

A novel small-molecule inhibitor of HIV-1 entry

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Background: Antiretroviral therapy has transformed HIV-1 infection into a managed condition with near-normal life expectancy. However, a significant number of patients remain with limited therapeutic options due to HIV-1 resistance, side effects, or drug costs. Further, it is likely that current drugs will not retain efficacy, due to risks of side effects and transmitted resistance.

Results: We describe compound 5660386 (3-ethyl-2-[3-(1,3,3-trimethyl-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-ylidene)-1-propen-1-yl]-1,3-benzothiazol-3-ium) as a novel inhibitor of HIV-1 entry. Compound 5660386 inhibits HIV-1 entry in cell lines and primary cells, binds to HIV-1 envelope protein, and inhibits the interaction of GP120 to CD4. Further, compound 5660386 showed a unique and broad-range activity against primary HIV-1 isolates from different subtypes and geographical areas.

Conclusion: Development of small-molecule entry inhibitors of HIV-1 such as 5660386 may lead to novel classes of anti-HIV-1 therapeutics. These inhibitors may be particularly effective against viruses resistant to current antiretroviral drugs and could have potential applications in both treatment and prevention.

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Background

Infection with HIV-1 necessitates lifelong treatment, and the availability of suppressive combination antiretroviral therapy has greatly impacted the epidemic. Improvements in drug safety and potency of therapeutic regimens have greatly ameliorated long-term toxicity and tolerability of treatment. However, the acquisition and transmission of HIV-1 drug resistance pose a major risk to therapy.¹ Currently, there are 26 drugs licensed for treatment of infection, targeting viral entry, reverse transcription, integration, or maturation, with new compounds under development.^{2,3} Viral entry of HIV-1 is a multistep process.⁴ Attachment of the virus particle to the cell is facilitated by a variety of molecules, such as gangliosides, DC-SIGN (dendritic cell-specific intercellular adhesion molecule-3-grabbing non-integrin), heparan sulfate proteoglycans, and $\alpha 4\beta 7$ integrin.⁵⁻⁷ HIV-1 infection occurs when the viral envelope glycoprotein GP120 binds to cellular receptor CD4 and subsequently to cellular co-receptors.^{8,9} Major co-receptors in HIV-1 binding and subsequent HIV-1 entry are CCR5 and CXCR4, and infection can be blocked by the natural ligands of these G-protein-coupled receptors.¹⁰ Co-receptor binding triggers fusion of the viral and cell membranes involving the transmembrane protein GP41.¹¹

Viral entry is relatively underused as a small-molecule drug target.^{12,13} Enfuvirtide, a 36-amino acid peptide derived from the C-terminal region of helical domain 2 of GP41, is currently the only clinically approved inhibitor of fusion.¹⁴ Two additional peptides with overlapping binding sites to enfuvirtide, tifuvirtide and sifuvirtide, are currently in preclinical development.¹⁵ VIR-576, a derivative of a peptide termed virus inhibitory peptide that inhibits fusion, shows efficacy in Phase I/II clinical trials.¹⁶

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The CCR5 antagonist Maraviroc (MVC) is the only clinically approved compound that targets co-receptor binding.¹⁷ Development of two other CCR5 antagonists, Aplaviroc and Vicriviroc, was halted due to hepatotoxicity and failure to demonstrate superiority, respectively.^{18,19} Cenicriviroc, an antagonist of both CCR5 and CCR2, is currently in Phase IIB clinical trials.²⁰ In addition, derivatives of the RANTES, the natural ligand of CCR5, have been explored as potential microbicides.^{21,22}

Several compounds that inhibit the GP120–CXCR4 interaction are under development, although none have been approved. Clinical development of the potently active compound AMD-3100 was halted due to cardiac abnormalities and lack of efficacy.²³ Inhibition of the interaction between GP120 and CD4 has been attempted using soluble forms of CD4 as molecular decoys; however, this approach was relatively ineffective in humans.²⁴ The small-molecule GP120–CD4 inhibitor BMS-378806 was identified based on the crystal structure of the GP120–CD4 complex.^{25,26} An optimized compound, BMS-626529, is currently being explored in Phase II clinical trials.^{27,28} Here, we report on a new small-molecule antimicrobial compound with anti-HIV-1 activity derived from a class of innate immune peptides termed defensins.^{29,30}

Materials and methods

Cell culture

TZM-bl cells were obtained from the American Type Culture Collection and maintained in Rosewell Park Memorial Institute (RPMI) medium supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum, antibiotics, and L-glutamine. Peripheral blood lymphocytes (PBLs) were separated from purchased buffy coats (New York Blood Bank). Cells were cultured in RPMI medium containing 10% fetal bovine serum plus antibiotics and activated by PHA treatment (2.5 µg/mL) for 3 days. Activated cells were maintained in complete medium containing interleukin-2 (100 U/mL). No ethics statement was required from the institutional review board for the use of this cell line.

Viruses and drugs

The following isolates were tested to assay the potency and breadth of compounds: subtypes A, B, C, D, E, F, and G. The lab-adapted strains HIV-1 BaL and HIV-1 IIIB, and the primary isolates from subtypes A, B, D, E, F, and G were obtained from the NIH AIDS Repository (Germantown, MD, USA). Subtype C primary isolates were provided by Dr Mark Wainberg (McGill University AIDS Centre, Montreal, QC, Canada). MVC-resistant HIV-1 strain 6061 was provided by Dr Steven

Deeks (San Francisco VA Medical Center and University of California, San Francisco, CA, USA). Two primary isolates of each subtype were tested initially in the TZM-bl assay. Anti-HIV-1 activity against these isolates was confirmed in HIV-1 infectivity assays as described using the appropriate viruses and compound BMS as control.^{31,32} For the BlaM assay, JRFL140T (CCR5) and HxB2 (CXCR4) pseudovirus were used. Compound 5660386 was obtained from Chembridge Corp. BMS-488043 (herein referred to as BMS) was provided by Mark Krystal (Bristol-Myers Squibb, Princeton, NJ, USA), and enfuvirtide (T20) was from Sigma Aldrich.

TZM-bl assays

Drug susceptibility assays of compounds were performed in TZM-bl cells infected with 250 TCID₅₀ HIV-1 BaL (CCR5) or IIIB (CXCR4). Compounds were used at twofold serial dilutions starting at 2 µM, using MVC or AMD-3100 as control for CCR5-tropic (BaL) or CXCR4-tropic (IIIB) virus, respectively. Inhibition of viral growth was measured by luminescence using the BrightGlo kit from Promega.

HIV-I infectivity assays

Drug susceptibility assays of compounds were performed in PHA-activated PBLs using a multiplicity of infection (MOI) of 0.001. Compounds were used at twofold serial dilutions starting at 1 µM. Viral growth was measured by standard p24 ELISA.

Cytotoxicity

The effect of compounds on cell viability was assessed by measuring the mitochondrial activity using MTS assays (Cell Titer 96 proliferation assay, Promega).

BlaM assay

TZM-bl cells (4×10⁴ cells/well) were grown overnight in 96-well plates in a phenol red-free growth medium. Virus (CXCR4, IIIB; CCR5, BaL) was added to cells at MOI of 0.7–1.0 and subsequently centrifuged at 2,095×g for 30 minutes at 4°C. Cells were washed with cold phosphate-buffered saline to remove unbound viruses, and virus–cell fusion was initiated by shifting the samples to 37°C. Samples were maintained at 37°C for a total of 90 minutes, briefly chilled by placing on ice, loaded with the fluorescence substrate CCF2-AM from the BlaM kit, and incubated overnight at 18°C. BlaM activity was quantified using Synergy HT fluorescence plate reader. The extent of virus–cell fusion is determined from the ratio of blue (440–480 nm) and green (518–538 nm) emission upon exciting the cells at 405–415 nm.

Biacore assays

Binding of active entry inhibitors to immobilized GP-120 (1,500 response units) was evaluated on an in-house Biacore T100 system in a 96-well format at 25°C essentially as described. The ability of active entry inhibitors that bind GP120 to inhibit the binding of CD4 to GP120 was evaluated by determining the binding of soluble CD4 (1 µg/mL) to GP120 in the absence or presence of increasing concentration of compound.

Molecular docking

The starting coordinates of the GP120 HIV-1 protein were extracted from the PDB under the accession code 4DKQ. This entry represents a crystal structure of the viral enzyme in complex with the OLK inhibitor at a resolution of 1.80 Å.³³ We chose this reference structure because the molecular size of OLK is similar to our compounds and is also carrying one positive charge. Some amino-acid side chains are missing in the PDB 4DKQ; these are not located at the interacting site. However, to ensure the GP120 integrity, we added these side chains with the help of the xleap module of Amber according to the protein force field ff99SB.³⁴ An optimization was then made with 2,000 steps of steepest descent followed by 2,000 steps of conjugated gradient with General Born water implicit solvation. The GP120 target interacting site was defined with a grid of 15 Å × 15 Å × 19.5 Å in the *xyz* direction on cavity where 5660386 is found. The compounds shown in Figure 1 were built with the help of the maestro interface of

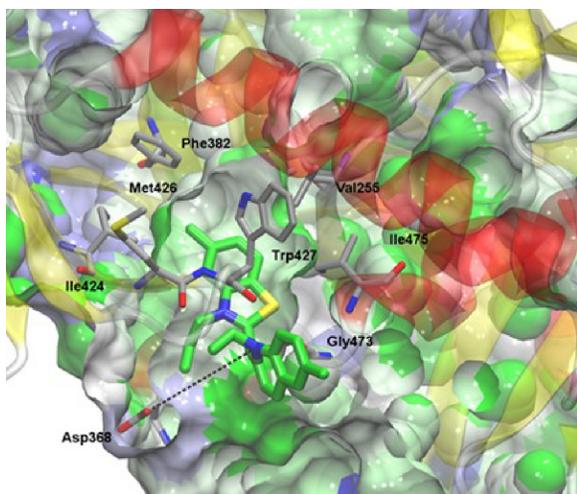


Figure 1 Docking orientation of 5660386 inside the binding pocket of viral GP120 protein.

Notes: A solvent-accessible surface is shown and is clipped in order to see the inhibitor; this surface is colored according to its hydrophobicity (green: hydrophobic part; blue: hydrophilic part; white: intermediate). The two distances illustrated the proximity of the ionic part of inhibitors toward the negative charge of Asp368 and the carbonyl atom of Gly473. Secondary structure elements of the GP120 protein are shown in transparency.

Schrodinger software package.³⁵ Atomic partial charges were determined with the semiempirical AM1-BCC method.^{36,37} Molecular geometries were optimized through 5,000 steps of steepest descent followed by 5,000 steps of conjugated gradient with the gaff force field.³⁸ The compounds were then prepared for molecular docking calculations with the help of Raccoon software.³⁹ In this step, all rotatable dihedral angles were set free to move during the calculations. Molecular docking calculations were performed with the Autodock 4.2 software.⁴⁰ The Lamarckian Genetic Algorithm method⁴¹ was employed for the global optimum binding position search. One hundred cycles of calculations were performed in order to get a final binding position as accurate as possible. The resulting docking structures were then clustered into conformation families according to a root mean square deviation lower than 2 Å. The conformation selected was the one which presented the lowest docking free energy of binding in the most populated cluster.⁴² Visualization and analysis of protein–ligand interactions were made with the help of the visual molecular dynamic software.⁴³ A hydrogen bond was considered to be present when the donor–acceptor distance is smaller than 3.5 Å and the H-donor–acceptor angle is smaller than 45°. The visualization of protein hydrophobicity was made by coloring of its molecular surface according to the Eisenberg scale.⁴⁴

Results and discussion

Human defensins act as effectors of innate immunity against invading microbes, including many viruses.²⁹ The compounds identified in this work were derived from the human defensin Human Neutrophil Peptide-1 (HNP-1).⁴⁵ In the case of HNP-1, several anti-HIV-1 entry mechanisms have been described, including binding to GP120 and CD4, and interfering with the GP120–CD4 interaction.^{46–48} More recently, the effects of HNP-1 on HIV-1 entry were further dissected. The defensin appeared to inhibit binding of envelope to CD4 and co-receptors as well as formation of the helical bundle structure of envelope, thus productively inhibiting HIV-1 uptake.⁴⁹ We have recently identified critical residues of the human defensin HNP-1 involved in binding to bacterial Lipid II.⁵⁰ In that study, compounds were identified that do not bind to Lipid II, yet have potent antimicrobial activity. Given the reported anti-HIV-1 activity of HNP-1,⁵¹ we reasoned that such compounds could have potential anti-HIV-1 activity. We therefore screened these compounds for their ability to inhibit infection of TZM-bl cells with the CCR5-dependent HIV-1 BaL strain in vitro. Compounds were preincubated with virus for 60 minutes, and the mixture of compound and virus was subsequently incubated

with the cells for 48 hours. In this screen, we identified two compounds, 7165-0606 and 5660386 (3-ethyl-2-[3-(1,3,3-trimethyl-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-indol-2-ylidene)-1-propen-1-yl]-1,3-benzothiazol-3-ium), with anti-HIV-1 properties. The Lipid II-binding compounds BAS00127538, 4890-0291, and 2332-1014⁵⁰ did not show antiviral activity (Figure S1). Compound 5660386 appeared most potent against HIV-1 ($IC_{50} \sim 2,000$ nM) and was selected for further study. 5660386 inhibited HIV-1 infection in a dose-dependent fashion and did not negatively affect cell growth as determined by MTT (3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide) assays (Figure 2A). Time-of-addition experiments indicated that compound was able to inhibit infection after preincubation with virus for only 5 minutes (not shown). We next tested the possibility of synergism between 5660386 and the CCR5-dependent drug MVC or the attachment inhibitor BMS.²⁵ Virus was preincubated with BMS or MVC at concentrations ranging from 0 nM to 500 nM in the absence or presence of 500 nM 5660386. Compound 5660386 inhibited both CCR5-(BaL, Figure 2D) and CXCR4-dependent virus (IIIB, Figure 2C). Further, 5660386 enhanced the inhibition of infection by MVC but not BMS, suggesting that inhibition by compound is independent of CCR5 (Figure 2C and D).

We next examined the potency and breadth of the inhibition of HIV-1 infection by our compound in primary cells. In a first set of experiments, compound and virus were preincubated for 30 minutes, added to phytohemagglutinin (PHA)-stimulated peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) for 2 hours, and then removed from the medium by extensive washing. Infected cells were cultured in the absence of compound for 7 days, after which virus production was measured in supernatants by p24 enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) (Figure 3A). In these experiments, we used both CCR5-dependent and CXCR4-dependent strains. In a second set of experiments, compound was added immediately after removal of the virus from the cells by washing, and it was kept in the cultures for the 7-day duration of the experiment (Figure 3B). Compound 5660386 was not toxic to cells under these conditions and inhibited replication of HIV-1 reference strains BaL (CCR5 tropic) and IIIB (CXCR4 tropic) in both experimental conditions. We examined the ability of 5660386 to inhibit primary isolates of HIV-1 from different subtypes, using the attachment inhibitor BMS as control in the TZM-bl assay. BMS antiviral activity was highest against subtype B, followed by clades C and A, with little or no activity against clade F and G, in accordance with previous findings.²⁵ In contrast, 5660386 potently inhibited clade

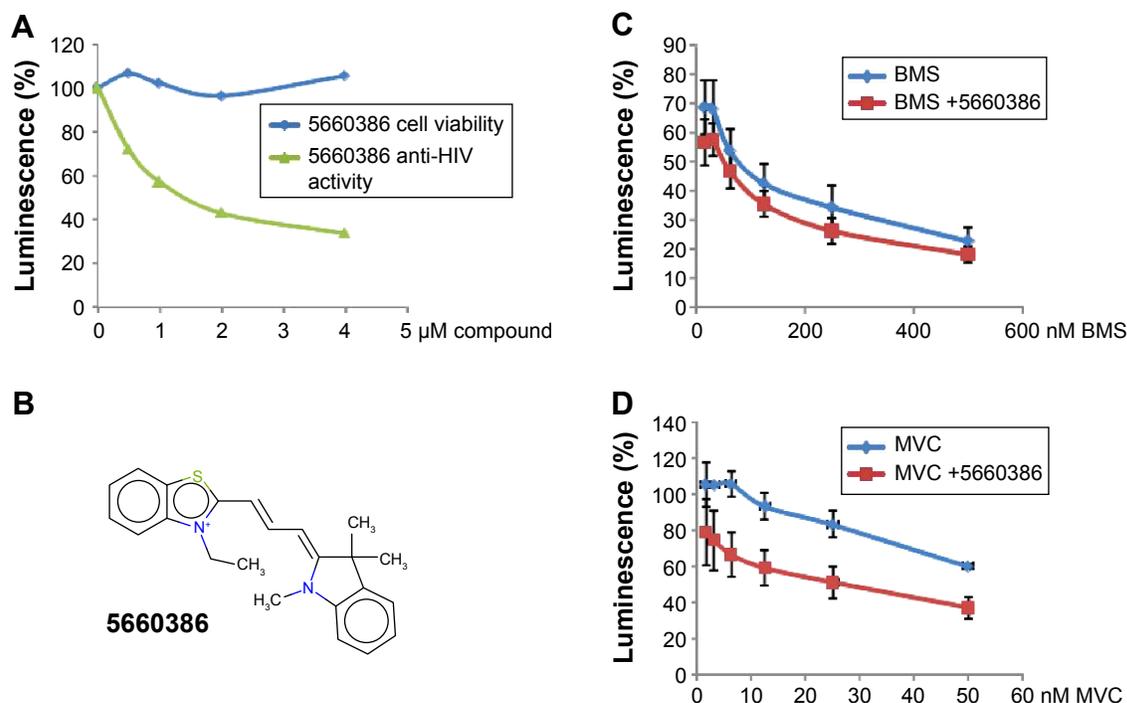


Figure 2 Compound 5660386 inhibits HIV-1 in vitro.

Notes: (A) Compound was preincubated with HIV-1 virus (BaL, 250 TCID₅₀) for 60 minutes at concentrations ranging from 0 μg/mL to 4 μg/mL. TZM-bl cells were incubated for 48 hours with virus and compound, and effect on HIV-1 infectivity was determined by luminescence. (B) Chemical structure of compound 5660386. HIV-1 virus (C) IIIB (250 TCID₅₀) and (D) BaL (250 TCID₅₀) were preincubated for 30 minutes at concentrations ranging from (C) 0 nM to 500 nM BMS or from (D) 0 nM to 50 nM Maraviroc in the absence or presence of 500 nM 5660386. Subsequently, TZM-bl cells were incubated for 48 hours, and effect on HIV-1 infectivity was determined by luminescence.

Abbreviations: BMS, BMS-488043; MVC, Maraviroc.

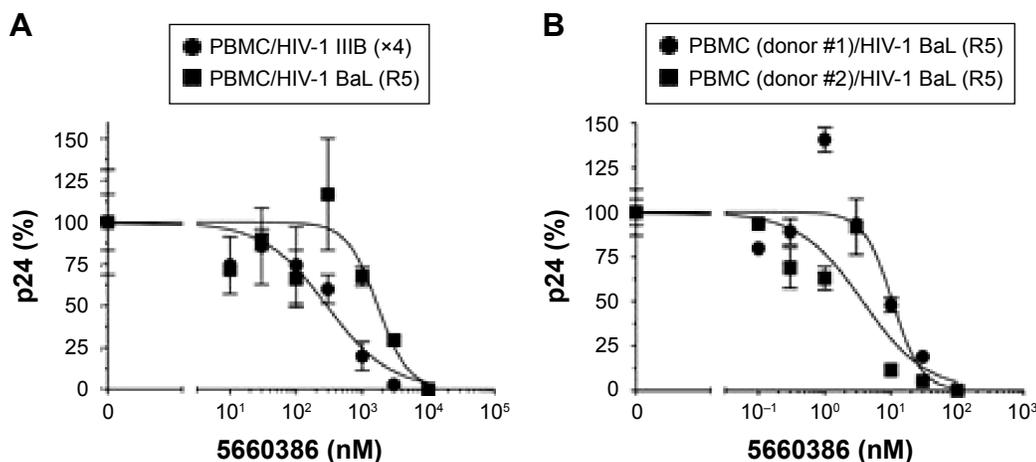


Figure 3 Anti-HIV-1 activity of 5660386 in PBMCs.

Notes: (A) Virus (400 TCID₅₀) was preincubated with drug. PBMCs were infected for 2 hours, washed, and subsequently incubated for 6 days in the absence of compound. (B) PBMCs from two donors (D1, D2) were infected with BaL HIV-1 (MOI: 0.001) and then incubated in the presence of serially diluted drugs for 6 days. Viral replication was measured by a p24 ELISA.

Abbreviations: PBMCs, peripheral blood mononuclear cells; MOI, multiplicity of infection; ELISA, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay.

B and C primary isolates, and to a lesser extent, clade F, G, and A isolates. Subtype G was not inhibited by BMS but was inhibited by 5660386 by up to ~50% (Figure S2). To confirm these results, we tested HIV-1 inhibition by compound using primary cells and isolates of different subtypes (Figure 4). In these experiments, virus and compound were preincubated for 60 minutes, and the mixture was added to PBMCs

for 120 minutes. Compound and virus were subsequently removed by gentle washing, and inhibition of HIV-1 infection was determined by p24 ELISA after 7 days. Compound 5660386 inhibited clade B (Figure 4A), C (Figure 4B), and G (Figure 4C) viruses at concentrations >100 nM, in agreement with our findings in the TZM-bl assays (Figure S2). Compound negatively affected growth of PBMCs only at

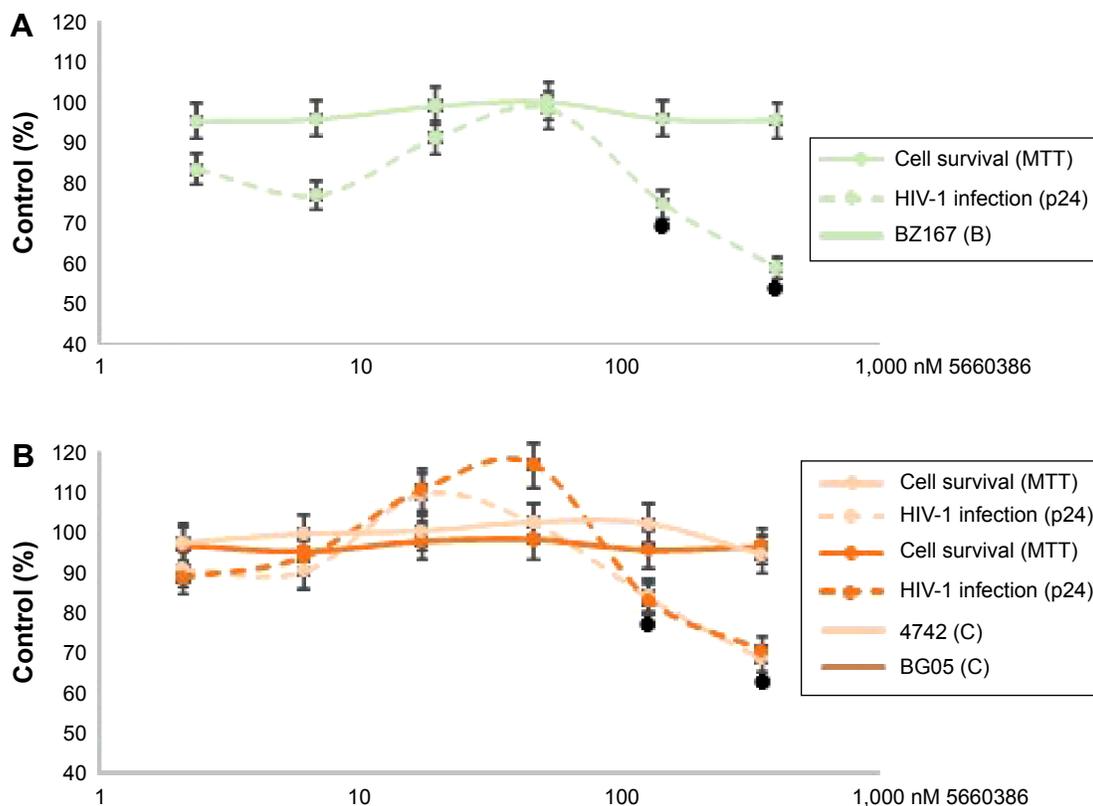


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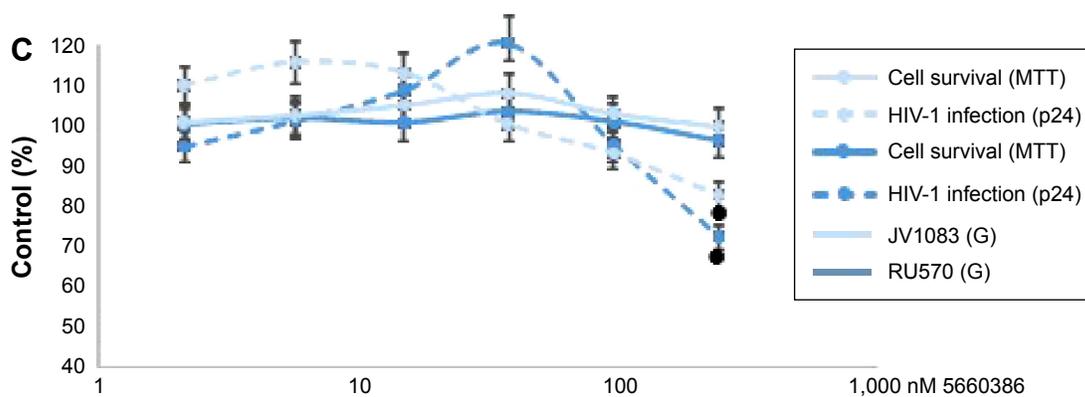


Figure 4 Anti-HIV-1 activity of 5660386 against primary isolates in PBMCs.

Notes: Compound 5660386 was preincubated with clade B (A), clade C (B), or clade G (C) viruses (MOI: 0.01) for 60 minutes and subsequently added to PHA-activated PBMCs for 120 minutes. Cells were gently washed and further incubated for 7 days. HIV-1 infection was determined by p24 ELISA. Cell viability was measured by MTT assay. Results represent the average of three individual donors (* $P \leq 0.05$).

Abbreviations: MOI, multiplicity of infection; PHA, phytohemagglutinin; PBMCs, peripheral blood mononuclear cells; ELISA, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay; MTT, 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide.

the highest concentration tested (2 μM) under these experimental conditions. Combined, these observations indicate that 5660386 exhibits inhibitory activity against a panel of primary HIV-1 isolates infecting primary cells. Further, 5660386 inhibits CCR5- and CXCR4-dependent viruses and potentiates the CCR5 inhibitor MVC.

Based on the aforementioned studies, and the observation that HIV-1 replication in the virus/compound preincubation experiments was inhibited, 5660386 may interfere with HIV-1 attachment and/or entry. To examine if 5660386 inhibits viral entry directly, we measured inhibition of replication-incompetent CCR5- and CXCR4-dependent viruses by BlaM fusion assay⁵² (Figure 5). Compound was preincubated with virus for 60 minutes, after which cells

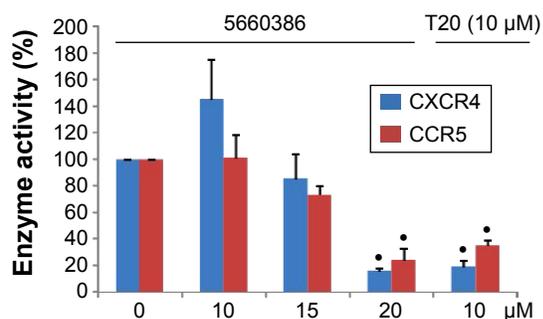


Figure 5 Compound 5660386 inhibits HIV-1 entry.

Notes: TZM-bl cells were infected with CCR5-tropic or CXCR4-tropic replication-incompetent virus (MOI: 1.0) containing the BlaM-Vpr fusion protein in the absence or presence of 5660386 or T20 at the indicated concentrations. Cells were washed and cultured in the presence of each inhibitor. Control cultures without any inhibitor or virus were tested in parallel. Cells were loaded with a green fluorescent substrate, CCF4/AM, and enzyme activity was read on a BioTek Synergy HT plate reader. Results represent three independent experiments and were adjusted for background in the absence of virus (error bars: SD; * $P \leq 0.05$).

Abbreviations: MOI, multiplicity of infection; SD, standard deviation.

were spinoculated to promote virus binding and shifted to 37°C to initiate fusion. HIV-1 entry was determined after 48 hours by determination of the β -lactamase activity. Under these conditions, 5660386 clearly inhibited entry of both CCR5- and CXCR4-dependent viruses, at comparable concentrations to the entry inhibitor T20.¹⁵ In the TZM-bl assays, we observed that 5660386 was able to potentiate the CCR5-antagonist MVC but not BMS (Figure 2), suggesting that 5660386 does not compete with MVC for binding to CCR5. In addition, 5660386 did not inhibit infection by 6061, a CCR5-dependent virus that can use CCR5 bound to MVC as a receptor, further suggesting that the compound does not act primarily on this co-receptor (not shown). Based on these observations, we next evaluated binding of 5660386 to GP120. Surface plasmon resonance studies demonstrated that compound 5660386 binds to GP120 (Figure 6A). Since 5660386 binds to GP120, we examined the possibility that 5660386 affects the interaction between GP120 and CD4 as a possible mechanism of action. Binding of soluble CD4 to GP120 was found to be inhibited by increasing concentrations of 5660386 (Figure 6B). Combined, these findings suggest that the 5660386 compound targets the HIV-1 envelope and inhibits CD4 binding. Attempts to generate resistance mutants against compound 5660386 were unsuccessful, due to induction of cellular toxicity during extended culture at increased concentrations. At sub- EC_{50} concentrations (100 nM), no breakthrough viral replication could be detected by p24 ELISA after 2 weeks (not shown).

Molecular docking studies were conducted to find the optimal position of compound 5660386 (Figure 1). The starting coordinates of the GP120 HIV-1 protein were extracted from

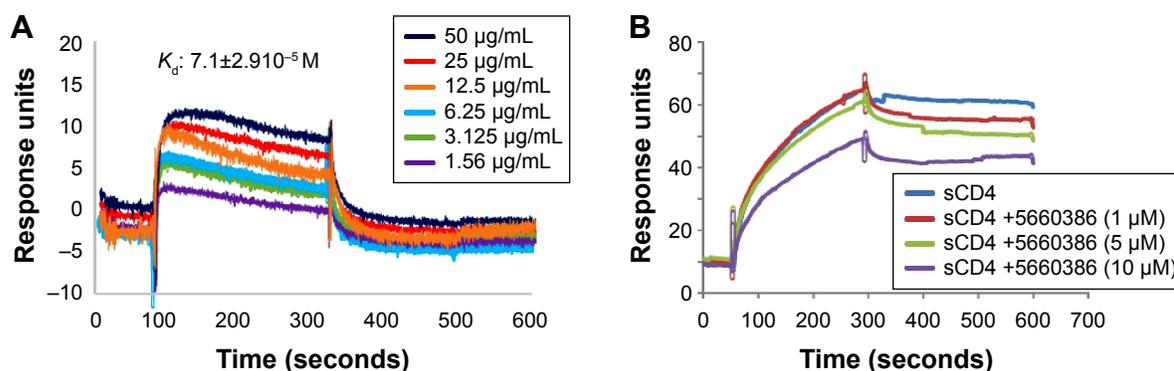


Figure 6 Compound 5660386 binds to GPI20 and inhibits GPI20–CD4 binding. **Notes:** (A) Binding kinetics of 5660386 to immobilized GPI20 on the chip surface. (B) Binding of soluble CD4 (1 µg/mL) to immobilized GPI20 on the chip surface in the absence or presence of 5660386 at the indicated concentrations.

the PDB under the accession code 4DKQ. This entry represents a crystal structure of the viral enzyme in complex with the *N*-[(1*S*,2*S*)-2-carbamimidamido-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl]-*N'*-(4-chloro-3-fluorophenyl)ethanediamide inhibitor (hereafter named OLK) at a resolution of 1.80 Å.³³ First, we performed a docking test to ensure the validity of our computational protocol. The compound OLK (Figure 7), for which a crystal structure exists, was docked into the GPI20 target. The predicted position of the OLK ligand closely resembles

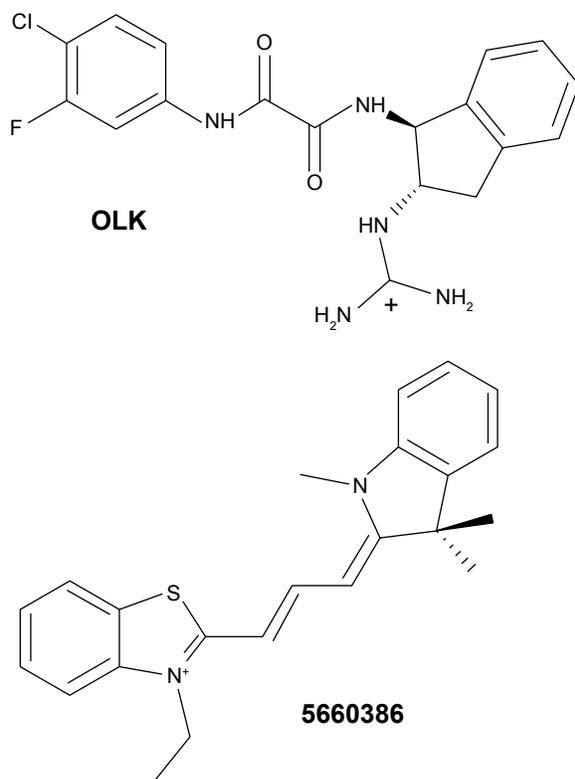


Figure 7 Chemical structure of 5660386 and the OLK ligand used for computational approaches.

its position in the crystal structure, preserving the interacting pattern toward GPI20 and validating our computational approach (Figure S3). For 5660386, the calculation yielded only two clusters with a lowest energy of -9.4 kcal/mol and occupancy of 86%. As expected, an electrostatic interaction with the ionic moiety of the ligand and the Asp carboxylate moiety is observed with a distance of 6.5 Å. Besides, another electrostatic interaction is also recorded between the ammonium of the carboxyl atom of the glycine 473 with a distance of 2.5 Å. Viral GP120 protein recognizes the CD4 human protein, and this event triggers the viral entry process. The association between these two proteins involves mainly two CD4 residues: Phe34 and Arg59. The phenyl-alkaline moiety is inserted into a GP120 cavity, whereas the positive charge of the guanidinium part of arginine performs an electrostatic interaction with the carboxylate part of the viral residue Asp368.⁵³ This cavity represents the interacting site of the Phe43 residue from CD4 protein. The 5660386 compound makes strong van der Waals interaction into the Phe34 cavity of GP120. This cavity is delineated by the hydrophobic residues Trp427, Ile475, Val255, Phe382, Met426, and Ile424. The filling of this cavity engenders more van der Waals interactions and also gives favorable entropic variations, since we expected that more water molecules will be displaced when 5660386 will act on GP120. Therefore, we predict that an inhibitor perturbs the GP120–CD4 association through these residues. As expected with the molecular formula of 5660386, hydrogen bonding is not observed. Indeed, there is no polar hydrogen, and neither sulfur nor aromatic tertiary amines make good acceptors for hydrogen bonds.

Conclusion

Overall, the data show that 5660386 is a new inhibitor of HIV-1. The mechanistic studies demonstrate that it is working

at the level of entry, targeting HIV-1 envelope. Compound 5660386 shows antiviral activity against primary virus isolates of varying subtypes in the TZM-bl cell line and showed reduced, but significant, antiviral activity in primary cells. These findings indicate that early lead small-molecule entry inhibitors of HIV-1 such as 5660386 can be developed into a second-generation of anti-HIV-1 therapeutics with a unique spectrum of activity.

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Disclosure

The authors declare no competing financial interests. US provisional patent application No 62/054,137 "Small Molecule HIV Entry Inhibitors" has been filed. This does not alter our adherence to all *Drug Design, Development and Therapy* policies on sharing data and materials.

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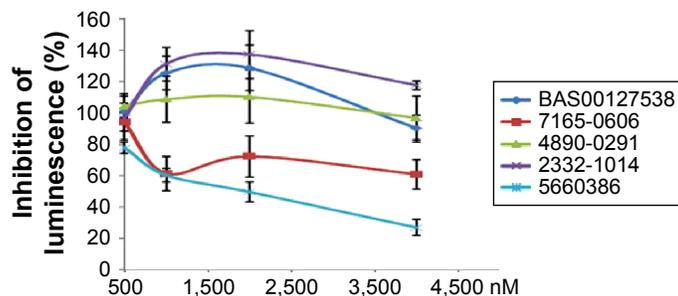


Figure S1 Drug susceptibility assay of small molecule antimicrobial compounds.

Notes: Compounds were preincubated with HIV-1 virus (BaL, 250 TCID₅₀) for 60 minutes at concentrations ranging from 0 nM to 4,000 nM. TZM-bl cells were incubated for 48 hours with virus and compound, and effect on HIV-1 infectivity was determined by luminescence.

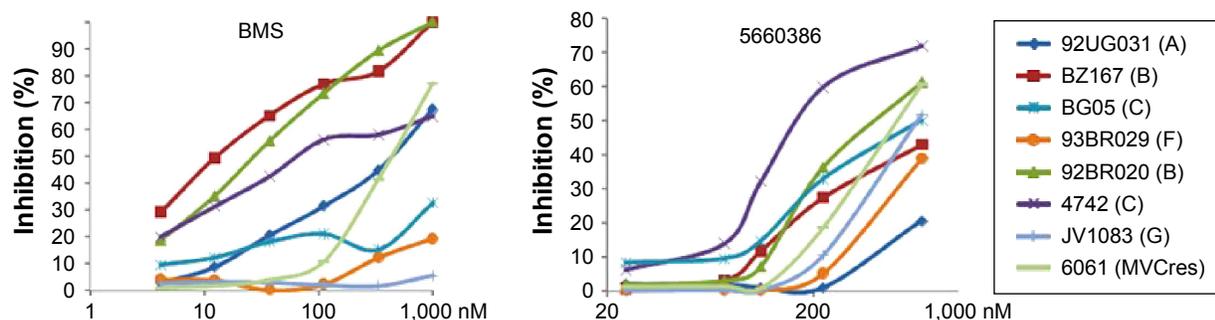


Figure S2 Drug susceptibility assay: primary isolates.

Notes: Compounds were preincubated with virus (MOI: 0.01) for 30 minutes at the indicated concentrations. TZM-bl cells were incubated for 48 hours with virus and compound, and effect on HIV-1 infectivity was determined by luminescence.

Abbreviations: MOI, multiplicity of infection; BMS, BMS-488043.

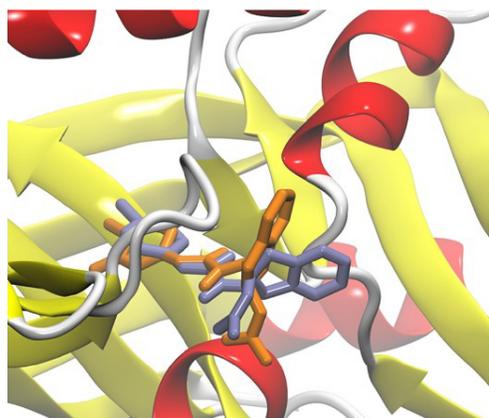


Figure S3 Comparison with the experimental RX position of OLK inhibitor (in blue) and its predicted location through our computational studies (in orange).

Abbreviation: OLK, *N*-[(1*S*,2*S*)-2-carbamimidamido-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl]-*N'*-(4-chloro-3-fluorophenyl)ethanediamide.

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