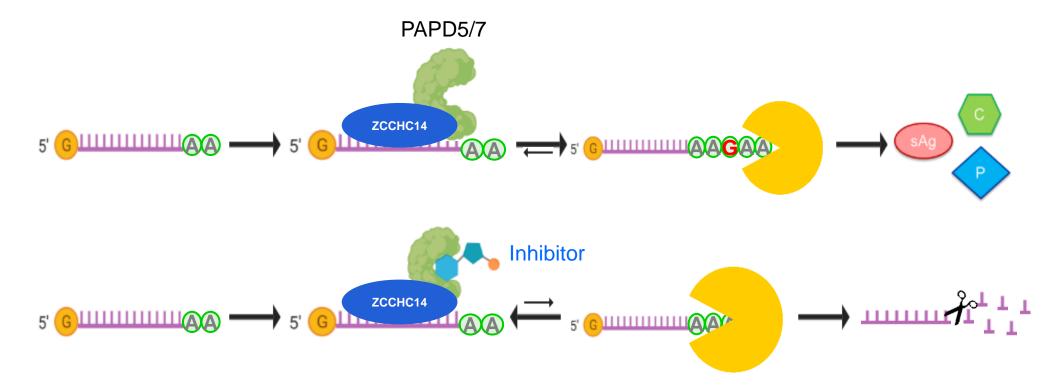
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Mode of Action of RNA Destabilizers in HBV Infected Cells

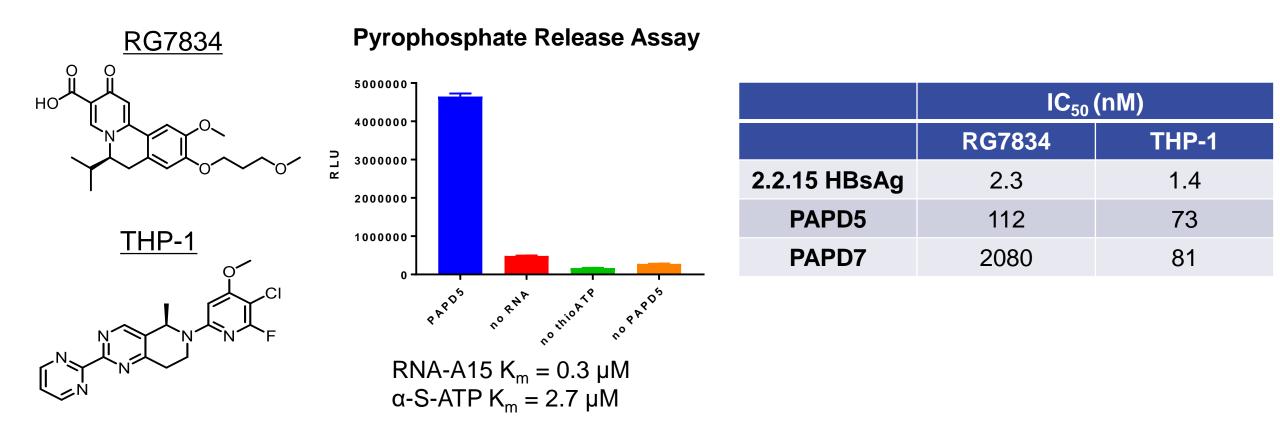
- HBV utilizes PAPD5 and PAPD7, related host noncanonical poly(A) polymerases, to stabilize mRNAs
- RNA destabilizers reduce HBV mRNA stability and viral proteins via PAPD5/7 inhibition in cells.



• Biochemical mechanism and structural basis of PAPD5/7 inhibition by RNA destabilizers is unreported

Potency and Selectivity of RNA Destabilizers

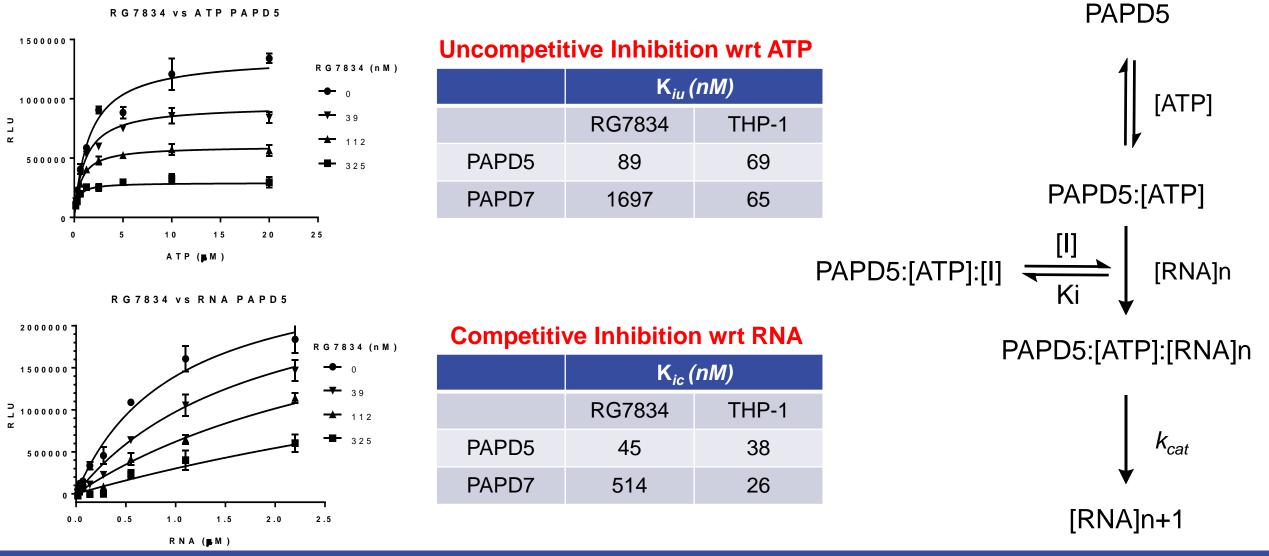
• Two distinct chemical series of PAPD5/7 inhibitors have been described in the literature



 Despite similar cell based activity, RG7834 and THP-1 possess different potencies against PAPD5 and PAPD7

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RNA Destabilizers Share a Common Kinetic Mechanism of PAPD5/7 Inhibition

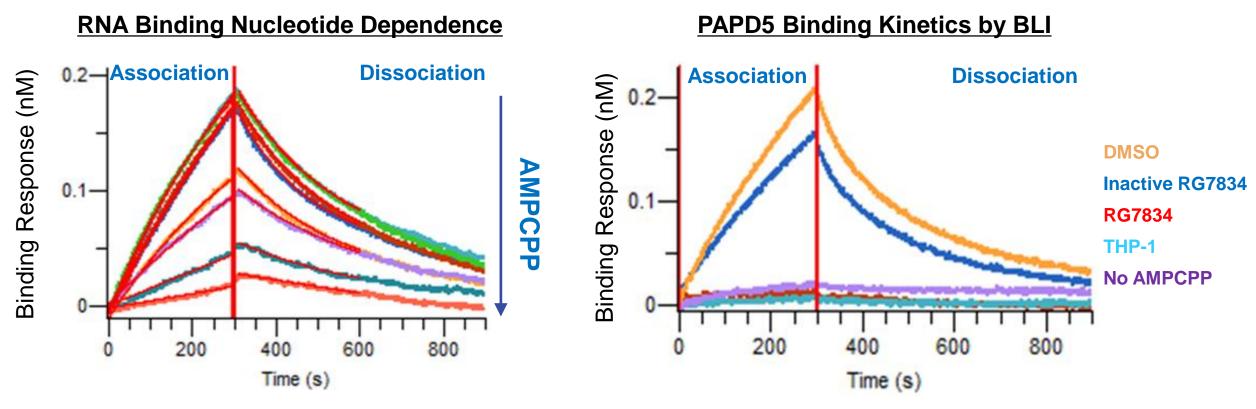


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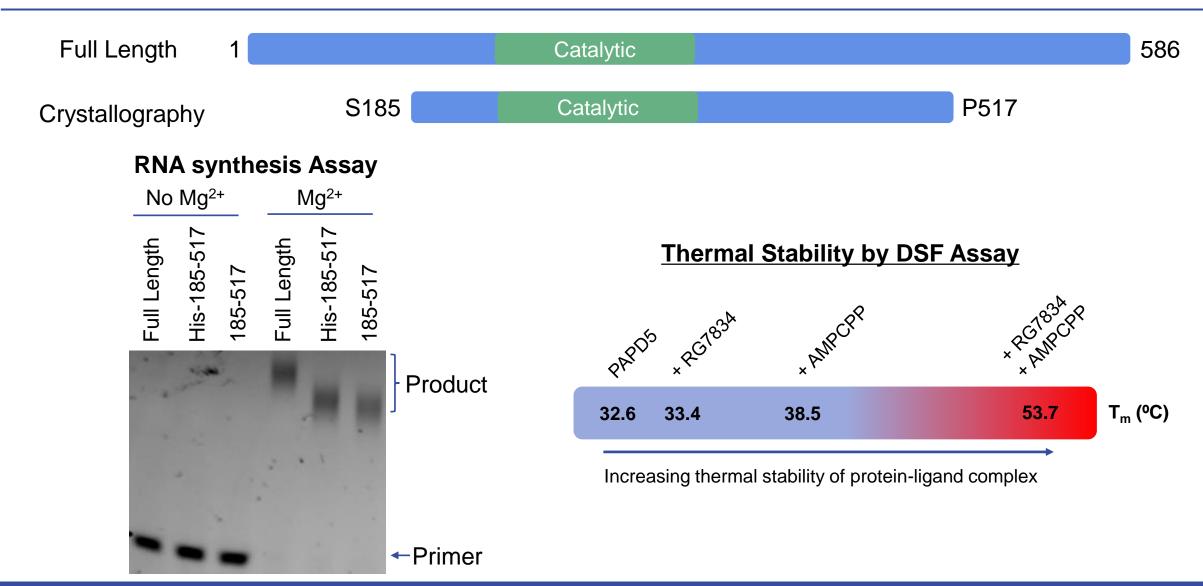
RG7834 and THP-1 Inhibit RNA Binding to PAPD5

• Developed BLI binding assay that monitors enzyme binding to RNA immobilized sensor



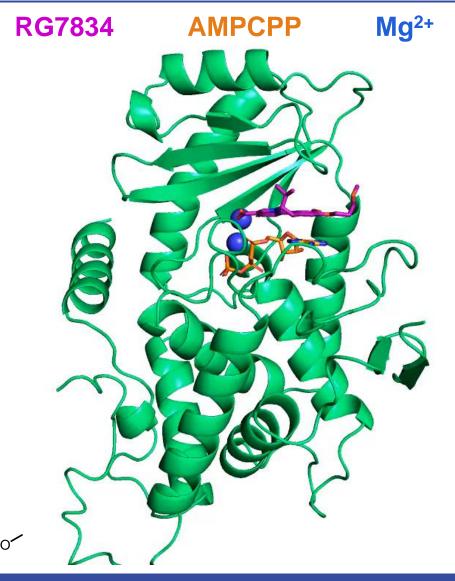
- PAPD5 binds RNA only in presence of AMPCPP
- Compound inhibits binding of RNA to the PAPD5:AMPCPP complex

PAPD5 Crystallography Constructs and Characterization



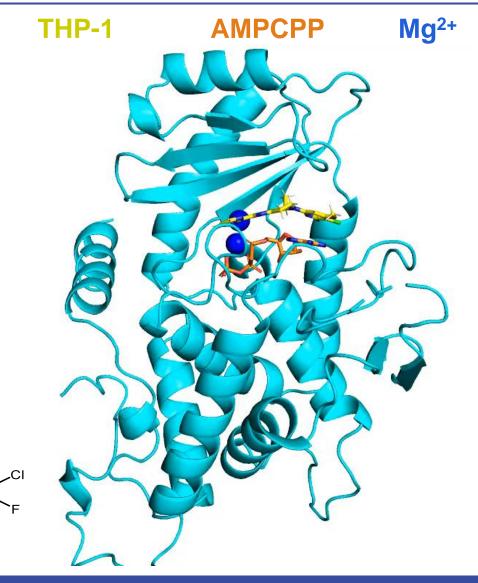
PAPD5 Crystallized in Presence of RG7834 and ATP analog

- Structure refined to 2.0 Å
- RG7834 binds in active site stacked between AMPCPP and PAPD5 anchor loop
- Minimal hydrogen bonding between RG7834 and PAPD5
- RG7834 occupies position expected to accommodate -1 nucleotide of incoming RNA substrate
- RG7834 β-ketoacid motif mediates ionic interaction with Mg²⁺
- Van der Waals interaction between anchor loop and RG7834 isopropyl group

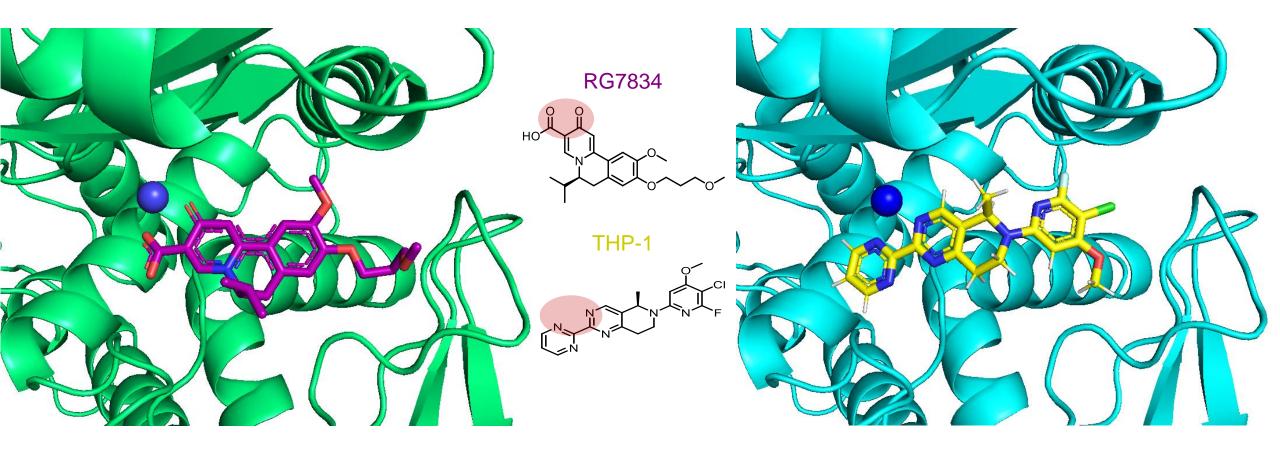


PAPD5 Crystallized in Presence of THP-1 and ATP Analog

- Structure refined to 1.8 Å
- THP-1 binds in active site stacked between AMPCPP and PAPD5 anchor loop
- Minimal hydrogen bonding between THP-1 and PAPD5
- THP-1 occupies position expected to accommodate the -1 nucleotide of incoming RNA substrate
- THP-1 dipyrimidine motif mediates ionic interaction with Mg²⁺
- Limited Van der Waals interaction between anchor loop and THP-1
- Pi interaction between THP-1 and AMPCPP



RG7834 and THP-1 Bound Structures Reveal Similarity in Binding Modes



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Conclusions

- RG7834 and THP-1 are two PAPD5/7 inhibitors with distinct chemical scaffolds but highly overlapping mechanistic profiles
- THP-1 is equipotent against both PAPD5 & 7 while RG7834 has decreased potency against PAPD7
- Biochemical studies reveal an unprecedented ATP uncompetitive and RNA competitive mode of inhibition
- Both RG7834 and THP-1 bind by stacking in the PAPD5 active site between the nucleotide and anchor loop
- Both RG7834 and THP-1 interact with active site Mg²⁺
 - RG7834 uses a β-ketoacid motif
 - THP-1 uses a dipyrimidine motif

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