

# Nurix Therapeutics Blazing a New Path in Medicine

Application of DNA-Encoded Libraries to Discover Small Molecules for E3 Ligase Modulation

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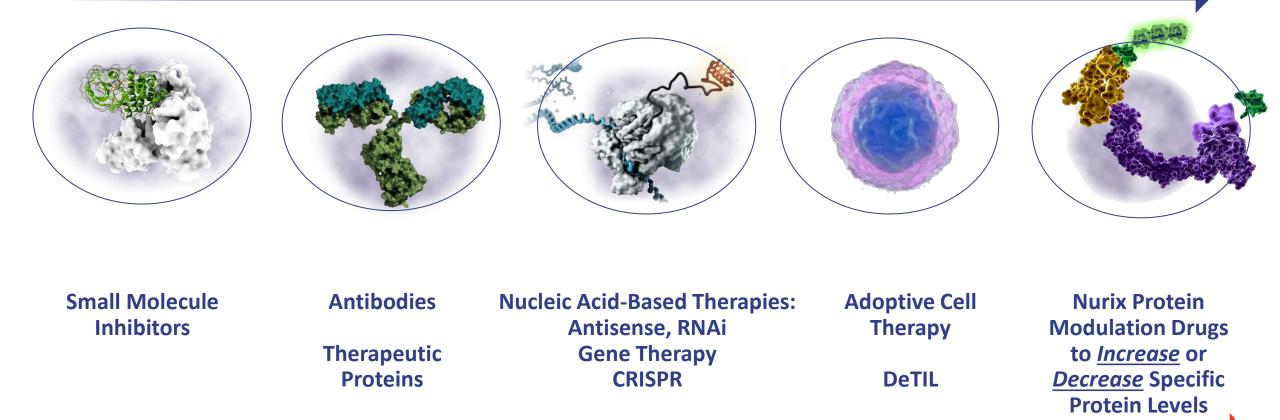
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### Working to Create a New Category of Medicine

#### **Evolution of new therapeutic modalities**

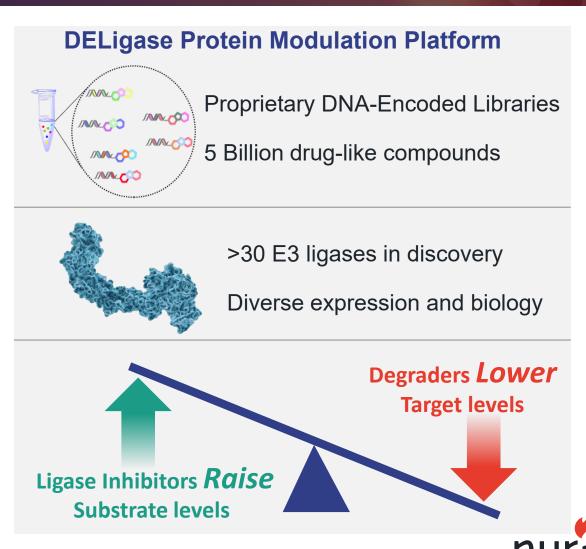


### Nurix's DELigase Platform: Leading the Industry in Application of DEL for Targeted Protein Modulation

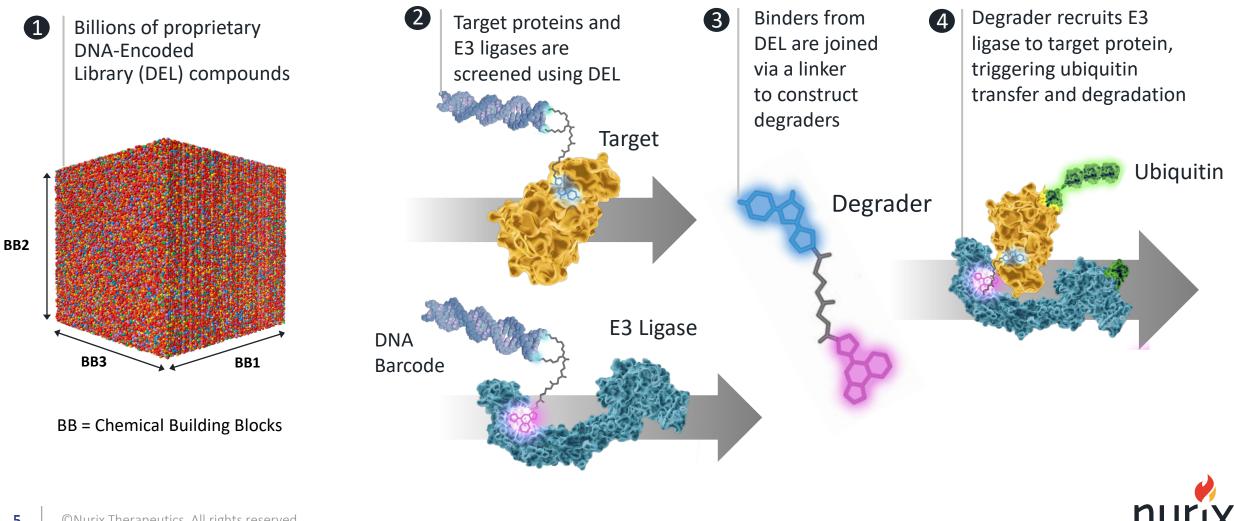
 DELigase<sup>™</sup> is a versatile drug discovery platform utilizing DNA-encoded libraries (DEL) that represent over 5 billion drug-like compounds

 Nurix can find binders for proteins previously thought to be undruggable, particularly E3 ligases

 By inhibiting or harnessing E3 ligases, Nurix uses its discovery platform to modulate the levels of Target or substrate proteins



#### **DELigase**<sup>®</sup> Enables Efficient Degrader Discovery and Design



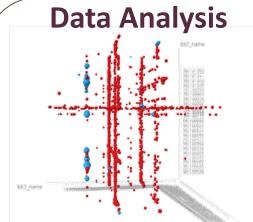
## Nurix DEL Discovery Platform

DE Library

- > 1 billion compounds represented in DEL "cube"
- Combinatorial 3D matrix of >1,000 building blocks
- Allows massively parallel screening
- Identifies novel binders to both ligases and target proteins

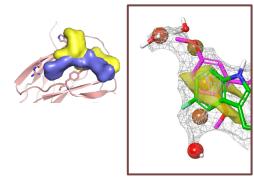


- Screening complex mixtures without a biochemical assay
- Highly multiplexed analysis of multiple protein isoforms & offtargets
- Assays run under multiple conditions to find competitive inhibitors, allosteric inhibitors, and binders



- SAR rich output available for lead optimization
- Hit ID is agnostic of binding location
- Hit ID guided by structural similarity, scrutiny of matrixed selection results
- Artificial intelligence used to identify hits outside of our library

#### **Hit Optimization**

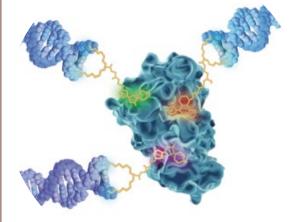


- DEL identifies multiple chemical series with varying affinities
- Leverage DEL SAR to drive optimization
- Parallel library driven hit optimization
- Structure Guided Design
  to improve affinity

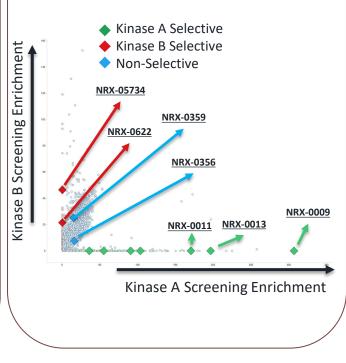
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## Integrated Platform Enabling Novel Drug Discovery

Binders can span the surface of the protein



Parallel screening conditions enable identification of competitive inhibitors, allosteric inhibitors, and binders Parallel screening enables identification of selective binders or inhibitors



**DNA** attachment can be used to guide degrader linker **DEL** linkerplacement attachment Literature Linkerattachment **Potent selective** Western analysis (16 hr) 03uN 0.1uM DMSO LOuM degrader 3uM 1uM Kinase A Kinase B  $\beta$ -actin

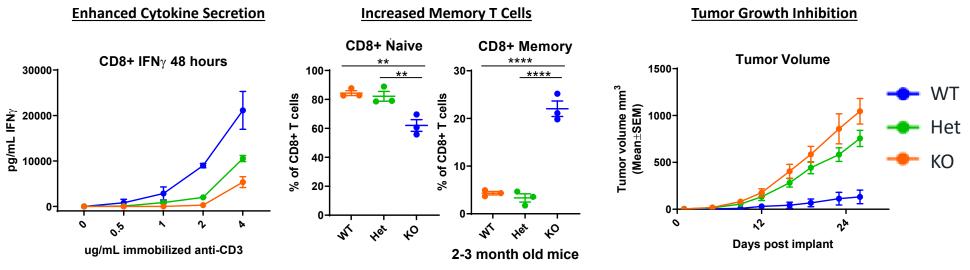
### Advancing Four Wholly Owned Clinical Programs with a Deep Pipeline of Proprietary and Partnered Novel Targets

Drug Program	Target / Delivery	Therapeutic Area	Discovery	IND enabling	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
NX-2127 Degrader	BTK + IMiD activity Oral	B-cell Malignancies					
<u>NX-5948</u> Degrader	BTK Oral	B-cell Malignancies and Autoimmune Diseases					
<u>NX-1607</u> Inhibitor	CBL-B Oral	Immuno-oncology					
DeTIL-0255 Cell therapy	Adopted cell therapy with Ex vivo CBL-B inhibition	Gynecologic malignancies					
Discovery pipeline							
Wholly owned	Degraders and inhibitors of multiple targets including E3 ligases, T cell kinase, hematology & oncology drivers, and viral proteins						
Gilead Sciences	5 targets						
Sanofi	5 targets						



# Pellino1 is an Immuno-Oncology Target

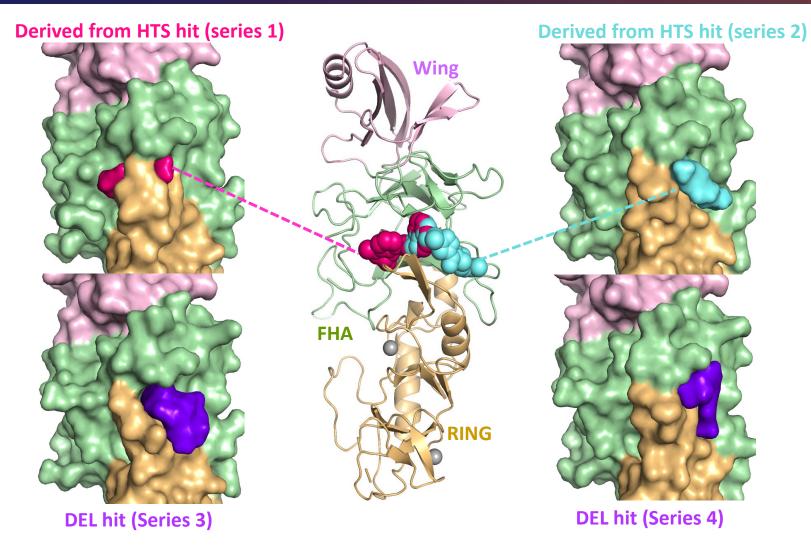
- Pellino1 is an E3 ligase which is a negative regulator of T cell activation
- Therapeutic hypothesis: Degradation of Pellino1 will result in an anti-tumor response by increasing T cell activation
- Peli1 knockout mice display phenotypes consistent with therapeutic hypothesis:
  - T cells display hyperactivation when profiled *ex vivo*
  - T cells display increased memory markers in vivo
  - Knockout mice display a tumor growth inhibition phenotype





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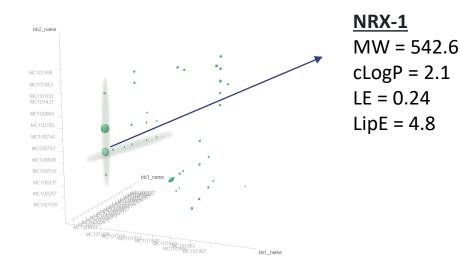
## Multiple Hit Finding Approaches Yield Pellino1 Binders



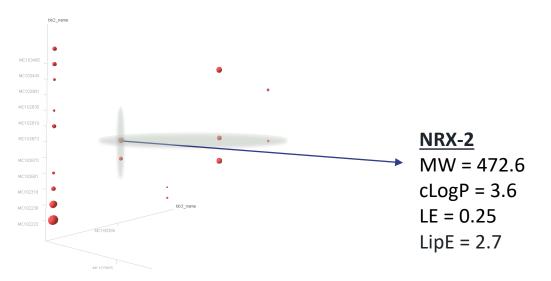


### Two Series Confirmed as Pellino1 Binders from DEL Screen

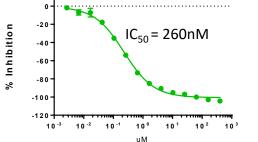
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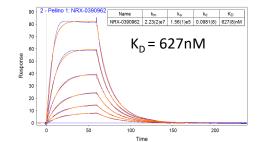
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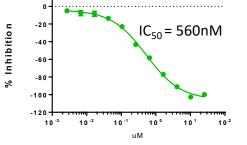
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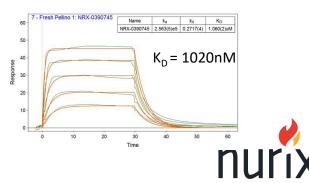
#### Surface Plasmon Resonance



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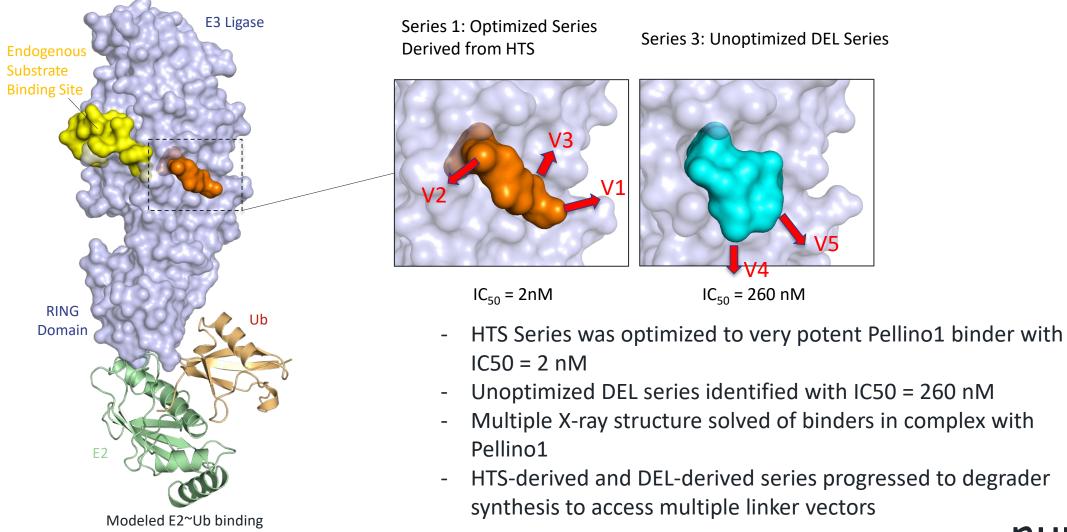


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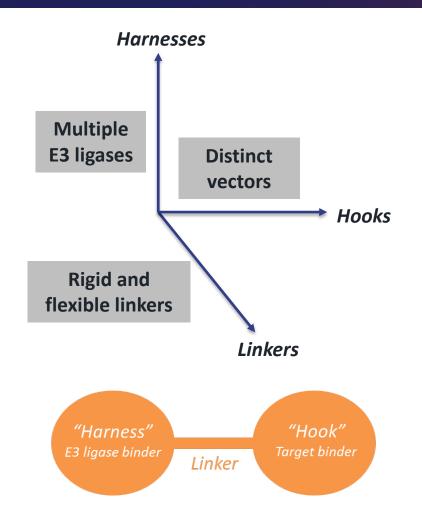
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## Multiple Linker Vectors Identified from Pellino1 Binders



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# Matrix Approach to Degrader Hit Identification and Optimization



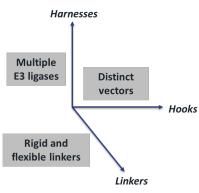
#### Key Goals of Matrix Strategy for Degrader Identification:

- 1) Identify productive ligase(s) for degradation of target protein
- 2) Prioritize hook/harness ligands which give most productive target protein degradation
  - Required ligand affinity for ligase/target protein
  - Binding site(s) which lead to productive ternary complex formation for degradation

3) Select hook/harness linker vector(s) for further exploration and optimization



# Matrix Approach to Degrader Hit Identification and Optimization





- One compound/well combinatorial libraries
- Up to 5 steps before purification
- Typically, 200-400 degrader compounds made over 4-6 weeks

Linkers
 Harnesses
 Hooks

Diverse combinatorial libraries synthesized

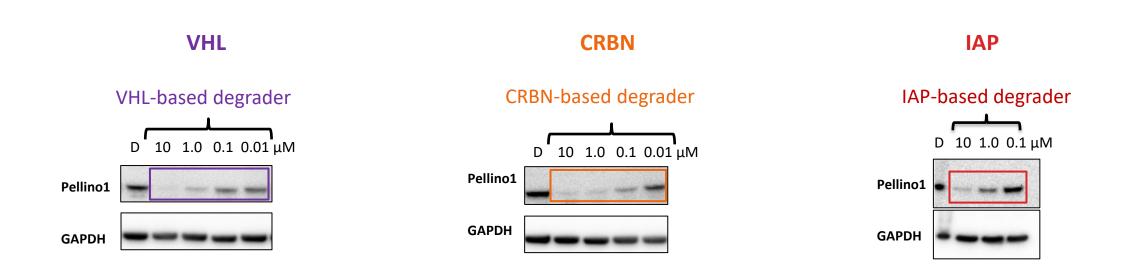


**Degrader Matrix** Linkers = 6 Multiple linker vectors Harnesses = 5 Total = >100 bifunctional degraders

HiBit and/or Western Blot to Examine Pellino1 Degradation

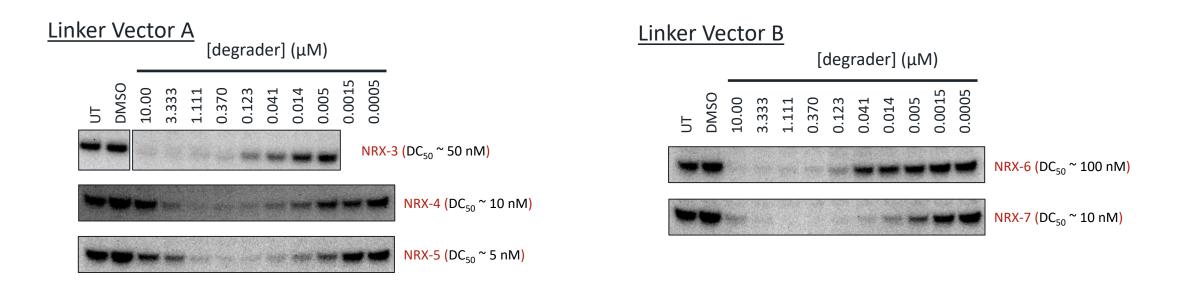


### Multiple E3 Ligases Enable Pellino1 Degradation

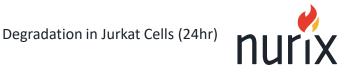


- Multiple ligases identified as being active for Pellino1 degradation
- CRBN-based degraders selected for further exploration

#### Pellino1 Degradation Observed with Multiple Linker Vectors

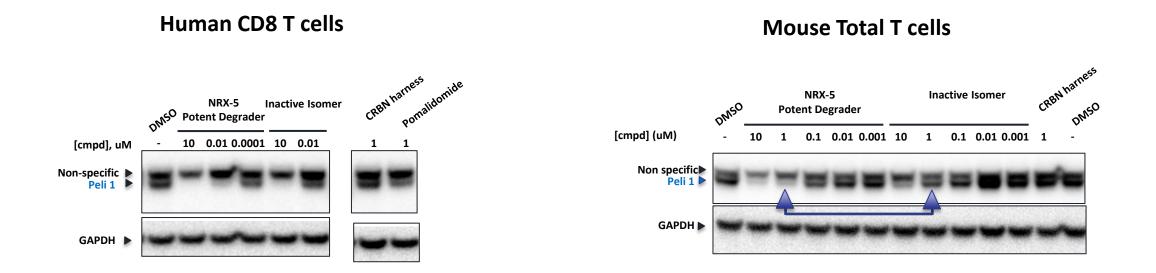


- Multiple linker vectors identified which enable potent degradation of Pellino1
- Most potent degraders identified with Linker Vector A
- Other linker vectors resulted in inactive cellular degraders



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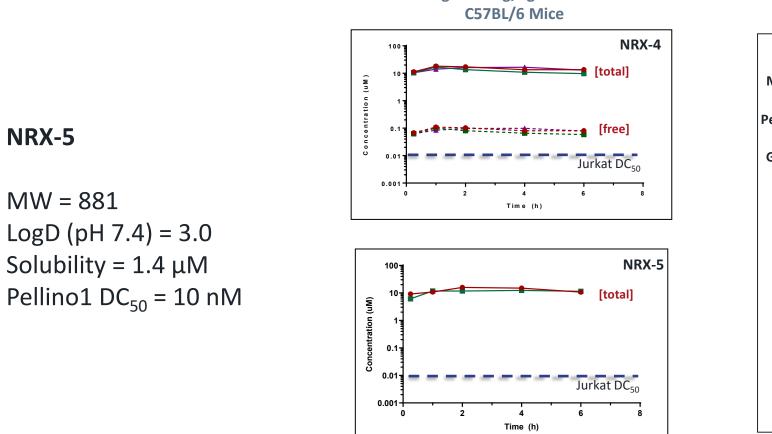
# Degradation of Pellino1 in Human and Mouse T Cells



- Pellino1 degradation conserved in primary human CD8 T cells and mouse T cells

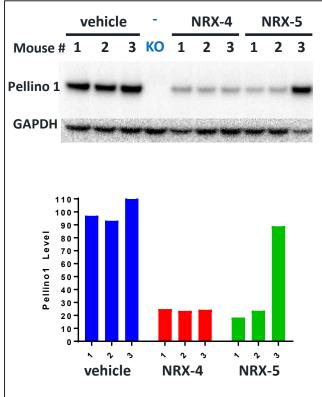


## In Vivo Degradation of Pellino1 in Mice



Single 90 mg/kg IP dose in

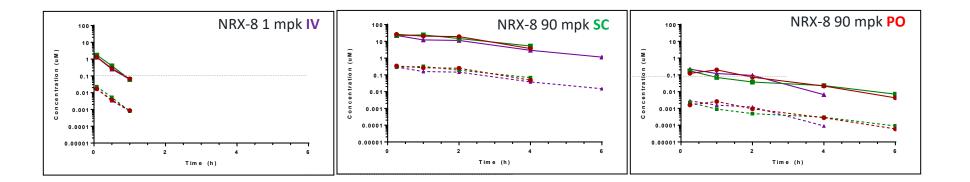
#### **Pellino1 Levels in Mouse Splenocytes** (6 hours post single 90 mg/kg IP dose)



NRX-5

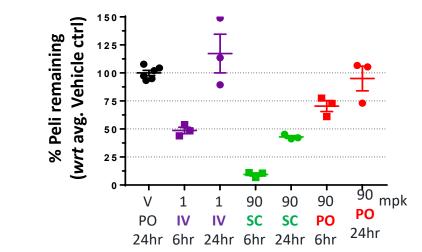
MW = 881

#### Oral Dosing of NRX-8 Demonstrates Pellino1 Degradation



#### NRX-8

MW = 701 LogD (pH 7.4) = 3.4 Solubility = 7.4  $\mu$ M Pellino1 DC<sub>50</sub> = 2.7 nM







- Nurix's DELigase platform enables the discovery of potent binders to difficult-to-drug ligase targets with good physicochemical properties
- Matrix approach to identification of active cellular degraders can rapidly yield hit degraders for further optimization
- DELigase platform enabled degradation of Pellino1, an E3 ligase target for immunooncology applications
  - –Potent cellular degradation of Pellino1 demonstrated with  $\text{DC}_{50}$  < 0.1  $\mu\text{M}$
  - Cellular degradation preserved across human cell lines, primary human cells and primary mouse cells
  - -In vivo degradation of Pellino1 demonstrated in mouse



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