

## Structural analysis of C-terminal bromodomain from the human BRD2 in complex with bromo and extra terminal domain (BET) inhibitor

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### INTRODUCTION

**Bromodomain-containing protein 2 (BRD2)** is a protein that in humans is encoded by the *BRD2* gene. BRD2 is part of the Bromodomain and Extra-Terminal motif (BET) protein family that also contains BRD3, BRD4, and BRDT in mammals. This protein associates with transcription complexes and with acetylated chromatin during mitosis, and it selectively binds to the acetylated lysine-12 residue of the histone H4 via its two bromodomains. BRD2 has a major role in inducing cancer due to its ability to bind with the acetylated lysine regions of DNA and induce transcription more often than required. Single bromodomain is present in many histone acetyltransferase (HATs) and chromatin remodeling enzymes that regulate transcription and mediate association of these proteins with acetylated nucleosomes. BRD2 may also play a role in spermatogenesis or folliculogenesis. BRD2 may have functional overlap with close homologs BRD3, BRD2 function can be blocked by Bromo and Extra Terminal Domain (BET) Inhibitors.

The therapeutic potential of BET inhibitors binding equipotently to their eight bromodomain family, has now been extensively reported in oncology and immunoinflammation. These iBETs are now playing key roles in clinical oncology, cancer treatment and brain tumors illustrating tremendous potential of this epigenetic reader family as a therapeutic target. The BD1 and BD2-biased inhibitors binding to either the four BD1 or the four BD2 domains of the BET proteins have been published as the structures are shown in Figure 2 with the acetylated lysine mimetics highlighted in blue.

There has been lots of studies detailing different results regarding chromatin binding to the BD1 and BD2 domains. The multivalent interaction between the BET family and chromatin or other binding partners is complex and context-dependent and remains poorly understood. It is difficult to predict what different efficacy or inhibitors. In future we can hope that there will be highly selective BD1 and BD2 domain selective BET inhibitors which will enable advances in our biological understanding.

### EXPERIMENTALS

The following filters have been used: refinement name of source organism (Homo sapiens), experimental method (X-Ray diffraction), refinement resolution (1.5-0.2), release date (2020-2024) PDB ID is 6ZB0 and title is C-terminal Bromodomain of human BRD2 with 1-benzyl-N-methyl-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carboxamide (Figure 1).

We have conducted two tests to determine the quality of the protein: (1) We calculated whether the R-Work value is close enough to the 1/10th value of its resolution or not, (2) We calculated the difference between the R-Work Value and the R-Free Value.

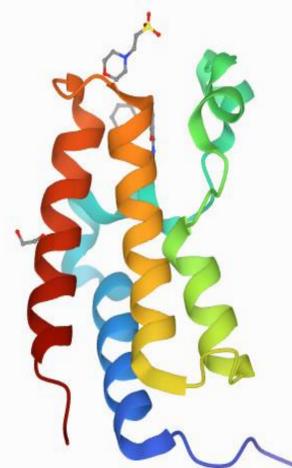


Figure-1. 6ZB0 C-Terminal Bromodomain of human BRD2 with 1-benzyl-N-methyl-,1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carboxamide

### RESULTS & DISCUSSION

As we have conducted the tests for determination of quality of protein:

(1) 0.161Å is the result for this test, from which we can conclude that the R-Work Value is almost equal to the 1/10th value of its Resolution Value.

(2) 0.0387 is the result that we have obtained from this test, from which it is clear that the difference between the R-Work Value and R-Free Value is less than 5%.

From the above two test results we can conclude that the protein is of good quality.

Macromolecule is Bromodomain-containing protein 2 (BRD2) and chain AAA with sequence length 115. Small molecules are QCW, MES, EDO.

The protein has six alpha helix structures with zero beta sheets and this protein has pretty good strength of hydrogen bonds with individual small molecules. The small molecule QCW forms 3H bonds, one with arginine and remaining two with water molecules, MES forms 6H bonds where all hydrogen bonds are formed with water molecules and EDO forms 6H bonds in which 3H bonds are formed with aspartic acid and 3H bonds with water molecule.

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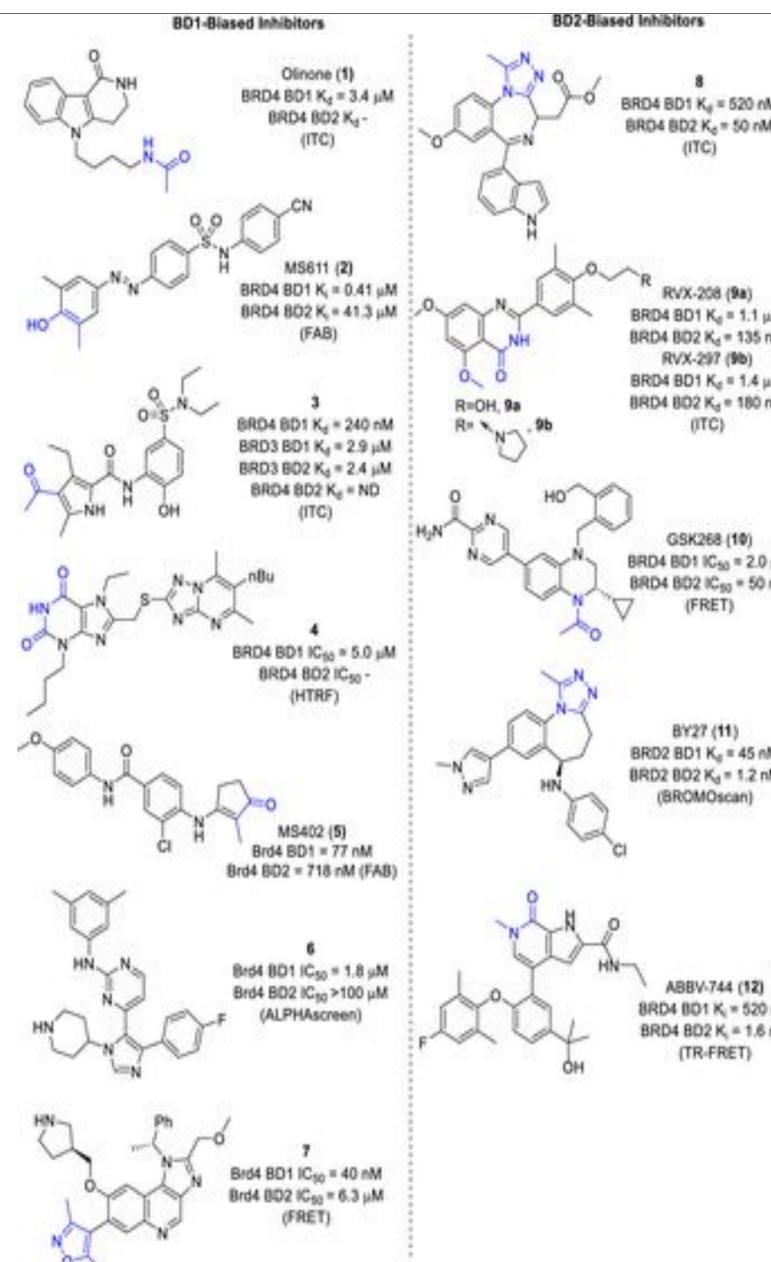


Figure-2. Published domain selective BET bromodomain inhibitors and their literature potencies/affinities to the BD1 and BD2 bromodomain of BRD4 with the acetylated lysine mimetic colored blue