

## Leader in Targeted Protein Modulation

# First Targeted Protein Degradation for Hematological Malignancies

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## Nurix drugs engage ligases for the treatment of cancer

Targeted Protein Modulation: TPM = TPD + TPE

Harness ligases to decrease specific protein levels

Targeted Protein Degradation (TPD)

A Powerful Cellular System



Ubiquitin is ligated to target proteins to tag them for degradation by the proteasome

Targeted Protein Elevation (TPE)

Inhibit ligases
to increase
specific protein levels



# Nurix Is Advancing a Broad Pipeline of Proprietary and Partnered Programs

MOA	Drug program	Target/delivery	Therapeutic area	Discovery	IND enabling	Phase 1a	Phase 1b
TPD	<b>NX-2127</b> Degrader	BTK-IKZF Oral	B-cell malignancies				
	<b>NX-5948</b> Degrader	BTK Oral	B-cell malignancies				
	<b>NX-0479 / GS-6791</b> Degrader	IRAK4 <i>Oral</i>	Rheumatoid arthritis and other inflammatory diseases				GILEAD
TPE	<b>NX-1607</b> Inhibitor	CBL-B Oral	Immuno-Oncology				
ТРМ	Wholly owned & partnered	14 targets	Multiple				



Addressing current and emergent clinical challenges in hematologic malignancies

BTK degradation can overcome treatment-emergent resistance: event-driven pharmacology shows resilience to mutation

BTK degraders uniquely address BTK scaffolding function



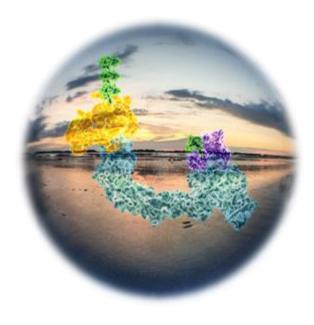
## A First-In-Class Franchise of BTK Degraders:

#### NX-5948 & NX-2127

#### NX-5948

#### BTK DEGRADATION

- Clinical evidence of potent BTK degradation in all patients tested
- Active against BTK inhibitor-resistant mutations in vitro
- Crosses blood brain barrier and degrades BTK in microglia and brainresident lymphoma cells preclinically
- Phase 1a dose escalation trial ongoing in U.K. and IND accepted in the U.S.
- Preclinical activity in models of autoimmune disease



#### NX-2127

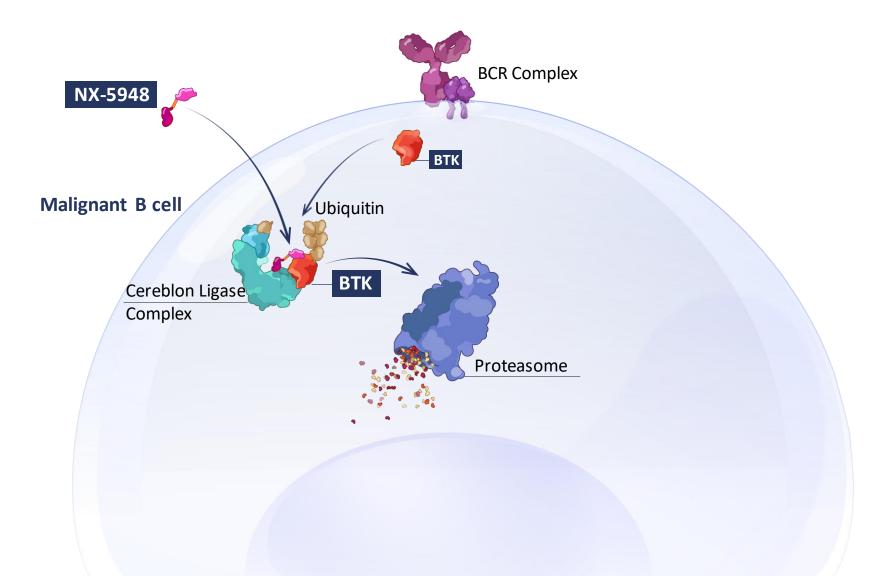
## BTK DEGRADATION & IMMUNOMODULATION

- Positive clinical activity in CLL patients, including responses in patients with BTK or BCL2 mutations
- Active in the clinic against BTK inhibitor-resistant mutations
- Complete response observed in a patient with DLBCL
- Phase 1b cohort expansion for CLL patients is ongoing
- Dose exploration is ongoing for patients with NHL



## NX-5948 is a potent and selective degrader of BTK

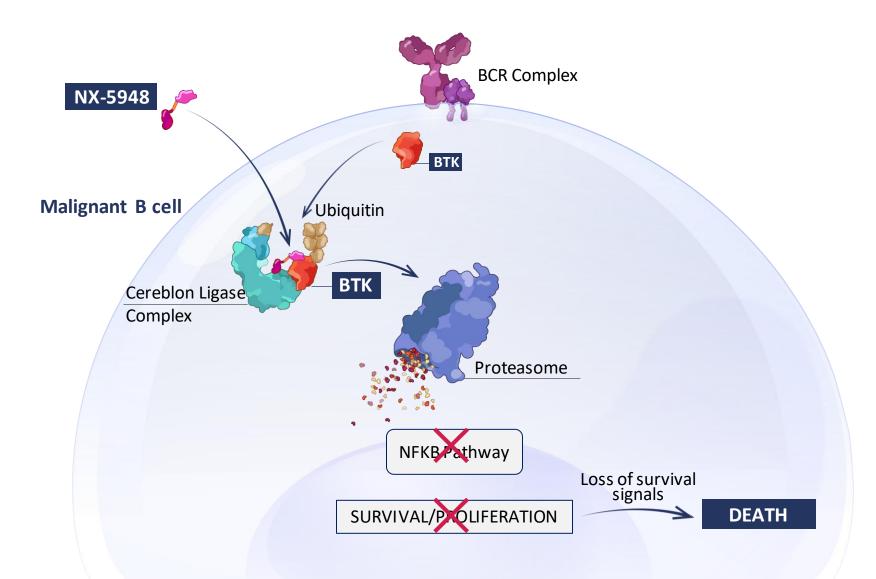
Targeted degradation of Bruton's Tyrosine Kinase





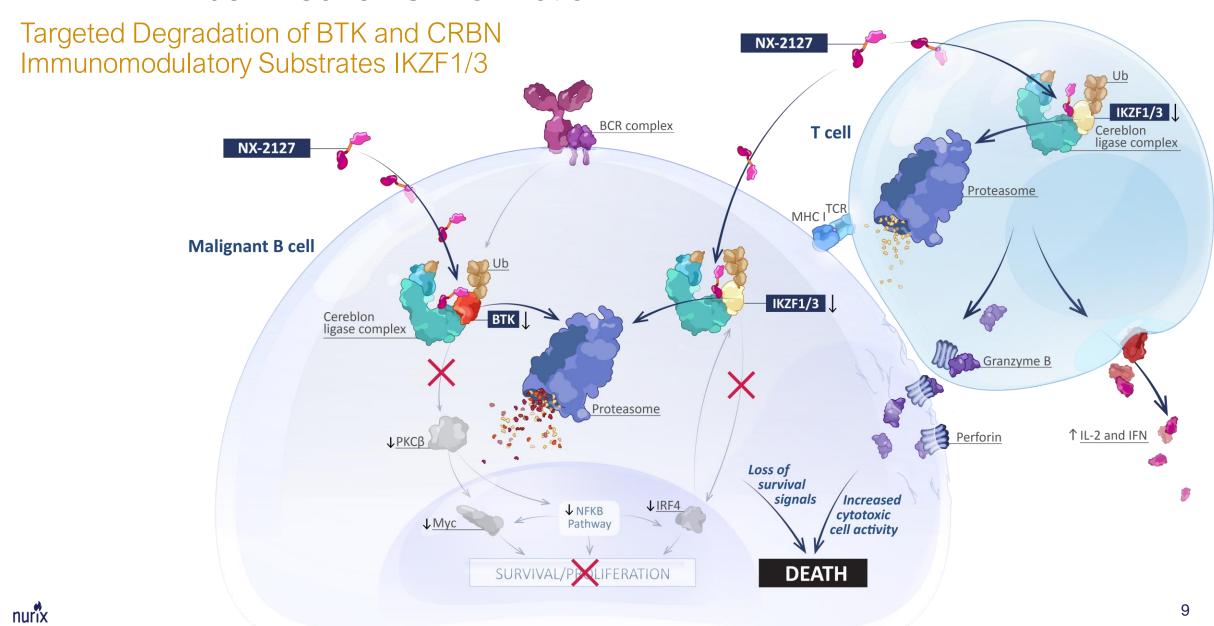
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#### NX-2127 Dual Mechanism of Action

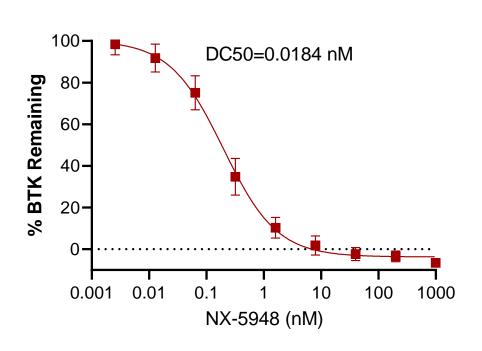


## NX-5948 was Designed for Potent and Rapid Degradation of Wildtype and C481S-Mutated BTK



# DC50=0.028 nM 75 50 0.001 0.01 0.1 1 10 100 1000 NX-5948 (nM)

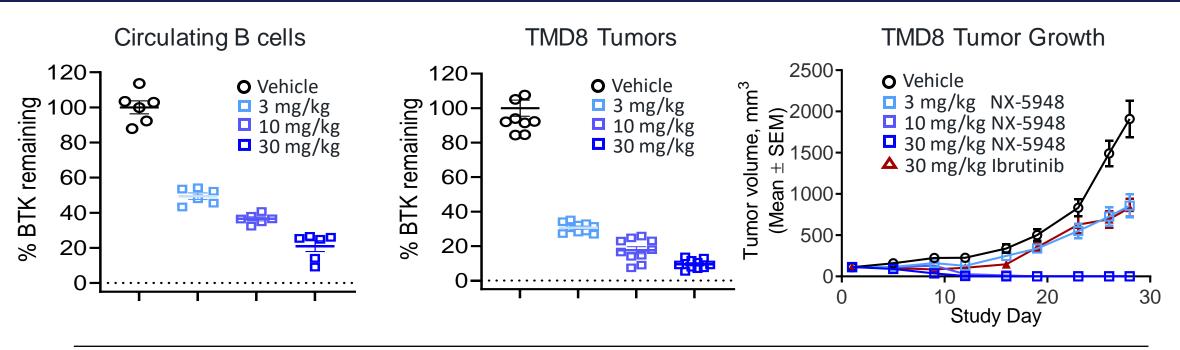
#### BTK-C481S TMD8 Cells



TMD8 cells harboring WT BTK or a knock-in BTK mutation (C481S) were incubated with NX-5948 for 24 hours, and BTK degradation was assessed by flow cytometry.



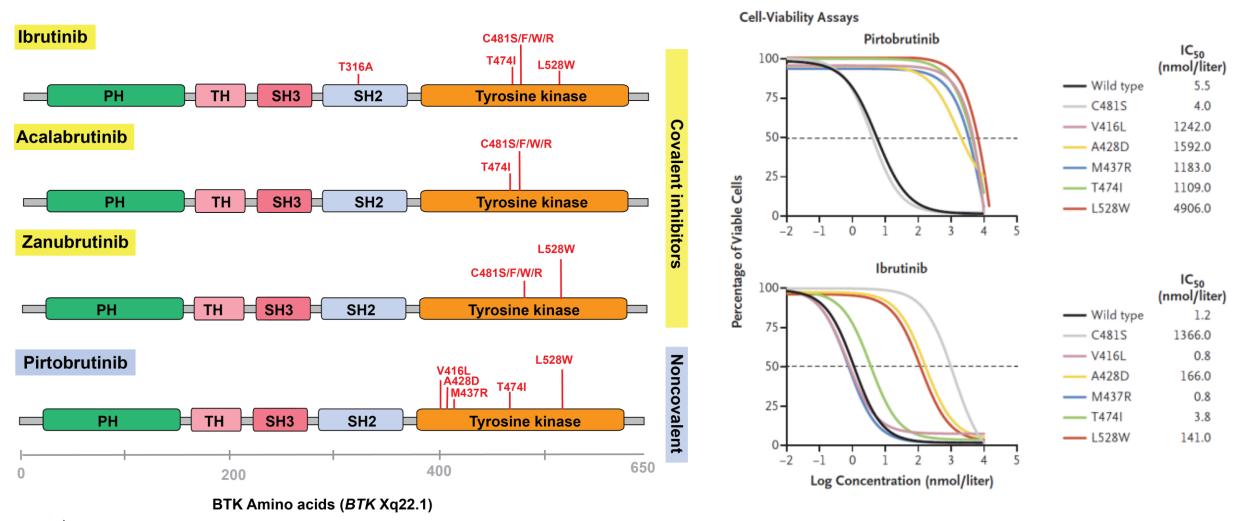
## Degradation of BTK by NX-5948 Correlates with Significant Tumor Growth Inhibition



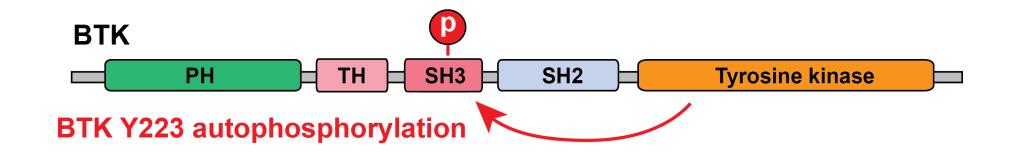
Treatment	Oral gavage dose (mg/kg)	% BTK degradation in circulating B cells	% BTK degradation in TMD8 tumor tissue	% TGI vs Vehicle (Day 26)	<i>P</i> value vs Vehicle
Vehicle	0	0.0±3.7	0.0±4.7	N/A	N/A
	3	50.5±1.9	69.2±0.9	54%	0.0025
NX-5948	10	63.5±1.1	82.4±2.1	100%	< 0.0001
	30	79.0±3.1	90.5±0.5	100%	< 0.0001
Ibrutinib	30	N/A	N/A	57%	0.0015



## Increasing Use of BTK Inhibitors in the Clinic have Revealed a Growing Spectrum of Treatment-Emergent Resistance Mutations



## Drug Induced Mutations in BTK Render this Protein Target "Undruggable"





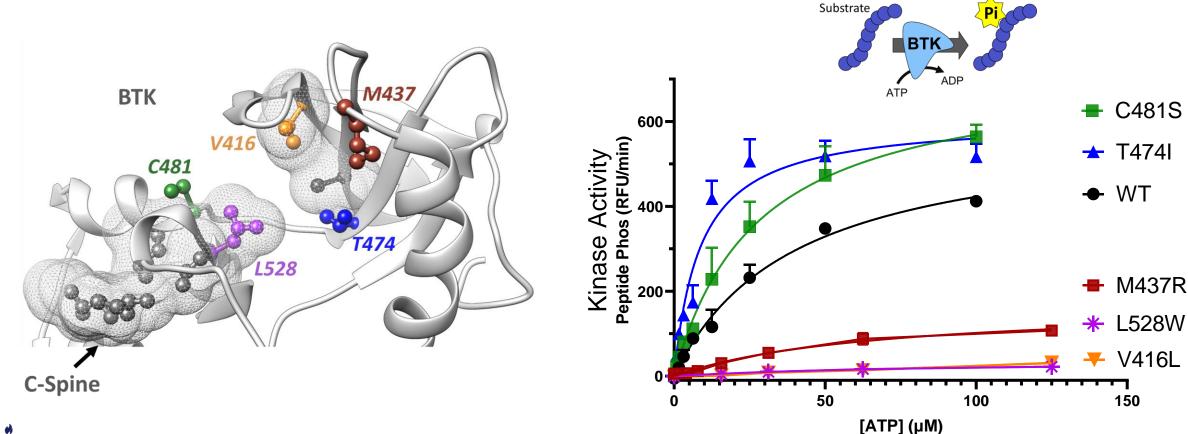
Wang, Mi, Thompson, et al. NEJM2022



## Structural and Enzymatic Studies of New BTKi-Resistant Mutations Confirms BTK Scaffolding Function

Mutations revealed by non-covalent inhibitors interrupt the catalytic C-spine of kinase domain Some mutations that confer resistance to BTKis lack kinase activity yet still potentiate BCR signaling

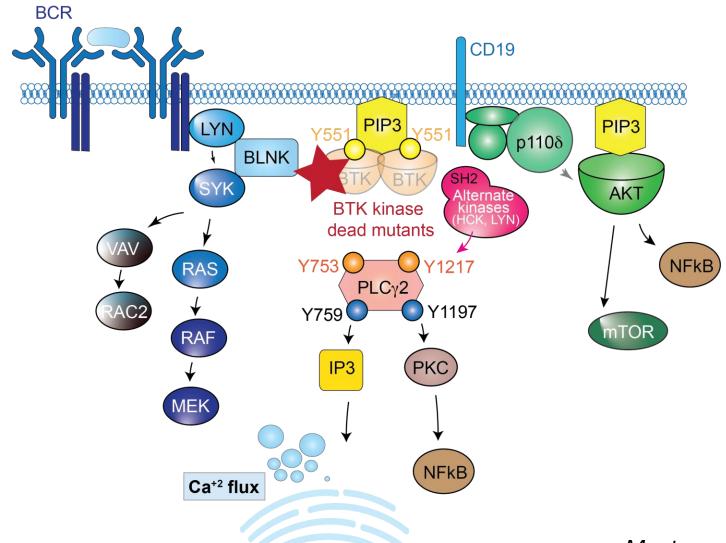
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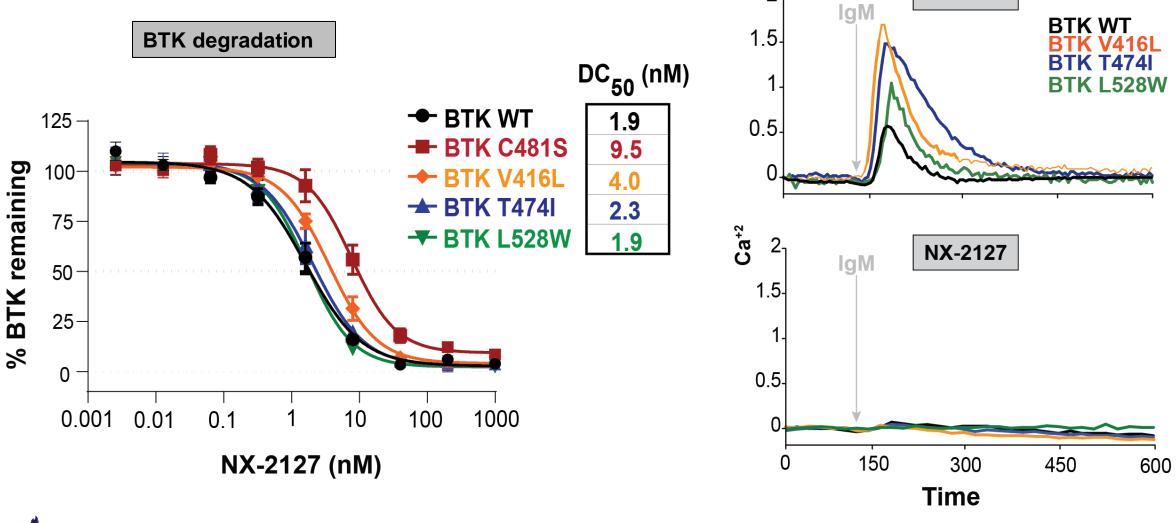
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## Can Targeted Protein Degradation Address the Scaffolding Function of Mutant BTK?





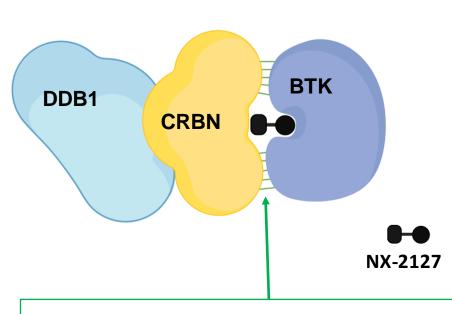
## NX-2127 Degrades Both Wild-Type and Kinase Dead Mutant BTK and Suppresses Ca2+ Signaling



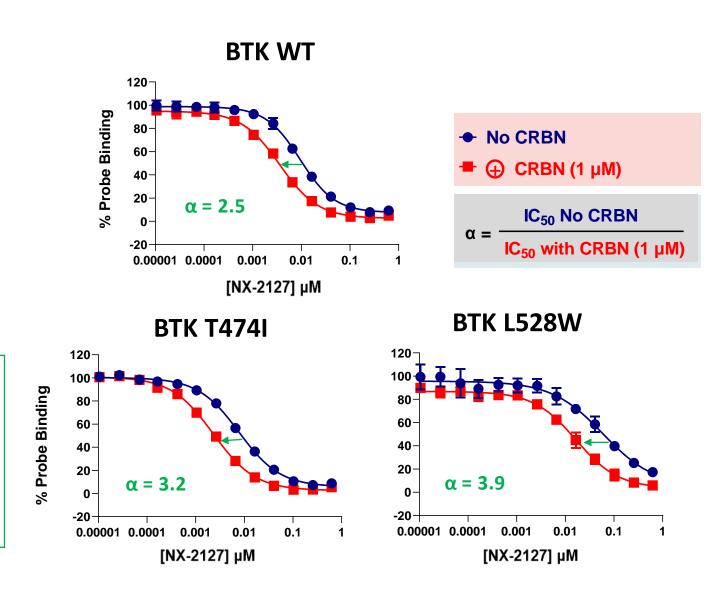


**Vehicle** 

#### NX-2127 Induces Positive Cooperativity Between BTK and Cereblon



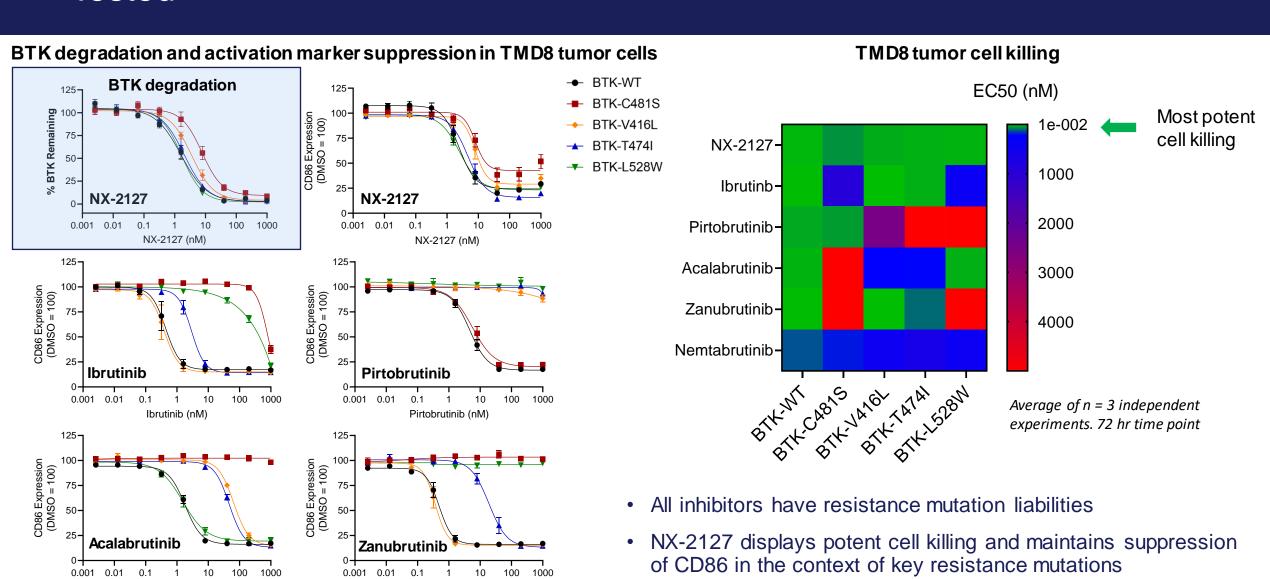
- Positive Cooperativity ( $\alpha$ >1)
- Stable ternary complex
- Induced protein-protein interactions
- Greater tolerance for reduced binary affinity



CRBN, cereblon; DDB1, DNA damage binding protein 1.



## NX-2127 is Potent and More Broadly Active Than All BTK Inhibitors Tested



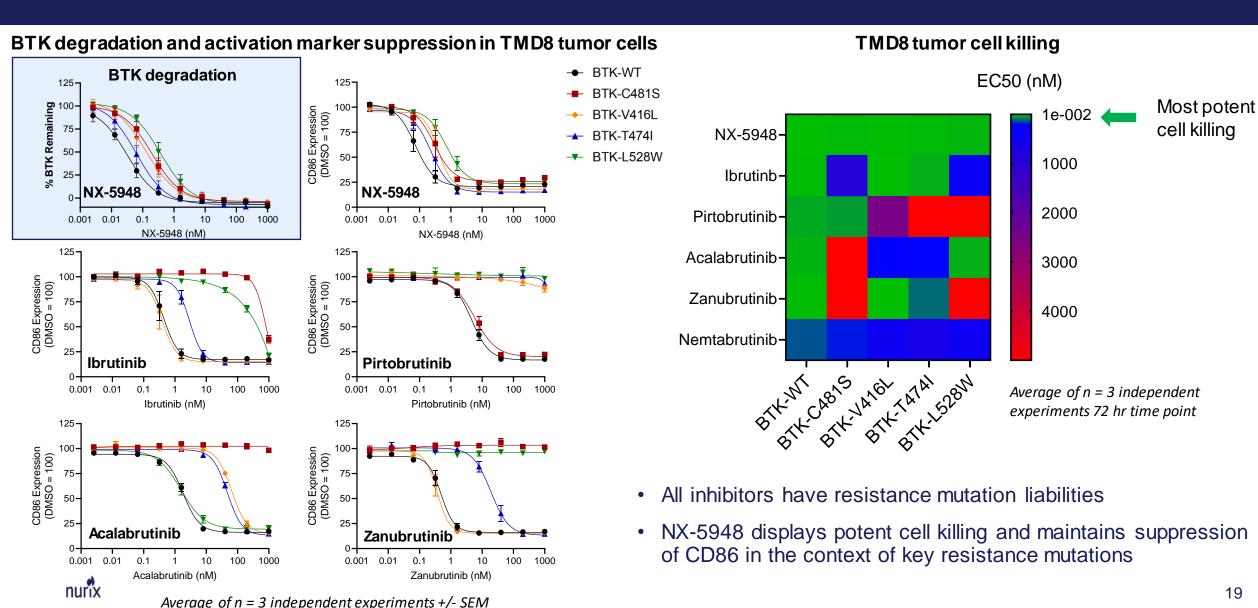
Zanubrutinib (nM)

Average of n = 3 independent experiments +/- SEM

Acalabrutinib (nM)

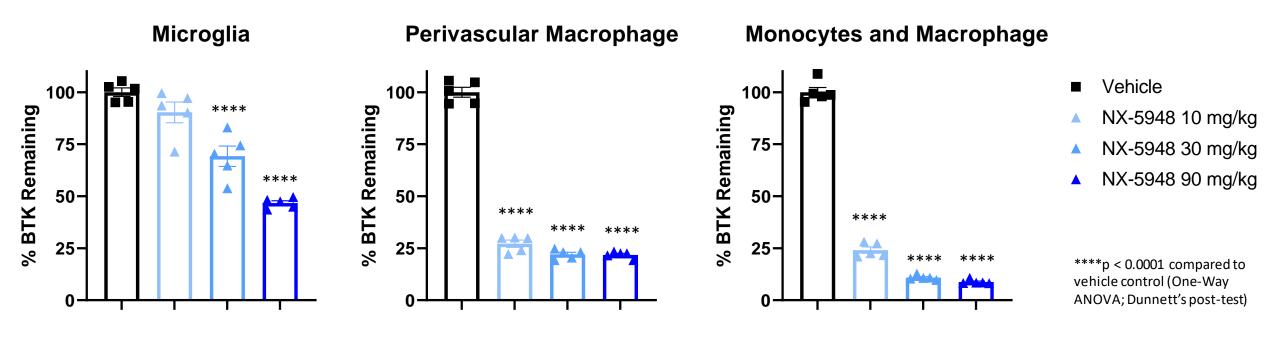
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#### NX-5948 is More Potent and Broadly Active Than All BTK Inhibitors **Tested**



## NX-5948 Degrades BTK in Microglia and Macrophage in Brains of Naïve Mice

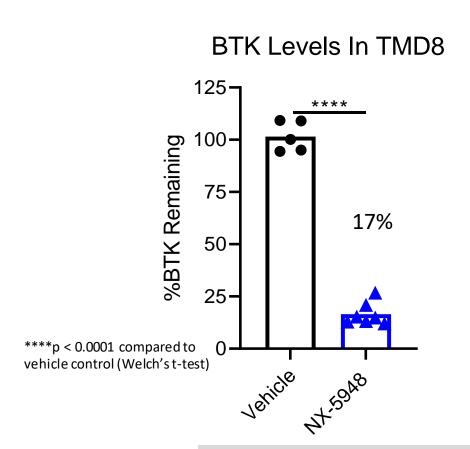
- NX-5948 drives dose-dependent BTK degradation in cells isolated from brains
- Magnitude of BTK degradation depends on dose and cell type

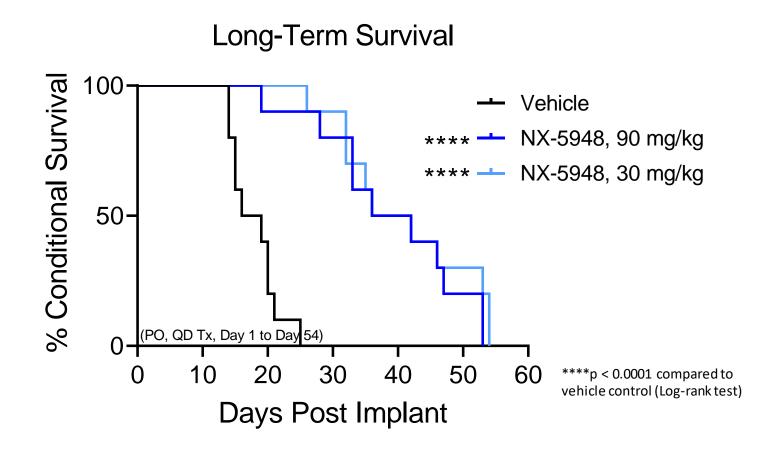




NX-5948 administered orally QD x 3 days to naïve C57BL/6J mice. BTK levels assessed 8 h after 3<sup>rd</sup> dose by flow cytometry.

# Oral Administration of NX-5948 Degrades BTK in Tumor Cells and Prolongs Survival in a Mouse Model of CNS Lymphoma



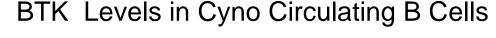


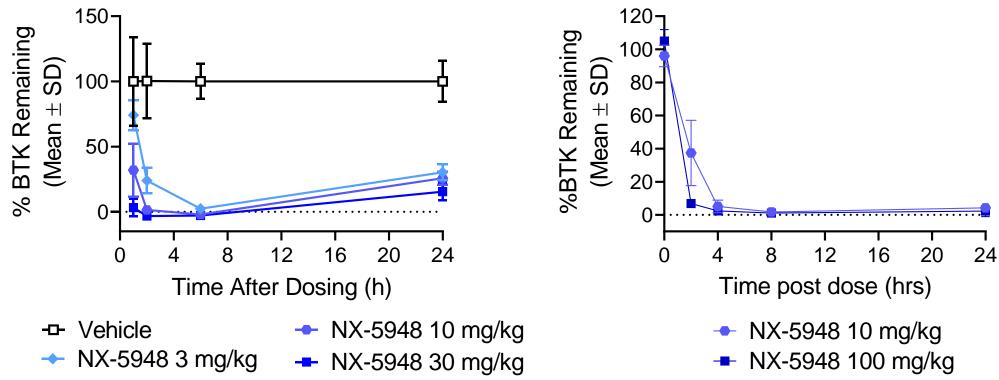
5 x 10e<sup>5</sup> TMD8 cells implanted by intracranial injection on Day 0 NX-5948 administered orally QD Days 1-11 (left) or Days 1-54 (right) BTK levels assessed 24 h after the 11<sup>th</sup> dose by flow cytometry



## A Single Oral Dose of NX-5948 Promotes Rapid and Complete BTK Degradation in Mouse and Primate B cells

BTK Levels in Mouse Circulating B Cells





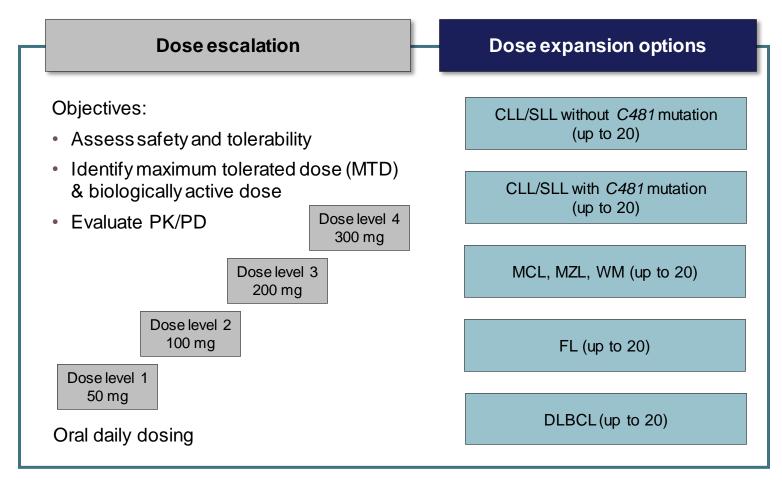
- In mice, BTK levels increased 24 hours after dosing from BTK resynthesis
- In cynomolgus monkeys, BTK levels remained suppressed at 24 hours



### NX-5948-301: Trial design

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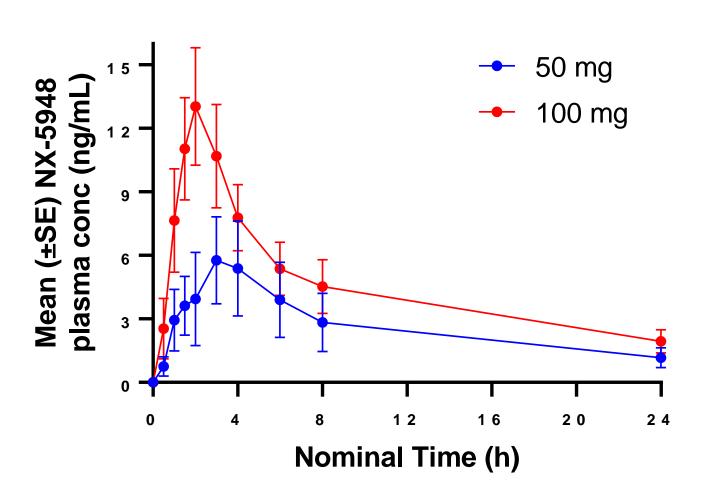
Phase 1 trial in adults with relapsed/refractory B-cell malignancies



- Phase 1a dose escalation is ongoing at clinical sites in the U.K.
- Plans to initiate U.S. sites in early 2023

CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; FL, follicular lymphoma; MCL, mantle cell lymphoma; MZL, marginal zone lymphoma; PD, pharmacodynamics; PK, pharmacokinetics; WM, Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia

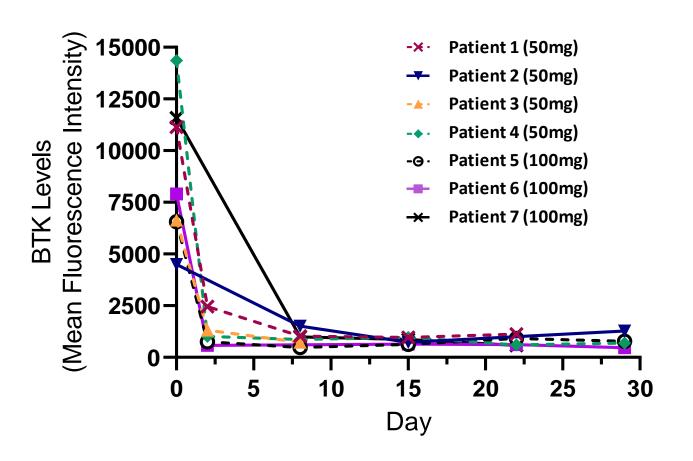
## Preliminary Data Suggests NX-5948 Exhibits Linear PK and Supports Daily Dosing



- Half-life ~12 hours
- T<sub>max</sub> of 2-3 hours
- Exposures (both AUC and C<sub>max</sub>) increase linearly with dose



# NX-5948: Rapid, Robust and Sustained BTK Degradation



#### Initial proof of mechanism

- Rapid and sustained degradation of BTK
- Robust BTK degradation observed in all patients tested to date
- Dose escalation ongoing in patients with relapsed/refractory B cell malignancies



# NX-5948: BTK Degrader Demonstrates Rapid and Sustained BTK Degradation With Early Signs of Differentiated Safety

#### **Phase 1a Dose Escalation**

- Early evidence of target engagement
- Rapid and sustained BTK degradation in all patients
- No evidence of immunomodulatory associated adverse events

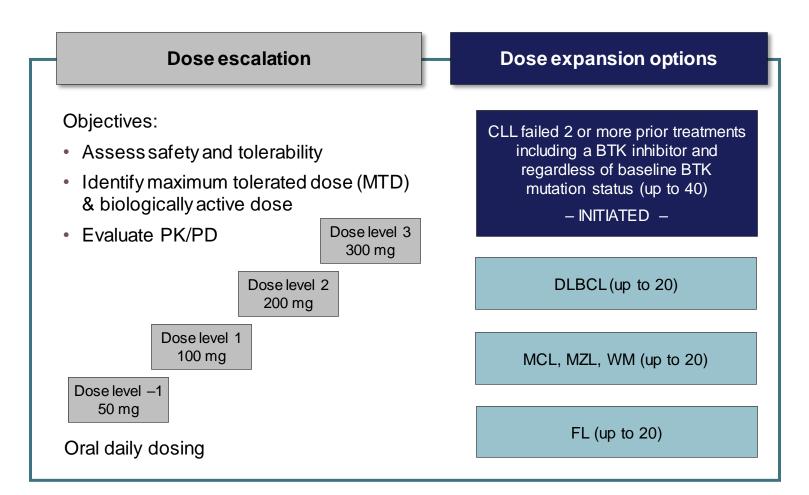
#### **Next steps:**

- Initiate clinical sites in the U.S.
- Identify Phase 1b expansion dose
- Select indications for cohort expansion with initial focus likely in CLL



## NX-2127-001: Trial Design

Phase 1 trial in adults with relapsed/refractory B-cell malignancies



- CLL Phase 1b expansion cohort at 100 mg dose
  - MTD not established
  - 100 mg dose chosen as expansion dose based on PD, clinical activity and safety profile
- Phase 1a dose escalation is ongoing at 200 mg and 300 mg doses for patients with NHL (e.g. DLBCL, MCL, MZL, WM, FL)

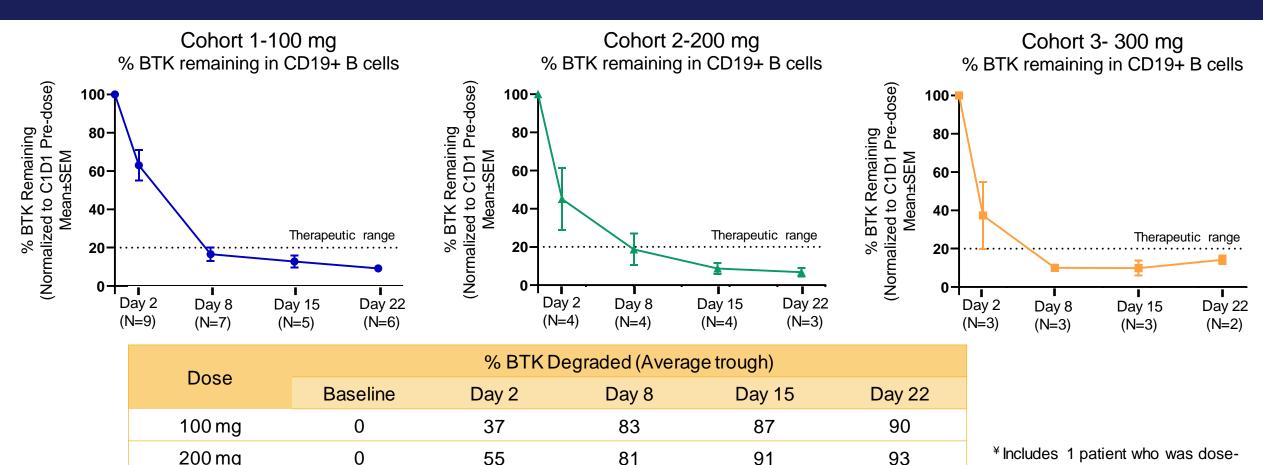
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# Robust BTK Degradation Observed with NX-2127 Across All Dose Levels and Malignancies

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NX-2127-001



90

90

300 mg

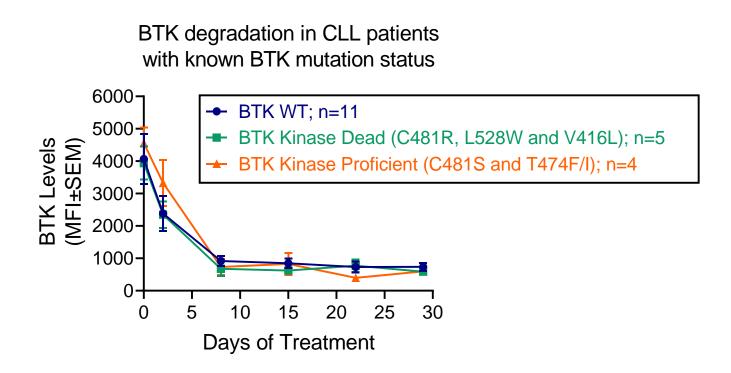
reduced from 300mg to 100mg midcycle.

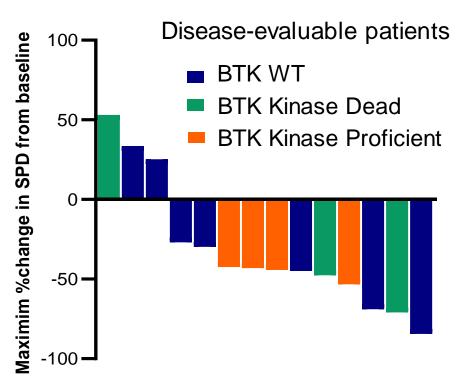
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nurix Data Cut April 8, 2022

## Treatment with Nurix's NX-2127 Degrader Leads to BTK Degradation and Clinical Response Irrespective of Mutation Status

 BTK degradation of 80% was achieved in CLL patients, including those harboring BTK C481, T474, L528, and V416 resistance mutations





Patients with kinase dead mutations are classified as kinase dead regardless of co-occurrence of kinase proficient mutations



## Mechanistic Rationale for Dual Degrader in DLBCL

#### CLINICAL TRIALS AND OBSERVATIONS

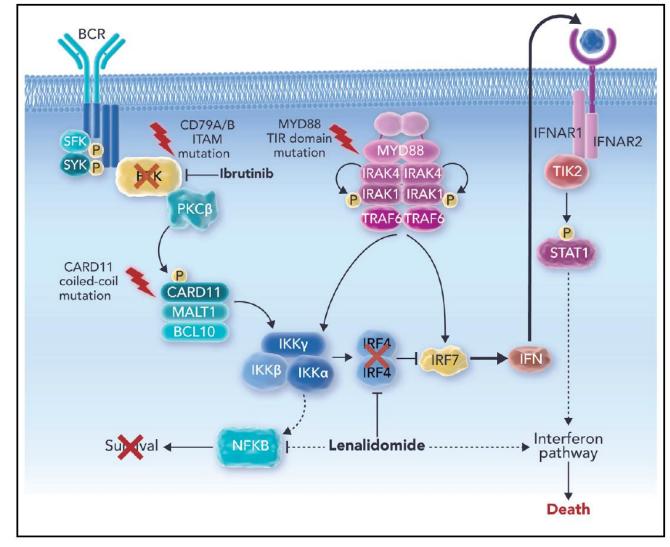
Comment on Goy et al, page 1024

# Ibrutinib and lenalidomide: when 1+1 = >2

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Hyper-activated BCR (CD79b-mut) and TLR (MyD88-mut) signaling are hallmarks of non-GCB DLBCL:

- NX-2127 targets both BCR and TLR signaling through BTK degradation
- NX-2127 targets non-BTK dependent TLR signaling through its immunomodulatory activity





# Rapid BTK Degradation and Confirmed Complete Response Following NX-2127 Therapy in Aggressive Lymphoma

#### FDG-PET CT Scan Disease Assessment

#### Baseline



Max SUV: 17.6 Deauville score: 5

SUV: Standard Uptake Value

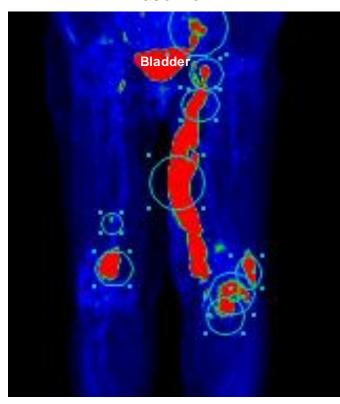
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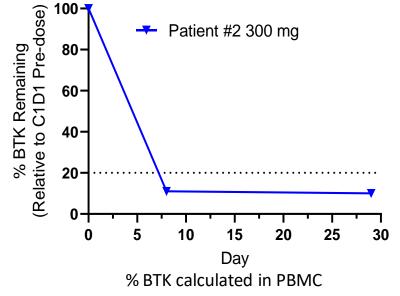
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% BTK remaining in CD19+ B cells



Significant Ikaros and Aiolos degradation also confirmed by day 8

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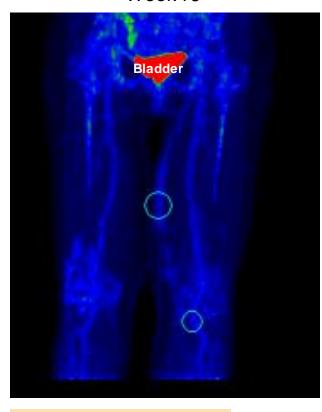
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Week 16



Max SUV: 2.5 Deauville score: 2

Normal SUV

- 84-year-old woman with multiply relapsed ABC-DLBCL following 4 lines of aggressive therapy (including combination of Rituximab, Ibrutinib, and Lenalidomide).
- Complete response at first assessment (Week 8) and confirmed at subsequent assessment (Week 16).
- Safety: No DLT or SAE. Manageable Grade 3 neutropenia without infection. No Rx interruptions.



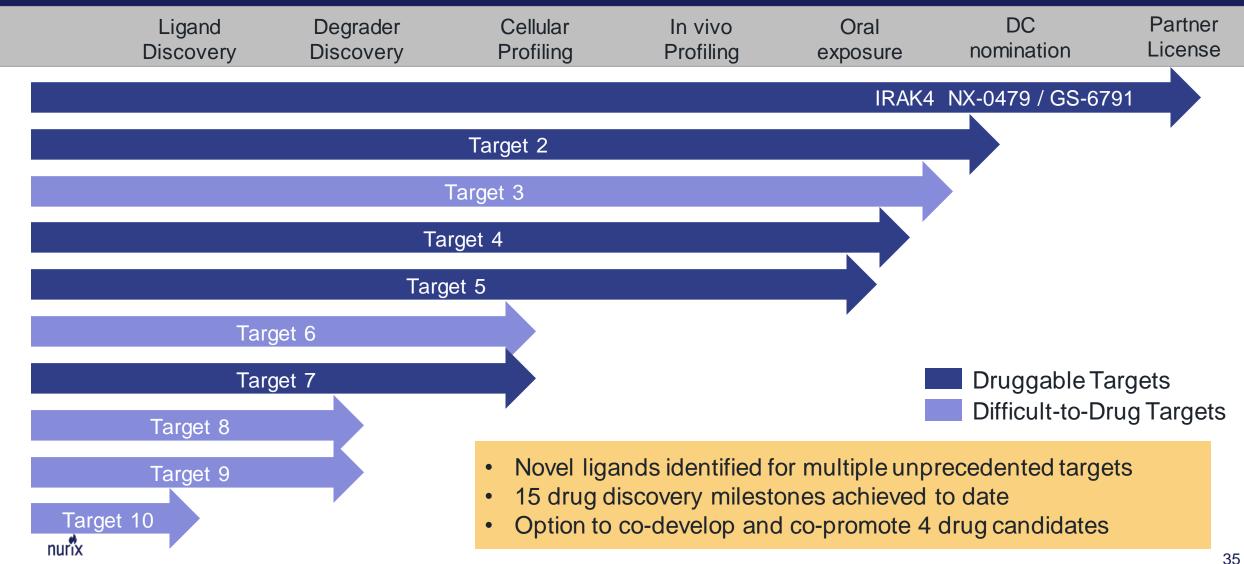
# Nurix's Clinical Experience with Targeted Protein Degradation Illustrates the Benefits of Novel Therapeutic Modalities

#### **Catalytic modality of TPD can provide:**

- 1. Increased target coverage
  - One degrader can degrade many protein molecules
- 2. Prolonged activity against a target
  - Protein synthesis rather than drug clearance is required to restore target
  - o Ideally suited for non-daily delivery methodologies
- 3. Ability to address mutational resistance
  - Nurix's BTK degraders are potent against unanticipated BTK active site mutations
- 4. Ability to address novel and non-enzymatic targets
  - o Degraders are agnostic to protein catalytic function; noncatalytic proteins can be targeted
  - Structured (e.g. transcription factors) and 'plastic' proteins can be addressed



## Leveraging Early Success with BTK Degraders to Build a Broad Collaboration Pipeline that Includes Many Unprecedented and First-In-Class Targets



## Thank you!

