

Supplemental Materials and Methods

PLX4032, a Selective BRAF^{V600E} Kinase Inhibitor, Activates the ERK Pathway and Enhances Cell Migration and Proliferation of BRAF^{WT} Melanoma Cells

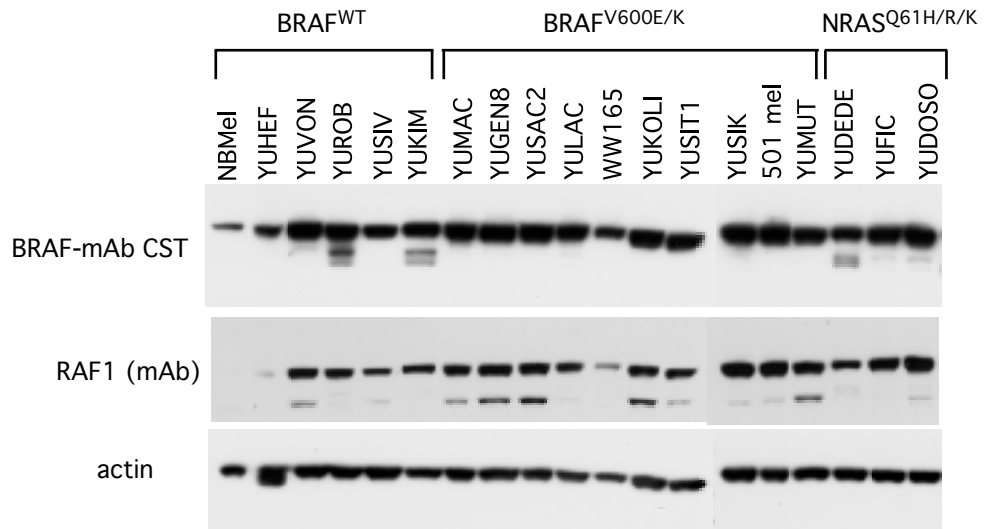
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Antibodies: The following list of antibodies were also used in our studies:

RAF1 (rabbit polyclonal), phospho-RAF1 Ser338 (56A6 Rabbit mAb), phospho-RAF1 Ser289/296/301 (rabbit polyclonal), phospho-RAF1 Ser259 (rabbit polyclonal), BRaf (L12G7, mouse mAb), phospho-Mek1/2 pSer217/221 (rabbit polyclonal), phospho p38 MAPK Thr180/Tyr182, c-Jun (60A8), Rabbit mAb; JNK (56G8, Rabbit mAb), phospho-SAPK/JNK Thr183/Tyr185 (Rabbit polyclonal), phospho-eIF4E Ser209, rabbit polyclonal), phospho-p70 S6 kinase Thr389 (108D2, Rabbit mAb), AKT (rabbit polyclonal), phospho-AKT Ser473 (D9E, Rabbit mAb), phospho-c-Jun (Ser63), Rabbit polyclonal, phospho-c-Jun (Ser73), Rabbit polyclonal; Phospho-Bcl-2 (Thr56), Rabbit polyclonal; Phospho-p53 (Ser15); Phospho-p53 (Ser20), Rabbit polyclonal Rabbit polyclonal; Phospho-Bcl-2 (Ser70), Rabbit mAb; Phospho-MNK1 (Thr197/202); MKP5, #3483 Rabbit polyclonal all from Cell Signaling Technologies; Bcl2, Mouse mAb, from Abcam, Cambridge, MA; MEK kinase-1 (1-9C-2A, sc-449) and MKP-1, sc-1102 from Santa Cruz Biotechnologies

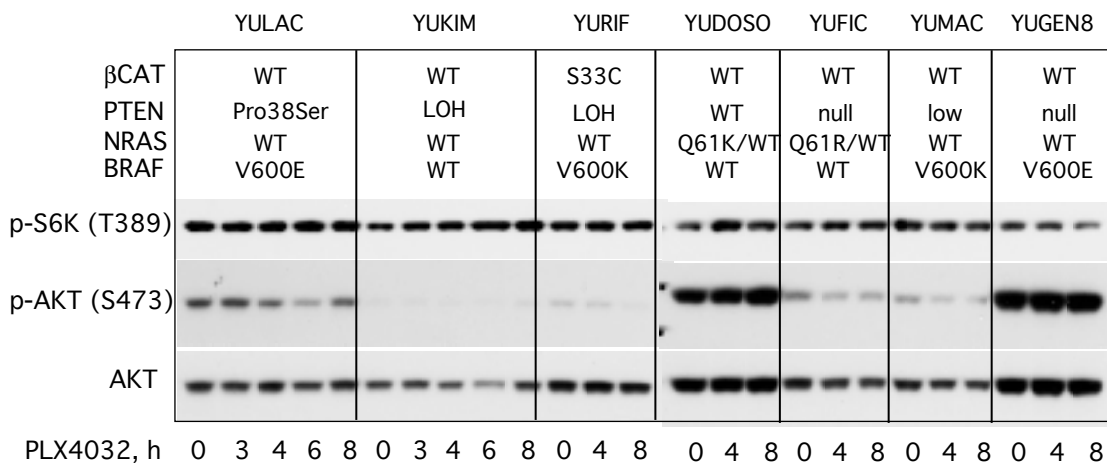
Supplemental Table S1: Oligonucleotide primers pairs for PCR reactions

Target	Primers	Product size (nt)
BRAF Exon 15	F1: 5'-CTACTGTTTTCTTTACTTACTACACCTCAGA-3' B1: 5' AACTCAGCAGCATCTCAGGGC-3'	210
NRAS exon 3	F1: 5'- CACACCCCCAGGATTCTTAC-3' B1: 5'- TGGCAAATACACAGAGGAAGC-3'	150
PTEN mRNA	F1: 5'- TGCCATCTCTCTCCTCCTTTTTTC -3' B1: 5'- CCTCTGGTCCTGGTATGAAGAATG -3' F2: 5'- GAGTAACTATTCCCAGTCAGAGGCG -3' B2: 5'- CAAGTGTCAAACCCTGTGGATG -3'	897
JUNB RT-RTPCR	F1: AGTCCTTCCACCTCGACGTTT B1: AATCGAGTCTGTTTCCAGCAGAA	
c-FOS	F1: 5'-CGAGCCCTTTGATGACTTCCT-3' B1: 5'-GGAGCGGGCTGTCTCAGA-3'	

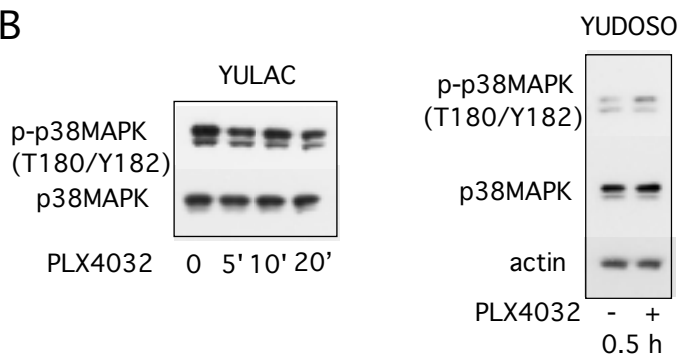


Supplemental Figure S1. Expression of BRAF and RAF1 in melanomas. Cell lysates from the melanoma cell strains used in our studies were subjected to Western blotting with anti-BRAF mAb (CST), RAF1 mAb, or actin as a control.

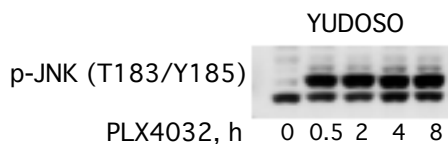
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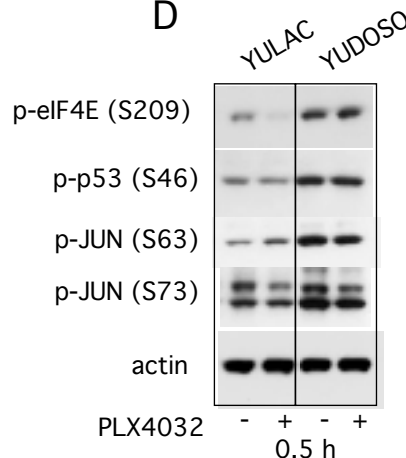
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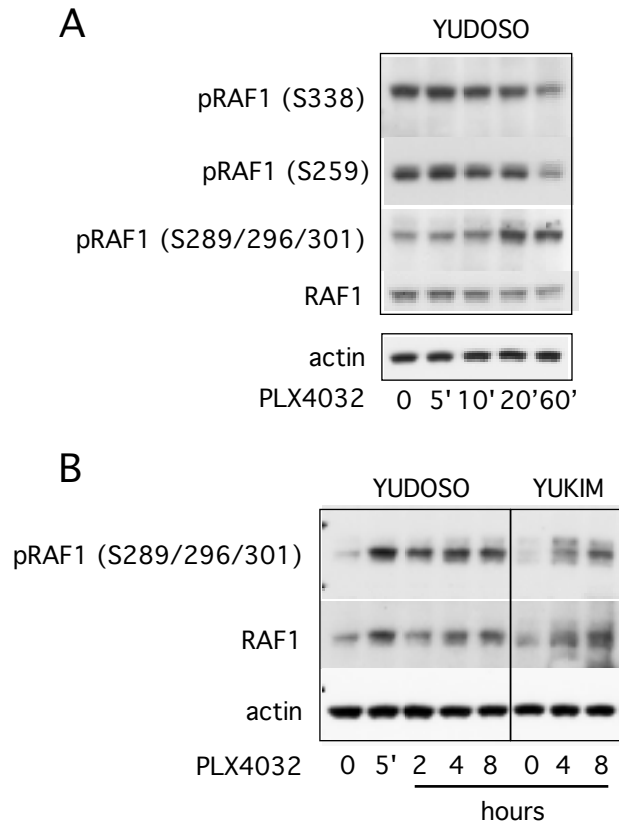


Supplemental Figure S2: Assessment of various survival pathways in response to PLX4032.

A, The AKT pathway. Western blots with phospho-S6K T389, phospho-AKT S473, AKT and actin as a loading control showing no increase in phospho-S6K or pAKT in response to PLX4032 (1 μM).

B, p38MAPK pathway. YULAC-BRAF^{V600E} and YUDOSO-BRAF^{WT} melanoma cells were treated with PLX4032 (1 μM) and harvested at the indicated time points. Cell lysates were subjected to Western blotting with anti-phospho p38MAPK (T180/Y182), or with anti p38MAPK showing little changes after treatment with PLX4032. C, JNK activation in YUDOSO-BRAF^{WT} by PLX4032 as revealed by probing with p-JNK (T183/Y185) antibodies. D, JNK downstream substrates eIF4E, p53, and JUN are not activated in YUDOSO-BRAF^{WT}.

PLX4032 suppresses the JNK substrate eIF4E in YULAC-BRAF^{V600E} melanoma cells.



Supplemental Figure S3: PLX4032 does not induce a RAF1 upstream target in BRAF^{WT} melanoma cells. A, and B, Western blots with antibodies to RAF1 or its phospho-isoforms (as indicated).

In A, YUDOSO-BRAF^{WT} melanoma cells were harvested after short treatments with PLX4032 (1 μ M).

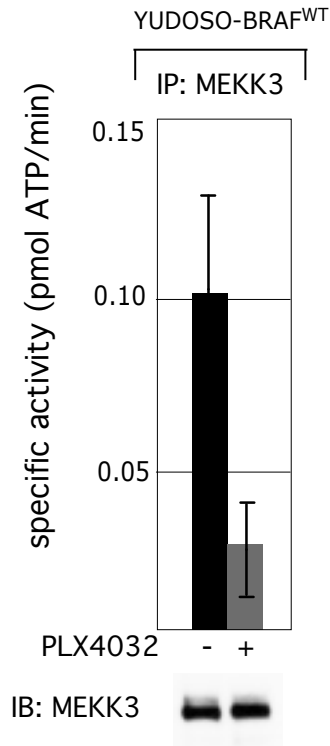
The results show progressive decline in RAF1 activation domain phospho-Ser338 in YUDOSO-BRAF^{WT}

cells treated with PLX4032 probably due to reduced levels of the protein in this fraction of the cell

lysates. Likewise, the decline in phospho-Ser259, the inhibitory site, after 1 h treatment with PLX4032

also correlated with reduced levels of total RAF1 protein (compare phospho-pRAF1 (S259) to RAF1).

In contrast, there was a significant increase in phospho-RAF1 (Ser289/296/301), the MAPK phosphorylation sites that persisted in BRAF wild-type cells treated with the drug, shown in B.



Supplemental Figure S4: Suppression of MEKK3 activity in response to PLX4032. YUDOSO-BRAF^{WT} melanoma cells were treated with PLX4032 (1 μ M) for 1 h, harvested and MEKK3 immune-complexes were subjected to RAF1 kinase cascade assay in the absence of MEK as an intermediary. Kinase activity is expressed as picomoles [γ -³²P]-ATP incorporated into MBP. Each data point is an average of triplicate measurements \pm STDV. The panels under each kinase assay shows Western blots of immunoprecipitated proteins eluted with SDS sample buffer and probed with antibodies to the MEKK3. There was no significant MEKK3 activity in YULAC-BRAF^{V600E} cells (data not shown), although equal amounts of protein were present in the immunoprecipitated material (data not shown).

