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## Amyloid beta fibril formation

Alzheimer's disease (AD) pathology is characterized by plaques of amyloid beta (A $\beta$ ) and neurofibrillary tangles tau. A $\beta$  aggregation is thought to take place in the early stages of the disease and eventually give way to the formation of tau tangles that monitor human cognitive decline. Here we understand the crystal structure of the A $\beta$  core segment determined by MicroED and this, note the properties of both fibrillar and oligomeric structure. Using this structure, we designed peptide-based inhibitors that reduce A $\beta$  aggregation and toxicity of species that have already been aggregated. Unexpectedly, we also found that these inhibitors reduce the effectiveness of A $\beta$ -mediated tau aggregation and also reduce the addition and self-seeding of tau fibrils. The ability of these inhibitors to interfere with both A $\beta$  and tau seeds shows that these fibrils share a common epitope, and supports the hypothesis that cross-seeding is one mechanism by which amyloid is associated with tau aggregation and may promote cognitive decline. Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the most common form of dementia, there is limited treatment for symptom relief and none that stops its progression. Histological properties of AD are extracellular patches of amyloid beta (A $\beta$ ) and intracellular neurofibrillary tangles tau (Glennner et al., 1984; (2017) (2017) Although A $\beta$  aggregation is thought to occur in the early stages of AD, tau aggregation correlates better with disease progression, characteristic spreads along related brain regions, and the severity of symptoms observed in the wearing (Tanzi, 2012; Hardy and Selkoe, 2002; Manczak and Reddy, 2014; Seward et al., 2013; Brier et al., 2016; Schwarz et al., 2016). Structural information on aggregated forms of A $\beta$  and tau accumulates, but to date this knowledge has not led to successful chemical intervention (Chen et al., 2017). In transgenic mouse models that have occurred by overcoming or co-expressing mutant A $\beta$  and mutant tau, a link between the appearance of A $\beta$  and tau pathologies has been observed, but the mechanism has not yet been understood at the molecular level (Oddo et al., 2003). By injecting A $\beta$  seeds derived from a synthetic peptide, transgenic mouse or AD patient tissue, tau pathology can be found both at the injection site, and also in functionally connected brain regions (Bolmont et al., 2007; Götz et al., 2001; Morales et al., 2015). Tau aggregation is also monitored by A $\beta$ -seeded 3D neurons in stem cell cultures that express early onset hereditary mutations that drive overproduction and aggregation of A $\beta$  (Choi et al., 2014). Despite these observations, A $\beta$ 's molecular link to Tau remains unresolved. The proposed hypotheses include A $\beta$  causing next stage cell changes that cause tau phosphorylation and final aggregation, and/or direct tau interaction, and/or seeding of aggregated A $\beta$  (Ittner and Götz, 2011; Stancu et al., 2014; Morales 2013). A number of evidence supports the direct interaction model, although questions remain; for example, how such interaction may occur because A $\beta$  spots deposit outside the cell, while tau neurofibrillary tangle is intracellular. One possible model for intracellular aggregation may be that A $\beta$  is rendered in apic inside the endosomes, and then exported (Rajendran et al., 2006). The second model proposes that smaller differential A $\beta$  oligomers are toxic species (Lesné et al., 2006; Lambert et al., 1998; Benilova et al., 2012). Oligomers separated from A $\beta$  serum are sufficient to induce tau aggregation (Jin et al., 2011). A $\beta$  is also found in combination with localization intra-neuronally with tau as well as synaptic terminals, increased interactions correlated with disease progression (Manczak and Reddy, 2014). In addition, there are AD tissue extracts (Manczak and Reddy, 2014; Guo et al., 2006). A $\beta$  and Tau soluble complexes have been found in vitro to promote tau (Guo et al., 2006), while another study found that A $\beta$  fibrils may be sown with tau (Vasconcelos et al., 2016). The evidence of taking together hypotheses that Tau cross-seeding by A $\beta$  promotes the tangle formation of AD, which can be prevented not only by inhibiting A $\beta$  aggregation, but also by disrupting the binding area of A $\beta$  with tau. A number of interactions have been offered for both proteins. In A $\beta$ , both the amyloid core klvffa and the areas supporting the residues of the carboxy terminal were found to bind to tau (Guo et al., 2006). On the other hand, it was found that peptides from tau regions exons 7 and 9, as well as aggregation-prone sequences VQIINK and VQIVYK, located at the beginning of repetition 2 (R2) and repeated 3 (R3) microtubules in the domain (K18), were found to bind A $\beta$  (Guo et al., 2006). The calculated seeding model predicts that the amyloid core of A $\beta$  may form intermolecular  $\beta$ -leaf interactions with VQIINK or VQIVYK (Miller et al., 2011). On this basis, we assumption that an inhibitor capable of attacking the amyloid nucleus, which itself is an important jar of A $\beta$  aggregation (Tjernberg et al., 1999; Bernstein et al., 2005; Marshall et al., 2016), may block both A $\beta$  aggregation and tau seeding with A $\beta$ . However, this segment has been observed in several body structures stericzipper structures (Colletier et al., 2011) and fiber models (Lührs et al., 2005; Colvin et al., 2016; Qiang et al., 2012; Huber et al., 2015; Wälti et al., 2016), obstructing the design of a structural inhibitor. In an effort to characterize this complex of toxic body building, we focused our efforts on determining the structure of segment 16-26, which included Iowa's early hereditary mutation D23N (Van Nostrand et al., 2001). Based on this structure, we designed several inhibitors and found that they did indeed block A $\beta$  aggregation, prevented Tau from cross-seeding by A $\beta$  and surprisingly also blocked homogeneous. We recommend that the effectiveness of these structural inhibitors for both proteins, but not other amyloidfibrils, suggests there is a similar binding interface displayed in both A $\beta$  and tau aggregates, supporting the cross-amyloid cascade hypothesis ad. With crystals that are only a few hundred nanometers thick, we used microElectron fraction (MicroED) to determine the structure of A $\beta$  residues 16-26 containing hereditary mutation D23N (Figure 1A), KLVFFAENVGS. The structure showed a pair of anti-parallel  $\beta$ -leaves each consisting of ~4,000 strands, stacked in a fibril that extends across the length of the crystal. The adjacent leaves are oriented back to face (Figure 1B, Table 1), which define the class seven with a steric zipper motif. A) The electron micrograph of 3D crystals used for data collection shall be 1  $\mu$ m. (B) The structure of the crystal shows a pair of  $\beta$  of closely mating antiparallel and semi-detached leaves with magnetic leaves in grey and cyan. Side circuits intertwine to form a dry interface. The two neighbouring pages are  $\beta$  with the leaves. (C) View of six layers perpendicular to the fibril axis (black line).  $\beta$ -pages stack check out along the fibril axis. KLVFFAENVGSExcitation Voltage (kV)200Electron Sourcefield emission gunWave length (Å)0.0251 Total dose per crystal (e-/Å<sup>2</sup>)2.7Ram speed (frames/s)0.3 to 0.5Speed (°/s)0.3 crystals useds13 Total angle rotation collected (°)941 Combining StatisticsSpace groupP21C cell dimensions, a, b, c(Å)11.87, 51.91, 12.76a, b,  $\gamma$  (°)90, 114.18, 90Sa 11.64-1.4 (1.44-1.40) $R$ merge24.0% (65.2%)No. Reflections47 598 (1966)Unique Reflections2355 (163)Completeness (%)86.2% (78.0%)Throwiness21 (12)/09.06 (2.89)CC1/299.5% (69.7 %)Refining Statistics No. reflections2354 Reflections in test kl236Rwork23.7%Rfree28.3% $r$ .m.s. deviationsBond lengths (Å)0.14Bond angles (°)1.5Avg. B factor (Å<sup>2</sup>)9.46Wilson B factor (Å<sup>2</sup>)7.2Ramachandran (%Favored100%Allowed0%Outliers)0 In addition, three residues from terminal C are adopted by an extended,  $\beta$  body structure which stabilises the packaging between stericzippers (Figure 1 – Figure 3). The sheet interface is reinforced by interfering side chains: Lys 16, Val18, Phe20, Glu22 from one branch face and Leu17, Phe19 and N-terminus from the other. Zipper has an extensive interface with high-shaped complementarity of 0.76 and the total buried solvent accessible area 258 Å<sup>2</sup>. This structure is partly identical to the structure of a shorter peptide segment A $\beta$ 16-21, KLVFFA (crystalform-I) (Colletier et al., 2011), which we successfully used as a search model for molecular replacement. Both longer and shorter segments have seventh-class symmetry. However, the two segments differ from the registry. As a shorter segment, the property has a hydrogen binding pattern, while the longer segment is unregistered. It is that tilted perpendicular to the fibril axis – a deviation from  $\beta$  architecture. This elongated beta chain of residues 16-22 has also been observed in the total length of fibril ol determined by cryome (Figure 1 – Figure 2) (Gremer et al., 2017). The anti-parallel architecture and absence of a 16-26 registration indicate that this crystalline fibrillary-like combination has some amyloidoligomer properties. Structural studies of early onset oligomers most commonly reveal anti-parallel  $\beta$  of page architecture (Tay et al., 2013; Laganowsky et al., 2012; Sarkar et al., 2014), while fibril structures have shown parallel  $\beta$  (Lührs et al., 2005; Colvin et al., 2016; July 2016. Krotee et al., 2018), with the exception of a few short segments of A $\beta$  (Colletier et al., 2011) and A $\beta$ 1-40, which contain early onset hereditary mutation D23N, which leads to unregistered anti-parallel fibril contamination spots (Qiang et al., 2012; Tycko et al., 2009). Anti-endic- $\beta$  of branches outside the register have been proposed to be toxic oligomers (Laganowsky et al., 2012; Liu et al., 2012). In segment A $\beta$ 16-22, it is proposed to form such oligomers in silica (Sun et al., 2018). A $\beta$ 16-21, A $\beta$ 16-26 and full-length fibril structures may provide clues to the design of inhibitors that prevent both fibrillar and oligomers from being identified. Since the zipper motif observed in the atomic structure of A $\beta$ 16-26 D23N may be relevant for different amyloid beta nodes, we tried to use it to develop A $\beta$ 1-42 structural-based peptide inhibitors. Our laboratory has developed a Rosetta-based design strategy using steric zipper structures to design capping peptide inhibitors for a number of amyloid proteins associated with the disease (Sievers et al., 2011; Seidler et al., 2018; Saefices et al., 2015; Soragni et al., 2016; krotee et al., 2018). We chose to cut back on our structure scrap from 16 to 22 search model, leaving the residue not  $\beta$  course of action. We threaded amino acids onto capping  $\beta$  direction and minimized energy communication circuits. From our first design round, we selected six different inhibitor candidates; those identified as good candidates but contained strong amino acid similarities to other top inhibitors were eliminated. Our initial group of inhibitors contained four L-form peptides, 2 for every 6 and 8 amino acids in length, called L1-L4, and two D-peptides with six amino acids long, called D1 and D2. We evaluated the effectiveness of inhibitors with 10 mole surpluses by testing whether they prevented A $\beta$ 1-42 toxicity to Neuro-2a (N2a) cells, mouse neuroblastoma cell line (Olmsted et al., 1970). We measured cytotoxicity using 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazole-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) dye reduction (Mosmann, 1983; Liu et al., 1997). Our toxicity analysis showed a single inhibitor, D1, jada (D)-LYIWWQ, which was able to eliminate toxic effects A $\beta$ 1-42 additional drossier 1; none of the inhibitors was toxic to N2a cells only (Figure 2 – Figure 1A). In the inhibitor molecular model, the smaller hydrophobic residues of D1 mimic the interactions with the fibril interface on one side of the peptide, which promotes recognition (Figure 2B), while the other half of the peptide places large aromatic residues between  $\alpha\beta$  residues, blocking possible further interactions (Figure 2C). A) Identification of the A $\beta$ 1-42 inhibitor. 10  $\mu$ M A $\beta$ 1-42 was incubated alone or 100  $\mu$ M with each candidate peptide inhibitor for 12 hours at 37 °C and then diluted at 1:10 with pre-plated N2a cells. Cytotoxicity was quantified by MTT colour reduction bars, which are average for individual replicates, with one standard deviation (n = 3; ns = not significant; \*\*\*\*, p<0.0001 using the usual one-way ANOVA-Dunnett left stroke) (B, C) Segment KLVFFAEN derived from Crystal A $\beta$  16-26 D23N was used as a design target. The peptide inhibitor D1(magenta) model, D1(magenta), associated with the calculation target, THE KLVFFAEN (grey). The smaller D1 hydrophobic residues mimic the interactions with the fibril interface on one side of the peptide (B), while the other half of the peptide places large aromatic residues between  $\alpha\beta$  residues, crushing any further interactions (C). (D) Overview of peptide inhibitors D and L amino acid conformation inhibitors D and L used in this study in amino acid conformations. Peptide LC is a D-form D1 L-form consunleppone and a negative control based on the peptide inhibitor D1 and its derivatives D1b and D1d. N.D., unspecified. E. Peptide inhibitors D1, D1b and D1d reduce the cytotoxicity of A $\beta$ 1-42 dose-dependent, while the control peptide LC is not incubated at 10  $\mu$ M A $\beta$ 1-42, incubated alone or with concentrations of different peptide inhibitors for 12 hours at 37 °C and then diluted with 1:10 pre-existing surface N2a cells. Cytotoxicity was measured by reduced MTT colour. Bars represent the average for individual technical replicates, with one standard deviation (n = 3-6; ns = not significant; \*\*, p<0.002; \*\*\*\*, p<0.0001 using the usual one-way ANOVA-Dunnett for the leftmost column), focused on these key features of the inhibitor jam in our second round design and aim to improve efficiency. We extended our peptides to expand more of our existing structures towards carboxy-terminus and changed conservative residues in the face that contained smaller hydrophobic residues. We picked out and tested six new designs. Of the six, eight amino acids were long, so the inhibitor would extend more across our crystal structure, which we called D1a-D1d. Two more, called D1e and D1f, were six amino acids long featuring a slight series of perturbations from D1 fall 1). Me Me two of the eight long amino acid inhibitors D1b and D1d, which were also effective in reducing the toxicity of A $\beta$ 1-42 by 10 times the ratio of surplus to equivalent (Figure 2 – Figure Supplement 1B,C). We then checked these two inhibitors, as well as in the range of D1 concentrations, with final concentrations ranging from 100 nM to 10  $\mu$ M (Figure 2D, E). We found that all inhibitors induce a dose-dependent response, with all of which are estimated to be IC50 less than 1  $\mu$ M. The six long-term residue inhibitors D1e and D1g also had similar effects to toxicity reduction as D1, but did not perform as well as D1 in the additional characterisation and were not further studied (Figure 3 – Figure 1B). Consultant negative peptide control, LC, inhibitor D1 L-form peptide, did not reduce toxicity (Figure 2E). Next, we tried to understand the mechanism by which our peptide inhibitors reduce the toxic effects of A $\beta$ 1-42. Therefore, we analyzed fibril formation to determine whether this reduction in toxicity can be explained by reduced aggregation. We incubated mole ratios of A $\beta$ 1-42 with our inhibitors 10:1, 1:1 and 1:10 and monitored the fibril formation with thioflavin-T (ThT) fluorescence at 37 °C quiescent conditions. We note that all of our inhibitors reduce fibril formation in a dose-dependent way, while negative control of peptide, LC, is not (Figure 3A, Figure 3-Figure Supplement 1A). Longer inhibitors, D1b and D1d, appear to be effective in the ratio of equivalents. However, when inhibitors are analysed at higher concentrations, they appear to be folding themselves but remain effective in reducing A $\beta$ 1-42 toxicity (Figure 3 – Figure 1C, Figure 2E). After 72 hours, samples were taken for TEM analysis of negative stains, which confirmed a decrease in the number of A $\beta$ 1-42 fibrils. D1b and D1d were more effective than D1 in reducing fibril formation, although all three inhibitors showed almost equal efficacy in reducing toxicity. Fibrils were observed in an equivalent molar ratio sample of A $\beta$ 1-42 and D1, while comparable samples D1b and D1d did not contain fibrils. Inhibitors that were not effective in preventing toxicity, such as D1a and D2, were also less effective in blocking fibre formation (Figure 2-Figure 2-Figure 1C, Figure 3 – Figure 1A). (A) Peptide inhibitors D1, D1b and D1d reduce fibril formation of A $\beta$ 1-42, while negative control checkpeptide i LC is not. Fibril formation was monitored by ThT fluorescence. The curves indicate the average of the three technical replicates with one standard deviation below. B Negative stain TEM analysis confirms the results of ThT analyses in Figure 3A. The samples were prepared as described above and incubated 72 hours prior to the TEM analysis. Images A $\beta$ 1-42 to D1 (1:10), D1b (1:1) and D1d (1:1) were captured at 3200x; scale bars are 2  $\mu$ m. All other images were captured at 24000x; scale bars are Nm. (C) Peptide inhibitors reduce the formation of a recognised A $\beta$ 1-42 formations of conformational antibodies, while negative control peptides are not. The aliquots of the reaction were tested for antibody binding for 6 hours, 24 hours and 72 hours. The membranes were glued, as shown for clarity. oligomeene, not fibrils, are considered more toxic species A $\beta$  (Lesné et al., 2006; Lambert et al., 1998; Benilova et al., 2012; Jin et al., 2011), we then examined whether our inhibitors affect the formation of oligomers or other cytotoxic A $\beta$ 1-42 species. We used body-building antibodies to probe samples of A $\beta$ 1-42 incubated by a 10-molar overuse inhibitor overnight at 37°C. Binding to all of our inhibitors with oligomer-specific conformation antibodies A11 and A11-O9 reduced all of our inhibitors (Figure 3C, Figure 3 – Figure 1C). Although we have not determined the exact oligomeric nodes of inhibitors are decreasing, our antibody binding data, together with the results of our toxicity tests, show that the formation of toxic oligomer formation has decreased. In addition, inhibitors reduced the abundance of A $\beta$ -conformations recognized by mOC24, mOC64, mOC104 and mOC116. These antibodies bind fibrillary plaques from the patient's AD tissue and/or 3xTg-AD mouse tissue (Hatami et al., 2014). In general, these results suggest that our inhibitors may reduce oligomers, as well as disease-related fibrillar body building. Since AD is only diagnosable long after A $\beta$  aggregation is initiated, we do not know whether these inhibitors not only prevent amyloid aggregates from forming, but also if they can reduce the toxic effects of already formed aggregates. First, we incubated 10  $\mu$ M A $\beta$  at 37 °C for 12 hours to form oligomers (Figure 4-Figure Supplement 1A) and then added inhibitors at different concentrations immediately before adding N2a to cells and tested for toxicity with MTT colour reduction. We found that the addition of an inhibitor to monomer A $\beta$ 1-42 was a significant difference from adding an inhibitor to premodified A $\beta$ 1-42 oligomers. In co-incubation with monomer A $\beta$ , a shorter D1 inhibitor was as effective as D1b and D1d in reducing toxicity; however, only longer inhibitors D1b and D1d were effective when preformed A $\beta$  kits were added to preformed A $\beta$  kits (Figure 4A). Both longer inhibitors may completely relieve aggregate toxicity at 10  $\mu$ M, but D1e are stronger by effectively reducing toxicity to 1  $\mu$ M. D1b differs from D1d only at amino acid positions 6 and 7. We suspect that the difference in efficacy results from residue 6, since both inhibitors contain positively charged residues at position 7, but position 6 D1b is Gln while D1d is its own bulkier Trp. Peptide inhibitors may prevent the initiation of aggregation and block the toxicity of aggregated assemblies that appear to be more sensitive to mild disturbances in the composition of inhibitors. (A) Peptide inhibitors that reduce the toxicity of A $\beta$ 1-42 aggregates already formed. 10  $\mu$ M A $\beta$ 1 to 42 was incubated for 12 hours at 37 °C in its much incubated A $\beta$ 1-42 was added to the molar ratio indicated by the inhibitor and then diluted in 1:10 with previously plated N2a cells. Cytotoxicity was measured by reduced MTT colour. Bars represent the average with individual technical replicates (n = 3-6; ns = not important; \*\*, p<0.0005; \*\*\*\*, p<0.0001 using the usual one-way ANOVA-Dunnett for the leftmost column). B, C, C, c. inhibitors are associated with A $\beta$ 1-42 fibrils. (B) Peptide inhibitors do not distinguish between A $\beta$ , 10  $\mu$ M A $\beta$ 1 to 42 was incubated on its own for 72 hours at 37 °C. Peptide inhibitors were added with a 10-fold molar surplus and incubated at RT 24 hours prior to tem analysis. The images were captured in 24000x; scale bars are 500 nm. C) Inhibitor D1b binding is binding to fibrillary-A $\beta$ 1-42. The maximum response (R)umax was derived by installing sensors in the dtd concentration range on a binding model with Kd of 52  $\pm$  6  $\mu$ M, which is displayed as a red line. These RUmav values are entered (mean  $\pm$  SD, n = 3) as a concentration function and are installed on a one-to-one binding model that is displayed as a black line. We're following through with TEM to determine whether our inhibitors can aggregate fibers, or if the fibers are capped, as our inhibitor design would predict. We combined shaking conditions of 10  $\mu$ M A $\beta$ 1-42 for 72 hours at 37 °C, then added inhibitors at 100  $\mu$ M and incubated overnight. Since fibrils still exist, we assume that our inhibitors are indeed capping or coating fibers in toxicity-inducing interfaces, thus preventing further sowing or toxic effects (Figure 4B). To investigate the clew capability of our inhibitors, we added inhibitors A $\beta$ 1-42 during the exponential phase of fibril growth (Figure 4-Figure supplement 1B). We found that even with the lowest concentration inhibitor, 10  $\mu$ M A $\beta$  1, 1  $\mu$ M inhibitor, we see a minimal increase in signal inhibitors D1b and D1d. In addition, we noticed a slight decrease in ThT signal samples from a 1:1 inhibitor in addition, perhaps due to inhibitors replacing ThT molecules associated with fibrils. Since inhibitors prevent monomer aggregation (Figure 3A), we are wary of overinterpretation of the outcome of this test, since the inhibitor may be free of separating monomer or small nodes to fibrils. We performed SPR to check that our inhibitors D1b and D1d are not only prevent the aggregation of monomeric A $\beta$ , but also bind together with variables. After showing that our inhibitors block the toxic interface in A $\beta$ , we questioned whether this interface could also be related to cross-seed tau. Firstly, we tried to confirm the direct sowing mechanism that others have announced (Guo et al., 2006; Miller et al., 2011; Vasconcelos et al., 2016). We tested the seeding of the tau, K18+ (244-380) microtubule binding domain in the ThT analysis at 37 °C shaking and found that A $\beta$ 1-42 and A $\beta$ 16-26 D23N fibrils sowed the aggregation, though not as effectively as the K18 fibrils (Figure 5A, Figure 5 – Figure 1A). This sowing effect was also observed in the presence of heparin in full-length tau (Figure 5 – Figure 1B). By contrast, K18 was unable to sow A $\beta$  (Figure 5 – Figure 1C). A) 50  $\mu$ M tau-K18+ was sown with 10 % monomer equivalent for pre-formed fibril A $\beta$ 1-42, A $\beta$ 16-26 D23N or tau-K18 shaking at 700 rpm pbs. Fibril formation was monitored by ThT fluorescence. The error bars below show the average standard deviation of the three parallel technical samples. (B) Number of intracellular aggregates found in Tau-K18CY biosensor cells normalised by cells concentrated with seeds adding 250 nM tau40 or 250 nM A $\beta$ 1-42 fibrils. The error strips indicate the mean standard deviation of the technical replicates (n = 3; \*\*\*\*, p=0.0001 using the usual one-way ANOVA-Dunnett addentone in relation to the leftmost column and \*\*, p=0.0028 for the A $\beta$  vs. vehicle odd 1 test) (C) B imagery with a 10x magnification, scale of 100  $\mu$ m. (D and E). Concentration-dependent sowing of a beta1-42 induced tau aggregation in tau-K18CY biosensor cells. D) Mean sowing of A $\beta$  indicated as inhibitor concentration function. The IC50 value was calculated from the dose response plot of the inhibitor D1b (C). Representative images of the effects of D1b seeding. The cells are shown at a 10x magnification, a scale bar of 100  $\mu$ m. (D) The seeding of tau interface mutation fibrils in tau-K18CY biosensor cells is reduced by D1b. The average number of aggregates indicated at inhibitor concentration, bars represent the average for individual replicates of technical samples, one standard deviation (n = 3; ns = not significant; \*\*\*\*, p<0.0001 using the usual one-way ANOVA-Dunnett in relation to the leftmost column). We had observed differences in the effectiveness of inhibitors in monomer and A $\beta$  aggregated species, we examined whether the inhibitor was effective against the seeding capacity of tau40 fibrils. We formed tau40 fibrils, treated them with the concentration of the inhibitor shown and transfected into tau-K18 cells to measure inhibition of sowing. We found that similar to our A $\beta$ -mediated tau biosensor seed experiment, D1b, was the best inhibitor, ic50 4.5  $\mu$ M. D1 was slightly effective, while D1d showed a reduction in seeding only when increased to 75  $\mu$ M (Figure 6B,C). It may be that D1b plays twice to inhibit both A $\beta$  and tau, and this combined effect could explain the drastically reduced seeding from A $\beta$  fibrils in our previous experiment (Figure 5D). Next, we tried to identify possible binding sites for Tau for D1b. We identified that the regions knew that tau aggregation leaders could share structural properties with the A $\beta$  core and thus inhibit it with d1b. We designed tau40 mutants that interfere with the main anti-acting stericzipper interfaces designated by VQIINK (Seidler et al., 2018) and VQIVYK (Sawaya et al., 2007) and AD tau fibrils (Fitzpatrick et al., 2017) with cryom models. In total, we tested six different structures, each designed to block all but one tau aggregation interface. The first three mutants were designed to block VQIVYK aggregation interfaces in addition to all, excluding all, excluding all of the three known VQIINK interfaces. Mutant 1 (Q276W, L282R, I308P) leaves only interface A VQIINK available for aggregation, mutant 2 (Q276W, I277M, I308P) leaves only interface B for aggregation and mutant 3 (I277M, L282R, I308P) leaves only the interface available for C aggregation. Constructions 4 and 5 were designed to test the effects of blocking VQIINK and all VQIVYK surfaces. Mutant 4 (Q276W, I277M, L282R, Q307W, V309W) leaves only the VQIVYK dry interface available for aggregation and mutant 5 (Q276W, I277M, L282R, I308W) leaves only the solvent available for surface aggregation. In addition, we tested the effect of D1b on blocking sowing using 3R tau, which does not have a VQIINK aggregation segment and leaves the VQIVYK interface intact (Figure 6D, Miller 6 – Figure 2C-E). To test whether D1b inhibits specific interfaces, fibrils were formed from all different mutants and then both were incubated at D1b concentrations and used to sow natural tau-K18 biosensor cells, as previously described in wild type tau fibrils (Figure 6 – Figure 3A,B). We found that D1b was most effective in inhibiting the seeded fibrils mutants, which left intact: the interface A VQIINK, which is thought to involve the aggregation of site I277 tau, the solvent available for interface VQIVYK as well as 3R tau (Figure 6D), D1b also moderately inhibited several other tau mutants, but required high seed-suppressing concentrations (Figure 6 – Figure 2C). As a check, we tested the seeding of 40 mutants, which combined all the different mutations, and found that this mutant did not cause seeding in the cells of the tau-K18 biosensor (Figure 6 – Figure 6 – Figure Supplement 1E), despite fibrils incubation with heparin, indicating that at least one known is necessary for sowing. The control inhibitor LC does not affect the sowing of any structure at the slightest (Figure 6 – Figure 1F). In total, these data show that D1b inhibits both tau VQIINK and VQIVYK aggregation segments and shows that everyone can have common structural properties with the A $\beta$  core, which allows A $\beta$  to cross-seed tau. Amyloid polymorphs may vary depending on whether they are concentrated in vitro or extracted from human brain tissue (Falcon et al., 2018). We tried to determine whether our inhibitors were capable of blocking pathological forms of either tau or A $\beta$ . As previously suggested in our physical antibody analysis and structural intoxication (Figure 3C), let's assume the hypothesis that our inhibitors block disease-related amyloid polymorphs. Since we also found that our inhibitors blocked both homotypical and heterocellular tau seeding by aggregated tau and A $\beta$ , we tested our inhibitor series of raw lysate from AD to the donor patient's brain tissue. We homogenized tissue from three brain regions in one AD patient's brain, the hippocampal region, affected early, as classified in Braak staging, and in the lobe and occipital lobe regions that are affected later by disease progression (Brier et al., 2016; Schwarz et al., 2016). We also produced samples from the patient's tissue with progressive supranuclear reduction (PSP), a disease of tau aggregation that did not reveal A $\beta$  aggregation by immunostaining. We produced samples of untreated patient tissue, as well as tau-immunodegradable PSP tissues. We transfected the brain by lysing into biosensor cells; 10  $\mu$ M D1, D1b or D1d. We found that treatment of lysates from the brain with D1b significantly reduced sowing with all samples of brain tissue studied (Figure 7). The total load of tau of different tissues has not been verified and this is probably the cause of different reasons for seed efficiency, which are considered in different tissue types. Although our inhibitor D1b showed a reduction in hippocampus seeding, the fibril load in the area may have been too high to be effectively stopped by the dose used. Interestingly, PSP tauopathy tissue was also a sensitive treatment for any inhibitors, d1b displaying the most pronounced inhibition. We assume that D1b recognizes a common toxic epitope found in both A $\beta$  and various tau polymorphs. Brain lysate was prepared as a TBS buffer in three brain regions of one AD patient, and from one sample to a PSP the patient lacks A $\beta$  spots. Brain lysate non-disease patient (neg ctrl) and tau immunodepleted sample PSP tissue are on the right panel. The cells were sown with 1/400 dilution of lysate in brain tissue; inhibitors were incubated overnight with a lysing inhibitor before being added to cells. A concentration of 10  $\mu$ M peptide was used for all indicated tests. (A) Medium lysate from each brain, with or without the addition of inhibitors. Bars are average with individual technical replicates (n = 3; ns = not significant; \*, p<0.05; \*\*, p<0.0005; \*\*\*\*, p<0.0001 using the usual one-way ANOVA-Dunnett in relation to the left column). B) A representative representation of seminal biosensor cells, shown at a 10x magnification bar of 100  $\mu$ m. Extended ANOVA data included as an additional file. search for stunning targets AD is muddy with numerous proteins involved and a lack of understanding of whether two histological protein traits, A $\beta$  and tau, interact directly with each other. In addition, A $\beta$ , an obvious initiator of disease, aggregates into a wide variety of species, from soluble oligomers from dimers to those containing dozens of copies, to polymorphic fibril deposits. While there may be many toxic fabrics that target a specific complex or structure with a toxic motif that exists in various these manufactures could be an effective strategy for designing pharmaceuticals. We target the amyloid core segment of A $\beta$  due to its defined amyloidogenicity, and the putative interface of late aggregation protein, tau. In our efforts, we focused on the A $\beta$ 16-26 segment with hereditary mutation D23N, the structure of which was determined by MicroED. While this segment's crystalline structure is fibril-like, and similar to the previously observed zipper interface as well as the interface of full-length fibrils, the out-of-register interface  $\beta$ -strands indicates that parts of this body structure may be present in a number of toxic oligomeric intermediates as well as fibrils. We successfully used this structure to design a number of related inhibitors that reduce the toxicity of the A $\beta$  model of N2a cells. Our biochemical and toxicity studies show that these inhibitors work in two ways. The first is preventing monomeric A $\beta$  from aggregation. The second is a pre-formed reduction of the toxicity of



may be that the demarcation of D-peptide is out of the register, translated into a bond distance perpendicular to 1/2 of the fibril axis in order to maximize the H-link to the amide spine. This translation causes steric overlapping side circuits and incoming  $\beta$  leaves, which are designed as a mechanism of inhibition that is used in the D-peptide. Since H-gluing is satisfied with stacking of the registry, steric is not expected to overlap between L peptide R groups and incoming  $\beta$  the peptide. Therefore, it should not be discouraged. In fact, we see a certain level of increased aggregation in A.D., as the reviewer notes. It may be that the produced interaction of R groups in the LC native A $\beta$  jada happens to be more hospitable to the native A $\beta$  chain, than homomeric stacking interactions that are common in uninhibited fibril. 18) Discussion section four: this work does not characterize the path of aggregation A $\beta$  and tau. It is therefore not appropriate to assume that both molecules have a common aggregation pathway based on susceptibility to the peptide inhibitor. We agree with the reviewers that we did not show a description of the a $\beta$  and tau aggregation paths and have removed it from the text. Sarah L Griner Paul Seidler Jeannette Bowler Kevin Murray Tianxiao Peter Yang Shruti Sahay Michael R Sawaya Duilio Cascio Jose Rodriguez David S Eisenberg Sarah L Griner Paul Seidler Jeannette Bowler Kevin A Murray Tianxiao Peter Yang Shruti Sahay Michael R Sawaya Dui Cascio Jose Rodriguez Tamir Gonen S Eisenberg Stephan Philipp Justyna Sosna Charles G Glabe Sarah L Griner Paul Seidler Jeannette Bowler Kevin A Murray Tianxiao Peter Yang Shruti Sahay Michael R Sawaya Duilio Cascio David S Eisenberg Donors had no role in the design, data collection and interpretation of the study or the decision to submit the work for publication. Thank you M Diamond for gifting the monoclonal biosensor HEK293 cell-line, which expressed tau-K18 (P301S) EYFP in our inhibitor analysis. Thank you Dr. Vinters and Christopher K Williams for supplying patient tissues and immunohistologic tissues. We thank Dan Anderson for his overall support in the lab. Thank you Lorena Saelices for providing TTR fibers and Qin Cao for providing TDP-43 fibers. We thank Lin Jiang for the conversation about A $\beta$  toxicity. Thank you ucla-DOE X-ray crystallography core technology center; Janelia Research Campus visitors program and Ivo Atanasov and the Electron Imaging Center for NanoMachines (EICN) California NanoSystems Institute (CNSI) at UCLA use their electron microscopes. We thank Johan Hatne for our help processing microed data. The UCLA-DOE X-ray Crystallization Core Technology Center is supported in part by the Department of Energy grant DE-FC0302ER63421. Gonen's lab is funded by the Howard Hughes Institute of Medicine. Cynthia Wolberger, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Wesley I Sundquist, University of Utah School of Medicine, United States Sara Linse, Lund University, © 2019, Griner et al. This article is distributed under the Creative Commons attribution license terms, which allow unlimited use and redistribution provided that the original author and source are credited. The article quoted the number generated by polling from the most different sources: Scopus, Crossref, PubMed Central. Central.

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