Kinomic profile in patient-derived glioma cells during hypoxia reveals c-MET-PI3K dependency for adaptation

Hong Sheng CHENG^{1,2}, Charlie MARVALIM¹, Pengcheng ZHU¹, Cheng Lui Daniel LAW¹, Zhi Yan Jeremy LOW¹, Yuk Kien CHONG³, Beng Ti ANG^{4,5,6}, Carol TANG^{1,3,5}, Nguan Soon TAN^{1,2}

¹School of Biological Sciences, Nanyang Technological University Singapore, Singapore 637551, Singapore.

²Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, Nanyang Technological University Singapore, Singapore 308232, Singapore.

³Neuro-Oncology Research Laboratory, Department of Research, National Neuroscience Institute, Singapore 308433, Singapore.

⁴Department of Neurosurgery, National Neuroscience Institute, Singapore 308433, Singapore. ⁵Duke-National University of Singapore Medical School, Singapore 169857, Singapore.

⁶Department of Physiology, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore, Singapore 117593, Singapore.

Running title: c-MET manipulates antioxidant mechanism in hypoxia.

* Correspondence:

H.S.C. Email: <u>hscheng@ntu.edu.sg;</u>

N.S.T. (senior corresponding author) Email: nstan@ntu.edu.sg;

Tel: (65) 6904 1295; Fax: (65) 6339 2889.

Supplemental File

Supplemental File 1. The details of small-molecule inhibitors used in kinase inhibitor screen.

Supplemental File 2: GSEA results of gene expression between peri-necrotic zone and cellular tumor of Ivy GBM Atlas Project RNA-seq data.

Supplemental File 3: GSEA results of gene expression between GBM neoplastic cells overexpressing c-MET and those with low c-MET expression based on single-cell transcriptomes of clinical GBM tumors.



Supplemental Figure Legends

Figure S1. Kinome landscape in hypoxia and off-target analysis of c-MET inhibitors

- (A) Heatmap shows the full kinase inhibitor screen data of 188 small molecule inhibitors in GPCs exposed to normoxia and hypoxia. Blue color indicates reduced viability while red color indicates increased viability compared to DMSO-treated cells. The efficacy of each inhibitor in different oxygen environments is shown and color-coded.
- (**B**) Venn diagram summarizes the number and proportion of kinase inhibitors as well as their efficacy in different oxygen environments.
- (C) Cell viability assays of NNI-24 and NNI-11 maintained in different culture conditions and exposed to normoxic and hypoxic environments for 72 h. Data are represented as mean±SD from n = 3 replicates. N.S. denotes non-significant.
- (**D**) Relative mRNA (top panel) and protein (bottom panel) expression of *MET* in NNI-24 and NNI-11, whose c-MET was suppressed by three different siRNAs and exposed to normoxic and hypoxic conditions. Data are represented as mean±SD from n = 3 replicates. * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001.
- (E) Viability assays of *c-MET*-knockdown GPCs treated with indicated c-MET inhibitors or vehicle (DMSO) in normoxia and hypoxia. Data are represented as mean±SD from n = 3 replicates. * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001 compared to cognate DMSO-treated GPCs.
- (F) Representative immunoblots of α-tubulin from soluble and insoluble fractions of cell lysates from NNI-24 treated with tivantinib (1000 nM) for 24 h in normoxia and hypoxia. GAPDH which serves as a loading control is from the same samples.



Concentration (nM)

Concentration (nM)

Figure S2. Analysis of signaling pathways downstream to c-MET in hypoxia.

- (A) Immunoblots of indicated proteins from NNI-24 and NNI-11 treated with crizotinib (500 nM), foretinib (500 nM) or tivantinib (1000 nM) and exposed to hypoxia. β-tubulin which serves as a loading control is from the same samples.
- (B) Cell viability assays of NNI-24 and NNI-11 treated with increasing concentrations of Src inhibitors and exposed to normoxic and hypoxic conditions. Data are represented as mean±SD from n = 3 replicates. * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001 compared to corresponding drug concentration in normoxia.
- (C) Graphs show percentage of early and late apoptotic NNI-31 (GPC cultured in serum-free environment) induced by tivantinib (c-MET inhibitor) and PIK75 (PI3K inhibitor). Data are represented as mean±SD from n = 3 replicates. * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001.
- (D) Representative brightfield and live/dead fluorescence images of NNI-31 GPCs treated as described in (C). Blue and red indicate live and dead cells, respectively. Percentage of dead (PI⁺), live (DAPI⁺) cells and the ratio of dead/live (PI⁺/DAPI⁺) cells are shown. The scale bar represents 100 μm.



Fluorescence intensity

Figure S3. Intracellular ROS analysis of NNI-24.

Histograms show the percentage of NNI-24 cell population with high intracellular ROS (CellROX^{Hi}, red area under the curve) when treated with crizotinib, foretinib, and tivantinib for 0, 12, 24, and 48h in normoxia and hypoxia.



Figure S4. Intracellular ROS analysis of NNI-11.

Histograms show the percentage of NNI-11 cell population with high intracellular ROS (CellROX^{Hi}; red are under the curve) when treated as described in legend of Figure S3.



Figure S5. Drug synergism of MET inhibitors and TMZ and cytokine secretion profiling.

- (A) Fa-log₁₀(Cl) plots of NNI-24 and NNI-11 treated with combined therapy of cabozantinib, crizotinib, or foretinib with TMZ at increasing concentrations and exposed to normoxic and hypoxic conditions. Drug combinations with $log_{10}(Cl) < 0$ (dotted line) indicate synergism. Increasing color intensity corresponds to increasing concentrations of the drugs.
- (**B**) Heatmaps show cytokine profiles of in culture media from NNI-11 (left panel) and NNI-24 (right panel). The cells (n = 3 replicates) were treated with crizotinib, foretinib and tivantinib and exposed to hypoxia. Vehicle-treated (DMSO) cells exposed to normoxia and hypoxia serve as the control groups. The cytokine concentrations are color-coded and expressed in concentration z-score.

Supplemental Tables

Table S1. The profiling information of GPCs.

GPCs	IDH1 (Direct sequencing)	IDH2 (Direct sequencing)	MCMT promoter (Methylation- specific PCR)	Subtype
NNI-11	Wild-type	Wild-type	Methylated	Proneural
NNI-24	Wild-type	Wild-type	Unmethylated	Classical
NNI-31	Wild-type	Wild-type	Methylated	Proneural

Table S2: qPCR primer sequences

Target	Accession	F	Reverse primer (5'to 3')	
genes	number	Forward primer (5'to 5')		
HGF	NM000601	TCC CTT CTC GAG ACT TGA AAG	CTG CAT TTC TCA TTT CCC ATT	
MET	NM001127500	TGA AGT AAT GCT AAA ATG CTG G	CCT ATG GCA AGG AGC AAA GA	
NQO1	NM000903	GAA GAG CAC TGA TCG TAC TGG C	GGA TAC TGA AAG TTC GCA GGG	
SOD2	NM000636	GCT CCG GTT TTG GGG TAT CTG	GCG TTG ATG TGA GGT TCC AG	
PRDX1	NM002574	CCA CGG AGA TCA TTG CTT TCA	AGG TGT ATT GAC CCA TGC TAG AT	
GPX1	NM000581	CAG TCG GTG TAT GCC TTC TCG	GAG GGA CGC CAC ATT CTC G	
GPX4	NM002085	GAG GCA AGA CCG AAG TAA ACT AC	CCG AAC TGG TTA CAC GGG AA	