected or infected with either FLUV (left) or BoCoV (right), analyzed by SDS-PAGE and WB for target component p62. In both cases, viral infection resulted in a diminution of p62, which was restored by treatment with PAV-431 (right) and PAV-818 (left). **(G)** Crosslinked eDRAC eluates from pig lung extract co-precipitated under native or denaturing conditions and analyzed by SDS-PAGE and WB for target components p62, VCP, CAPN2, and 14-3-3. Presence under both conditions identifies 14-3-3 as the direct drug binding protein, while loss under denaturing conditions identifies the others as more distal components of the complex associated with the drug indirectly via other proteins in the complex that are associated with the direct-binding protein 14-3-3. **(H)** SARS-CoV-2 infected an PAV-431-treated cell lysate subjected to PAV-431 photocross-linking and streptavidin precipitation under non-denaturing conditions. A-E and H show the statistical significance of the findings, F and G show representative individual experiments. Drug concentration for treatment of infected cells in H was 100nM.

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		PAV-773			PAV-835		PAV-431			PAV-471		PAV-104		
mouse maximum tolerated dose	safe dose route-dosage (mg/kg)	-	IP-5	-	-	IP-1	-	IP-5	-	-	IP-1	-	IP-15	PO-50
	toxic dose route-dosage (mg/kg)	-	IP-15	-	-	IP-15	-	IP-10	-	-	IP-2	-	IP-20	PO-250
repeat dose toxicology ^a mouse 10 day ^b rat 7 day	route-dosage (mg/kg)	-	IP-5 ^a	-	-	IP-1 ^a	-	IP-2 ^a	-	-	-	-	-	PO-50 ^b
	body weight, clinical signs, histopathology, clinical parameters	-	NAD/NSSD	-	-	NAD/NSSD	-	NAD/NSSD	-	-	-	-	-	NAD/NSSD
rat PK ^c mouse	route-dosage (mg/kg)	IV-1 ^c	IP-5 ^c	PO-5 ^c	IV-0.2	IP-1	IV-1	IP-5	PO-5	IV-0.2	IP-1	IV-1	IP-5	PO-20
	AUC _{last} (nM.h)	2287	733	253	428	1043	831	2464	low conc.	108	371	543	2510	3247
	AUC _{inf} (nM.h)	ND	ND	ND	428	1047	926	2499		135	387	559	2656	3620
	C _{max} (nM)	ND	1035	51	1608	2842	685	793		152	550	1379	2243	1417
	T _{max} (h)	ND	0.08	4	0.03	0.08	0.08	0.25		0.08	0.25	0.08	0.25	0.5
	t _{1/2} (h)	ND	ND	ND	0.5	0.4	12	5		4	2	2	7	9
	CL (mL/min)	1.3	-	-	25	-	49	-		45	-	51	-	-
	V _z (L/Kg)	13.3	-	-	0.5	-	32	-		12	-	4	-	-
F (%)	-	7	2.2	-	49	-	59	-		69	-	95	32	
rat uptake ^c mouse	route-dosage (mg/kg)	-	IP-5 ^c	-	-	IP-1 ^c	-	IP-5	-	-	IP-1	-	IP-5	PO-20
	concentration in lungs (nM)	-	866 ^d 109 ^e	-	-	98 ^a 5 ^a	-	1224 ^a 355 ^a	-	-	739 ^a 175 ^a	-	160 ^a 485 ^a	306 ^e 113 ^a 53 ^a
	concentration in brain (nM)	-	2148 ^d 169 ^e	-	-	178 ^a 20 ^a	-	1416 ^a 479 ^a	-	-	334 ^a 69 ^a	-	17 ^a BLOQ ^a	26 ^a BLOQ ^a BLOQ ^a
	concentration in plasma (nM)	-	1657 ^d 250 ^e	-	-	181 ^a 18 ^a	-	834 ^a 333 ^a	-	-	265 ^a 40 ^a	-	397 ^a 261 ^a	1011 ^e 371 ^a 22 ^a

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Legend to Figure 7. Pharmacokinetic and toxicological assessment of the lead series in BALB/c mice and Sprague Dawley rats. **(A)** Summary of results. IV, intravenous; IP, intraperitoneal; PO, per oral; PK, pharmacokinetics; AUC_{last}, area under the curve from time zero to the last quantifiable concentration; AUC_{inf}, area under the curve vs. time curve extrapolated to infinity; C_{max}, peak plasma concentration; T_{max}, time of peak concentration observed; t_{1/2}, terminal half-life; CL, steady-state clearance; V_z, volume of distribution; F, fraction bioavailability; NAD, no abnormality detected; NSSD, no significant statistical difference; BLOQ, below level of quantification; ND, not determined. Pharmacokinetic parameters were determined using WinNonlin software. **(B)** PAV-104 levels following acute repeat dose toxicology evaluation in Sprague Dawley rats with a daily oral dose of 50 mg/kg for 7 days. Trough plasma levels exceed EC₅₀ by ~100 fold. Data shown are the averages of 5 animals; error bars indicate standard deviation.

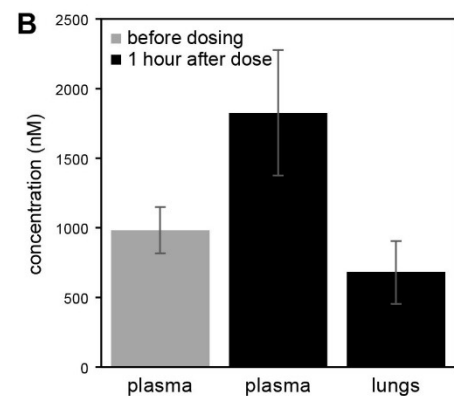


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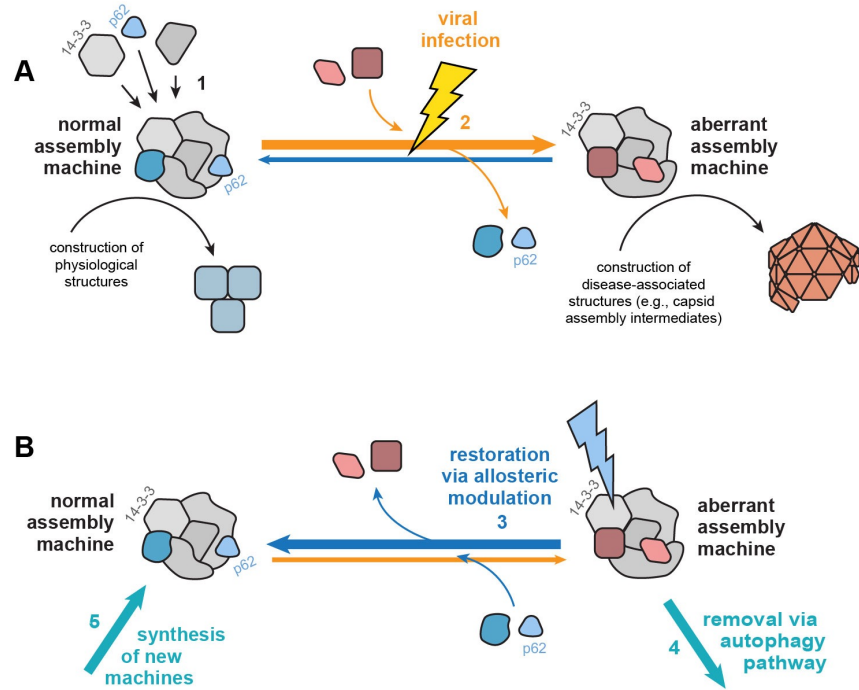


Figure 8. Cartoon summarizing our working hypothesis on assembly modulation therapeutics. **(A)** Normal assembly machines are transient host multi-protein complexes that come together to carry out various events involved in the construction of physiological structures and maintenance of homeostasis (1). Viruses have evolved to co-opt the assembly machines of their hosts to meet their own needs, presumably through signaling pathway manipulation and/or allosteric site modulation (2). This results in the formation of aberrant assembly machines that do something they are not supposed to do (e.g. build a viral capsid) and perhaps fails to do something they are supposed to do (e.g. inform innate immunity that the cell is under viral attack) due to loss of autophagy regulator p62. The former action is reflected as viral replication and the latter action is reflected in the failure of autophagic innate immune defense. Both consequences manifest as disease and their molecular basis is the normal to aberrant change in assembly machine composition. **(B)** Treatment with assembly modulators results in elimination of aberrant assembly machines and restoration of normal assembly machines. This could be a result of either direct action on the allosteric site (e.g. affecting protein-protein interactions such that the normal assembly machine is stabilized) or indirectly by activation of autophagy to destroy the aberrant assembly machines (4) followed by homeostatic feedback repopulation of normal assembly machines (5).

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		percent reduction in infection
Oseltamivir	passage 0 at 30 μ M	91
	passage 7 at 30 μ M	21.4
PAV-835	passage 0 at 3 μ M	98.9
	passage 7 at 3 μ M	91.9
PAV-333	passage 0 at 3 μ M	94.5
	passage 7 at 3 μ M	92.5

Legend to Table 1. Evidence for a barrier to resistance development. MDCK cells were infected with FLUV (A/WSN/33) in the presence of Oseltamivir (935 nM to 30 μ M), PAV-835 (93.5 nM to 3 μ M), or PAV-333 (93.5 nM to 3 μ M). From passage to passage, drug concentrations were increased over the indicated ranges to encourage selection for resistance mutants. An initially Oseltamivir-sensitive FLUV strain became largely resistant after passage 7. In contrast, the two assembly modulator compounds PAV-835 and PAV-333 showed minimal loss of drug sensitivity.

