

Novel and Specific Inhibitors of p21

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ABSTRACT

Small molecule inhibitors of the cyclin kinase inhibitor, p21, specifically affect p21 levels and can potentially be used in treating cancer.

FULL DESCRIPTION

Cyclin kinase inhibitor p21 promotes cell survival by preventing the apoptosis of cells. Thus, this protein is the cancer cell's method of defeating attempts to kill it, as by chemotherapy, a situation which is clearly harmful for the cancer patient.

Using drug design, researchers at University of California have discovered several specific inhibitors of p21 that are more stable and more effective than the previously discovered small molecule p21 inhibitors. Inhibiting the levels of p21 diminishes its anti-apoptotic effect on cells and makes cells more amenable to cell death.

APPLICATIONS

- ▶ Sensitizers of chemotherapy in kidney as well as other cancers
- ▶ Increase the ability of conventional chemotherapy treatment

FEATURES/BENEFITS

- ▶ Interferes with cell death
- ▶ Small molecule
- ▶ Stability
- ▶ Oral delivery

PATENT STATUS

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OTHER INFORMATION

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CATEGORIZED AS

- ▶ **Medical**
 - ▶ Disease: Cancer
 - ▶ Therapeutics

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